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THE BEST THING IN THE WORLD.

The Union Times directs the following query to The Advertiser: "What's the best thing in the world?" Already The Times has put numerous difficult questions to us, all of which have sorely tested our mental capacity; but this last is the limit. What is the best thing in the world? Knows not The Times that such a question has ever disturbed the mind of man? It is in the category with "What is a Democrat?" and "What is Whiskey," in so far as its puzzling nature is concerned.

But, we will not be non-plussed. Some years ago Elizabeth Barrett Browning asked, "What is the best thing in the world?" and answered her own query with "Something out of it, I think." Her puzzling poem is commended to The Times for its perusal: "What's the best thing in the world? June roses by May-dew impaled; Sweet south-wind that means no rain; Truth, not cruel to a friend; Pleasure not in haste to end; Beauty not self-docked and curled Till its pride is over-plain; Light that never makes you wink; Memory, that gives no pain; Love, when, so, you're loved again; What's the best thing in the world? Something out of it, I think."

Will The Times accept the answer contained in the above? Something out of the world: those natural and spiritual forces that render life sweet, true, pleasurable, enlightened, painless and love-like—these Mrs. Browning seems to consider the total "force" that constitutes "the best thing in the world."

And again, if our esteemed friend is unsatisfied, we might sum up the "forces" of life in one "something." There is a parallel of this in holy writ, where all the laws of life are combined into one, namely: the command to love. Then why not say "love" is the greatest thing in the world? Know ye of aught that, in its last analysis, rests not thereupon? Love set the myriad of worlds in motion; love is the power that keeps them in their spheres. Even human love reaches to heights unattainable by the mind of man and to depths his intellect cannot penetrate. "I love thee, mark! I love thee! In thy sight I am transfixed, glorified aright, With conscience of the new rays that proceed Out of my face toward thee"

is an example of the wonderful power of that matchless "force" or "something" called love. "And what is this 'something' we call love? What about this: "When a soul, by choice and conscience, doth Throw out her full force on another soul, The conscience and the concentration both Make mere life, Love. For life in perfect whole And aim consummated, is Love in sooth. As nature's magnet—heat rounds pole with pole."

Love, then, is that force that blends two souls into a perfect and sweet whole, as a chord of music results in a sweet and harmonious strain. Then again, human love is the stepping stone toward divine love. As Milton says: "Love . . . is the scale by which to Heavenly Love thou mayst ascend." And Anne Procter has this along the same line: "Love . . . yours and mine, Has been sent by Love more tender, more complete, more Divine; That it leads our hearts to rest at last in Heaven; Far above you."

If, then, love be the motive power in life, and the means of communication with divine love, will The Times not admit it as "the best thing in the world, namely: 'something out of it.'"

REWARDING THE OLD SOLDIERS.

A writer in the Greenwood Journal pleads that we "make the old soldiers' path as smooth as possible" and goes on to show that they should be elected to county and state offices for this purpose and to this end. There is none who honors the Confederate soldier more than we; there is no newspaper that would lend its influence more cheerfully and earnestly toward any good and wise plan by which the soldiers' path might be made smooth.

Yet, and we do not wish to be misunderstood, there are many instances that

have come under our observation where the affairs of county and state have suffered by this method of rewarding the Confederate soldiers' valor. Office holding is not fit recompense for the deeds of the Southern soldiers, and the practice of awarding them offices, regardless of physical and mental ability, has been detrimental to both the office and the veteran. On the other hand some of the most efficient officers in recent years were wearers of the gray; we not only endorse but heartily advocate the election of such. They prove an honor to themselves and render valuable service to the people.

But the practice of electing men simply and solely on the grounds that they bore arms in defense of the Southland without regard to fitness and ability is an erroneous conception of gratitude. There are other methods of showing our love for and appreciation of the gallant men of the sixties, too much of which cannot be demonstrated.

Both elections now over, let's put aside all the bitterness resulting therefrom and elect William Jennings Bryan president of the United States. There is but one way we people can help.

Candidates sometimes find their records extremely troublesome affairs.

At Fountain Inn, South Carolina, there is a newspaper, The News and Notions by name, of recent entry into journalistic circles. This statement is doubtless "news" to many who will entertain varied "notions" concerning it after a perusal of the following effusion:

"In promulgating esoteric cogitations or articulating superficial sentimentalities and philosophical or psychological observations beware of platitudinous ponderosity. Let your statement possess a clarified conciseness, compacted comprehensibility, coalescent consistency and a concentrated cogency."

"Eschew all conglomerations of fluted garbality and assinine affectations. In trying to impress upon the public the superiority of The News and Notions it is useless to use jaw breakers."

"Let your extemporaneous descantings and unpremeditated expatiations have intelligibility and veracious veracity without rhodomontade or theatrical bombast. Sedulously avoid all polysyllabic profundity, psittaculous vacuity, ventriloquial verbosity and vapidiloquent vapidities. Shun double entendres, purulent jocosity and pestiferous profanity, obscure or apparent."

"In other words talk plainly, naturally, sensibly and truthfully. Say that it is the best paper of its kind published."

What brand, contemporary?

From his card of thanks to the public it appears that Cole Blease will again ask the people of South Carolina for public office; but our good old State has suffered many ills and may without serious hurt bear with another of his campaigns.

A headline in the Charlotte Observer asks, "Where is Charlotte?" We answer readily, Charlotte is an excellent city situated in North Carolina and composed principally of South Carolina emigrants; at least, her best citizens were born in South Carolina.

Mayor Wagnon, of Union, needs no advice from us; but a word of encouragement is not amiss. There is waging in Union an unusual struggle between the forces of lawlessness and adherence to law; between corruption and civic purity; between right and wrong. Mr. Wagnon, fearless and energetic, is leading the fight against crime and for the uplift of his town. Are the people standing by him? Are the public institutions endorsing his course; those who are supposed to be on the side of right? The people of Union are facing a crisis in their history. How are they meeting it? Regardless of support, other than his inherent moral courage, Mayor Wagnon has taken a firm stand for civic righteousness. His cause is right and just; we earnestly wish him well.

Our subscribers should keep a careful watch upon the date labels on their papers. According to the postal laws we are forced to discontinue a paper when the subscription becomes one year in arrears. Save yourself the inconvenience of missing a few numbers by noting the date.

Should a candidate for office fully realize that his every word and act has an effect somewhere and in some degree; that a single word of his may set afoot a movement that will ruin the reputation of some one, or that his words may elevate, his acts benefit and his course work for the betterment of his people—we say that if these truths could be grasped our present style of campaigning would be altered and the people would be benefited because of them.

Union Progress: "How about J. Fraser Lyon for governor two years from now if Hon. C. C. Featherstone, of Laurens, doesn't run?"

Hon. C. C. Featherstone, being the logical candidate, should be prevailed upon to run. Mr. Lyon is an excellent attorney general and should hold that office for a number of years yet.

Editor Grist, of the Yorkville Enquirer, will continue to have his say on political matters in his county. The methods resorted to by cowards can have no deterring effect on free speech.

We notice where a young man was saved from drowning by a young woman. But this is only one case, while there are thousands of young men each year drowned in the "river of love" by young women.

"What is the best thing in the world?" One and then another one.

Do we recall "Morton's fork?" Well, some voters were forcibly reminded of it yesterday.

To defeated candidates: How many prevaricators are there in South Carolina?

The white light of publicity and the search light of truth are effective deterrents.

FAIRVIEW STOCK SHOW.

Some Special Premiums Offered For Colts and Other Products.

Fairview, Sept. 2.—The Fairview German Coach Horse Company offers \$5 each for the three best mare colts and the same amount for the three best horse colts from their horse, 3 to 7 months old.

The Honea Path French Coach Horse Company offers \$5 each for the three best colts from their horse.

The Palmetto Dry Goods Co., Pelzer, S. C., offers \$2.50 for the best and \$1.00 for second best colt (any breed) shown from 3 to 7 months old, Anderson county owned.

Gloves to the first mare or gelding taking a blue ribbon in any of the driving classes, Spartanburg county owned. Davis-Roper Co., Laurens, S. C., offers a \$3.00 hat to the first mare or gelding taking a blue ribbon in driving class (mature class) Laurens county owned.

The Farmers and Merchants Bank, Greenville, S. C., offers \$3.00 for the best splay of farm products in Agricultural Department (open to all) owned and raised by party making display.

Mr. Jas. W. Henderson, Greenville, S. C., offers a pair of kid gloves to the lady making best display in needle work. Also \$1.50 for best display fancy work by girl from 12 to 16 years old. One dollar for best display by girl under 12 years old, any kind of hand work.

Dr. H. L. Shaw offers a fine driving whip to the first gelding or mare from Greenville county taking a blue ribbon in any of the harness classes for mature horses.

Diplomas will also be given in classes 24, 30, 35, 36, 37, 38, 39, 40, 42, 43, 44, 45, 46 and 47.

Write at once for premium list to J. S. Peden, secretary, Fountain Inn, R. F. D. No. 1.

Free coops for poultry and more of them than ever before. Visitors wishing to attend our show from east of us will find the crossings on the creeks all O. K. and from the west will find the Huff, Harrison and Dunklin bridges all O. K., and the old ford at Fork Shoals has been opened and is in perfect condition and to make our friends feel doubly safe we have arranged to have a man stay at the ford all day and show strangers the way.

The Remedy that Does.

"Dr. King's New Discovery is the remedy that does the healing others promise but fail to perform," says Mrs. E. R. Pierson, of Auburn Centre, Pa. "It is curing me of throat and lung trouble of long standing that other treatments relieved only temporarily. New Discovery is doing me so much good that I feel confident its continued use for a reasonable length of time will restore me to perfect health." This renowned cough and cold remedy and throat and lung healer is sold at Laurens Drug Co.'s and Palmetto Drug Co.'s drug stores. 50c. and \$1.00. Trial bottle free.

CORRECTING A HEAVY DRAIN ON THE SOUTH

South Carolina people are carrying Insurance in Northern and Western Companies to the amount of almost one hundred million dollars and on this insurance they are sending out of the State every year to pay premiums over three million dollars in cash. Considering the fact that they have in their own State a Company whose responsibility is just as high as any in the land, whose Insurance is written on the straight old lines that never yet have failed or caused a single whisper of scandal, is it either patriotic, wise or in the personal interest of any South Carolinian to buy Life Insurance elsewhere and further deplete the cash resources of his State and the South?

The drain is tremendous, but it can be stopped by insuring in the first and only old line Company in the State. SOUTHEASTERN LIFE INSURANCE CO. BROADDUS ESTES, Agent, Laurens, S. C.

The Majestic Manufacturing Co., of St. Louis, Mo., will have a man at S. M. & E. H. Wilkes & Co.'s store all next week who will show you how to bake biscuits brown, top and bottom, in three minutes. Don't miss this chance of seeing the great cooking wonder.

Be sure and call at our store one day next week. S. M. & E. H. Wilkes & Co.

AMONG THE EXCHANGES.

Blease in Union.

Cole L. Blease carried Union county by a majority of 48 votes. We have felt for some time that Blease would make a good run. Many of those who supported him took every opportunity to make it known. We oppose him still. We do not believe the people of Union county would choose him over Ansel if they knew the men. We rejoice that for one time the State and county of Union show different results in the results of the election for governor. Three cheers for Ansel if Union did give Blease 48 votes majority.—Union Times.

The Logical Candidate.

It is too soon to talk about the next governor after Ansel, but the logical candidate is C. C. Featherstone of Laurens.—Newberry Observer.

Cole Blease's Platform.

The Hon. Cole Blease wants to be the next governor of South Carolina. His views are summarized in this platform: "My motto in life, and always will be, to stick to the men that stick to Blease."

Some of the virtuous Palmettos seem to suppose that this is a most cynical platform. Certainly it is refreshingly frank, but is it altogether new? Suppose that in place of the name of Cole Blease is substituted that of Mr. Roosevelt. With one slight addition the platform will then read:

"My motto in life, and always will be, to stick to the men that stick to Roosevelt—as long as I need them."

Must not a practical man and statesman have a practical rule of conduct? Why is the Hon. Cole Blease blamed for adopting a practical platform in a form which indicates on his part a certain sense of duty and of gratitude? "Sticking to" the more illustrious practitioner of high politics is regarded by rapt millions as an act of necessary and yet pleasing worship.

The Hon. Cole Blease has put away all illusions of his own. It remains for him to stimulate, if he can, the growth of them in South Carolina. The public loves to adore.—New York Sun.

Attorney General Lyon.

Hon. J. Fraser Lyon, attorney general, is back in his office for a few days. Mr. Lyon has no "inside tip" as to the outcome of the dispensary case now under consideration in the United States court of appeals, but he hopes to get a decision in favor of the State so that he may proceed with certain trials. Mr. Lyon has made visits to certain points during the summer, but he declines to state with what success, except to say that with the evidence he is getting he feels that any jury in compliance with its oath would be forced to bring in a verdict of guilty.—The State.

An Awful Charge.

In Laurens last week there occurred a suicide of unusual sadness. A drunken man had been locked up in the city station house, where at some time during the night he hanged himself from the top bars of his cell. It is a strong statement, but nevertheless a true one, that the voters of Laurens county, who are running a dispensary, are responsible in part for the profligate life and sinful death of that man. As whiskey agents, they furnished him the means of his destruction. They placed an unlimited supply of whiskey in reach of the man, then locked him up for drinking too much. They fed his appetite for drink, thereby incurring a responsibility that cannot be evaded. Laurens county is a whiskey agent, resulting in the debauching and destroying of her citizens.—Union Times.

Mr. Featherstone for Governor.

Hon. C. C. Featherstone, of Laurens, who is spending several days in the city with relatives, was asked today if he would be a candidate for governor two years from now.

"It is too early to say positively," he replied, "but I am inclined to think I shall be in the race."

Mr. Featherstone was a candidate for governor four years ago on the prohibition ticket and received a flattering vote. He announced himself as a candidate last winter, but later withdrew upon receiving assurance that Gov. Ansel would espouse the prohibition cause. His course then was very generally commended, but many people today are inclined to the belief that he would have been elected if he had remained in the race.

Mr. Featherstone is a native of Anderson, but moved to Laurens when a young man and has lived there ever since. He is recognized as one of the foremost lawyers in the state and is a natural leader among men.

He still has a fondness for Anderson and comes here to visit his relatives and friends as often as he can spare the time. And the people of Anderson are fond of him and they will give him the majority of their votes whenever he runs for governor or any other office.—Anderson Daily Mail.

JELL-O The Dainty Dessert PREPARED INSTANTLY. Simply add boiling water, cool and serve. 10c. per package at all grocers. 7 flavors. Refuse all substitutes.

Prohibition Senator.

Former Railroad Commissioner J. H. Wharton, of Laurens county, has been elected state senator as the representative of the prohibition party by a majority of 12 votes. Well, the majority may be small, but it shows that sentiment against the retention of the dispensary is taking definite shape.—Union Progress.

Good for Biliousness.

"I took two of Chamberlain's Stomach and Liver Tablets last night and I feel fifty per cent. better than I have for weeks," says J. J. Firestone, of Allegan, Mich. "They are certainly a fine article for biliousness." For sale by Laurens Drug Co. Samples free.

Bouquet For Mr. Boney.

Mr. Jas. Hoyt, the Columbia correspondent to the News and Courier has the following in reference to The Advertiser editor:

Mr. S. E. Boney, editor of the Laurens Advertiser, was in the city today, returning to Laurens from Chester, having found this the shortest and most pleasant way home. Mr. Boney is making a live paper of the Laurens Advertiser, and is seemingly enjoying his work. He was particularly well pleased with the way things went politically in Laurens county at the recent primary.

Just Exactly Right.

"I have used Dr. King's New Life Pills for several years and find them just exactly right," says Mr. A. A. Felton, of Harrisville, N. Y. "New Life Pills relieve without the least discomfort. Best remedy for constipation, biliousness and malaria. 25c. at Laurens Drug Co.'s and Palmetto Drug Co.'s drug stores."

Great Deal of Disorder.

The Laurens Advertiser says good order prevailed in Laurens county on election day. Judging by the face of the returns, we would have thought there was a great deal of disorder.—Anderson Daily Mail.

A pleasing, good, high grade, truly flavored, amber colored cup of coffee can be had—and without the real coffee danger, or damage to health—by simply using Dr. Shoop's new substitute called "Health Coffee." It is wholesome, toasted cereals, malt, oats, etc., make Dr. Shoop's Health Coffee both healthful and satisfying. No 29 to 30 minutes tedious boiling. "Made in a minute," says Dr. Shoop. If served as coffee its taste will even trick an expert. Test it and see. J. M. Philpot.

Cadets Albert Simpson, Lloyd C. Langston, David L. Boulware and John A. Teague, accompanied by Messrs. Henry Irlby and J. Duncan Sullivan, new men, left yesterday for Clemson college.

Don't be afraid to give Chamberlain's Cough Remedy to your children. It contains no opium or other harmful drug. It always cures. For sale by Laurens Drug Co.

NOTICE! Bridges to Let!

The Board of County Commissioners of Laurens are ready to consider propositions for the re-erection and construction of bridges at the following points: On Reedy River—Fish Dam Bridge, near Ekem; Ivy Bluff Bridge near Waterloo, and Tumbling Shoals Bridge. On Rabun Creek—The Old Anderson Mill Bridge near Waterloo, McPhersons Bridge, McDaniels Bridge, Goodgions Bridge, Bridge at A. A. Garlingtons, Bridge at Burnt Factory, new site; and Mahaffey Bridge. On Duncans Creek The Duncans Bridge near Dr. Weirs place. Bridge on Warrior Creek at Byrds Mill. Bridge on Durban Creek at Nesbits Mill; same stream at Gilbert Shoals.

Also the following joint bridges subject to the approval of the Commissioners of adjacent counties: Watts Bridge on Saluda River near Cross Hill; Jones Ford Bridge on Enoree River; Musgrove Bridge and Yarbrough Bridge on Enoree.

Final date for letting the above Bridges will be announced in next issue of this paper, provided however that contracts will be closed at once on satisfactory propositions on any one of the above.

As much of the old material as may be practical will be used in re-construction.

Bidders are requested to look the work over and confer with this office at the earliest date possible. The right is reserved to reject any or all bids.

H. B. HUMBERT, County Supervisor. Other County Papers please copy, Aug. 31, '08—34

Wilkinson's Matchless Mineral Water Nature's iron tonic, insuring rapid convalescence from any illness which has weakened or lowered the vitality. While this is purely a medicinal water, it is a delightful drink, and one drink will frequently cure a severe headache, heartburn, fullness and oppression of the stomach, following a hearty meal. For sale at Dr. Posey's Drug Store. A Fresh display of Seed. The Princess RubberGloves Pure and Seamless. For general household use, Surgeons, Physicians, Undertakers, Photographers, Ladies' Toilet, Electricians, etc. Try a pair and keep your hands in good condition. FOR SALE AT Posey's Drug Store.

The Hub The Hub Our Mrs. T. H. Nelson has just returned from the Northern Markets where she purchased a most complete line of Fashionable Millinery AND Dress Goods These goods are arriving daily and our showing of up-to-date Millinery is already most attractive. Call on us whether you are ready to purchase or not. The Hub The Hub