

IT'S SO ABSURD

"Putting white way posts on street like this is so absurd," said a lady on the car a few nights ago, as she observed the mud on Main street in front of the postoffice. It is true that it appears absurd, but it only emphasizes the absurdity so strongly that it will convince the people that they must vote for paving.

A gentleman discussing this matter another time, said that he was told by a prominent citizen of Athens, Ga., that before the first issue of bonds for paving property in that city was low, but after the bonds had been voted and expended for paving, that it was no trouble to vote a second and even a third issue for that purpose, and now the value of real estate had soared to five times what it was before. No kickers are found in that little Georgia city now, and he was of the opinion that Anderson would have a similar experience, if we ever get any paving done.

Yes, Anderson must have paving, and have it soon.

A GOOD LEGISLATURE.

The legislature seems to be getting in some good work these days, and to have absorbed the desire to go at its work in a business like way, following the example of the new chief executive. Without much fuss and feathers the cotton acreage bill has been killed. This was a measure The Intelligencer all along felt was unwise and unnecessary, and we are glad it has been repealed. The farmers of the country can be trusted, we think, to settle the matter of acreage for themselves, and we are sure they do not need even the State as a guardian to keep them from planting too much cotton.

Then, the business like way they went at it to pass the bill providing for an election on the question of submitting to the people the matter of voting for or against State-wide prohibition, is commendable on the part of the members of the lower house. This matter can be settled in an off year politically and without the appeal on the part of politicians and demagogues. If the legislature will keep up its policy on these matters there will be no question that it will go down in history as a constructive legislature.

THE MODERN IDEA.

Rev. J. W. Speake delivered an address before the ministers assembled at the "missionary" institute meeting held at the St. John's Methodist church yesterday which should have been heard by every person in the city interested in the piety and religious welfare of their children, and of the young people generally. This address would have been considered very unorthodox a few years ago, and even today there are many who would consider it very much in advance of the times. The institute was discussing the question of the proper way to interest and hold the young people in the church. This subject was being discussed by Mr. Speake, and he made it very plain that he believed that it was the duty of the church to furnish sufficient amusement for the young people to make them see that they can get as much amusement and fun out of the church as they can get out of secular and worldly amusements.

"God Almighty created the play instinct in childhood and you cannot get it out of them. What the church must do today is to realize this and provide for the satisfaction of this craving," declared Mr. Speake. He contended that there must be social gatherings, and games for the young folks under the proper environment, and that this is necessary to keep them in the church, for it is too great a risk to reclaim one if he or she ever gets away from the church and its influences. To that end he advised the establishment of dining halls, play rooms, separate from the main church building if possible, but in the church itself if necessary.

The Intelligencer believes that Rev. Speake is right. It is easy to condemn those so-called secular amusements which are answering the cravings of youth for social life and for amusement, and the church has been doing this without furnishing something to take its place. Recently, however, there has been an awakening, and the people of the church are realizing that this is one of the functions of the church. Preaching piety with long faces does not appeal to many folks, and it is time for that to be supplemented with some good wholesome amusements that will fill the mind and thoughts of the growing child as full that nothing can induce him to go astray. The church that realizes this and is first to meet the demand in a practical and common sense way will be the church that will do the most good, and that will have the most souls to its credit in the hereafter.

"Men must be anything," said one of Dickens' characters. This great novelist knew human nature, and so must the modern church if it is to do the work awaiting it.

United States is to Grow Richer in 1915" the following are grouped under the head of "Agriculture" by the writer, B. C. Forbes, financial editor of the Hearst newspapers:

"American farmers, very tardily, are learning the incalculable value of crop rotation.

"The South has increased its winter wheat acreage 50 per cent and corn average promises to be similarly extended.

"A proper system of credit to be similarly extended.

"A proper system of credit for our farmers is to be established, probably before 1915 ends. This is a consideration of great importance.

"Heavy immigration from rural Europe should provide our farmers with a more adequate supply of labor and should also lead to the cultivation of greater acreage throughout the country.

"Our total farm products in 1914 are estimated by the government at almost \$10,000,000,000 in value, a figure never before attained.

"High prices for all food products will enrich our farmers during 1915."

"Prosperity is enabling farmers to buy more labor-saving machinery, purchase better grades of breeding cattle and improve their homes, thus making their daily life more comfortable.

"Remarkable advances in agricultural science combined with the unmatched efficiency of our federal department of agriculture, have greatly reduced the danger of any general failure of crops."

Anderson is to have a grain elevator. Some people over there are human elevators when the grain is dis-filled.—York News.

FOR SERIOUS CONSIDERATION.

Ordinarily it does not bring a smile of rapt pleasure to a newspaper man's face when he gets a letter saying "Stop my paper," but the editor of the York News received such a letter Monday night and he could not repress a feeble grin. The letter said: "Times are too hard for me to take any paper 'cause we can't eat paper." Now that's a fact and while we hate to lose this subscriber we are ready and willing to agree with him that coarse newspaper does not figure as a prominent item on any bill-of-fare.

Still there is another side to this question. While every family deserves to have and must have the actual necessities of life, still a newspaper of some kind is almost if not fully as important to the minds and brains of the members of a family and more especially the children of the family, as is daily bread. It will profit the head of the house but little if he feeds his family from a physical standpoint and permit them to starve their minds and brains. Every family deserves to have some inkling of what is going on outside.

We hope that the readers, not only of The York News but of every other newspaper as well, will ponder long before they decide to quit taking any publication. Don't take The York News if you would prefer some other, but stop every paper of every kind. We believe that in this connection the remarks made under the head of "Support Your Local Paper" in the Southern Textile Bulletin will be read with interest.

"Very few people realize how hard the press of the South has been hit since the war began. A local paper receives its revenue from 'foreign' advertising, local advertising and subscriptions. Foreign advertising, is advertising received from mail order houses, patent medicine firms, etc., from outside the immediate territory covered by the publication and such advertising has to a large extent been cancelled because of the impression that there is little buying power in the South at this time.

"Local advertising has been seriously curtailed because many of the local merchants have been in tight places because of their inability to collect accounts due by the farmers. The papers must therefore, depend at this time largely upon subscriptions and we appeal to the mill people of every town or village to aid their local papers to weather this storm by paying what they owe their local paper on subscription or sending them a new subscription.

"A local paper is an asset to every town and village and knowing the serious financial condition of most of them at present we make this appeal in their behalf.

"Every dollar counts with a local paper now and the amount of the subscription of the mill population would tide over many of them."—York News.

Out of Harms Way.

"If you had to go to the war what position would you choose?" "The drummer's, I think." "Why so?" "When a cabbage was ordered, I'd pick up a drum and beat it."—Boston Transcript.

Going to War.

"At home I wanted to get into a crack corps." "And at the front?" "I wanted to get into a crack."

The Silent Drama.

"Father, I want to go on the stage." "Do not be too anxious to push yourself forward, my dear. Little girls should be seen and not heard."

GRINS AND GROANS

Among the Many. "Among those present," people read in our own land, When they would give a little heed To those on hand.

Each land, of course, has its own way, As you must know. "Among those present," they say In Mexico.

Hardship At The Start. "Why did your daughter change her mind about going over as a society nurse?" "There were no first cabins over to be had, don't you know."

Another Way. "People kick and also make a great many bad jokes about hash," said the landlady. "Yet?" "So don't work the scraps into hash, make 'em into salad."

A Lovely Time. "And you had a pleasant winter?" "Oh, delightful," declared the debutante. "I have been warned by our pastor about tangoing and cigarette smoking, and I was at a play that was raided by the police."

Often the Case. When a wife ambles off to her club, And is prone to be scrappy, It is safe to assume that her hub Isn't making home happy.

A Bare Girl. "How did you happen to pick out that girl for a wife from among all the dozens you know?" "I noticed she occasionally put on something heavier than a lace wrap when we have a blizzard. Also she sometimes wears overshoes when it is raining hard. I thought those things displayed rare sense."

"Exceedingly rare for these days, young man. You have selected a gem."

Long-Distance War. "And then the captain telephone his men to charge." "Telephoned, eh? Well, being an officer under those circumstances isn't so bad."

Royalty Requires Revenues. No man who calls his wife a Queen should object to a reasonable amount of taxation.

OUR DAILY POEM

Old Year Memories. Let us forget the things that vexed and tried us, The worrying things that caused our souls to fret; The hopes that cherished long were still denied us. Let us forget. Let us forget the little slights that rained us, The greater wrongs that rankle sometimes yet; The pride with which some lofty one degraded us— Let us forget. But blessings manifold, past all deserving, Kind words and helpful deeds a countless throng, The fault overcome, the rectitude unerring, Let us remember long. The sacrifice of love, the generous giving, When friends were few, the hand-clasp strong, The fragrance of each life of holy living Let us remember long. So, pondering well the lesson it has taught us, We tenderly may bid the year goodbye. Holding in memory the good it has brought us, Letting the evil die. —Christian Endeavor World.

Bridal Chorus.

Here comes the Groom, Pale as a Sheet, See how he Stumbles All over his feet. Notice his Gloom— Sadness Complete. He'd give his Shirt For a chance to Retreat. He had the gold Ring Tucked in his Vest So, why this Worry? Why this Unrest? Woe and Alas! A thousand Alacks! The poor girl's Forgotten The dime for his Tax.

Mrs. McClain's Experience With Croup.

"When my boy, Ray, was small he was subject to croup, and I was always alarmed at such times. Chamberlain's Cough Remedy proved far better than any other for this trouble. It always relieved him quickly. I am never without it in the house for I know it is a positive cure for croup." writes Mrs. W. R. McClain, Blairville, Pa. For sale by all dealers.

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IMPROVEMENTS ARE TO BE CARRIED OUT SOUTHERN PUBLIC UTILITIES COMPANY TO SPEND SOME MONEY NEW FILTER PLANT Will Be Installed—Old Reservoir to Be Concrete—Other Improvements. Upon his return from Charlotte, where he went on official business Mr. H. A. Orr, manager of the local holdings of the Southern Public Utilities company, announced certain improvements that he had to be made by the company in local properties. The reservoir in the northwestern portion of the city, which is used for the storing of water for fire purposes and for emergencies that might curtail the regular supply of drinking water, is to have a cement bottom and sides. The reservoir is fed from the filter plant on Cox's creek, and the cementing of the basin will preclude any contamination of the water after it has been placed in this reservoir. The improvements will cost approximately \$2,500. A similar sum will be spent by the Southern Public Utilities company in constructing an additional filter plant, which will be placed alongside the present plant. It will have the same capacity as the present plant, that is 650,000 gallons per day. Mr. Orr stated that the people of Anderson consumed about 650,000 gallons of water per day now and that the capacity of the present plant, which is 650,000 gallons, does not give enough margin between supply and demand. The new plant will be constructed of concrete. Mr. Orr announced also that the Equinox Mill had contracted with his company for the installation of additional transformer equipment, on account of the nature of goods now being manufactured calling for more power than it was thought would be needed at first. The horsepower will be increased from 250 to 500 by the change. The transformer now in use at the Equinox is also used by the Towns and Twine Mill but after the new one for the Equinox is installed the former will be used by the twine mill altogether.

ANNOUNCEMENT

I wish to announce to the public that I have opened a first class blacksmith and general repair shop in rear of Thom,son's Garage. Telephone us your wants day or night. Messrs. Veronee and Veronee, two expert and skilled workmen are on the job. A. G. THOMPSON, Prop., STARR, S. C.

gress in behalf of the Anti-Slavery Society of which he was president, asking for the abolition of slavery. Franklin lived to be 84 years old, dying in 1790. The whole nation mourned when he died. And it was said of him, "he snatched the lightning from the sky and the sceptre from the tyrants." Newspapers In the Schools. There is some discussion in Boston of the question of adding newspaper reading to the public school curriculum. In three notable articles published by the Boston Globe the writers all express the belief that newspapers should be read in the schools. Prof. D. L. Sharp of Boston University, thinks that newspapers cannot be kept away from live children and ought to be. Much of the reading that is done, he says, is vicious, much of it merely wasted time, and little of it is orderly, thoughtful or truly informing, "but it is more wholesome than lack of interest or ignorance." William T. Miller, a teacher in the Boston schools, has no doubt as to the educational value of the newspaper. He suggests that a beneficial plan for their use in the schools would be to set the pupils to clipping items and pictures on definite topics. In this way the work could be correlated with many subjects of the curriculum. "By assigning a topic, such as the progress of a bit of legislation, an ordinary class will bring in large numbers of pertinent clippings. The reading of these furnishes excellent oral practice and at the same time supplies information on the topic assigned." Nathaniel C. Fowler, Jr., says he would desire every boy and girl beyond the primer age to read daily a good newspaper, under the direction of parent or teacher, or both. Mr. Fowler would make newspaper reading "a part of the curriculum of every school above the lower grades." The intelligent reading of the newspaper, he adds, is absolutely essential to education. Newspaper reading undoubtedly is educative. As a factor for public enlightenment it is second only to the schools. The newspaper, of course, is not perfect, and there are many different kinds of newspapers, some of them hardly to be recommended for reading in school or elsewhere. But most papers strive for accuracy. None of them is perfect, but many of them are making progress. It is doubtless possible to make use of them to ad-

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