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CAMDEN, S. C., MARCH 9, 1900.
Mr. L. L. Copeland Replies to "Sine qui non."
 Mr. Editor:—I notice in last week's Chronicle that some one signing himself "Sine qui non" seems to be very much exercised about the condition of our school funds at present. It is a matter of great regret to me that the writer was not better posted as to the actual condition of our schools before he undertook to criticize the management of them. Surely he must have been absent from our County for some time, vegetating in some lonely spot, where no intimation of the doings in the outside world could reach him. When he returns, a rumor, he says, is whispered about that the schools of his native County are going back to the credit system. He fails to specify who informed him of this condition of affairs, or where the schools are to be found that are going to overrun their apportionment. I shall be glad to receive information on this point, and will consider myself under lasting obligations to "Sine qui non" for the knowledge.
 Let him rest assured that not under my administration will the schools of Kershaw County be run on the credit system, however many rumors there may be to that effect. I can also safely say that never again can our schools be run as they once were, as we cannot legally use more than the taxes for one year at the time.
 As to the statement that the schools were being put upon a cash basis when I took charge of the office, and that I am entitled to credit for having completed the work, I wish to submit a few figures taken from the records in the office.
 The total school fund for 1892-'93 was \$10,964.04, of this amount (including Special in No. 1) \$3,960.95 was cash, of this difference \$932.54, was carried forward as a cash balance, while the balance of \$6,070.55 was taught out and the claims discounted.
 In 1894 the cash balance of \$932.54 was used with the Special tax of \$3,850.00 and the balance of the school funds \$6,560.00 was taught on the credit plan. The amount carried forward this year was not any greater than in 1893, while two districts Nos. 1 and 4 overdraw even the credit apportionment. Affairs were in even a worse state in 1895 and 1896, as in 1895, districts Nos. 1, 4, 7 and 10 spent all the cash and credit and then overdraw the whole account to a considerable amount while in 1896 the accounts were overdrawn in No. 1 and 2.
 When I took charge of the office in Dec-1896, I found that up to that date there had been \$4,630 worth of credit claims issued. I immediately took steps to stop this, and declined to issue any more credit claims after the closing of the scholastic year. On July 1st, 1897, when I made the apportionment I declined to make any credit apportionment and only apportioned such funds as would be available during that scholastic year, deducting the \$4,630, outstanding indebtedness, which left our schools somewhat short of funds for one year. Since then no credit claims have been authorized by me, and I have signed no claim which could not have been paid upon presentation to the County Treasurer.
 Every claim presented to me this year for approval has been paid, and we now have over \$7,000 cash in the bank to the credit of the schools. Does that look like our schools are to be run on the credit plan?
L. L. Copeland.

Little Johnnie's Gone Astray.
 Our own little Johnnie, curly haired Johnnie has wandered away from the Democratic fold. His enemies used to say that he got to be Attorney General by swinging on to Old Ben's coat tail. In fact, it is said that Tillman was forced to tie his coat to the bed posts at night with a plow line so that little Johnnie would have something to swing to both night and day. However, we all thought that this was slander, that little Johnnie was a friend of the people, and espoused the cause that Tillman did because he thought it was right.
 So we sent little Johnnie to the United States Senate, giving him our entire trust and confidence. And now the news comes from Washington that McKiuley has had to have his coat tail lined with buckskin, stitched with shoe thread, for little Johnnie has fastened his grip on the President's garment. Little Johnnie has voted with the Republicans on the great issues of the day, he lies in expansion and other Democratic heresies, and it is whispered that the President may make him United States District Judge, or give him a place on the Philippine Commission. Yes, Johnnie you are right when you say that you don't represent us. We have an old fashioned edging for loyalty and truth. We are poor down this way, you used to say that we were oppressed and ground down by the money power, but Johnnie, my boy, there is no room for traitors amongst us.
 Go thy way Johnnie, eat drink and be merry, for to-morrow you die. But how sad is all this. The State's little darling, curly haired darling, out in the cold! With unspesakable anguish we give vent to the expression "little Johnnie's gone astray."

The Music That Blesses.
 We love music and never weary in listening to "the concord of sweet sounds." We love to hear the songsters of the forest, and that sweet bird of our dear Southland, the mocking bird, never weary, but always delights us. But there is a music that is far sweeter to our ears. It is the music of the saw and the hammer, the music of the hum and whirl of machinery. This is a music that gives bread to the hungry, that brings clothing to the naked and support to the poor and humble laborer, who must earn his daily bread as he eats it and must day by day earn by his labor the means of livelihood for his wife and little children. Stop this music in our land and want will stalk through it like a curse. Blight will lay its hand upon thousands, yea, ultimately upon all. God bless the music of labor, and the song of work. Wipe out this music and you obliterate humanity from existence. Then let the music go on that builds our factories, that builds our homes, that builds our school houses and our churches. Give us more of this music that blesses and comforts.
The Anti-Spitting Ordinance.
 The anti-spitting ordinance passed at a recent meeting of Council which prohibits spitting on the sidewalk anywhere on Main street, is one of the best ever enacted. For decency's sake it should have been a law long ago.
 Senator Tillman, Gov. McSwaney, Representative Latimer and ex-Gov. Sheppard, it is said, will probably be the four delegates at large from this State to the Democratic National Convention to be held at Kansas City.

A Vexed Question.
 It seems that an ordinance has been passed against spitting on the sidewalks. This ordinance has given rise to a vexed legal question. It is held by some of our citizens that if a man stands on the sidewalk and expectorates with a scientific precision, and lands his spittle in the ditch that this would be a violation of the ordinance, inasmuch as expectorating has a definite beginning and ending. To illustrate, a man wishing to rid himself of a quid of tobacco and being an expert in all that pertains to chewing, uses his tongue, lips, and cheeks in such a manner as to land the quid some distance from the man, now, clearly, expectation has begun when the tobacco leaves the man's mouth, and if that mouth is on the sidewalk then the ordinance is violated because the man is guilty of performing a part of the act of expectoration on the sidewalk. Others of our citizens with a good show of reason hold that the ordinance is not violated unless the spittle falls on the sidewalk, because the ordinance says spitting on the sidewalk, and spittle on the street is not spittle on the sidewalk. We understand that neither in the American Decisions, in the American and English Encyclopedia of Law, nor on State Reports has the point ever been adjudicated. We would agree with the last opinion mentioned above, but would advise all of our expectorating friends to move off of the sidewalk and into the street, or some back lot, before spitting. This would undoubtedly be the safer plan for even granting that an expert tobacco chewer can land his quid in the ditch, some of the juice might accidentally spill on the sidewalk, and then the ordinance would be clearly violated.
 The Taylor-Beckham contest has been carried into the courts for settlement. Each have filed injunctions against the other. The legislature of Kentucky again meets to one body. Senator Grippitt, an anti-Goebel Democrat offered a resolution a few days ago, to investigate the truth of published reports, concerning the shipment of state arms to London by Republican Gov. Taylor, and to demand the return of same to the state arsenal. If the reports are found to be true and return of the arms are refused, the committee appointed to make the investigation shall then bring in a bill making an appropriation of \$250,000 to buy new guns and also authorizing Gen. John B. Castleman to issue a call for a sufficient number of volunteers to take the guns from those now in possession of them and return them to the arsenal." The reading of the resolution brought a storm of applause. This answers the question why Gov. Taylor was so anxious to have the Legislature adjourn to London, and reveals to the people the black character of the man.

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Bethleh.
 Dear Chronicle:—The Bethleh Epworth League met at the home of Mr. Jason Rush the first Friday night in March. We all had a very pleasant time and think it a grand society to elevate young people.
 There is prayer meeting at Bethleh every second and fourth Friday night at half past seven o'clock. Preaching every first and third Sunday. The presiding elder, Rev. Mr. Clyde, of Sumter, preached an excellent sermon at Bethleh Tuesday, Feb. 28.
 The little daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Maggie Rush has been quite ill.
 Miss Dora Davis, one of Cedar Creek's sweetest young ladies spent last week with her cousin, Miss Sallie Smith of this place.
 Messrs. L. M. Davis and Furman and Charley Watson three of Cedar Creek's fine young men, paid a visit to friends here last week.
 Mr. Willie Boykin, of Iowa, was in our city Sunday.
 There was a very pleasant social given at the home of Mr. Frank West, of this place, Saturday night, March 3rd. We had a very pleasant time and some good music. All seemed to enjoy it very much.
 Mr. Edgar Hill, accompanied by his sweet little sister, Miss Pearl, visited friends at this place Saturday and Sunday.
 I hope all the correspondents will take an interest in writing and let us hear from them.
Blanche.
St. Charles.
 Dear Chronicle:—From all I can gather, it seems certain that a big crop of cotton will be planted this year, and if the seasons are good an immense crop will be made and then look out for the price to go down in proportion. The way farmer will not make cotton his only dependence. Cotton still continues to go up now, but very few farmers have any, so they are not benefited by the increase, and to some it will be a curse.
 The campaign this year I guess will be a lively one with plenty of candidates for all the offices.
 Farmers are having quite a hard time hauling guano. A good many are exchanging most of their cotton seed or either selling them and buying meal.
 Some of the young men from this place have gone up to try their luck in the his near your city. We all were sorry to see them leave us but sincerely hope they will like their new home.
 I would like to ask a question and would be glad for any one to answer who can. What are the two most awkward things in the world?
 Will write some more soon. Best wishes to Puer and all the rest of the correspondents.
Dexter.
Beady Branch.
 Mr. Editor:—The Beady Branch School which has been very success fully taught by Prof. J. E. Davis, came to a close on Friday, March 2. In reviewing the scholars showed excellent advancement and good training. The recitations of the scholars were very interesting and they won credit for themselves and for their teacher who instructed them. Prof. Davis is a most excellent and amiable young man. And he has won for himself the compliments of the patrons of the school and of the trustees also.
 The farmers of this section could

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To My Friends & Patrons:
 This is the beginning of another season with cotton at 4 and 5 cents per pound. This means cheap goods or no sale. I have got the goods and they have got to be sold and as I have always said I never allow any one to undersell me, the money is what I want and that I am going to have if you come in my store. I have a big stock as usual, fresh and nice; never have any old stale stock.

FRESH GOODS
 coming in every day. I went in business in 1894 when cotton was about the same price as 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 hotter 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 don't want to change it. I will say to those who have stores in the country to come in and I will divide the profits with you as have always done. Some business houses may 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 makes but little difference to you how much stock they carry. What you want is all you can get for your money. I am satisfied with the past and I know I will be with the future for I am working just as hard for you trade as I ever did. Come on you will find me at the same place.
 Yours Respectfully,
D. E. HINSON.

ering the unfavorable weather are generally up with their work. The recent colds have damaged our considerably, thinning them out in some places.
T. L. E.
To Our Correspondents.
 We are glad to see that some of our correspondents have again aroused to their duty of writing to The Chronicle. That is right. Let us hear from you all often, but briefly.
Chair bottoms and baskets. Geisenheimer's.
Fine baby carriages at Geisenheimer's.
New Home Sewing Machines, 5 grades at Geisenheimer's.
Machine needles and oil. Geisenheimer's.
Curtain poles at Geisenheimer's. 1,000 lbs Fancy Cream Cheese. Don't buy till you get my price. Singleton's Bakery.
Just received a full line of crockery. Come and see my prices. J. R. Goodale, Agt.
Stoves and Heaters at Geisenheimer's.
Center tables at Geisenheimer's.
When you need anything in Dry Goods, Shoes or Groceries, come to see us. S. N. Sowell & Co.
Lace Curtains and Window Shades at Geisenheimer's.
Handsome Pictures cheap at Geisenheimer's.
5 pound b'kts Jelly only 25cts. Singleton's.
Car of flour just received and will go at old prices. S. N. Sowell & Co.
 Remember that the performance which was to have been given at the Opera House last night was postponed until to-night, Feb. 9th, on account of rain. Don't miss the best of the season.
 A railroad construction gang will be through Camden Wednesday afternoon going towards Columbia.

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 One door north of the Gilt Edge Store.
SHOES,
 We carry a full line of All Qualities Ladies, Gents and Children's Shoes. Gents Lace and Congress, from 75c to \$4 per pair, best quality. Ladies and Children's Shoes at Lowest Prices. A nice line of
DRY GOODS AND NOTIONS
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 Our line of
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 is complete and we promise to meet all Competition. We are also in position to give accommodation to those needing accounts extended until fall. See us before selling your cotton.

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New Goods Arriving Daily!
 Not Dry Goods, but
GROCERIES AT LINDSAY'S
 And as you have the Dollars and I the Goods I want to exchange with you, and guarantee you will be satisfied. So when you want something nice for
BREAKFAST, DINNER OR SUPPER
 give me a call. All goods delivered promptly.

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FOR 30 DAYS ONLY
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TUESDAY, FEB. 13th.
 Our Entire Winter Stock of Merchandise to be sacrificed. We are compelled to make room for our Spring Goods. This store has rapidly grown in favor. Our business, ending with the old year, has been phenomenal and to merit your patronage shall be our constant aim throughout the New One. We have proven time after time, the truthfulness of our statement and the straightforward principles upon which this business is conducted and the further expand our business along these lines, we shall provide the best goods for the people at the Lowest Prices, and lower than the same quality can be bought elsewhere.
 Read the prices carefully, compare and inspect for yourself.
DRESS GOODS.
 8 Dress Patterns at 50c. per yard, sold heretofore at 85c. and \$1.
 4 pieces all wool Dress Flannel, 42 inches wide, at 30c. yard, worth 50c.
 4 pieces all wool Dress Flannel, 36 inches wide, at 22c. yard, sold heretofore at 35c.
 7 pieces Plaid Camels Hair, 40 inches wide, at 45c. yard, sold heretofore at 65c.
 1 piece Tan Tricot, 36 inches wide, at 18c. yard, sold heretofore at 30c.
 1 piece Black Waterproof, 54 inches wide, at 25c. worth 50c.
 Black Cashmors, Crapan, etc. all at Reduced Prices.
 5 Bales Sea Island Sheeting at 42c.
 5 pieces Jeans, regular price 95c., now 18c.
 2 pieces Jeans, regular price 80c., now 20c.
 5 pieces Red Flannels at 15c., worth 25c.
 Our entire stock of Winter Underwear, Capes, Jackets, Blankets at Cost.
Shoes, Shoes, Shoes.
 Our Shoe Department grows more popular every day.
 Men's Heavy Weight box calf Shoes, Regular price \$3.50, now \$2.50.
 Men's Tan Calf Shoes, Regular price \$3 now \$2.
 Men's Satin Calf Shoes, regular price \$1.75, now \$1.25.
 Men's Satin Kip Shoes, regular price \$1.25 now \$1.
 Men's Satin Calf Shoes, regular price \$1.25 now \$1.
 Ladies' Kid Button and Lace, regular price \$3, now \$2.10.
 Ladies' Dongola Button and Lace, regular price \$1.50 now 90c.
CLOTHING, CLOTHING.
 Our Men's \$5 Suits at \$3.
 Our Men's \$8.50 Suits at \$5.75.
 Our Men's \$10 suits at \$6.75.
 Our Men's \$12.50 Suits at \$8.50.
 Special line in Clay Worsted Sacks and Frock Suits from 4.50 to \$8.75 worth double the money.
 Our business was very large and profitable, consequently we can afford to slaughter our remaining stock of Winter Goods, and as it is the custom of our store to carry no goods from year to year, we are now offering our remaining stock at
Fall and Winter Goods
 At prices utterly unobtainable at any other store. If you want to buy at prices away below the regular prices now in the city, come to our store and offer in order to secure the best bargains.
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