

AMONG THE EXCHANGES

Helping Education.

An earnest advocate of education, that stands out among the county press, is the Laurens Advertiser. The Advertiser has lately issued a most creditable edition of sixteen pages, devoted largely to descriptions of educational work in Laurens county. The public schools, the Presbyterian College of South Carolina, the Thornwell orphanage, Clinton college and other institutions are fully and intelligently treated. There are also several special articles dealing with broad educational questions, one of them by Superintendent of Education Swearingin.

Work like this does much to stress upon the people of South Carolina the advantages and benefits of an education for the child. The Advertiser is congratulated.—The State.

Brave or Foolhardy?

Our esteemed cotemporary the Laurens Advertiser has a column-and-a-half editorial in a religious controversy with Rev. C. Lewis Fowler, of Clinton, a Baptist minister. After this we don't believe there is anything under the sun that an editor won't tackle.—Newberry Observer.

Housebreaking Versus Murder.

The essentials of a dispatch from Laurens, published in The State yesterday, are again printed:

Will Goodman, a white man, today pleaded guilty of manslaughter and was sentenced to four years in the penitentiary or on the county works.

John Woody, a negro, pleaded guilty of housebreaking and larceny and was sentenced to seven years in the penitentiary or on the county works.

We are not informed of the degree of aggravation in the housebreaking and larceny case, but it is difficult to conceive of its being so great as to warrant almost twice as much punishment as that imposed for the awful crime of an-slaying.

And here we have Goodman, the white man, breaking down social barriers, seeking social equality, consorting with negroes, and killing one in a dispute incident to the crap game. He committed an offense against his race, which was an aggravation of the crime of man-killing.

A couple of days ago The State commented upon the fact that a Laurens white man, who pleaded guilty to manslaughter for killing a negro in a crap game, was sentenced to four years imprisonment, while a negro, who, at the same time, pleaded guilty to housebreaking and larceny, was sentenced to seven years. Although we had not the particulars of the negro's crime, the disparity in the punishments appeared inconsistent with justice.

Since then The State has got more light, and it aggravates the incongruity. The white man consorted with negroes, and gambled with them. He was armed, and he was after their money. In a gambling row, he killed one. The case was of such character that the white gambler did not even plead self-defense, and was satisfied to get a plea of manslaughter accepted by the solicitor. He, gambler with negroes and man-slayer, was sentenced to four years in prison.

On the same day, John Woody, negro, pleaded guilty to the charge of breaking into the store of H. Terry, and stealing "about \$21 worth of goods." He was sentenced to seven years imprisonment.

I've not the law-loving, life-respecting people of South Carolina the right to expect the judges upon the bench to unite with them in making less cheap the hundreds of human lives that are yearly sacrificed in this state to murderous passions?—The State.

A Prohibitionist's Chance.

The Columbia Record deprecates the acceptance by Hon. R. I. Manning of a life trusteeship of Clemson college. That newspaper seems to think it will hamper him in his race for governor. But then the governorship is still a far cry, while the life trusteeship is a sure thing. Unless the prohibition wave gets a severe jolt, it is our judgment that a prohibitionist has the gubernatorial field pre-empted. But Mr. Manning may have become a convert to prohibition; we know of other gentlemen whose views on the liquor question changed after the State dispensary was killed.—Manning Times.

The Society Editor's Version.

A brilliant fire was held at high noon today at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Smith, No. 376 Dash street. A large number of persons were in attendance. Mrs. Smith made a charming escape in one of the season's latest kimonos. It was of pure china silk with a pretty flower effect; ankle length and gored in the back. It can be made with slight expense, and is very pretty. The Smiths have a lovely home, and it is too bad that it burned so badly. The firemen were becomingly garbed in blue suits and full-cut rod blouses. The weather was delightful for an affair of the

kind. The effort of a big man with a horn was a pleasing feature. Mr. Smith was not present. He is in New York city, as was mentioned in our coming-and-going column today. There was lots of excitement. After a while the fire was put out. Because of the fire, Mrs. Jones, of 347 Dash street, opened her house for Mrs. Smith and her two children, one a bright little boy of eight, and the other a lovely girl of five. The expression was heard upon all sides that it was a most successful event. Somebody said that the affair would cost \$2,000.—The Bohemian.

From California.

Banning, Calif.,
6, 15, '09.

Mr. S. E. Boney,
Laurens, S. C.

My dear Sir:

The educational number of The Advertiser has been received and read with interest. I commend you heartily on the excellence of this special edition.

As a former South Carolinian, I am deeply interested in the welfare of the state, and from this distance can see the old state, her strong points and her faults and weaknesses, in truer perspective. From this distance I can clearly see she is behind in the matter of education. For this reason I wish to encourage your efforts in behalf of the common schools and in behalf of the compulsory use of these schools by all children of school age.

An editor may be a man of real power in forming public sentiment and may do much lasting good in the community in which he lives by giving the best of his mind and heart through the channel of his paper toward helping the community find the "better way."

With best wishes, sincerely,
N. L. Prince.

To Mr. Pitts.

June 19, 1909.

Supt. Geo. L. Pitts, Laurens, S. C.

Dear Sir: Your educational issue of The Laurens Advertiser is one of the best that have come to my notice. The facts stated and the discussions printed are encouraging and interesting. I congratulate you on having in Laurens county a paper so deeply interested in education. If each county of the state could secure once a year an edition of this character a great stimulus would be given to educational improvements.

Yours respectfully,
J. E. Swearingin,
State Supt. Education.

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W. J. CRAIG,
Passenger Traffic Manager.

Pumping Out the Cistern.

On Thursday and Friday of last week the city cistern was pumped out for the first time in about fifteen years. As most of the people know, this cistern is of about 40,000 gallon capacity, located under the street on the square south of the court house in front of Terry's store; it is used in case of fire on the square. The old fire engine, "Lulu", was brought out and put into service for the first time in about twelve years, and the city authorities were agreeably surprised that it worked without serious hitch.

Of Interest to Farmers and Mechanics.

Farmers and mechanics frequently meet with slight accidents and injuries which cause them much annoyance and loss of time. A cut or bruise may be cured in about one-third the time usually required by applying Chamberlain's Liniment as soon as the injury is received. This liniment is also valuable for sprains, soreness of the muscles and rheumatic pains. There is no danger of blood poisoning resulting from an injury when Chamberlain's Liniment is applied before the parts become inflamed and swollen. For sale by Laurens Drug Co.

If you are looking for a locality where trouble is never known, idleness brings plenty and angels will minister to you, don't stop in Laurens county—heaven is your home.

But if you are willing to work out your own destiny this is the place for you. We have fine climate, splendid lands, and many opportunities for ultimate success.

Chamberlain's Cough Remedy .The Best on the Market.

"I have used Chamberlain's Cough Remedy and find it to be the best on the market," says E. W. Tardy, editor of The Sentinel, Gainsboro, Tenn. "Our baby had several colds the past winter and Chamberlain's Cough Remedy always gave it relief at once and cured it in a short time. I always recommend it when opportunity presents itself." For sale by Laurens Drug Co.

We have heard a number of nice things about our educational issue. It was certainly a good one and the best advertisement our city and county ever had. But then you know Laurens is the biggest city of its size in the land.

Alone in Saw Mill at Midnight

unmindful of dampness, drafts, storms or colds, W. J. Atkins worked as night watchman at Banner springs, Tenn. Such exposure gave him a severe cold that settled on his lungs. At last he had to give up work. He tried many remedies but all failed till he used Dr. King's New Discovery. "After using one bottle," he writes, "I went back to work as well as ever." Severe colds, stubborn coughs, inflamed throats and sore lungs, hemorrhages, croup and whooping cough get quick relief and prompt cure from this glorious medicine. 50c. and \$1.00. Trial bottle free; guaranteed by Laurens Drug Co., Palmetto Drug Co.

He was from up the creek and he opened the office door cautiously, and poking his head in inquired: "Is this the editorial rinktum?" "The what, my friend?" "Is this the editorial rinktum, sinktum, sanctum or some such place where the editor lives?" "This is the editorial room; yes, sir; come in." "No, I guess I won't come in. I only wanted to see what a rinktum was like, that's all. Looks like our garret, only wuss. Good day squire".

Rich Men's Gifts Are Poor

beside this: "I want to go on record as saying that I regard Electric Bitters as one of the greatest gifts that God has made to woman," writes Mrs. O. Rhinevault, of Vestal Center, N. Y. "I can never forget what it has done for me." This glorious medicine gives a woman buoyant spirits, vigor of body and jubilant health. It quickly cures nervousness, sleeplessness, melancholy, headache, backache, fainting and dizzy spells; soon builds up the weak, ailing and sickly. Try them. 50c. at Laurens Drug Co. and Palmetto Drug Co.

It is the month of June and we are having great weather in Laurens now. The infant chiggers, the sand-flies, the suckers, the June bugs, the poets and politicians all realize it. The weather is fine and getting hotter hotter and hotter.

Stomach Troubles.

Many remarkable cures of stomach troubles have been effected by Chamberlain's Stomach and Liver Tablets. One man who had spent over two thousand dollars for medicine and treatment was cured by a few boxes of these tablets. Price, 25 cents. Samples free at the Laurens Drug Co.

Community of Interests.

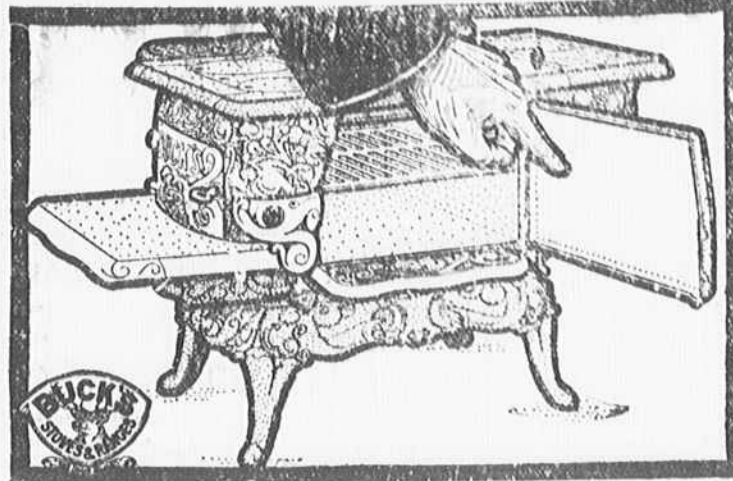
The Stork and the Doctor met at the door.

"We should be friends," said the Doctor. "We have much in common." "It is true we are both bipeds," admitted the Stork, guardedly.

Here the Doctor showed his bill. "One hundred dollars!" exclaimed the Stork. "Well, you are a bird!"—Pack.

Sore Nipples.

Any mother who has had experience with this distressing ailment will be pleased to know that a cure may be effected by applying Chamberlain's Salve as soon as the child is done nursing. Wipe it off with a soft cloth before allowing the babe to nurse. Many trained nurses use this salve with best results. For sale by the Laurens Drug Company.



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NOTICE OF ELECTION.

State of South Carolina,
County of Laurens.

Whereas petitions signed by more than one-third of the qualified electors and free-holders residing in School District No. 1, Laurens Township, Laurens County, South Carolina, asking for an election on the question of a High School in said District has been filed with the County Board of Education, an election upon said ques-

tion is hereby ordered, said election to be held the 30th day of July, A. D. 1909, at Trinity-Ridge School house, under the management of the Trustees of said school.

All qualified electors and free holders residing in said district are entitled to vote at said election.

Those favoring the High School shall vote a ballot containing the word "Yes" written or printed thereon. Those against High School shall vote a ballot containing the word "No"

written or printed thereon.

Polls shall open at the hour of one o'clock in the afternoon and remain open until the hour of four o'clock in the afternoon, when they shall be closed and the ballots counted.

The Trustees shall report the result of said election to the County Board of Education as soon as possible thereafter.

GEO. L. PITTS,
County Supt. of Education.
June 21, 1909.

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