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The editorials in this paper are written in the singular number, the editorial "we" having been discarded.

The correspondent of the News from Clyde says there is great indignation in his section over the killing of Ben Kelly by the posse near Chesterfield. He also says the impression is that Kelly was never halted, but was shot down without a word of warning. Of course, it will probably never be known whether Kelly was halted or not, as there were no eye witnesses to the shooting outside of Kelly and the four men in the posse. However, it matters very little whether Kelly was halted or not before being fired upon, the principle of shooting men down because they chose to deal in whiskey contrary to law is the same. Is a man to be instantly fired upon, while traveling the public road, because he draws a pistol after being halted? The idea is preposterous, for the reason that any man, who is a man at all, would at once draw his pistol, under such circumstances, if he had one. Of course the posse will be tried and the people put to great expense for nothing—Kelly will be held up as a desperate character and the whole thing will end in nothing.

The Columbia State offers a gold watch to the most popular Legislator, the watch to be presented at the end of the session. The legislator who is anxious to get that watch can accomplish his purpose by introducing a bill and having it passed, which will do away with the outrageous dispensary system. The editor of THE NEWS is satisfied that such a Legislator would be popular with the readers of the State, and, if there is such a man elected to the next Legislature, he had better go to work at once and make himself famous.

Dispensary constables have killed a man in the "dark corner" of Greenville county. Of course he was a desperate character and the constables would have been killed had they not got the drop on him. Since the constables seem to be able to find so many desperate whiskey sellers to shoot down would it not be well for these same desperadoes, who deal in whiskey, to band themselves together and hunt the constables. A war of extermination on both sides would rid the State of a lawless gang who are continually keeping law-abiding people in a state of turmoil.

Dorchester, Greenwood and Cherokee counties will be added to the number of counties which already adorn the map of South Carolina, but Salem and Calhoun are to be left off. On account of the many restrictions placed around the forming of new counties, it appeared at one time that very few of them would be created, but such is not the case. Where there is a real need for a new county the people will probably recognize the fact and will not be slow to act.

When the Legislature meets a committee should be appointed to investigate the bond steal business, with full power to summon any and all persons who could be of any service whatever in bringing the same to justice. The first thing which the committee ought to do is to summon Golden Rhind, of Anderson, and compel him to tell everything that he knows. It is probable that he could probably tell the names of the persons who were instrumental in the stealing of the bonds.

Many people in Riverdale township and other parts of the county are anxious to have supervisor King answer the questions asked in THE NEWS in the issue of December 17. There seems to be great complaint as to the workings of the new road law, and, if Mr. King would explain matters satisfactorily he might allay much of the discontent. Otherwise, people will continue to kick until something is done to give them better roads.

The communication in THE NEWS this week in regard to the new circulating library, which has been organized by Capt. Thompson, is most timely and voices the sentiment of the community. It is difficult to estimate the value of such an undertaking and the citizens of the town should do all in their power to make the library a grand success and the pride and admiration of the town and community.

The Pythian Lodge Secret, published in Atlanta, is now one of the exchanges of THE NEWS. The Pythian Lodge Secret is a sixteen-page-four-column publication, printed on very fine book-paper and contains a great deal of matter very interesting to the craft. It is a great addition to the exchange list of THE NEWS.

The Railroad Commission ought to be investigated by the Legislature and the people ought to be informed of the true state of affairs. With the dispensary, bond steal and Railroad Commission to investigate and many other matters of great importance, which require much attention, the Legislature will perhaps remain in session three months.

President Cleveland shot ducks on the Annapolis club reserve near Georgetown last week. On his return trip he met the citizens of the town in the hall of the Indigo Society. The President said the shooting was the finest he ever saw, and, that being the case, the people of Georgetown, will probably have another opportunity to shake his hand.

It is reported that 85,000 elephants have been killed during the past twelve months and that they have yielded 900 tons of ivory. These valuable animals are being slaughtered so rapidly, on account of their tusks, that it has been found necessary to pass laws in India in order to keep them from being entirely extinguished.

Where is the Hon. John Lawrence Manning Irby, Senator from South Carolina? Nothing has been heard from this individual since some time before the Senatorial campaign. Surely he is not going to retire to private life without firing one more broadside at the immortal Ben Tillman who was the means of his downfall.

The Spartanburg Herald has been engaging in a controversy with the Piedmont Headlight of late. Keep clear of such always with papers like the Headlight, co-temporary. Argument has no effect on Larry Gantt, and you need never hope to equal, much less surpass Larry in slinging filth.

It is reported that "Bunch" McBee has sold his contract with Bryan for \$25,000. If the report be true "Bunch" McBee is a wise man in his day and generation, because it is not probable that Billy Bryan will be the success as a lecturer that he was as a political campaigner.

Let us hope that Governor Ellerbe will give the Charleston people a most welcome New Year's present in the shape of removing the odious metropolitan police from the city.

It is suggested in the Scientific American that on January 1, 1900, a new division of the year into thirteen months be instituted. It is claimed that this is not so preposterous as most people would be likely to consider it at the first thought. If such a division were made, the first twelve months would have just twenty-eight days, or four weeks each, and the new month twenty-nine, to make 365, and thirty in leap years. After a few days there would be no need to refer to calendars, as the same day of the week would have the same date through the year. If January 1 were, say Monday, every Monday would be the 1st, 8th, 15th and 22d; every Tuesday the 2d, 9th, 16th and 23d, and so on through the year. The changes of the moon would be on about the same dates through the year and many calculations, like interest, dates of maturing notes, Easter Sunday and many other important dates would be simplified. Although the present generation would have to figure new dates for birthdays and all legal holidays, except New Year's would be on different dates, yet the gain would be more than the loss, as that would be permanent and the objections trifling.—Exchange.

ADVENTURE AT SEA.
 A Fight With an Albatross and a Rescue From Death.
 Most extraordinary are the details of the gallant action for which an Albert medal of the first class was conferred on Thomas Averett Whistler, first mate of the ship Ennerdale of Liverpool.

Early in the morning of Dec. 17, 1886, when the Ennerdale was rounding Cape Horn, an apprentice named Duncan McCallum was sent aloft to loose the skysail. The Ennerdale, I should mention, was one of Messrs. J. D. Newton's Dale line of steamers.

Presently, as the captain was descending from the poop, he saw a heavy body strike the main rigging a little above the bulwark and rebound into the sea. That "heavy body" was McCallum, and the ship being almost under full sail at the time, he was carried rapidly astern. Immediately after this tragic occurrence H. S. Pochin, an able seaman, leaped overboard after the apprentice, but the latter sank before Pochin could reach him. All things considered, the rescuer's position was now pretty serious, and, fearing lest he should be seized with cramp before a boat could come to his assistance, he hailed the ship, asking for a life buoy to be thrown to him. At the same moment the master, Captain Gunson, called all hands to man a boat. The first mate, Mr. Whistler, who had been asleep in his berth, ran on deck and heard Pochin's hail. Calling to the boatswain to heave him a life buoy, he at once sprang overboard, secured the life buoy which was thrown to him and succeeded in reaching Pochin.

This poor man was already on the point of sinking, but, with the help of the life buoy, Whistler was able to keep him up.

Meanwhile considerable delay had occurred in the dispatch of the boat. For one thing, her lashings had been secured very firmly for the passage round Cape Horn, and when she was launched so many men crowded into her that she capsized, which says much for the popularity of Whistler. The boat was soon righted, however, and dispatched in charge of the third mate and two seamen. All this time the two men in the water were rapidly becoming exhausted, and they had made up their minds to abandon the life buoy and strike out side by side for the ship when they were confronted by a new, weird danger.

An immense albatross swept down majestically on Pochin and Whistler, and, after hovering round quite close to their heads, alighted on the water just beyond arm's length. There the great bird remained, staring them in the face and evidently only waiting until they had become a little more exhausted. In a few minutes, however, the boat reached the spot, and its crew drew their perishing shipmates out of the water. Directly they were lifted into the boat both men became insensible, and Whistler was delirious for sometime afterward. Amazing as it may seem, the two men had remained in the piercingly cold water for upward of 40 minutes. The expectant albatross was greatly disappointed at the turn events had taken and had to bedrive off with a boat-hook. It was a remarkable fact that the attack of this bird contributed not a little to the saving of the lives of both Whistler and Pochin. This was because their vigorous efforts to beat off the savage bird materially helped to keep their blood in circulation, thereby averting the fatal cramp.—Strand Magazine.

Turner the Tables.
 Clergyman (to his wife, returning very late from a gossiping party)—Whatever made you stay out so dreadfully late, wifey?
 Wife—Oh, I did not wish to disturb you in the preparation of your sermon.
 Clergyman's Wife (ready for the fray on Monday night, to her husband, returning very late from his club)—Whatever made you stay out so dreadfully late, hubby?
 Clergyman—Well, you see, dearest, I didn't want to disturb you in the preparation of your certain lecture.—Fliegende Blatter.

ART OF GOING TO BED.
 Ridiculous Practices in Otherwise Well Ordered Households.
 Ernest Hart, D. C. L., of London thinks that at the end of 5,000 years very few of us understand the elementary principles of comfort and health, and then treats what seems the not too complicated subject of going to bed. The management of the bedroom and the art of going to bed would seem to be very simple matters, as to which some rational principles and comfortable and healthy customs might be expected to prevail. Let us see if this is so. Take the case of the ordinary well to do Englishman. He leaves in the winter a warm, well lighted and perhaps sumptuously furnished room and he ascends through a cold staircase to a room of which the temperature is not determined and is very apt to be below 60 degrees. In how few of our homes are the passages and staircases warmed by a basement stove or base burner. If he is thoughtful and what is called self indulgent, he will have the room warmed by a coal fire or a gas stove. This is, however, by no means a universal rule and is frequently reserved only for the heads of the establishment or for what are called delicate people. The room is rarely well or conveniently lighted, and the fittings commonly used are centuries behind our modern knowledge. It is only here and there that hot and cold water are laid on or that the lighting can be without effort shifted from the dressing table to the bed head and controlled from a convenient place near the bed. The clothing is then removed, and the unhappy person then puts on something which is called a "nightgown," a sort of linen or cotton sack with sleeves, which leaves the lower limbs and feet more or less uncovered and at once makes a man an uncomfortable and ridiculous object. It is the clothing of the primeval savage. If a ridiculous situation is needed for a farce, it is commonly created by a night alarm at which the sleepers appear in this ridiculous guise at the bedroom door.

The bed is a ridiculous contrivance, having the worst of all coverings, linen sheets, the foster mother of rheumatism and the worst of all material for contact with the skin. To counterbalance its defects and increase the misery a heavy superabundant mass of blankets and quilts is imposed, and to prevent any comfortable or free movement of the limbs these are "tucked in" around the edges, constituting a huge set of swaddling clothes such as only savages now employ even for children. The fire now is generally allowed to become extinct, if ever lighted, and those who have passed their day in warm rooms often spend the night in a chamber in which the temperature is not much above freezing point and to mitigate which a complete reclothing of the body is required. The reasonable practice would require first that for the present hideous and ridiculous nightgown pyjamas of various degrees of warmth or thinness should be provided. The present bedstead and bedclothing should be altogether discarded, and two light side-downs like the Indian resat or the Japanese futon should be worn of a texture suited to the occasion. The room should be kept at a temperature which never falls below 60 degrees, and in another part of it should be placed a long "deck chair" with cushions, to which, if the sleeper grows restless, he can easily transfer himself and repose at any angle. That is how to go to bed rationally, healthily, prepared for the emergencies of the night whether of sleeplessness or household accident.—Providence Journal.

Materials For Burned Woodwork.
 As of old the master wood carvers and violin makers hoarded flawless, dry wood, so must the wood burner of today keep a vigilant eye upon the lumber yards and lay in a stock of flawless, dry wood. His material cannot be too well seasoned. It must be white, free from gum and soft, white because contrasts are wanted and free from resin that it may not turn black with age. As it is the fiber of the wood which is blackened or carbonized, not the resin, it is obvious that the freer the wood is from gummy substances the better. The most satisfactory fire etching has been done on panels of French poplar, which is soft, white, close grained and free from gum. The common white wood or yellow poplar of America yields readily to treatment with the hot iron and can be successfully used in conjunction with harder, rarer woods, as beneath the magic touch of the burning tool it becomes rich and solid. The harder woods are more difficult to work, but by combining the natural grain of woods like maple or oak with the rich burned tones beautiful results may be obtained.—J. William Fosdick in Century.

Under the Rose.
 The expression "under the rose," or sub rosa, to indicate secrecy, originates in the Greek mythological story that Cupid gave Harpoocrates, the god of silence, a golden rose, desiring him at the same time not to betray the amour of Venus. According to another account, the traitors against the Greek states during the invasion of Xerxes held their meetings in an Athenian arbor formed of rosebushes. At Greek and Roman banquets the guests were always crowned with roses, and a cluster of these hung above the banquet table was a sign that what was said in that place should not be repeated elsewhere.

A Worm That Chews Iron.
 A few years ago the engineers employed on the railway at Hagan, in Germany, were puzzled by accidents which always occurred at the same place. The government sent a commission to the spot. It was not, however, until six months had elapsed that the surface of the rails appeared to be corroded as if by acid to the extent of over 100 yards. The rail was taken up and broken, when it was found to be literally honey-combed by a thin, threadlike grey worm. The worm was about two centimeters in length and about the size of a small knitting needle. On the head are two little sacs or glands filled with a most powerful corrosive secretion, which is ejected every ten minutes when the insect is lying undisturbed. This liquid, when squirted upon iron, renders that metal soft and spongy and of the color of rust, when it is easily and greedily eaten by the little insect.—London Engineering.

Woman's Diseases
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 I will attend or by a legal deputy at Leavenworth, January 25th. Antioch, January 26th. Hartsville, January 27th. Lydia, January 28th. Philadelphia, January 29th. Swift Creek, February 2nd. Jasper, February 3rd. Lamar, February 4th and 5th. Mechanicsville, February 8th. Society Hill, February 9th and 10th. Ashland, February 11th. Stokes Bridge, February 12th. Cypress, February 13th.
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Judicial Sales.
 STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA,
 County of Darlington.
 IN THE COMMON PLEAS.
 A. A. Howlett vs. C. S. Nettles et al.

By virtue of a de. retal order issuing out of the circuit court of Common Pleas, I will sell at public vendue at the door of the court house of the county of Darlington on the first Monday in January, 1897, between the hours of eleven o'clock in the forenoon and five in the afternoon the following property to wit:
 One lot lying and being situate within the corporate limits of the town of Darlington in the county and State aforesaid, fronting on Main Street two hundred and twenty-four (224) feet and running a depth of one hundred and thirty four (134) feet, bounded north by Broad Street, east by lot of Mr. Jeffords, south by lot of Central Carolina Land and Improvement Company and west by Main Street.
 Also
 One lot containing one and nineteen one-hundredths (1 19/100) acres designated as lot No. thirty-two (32) on a plat made by George W. Earle, (Civil Engineer for J. J. Ward dated November 2, 1885, bounded north by Broad Street, East by Main Street, south by lot of Frank M. Brown and having a frontage of two hundred and seventy-four (274) feet, with a depth of one hundred and ninety (190) feet, bounded on the north by lot of E. H. Deas.

Terms of sale, cash. Purchaser to pay for necessary papers. Sold at the risk of the former purchaser.
 R. K. CHARLES,
 Master.
Clerk's Sale.
 STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA,
 Darlington County.
 In Court of Common Pleas.
 W. K. Ryan & Son vs. A. B. Dove.
 Judgment for Foreclosure.

Pursuant to a Judgment for Foreclosure, made in the above stated case, I will offer for sale in front of the court house in Darlington county, on the first Monday in Jan. next, the following described real estate:
 All that tract of land situate in the County and State aforesaid, containing one hundred and seventy five acres, more or less and bounded as follows, to wit: north by lands of Mrs. Abigail Dove; east by lands of Mrs. Abigail Dove; south by lands of Robert Riggall and Black Creek and west by lands of Isaac S. Gandy, same being a part of the tract of land conveyed to A. B. Dove by A. B. Aruch sheriff by deed bearing date February 1878 and recorded in office R. M. C. for said county, in Book M. No. 2, page 178.

Also all that tract of land situate in the county and state aforesaid, containing twenty-two acres, more or less; and bounded as follows, to wit: north and east by lands of S. C. Boswell and public road leading from Darlington C. H. to society Hill; south by lands of Mrs. A. J. DeLorme and west by lands of Mrs. A. J. DeLorme. The land conveyed to A. B. Dove by S. C. Boswell by deed bearing date February 23, 1887 and recorded in office of R. M. C. for said county in Book W. No. 2, page 579.
 Terms of sale, one-third cash, balance in one and two years, secured by bond of purchaser and mortgage of the premises sold, with privilege to purchaser to pay all cash. Purchaser to pay for all necessary papers.
 W. ALBERT PARROTT,
 Dec. 12, 1896. Clerk.

Darlington Guards' Library Association.
 The following new volumes were received at the Armory during the week ending Saturday, Dec. 19:

121. A House-Boat on The Styx.....	John Kendrick Bangs.
122. Amos Judd.....	J. A. Mitchell.
123. The Golden Butterfly.....	Walter Besant and James Rice.
124. Flip and Found at Blazing Star.....	Bret Harte.
125. The Deemster.....	Hall Caine.
126. Widow Lerouge.....	Emile Gaboriau.
127. An Artist in Crime.....	Rodriguez Ottolengui.
128. Prudence Palfrey.....	T. B. Aldrich.
129. The House of Martha.....	Frank R. Stockton.
130. Hand and Ring.....	Anna Katharine Green.
131. Mr. Isaacs.....	F. Marion Crawford.
132. The Firm of Girdleston.....	A. Conan Doyle.
133. Wreck of The Grosvenor.....	W. Clark Russell.
134. Tour of The World in Eighty days.....	Julius Verne.
135. Reveries of A Bachelor.....	Ik Marvel.
136. John Halifax.....	Miss Mallock.
137. Molly Bawn.....	The Duchess.
138. Dr. Claudius.....	F. Marion Crawford.
139. Rudder Grange.....	Frank R. Stockton.
140. The Queen of Sheba.....	T. B. Aldrich.

N. B. Twenty new books are added to this list every week, and the names of them are to be published regularly in these columns, so members of the Library Association will find it to their advantage to watch out for this advertisement. Those desiring to become members can obtain full information on the subject by applying at the Armory. All books purchased are handsomely bound and have good print.