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Why Not a Civic League?

THE TIMES is desirous always of doing what it can to promote the welfare of our people and of making the town a better place in which to live. But it does not claim to have a monopoly of these virtues. We have no doubt that there are many good women in the place who, once they are appealed to, will readily and willingly aid in furthering the health, order and beauty of the town. This is to say THE TIMES wishes to see the formation of a local civic improvement league, with its membership to be drawn from those ladies who are interested in fostering the care and planting of trees, shrubbery, vines, flowers, etc., and in beautifying and keeping in order yards, lawns, streets, cemetery, park, etc., of the city. This is a great work and we are sure that much can be accomplished by the women of the community if they will band themselves together in an organization for the purposes outlined. Nor will they have to depend upon their own efforts to accomplish the work. There are many men in Fort Mill who will assist in the uplift once their interest is aroused. This interest can best be aroused by the women. And there is little doubt that the active cooperation of the city council can be depended upon. Will not the good women of the community move in the matter? THE TIMES is willing to aid in the undertaking in any way that it can, and the columns of the paper are open for suggestions, etc., upon the subject.

Veterans Not to be Slighted.

For years there has been more or less complaint in Confederate veteran circles throughout the South that the veterans who attend the general reunions have not received the attention to which their services to the country entitle them; that the festivities incident to the reunions have been planned with the view of featuring the sponsors and their maids of honor, and thus slighting the old soldiers themselves. The pleasing information now comes from New Orleans, however, that this condition of affairs will not be tolerated at the general reunion to be held in Memphis June 8, 9 and 10. In an order just issued by General Evans, commander-in-chief, U. C. V., the statement is made that while nothing will be lacking in the entertainment of all who attend the reunion, the committee can not undertake to provide hotel expenses and carriages for the parade for the 2,000 or more sponsors and maids of honor who will be present. Indeed, it is not the purpose of the committee to allow the young ladies in the parade even though they supply themselves with carriages, "as the line must be made as short as possible, that the old heroes, for whose pleasure the reunions are given, who are rapidly growing fewer in numbers and feeble in body, may not be shut out of the entire line of march." This is an innovation which is certain to make the reunion one of added pleasure for the veterans. The pity is that at some of the former reunions it has appeared that the old soldiers were of secondary importance.

The Auto Highway Dream.

The Rock Hill Herald is anxious to see the proposed New York-Atlanta automobile highway pass through that city and is urging its friends on the other side of the Catawba to get busy and take the steps necessary to secure the highway. It affords this paper no pleasure to differ from The Herald on this or any other proposition, but we fail to see how the advantages to be derived from the opening of the road would outweigh the inconvenience and danger to the home people who would use the road in communicating with one another and otherwise—for, be it understood, it is not the proposition to build a new road for this automobile highway, but to improve the existing county roads. We are opposed to the proposition, so far as it affects York county, for the following reasons: No institution should be established in our midst which would be a menace to the life and property of our citizens. It is a fact too well known to require elaboration that the average automobilist once he is seated in his machine with an apparently clear stretch of road before him becomes so intoxicated with the pleasure of fast driving that he is entirely oblivious of the inconvenience and danger to which he subjects others and goes bowling over the highway at a mile-a-minute clip in a totally irresponsible and unmindful manner. Not one dollar of funds belonging to or to be collected from the people of York county through taxation should be expended on the improvement of any road except it be the purpose to benefit the entire citizen-

ship of the county as nearly as possible. Such is not the purpose of the proposed automobile highway. If built, it will be largely for the benefit of the Northern tourists who would come South in their machines to spend the winter. The interests of our own people are of secondary consideration. They would, of course, be permitted to use the highway when the use of it did not mean annoyance for some autoist. We trust that the New York-Atlanta automobile highway will not be built through this section. But there really is no reason for alarm; the proposition appears to be a dream.

The Fight on Tuberculosis.

Reports in the papers from the different parts of the country of the fight that is being waged to check the spread and ultimately stamp out tuberculosis is encouraging indeed. For several years the campaign against the disease has been vigorously pushed in the North and the results thus far attained have been gratifying to those engaged in the work. The mortality rate in some sections has been reduced 50 per cent as a result of the work. In the South, however, the work has just fairly begun and no statistics have been given, so far as we know, to show what effect the treatment has had upon this section of the country. In South Carolina the anti-tuberculosis league is actively at work and reports indicate that good work is being done in Abbeville, York, Sumter, Orangeburg and Kershaw counties. The physicians of these counties are battling vigorously against the disease and with the cooperation of the public hope to accomplish what will redound to the good of all the people. It is therefore for the public to say whether the physicians will succeed in their fight to rid the country of the great white plague, and we can only believe that the people are willing and anxious to help.

The Anti-Saloon League—What Is It?

In a recent issue of the Columbia State Mr. Wm. P. Calhoun, Esq., of Edgefield, smites hip and thigh the Anti-Saloon league, the alien organization which is trying to dictate to a vast number of South Carolinians as to how they shall vote in the liquor elections to be held in half of the counties of the State next August. We are pleased to see that THE TIMES is not alone in its opposition to the tactics and motives of this organization. We believe the South Carolina branch of the Anti-Saloon league is being promoted largely by a handful of politicians who hope to profit personally by the success of the league in this State—men who have little interest in the liquor question one way or the other save as a means to gratify their ambition to hold office. And when they get their snouts in the public trough, the people will awake to the fact that they have once more been buncoed. Meanwhile, the following synopsis of Mr. Calhoun's article presents the Anti-Saloon league in an entirely different light from that in which the people have heard of its "good" work through the press of the State. It is worth while to hear what Mr. Calhoun says of the league, and remember his incidental references to a few of its promoters:

It seems to be a fact that the people of this State are in favor of local option, a Democratic principle that no true Democrat will go back on. This brings to the front the real position of the Anti-Saloon league in the Democratic ranks. So far its conduct has been anything but Democratic. What is it anyhow? It is an organization with headquarters in Chicago whose sole aim is to accomplish its purpose without regard to the policies of the Democratic party. It levies toll on all States. It has its paid agents in a number of the States who have to carry out instructions from headquarters from Chicago without question. There is an executive committee which is said to be supreme in this State. The others simply contribute their money and do as they are ordered to do from Chicago.

The claims of Democracy are totally ignored by this organization, and that raises the serious question as to whether or not a member of that organization can be a Democrat and vote in the Democratic primaries, his allegiance being pledged, not to the Democratic party, but to the Anti-Saloon league. Thousands of dollars have been subscribed and forwarded to the headquarters in Chicago by the people of South Carolina; and for what purpose? To influence legislation. No member of that league will support or vote for a man who does not subscribe to or endorse the demands of the league unless there is no choice in the matter. That is a settled fact. The man or men who do that can not claim to be Democrats.

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The man, to be a member of the Anti-Saloon league or any other order, who directly or indirectly denies the people the right to decide this matter for themselves, regardless of his professions, is not a Democrat. He ought to pull out of the party and place himself where he belongs. Besides, the people do not want instructions from Chicago as to what they want; nor do they want Chicago money to influence them. Preachers do not know anything more about right and wrong than do ordinary intelligent citizens. Their place is in the pulpit to explain the Bible; and not to dictate even when backed by the Chicago Anti-Saloon league with its millions of dollars. Let them point out the way and try to convince people of what is right, but not to dictate

and leave the Democratic party.

There are now Messrs. C. C. Featherstone, John O. Richards, Mendel L. Smith and others ready to lead a split and to make the demands of the Anti-Saloon league the principles of their platform, regardless of the principles of Democracy. The conduct of Messrs. Richards and Smith in the legislature last winter is proof positive of their utter disregard of the rights of the people in the matter and of the old-time Democratic principle of local option.

No reasonable man would oppose temperance. At the same time, no man can call himself a Democrat and subscribe to the dictates of the Anti-Saloon league. No man is a Democrat who is opposed to local option.

Kill one house-fly and a thousand others will come to attend the funeral. This old saying, while not literally true, is borne out by sufficient fact to discourage the average man in trying to rid his premises of the pest. There is, however, encouragement in the successful war which has been waged on the yellow-fever bearing mosquito in various parts of the world during the last few years. Of course a single community cannot hope to accomplish much in destroying the house-fly; it will require the combined efforts of the entire country. But no one now questions the statement that the house-fly is an industrious little worker in the spreading of disease, and it would be well, therefore, for each of us to look after the cleaning of our premises. Much can be accomplished by a little exertion in this direction. It not only will lessen the pest, but will mean improved sanitary conditions generally.

If South Carolina had a few more officials who were as attentive to their duties as is Comptroller General Jones the Commonwealth would be in a much better condition financially. Recently General Jones has sent positive instructions to every county auditor in the State that all property owners who are liable to the income tax be required to make their returns at once. In the event that the auditors fail to comply with the law they are to be reported to the governor, who may remove them. General Jones is one officer who is not afraid to do his duty, and our people should retain him in the office of comptroller general as long as he cares to hold it.

We opine that Senator Tillman's explanation of his vote for a duty on lumber in defiance of the Denver platform and contrary to the consistent opposition of practically all of his constituents to the protective policy of the Republican party will not satisfy those who have sense enough to know that there can be no extenuating circumstance in such case for any South Carolinian elected to the United States Senate by Democratic votes. This one act of Senator Tillman will alienate more of his friends than any other act of his career. He can no longer claim to represent the wishes of our people in respect to the tariff.

The Times wishes to speak a word of congratulation to the local school board upon the good judgment displayed in the selection of a site for the new school building. The matter of a location for the school had apparently narrowed down to two sites and the site selected, we believe, by far more suitable for school purposes than the one rejected. If the selection of a site had been left to THE TIMES, and our choice could have been secured, the building would probably be built on a lot different to that selected, but under the conditions named the board acted wisely, and we hope that the public, along with THE TIMES, is well pleased.

In a speech in the United States senate a few days ago, Mr. Bailey, of Texas, denounced the author of a New York Times Washington dispatch, reflecting on his honor, as an "infamous liar." After the adjournment of the senate for the day, one W. S. Manning, of Sumter, S. C., connected with the Washington bureau of The Times, sought out Senator Bailey and in an insulting manner denied the authorship of the offensive article. Senator Bailey very promptly and properly slapped Manning's face. This incident doubtless will serve as an excellent example to "bottinskys" generally.

A news item conveys the intelligence that the deliberations of the recent international peace conference held at Mohonk Lake, N. Y., attracted attention throughout the world. It would be interesting to know what Governor Ansel, who was present, contributed to this world-wide interest. Perhaps he told his bewhiskered "Brother Crafford" joke, or, better still, expatiated on the greatness of Lyon, Christensen et al. in putting stripes on the dispensary grafters.

No, Ellabelle, Fort Mill's "400" is not composed exclusively of those who are able to trace their ancestry to the king of clubs or the queen of spades.

If the new school site doesn't suit you, don't "knock," for you are in the minority class. Besides, the world hates a "knocker."

These princess dresses that the city girls wear are indeed fetching, but there isn't enough cloth in some of them to flag a street car.

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TODAY—NOT TOMORROW.

Written for THE TIMES
by L. R. Medbery.

"Of all sad words of tongue or pen,
The saddest are, 'I might have been.'"

Perhaps 'tis true. And yet

In reminiscing may we not

From some mistake take heed,

Whereas, if it were quite forgot,

We might repeat the deed?

May not our errors serve to guide

Our future steps aright?

May not they help us to decide

To keep our future bright?

"It might have been" is said, no doubt,

Yet not alone in sorrow,

For sometimes we but turn about

And say, "I will—tomorrow."

Tomorrows often never come;

Day after day slips by,

And still the task is left undone

Without one faithful try.

And thus it is. "It might have been"

Points ever the same way;

"It may be" brings us back again,

And leaves us with—today.

It never does one good to brood,

Nor put things off a while;

Each leads to naught but lassitude,

And banishes the smile.

Good resolutions carried out

Should always be commended;

Reflection often helps, no doubt,

When some misstep is mended.

But he who gets the most from life,

And finds all ways most pleasant,

Heeds neither past nor future strife,

But does things in the present.

York Sunday School Association.

The second annual convention of the County Sunday School association will meet in the First Presbyterian church at Yorkville the 9th and 10th days of June.

Ministers and Sunday school superintendents of all evangelical Protestant denominations will be accorded all the privileges of regularly elected delegates and are invited to be present.

Each Sunday school in the county is asked to send one delegate and clothe them with authority to act for the Sunday school on all questions coming before the convention.

All officers of township Sunday school associations in the county should attend the convention, and they and the officers of the county associations will be recognized as official delegates.

All official and regularly elected delegates will be entertained by the Christian people of the city of Yorkville, and each one who expects to attend should write at once to Mr. W. B. Wylie, Yorkville, S. C., and ask to be assigned to a home. All notices of this kind should be sent in not later than June 5th, if possible.

The convention will be held for the purpose of helping all the Sunday schools of the county, their officers and teachers, and delegates are invited to bring any questions they would like to have answered.

K. of P. Grand Lodge Matters.

Members of the local lodge K. of P. and the public in general will be interested in the following extracts from the report of the grand lodge meeting held in Charleston the past week:

Officers elected for the ensuing year:

Past Grand Chancellor—L. S. Mattison, of Columbia.

Grand Chancellor—A. G. Rembert, of Spartanburg.

Grand Vice Chancellor—J. Walter Doar, of Georgetown.

Grand Prelate—F. K. Myers, of Charleston.

Grand Keeper of Records and Seal—C. D. Brown, of Abbeville.

Grand Master of Exchequer—Wilson G. Harvey, of Charleston.

Grand Master-at-Arms—J. Ligon Reeves, of North.

Grand Inner Guard—H. J. Cottingham, of Dillon.

Grand Outer Guard—W. R. Fishburne, of Columbia.

Past Grand Chancellor Mendel L. Smith was elected Supreme Representative to succeed Supreme Representative Edmund Bacon, whose term expired at this time.

Mr. J. Thomas Arnold was elected to succeed himself as a member of the board of publication of the Grand Lodge.

Mr. Frank P. Cooper, chairman, submitted the report of the Thornwell memorial committee, showing that more than \$3,200 had been collected by the committee during the past year for the establishment of a memorial to the late Grand Keeper of Records and Seal, Dr. J. H. Thornwell. The report showed earnest and faithful endeavor on the part of the committee.

The committee was continued by the Grand Lodge, and it was decided to invest the money, which has been raised and to divide the income arising from said fund among the church orphanages of the State in proportion to the number of orphan children of deceased Pythian fathers under the care of the same.

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Of Interest To Womankind.

The Newnan (Ga.) News in its last issue has the following item which will be of interest to Fort Mill people:

Mr. and Mrs. T. K. Lee have returned from their wedding trip to Fort Mill, S. C., where they visited the relatives of the groom, and are at home to their friends at the home of Dr. Hood, at Sargent. Mrs. Lee before marriage was Miss E. Hood, daughter of Dr. R. L. Hood, one of Coweta's best known physicians. She and Mr. Lee were united in marriage on the 12th of May at the home of the bride's father at Sargent, the ceremony being performed by Rev. W. W. Roop, of Carrollton.

The bride is an accomplished young lady and has many friends. Mr. Lee, who is from South Carolina, has been bookkeeper at Sargent for the Wahoo Mfg. Company for about 18 months and is a fine business man of splendid character. He has made many strong friends since locating in Coweta county.

Miss Marion Huggins returned to her home at Allendale Monday morning, after a pleasant visit of several days to relatives and friends here. Miss Huggins is well known in Fort Mill and vicinity, having at one time lived here with her parents, and her many friends hope that she will soon again pay the town a visit.

Among the young ladies who graduated with the A. B. degree from Winthrop college this week was Miss Ethel Pagram, of Gastonia. Miss Pagram is well known and popular in this city, her former home, and her many friends here will learn with interest that she has completed her course of study at Winthrop.

Mr. Jno. M. Patterson and sisters, Miss Bessie Patterson and Mrs. T. N. Lemmonds, of Charlotte, were visitors to Fort Mill Sunday and Monday.

—A total eclipse of the moon, visible to this section of the country, is scheduled to take place tonight. The eclipse will come on early in the evening.

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Fort Mill, S. C., June 3, 1909.

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