

Scraps and Facts

The department of justice, headed by Attorney General Daugherty, has ruled that American craft, whether belonging to the shipping board or not, are prohibited from carrying intoxicating liquors.

A drive to place hides and long staple cotton on the dutiable list was opened in Washington, Saturday, by the Southern Tariff association, when it adopted a resolution petitioning congress to reopen tariff discussions and levy duties on these articles for the benefit of farmers.

Investigation of the cotton situation, including cotton exchange operations, by the senate agricultural committee, under the resolution of Senator Smith, South Carolina, will begin about the last of November.

The National Grange, regarded as one of the strongest agrarian organizations in the country, will launch a campaign against extravagance in state governments at a national meeting which will be held in Wichita, Kan., beginning Nov. 14.

A sensation has been caused by a letter from Andrew Bonar-Law, upholding the British government's attitude in the Near Eastern crisis which is given conspicuous publicity in all the London newspapers.

Fried Allen and Sida Edwards were turned out of the Virginia penitentiary last Friday on conditional pardons. They were members of the famous Allen clan, and participated in the shooting up of the Hillsville, Va., courthouse on March 14, 1912.

Miss Ayers was found among the spectators' seats so seriously wounded that she died next day. The prisoner, Floyd Allen, also was seriously wounded, but he recovered only to expiate his crime six months later.

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It is very clear now that if the United States had gone into the league of nations the Turk would not have come back into Europe.

There is nothing the matter with Representative Bradford's proposition for free text books in the public schools. The fact is the books ought to be furnished free, especially for the primary grades.

England and France.

France was more than once at the point of throwing up the sponge during the World war, and except for the grim tenacity of the British she would have done so.

From beginning to end Great Britain never had a thought of surrender—she never had a thought of anything except victory in the end.

Although the propaganda was that America went into that war on account of France—largely for sentimental reasons—there is not much to that. It was on account of Great Britain and herself that America went into that war.

Twist it and turn it as we may, the stability of European and American civilization hinges on England more than on any other country.

No sooner did America help France out of her scrape by beating back the Germans, than did France begin to swell up in the head and assume an attitude of having done the whole thing by her lonesome.

Efficiency of the Courts.

The case of Tom Harrison for the murder of his wife in December, 1920, comes up for a second trial in Greenville this week.

At the first trial it was disclosed that Tom Harrison, a wealthy character of the underworld, had killed his wife because of a preference for her sister, the killing being based on a pretext of misconduct with another man, Arthur Young, who was also seriously wounded by Harrison.

Harrison was convicted of manslaughter, where he should have been convicted of murder, and was sentenced to the penitentiary; but by reason of his wealth he was able to get out on bond and resume his adulterous life with his sister-in-law.

In due course, and as a matter of course, he was allowed a new trial on one quirk or another, and now the farce is to be prosecuted to a final acquittal, unless his money is exhausted in the meantime.

The substance of the testimony for the defense in the first trial was that Harrison, during the course of a party in his own home, came upon Young attacking Mrs. Harrison and that Mrs. Harrison was accidentally killed by one of a series of bullets that was being fired at Young, who was also seriously wounded. Young denied that he had attacked Mrs. Harrison.

The information yesterday was that Young had left the state and was in Asheville; but as to whether he had run away through indifference, bribery or patched up friendship, or whether he would be back to testify along the same lines as at the first trial, was open to conjecture.

by public is entitled to have in the administration of the laws.

Taxed as it is to maintain the courts, the public has a right to look to those courts for honest efficiency, and whether such inefficiency comes through dishonesty, stupidity or whatever other cause, it seems that there should be a readjustment.

Too Much Taxes.

One of the darkest shadows perhaps that is overhanging the present and future of this country, is the steadily growing tendency toward the exploitation of the productive power of the people by means of taxation.

We had that issue in the last state campaign, which opened with a common appreciation of the ever growing tendency toward more, more, more, and wide apprehension as to when, where and how it would stop. That was really the only issue in that campaign; but by the time the campaign was well under way shrewd propaganda had produced a feeling of apprehension that had completely overshadowed the only considerations with which they had real concern.

When it comes to the motives of the respective candidates, for the sake of argument, it is just as well to admit that they were all the same. In the case of each we will say that the lure is power, prestige, honor and salary. Of course none of the candidates will admit anything like that, but the average citizen may take his choice.

What the average voter wants is honest government economically administered. And where the average voter gives careful consideration to the subject, he does not want any more government than is absolutely necessary. He wants protection for life and property, he wants school facilities in keeping with his means, and he wants such road improvement as he is able to pay for.

But what the average voter wants is one thing, and what he gets is another. The South Carolina of today has changed from the South Carolina of ten years back. In the South Carolina of ten years ago the dominant idea of government was that a public office was a public trust, and the keynote of that trust was not to require the taxpayer to give up to the government one single dollar more than was necessary for the essential requirements of that government.

But now the dominant idea is how to spend the people's money. We have fallen into the hands of hordes of people who have never had a speaking acquaintance with honest production by their own efforts; but who find pleasurable excitement in spending the substance of the toiling masses.

We have reached a point where it is no longer possible to get an appropriation even for the most primary essential of government unless there is included in the rake off great slabs of graft to be divided up among parasitic hordes representing themselves as equally important to the public welfare.

The long and short of it is that the producing masses of South Carolina are being oppressed to annihilation, and although they see it, feel it and know it, their situation is so desperate as to be almost without even hope of relief.

Foreign and American vessels sailing for the United States after October 14, next, will be subject to the terms of the prohibition act relating to bringing intoxicating liquors into American territorial waters. It was announced at the treasury department Sunday. Decision to defer in the case of these craft the enforcement of Attorney General Daugherty's ruling with respect to the prohibition of the transportation of liquor cargoes or stores was made by President Harding.

The executive, in a letter to Secretary Mellon, said any earlier attempt at enforcement in the absence of due notice and ample regulation "would be inconsistent with just dealing and have a tendency to disrupt needlessly the ways of commerce."

This delay in enforcement does not apply to the sale of intoxicating liquor on vessels sailing under the American flag," the president said. Immediate cessation of such sale was ordered by Mr. Harding after the attorney general's ruling had been presented to him. Masters of shipping board vessels were ordered by Chairman Lasker to remove and surrender to treasury officials all intoxicating liquors aboard such ships. The order became effective immediately as the ships entered their home ports and will be made effective on those at sea and in foreign ports upon their arrival in the United States.

"If any officer or member of the crew, either on passenger or cargo ships," the order said, "is found thereafter possessing liquor on his ship, he shall immediately be removed permanently from the service and his violation of the law reported to the proper district attorney."

A formal notice was sent to foreign steamship lines and to lines operating privately owned American craft. McIntire, Internal Revenue Commissioner Blair is having formulated the necessary regulations. Although not yet officially advised of Mr. Daugherty's opinion, the foreign diplomats have notified their home governments with the intention of supplying official information as soon as it could be obtained from the state department.

Sam Buckalew, former captain and recreation officer at the United States public health service hospital at Camp Sevier, was found guilty in Federal court in Greenville Saturday of forgery. He was charged with forging checks belonging to disabled soldiers who were patients at the hospital.

LOCAL AFFAIRS.

NEW ADVERTISEMENTS. W. E. Ferguson—You will find what you want here. Kirkpatrick-Bell Co.—Big saving in men's and boys' wear.

Notice to painters. E. A. Hall, Mayor—Special election. J. L. Houston, Probate Judge—Notice of application for letters of administration on the estate of William L. McClave, deceased.

There is no more water in the Catawba than it needs; but it is evident to all observers that except for that great dam at Bridgeview, there would be a great deal less than there is.

DELINQUENT TAXES

When the time for the payment of taxes without the usual penalties expired last June, there was an unpaid balance of \$64,142.78, and since then there has been collected the sum of \$43,748.64, leaving to go into the hands of the sheriff last week, in the form of executions, \$20,394.14.

Table listing delinquent taxes by township: Bethel \$324.46, Bethesda 2,455.63, Broad River 2,433.51, Bullock's Creek 316.45, Catawba 20,959.92, Ebenezer 7,541.79, Fort Mill 5,269.27, King's Mountain 1,055.05, York 2,350.56.

NEGRO SHOTS WIFE

Jim Shealy, negro, thought the hammer on his breech loader was down when he pointed the gun at his wife, Mary Shealy and her daughter at their home on the Carroll place on York No. 4, Sunday morning. It wasn't and Mary received a lot of shot in the arm while her daughter was shot in the face. Neither is regarded as being seriously hurt.

Jim had been called out to shoot a hawk that was after the chickens. He chased the hawk and shot at it and missed. Upon his return to the house his wife, began teasing him about missing the hawk.

"Bet I could hit you," said Jim and raising the gun he fired at the mother and child, sprinkling them. The wife told the same story and Jim was not arrested on a charge of criminal carelessness.

THE MARRIAGE RECORD

Marriage licenses have been issued by the judge of probate to the following:

- Oct. 2—Allan Watson and Lillian Mills, Rock Hill, (colored). Oct. 3—George M. French, Ansonia, Conn., and Nellie R. Hart, Yorkville. Oct. 5—Oreal Massey and Ida Beckham, Rock Hill, (colored). Oct. 6—Clarence Brookshire, Greenville, and Cora Vaughn, Rock Hill. Oct. 7—Willie Loyd and Narcie Clark, Yorkville. Oct. 7—Kerry L. Wright and Vergie Smith, Yorkville. Oct. 7—Blair Clanton and Ada Armstrong, High Shoals, N. C. Oct. 7—Will Anderson and Fannie Pong, York township, (colored). Oct. 7—William E. Leonard and Rosie Lee McKee, Clover.

GASTON COUNTY FAIR

The gates of the Big Gaston County Fair Grounds were opened this morning to receive the crowds that have since been surging through them to see the vast array of exhibits that have been gathered for the occasion.

It is a remarkable showing of the greatest of the kind that has ever been seen in this section. For those who are interested in such things there are splendid specimens of fine cattle, hogs and chickens. The farm products exhibits are numerous and excellent and the department of fine arts manufactures are well calculated to astonish.

Because the fair had just been moved into its new quarters last year the management was inclined to offer some little apology for not having things up to a standard satisfactory to itself. But no apologies are being offered this year, for the big show is able to stand on its merits.

ABOUT PEOPLE.

R. T. Castles of Smyrna, was among the visitors in Yorkville yesterday. Mr. S. S. Glenn of York No. 8, was among the visitors in Yorkville yesterday.

Mr. and Mrs. J. Thornwell Crawford of McConellsville, leave tomorrow for a trip to Niagara Falls, New York and other points in the East.

Withers Adickes, who is working at Mountain Island, N. C., visited the family of his mother, Mrs. Helen Adickes, in Yorkville, recently.

Mrs. S. C. Hollifield and children, who have been visiting the family of Mrs. Hollifield's father, Mr. John A. Dyers, at Sharon, have returned to their home at Bamberg.

Rev. A. K. Whitesides of Pleasant Hill, passed through Yorkville today on his way to Catawba presbytery which meets at Tizrah. Col. W. W. Lewis of Yorkville, is of opinion that he could qualify as a proof reader in view of the much experience that he has had as a member of the

South Carolina Code commission. The Code of Laws of the state is published every ten years and this is publication year, the state printers having promised to deliver it about December 1. There will be four volumes of it, including about 4,000 pages, and it has been a part of the duty of Col. Lewis to read the proof, hence his qualifications.

CATAWBA PRESBYTERY

With an opening sermon preached by Rev. S. J. Hood of Lancaster, the retiring moderator, the fall meeting of Catawba presbytery of the Associate Reformed Presbyterian church convened in Tizrah church, of which Rev. R. D. Byrd is pastor, this morning. There were quite a large number of ministers and elders in attendance upon the opening session and others came during the day.

It was expected that the work of the presbytery would carry the body into session through tomorrow, although it is not unlikely that the work will be completed today. Rev. R. A. Lummus of Richburg, Chester county, is moderator of the body.

An educational sermon to be preached by Rev. W. P. Grier, pastor of Clover, Bethany and Crowder's Creek churches will be a feature of the meeting.

Elder Ross Love is representing the A. R. P. church of Yorkville at the meeting of presbytery.

ALONG THE WAY

Colored man carrying his young son along asked permission to show the boy the court room in the courthouse yesterday. "Ah wants fo' to show him the prisoner's dock an' where de jury sits an de judge an' all de order menses in de hope dat when he grow big he won't want to go dere," he explained.

Spreading of the top soil on the West road between the chain gang camp and the R. B. Hartness place was started this week between showers of rain, it was stated this morning. The work of spreading the top soil has been held up for weeks because of lack of rain, it was explained.

Barbers are beginning to notice a decrease in the number of bobbed hair cuts, it was stated this morning. Many pretty girls—not all little girls either, who have been coming to the barber shops to have their hair cut are coming no more. According to the barbers, it is all because some French "broke" has decided that bobbed hair is not to be fashionable any more and because long skirts are coming into style again.

Former college foot ball players and others of foot ball experience have been invited by Coach Gressette of the Yorkville school team to come out each afternoon and furnish practice for the school eleven for the game against Chester High in Yorkville next Friday.

WEST ROAD CONTRACT

John L. Carroll, road contractor, has been awarded a contract by the State Highway commission to build a stretch of the West road from the Bullock's Creek bridge to the town of Sharon, it was announced today. The distance is about two and one-half miles. The amount of the bid was not made public and it was stated that the contract was let privately. Some time ago a bid on this project made by Stewart & Jones, contractors of Rock Hill was refused on the ground that it was too high.

Contractor Carroll, who has been doing much highway construction work throughout the state in the past several years, is expected to begin work on the West road project within a very short time. His road forces are now finishing up some road work in the lower part of the state, it is stated.

The three county lionsers for the West road appointed by the York county legislative delegation were not consulted by the state highway commission with reference to letting the contract and the announcement was as much news to them as any one else. However, they understand thoroughly the proposition that they are only "figure heads" anyway, since the highway commission has complete charge of the new road now in construction.

Contractor Carroll is a native of Yorkville, a son of the late Thad L. Carroll and a brother of J. F. Carroll, of this place. His brother, Roy Carroll, formerly of Yorkville is employed with him in his road construction work.

WITHIN THE TOWN

Alex Fowell is building a new residence on East Jefferson street on the site of his residence which was destroyed by fire several months ago.

Considerable improvements are being made in the Lockmore Cotton Mill Village. The mill houses are being repainted and otherwise improved. It is understood that the mill is operating full time, both day and night.

Business as usual was brisk last Saturday morning with the ladies who conduct the curb market or "country store" in the front porch of the old Rose Hotel Building on South Congress street. Receipts from sales totaled about \$10 and quite a variety of country produce were offered as usual.

While few if any of the musical and dramatic comedies are coming to Yorkville this fall and winter for exhibitions, one of the biggest minstrel shows on the road is scheduled to appear here in November, according to a young fellow who keeps up with the shows. This minstrel company is traveling this year in automobile trucks, a rather new departure in the theatrical world and it is believed that

the coming attraction is going to prove pleasing and popular.

Poultry fanciers of Yorkville report that "sore head" is proving fatal to many of their choice fall fryers as well as mature fowls. The disease appears to be more or less common with chickens throughout the town and despite the fact that they have used lard, shoe polish, axle grease and almost every other suggested remedy, the remedies do little toward checking the disease. One Yorkville lady said this morning that she had lost fourteen fryers from "sore head" within the past two weeks.

Nine quarter-baked boys amused themselves Sunday night by chasing each other and other people along the street with a dead snake which one of them had tied by a string. The boys were so rude as to throw the snake at the feet of several young women who were on their way to church. "If you boys can't stop this I can stop it," remarked the night policeman to one of the boys when his attention was called to their Sunday evening behavior. The young fellows beat a hasty retreat to a section of town where church services were not in progress.

Seventy years ago, according to his claim, George Minton, well known old colored man of Yorkville helped to build the chimneys to what is commonly called the "Dixon house" on King's Mountain street which house was built in 1852 by the late Josh Dixon. The house which was almost destroyed by fire several weeks ago while occupied by the family of O. C. Taylor, is now being completely torn down and old George has been assisting in tearing down the chimneys that he helped erect seventy years ago.

Stories to the effect that there is an unusual amount of liquor in evidence on the streets here of late are without foundation, according to Chief of Police Ed Steele. It is ginger and extract that is most popular or rather that is most used by the booze-hounds, according to the chief. The greater percentage of the "drunks" who are brought into police court have been imbibing ginger or some sort of extract or patent medicine and not corn liquor or any other kind of liquor. Most of the parties who drink liquor, according to the policeman, don't fall into the hands of the cops and their tipsy conduct is not so noticeable. It is the extract-tinger jab fellows who put gray hairs in the heads of the cops.

PUNTS AND PASSES

Yorkville High lost the first football game of the season to Fort Mill High in Fort Mill last Friday afternoon 58 to 0. It was just simply a matter of being outclassed and that is all there was to it and the locals attempted no alibi. While it was generally expected that Fort Mill would win, due to the fact that their team is much heavier and more experienced than the locals, still it had been hoped that Yorkville could hold 'em to a closer score; but it didn't pan out that way. The boys across the Catawba made rings around them at will. Worth Youngblood was practically the whole Yorkville team in the first regular mixup of the season and if the other ten men had been on the job to anything like the extent he was there might have been a different story to write. Captain O. E. Grist of the locals was badly kicked in the face in the battle and several other members of the team came home bearing bumps and bruises. The eleven is not disheartened and neither is Coach Gressette; but will spend this week in hard practice for next Friday's game in Yorkville when they go up against the husky Chester crowd.

While Fort Mill was licking Yorkville last Friday Coach Logen's bustling Rock Hill High eleven was trouncing Kershaw to the tune of 34 to 0 and Chester High was taking the Porter Military Academy crowd of Charleston in tow to the tune of 25 to 0. Winthrop Training School was defeated by Lancaster High. Winnsboro High was scheduled to play Chester High in Chester last Friday; but the Winnsboro bunch took "cold feet" or something and announced they wouldn't meet the date. The talk is that Winnsboro will be ruled out of the Association for the balance of the season because of her failure to fill the engagement.

A number of football fans went to Fort Mill with the Yorkville team Friday afternoon and with pain and anguish witnessed the overwhelming defeat of the locals. Rain fell after the game was well under way and it was determined that Yorkville was no match for Fort Mill and there was a lot of fans who wished the rain had come before the game started. It is hoped that there will be a big turnout next Friday afternoon for the game with Chester.

"Well Al, the old world's serious came to a rather untimely end last Sunday when the New York Giants took the 5 end of a 5 to 3 score and was officially pronounced the greatest baseball players in the world while the New York Yanks they played against was unofficially cussed by us fellows who was betting on 'em as the biggest bunch of bone-head, cripple-limbed, yellow-streaked, brainless boobies in baseball. The game Friday ended in a tie, each of the teams gettin' three runs after ten innings and if the umpires hadn't called off the game on account of darkness when the sun was still shining down here in Yorkville why the Yanks might have won. They started off Saturday afternoon with the Yanks getting two scores in the first inning and the Giants no scores. In spite of that a fellow right here in Yorkville bet another fellow fifty

cents worth of cigars against \$1 worth of smokes that them Giants would win anyhow and dad blamed if they didn't, because the Giants made 4 runs in one frame while the Yanks was making three runs in 9 frames. The dope in the daily papers Sunday morning had it that the Giants would wind it up that day and they did. You know Al, up east they go to baseball games instead of the Methodist church to hear Rev. Huggin on Sunday and about all the prayin' there was in N. Y. Sunday was for either the Yanks or the Giants to win that old ball game. Maybe all the fellows that was betting seagars on the Yanks was not prayin' as hard as was those who had their mazzuna on our opponents because the Giants won 5 to 3. But you know Al, baseball is like women and politics and the cotton crop, you never can tell how it is going to turn out. P. S. I can't smoke no seagars this week because all my seegar money is in the possession of the fellow that bet on the Giants. The only way I know how to get even now is to guess exactly right on Mr. Jim Page's cotton crop contest; but I know I wouldn't guess that on account of being so unlucky. You know Al, if it was to rain diamonds I believe I would be in jail."

LOCAL LACONICS.

Output of the Gins. The output of the York county gins up to September 25, 1922 was 5,716 bales against 6,552 bales up to the same date in 1921.

Painting Olivet School. Trustees of Olivet school have recently repainted the school house and made other improvements that give it a most attractive appearance. Trustees of the district are Messrs. S. V. Aycock and Sam Hafner.

Whopper Blacksnake. Ed Brandon and Orin Louthian, brought into Yorkville Sunday afternoon a blacksnake that they had killed during the morning on York No. 5 and which was almost as large as such snakes ever seem to grow in this locality. It was seven feet and seven inches in length.

Chester Magistrate Resigns. Information was received in Yorkville yesterday to the effect that Magistrate H. H. Shannon of Chester, has agreed to hand in his resignation to the governor to take effect on November 1. The resignation, it is alleged, has been brought about as the result of the magistrate's immoral conduct.

News For Fox Hunters. Gastonia Gazette, Oct. 9: There will be a fox chase Tuesday night, starting at nine o'clock from the rock crusher near Mr. Jim Falls' residence in the Crowder's Creek neighborhood. All who are interested in the sport are invited to join in the chase. Mr. Lamar Rankin is to furnish the fox, a pretty half gray and half red animal.

Colored Boy Breaks Leg. A young colored boy, the son of a tenant named George Bryant who lives on the Courtney place three miles north of Yorkville, was up a tree after a possum Saturday afternoon. He lost his hold and fell to the ground, breaking his leg at the hip, the bone protruding through the flesh.

Rock Hill Gas Row. Judge James E. Puerfoly at Winnsboro tomorrow expects to hear arguments of Rock Hill attorneys who seek to make permanent a temporary injunction restraining the Rock Hill Gas Company from exceeding the franchise specifications in charging for gas. Attorneys for the gas company will present the case of the company. The city council of Rock Hill claims that the gas company has recently violated their pledges by charging more for gas than they had promised to charge when granted a recent franchise.

Clifford Hayes, a young man of 18, has been committed to the Sumner county New Jersey jail on the charge of having murdered Rev. Edward Wheeler Hall and Mrs. Eleanor Reinhart Mills on the night of September 14. It is quite a complicated affair involving elements of doubt. The arrest was made on the strength of a story told by Raymond Schneider, 22, who says that Hayes did the killing in the belief that he was shooting at 15-year-old Pear Bahmer and her step-father Nicholas Bahmer. The two young men, according to Schneider, saw Pearl and her step-father going in the direction of the Phillips farm. Schneider, although married, is in love with Pearl. The two followed. Hayes produced a .32 calibre pistol and said he would fix them. Coming on two people under an apple tree Hayes commenced firing and killed them both. That was Schneider's story. Hayes says the story is a lie. He admits that he and Schneider saw Pearl and Nicholas Bahmer walking along in the direction of the Phillips farm and followed. Arriving at the farm they heard shots and screams and saw an automobile moving away rapidly. Under the tree they found the bodies of the minister and Mrs. Mills. Schneider says that is a lie. Pearl Bahmer says that she walked out with her step-father to give him air and try to sober him up, he being drunk. She tried to turn back and he forced her to go on. They heard shooting and screaming and saw an automobile. Schneider could not explain why Mrs. Mills' throat had been cut from ear to ear, or how the two bodies had been laid out for burial. The story lacks a good deal of being satisfactory; but at the same time it is believed that the statements of these people can give more light. It was Schneider and Hayes who first discovered the bodies of the murdered minister and his choir leader.