

Scraps and Facts.

Through a statement made before Judge Hand in the United States court in New York last Wednesday, by Special United States Attorney General McKecher, it becomes definitely known for the first time that the government is seeking to connect Jas. Patten with the alleged plot for the assassination of President Roosevelt.

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THE way to secure Democracy, is to enforce the laws.

PRESIDENT Taft has appointed W. D. Crum, consul general for Monrovia, Liberia. Crum is the negro with whom the Charleston people had so much trouble.

THE object of punishing crime is as much the protection of the public as the reformation of the offender. People who compromise with crime make themselves accomplices.

THE postal savings bank bill passed the house yesterday by the overwhelming majority of 195 to 101. Twenty-four Democrats joined the Republicans in the final passage of the bill.

IT is the business of every good citizen to help enforce the laws of the land. Every guilty criminal who escapes, hurts the cause of law and order more than he could if he were caught.

WE have been noting in our exchanges of late generous notices of a Confederate memorial edition recently gotten out by the Winnsboro News and Herald. Somehow, by accident, no doubt, we failed to receive a copy of this paper; but it was an unusually creditable one, and we are quite sure.

BOTH the Democrats and the Republicans are anxious to adjourn congress; but the trouble is, they do not know how. The trouble comes principally from the fact that the Republicans are trying to make a show of carrying out their platform promises, and the Democrats are doing all they can to prevent them from doing so.

THE South Carolina Press association holds its annual convention next week. The editors will meet at Glenn's Springs Monday evening, and devote a part of the next day to business, which will mean the annihilation of the handful of Madriz troops now remaining in this neighborhood. A serious situation has thus arisen which may involve the United States, but the Americans here are of the opinion that Gen. Rivas will not attempt to make good his threat in an effort to collect custom duties. There are constant rumors of threats against the life of the late P. Maffeo, commander of the expedition here and the whole situation at Bluefields, instead of quieting has assumed a more serious aspect.

—Berlin, June 8: Rudolf Francke, who was associated with Dr. Frederick A. Cook in the Arctic explorations, has brought suit against Commander R. E. Peary in the sum of \$10,000. The amount is estimated at half the value of furs and walrus and narwhal teeth which the Arctic expedition carried in the Arctic, upon arrangement with Dr. Cook that they should share them half and half. According to Francke's statement, Commander Peary found him seriously ill at Etah, owing to a fall on a glacier, and took advantage of this circumstance to demand the entire collection as the price for transporting him to America. Francke claims that he did not act of his own free will, but by compulsion, and says that the expedition was the collection to present to ex-President Roosevelt. The papers in the suit were served on Commander Peary at a hotel this evening. He refused to take them when they were handed to him by a deputy, and the officer then laid them on a table in the presence of a witness, calling the commander's attention to the fact that this was a legal service. Earlier in the day when the report of Peary's activities in the Arctic, Commander Peary was being noticed about, the commander sought out the American ambassador, David Jayne Hill, and submitted the case to him. He declared that he left the matter in the ambassador's hands and had washed his hands of the whole affair. He will leave for London tomorrow.

—Oxford, England, June 7: Oxford today conferred upon Theodore Roosevelt the honorary degree of doctor of civil law. The ceremony took place in the Sheldonian theatre, where for three centuries and more it has been the custom to hold the annual exercises, the annual commemoration of the founders and other official assemblies, but Mr. Roosevelt's appointment surpassed enthusiasm anything within the memory of the oldest Oxonian. His Romanesque lectures dealt with "biological analogies" in history. Toward the close of his address, however, Mr. Roosevelt's voice failed; and he was obliged to leave undelivered a portion of his prepared lecture. The former president won the great audience by his vigorous utterances and forceful gestures, being cheered repeatedly at various stages of his speech. Even the usually somber red robed dons were carried away, and stood up and joined in the loud-echoed hurrahs of the young element. Lord Curzon of Kedleston, chancellor of Oxford University, in introducing the newly created D. C. L., who appeared for the first time in the red robes of the doctorate, spoke of Mr. Roosevelt as being a ruler of men—the most conspicuous among them in the address was the chairman, Lincoln. After touching upon the former president's achievements, the chancellor said, "although he is now taking a holiday, it is

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LOCAL AFFAIRS.

Blairsville, Saturday, August 13. McConellsville, Tuesday, Aug. 16. New Advertisements. J. A. Shannon, No. 4, Yorkville—Offers a good milk cow for sale. John Warren Quinn is announced as a candidate for the office of superintendent of education, subject to the action of the Democratic party in the primary election.

These remarks apply to York county about the same as they do to Sumter. There are a great many people who insist on plowing into the right of way, without seeming to realize that they are imposing upon anybody, or caring whether they are imposing upon anybody or not. Of course, there is no use appealing to such people, and they are not open to appeals. But the owner should look after the situation and see that the public rights of way are respected.

The good people of South Carolina, who have so long been fighting to restrict the liquor traffic, are so narrow in their views, that they are making a very serious mistake, if they assume that their labors are at an end, as many of them seem inclined to do.

Have you paid your commutation road tax? The time limit is growing closer and closer.

With the good work that was done on the roads last year, and liberal disposition that the people are beginning to show in the way of volunteer help, the work of this summer ought to tell the better.

Mr. C. J. Hughes, county agent of the Co-operative Demonstration Work, has been to the fields of Mr. J. Duffy Smith of Hickory Grove. Mr. Smith has one of the finest fields of wheat that has been seen in this section for many years past.

Different prominent Presbyterian ministers are trying to influence Rev. E. E. Gillespie to make of the Christian Messenger a syndical organ. The demand is no doubt arising out of the unusual ability with which the little paper has been conducting the fight against the enemy to be fought. In communities where liquor has flowed freely until large numbers are besotted, it is easy to arouse the public conscience to put down the evil; but so soon as the evil begins to die its head, the public conscience subsides, and the process starts over again.

Only a few years ago, Greenville county arose against the liquor business, and created the evil out. Every body rejoiced for the time being. The good work, however, was not followed up by enforcement of the law. The liquor traffic here and there, and most of the appetites that already existed were supplied along while new ones were being created, until now there is enough appetite to demand free and easy access to more abundant supplies.

Mr. John J. Matthews, who lives in the Ramah neighborhood, and who is one of the best corn farmers in the county, says he has never seen a crop of corn better than he has ever seen. He made 60 bushels to the acre on his own crop last year, and while he does not promise to exceed that unusual yield this year, he is sure that if he meets with no bad luck, his aggregate yield will be something like one thousand bushels. Mr. Matthews is one of the many York county farmers who early began the adoption of modern methods in corn production.

There are no local indications of a repetition of the Fourth of July celebration of last year. At the election last Tuesday, there was 22 votes in favor of the levy of a 3-mill tax for the support of the Yorkville graded school. Messrs. W. S. Neil and John E. Carroll were elected trustees for the full term, and Dr. J. D. McDowell was elected to fill out the unexpired term of W. Brown Wylie, deceased.

Although he has made only a partial canvass, Mr. C. J. Hughes, agent of the Farmers' Co-operative Demonstration Work, has been tendered quite a number of contributions to help increase the attractiveness of the prizes to be offered at the largest yields turned out by the Boys' Corn Club. It develops that there was a misunderstanding about the Rock Hill Buggy company's donation. Instead of donating a \$75 buggy, the company donated \$42.50 on the price of a \$75 buggy.

- Other donations are as follows: W. R. Carroll, Yorkville, \$5.00; J. A. Shannon, Yorkville, \$5.00; National Union Bank, Rock Hill, \$10.00; Yorkville National Bank, Rock Hill, \$10.00; A. Friedman & Bro., Rock Hill, \$5.00; First National Bank, Yorkville, \$5.00; Yorkville Hardware Co., 2-horse Rock Hill, \$5.00; Yorkville Hardware Co., 2-horse Rock Hill, \$5.00; Yorkville Supply Co., 2-horse Rock Hill, \$5.00; W. G. Field & Sons, Rock Hill, \$5.00.

County Executive Committee. The York County Democratic Executive Committee met in Yorkville last Wednesday for the purpose of arranging the county campaign schedule and fixing the assessments to be levied on the various candidates. All of the Democratic clubs in the county were represented, and the business in hand was despatched promptly and satisfactorily, without unnecessary friction. The schedule of assessments was adopted as follows: House of Representatives, \$5.00; State Senator, \$5.00; National Union Bank, Rock Hill, \$10.00; Yorkville National Bank, Rock Hill, \$10.00; A. Friedman & Bro., Rock Hill, \$5.00; First National Bank, Yorkville, \$5.00; Yorkville Hardware Co., 2-horse Rock Hill, \$5.00; Yorkville Hardware Co., 2-horse Rock Hill, \$5.00; Yorkville Supply Co., 2-horse Rock Hill, \$5.00; W. G. Field & Sons, Rock Hill, \$5.00.

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Right now is not the time to visit in the country—not unless the visitor is one of those rare individuals who likes work for work's sake, for the country people are all busy.

This pretty well describes conditions all over the county. Everybody is hard at work, and paying but little attention to anything outside of their own individual concerns.

The Charlotte Observer of Wednesday contains the following story of Senator H. C. Wainwright in the case of Whimsant vs. Whimsant: Under the cover of darkness and with his 20-month-old babe in his arms, Walter R. Whimsant fled the state Monday night, during the trial of Whimsant vs. Whimsant.

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MERE-MENTION. In a wreck on the New Haven railroad, near Rock Hill, S. C., on Saturday, June 5, a passenger car was overturned, and one of its thirty-five passengers was seriously injured. The injured man, Mr. J. H. Smith, was taken to the hospital at Rock Hill. The cause of the wreck was attributed to a defective axle on the passenger car. The railroad company is expected to pay damages to the injured man.