

Humorous Department.

A VALID EXCUSE.—"During the Civil War," said the old army officer who was in a reminiscent mood, "I was detailed to take charge of a camp of raw recruits and lick them into shape. Now, making soldiers out of raw material is about as disagreeable a thing as an officer cares to undertake, and I had gray hair before the government listened to my frantic appeals to be allowed to go to the front.

Miscellaneous Reading.

FROM CONTEMPORARIES. News and Comment That is of More or Less Local Interest. YORR. Fort Mill Times, August 21: The first open cotton boll of this season was brought to town Monday by Mr. R. L. Bennett of lower Fort Mill township. Mr. Bennett has a well established reputation of leading his brother farmers along this line. Calvin Morrow, a Negro man who lives on the plantation of Mr. J. W. Ardrey, six miles south of Fort Mill, came to town Tuesday suffering with a gunshot wound. Morrow and another Negro named Hart, became involved in a difficulty over some watermelons which Morrow is said to have taken from Hart's field, and the latter proceeded to wreak vengeance by shooting his antagonist in the leg. Dr. Thompson dressed Morrow's wound. Dr. J. H. Thornwell has received an invitation to deliver the children's address at the Forest Hill picnic on the 31st instant; but owing to a previous engagement, is unable to accept the invitation. The following from The News and Courier will be of interest to the people of this vicinity. It is from the pen of that gifted, patriotic man and brilliant orator, Col. James Armstrong whom the people of this section once had the happy privilege of seeing and hearing. The incident referred to happened on a steamer from Charleston to New York: "There was a delightful entertainment in social hall Friday evening. The master of ceremonies was the Rev. M. P. Welch of Brooklyn, who won golden opinions from the passengers. He is a good musician. There were recitations by two charming Charlestonians, which elicited unbounded admiration. Mr. J. Hampton Lee, of New York, formerly of Fort Mill, favored the audience by reciting a poem, of which he is the author, written in honor of that beautiful town which has three monuments—one to the women of the war, one to the men who wore the grey, and one to the faithful slaves, the three memorials having been erected by that gallant ex-Confederate, progressive, patriotic and public-spirited citizen of Fort Mill, Major White. It vividly recalled to the writer of this letter two dreamy and delightful May days he passed at Fort Mill, when he met the brave veterans of liberty-loving York county, and when it was his proud privilege to be the favored guest of that sterling soldier and scholarly divine, the Rev. James H. Thornwell, chaplain general of the South Carolina division, United Confederate Veterans. Mr. Lee has written many poems, which have been highly praised, and are to be published in an attractive volume in New York."

previsions a few years ago indicating that he was just ready to step over into the Populist party, he really had no such intention, and that it was he that held the Democracy of the state in line, and kept them from leaving the party. Many people do not believe this. If it is true, Senator Tillman does not get the credit that is due him. If not true, the claim is a slander upon the people. Now, since Mr. Magill is in the settling business, we suggest that he send out to every Democrat a circular letter like this—Including a polite introduction and return postage: "Did Senator Tillman hold you in line, and would you have gone into the Populist party had it not been for his influence? Would you have followed him into the Populist party if he had gone himself?" Besides settling this question in the same way that Senator Tillman himself suggested settling the question of his influence on members of the executive committee in this McLaurin resolution matter, the answers would be exceedingly interesting.

price of camphor has advanced. There is another reason for it, also, and it may be said that the price is likely to continue at a good figure. Japan, like France and Spain, is desirous to obtain a monopoly in one or more commodities that will bring a large revenue into the government treasury. How could a monopoly be more easily established than in the article of camphor, the whole supply of which is confined practically to one Japanese island? The authorities declared awhile ago that thenceforth the camphor industry should be a government monopoly. Any one may collect camphor today who can secure a permit to do so and permits are not difficult to obtain. But not a pound of the product can be sold to any one except the government, which fixes the price to be paid. The price is said to fully compensate the collectors, but a limitation upon the amount of the product will prevent too many collectors from crowding into the field. The government names the maximum amount to be produced and will not buy a pound in excess of that limit. It was said awhile ago that the amount to be produced this year would not exceed 40,000 piculs (5,320,000 pounds). As Japan does not intend that the market shall be oversupplied, there seems to be no prospect of any large fluctuation in future prices. The world will profit at least by the efforts of Japan to preserve an industry, which, a few years ago, seemed threatened with ultimate extinction. It is necessary to kill the tree in order to get the gum. Contrary to all previous practice a tree is now planted for every one that is killed. Japan requires this to be done, and moreover, is establishing plantations of camphor trees so that Formosa, it is expected, will in a few years yield both wild and cultivated camphor.—New York Sun.

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WHAT THE LAWTON, O. T., REPUBLICAN AND LAST FRONTIER SAYS ABOUT LOCAL EVENTS.

CONNECTIONS.

FUN AT THE CARPENTER'S.—The carpenter had put down his tools and gone for his luncheon.

UNCLE SAM'S MISTAKE.—"No, Mandy," said Uncle Sam, "I'll never try to follow the example of a great man again."

CHEROKEE. Gaffney Ledger, August 23: Prof. J. L. McWhirter, of this place, who has been elected principal of the Blacksburg Graded school, left yesterday with his family for that place in order to be there to assume his duties at the beginning of the session.

CLEVELAND. King's Mountain Democrat: The Elbethel people are now laying down the material for building the parsonage in the plat of ground recently purchased from H. J. Allison, near the church. They will rush the work through.

THE BURGLAR.—A man with a wife who has her own ways about doing things catches her now and then.

THE POINT OF SPECIAL INTEREST.—"I wish you would make cautious inquiry," said the editor of the Morning Thunderbolt, "and find out whether or not there is any foundation for the story that got into our columns this morning about Col. Biggun, of Outsemeath, having served a term in the penitentiary for bigamy when he was a young man."

WON A PRIZE.—"Sir, I have come to ask you for your daughter's hand."