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The Observer is in receipt of many public documents through the kindness of Congressman John L. McLaurin, for which we feel grateful. Our own representative having withheld the courtesies they are very much appreciated from Mr. [illegible] —Newberry Observer.

[illegible] know why Mr. Latimer has withheld public documents from the Observer, but it occurs to us that it is "cheeky" business for Mr. McLaurin to be undertaking to supply Mr. Latimer's constituents, or any of them, with public documents. We do not think he has any business meddling in the 3d district, and it must be that he has some axe to grind. Probably his own constituents would like to have those documents. It seems to us that the Observer and all other Newberrians ought to have the kindest feelings towards Mr. Latimer for he has, we think, labored harder to get the claim of Newberry college through the committee and congress than any other representative this district has had, and we believe, if we are correctly informed, he is the only one who has ever succeeded in getting a favorable report from the committee. This is but simple justice to Mr. Latimer, who has labored constantly for the public good, and has now pending before congress two bills that have more merit in them than any two other bills that have been before congress for many years so far as the people of this State are concerned, and they are the bill to collect the State taxes from railroads in the hands of federal receivers and the bill to make the original thirteen States equal with the newer States which bill will add something like $1,250,000 to the public school fund of the State. He may not get these bills passed as he is only one of the 400 members but it is greatly to his credit that he has gone into a field of legislation untouched hitherto by any other member. —Peoples Advocate.

There is such a thing as decency in this world, but it has not reached the office of the Anderson People's Advocate, if the above is a sample of its appreciation. Hon. John L. McLaurin sent to the Newberry Observer some public documents at the request of its editor and no doubt the request was made because the representative of the district in which the Newberry Observer is located, on account of factional differences did not send the documents as he should have done, and because Mr. McLaurin did send the documents, the Advocate a supporter of Mr. Latimer pitches in to slur and insult Mr. McLaurin, but in doing so it displays its long ears and leaves the friends of McLaurin room to question the credit the Advocate is giving Latimer. Why it is, we can not say, but the fact is that McLaurin is called upon from all over the State to attend to matters in Washington; this we know and only recently have we seen a letter from a very prominent firm in Charleston calling on McLaurin for aid in a matter of great importance to a certain business interests of that city; we are glad and very proud of the fact that the Sixth Congressional District has sent a man to Congress whose mind is broad enough to see beyond the confines of factional limits. It is a matter of pride with us that McLaurin's ability is so recognized and appreciated that whenever a matter of importance is up in Congress in which South Carolina or a section of it is interested he is called upon for his aid and that he gives the aid asked for. The Advocate should not ever-reach itself in its praise for Mr. Latimer's services in obtaining a favorable report for the Newberry college matter, because if it will make a search of the records it will be seen that Mr. McLaurin was largely instrumental in engineering the favorable report safely through the committee. We do not wish to detract from Latimer, but we must protest against the jealous spirit exhibited by the Advocate. If its friend Latimer was so narrow minded and so filled with factional prejudice that he withheld public documents from the Observer. It should have made no comments on McLaurin for treating the Observer with the common courtesy of complying with its requests for documents. When a Congressman fails to supply his constituents with matter at his diposal he fails to do his duty and when that failure arises from factional prejudice his conduct is small and petty. It is a common thing for us to receive public documents from representatives of Western and other States, but we do not think it is "cheeky," nor do we think they "have some axe to grind." The truth of the matter is, we know that our representative has done his full duty in Congress and that he needs no factional flag waved to encourage his constituency to rally to his support. Right now, every step McLaurin takes is watched and commented on. He seems to be a hornet in the breeches of certain politicians and they not knowing when and where he will sting, puts them all on the anxious bench. Aspirants for gubernatorial honors stand ready to sand bag him should he attempt to play in their yard, and candidates for the United States Senate are walking about stiff legged with a machete in each leg of their pants ready to pull them out and give him a swipe should he be found sliding down their cellar door, but McLaurin turns neither to the right nor left, he goes right on attending to his work and often the work of others. He refuses to be dragged into the controversies now going on among candidates, but when the proper time comes he will be heard from with no uncertain sound, and the little fice who have been snapping at his heels had better have the big dogs along to keep them from crushing each other in the rush to get out of the way of McLaurin's rocks. We can assure the Advocate if McLaurin has an axe to grind it is not Latimer, for he is not a good size hatchet.

RECORD APPEALED TO.

Laurensville Herald Quotes Some of Senator Irby's Utterances. It Seeks to Show He is Bound to Stand With Tillman in the Fight for silver. Claim for Political Prescience.

Who says that we are not a political prophet? In our issue of September 27, 1895, we said this:

"We want to be in time in warning the Reformers against all political pitfalls. There will be many schemes, traps and new alliances planned and formed between now and 1896. Under the pretence of fighting populistic tendencies of Tillman and others, there will be one more expiring, superhuman effort to turn the Reform movement over into the hands of a lot of political Hessians. For the present we simply make this timely warning. In 1896 Tillman will, more than ever, be the target for the shafts of the political schemers and the hired tool of the Shylocks. Then it is that your political principles and professions are to be tested—whether you have been political hypocrits and your professions been as a tinkling cymbal and sounding brass."

Ever since the delivery of Senator Tillman's speech in the Senate and his more recent opinion as to what the South Carolina delegation to the National Democratic convention ought to do rather than submit to a gold plank in the Democratic platform and a gold-bug candidate for president, the Independent newspapers in this State are holding up their hands in holy horror at the very thought of such a thing; and we may expect to see still further evidences of opposition cr political antagonism to Tillman by every little political fice who is scenting around for some office or other. There is no doubt whatever that the leading political issue this year will serve to test the sincerity of every loyal Reformer and silverite in the State. The sheep must be separated from the goats who, under the hypocritical pretense of loyalty to the "name" Democracy, will seek to defeat the cause of the people and to stab our brave leaders in the back; and if the Reform voters will only take the time to ferret it out they will discover that there is some big, fat office that the fellow wants and dosen't believe he can get it with the silverite or Reform vote, so he tunes his harp to suit the ear of the goldbugs.

The Greenville News is again calling on State Chairman Irby to either balk the action of the silver Democrats or read them out of the party. It says:

"Will the Hon. John L. M. Irby, chairman of the State Democratic Executive Committee, and the Hon. M. L. Donaldson, member for South Carolina of the Democratic national executive committee, prove recreant to their respective trusts? When the State convention is called to elect delegates to the national convention it should be distinctly informed that no delegates who are instructed to bolt or suspected with good reason of purpose to bolt, will be admitted to the national convention.

"If the State convention takes any such action as Senator Tillman suggests, we will advocate the calling of another Democratic convention, the independent reorganization of the party and the election of a set of delegates instructed and pledged to abide the action of the national convention whatever it may be."

We don't see how Senator Irby, as chairman of the State Democracy, can consistently take any such action as that suggested by so politically hybrid a sheet as the Daily News. It will be remembered that Senator Irby, in his silver speech before the United States Senate in October, 1893, said:

"It is the love and fealty I bear to the cause of Democracy that has prompted me to keep silent and strain every nerve in an effort to conform, if possible, to the wishes and policy of the powers that be in the Democratic party; but sir, when I see the mantle of Democracy used to cover Republican monopolists while they rob the great common people, this same sentiment that has prompted me to silence and obedience bids me imperatively to call a halt and revolt against such an imposition under Democracy and justice as is now proposed. I cannot keep my seat and see the banner of Democracy submerged in the cesspool of Wall street greed, nor can I remain silent and see it polluted to the basest uses by the protected hand of monopolistic avarice from New England."

Again he says:

"Call it what you will, I propose to stand for true Democracy, so true, in fact, that I will denounce those who propose and follow Republican methods while masquerading in Democratic clothes, no matter who they may be."

In another portion of his speech he says:

"If this great crime against the people is perpetrated by them in regard to this, the most important of all the legislative questions now before the people, I dare to not follow them, and my people will sustain me, upon the other questions of lessor importance."

And a little further on he says:

"I make it with reluctance and deep regret, and would gladly avoid the responsibility of taking this position, but I believe it a solemn duty to the producers of this nation in every State and especially to the noble, patriotic, and liberty-loving people of South Carolina, to raise the hand of warning and place those who seem intoxicated with power, upon positive notice that if they ruthlessly and by the aid of Republican votes over-ride our wishes in this, the most important of all the questions of public policy, I for one will not follow their lead another step."

And still again:

"From the very moment you vote to perpetrate this proposed act which I believe to be a crime against the productive interests of the nation, neither my people nor I will longer follow your lead."

And then again, in addition to to what Senator Irby said in his silver speech, nobody censured Mr. Donaldson and Mr. Harris, members of the last national Democratic convention from this State, for their alleged "selling out" to the goldbug influences more than did Senator Irby. And now for the News to ask Senator Irby to repudiate and swallow his own words is not only a big piece of gall on the part of the News, but a reflection on the political honest and sincerity of Senator Irby.

The position Tillman takes in his letter to Mr. Reed, and to which the Greenville News takes exception is, in our opinion, both tenable and logical. It is our first duty to make every possible effort to prevent the political prostitution of the principles of true Democracy, and in the language of Senator Irby himself, to foil the efforts of those goldbug Shylocks who "propose and follow Republican methods while masquerading in Democratic clothes."

It is plain to everybody that if the May State convention should fail or refuse to send delegates to the national Democratic convention such action would only be playing into the hands of the goldbugs. We must send regularly accredited delegates to the national convention, and then if their protests against that convention being controlled and dominated by goldbug delegates representing always hopelessly Republican States, are ignored as they have been in the past and through their influence a goldbug tool of the East is foisted upon us, why then as Senator Tillman says, it will be time enough to join their forces with the silver men. The goldbug delegates no doubt already have an understanding with the Republicans that they will support a goldbug Republican rather than a silver Democrat—at least the Greenville News says that 25,000 or 30,000 white men in South Carolina will vote the Republican ticket rather than vote for a silver Democrat. —Laurensville Herald.

SANDY GROVE SIFTINGS.

Sandy Grove, March 24.—News is still scarce over here. The farmers are two busy with their work to clear new lands. Generally, they seem to be prospering, judging from their homes and surroundings. We hear of several who have planted corn.

Hauling fertilizers and building tobacco barns seems to be the order of the day in this section.

Mr. Joseph Gowdy and Miss Emma Coker were married on the 19th inst., at Hebron church, by Pastor Bethea.

Death visited the home of Mr. J. M. Mims yesterday and bore away on its icy wings the soul of his little infant child.

We have just read Senator Tillman's speech and are now devoting our spare moments to reading the new constitution. The Manning Times is never slighted when it gets in.

I ask leave to modify my opinion as expressed some time ago in regard to the next President. We believe now, and have good reasons for believing, that our noble Senator will be the next President. If not Tillman, a free silver Republican.

We also believe that the free and unlimited coinage of silver will come in the near future. We hope so, at least. SAM TATTLER.

CONFEDERATE VETERANS, ATTENTION!

Mr. Editor:—We, the committee appointed by the surviving soldiers of the Confederate States army at their last meeting on salesday in March, beg space in your paper for a short report.

The late law on the subject of pensions requires a meeting of the survivors on salesday in April (Monday, 6th day) for the purpose of electing two of their number by ballot as pension commissioners, to act with the county auditor and treasurer, who, with a physician to be elected by them, shall compose the board for the present year.

Quite a number of our people are entitled to be put on the pension list under the recent act, and we hope there will be a large turn out of old soldiers on that day.

Respectfully submitted,
C. S. LAND,
DANIEL J. BRADHAM,
THOMAS H. HARVIN,
Committee.

BEWARE OF OINTMENTS FOR CATARRH THAT CONTAIN MERCURY.

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HOME AGAIN.

"No place like home!" the poet sung,
With grateful heart and tuneful tongue.
"No place like home!" my tongue repeats,
Whilst heart responsive quickly beats—
"At home, sweet home!"

At home again! Here quiet reigns—
Not that which at Warsaw obtains,
But quiet born of peace and love;
And chants my heart as cooing dove—
At home, sweet home!

Yes, "home, sweet home!" Though humble, sweet!
From noise and strife I'd fain retreat,
And pass my days in calm content,
On words of purest love intent,
At home, sweet home!

God bless our home, our land and friends,
So long's the sky above us bends!
Bless friends near by! Bless those we've left!
With all we're blest, of none bereft!
At home, sweet home!

From some we part, with some we meet;
To those farewell, whilst these we greet.
We'll love them all, on land or sea,
But most of all while we shall be
At home, sweet home!

If home on earth can be so blest,
What joy must be when we shall rest
Around God's throne, and with that throng
Sound forth His praise with harp and song
In Heaven, sweet home!

JOHN M. RICHARDSON.

PYTHIAN COLUMN

BY O. E. WEBBER.

THE LORD'S PRAYER.

"If any be distressed, and fain would gather
Some comfort, let him haste unto
Our Father,
For we of hope and help are quite bereaven,
Except Thou succour us
Who art in heaven.
Thou shewest, mercy, therefore for the same
We praise Thee, singing
Hallowed be Thy name.
Of all our miseries cast up the sum;
Show us Thy joys, and let
Thy kindgom come.
We mortal are, and alter from our birth;
Thou constant art,
Thy will be done on earth.
Thou mid'st the earth, as well as planets seven,
Thy name be blessed here
As 'tis in heaven.
Nothing we have to use or debts to pay.
Except Thou give it us.
Give us this day
Wherewith to clothe us, wherewith to be fed,
For without Thee we want
Our daily bread.
We want, but want no faults, for no day passes,
But we do sin—
Forgive us our Trespasses.
No man from sinning ever free did live,
Forgive us, Lord, our sins,
As we forgive.
If we repent our faults, Thou ne'er disdainest us;
We pardon them
That trespass against us.
Forgive us that is past, a new path tread us,
Direct us always in Thy faith,
And lead us—
We, Thine own people, and thy chosen nation—
Into all truth, but
Not into temptation.
Thou that of all good graces art the giver,
Suffer us not to wander,
But deliver
Us from the fierce assaults of world and devil
And flesh, so shalt Thou free us
From all evil.
To these petitions let both Church and laymen,
With one consent of heart and voice, say
Amen."

Damon Lodge, No. 13, convened last Thursday night. The first and second ranks was conferred on two candidates. There was a good attendance and the meeting proved pleasant and profitable to all present. Bro. D. J. Bradham was present and did much towards making the time pass pleasantly to most of us.

D. D. G. C. Bro. F. M. Spann, came down from Sumter and installed Bro. Jos. Sprott as M. of F. Now let every member drop in at the bank and pay Bro. Sprott his indebtedness to the Lodge.

We were sorry Bro. Spann did not feel able to stay with us through the exercises of the evening, and hope he will soon enjoy his usual good health.

We are sorry to hear the word "Absent" in calling the roll of officers, and do hope that those who have been absenting themselves will resolve to do better.

The fraternity editor of the Albany Argus "talks from the shoulder," hear him:

"Here is a little good advice to all officers who were installed in the twenty-sixth district. If you are elected to any office in your lodge get the blue book, learn every line that is required of you, and make it your ambition to do the work better than any other officer of the lodge. If you cannot commit the work to memory, for goodness sake have the manliness to resign and give the office to a man who can."

This is good advice to officers all over the land. If you can't do your work properly, get out of the way and let somebody else have an opportunity to try. The day for submitting to the ignorance of blundering and incompetent officers is past. Do or get.

The prosperity of an organization depends to a considerable degree upon the manner in which the executive officers discharge their duties. Orders do not attain any marked success, or prosper materially, where the officers have become lukewarm and do not evince the proper amount of interest. In no organization will the indifference of the officers so surely affect the order as in a fraternity like ours. In all the business of the courts, and all the ritualistic work, these executives have so important a part that their failure to perform it properly affects seriously the working and detracts from the impressiveness of ceremonies. When therefore, an officer finds that by reason of business engagements, because of lack of interest, or for any cause whatsoever, the proper amount of time, consideration and care cannot be given to the duties of his office, it behooves him to resign his position and allow one who can properly discharge the duties to fill the office. Pursuing any other course than this is treating the order unfairly, is placing himself in a false position and doing no one any good.—Advocate.

Don't cherish hate. It is not worth while to hate. Your life is not long enough to make it pay to cherish ill will or hard thoughts towards any one. What if that man or woman has played you false? What if this friend has forsaken you in your time of need, and treats you as a stranger? Let it pass. What difference will it make to you in a few years, when you go hence to the "undiscovered country?" All who ill-treat you now will be more sorry for it then, than you, even in your deepest disappointment and grief, can be. A few more smiles, a few more tears, some pleasure, much pain, a little longer hurrying and worrying through the world, some hasty greetings and abrupt farewells, and our play will be "played out," and the injured will be led away and ere long forgotten. Is it worth while to hate each other?—Our Society Journal.

Charity, as organized in the fraternities, has none of the sting that goes with the charity from a stranger. Each has done his portion toward creating the fund, and is able to take it without feeling a pauper.

Said old Ben Franklin: "He only is great of heart who floods the world with great affection. He only is great of mind who stirs the world with great thoughts. He only is great of will who does something to shape the world to a great career. And he is greatest who does the most of all these things, and does the best."

RELIGIOUS THOUGHTS.

BY REV. J. O. GOUGH, MANNING, S. C.

GAMBLING A HORRID SIN IN THE SIGHT OF GOD, AND A VIOLATION OF THE LAW OF THE STATE.

A few weeks ago I had a short article upon the tendency of this growing sin, with no intention of wounding any one's feelings, but with a desire to do my duty to God and my fellow-man. What I said was from the purest motives. I desired to point out to those who were engaged therein the dangers that lay along this road, feeling that some did not know the crimes attached to it. I also felt that when a citizen and friend was led into the light and shown the disgrace to which his conduct was leading him, he would prefer his character and good name to the mere "chance" in gambling. Solomon said, "A good name is rather to be chosen than great riches." But I met with much discouragement and personal threats. I did not think that what I said then, or now, would stop the sin altogether, but thought that it might serve as a warning. But I see that like the man in his boat passing swiftly down the rushing current to the awful abyss, fearing no danger and not heeding the warning voice of his friends, he passes over to an awful wreck, so men continue to gamble in our own midst, in more ways than one.

The heathenish practice of cock-fighting still continues. To day I venture to say some things on this sin that I trust all who read the Times may see.

Dr. Geo. F. Hall says that "gambling is the art of getting something for nothing. It is a sin that is corrupting thousands of men from nearly every walk of life. The public conscience is not yet awakened to the awful sin. No man can long retain his personal purity of life who gives himself over to gambling, to this subtle agent of hell."

Henry Ward Beecher says, "Gambling is the staking or winning of property upon mere hazard. The husbandman renders produce for his gains; the mechanic renders the product of labor and skill for his gain; the gambler renders for his gain the sleight of useless skill, or more often downright cheating. Betting is gambling and there is no honest equivolent to its gain."

Dr. R. S. McArthur says, "I have no patience with a man who gambles. A man who will gamble will steal. Gambling is a species of theft. A man who wants something for nothing is a dishonest man. The man who says 'the world owes me a living and I propose to have it' is a reckless and dishonest man. The world does not owe him a living. The world owes a man just what he will earn, nothing more, nothing less."

Some one gives us the history of crime during 1890: "One hundred and twenty-eight persons were either shot or stabbed over gambling. Four were stabbed and 5 shot at 'poker'; twelve stabbed and twenty-four shot over game of dice; 28 stabbed and 55 shot over gambling tables; six attempted suicide, twenty-four committed suicide, and sixty persons were murdered in cold blood; two driven insane; sixty-eight boys were ruined by pool gambling.

This desire has grown so strongly that men of good report have committed crimes to get money to gamble with. Among these were two burglaries, eighteen forgeries, eighty-five embezzlements, thirty-two persons holding positions of trust in banks, etc., absconded the enormous sum of $2,898,372.

To which part of this list can we add the crimes of our own State?

Dr. Nott says, "The finished gambler has no heart. He could play and bet at his brother's funeral; he would gamble on his mother's coffin."

Since we are attempting but little as to originality I wish to quote a few sentences from one of the greatest preachers our age has ever produced. He says:

"I. Gambling unfits the mind for the duties of life. Gamblers are seldom industrious men in any vocation of life. Gambling vitiates the imagination, corrupts the tastes and destroys industry, for no man will drudge for cents who gambles for dollars.

II. It destroys all domestic affections. Home is a prison to an inveterate gambler; for a moment he may sport with his children and smile upon his wife, but his heart, its strong passions are not there. A little rippling stream may flow through the family, but the deep river of his affections flows away from home.

III. Gambling polutes the life and injures society. Gamblers herd with gamblers. They tempt and provoke each other to all evil.

IV. It produces a desire for strong drink. The bottle is as needful as the material upon which to bet. And when they stand in the sight of financial loss they cannot bear the death-like gloom, and by drugs or liquor they wind up their system to the glowing point again, and when the double fires of gambling and strong drink blaze under a man he will soon be consumed.

V. It is almost the inevitable cause of dishonesty. Robbers have robbers' honor, thieves have thieves' law, and pirates conform to pirates' regulations. But where is there a gamblers' code? One law there is and it is not universal, 'Pay your gambling debts,' or in a milder sense, thus: "Pay what you lose, get what you can and in any way you can."

But I am told that there are honest gamblers, gentlemanly gamblers. Certainly! There are always ripe apples before there are rotten. Men always begin before they end. Players will play truly until they play untruly; they will be honest until they cheat. But men who gamble cheat, and he who cheats is dishonest, therefore, a gambler is a dishonest man let him bet upon what he will.

If I walk the dark streets and a perishing wretch meets and bears off my purse with but a single dollar, the whole town awakes, the officers are alert, they hunt and bring in the trembling culprit and place him in jail. But a worse thief may meet me, decoy my footsteps, and by a greater dishonesty filch ten thousand dollars, and what then? The story spreads, the sharpers move abroad unharmed, not one officer stirs. It is the topic of all conversation, and like a sound it rolls to the distance and dies in an echo.

Shall men gamble and continue to vomit out upon a religious community all their hellish deeds? Shall we pretend to virtue and purity and religion and yet mingle in social life with men whose hearts has conceived such damnable deeds and whose hands have performed them? Shall there be even in the eye of Silyi no difference between the corruptor of youth and their guardian?

In almost every form of iniquity there is some shade or trace of good. We have in gambling a crime standing alone, dark, malignant, uncompounded wickedness! When a man begins to gamble, he is a noble tree full of sap, green with leaves, a shade to beasts and a convent to birds. When he has practiced awhile he is like that tree smitten with the lightning, rotten in root, dry in branch and sapless, seasoned hard and tough, nothing lives beneath it, nothing on its branches unless a hawk or vulture perches for a moment to whet its beak and flies screaming away for its prey.

But some one says in defense of this horrid sin, that it is "harmless." Hell is populated with the victims of harmless sins. The devil does not often come like a grim fiend from the pit, but as an angel of light radiant with innocence. His words fall like dew drops upon the perishing flower. By his arts he leads you to the enchanted grounds, glowing with every refulgent of heaven. Afar off he marks the dismal grief of vice and crime, and he warns you of its dread disaster for the very purpose of blinding and leading you hither. Startled for a moment the victim pauses, gazes around on the flowery scenes and whispers. "Is it not harmless?" "Harmless," responded a serpent from the grass! "Harmless" echo the sighing winds! Harmless re-echo a hundred airy tongues. If now a gale from heaven might only sweep the clouds away through which the victim gazes! Oh! if God would break that potent power which chains the blasts of hell and let the sulphur-stench roll up the vale, how would the vision change! The road become a track of dead men's bones; the heavens a lowering storm; the balmy breezes, distant wailings; and all those balsam-shrubs that lie to his senses, sweat drops of blood upon their poison boughs!

You who are meddling with the edges of vice, you who have begun to gamble, you whose passion is influenced, beware! Your eye has already lost its honest glance, your taste has lost its purity, your heart throbs with poison, your feet stand on slippery places, whence in due time they shall slide. They shall slide from heaven never to be visited by a gambler; slide down to that fiery abyss below you, out of which none ever come. Then when the last fight has been pitched, the battle over and your soul lost; when the echo of your soul strikes the dark shades of hell; in malignant triumph shall the rich gambler, who cunningly played for your soul, have his prey. Too late you shall look back upon life as a mighty game in which you were the stake and satan the winner. "What shall a man give in exchange for his soul?"

Not only is gambling a sin in the sight of God, but an open defiance to the law of the State in which we live. Shall we allow men to gamble at our own doors and boast and brag of their greedy gains, and the honest citizens say nothing of it? Shall the officers of the law, who are sworn to execute the law, close their eyes and refuse to look upon a gambling scene?

Shall the Christian people allow their boys led astray by those corruptors of youth and still be innocent? I have seen boys from the ages of nine to fifteen tramping through the streets and fields with a couple of game cocks going to the place to fight, following in the footsteps of the gamblers.

In the name of God, honest citizens of the town of Manning, is this crime nothing to you? Then do away with your officers of the law and courts of justice and let sin and crime do their work.

Only last week within three miles of our court house, men whose names are known and can be proven, fought their game cocks and gambled thereon, and after the fight proudly walked our streets and talked and boasted of their gain, in open defiance of the law, and in the teeth of honest Christian citizens. Where are the officers of the law? Every one who is guilty of betting, which is gambling, should be arrested at once, and not allowed to carry on their hellish work in our midst.

PANOLA PENCILINGS.

Panola, March 23.—It has been two or three weeks since this section was heard from, as the Silver correspondent "H" stray into our territory and with a few strokes of his pen spoils our only little news items. We hope "H" will confine himself to Silver in the future as we would hate to have to twitch his nose for him.

Mr. H. Eugene Richburg returned to Augusta this morning to take up his old position as salesman in J. B. White Company's dry goods store on Broadway. He will be missed through this section and also in "Coon's" section. They gave him such short notice that he did not have time to go and see his various girls and say the good-bye, but we hope he will be back again soon to spend his summer vacation with us.

The farmers generally through this section are preparing to plant corn this week. Some few planted last week and I think after so much rain they have wished many times that they had the seed back in their barns.

Our tobacco hot beds are doing well and the plants seem to be in a flourishing condition.

Two weeks ago Messrs. D. F. Lide and sons and L. N. Richbourg and sons went on a fishing trip down on Santee to a place called "The Old Field" to try the shad. The trip was enjoyed by every one and fish were plentiful. In the pile of fish was a white shad caught by Mr. L. N. Richbourg which would have weighed about seven pounds as it was taken out of the water. That was a fine one for Santee.

Quarterly conference convenes at Andrews Chapel on next Saturday and Sunday, the 28th and 29th.

The oats through here are doing well now but are small for the time of year, I think, though we hope to see a good crop. SINCLAIR.

PACKSVILLE POINTERS.

Packsville, March 24.—On last Saturday a message was received by Messrs. J. S. and W. J. Troublefield stating the illness of their mother, Mrs. Julia Mosley, of Wedgefield. These young men left at once for their mother's home and found her sinking rapidly. She died at four o'clock Sunday morning. She leaves ten children. While we did not know Mrs. Mosley, we have for some time been acquainted with these young men, and the family has our sincere sympathy in this deep sorrow.

Last Friday evening about forty persons visited the Baptist parsonage at this place giving Rev. C. M. Billings a pretty fair pounding in the way of hams, butter, eggs, sugar, coffee, rice, and all articles pertaining to the grocery line.

Rev. Billings preached his first sermon here last Sunday morning, and all present were highly pleased with him.

Dr. E. A. Wyman has been called to preach at Home Branch church near this place and preached his first sermon last Sunday. Our Baptist churches are now in a prospering condition. For some time the Methodists have had us considerably in the rear, but we hope to accompany them to the home base yet.

Mrs. Julia Corbett returned last Saturday to Packsville, after a three months' visit to Spring Hill with her relatives. Mrs. Corbett is now about sixty years of age and has always escaped measles. We are glad to say that they took advantage of her absence when they visited their house and all connected families.

W. C. Parnell, the famous tobacco man, who canvasses this State in covered wagon, was taken extremely sick with la grippe at this place about ten days ago, but we are glad to know he is about able to travel once more. COON.

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For the year ending December 31 1895

Assets	$221,213,721 33
Liabilities	194,347,157 58
Surplus	$26,866,563 75
Total Income	$48,597,430 51
Total Paid Policy-holders in 1895	$23,126,728 45
Insurance and Annuities in force	$899,074,453 78
Net gain in 1895	$61,647,645 36

NOTE—Insurance merely *written* is discarded from this Statement as wholly misleading, and only insurance actually issued and paid for in cash is included.

I have carefully examined the foregoing Statement and find the same to be correct
CHARLES A. PRELLER Auditor

From the Surplus a dividend will be apportioned as usual

Report of the Examining Committee

Office of The Mutual Life Insurance Company of New York

February 11, 1896

At a meeting of the Board of Trustees of this Company, held on the 18th day of December last, the undersigned were appointed a Committee to examine the annual statement for the year ending December 31, 1895, and to verify the same by comparison with the assets of the Company.

The Committee have carefully performed the duty assigned to them, and hereby certify that the statement is in all particulars correct and that the assets specified therein are in possession of the Company.

In making this certificate the Committee bear testimony to the high character of the investments of the Company and express their approval of the system, order, and accuracy with which the accounts and vouchers have been kept, and the business in general transacted.

(SIGNED) H. C. VON POST, CHAS. R. HENDERSON, JAMES C. HOLDEN, ROBERT OLYPHANT, WM. P. DIXON, J. H. HERRICK — COMMITTEE

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