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THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 6th, 1908.

The sentiment in this county seems to be against the repeal of the lien law, so far as we have been able to gather.

If public officials would spend the public money as carefully as they spend their own, it would be only a short time until taxes could be reduced all over the State.

The commission which is winding up the affairs of the State dispensary may not be able to convict any of the grafters, but they will save the State a lot of money by their investigations.

The bill introduced in the house of representatives by Hon. C. W. Garris, which is to prevent the introduction of the Mexican boll weevil into this State, is a very wise measure, and it is to be hoped it will become law.

There seems to be a general disposition to give Attorney General Lyon credit for the dispensary revelations, but the credit seems to us to be due the members of the commission and the Georgia lawyers hired by them. As a graft finder Mr. Lyon is rather a failure.

We do not know what our legislative delegation will do in regard to county affairs, but if they will legislate so as to stop the leaks in our county government they will deserve the well done of the tax payers. They may alienate some of their political friends by such a course, but those who bear the burden of taxation will be pleased. The fact is that the expenses of Bamberg are entirely too high for such a small county and should be reduced.

Liquor Graft Exposed.

In the hearing before the State dispensary commission last Friday, the representative of the Paul Jones Distilling Company testified that his house had overcharged the State \$2 a case on liquors, but he gave no explanation why the overcharge was made. The question is, who got the \$2 a case?

The Augusta Brewing Company stated that they had overcharged \$125 a car on beer, this amount being paid to Adolph Shayer, of Laurens, and their other agents in this State. They did not know who got this money, but they had to pay to get orders from the State dispensary, and they added the amount paid to the price of goods shipped. The Savannah Brewing Company also admitted that they charged the dispensary more than other customers. The overcharge of this firm was \$1 a case and 50 cents a keg. None of the houses will divulge the names of the parties to whom they paid this money, or graft.

Ehrhardt Pythians.

Ehrhardt lodge, No. 98, Knights of Pythias, has already begun preparations for the district convention which meets with this lodge the 27th of this month. An interesting and instructive program is being arranged, which will be published later. Grand Chancellor M. L. Smith has accepted the invitation to deliver an address. This in itself is a guarantee of a treat for all those who attend. Delegates wishing to know best way to reach Ehrhardt should communicate either with W. B. Moore, K. of R. & S., or with T. D. Jones, C. C.

A Long Time.

On visiting the city of Philadelphia some time ago, a greenhorn Irishman went to the Quaker church to hear what he thought would be a fine sermon. After the chief elder had preached a short piece, a young man sitting directly behind the Irishman, arose and cried out, "I am married." About two minutes later he arose again and said, "Oh, how happy I am to think I married a daughter of the Lord." The Irishman by this time thought he was talking to him, so he stood up and cried aloud, "Yes, and it will be a long time before you see your father-in-law."

Adam was naming the animals. "What are you going to call this one?" asked Eve, pointing to the striped little specimen that came next. "I am not going to call it at all," said Adam, holding his nose. "Send it away!" This is why the skunk is known by so many different names. —Chicago Tribune.

CRACKSMEN HELD FOR TRIAL.

Men Arrested at Van Wyck Given Preliminary Hearing.

LANCASTER, Jan. 30.—J. T. Leonard, C. Frank Shaw, James Scanlan, Charley Williams and Henry S. Hallon, the alleged safe crackers who have been in jail at this place since their arrest at Van Wyck, this county, a month ago, were given a preliminary hearing before United States Commissioner Paul Moore today. The charge was robbery of the postoffice at Dunn, N. C., on Dec. 28, 1907. The examination was conducted by United States Postoffice Inspectors Gregory, Bulla and Mosby. A large number of witnesses in and near Dunn and Smithfield, N. C., were in attendance at the hearing. The witnesses for the government were all cross-examined by the accused, the questions being mainly asked by Scanlan, who never took his right hand from his mouth to keep a snap shot picture from being taken of him. The evidence against them was that when captured shortly after the robbery at Dunn they had in their possession dynamite caps, fuse, soap and other articles used in cracking safes. It was also found that they were all seen in and near Dunn a short time before the robbery. At the conclusion of the hearing the commissioner announced that he would send the case up to the United States court for trial.

The defendants would not make any statement excepting Henry S. Hallon, a one-armed man, who claimed that the evidence was not sufficient to hold him. At the conclusion of the hearing before United States Commissioner Moore, Magistrate W. P. Caskey read the warrant against them in the State court under the recent act making it an offense to have explosives for safe cracking purposes in possession. The prisoners all waived a preliminary hearing and the magistrate thereupon announced that he would send the cases to the circuit court for trial.

Accused of Serious Crime.

LAURENS, February 2.—Yesterday afternoon the police authorities turned over to the sheriff Lawrence Hunter, a young white man, who is charged with attempted criminal assault on a small white child in this city Friday afternoon. Hunter was arrested for disorderly conduct and was about to be released on bond when the charge of assault was made against him and he was immediately committed to jail.

The parents of the little girl were absent when Hunter visited their home and knew nothing of his conduct until some time afterward. Hunter seems to have been drinking, but he denies stoutly the more serious offense.

Eloping Up To Date.

The coatless man puts a careless arm 'Round the leg of the hatless girl, While over the dustless, mudless roads In a horseless wagon they whirl. Like a leadless bullet from a hammerless gun, By smokeless powder driven. They fly to taste the speechless joys By endless union given.

The only luncheon his coinless purse Affords to them the means Is a tasteless meal of boneless cod, With a dish of stringless beans. He smokes his old tobaccoless pipe, And laugh a mirthless laugh When pap tries to coax her back By wireless telegraph.

Battlefield Logic.

Among the men who served with Roosevelt's Rough Riders in Cuba was a little Dutch Jew, who, according to the men in his own troop, was "the very incarnation of cool, impudent bravado in a fight." He was a consistent fatalist.

One day he observed a comrade dodging a spent bullet that had whistled uncomfortably close to him. "Vat's de use to todge dem pullets?" sang out the little Jew. "De'yl hit you shust as well were you are as were you ain't!"—Everybody's Magazine.

Program Missionary Union.

The sixth division of the W. M. U. of the Barnwell Association will meet at the Olar church Saturday, February 15th, at eleven o'clock.

Devotional services—Mrs. E. A. Sojourner.

Address of Welcome—Mrs. W. M. Oxner.

Response—Miss Alma Sandifer.

Minutes, roll call, reports of Societies.

Address—Miss H. H. Wright.

Reading—Mrs. O. D. A. Wilson.

Dinner.

Devotional services—Miss Sudie McMillan.

Reading—Mrs. L. W. Ritter.

Address—Mrs. E. A. Sojourner.

Appointment of committees.

Reading—Miss Nettie Sandifer.

Miscellaneous business, adjournment.

Will all societies please send delegates.

MISS MIRIAM RICE, President.

The Cotton Market.

The price of cotton has declined somewhat since last week. Very little is coming to market. Good cotton would bring 11 1/2 cents. The staple of that being sold now is very poor. "Your father is in politics," said the stranger, "is he not?" "Yeh," replied the boy, "but mom thinks he's gittin' cured of it." "How do you mean?" "Why his stommick has gone back on him an' he can't drink like he uster."

Why get up in the morning feeling blue, Worry others and worry you; Here's a secret between you and me, Better take Rocky Mountain Tea. H. F. Hoover.

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Our New York Letter. "As many as I love, I rebuke and chasten."

Often a text learned in childhood has come back to the grown man and changed the whole current of his life. The verse quoted above did more than this. In bringing a man to his right self, and his God, it forged the first link in a golden chain which promised to be as endless as it is useful.

Years ago, when a boy, Charles N. Crittenton learned that verse in Sunday-school—later he came to New York and for a time forgot it. When he left his Western New York State home at the age of twenty with sixty dollars in his pocket, a country youth's industrial training, and a firm belief in the dignity of labor, young Crittenton meant to be a successful business man. Not above work, he invested his small capital in druggists' sundries and himself sold his goods to the retail trade of New York City and vicinity. In this way, the present wholesale drug business on Fulton street was founded.

It was after years of industry had wrought prosperity that grief came to the Crittenton home on Fifth avenue. Death entered and robbed the happy household of a dear little girl.

The loving father rebelled. In business zeal he had forgotten the equally fervent service due the Lord, and he could not understand why Florence should have been taken from him. For months, gloom pervaded the home and shadowed the father's heart. Until one day, the text learned so long ago recurred to him: "As many as I love, I rebuke and chasten." With the words came the thought, "You can go to her."

Soon the dark way seemed plain and easy, for the man was willing to follow wheresoever the Lord led, and with willingness, light and peace shone on every side. He could and would go to Florence, who had only gone before, and he would not go alone. That spirit of industry which had worked out his worldly prosperity was now transmuted into zeal in the Lord's service.

His mind, trained along practical lines, at once sought and tried to remedy the defects of ordinary missionary work. Hearing a night worker in the slums urge unfortunate girls to "go and sin no more," Mr. Crittenton realized the futility of such a command unless they were told where to go. He promptly planned to provide such a place, so that the strongest temptation to return to the old haunts would be removed.

Thus was forged the first link in the chain of Florence Crittenton Homes. Since the first mission was opened at 29 Bleeker street (since removed to 21-23 Bleeker street, its present location) twenty-four years ago, the chain has been extended link by link through sixty cities of the United States and in Japan, France, and Mexico.

The doors of these mission homes are never closed. Unfortunate women and girls who really want to do better, or who can be induced to try, are always welcomed and helped both spiritually and materially. Thousands of repentant girls now bless the memory of Florence Crittenton, the text which led her father back to his God, and his visit to the slums and its beneficial results. H. W. FINLAYSON, 450 Broadway.

Portugal's King Killed. King Carlos of Portugal and the crown prince, Luis Philippe, were assassinated on the streets of Lisbon on Saturday while going in their carriage from the railway station to the palace. As the carriage turned the corner of a street a band of men who had been waiting with carbines hidden under their coats sprang suddenly out and fired a number of shots. The king was shot in three places and the crown prince in three. The second son was wounded in two places, though not seriously. The queen was not hurt. The royal guard accompanying the carriage returned the fire, killing three of the assassins; three others were captured. The second son, Manuel, has been proclaimed King.

Sawed to Freedom. ATLANTA, Feb. 3.—With four small saws, mysteriously furnished from the outside, John Harper, waiting death on the gallows for the murder of the sheriff of Murray county, and George Barton, the alleged professional safe cracker, early this morning sawed the bars from a third floor window in the tower, let themselves down to freedom by means of four spiced blankets and vanished. The jail officials are satisfied that the fugitives had outside assistance, both in getting out of the prison and getting away after the escape.

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KILLING AT MANNING. Negro Boy Shot to Death at a Dance Thursday Night. MANNING, January 31.—A colored youth, named Walter Davis, was shot and killed at a dance held in Furstenburg hall, at this place, last night. The pistol ball, a .38 calibre, entered through the bridge of the nose and ranged along the base of the brain to the back of the skull, causing death in about fifty minutes.

From the evidence elicited at the coroner's inquest today it appears that young Davis and another young negro named David DeLaine, each went to the dance carrying a pistol, and that while the dance was in progress Davis was sitting on a table talking to a girl named May Dickie, when Davis was shot with the pistol that DeLaine had carried. This took place upstairs, and after the shooting the pistol that Davis had carried was found, so it was said, among some trash on the ground at the back of the hall. At first every one present claimed to know nothing as to how the tragedy happened, but from what evidence could be obtained at the inquest, the jury found that "Walter Davis came to his death by a pistol shot in the hand of David DeLaine, May E. Dickie accessory."

Walter Davis was a son of Willis Davis, the well known mail carrier, who for many years has carried the mail to and from the trains at this place.

Both David DeLaine and May Dickie have been arrested and will be held to await action of the grand jury. The court of general sessions will convene here on Monday, Feb. 10.

Receiver for Whitney Co. ASHEVILLE, N. C., Feb. 3.—Judge Pritchard in the United States circuit court today granted the petition of A. O. Browne & Co. for the appointment of a receiver for the Whitney company of Rowan county, near Salisbury. Judge Pritchard named Col. John S. Henderson as receiver. The Whitney company has been developing water powers at a point called The Narrows, 20 miles below Salisbury, where already \$5,000,000 has been spent. The company was threatened by creditors and to protect all interests a receiver was asked for. Work has been in progress for three years and it is expected that the plant would be completed and in operation by July 1, 1908. One thousand men were employed there until recently when the force was cut to 400. It was the purpose of the company to supply electric power to the Piedmont section of North Carolina within a radius of 75 miles of the plant. The receiver will take active control and complete the work and the company will be reorganized.

Governor Hughes, of New York, will be candidate for the Republican nomination for president. Hoke Smith says that he will not be a candidate for the United States Senate, but will seek re-election as governor of Georgia. A wise decision.

The New Amsterdam National bank, capitalized at \$1,000,000, and the Merchants' and Traders bank, capitalized at \$2,000,000, both in New York city, closed their doors last week.

Harry K. Thaw was found not guilty of the murder of Stanford White, on the ground of insanity at the time of the shooting. He has been sent to an insane asylum, but of course he will soon be released.

NOTICE TO CREDITORS All persons holding claims against the estate of Richard Hammond, deceased, will appear before the Master for Bamberg county, to prove the same, on Monday, February 24th, 1908. H. C. FOLK, Master Bamberg County.

ELECTION NOTICE. Notice is hereby given that a mass meeting of the taxpayers and qualified electors of Bamberg School District, Number 14, Bamberg county, will be held in the town hall, Bamberg, S. C., on Monday, February 10th, 1908, at four o'clock p. m., for the purpose of fixing the tax levy for school purposes for the said district for the year 1909, and to elect two school trustees. R. W. D. ROWELL, County Supt. Education, Bamberg, S. C., January 30, 1908.

LETTERS DISMISSORY I will file my final accounting as administrator on the estate of W. H. Bamberg, February 8th, 1908, with Geo. P. Harmon, Judge of Probate, and will ask for letters dismissory. C. M. BAMBERG, Administrator, January 6th, 1908.

NOTICE TO CREDITORS. In the District Court of the United States for the Eastern District of South Carolina.—In the Matter of J. B. Gillam, Jr., Bankrupt.—In Bankruptcy. To the creditors of J. B. Gillam, Jr., of Denmark, in the County of Bamberg, and district aforesaid, bankrupt. Notice is hereby given, that on the 21st day of January, A. D. 1908, the said J. B. Gillam, Jr., was duly adjudicated a bankrupt, and the first meeting of his creditors will be held at Bamberg, S. C., on the 14th day of February, 1908, at 10 o'clock in the forenoon, at which time the said creditors may attend, prove their claims, appoint a trustee, examine the bankrupt, and transact such other business as may properly come before said meeting. T. J. COUNTS, Referee in Bankruptcy, Bamberg, S. C., January 22, 1908. MAYFIELD & LAFFITE, Attorneys for Bankrupt.

ASSESSMENT NOTICE. Office of the County Auditor, Bamberg, S. C., December 10, 1907. I will be at the following places on the days and dates named for the purpose of taking returns of personal property for the year 1908: At the courthouse from January 22nd until February 20th, after which date 50 per cent. penalty will be added to all personal property not returned. Where lands have been bought or sold, or new buildings erected since January 1st, 1907, notice should be made of same on returns. Please meet me promptly. R. W. D. ROWELL, Auditor Bamberg County.

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