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By and large the people of South Carolina are in bad shape financially and the promise of better times in the immediate future is one of those things all like to hear about but which few are really so credulous as to expect. Since the financial depression and the boll weevil struck the State about two years ago, to jointly make hard times for thousands of our people, we have been told so often by the daily press that conditions were again becoming normal that all faith in such stories has been lost. Except for the recent advance in the price of cotton, which helped only a few farmers and others fortunate enough to have on hand a part of last year's crop, nothing has occurred in recent months to ease the strain practically everybody has been under. Whether there is any merit or not in the claim that the Congress of the United States is doing what it can to cut down appropriations one hears no criticism of the body on that score. More than at any time in recent years, at least, the people are demanding economy in the conduct of the public business. They want their governments, both State and national, run on a scale which will call for the expenditure of less money and thereby relieve the tax burden as much as possible. In South Carolina an odd situation exists in this connection. A great majority of the people are convinced that the State government is costing too much, that in recent years many useless offices have been created and that much money could be saved if these offices were abolished and others run more economically. But let the suggestion come from a responsible source that the cost of running the State government should be cut down and a section of the daily press immediately throws up its hands and undertakes to belittle the suggestion by asking, "Would you destroy Winthrop college, would you turn the boys at the university out into the street, would you close the doors of the Citadel and the medical college, would you take from the inmates of the State hospital the food and clothing and treatment they need, would you cripple the public schools?" The motive behind the question is so apparent, and the same old question has been repeated so often, that it really is not worth taking seriously; but it befuddles the brains of some as it is meant to do and they are thereby led to believe that an army of iconoclasts who would tear down everything is about to be turned loose on the State. Nobody with enough sense to know that he is cutting his own throat with his knife wants to cripple or destroy any institution worth preserving, and the colleges and public schools are most assuredly worth preserving. But there are iconoclasts, agitators, boards, committees, whatever one's fancy may be, who call themselves "reformers" and who are not worth anything.

them upon the State should be repealed. There must have been so much as a hundred thousand dollars appropriated at the last session of the Legislature for the upkeep of these useless appendages of the State government. "But," we are told by the proponents of and apologists for high taxation and the squandering of the public funds, "suppose the hundred thousand were cut off, that would mean a saving of only one-fifth mill." That's what it would mean; but the frugal man does not refuse to add to his savings account five dollars because he hasn't so much as ten dollars to add to it, nor does the average man refuse to eat his breakfast because there isn't placed before him every morning sirloin steak or ham and eggs. If the Legislature does not see where it can save the taxpayers of the State one million dollars, is that any reason why one hundred thousand dollars that is being used to produce nothing should not be saved? When word comes from Washington that Democratic senators are trying to save the people from the injustice of the tariff the Republicans are trying to pass, everybody in this section looks with favor upon their efforts, but when the daily press of South Carolina, or a section of it, tries to justify extravagance in the expenditures of the State government there will be many to say that the daily paper probably knows more about the needs of the State government than anybody else and it would be well to follow its advice. As a matter of fact, the daily paper has no superior knowledge of the subject, but lots of people think it has.

Here is a bit of choice campaign thunder that the Democrats are apt to use to good advantage in the congressional elections next fall. It is from a speech delivered in the house of representatives last fall by Congressman Wood of Indiana, who has just been made chairman of the Republican congressional campaign committee: "I know the very serious condition that is prevailing throughout the land. I am only speaking the truth when I say that the people of this country employed in every vocation and in every character of business are giving this Congress hell. They are doing it because we have done nothing to stimulate business. They are doing it because we have done nothing to give employment to the unemployed. They are doing it because we have done nothing to benefit the farmer and stimulate the price of the farmer's products." This is the deliberate utterance of the man who has been given the task of reelecting the very Congress whose shortcomings he so pointedly described.

Possibly it doesn't make much difference, but a good many people frequently find themselves wondering why it is so seldom convenient for Senator E. D. Smith to attend the sessions of the United States senate.

We see by the papers that a young man named Rufus Grant is adjutant general of South Carolina and that he landed in the Orangeburg police court a few days ago on the charge of drunk and disorderly. At the time we thought it inconsiderate of the Orangeburg authorities not to allow the adjutant general to get as drunk as a ford and as disorderly as a striking dock worker if he saw fit without even thinking of making out a case against him. The plight of the adjutant general was really distressing to us, but we were greatly relieved when he assured the public in a communication to one of the daily papers that he was neither drunk nor disorderly.

The Republican leaders in Congress are still rubbing their eyes following the awful jolt they got in the North Dakota primaries. Senator McCumber's defeat for renomination was the plainest and most emphatic repudiation of the Harding administration the country has yet given, which is emphasized by the fact that McCumber had served 24 years in Congress and had risen to the chairmanship of the great committee on finance, where he was the spokesman of the reactionary Harding administration. Many of the great newspapers of the country had anticipated the result of the North Dakota primary, however, for they realized that the people have lost confidence in the Harding administration and are disgusted with the do-nothing Congress.

Announcement is made in Columbia that Governor Harvey has appointed ex-Governor Cooper as the South Carolina member of a committee of Southern men residing in Washington to oppose the passage of the Dyer anti-lynching bill, now before the United States senate. Governor Cooper wasn't born yesterday and he is apt to think twice before he becomes mixed up in a political contest in opposition to the attitude of those to whom he is indebted for the federal appointment he is holding. The loss of independence is one of the penalties one must pay for accepting political favors at the hands of those with whose policies he is not in sympathy.

Shower for Miss McMurray.

Among the parties recently given for Miss Esther McMurray, who is to be married Monday afternoon to Edward J. Ahern of Greensboro, N. C., was a shower by Miss Lana Parks last Thursday afternoon, at her home on Clebourne street. As Miss Ruth Meacham played the wedding march from Lohengrin, little Margaret Nims and E. S. Parks, Jr., entered the parlor dressed as a bride and bridegroom. The "bride" presented her shower bouquet to Miss McMurray, while the "bridegroom" handed her a key wrapped in a note which read as follows:

"There's a big suit case to match this key; if you want what's in it just follow me."

The guests then followed the "bridal" party into the dining room and there found a suit case tied with ribbons and bearing old shoes and "just married" placards. After the bride-elect had opened the suit case and inspected the numerous gifts, angel cake and mints were served by Misses Louise and Beulah Parks.

Souvenirs of the occasion were tiny pink umbrellas and pink bags of rice. As the guests were leaving the bride-elect was showered with rice.

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FORT MILL, S. C.
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CITY GOVERNMENT.
 A. C. LITTLE, Mayor
 C. S. LINK, Clerk
 A. L. OTT, Police Judge
 N. M. McMANUS, Chief of Police
DEPARTURE OF TRAINS.
 No. 31 Southbound... 7:55 a. m.
 No. 4 Northbound... 8:30 a. m.
 No. 113 Southbound... 11:21 a. m.
 No. 114 Northbound... 11:55 a. m.
 No. 5 Southbound... 5:33 p. m.
 No. 32 Northbound... 6:38 p. m.
MAILS CLOSE.
 For train No. 31... 7:20 a. m.
 For train No. 32... 6:10 p. m.
 For train No. 5... 5:10 p. m.
 For train No. 4... 8:10 a. m.
 Note—No mail is dispatched on trains Sunday afternoons.
POSTOFFICE HOURS.
 Daily... 7:45 a. m. to 6:30 p. m.
 Sunday... 7:45 to 9:30 a. m.
 S. W. PARKS, Postmaster.

TOWN OF FORT MILL

Receipts and Disbursements for Three Months Ending June 30, 1922.

RECEIPTS.

Cemetery account	\$ 17.00
Fines	368.50
License tax	253.11
Repaid property tax	128.22
Property tax ('21 levy)	242.86
Sanitary tax ('21 levy)	6.00
Street tax	1,164.00
Street dept. (gravel sold)	73.00
State firemen's fund	82.80
Suspense acct. repaid	58.20
Interest earned	145.11
Total	\$2,538.80

DISBURSEMENTS.

Appropriation, July 4	\$ 46.80
Bills receivable	35.00
Bills payable	3,040.30
Care of prisoners	19.45
Cemetery department	143.20
Fines returned	35.00
Fire department	55.00
Health department	114.80
Interest	581.92
Legal services	12.50
Lighting department	490.12
Office exp. and supplies	94.25
Police department	391.33
Parks and wells	2.00
Public printing	31.25
Public works comsn.	6.00
Salaries	334.50
Sanitary dept.	243.48
Street tax refunded	9.00
Street dept.	802.44
Town hall repairs	4.50
Total	\$6,492.84

Excess of disbursements over receipts... \$3,954.04
 Cash on hand April 1... \$3,588.92
 Note discounted... 500.00
 Cash in office, April 1... 256.57

Total... \$4,345.49
Balance... \$ 391.45
 C. S. LINK,
 Clerk and Treasurer.
 Attest—B. D. Culp, G. W. McKenzie, J. W. Gunn, Finance Committee.

The straight and narrow road may not abound with beautiful scenery, but it is paved with something better than good intentions.

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