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Camden, S. C.


To-morrow will be the last day for the payment of city taxes without the penalty. Pay up and avoid extra cost.

A magazine gives this very wholesome advice: "When attempting to climb the ladder of fame, be sure that its top rests on something solid. Don't try to climb up into air."

Thirty Spaniards, unable to read or write, arrived in New York direct from Spain recently. All are going to mining town in the West. Since the war the immigration from Spain to the United States has increased 100 per cent.

## Cannot Collect for the Charts.

Assistant Attorney General W. X. Gunter has filed an opinion in regard to the school law which may have great effect upon stopping the further purchase of charts, and which may lead to the rejection of a number of warrants now outstanding. He interprets the law to mean that no supplies can be bought during one school year and paid for out of the funds of another year, as has been done in many instances.

### Meeting of Veterans.

Camp Richard Kirkland met at the opera house according to previous announcement on Saturday 1st inst., Commandant Hough presiding. The Commandant explained the object of the meeting, to convey this to the State organization and to the Federation at large, to elect delegates to the Charleston meeting in the Federation in May next, and to select a lady sponcer, and a maid of honor to represent the camp there &c.

A resolution was offered and passed that we do recognize, and that each member present, wishing to remain a member of the organization, sign roll paying as he signed the roll the annual dues to the Federation and the annual dues to the State organization. Thirty eight comrades promptly responded paying each 15c making the total receipts for dues $5.70. A resolution was also passed inviting those members of the camp, not present, who wished to remain members, to come forward, enroll their names, pay the dues, or send their names to the secretary, with dues, before the next meeting on Saturday, 6th of May. These dues are due and payable annually on the 1st of April of each year.

Commandant C. C. Hough who has been serving us so faithfully since the death of our late lamented Kerkland, tendered his resignation. A resolution of thanks was voted him for the camp, for the efficient manner in which he has discharged his duty as Commandant.

On motion the election of delegates was deferred until our next meeting on 6th of May.

Miss Rosa Cantey was selected by the camp as Lady Sponsor to represent them at the Charleston meeting in May next, and Miss Annie Anderson was selected to represent us as Maid of Honor.

The following officers were elected: E B Cantey, Commandant; James L Haile, 1st Lieut Commandant; Dr A A Moore, 2nd Lieut Commandant; E L Sill, 3rd Lieut Commandant; Allen Dees, Adjt; J F Villepigue, Quarter Master; J C Rollings, Commissary; Dr A A Moore, Surgeon; Rev W W Mills, Caspian; W F Russell, Color of the Day; W D McIlwain, Color Sergt; John Boone, Valette; H C Raymond, 1st Color Guard; J E Alexander, 2nd Color Guard.

On motion the commandant of the camp, with Mr E Miller to act, was appointed by the Executive Committee of the State organization to solicit the following named gentlemen to solicit contributions in money and supplies to aid Charleston in entertaining the veterans in May and to forward such money and supplies when they may collect to Mr E Miller Box 6, Camden S C, by 1st May next to wit: G M Pearce, Alex Johnson, D M Bethune, N A Bethune, Moses Hooker, Sr, D Brasington, James Cato, D M Kirkley, J A West, S J T Young, W T Russell, J R Magill, John G Richards, Jr, J A Watts, J H Williamson, Joel J Jones, J L Gettys, Jr, G P Bowen, D E Spencer and Allen Medlin.

Comrades, South Carolina has invited the Federation U C V to meet with us at the metropolis of our State in May next, so it is our duty to aid Charleston in entertaining the veterans, as the State's honor is at stake, and Charleston is working heroically to make the meeting a success, which cannot be done, however, without our assistance. Then let us respond nobly to a noble cause, by sending to Col E Miller Boykin, Camden, S C, who has been appointed for Kershaw County to collect money and supplies to be forwarded to Charleston by 1st May, as stated, for the entertainment of our guests, the United Confederate Veterans.

The camp will please take notice that our next meeting will be on 6th May next, and that no further notice of said meeting will be published.

Joel Hough,
Sec Camp Richard Kirkland.

## Those Charts.

The Sentiment at Tunrod as to The Recent School Chart Swindle.

Ed Chronicle:—Mr Tax P. Ayer in your issue of the 17th inst. asks for the prevailing sentiment in regard to what he calls the "Recent School Chart Swindle."

We suppose that Mr. Ayer calls this the recent swindle to designate it from other similar raids that have been made on the school funds of the Co during the last decade. A review at these raids might be of interest to other members of the Ayer family. First we will call attention to the raid of 1888-90. This raid consisted in the purchase of quite a large number of maps, paying an exorbitant price for them. In the purchase of these maps the trustees seemed to be as reckless or careless as many persons are in signing petitions; but in many instances the maps were never called for by the trustees and if not recently destroyed, are perhaps still in Camden. From this it would seem that the maps were bought not for the benefit of the schools, but for the benefit of the agents and publishers, as apparently they were the only parties that were profited by the transaction.

During the years 1891-92-93-94 no slick tongued agents were authorized by the Co. Board to canvass the Co., bamboozle the trustees and rob the Tax P. Ayer family of their meager school funds. The rule practiced by the board was, that no school supplies were purchased without an application from the teachers and trustees concerned, and that too, unprompted by a professional sharper. The result was that very few of any purchases in this line were made during these years.

During the years 1895-96 the professional sharper was again turned loose in the Co., ever with offered recommends to loosen around the various school districts. In these years the climax of official credulity seems to have been reached in the school supply business, for quite a large amount of orders for school supplies were paid before the goods were shipped, and, consequently they were never shipped, yet Mr. Tax P. Ayer and his family footed bill's all the same. To show beyond a doubt, that it was a case of intentional fraud on the part of the agent, he immediately quit canvassing when the Co. board advised the School Commissioner not to approve any more claims until the goods were shipped.

While it appeared that the climax in the school supply business was reached in 1895-96, yet the closing years of this 19th century have revealed facts to show that such was not the case. But surely it has been reached now in the matter of the Evans Antiquated Chart, with its scrupulous agents were sent out broadcast, not only over this Co. but over nearly every Co. in the State, with instructions to sell at all hazards, even if necessary had to be bribed. At least it seems that this must have been the instruction for it was recently stated at a meeting of the teachers association in Sabula Co. that one teacher who it seems was somewhat obstinate about signing member for the Evans Chart, was offered and received ten dollars for his signature. Now while we have no direct evidence to show that such an offer was made and accepted elsewhere, yet we have no evidence to the contrary. 'Tis passing strange that the St to Supt of Education, the Co Superintendents and boards of trustees should all with one accord and at the same time become so thoroughly hypnotized with the Chart mania that $10,000.00 (and I be spent in the State within sixty days for the Evans Chart at the exorbitant price of $37.50. The chart might easily be sold for $7.50 as a handsome profit. Who pay this enormous price to a traveling agent when the Co. Supt of Education could keep charts as they do school books and sell them to trustees at cost? This whole business looks infinitely dirty not to be some fish in it. There were certainly some snakes in it.

Tax P. Ayer, No 2.
Flat Rod, S. C. Mar. 25, 1899.

### West Wateree.

Editor Chronicle:—We see a piece in your last issue from Tax P. Ayer, concerning the chart purchase. He asks that the teachers, tax payers and citizens give their prevailing sentiment in reference to said charts. So far as we can learn every one in our district except one of our teachers is well pleased with the charts. We think it the best thing to aid in teaching, furthermore we have ever seen. So far as tax payers swindle and outrage is concerned, it is not worth listening to. It looks like the editor of The Messenger took snuff and the teachers association sneezed. According to a resolution adopted in that association they have practically abolished the board of trustees and made the County Board of Education powerless. We did not buy the charts because some one else liked them or disliked. We bought on our judgment because we thought they were a good thing and we think so yet. We will admit the charts are high but the price was fixed by the State Board and we have nothing to do with that. Speaking about a waste of money we think the enormous prices paid some of our teachers is the most waste we have. I move that the trustees hold an association and cut the salaries of the teachers down and pay for the charts and then run the schools longer; I mean those that are getting too much. We could say a great deal more but we don't like to take two much space this time.

Newton Kelly.
Trustee School Dis't. No. 16.

## Preaching at Cook's Church.

Preaching will be regularly at Cook's Church the 1st Sabbath of April and May by Rev W. W. Mills.

## Page.

Mr. P. Harris, Agent, Lexington, Ky., writes: I have used Hunt's Lightning Oil with other work and find it a good liniment. Have used it for sprains and bruises and find it to be all you claim for it. Have also used it for sore throat and find it to be a good remedy. Mr. W. L. Cox, of this city, has been using it for rheumatism and says it is the best he ever used. Mr. Cox is a well known citizen of this city. We wish for him great success in introducing your valuable remedy. Yours truly, Page & Co. Druggists. Hunt's Lightning Oil will not be sold to dealers who substitute. There is a reason why it is the best. Ask your druggist why. Hunt's Lightning Oil is for sale by all druggists. Price 25 and 50 cents per bottle. Trial size 10 cents. Manufactured by the Lightning Oil Co., Columbia, S. C.


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Feb. 7, 1899.


## REGISTRATION NOTICE.

OFFICE OF
SUPERVISORS OF REGISTRATION,
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CAMDEN, S. C. MAR 21, 1899.

The Supervisors of Registration for Kershaw County will be in their office at the Court House in Camden, S. C., on the first Monday of each month from 9 o'clock a. m. until 3 p. m., and ten days before the general election in 1900 for the purpose of registering voters.

J. D. RICHARDS, Chairman.
HANNIS EMMONS, Clerk.
ALEXANDER BROWN,
Members of the Registration Board for Kershaw County.

## Probate Court Notice.

Office of Judge of Probate,
Camden, S. C., Mar. 15, 1899.

To All Whom it may concern:

The Annual Settlement of the Estate of [illegible] and the Guardianship of [illegible] will be made to the Court of Probate for Kershaw County, on the 1st day of April next, and application will be made for a final discharge from said Trusts.

C. C. Haile,
Probate Judge.


## FOR SALE.

That Fine Cotton Seed, which was made by N. B. Smith in the the town of Camden, S. C., which seeds were purchased from T. A. Jackson, of Atlanta, Ga., in 1897. As the Cotton is patented I cannot use the name "Jack-on African Limbless." For information parties can write to planters in Kershaw county or the Clerk of the Court, who will give you all the information about the cotton seed. I have reduced the price to $3.00 a bushel of 25 cents a pound. Prompt attention given to orders at W. Geisenheimer's Furniture Store, Camden, S. C. G. W. CROSBY, Agent.

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## FRESH GOODS

coming in every day. I went in business in 1891 when cotton was about the same price it is now and I am still here doing my share; some predicted that I would not pull through that season. Low priced cotton don't frighten me. I have gone through a heavier battle than this. I sold my goods for such small profits. I find that it pays to make small profits and quick sales. I have kept it up and I don't want to change. I will say to those who have acres in the country to come in I will divide the profits with you as I have always done. Some business houses will tell you they carry a larger stock than I do; you can say to them you get more for a dollar

## AT HINSON'S

than you get from them, it make but little difference to you how much stock they carry. What you want is all you can get for your money. I am satified with the past and I know I will be with the future for I am working just as hard for your trade as I ever did. Come on you will find me at the same place.

Yours Respectfully,

## D. E. HINSON.

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Proprietor.

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It is a fact perhaps not generally known that the weekly Constitution has the largest circulation of any newspaper on the western hemisphere. Only a few months ago a large newspaper directory questioned the claim of circulation made by The Constitution and put up a forfeit of $100 that it could be disproved that it had more than 100,000 circulation. The Constitution promptly accepted the offer and submitted its books to the representative of the firm. Mr. George P. Rowell, publisher of the newspaper directory, acknowledged his error publicly and paid the forfeit.

The Constitution, while being a democratic newspaper, is first and above all things a newspaper. It is a twelve page, seven column weekly, making eighty-four columns each week. Its subscription price is $1 a year, but if taken under the arrangement with this paper we can give them both at the price above named.

The Constitution has a special correspondent in every important city in the United States and a representative in all of the leading centers of the world.

During the war with Spain, which has just been brought to a close, the reports of no newspaper in the South could compare with its news presentation from the front. Its special staff representative sailed with the army when it first embarked from Tampa, and of the 120 correspondents who went to Cuba, he was one of only seven who remained to see the flag hoisted over the public buildings in Santiago. Its special representative also accompanied the fleet in the Caribbean Sea, and its Washington special service covered every detail of the important war reports originating at the capital.

The Weekly Constitution during the late Spanish war served the news of all the notable events, from first to last, with the promptness of a daily. The victory of Dewey at Manila, the death of Ensign Bagly, the movements of troops and fleets, the destruction of Cervera's fleet, the operations in Porto Rico, the treaty, and the unfurling of the stars and stripes over Morro Castle, Havana, were all given in The Weekly on Monday, on the very day the news first appeared in the daily.

The Weekly Constitution makes a special feature of its agricultural page, which is presided over by Colonel R. J. Redding, director of the Georgia experiment farm, and a man who is recognized as an expert on all agricultural topics. He gives a full page every week on agricultural matters. A page is devoted to the women and a page to children, these two departments being presided over by Mrs. William King.

Among the regular staff members of The Constitution are Joel Chandler Harris, Frank L. Stanton and others well known throughout the country, while among its special contributors are such men as Wallace P. Reed, Bill Arp, Sarge Prentiss, Betsy Hamilton, Dr Talmage and others of national reputation.

The Constitution has just completed the thirtieth year of its existence, Clark Howell being the editor and Colonel W. A. Hemphill its business manager. Its name is a household word in every southern state, from Virginia to Texas. It has always been in especially close touch with the agricultural masses of the south, and in having reached a circulation which carries it into 150,000 homes it has won a unique distinction which ranks it among the greatest of American weekly newspapers.

The Constitution will send a sample copy of its great Weekly free to any one sending his own name and the names of six neighbors, on a postal card.

Every man should take his county newspaper before anything else, and next to this he should take a good general newspaper such as The Constitution. His county paper gives him the local home news, which is not supplied by a newspaper furnishing the general news from all parts of the country and from all over the world. Before a man seeks information from outside, he should first feel sure that he is being kept posted on what is going on at home. That is why he should take his county paper first. When, however, the opportunity is offered to get the best weekly paper in this country with your home paper, the inducement is such as to merit prompt response from our readers.

We will be glad to receive clubbing subscriptions with The Chronicle and The Constitution, and if there are any who are now subscribers to The Chronicle, who wish to take The Constitution also, we will be glad to receive subscriptions to the latter and forward them.


## NAVAL CADET.

Competitive Examination for U. S. Naval Academy.

Notice is hereby given that a competitive examination will be held in the city of Rock Hill, S. C., on Tuesday, May 2nd, 1899, commencing at 10 o'clock a. m., for the purpose of selecting a suitable person to fill the vacancy which now exists in the U. S. Naval Academy for a Naval Cadet from the Fifth S. C. Congressional District.

All candidates must be not less than *fifteen* nor more than *twenty* years of age, and physically sound, well formed, of robust constitution, and not under five feet in height.

They must be prepared to read well and write legibly, neatly and rapidly and they will be examined carefully upon the following English branches:—Spelling, Punctuation and Capitals, Grammar, Geography, United States History, World's History, Arithmetic, Algebra and Geometry.

The Fifth District embraces the counties of Chesterfield, Kershaw, Lancaster, Chester, Cherokee and York. Candidates can write me at Yorkville for any further information desired.

D. E. FINLEY,
Mch. 17, '99. Yorkville, S. C.