

Camden Chronicle

Published Weekly. CAMDEN, S. C. What is better than good fishing? For that blue feeling try the sunny side of the street. This should be shaved, for their whiskers are full of microbes. As a leader of society Col. John Jacob Astor is wearing a harem shirt. New hairdressing styles reveal that woman's crowning glory is amenable to sudden shifts. An expert has found three distinct kind of germs on a cat's whiskers. Shave your cat. This is the appointed time to eat up what remains of the canned fruit left from last winter. The campaign cigar is barred. Politicians will have to devise some new means of puffing candidates. Wow, if our pitchers and the weather man only hold out, the pennant is merely a matter of a few weeks. A Chicago policeman recently outwitted the fastest burglar in the city. But why was the burglar chasing him? A selfish Californian of ninety-two years elopes with a blushing maid of seventy. That's a wonderful climate! A husband of the Waldorf-Astoria is wed an heiress. Surely, he is impelled thereto by no financial necessity. Clocked hostility is said to be the latest thing in women's apparel, but why stocked with the harem skirt to hide it? The government is talking of coinage a two-and-a-half-cent piece. You can just smell the cigar that would go with it. New York is suffering from a lobster famine of the crustacean variety. Human lobsters are still as plentiful as usual. Now that a woman has become the owner of a big league baseball franchise, will she institute a weekly "gentlemen's day"? The head waiter who has advised the public not to tip under certain conditions should watch his soup kitchen for paris green. A Wisconsin farmer uses a phonograph to call his cows from the fields. Thus science and agriculture are going along hand in hand. A Connecticut pastor has adopted the practice of serving refreshments to induce his flock to attend church. Feeding his flock, as it were. Young society women of Washington are ambitious to be aviators. In other words, those up-to-date in the styles will be literal high-flyers. When Wu Tin Fang comes back for the third time he will no doubt have a new set of questions in his throat ready to spring on an unoffending people. A woman in Passaic, N. J., who apparently has fasted for 25 days, says that angels feed her. Which tends to confirm the suspicion that she is acting. New York shipped \$3,000,000 in worn out currency to Washington there to be destroyed. New York is an awful place to wear out one's money. A Chicago prophet declares the population of that city will be 13,000,000 fifty years hence. But why should we worry over troubles so far in the future? It is estimated that Americans will pay \$5,000,000 for seats from which to view the coronation procession. England must have boosted the cost of viewing. A Hartford motorman is in court charged with committing an assault with a trolley car. What's the use of passing laws against carrying concealed weapons? Chicago is now trying to solve the hired help problem by letting the housework by contract. The maid has professional hours. Also her prices are professional. "Seventy-five per cent of the nation's coal is sold without profit" avers a commercial journal. It will be hard to make the ultimate consumer believe anything like that. The simplified spellers are still working to reform the nation's spelling. As an example of cheerful persistence in the face of insuperable obstacles, they are, at least, doing the nation some good. Brides are falling on hard times and stern advisers. One matrimonial expert denounces their tendency to keep their husbands' love by making themselves beautiful, and another declares that to make their homes happy they must learn to cook. But it is doubtful if the up-to-date brides will heed such advice. They are beginning to believe that women ought to have some of the fun which is going on on the beach. Single windows are selling in London at \$2,000, and surely a peep at King George as he passes along is not worth that much. He is not much of a fellow, or at least not until Sandor, the strong man, began to build him up. A bill introduced in the New Jersey legislature provides that people who pay cards for prizes may be imprisoned. The wife of the introducer of the bill may have been unfairly treated to a contest for a nice prize in bridge party.

GOVERNMENT PROBE FOR LUMBER TRUST

CHARGES OF GIGANTIC CONSPIRACY MADE BY ATTORNEY GENERAL WICKERSHAM.

ORGANIZATIONS ARE NAMED

Sensational Charges Against the Eastern States Lumber Dealers' Association.

New York.—In the first Federal anti-trust proceedings brought under the Sherman law as interpreted by the Standard Oil decision, the department of justice filed suit in the Federal court here against various constituent organizations of what is properly known as the "lumber trust" alleging the existence of a widespread conspiracy, "unreasonably," to restrain the lumber trade in this country.

It is said the suit may be the first of a series planned by Attorney General Wickersham looking to the breaking up of alleged agreements among the retailers of many of the commodities of life to maintain high prices, to force all ultimate consumers to buy from retailers and to blacklist wholesalers who sell to others than members of the retail organizations. Ten trade organizations and more than 150 individuals are named as defendants in the suit. It alleges violations of the Sherman anti-trust law and seeks a permanent injunction restraining the defendants from continuing the conspiracy charged.

FARMERS ARE PROGRESSIVE

Rapid Spread of Telephones in Rural Districts Indicate Prosperity.

Atlanta.—The continued progress of the farmers of Georgia and Alabama is indicated by the records of the Southern Bell Telephone company for the month of April. During the month of April 568 farmers—296 in Georgia and 272 in Alabama—installed telephones in their homes and connected lines with the Bell system. Since January 1,283 farmers in Georgia and Alabama have taken telephone service. Of these 1,035 are in Georgia and 1,148 in Alabama.

NEW ARBITRATION TREATY

Secretary Knox Submits New Treaty to England and France.

Washington.—The principle of arbitration on practically all disputes between nations, including even questions of vital interest and national honor, assumed vitality when Secretary of State Knox submitted to the British and French ambassadors at Washington the draft of a convention to serve as a basis of negotiations. Secretary Knox has evolved a document which has received the approval of his cabinet providing that all differences which are internationally justifiable shall be submitted to arbitration. It expands the scope of the existing arbitration treaties by eliminating the exceptions referring to "questions of vital interest and national honor." This elimination is the real accomplishment of the proposed treaty.

Doctor Dargan Heads Baptists.

Jacksonville, Fla.—A complete surprise was sprung at the convention of the Southern Baptist convention, when Dr. E. C. Dargan, pastor of the First Baptist church of Macon, Ga., was placed in nomination for president against Joshua L. Young, who had been proposed for reelection to that office. When the votes were counted it was found that Doctor Dargan had been elected. When the convention was called to order, 1,200 delegates were assembled in the hall of the new Shriners' Temple.

Battleship on the Mississippi.

Anchola, La.—With the ship's band playing the national anthem and the bluejackets with rifles at "present," the United States battleship Idaho saluted the resting place of the old wooden United States war sloop Mississippi of Admiral Farragut's fleet, riddled and sunk by the Confederate batteries at Port Hudson on the Mississippi river, during the Civil war. The success of the voyage up the river to Vicksburg was assured when the soundings at the shoals near Waverly showed 62 feet depth.

Hayne Bulling Cotton Prices.

New Orleans.—Frank R. Hayne, the bull leader, startled the local cotton world by bidding the market price for cotton and by bidding one-eighth over the cotton exchange quotations for May or all the spot-cotton in this city. It is last bid Mr. Hayne hurried out to the members who had shouted to the future ring, was open all day. Moreover, he announced his willingness to accept any grade from low ordinary to fair. Hayne is acting alone.

THAT NEW STRAW HAT

