

## The Barnwell People.

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THURSDAY, MARCH 6, 1913.

### Break up the Tigers.

The People is very glad indeed to see that the citizens of Barnwell are waking up to the menace of the blind tigers. The question is being freely discussed on the streets and in every instance that we know of the sentiment is to "break up the tigers." Their pernicious influence is being felt and the citizens are beginning to realize what the end will be if these law-breakers are allowed to continue their operations.

At A'ndale recently the business men held a mass meeting and it was decided that they call on the tigers in person and serve notice on them that they would have to stop selling whiskey or leave town. From what we have been able to learn this warning has had a wholesome effect. Another good way would be for the authorities to raid the "blinds" every day. If this is done they could not survive.

There isn't any use to take half-way measures with such persistent violators of the law, nor is there any need for us to pretend that there are no blind tigers in town. You know and we know that there are a dozen or more of the breed within the incorporate limits of the town, and some of them are brazenly open in their operations. Their places of business are, to all intents and purposes, open bars.

The young men of the town are being debauched. It is no uncommon sight to see boys between the ages of fourteen and eighteen years of age under the influence of whiskey.

Parents, are you willing to allow your sons to be ruined by these sellers of whiskey? "Why sit ye here idle?" Get together. If necessary to put a stop to the practice, go the limit in your efforts.

### Vagrants vs. Laborers.

We continually hear complaints about the large number of negroes, men and women, who frequent the streets of Barnwell, with no visible means of support, and the number is said to be on the increase. Those who have occasion to hire negro help know how difficult it is to get them to work and what high wages they demand.

We have made inquiries and are informed that in a large measure, the white people are to blame for the very condition of which they are complaining. For instance: A negro will be arrested for vagrancy and when his case comes to trial there will be some white man to testify that the darkey has been working for him, when, as a matter of fact, the work was not regular but amounted to one or two days a week.

We were talking with a good, sound-thinking farmer friend last week about this matter. He said that he was continually hearing complaints of the shortage of labor, and that instead of there being a shortage, there is actually more today than there was several years ago. The trouble is that the negroes are flocking to the towns, where they imagine they see a chance for an easy living. As things are now, they are apparently getting it. They work one or two days a week at odd jobs, getting just enough to keep soul and body together, and then spend the balance of their time loafing and gambling. When they are arrested, they give

bond for their appearance and then go out, secure a day's work or a week's washing and have witnesses to testify that they are working.

Judge Gary recently criticised the large farmers for the parts they take in protecting their hands from the arm of the law and such criticism would not be out of place when applied to the town people who protect negroes arrested for vagrancy. Why complain of a condition that we are in part responsible for? If vagrancy has become obnoxious at last, why not enforce the law against it? If the town councils of every town in Barnwell County would invoke this law against the loafing negroes in the towns, the labor question would be partly solved. If they have not got jobs, put them to work on the streets. Then, when they have grown tired of working without weekly pay, they will be glad enough to return to the farms. There isn't work enough in Barnwell for the negroes who loaf. Enforce the law and put them where they rightly belong.

### The Primary System.

There has been a great deal of comment, newspaper and otherwise, on the present primary system since the election of last summer, and all in all it has been most unfavorable. A number of remedies have been suggested, some favoring the abolition of the system entirely, others demanding that the same safeguards be thrown around the primary as is now the case with the general election while quite a number would disregard the primary completely and go straight to the general election with probably a primary of their own.

As has been pointed out, the system now in use in this State is "like the methods Hampton had to adopt as a war measure when it was necessary to turn a white minority into a ruling force," and although that need has passed, the methods used still result in changing a minority into a ruling force.

The People is in favor of the primary system if it is so amended as to be a true expression of the will of a majority of the Democratic voters of South Carolina, but with the lax rules and regulations that we have at present, we would much prefer some other method of making nominations. We are with those who believe that the same safeguards should be thrown around the primary as are now around the general election. In this State it is the primary that really counts, the general election merely confirming the selections made in the primaries. Is there any rhyme or reason in continuing a condition of affairs that originated when it became necessary to oust the negro, apply it to present day conditions in defeating the will of a majority of the people and then have that majority, as qualified electors, go to the polls in November and confirm what they believe to be gross frauds? How long can these qualified electors be counted upon to continue casting their ballots in the general election for men whom they do not believe received the nomination honestly?

Granting that there is a danger of negro supremacy, Mr. Walter B. Wilber, in speaking to an interested audience in Charleston Sunday night, suggested that there be a Democratic party composed only of qualified electors, getting rid of men not in existence and men not able to vote in the general election. This, he said, would cause every eligible white man to register for the election and put an end to fear of the negro. He suggested a majority at the general election instead of a plurality as a step which would make this unnecessary in getting rid of the negro scare. Mr. Wilber had reference mainly to conditions in Charleston, but if frauds can be committed there they can be committed elsewhere.

If the primary is to continue, let it be so safeguarded that there can be no question in the minds of the qualified voters as to the honesty of the nominations, otherwise it will only be a question of a very short time before there will be two or more parties contesting for supremacy in this State.

Last week a stray animal, supposedly a calf, entered one of the Barnwell churchyards and completely destroyed several months' work of loving hands on one of the graves. This particular churchyard is protected by a substantial fence, so the gate must have been left open by some visitor. In the first place, the owner of the calf had no right to allow it to run at large on the

streets. That it did run at large and that the careless visitor left an entrance open for it was gross negligence on the part of both. There is, we believe, a town ordinance against allowing stock to stray on the streets, and this should be rigidly enforced. On the other hand, visitors to the churchyards should be careful enough to close the gates behind them. That the last resting places of loved ones should be desecrated in this manner is a sinful shame. The case cited above is not the first time that this offence has occurred. Let people be more careful.

When it seemed that the National Corn Exposition would be lost to South Carolina, W. E. Gonzales, editor of The State, personally guaranteed \$40,000 in order to have the exposition come to Columbia. That was a big hearted, public spirited act, prompted by the noble desire to uplift and benefit the people of this State. By reason of his act, Mr. Gonzales will lose, we understand, between \$2,000 and \$4,000. But he does not count the cost. He realizes the good that has been done for his people and he is too big a man to mourn over the money loss. The people of this State should be proud of the fact that they have such a citizen. The world is better for such a man.

The list of candidates for the Governorship next year grows. From the number already announced it would seem that a goodly per centage of the mail citizens of South Carolina are in a Barkis state of mind in this respect. As soon as the gubernatorial bee begins to buzz the hat is off and in the ring. After the first primary next year, quite a number of the aspiring and perspiring ones will find that they were badly stung by the aforesaid bee.

The editorial page of The People this week looks more or less like a chronic complaint, but the expressions on it are not made from a desire to knock but purely from a desire to see a better condition of affairs brought about.

Therefore, we hope that they will be read in the same spirit that they were written and if our readers think well of them that serious consideration will be given the article.

W. W. Smoak, for the past six and a half years the editor of the Press and Standard, of Walterboro, has sold his interests in that esteemed paper to a stock company, and will go to a larger field in Kentucky. The State loses a good man in the removal of Mr. Smoak, as he has labored earnestly and well for the advancement of his State and county. We wish him well in his new home.

Congress did a sensible thing when it eliminated the appropriation for free seed. The money expended has amounted to an enormous figure and judging from the unfavorable comments of the gardeners on the quality of the seed furnished by the government it has been a needless expenditure of good money.

The United States now has two ex-presidents. If the aggravating question of former years, "what to do with our ex-presidents," should come up again, we respectfully suggest that they be allowed to run for the presidency as the leader of the Bull Moose party.

### News From Fairfax.

Fairfax, March 1.—Mrs. S. G. Platts and son are the guests of Mrs. W. E. Harter.

Mrs. Otis Deer and her mother, Mrs. Weekley of Ulmers, left this week for points in Florida.

Miss Mary Spann Harrison spent the week-end in Olar with J. Ham Kirkland and family.

Miss Margaret Youmans entertained the Sewing club Friday evening.

Mrs. S. L. Sanders left Friday for an extended visit to Washington.

One of the evenings to which the people are looking forward is the musical to be given March 7 by the class of Miss Mary Spann Harrison in the school auditorium.

Frank and Cecil Lancaster and Mrs. Anna Boyles were the guests of Mrs. Lancaster last week.

Misses Margaret Folk, Susie Albegotti and Flossie Porter spent the week-end with the former's uncle, Gus Folk.

Miss Margaret Youmans entertained the O. B. G. club at progressive hearts Wednesday evening.

### NOTICE.

The Executive Committee of The Rivers' Bridge Memorial Association will meet at the memorial grounds on Saturday, March 8th, at 3 o'clock p. m. for the purpose of arranging for memorial service. A full attendance is earnestly requested.  
J. W. Jenny, Dr. N. F. Kirkland, Pres. Secty.

## MEMBERS OF SOCIAL CLUB ENTERTAINED

A Number of Entertainments Were Given in Blackville Last Week.

Blackville, March 1.—Last Friday evening Miss Cecil Gyles entertained in honor of the Social club at the residence of Mrs. R. A. Gyles. After the guests had assembled each was given a card with a conundrum written on it and the answers were to be found by different objects in the room. Partners for a contest "in winter" were found by drawing small favors, they being hatchets, and finding the corresponding numbers. The prizes fell to Miss Rosa Rich and Jake Blatt. The guests were invited into the dining room, which was decorated in hearts and red, white and blue. Small American flags were at each plate. A course of creamed chicken, green peas, sandwiches, olives and punch and cake were served.

The young men of the Social club entertained the young women Monday evening in the parlors of the Shamrock hotel. Music was enjoyed through the evening. Mr. Pauling sang several solos, accompanied by Mrs. Pauling. A very interesting contest was enjoyed. Each person was provided with a large heart, a magazine and a pair of scissors. On the hearts were written "The Heart's Desire of a Blackville Girl" and "The Heart's Desire of a Blackville Boy." After finding their heart's desire by clipping from the magazines they were pasted on the hearts. Prizes were awarded to Miss Eva Rich and Keys Sanders.

The guests were invited into the dining room, where the table was set for 25.

Mrs. Heffernon Buist entertained the Busy Bee Embroidery club Tuesday afternoon.

Little Miss Charlotte Buist entertained about 20 of her friends at a birthday party Tuesday afternoon.

Mrs. John Marion Pauling entertained the Priscilla Embroidery club at the Shamrock Wednesday afternoon. A salad course and dessert were served.

Miss Thelma Baxley of Savannah is the guest of Mrs. Henry Briggs.

Miss Clara Mack has returned to her home in St. Matthews after a visit to her sister, Mrs. J. M. Pauling.

Mrs. W. W. Malony, Miss Annie Laurie Groves and John Matthews are among those who will attend the inauguration.

The many friends of Mrs. Ben F. Davis, of Dunbarton, will be glad to know that she has returned from the Augusta city hospital, much improved in health.

### A Remarkable Man.

Thos. A. Edison, who celebrated his birthday a few days ago, is 66. In these 66 years he has accomplished more than the average man could or would if he lived to be as old as Methuselah—929 years.—Newberry Observer.

## Special Notices.

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Undivided Profits	- - -	3,943.19
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### Notice of Final Discharge.

Notice is hereby given that the undersigned will on Saturday, March 29th 1913, file with Hon. John K. Snelling, Judge of Probate for Barnwell County, her final return as Administratrix of the estate of George W. Carroll, deceased, and apply for Letters Dismissory.  
Agnes Carroll, Administratrix.

### Notice of Dissolution

Notice is hereby given that the firm of Hill & Seay, located at Snelling, S. C., has this day dissolved partnership. All accounts due the said firm are payable to the undersigned, or to his agent W. B. Seay, and all persons having claims against the said firm will please present same properly attested to the undersigned, or to his agent, the said W. B. Seay.  
J. J. Hill, Snelling, S. C., February 16, 1913.