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# Six Months Dally.

## The Weather.

South Carolina: Fair Thursday and Friday.

Ain't long 'til ground hog day. Regular swine slaughtering weather.

Let us hope there will be no nuts In the new crop of colonels.

Elimination is the watchword in Mexican affairs just now.

It's great fun watching your paper every morning to see who is Mexico's latest president.

Didn't hear of anyone being denaunced as a liar or a scoundrel from Columbia yesterday.

Caption of Spariarburg Herald editorini: "Watch Spartaiburg grow." Smaller?

Greenville's new master in equity s named Inman. Yes, In-man you

"Daughters Keep Birthday of Lee" reads a headline Keeping (to themselves) birthdays comes natural.

should you hear of our new goveror out notting, just put it down he's ut looking for colonels.

And Unc. Andy Carnegie insists that he wishes to die poor. 'Pears to us he's taking it out in wishing. A howl has been raised in Chicago

on account of cruelty to hens. Chick-

Col. Ebbie Watson probably agures that the "gospet of grain" will bring him a benediction of grain.

Now that Cri. Ebbie Watson has lergone successfully the strain of his inauguration, we shall expect to car more of the "Gospet of Grain,"

of this job in Mexico.

And the White House baby has been amed after its own father. Now we shall always know the name of the president's son-in-law.

threw up the lob.

A movement has been started in fexico to eliminate both Carranna ant Villa. That process of elimination blos har to continuo until every native of the republic has been bas-

About time we thought the Mexical adule esded here comes a refer at a movement has been started in inate both Carranza and Villa, e waltaing around continueth.

## THE PAYING COMMISSION

In the news columns of The Intelligencer this morning is printed an interview with a taxpayer who contends that the paving commissioners should be elected by popular vote and not appointed by city council . He speaks of them, or rather of those council members on the commission, as "self-appointed authorities." The person interviewed sees defeat of the proposed bond issue unless the matter of selecting the paving commissioners

is placed in the hands of the people. The interview is printed for what it is worth, and not as any indication of how The Intelligencer feels on that score. Of our own position on this matter we will speak at some later

There are two sides of the question. of the wisdom of naming the paving the sake of argument, taking the side of the man who is opposed to the commissioners being chosen by popular ballot of the people what assurance The Intelligencer is delivered by carriers in the city. If you fail to get your paper regularly please notify us. Opposite your name on the label of your paper is printed date to which our paper is paid. All checks and drafts should be drawn to The Anderson Intelligencer.

ballot of the people what assurance have you that in selecting a commission by popular vote you would elect men more competent to discharge the duties of paving commissioners and which our paper is paid. All checks men any more acceptable to the free-holders at large than a majority of those constituting the board recently those constituting the board recently appointed?

You might say that the majority of the people chose the commissioners so elected, and that the voice of the majority should rule. Well enough in principle, but we know of instances where the majority makes bad choices. There are some questions which have to be decided by popular vote, because it is impracticable to dispose of them otherwise.

If a paving commission has been selected which is not acceptable in its entirety to the people, we believe that it is not too late for changes to be made; and that objectionable memhors of the commission can be induced to withdraw and their places filled by men who will be acceptable to all the

All of which brings us to make the point that if you are not pleased with all the members of the paving commission, do not sit silent and then record your disapproval of the person nel of the committee by voting against the bond lasne. If you do that, then on are shooting at one object but hitting another; or you are firing at the member of the commission whom you don't like but killing the bond issue.

## 6 CONTRACTOR THE GRAIN ELEVATOR

In this morning's lang of The in-telligencer is printed an extract from a bulletin issued by Prof. W. W. Long, sta's agent of the Farmers' Conper-ative Demonstration Work, in which he voices the opinion that grain cievators are not needed in this section of the country just at this time. On the other hand, he advises the erection of mills for the manufacturing of our wheat into flour and the establishment of corn shellers for putting our corn into marketable shape.

The Intelligencer does not care at this time to esponse the cause of the elevator, nor say anything that would tend to hinder the movement which The fellow who says "I had rather seems to have been mirry well and right than president" is thinking of here looking toward the crection of such a plant. The committee of the charge of Commerce which is investigating the advisability of this venture in all probability knows what

Vote for the fond issue, regardless to the words of Prof. Long, and ask part of your likes or dislikes for the city that they to given earnest consideration. Did we not know the state agent to be the intensety practical agent to be the intensety practical into the snow king wanted to cover the distribution.

The snow king wanted to cover the city agent to be the intensety practical agent to be so ready to ask the committee to give his views their most careful alternation.

Within the past two or three de Within the past two or three de-cades Anderson has had numerous exterprises that were more or less along the line of an incovation when they started, We have in mind a shoe factory hosiery mills, suspender fac-turies, handkerckief and shirt factor-ies and others that have long since its and others that have long since ceased to exist. New enterprises are, of course, always good for a town, or at least so long as they keep going. We would like to see a grain elevafor srected here, but we would regret-a vast deal more to see one that had been started "go under" later on in

to care way to eliminate both Carranse The starting any new enterprise in a community the should took for the starting any new enterprise in a community the should took for the starting and the

## THOSE, ROMAN ROADS

The reports of the Italian earthquake include the news that roads built 2,000 years ago by the Romans of the empire were badly damaged by

A considerable part of the wisdom of the Romans was their recognition of the importance of roads in the scheme of military strategy. transportation of troops by other means was then unknown on land. Nowadays roads are still of great importance as a means of moving troops, but even more necessary as a means

of moving freight. Modern Europe has saved millions of dollars hauling farm products to market over roads made twenty centuries ago by Rome. The example has been a sufficient hint to the wise and modern European nations have spent immense sums for systems of public roads which compare favorably with the Foman roads and are built at less expense becarle of improved math-

Nowhere has a county unit system of road building, or its equivalent, re-sulted in a solution of the road prollem. The Roman empire, the British empire, one German empire and the French republic provide good examples of the reduction of the farmer's freight bills, the increase of the business of railroads and the increase of pleasure travel by vehicle through the agency of funds laid out for making amooth highways. The British have put down first-rate macadan. highways as far away as Ceylon, In-dia, and the Straits Scttlements, and the Singhalese peasant can haul twice as much with his ox cart and go twice as far in a day as he could in the days when his country was an independent kingdom.

sively at a time when it was considered necessary to put down a large amount of stone as a foundation beface. The discovery of macadam, that grushed stone laid upon the earth would "bind" under the wear of trafwould "bind" under the wear of traf-fic and form a compact mass, put a new aspect upon roadmaking, but graft and incompetency in Ameri-ca, especially where counties have been the roadbuilding units, have of-ten combined to make roads as ex-pensive as those of the Romans with-out giving them the wearing quali-ties.

Roman road builders would, in al Roman road builders would, in all probability, have been hanged by their thumbs, boiled in oil, or perforated with white-hot iron bars if they had wasted money as it is wasted in this county. Local self-government is a great thing, but there are times when it fells to get results that would be easily accomplished by an untrammeled tyrant.

## THE EARTHQUAKE IF ITALY

As the evidence accumulates of the widespread destruction wrought by the earthquake in Italy, it is seen to be easily the worst seismic disaster except Massina that modern Europe has known. Extending from below Naples to Ferrara, it has rocked the kingdom from its "neel" to the Po, and as respects the range of its destructiveness it has apparently exceeded any earthquake in Italy of which there is record. The convulsion of nature of which the ancient Romans stood in dread has may curiously come to pass, to the terror of their descendants, and, unisously enough, from the point of view of the superstitious, at the very time of the world's greatest cataclyam of war.

Whether 50,000 persons have been killed and injured or double or half that number, the total loss of life is destined to attain proportions that would be staggering if it were not for the confusion of mind caused by obvious comparisons with the loss of life in through human passion on Europe's battlefields. As it is, it occurs under conditions that a accentuate man's greater destructiveness than nature's both in the faking of historic monuments. For against the havor in Italy there is the devastation in Belgium.

The civilized world, while regreting the dead in the sarrihuyake, may rejoice that Rome was spared a worse

engage all her attention.

OUR DAILY PORK

# NOUND THEMSELVES

Practice Said to Be Particularly Prevalent Among East

ARMENTIERS, France, Jan, 19,-One of the American ambulance work-ers who has been with the British in the neighborhood of this town for a month, says the attitude of the British soldier is uncomprehensible to the Frenchman who is fighting beside him. "To the French," he says, "the British seem to take the war as a sport, and talk of their losses like scores at cricket or football.

cricket or football. "I hear you lost two guns the other day," I heard one young English captain say to another, he continued, "yes rotten luck," was the reply "but

Cecil lost ten you know."

I have even met officers who seemed to take pride in their lack of knowledge of military matters. In inquired of one such how many guns there are in a battery. "I really couldn't say, you know," he replied, "I'm of the Lancers."

are due not so much to the cold as to standing about in the water, which causes the foot to swe?. "I first visited the trenches" he con-

tinued, "beyond Laventis, 15 kilo-meters south of Armentieres, Lameters south of Armentieres. Laventis is now a mass of rulns, having been shelled by the Germans in the first week in December. The populace left in a mad rush, leaving bed clothes hanging out the windows and half-eaten meals on the tables . For nearly a mile from the trenches there was hardly a sign of life. It con-tained many dead animats of all kinds, suffering among the poor. Truly "the labe sheep, horses and even cats, poor ye have always with you, and doks, sheep, horses and even cats. Nearly every farm house was a wreck and the farm lands were marked by normous shell-holes, "I remember seeing one grave of a

"I remember seeing one grave of a soldier who was killed on December second. The name could not be deciphered but I made out a little tag that he belonged to the East Lancashires. The crosses became more and more frequent, then we came to abandoned trenches full of caps, canteens, and the coats of men who had been hastily buried.

abandoned trenches full of caps, canteens, and the coats of men who had been hastily buried.

"Finally we came to the mind plastered fellows in the trenches and for several weeks I have lived with them. There is an average of one man to every ten feet of trench. The nearest reinforcements are at La Gorgue and Estairs. The first day I walked about four miles along the trenches and began to realize the significance of a remark that I had heart made that a man from the English Chamber casts of Frence to Switzerland without showing his head above the ground.

"Anybody who is hit in the head by a bullet coming inrough a loop-hole and that means his death During December in this part of the line there have been very few wounded Most of the hospital cases are the dreaded bad feet. When a man's kit is taken away, as it is when they are brought to the hospital, it is pathetic to see what little souvenirs they save out of them. In some instances it will be a photograph, or some old letters; one fellow clutched a half loaf of The source of the process of the protection of the capture of the process of the company of the capture of the process of the company of the capture of the process of the company of the capture of the process of the company of the capture of the capt "Anybody who is hit in the trenches nowadays is usually hit in the head by a builet coming inrough a loophole and that means his death. During December in this part of the line there have been very few wounded. Most of the hospital cases are the dreaded had feet. When a man's left is taken away, as it is when they are brought to the hospital, it is pathetic to see what little souvenirs they saw out of them. In some instances it will be a photograph, or some old letters; one fellow clutched a half loaf of bread for which he had paid a franc and he would not give it up.

"A major of the medical corps told me it was scandalous how many men had snot themselves through the hand in order to get out of the trenches. I personally saw some of these cases at Bethune among the Indian troops. I was told, though do not know that it is true, that several men guilty of this had been taken out and shot before their fellows. On the main road from lestaire to La Basse we met a sonder whose hand was swathed in a shood stained handage. He said has tills had gone of accidentally and the builet had pierced his hand, but he

sile had gone off accidentally and the builet had pierced his hand, but he builet had pierced his hand, but he was under arrest and escorted by a companion with fixed bayonet.

'It was in the trenches when news was received of the sinking of the German ships of the Falklands. A megaphone was made of wzapping paper and the report shouted to the conemy whose trenchen were nor overthisty yards away. I am afraid it was not believed, oven if the Euglini was not believed, oven if the Euglini was understood, for the aight before the Togmans had announced in similar teahlon a great victory for their fleer in the North Sea. There is a frateural spirit here when in a shooting box, by as one target at rifle practice."



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# Letters From The People

Through letters from friends and

by reading The Intelligencer, I learn of conditions in my native State,
I am very glad to see the interest being taken in trying to relieve the when ye will ye may do them good."
It is no time to inquire into the reasons for such poverty until it has been relieved. It is also no time to raise the race question. We all regret to find others in such dire need, but, "It is more blessed to give than to receive." More blessed, possibly, to be able to give rather to be so poor as to have to accept the gift. The present crists affords an opportunity for tearing down the wall of strife that has ing down the wall of strife that has been raised between the rich and the poor, labor and capital; by those who have accumulated, aiding their less fortunate neighbors with hearty good cheer and right liberally, thus showing friendship—Christian friendship. By this means the poor may find their friends among those they had learned to envy and possibly

The best thing I've seen in the pa-

# WILL ISSUE WAR RISK INSURANCE

Virtually Decided After Confer ence Between Director Delanoy and Sec. McAdoo.

WASHINGTON, Jan. 20.—After onferences laney, of the federal way risk bureau, and Secretary McAdoo, it was virtual-ly decided tonight to issue a war

pers lately was a headline in a daily paper that read thus: "Governor of South Carolina Resigned. Resignation Promptly Accepted." And that head-line referred to my own State. Cole. L. Blease has heaped upon the State all the odium he could think of, and all the odium he could think of, and more than one would have thought was possible from a native son. Let the grad citizen forget the name of such a man. If I were permitted to dictate the future record it would be something like this: "Cole. L. Blease is dead." Though he might live to a ripe old age, I do not think another line of public notice should be given line of public notice should be given

him.

The Intelligencer's suggestion for the immediate enactment of a strong Statewide prohibition law without referring it to a vote strikes me as the best possible thing to be done by the present legislature and I hope they will do that very thing. I am glad to see so much interest being shown in the cause of educa-

being shown in the cause of education in Anderson County.

I was especially glad to see such a
clean-up in the city, in which The Intelligencer took such a noble atand.

No man has had a better opportunity than falls to the lot of Governor
Richard I. Manning. He will make
good to the delight of his many
triends and adulters.

I lock for wonderful progress
throughout the South during the next
few years. No section has greater

few years. No section has greater possibilities.

Here's wishing the State a long era of prosperity and the county and city of Anderson a place in the front ranks along every line of progress.

Very truly, mart. Powell, Wyo., Jan. 15, 1915.

VILLA PORCES ARE LEAVING MEXICO CITY (CONTINUED PROM PAGE ONE.)

ut the previous consent of the cabl The Carranza agency here tonight

issued the following:

"El Paso reports that advices from the south state that Villa is concentrating his forces on Torreon, and that the Zapata troops are concentrating at Cuernavaca, Morelos, south of Mexico City, General Benavides, with Constant and Santalia Pater. with 4.000 men has declared for Carrana. Alberto de Puentes, former treasurer of the conventionists, has been shot by Vil-

TODAY

"Exploits of Elaine delayed and will not be exhibited until Saturday.

Four good reels including the Hearst-Selig Weekly will be

COMING FRIDAY Theodore Roberts

"THE CIRCUS MAN"

be a general belief that the forces of General Villa soon would occupy the territory autrounding Piedras Negras. The statement continued:

"The department is in receipt of a felegram from Tampico stating that there is no change in the situation. It is stated that in compliance with the recent oil decree petroleum companies have closed down field operations. The department interprets this to mean construction work begun and not completed, such as the drilling of new wells, as it would appear from previous advice, that wells already under production will not be interfered with. The number of Americans out of employment in Tampico is said to be increasing daity."

CAUCUS FEBRUARY 14.

Big Fight Over Sciention of Ways and Means Committee.

Washington, Jan. 20.—House Democrats who will be members of the next Congress will organize the house at a caucus February 4.

Champ Clark will be relected speaker: Claude Kitchin, of North Carolina, will be presented for Democratic floor leader without apparent opposition; Robert B. Gordon, of Onio, former representative in Congress, will be chosen sergeant-at-arms; South

to gia; Crisp, of Georgia, and Bark Kentucky.



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