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IN COERCION THERE IS STRENGTH.
 We note with much pleasure the awakening among the farmers of the up-country with regard to the advance in fertilizers. Organizations are being affected to make terms with the fertilizer manufacturers, and from the tone of the resolutions, we infer that the farmers of the up-country are not going to submit to extortion, and rather than do so, they will refrain from using the goods. If a determined step along this line is taken all over the country the fertilizer Trust will have to deal justly with the people, it will be forced to sell at a reasonable profit, and give full weights with no adulterations. The farmers clubs are in a position to help themselves in more ways than one, they can by sincere concerted action secure any kind of reasonable concessions, they can by going at it in an intelligent way drive out fraudulent adulterations in fertilizers, they can demand the services of the Attorney General to prosecute those who are selling dirt for guano, and saw-dust for cotton seed meal, and they can convict the scoundrels who do not give just weights. The farmer organizations are already doing an immense amount of good notwithstanding the efforts of some to throw cold water on them. We did not expect the organizations to accomplish everything, at once, it takes time to build any important project, but we said when we were urging the farmers to organize that much can be accomplished, and it has been. There is a class of farmers who when they joined the organization, expected to get a whole lot of something for nothing, a kind of an idea that the organization would make them rich, their credit increase, and they would have nothing to do in the future but command and the world would obey.

To such, the farmer organizations is a myth, a hallucination, but to the farmer of sound practical sense the organization has accomplished good, and will continue to do so, whenever reasonable and intelligent action is taken. It will be recalled, THE TIMES made a strong fight against the injustice of forcing local consumers of cotton seed meal to pay a freight rate which was unearned, and went into the mill owners pockets as a profit, and in urging the organization of the farmers we stressed this matter considerably. Has the agitation done good? We have been assured by a representative of the Independent Company that the mill is making every effort to restore itself in the confidence and good will of the people, and that in the future the people will have less reason to complain. Those who are in position to know have discovered that the mills realize their dependence upon the people: what has brought about this awakening, if not the organization which gave the Trust to understand that the people are aroused and propose to take an active hand in this contention of might against right.

We therefore urge our farmers to stand squarely by their organization, work to increase its membership, and see to it that those who are restless are educated into the necessity for patience. At this very time there is much to be accomplished, and with an exhibition of business sense, thousands of dollars can be saved to the farmers in the purchase of fertilizers alone. At your club meetings discuss the importance of concentrating your means to purchase guanos in large quantities, and appoint some one to open up correspondence with the manufacturers right away, in order that intelligent business action may be taken.

REDUCE INTEREST.
 The lien law is again coming in for a great deal of discussion and our legislature is being called upon from all sections to wipe it from the statute books. Is the country ready for such action? That is the question which should weigh heavily upon those who will have this matter up for consideration. The lien law is demoralizing to our labor system, and it is fast becoming so that farming operations will either have to be turned over to the tenantry, or such an increase in wages to be paid that the profits of the farm will be absorbed in expenses. Will the repeal of the lien law remedy this condition? We hope our legislators, and especially our own representatives, will at the coming session do something for the country at large. The people are not interested, nor are they benefited

in legislation which gives drummers the right to carry more baggage on railroads, nor are they interested in whether certain cases should be upon certain calendars, nor do they care now whether tram roads hereafter run parallel with the public roads or not since the tram roads building in this country has ceased, and in our judgment the attempt to force a monopoly in the seed cotton traffic for the benefit of the oil mills is legislation which the people are not hankering after. What they do want is a reduction of interest charges, so that honest men can go to the banks, borrow money at a bearable rate of interest, and then buy their needs for cash. If our representatives will bring about such a condition it will benefit the masses and it will also solve the lien law question. We remember when 20 per cent interest was commonly charged upon the best of securities, as times got better 10 per cent was charged, now it is 8 per cent with five times as much money in the country as there was when 10 per cent was charged. The more money the easier it should be to obtain and we believe if our legislature would take hold of this matter and reduce interest rates to 6 per cent it would infuse new life into all avocations and quicken the spirit for more enterprises and greater attainments. The lien law may be an evil, but the law which fosters usury is a greater evil and in need of a surgical operation badly.

STATE OF OHIO, CITY OF TOLEDO, ss.
JACOB 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, Ohio, and State of Ohio, 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 CATHARRH CURE.
 Sworn to before me and subscribed in my presence, this 6th day of December, A. D. 1903.
 A. W. GLEASON,
 Notary Public.
 Hall's Catharrh Cure is taken internally and acts directly on the blood and mucous surfaces of the system. Sent for medicinal purposes for sale by all druggists.
 F. J. CHENEY & CO., Toledo, O.
 Sold by all druggists.
 Hall's Family Pills are the best.

Florence now has a second daily newspaper. The Evening Herald which has just been launched is owned and edited by Hon J. W. Ragsdale, a bright and snappy writer. Florence may be able to support two daily newspapers, we hope so, but if only one remains we expect to see Ragsdale at the helm.

Kodol Dyspepsia Cure
 digests all classes of food, tones and strengthens the stomach and digestive organs. Cures dyspepsia, indigestion, stomach troubles and makes rich red blood, health and strength. Kodol Dyspepsia Cure rebuilds worn-out tissues, purifies, strengthens and sweetens the stomach. Gov. G. W. Atkinson of Va., says: "I have used a number of bottles of Kodol Dyspepsia Cure and have found it to be a very effective and indeed a powerful remedy for stomach ailments. I recommend it to my friends." Sold by The R. B. Loryea Drug Store.

Billy Bryan after a fourteen hour conversational tilt with Tolstoi, we find him for fifteen minutes talking to the Czar of all the Russias. Col Bryan's European tour is affording excellent material for him to put on the market a selling book of travels which will add a great deal to his already well filled coffers, and it matters not to him whether it is gold or silver.

Why Not Take a Trip This Winter Through Florida to Cuba.
 This beautiful State and Island has been brought within easy reach by the splendid through train service of the Atlantic Coast Line, the great throughfare to the tropics. Winter tickets are now on sale to all points in Florida and to Havana. For rates, schedules, maps, sleeping car and Steamship accommodations write to:
 W. J. CRAIG,
 General Passenger Agent,
 Wilmington, S. C.
 "What to say in Spanish and how to say it" sent to any address upon receipt of a two cent stamp.

The high price now being paid for cotton should make our people look well to the future. The manufacturers are battling against high prices for the raw material, but their efforts are impotent against the demand created by the shortness of the crop, and the depleted stocks of the cotton mills, and besides raw cotton is being utilized for a great many new purposes, and this product of the South has found its way into new markets since our government has tapped at the door of China and other countries; all of these things are operating against the manufacturers efforts to cheapen cotton, and while the price now far exceeds expectations, we would not be at all surprised to see it reach the 15 cents mark before next March. In fact if cotton does not bring 15 cents by March we will be disappointed. Now we want to give a word of advice to our readers; cotton is high and going still higher, with the prospect of next year's crop bringing over 10 cents, the present supply of manufactured goods is getting lower and lower and in a short time it will be consumed, and if not consumed, those having it will hold for advanced prices. We therefore advise that every man and woman who has money, to go at once and invest in a full supply of cotton goods, buy all you think you will need for the next two years. All cotton goods of whatsoever nature will advance rapidly after the opening of the new year, and we think it will be well for those engaged in farming to urge this matter at the various farmers clubs. It is our opinion, if this advice is heeded, thousands of dollars will be saved to those who are compelled to buy cotton goods.

That Throbbing Headache would quickly leave you, if you used Dr. King's New Life Pills. Thousands of sufferers have proved their matchless merit for sick and nervous headaches. They make pure blood and build up your health. Only 25c. money back if not cured. Sold by The R. B. Loryea Drug Store.

TEMPERANCE COLUMN.
 Conducted by Paxville W. C. T. U.
 National Motto—"For God, Home and Native Land."
 State Motto—"Be Strong and of Good Courage."
 Our Watchword—"Agiolate, Educate, Organize, Pledge."
 "God helping me, I promise not to buy, drink, sell or give Intoxicating liquors while I live; From bad companions I'll refrain And never take God's name in vain."
 What Whiskey Makes of a Father.
 A man walked into his home—a big, strong man physically—and when his wife met him he knocked her down. She fled shrieking into an inner room and locked the door.

Mary, the man's daughter, a little thing five years old, fell to her knees and clung to him and cried out, sobbing: "Don't kill mamma, pap!"
 He patted her head and told her to get her brother Edward. Edward, a boy of six, came. The man drew a revolver and shot his two weeping and trembling children. Then he blew his own brains out.

"He was a good man," said the wife to the police, her face all torn and blackened by his blows. "He was a good man, and he never treated me badly before."
 What suddenly transformed this unusually good husband and kind father into a ferocious demon, a murdering wild beast? Drink!

He was Frederick Dietcher, a driver for the health department and he paid out of his hard-earned money that should have gone to his family that he might become a slaughtering lunatic. Insanity by the bottle, by the glass, may be as readily purchased as are matches to start a fire with.

Some men, many men, can play with alcohol. They can warm themselves with it as they do at the genial heat of a grate. But to such as Dietcher a glass of whiskey is like a match to a heap of hay—it starts a conflagration.
 No man who gets drunk when he drinks has any right to touch liquor.

He voluntarily makes himself insane, and no deed, however terrible is impossible to a moral sense are both put to sleep. Let drink alone, young man. It has never helped anybody, and it has ruined and is ruining millions in mind and body and pocket. It turns kind men into cruel men, loving husbands into wifebeaters, fond fathers into slayers of their children. Look at Dietcher. See what whiskey did for him and his! That one horror should be enough to shock countless thousands of tipplers into total abstinence the rest of their lives. "He was a good man"—when sober. Drunk, a devil.—New York Journal.

Christmas Holiday Rates.
 For the Christmas Holidays the Atlantic Coast Line announces a rate of one and one third one way fares plus 25c. for the round trip between all points South of the Potomac and Ohio Rivers and East of the Mississippi River. Tickets on sale December 23rd, 24th, also 30th, 31st, and January 1st, 1904, with final limit January 4th, 1904.
 For the accommodation of students and teachers of schools and colleges the Atlantic Coast Line has arranged round trip rates as above, December 10th, to 22nd, with final limit January 8th, 1904.
 The train service of the Atlantic Coast Line is unexcelled. For tickets and full information apply to Ticket Agents.
 W. J. CRAIG,
 General Passenger Agent,
 Wilmington, N. C.

STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA,
 County of Clarendon.
COURT OF COMMON PLEAS.
 Mary C. Jayroe, James P. Andrews and Hannah M. Bethune, in her own right, and as guardian ad litem for Caroline M. Bethune, Sarah E. Bethune, Mary J. Bethune, Ennette M. Bethune, Joseph F. Bethune and Sarah A. Bethune, infants, Plaintiffs,
 against
 Lillie A. Andrews and Louisa E. Andrews, Defendants.
 Decree of Partition.

UNDER AND BY VIRTUE OF A Judgment Order of the Court of Common Pleas, in the above stated action, to me directed, bearing date December 7, 1903, I will sell at public auction, for cash, to the highest bidder, at Clarendon Court House, at Manning, in said county, within the legal hours for judicial sales, on Monday, the 4th day of January, 1904, being sale day, the following described real estate:
 "All that tract or parcel of land lying, being and situated in the County of Clarendon and State aforesaid, containing eighty-six and one-half acres, more or less, and bounded on the north by lands of James Davis and lands of W. A. Broadway; east, by lands devised to Louisa E. Andrews and Lillie A. Andrews; south, by lands of W. N. Stukes, and west by the Sumter public road."
 Purchaser to pay for papers,
 J. ELBERT DAVIS,
 Sheriff, Clarendon County,
 Manning, S. C., December 7, 1903.

STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA,
 County of Clarendon.
 By James M. Windham, Esq., Judge of Probate.

WHEREAS, David R. Lide made suit to me, to grant him Letters of Administration of the estate and effects of David F. Lide.
 These are therefore to cite and admonish all and singular the kindred and creditors of the said David F. Lide, deceased, that they be and appear before me, in the Court of Probate, to be held at Manning, S. C., on the 29th day of December 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 9th day of December, A. D. 1903.
 JAMES M. WINDHAM,
 Judge of Probate.
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W. E. Jenkinson's Great Holiday Sale.
Overcoats, Clothing, Wool Blankets, Dry Goods and Notions, Shoes, Furniture, Sewing Machines, Millinery, Cloaks and Furs.
 One of the largest clothing manufacturers in the United States wired me some days ago from Baltimore that they were overstocked on Overcoats, and that they had shipped me one thousand dollars' worth of Overcoats, knowing that my stock had been destroyed by fire.
 Now this is a large stock of Overcoats to have on hand at this time, but as there is a very severe winter forecasted ahead of us we have decided to keep this lot of Overcoats and hold a
Great Holiday Overcoat Sale
 and give everybody who needs a nice Overcoat a chance to get one cheap. If you need a nice Overcoat here is your chance.

Clothing and Pants.
 In addition to our big Overcoat Sale we have now in stock some \$3,000 worth of Men's and Boys' Clothing and Pants which we put on sale along with our Overcoats at competition breaking prices.
 If you need a nice Suit of Clothes or a nice pair of Pants here is your chance.

Wool Blankets.
 We have just gotten in one case of Wool Blankets in 10-4 and 11-4 sizes from the famous Leaksville Mills, North Carolina.
 If you need a nice pair of Wool Blankets you can get them from us 25 per cent cheaper than you can anywhere else.
 Here is your chance for cheap Blankets.

Special Shoe Sale.
 It is no use for us to enlarge upon the merits of the line of Shoes we carry, for our reputation for carrying nothing but the best Shoes is well known.
 It is enough for us to add that we have in stock a splendid line of the famous H. C. GODMAN Shoes for Ladies and Children equally as good.
 When you need a pair of Shoes that will give you service call at Jenkinson's.

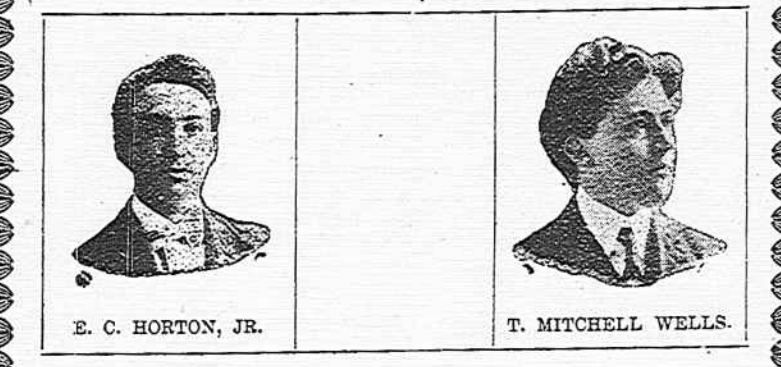
ONE WORD TO YOU, LADIES.
 Our Millinery Department is well prepared to meet the wants of the holiday trade.

CLOAKS, SUITS AND FURS.
 We have in stock a splendid line of Cloaks for Ladies, Misses and Children.
 Also a handsome and cheap line of Furs and Muffs.

TAILOR-MADE SUITS.
 A nice assortment of Ladies' Tailor-Made Suits at COST.
 Here is your chance to get a Suit cheap.

SEWING MACHINES.
 We have a nice stock of Sewing Machines on hand and will sell low for the cash, or will sell for part cash and balance on reasonable terms. If you need a Machine see us.

W. E. JENKINSON

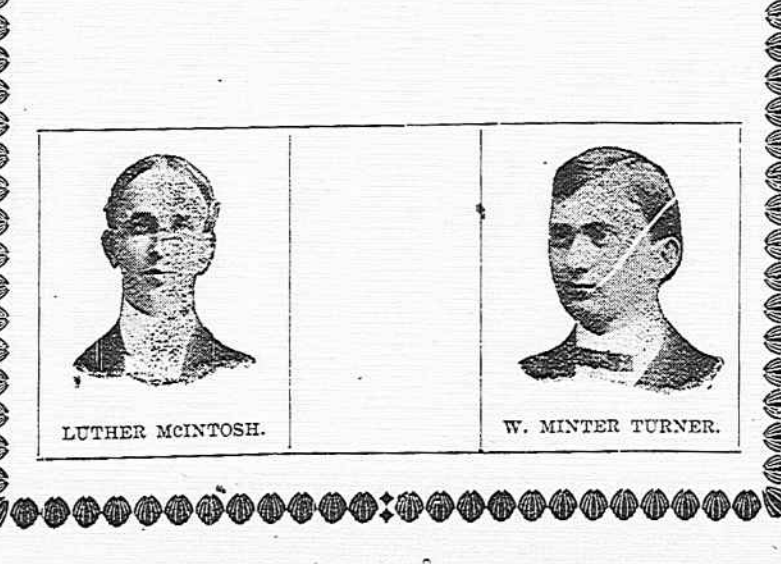


Answer These Four Questions.
 Very weary one evening I retired to rest, and had a beautiful dream in which I saw the liquor traffic crushed out of existence. It was in this way: I saw printed in bold type at the beginning of the first column of every newspaper in the world, certain statements and questions. They were printed week after week and in that way they were planted in the minds of all intelligent persons, whether they meant them to be or not, and thus a mental vote was taken without regard to age or sex. This continued until the electrical power of concentrated thought became so intense that no one could run a saloon.

DID YOU KNOW
 That we are displaying mighty pretty and useful things for
Christmas Presents?
 Fine Sterling Silver Mounted Umbrellas for Ladies,
 Ladies' Embroidered Handkerchiefs,
 Men's Plain and Silk Handkerchiefs,
 Silk Mufflers,
 Ties,
 Lace Collars,
 Gloves, Rugs,
 Scarfs, Centre Pieces,
 Fine Damasks,
 Table Covers,
 Napkins, Doilies,
 and all the

New Dry Goods
 you want. Fine Furs and many other useful things out of the Dry Goods line will be appreciated at the prices we are offering them.
 Yours with Christmas Greetings,

MUTUAL DRY GOODS COMPANY.
 NEW STORE, LEVI BLOCK.
 Next door to S. L. Krasnoff's Furniture Store.



Fall and Winter CLOTHING.
 WE DESIRE TO INFORM OUR CLARENDON FRIENDS THAT OUR STOCK OF
Suits, Overcoats, Hats and Furnishing Goods
 For Men, Boys' and Children is ready for inspection.
 In addition to the well-known makes we've been handling, we have secured control for Sumter of the celebrated
Hart, Schaffner & Marx's Suits and Overcoats.
 Every garment they make is sold with a positive guarantee of satisfactory wear to the purchaser.
 We also have control of the following well-known makes in other lines:
 "IMPERIAL" Brand of Boys' and Children's Suits.
 KNOX'S Stiff and Soft Hats.
 HAWES' Celebrated \$3 Hats.
 "COSMOPOLITAN" Full Dress Shirts, and
 "ECLIPSE" Perfect-Fitting Negligee Shirts.
 Every department of our store is full to overflowing with the
Choicest Productions
 of the best makers of wearables for Men, Boys and Children.
 A visit will be very much appreciated, and result, we think, in mutual benefit.

D. J. CHANDLER,
 'Phone 166. Sumter, S. C.