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**Financing for the People.**

As was pointed out in these columns several weeks ago, those who expected the General Assembly to respond to the demand for a lightening of the tax burdens this year were nursing a false hope. The amount the appropriation bill carries for State purposes is practically the same as that of last year. With the exception of the elimination of the two mill levy for roads, the general levy stands at 12 mills, including the half mill for rebuilding the Citadel. All of which forces the conclusion that the house and senate are dominated by members more anxious to accommodate the departments and institutions in Columbia by complying with the requests for big appropriations than to give relief to the people who have to pay the taxes. Incidentally, if there ever was a time when there should be a shaking up of the politicians of South Carolina, that time is close at hand. Examination of the various items in the appropriation bill discloses the fact that many thousands of dollars are provided for purposes that add little if anything to the efficiency of the government, while for other purposes the appropriations are too large and should have been materially cut. A few illustrations of how things are sometimes done in the General Assembly is interesting: A few nights before the session ended, the senate voted to eliminate the item of several thousand dollars for the budget commission, on the showing that the commission had failed to do anything to justify its existence. When the bill finally reached the conference committee of senate and house members appointed by the presiding officers to smooth out the differences between the two bodies, the item was put back in the bill, much to the disgust of those who know just what the commission has done and has failed to do. In another instance \$85,000 was allowed for buildings at the insane asylum in the face of the fact that more than a million dollars already has been spent at the asylum for buildings since the board of regents in 1915 entered a solemn agreement with the General Assembly to complete the building program of the institution for \$600,000. For the good of the taxpayers of South Carolina there is too much effective sob stuff poured into the ears of members of the General Assembly by persons connected with the asylum, but they get away with it and doubtless congratulate themselves upon their aptitude as dispensers of hot air. In the opinion of The Times an impartial investigation of the affairs of the insane asylum would disclose the careless expenditure of a great deal of money. In 1919 the management of the asylum applied for \$60,000 to purchase the 1920 supply of fuel for the institution. The General Assembly appropriated \$50,000. The amount the institution needed was \$29,000 as an examination of the records last fall disclosed. The house of representatives at the recent session cut the salary of the State highway engineer from \$6,000 to \$4,000. The conference committee on the appropriation bill put the salary back to \$6,000, exactly \$1,000 more than the salary of the governor, and allowed the secretary of the commission \$3,000, which is \$500 more than the salary of the attorney general or the State superintendent of education. We presume the secretary

of the highway commission threatened to quit unless his salary was restored to the amount allowed him by the commission, as if it would not be a good thing for the State if he did quit. Truly South Carolina has some statesmen looking after her affairs with peculiar ideas of the comparative worth of public officials.

**Discriminating Against Winthrop.**

One of the public matters that passes understanding is why the Legislature year after year fails to provide enough money to meet the needs of Winthrop college as outlined in the budget of the board of trustees. The best the friends of the institution in the Legislature seem to be able to do is to help get sufficient money to keep the college from being forced to close its doors. This year as for several years the appropriation fell short of what it should have been by several thousand dollars. What this means to the State is easily understood. Unless there are competent teachers for the public schools of South Carolina supplied by Winthrop college, whence will they come? In the opinion of this paper Winthrop college is doing more to advance the educational interests of the State than all the boys' colleges combined, yet we find that Winthrop, the only State supported school for girls in South Carolina, is allowed \$398,000 against a total of over a million dollars for the three boys' colleges. There is a way to remedy this discrimination against the girls of South Carolina and it lies with the women themselves. If they will go into the Democratic primary next year determined to see that the girls are treated fairly by refusing to support any candidate for the Legislature who does not announce without reservation that he will lend his support to securing adequate appropriations for the college a set of law-makers will be sent to Columbia in 1923 pledged to a square deal for Winthrop. The men of South Carolina having failed to give Winthrop the recognition the institution is entitled to, it is up to the women to see that this condition is remedied.

**RENEW ACQUAINTANCESHIP**

**Fort Mill Man Identified by Incident of His Boyhood.**

An interesting incident of the renewal of acquaintanceship between a Fort Mill man and a prominent citizen of another section of the State occurred a day or two ago after a lapse of 35 years, during which they had not seen each other. Both were attending a public meeting, at which the Fort Mill man in the course of a talk referred to his home town. Following the meeting the other citizen approached the Fort Mill man and said: "I think I knew you when you were a little boy. If you can tell me whether the following incident ever occurred in your life then I will know whether you were the boy I knew so many years ago: I was a student at Prof. A. R. Banks' academy in Fort Mill when I was a young man. One afternoon I was at the home of a young lady in the town and her canary escaped from its cage. The bird flew into a nearby tree and was perched upon one of the limbs when a little boy came along and volunteered to try to catch it. He climbed the tree, taking the cage with him, and after opening the door, hung the cage on a limb near the bird. In a minute or two the canary went into the cage. Then the boy again climbed the tree and brought the cage with the bird in it back to the young lady. Were you the boy who recovered the bird?" "I was," replied the Fort Mill man, "but the incident had passed out of my mind."

**Bale of Cotton 65 Years Old.**

B. Harris, State commissioner of agriculture, Tuesday night told The Times that he had in his office in Columbia a sample of cotton recently drawn from a bale grown in Laurens county 65 years ago. The bale is now stored in a warehouse in the city of Laurens. The cotton, Mr. Harris said, is as good today as it was when ginned more than a half century ago and has been the property of one family all these years.

Those who have a few idle moments might find it interesting to figure out how much money the cotton represents if the bale had been sold for \$75 65 years ago and this sum loaned out at 5 per cent interest, compounded quarterly.

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**FERTILIZER LACKING.**

**None Shipped to Fort Mill This Far for Cotton Crop.**

A remarkable condition exists in connection with the farming prospects of Fort Mill township for the present year. Up to this time not a pound of fertilizer for the cotton crop has been shipped into the community. At the place of business of the principal local dealer The Times was informed Tuesday that no orders had been placed for fertilizer and that the prospects were that none would be placed. "We have not received any applications for fertilizer," The Times was told. Another dealer who has for years supplied a number of farmers with fertilizer for their cotton said he had received a number of requests for fertilizer, but that he had declined to take the orders because he could not carry the accounts until fall. Ordinarily thousands of tons are shipped to Fort Mill during the spring for the cotton crop of Fort Mill township and the upper section of Lancaster county.

So far as The Times is able to learn, apparently there is no doubt about a reduction of the cotton acreage in this section this year of from one-third to a half. During the last week perhaps as many as 50 farmers have been asked the direct question whether they intended to plant the usual amount of cotton this year and without exception the reply has been in the negative. Voicing the attitude of the farmers generally one said, "We made a serious mistake by growing too much cotton last year and the price has gone way below the cost of production. It would be suicidal for us to repeat this year the mistake we made last year and perhaps be forced to sell the crop at 5 cents. We haven't the money to plant as big acreage as we planted in 1920 and in many instances it is a good thing the dealers are refusing to supply fertilizer on time. We must try to raise more home supplies this year and if we do this I do not think our section will be in as bad shape as some profess to believe."

**Stricken With Appendicitis.**

W. D. Wolfe, well known Fort Mill business man who is a member of the firm of Young & Wolfe, was stricken with appendicitis several days ago and Saturday morning was operated upon at St. Peter's hospital, Charlotte. Mr. Wolfe's condition was reported satisfactory yesterday and it is thought that he will be able to come home during the next week or ten days.

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**TAX EXTENSION.**

Office of the County Treasurer of York County.  
 York, S. C., March 21, 1921.

Pursuant to the Act of the General Assembly notice is hereby given that the time for the payment of taxes due between October 15 and December 31, 1920, has been extended to May 1, 1921, with a three per cent penalty added to all payments made after March 1. From May 1 to May 15, 1921, there will be a penalty of 7 per cent, and after May 15 all unpaid taxes will go into execution. Unpaid poll taxes will be placed in the hands of the magistrates of the several townships for prosecution.

All of the banks of the county are offering their accommodations and facilities to taxpayers who may desire to make use of the same, and I am taking pleasure in giving prompt attention to all correspondence on the subject.

All taxpayers appearing at my office will receive prompt attention.

Note—The tax books are made up by townships and parties writing about taxes will always expedite matters if they will mention the township or townships in which their property or properties are located.

HARRY E. NEIL,  
 Treasurer of York County.

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