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THE CITY BEAUTIFUL.

Why do not the ladies of the city form a "City Beautiful Club?" Other cities with not near the natural attractiveness of ours have them, and we learn that they are doing a power of good. The work a City Beautiful Club would have to do would be primarily to render its aid to the Council in their efforts to further beautify the city. In the prosecution of this work, they would naturally have the assistance of the citizens generally. To promote the work, they could have entertainments in the opera house from time to time during the summer, consisting of musicals, plays, ice cream festivals, &c., &c., thus enabling the people to while away many a dull hour, while at the same time aiding a good cause.

It will be the duty of the members of the club at each meeting to submit a schedule of abuses or nuisances that may have come under their observation in their neighborhood, and to report what abatement of same has been effected since the last meeting. These reports when condensed by the secretary will make interesting reading and show the co-operation that the Council is giving the club. That they will co-operate we know, for "The City Beautiful" is a part of the platform of the Mayor, and the Councilmen are equally ready to lend a helping hand.

At present we can think of no better plan to get this club organized than for the Mayor to call a meeting of the ladies for that purpose. If anyone else can offer a better suggestion, we would be glad to hear from them. Our columns are open to you.

DAMNING A PAPER.

Nothing damns a weekly paper so quickly as for the country people to get it in their heads that this or that paper is a town paper. This is a wrong spirit of course, and we call attention to the fact that when a weekly paper is a town paper, it is largely the fault of the country that it is so. If one out of every ten countrymen or countrywomen, who can write, would send their favorite paper a short newsy letter each week or every two weeks, this stain, if stain it is, would be speedily removed.

The townspeople like to read these letters as well as the country people. Many of them have friends in the localities from which these letters come, and are glad to read about them. Speaking for The People, we want to say that we recognize no section for particular preference, nor do we pander to the prejudices of any section or class. What we are trying to do, is to conduct and publish a broad minded journal, having the interests of the whole people at heart. In this course, we know that we will have the hearty good wishes of every good citizen, and for the position of the other kind, we do not care the snap of their fingers. Join hands friends, both in town and country, and help us to continue The People as we now have it, a paper of the people, by the people, and for all the people.

REAL KNOCKERS. NOT GRUMBLERS.

The right kind of "knockers" are very valuable citizens, but before one can qualify for a license to "knock" he must establish his claims to the office. None are competent until proof of devotion to the public instead of individual interest is given. He cannot "knock" with credit if a private grudge, personal animosity or personal gain is the incentive. —The State.

Correspondent to "T." We have been something of a knocker ourselves, and congratulate ourselves that in no instance in matters affecting the public welfare have we been actuated by any but the purest motives.

While on the subject of knocking, we want to knock a little more for that culvert in front of the Camden hotel. It is a public necessity, and we ought to have it quick.

More than three millions of dollars added to the taxable Mill property of the State. Good, but not good enough.

"Judge Parker will find plenty to say in his inaugural address." —Augusta Chronicle.

Our head is pretty bald now, but it will be like a peeled onion before Judge Parker delivers that address, and if he waits for that opportunity to speak, he will be a mute the remainder of his days.

Society Notes.

Through rain and sunshine the card clubs continue to hold their meetings and those who braved the elements on last Wednesday afternoon to accept the cordial invitation of Miss Emma Shannon who entertained the Acorns and friends felt more than repaid. Miss Margaret Garrison won the prize, a silver bell.

Mrs. J. T. Hay, Jr., was the hostess to the Matrons on Thursday afternoon and received at her father-in-law's, Hon. J. T. Hay's, dainty home in Kirkwood.

Quite an innovation was introduced as the evening was devoted to Gibbon, the score cards and points Gibbon heads, the centerpieces and decorations, Gibbon, and the prize won by Mrs. R. Y. Steedman, a lovely representation of the famous artist's picture "Lucky at Cards, Unlucky in Love."

Mrs. M. R. Singleton, of Acton, was a guest of honor on this occasion. Delightful seasonal dainties were served and the entertainment was one of the prettiest, easiest and most complete given this season.

The Acorns have postponed their next meeting until next Wednesday, when Miss Henrietta Brailsford will act as hostess giving it in honor of her cousin, Miss Brailsford, who will pay Camden a visit.

School and college work is over and the town is fast filling up with students, delighted to be at home once more. Among the many are Misses Emily Garrison, Marie and Bessie Zemp, Annie Workman, Lottie Boykin, Jeannie Storey, Mary Vilepigue, and Messrs. Allison DuBose, Belton and Robert Kennedy from Clemson.

The many friends of Mrs. Samuel Boykin and family will be delighted to learn that they will be at "Blossomery" for the summer.

Miss Nellie Lee Boykin will return to Camden for the holidays after a most successful year as teacher in the Spartanburg Graded School.

Misses Betsy Boykin and Mary Johnson are expected home from the Confederate Home in Charleston in the near future.

The United Daughters of the Confederacy held a most entertaining and sociable meeting at the home of Mrs. Leslie Zemp on Monday night.

Miss Bet McDowell is at home and will be pleased to consult with any desiring to place their children under her care at Home School next session.

Mr. and Mrs. R. L. Barstow, Jr., have left for their summer home in the north.

Little Miss Tiny Eldredge is still at Spencer, Ind., and continues to improve in health.

Mrs. Charles Zemp spent last Friday in Columbia on a visit to her sister, Mrs. Alex. Heyward.

Sam and Jake.

On this occasion, Sam had all the appearance of a man who had at last solved a much vexed problem. He accosted his chum, Jake with, "Jake, what d'you tink ob dat People anyhow?"

"Well, Sam, niggah, I calls dat a fool question. You kno's zackley wha I tink ob um. I tink he am de bes paper I eber see, dat is, ef my darter read um, rite ter me."

"I bin tink so too Jake, but I hab ter cum ter town de yerley part of de week, an' I bin heah sum white men say dat Cap'n Schrock too quick wid he pen, an' dey doan lak it."

"Dat am all rite, Sam, I bin kno' de Cap'n er long time, an' I nebbber kno' him ter say or do enyting dat wud hu't enybody ef he kno' um."

"Dat an de bressed truf Jake. Ise bin kno' him too er good while, an do he do fly off de han' I putty quick, hit doan las' long, an den he do more far you dan eber."

"Den Sam, we bof 'gree dat de Cap'n an' de People am al rite, so les change de subjec. I tell you niggah, Ise in a hole. My lien mos' out, an' dat ol' flop yeared muel wha I promis' ter pay er hundred dollar ful am bout on he las' leg. Wha I guine do wen de lien am gone so nuff, I doan kno'."

"Hit am tu late ter cry ober split milk now, Jake. Wha dem gresy raskil ob boys ob yourn bin doin' dis year?"

"Whi das bin goin ter skule, "Skule, skule, an de niggah ain' learn nutting an' you bin out de use ob him fer de hole year. Tek, dat boy back on you fa'm, an let him learn ter pull de bell cord ober ole Pete, while you kin' de ol' oman an' de little pickininy go down fer um wid de ho'. Den when yu lien out, go ter Mass. Charlie, an' if his rider tell him yu is bin doin' good wud, he sho' stend dat hen, an' yu pull tru."

"Jake, it raly am too hot ter talk long, so I see yer agin."

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This, I earnestly ask you to do and thereby greatly oblige,

Yours truly,

W. A. SCHROCK,

Editor and Pub'r.,
Camden, S. C.

SECOND CALL.

PUBLIC EXERCISES OF THE TIMROD LITERARY SOCIETY.

This report of the exercises of the Timrod Literary Society is very late, but we feel it our duty to yield to the importunities of friends and subscribers, so give you in this issue a brief resume of them.

The entertainment was given, as all know, in the Opera House on the night of June 1st, and was opened with a Debate, "Resolved: That Collegiate Education does not increase the chance of success, or the happiness of Man." The affirmative was ably argued by Messrs. James Stone and Willie Trantham, but though they fought well, the odds against them were overwhelming and they went down to a not inglorious defeat.

The negative side of the resolution was conducted by Mr. Lexie Geisenheimer and Miss Eulalie Earle. Mr. Geisenheimer particularly distinguished himself by his quickness in picking out the weak points in his opponents' armor, and by his impassioned eloquence. To Miss Earle, however, belongs the honor of winning the fight. This young lady covered herself with glory by the calm confidence with which she met the attacks of her opponents, and the victory won, she left the field winner of the coveted prize, the debator's medal, a prize nobly won, and which we are sure will be nobly won.

The debate was followed by selections in reading. The selection, "Heroes," by Miss Nellie Nettles, was read with taste and effect by that young lady, and at its conclusion she was liberally applauded. "The Courtship of Miles Standish," rendered by Miss Mary Mickle was beautifully done, as the audience very plainly gave the young lady to know. But the girls were not in it in this contest with the boys. Master John Vilepigue selected as his subject, "Mrs. Wiggs of the Cabbage Patch." Standing up before that vast audience, a quaint little figure, holding up before him a book, seemingly half as large as himself, Master John kept his hearers convulsed with laughter during the entire time consumed in the reading of a rather lengthy piece. John had his reward, though, in the shape of the reader's medal, which was, we think, properly bestowed. Master Robert McDowell, in the reading of "How Girls Study," made a great hit, and was rewarded by very complimentary mention by the judges.

The contest for the declaimer's medal followed, and it is safe to say that no such grand display of histrionic talent has ever been displayed upon our stage than was the impersonation of "The Two Martyrs' Crowns" by Miss Gertrude Mitcham. The audience was spell-bound at her matchless acting, and to her was awarded the medal. Miss Mitcham had a worthy rival, in the play of "The Merchant of Venice," to which we will now give our attention. In this play there are but three characters that can properly be called prominent, so we will only say that the minor parts as played by Misses Annie Alexander, Elise Birchmore and Ida Goodale were well played, as were also those of Messrs. Lexie Geisenheimer, James Stone and Willie Trantham.

Of the three strong characters in the play, we will take first the Duke of Venice, represented by Miss Eulalie Earle. Now, it has always been our impression that the Duke was a grizzled old fellow, far from handsome, so if this young lady is his counterpart, we are out in our reckoning, for the two, the one we had in our mind, and the one seated on the Ducal chair on the stage are direct antipodes. However that may be, Miss Earle had her

part well in hand and acquitted herself with much credit.

Portia, (disguised as judge) the part taken by Miss Selma Parrish, was decidedly good. No Judge under the bench could have been better when pronouncing judgment in favor of Shylock (with a proviso) than was this young lady. Woe, unto that luckless biped who, in coming years falls under the condemnation of Miss Parrish. "Shylock." What a detestable character, but how well Miss Rosa Jacobson brought out every vital feature of the part. It was thought by many that the coveted medal should have gone to her, as with an atrocious character to portray, she did it, and with such success that the house awarded her thunderous applause.

This concluded the evening's entertainment, the various parts of which had been very beautifully interlarded with music by Miss Alberta Team, assisted during one intermission by Miss Marie Zemp on the violin.

Gully Head.

Dear Editor: I will come with my first chat to the people. The crops are progressing very rapidly, but are needing rain very much in this section.

Messrs. H. L. and A. H. Baxley, from Shiloh, visited this section last week. We are glad to welcome them in our midst.

The picnic at the central school was very good. One of the best that we ever witnessed in this section. A nice dinner was served, plenty of chicken, mutton and turkey. It seemed that everyone enjoyed it. Good behavior was conducted. Mr. Spradley, of Camden, took the group of the school. Some of our bad boys said that he broke his machine by taking the group. One of our boys said that he heard it pop. Any way there was no popping done. We hope there was no damage done.

I will close with best wishes to The People.

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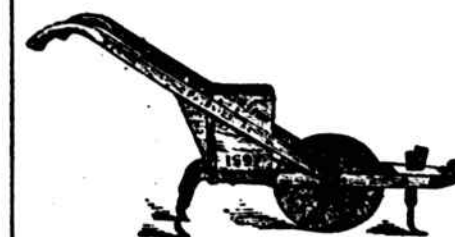
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Restaurant.

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