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THINK BEFORE YOU CENSURE.

Every county sheriff should be supplied with trained blood-hounds. Never was this more forcibly demonstrated than on last Saturday when it was learned that desperate characters were loitering in our swamps near the town.

There seems to be considerable harsh criticism of the sheriff for not acting immediately when the news reached him of William Dixon's whereabouts. It must be remembered that Dixon's escape from the penitentiary authorities had been the talk of the town for several days and when Dixon was out before he was reported to have been seen in town, when the fact was, at that very time he was in North Carolina and soon afterwards captured.

Magistrate's Constable Tobias, brave and daring, had consulted with the sheriff and solicitor and each of these officers knew of his intention. They knew that he was going to try to capture the supposed escaped convicts, and he was warned not to go by himself, and by all means not to let them get "the drop on him."

The quietude of our town was disturbed last Sunday by an alarm that two suspicious looking characters had been seen in the woods about a mile and a half from here. A crowd of whites and blacks (mostly whites) with fire-arms was soon formed and went in search of the men, but they could not be found.

When Sheriff Bradham got the news he actually had nothing at his service to go in pursuit. He could not have gone into the swamp, it would have been foolhardy to have done so, and had he been so imprudent, in what direction should he have gone? No dogs to point out the direction, it would have been looking for the needle in the hay stack.

STATE OF OHIO, CITY OF TOLEDO, Lucas County. FRANK J. CHENEY makes oath that he is the senior partner of the firm of F. J. CHENEY & CO., doing business in the city of Toledo, county and State aforesaid, and that said firm will pay the sum of One Hundred Dollars for each and every case of catarrh that cannot be cured by the use of Hall's Catarrh Cure.

Gov. McSweeney has announced his official staff, and among the gentlemen honored with the title of "Colonel" we are glad to note W. B. Wilson of Charleston, formerly of Clarendon. The staff is made up of young men and from our knowledge of the members we will venture to say that when they make their first appearance in uniform it will be adjudged the handsomest "Governor's staff" in many years.

We note that Sumter is showing her good faith in the reply made to the recently sent out circular letter to mayors by Governor McSweeney. The authorities in that city raided a number of suspected blind-tigers last Saturday night and in three of them they found "contraband."

The cotton problem is certainly a difficult one to solve. Cotton statisticians differ as much as do doctors and lawyers. One will say from a careful investigation of the reports sent to him from the cotton States, the crop will be as large or larger than last year, and he predicts 12,000,000 bales, which would mean a very low price to the producer.

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Another great discovery has been made, and that too, by a lady in this country. "This disease fastened its claws upon her and for seven years she withstood its severest tests, but her vital organs were undermined and death seemed imminent. For three months she agonized incessantly, and could not sleep. She finally discovered a way to recovery, by purchasing a bottle of Dr. King's New Discovery for Consumption, and was so much relieved on taking first dose that she slept all night, and with better success she absolutely cured. Her name is Mrs. Luther Lutz. This writes W. G. Hammick & Co. of Shelby, N. C. Trial bottles free at R. B. Loryea's drug store. Regular size 50c and \$1. Every bottle guaranteed.

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THE APPETITE OF A GOAT I envied by all poor dyspeptics whose stomach and liver are out of order. All such should know that Dr. King's New Life Pills, the wonderful stomach and liver remedy, gives a splendid appetite, sound digestion and a regular bodily habit that insures perfect health and a great energy. Only 25c at R. B. Loryea's drug store.

Packville High School--A Plea for its Support.

It is well known in Packville and the surrounding community that I will have control of the Packville High School for the coming session, and I want to ask the people to give the school their support. It is a plain fact that a teacher can do nothing without the assistance of the patrons of the school.

My desire is to give you a good school, a school that will be of untold benefit to your children, and so far I believe I have done my duty. Since I accepted the position as principal of your school I have advertised the little town of Packville, I have advertised your school, and besides my recent graduation last May, I have been pursuing some special courses of study for the past month so as to be more fully prepared for the work as a teacher.

Now my friends, I think I have done my duty in the way of establishing a good and permanent school in Packville and now I ask you, the people of Packville, to come to the front in the school matter and do your duty, and I believe you will, because you see the need of a good school in your midst.

Our school problem is the most important problem of our civilization today. The common school is not a fit preparation for college, but it is to prepare him for life; the college is to prepare him still better for life.

When a man wants a cigar, he never wants it very bad. Mr. and Mrs. B. Lockarp, Elston, Md., say: "One Minute Cough Cure saved the life of our little boy when nearly dead with croup." D. O. Rhame, Summerton; Dr. W. M. Brockinton, Manning.

The trouble market is easy, and it can always be borrowed at low rates. Keep the stomach and bowels in good condition, the waste avenues open and free by an occasional dose of Dr. M. A. Simmons' liver medicine. Sold by Dr. W. M. Brockinton.

When a man pays a doctor's bill he often wonders if life is worth living. Chamberlain's cough remedy has saved the lives of thousands of croupy children. It is also without an equal for colds and whooping cough. For sale by R. B. Loryea, druggist.

Divorce--An epitaph carved upon love's tombstone. J. F. Gilib, Lancaster, S. C., says: "For 18 years I have used and recommended Dr. M. A. Simmons' liver medicine to all painters as their best medicine for painter's colic and torpid liver. I find it far superior to Zeilinger's." Sold by Dr. W. M. Brockinton.

LEVI BROTHERS, SUMTER, S. C.

In soliciting a continuance of the extensive patronage we are enjoying from the people of Clarendon, we wish to inform the trading public that our buyer has recently returned from market and was fortunate enough to make his contracts before the recent "boost" in prices.

We are prepared to supply the trade with all manner and kinds of General Merchandise at prices to defy competition and at the same time give to the buyer the quality.

Foreign and Domestic Dry Goods, Dress Goods, Trimmings, Notions, Fancy Goods, Clothing, Shoes, Hats, Gent's Furnishings and Groceries.

EXCURSION TO CHARLESTON AND ON TO THE ISLE OF PALMS FROM Sumter, Manning, Foreton, TUESDAY SEPTEMBER 12TH 1899.

Tickets sold on regular passenger train on this day, and train only, but good to return on any train leaving Charleston on or before September 8th.

Round Trip Tickets Good for 3 Days. Sumter, \$3.75; Manning, \$3.25; Foreton, \$3.00. TICKETS ON SALE AT THE DRUG STORES. Secure One To-day.

Ginners and Mill Men, Remember when making repairs and overhauling machinery, that we have the best stock of Steam Fittings that has ever been brought to this place.

MANNING * HARDWARE * COMPANY. GAME RACKET - STORE, SUMTER, S. C.

Bankrupt Stock. Having purchased a large Bankrupt Stock in North Carolina, I am prepared to give to my friends and the public generally a big bargain in this stock, which consists in Ladies', Men's and Children's Shoes, Ladies' and Gent's Underwear.

FRANK B. GRIER, THE TOBACCO PLANTERS OF CLARENDON AND ADJOINING COUNTIES.

Highest Prices for Your Tobacco. Come and see us and inspect our Warehouse. We will cheerfully give you all information in our power.

THE PEOPLE'S TOBACCO WAREHOUSE, C. M. MASON, Manager. FOUNDED IN 1845. LIMESTONE COLLEGE, GAFFNEY, S. C.

L. B. DURANT, Hardware, - Cutlery - and - Crockery, SUMTER, S. C. In order to accommodate my growing business, I have moved my quarters into the spacious store lately occupied by the Ducker-Bullman Company, and I am prepared to fill all orders. Call or write for what you want. My stock is complete, in fact larger than ever before, having added to my immense stock of Hardware, Stoves, Housefurnishing Goods, Harness, Saddles, Leather, etc., A Large Line of Crockery.

CASTORIA. The Kind You Have Always Bought. STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA, County of Clarendon.

Notice of Discharge. On the 7th day of Sept, 1899, I will apply to the Probate Judge for Clarendon County for letters of discharge as administratrix of the estate of J. H. McFaddin, deceased.

Eye Glasses, Spectacles. New glasses put into old frames, or new frames fitted to old glasses. Have your eyes tested at RHAME'S DRUG STORE, SUMMERTON, S. C.

Walsh's Shoe Store. Sumter, S. C. Under Opera House. Stock recently closed out. Open now with New Stylish Shoes.

Walsh's Shoe Store. Sheriff Sale. BY VIRTUE OF A SUNDRY EXECUTIONS issued by S. J. Bowman, County Treasurer, of Clarendon County, State of South Carolina, and to me directed, I will sell, at the Court House in Manning, on Monday, the 4th day of September next, it being a legal day, the following real estate for delinquent taxes:

Packville High School, PACKVILLE, S. C., Will offer better advantages for boys and girls next session than ever before. Next session begins Thursday, September 28, 1899. S. E. SMITH, Principal.

DROPSY CURED with vegetable Remedies. Land Surveying and Leveling. I will do Surveying, etc., in Clarendon and adjoining Counties. JOHN R. HAYNESWORTH.