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Governor Cooper makes some tractorjack appointments.

Mayor Blalock and Councilman Marshall are in an unenviable position as a result of the prosecution they will have to face on the charge of having had business transactions with the city in violation of a State statute, the mayor being accused of selling group insurance to the city for its employees and the councilman of selling hay to the city. The case against the men may fail, it is hoped that both will be able to prove their innocence; but whether the case fails or not it will serve to direct attention to the violation of this law which is believed to be widespread throughout the State. We have heard of numerous instances of officials taking advantage of their connection with the public's business to salt down a few extra dollars for themselves and these instances were generally known to the people directly concerned, but nobody seemed to take the species of official graft seriously enough to try to stop it.

Disregarding the business depression and the consequent inability of the people to pay an increased charge for anything, the South Carolina railroad commission grants the Bell Telephone company the right to increase its rates in this State. The rates of this company already were higher than they should have been and if any revision was to be made for its service it should have been made downward. Pretty soon the people of South Carolina as a whole are going to believe what some already believe—that the power vested in the railroad commission is seldom exercised in behalf of the people and that the commission is too frequently responsive to the pleas of the corporations over which it has supervision. Mandatory legislation in this connection looking to the safeguarding of the interests of the people would not be amiss. For instance, a law should be passed reorganizing the railroad commission and taking from it authority to grant public service corporations the power to increase their charges without the consent of the railroad committees of both houses of the General Assembly.

It will be surprising if the people do not have to pay the \$25,000 which a Richland county jury a few days ago awarded the plaintiffs in the Sandel case against the State. The evidence seemed to be clear and unmistakable that the State, acting through its board of health, furnished impure typhoid serum which caused the death of the Sandel child, and it is a reasonable conclusion that the facts in the case will not be disregarded by the supreme court should that tribunal hear the case on appeal. Somebody, some individual, connected with the State board of health is morally if not legally responsible for the death of the child and that responsibility should be definitely fixed. South Carolina pays sufficient sal-

aries to the employees of the board to insure the people against such negligence as was displayed in this case. The inexcusable sacrifice of the child's life was of course the most serious aspect of the case and the \$25,000 will not repay the parents for the loss they have sustained. But the \$25,000 is money the people would not have been called upon for had there been exercised by the State board of health the caution it is due the public. In the opinion of The Times the Sandel case emphasizes the correctness of the view expressed in these columns a few weeks ago—that the State board of health should be investigated by intelligent members of the General Assembly bent upon doing their duty.

"POTATO BUG TIME."

(Written for The Times.)
At this time of the year the Colorado potato bug, or "tater bug" as he is often called, is appearing on our young potato plants. If we do not destroy these bugs at once they will lay eggs which will soon hatch into the reddish looking grub worms that also eat the potato vines. In a month or six weeks a new generation of beetles may be produced. Therefore for every bug we destroy now we are destroying the possibilities of future bugs.

There are two old methods commonly in vogue for controlling or fighting these bugs. One is the old time-worn, laborious method of hand picking, which is not only back breaking but disgusting to most people. Another method is the applying of paris green as a dust or as a liquid in the form of a spray.

The modern method is to kill them with arsenate of lead in the dust or liquid form. Arsenate of lead, which is a white looking powder, may be obtained at drug stores or at other stores handling bug poison. It has three advantages over paris green: First, it hasn't the tendency to burn the plant foliage like paris green; second, it is white and one can

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better see how to apply it than paris green, which does not show up conspicuously on the plant; third, it sticks to the foliage better.

To apply it as a dust one should use a porous sack or bag. Place the powder in the bag or sack and in the morning when the dew is on the potato plants hold the bag above the plant to be dusted and with a stick tap the bag lightly until sufficient powder covers the leaves. Be sure and do not let the bag touch the dew or the powder will clog up in the sack. Also be sure to see that each plant is covered thoroughly.

If one has a good garden spray pump—say a five gallon compressed, air pump—he can use one-tenth of a pound of the powder to five gallons of water. Stir the powder into the water thoroughly. The addition of a small piece of laundry soap, about the size of a hen's egg, will make the poison stick to the plant better. If you spray or dust, do it now and do it thoroughly. R. M. S.

Yesterday Miss Anna Wolfe, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. W. D. Wolfe, was successfully operated upon at a Charlotte hospital for appendicitis.

Arrest Men, Seize Cars.

Circulating in Fort Mill township yesterday afternoon in search of liquor law violators, Sheriff Fred Quinn and State Constable Horace Johnson, arrested Hugh Wisner, "Bud" Hunter and P. H. Hinson, all of Fort Mill, on the charge of transporting and seized the Ford automobile of Wisner, after a shot was said to have been fired at it to induce the driver to stop the car near the Catawba river bridge. In connection with the arrest of the men and the seizure of Wisner's car, another Ford automobile, driven by a negro and bearing a North Carolina license plate, was seized by the officers. Wisner, Hunter and Hinson were each placed under a \$200 bond for appearance before Magistrate J. R. Haile Friday afternoon on the charge of transporting.

SANITARY TAX DUE.

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