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THE GREAT GROWING POWER.

The complexion of Europe is charging. The "great powers" are trying to hold their own. Each seems afraid that the others will get or undue advantage.

His eye is never taken from Turkey. And when at last the Sultan shall have run down and can no longer further his projects the boundary line of Russia will be stretched around Turkey as a grille, and no European power will say, nay.

Talk about preserving the balance of power in Europe! The balance is already lost, and Russia holds the scales.

THE LAST CHANCE.

The time is now short in which we must make up our minds how we will vote on the new county question. True it is that no question has ever before been submitted to us that concerns us and our children more intimately.

Let us try to look at the question free from passion or prejudice. How the new county will help or hinder my interests; how will it affect the interests of the great mass of people within its limits; how will it be with our children for whom we are now striving with might and main.

If we now close the door instead of entering in, it will be useless after awhile to wail: "It might have been." Other sections are waiting our action. If we succeed, they fail. If we fail they would be wise enough to profit by it.

THE SWEET POTATO.

As a food crop it would be difficult to find a plant better suited to our wants. From August to May every farmer ought to have them in abundance for man and beast.

Horses fatten on them and enjoy a mixed ration of potato and corn more than corn alone. How your favorite milk cow would thank you if with her cotton and meal and hulls you would mix a few quarts of potatoes, chopped fine enough to prevent choking.

That is a poor acre that does not yield one hundred bushels of the tubers.

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LOPEZ COLOMA.

The execution of this Cuban patriot throws discredit on the Spanish cause. That cause is weak indeed that tries to bolster itself by putting to death, under disgraceful conditions, a patriot leader who surrendered under flag of truce—embracing the Spanish general's proclamation of amnesty.

General Weyler must have been severely handled by Maceo to vent his ire thus on one of his most noted prisoners. This murder will not have a mollifying effect on Cuban sympathizers in the United States; neither is it apt to invite the laying down of arms on the part of the insurgent Cubans.

Have both your registration ticket and your 1895 tax receipt when you go to vote next Tuesday for the New County.

Reasoning on Their Own Grounds.

GOLDEN SPRINGS SCHOOL HOUSE, Nov. 24, 1896.—MR. EDITOR:—We wish to reason through your columns with some of our esteemed friends upon their own ground for opposition to the new county movement.

Two of them have told us that they could vote for it, if two prominent men of Gaffney were out of it. "The have always," they say, "controlled the town in most instances for their own selfish ends."

They continue to say that these gentlemen would never be satisfied unless everything was controlled by them or their agents within the entire area of the proposed new county. Be that as it may we fail to see a justifiable reason on the part of our friends or any one else for withholding an earnest support of the new county movement.

We can see them in no other light. Reasoning from their own standpoint we would never build another public school house, nor open another public road. We would never build another railroad, nor church, nor would any movement for improvement that did not leave the mightier end of the singletree in our own hands find any sympathy or approval within us.

For this reason we cannot from the circumstances that surround us all be alike benefited by the improvements.

While we concede that advantages largely will be in the hands of some more than others, we further know that every man in its limits, far beyond this most sanguine expectations, will be benefited. "Higher taxes," the most frivolous excuse of all, because it is improvement. Improvement is progress. Are any among us opposed to progress? If so it is strange he has lived through the last twenty years (if he is so old) and not before now been ground to power.

Surely such, if there be any among us, will hear a word of caution from us and seek for themselves some more congenial spot (if one can be proud) where the great wheel of progress does not move. No money spent for improvement or progress is unwisely used, however large the sum, and should taxes be increased as is the fear of some (while I do not believe they will) they bring improvements to us so far in excess of what we ever anticipated that we will be ashamed that we ever thought of opposing the new county movement.

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Vote as You Pray.

(Correspondence of The Ledger.) GOWDEYSVILLE, S. C., Nov. 30.—MR. EDITOR:—I was a candidate for county commissioner in 1890 but I have taken more interest in the new county campaign than I did in my own candidacy. I electioneered more for J. M. Greer and Jim Walker than I did for myself.

I wish to state also that I am a member of the Methodist Church, and I will add, that the man who goes to God in prayer and asks His blessings on the people and then turns his back on the people of the proposed new county by voting against the very measure that will be a blessing to them, is to say the least, very inconsistent, or that he has not carefully and prayerfully studied the subject.

This is my last letter before the election and I appeal to my friends, my neighbors and the people whom I love, to cast their ballot on December 8th for "New County—Yes." I have been a new county man for fifteen years and will continue to be one as long as I live, for I conscientiously believe it will be a step toward progress, a step toward education, a step toward civilization, a step toward higher and nobler Christian living, and a step toward low taxes.

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FORTY-TWO YEARS OLD.

The New County Movement Originated in 1854. (Correspondence of The Ledger.) The county movement is not a new thing, as some would make believe. In 1854 the citizens of the various townships of Spartanburg, Union and York held a meeting at Limestone Springs. Several speeches were made in behalf of a new county.

We will name some of the advantages that will arise from a new county. It will bring to us a school of legal instruction that we cannot have in our present condition or situation, having no advantages of the courts and their teachings.

The many officers that will of necessity have to be selected to fill the positions of trust for the county will all add strength to this section.

We will have some strength in the legislature that we will never have without it.

It will add to our social position very much.

It will make us join co-partners in a political relation.

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"It is More Blessed to Give than to Receive." (Correspondence of The Ledger.)

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So they come several days and one day I said to the girls (for there were two) that I would give them some pieces like my dresses to put in a quilt, and I was very careful how I spoke so as not to wound their feelings.

There is a right way to receive what is given, therefore let us remember that Whenever a noble deed is wrought Whenever a noble thought Our hearts in glad surprise To higher levels rise.

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"Showing His Colors." (Correspondence of The Ledger.)

CAMPBELL, S. C., Nov. 28, 1896.—Although, I know that the new county movement so far as its success is concerned cares no more for what I think and say about it than it does for what some who oppose the movement are thinking and saying, and that the final result of the election will be effected no more thereby than it will be by the fuss which some of the would-be opponents are making; still I want to say that I am heartily in favor of the new county.

It seems to me that a summary of the arguments pro and con is about as follows:

Those who advocate the new county do so, because they believe, as shown by facts and figures, both of which are stubborn things, that the new county will be an economic benefit to every one within the bounds of the proposed limits, unless it is to just a few in the extreme corners. This is common sense. Those who oppose it do so because, while it will enhance their real estate, create a better market for their produce, and save them time in transacting their legal business, it will enhance somebody else's real estate a little more than it will theirs, bring a good market a little nearer somebody else's home than it does to theirs, and save somebody else a little more time in looking after their legal affairs than it will them. This is uncommon sense.

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