

The Barnwell People.

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BARGHEST COUNTY CIRCULATION

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A SOILED CHAPTER.

The fall of J. S. Farnum, representative of liquor selling firms in Columbia last week, on the charge of bribery, was the hardest fought and most sensational legal battle known in this state for many years. Both prosecution and defense were represented by some of the ablest lawyers of the State and every step was willfully supported and as brilliantly opposed.

The star witness for the State was Joseph B. Wiley of Chester, a bachelor farmer, now 49 years of age. Several years ago he entered politics and was elected to the Legislature.

In Columbia the ambition to become a member of the old State Dispensary Board of Control took possession of him. He became a candidate for that position, salary \$400 a year.

Farnum was his friend in the race, told him of the good things that could be done on the side and spent \$400 to help Wiley win.

After Wiley entered upon the discharge of the duties of the office he got busy. His influence was stretched over his brother directors to increase the purchases of liquors from the houses represented by Farnum. In the eleven months of his tenure Wiley received \$28,000 in rebates and commissions. (His pay by the State for that period was \$396.67.) All these things Wiley admitted on the witness stand.

It turned State's evidence to escape conviction for conspiracy to defraud the State. Attorney General Lyon had followed his tail too closely to allow him any chance of acquittal. His foot prints were deep and plain in the mire.

He further testified on the witness stand that all the money had been done him no good, that he had lost it and more. If he tells a straight tale as to that he is not worth the \$10,000 that he owned when he entered the game. But more costly than the loss of money is the stain upon his manhood, which will be indelible. Yet his example, sad as it is, may be a warning to many in this commercial age, against the get-rich-quick mania that has become so wide spread and so consuming of all better impulses.

Wiley will escape criminal prosecution in the courts, but the memory of his past will lash all the remainder of his life with constant regret in its every waking hour.

THE PELLAGRA PROBLEM.

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In this country doubt is thrown upon the political fact because that some people have had pellagra who did not eat corn bread or hominy, and some scientists and doctors suggest that it may be a germ disease, though no one has yet discovered the germ.

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The cotton mills can stand that figure. On the cheap cotton of 1908 they have made 25 to 40 per cent. paid 10 per cent. dividends and afraid to let the public know their super abundant profits are investing their idle dollars in new mills, extensions and finer machinery.

This one time Providence, through the weather, has instrumented, has put the cotton farmers in position to escape from the harder than Egyptian bondage in which their task masters have held them.

Common sense, experience, is the only Moses they need to follow to accomplish their independence. The chosen people had to depart from Egypt in a body, every cotton planter can work out his own salvation if he will do a little sound brainy work and keep a stiff back bone against temptation.

In Barnwell, Bamberg and Alcon counties, if no where else, many farmers have learned that there is better and surer profit and less worry in growing truck, oats, corn, chickens and potatoes than in making cotton and they are more willing to keep their heads level and remember their lessons in the dear school of experience.

Here is an added proof that the Emigration was wholly right in opposing immigration from Southern Europe into our State:

Pellagra, that so far incurable malady of body and brain that is so rapidly spreading through the South may have been brought here by Italian immigrants.

Dr. M. G. Elliott of Beaufort, who does not believe that eating unground corn products causes the disease writes: "The cause of this disease is far more likely to be due to the large number of foreigners from Southern Europe coming into the Southern States in increasing numbers, as they have been doing in latter years. This necessarily suggests the possibility of the disease being contagious, although it is not considered so now."

According to the Newberry Observer which is a mighty good authority in pronouncing the word pellagra should be accepted on the first syllable and be the two a's sounded like a nask.

Hon. Cole L. Bleas believes in keeping in training and has announced himself a candidate for Mayor of Newberry, preparatory to making his dash toward the Governor's Mansion, the pole of his ambition, in next year's primary.

Brother Farmer: If you decide to plant what this fall don't over crop yourself. Prepare a few acres well, put in a moderate quantity of cotton seed and next Spring top dress with some good commercial fertilizer. If you succeed you will have made a good beginning. If you fail you can stand the loss.

We don't know that this asking will be answered, but we, all the same, request every Pellagra farmer who sows wheat to give us a postal card statement of his acreage. If the area is known to be sufficiently large some live man with money and get up will be the reader to operate cutting and threshing machinery.

There will be no lack of labor in the political field next year. Weeks ago Hon. Cole L. Bleas announced his candidacy for Governor and the names of Featherstone, Richards and Smith have been mentioned in that connection. No doubt others would like to enter that race if they could see any fair chance of winning. If Attorney General Lyon shall put up with the same old story, we will have large possessions, reckoned as

land and property, more particularly in the State of South Carolina, made by James M. Patterson, C. E. dated the 29th day of September, A. D. 1901, situate, lying and being in the counties of Bamberg and Barnwell, in the State of South Carolina, and bounded as follows: On the North by lands of Alice Schuler; on the East by lands of Luther Morris; on the South by lands of E. T. Morris; on the West by land edge of Saltkettle Swamp, adjoining lands of E. H. Jenkins and J. J. Craddock.

Tract No. 20, containing two hundred and twenty seven acres, more or less, situate, lying and being in the County of Bamberg and Barnwell, in the State of South Carolina, and bounded as follows: On the North by lands of R. W. Harrison, G. M. Green and G. O. Barker; on the East by lands of G. O. Barker and adjacent to A. A. Scott; on the South by lands of E. T. Morris and on the West by land edge of Saltkettle Swamp, adjoining lands of J. J. Craddock.

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A TRUE RECENT CARD CLUB EPISODE.

Leading character the wife of a University professor, who was also the daughter of another professor.

Number of card club. Just one hundred dollars at a game. In order to receive the money pawned a three thousand dollar diamond pin (a wedding present.) In order to explain the disappearance of her pin the lady told her husband that she had pawned it and had stolen it. Investigation followed. Pin found in pawn shop. Description of person who had pawned the pin tallied in every detail with that of the woman by the pin.

The above facts can be personally vouched for by An Observer.

TEACHERS, PUPILS, PARENTS.

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ITEMS OF INTEREST.

Slight earthquake shocks were felt Monday in Missouri, Indiana and Illinois.

The highest priced peaches sold in New York last summer were Eiberts, grown at Clark's Hill Edgemoor County.

There is always something to be thankful for. Fashion has decided that the peach basket hat is a back number.

Senator Tillman will deliver no lectures this fall, preferring to take things easy at Trenton until Congress meets in December.

J. S. Farnum, who was acquitted in Columbia on Saturday, is said to have cleared about a million dollars in his dealings with the old State dispensary.

Charleston blind tigers are having an uneasy time. On Monday Sallicker Peartree handed the Grand Jury fifty bills against alleged law breaking whiskey sellers.

An airship exploded in France on Saturday when four hundred feet above the earth and making a fast flight. All the crew, four army officers, were killed by the fall.

Seven hurricanes have been reported this season as formed in West India waters. Fortunately for the Atlantic coast they either blew out to sea or went West in the Gulf of Mexico.

Here is a surprising thing. A Kentucky liquor house that had settled its accounts with the old State dispensary winding up commission has its own motion picture to pay back to the State \$30,000 overcharges.

Mrs. Grover Cleveland and her children, Zettler, Marian, Richard and Francis, sailed from New York to Europe on Saturday. They will live in Lausanne, Switzerland, an indefinite time. Her daughters will go to school there.

On Saturday the White House at Washington had its first fire scare since it was burned by the British in 1812. The fire started in the executive office, where the furnace was overheated to dry some new plastering. No serious damage was done.

A million visitors are in New York this week to attend the celebration of the discovery by Hendrick Hudson of the great river and the harbor and of the first steamer that plowed its way through the Narrows, built by Robert Fulton, the pioneer of navigation by steam power.

Fuller reports from Louisiana of the tropical tornado of the 29th last put the loss of life at over 200, while thousands were made destitute. One fourth of the sugar crop was destroyed. A baby about nine months old was found alive after floating three days without food on a piece of plank.

The death of Governor John A. Johnson of Minnesota leaves Governor Judson Harmon of Ohio as the likeliest Democrat to get the Presidential nomination in 1912. Ohio is a Republican State, but Mr. Harmon won out as a Democrat last year.

At Anderson Court on Saturday an appeal came before Judge Aldrich from a man convicted in the Mayor's court of selling whiskey and sentenced to pay \$100 or work 30 days. His Honor reversed the Mayor's decision, holding that official can not try such cases on the ground that he has only concurrent jurisdiction with magistrates and the statute gives the magistrates no jurisdiction.

If the Supreme Court sustains that ruling all billed tickets will have to be tried in the General Sessions, until the Legislature mends the law.

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