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"The best thing out—a forest fire."—Greenwood Index. Better than a parlor lamp?

Anyone who believes that talk is cheap, hasn't had much experience with lawyers.

One way some of our citizens could "do their bit" would be to burn less gasoline and pay their debts.

Of all pests we believe the worst is the religious crank who will stop a man in the broiling sun to prattle about his hobby.

The Kaiser has promised his troops that the war would be over by September. Here's hoping that the Kaiser is correct there.

Among those registered for the selective draft in this county is "Ruff Hough". If he goes to France we hope he will live up to his name.

As to what men will think of Mr. Blease's denunciation of Manning, Coker and Cromer, will depend entirely upon their taste and breeding.—York News.

It is not hard to distinguish those young men who have been exempted from those who were accepted by the physicians. They are wearing "the smile that won't come off."

The only merchants who do not complain of hard times during July and August are those who persistently advertise in the columns of The Chronicle. "There's a reason."

It is no more sinful to drink yourself into the gutter than to worry yourself into the grave, is the opinion of Right Rev. Charles E. Woodcock, Episcopal bishop of Kentucky.

Friends of one C. L. Blease who are loyal citizens, loyal to their country and to their flag, must assuredly find it hard to stomach his disloyalty and shameful utterances at Pomaria.—Aiken Standard.

Some guy has said you could at ways judge women by their kisses. We hope he was a married man, and that his wife heard him say it, for a man who will speak like that deserves such a fate.

In the words of Life: "Obey that impulse—subscribe today." Present indications are that during the next few months the Chronicle will present to its readers some of the most "readable" reading matter that it has ever published.

"What has become of the old-fashioned fellow who carried a corkscrew with him so he would have it handy when he needed it?" asks the Greenwood Index. The last time we saw him he was carrying a bottle opener and was looking for a bottle of Bevo.

A lynching bee with the Kaiser, the Crown Prince and four or five United States Congressmen and Senators as the principal attraction would be something that we would crawl from here to Washington to see.—Lancaster News. The road would be full of would-be spectators.

There is one merchant in Camden who came here about twenty years ago with less than ten dollars. He has been a liberal user of printers ink since he started business here, and today he is worth five times as much as any merchant in Camden who does not advertise. Why?

That traitorous Pro-German—Cole L. Blease—is already "spilling" over the State—cussing Wilson and the Democratic administration, and of course lambasting Governor Manning. It is well that he signifies early in another campaign just how he stands and what he represents. South Carolina is neither for the German Kaiser nor for traitor Blease. Next August will prove it in a way that will appall some of the natives.—Edgefield Chronicle.

THAT SHORTAGE AGAIN.

We are reproducing in another place this week the report of the auditor upon the affairs of the late sheriff's office, in the hope that we may be able to throw some light upon a subject that is of interest to every taxpayer. Under the head of "Cash Collections" in this report Mr. Searson says: "As shown by statements the Sheriff collected the sum of \$6,492.03 on account of 1914 taxes and \$4,426.45 on account of 1915 taxes, making a total of \$10,918.48 for the two years combined, none of which had been turned over to the Treasurer up to the time of this audit, so far as can be determined by these records." Are we to presume from this that the late sheriff tried to "hog" it all? It looks to us that the several grand juries of this county have been recreant in their duties to let things run in such a lax manner for so long a time. The Chronicle at every term of the court publishes the presentment of the grand jury that it may enlighten the people. In nearly every instance the stereotyped sentence occurs: "We have examined the books of the various county officers and find them neatly and correctly kept" or words to that effect. From rumors floating around it seems that it is high time a full investigation was made into some affairs at the court house. Honest officials do not fear an investigation, so let us have it.

The Gaffney Ledger says: "It is not the man who sees an opportunity so much as it is the man who seizes an opportunity that gets there."

"One of the most satisfactory positions a man can attain is one in which he is at liberty to say just what he thinks"—Gaffney Ledger. We would furnish our readers with some interesting matter if we were in that position now, but the shot guns haven't been conscripted yet, so we will have to wait a while.

The Aiken county patriotic league held a meeting Tuesday night and passed resolutions condemning speeches made by C. L. Blease at Pomaria and at Filbert in opposition to the president, and also denouncing "at least one newspaper in Charleston" for its utterances. Copies of the resolutions were ordered sent to the president, the war department and to the United States district attorney.

We know of at least one staunch supporter of former Gov. Blease in this county who has turned his back on "Colle" since his recent utterances at Pomaria and Filbert. The ex-Governor's followers have been blindly following him and believing anything he said for several years, but when it comes to a test the majority of them will prove themselves to be as patriotic as any set of people in the State. We have differed with them in their political opinions, but we have the utmost confidence in their loyalty.

The following paragraph is taken from "Our Dumb Animals", a humane publication of Boston, Mass. Our Dumb Animals has preached against war since its foundation many years ago. Any doubt as to the righteousness of this country entering the conflict is expelled to its many thousands of readers by this interesting little publication: "Had the United States gone into this war to gain a single foot of territory, or to add to its glory or its power, this magazine, to be true to its record, could only have denounced such a step. We cannot think of this war, so far as we are concerned, as other than one in self-defense and on behalf of human liberty."

We cannot understand the attitude of some well-meaning individuals and newspapers who persistently and, it seems to us, viciously attack almost every measure adopted by the Washington administration. The claim being so often made in certain quarters that the American people do not wish this war is true in a sense, for no sane man desires to have war. It is a gruesome business. But those individuals who are condemning our being in this war are enemies to our country, if not actual traitors. We are in because our self-respect, our moral obligation and the stern demands of duty compelled us to go in. And the heart of the American people is in this struggle, if we mistake not. It is well enough to look for the earmarks of the adverse criticisms we read. "There is a reason."—Union Times.

DECIDES NOT TO SPEAK

Anti-Draft Agitator Pleads Sore Throat, But—

Evansville, Ind., Aug. 6.—Frank S. Lamonte, Socialist candidate for mayor of Evansville, who in recent speeches declared it unconstitutional to send soldiers to France, tonight cancelled a scheduled speech at Valentine, near here, pleading a sore throat.

"I know federal officers are in my audience," Lamonte said tonight, "but they do not cause me to change my views or my words."

It became known today that special agents of the department of justice have been conducting an investigation into Lamonte's utterances. What is believed to have been an attempt to do Lamonte bodily harm was made last Saturday night, when six men in an automobile pursued the car in which he was riding from Elberfeld, a small town near here, after he had delivered an anti-draft speech. Lamonte, his wife and baby jumped out and fled through a field while the driver proceeded, with the other machine still giving chase.

THURSDAY'S WAR SUMMARY

Russians Have Started Offensive on Russo-Galician Border.

Flanders, where the big guns have been booming incessantly since rain stopped the ostentatious offensive movement early last week, has again been the scene of infantry fighting, but only on a small scale.

Near the coast the British have been successful in a raid into the German lines near Lombaertzyde. Berlin officially describes this operation as an attack in force, which, it says, the Germans beat off in hand-to-hand fighting.

The Teutons also describe the repulse of local attacks by the British in the Bixscheote region, between Dixmude and Ypres.

Along the Aisne front and on the right bank of the Meuse, northeast of Verdun, violent artillery activity continues on both sides. The German crown prince has not followed up his attacks on the Aisne front where he was repulsed east of Vauxaillon and west of the Calonne plateau.

Russian troops are on the offensive in the Chotin region on the Russo-Galician border, northeast of Czernowitz, and have withstood successfully Austro-German thrusts in the region of Brody, in Galicia northeast of Lemberg. The Russian forward movement west of Chotin resulted in the capture of two villages and a height. The Austro-Germans lost 300 prisoners and four machine guns. The Teutonic effort near Brody penetrated the Russian lines, but the attackers were thrown back by a counter-attack and the Russian lines restored.

A newspaper report from Petrograd says the Russians have evacuated the fortress of Kamenz-Podolsk, the capital of Podolia, about thirty miles northeast of Chotin, and the garrison town of Proskurov, on the Bug river, fifty-three miles north of Kamenz-Podolsk. Both these places are some distance from the line of the river Zbrocz, which has been held in part by the Russians for more than a week and lie behind the Chotin-Brody line.

In central Moldavia the Turks continue their advance north of Fokshani. Petrograd admits the success of this movement and says the Russians have retired toward the river Sereth.

The weekly statement of British merchant shipping losses shows a slight increase over the previous week. Twenty-one vessels of more than 1,000 tons and two of less than 1,000 tons are reported sunk by submarines or mines. In the previous week eighteen over 1,000 tons and three in the other category were lost.

Sounds His Death-Knell.

The Record does not believe that Cole L. Blease meant his Pomaria and Tirzah speeches to be taken as treasonable to the National Government. They were merely the ebullitions of a passionate demagogue, bent on holding sway over the men who have for years blindly followed his lead. The Record believes that 99 per cent. of the so-called "Bleasites" are loyal American citizens, not to be led astray by the mouthings of a disappointed politician. Blease's recent speeches are nothing in the world but bids for political favor. The Record hopes, however, that the Government of the United States will find some way of putting a stop to the dangerous talk of this fanatic—for that is what he is—nothing less. He is easily the man to corrupt the patriotism of otherwise perfectly good citizens. There can be no doubt of the loyalty of South Carolinians. And this man should be given no further opportunity to put South Carolina and her men in an unfavorable light to the outside world. He has always felt himself to be bigger than his State. God forbid that he should ever be again trusted with public office! He is a dangerous citizen. He certainly does not represent those South Carolinians who are freely giving their sons to their country's service.—Rock Hill Record.

The alleged activities of Thomas E. Watson, of Thomson, Ga., are under close scrutiny of the Federal department of justice, where officials are seeking to determine whether they can bring proceedings against him because of recent statements urging resistance of the draft in his magazine. Copies of the publication brought to the attorney general's attention contain lists of contributions, varying between \$20 to \$100 from Atlanta, Chattanooga, Danville, and numerous small towns in North Carolina, Tennessee, Alabama, Kentucky and Georgia to a fund to be devoted to testing the constitutionality of the draft law. The subscriptions in a recent number of the publication, totaled approximately \$1,000.

In his speech at Filbert last Thursday former Governor Cole L. Blease charged that David R. Coker, chairman of the state council of defense, was being groomed as a candidate either for governor or the United States senate. In reply to the query of a Columbia newspaper, Mr. Coker issued the following statement last Friday: "I have no political ambition. Am not a candidate for any office."

Lost Certificate.

This is to certify that Certificate No. 50, three shares of Series No. 9 of Enterprise Building & Loan Association of Camden, S. C., dated January 2, 1911, has been lost and that after publication of this notice required number of times I will apply for another certificate of said shares. Said certificate was transferred from Taylor Powell to (Mrs.) T. J. Boykin. (Mrs.) T. J. Boykin. Camden, S. C., Aug. 9, 1917.

COLIE FAILS TO AROUSE

Old Time Pep and Enthusiasm Missing At Filbert's Annual Gathering.

York special in News & Courier. York, Aug. 4.—Mr. J. Andy Parrott, chairman of the Filbert picnic commission, said yesterday that he wished to thank The News and Courier and the other newspapers of South Carolina for the publicity given the Filbert picnic before hand, and that the publicity so generously given was in a great measure responsible for the large attendance. The crowd at Filbert Thursday was one of, if not the largest ever attendant upon a picnic there, and the Filbert Woodmen of the World and the Filbert people generally are very appreciative of the newspapers who put their little village on the map for one day at least.

It is of course impossible to tell exactly how many people were attendant upon the great annual gathering which is each year the largest of its kind in South Carolina, but there is no doubt that there were at least 8,000 people on the grounds during the day.

Representatives of every section of York County and of practically every county in the State was the crowd at Filbert this week, and there were hundreds from across the North Carolina line. The Carolina and Northwestern Railway office here sold 157 tickets to Filbert Thursday morning, and Filbert is only four miles from this town. Automobiles and buggies passed through here as early as 5 o'clock Thursday morning, and they continued in almost an uninterrupted stream for three or four hours. Hundreds of people walked there from a long distance.

The temperament of the Filbert picnic crowd was peculiar and quite in contrast with the temperament exhibited at Filbert in the past. The great majority of the 2,000 or more people who heard the speeches of Congressman Stevenson and former Governor Blease were staunch political supporters of Mr. Blease; but he failed to arouse in them the old-time fire and enthusiasm. The demeanor of the vast throng was one rather of thoughtful meditation and doubt and uncertainty. It was plain to see that the martial conflict in Europe and this country's entry therein was bearing heavily in the minds of all.

When Mr. Blease took a hand primary and asked all those who would have voted for war or peace had they been members of Congress at the time war was declared, every hand was raised in favor of peace; but it was done in a mechanical sort of way. There was no enthusiasm about it. Nobody jeered and nobody cheered. The attitude of the crowd seemed to be one of "Of course I am in favor of peace; but I can't see how we could have kept out of it any longer with honor and my rights."

Both the speeches of Mr. Blease and Congressman Stevenson were devoted almost exclusively to America's entry into the world-war and circumstances pertaining thereto. Referring to anything else excited no interest whatever.

There was a little flash of the old-time fire evident among the audience when Mr. Blease said: "If it hadn't been for money interests in England we wouldn't be in war. Today I am still of the opinion that America should have peace and not war. If they want to fight Blease on this issue let Senators Tillman and Smith resign and let there be a primary in August and a general election in September. Then let me have a running mate and let Senators Tillman and Smith run on a platform of advocacy of war and my running mate and I against it. If I am not elected I will never open my mouth on a public platform again. They say the people of South Carolina are clamoring for war. Let them accept my proposition and see in a primary election if they are." Following that declaration there were several cries of "You tell 'em, Colle," mighty shouts and shrieks that have followed such reference to his going to the Senate, etc., in days gone by, were not to be heard, and the old-time pep was gone.

Congressman Stevenson struck a re-

Advertisement for Buckeye Cottonseed Hulls. Text: "How many pounds to a ton—2000 or 1500? HOW many pounds of real roughage are you getting to a ton? If you are buying old style hulls you are getting about 1500 pounds because they are about one-fourth lint which has no food value. If you are buying BUCKEYE HULLS you are getting 2000 full pounds because they are free from lint and are practically 100 percent roughage. Try them and see how much farther they go. Other Advantages: Cost much less per ton than old style hulls. Allow better assimilation of other food. No trash or dust. Sacked—easy to handle. They mix well with other forage. Mr. W. C. Owens, Charlotte, N. C., feeds thirty cows. He considers Buckeye Hulls the cheapest feed and gets the best results. To secure the best results and to develop the ensilage odor, wet the hulls thoroughly twelve hours before feeding. It is easy to do this by wetting them down night and morning for the next feeding. If at any time this cannot be done, wet down at least thirty minutes. If you prefer to feed the hulls dry, use only half as much by bulk as of old style hulls. Book of Mixed Feeds Free. Gives the right formula for every combination of feeds used in the South. Tells how much to feed for maintenance, for milk, for fattening, for work. Describes Buckeye Hulls and gives directions for using them properly. Send for your copy to the nearest mill. Dept. K The Buckeye Cotton Oil Co. Dept. K Atlanta Augusta Birmingham Charlotte Greenwood Jackson Little Rock Macon Memphis Selma

sponsive note in some measure when he declared: "Whatever happens we are on the side of America today. Because we are fighting the German idea of right we are in the war. If we don't believe we are right in this war, we oughtn't to be in it. We must present to the world a straight front of Christian fellowship and, one of united purpose to accomplish what we have set out to do. The German people are a splendid people. They believe that they are right and that God is with them.

The tendency of mind of those people shows that while they are misguided they believe they are commissioned by God to rule the world. The German preachers teach that a man who shoots at an enemy and misses has sinned. Their every act shows that they have a deep-seated conviction that they are destined to rule the world in partnership with God. The German soul, they say is God's soul.

"I hope almost against hope that we can bring the war to a close before our young men reach the battle line; but if anybody across the water thinks the people of the United States are going to run from this fight they have got another think coming." It is a hard matter to interpret the sentiment of the vast crowd at the Filbert picnic, whose attitude has come to be looked on as a barometer for a large portion of the people of the State of South Carolina. They were in a mood Thursday quite different from any in which this correspondent has known them to be in years gone by. Thoughts of the cannon's roar and the shrieking of shrapnel as they are striking in the trenches on the plains of Europe across the sea were on their minds to the exclusion of everything else, with the exception of

the causes for the slaughter." That the great Filbert congregation was opposed to the idea of war and possessed of a desire to peace there is no doubt; but on the other hand it appeared that in the majority of minds was the conviction that there is no peace; this war is forced on us, and it is our duty and privilege to sustain in our different capacities the government and the armies of the United States of America. Jas. D. Grist.

A most unfortunate affair occurred near Van Wyck, Wednesday morning about 11:30 when Everett Starr, the 18-year-old son of Mr. and Mrs. Julian Starr of Rock Hill was accidentally drowned in Waxhaw creek on Dr. J. E. Massey's place.

NOTICE OF ELECTION

A petition having been filed with the County Board of Education signed by one-third or more of the resident electors and a like proportion of the resident freeholders of the age of 21 years of Gumberry School District No. 3 asking for an election to be held to determine whether or not a special levy of 4 mills shall be made upon the property in the District for school purposes and the County Board of Education having granted said petition, notice is hereby given that an election for said purpose will be held at Gumberry School House on Friday August 24th inst. At said election each elector must before he can vote exhibit his tax receipts and registration certificate and reside in the district. Polls will open at 8 a. m. and close at 4 p. m.

H. C. McLendon, I. J. Sinclair, S. E. Belvin. Board of Trustees for School District No. 3. 17-18-19.

FARM LAND advertisement. Text: "356 acres of land near Boykin, S. C., known as the Ancrum Hill tract. Price \$12.00 per acre. 472 acres of land 4 miles fro Lugoff, S. C. on National Highway, one 4 room dwelling, 2 barns, 4 tenant houses. Premises now occupied by W. W. Price. Price per acre \$17.50. 68 acres of land 3 miles from Cassatt, S. C., 30 acres under cultivation, one 4 room dwelling, one barn. Price \$1,600.00. 165 acres 7 miles South of Camden on Charleston public road. Two tenant houses, rents this year \$375.00. Price per acre \$30.00. C. P. DuBOISE & COMPANY REAL ESTATE INSURANCE CROCKER BUILDING PHONE 43