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Thursday, Dec. 5, 1912.

It is stated in the newspapers that the citizens of Spartanburg county are longing for a return of the dispensary and that petitions will soon be circulated asking for an election on the question.

If there ever was a time when there should be money in farming, that time is now. Everything raised on the farm is selling at higher prices than in years. Pork, bacon, eggs, syrup, chickens, potatoes, etc., are always in good demand at good prices. But farmers should raise things to eat. They raise entirely too little is the trouble now.

The grand jury of Colleton county is certainly a body with a backbone. At the recent term of court they made personal investigation of the matter of the illegal sale of whiskey and as a consequence several parties were presented for operating blind tigers. The jury also, in strong terms, brought out conditions as to the illegal sale of whiskey in the town of Walterboro and condemned the mayor, W. B. Ackerman, asking that he be restrained from performing the duties of mayor if there was any way such action could be had.

Last week the governor either pardoned or paroled thirty-two people confined in the State penitentiary, many of whom were serving sentences for the taking of human life. How can we expect anything else but that lawlessness and crime will prevail when such an abuse of the pardoning power is shown by the chief executive? No man's life is safe under present conditions, and the shedding of human blood in this State is likely to continue until there is more respect shown for the verdicts of juries. Why try men if the judgment of twelve men who hear the evidence is to be set aside by one man?

Judging from many expressions we have heard recently, the people of Bamberg county are going to vote the dispensary back at the first opportunity.—Bamberg Herald.

Judging from the number of homicides that occur in Bamberg, one would think that county has no need for the dispensary.—Newberry Observer.

The number of homicides is much greater under prohibition than during the dispensary regime, and as most of the killings are caused directly by whiskey obtained from blind tigers, the people naturally prefer the dispensary to the sort of prohibition we have now.

The paragraph recently printed in this newspaper as to the great number of murder cases to be tried at the recent term of court for this county was commented on by a number of papers throughout the State and gave the county a lot of unenviable notoriety. This we deplore, but it could not be helped. We hate to advertise our county in a bad light to the world, and some times keep quiet about matters which would not commend Bamberg as a good place to live, but human life should be protected, and it is high time the good people of Bamberg county were realizing the fact that such a reputation as Bamberg has abroad is bound to be of material hurt to us. It is folly to expect people to locate in a town or county where life is held so lightly and where lawlessness appears to be in the ascendancy. What are the good people of the town and county going to do about it?

### JOHNSON WEDS WHITE GIRL.

Lucille Cameron is Now the Wife of Black Pugilist.

Chicago, Dec. 3.—Jack Johnson, negro pugilist, this afternoon married Lucille Cameron, the 19-year-old girl of Minneapolis, who recently appeared as a witness against him before the Federal grand jury, which returned indictments charging him with violation of the Mann act.

The ceremony was performed at the home of Johnson's mother, by a negro preacher, in the presence of a dozen negroes and several newspaper reporters.

A curious crowd of nearly a thousand men and women gathered outside the house and a squad of police were kept busy maintaining order.

The marriage will not affect his case before the federal court, according to Johnson's attorneys.

The prize-fighter said a moving picture concern had agreed to pay him \$5,000 to make a film of the wedding scene. Johnson said he told the Cameron girl he had been blamed for ill-treating her and "that we might as well be married right away".

"She is alone in the world now," said Johnson. "Her mother has left her and her stepfather is quoted as saying he wants to have nothing more to do with her."

The clerk of the marriage license office declined to issue a permit to Johnson, because the Cameron girl was not there to swear to her age. The county clerk, however, issued the license. Johnson gave his age as 34. He said the Cameron girl was 18 and that court records showed this.

When Chief of Police McWeeney was informed that a moving picture concern had arranged to photograph the wedding he declared that if legal means could be found he would not permit public exhibition of the pictures.

"The whole affair is antagonistic to public policy and morals generally," said Chief McWeeney.

### Where Europe is Ahead of Us.

Let me now add that not only as farmers but as citizens there is much for us to learn from Europe. We think ourselves a very progressive people, but the truth is we are away behind the times in scores of essential things. Some of us think five months' term enough for rural schools with compulsion, while even Japan gives ten and compels attendance. We are robbed by an iniquitous tariff and a high direct tax rate, when we should shift the main burden to luxuries, inheritances and incomes. We provide no special banking facilities for furnishing money to farmers, and don't even provide a Torrens system that would enable them to get money easier, even under present regulations. We have child labor laws that Europe looks on as almost barbarous. Medical inspection of school children is still in the future. Railroads, telegraphs, telephones and express companies charge us exorbitant rates, whereas practically every European government either owns these conveniences or keeps rates down to a minimum. And our politics has been too frequently nothing on earth but a disgusting scramble to give certain men the spoils of office and keep certain other men out instead of being a contest over principles and policies affecting the people's welfare.—Clarence Poe, in the Progressive Farmer.

### Wesley House News.

Miss Regan had a busy day at the Wesley House, on Thanksgiving Day, but with her, it is a labor of love, and giving pleasure to others, being a joy to her own heart. A nicely prepared, daintily served, Thanksgiving dinner was served to six members of the Mother's Club, and it was a pleasant occasion to all. In the afternoon, under the auspices of the Young Ladies Home Mission Society, the children were entertained. There were about fifty of the mill children present and, after the story hour, games were played, and fruit and candy given to the children. "Inasmuch as ye have done unto one of the least of these, ye have done it unto me."—Orangeburg Times and Democrat.

### McLaurin for Senator.

Hon. Jno. L. McLaurin will be the next State Senator from Marlboro county, he succeeding J. B. Green, who died recently. No primary was held to select a candidate, as Mr. McLaurin was the only one to file the pledge and pay the assessment, therefore he was declared the nominee by the county Democratic executive committee. He is a man of ideas and influence and will be a force in the Senate this winter. We are indeed glad that the voters of Marlboro were wise enough to give him the position without opposition.

Ladies in Hanover are prohibited from wearing large hatpins in the street.

### WOMAN CONFESSED MURDER

Of Her Husband After Seeing Murder Scene in Show.

Goaded by her conscience after seeing a moving picture in which the killing of a husband by his wife was depicted, Mrs. McAfee, a well to do widow of Macon, Ga., has confessed that she killed her husband in Ireland ten years ago. Two weeks ago Mrs. McAfee saw the moving picture, the plot of which, she thought, corresponded in a measure with the hidden story of her life. From that day, her relatives say, she began to worry and weep. She summoned her relatives and confessed that she had been responsible for the violent death of her husband in Ireland in 1902. She said she would never know a moment's peace unless she returned to Ireland and suffered for her act. She says that she was jealous of her husband and brought about his death in such a way that it seemed accidental.

### DYNAMITES GAS BAG AND DROPS

Law Does New Stunt for the Picture Machines.

Rodman Law, who makes a living by jumping off bridges and the high spots in New York for moving picture concerns, did a new stunt a few days ago. He sailed out over the North River in a balloon, blew the gas bag up with dynamite and dropped into the river unharmed.

There are miles of moving picture films showing Law as a hero in a melodrama pursued by the villain and escaping by daring leaps; but the moving picture men were getting tired of bridge jumping and that sort of thing and they asked for something new.

That touched Mr. Law's professional pride and the wind favoring him proceeded to go about the business of earning his pay, which was to be \$1,000, less the cost of the balloon, the gas which filled it and some pounds of dynamite.

When Law was ready to start the balloon trip from Edgewater, across the river from Grant's Tomb, he was dressed in woollen knit clothing, which doesn't ignite easily, and wore a football player's leather helmet and a woollen veil over his face. Down below in the river the tugboat Liberty cruised about with the moving picture battery ready to open fire. As the balloon shot up he sat easily on a trapeze bar attached to the specially designed parachute which has let him down gently so many times. In one hand he held a lanyard which controlled the mechanism to explode the dynamite at the upper part of the balloon.

The tug whistled a signal and there followed a crackling explosion which rattled windows of apartment houses along Riverside Drive and startled folks a half-mile away. There was a burst of flame and a great cloud of smoke, out of which dropped Mr. Law, coming down very fast indeed until the parachute opened and checked the fall.

The tug bustled up with the moving picture battery in action. The jumper lay inert on the water and mere spectators on the boat got an added thrill, although the picture machines went on clicking. But playing dead was only part of the contract and in a moment Law raised his head and inquired somewhat petulantly if it was also part of the job for him to stay in the water until he froze to death. Then they pulled him on board.—N. Y. Sun.

### These Make Us Tired.

The speaker who says, "Now just one more word and I am done"—then keeps on talking for an hour longer.

The man who knows just how everything ought to be done and insists on telling it.

The woman who wastes time petting a bleary-eyed poodle when there are so many motherless children seeking home and love.

The old graybeard who tries to act like a boy, and the old maid who tries to act kittenish.

The fellow who thinks that dollars make up for his lack of common sense.—The Commoner.

### The Snake Stone.

In most accounts of snake charm in India, the snake stone plays an important part. When the charmer is bitten the stone is applied to the bite, and is supposed to aid in his recovery. Writing in the London Field, Lieutenant L. Mackenzie gives some notes on two of these stones, which he had the opportunity of seeing. They were triangular in shape, at end, rounded, with smooth, polished black surfaces. They are said to come from the hills of Tibet and to be solidified saliva of the markhor. This animal is spoken of in Lieutenant Mackenzie's notes as the "Persian snake eater." Its saliva is thought to contain an antidote to snake poison. The markhor is a species of wild goat found in India, Tibet and Kashmir.

### ETIQUETTE IN WAR.

Rules Which Must Be Obeeyed by Armies of Civilized Nations.

War—that is, warfare between civilized nations—has its code of etiquette, known as the customs of war, some of which are written, others tacitly agreed to.

Obvious examples of fighting etiquette are the rules which protect the Red Cross flag of the ambulance, and forbid the use of explosives, or, within the limits, expanding bullets.

Nominally, a general may use any means in his power to bring his foe to subjection, but there is a well defined boundary line. A leader may cut off his enemy's food and water supplies. He may subject him to all the horrors of famine and thirst; but he must not poison his food or water.

Suppose a place is besieged and that outside the walls are wells which the besiegers cannot effectively hold, and which the besieged can reach under cover of night. The besieger would be justified in sending parties to fill up the wells with earth and stones, or to destroy them with dynamite. On the other hand, to pollute the wells with poison, or to throw dead animals into them, would be an infamy.

A "prisoner of war" has his rights. He may be asked to give his parole to promise not to escape; but he must not be forced to give his parole; and is not to be punished for refusing to do so. A prisoner on parole who attempts to escape is liable to be shot, either when escaping or if retaken alive.

An unparoled prisoner may also be shot while in the act of escaping; but if re-captured it would be murder to shoot him, and he should not be punished for his attempt, though he may be placed in more rigorous confinement.

A prisoner may be compelled to earn his "keep" by working at his trade, if he has one, or by doing work for his captors not of a purely military nature. Thus, he may be ordered to assist in draining the camp in which he is a prisoner; but it would not be fair to put him to building fortifications.

The customs of war justify the employment of spies, but under certain rules. If a soldier voluntarily turns traitor, the other side is entitled to make use of him but it is not "cricket" to tempt a soldier to betray his own side.

If thus tempted, a man may pretend to turn traitor and deceive the enemy with false information. On the other hand, voluntarily to go over to the enemy, pretending to be a traitor or deserter, would be dishonorable conduct—that is, if the pretended traitor is an officer or soldier.

A spy, of course, has no rights, and is at all times liable to be shot or hanged at sight.

An officer, or soldier, however, caught in the enemy's camp, must not be treated as a spy, but as a prisoner of war, provided he is not disguised.

If a commander takes part in a charge, or persistently exposes himself to fire, he must take his chance of being shot; but in big affairs it is not the "game" to detail marksmen to try to "pick off" your opponent's general, though every effort may be made to capture him.

When a city or town is bombarded, public buildings—unless used for defensive purposes—should be spared so far as possible. When a place is captured, the victorious foe is entitled to seize art treasures and so on, and to hold them for ransom. To injure or destroy them would be the act of a vandal.

When a country is invaded, the invader can compel the inhabitants to supply him with food and other supplies, and to act as guides, workmen and drivers.

A person who, not belonging to any recognized military force, takes up arms against an invader is liable to be shot when captured. Retaliation is sanctioned by the customs of war. It is military vengeance, and takes place when an outrage committed on one side is avenged by the commission of a similar act on the other.

Thus, an unjust execution of prisoners held by the enemy may be followed by the execution of an equal number of prisoners held by the opponents.—Answers.

### Some Argument.

Way down in Florida two darkies were discussing as to the color of certain Biblical personages. One of them asserted that as Palestine was about in a line with Africa the people must have been colored.

"Lor' bress you' heart," said the speaker, "St. Peter an' St. Paul and the rest of the Apostles was as white as that Noth'n gen'l'man ober dere."

"No, sah!" said the man in opposition. "Paul may ha' been, but St. Peter—no sah! St. Peter was a culled'n gen'l'man."

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From the first day of January, 1913, until the 31st day of January, 1913, a penalty of one per cent. will be added to all unpaid taxes. From the 1st day of February, 1913, until the 28th day of February, 1913, a penalty of 2 per cent. will be added to all unpaid taxes. From the 1st day of March, 1913, until the 15th day of March, 1913, a penalty of 7 per cent. will be added to all unpaid taxes.

### THE LEVY.

For State purposes .....5% mills For County purposes .....5 1/2 mills Constitutional school tax ...3 mills

Total .....14 1/4 Mills

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All persons between the ages of twenty-one and sixty years of age, except Confederate soldiers and sailors, who are exempt at 50 years of age, are liable to a poll tax of one dollar.

Capitation dog tax 50 cents. All persons who were 21 years of age on or before the 1st day of January, 1912, are liable to a poll tax of one dollar, and all who have not made returns to the Auditor, are requested to do so on or before the 1st of January, 1913.

I will receive the commutation road tax of two (\$2.00) dollars from the 15th day of October, 1912, until the 1st day of March, 1913.

G. A. JENNINGS, Treasurer Bamberg County.

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