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BORN DEAD BEATS.

Every person who has conducted a business in which the extending of credit is practiced must be impressed with the large percentage of people in the world who appear to be born dead-beats.

There are those in every community who make pretensions to business and social standing, yet were never known to pay a bill when it was due and seldom pay one at all excepting as a result of hounding or legal action.

Morally, there is no difference between one who fails to pay an honest debt when he can pay it, and one who robs a till or cracks a safe. In fact, if there be any decency in either it appears to be on the side of the common criminal, who at least does not abuse confidence and friendship.

Credit bureaus are gradually making the path of the dead-beat a little more thorny, but he still flourishes to an extent that is a serious handicap to honest citizens.—Laurens Advertiser.

Getting time for Camden business men to adopt a credit association similar to the one in Chester. There are many born dead-beats in this community and will continue to exist as long as merchants fail to deal fair with each other and put each other wise. We have known of instances where new stores have opened and instead of the old merchants putting their new competitors wise, they let the dead-beats go on and fleece them, thereby giving said dead-beats a larger lease on a community. We are glad to say, however, they can't last always, for they eventually get to the point where they cannot obtain credit and move on to new fields.

Several have played out in Camden in recent years and have had to leave the city, but not until they had lived here a long time without paying anybody. The merchants have to absorb this loss in some way and it is passed on to the honest ones who pay their accounts regularly.

Remember when you send that next order of printing out of town you are crippling an industry in Camden that is not only turning loose quite a nice weekly pay roll, but is bringing foreign money into Camden through its foreign advertising patronage. All of this money is spent in Camden with Camden merchants, paying Camden and Kershaw county taxes. The Chronicle does high-class printing at a reasonable price and not like the mail order printers we are here every day in the year to make good any work not satisfactory. We want you to at least give us a chance to meet the out-of-town man's bid. We can save express charges and in nearly every instance will give you better all round service. When you send your money out of town for printing it is gone for good. If you give us a chance on the job, you will have a chance of getting that money back some day.

There is an unfair comparison being sent out from Washington from time to time, comparing the present day value of farm lands with that of five years ago. It is very hard and to show a heavy deficit. Five years ago farm lands all over south Carolina sold for sums nearly equaling the price of Florida real estate. The counties of the state are getting some undesirable publicity as a result of the comparative figures, but if the government makes the more accurate estimates on farm values than it did on taking the last census, nobody will take the figures seriously, and no harm will result.

Who has not seen our town for some time remark with real enthusiasm that since the paving has been completed the town looks dressed up. There isn't any doubt about the truth of that the paving makes more difference and means a greater improvement than any of us would have thought possible. There is another consideration which is very important—what of comfort. With unpaved streets, the dust would have been insupportable this drought of summer. With the paving of streets, the people will have a more comfortable town.

DROUGHT PECULIAR THIS YEAR

Drought of Forty Years Ago Recalled and Cold Winter Predicted.

(W. P. Houseal in Columbia State.) The drought which has prevailed in the Palmetto State this year has shown some characteristics peculiar to itself. Unlike the extreme drought of 1845 and 1881—two of the driest summers within 80 years—the drought this year did not prevail during the spring and summer over the entire state. This condition was due to the fact that moisture usually brought by air currents from the Gulf of Mexico and distributed over the Southeastern states were diminished in force in this particular by the hot winds that came out of Texas and sapped them of their life. The extreme drought in Texas can be traced to the periodical source which lies in the influence of sun spots and further in this connection equally to planetary origin.

While official records show that July was the driest seventh month of any year since 1882, it can not compete in this respect with July, 1881, when not a drop of rain fell during that entire month. The year was the driest (as has been said) of any year since 1845, when it did not rain at all from March until September. Conditions of the drought of 1845 as described by persons who lived at that time have come down to the writer from such first hand sources. Clouds were plenty, but they flew high and did not form the nimbus (rain cloud) which only can give precipitation. The three functionary clouds—cirrus, stratus and cumulus—were absent, without which there can be no nimbus, the latter being the rain cloud.

Conditions of weather in 1881 must have been similar to those of 1845. Clouds floated about from different directions during the entire summer but their precipitation—constant function of all clouds—did not reach terra firma.

The beginning of the dry period of 1881 was April 21. That morning a cold misty rain occurred but by 11 o'clock the mist cleared away and the sun appeared in all its splendor. Although spring had far advanced, there was not a sprig of green anywhere. However, so suddenly had the temperature of summer come that within five days the trees had burst forth in buds and three days later they were in full leaf. It was a year without the appearance of spring.

No rain fell then until June 26th—very slight at that. The next rain was about the third Sunday in August—a downpour—the last of the entire summer as it was November 3, when the fall rains set in and precipitation began to be abundant. Precipitation throughout six months, from May to November did not amount to more than four inches. It was thus drier than 1886, the year that some one has described as a droughty year. Such was not the case. One of the most destructive freshets on Broad and Saluda rivers occurred in 1886, when rain began to fall in torrents May 16 and continued until June 16—at least 18 or 20 inches falling during 30 days. Raining again the last week in June it washed out the Southern railway between Columbia and Alston twice within 40 days. However, a drought did prevail from the middle of July until November, having had effect on account of the scalding condition which was produced by the excessive heat of May and June, which suddenly ceased.

Drought this year (1925) in various sections of the state has been caused by precipitation which originated in the region of the Great Lakes. This fact was the basis of the forecast made by the Dutch Weather Prophet early in July that the drought would be broken in the arid regions throughout the state. So the rains which have occurred since that date originated at the source of the Mississippi river. The Gulf and the Great Lakes have a very sympathetic relation, speaking meteorologically, and when one fails to supply precipitation in the form of rain, the other will almost invariably come to the rescue. However, the region of the Great Lakes is usually the source of winter rains while in summer nearly all precipitation here areas from the Gulf.

Precipitation originating so early in the summer this year in the Great Lakes region has blazed the way for a colder winter than last year.

As a surveyor, George Washington dragged his chain along the surface of the ground, up and down hills, without making any allowance in his calculations for the hills. Consequently, modern surveyors are having trouble checking up his old surveys in what is now Maryland.

"Speed Limit Through Nazareth 10 Miles per Hour." So reads a sign on Mery's Well at Nazareth.

THIS WEEK



By Arthur Brisbane

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.

Seven crops of alfalfa in a year, tons of potatoes to an acre, great are the wonder crops of this rich land. But the greatest crop is the human crop. Without that, others would amount to nothing.

Mr. Jones's Star, of Rigby, Idaho, tells of a family gathering of the Call family. It included Anson V. Call, 70 years old, of Afton, Wyoming, father of 20 sons and 10 daughters, all alive, healthy and strong. Mr. Call is the grandfather of 90 children, and they are all well. Tell that to your friend who thinks birth control will solve our problems.

Where ignorance, disease, poverty and drink, in the slums, combine to force large families upon weak women that cannot take care of them, birth control may be all that its advocates say.

They don't need it in Idaho or Wyoming. What they need there is children.

Dancing and religion have long been united. Samuel tells you "David danced before the Lord." He well might, for his rise was rapid from lightweight champion, conqueror of Goliath, to ruler over Israel.

Dancing has its proper place, see Ecclesiastes, third chapter, fourth verse, "time to weep, and a time to laugh, a time to mourn and a time to dance."

The next verse says there is also "a time to embrace, and a time to refrain from embracing." That should be remembered in these wild dancing days.

When you get a piece of this earth, keep it. It cannot be stolen; doesn't rust; you are your own board of directors; unlike watered stocks, there is only just so much of it, and it goes up in price.

The Indians sold Manhattan Island for \$24. The land in Central Park alone is now worth a thousand millions.

Mr. Hatch got 900 acres at Far Rockaway, New York, under foreclosure, for \$40,000, tried to get rid of it but couldn't on account of litigation. When he did sell he got \$3,000,000. At today's boom prices, if his son had it, it would be worth \$762,000,000. Keep your real estate.

In Indianapolis, punishment is to fit the crime, when one man with his automobile kills another. The killer is to spend one hour locked in a room with the corpse of the person killed. The theory is that it will make the killer think, although it won't bring the dead back to life.

"Voltaire had the idea reversed. In "Zadig" a traveling philosopher causes the young widows of India to discontinue burning themselves alive with the corpses of their own husbands. He didn't forbid it, only made a law that before being burned alive the young widow should pass a couple of hours with the handsomest young man in the village.

After that for some strange reason the widow usually lost interest in being burned up with her aged spouse. Often she disappeared before the funeral.

What a nuisance the human body is. Through life it worries us with aches and pains and needs. The spirit is so easily taken care of. It has no rheumatism, no teeth to ache, no gout, no hair to fall out, needs no clothing, eats nothing, supplies what little real happiness we have. And we soon learn to suppress that part of it called "conscience."

Even when you are dead, the spirit takes care of itself, goes off somewhere and the body remains a nuisance. The simplest thing is to burn it up, instead of leaving the work of destruction to slow worms, but many do not like that cremation idea.

Death and what we call it "horror" ought to be most useful. Every time a man thinks of death he should say to himself, "merciful Heaven! I had better stop thinking and get out and do something worth while, for I shall soon be gone, and they will be asking, 'what shall we do with the remain?' and 'what did he amount to?'"

Boy Scout News

The Boy Scouts of Troop No. 2 held their regular meeting on Friday night at the Scout house. The meeting was opened by the Lord's Prayer and the dues were collected. During the meeting the advancement record was checked up, showing how much each scout had advanced during our camp. The principal part of the meeting was a talk by Eagle Scout Goodin of Kershaw of Augusta, Ga., on what scouting has meant to him. This talk was enjoyed very much by our scouts. At this meeting the Eagle patrol presented a new form of initiation and we hope it will be adopted. John Richardson, Scribe.

CAROLINA OFFICER KILLED.

Lieut. Winston J. Eaddy, of Hemingway, Loses Life.

Hemingway, Aug. 16.—G. B. Eaddy received Friday, August 13th, the startling intelligence that his son, Lieut. Winston J. Eaddy, stationed at Camp Clark, Texas, was killed at 9 a. m. of that day. Death, which was instantaneous, was due to unavoidable accident, his horse falling on him while drilling.

Lieut. Bradley of the dead officer's command, the Fifth cavalry, is now en route with the body. The funeral will take place on their arrival, which will probably be Tuesday, August 18.

Lieutenant Eaddy was a fine specimen of young manhood, the pride of his parents and sisters, and one of whom the whole community was proud. As a student of Hemingway high school, he led his class, after attending the Citadel one year, where he was adjudged the best in department in his class, he received the West Point appointment. In 1923, at the age of 22 he was graduated and was assigned to duty on the Mexican border.

Two Killed at Columbia.

Columbia, August 14.—An effort to stop a tearing car at the Pineknay street railroad crossing (just off west Elmwood avenue) proved futile at 4:30 o'clock yesterday afternoon and John Adams, 1531 Lincoln street, and Mrs. Marie Butler, Kansas City, Mo., met death when passenger train No. 53 of the Columbia, Newberry and Laurens railroad plunged into the machine in which they were riding.

Tally Eisenhauer and John Kimbrell, both of Columbia, also received injuries in the wreck. They are now in the Columbia hospital. Eisenhauer is suffering from a badly lacerated hand and bodily hurts. Kimbrell has severe lacerations about the face and hands. Neither of the two young men is thought to be in a serious condition.

STUDENTS ENTERING

The Atlanta-Southern Dental College in October should matriculate at once. This is the last year it will be possible to enter a dental college with only high school education, and increased enrollment must be provided for in the new building now under construction.—Adv. 21pd

Wants--For Sale

FOR SALE—Pedigreed Collie pups, nine weeks old. Already wormed. Males \$15.00; Females \$10.00 Registration papers A. K. C. \$2.00 extra. Pure-bred Collies \$7.50 and \$10.00. Mrs. R. E. Rembert, Rembert, S. C. 21-pd

FOR RENT—Furnished rooms, near school and Main street. Apply to 1214 Fair street. 21-23pd

FOR SALE—Two good milk cows at a bargain. Address R. S. Truesdale, Westville, S. C. 21-22pd

FOR RENT—New 5-room house with bath, on W. Hampton Avenue. Apply to Mrs. A. G. Huggins, P. O. Box 326. 20trnf

WANTED—Am offering \$2.50 to haul and put on train pulp wood by the cord. Haul three miles. Dr. S. F. Brasington, Camden, S. C. 19tf

FOR SALE—Honey in comb 15 cents per pound, in five pound lots. Bring container. Address Mrs. William D. Trantham, Chesnut Street, Camden, S. C. 19pd

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. 18-18-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 19c, fryers 26c, roosters 7c, eggs 33c, delivered at Clinton. Clinton Produce Co., Clinton, S. C. Cash by return mail. 18-ff

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. 20-ff

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-sb

WHITON 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

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 Broadway street. Apply to L. A. Wittkowski, Camden, S. C. 50 sb

CITATION

State of South Carolina, County of Kershaw. By W. L. McDowell, Esq., Probate Judge.

Whereas, Pauline Gary made suit to me to grant her Letters of Administration of the Estate of and effects of Joseph Brooks.

These are, therefore, to cite and admonish all and singular the kindred and creditors of the said Joseph Brooks, deceased, that they be and appear before me, in the Court of Probate, to be held at Camden, South Carolina on Monday, August 31st, 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 10th day of August, Anno Domini 1925. W. L. McDowell, Judge of Probate for Kershaw County

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CITATION

State of South Carolina, County of Kershaw. By W. L. McDowell, Esq., Probate Judge.

Whereas, L. A. Kirkland made suit to me to grant him Letters of Administration of the Estate of and effects of Lula B. Croft.

These are, therefore, to cite and admonish all and singular the kindred and creditors of the said Lula B. Croft, deceased, that they be and appear before me, in the Court of Probate, to be held at Camden, South Carolina on Saturday, August 22nd, 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 7th day of August, Anno Domini 1925. W. L. McDowell, Judge of Probate for Kershaw County

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WHY WAIT until winter to

arrange for your milk supply when milk is scarce? Give us a trial now or ask some of our customers. Quality and service is our motto. Call Lee's Market and ask for our driver to call. Milk, cream, fresh eggs and poultry at the market. Lugoff Dairy, Lugoff, S. C. 20-32pd

FOR SALE—Lot best quality red six

inch floor tile. See N. C. Arnett, Camden, S. C. 21-sb

Advertisement for The First National Bank. Features an illustration of the bank building with a flag on top. Text includes: 'Living To One's Self', 'It is written "No man liveth unto himself." It is just as true that no institution, corporation or business can permanently prosper that is utterly selfish. We realize that we can prosper only as we are of service and real helpfulness to the interests of the community.', and 'The First National Bank'.