

**The Catawba Indians.**

We fully agree with the Columbia State that the present legislature ought to cheerfully increase the appropriation for the Catawba Indians of this county. That the Indians are justly due a larger compensation than they now receive is proven by the following brief history of their sacrifices and friendly acts to the whites, as published in Sunday's State:

These Indians are a very small fragment of a once power tribe; but for this they are not responsible. They have suffered open enmity on the one hand and neglect on the other. The history of the Catawbas is fully known would awake the gratitude and secure the good wishes of every citizen of the State. In early times when the whites were few and segregated from their allies in Europe, they were several times in danger of destruction. A combination of hostile Indian tribes might have swept them from the face of the earth, or at least delayed their progress for a generation or two. Once only in 1715 did the Catawbas yield to the cry for a general uprising of all the Indians from the Savannah to the Cape Fear. But after that serious crisis was passed they became friends and formed an alliance which has never been broken. They stood firmly by the English when French emissaries sought to win them over. They refused the blandishments of Gov. Dunwidde of Virginia who sought to divert their trade from Carolina. "We know only one path," they said, "and that is to Carolina." They sent warriors to aid in the French and Indian war, they rallied to the support of the English settlers when the Cherokees in 1759 and 1760 swept like a besom of destruction over the piedmont region. During the Revolution they stood squarely by the Carolinas when Tory and Cherokee were devastating. During the war between the Sections the Catawbas sent out their quota of men to fight for the Confederacy. Has there ever been a stronger proof of friendship.

These Indians were once wealthy. They owned the lands around the Catawba river, and about 1705 Gov. Glen made a treaty confirming their title to a hunting ground for a radius of 30 miles all around their capital, Suartown. Later on this territory was reduced to an area of 15 miles square. But as the Indians ceased to utilize it as a hunting ground they leased large portions to whites for agricultural purposes. Finally the title of the Indians to these lands was secured by the State in consideration of a fixed annual payment of money. This is the stipend they now receive. It can be seen that \$1,000 a year is but small compensation for these lands.

The dispensary law in regard to the removal of dispensary is somewhat similar to the divorce laws of this State, to wit: once in, always in.

The State regents of the hospital for the insane will ask the legislature for an appropriation of \$140,000 this year for the conducting of the institution. This is the same amount asked for last year, which was granted.

The funeral of the late Gen. John B. Gordon, who died at his winter home in Miami, Fla., will take place in Atlanta today. The exercises will be held in the hall of the house of representatives and memorial addresses will be delivered by prominent speakers.

It has been ascertained that Wm. B. Hearst of New York has representatives in this State working up a sentiment in his favor for the Democratic presidential nomination. Prominent men in various sections of the State will be sounded as to the possibility of securing the South Carolina delegation for the New York newspaper man.

Spot cotton was worth from 13 to 14 1/2 cents yesterday.

**How to Post Land.**

The following is the State law in regard to posting lands:  
 "Section 176. Every entry upon the lands of another, after notice from the owner or tenant prohibiting the same, shall be a misdemeanor, and be punished by a fine not to exceed one hundred dollars or imprisonment with hard labor on the public works of the county not exceeding thirty days; Provided, That whenever any owner or tenant of any lands shall post a notice in four conspicuous places on the borders of any land prohibiting entry thereon, and shall publish once a week for four successive weeks such notice in any newspaper circulating in the county where such lands are situated, a proof of the posting and of publishing of such notice within twelve months prior to the entry, shall be deemed and taken as notice conclusive against the person making entry as aforesaid for hunting and fishing."

**Stockholders Meet.**

The annual meeting of the stockholders of the Savings Bank of Fort Mill was held on the 5th of January, 1904, and the following directors were elected for the ensuing year: Sam'l E. White, J. M. Spratt, J. B. Mack, W. B. Meacham and Alex. Mack.

The directors then elected the following officers: Sam'l E. White, President; J. M. Spratt, Vice President; W. B. Meacham, Cashier.

The usual semi-annual dividend of four per cent was paid to the stockholders.

**Rural Mail Routes.**

There are 284 rural free delivery routes doing business in the State of South Carolina. On an average they deliver mail to 600 people each. It will be seen from this that about 175,000 people get the benefit of rural free delivery in the State. It costs just about \$600 a year to operate one of these routes, and Uncle Sam is, therefore, paying into the State of South Carolina alone the tidy sum of \$175,000 a year for the service that is entirely for the benefit of the people. The average route is about 25 miles long, so that rural carriers of South Carolina travel in the neighborhood of 6,500 miles every day. Each route covers about 18 square miles of territory, so that the free delivery system of South Carolina covers over 5000 square miles of territory.

The fifth district, represented by Mr. Finley, has 44 routes in operation. There are 31 still pending and 31 petitions have been rejected, making in all 108 routes that have been asked for by the people of this district.

**Our Carnival of Crime.**

In the last 15 years, says the New and Courier, there have been 2,781 murders; that is to say, the number of persons who came to violent death in this State during the last decade and a half could form three regiments of soldiers. The number of men murdered in South Carolina in the last fifteen years was about one-tenth of the total white population of Charleston today, or nearly four times the population of the town of Denmark, according to the last United States census; nearly twice the population of the town of Hamburg; more than the total number of persons residing in Ward 2 in the city of Charleston; three times the population of the town of Lexington; nearly six times the population of Pickens Court House; twice the population of the town of Walhalla, and more than four times the population of the town of Hampton. The average number of persons murdered in the State, according to the adjutant general's report, in the last fifteen years, was a little more than 185 annually, or a fraction over 15 a month; an average of about one murder every two days.

**Killed by His Wife.**

A tragedy of which the people of this section will read with interest was enacted near Dallas, Texas a few days ago, and was as follows:  
 John Porter was born and raised in the Waxhaws, of Lancaster county, and well known in this section. He went to Jacksonville, Fla., some years ago and there he married. He and his wife moved to Texas, but as they did not agree, they parted. Later they became reconciled and renewed their relation as man and wife. A few nights ago, for some unexplained reason, the wife arose from her bed, securing her husband's pistol fire upon him killing him instantly. Mrs. Porter was arrested and is now in jail.

Power gailons; wear lo-gor; Devoo

Fertilizer drummers are keeping the road hot these days. The prospects are for big sales of fertilizer this year. Farmers will plant as heavily of cotton as they can and the acreage will most likely be increased.

The Times is authorized by Commander S. E. White to call a meeting of the Fort Mill Camp of Confederate Veterans in the town hall on Thursday afternoon at 3:30 o'clock.

It is now leap year. The first in eight years. Every fourth year is leap year except when the fourth year falls on a century year, and then the date must be divisible by 400. 1990 was not a leap year but 2000 will be.

Members of the local military organization will be under strict orders to know that Adjutant General Frost has received from the war department notice that all state drills must be completed by May 1 this year in order that the arms and supplies might be distributed. It is required that at least twenty-four drills shall have been held since the inspection last year. This will include those drills during the incampment. General Frost will make out the schedule shortly.

**Gold Hill Nuggets.**

Everything in this section is moving along very nicely at present. The health of this section was never better—no one sick to my knowledge.

Oyster eaters are coming into fashion again. When you meet a fellow in this section these days the smile on his face is as fine as you ever saw, thinking he is going to be invited to a supper and Roy just shakes all over when he meets one.

Rain would be a great benefit to small grain at present. There was a party and also an oyster supper at Mr. W. H. Widdie's Saturday night. Old and young seemed to enjoy themselves very much. On account of Lytle having the earache he failed to put in his appearance. Knowing him as we do, we know he felt dreadfully bad after wearing smiles for the occasion.

Miss Bleeker Farris, of Pleasant Valley, visited in this section Saturday and Sunday and of course tucked in the party.

Two phones were put up in this section Monday morning, one at W. R. Warren's, and one at J. L. Kimbrell's. The bridge over Steel Creek—one of the leading roads of this township has been down for about a week, and we hear of no contract being let out for a new one, yet we people in this section and also Flint Hill are beginning to feel that the county has forsaken us, as this is our H. F. D. route and we are looking every day for it to be discontinued on that account.

Now as to my friend Splinter, I am very sorry that he charges me of being envious. I don't hold any malice however because you can tell the tone of his letter he was effed by the some drug or other for he starts out to tell about what box of goodies, and he forgot and came near telling just what it was, so anyone can see that it was drugs or jimmies. Roy

**LET BRIDGES SPRAWL**

Dear Sir: There are several ways of cheating in milk. An old-fashioned way is to water it. Nobody waters it now. A better way is to take out the cream—rich milk with the cream taken out is as good as poor milk with its cream all in.

But we needn't go into particulars. You don't rob your milk and your customers.

Paint is as easy as milk to cheat with. Good paint is as rare as good milk; for human nature is much the same in milk-men and paint men.

You are just as true with your milk, so are we with our paint. Devoo lead-and-zinc is twice as good as mixed paint: There's twice as much butter in it.

Mr. T. Ladd, Cheraw, S. C., writes: "When Mr. Evans painted his house with Devoo, he figured on how other paint covered and had enough left to paint three large rooms. He was so pleased that he has used Devoo on two other houses."

Yours Truly  
 F. W. DEVOO & Co.  
 New York

Rev. J. Barr Harris, the Montana convict who is serving a one year's term for seduction and for whom a petition for pardon was recently circulated in Rock Hill, says he will not accept the pardon, until the woman he is alleged to have wronged has admitted that she has prejudiced herself. J. Barr is apt to serve out his term.

**Speed From Terrible Death.**

The family of Mrs. M. L. Bobbitt of Bergertown, Tenn., saw her dying and were powerless to save her. The most skilled physicians and every remedy used, failed, while consumption was slowly taking her life. In this terrible hour Dr. King's New Discovery for Consumption turned despair into joy. The first bottle brought immediate relief and its continued use completely cured her. It's the most certain cure in the world for all throat and lung troubles. Guaranteed bottles 50c and \$1.00. Trial bottle free at all drug stores.

A Monday's despatch from St. Petersburg says it is learned from an authoritative source that the conclusion of a provisional compromise between Russia and Japan is now certain, and all danger is over until spring. Nothing that can happen in the meantime can precipitate hostilities.

**A Very Close Call.**

"I stuck to my engine, although every jointached and every part was racked with pain," writes C. W. Bellamy, a locomotive fireman, of Burlington, Iowa. "I was weak and pale, without any appetite, and all run down. As I was about to give up I got a bottle of Electric Bitters, and after taking it, I felt as well as I ever did in my life." Weak, sickly, run-down people always gain new life strength and vigor from their use. Try them. Satisfaction guaranteed by all druggists. Price 50 cents.

The annual meeting of the State Good Roads Association will be held in Columbia on January 17. The officers of the association have sent invitations to the supervisors and commissioners of every county in the state, and it is expected that the attendance will be the largest since the organization was effected. York county should be well represented in this meeting.

**Wonderful Cures.**

Is displayed by many a man enduring pain of accidental cuts, wounds, bruises, burns, scalds, sore feet or stiff joints. But there's no need for it. Bucklen's Arnica Salve will take the pain and cure the troubles. It's the best Salve on earth for cuts, 25c a tin drug stores.

Through the request of the York bar, a special session of the board of common pleas for this county is to be called by Gov. Haywood on the 25th inst. Joseph W. McElhenny, Esq., one of the attorneys who appeared as special judge of the special session, has drawn a few days.

**Domestic Troubles.**

It is accepted to find a family where there are no domestic ruptures occasionally, but these can be lessened by having Dr. King's New Life Pills and Much trouble is caused by their great work in the stomach and liver troubles. They not only relieve you, but cure. 25c at all drug stores.

**BANK STATEMENT.**

Statement of Savings Bank of Fort Mill, for quarter ending Dec. 31st 1903.

ASSETS:	
Loans	\$ 7,661 80
Furniture and supplies	1,121 75
Due from banks	1,119 54
Cash in vault	5,808 91
	\$16,712 00
LIABILITIES:	
Capital stock	\$15,000 00
Undivided Profits	1,000 00
Dividend No. 18	600 00
Personal Deposits	49,107 00
	\$65,707 00

I, W. B. Meacham, cashier of the above-named bank, do solemnly swear that the above statement is true to the best of my knowledge and belief.

Subscribed and sworn to before me this January 6th, 1904.

J. W. McELHENNY, Magistrate.

Attest:  
 J. M. SPRATT,  
 J. B. MACK, Directors.

**TREASURER'S REPORT.**

The following is the report of the Treasurer of the town of Fort Mill, S. C., for the year ending January 11, 1904:

RECEIPTS:	
From former treasurer	\$ 3.56
Borrowed from Savings Bk.	75.00
Street tax collected	431.75
Property tax collected	492.44
Fines collected	414.00
Town hall rent and licenses	23.40
Cemetery lot sold	14.00
From board of control	4.40
Old stand and chairs sold	2.90
Terra cotta sold	4.50
Note Savings Bank	100.00
	\$1,674.06
DISBURSEMENTS:	
Managers of elections	\$ 3.00
Work on streets	107.12
Crushed stone	801.55
Hauling stone	80.75
Work on cemetery	22.84
Lumber bought	20.67
Ditching	6.78
Repairs and work on well	18.45
Feeding prisoners	2.45
Taking prisoners to gaug.	4.30
Dr. Thompson's services to pig	5.00
Phone message	.95
Book, guard books	5.25
Drays	4.75
One-fifth interest in bell	11.36
Alarms, bell, etc.	11.00
Risk-insurance	8.00
Wire and repair on park	19.75
Paid Savings Bank	75.00
Interest Savings Bank	1.00
Share in park	101.60
Insurance town hall	10.25
Ladder town hall	.75
Employing sawyer	26.90
Reward for chicken thief	25.00
Burying pauper	4.00
Plastering town hall	1.40
Street tax refunded	2.00
Expenses getting terris	5.00
Terra cotta returned	4.60

The Times, advertising	32.10
Sec'y Board of Health	15.00
Police salary	424.00
Interest town hall	28.00
Int'd commission (T. G. C.)	70.00
Int'd commission (T. S. E.)	50.00
Treasurer's commission	76.40
Balance on hand	18.13
	\$1,374.03

**SPECIAL!**  
**To the People of Fort Mill and Vicinity.**

E. M. Andrews, the leading music dealer of the Carolinas, has on display in Fort Mill a number of high-grade

**PIANOS and ORGANS.**

These instruments are of standard make, perfect in style, tone and finish, and will be sold at reasonable prices for

**CASH or INSTALLMENT**

Mr. Andrews is represented here by Mr. W. M. Phillips, who will be pleased to have his friends call and inspect the instruments.

The Organs are on display at the store of Mr. W. E. Whitesell, and the Pianos can be seen at the store of Meacham & Epps.

**E. M. ANDREWS.**

Don't suffer with your eyes and headaches. Have them tested and fitted with proper glasses. Examination absolutely free and glasses at half price for a short time. Satisfaction guaranteed, or no pay.  
 L. J. MASSEY,  
 Optician and Jeweler.

**TO THE COMMUNITY AT LARGE.**

As prospects mean a large supply of material things, you will probably have more or less blacksmithing, brassing, and furniture repairing, and buggies and wagons, and wood-work in general to be done.

As I have served the people of this community for the past twenty-five years, I will endeavor to do so in the future in a more acceptable manner, and at the same time my prices will be made as reasonable as possible.

And again, we call your attention to the quality of our work, the material we use, the workmanlike manner in which the work is done, and we guarantee satisfaction both in price and work.

We will be able to supply you with side-harrow plowstocks and single-frees made of the very best material at such prices as defy competition.

I thank you for your patronage during these twenty-five years and trust that you have served you in such a manner as to warrant your patronage for the next twelve months.

If you will favor us with your trade, we will do our best to serve you with the best work at the lowest price this side of the Lakes.  
 Respectfully,

**A. A. YOUNG.**

**J. U. Rayw & Co.,**  
 DEALERS IN  
**FINE LIQ. ORS AND WINES.**  
 No. 41 East Trade St.  
 CHARLOTTE, N. C.

**Mules!**

Just received a car load of extra fine Mules. From now on you will always find me with a good supply on hand. Call and do business with me. If you haven't the cash I will sell you and give you all the time you want.  
 Very respectfully yours,

**S. J. Kimball**  
 Rock Hill, S. C.

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 FOR GOOD POSITIONS  
 GUARANTEED IN WRITING.  
 500 FREE SCHOLARSHIPS OFFERED  
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