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In regard to the proposed surrender of the town's old charter for a new one, there has been but little, if any, opposition expressed. Our citizens realize that the cause for which this change is to be made are not only needed for the protection of life and property, but are important factors in the up-building of the town. The present charter, which was granted in 1887, will expire in about four years, and it will then become necessary to obtain a new one. Under the new constitution of the State, when a town of over 1,000 population is chartered, the mayor and aldermen are empowered with the right to impose a tax levy sufficient to equip the town with electric lights and water works, the special levy being limited to 10 mills. This, in substance, is the wording, along this particular line, of a new charter.

From estimates made it has been ascertained that the town can have both lights and water by an extra levy of not more than 2 or 3 mills, making with the present levy, 5 mills in all. This levy makes available for the purpose about \$1,200 per annum. Besides granting council the right to impose a special tax levy, the new charter provides for the election of two additional aldermen, making six in all, which assures the residents of the town that their interests will be more keenly watched than heretofore.

With the unavoidable necessity of renewing the charter in the near future, and a decided desire for the upbuilding of the town and welfare of her citizens, we know of no reason why the election on the 19th instant should not result in the early establishment of water works and electric lights for Fort Mill.

Doubtless there will be those who will vote against the change, but we feel that those who do so, will go contrary to their own convictions and interests, saying nothing of their patriotism as citizens of the town.

Let us by all means have water and lights and greater things will follow.

The Waxaw Enterprise hits the nail on the head when it says:

Subscribers to weekly papers, who do not read the big dailies, are complaining of the dearth of war news. Well, we dare say that the weekly papers have been publishing all the real war news that there was to publish. The daily papers usually have about two columns of war news on one day, and take up about two columns the next day in denying the report sent out on the previous day. The program has been maintained with considerable regularity ever since the war began. At first it served to keep up interest, but it is now becoming exceedingly monotonous and tiresome, and general disgust with such methods is expressed on all hands. \* \* \* We shall continue to print the war news when there is any real war news to print. But as long as the war is carried on almost entirely by newspaper correspondents, we prefer to devote our space to other matters.

The assistant commissioner of agriculture of Georgia a few days ago received from a farmer of Griffin a tiny brown bag which, according to the Atlanta News, very much resembled the Mexican boll weevil. The sender of the bag stated that it attacked his crop last fall and out of ten acres in cotton, he made only one bale. This statement is somewhat astounding, coming, as it does, from our sister State, Georgia, and it is safe to say that if the weevil is that near us, it is only a matter of a short time unless some precaution is made, until this section will be infested by it. But, then, as they say these little bugs have wings and fly at will, we can't exactly see how they are to be kept out.

With Parker and Hearst, it seems to be a case of nip and tuck as to who will get it.

It now begins to look as if the Hon. W. J. Bryan will be some time in getting his hands on that \$59,000 Philo Bennett cash.

The opponents to renewing the town's charter have, in our opinion, a very light argument, since it is an unavoidable fact that when the present charter expires, the town will, by force of the law, be compelled to accept a charter under the general laws of the State.

From the fact that drop letters require only one-cent postage many people still have the idea that letters to be sent out on rural routes require only a one-cent postage stamp. But such is not the case. A two-cent stamp must be placed on all letters for rural routes.

We notice that a majority of the banking houses of the State are complying with the law requiring a statement each quarter of their financial standings. A few, however, still hold to the old method of publishing semi-annual statements. Among those of the latter class is the Savings Bank of Fort Mill.

The newspaper fraternity of the entire country was shocked and deeply grieved to learn Sunday morning of the sudden and untimely death Saturday evening of Mr. I. E. Avery, the gifted city editor of the Charlotte Observer. Mr. Avery was only 33 years of age and was city editor of the Observer for four years. As a newspaper man he had gained the distinction of being one of the brightest in his profession in the South, and it seems strange that a career so full of promise should have been so abruptly stopped.

It would be well for drivers of wagons to remember that all United States mail carriers have the right of way in public highways while on duty. They cannot be driven into the ditches by heavy loaded wagons without violating the United States mail law, and if a collision is made by so doing and the mail delayed it will not be long thereafter that a deputy United States marshal will be looking for certain parties who will answer roll call at a United States court. This law applies not only when meeting a vehicle, but applies to those in front of the mail as well, when the mail makes an effort to pass.—R. F. D. News.

The Charlotte News and Courier and the Columbia State, the two big South Carolina papers, are discussing Gov. Aycock for the Vice-Presidency. They both think he would fill the bill.—Charlotte Chronicle. The Ledger nominated Gov. Aycock for the Vice-Presidency six months ago, and we are flattered to have our nomination seconded by two such able newspapers. Gaffney Ledger. The State suggests Gov. Aycock as a suitable nominee for Vice-President at least 18 months ago, and there has since that time hung in our editorial rooms a picture of the Tar Heel Governor with the inscription "Our candidate for Vice-President, 1904."—Columbia State. And the editor of the News, in another publication, suggested his name two years ago this month. next.—Charlotte News.

Just to settle the question, some of the anti-Aycock papers might fall in line and say how long they had existed and had never mentioned Mr. Aycock for the place.

## **Our Noted Marriage Artist in Trouble.**

William and Charles Byers, two white men who have been working for Notary Public W. O. Bailes, the noted South Carolina marriage artist, came to Charlotte yesterday, says the Observer, and had Col. D. G. Maxwell to issue a writ of claim and delivery for some of their property which is in the possession of Mr. Bailes.

The men say Bailes is in their debt. Bailes claimed that the men owed him money, and he locked up their household effects in their house, and also took possession of a cow and calf. Bailes lives in South Carolina, but the Byers men live in North Carolina, and the case will therefore be heard in this State.

Bailes, it will be remembered, is the notary public of upper Fort Mill township against whom a petition was recently made for his removal from office.

## **Real Estate Transfers.**

The following transfers of Fort Mill real estate, according to the Yorkville Enquirer, were recorded in the county auditor's office during March:

John M. and Addie Odell to T. S. Kirkpatrick, 682 acres; consideration \$10,000.  
Mary J. Gauden to W. F. Harris, one lot; consideration \$100.  
J. Edward Armstrong to J. M. Armstrong, 26 acres; consideration \$300.

Fewer gallons; wears longer; Devoe

## **Military Inspection Very Creditable.**

Gen. John D. Frost, adjutant and inspector general, and Capt. Hunter, of the United States Army, inspected the Fort Mill Light Infantry Saturday afternoon at 4:30 o'clock on the ball ground to the rear of the Spratt Machine Shops. The company turned out forty men, and, considering the fact that probably one-third of these were new members, passed a very creditable inspection. Both Gen. Frost and Capt. Hunter complimented the men very highly on the excellent condition of the guns and accoutrements. A large crowd of people were present to view the inspection.

Gen. Frost informed Capt. Spratt that he had issued to this company 500 gallery target cartridges and 1,000 riot or multi ball cartridges, and the company expects to begin regular target practice as soon as these arrive.

## **April Weather for 26 Years.**

The records of the Charlotte weather bureau for the past 26 years show that the warmest April was that of 1896, with an average temperature 65 degrees. The coldest April was that of 1901, with an average temperature of 54 degrees. The highest temperature recorded in April was 94 degrees on April 16, 1896. The lowest was 26 degrees, April 5, 1891.

The average number of clear days in April was 13; partly cloudy 10; cloudy 7. The prevailing winds have been from the southwest and the average velocity was 7 miles an hour. The highest velocity was 42 miles, from the southwest, on April 21, 1913.

## **Gold Hill Nuggets.**

April—Its advent ever reminds us of the momentous times we were having in Virginia this week thirty-nine years ago. Lee evacuated Petersburg on Sunday night, the 2nd of April and the following week. There was more or less fighting every day except Saturday, when we marched the entire day unmolested, it being the calm before the storm on Sunday, the 9th. The followers of Lee through that eventful week were comparatively young men then, but numbers of them have since passed away. The remaining few are now old and gray headed; are getting tottery and are on the short side of life and they too must soon answer the last roll call.

Mr. W. H. Crook reports a new boy at his house and seems quite jubilant over the outlook; so much so that he has donned a full suit of blue. This is very appropriate, indeed.

Mrs. Beale Smythe visited here last week.

Brother Ipse, our candid opinion is that the one with the shortest tail will get in the hole first.

SPLINTER.

## **Money in Cotton Roots.**

The attention of a Charlotte Chronicle reporter has been called to the fact that there is a new source of revenue for cotton growers, if they will only avail themselves of it. "Despite the fact that cotton has reached the highest point it has occupied in years," he says, "the growers could make still more money if they would gather and sell the bark from the root of the cotton stalk. There is always a ready sale for the bark, and at present the price per pound is greater than the price of lint cotton, the wholesale price in New York ranging between 15 and 20 cents.

The discovery of the medicinal quality of cotton-root bark was made by the slaves in the South many years prior to the civil war, and it was used on the plantations for years before it was taken up by the druggists. Comparatively a small amount of cotton-root bark is shipped from North Carolina and practically none from Charlotte. The bulk of that which is gathered in this section is sold to dealers in roots and herbs in Statesville and by them shipped to wholesale druggists in New York and other cities.—Columbia Record.

## **The Democratic Party.**

This is the year for a complete reorganization of the Democratic party. The State executive committee called the State convention to meet in Columbia on the third Wednesday in May, as required by the constitution of the Democratic party. This convention is composed of delegates from the various counties, selected on the first Monday in May by the county convention, each county being entitled to a number of delegates double the number of its representatives in general assembly. The local clubs meet on the fourth Saturday in April to organize and elect delegates to the county convention, each club being entitled to one delegate for each twenty-five members or

fraction thereof. Each county convention elects a member of the State executive committee. The State convention elects a member of the national executive committee and delegates to the national convention at St. Louis. The Columbia Record says there is some talk as to who will be elected as the "big four" to the national convention. Senator Tillman and Willie Jones are suggested. It is not certain whether Gov. Heyward will allow his name to go before the convention. Each congressional district selects two members. Gen. Willie Jones will probably stand for re-election as chairman of the State Democratic executive committee. Ex-Governor M. B. McSweeney will probably preside as chairman of the convention. It seems to be the policy to select someone who is not a candidate for office, and Gov. McSweeney having large experience as a presiding officer, it is argued by his friends, qualifies him for the position.

## **Letter to A. A. Young.**

Fort Mill, S. C.

Dear Sir: A big mill-owner Spartanburg, S. C., wanted 5,000 gallons of paint and bought by price; paid 5 cents less than ours; got a "lead-and-zinc" paint; but the lead was sulphate of lead, not carbonate. Sulphate costs about half, and covers about half.

That paint was adulterated about six times as much as the 5 cents paid for. He "saved" 5 cents, and it cost him 30. Oh, no, it cost him more than that, we forgot the labor. Can't work it out exactly; don't know how long it'll wear. Short-measure besides; that alone was twice as much as his "saving" 5 cents. It was thin, too; some loss there; don't know how much.

There was too much dryer in it. The maker made something on that; he didn't.

Taking it altogether, he didn't much much by that 5 cents.

Go by the name, and the name is Devoe lead-and-zinc.

Yours truly

F. W. DEVOE & CO.

46 New York

P. S. W. B. Ardrey & Co. sell our paint.

Later reports place the damage by the fire at the Manetta cotton mills, at Lenoir, last week at about \$10,000, instead of \$100,000, as at first reported. The fire was extinguished in about an hour and more damage was done by water than by the flames.

The Seaboard Air Line has gotten out a family mileage book that will be exceeding popular with the traveling public, especially during the summer months. The price of the book is \$25 for 1,000 miles and any portion of it will be redeemed at the face value, of two and one-half cents per mile. Passengers can stop over as desired and there is no validation at destinations.

## **A Thoughtful Man.**

M. M. Austin of Winchester, Ind., knew what to do in the hour of need. His wife had such an unusual case of stomach and liver trouble, physicians could not help her. He thought of and tried Dr. King's New Life Pills and she got relief at once and was finally cured. Only 25c, at All Drug Stores.

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## **ARRIVAL OF TRAINS.**

In accordance with the schedule, effective Nov. 29, 1903, the Southern's passenger trains now arrive at Fort Mill as follows:

FROM CHARLOTTE.

No. 27 (regular stop) . . . . . 7:34 a. m.  
" 33 (flag stop) . . . . . 9:01 " "  
" 25 (regular stop) . . . . . 7:07 p. m.  
" 39 (flag stop) . . . . . 10:30 " "

FROM COLUMBIA.

No. 30 (regular stop) . . . . . 9:13 a. m.  
" 26 (regular stop) . . . . . 2:18 p. m.  
" 28 (regular stop) . . . . . 8:13 " "  
" 34 (flag stop) . . . . . 9:06 " "

## **THE LOUD TALKER SAYS—**



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## **THAT BEAUTIFUL GLOSS**

comes from the varnish in Devoe's Varnish Floor Paint; costs 5 cents more a quart though. Sold by W. B. Ardrey & Co.

The dealers in cold drinks have begun arranging their fountains and otherwise preparing to serve their friends with refreshing drinks when the season opens.

PAINT YOUR BUGGY FOR 75 CENTS, with Devoe's Gloss Carriage Paint. It weighs 3 to 8 ozs. more to the pint than other, wears longer; and gives a gloss equal to new work. Sold by W. B. Ardrey & Co.

The semi-annual examinations for teachers' certificates will be held in each county seat on May 20th, and at the next meeting of the State board of education this will be ordered formally. It is estimated that nearly 2,000 applicants for certificates stand this examination every year, the law requiring that certificates shall be renewed every two years, although attendance at the State summer school is usually sufficient for a renewal of the certificate.

## **Makes A Clean Sweep.**

There's nothing like doing a thing thoroughly. Of all the Salves you ever heard of, Bucklen's Arnica Salve is the best. It sweeps away and cures Burns, Sores, Bruises, Cuts, Boils, Ulcers, Skin Eruptions and Piles. It's only 25c, and guaranteed to give satisfaction by All Druggists.

All arrangements for the borrowing of \$200,000 by the State for the payment of pensions have been completed and the loan will be made by the banks by the 20th of this month. The payment of pensions will begin in a few days and the financial statement will be handed out in a day or so.

## **A Great Sensation.**

There was a big sensation in Leesville, Ind., when W. H. Brown of that place was expected to die, had his life saved by Dr. King's New Discovery for Consumption. He writes: "I endured insufferable agonies from Asthma, but your New Discovery gave me immediate relief and soon thereafter effected a complete cure." Similar cures of Consumption, Pneumonia, Bronchitis and Grip are numerous. It's the peerless remedy for all throat and lung troubles. Price 50c, and \$1.00. Guaranteed by All Druggists. Trial bottles free.

After the first of next July star route mail carriers will collect mail from boxes along their routes as rural mail carriers do at present. Thus it will be seen that Uncle Sam is trying in every way he can to accommodate his people with a convenient mail service.

## **Robbed The Grave.**

A startling incident, is narrated by John Oliver of Philadelphia, as follows: "I was in an awful condition. My skin was almost yellow, eyes sunken, tongue coated, pain continually in back and sides, no appetite, growing weaker day by day. Three physicians had given me up. Then I was advised to use electric Bitters; to my great joy, the first bottle made a decided improvement. I continued their use for three weeks, and am now a well man. I know they robbed the grave of another victim." No one should fail to try them. Only 50 cents, guaranteed, at All Drug Stores.

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BRANDIES, ETC.,**

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**W. H. HOOVER,  
CHARLOTTE, N. C.**

## **Notice of Election.**

For Probate Judge of York County to Fill Vacancy Created by the death of W. H. McCorkle, Former In-bent.

STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA—COUNTY OF YORK.

NOTICE is hereby given that a SPECIAL ELECTION, duly called by the Governor under authority of law, will be held at the various election precincts in said county on SATURDAY, APRIL 9, 1904, for the purpose of electing a duly qualified citizen to fill the office of Probate Judge, for said county. At the said election there will be provided a box at each precinct wherein the duly qualified voters may deposit their ballots.

Before the hour fixed for opening the polls, Managers and Clerks must take and subscribe to the constitutional oath. The chairman of the board of managers can administer the oath to the other managers and the clerk; a notary public must administer the oath to the chairman. The managers elect their chairman and clerk.

Polls at each voting place must be opened at 7 o'clock a. m. and closed at 4 o'clock p. m.

The managers have the power to fill a vacancy, and if none of the managers attend, citizens can appoint from among the qualified voters the managers, who after being sworn, can conduct the election.

At the close of the election, the manager and clerk must proceed publicly to open the ballot boxes and count the ballots therein, and continue without adjournment until the same is completed and make a statement of the result for each candidate and sign the same.

Within three days after the election the chairman of the board or some one designated by the board, must deliver to the commissioners of election the poll list, the boxes containing the ballots and a written statement of the result of the election.

The following  
**MANAGERS OF ELECTION**  
have been appointed to hold the election at the various precincts in the said county.

Bethel—R. M. Barnett, R. H. Campbell, J. Hope Adams.  
Bethany—J. J. Howe, N. A. Howell, B. R. Smith.  
Blairsville—J. E. Latham, H. J. Sheror, J. L. Rainey.  
Bullock's Creek—Kolly Inman, W. C. Robinson, H. D. Cranford.  
Clover—J. F. Currence, Elias Jackson, J. M. Ford.  
Coates's Tavern—J. R. Gottys, J. T. Spencer, G. A. Gottys.  
Ebenezer—J. A. Shurley, W. B. Fewell, T. A. Matthews.  
Fort Mill—T. B. Spratt, W. H. Windle, C. P. Blankenship.  
Forest Hill—J. J. Brandon, W. W. Auten, R. B. Robinson.  
Hickory Grove—T. M. Whisenant, J. N. McDill, John Ramsey.  
McConnellsville—J. F. Ashe, J. T. Crawford, J. O. Moore.  
Newport—T. B. Glenn, A. T. Neely, T. W. Jackson.  
Ogden—J. B. Davis, S. B. Nunnery, R. C. Caveny.  
Piedmont—M. R. Biggers, R. M. Wallace, J. H. Quinn.  
Rock Hill—J. H. McFadden, W. C. Wherry, J. W. Marshall.  
Sharps—J. M. Sims, T. M. Hope, S. A. Warlick.  
Smyrna—W. C. Whitesides, T. B. Ham-bright, R. W. Whitesides.  
Tirzah—J. B. Barron, R. R. Allison, A. W. Black.

Yorkville—W. J. Neil, E. A. Crawford, J. S. Sandifer.  
The managers at each precinct named above, are requested to delegate one of their number to call upon J. S. SANDIFER, clerk of the commissioners of State and County Elections for York County, at Yorkville, S. C., on Thursday, the 7th day of April, 1904, to receive ballot boxes, poll list, registration list, registration book and instructions. Come prepared to take ONE BOX.

J. H. SAYE, Chairman,  
P. M. BARRIS,  
W. A. YOUNGBLOOD,  
Commissioners of State and County Elections for York County.  
March 21, 1904. 3-23-3t.

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