

A JOBLEY JAUNT.

The Annual Excursion of the State Press Association.

A CALL ON THE PRESIDENT.

Some of the Things They Saw in Washington and Some of the Things that Happened to Them on the Way.

The Frenchman who wondered why the Americans did not make their views known to their pleasure for them was probably blind in both eyes and had a vacant spot where his gray matter was supposed to be.

The recent excursion of the South Carolina State Press Association was an occasion when were met all of the above described conditions.

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is good, indeed. This is a high-class hotel, unique in its attractions and of exceptionally fine appointments. Dining rooms, office, parlors, ball room, pavilion and other chambers all overlook the sea, and amidst the most perfect of the sea and sky views.

At Hampton was old St. John's church, its 242 years making it, so I was informed, about the third oldest church in America.

A Thrilling Story Of Trials and Tribulations of American Seamen ON TWO CAPTURED BOATS. Adrift at Sea Without Water or Chart, and Beset by Storms. They Finally Reached Key West, Florida.

The schooner Three Bells and the sloop Pilgrim, captured by the gulf on July 6, were finally rescued on July 7. The schooner was captured by the gulf on July 6, and the sloop on July 7.

President Anil and Secretary Langston are capital workers, and they need no thanks here, because these were tendered in person by every member of the Association.

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Generally cloudy weather prevailed with some sunshine during the latter portion. The estimated percentage of bright sunshine for the State was 37 per cent of the possible.

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CROP CONDITIONS.

Regular Weekly Weather and Crop Bulletin Issued.

WHAT CROPS ARE DOING.

What the Observers All Over the State Report to Headquarters. The Information Consolidated. The Crops in Good Fix.

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DISPENSARY FIGURES.

Legislative Committee Makes Its Report to the Governor.

His Excellency, Wm. H. Ellerbe, Governor, the undersigned joint committee from the senate and house, have met pursuant to the act of the general assembly for the purpose of examining the accounts, books, vouchers, etc., of the State dispensary for the quarter ending June 30th.

We checked up the balance sheet and have examined the vouchers for these statements and also the cash statement of this office with that of the State treasurer, which agrees.

The cash statement shows a balance in the State treasury on March 31st, 1898, of \$38,294.67; April receipts, \$67,869.22; May, \$89,063.54; June, \$80,413.60; total receipts, \$227,571.81.

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WAR STAMP SCHEDULE.

Cut it Out and Paste It Up For Handy Reference.

The following is the stamp schedule of the new Revenue Law which went into effect on July 1:

Bonds, debentures and stock certificates, 5 cents for each \$100.

Stocks of produce or merchandise on exchange, 1 cent per \$100 of value.

Bank checks, drafts or orders for payment of money at sight or on demand, 2 cents for each \$100 or fractional part thereof.

Promissory notes, domestic bills of exchange, drafts or certificates of deposit drawing interest, P. O. money orders, 2 cents per \$100 or fraction thereof.

Foreign bills of exchange, letters of credit, telegraph or express money orders, 4 cents per \$100 or fraction thereof.

Bills of lading or receipts for goods for export, 10 cents.

Express company receipts, 1 cent.

Surety bonds or bonds of indemnity, 50 cents.

Certificate of profits or interest in the property or accumulations of any corporation or association 2 cents per \$100.



A STEAMER BURNED.

How the Eagle Pluckily Destroyed the Big Spanish.

A FINE AUXILIARY CRUISER.

Lost Vessel Carried Big Guns, but Did Not Attempt to Use Them.

People Aboard Were All Saved by a River Steamer.

The Spanish Trans-Atlantic San Domingo, of 5,500 tons, was totally destroyed by the little auxiliary gunboat Eagle on July 12, off Cape Francis.

This intelligence was brought to Key West Wednesday by the Nashville, which came up after the attack and found the Spanish ship burned and smashed on the reefs.

The affair offers a striking commentary on the difference between American and Spanish spirit. The San Domingo had two 5-inch guns mounted and loaded, her magazines were open and it only remained to train her guns and fire them to blow the Eagle out of the sea.

The cargo was largely of grain and food supplies. Fifty head of cattle were penned on the decks. She was burning drawing 24 feet of water and went aground in 20. The Eagle's men decided that she was too far gone to be floated and, after shooting the cattle, they set fire to her and watched her destruction.

The same steamer again ran out to try to get off some of the cargo, but was baffled by the flames. The San Domingo burned for three days and was left a charred and misshapen wreck.

According to the San Domingo's papers she was bound from Vera Cruz, Mexico, for New York via Savannah, but of course being a regular Spanish liner, the mention of New York in her manifest is a palpable surfering, the intention having been to gain some Cuban port and to put the guns and provisions in the hands of the beleaguered Spaniards.

When Yousouf, "The Terrible Turk," was drowned in the wreck of La Bourgoigne, he had strapped about his waist a belt containing \$9,000 in gold coin. Yousouf was a slave to money, and it was this vice that cost him his life.

The Springfield Republican has a very elaborate review of the wheat market, and comes to the conclusion that low prices are inevitable. We have a tremendous crop in this country but, in every other respect, the conditions of last season are reversed.