

**CROSS HILL NEWS.**

Cross Hill, Feb. 16.—There is much sympathy felt and expressed here for Dr. Hugh B. Senn who has recently lost one of his eyes. Some time ago his right eye became severely and painfully affected, causing much suffering and great anxiety. He went to Greenwood for treatment where he remained in the hospital under special treatment two or three weeks. After suffering the loss of his sight in this organ he returned home for a few days when it was decided by his physicians that it would be best to remove the ball to prevent further spread of the affection. Last week he went to the Chester Hospital for this purpose. The operation was performed Friday night and a message from Mrs. Senn Saturday stated that he is doing very well. It is thought his left eye can be saved from injury. His father, Dr. Senn of Newberry County, and other physicians, as well as Mrs. Senn, were with him. It is hoped now that his pain and any other injury will cease.

Mr. W. H. Leaman, one of the salesmen in J. H. Raso's grocery department, has been quite sick for several days. It was thought at first he was affected with sciatic rheumatism but a further examination revealed the possibility that some other complications may exist. It is hoped now that whatever the trouble it may yield to the treatment of attending physicians.

Mr. George Boozer, who has been quite feeble for some time, is thought to be somewhat improved. Miss Carry Goodman, a trained nurse, is with him.

We learn that there are a few cases of flu in this section, but as yet it has not reached any serious degree of danger.

Mr. Hugh Miller Leaman of Columbia has been spending a few days here with his mother's family.

Mr. Rufus F. Walker, one of our

splendid carpenters and musicians, has accepted a position as salesman in the grocery department of Leaman & Company where he is found to be as polite and efficient as in other vocations.

Mr. Jesse Wells has been right sick for several days and we understand he has an attack of flu, but we have not consulted his physician in regard to the matter.

Mr. J. B. Pinson is having two new tenant houses erected on his farm, one of which is about completed and the other is progressing well toward a condition for occupancy.

Mr. Robertson Turner, who owns two good dwellings here, situated on small farms, has moved from the one in which he has lived for several years, to the other nearer the cross roads and Mr. J. A. Leopard now occupies the former place. These changes were made in January after the latter dwelling had been considerably improved.

**W. O. W. Meeting.**

To the Members of Pecan Camp, No. 237, Gray Court, S. C.

Our camp will hold its next regular meeting on Wednesday evening, Feb. 25th at 7:30 P. M. There will be work in all degrees. In addition to this it is very necessary that all members holding Sov. certificates, see the clerk at that time or before. There are over 300 of our members who hold Sov. certificates. So far only about 125 have seen the clerk and chosen their options. It is of vital interest to the other 175 that they attend to this at once as the time for selecting options expires March 1st. This is the fourth appeal we have made to you, and we hope you will not fail to respond this time before the time expires, as it is much better to choose your own option than to let the Sov. Camp do so.

Let all members 40 years of age and under bring policies with them.

J. E. JOHNSON, Clerk,  
Gray Court, Feb. 16, 1920.

**M'SWAIN DEFENDS WILSON'S ACTION**

**Local Attorney Charges Former Secretary Lansing with Being an Imperialist.**

Greenville, Feb. 16.—Agreeing thoroughly with the views of Dr. O. O. Fletcher on questions of constitutional practice involved in the resignation of Secretary of State Robt. Lansing but going even further by stating that Lansing is evidently an imperialist, J. J. McSwain, attorney at the local bar, in an interview yesterday further defended President Wilson by asserting that he has stood squarely in the way of the designs of militarists and imperialists.

Capt. McSwain concurred in the opinion expressed by Dr. Fletcher in Sunday's News to the effect that President Wilson was right in taking the steps which resulted in Secretary Lansing's resignation. Like Dr. Fletcher, Capt. McSwain had for many years been a careful and close student of the fundamental principles of governments of the world, having paid close attention to the trend of events along this line since studying President Wilson's text-book in college 25 years ago.

Capt. McSwain said that he agreed with Dr. Fletcher on the important question of constitutional practice involved because "An error is often recorded for a precedent and many another error by the same example will rush into the state," or, to use Tennyson, even in a constitutional country like this "Freedom broadens slowly down from precedent to precedent."

"I think, however, that there is something more important than the matter of usurping presidential prerogative," said Capt. McSwain. "Lansing's course at the peace conference and his diplomatic correspondence with Mexico during the president's illness indicate that he is an imperialist. Being an imperialist he would naturally favor intervention in Mexico."

"Woodrow Wilson has saved the country from intervention by his firm stand to allow Mexico the same opportunity to work out internal affairs" as was laid down as the basis of one of the fourteen points upon which an armistice and peace are based," Capt. McSwain continued, "I predict that if there is a change from Democratic to Republican administration by this year election that there will be intervention in Mexico within two years after the change."

"The Republican party being generally dominated by capitalistic interests will go to the rescue of these American capitalists who have invested their millions in Mexico expecting to make larger profits there by cheap labor and cheap mineral rights."

"I, for one, am opposed to war with Mexico to make good such investments," Capt. McSwain continued, explaining that American citizens do not have to travel in Mexico and can stay out until the country settles down. "Of course, if the Mexican nation manifests a deliberate intention to violate our rights it would be our duty to protect our rights at any cost. But we would be slow to destroy the confidence of the Latin republics of Central and South America merely to guarantee investments made during the Diaz regime."

"The fathers and mothers and young men of America," Capt. McSwain said in conclusion, "can thank Woodrow Wilson that bones of American soldiers are not now bleaching in the alkali deserts of Mexico."

fair, but he said that no one knows where he stands in politics and that until he was better known to the delegates who attended the convention and his views on national and international problems were more clearly outlined, it could not be said that he was a 'probability' at San Francisco.

"I think that it will be an open convention at San Francisco," he said.

"The representatives of the party will gather there with open minds, but with the fixed purpose of naming a man worthy of holding the office and one who promises success at the polls. As for South Carolina and the South as far as I have been able to study the situation there is no disposition on the part of the people to center on any man."

"Delegates will be elected from the state and if by the time of the state convention, on the third Wednesday in May, public opinion shall have settled upon a candidate, these delegates will reflect the sentiment of the party in South Carolina when they reach the convention floor. That has always been the practice and it will be followed this year."



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**STATE CHAIRMAN TALKS POLITICS**

**John Gary Evans Says Cox Strong Man, Open Mind Meeting.**

Spartanburg, Feb. 13.—Former Governor John Gary Evans, member of the national Democratic committee for South Carolina, who has recently returned from Washington, discussed in a general way today national politics. He expressed the opinion that Governor Cox of Ohio, was a strong man in the Democratic list of candidates for president and said that South Carolina, in so far as he has been able to study the situation, is centering on no man for the Democratic nomination.

"It is my opinion," said the ex-governor, "that a Western or Central Western man will be selected at the San Francisco convention. Who he will be is another question. Ohio is a pivotal state. Governor Cox has carried it twice by large majority. He is a big man and popular outside his state as well as in it. He might make the strongest candidate the Democrats could name, since he stands the best chance of defeating Mr. Harding in his own state."

"Ohio has a new strong man in Senator Pomerene, who has shown himself to be an able statesman. I do not know whether there will be a contest between these two Ohioans. If so, it would probably eliminate them both."

When asked about Mr. Hoover's chances, the ex-governor said that Mr. Hoover was undoubtedly capable in business and well posted in world af-



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