

Scraps and Facts.

The first official steps looking toward a systematic agitation for a change in the date of holding presidential inaugurations, was taken last Wednesday.

—Says a Wichita, Kansas, special of July 23, to the Baltimore Sun: Miss Hattie H. Beal, who drew claim No. 2 in the Lawton district land lottery, lives here.

—Congress thought it was reducing the government's revenue by forty millions when it repealed a number of internal revenue taxes last session, says a Washington special to the Atlanta Journal.

—George F. Washburn, of Boston, president of the Commonwealth Club of Massachusetts, sailed for Europe last Tuesday on a mission of inquiry into co-operative methods of various bodies in England, Belgium and Switzerland.

—The revival of the Schley case has had the effect of calling attention to what Captain Eulate of the Vizcaya had to say in regard to the action of the Brooklyn in the historic engagement off Santiago.

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from the management of Cuban affairs. Our troops have been well cared for and their health compares favorably with that of the troops in this country, showing that the island is healthy.



YORKVILLE, S. C. SATURDAY, AUGUST 3, 1901.

SENATOR McLaurin and Admiral Schley are having a hard row to hoe these days.

SCHLEY has been suggested as an available man for the next Democratic nomination for the presidency. It will not be surprising if this naval row shall result in his nomination and election.

THE New York Journal of Commerce has completed a special canvass of the condition of the cotton crop, and puts its conclusion at 75.3, a decline of 17 points as compared with the same paper's report, made on July 1 last year.

THERE is little reason to doubt that the Maclay history, with its slurring references to Admiral Schley, is purely the work of Schley's enemies. The idea that such a history could be used as a textbook for the use of students in the naval academy, is absurd.

ANOTHER serious "why," in the Sampson-Schley controversy, is why Sampson went off to a conference with Shafter in the New York, when he could have made the trip as easily in one of the smaller dispatch vessels without weakening the blockading line.

It is said that for the first time in centuries, it is now possible to catch fish in the waters of Havana harbor. Heretofore all the fish of the city has been emptied into the waters of the harbor, and the fish could not live there.

SENATOR Tillman is quoted as having said that the Ohio Democrats were too hasty in having taken up and acted upon a matter that could easily have waited a year or two.

In view of the practically indisputable testimony to the effect that Schley inflicted 56 per cent. of the damage that was inflicted on the Spanish fleet at Santiago, and sustained 54 per cent. of the damage that was inflicted by the Spaniards on the Americans, it will be impossible to convict him of cowardice.

—The female population of Massachusetts includes 51 per cent. of all the people of that state. The Southern Pacific railroad of the company has been borrowing \$15,000 to be used for changing the motive power from coal to oil burners.

—The work of removing the wreck of the Cristobal Colon, which was sunk in the harbor of San Juan for the purpose of keeping the Americans out, has about been completed. On account of the drouth, potatoes, which last summer sold in Chicago at 40 cents a bushel, are now bringing from \$1.25 to \$1.30.

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April 1 to July 1, the South African war cost the British government \$180,000,000. The great strike is still in process of settlement with the prospects hardly so good as they appeared several days ago.

CERVERA PRAISES SCHLEY.

Declares Him a Gallant Officer and a High-Minded Man.

The New York Journal of Tuesday published an interview with Admiral Cervera, who commanded the Spanish fleet that met defeat off Santiago.

"Understand that what I say is in the light of this distinction. As a Spaniard I look upon that war as being as unjust as the war which England is now waging against the Boer republics.

"The naval battle of Santiago was short and decisive—so short that there was no time for any exchange of compliments; so decisive that I can hardly believe that cowardice was thinkable.

"It is a case of demonstrated valor against cowardice. It is a case of the difference between the act and the possibility, or, as the old philosophers used to say, between the deed and the word. The philosophical axiom which I learned in my school days, namely: 'A posse ad actum non valet consequutio.' (To be able to do a thing is not the same as doing it) probably applies to this case.

"I don't know Admiral Sampson and I have no comment to make upon him. Your ships went straight to work, probably without any commanding officer. Admiral Schley accomplished fully the work allotted to him, therefore, it does not seem to me that there is any room for adverse criticism—at least from the American side."

THE FREAKISH CORNFIELD.

Quite a Plausible Explanation as to Curious Developments.

Editor of The Yorkville Enquirer:

I have read with interest the recent articles in your paper about the freakish developments of the corn in Mr. D. M. Hall's field.

I first noticed the developments described when engaged, as a boy, plant in a corn field in a certain position, to find out the cause. From observations and tests made several years ago, I satisfied myself that if a stalk of corn was cut by a bud worm, or other worm, just above the first joint, while young, it would put out suckers.

It may be that it will take a certain injury to the first joint to produce the certain result that has been produced. Mr. D. M. Hall's field of corn has suffered from bud worm. Find out if this fact is true, and you will have your conclusions; but may be wrong. Would like to hear from other observers.

Very truly,  
J. K. HENRY.  
Chester, S. C., August 1, 1901.

SOUTH CAROLINA NEWS.

Trustee of Clemson.

After looking into the law in regard to his right to appoint a successor to Mr. Stackhouse, who recently resigned as a member of the board of trustees of Clemson college, Governor McSwain, has, without the filing of an application or without recommendation from any one, appointed W. D. Evans, of Marlboro county, to fill the vacancy.

In the Interest of Watermelons.

The United States government is carrying on an interesting experiment in Saluda county. Watermelon seed from all parts of the world are being planted to see if a melon can be found which can withstand the "wilt," a disease which has proven a deadly foe to the industry of melon planting in this section of the country.

Can't Find the Body.

The governor recently wrote to the sheriff of Beaufort, in regard to the reported lynching of a Negro, Cornish, who is a British subject. It was sent out that the fellow had been lynched. The sheriff writes that he has fully investigated the alleged lynching and so far as he is concerned no lynching of the kind has occurred.

creek or pond near the field where they might have come." And he asked where did they come from.

A Woman Contractor.

Greenville News, August 1: Tuesday, at Lima, this county, a woman was the successful bidder on a contract to erect a bridge across a stream at Lima known as the Lima bridge.

Greenville Wins.

On Thursday morning the state supreme court handed down a decision in the case involving the establishment of the line between the counties of Spartanburg and Greenville near the Pelham mills. The case originated by reason of one county claiming the mill property as being located therein.

Senator McLaurin's Resignation.

Columbia State, Thursday: A few days ago it was stated that Colonel U. X. Gunter, secretary, had sent to Senator McLaurin a copy of the resolutions adopted by the state Democratic executive committee, and it was added that he would probably hold what he stated to be an official communication, addressed to the senator at Bennettsville, his home, not knowing what his exact address was in the up-country and knowing that it would be mailed to him in the course of events.

Latimer in Washington.

Washington correspondence Charleston Post: Representative Latimer, of South Carolina, is in Washington for a few days, looking after some matters of interest to his constituents. Mr. Latimer is prominently mentioned as a possible successor to Senator McLaurin, and there are many who believe that he will at least receive the passing support of Senator Tillman.

Home For Confederate Soldiers.

Columbia correspondence Charleston Post: General T. W. Carville, of Edgefield, who is chairman of the commission of the veterans in charge of the soldiers' home proposition, was in the city recently. He talked earnestly about the project and declared that the legislature has not yet provided a home for her indigent soldiers, the men who gave their all for her and endured hardships and sufferings that no set of soldiers the world has ever known has endured.

Under the Electric Light.

Anderson Intelligencer: A few evenings ago, one of our citizens, while sitting on his piazza, noticed that pedestrians passing under the arc light on the corner of East Boundary and River streets would invariably halt and go through the motion of prowl and sniffing from the sidewalk with their feet. The citizen grew curious and walked over to the light to investigate. What he saw he could scarcely believe, and fearing lest his recital should be discredited he called two of his neighbors, a gentleman and a young lady, as witnesses. Under the frog, forming a circle and in this circle was a snake. The frogs were not croaking, nor was the snake hissing. Every fellow appeared to be attending to his own business, and all seemed in a good humor and perfectly happy.

LOCAL AFFAIRS.

NEW ADVERTISEMENTS.

John B. Williams—Tells you about a large and complete assortment of condiments that he has in stock, and which will help the flavor of many of the things you have to eat.

WITHIN THE TOWN.

—Next Monday is salesday for August. —The county board of commissioners holds its regular monthly meeting on Wednesday.

REAL ESTATE TRANSFERS.

The following transfers of real estate have been recorded in the office of the auditor for the month of July: BETHESDA. Thomas L. Johnson to J. L. Drennan and others. Lot at Smith's Turnout; consideration nominal.

PAID HIS WAY.

There was a big picnic at Liberty Hill, down in Lancaster county, near the Kershaw line, on July 23. It was attended by nearly a thousand people, and was under the auspices of the Liberty Hill military company.

ABOUT PEOPLE.

Miss Mabel Berry is visiting friends in Shelby, N. C. Miss Nellie Neely is assisting Miss M. Moore, at the postoffice.

Table listing names and amounts for the Confederate Monument fund, including John E. Carroll, S. M. McNeel, Dr. C. F. Williams, etc., totaling \$389.10.