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There seems to be a growing tendency towards trusts and combinations, and the people are fast realizing what harm these institutions are doing. A combination of business interests means the concentration of money to crush competition, and when the combine succeeds in crushing out competition, it is then the people feel the baneful effects. There are many sections where combinations have so manipulated that the people have resolved to boycott them and go to the aid of men who would not go into a combine.

Just see how the combinations have run up prices on every article of commerce they could get their hands on, and they have about gobbled everything they have not even allowed the coffins that we are to be buried in escape their greed. There is only one way to obstruct the movements of men who conspire to enslave the people, and that way is simply for the people to organize as they did a few years ago when they squelched the bagging trust, and stand firmly against patronizing combinations.

Of course when a combination of men organize and concentrate their business they have matured plans whereby they propose to make greater profits and larger dividends, and to do this they must crush out competition first, and get a monopoly; after the monopoly has been secured and they can succeed in controlling everything they handle, the thumb-screws of oppression are put to work and the people are the helpless sufferers. Look at the guano trust and see what it has done; advance in price has been made on every ingredient and the consumer is the victim, and this condition has brought about a state of affairs which has made things very unstable; one farmer will pay one price for his guano and his neighbor will pay another, it is according to the man and the securities he has put up.

Combinations are dangerous to any community; they should be outlawed by legislation, and if the constitution will not permit legislation, then the people themselves should stamp them out of existence by withholding their patronage from them. If this is not done and these combines are encouraged, the day is not far distant when the country will be gobbled up by them, as was the case in Kansas a few years ago, when the people were forced to set the law at defiance, and prevented the land sharks from collecting their mortgages through the regular channels. The people of that State are like those of other States, they were forced to go into debt and give mortgages. Those mortgages were hypothecated to syndicates and other monied institutions; oppression set in and grew from bad to worse; they were forced to get their supplies from the combines holding the securities and pay extortionate prices, until debt, charges and interest overwhelmed them. Then the courts were resorted to for the collection of the securities; it was then that the people rose up and organized against this legalized robbery and resisted the collection of these mortgages. The sharks had to withdraw their operations from Kansas, and they are now operating elsewhere. The question is, will our people encourage combinations?

It has been fully demonstrated that small oil mills pay well to the enterprising investor, and we believe if we had one in every thickly settled neighborhood, to utilize the seed grown on our lands, the extortionate prices charged by the oil mill trusts would soon be a thing of the past. There was some talk of starting up an oil mill here last year, and we thought the project was a certainty, but a man interested in an oil mill trust spent one night here, and nothing more was heard of the local mill. It does not take much money for the business, and if they were operated in every neighborhood like cotton gins are now, the farmer would be greatly benefited. From an exchange we take the following on this subject:

One of the most promising of all industrial developments of the South is the establishment of individual or neighborhood cotton oil mills to consume the cotton seed produced in the immediate vicinity. These neighborhood cotton mills have proved very successful wherever they have been built. The writer calls to mind one such mill owned and operated by the planters themselves that pays a dividend of 20 to 25 per cent annually. This mill only consumes the cotton seed that may be hauled to it in wagons. It is kept in operation nearly two months during the year, and every planter who has

stock in the mill gets an annual dividend of \$20 to \$25 on each \$100 worth of stock that he owns. In addition to this profit, he gets good prices for his cotton seed without shipping it, and he is able to provide himself with cheap cake and hulls for his cattle during the winter.

Beware of Ointments for Catarrh that Contain Mercury
As mercury will surely destroy the sense of smell and completely derange the whole system when entering through the mucous membrane of the nose, you should never use any ointment that contains mercury, and be particularly beware of catarrh ointments that contain mercury, as these will surely destroy the sense of smell and completely derange the whole system when entering through the mucous membrane of the nose.

The State Democratic Executive Committee meets in Columbia next Wednesday night.

Admiral Dewey has concluded to permit his name to be used as a candidate for president. Poor fellow!

There is no doubt that South Carolina is fast becoming a leading manufacturing State, and is now the leader in cotton manufacturing. For the quarter ending in March the Secretary of State has issued charters to cotton mills with an aggregate capitalization of about \$5,000,000, and the building of cotton mills is on the increase. The more mills, and the nearer they get to the fields the more prospect there is for good prices to the producer. If we had a cotton mill here it would mean an increase in the price of the raw cotton from one-fourth to one-half cent per pound. The mill people could afford to allow the producer what he now pays the railroads for freights and the other expenses. When cotton is bought elsewhere and shipped to the mills there is a great cost attached to it which would be saved if the product could be hauled direct from the fields to the mills, and this saving would be divided with the producer. Look about over the State and wherever you see a cotton mill you also see that the farmers in that section get considerably more for their cotton than is obtained elsewhere. We need a cotton mill and should have it before the coming crop is harvested.

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Things are in a pretty mess about the Charleston custom house, and if the State constables can satisfy the United States treasury department that the government building was used as a hiding place to conceal the liquors of blind tigers, something heavy will likely drop on official heads. The special agent sent down to Charleston, at the request of Governor McWeeny to investigate the charge as reported by the State constables seems to be doing his duty, and he is unearthing a very rotten state of affairs; large quantities of liquors were found, which the officials claimed were legally theirs, then after a considerable obstruction on the part of the customs officials a whole lot of empty kegs were found which bore signs of having been recently emptied, the investigation so far shows that no one knows when these kegs were put there, who emptied them, or anything about them. The government employs a night watchman as well as a day watchman, and the collector is responsible for carrying out the regulations. It will depend on the special agent's report as to what position the government will take, but it now looks as though some official heads will be cut off for violating the United States regulations.

WANTED—Honest man or woman to travel for large house; salary \$65 monthly and expenses; with permanent position; no other responsibilities; stamp envelope, MAN-AGER, 300 Oxford, N. Y. City.

INNOCENT MAN CONVICTED.
Sent to Penitentiary For Crime Committed by His Brother.
COLUMBIA, S. C., April 2.—In this peculiar, unsentimental age it is not often that one man will take upon himself the consequences of his brother's crime when such consequences carry with it years of labor in a convict's dress, but such a case has just come to light here.

Two years ago James A. Phillips, a Spartanburg farmer, was held up and robbed of his watch. Phillips had Eugene Mills and another witness. Eugene confessed and was sentenced to a fine of \$50 or work 30 days on the chain gang.

When Eugene had served his sentence Phillips continued to push the case in the higher court, and bringing Charles Mills he had him arrested.

At the trial Phillips swore that the prisoner was the man who robbed him and who confessed of his guilt in the magistrate's court. The case was considered clear that the verdict of the magistrate were not set for Charles, after pleading "not guilty," made no further fight for liberty, and he was convicted and sentenced to six years in the penitentiary for the crime of his brother.

FUNERAL HELD UP AT GRAVE.
Investigation Reveals Fact That Sizemore Was Not Dead.
GREENVILLE, S. C., April 2.—Friday morning Pinkney Sizemore collapsed in the office of Magistrate Mauldin and before doctors could reach him was pronounced dead. The body was removed to his home and there a coroner's jury assembled, viewed the remains and on the statement of the doctors rendered a verdict of death from heart failure. The funeral was set for Saturday afternoon.

The grave was dug, the casket was assembled and the body was about to be interred when the police appeared and ordered a postponement. The body was taken home and a test made which confirmed the suspicion that the man was not dead.

The man, while having the appearance of death, so far as the face was concerned, had a warm body and breathing could be detected by the use of a mirror at the mouth. The jaws were set and the pupils of the eyes contracted to a point, but the joints were as supple as in life.

Robbers in Union County.
UNION, S. C., April 2.—There seems to be an organized band of robbers in this county, judging by the number of stores that have been robbed lately. In the last few days several stores have been robbed. A few stores have been damaged, but no one has been hurt. The robbers have been found, but they had fled. Several arrests have been made, but no evidence can be produced that the parties held are guilty of the crimes.

April Showers
Wash away the dirt and waste that have accumulated during winter.
In like manner Hood's Sarsaparilla expels from the blood impurities that have been deposited during the season when there has been much rain and cold weather, and it cleanses the system to improve and invigorate it. It is a tonic to tired mothers, housekeepers, teachers, and all who are overworked.

KIDNAPED HER OWN CHILD.
Had Given It Away but Could Not Live Without It.
COLUMBIA, S. C., March 29.—A few nights ago the sympathy of passengers on the main from Sumter to Columbia were aroused by the conduct of a woman, who had a little boy with her. She told them the child had been with others for years and as they refused to give it back she had stolen it away. She made frantic appeals to the boy to recognize his mother, but he could not. The woman declared she could not live without the boy and would work herself to death, if need be, for his support. The passengers raised a fund for the child and its mother.

Road to Be Inspected.
COLUMBIA, S. C., March 31.—The officials of the Seaboard Air Line have notified the South Carolina commission that the new road from Cheraw to Columbia will be ready for inspection April 20. The commission has accepted the date, and if the inspection is satisfactory regular schedules will be put into effect and traffic begun. The route south of Columbia will not be ready for a few weeks longer, as the roadway through this city is being expensively built.

Insanity Is His Plea.
RALEIGH, March 29.—The defense in the case of Tom Jones, the negro to be tried here for murdering and burning six people, will be that he is mentally incapable and not always sane. From that plea the best result to be hoped for is in the criminal issue department of the penitentiary. There will be no attempt to disprove the crime.

South Carolina Campaign.
COLUMBIA, S. C., March 30.—It is probable that a change will be made in the campaign this year. Senator Tillman, is working for the abolition of the present plan of stumping the country. He advocates instead a campaign meeting in each congressional district. Senator Tillman's suggestion meets the approval of the politicians generally.

Taylor Escorted by Soldiers.
FRANKFORT, Ky., March 17.—Governor Taylor left the state capital today for Louisville. An escort of 20 soldiers accompanied him to the train. It is said he is preparing to buy a house near Louisville out of the fund which is being made up by Republicans in this and other states and which has reached a substantial sum.

General Miles at Charleston.
CHARLESTON, March 19.—General Miles, who arrived in a private car last night from Washington with his party, enroute to Savannah, inspected the harbor defenses today. He will remain here to meet Secretary Root, who is expected tonight on the transport Sedgwick.

That Throbbing Headache.
Would quickly leave you if you used Dr. King's New Life Pills. Thousands of sufferers have proved their merit for such ailments as nervous headaches. They make pure blood and strong nerves and hold your health fast to take. Try them. Only 25 cents. Money back if not cured. Sold by the R. B. Loryea Drug Store.

Verdict For Plaintiff.
COLUMBIA, S. C., March 29.—Some ten months ago G. W. Watts of Barnwell, who was a penitentiary guard here, fell into a cut being made by the Seaboard Air Line road in order to get to its terminal in this city. He brought suit in the Barnwell courts for \$10,000 damages for injuries received and the jury has awarded him \$7,500.

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