

Scraps and Facts.

John P. Altgeld, former governor of Illinois, was the guest of the Independent Club at the banquet given in Chicago last Friday night.

Says a Washington letter to the Greenville News: Chairman Burrows, of the senate elections committee, has stated positively that the resolution introduced by Senator Pritchard, providing for an investigation of the charges made against Senator McLaurin by his reckless colleague, would not be considered for several days, perhaps two weeks.

Charlotte Observer: That class of politics is very pennywise which prompts the party adherent to object to everything that the other party does. Here are the Republican papers of North Carolina, for instance, making a great outcry because of the provision of the election law which requires that the intending voter shall exhibit a receipt or present other proof that his poll tax for the preceding year was paid by May 1st, before being allowed to vote.

Says a London dispatch of December 7: There was a striking scene in the city temple, yesterday, when, during the course of his sermon, the Rev. Jos. Parker, D. D., the minister, administered a pointed rebuke to King Edward, which was loudly applauded by the congregation.

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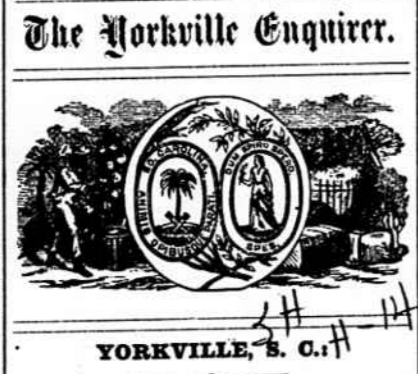
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argument with contempt. The purest patriotism and greatest freedom of thought and action (if contrast shall be made), exists in the rural districts of this republic, and to contend that the mail carriers will overawe the members of congress and unduly influence the rural vote, is worse than nonsense.



YORKVILLE, S. C. WEDNESDAY, MARCH 12, 1902.

THE Columbia State has announced subscriptions to the Mich Jenkins sword fund amounting to more than \$100.

We are for an amendment to take whisky out of the constitution of South Carolina. It is time now that the thoughtful people of the state should be beginning to learn the terrible mistake that has been made.

It is presumed that in repeating the revolutionary reminiscences of the aged Negro in the Chester county home, The Lantern intends that it be taken partly at least in jest.

What the senate is going to do in the matter of providing punishment for those who attempt to kill the president is not yet apparent, but stringent measures should be adopted. It is a question as to whether the life of the president should be held more sacred than that of any other man.

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As soon as the necessary machinery can be put in motion, and that will be without a great deal of delay, the town of Yorkville, for 20 years past one of the soberest and most conservative towns in the state, is to again engage in the liquor business, and we beg to make just a few preliminary remarks by way of preserving the record, perhaps for future reference.

During the past few weeks especially, we have been at particular pains to lay the situation before our readers as we have seen it. All that we have said we believe. We know that there are those who honestly disagree with us, and we know that there are many on the other side who do not care whether we were or are right or wrong, so they get whisky and plenty of it.

We do not believe that the legal sale of whisky is going to increase the trade or prosperity of the town. There are those who seem to fear that there may be a disposition on the part of some people to punish the town on account of the establishment of the dispensary.

We do not believe this. Trade depends on having the best goods at the lowest prices and keeping the people advised of the fact. But we do believe that the increased sale and consumption of liquor in this locality, especially in the homes of the better element of our people, is going to decrease the earning and producing capacity of this section as a whole, and for that reason industrial and business growth will be less rapid than it would be otherwise.

There are already five avowed candidates in the field for the United States senate and an equal number for governor; that means ten half hours at the very least calculation, or five solid hours of talking, without interruptions or overtime allowances, for the candidates for only two offices, and the prospect is that there will be more candidates in both of these contests.

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If at the campaign meetings issues, real live and vital questions, were discussed, it would be a different matter, perhaps, but how small a part issues now play in a campaign is a serious concern, entirely independent of the sense of having fewer campaign meetings than the present constitution provides for—mudslinging, sarcasm, backbiting, criticism and personal praise now make up far too much of what is heard from the stump.

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abandon the idea of having the candidates appear before the people and of having them cross-examined by the voters, not at all. But why would not the seven or ten meetings give the candidates exactly the same chance of presenting their views as fifty, and why would not seven or ten meetings allow the people to ascertain and inquire the views of their candidates?

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LOCAL AFFAIRS.

NEW ADVERTISEMENTS.

D. C. Clark—Tells you that he is the agent for the Maryland Nursery company, and asks that you see or write him for full details about trees.

W. H. Hicklin, Guthrieville—Offers for sale at the market price, a quantity of red rust proof seed oats.

J. F. Pursley, Clover—Announces the arrival of a lot of new goods of various kinds, and calls especial attention to his Champion corn planters, plow points, seed potatoes, etc.

Jas. M. Starr & Co.—Want you to buy various kinds of garden and field seeds from them. They also want you to try Pratt's food for horses and mules, and also Pratt's chicken powder.

W. M. Kennedy, Agent—Calls your attention to seed potatoes of different varieties and of the purest qualities. He also calls attention to crockery, clothing, garden seeds, etc.

Miss Mammie Johnson is visiting Dr. P. T. Gordon's family in Charlotte.

Dr. Wm. Kennedy, of Laurinburg, N. C., is in Yorkville on a visit to relatives and friends.

Miss Jennie Lind Moffatt, of Due West, is visiting in Yorkville, the guest of Mrs. D. E. Finley.

Miss Helen Riddle, of Zeno, is in Yorkville this week, on a visit to her grandmother, Mrs. L. M. Grist and other relatives.

but in the subject itself in its broad and essential features. His work is largely one of love and patriotism. I write to ask not only in his behalf but in behalf of the work he is engaged in, for your kindly interest and your effort to get others sufficiently interested to help this cause by their attendance at his lecture, feeling that all who hear him will be well repaid and deeply interested.

THE DISPENSARY ELECTION. In the hurried report of the dispensary election published in the second edition of the last issue of THE ENQUIRER, the result was given as 96 for the dispensary and 75 against; making the majority in favor of the establishment of the dispensary 21.

These figures were taken as the first announcement of the managers. It was understood at the time that there were certain complications to be straightened out; but as there was no indication of anything to change the net result either way, there was no reason to delay publication until the managers should state an official figure.

The final count showed 176 votes in the box, with only 170 names on the poll list, showing that the box had been stuffed to the extent of six votes. During the counting the managers came across two suspicious bunches of tickets. In one of these there were three "yes" votes folded together, and in the other two "yes" and one "no" vote folded together.

Before the drawing of the surplus votes, there were 75 votes against the dispensary and 95 for it. After the drawing the anti-dispensary vote was reduced to 70, and the dispensary vote to 94. This left a majority of 24 for the dispensary.

HOMEFOLKS IN WASHINGTON. The following from the Washington correspondence of The News and Courier, is of especial interest in this part of the state:

Representative Finley and a Rock Hill delegation, consisting of Messrs. Wilson and Anderson, appeared before the committee on public buildings and grounds in advocacy of Mr. Finley's bill to construct a new public building at Rock Hill to cost \$100,000.

THE CHAINING. Although much hindered of late by the bad weather, the chaining is still at work on the Yorkville and Tirzah roads.

THE RIVER AND HARBOR BILL.—South Carolina gets an appropriation of \$145,000 for improvements of her rivers and harbors under the bill soon to be reported by the committee.

THE ENQUIRER'S club contest closes this (Wednesday) afternoon at 4 o'clock. No subscription remaining unpaid at that hour will be counted in the contest.

and batter the walls of the office building. The interior of the safe was opened up to the burglars who forced open small drawers with a chisel or jimmy and got into a small iron door by driving it in with a hammer or crowbar.

THE oil mill, within 25 yards of the office, was in operation all night, and, of course, at the time the explosion occurred. One Negro claims to have heard the explosion in the seed house, and says it was between 12 and 1 o'clock. He did not pay any attention to it, because it did not occur to him that it indicated anything serious.

Although there was found in the office a section of razor blade that had probably been used as a wedge, and some other articles that the crackmen had employed, there was nothing that could be made by the local detective talent to serve as a satisfactory clue. And up to this time there has been nothing to suggest the identity of the robbers unless there is something in a state of facts put together by Policeman A. Rose.

It seems that a day or two before the burglary, there appeared at a boarding house here a pock-marked man and his wife, who represented that they were expert carpet cleaners from Chicago. They claimed to be able to make old carpets as bright and clean as new without taking them from the floor.

Policeman Rose and Sheriff Logan investigated the carpet cleaner during Saturday morning. The people at the boarding house remarked several suspicious circumstances. For instance, on the day before the man had referred to the contents of a bottle in the presence of a servant as glycerine. He did not say what the glycerine was for.

On the strength of suspicions aroused by the circumstances related, Policeman Rose and Sheriff Logan took the carpet man in custody and made a partial search of him. What seemed to be a pistol in his hip pocket turned out to be a bottle, and the scared expression that came over the fellow's face when Policeman Rose put his hand on the bottle gave rise to the further suspicion that the bottle might have contained nitro-glycerine.

RELIABLE FRUIT TREES. The announcement of Mr. D. C. Clark with reference to the Maryland Nursery company, in another column, ought to prove of especial interest. The Maryland Nursery company is well known in this section, and has a high reputation for reliability and being up to date.

DEATH OF MRS. H. N. CAROTHERS. Died in Georgetown, Texas, on 25th of February, 1902, Mrs. Harriet N. Carothers, widow of the late Samuel D. Carothers, who died about 20 years ago.

FUNERAL OF DR. CHALMERS. Winboro special of Sunday, to the Charlotte Observer: The remains of the late Rev. J. T. Chalmers, D. D., were brought from Charlotte yesterday and laid to rest in the A. R. P. cemetery at this place.

THE Board of Control. A meeting of the York delegation was held in the office of Senator Brice yesterday for the purpose of recommending to the state dispensary board names for the county board of control.

RURAL FREE DELIVERY. Special Agent Howard, of the Rural Free delivery service, has been over the proposed new routes, leading out from Yorkville; one to the Clay Hill section and the other to Bethany, etc., and has decided to recommend the establishment of both. Mr. D. C. Clark was the only applicant for the position of carrier on the Bethany route; but two candidates stood the examination on the other route. Mr. C. H. Smith has about worked up a route to take in a 25 mile