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### THOSE LIQUOR DEBTS.

Commenting on The Advertiser's reply to its challenge of last week, The News and Courier breaks out in a new place in this matter of the State's liquor debts. At first, it was only a question as to "the morality of the liquor debts," which in our humble opinion, was answered fully and satisfactorily. Now, our Charleston contemporary, proceeding with its reasoning, which we admit is inscrutable to us, imputes the following ideas to the prohibitionists of the State: The Advertiser, while it is sure that the State dispensary was a gigantic blind tiger, thinks that because it operated under the color of law, its obligations are binding.

While we did not still do question the constitutionality of the old State dispensary law, we did not and do not, call that institution a "gigantic blind tiger." South Carolina needs it helpful to contract liquor debts—helpful so far as it as a State was concerned. And in our opinion, those debts are both moral and legal, the decision of the United States Supreme Court notwithstanding.

But, The News and Courier continues: "We address by the same process of reasoning, the debt due a blind tiger as if it were the same as that due to a human being." We would not say that "the same process of reasoning" would apply to a blind tiger as it would to a human being, in our opinion. This is moral Mr. A. of Charleston buys from Mr. B. a King street blind (7), uses a quart of whiskey, he is most assuredly under moral obligation to pay for it. But this has no bearing whatever on the question of the State's obligation to pay her liquor debts.

Then The News and Courier says: "Our prohibitionist friends are therefore driven to the conclusion that the State should pay it. If you could do better, some of our countrymen and prominent men and other states, and to corrupt the body politic." Oversee. Since the State's liquor business is well known, why have the liquor business it should pay for its supplies? We would not say that a man who had sold that the State should not have gone into the liquor business, that it should not supply its citizens with a harmful commodity, and we are still reading against the contrary being an agency; but this has no contradictory effect on the opinion that the State, having contracted the debts, is morally obligated to pay them.

### A GENTLE HINT.

Some time last year, The Advertiser, in these columns, begged the people of the city and county to assist us in every way possible to give all the news of the entire county; to send us items of interest or phone us of events or happenings of any kind. We stated that it was our desire to publish the best weekly paper in South Carolina, and that to do so, the co-operation of the people was indispensable.

It is needless to say that our requests have met with encouraging success thus far; we have been materially aided from many quarters, and think that the paper today contains much more news than formerly; and it is our desire to thank all who have assisted us, and assure them of our appreciation.

But just a gentle hint today: the goal has not yet been reached. There are a great many of our friends in the city and county who send us or phone a number of announcements of future events. These we are truly glad to get, and hope they will continue; but when the event transpires, which The Advertiser has already announced, we seem to get nothing of the occasion itself. For instance, there was a ceremony of a certain kind at some place in the county some weeks ago; The Advertiser was requested to give space for the announcement and to invite the public. We suppose the ceremony was held, but the columns

of our paper do not show it. Some one says, "Why doesn't the editor or the reporter go to these things?" Most gladly would this be done if it were possible, but on a county paper, it is out of the question for the office men to attend all that happens in the county. Besides, we believe that, after the paper has extended the courtesy of an announcement, some one connected with the affair should make it his business to give us the story of what happened.

The Advertiser has spent several thousand dollars in the past few months for proper and adequate equipment to make the best paper in the State. Our circulation is growing every day; the advertising columns are being patronized liberally, and by degrees we are getting the news of the entire county. Our efforts will never be slackened until we reach the mark already set. And we are depending upon our friends to assist us; our success means something for each one of our patrons.

### HELL.

On last Thursday night at the First Baptist church, the Rev. R. V. Miller preached a sermon on "hell." In spite of the fact that this is a universally disliked subject, and one that calls up unpleasant reflections in the minds of many, there was an immense crowd of people present to hear the discourse.

Mr. Miller is by no means space with the "modern thinkers" who have very obligingly done away with hell, and made all life, and even the life after death a pathway through a box or of bliss, with beautiful flowers and singing birds thrown in for good measure. In fact Mr. Miller believes in a hell—and a hot one at that. "A burning lake. It is called in the Bible, and that sinners are doomed to everlasting torment in that lake of fire. Mr. Miller says that this hell was prepared for the 'pays' and his kindred." He also tells of Paul Milton's expression.

"Hell is hot!"  
Taxpayer, re-examines whole, and  
On this subject—  
Hell, their fit habitation, fraught  
with fire.

Unquestionably, the house of  
and hell."  
And this Scripture association calls  
a shell, another example, uttered by  
Dr. R. A. Young, the great evangelist,  
"Hell—hell, hell, hell, hell, with  
a deadly, with, hell, with the  
sinner, of human, myrtle whose  
fruitful, hell, hell, hell, hell, hell,  
of modern, sinner."

Notice the above quotations; as Mr. Miller says, the Bible states specifically that hell was prepared for "the Devil and his angels," and yet according to Dr. Terry's definition of hell, we see "human souls" there. And this brings us to the point of our comment: hell was not prepared for man, but man "branded" to use the vulgar expression. It is true, as many contend, that it is the desire of God to consign to everlasting punishment any of His children. It must pain the heart of the Father when a child of His is found by whom man deliberately seeks to make hell his home and to associate with the Devil and his angels; there is no other alternative. "The man is made for heaven; hell is his 'fit habitation,' and he would feel out of place in heaven."

But the great fact is that "hell" the lake of fire, was not made for man, but man has intruded upon its confines.

We have been exceedingly glad, honor and praise to the women of the Confederacy for a number of years. Now is the time to dig up our dollars for a substantial memorial and shut off the "hot-air" for a little while.

any time they may desire, this paper is always at their service. The time to put the library on its feet is propitious; failure to do so will be nothing short of culpable.

If every man in South Carolina would give \$1.00 to the Monument fund what a beautiful thing would be!

Evidently The News and Courier would like to stir up a little dissension among the prohibitionists of the State among the prohibitionists of the State.

The Easter edition of the Newberry Herald and News was a gem. Congratulations to you, Brother Auld.

The "Laurens Briars" are well named. They must have been a hard-to-tackle set; and any who went up against them certainly "got stuck."

The Charleston morning paper talks to us about "blind tigers." What are blind tigers anyway? We have no such things or beings up here.

Walterboro is to have a May festival. Wonder if "Tuba Rose" from "Rum Gully" will be there?

"Women worry too much" says a physician. Worry whom? Their husbands?

Gen. M. C. Butler—sluggish soldier, lawyer, and statesman is dead. And thus, one by one, passes the old school.

### OLD FURNITURE.

Get a fine, set of L. & W. Home-Finish Vermont all ready for use from J. H. & M. L. Nash, Laurens. Clean the furniture with soap and water and wipe dry. Then give your house a coat of "White Over" paint.

### SECOND WEEK JURORS DRAWN.

Two Weeks of Civil Court Sessions on April 20th.

The jury commissioners met Monday afternoon and drew a second set for the second week of trial. The first week jurors were summoned two weeks ago, commencing on Monday, April 12th. The following are to serve the week beginning May 2nd:

- Sullivan—W. H. Pitts, J. H. Grogan, A. W. Shoup, J. H. Bales, F. A. Coates, and Eugene E. Simpson.
- Dodge—J. N. Leak, R. M. Martin, J. E. Curry, H. J. G. Curry, J. W. Bell, M. W. Wood, and W. B. Garrett.
- Laurens—L. E. Corbett, J. A. P. Moore, J. Pitts, Henry D. A. Madison, B. B. Blakely, R. L. Young, S. D. Leake, and W. F. Snow.
- Hunter—John D. Wright, John M. Simpson, and J. C. Jacks.

Cross Hill—P. B. Smith, R. A. Boyce, S. B. Jones, R. D. Nance, and B. B. Owens.

Jacks—J. H. Pitts, J. H. Nabors, and T. P. Weir.

Waterloo—W. C. Wharton and Robt. Y. McDaniel.

Senflewood—J. P. Saxon.

Before you buy be sure to see our line of refrigerators in different sizes that are so constructed that one will use less ice than any other kind.

R. M. & E. H. Wilkes & Co.

### Enlargement of Baptist Church.

It is expected that about May 1st the bids for the work to be done on the First Baptist church building will be passed upon and the work begun. As stated before, there is to be a considerable amount of work done on this building, in the way of enlargement and improvement.

## When You Eat


You want the best, but you want the lowest prices as well. You get both of these when you trade with us. We handle only the best and freshest.

We are receiving every day almost, fresh vegetables from Florida. See us for good things to eat.

## J. W. Payne

The Cash Grocer  
Next Door to Palmetto Bank.

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These prices may look and sound very familiar, but the Oxfords tell their own story, they are decidedly better and different.

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R. C. GRAY, Manager.

Wholesale distributors of first quality feed at wholesale prices to the consumer.

We buy for less—we sell for less—

Full stock of flour, meal, corn, oats hay, tobacco, meats and lard.

For this week only we are naming some prices below the belt on Unknown Peas and Cane Seed. Get them.

N. B. Our corn is dry.

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R. COKE GRAY, Manager  
Long Distance Phone 288  
Coal a Specialty.