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Sumter, S. C.

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THERE ARE OTHERS.

The Columbia "Register" is now the only newspaper published in Columbia which has the associated press dispatches, and of course, it would have its readers to know that it has the advantage over its contemporary, the "State," but all the same the "State" gets there with equally as good press service.

The Spartanburg "Herald" is not alone in thinking, "if the Columbia Register is determined to exterminate Curley Headed Johnnie McLaurin, in our opinion a heavier weight than J. Billie Stokes will have to be found." There are others.

HARD TO KEEP 'EM QUIET.

The Greenville "News" is up to its neck in fighting, Sheriff Bradham, following the example of Governor Ellerbe addresses a letter to the editor of the "News" attempting to lay him.

The "News" is a hard fighter we all admit; its fighting is not so much in what it says, as its constancy in saying it. The "News" and the "Post" remind us very much of the old woman who said "scissors." In our judgment, Sheriff Bradham's letter was a clear showing up of the "News" editor's inconsistency and the Governor put the "News" to scratching all around the subject under discussion.

BEWARE OF OINTMENTS FOR CATARRH THAT CONTAIN MERCURY.

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Suits or Pants Made to Order—Fit Guaranteed.

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With the Large and Varied Assortment that I now have I think I can suit almost anybody.

D. J. CHANDLER, the Clothier.

Sumter, S. C.

The State Board of Control, at its last meeting, failed to select a chairman and the matter was postponed until some future time. The ballot stood: Jones, 2; Douthett, 1; Williams, 1; blank, 1. Col. Jones, the present chairman, declining to vote for himself, cast the blank vote.

The Dispensary was taken out of politics, as it should have been, and we sincerely hope those in charge of its management will not let it get back into politics. It is a business institution and should be run on business principles and not for the gratification of this or that man's whims nor for the punishment of this or that man's political grievance.

We see it stated that Congressman J. W. Stokes did not deliver the speech antagonizing McLaurin which was published recently in the "Register," but that he obtained permission to have it printed without delivery. If this is true, we are very much disappointed in Mr. Stokes, for we have always entertained the opinion that Mr. Stokes was a fair man and that he would scorn to take such a sneaking advantage. By not delivering his speech, McLaurin was out off from a reply and Stokes slips in a chance to strike McLaurin when he is not looking.

The United States Supreme Court held it unconstitutional to tax incomes, notwithstanding the fact that precedents of a hundred years show to the contrary. But perhaps a hundred years ago the people did not read the Bible closely, as is done now; if they had they would have found where it says: "For he that hath, to him shall be given; and he that hath not, from him shall be taken, even that which he hath." Therefore the rich must not be taxed.

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It is gratifying to note the spirit of fairness which is exhibited by the Columbia "State." When some of the newspapers were charging Governor Ellerbe with impure motives in the Metropolitan police matter the "State" defended the Governor in a kind and able editorial. We have differed to a great extent with the "State," but with all of our differences we can truly say that we could never charge it with unfairness. Gonzales is a fighter, but a manly one. He does not whine and beg for patronage like the "had-to-buy-it" "Register," but he strikes a conscientious blow and we cannot help but admire it in him.

When Ellerbe started out on a policy, that was intended to be fair and non-partisan, and without questioning whether Ellerbe had made mistakes or not, the "State" had the honesty to give him credit for his good intentions, and its defense of the Governor was in marked contrast with that of the "Register."

THE TURKO-CRETIAN WAR.

It has been so long since this country has been troubled with such a thing as war that we take little interest in disturbances in other countries. We doubt if very many of our readers have taken any interest in the feud that is now broiling in Europe, and which seems likely to result in much bloodshed.

In the Cuban affair it is a rebellion. In the other it is a quarrel between two separate countries, and the international relations that exist among the countries in Europe are of such a nature as to eventually involve, directly or indirectly, this whole family of nations.

This quarrel between Turkey and Greece is commonly known as the Crete affair. All of our younger readers who have lately studied geography will readily remember how southern Europe looks on a map. Only a moment's reference to a map in a common geography will familiarize one with the location of the countries in question and enable our readers to follow this disturbance from now on with much more interest. You will all remember that Turkey occupies a part of both Europe and Asia. It is a tremendous empire, having a population in both European and Asiatic Turkey of nearly forty million souls.

The cause of this quarrel is an island in the Mediterranean sea, known as the island of Crete, or Candia. This island is about 150 miles long, and has an average width of about 25 miles. It is said to be a beautiful island. It has for centuries been under the rule of Turkey, and has long chafed under the yoke. Crete has many times before attempted to gain her freedom, and has always failed, but as most of the Cretans are Christians, and are therefore more closely allied to their neighbors, the Greeks, than to the Mohammedans of Turkey, they have succeeded in gaining the sympathies of the Greeks. Greece has said that the island of Crete naturally falls under her protection, and that she shall be free, while Turkey says that the Cretans shall remain the victims of Turkish oppression and misrule.

Six of the great nations of Europe—England, Germany, Russia, France, Spain and Italy, have joined in to try to prevent war, but it is evident during the past few days that they now feel that they have interfered in a quarrel in which they had no business, and will probably have little more to do with it. The Cretans would like to be free and have young Prince George, a son of the King of Greece, as their governor, and the little kingdom of Greece is very persistent in asserting herself and has troops in the field. On last Friday a battle occurred in Thessaly, just north of Greece, and is said to have resulted in twenty-three killed and twenty-seven wounded on the Greek side, and the losses much severer to the Turks, and it was also expected that war would be formally proclaimed yesterday. The prospect now presented in Europe is a most interesting one, and will claim the attention of many readers who have not heretofore taken any interest in international affairs.

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STANDS AT THE HEAD. Ang J. Bogel, the leading druggist of Shreveport, La., says: "Dr. King's New Discovery is the only thing that cures my cough, and it is the best seller I have." F. Campbell, merchant of Sanford, Ariz., writes: "Dr. King's New Discovery is all that is claimed for it; it never fails, and is a sure cure for Consumption, cough and colds. I cannot say enough for its merits." Dr. King's New Discovery for Consumption, coughs and colds is not an experiment. It has been tried for a quarter of a century, and to-day stands at the head. It never disappoints. Free trial bottles at R. B. Lory's.

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With careful rotation of crops and liberal fertilizations cotton lands will improve. The application of a proper fertilizer containing sufficient Potash often makes the difference between a profitable crop and failure. Use fertilizers containing not less than 3 to 4%.

Actual Potash.

Kaimit is a complete specific against "Rust."

The following letter so full of wholesome food for thought, makes us feel warranted in giving it to our readers without the consent of the writer, and without giving the name, we will say that he is a Reformer, a patriot, and a gentleman not holding public office:

LAURENS, S. C., Apr. 5, 1897.

Major LOUIS APPELT, Manning, S. C.

My Dear Sir—Please do the goodness to send me a copy of your last week's issue containing the Bradham letter in reply to General McLaurin's critique.

There are a lot of hungry politicians in South Carolina who are anxious to retire John McLaurin, and avail themselves of every dinky opportunity to make scurrilous attacks upon him and his "independent" sense of thought and speech. McLaurin is a man of convictions, and withal has the courage to express himself unreservedly on all great questions touching the economic conditions of the country.

The 53d Congress gave the people an object lesson in fact that will long be remembered, and require a vast deal of eloquent explanation to convince our people longer that there is any relief for them in the cry and lamentations for free trade. It is not the agriculturist that is so much concerned about free trade as the hungry politician, who goes bellowing to and fro the earth, ranting and ranting free trade heresies, hoping thereby to protect their own selfish ends from the incursions of other aspiring "pie hunters."

An increase of \$262,000,000 interest bearing public debt resulted from an effort to approximate free trade, and to-day we see President McKinley seated on the throne, lately occupied by the apostle of shorts, rations and hard money, and the legislative department of the government wholly in the hands of the Republican party.

The commercial and industrial stagnation during the taxpayer in the face of the nation speaks volumes. Agriculture is languishing, and will continue to languish, just so long as we sit on our bankers like Christy toads and crank about impossible things.

In our humble opinion, there are but two things essential to the success and prosperity of our South land, and that is, diversified agriculture, and the free and unhampered exchange of goods and silver. A man with and for McLaurin.

Excuse length of this letter.

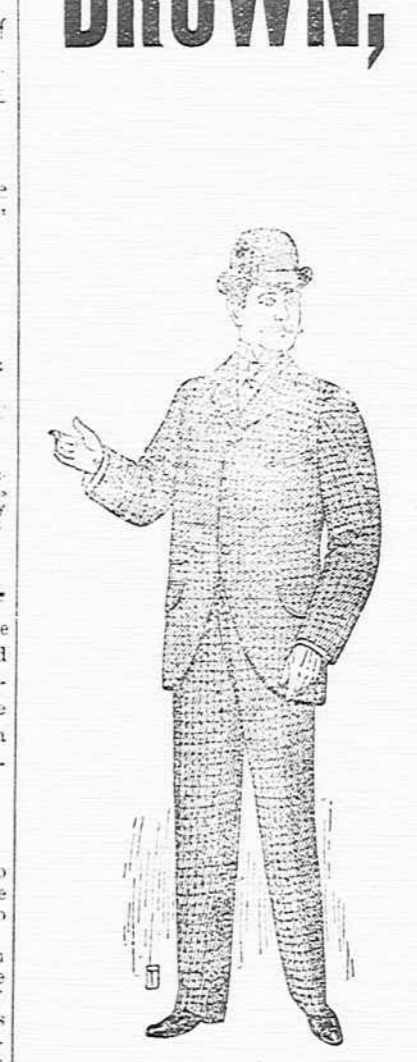
Yours very truly,

Graded School.

A petition looking to the establishment of a Graded School for Manning has been circulated among the freeholders as required by law. The old law provided that it was necessary that a majority of the freeholders sign the request, and signatures were being secured to that end; but according to a recent change only six freeholders are necessary.

At least nine out of every ten approached signed it, thus putting the stamp of their approval upon the scheme. I desire to place myself in the proper light before the people while the subject is under discussion. I have no selfish motive in what I have done towards inaugurating that system upon this community. I am heartily in favor of a Graded School because I believe it to be a step in the proper direction and that the people of Manning, old and young, need it and ought to have it. They have been tried in numerous places and have proven abundant success—so much so that ninety-seven Graded Schools have been established in South Carolina since 1875, and in only two instances have they been discontinued, and those only where it was impractical to maintain them. The petition has been turned over to the township board of trustees, who will not hold a public meeting to be held in the near future.

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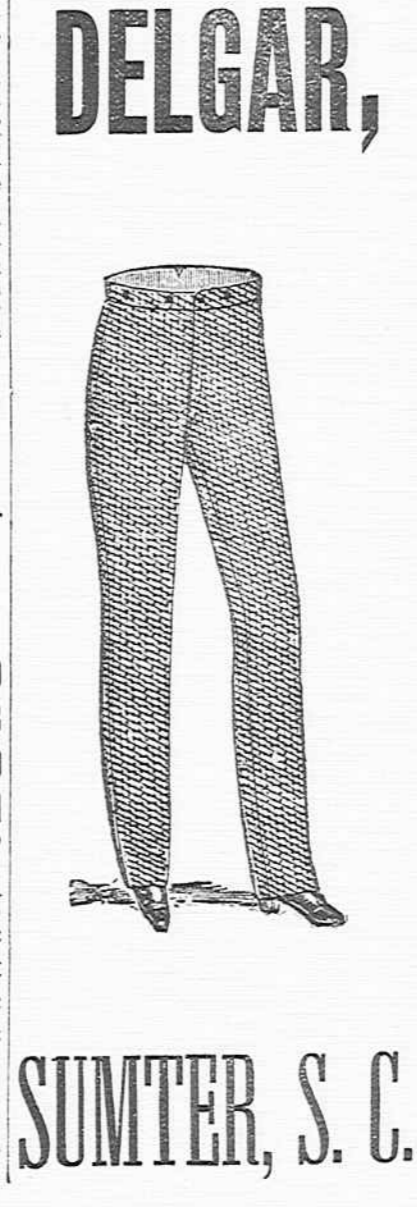
CUTTING,



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DELGAR,



INFALLIBLE SIGNS OF SPRING.

There was a gruff fellow once who said that he never had to consult the almanac or the weather to know when spring was approaching. The clamor of the females of his family for new raiment was sign enough.

In anticipation of their demands, we have brought in a large line of New and Stylish Dress Fabrics, fresh from the looms and invite the ladies to call and see them before making their spring purchases.

Spring Dress Goods.

Ladies, you have only to come and see that our Dress Goods Department represents Bargains that cannot be found elsewhere. 40-inch All Wool Black Skirting, only 30c. per yard.

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If the fashion magazines indicate anything they show that this will be a great season for Laces and Embroideries and in view of this fact, we have laid in a supply that will meet the demands of the trade.

SOME SLEDGEHAMMERS.

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THE RANGE OF BRAINS.

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STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA.

County of Clarendon. By Louis Appelt, Esq., Prothonotary.

WHEREAS, MARGARET J. SHORTER made suit to me to grant her Letters of Administration of the estate of and effects of W. D. Shorter.

These are therefore to cite and admonish all and singular the kindred and creditors of the said W. D. Shorter, deceased, that they be and appear before me, in the Court of Probate, to be held at Manning, S. C. on the 20th day of April next, after publication thereof, at 11 o'clock in the forenoon, to show cause, if any they have, why the said administration should not be granted.

Given under my hand, this 14th day of April, Anno Domini, 1897. LOUIS APPELT, Judge of Probate.

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JOHN S. WILSON, Attorney and Counselor at Law, MANNING, S. C.

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