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The committee of the Camden Inn co., composed of Geo. T. Little, chairman; John T. Mackay, John S. Lindsay, H. G. Garrison, Jr., H. L. Watkins, has resolved itself into working units of two, composed of Geo. T. Little and John S. Lindsay, H. G. Garrison, Jr., and H. L. Watkins, J. T. Mackay has E. V. Richards assisting him. The committee while not receiving the immediate response from our people which it ought to, is progressing however, and soon looks forward to the time when a meeting of stockholders can be held and some definite business transacted. There is however, one feature which greatly encourages the committee: Camden is as a unit. One man only so far has directly opposed the scheme, all others seen have asked for time to adjust themselves and ask the solicitors to see them again. This spirit means more for Camden if possible, than even the hotel, for once engendered it is sure to stay and work wonders for our town. A meeting was held yesterday afternoon and it was at this meeting that a tabulation of results from each unit would have an exact result, from the known subscriptions about a third of the total amount is subscribed. With a very little help and the enthusiastic support of the citizens of Camden it can now be made a go. Citizens, all appoint yourselves, each a committee of one to boom the hotel, talk encouragingly to your neighbor, help a little yourself and Camden will certainly "Get Her Own."

TWENTY-FOUR YEARS OLD.

With this issue of The Chronicle we enter our twenty-fifth year. In the past few years The Chronicle has grown from a small circulation until it now reaches nearly every home in Kershaw and many in adjoining counties. Its advertising columns show a healthy patronage of home advertisers, and in this we are proud as it clearly indicates that The Chronicle is a home paper. The columns are free from foreign, patent medicine and whiskey advertisements, making it a clean weekly, and we intend to keep it up to its present standard. We return thanks to our friends, both in the advertising and job printing line for liberal patronage, realizing that it was only thru this patronage that we have been enabled to build the paper up to where it is now. Whatever of service The Chronicle has been to Camden, Kershaw county and the community at large we hope to do even more in the succeeding years than we have in the past.

Camden with its cotton mills, brick plants, lumber mill and yards, progressive merchants, big tourist houses, modern hospital, new residences, government building, new commercial hotel, new tourist hotel and many other improvements in sight bids fair to take a prominent place among the progressive cities of the state. Already famous as a health resort it can be made so if the citizens will show the proper spirit and help "Give Camden Her Own."

Our friend, The State, and several of its little friends are certainly having a nice time complimenting and free advertising themselves over their latter-day decision not to take liquor advertisements. The Sunater Herald has refused this class of advertising certainly for the past twenty years, and probably ever since the founding of its predecessor, the Sunater Advance, in the days where the memory of man runneth not to the contrary. We have neglected, however, to continually pat ourselves on the shoulder for so doing. Sunater Herald.

The Chronicle might add that it has not carried a liquor advertisement in fifteen years, and might go far and wide that it has not for many years carried a patent medicine ad, although nearly every week we receive contracts already signed up of some big advertiser wanting to set their advertisement in the paper at their own price. We feel that if anyone deserves a cut rate on advertising it is the hometown merchant and we invariably run the price up on the patent medicine quacks so high that they stay out of our columns. While there are undoubtedly some good medicines being advertised in nearly all papers there are still a great number of misleading advertisers who a year or two years out are so unfortunate as to be attracted and in this way equally as much harm done to the trading public as the publishing of these unscrupulous ads. the publication of which are advertisements. It seems doubtful that some of our big dairies are only following what the small weeklies have been doing for so many years, only they were too modest to make such a big blow about their services.

Skating Rink to Open.

The young people of the town will be glad to learn that a skating rink is soon to be opened in the Kershaw Guards' Armory. An amusement of this kind is always a welcome addition to any town and Camden where there are so few places to spend pleasant afternoons or evenings a skating rink will be especially appreciated. New bell bearing steel roller Winslow skates have been ordered and will be here in a short time. Watch for further notice.

OLD ERRORS THAT PERSIST

Have Been Handled Down for Generations, and Are Hard to Eradicate from Youthful Minds.

One is surprised to find that in the mental storehouses of many pupils lie hidden quaint and curious ideas, distorted historical truths, popular fallacies, and false beliefs which modern historical criticism has long since banished to the realms of the historical novelist, the newspaper writer, and the maker of almanacs.

To suggest a few of these old friends: The Church of England was founded by Henry VIII, because the pope would not allow him to marry Anne Boleyn, meets one constantly. Another interesting item is that the puritans were so much purer and better than the members of the Church of England that they were persecuted for religion.

Only the children of the rich planters were ever educated in Virginia or in the other southern colonies, and these children were sent to England or had tutors at home, for there were no schools of any kind in the south, is a statement sincerely believed, historians to the contrary notwithstanding.

The king of England caused the revolution because he taxed the Americans so heavily. The king, in the student's mind, laid the tax and acted in a most outrageous fashion in general. Such a body as the English parliament or the English theory of representation appear to have made no mental impression upon him.

A royal colony was always tyrannically governed, and was much worse than a charter or proprietary government, the word "royal" evidently striking the democratic mind as fundamentally wrong.

Poetic justice is also ever present to the ultimate end of certain notable personages. Benedict Arnold and Aaron Burr always spend their last days in deepest poverty and remorse, while Columbus still persists in dying in prison and in chains. Jefferson is a peculiarly fortunate character, for the average pupil insists that he originated democracy and solemnly states that we owe our government by the people to the Sage of Monticello. He also wrote the constitution. This rather irritating falsehood is strangely common.—History Teachers' Magazine.

Centenaries of Gas.

In 1792 a manufacturer in Redruth in Cornwall, named Murdoch made gas to light his home and factory. Pall Mall in London, 1807, was the first street to be lighted by gas; Philadelphi introduced it in 1815; Boston in 1822, and New York in 1825. Gas is obtained from coal, which is heated in large retorts; the heavy gas drawn off passes by a pipe, called the hydrocarbon main, through a number of curved pipes called condensers, in which process coal tar and ammonium liquor condense and fall into a well. The gas passes to purifiers over slaked lime, which takes up sulphur, hydrogen and carbonic acid; it is then heated downward to the gas holder, a large tank having its base resting on water, and from which the gas is distributed to the consumers. Certain byproducts are obtained in the course of manufacture which are more valuable than the gas itself: these are coke, ammonia, aniline, phenol, carbolic acid, naphthalene dyes, various artificial drugs and basic perfumes.—The Christian Herald.

World Coal Supplies.

The British Board of Trade has just published a report in which it states that the total known coal production of the world, in 1911 (exclusive of brown coal or lignite) was about 1,050,000,000 tons, of which the United Kingdom produced more than one-fourth and the United States more than two-fifths. As compared with population the production in the United Kingdom was six tons per head, and in the United States a little less than five tons.

The output in the five principal coal-producing countries during 1911 was as follows: United Kingdom 271,899,000 tons; Germany, 158,164,000; France, 38,023,000; Belgium, 22,682,000; with the United States at the head with 443,025,000.

The average value per ton of the coal taken at the collieries was: United Kingdom, \$1.982; Germany, \$2.375; Belgium, \$2.92; United States \$1.432.

Mail Carriers' New Job.

At the cost of numbering the population of the United States, and the collection of other statistics, cost the thirteenth census over \$2.50 per inhabitant. Director Durand, in his annual report suggests that mail carriers be used for future census work. He calls attention to the fact that much of the work was unsatisfactory and also to the difficulty in inducing competent men to take up the work for the brief time in which they are engaged as enumerators.

This branch of field work cost the government \$7,223,385, or about \$1.25 per inhabitant. Mr. Durand believes that it can be done cheaper and better by the carriers with their somewhat similar training. The postmaster general is said to favor the plan.

Improvements.

Sacramento—see poultry dealers in New York have installed electric fans to cool live chickens to prevent deaths from heat.

Robert W. wish they would install some kind of an apparatus to warm up the chickens in cold storage, so they wouldn't appear to be so long dead."

NEWSPAPER MAKING.

Recent Years Notes Many Changes in Country Weeklies.

The art of publishing a newspaper is a progressive one. Even in the short span of the generation just passing we can note changes that are startling, if considered on the instant and not by actual experience. Newspapers even in remote rural communities no longer barter subscription for cordwood. Few of them barter with advertisers and pay their help with "store orders."

Thanks to the compulsory suggestion of the postal department, subscriptions must now be stopped after a definite period unless renewed.

Most of the men who are clear-sighted are adopting the "paid in advance" rule for subscriptions.

This business system has long been in vogue with the big newspapers and is now percolating its way thru the smaller dailies and has already reached some of the rural weeklies. Free advertising is being vigorously combated in the organizations of publishers and thru the newspaper men's organs.

The local spongers on the editor's stock in trade have been pretty well educated out of the old practice, but the organized national agencies for getting free stuff into the newspapers were never more brazen than now. The Times gets on an average half a dozen letters a day inclosing dope on various subjects ranging from the San Francisco exposition, the eastern railroad companies and their troubles and the electrical manufacturers' "new value" stuff down to the "improvements" on the nearest summer resort.

All of these are of value when published, and somebody gets money for the insertions, but not the publisher. Improved machinery, including the perfecting press, the Linotype and numerous minor mechanical appliances, is now finding its way into the smaller newspapers, not only the small dailies, but the village weeklies.

The weekly and semi-weekly editions of small daily newspapers are dropping out as another indication of changing times. Piked roads, rural mail delivery, interurban electric lines, rural telephones, farmers' institutes and parcel post have rendered obsolete the weekly edition of the small city daily. Of the manner of editing a newspaper time has left its changes in the generation just passing. Few newspapers are now run as party organs. News papers that formerly leaned on political or other local support now aim to be independent of everything except general principles and of the community in general.

The purpose of a newspaper is to collect and disseminate news. Incidentally it may include a little literature, and it may properly emphasize reforms suggested by live men and women of the community. One of the greatest achievements in newspaper evolution in the generation under consideration is the recognition by the publisher or editor that publishing a newspaper is a business allied in its nature to manufacturing. Actors, authors, artists, doctors, lawyers, singers and chiropractors have long since eschewed anything like romance in their professional charges.

Editors and clergymen are getting over the timid tradition that they are working for glory. Too many people in the community have been paying them in glory.—Fostoria, Ohio, Times.

It is wiser to seek little and obtain it than to seek much and secure nothing.

BIG CHICKEN HATCHERY.

Turns Out Chicken Every Twelve Seconds.

There is now in operation at Port O'Connor, Texas, a machine that is capable of turning out a chicken every twelve seconds for twenty-four hours a day, and for three hundred and sixty-five days in a year.

This mammoth hatcher, says an exchange, is the third of its type built by the inventor, who was formerly a poultry expert for the government. It is the second largest hatching establishment in the world, being slightly exceeded in capacity by a hatchery at Petaluma, California, which holds 165,000 eggs a day.

Perhaps the most remarkable feature of this plant is the fact that all the eggs, together with room for candling, chick packing, and all engines, fans and equipment, occupy but a single floor, 16 by 50 feet. Furnished with common incubators, such a room would have just about the same capacity in three weeks as this plant has in a single day.

This wonderful economy of space and cost is attained by placing the eggs in superimposed trays like the type cases in a printer's case rack or the trays in a fruit dryer. This idea has been tried before, but was not a success on account of the hot air rising. In the present instance, this difficulty is overcome by forcing a continued current of air from a centrifugal fan through the hatching chamber, which serves to keep it at an even temperature throughout.

While this is quite an item of expense, and would not pay with a small machine, yet in a big plant it is paid for several times over by the saving of the duplication of the small machines, as well as by the economy of the fuel and labor.

One of the unique improvements in the Texas plant is a turning system, by which apartments holding 10,000 eggs are swung on a pivot and the eggs turned by inverting the entire compartment. This enables one man to turn 100,000 eggs in less than two minutes. These eggs are ventilated and maintained at an equal temperature by an eight hundred pound centrifugal fan, requiring four horse power to operate it, and the temperature is regulated to a tenth of one degree, while water sprays regulate the moisture to a similar nicety.

The eggs are not cooled from the time they enter the hatchery until they leave.

Not only have 83 barrels of alleged beer been taken from a warehouse in Greenville, where 96 barrels were stored pending the decision of a suit for the possession of it, but the two bonds which were signed up in this complicated case, as well as other records in the case are missing, and cannot be found.

The discovery that the two bonds and other records in the case are lost, was made when Mr. L. O. Patterson, city attorney, at the request of the city police department, made a search for the papers in the office of the county sheriff, where Sheriff Poole stated that he left them.

Marion Rucker, a young white man, was killed in Lexington county Saturday morning by a falling tree.

Insurance Commissioner McMaster gives the losses by fire for March, 1913, as \$66,273.12 against \$153,482.90 for the same month of 1912.

Nature starts every one on the road to greatness, but she doesn't pick up the tacks to prevent punctures.

Own Up Before You're Shown Up.

Own up before you're shown up. Wrong men are never strong men crooked things can't grow high.

Common sense is always efficient. Honesty is an economical policy—it's the shortest cut—the safest road—the quickest route to any where and thing.

Pretense invariably entails defense. The cost of guarding an unsavory episode eventually exceeds the profit derived therefrom.

Some cheats evade detection, but none escape reflection.

Conscience, the mag, knows what's wrong. A secret soon becomes an old man of the sea—its weight increases with the waiting.

Every tongue finally forgets itself—you're bound to seek relief—sure to confide in somebody and "somebody" is certain to betray you.

Trails can neither be covered nor recovered, and once your career is investigated, the hundred and one foolish and futile moves made to conceal your original "error" will be brought to light.

You can find an excuse for an impulsive deed, but the cloak of charity is never broad enough for deliberate, cold-blooded deceit.

Be frank while opportunity is yet patient. We're more than ready to believe that you are sorry if you volunteer the truth—when you're discovered we can only believe you were sorry you were caught.

Everybody is impulsive, neglectful, bad-tempered. None of us is so well balanced but what circumstances at times prove too powerful for resistance.

There are moments when we all are or do wrong, but concealment of a mis-step turns it into a mis-deed.

Bad arithmetic isn't criminal, but when you juggle accounts to bury incompetence you become one.

Dereliction of duty is simply carelessness, but failure to proclaim the evasion brands you as a sneak.

The best of citizens occasionally miss the beaten track, but when we don't retrace and we don't replace, we cancel the right to respect and confidence.

The utmost that the foremost can strive for is an excellent record. One hundred per cent. men do not exist. Omniscience and omnipotence are not of the earth.

Don't be an ass. The lion's skin isn't a disguise—it's an advertisement. Your very pose of perfection is the first thing to arouse our suspicion. The man who never makes an error is so abnormal that he draws attention upon himself.

As old Cyrus Simmons used to say to his men: "It's your right to be wrong, but it's my right to know it."

"Come to me before I go for you.

"Only the Almighty is perfect, and He ain't on my pay roll."

"When I hired you I made an allowance for human frailty."

"If wheels of steel and belts of leather can't be relied on, it's reasonable to discount the performances of a machine built of meat and bone."

"When you break a rule, a tool, or commandment, tell me before it breaks you."

"A man, like a boiler, is dangerous without a safety valve."

"So long as I am sure that either will signal in time, I am safe."—Spartanburg Herald.

Detectives of the Southern Express company unearthed during the past week several instances of thefts from packages by their own employees while the packages were in transit. The company seems determined to break up the practice since Uncle Sam decided to take a hand.

Sites for The Camden Inn.

Several available and suitable sites for the erection of the hotel have been offered. If you have any to offer, or suggest, write W. R. Eve, Jr., giving location, size, price and how much stock, if any, will be taken as part payment on the transaction. It is important that you attend to this at the earliest possible, as the lots will have to be examined, classified and submitted to the stockholders' meeting, which will be called as soon as 50 per cent of the stock is subscribed.

Julius H. Walker, one of the best known and most useful of Columbia's citizens, died on Thursday, aged 60 years. He was a member of the real estate firm of Walker, Ray & Co.

Ex-Gov. Jno. C. Sheppard is being mentioned as probable successor to Chas. A. Woods associate of the Supreme court. The legislature will elect at its next session.

Dr. H. A. Bagby of Liberty, Mo., formerly of Greenwood, has been called to the pastorate of the First Baptist church in Union.

Robert Gilliam, young son of David Gilliam, shot and killed Ed Kennedy, colored, on Sunday in Abbeville county. The coroner's jury said he was justifiable.

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