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The ground hog acted wisely in going back to his underground home.

Don't borrow your neighbor's paper. The subscription price is too small for you to practice such an imposition on your neighbor and the publisher.

We thank those friends who have called during the past week and paid their subscriptions. We feel certain that others will follow suit during the next ten days and that it will be only a short time until we shall be able to make the improvements spoken of in our last issue. If you are among the number who owe us, or who would see the paper improved, call or send us the amount due. Don't put this off.

HARDLY a day passes but that The Times is requested to urge upon the commissioners of York and Lancaster counties the necessity of immediate action in the repairing or rebuilding of the two bridges across Sugar creek, two miles east of this place, and it is with pleasure that we again invite attention to the fact. Both bridges are down and cannot be crossed except by foot and it is hoped that the supervisors of the two counties will get together and at once put the bridges in proper shape.

So the present legislature of South Carolina does not endorse the compulsory education law. This is one bill which we especially desired to become a law and we regret to note that it has been killed. The future welfare and prosperity of a certain class of the youth of the country demands such a law and we predict that the time is not far distant when the bill will pass by an overwhelming majority. The Yorkville New Era offers some consolation when it says that the voters may make a more fortunate selection by the time the next legislature convenes. Incidentally it may be added that the entire York delegation voted against the measure.

THE PIECE of humanity described as follows by the Waxhaw Enterprise needs no introduction to our readers: "Have you ever noticed the end-seat hog at church? Surely everybody has had to crawl over him many times to get a seat. May be you have often wondered, as we have, why the end-seat hog doesn't wait and come in last, so that other people would not be forced to crawl over him to get to their seats. Well, it's this way: he knows that there are other end-seat hogs just like himself, so he hastens to church to secure a favorite end seat before any of the other end-seat hogs get ahead of him. So the end-seat hog is always in evidence, early and late at church, and he's a pretty thing, too."

WITH each winter the question of securing fuel for heating purposes becomes a more serious problem with our people. The fact is that there is little wood to be cut and sold in this section, and in a very few years the people must necessarily look to coal for cooking and heating purposes. In view of this it appears that some of our enterprising young men could profitably engage in the wood and coal business. The trestle on the spur track running to the upper mill would be an ideal spot to locate a chute and a wood yard and the coal bins could be built there for about half what they ordinarily cost. It is certain that the railroad company would not object to the trestle being used for the purpose and it is equally certain that the land owners would grant a roadway to and from the yard. Here is an opportunity for some young man to do a profitable business with a small investment.

JUDGING by the number of trains that pass along the railroads on Sunday, the railroad officials have little regard for the laws of God and man. It is generally understood that there is a law in this State prohibiting the running of freight trains on the Sabbath, but it is possible for one to glance out almost any time of the day or night and see a freight train passing through. There is however a proviso in the statute permitting the running of trains loaded with perishable goods, but that this proviso is being strictly adhered to is doubted by many people. It is somewhat peculiar that the railroads find so many car loads of perishable goods at this season of the year. Speaking of running Sunday freights calls to mind a scheme which was said to have been worked by a railroad company in North Carolina to evade the law against operating freight trains on the Sabbath. The law there was similar to that of this State and the railroad was being greatly hampered by the persistence of the officers in enforcing the law. Finally, the railroad people got together and adopted a plan which, though just a bit novel, worked to perfection. A number of old plug males were bought

and stalled at a point just over the Virginia line and when the occasion demanded it would be bunched into a box car, and, with other carloads of merchandise, carried through the State to be unloaded at a convenient point in this State. They would then be hauled back to Virginia to await their return to this State the following Sunday. So accustomed did the animals become to making the trip, that they would hurriedly scamper to the place of loading when the car was rolled up. It has been said that the law has never been enacted that could not be evaded, and we have about reached that conclusion.

THERE is a spirited contest between the cities of Rock Hill and Chester as to which will get the Federal court building to be located in this section of the State. Committees from both cities have visited Washington and presented their claims as to best location, and it cannot be stated at this stage of the contest which, if either, city will win out, though Rock Hill, it is thought, is most favored at present. We do not wish to discredit Chester, but a healthier location and better people than there is in Rock Hill will be hard to find. We venture that if the department officials were to sap of Chester's limestone water, Rock Hill would get the court.

THE TOWN of Lancaster has been laboring for several years to get the Southern Railway to erect and equip a depot in keeping with the town's needs, and having failed, the matter has been placed before the legislature in the hope of compelling the railroad to build a suitable station. A bill to that effect introduced by Representative Foster, of Lancaster, has passed the House and will doubtless become a law within a few days. There are but few towns of importance in this section which have not in the past few years been provided with depots to meet the needs of the people and there is seemingly no excuse for the Southern having so long ignored Lancaster's demand.

THE LONGEST, hardest and most interesting fight of the present session of the general assembly took place in the House Friday over the Morgan local option bill, which passed its first reading by a vote of 63 to 47 and the vote was considered final so far as the view of the House is concerned. The bill provides for option between county dispensaries and prohibition, except in counties with cities of over 20,000, where a third option of high license is provided. The chief object of the Morgan bill is the abolition of the State dispensary. After the State dispensary is abolished the counties are to decide whether they wish county dispensaries or prohibition, except in Columbia and Charleston, where the third option is allowable. In the counties that are now prohibition the status is retained and can only change to county dispensary upon petition and ballot.

IT is the one aim of the publisher of this paper to keep an eye open for the best interests of our people and the welfare of the town, and in doing this it is found that there is room for a decided improvement in the matter of despatching mail south from this place. Under the present arrangement, and a very poor one it is, there is but one collection of southbound mail each day from Fort Mill. This is taken up by train No. 23 at 9:15 a. m., and it very often happens that this train is several hours late, which probably causes the mail to miss other trains at junctional points, thereby causing it to reach its destination many hours late. Not only does the present arrangement show up in bad light in this particular, but it often happens that mail must remain in the postoffice for many hours before beginning its journey southward. For instance, a letter mailed at 9 a. m. must necessarily lay in the postoffice until the following morning. But there is a remedy for this condition and there is little doubt but that if the authorities were asked they would grant it. This is to place a locked pouch on train No. 25, which passes here southbound at 5:50 p. m. and carry it as far as Rock Hill to be taken up by No. 22, which passes there at 11 p. m. This arrangement would be of great benefit to all and we would like to see an effort made to get it.

Letter to L. A. Harris  
Fort Mill, S. C.

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## DISPENSARY KILLED.

COLUMBIA, FEB. 7.—BY A MAJORITY OF 23 VOTES THE HOUSE PASSED THE MORGAN BILL ABOLISHING THE STATE DISPENSARY. THE BILL HAD ALREADY PASSED THE SENATE.

Culp McGregor.

Thursday evening at 8 o'clock, the Presbyterian church was the scene of a most beautiful wedding, the contracting parties being Mr. Jas. T. McGregor, of Walterboro, and Miss Tommie E. Culp. Miss Mary Boyd announced the arrival of the bride party by singing in a clear soprano voice "A Whispered Vow." As the sweet strains of Mendelssohn's march pealed forth under the skillful touch of Mrs. C. S. Link, every whisper ceased and all eyes waited anxiously for the entry of the bride party, which came in in the following order: First were the ushers, Dr. J. B. Elliott and Mr. N. L. Carothers, who entered from the vestibule, crossing and taking positions on opposite sides of the altar. Next came the bride and her maid of honor, Miss Margaret Warlick, of Charlotte. They were met at the altar by the groom and his best man, Mr. Jas. H. Thornwell, of Winnsboro, who entered from the rear of the pulpit. Dr. Jas. H. Thornwell, pastor of the bride, pronounced the marriage vows, the beautiful and impressive ring ceremony being used. The bride was beautifully gowned in white silk and carried an exquisite bouquet of bride's roses. She also wore a gold locket, set with diamonds, a gift of the groom. The maid of honor was becomingly gowned in white silk and carried a lovely bouquet of white carnations, while the best man and groomsmen were in full evening attire.

Immediately after the marriage the happy couple repaired to the home of the bride's mother, where they were the recipients of the best wishes of their friends. The many costly and useful presents, consisting of cut glass, silver, china, etc., attest the popularity of the couple among their wide circle of friends. Mr. and Mrs. McGregor left on the 10:15 train for their future home at Walterboro, where Mr. McGregor holds the position of superintendent of a cotton mill.

## Happenings in Gold Hill.

The ground-hog predicts bad weather for forty days, if that be the case, the farmers will not subside much this spring. We had a few pretty, warm days last week but the clouds now favor either rain or snow.

There is a great deal of sickness in the neighborhood. Mr. L. Wilson has been very sick for the past four or five weeks, but is likely to recover soon. Mrs. Hani Smith is seriously ill at her home in lower Steele Creek. Miss Hassie Smith of Charlotte has been very low, but is now better. The infant of Mr. Sam Blankenship is very sick with pneumonia.

Mrs. W. H. Windle and Mrs. C. P. Blankenship left last Friday to visit relatives in Chester. P. of S. E. Boney spent Saturday and Sunday in Chester. Mrs. Sallie Steward and her mother, Mrs. Richardson, of this section have moved to Fort Mill to occupy the widow Patterson's home on Booth Street. Mr. F. H. Merrill has moved to his new home in lower Gold Hill.

On account of the bad roads Rev. J. C. Chandler has changed the appointments of Philadelphia church. He will preach only two Sundays in a month, for the present—the first Sunday in the afternoon and the third in the morning.

Quite a large crowd attended the oyster supper last Saturday night given by Mr. S. C. Paris at his home. The crowd was furnished with music on the violin by Messrs. C. P. Blankenship and J. G. Smith. All report an enjoyable time.

## Pleasant Valley News.

At a meeting of the Farmers Association Saturday evening, Messrs. D. O. Potts and O. Barber were appointed delegates to the county convention Monday. We expect these gentlemen to stir up our supervisor on the repairing of Bailey's bridge.

Mrs. J. M. Harris attended the McGregor-Culp marriage in Fort Mill the past week. Messrs. R. W. Doster and R. Wolfe went to Lancaster the past week on business. Mrs. J. Z. Barks, after several weeks absence at one of the hospitals in Charlotte, returned home the past week very much improved. Messrs. P. P. Therrell and J. L. Pettus visited Charlotte the past week on business. Mr. W. L. Patterson, one of our hustling farmers, spent a couple of days in Lancaster last week. Our social set enjoyed themselves several hours Saturday

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Chas. W. Moore, a machinist, of Fort City, Pa., had his head frightfully burned by an electrical fire. He applied Bucklen's Arnica Salve with the usual result: "a quick and perfect cure." Greatest healer on earth for Burns, Wounds, Sores, Eczema and Piles. 25c at Ardrey's drug store.

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