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The property owners of Camden should appreciate the efforts of the members of the police force and insurance men who helped in ferreting out the cause of the fire here last Friday night, and bringing the three rascals to justice who tried to destroy property for the sake of the insurance carried. That they have never made claim for the insurance, and that they did not destroy adjacent property in the night time, should not lessen the seriousness of their crime. There has been a checking up on these "firemen" throughout the state in recent months and it is a wholesome sign. A lawyer arrested in Beaufort charged with causing a \$75,000 loss, two white men in Edgefield, a picture show operator in Columbia and our local affair. Quite a bit of surprise and indignation has resulted over the acts of these three negroes and it is no time to be starting sentiment to get them out of their devilment.

We quote below some of the records of fire losses in recent years as compiled from the Manufacturer published at Salem, Oregon:

"One of the problems causing us even more serious concern than previously is the fire loss which continues to increase alarmingly. In 1923 the aggregate losses were \$535,372,782, as compared with \$203,763,550 ten years before. The estimate for 1924 places the probable total for last year at a new high point—\$548,810,630. This figure represents the destruction daily of property worth at least a million and a half dollars, or something like ten million and a half a week. That this enormous destruction causes no ripple on the commercial sea, speaks well for the stability of fire insurance, but such a waste, unchecked nevertheless threatens our economic life.

"It is true that during the past few years, the curve of destruction has risen less rapidly than the aggregate of burnable values, but this is cold comfort, because from any standpoint such annihilation of material wealth, which incidentally causes the withdrawal each year of more than half a billion dollars from productive enterprise, is appalling, a menace to the prosperity and future of the nation.

"To the lasting credit of the fire insurance companies, they long ago recognized this casualty as an enemy of society and joined together through the instrumentality of The National Board of Fire Underwriters to combat the devouring element. What the tax of fire would amount to in this day were it not for the constant effort which has been made with increasing determination and efficiency for the past two decades, cannot be estimated with accuracy; yet there can be no doubt in the mind of anyone familiar with fire insurance and with our activities, that by now the burning rate would be absolutely overwhelming. It is not too much to assume that the devastation of the flames would have compelled the Federal and State Government to enact drastic laws for the suppression of fires and punishment of those having them, as in France, had not the private business of fire insurance made the reduction of fire waste its voluntary contribution to the public welfare."

In the death of Mr. Bryan this country has suffered the loss of one of its great and best known personalities. His passing comes as a fitting end to the career of the Statesman who has been the leading force in the prosecution to stop the teaching of evolution in our public schools, and to the other cause of a brilliant, earnest and good man, whose name today is being taken up by the masses that are the mightiest officials of the nation. Nowhere have we seen a more beautiful tribute paid to this man than the following taken from the editorial columns of the Marion (Ga.) Star:

Bryan died, as he lived, with a simple faith in his God and his fellow man. Abused by the press, hated by the average man of means, but beloved by the poor and lowly, he has, at the end, remained unchanged in his opinions, unswayed by his critics and unafraid of his enemies. His last and best feature is that of the Great Commoner, voluntarily taking the witness stand and inviting Darr, the agitator, and Mahone, the evolutionist, to ask any questions they desired. He frankly admitted that he did not know the meaning of a few things in the Holy Bible, but he covered his ignorance of matters beyond his knowledge with a simple faith in his God and his fellow man. He was a man of simple faith and high character. No one, it is felt, can but meditate upon the vast difference it would have made had Darrow passed on to meet his God, and had Bryan remained. It is well that it was Bryan. The Great Commoner was prepared for the end."

An amendment designed to prohibit the teaching of evolution in the common schools of Georgia Wednesday was voted down overwhelmingly by the State House of Representatives.

Unknown man was found dead in New York with only ten cents and a package of cigarettes in his pockets. Another newspaper man gone to rest. —Spartanburg Journal.

"Victim" Scores Lyman.

To the Editor of The Chronicle: In your issue of last week I noticed an article regarding C. Lyman who is now in jail at Camden.

One who does not know the facts would think he is being terribly persecuted. But if a man or set of men ever did deserve to go to the gang he and his co-workers do.

They came through this section last fall purporting to represent an order that stood for law enforcement and secured quite a number of members. They collected the initiation fee but never came back to finish organization. After they had fleeced this section they moved on to other fields to carry out their scheme.

He and his men went about among strangers securing members without anyone to recommend a member and that shows fraud on its very face.

Should their Circle have been what it was recommended, they would have wanted some one to advise, but no, they took it upon themselves. Then they gave bogus checks. C. Lyman was caught in Camden for giving one. He gave a poor farmer one the week before he was to organize in Camden, hoping that it would be cleared through the regular channel and he would be gone from this section before a report on it was made, but the wires were used. So when he arrived at Camden to fleece the men there he was met by Constable Hunicutt with a warrant and made to come across and then the Camden men or some of them got wise and made him refund their money, paid as initiation fees.

He claims not to have violated a law, but if collecting money from men under a false pretense is a crime, then he is a criminal, and then leaving the section in which he and his men have operated, with no intention of returning, is not in violation of our laws, then God pity our State.

Again, it is a violation of the laws for a secret order to start organization without authority from the Secretary of State. This they did in November and December and did not secure such authority till March 6, 1925. I have letters in my possession to that effect from Mr. W. P. Blackwell, Secretary of State. They had organized four Circles through January 1925 and have only given a charter to one. The apparent reason for the furnishing of this charter was to catch a man for a bigger fee than they had already collected from him. We have sixteen warrants waiting for him when the Camden men are through with him and we sincerely hope that when we get through with him he will have paid in service to the county amount in full for his ill-gotten gain and the money he collected from us will be so moth eaten that the Government won't redeem it.

Victim.

The report of the Julius Rosenwald foundation for extending the facilities for primary education of the negro in the South shows that of the \$12,000,000 thus far devoted to that end, for the building of 2,800 negro schools in fourteen states, exactly fifty five per cent, or something more than one-half, was furnished by Southern white people. This will probably be a matter of surprise to some people in the North, who profess to believe at least that the negro is held in a form of peonage in the South and has no opportunity to forge ahead educationally, industrially or any other way. While it is very fortunate for the negro to spread out, and not to be confined in toto, as is the case to any one particular part of the fact remains, nevertheless, that the South is the best place for the black man, and that down here we will be happy in every way. —The Star Reporter.

Mayor and Bryan Die Same Day.

Miami, Fla., July 26.—Parker A. Henderson, mayor of Miami, and prominent in the city's business and banking circles, was found dead this morning at his home here when his valet went to awaken him. Physicians summoned to attend him declared death due to apoplexy.

Mayor Henderson had only served about a month of his present term but previously was mayor of Miami from November 1, 1915 to November 1, 1917. He was born in Hampton, Ga., January 7, 1875, resided in Moultrie, Ga., a few years, and came to Miami in 1917.

Barney Wallace Captured. Barney Wallace, a young white man, was captured by late and county officers of the Georgia-Florence region and lodged in the Georgia-Florence jail on charges of operating a gambling establishment in the name of a public house.

THIS WEEK



Mr. Brisbane's editorials are published as expressions of opinions of the world's highest-salaried editor and The Chronicle does not necessarily endorse all of his views and conclusions.

Triassic Rocks

The Reverend Dr. Stratton wants the law against teaching evolution introduced into New York state.

His earnestness may puzzle other Fundamentalists when he says he can prove the evolutionists are wrong, because "Triassic rock" antedates by millions of years the time of man's evolution as described by Darwin.

If the world is only six thousand years old, how can there be rocks millions of years old? In their desire to discredit Darwin, the good Fundamentalist should not forget his own "facts and figures."

Deeply religious men often make mistakes in science. Mr. Watson Davis mentions two instances. Martin Luther condemned savagely an astrologer who strove to show that the world revolves, not the heavens or the firmament, the sun and the moon. This fool wishes to reverse the entire science of astronomy. But today not Galileo is the fool.

Luther, Calvin, Bryan

Calvin, quoting the psalm which says "the world also is established that it cannot be moved," added, "who will venture to place the authority of Copernicus above that of the Holy Spirit?"

And the good John Wesley thought the new ideas in astronomy showed a trend toward infidelity. Those were three good Protestants; they all worried about Galileo, as Bryan worried about Darwin. But religion has survived their worry.

Safety In The Air

Is flying dangerous? If the pilot uses common sense, it is less dangerous than crossing a crowded street.

In twenty-five months pilots from Mitchel Field have flown 1,827,000 miles, in 13,363 separate flights.

Only three have been killed, although pilots have turned endless somersaults and committed much other foolishness in the air.

Sixty years hence cautious old ladies will refuse to ride in automobiles or earth trains. They will say, "At my age they are too dangerous. I only fly, and at a safe height."

This "humorous" paragraph is published:

A country editor, having worked hard for thirty years, retired with \$50,000 capital. He explained as follows:

"I attribute my ability to retire with \$50,000 to the fact that I worked very hard and saved every cent—and to the death of an uncle who left me \$49,999.50."

Ten thousand country editors could testify that there is more truth than humor in that anecdote. The most useful, underpaid and earnest body of men in the nation are the editors of country newspapers.

The pathetic fact is that they would be highly prosperous men if business and advertisers realized the truth that the country newspaper, in proportion to its circulation, is the best advertising medium in the country.

An increase in the price of rubber drives manufacturers to plan for smaller tires. Some man of intelligence will find a way to substitute steel springs for rubber and produce a tire better than a rubber tire.

Not To Worry

Mr. and Mrs. Howard Mancee, who have nine children, gave a party for those children and their offspring. One hundred and one came to the party. If everybody did as well, if the millions in China raised their gigantic families, for instance, and if plagues and floods stopped killing them, how soon would the earth be over-peopled?

That is the thing not to worry about.

"The Lord arranges it so that the trees shall not grow into the heavens." And He has undoubtedly arranged it so that the earth shall not breed more people than it can support. As the world grows older and its people know more, fewer children are born; more of them live.

Rear Admiral George W. Williams, of South Carolina, who died last week in Charleston, was laid to rest in Arlington cemetery Tuesday with impressive military honors.

Painting pictures on such feminine knees as may be exposed by rolled stockings and perverse winds is advocated by beauty specialists, who began a week's convention in New York Monday. "Painted knees are the latest thing," said Mr. Ruth Maur, presiding.

SATURDAY AND MONDAY AUGUST 1 AUGUST 3 We are offering 75 Dresses which almost include our entire stock of Spring Dresses. Values \$6.75 to \$29.50. All sales final; no approval or charge. Prices will start at \$1.00 AND GO UP TO \$9.00 ACT QUICKLY! THE FASHION SHOP COR. BROAD AND DEKALB CAMDEN, S. C.

Street car service is being restored in Spartanburg, and cars are now running on Magnolia street for the first time in three years.

Thomas Lytle, a Spartanburg merchant, was found Tuesday morning tied to a tree and gagged so as to prevent his calling for help. He had been held up by two men Monday night and robbed of \$386 in cash he told his rescuers and tied to the tree. Police declared that Mr. Lytle would have died in a short time.

Mr. Lytle was near home in his car he says, when he was stopped by two men, who leaped upon the running boards and thrust revolvers into his face. Mr. Lytle says the men did not speak from the time he was held up until they completed the job, and as his head was covered with a sack he is unable to give the officers any clue as to the identity of the two.

Auditors and treasurers meeting in Charleston last week elected William D. Dent, auditor of Lexington county, president; William J. Leonard, treasurer, of Charleston county, vice-president, and E. C. Rhodes, chief clerk in the office of the comptroller general, secretary and treasurer. Anderson was selected as the meeting place for next year.

Mrs. W. C. Love, visiting her son, Dr. Lyman Love, at Charleston, was clubbed on the head early Sunday morning by an unknown man who entered the Love home ostensibly for the purpose of robbery. The intruder who entered Mrs. Love's bedroom made his escape.

With a total membership of 511, Post No. 28 of the American Legion at Spartanburg believes that it has the largest in the state.

Forty-four years ago, the Rev. Francis Clark of Portland, Me., gathered some young people around him and established a society for good thinking and good deeds. Since that eventful day it has grown to have some 4,000,000 members in 80,000 branches, and its name, "Christian Endeavor," is known in nearly every section of the globe.

Zev, greatest runner of American turf who made for his owner \$313,639, has been retired from the track.

Wants--For Sale

FOR SALE—Several good stock bird puppies six weeks old and will be ready for fall training. Apply to L. M. Truesdale, rte 1, Westville, S. C. 15-18-pd

LOST—One pair tortoise shell glasses in soft leather case. Reward if returned to Chronicle office. 18-pd

POULTRY AND EGGS WANTED—Any quantity any time. Don't write. Ship us your poultry and eggs; hens 17c, fryers 20c, roosters 7c, eggs 25c, delivered at Clinton. Clinton Produce Co., Clinton, S. C. Cash by return mail. 18-1f

FOR RENT—Three connecting rooms unfurnished. Telephone 262-J, Camden, S. C. 17-18-19-pd

WANTED—No. 1 pine logs. Highest cash prices paid; year round demand. Sumter Planing Mills and Lumber Co., Attention E. S. Booth, Sumter, S. C. 29-1f

LOST—One Setter pup four months old; white with black ears. Reward if returned to Rush Lumber Company. 17-sb

BEARING SERVICE—We have in stock bearings to fit most any popular make of automobile such as Taper roller, ball and connecting rod. Hay's Garage, South Broad Street, Camden, S. C. 14-17-sb

FOR SALE—Two desirable building lots in Camden. Apply at Camden Chronicle office, Camden, S. C.

BATTERIES—If it's a battery you need see us before you buy, our prices are right. Batteries recharged and repaired. Broad Street Filling Station, Phone 443, U. N. Myers, Prop. 15-4b

FOR RENT OR SALE—Six room cottage, with all modern conveniences, on Lyttleton street. For terms apply to Mrs. B. Ammons 402 DeKalb street, Camden, S. C. 18-pd

WHITTON GENUINE PARTS CO., Columbia, S. C., The largest Parts Distributors in the entire South. A complete stock of genuine and replacement parts for all cars and trucks. aug. 7-sb

LOST—On Wednesday a cameo brooch somewhere on streets of Camden. Reward if returned to Mrs. W. T. Hendrix, Camden, S. C. 18-pd

FORD SERVICE—We handle genuine Ford parts. Let us do your repair work. Experienced Ford mechanics. Mr. Joe Pettigrew in charge of repair shop. Broad Street Filling Station, Phone 443, U. N. Myers, Prop. 15-sb

FOR RENT—Two houses on Broad street. Apply to L. A. Wittkowsky, Camden, S. C. 50-sb

LOST—On Wednesday morning a lady's slipper, somewhere between Laurens and Rutledge streets. Finder please return to Chronicle Office, Camden, S. C. 18-pd

FOUND—A bunch of keys. Owner can have same by paying for this ad. The Chronicle office. 17-sb

Advertisement for The First National Bank featuring an illustration of the bank building and the text: Ben Franklin Benjamin Franklin was one of the wisest men America ever produced. He made many proverbs. One of them is: "Money can beget money, and its offspring can beget more." Open a savings account in this bank and start your money toward increase. The First National Bank