

THE CAMDEN CHRONICLE

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OUR BIRTHDAY.

Thirty-four years ago today The Chronicle was launched and our friend Col. Billy Banks, a well known newspaper man of Columbia, who was in our office last week, told us that he remembers the first issue and that the newspaper men of the State made the prediction that the paper would not last more than a year. But they made a bad guess, for The Chronicle is still going good and is in a healthier condition than ever in its history, as one can judge by its large advertising patronage. The Chronicle during its thirty-four years is a combination of three papers. It first took over the plant of the old Camden Journal. Later it took over the plant of the Camden News, a paper conducted for several years by Captain J. W. Hamel, of Kershaw. The plant has been added to from year to year until it now has the very latest in labor-saving machinery and the mechanical part of the plant is about as near complete as can be found in the State.

The Chronicle was launched by Mr. W. L. McDowell, now the probate judge of this county, in the stormy political times, as a champion of the Tillman movement and had hard going for many years. The present Master of Kershaw County, Mr. B. B. Clarke, was associated with Mr. McDowell for a number of years. Later the paper was sold to Mr. W. I. Villiquie, now residing in Washington, who conducted it for a while and it again came into the possession of Mr. McDowell. About twelve years ago it was sold to Mr. E. N. McDowell and H. D. Niles, and with the hard work and untiring assistance of Mr. E. N. McDowell, the latter owners built up just our plant, but it is one of the best county plants in the State. Three years ago Mr. McDowell decided to enter the insurance field, and sold out his interests in the paper to the present owner, who has been going along and thank to a large and growing patronage from its patrons, both in the city and out of it, its job and service has improved. The paper is now in the hands of our family of readers. We have endeavored at all times to give the news accurately, fairly and squarely, and have always stood for the betterment of our city, county and State. We feel that the large patronage The

Chronicle enjoys has come to it through a strict attention to business, fair and honest dealings with the public and we want here to thank those who have so liberally patronized us in the past, and if good service counts for anything, we feel sure that we will hold all of our old customers and friends and continue to grow in popular favor.

We frankly admit, however, that the paper could not have achieved such success had it not been for the loyal corps of workers who have been with The Chronicle for a long time and who are still giving valuable aid in all lines.

Chesterfield county a few weeks ago shipped a carload of chickens to northern markets and we see by press dispatches where Chesterfield will ship another car soon. Laurens county farmers will also ship a carload this week. Good prices have been realized and this seems to be a good way to offset the losses from boll weevil ravages.

Forty petitions for clemency have been presented to the pardon board and among them is the name of Butler Gay, a white man, sent up from this county for five years for shooting and killing a lad of about fourteen years. The sentence was light to begin with and Gay should be satisfied with the short term. However, it doesn't make a great deal of difference one way or the other, as we have been told that Gay is virtually at liberty, as he has been home on several occasions since his confinement. The remarks made by Judge Memminger published in another part of this paper is timely when comment is made on the case of Gay.

A boarding keeper of Greenwood did her banking in a suit case only to discover a few days ago that her small boy had put some of her boarders on to her "bank," so they looted the suit case of \$928, which illustrates the fact that a suit case is a very poor banking establishment even though the boarding business is good.

A case out of the ordinary in every sense of the word was a law suit before Circuit Judge F. C. Featherstone, of Greenwood, in the Orangeburg term of court of common pleas this week, in which a life insurance company contested the payment of two policies of \$1,000 each on a negro, Harvey Whaley, who was electrocuted some time ago at the state penitentiary. Judge Featherstone rendered an opinion in favor of the plaintiff on the ground that the provisions of the insurance policy, and on the further ground that the constitution of the state of South Carolina provides that "no conviction shall work a forfeiture of estate," the amount of the policies in this case being considered an estate. It is very likely that an appeal will be made by the defendant.

Memminger is Right.
Judge Memminger a few days ago refused to recommend a pardon for a man who shot another in a quarrel. In doing so he took a decided stand against promiscuous pardoning. His remarks are worth considering.

"I recommend that the petition be not granted. I would not have sentenced the prisoner if there had been any reasonable doubt of his guilt. I think the magistrate who instigated the petition would be better employed enforcing the laws than in criticizing the sentence of a judge and seeking to set it aside. Any convict can get up a petition as strong as this and that is perfectly well known. We are under the impression that the verdict of juries and sentences of the courts are to be respected and carried out."

LESSONS FROM THE INDIAN.

(Capital News Service.)

An Alaskan Indian was arrested for murder. His captor started with him upon a wearisome journey over snow, which stretched several hundred miles of waste between him and jail. During the journey the captor fell ill; so ill that he was helpless. Whereupon the Indian dragged him the remaining hundred miles to his safety and his own imprisonment, or perhaps, death.

A short time ago an American Indian, under sentence of death, got a stay of execution that he might arrange his affairs and harvest his crops for his family. At the end of the reprieve he voluntarily showed up for execution.

Nor are these instances unique; there are many such.

Apparently the untutored savage has a great respect for law. To his mind, the ukase of real authority is made to be respected and obeyed. If broken, the law enacts a punishment. The Indian mind does not "see" any point to evading that punishment. Even the fact that the punishment may mean death, does not deter him.

There have been instances of white men who left jail on parole and returned; yet one would hesitate to trust any man with freedom, who was under sentence of death!

With such examples given by savages, men with little or no education, civilization, or training, it is the more reprehensible when we, the citizens of a Nation which prides itself upon being governed, deliberately violate laws because we don't like them. Instances are everywhere; the bootlegger and his customer are but samples of many. Big business violates the law; see any Federal Trade Commission report. Automobists violate the law; see any police court docket. Granted that misparking and mislabeling are not crimes to be mentioned with murder; granted that buying or selling a drink is not to be classed with robbery. Nevertheless, a violation of the law is a wrong; it is un-American, unpatriotic, cowardly.

Indians are said to be men with children's minds. With the above in-

stances in mind, "A little child shall lead them," takes on a new meaning.

Chamber of Commerce Notes.

If Camden ever had any temporary or relatively permanent pessimists, they have long since resigned from the crepe-hangers union and banished their grouches to Jonah land.

We don't think it has ever happened in Camden, but—if there was ever any one who doubted that Camden is "The Little City of Big Doings" and they happened to attend the May Day exercises last Tuesday all doubts disappeared immediately. No city or town in the world could possibly do better and it is a fact that Camden's city schools are equal to the very best and second to none. You can take off your hat, if you are a man, and if you are a lady you can nod your head to the principal, superintendent of education, teachers, and to the hundreds of boys and girls who participated so creditably, in the spectacular, inspiring, beautiful and civic pride producing program pulled off last Tuesday. We know it is wasting time to try to write about it as everybody in Camden was there—but this was an occasion when "we have to get it out of our system," so we are loosening up with a few kind words of gratitude and commendation through the press just to let everybody know that we were there. We know that with so many hundreds of little and big stars on the stage and so many beautiful women and girls looking on that we weren't seen. But we just can't help telling that we were there. The Camden Civic League and Camden School teachers, pupils and school patrons are due some public acknowledgement and here goes.

We are getting gradually climatized and feel like stepping on the gas and turning her loose as a Camden booster. We have so much to write about that it is going to take a long time to tell all about it.

Camden is a delightfully conservatively progressive city. She keeps within her income and does not tax her citizens beyond profit, making possibilities. Nevertheless if there is another community anywhere of five thousand population with as many worth while things; public utilities of every kind, schools, churches, parks, electric power facilities, and many other things we would like to receive a few postal card pictures of that bustling burg.

The Chamber of Commerce is out for pictures of Camden's magnificent school buildings, churches, homes, hospital, street scenes, parks, and every kind of picture for the art gallery started by Miss Wilbur McCallum, assistant managing secretary at Chamber of Commerce. Former Secretary B. G. Sanders and the new secretary tried to get their pictures in this art gallery but "the boss" said that one was too baldheaded and he would have to put a hard oil finish on his top knot—and the other had to stop talking too much, and squinted too much, and that both looked too old any how for an up-to-date picture show. Poor boys. So send in your pictures.

Warrington, Ore., is said to be the first city to select a woman manager. She is Mrs. R. E. Barrett, a prominent business woman.

Citation for Letters of Administration
(By W. L. McDowell, Esq., Probate Judge.)

State of South Carolina
County of Kershaw
(Court of Probate.)

Whereas, Richard Hattie made suit to me to grant him Letters of Administration of the Estate of and effects of Gibbs C. Carter;

These are therefore to cite and admonish all and singular the kindred and creditors of the said Gibbs C. Carter, deceased, that they be and appear before me, in the Court of Probate, to be held at Camden, South Carolina, on Thursday, May 17th next, after publication thereof, at 11 o'clock in the forenoon, to show cause, if any they have, why the said Administration should not be granted.

Given under my Hand, this 4th day of May Anno Domini, 1923.

W. L. McDOWELL,
Judge of Probate, Kershaw County.
Published on the 1th and 11th days of May 1923, in the Camden Chronicle, and posted at the Court House door for the time prescribed by law.

HAMBONE'S MEDITATIONS

WHITE FOLKS PARSON SAY
DE MAN WHUTS' LIGIOUS
IS AP' T' BE HAPPY
BUT AH SPEC' EF HE WHUT
DEY CALLS SAC' LIGIOUS
HE SHO DO BE JOYFUL!



Appreciates Our Comment.

Camden Chronicle,
Camden, S. C.

Dear Mr. Niles: Wish to thank you for your recent editorial comment concerning the Y. M. C. A. organization for Camden. If the same sentiment prevails in this community as expressed in your editorial there can be little doubt as to the success of organizing a Y. M. C. A. in Camden. Our Committee is gathering such data as would seem important before presenting the matter to the public. However, we expect at an early date to be able to furnish such information as will be necessary to promote the best interests of such an institution.

Yours very truly,
C. P. DuBose,
Chairman Y. M. C. A. Committee.

A Newspaper Fraud.

(Orangeburg Times-Democrat.)
Many people imagine they could run a newspaper very easily. There is an attraction in it for a lot of people, and, as a rule, a new paper is an easy thing to launch. However, very few papers make money—a living is usually the only recompense, especially in small cities and towns—yet a stranger can usually find some who would like to "strafe" the journals

existing and furnish money or support to anybody starting such a venture.

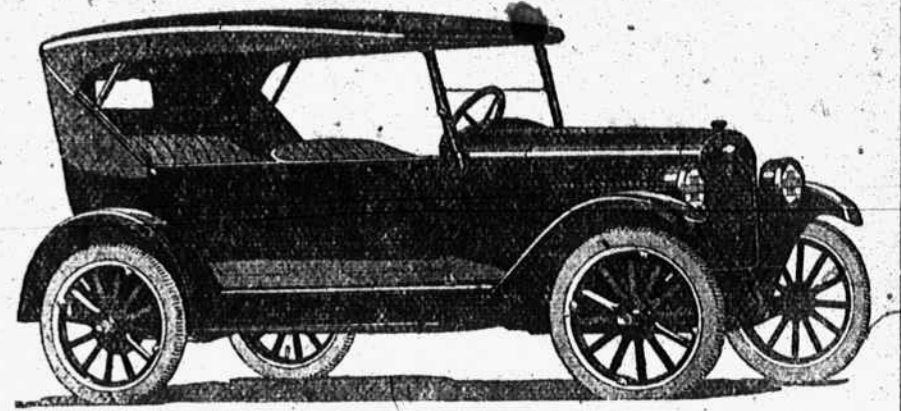
The Bamberg Herald tells about such a happening at Newberry, as follows:

A Newberry newspaper, according to a recent press dispatch, has closed down after a few months' existence as a daily publication. The editor has left for parts unknown carrying with him the proceeds of a subscription contest. In addition to fleecing his subscribers out of the paper they had paid for for one or more years in advance, he neglected before leaving to settle with the contestants and award the prizes, supposed to be valued at \$3,500. A \$15,000 plant was left behind, but, unfortunately, it was bought on credit and is worthless to the paper's creditors as it is covered with multitudinous mortgages. It would seem that folks would cease to be "taken in" by these schemes. Instances are numerous in this state of new papers opening up and conducting contests to get subscribers, because, frequently, the paper has not sufficient merit to get them otherwise. Three or four similar schemes have been successfully worked in a radius of fifty miles of Bamberg, about two, we believe, having occurred within the bounds of the county, in recent years.

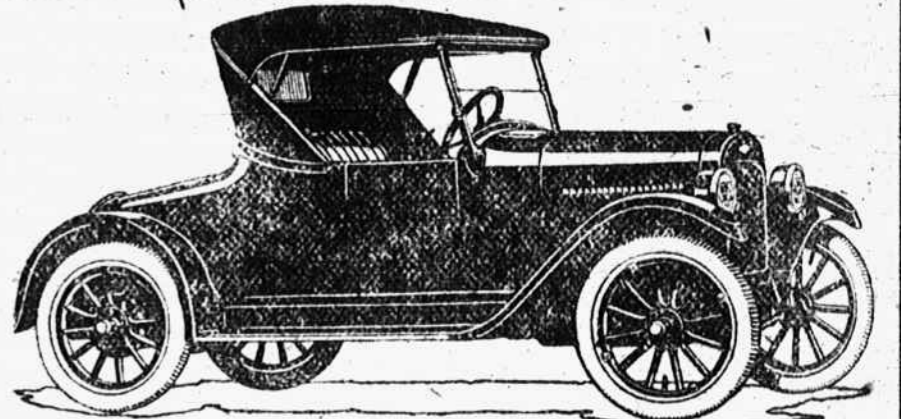
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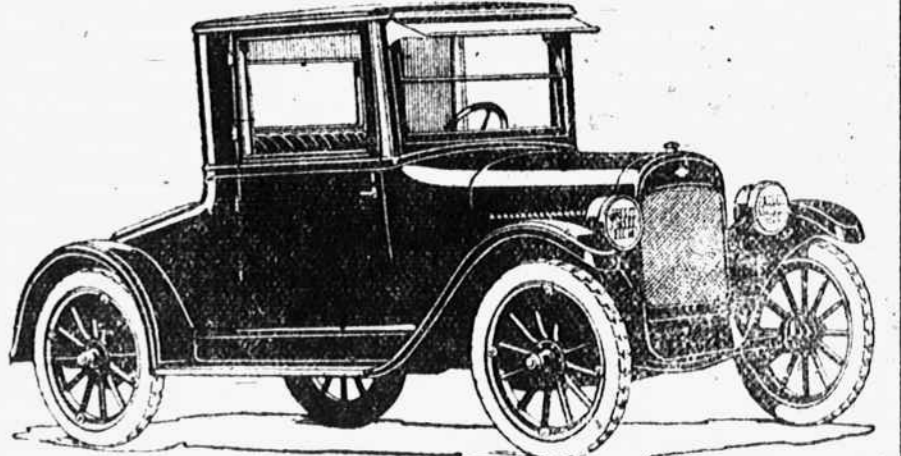
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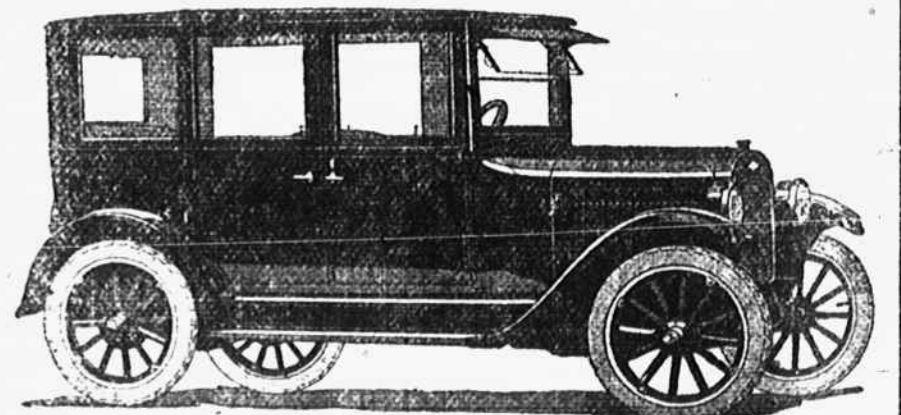
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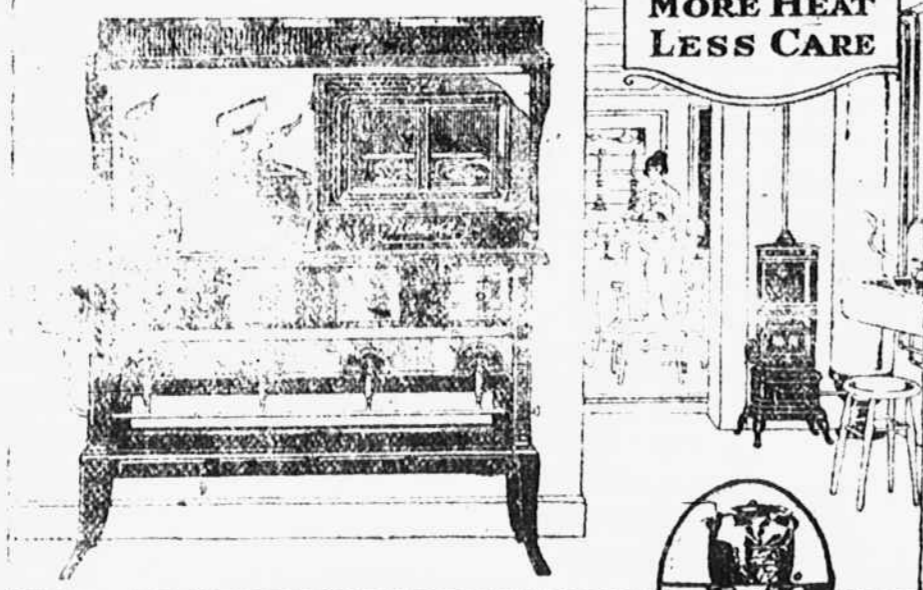
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