

Scraps and Facts.

Representative Burgess of Texas, has introduced a bill to lessen the damage of the cotton boll weevil, directing the secretary of agriculture to appoint a cotton commission in his department, to include residents of the states of Texas and Louisiana to study the problem. The bill appropriates \$250,000 to be used for this purpose.

the Adder, which was still rolling in the surf, and fasten a line to it. The officers said that the idea was impracticable because no man could live in such a sea as was rolling.

The Yorkville Enquirer.



YORKVILLE, S. C.

TUESDAY, DECEMBER 8, 1903.

We would just as lief have dispensaries as high license; but the state and citizens will be better off without either.

The dispensary law is all right with the dispensaries out; but with the dispensaries in, it is all wrong.

MEMBERS of the general assembly are under oath to uphold the constitution of the state, and yet they do not one thing to prevent the state board of dispensary directors from authorizing the sale of whisky at night by holders of so-called hotel privileges.

We don't imagine that Secretary Wilson feels altogether satisfied with himself now on account of the manner in which he berated W. P. Brown and associates for pulling the cotton market.

CHAIRMAN J. W. Bailey, of the North Carolina Anti-Saloon League, has given out a report which contains information to the effect that there are fifty-three counties in the state under prohibition.

The president's third annual message was read in the house and senate yesterday, immediately upon the convening of the regular session of congress.

The extra session of congress came to an end yesterday, and the senate having failed to confirm the nomination of Gen. Leonard Wood and 167 army officers, along with a lot of civilian employees, including Dr. W. D. Crum, the negro collector of the port of Charleston, the president sent in new appointments.

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ALTHOUGH neither is disposed to indulge in a public airing of his grievances, there is no longer any doubt that there is a serious disagreement between President Roosevelt and Senator Hanna.

along in Cuba, and Roosevelt will be inclined to push Hanna's friend, Perry Heath into an embarrassing corner. So far Hanna has succeeded in preventing the confirmation of Wood's appointment to be major general, and the probability is that Heath will decline to be a candidate for re-election as secretary of the Republican National committee.

The communication in another column with reference to the Matheson immigration plan, is deserving of special attention. In August last Mr. Matheson, who is a Scotchman living at Bennettsville, wrote a letter to the daily papers suggesting the idea of a concerted movement looking to the inducement of Scotch immigration into South Carolina.

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OUR CONGESTED DOCKETS.

Attorney General Thinks Relief is to Be Found in County Courts.

Forecasting several years ago, the time when our existing judicial system would become inadequate to the demands that were being made upon it, THE ENQUIRER strongly urged the establishment of county courts, to be organized by the constitution, to relieve the circuit courts of responsibility for a large amount of the petty litigation that now takes up so much of its valuable and expensive time.

Mr. Gunter thinks that as between special judges and two extra circuits, argument in favor of the latter, both as to expense and necessity, is overwhelming. He is of opinion that the county court idea promises to be more satisfactory and effective than either of the other plans.

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PLIGHT of SOUTHERN MILLS.—A gentleman who is connected with one of the largest cotton mills in the south talked to the Charlotte Observer last Saturday like this: "The situation is critical, view it any way you may."

LOCAL AFFAIRS.

NEW ADVERTISEMENTS. Probate Judge McCorkle—Gives notice that D. R. Bird has applied to him for letters of administration on the estate of John S. Bird, deceased.

RURAL DELIVERY SERVICE. The civil service commission and the postmaster general have approved new regulations to govern appointments of carriers in the rural free delivery service, the new regulations to be effective on Feb. 1st, 1904.

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CIRCUIT COURT. In the case of Lucy Keenan vs. D. P. Lesslie, which had not been concluded when the last issue of THE ENQUIRER went to press, the jury was unable to agree.

NOTE AND COMMENT. Almost as large as an average sized orange were some Japanese persimmons that Captain E. A. Crawford exhibited in Yorkville last week.

ABOUT PEOPLE. Miss Bessie Barron is visiting relatives in Manning.

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WITHIN THE TOWN.

There is considerable interest in the proposed production of Romeo and Juliet in the opera house tonight, and the management is looking for a large audience. The people of Rock Hill are said to have been highly pleased with last night's performance.

The regular monthly meeting of the Kings Mountain chapter Daughters of the American Revolution was held with Mrs. G. H. O'Leary last Thursday afternoon, with the following members present: Mrs. B. N. Moore, Mrs. Thos. F. McDow, Mrs. H. G. Neville, Mrs. H. O'Leary.

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STATE IMMIGRATION BUREAU.

YORK County is vitally interested and should help the movement. Editor of the Yorkville Enquirer: I notice from the newspapers that the Matheson plan to bring Caucasian immigrants into this state is beginning to crystallize into a healthy sentiment almost everywhere except in York county, where the matter has received but little attention.

As I understand Mr. Matheson's idea, it is proposed to establish a state immigration bureau, with connections in the various counties, and to provide for effective united work in bringing into the state from the hill countries and the mountain regions immigrants who will help to improve and develop our resources and to make productive the thousands of acres of valuable lands that are now worthless because idle.

It has been said and not disputed that in our apparently worthless red clay hills we have locked up an average of 400 tons of plant nutrients for every acre. Here I have no doubt, but that it will ever be unlocked and made available by the kind of labor that is generally employed in this locality. I have but the bare bones of this kind of business done. There are cases where intelligent and energetic farmers have gone into red lands that would produce only about three bushels of corn per acre, and by fourteen inch subsoiling, and proper exposure to sunshine, and air and frost, made it yield forty bushels to the acre. But this is not the rule here. The number of farmers we have who are so limited, and except by immigration it will be a long time before their number is appreciably increased.

The people Mr. Matheson has in view are not the same kind who originally settled this section—the Scotch-Irish. They have plenty of energy and industry, and it is understood that they would be glad to come to us if we would make some effort to show them that they would be welcome. If they do come they will not only improve their own condition, but they will be of immense benefit to us. We can not afford to be so limited, and except by immigration it will be a long time before their number is appreciably increased.

Let us have, R. M. C. Yorkville, S. C., Dec. 7, 1903.

ROCK HILL HAPPENINGS. Mr. Poag for Postmaster—Sale of Bronchos—Baptist Bazaar—Other Notes. Correspondence of the Yorkville Enquirer.

Rock Hill, Dec. 7.—Owing to Colonel Priddy's continued ill-health and the general ill health of the members being incapacitated for some time, he will not be a candidate for the postmastership at the close of his present term, which will shortly expire. Mr. E. E. Poag, present officer, and Mr. E. E. Poag, assistant, has signified his intention of applying for the vacancy when it occurs. He has been actively at work canvassing his prospects and from a large number of energetic citizens a petition was certainly had the full endorsement of the whole community. Our postoffice, as is now a well known fact, is a model institution of the kind, and no small credit is due to the indefatigable assistant, and nothing would please the whole vicinity better.

At Mr. S. J. Kimbrell's livery stables, Mr. J. B. Chambers of Kentucky, sold a number of valuable horses and "Texas ponies," at prices ranging from \$35 to \$75. They were a genuine lot of "broccos" and they afforded a lively couple of hours while they were being shown. The afternoon's fun to many Rock Hillians.

The Baptist society is to hold a bazaar on the 11th and 12th of this month. It will be held in the office of the pastor, Mr. W. B. Edgewood. The proceeds are to be devoted to the purchase of new dresses and dolls and a Ladies Home Journal booth will be the principal attractions.

A statement in the State of this morning will come as a genuine surprise to the lovers of music locally. Taaca's Italian band had been extensively advertised for Wednesday night at Winthrop college, and as the result was very high class entertainment it would, in all probability, draw a fine house. The paragraph states that owing to their enormous expense they had to cancel the concert, and consequently they will not appear in Rock Hill.

"Romeo and Juliet" occupies the boards of the local theatre tonight. Little is known of the play, and it will probably have a good house as the play is a good one.

Mr. and Mrs. A. E. Willis of Lynchburg, Va., came down with their mother, Mr. C. Willis and stayed between trains. They have a daughter at Winthrop college, whom they visited while here. Mrs. E. C. Willis is on her way to the college, and will be a guest of Mayor M. C. Willis, during the winter.

Wm. B. McCaw, Esq., and Dr. R. A. Bratton were in Rock Hill yesterday. Dr. Bratton is in the military hospital at Chester and left for Yorkville this afternoon.

LOOKING FOR TROUBLE.—Following instructions received Dec. 4 from the navy department at Washington, says the Colon dispatch of Dec. 7, United States gunboats on both sides of the isthmus have started or are starting on reconnoitering expeditions along the coast, principally along the coast of Colombia, for the purpose of ascertaining the condition of the trails and roads between the Panama and Colombian frontiers, the facilities of the country for sustaining expeditions marching on Panama and to generally determine the United States' best course of action in case of a Colombian invasion of the isthmus, and also to learn the status of the various Indian tribes inhabiting both coasts. The United

W. B. Wylie, C. C. C. Pla. to Louis Roth. 165 acres; consideration, \$305. T. B. McClain to Lewis G. Grist. 1 house and 1 lot; consideration, \$600. J. W. Love to Wm. S. Peters. 51 acres; consideration, \$310. J. S. B. Burt to Florence Rose. 1 1/2 acres; consideration, \$275. Mrs. Anna L. Wilson to Sam M. McNeel. 1 house and 1 lot; consideration, \$3,550. (Col. W. B. Wilson residence property).