

The Reason.

A German professor who is given to great deliberation of speech and has never been known to increase its speed under the most compelling circumstances had an amusing experience in a restaurant not long ago.

The Public Taste.

Several kind Workers pooled their efforts to insure the Waifs a happy Holiday. They rounded up the little Hickeys at a Mission and gave them a Free Show.

A pale young Man with amber Fire Escapes sprang a line of Parlor Magic that would have quered even a Supper Show. The Bunch advised him to back off the Dump.

Moral.—The Waifs cannot be expected to lift themselves many Notches above the Public Taste.—New York Herald.

A Testimonial Worth Having.

An inventor, having produced a wonderful hair invigorating fluid, sent a case of bottles to a bald editor, with a request for a testimonial. He got it in these terms:

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Africans Wash, but Never Wipe.

Great attention is given in most of the African tribes to the care of the body. The teeth are cleansed with a stick which has been chewed into a kind of brush.

The Earliest Cigars.

The earliest mention of cigars in English occurs in a book dated 1735. A traveler in Spanish America named Cockburn, whose narrative was published in that year, describes how he met three friars at Nicaragua.

A Change.

"We must economize," he said emphorly. "I'm so glad!" his wife exclaimed. "You take the announcement more good naturedly than usual."

Quite Loud.

Tudor—Harris gets all his clothes ready made now. Sutton—So he told you too? Tudor—He told me nothing. He didn't have to.—Boston Transcript.

Should you wish a Sideboard we can please you at prices that suits your purse. S. M. & E. H. Wilkes.

Great Opportunity for the Farmers of the State to meet in Their Interest.

The Spring meeting of the above Society will be held in the Auditorium on the Exposition grounds, Charleston, on the 5th day of February next, at 12 o'clock M.

In consequence of this meeting, this day has been set aside by the Exposition authorities as "Farmers Day," and the general attendance of the farmers of the State is expected.

In addition to the interest attaching to the meeting and the Exposition, the Good Roads Convention will convene in Charleston on the 3d and continue through the 7th, February next, and those attending the meetings of the Society can also take in the meetings of the Good Roads Congress.

All members are urgently invited to attend.

T. W. HOLLOWAY, Secretary.

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ASSESSOR'S NOTICE.

The Auditor's Office will be open from the 1st day of January to the 20th day of February, 1902, to receive returns of Real Estate and Personal property for taxation in Laurens county.

For the convenience of Taxpayers the Auditor will attend the following named places to receive returns for said year to wit:

- Young's Township, Cook's Store, January 22d, from 10 a m to 2 p m. Young's Township, Young's Store, January 23d, from 10 a m to 2 p m. Young's Township, Pleasant Mound January 24th, from 9 a m to 12 m. Young's Township, Lanford Station, January 24th, from 2 to 4 p m. Scutletown Township, Tylersville January 25th, from 10 a m to 2 p m.

It will save much time to taxpayers, also greatly facilitate the work of the Assessor, if every person before leaving home will make out a complete list of every item of personal property in the following order: Horses, cattle, mules, sheep and goats, hogs, watches, organs and pianos, buggies, wagons and carriages, dogs, merchandise, machinery and engines, moneys, notes and accounts above indebtedness, and all other property, including household.

It is always required that the Auditor get the first given name of the taxpayer in full.

Under the head of place of residence on tax return, give the township.

All male citizens between the ages of twenty-one and sixty years, on the 1st of January, except those who are incapable of earning a support from being maimed, or from other causes, are deemed taxable polls, Confederate veterans excepted.

And all tax-payers are required to give number of their school district. They are also requested to state whether the property is situated in town or in the country.

After the 20th day of February next fifty per cent. penalty will be attached for failures to make returns.

In every community there are persons who cannot read or that do not take a newspaper. Those more fortunate may do such persons a great favor by telling them of the time to make returns or by returning for them.

The assessing and collecting taxes is done in the same year, and we have to aggregate the number and value of all horses, mules, cattle and other pieces of personal property as well as the acres of land, lots and buildings and their value that there are in this county, and have the same on file in the Comptroller General's office by the 30th of June of each year, and from that time to the first day of October the Auditor's and Treasurer's duplicate have to be completed and an abstract of the work in the Comptroller General's office by that time, which will show at a glance that the Auditor has no time to take returns, or anything else much, between the 1st day of October, but work on the books and the blanks. We hope, therefore, that all taxpayers will make their returns in time.

W. L. FERGUSON, Auditor.

Dec. 5th, 1901.—tf.

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An Ordinance

Imposing an Annual Tax on all Taxable Property in the City of Laurens to Raise Supplies for said City, for Fiscal Year, Commencing January 1st., 1902.

SECTION I. BE IT ORDAINED by the City Council of Laurens, of the City of Laurens, that a tax of Fifty Cents on every One Hundred Dollars worth of the assessed value of all property, Real or Personal, not exempt by law from taxation, situated within the limits of the City of Laurens, be, and the same is hereby levied, for corporate purpose, to defray the current expenses of said City, for the Fiscal Year commencing January 1st, 1902, and to meet such other indebtedness, as has been contracted by said City for corporate purposes. That an additional tax of Thirty Cents on every One Hundred Dollars worth of the assessed value of all property, real or personal, not exempt by law from taxation, situated within the limits of the City of Laurens, be, and the same is hereby levied, to meet the interest to become due upon the Thirty Thousand Dollars Bonds, issued April 1st., 1897, for the purpose of meeting the cost of building and equipping the Water Works and Electric Light Plants for said City, and to pay at least One-fortieth part of the entire bonded debt into a sinking fund, to be used in aid of the retirement and payment of said bonds.

SEC. II. That the Clerk of the said City, shall enter said levies and assessments upon the books of said City and receive said taxes. That the said taxes herein levied shall be paid to the said Clerk in lawful money of the United States, on or before the 1st day of March, 1902, and any person failing to pay said taxes, shall be liable to the penalty now provided by law for the failure to pay the general State tax.

Done and ratified by the City Council of Laurens, of the City of Laurens, at the City of Laurens, and the Corporate (L.S.) seal of said City affixed, this 1st day of January, in the year of our Lord One Thousand and Nine Hundred and Two, and in the One Hundred and Twenty-sixth year of the sovereignty and independence of the United States of America.

C. E. GRAY, Mayor.

L. G. BALLE, Clerk of Council.

Notice of Final Settlement

Take notice that on the 15th day of February, 1902, I will render a final account of my acts and doings as Executor of the estate of Bethany C. Holcombe, dec'd, in the office of Judge of Probate for Laurens county, 11 o'clock, a. m., and on the same date will apply for a final discharge from my trust as such Executor.

All persons having demands against said estate will please present them on or before that day, proven and authenticated, or be forever barred.

J. J. HOLCOMBE, Executor.

Jan. 15, 1902.—4t

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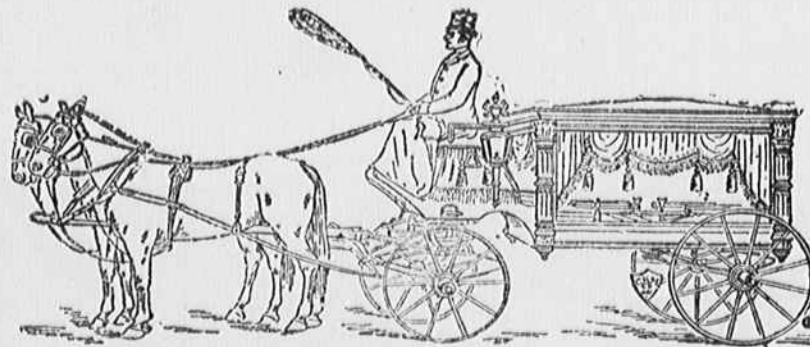
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