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Here's betting that the Laurens Herald under its new management will not be a supporter of the present State administration. It has been one of the governor's strongest adherents heretofore.

The Hartsville Messenger is now one of the neatest papers that comes to this office. There has been wonderful improvement in newspapers generally in South Carolina during the past year or two.

The governor did just what we expected him to do in reference to the Belton matter. When we read the affidavits we said right away that the governor would remove the notaries, and he did so promptly. He wasted no time in showing his spite.

Wouldn't it be fine if all the streets in town could be clayed. The fine condition of Midway, Carlisle, and Bridge streets should put every one in the notion not to rest satisfied until all the streets are put in fine shape like the ones mentioned.

There should be a merchants' association formed in connection with the business league, in order that the business men may be protected against those who can and will not pay their debts. Bamberg merchants would be much better off if it was known that a customer must pay his account at one store before he could obtain credit elsewhere. Let us have the organization by all means. The credit system in Bamberg is entirely too lax, and as a consequence many merchants lose money by bad debts.

**A COURAGEOUS SCHOLAR.**

A courageous scholar is Dr. Wm. E. Dodd, formerly of Randolph-Macon College, Virginia, and now of Chicago University. The fact that Rockefeller gave millions to his institution has not shut his mouth as to the evils of monopoly and the corrupting influence of money in politics. Dr. Dodd has recently been warning the whole South against the alliance of big corporations with our political machines. The North, he declares, is thoroughly waked up as to this matter; but what of our own section? Dr. Dodd, in a speech at Richmond, said:

"When we turn our eyes to this old South which has always stood for a low tariff or free trade, a region where men are not too rich to vote honestly, a region where men have always boasted that their State governments were the models of decency, what do we find? A condition which calls for all the courage, all the patience and resolute purpose of which a virtuous people are capable.

"The great capitalists have been busy with us, too. They have seized or stolen valuable properties like the Seaboard Railway, the Georgia Central and the Southern. Thomas F. Ryan, one of the worst of all the Wall Street gang, has more power in Virginia to-day than any governor you have had in a dozen years. The Goulds have got possession of the trolley system in and about Richmond, and the representative of these properties has more power in Washington than any Virginia member of Congress. In Georgia, J. P. Morgan dictates terms to the people through his agents, who were actually able two years ago to elect the governor of the State. And all over the South the Southern Railway threatens, blusters and dominates; and small congressmen tremble before its president and its great lawyers in a manner positively shameful to Southern manhood."

—Progressive Farmer.

And yet newspaper editors in South Carolina accept favors from the railroads and tell us all this talk of corporation rule is a myth. We think some of them would change their

opinion if they visited the general assembly and studied the situation closely. To our mind the greatest menace which confronts South Carolina at this time is domination of our politics by public service corporations.

**Proceedings May End Puzzle.**

Spartanburg, Aug. 12.—Frank Metcalf, constable of Magistrate J. M. Bowden, started legal proceedings to-day which promises to clear the magisterial muddle in this county. Through his attorney, Stanyarne Wilson, he obtained an order from Justice Hydrick of the supreme court requiring Supervisor Daniel M. Miles and the board of county commissioners to show cause why a mandamus should not be issued directing the board to entertain and pass upon Mr. Metcalf's claim for payment for his services as constable. The hearing will be had before Justice Hydrick Wednesday morning. The county commissioners will be represented by Judge George W. Nicholls, county attorney.

Gov. Blease, early in the year, appointed as magistrates at Spartanburg, Pacolet, Cowpens and Readville four men who had not been recommended by the county legislative delegation, their appointments having been made after the adjournment of the legislature and were not with the advice and consent of the senate, as is required by the statute.

The magistrates whom they supplanted took the position that Gov. Blease's appointees were not qualified to serve and accordingly refused to resign. The situation has, therefore, been presented of two magistrates at each of the four places where there should be only one. Each of the eight magistrates whose right to his office is disputed has his own constable. The board of county commissioners has refused to pay the salaries of any of the eight magistrates or the fees of their constables until it should be settled in court who were the lawful magistrates and who the lawful constables. The proceedings brought by Constable Metcalf are the first move to settle the dispute.

Magistrate Bowden is an appointee of Gov. Blease. He was appointed to the office which is still retained by the venerable Maj. Augustus H. Kirby. Both of the rival magistrates have been discharging the duties of their office daily, hearing and determining civil suits and fining and imprisoning persons convicted before them of criminal offenses. Neither has received any pay since prior to last April.

**Boy Kills Step-Father.**

Walter Seaport, a negro boy, charged with killing his step-father, Dave Green, was brought to Aiken Sunday morning by Magistrate Garvin and lodged in jail.

The shooting occurred Saturday night, about two miles south of Wagener at the home of Green and Seaport.

Owing to the fact that the reporters were denied admission to the cell of young Seaport, very little can be learned concerning the affair, but from the meagre details at hand, it was gathered, that Dave Green had spent the day in Wagener among his friends, drinking and having a big time, and, incidentally, quarreling with two or three people that had incurred his dislike.

He left Wagener about dark in a highly drunken condition, and went to his home which, as before stated, was some two or three miles south of Wagener. When he reached his home, he proceeded to have what he termed "a cleaning out," and began to curse and abuse the other members of the family, favoring his wife especially.

Efforts were made to quiet him and place him in his bed, but all these he resisted, and began to whip his wife most cruelly. Seaport begged and warned him to cease, but to no avail, and, unable to endure it any longer, Seaport shot his step-father, with the result that Green died a few hours later.

Green is known in and around Wagener as a notoriously bad character, and at the time of his death he had just been dismissed from the chain-gang. Little sympathy seems to attach itself to his death, and the opinion has been expressed that Seaport was justified in the step which he took.—Aiken Journal and Review.

**Dispensaries Treating Thousands.**

Washington, Aug. 14.—Steady increase in the number of cases of hookworm treated at the four Rockefeller hookworm dispensaries in North Carolina have been shown during the past four weeks, according to information received at the headquarters of the commission here. During the four weeks, 7,266 cases were under observation.

The dispensaries are now operating in Sampson, Robeson, Columbus and Halifax counties and within the next two weeks it is proposed to move them to Wayne, Cumberland, Onslow and Northampton counties, leaving the work in the former counties to the county health officers.

**BAD REPORTS ON COTTON.**

Probable that Crop Prospect Has Been Over-Estimated.

Memphis, Tenn., Aug. 13.—The Commercial-Appeal to-morrow will say: "Deterioration of a more or less serious nature in the cotton crop is reported from Texas and parts of Mississippi and Alabama. Elsewhere the crop has done well, with local exceptions."

The decline in Texas, which has occurred in Central, Northern and Western counties, is the result of excessive heat and two weeks without rain following a wet period, during which the plant grew rapidly. Shedding and worms cause the basis of the complaints. The heat has reduced the activities of worms, but increased the shedding which has in places been severe. There are some reports from this State which say the crop is still holding up and that the alarm is overstated.

The trouble in Alabama and Mississippi arises from an excess of moisture which has made a rapid growth of stalk and caused some uneasiness by the rapid growing of the stalk and from worms, which are numerous in some fields. The disappointment resulting from this turn of affairs has produced a feeling that, perhaps, the crop prospect had been overestimated.

In the Atlantic States, Tennessee, Arkansas, Louisiana and Oklahoma, there has been no serious shedding and the crop is doing nicely. Rain is needed only in Texas. Elsewhere dry, warm weather is desirable.

**Woman Catches Blackmailers.**

Chicago, Aug. 11.—While C. G. K. Billings, driving his champion gelding, Uhlan, was hanging up a new world's record at Cleveland to-day, his mother, Mrs. A. M. Billings, of Chicago, despite her 89 years, was making a little record of her own in capturing a would-be blackmailer, or blackmailers, who are alleged to have made threats in true "black hand" fashion.

John Mills, a colored man, who says Cairo, Ill., is his home, and John Hendricks, a white man about 27 years old, and whom the police styled a "hobo" from his appearance, were arrested.

Yesterday morning Mrs. Billings received a letter demanding that \$500 be wrapped in a bundle of old clothes and given to a man who would call to-day and ask for work, also a "package." Mrs. Billings promptly notified a firm of private detectives, who called the official police to their aid. They were secreted about the grounds of the Billings home at 1424 West Lake street to-day when Mills appeared.

"I want a job about the horses here," Mills said to the maid who answered the door and who had been coached by Mrs. Billings in her part.

"We have no such work here," she replied.

"Well, then how about that package?" Mills is said to have asked.

At this point the maid invited the mysterious visitor into the house and notified Mrs. Billings, who, owing to the infirmities of her years, was in bed.

The maid was given a bundle of old clothes, but there was no money concealed within it and this she handed to the negro, asking him to wait for a few moments. Then the detectives were notified and Mills' arrest followed.

He expressed surprise at his detention. He declared that he came to Chicago from Cairo last night and that he met a stranger, who gave his name as John Hendricks, at a saloon in West Madison street. Hendricks, he said, asked him if he wanted to earn \$50. Mills was willing and, he said, he was told to visit the Billings home and to ask the questions about work and in particular about the package. He was to receive his pay upon the completion of his mission.

Mills, after his arrest, led the officers to a West Side saloon, where he pointed out Hendricks, who is a German and speaks little English. He was sullen and refused to answer the questions put to him by the police. Mills said that he was the tool of Hendricks and knew nothing of the threatening letter received by Mrs. Billings.

**Wedding Ring Kills Wearer.**

Chicago, Aug. 9.—Mrs. Jessie Stewart Gardner is dead because she refused to take her wedding ring from her finger.

The gold band was placed on Mrs. Gardner's finger on the day she became a bride. It remained there until it had to be filed off, but the filing was done too late.

Mrs. Gardner's finger had increased gradually in size. The pressure of the ring became correspondingly greater. The ring finally became imbedded in the flesh and caused an interruption of the blood circulation.

With much reluctance Mrs. Gardner consented to have the ring filed off. Owing to the delay blood poisoning developed. She was 60 years old.

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Ar. DOUGLAS	1:10 P. M.	7:00 A. M.	2.75
Ar. WILLACOOCHIEE	2:20 P. M.	8:27 A. M.	3.00
Ar. NASHVILLE	3:05 P. M.	9:15 A. M.	3.50
Ar. VALDOSTA	3:45 P. M.	10:22 A. M.	3.50
Ar. SPARKS	4:50 P. M.	10:03 A. M.	3.50
Ar. ADEL	6:08 P. M.	10:13 A. M.	3.50
Ar. MOULTRIE	6:18 P. M.	11:50 A. M.	3.50
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**SEE EDISTO AT ITS LOWEST.**

Engineers Who are to Make Report are at Work.

Orangeburg, Aug. 13.—The government civil engineers who are making the official survey of the Edisto river, are still at work and are now encamped at Carmichael's landing, several miles below this city. The engineers making this survey are experiencing as low water in the Edisto river as has ever been known. It is practically certain that the river will never be lower than it has generally been this summer, but Orangeburg is expecting a favorable report by the engineers as to the feasibility of opening the river to navigation.

**LYNCHING MAY ENSUE.**

Posse of Several Hundred Hunting Negro.

Durango, Okla., Aug. 12.—A posse of several hundred armed men is scouring the country to-night for a negro who to-day shot and probably fatally wounded Mrs. Reddem Campbell, wife of a farmer living near here. It is feared a lynching may result if the negro is captured. Mrs. Campbell says the negro came to her home and asked for food. After she had given him something to eat, he attacked her. As the negro fled from the house he drew a revolver and shot Mrs. Campbell.

**BOOKER IS BARRED.**

Negro Educator Not Allowed to Use Capitol Hall.

Austin, Texas, Aug. 10.—Booker T. Washington, the negro educator of Tuskegee, Ala., will not be allowed to speak in the representative hall of the State capitol during his proposed visit to Austin in September or October. A resolution seeking to accord him this privilege was introduced in the house this morning, but was cried down without a second reading. The volume of "noes" which greeted the reading of the resolution put further consideration of the measure out of the question and it was laid aside without formal action.