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"Water swells wood," says an exchange. That accounts for so many big blockheads at large these days.

There is a man in Maine ninety-two years old who has never tasted whiskey; then the old fellow has something yet to live for.

The other day a man dislocated his neck trying to kiss a girl under a Merry Widow hat. Moral: Girls, don't wear Merry Widows.

The Advertiser is in receipt of the new Furman catalogue. Mechanically it is an excellent piece of work and in subject matter it reveals the high standard and fine condition of the Baptist university.

Rev. Madison C. Peters was scheduled to deliver an address at a banquet of the "Social Equality Club" in New York last week, but on seeing the number of beautiful white women seated side by side with negroes was so disgusted that he flew the coop. By the way the Rev. Mr. Peters is the very man who once said a man would go to hell for a woman. Guess he thought the other night that the women had gone to hell for men.

Laurens is an excellent distributing point for dispensary booze. At about two o'clock one may see the thirsty travelers making their way hurriedly to the whiskey shop; the trains are here just long enough to allow them to get there and back. And they come and go in four directions.

Cantler, of Tirzah, and Bryan, of Nebraska, have not organized a society of Also-Rans. The report is maliciously false.

Says the esteemed Columbia State of Friday:

"The Laurens Advertiser wishes to know when the State undertook to voice the sentiment 'of rural South Carolina?' That does not seem to be near so important as the fact that the State does so voice that sentiment, as the esteemed Advertiser will ascertain, so far as its own county is concerned, by referring to the resolutions instructing the Laurens delegation to the State convention, adopted last Monday."

The foregoing admits a change of heart on the part of our worthy friend, at which we rejoice. It has ceased its antagonism to the farmers and is now allied with their interests. We welcome The State into our ranks.

But we are still interested to know when and why The State has forsaken its old ground and now taken up the farmers' cause.

The Anderson Daily Mail has the following:

"Some exchange—possibly the News and Courier—has remarked that if, two years from now, Hon. C. C. Featherstone gets the support of all the newspapers that have been applauding him for withdrawing from the gubernatorial race this year, he will be elected. Well, in order to start the ball rolling, The Daily Mail will state that it proposes to support him if he is in the race. Are there any others?"

The Laurens Advertiser joins the number most heartily. Who is next?

Instruction makes strange bed-fellows.

Note of warning: Make the Laurens city sidewalks six feet wider—hoop skirts, they say, will be in style again by next season.

Hoop skirts and Merry Widow hats at the same time. Heaven forbid!

Resolved: That a college freshman's colored hat band is more sensible than a woman's hat.

Lest it might be so adjudged we beg to state that this is not intentionally a "Program Issue" of The Advertiser.

Instructions to Denver delegates: take only three drinks daily lest you become drunk. The altitude of the place augments the effects of whiskey.

This week we begin the publication of the serial story "The Princess Virginia." It is an excellent love story, well written and interesting throughout, especially since it is a leap year story. We hope our readers will take advantage of the opportunity and be pleased with this new departure.

The Christian Crusaders are in Laurens conducting a religious revival. They are representatives of a large army of Christians, engaged in the work of saving souls, now operating all over this country. In the band here are a number of ladies as well as the male members of the company, all actively engaged in the religious endeavors. These are good people, quiet and unassuming, but not timorous in their chosen work; rather, they fully carry out the purpose of the organization; namely, condemn wrong and strive for the right. The Crusaders are deserving of the attendance and support of everybody in Laurens.

Honorable John J. McSwain, of Greenville, is a candidate for Solicitor over in his adopted district. The fact that he is a Laurens county man should make those people over there recognize his worth and elect him. If they don't they will miss a mighty good chance to do something handsome for themselves.

JUST BE CALM.

Just be calm, good people; the First Baptist church of this city is not composed of a set of lunatics and they are not going to do all the senseless things imagined about them. A careful and fair consideration of the sermon, the resolutions and the action of the church last week will convince anyone that this body of Christians means to stand as a unit against the sale of whiskey in Laurens county. We wish them a glorious victory.

INSTRUCTING THE DELEGATES.

The subject of instructions to the Denver delegates this summer has been thoroughly discussed by the newspapers all over the country and opinions vary. In this State it seems that while a majority of the people are out and out for Bryan the sentiment against so instructing the delegates to the national convention is the stronger. In the county Democratic conventions last week it was clearly seen that South Carolina is for Bryan. Be that as it may, the matter of so instructing is another question.

Let the State convention elect representatives who favor Bryan if it wishes, but do not fetter them with positive instructions.

In this connection we recall what Emerson says of men of character in public life and think it applies admirably. He says: "The men who carry their points do not need to inquire of their constituents what they should say, but are themselves the country which they represent. Nowhere are its emotions or opinions so instant and true as in them; nowhere so pure from a selfish infusion. The constituency at home hearkens to their words, watches the color of their cheek, and therein, as in a glass, dresses its own."

Has South Carolina no men of character? Are there no leaders in this State? The above quoted words raise a host of questions. In the election of our representatives to the legislature, to congress and to the many offices of public trust are we to instruct them how they shall speak, act and vote? Are they to represent the sentiment of the people at home, so expressed and directed, previous to taking up their tasks? Are public representatives to be the incarnation of public sentiment? According to Emerson's view decidedly not.

These same questions arise concerning a newspaper. Is a newspaper a reflector of sentiment or a moulder of it? The Advertiser has expressed itself on this subject before and occupies the same grounds regarding public men. Public sentiment is not safe nor always sane. Certainly it cannot reach a higher level than the character of the men in charge of public affairs, and these men mould the sentiment; they do not reflect it.

Reverting to the matter of instructing or not instructing our delegates and applying the principles as expressed in the above quotation we ask the question: Has South Carolina eighteen men within her borders who are worthy to represent her in the Denver convention? Instructing these representatives would be evidence in fact that she has not.

Mr. J. E. Minter Married.

Mr. James E. Minter, the prominent young merchant and farmer of Laurens and Sedalia, left this city Saturday night on a very happy mission. On Tuesday evening, in the city of Memphis, he was married at the First Presbyterian church to Miss Frances DeLabar, of the Tennessee city. After an extended bridal tour Mr. and Mrs. Minter will be at home to their friends at Sedalia, Union county. Mr. Minter is a son of Capt. John R. Minter, of this city, and besides being engaged in business on a large scale here and at Sedalia he is one of the largest farmers in the up-country.

An Extraordinary Hen.

Mr. John D. Mills, who lives five miles north of Laurens and owns one of the best farms in the county, has an exceptionally accommodating hen. Every other day this fowl lays an egg weighing four ounces or thereabouts and containing two yolks; on the other days she lays an ordinary sized egg; and during the present season she has kept this up regularly and never tried to sit. Mr. Mills says this hen is just the kind he needs at his place since he has a family of twelve children.

AMONG THE EXCHANGES.

Newspaper Ethics.

The Anderson Mail complains about the "dishonest journalism" of some of its neighbors and there seems to be foundation for its anger at the misrepresentation of conditions in Anderson. If The Mail has any influence with the South Carolina Press Association it might persuade that body to do something really useful and elevating by establishing—and maintaining—something in the nature of a code of ethics for the South Carolina press.—The State.

There Are Smells and Smells.

Not every man who wears a yachting cap owns a yacht. Nor does every man who smells like gasoline own a car. He may have just had a gasoline shampoo.—Ex.

Show Up or Show Down?

It is reported that the manufacturers are putting pockets near the tops of the hosiery. And Editor Hearon of the Spartanburg Herald says he's from Missouri.

The Family Record.

Anna Gould has secured one divorce and is taking the preparatory steps for another. Howard Gould is suing his wife for a divorce and Frank Gould is being sued by his. Miss Helen Gould has never married and so can't keep up this fad of the Gould family.—Augusta Herald.

Balked at Evans.

A former Charlestonian, now living in Columbia, writes to "welcome, thrice welcome" us into the ranks of the Bryan following. That is all right. But hearken to this. "Now come out square for John Gary Evans and be in complete accord with the majority in the State." Will the esteemed Columbia State be so good as to tell us if it is necessary to take the John Gary Evans degree to become a master Bryanite? We haven't gone so far in yet that we may not recant.—Charleston Post.

Cost of Battleships.

A modern battleship of first rank, with full armament and equipment, costs upward of \$10,000,000. With that money one could build 143 miles of railroad. With that money a bank could extend \$30,000,000 of credit.—Wall Street Journal.

Uncle Jake and the Three Balls.

It is not alone April showers that cause overcoats to be soaked at this season of the year.—Spartanburg Journal.

Not Guilty.

What is the exact value, in terms of dollars and cents, of a kiss? The editors of the Branchville Journal and Elberton Star are excused from answering.—Laurens Advertiser.

We wonder why we are to be let off so lightly. Knowing the editor's thoughtfulness and gallantry toward any and all ladies even remotely connected with journalism we decided at first that was the reason we were to be excused. But the editor of the Elberton Star rises to explain most emphatically that he is no lady, so that cannot be the reason. Anyway, we believe Editor Boney can answer his own question.—Branchville Journal.

A Thousand Pardons.

The fashion sheets say that slim effects in men's clothing will be the style this season. Things are coming our way at last; eh, Editor Cole.—Laurens Advertiser. We feel slighted. But we can't afford a new suit anyway, so why worry?—Walterboro Press and Standard.

Expense of Having Bad Roads.

In reducing the good roads question to the dollars and cents basis the department of agriculture has handed the farmers and country tax payers generally an argument which they ought to find irresistible. The department's figures are based on careful and exhaustive tests. They demonstrate that the actual cost of hauling, per ton mile, is 64 cents over dry, sandy roads, 39 cents over earth roads of the usual muddy and rutted variety, 11.9 cents on broken stone roads in ordinary condition and 8 cents on broken stone roads in good condition.

This means, concretely, that good roads pay ample cash dividends, and that the saving which they make possible far overbalances the cost of construction. A road of broken stone means consistently reduced expenses as long as it lasts. It cost the farmers \$21,650,000 to haul the wheat crop to the railroads in 1906. This was an average price, for all drayage, of 19 cents a ton mile. But where there were improved roads the figures show that the drayage cost was only 10 cents per ton mile. Had all the corn, wheat and cotton crops of 1906 been hauled over good roads the producers of them would have saved \$27,000,000.

How long will Virginia farmers continue to pay the heavy toll of bad roads?—Richmond Times-Dispatch.

Miss Emily Meng entertained at bridge Thursday evening in honor of Mrs. N. B. Dial's charming visitors. Those entertained by Miss Meng were: Misses Helen Crenshaw, Hattie Lee Guess and Berta Hooker; and Messrs. W. G. Lancaster, George Balle, R. V. Irby and R. F. Fleming.

Advertisement for Copeland's shoes. Features an illustration of a shoe and the text: 'The Best In Men's SHOES. If you want good Shoes, Sir, come to the store that sells good Shoes. Come to the store, that will furnish you good Shoes at very moderate prices. If a cheap Shoe is offered you at a price that seems small—don't buy—it isn't worth while. Men's Spring Shoes in Lace, Button or Blucher cut. The best of leathers that can be put into Shoes. Extreme styles or the conservative models. Shoes that we back by a strong guarantee. \$2.50, \$3, \$3.50 \$4 to \$5 or \$6. We're Experts at Fitting. If you know nothing about our sort of Shoes, Sir, we believe that you will be highly pleased with our Shoe qualities and Shoe prices. COPELAND'S. The One Price Store. Customers' Shoes Shined Free.'

Of Interest In Laurens. Congressman Joe Johnson is accused of the atrocious crime of taking care of his own constituents in the matter of public buildings more thoroughly than he does the people of the rest of the State. If the remainder of the State is not satisfied, it should send Johnson to the Senate, and then all would have an equal claim on his ability and attention.—The State. In speaking of a jury which recently decided that a finger is worth \$500, the Laurens Advertiser says it knows of a place where they will sell "three fingers" for fifteen cents any time. And the Augusta Chronicle eagerly asks, "where, mister, where?"—Anderson Daily Mail. The Laurens Baptists will discipline any member of their church who votes for the dispensary this fall.—Columbia Record. Is the Laurens Baptist church for Bryan or against him?—Anderson Daily Mail. See the new line of Dinner Sets in different designs and decorations that have just arrived at S. M. & E. H. Wilkes & Co.

CITATION The State of South Carolina, County of Laurens.—By O. G. Thompson, Esquire, Probate Judge. Whereas, W. R. Richey, made suit to me to grant him letters of administration, with will annexed, of the estate and effects of R. B. Holman. These are therefore to cite and admonish all and singular the kindred and creditors of the said R. B. Holman, deceased, that they be and appear before me in the Court of Probate, to be held at Laurens C. H., S. C., on the 21st day of May, 1908, next, after publication hereof, at 11 o'clock in the forenoon to show cause, if any they have, why the said administration should not be granted. Given under my hand this, 5th day of May, Anno Domini 1908. O. G. THOMPSON, J. P. L. C.

Advertisement for Preventics medicine. Text: 'Stop That Cold. To check early colds or Grippe with "Preventics" means sure defeat for Pneumonia. To stop a cold with Preventics is safer than to let it run and be obliged to cure it afterwards. To be sure Preventics will cure even a deeply seated cold, but taken early—at the sneeze stage—they break, or head off these early colds. That's surely better. That's why they are called Preventics. Preventics are little Candy Cold Cures. No Quinine, no physic, nothing sickening. Nice for the children—and thoroughly safe too. If you feel chilly, if you sneeze, if you ache all over, think of Preventics. Promptness may also save half your usual sickness. And don't forget your child, if there is feverishness, night or day. Heroin probably lies Preventics' greatest efficiency. Sold in 5c boxes for the pocket, also in 25c boxes of 48 Preventics. Insist on your druggists giving you Preventics. PALMETTO DRUG CO.'

Advertisement for Grand Pianos and Player Pianos. Text: 'Grand Pianos and Player Pianos. Hereafter McCord, the Piano Man, will use this space to present attractive piano propositions. If you desire to be informed about pianos, or to purchase a Piano at the very LOWEST PRICE and on the very best terms, it will pay you to see or write him, Notice the names of a few of His Valued Patrons in this immediate section; Many other purchasers throughout South Carolina could be mentioned, but a few home purchasers are mentioned, and it is hoped, they will not be offended by this presentation. Dr. L. S. Fuller, Mrs. M. A. Fike, J. Walter Gray, C. L. Fuller, Mrs. S. L. Nelson, Mrs. Mattie Medlock, Miss Yeargin, J. J. Dunn, Mrs. J. W. Clark, Miss Corinne Martin, Mrs. Mary Gage, Miss Nannie Bramlett, Messer Babb, R. M. Hill, W. H. Drummond, J. W. Garrett, T. F. Babb, Dr. Beason, Augustus Huff, G. C. Hopkins, T. J. Weathers, Rev. E. C. Watson, W. C. Hipp, M. H. Fowler, R. W. Nichols, Mrs. Luther Roper, Capt. J. M. Philpot, B. A. Sullivan, J. A. Austin, J. A. Franks, Miss Agnes Boyd, Mrs. A. S. Easterby, D. A. Davis, T. D. Lake, T. Mack Roper, M. A. Summerel, T. B. Brown, Mrs. J. Warren Bolt, J. W. A. Boyd, B. C. Burns, Adolph Shayer, J. L. Hopkins, Mrs. Mattie Lindsay, S. J. Raor, J. L. Boyd, Mrs. L. A. McCord, Mrs. Albert Burns, Mrs. Willie Walker, W. M. Myers, J. Lee Langston, J. I. Coleman, Mrs. J. M. Hampton, Miss Lyde Milam, J. T. Brown, Miss Irene Ray, First Presbyterian Church S. S. Mayor C. M. Babb, O. C. Cox, J. W. Thompson, B. C. Crisp, W. F. Cleveland, Mrs. Monte Dagnall, City Graded Schools. And others, besides many scores of organ purchasers which will be mentioned at another time. Write to him if you Want a Piano; it is to your interest. L. A. McCORD, The Piano Man. April 22, 1908. LAURENS, S. C.'

Notice to Teachers and Trustees. The next regular teachers examination will be held at Laurens, S. C. Friday, May 15th, 1908. All teachers are requested to present their annual report and library report with last salary warrant. Each board of trustees will please send me a list of the polls and dog tax in their district for scholastic year of 1907-08, so that I may apportion same. Very Respectfully R. W. NASH, County Supt. Education.

Advertisement for Dr. King's New Discovery. Text: 'KILL THE COUGH AND CURE THE LUNGS WITH Dr. King's New Discovery FOR COUGHS AND ALL THROAT AND LUNG TROUBLES. GUARANTEED SATISFACTORY OR MONEY REFUNDED. PRICE 50c & \$1.00 Trial Bottle Free.