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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. France eyes Germany, and Austria Russia, while England views each with a critic's eye and sees imperfections in them all. While most of these powers are holding their own, one is silently, but surely forging her way to superior power and greater prominance. Russia is this great and growing power. England, by vast outlay of capital, is conpelled on account of their insular position and widely scattered provinces, to maintain her supremacy at sea; Germany has all she can do to harmonize the discordant elements that make up her Einpire; but Russia is free from intangling alliances, and is homogeneous throughout her vast dominions. No other country, in one unbroken reach, stretches over one hundred seventy degrees of latitude-nearly half way round the world. The Czar of all the Russians holds this power within an easy grasp, but his hungry palm is itching for more, and more he is bound to have.

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 gridle, and no European power will say, nay.

Talk about preserving the balance of power in Europe! The because is already lost, and Russia holds the scales. Her development has, of late years, been unprecedentedly rapid, due mainly to wiso statesmanship.

THE LAST CHANCE.

The time is now short in which we must make up our minds bow we will vo' in the new county question. True it .. that no question has ever before been submitted to us that concerns us and our children more intimately. And we must decide it by our votes.

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 a ight and main. This is the opportunity of a life time. It will not pass this way again. It is our last chance. Let it not be a lost chance.

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 succeeed, 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 enought to prevent pail would be heavier as you return from the barn.

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

The trouble is not in the making but in the keeping-you say. Well don't dont' pasture your cows on the land before harvesting the crop. First save the vines for winter forage

and immediately gather and properly care for the valuable tubers-one of God's best gifts to man.

LOPEZ COLOMA.

The execution of this Cuban putriot throws discredit on the Spanish cause. That cause is weak indeed that tries to bolster itself by putting than I did for myself. It rather anto death, under disgraceful conditions, a patriot leader who surrendered under flag of truce-embracing the Spanish general's proclamation of annuity.

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. General Weyler says that Spain's honor must be maintained at any price. Neither men nor money count anything when this is to be preserved. Thus is Weyler hurrying to his doom.

Have both your registration ticket and next Tuesday for the New County.

Reasoning on Their Own Grounds. (Correspondence of The Ledger.)

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 more-

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. That it will be beneficial to every industry within its limits and that our institutions of learning, both morally and religiously will be greatly advanced, I believe no one has ventured to deny. This being conceded no man alive to the progress of the day in which we live can afford to cast his vote against the proposition before us. Now our Ravenna friends, gentlemen of whom any community ought to justly be proud come before us with objections altogether unworthy of the high esteemed and acknowledged confidence that they are, under all other consideration, entitled to. To us their objections seem to have had their origin from a view peculiarly

We can see them in no other light. Reasoning from their own standpoint we would never build another public For Sale 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 benefitte? by the improvements.

While we consede that advantages largerly 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 benefitted. "Higher taxes," the most frivolant 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

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. L. P. DAVIS.

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(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 noys me to think that the two men whom I have worked harder for than I did for myself should turn their back on the new county question on which hinges the best interest of 20-000 people. If a man will listen to General Weyler must have been | Squire Wm. Jefferies, one of the purest and best Christian men in this county, and hear him say that it is to the best interest of the people and that it will decrease taxes, which he shows very plainly by the tax on the railroad property, and do as he says, I am convinced he will never regret it, for Squire Jefferies has studied this question in all its different aspects and he is convinced of the getting along in years, it is true, but possesses a great store of common sense and in all his public and known to do a dishonest act and his council has always been right on buestions which were of vital interest to the masses.

I wish to state also that I am a member of the Methodist Church, your 1895 tax receipt and, I will add, that the man who aroused to action and his mind ex- could help them, telling them I was when you go to vote 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 inconsistant, 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 for the new connty.

R. W. DAVIS.

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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. Hardin, of York, Dr. S. Otterson, of Spartanburg, and Curtis, of Limestone Springs, and others made speeches. After the speaking a petition was presented for signers. It was headed by Thomas Curtis, D. D. It was presented to the legislature by Hardin and Otterson, who were members of the legislature at that time. The movement was defeated on account of the constitutional limitations. Now the constitution is so fixed that we can have it. Then let us not have any fear of the cry of benefits to be had. Mr. Jefferies is cliques, corporations and high taxes. They are a lot of nothings thrown out to delude the simple.

We will name some of the advant have in our present condition or situation, having no advantages of the courts and their teachings. Many a they were poorly fixed with not a degoes to God in prayer and asks His panded gathering knowledge from the tree of science until he become a They asked me could I spare some light in society.

It will bring a great plus of money that we will be debarred from in our present condition.

The many officers that will of necessity have to be be selected to fil 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.

A Valuable Prescription.

Editor Morrison of Worthington, Ind , "Sun" writes: "You have a valtaxes. I carnestly ask my own uable prescription in Eletric Bitters, neighbors of Union county and my and I can cheerfully recommend it friends of Spartanburg and York for Constipation and Sick Headache, counties to study this new county and as a general system tonic it has question thoroughly and on election no equal." Mrs. Annie Stehle, 2625 day to present a solid front and vote | Cettage Grove Ave., Chicago, was all run down, could not eat nor digeet food, had a backache which never left her and felt tired and weary, but six bottles of Electric Bitters restored her health and renewed her strength. Prices 50 cents and \$1.00. Get a bot-

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"It is More Blessed to Give than to Receive.'

(Correspondence of The Ledger.) We have all been taught that it is more blessed to give than to receive. but a great many people make it very difficult for us to offer anything for fear of offending even when we have something that is of no particular use to us and is just what munity I thought it just right that I milk. I told them yes, every day they would come for it. 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 cow I spoke so as not to wound their feelings. They seemed I had, but they come on for milk and ciated it or not. So now, dear friends, make use of which is offered you in good faith, and above all things do body elses real estate a little more not feel offended, nor go at once than it will theirs, bring a good and buy something of equal value market a little nearer somebody for by so doing you spoil all the else's home than it does to theirs, "blessedness" of the giving. A great and save somebody else a little more deal of uncertainty exists in some time in looking after their legal afminds concerning the true meaning fairs than it will them. This is unof this sentence. I heard a friend say she appreciated a little embroidered doyly given her more than a handsome silver lamp given by some party. She says its a perfect gem and I shall always keep it.

There is a right way to receive what is given, therefore let us remember that

Whenever a noble deed is wrought. Whenever is spoke a noble thought. Our hearts in glad surprise. To higher levels rise.

So we must learn the art of giving able prices. intelligently and also of refusing politely whatever we know will be lock's store. of no use to us, suggesting at the time that we know of some one who could make use of it, and then we would have no fear of offending.

MRS. R. ANN WATERS. Why will you buy bitter nauseating tonics when Grove's Tasteless Chili Tonic is as pleasShowing His Colors.

(Correspondence of The Ledger.) Campbello, S. C., Nov. 28, 1896 .-Although, I know that the new county movement so far as its success concerned cares no more for what 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 they particularly need. I heard once the would-be opponents are making; of an old lady being right sick and still I want to say that I am heartily as they were strangers in the com- in favor of the new county. Why? Because I think it will be an economic benefit to the greatest number private life he has never yet been ages that will arise from a new should visit them and help them of people within the proposed bounds. county. It will bring to us a school should they need it. When I got As my work takes me from home I of legal instruction that we cannot there the old lady was sick, but sit- did not get to sign the petition when ting up. I looked around and I saw it was circulated and will not for the same reason get to cast a "yes" for the new county. However, I want man had his talents and facilties cent quilt in the house. I asked if I to be like the old woman who went willing to do something for them. her shoulder-"Show which side I out to battle with a broom-stick on am on," show that I am for progress and prosperity, for any movement that pertains to the common interest of the common masses.

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

Those who advocate the new county do so, because they believe, as shown by facts and figures, both of which very proud and said they had nothing are stubborn things, that the new to do, so in a day or two they come county will be an economic benefit for more milk. And of all the abuse to every one within the bounds, of I got it. They told me they were the proposed limits, unless it is to not poor for my scraps or any thing just a few in the extreme comers. This is common sense. Those who op-I got the blessing whether I appre- pose it do so because, while it will enhance their real estate, create a if you haven't done so already, learn better market for their produce, and to accept gracely whatever you can save them time in transacting their

legal business, it will enhance some-

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