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THE CHAUTAUQUA

For several seasons past the Redpath Chautauqua have filled engagements in Camden, and are to be here again within a few weeks. They are no strangers in Camden and the very high class of programmes which they have presented makes their coming again a pleasure to the people of this community. Their entertainments are highly educational as well as entertaining, and we trust that conditions will be favorable for all of our people to attend the Chautauqua when it comes. In order to bring them here it was necessary for a number of our patriotic citizens to sign a contract guaranteeing a certain sum of money, and we wish at this time to call attention to this fact so that when you are asked to buy a season ticket that you will not hesitate to do so. A season ticket only costs \$2.50 and this is a small sum for the individual to pay, while if a sufficient number of tickets for any reason should not be sold then those who signed the contract to bring the Chautauqua here again will be the losers. The response should be so liberal in the purchase of tickets that it will be an easy matter to get volunteers to sign up again and make these splendid entertainments an annual event in Camden.

GETS NEW TRIAL.

Edmund Bigham, convicted three years ago of the murder of his brother, Smiley Bigham, and under charges of having killed his mother, his sister and two adopted children, was last week granted a new trial in Florence by Judge John S. Wilson. Bigham was sentenced to electrocution. Notice of a motion for a new trial was made and refused. An appeal was taken to the supreme court and he failed again. Every means his attorneys could conceive of was resorted to in order to get a new trial but every effort was a failure until last year the supreme court granted permission for the defendant to move before the circuit Judge for a new trial. At the first term of court held in Florence where the motion was to be made, after the permission had been granted, the trial Judge who heard the case and sentenced the defendant presided and this disqualified him and his motion was postponed until this week, when Judge Wilson heard the motion and granted a new trial. Bigham was represented by A. L. King, of Florence, and Judge M. L. Smith, of Camden. They were naturally very much pleased at the decision to grant a new trial. Judge Wilson said that he did not hesitate to say that the after-discovered evidence should go before a jury and they should say whether or not Smiley Bigham and not Edmund Bigham committed the horrible crime. When Judge Wilson announced his decision Bigham leaned over and kissed his faithful wife, who sat with him throughout the ordeal, and tears were in the eyes of both of them. Silently they expressed their joy over the victory. Bigham is quoted as saying after the decision that he had always believed that he would get justice, "otherwise I should never have been able to stand the strain. Remember while I was in the death cell at the State penitentiary, more than a half dozen men walked by my cell door to the electric chair. In the face of all this I have never faltered in my belief that in the end all would come out right for me. I am innocent and justice will prevail."

Bigham was put on trial shortly after the commission of the crime, and public opinion at the time was very strong against him, and the presiding Judge did not seem inclined to show him any quarters, but ruled against him in almost every instance as we remember. He was convicted upon circumstantial evidence and since his conviction, a letter purporting to have been written by his brother Smiley, for whose murder he was convicted, has been brought to light, and it indicated strongly that Smiley did the killing. The letter was pronounced forgery by one of the circuit Judges, while some reputable citizens swore that they believed it was Smiley Bigham's handwriting. This was a strong factor in securing a new trial after the many legal battles that have been carried on in his behalf for the past three years.

THE STERLING-TOWNER BILL  
There has been a good deal of discussion with reference to the Sterling Towner educational bill. In some quarters there has been positive objection to the use of the funds provided under this act for the benefit of the public schools. This objection comes more largely from the fact

that it will have the effect of putting our school interests into the hands of the federal authorities and much dissatisfaction and possibly considerable harm may result. We do not know just what the provisions of the act is, but we are among those who believe that there has been too much already of centralizing of power in Washington that we are inclined to steer clear of the financial aid that this measure might afford. It is understood that the executive board of the South Carolina Federation of Women's Clubs favors this bill. Miss Wil Lou Gray, a very capable and enthusiastic school worker has written to Congressman Fred Dominick asking endorsement of the bill. From the tone of Mr. Dominick's reply there will be slim chance of getting his endorsement, and we are inclined to believe that he is right. In his reply to Miss Gray he says:

"I can not and shall not support this educational bill, and if you will pardon me for saying so, I am surprised that the bill has your endorsement, in view of your connection with educational work in South Carolina, and that the education of the children in South Carolina, in so far as the federal government is concerned, should be compared and put on a basis with the development of our highways.

"I have no objection to the federal government helping us to build our highways or assisting in some of our higher branches of education. I do strenuously object to the establishment of a department of education here at Washington, with a cabinet officer, who will ultimately direct the running of our public schools. The bill on its face is very innocent but any one who is at all conversant with legislation here at the capitol knows that just as soon as the department is established, notwithstanding the fact that they claim that all funds are to be expended under local state officials, it will be only a short while before the federal government is directing our public schools. And inasmuch as you have compared education to the development of highways I would respectfully call your attention to the fact that today the federal government is absolutely controlling the location of our local state highways wherever they put a dollar in the construction of the highways."

MEDICINE VS. MILK.

Land is a living—and milk is life. In a recent advertisement of the Metropolitan Life Insurance Company, written with a view to prolonging the lives of its policy holders, a tribute to milk is paid. The sum and substance of the appeal is to drink more milk and use less medicine. The ad writer says:

More than \$219,000,000 a year for patent medicines in the United States! This is the astounding figure quoted by the latest government census of manufacture. And this figure—startling as it is, represents only the wholesale cost of these medicines—not the retail price paid by the public in its frantic search for health.

"There are times now and then, when we all feel a little below par. If, instead of rushing off for a bottle of Dr. Bunkum's Tonic to brace us up, we would go to Nature herself for the greatest of all food-tonics—milk—we would be a different lot of men and women—the only food she ever made solely for food. It cannot be reproduced artificially. Only Nature herself can so perfectly blend all the elements of a well-balanced diet as she has in milk.

"Milk sounds like patent medicine when all its virtues are catalogued. It is the oldest prescription in the world—Nature's prescription for the building of strong healthy bodies, Nature's revitalizer, Nature's maker of rich, red blood, Nature's nerve quietizer, Nature's antidote for that 'tired feeling.' If milk were announced for what it really is, 'the greatest body builder and health restorative in the world' people would flock to buy it.

"Milk is an ideal food for all ages—not just a pleasant drink for children. It looks simple, but it is the most complex food in the world—liquid meat, sugar and fat with mineral salts and life-giving vitamins added.

"Nutrition experts declare milk to be the most nearly perfect food we have as well as one of the cheapest, for it can take the place of so many expensive foods. A quart of milk contains the same 'energy' value as 8 eggs, or 2 pounds of potatoes, or 3/4 of a pound of lean beef, or 1-3/4 of a pound of cheese."

"One of the best things we have been doing in this part of the country in the last few years is the improvement of the dairy cattle of this county. No better cows are owned in the South than are to be found in Spartanburg County dairies, but we are still short of milk. The city is consuming only about a third as much milk as it should consume. However, we have the idea at work and in due time Spartanburg will be drinking more and more milk.—Spartanburg Herald.

Children Cry  
FOR FLETCHER'S  
CASTORIA



## Such popularity must be deserved

RADIO—sweeping the country—daily gains new devotees by thousands.

Chesterfield—matching Radio's swift rise—is gaining thousands of new smokers every day. Such popularity is never an accident.

It can't just happen—it must be deserved.

Chesterfield has come up fast because men know, by Chesterfield's better taste, that here is real superiority—of tobaccos and blend!

# Chesterfield

CIGARETTES

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A report from Washington says that Congressman Gasque, of Florence, had his car stolen from him. It was a Studebaker car which he purchased in Florence and was almost new. He drove it to Washington when the session opened and he had his car parked where he was accustomed to park it when it was stolen from him. If there is any surprise about this it is the fact that a thief in Washington would steal so small a thing as a car unless they suspected that there was some oil in it and some fellow hungry to get into an oil deal swiped the car of our friend Gasque.

### BURDENS LIFTED.

From Camden Backs—Relief Proved by Lapse of Time.

Backache is a heavy burden; Nervousness, dizziness, headache. Rheumatic pain; urinary ills; All wear one out.

Often effects of kidney weakness. No use to cure the symptoms, Relief is but temporary if the cause remains.

If it's the kidneys cure the cause. Doan's Pills are for kidney ills; Read about your neighbor's case. Here's Camden testimony. The kind that can be investigated.

D. L. Melton, 814 Fair St., says: "I suffered with headaches that were unbearable. My nerves were on edge and the least noise bothered me. My kidneys acted too frequently at night. Doan's Pills certainly relieved me of all the trouble." (Statement given February 18, 1918.)

On February 18, 1922, Mr. Melton said: "On the strength of what they did for me in the past, I am glad to recommend Doan's Pills again."

Price 60c, at all dealers. Don't simply ask for a kidney remedy—get Doan's Pills—the same that Mr. Melton had. Foster-Milburn Co., Mfrs., Buffalo, N. Y.

### EXCURSION FARES VIA SOUTHERN RAILWAY.

For special occasions on the identification Certificate plan, one and one half fare for the round trip.

**WASHINGTON, D. C.**  
National Society Daughters of American Revolution. Tickets on sale April 9th to 15th, final limit April 25th.

**WASHINGTON, D. C.**  
American Chemical Society. Tickets on sale April 17th to 23rd, final limit May 2nd.

**ATLANTA, GA.**  
Coca-Cola Bottlers Association. Tickets on sale March 7th to 13th, final limit March 19th.

**NEW ORLEANS, LA.**  
Automotive Equipment Association. Tickets on sale March 27th to April 2nd, final limit April 11th.

**CINCINNATI, O.**  
Music Supervisors' National Conference. Tickets on sale April 3rd to 9th, final limit April 17th.

**CLEVELAND, O.**  
Society of American Florist and Ornamental Horticulturists. Tickets on sale March 28th to April 3rd, final limit April 10th.

**COLUMBIA, S. C.**  
South Carolina Teachers Association and Colored Teachers Association. Tickets on sale March 10 to 15, final limit March 21st.

For fares, schedules or other information apply to local ticket agents, or S. H. McLean, DPA, Columbia, S. C.

### MAGNOLIA GARDEN WEEK-END EXCURSION

In order to give the people of the state an opportunity to visit the famous Magnolia Gardens at moderate expense the Southern Railway will sell very low round trip excursion tickets to Charleston on Friday April 4th, with final return limit Tuesday, April 8th.

These tickets will be good going all regular trains and on special train leaving Columbia 3:00 P. M., arriving Charleston, 7:30 P. M., April 4th, connecting at Kingville with train 113 for Blacksburg, York, Rock Hill, Lancaster and Camden. Through coaches will be provided on all regular trains into Columbia and Kingville and handled to Charleston on this special train, affording most comfortable accommodations to all who wish to visit Charleston on this occasion.

Tickets will also be good on train 16, leaving Columbia 3 o'clock morning of April 5th, which carries Pullman sleeping cars open for occupancy at 9:00 P. M.

Special Pullman sleeping cars may be arranged from any point to accommodate groups of 25 or more people. Don't miss this grand opportunity to visit one of the most beautiful places in the world, as well as enjoy a trip to historic Charleston.

For detailed information apply to local ticket agents, or address S. H. McLean, DPA, Columbia, S. C.

**WANTED**—All kinds of junk, scrap iron, metal, rubber, wrecked automobiles, hides, and other waste material. Don't sell before you see or write us. Apply to Snyder's Store or write Box 21, Camden, S. C.

The regular communication of M. is held on the first Tuesday evening of each month at 8 p. m. Visiting brothers cordially welcomed. M. BILLINGS, Sec. W. F. Nettles, W. M.



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There's nothing like it to put you in shape for the day's duties or pleasures.

There's nothing like Dr. Miles' Nervine to bring refreshing, restful slumber.

Buy a bottle. If it does not help you, we'll give your money back.

Your druggist sells it at pre-war prices—\$1.00 per bottle.

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