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The Last Call.

There are about three hundred and fifty names still on our books whose proprietors owe us one dollar, two dollars and in some rare instances as much as three dollars. Unless they pay these accounts soon it means to us a clear loss of over five hundred dollars. Realizing the position we are placed in by reason of the fact above stated many of the faithful have paid a year ahead and a considerable number up to nineteen-five. Of course we appreciate this tangible evidence of friendship and confidence on the part of so many of our subscribers; but they were not the ones aimed at in our repeated "duns" through these columns, as some of our patrons see fit to style our gentle and delicate intimations that we should like to be paid the numerous small accounts we have outstanding. The one, two and three year delinquents, who have been receiving the paper for weeks, months and years without paying a cent toward its support, and doubtless "cussing" the editor when he happened to write something contrary to their infallible opinions—they are the fellows we want to come up and pay their accounts.

Several of our friends—as many as three, we believe—have taken umbrage at being "dunned" and had their papers discontinued. That is all right. They paid what they owe and we honor and respect them for it, although the withdrawal of their combined patronage means to us a loss of nearly six cents a week! If about three hundred more we could name would get mad and pay up and quit patronizing us we would be able to put in a new outfit. On the whole we should prefer not to have a subscriber who will let his account run a year or longer overdue and then get offended at a polite request for our money.

With the going out of the old year we make this last appeal to those in arrears to pay us the money that we have justly earned. Whether they heed it or not we shall not we shall not again refer to the subject through these columns.

As to Street Fakers.

The patient tolerance and long-suffering forbearance of the merchants of Kingstree are highly commendable, but it seems to us that the time has come when forbearance ceases to be a virtue; and it is in their behalf that we are constrained to utter a word of protest against the burden of injustice that they have borne so patiently and uncomplainingly.

We refer to the street fakery with whom the town is infested and who are permitted to set up their booths

almost in front of the stores whose proprietors go to make up the very bone and sinew of our body politic. By paying a few dollars license these nomadic vendors of glittering gew-gaws and tinsel trash are allowed to swarm around the sidewalks and by persuasive speling take the money that rightfully belongs to the merchants who live here and year in and year out pay taxes and licenses to support our institutions. While the privileges granted to these "fly by nights" affect us all more or less, it is the merchant who suffers the greatest hardship. What do these street fakery care about the town except what money they can carry away from it? Like vampires, they suck the very life-blood of trade and then away they flit to attach themselves to other towns from which to derive fresh sustenance.

Surely it is thoughtlessness on the part of our city fathers to allow this to go on. Our merchants are entitled to some protection and the time is ripe for vigorous action. Already they have lost a great deal in the way of trade and every day adds to the burden of injustice. Prompt measures should be taken to rid the town of these parasites and in future they should be quarantined against as rigidly as the small-pox.

Except for the few dollars they pay for licenses we fail to see any good the town derives from their presence. The evils that result are manifold. The stuff they sell is worthless—"made in Germany" solely to sell. They attract a crowd on street corners so as to blockade the sidewalks and we have seen ladies forced to leave the pavement and take the streets. All these inconveniences added to the harm that is done to the merchants pile up a mountain load of objections that it would take an enormous privilege tax cover. Make the license prohibitory and protect our merchants.

The street vendors must go!

Mrs Carrie Nation seems to have gained a National reputation.

Some people are so devoid of humor that they would need the aid of an oculist to be able to see a joke.

Brother Freeman, of the Bennettsville Advocate, hits the nail on the head when he says, "When you hear a man abusing a newspaper just ask him how many years subscription he owes for."

Somewhat of a controversy has arisen as to whether or not District Attorney John G Capers ate at table with Judson Lyons, the negro registrar of the treasury. Just what effect it would have on Capers' reputation one way or the other we fail to perceive.

Among the candidates prominently mentioned for the position of State dispensary director is Hon. Theodore B. Gourdin, a member of the house of representatives from this county. Mr Gourdin is a young man of high character and ability and is above all strictly sober. He is very popular among his associates and should he enter the race will doubtless make a strong candidate

On public days and days that are not public open air kitchens on vacant lots appear to do a thriving business. When the town council revokes the licenses of the street fakery it would be in order to abate this kindred nuisance. The town is absolutely without fire protection and as things have been going it seems to be at the mercy of irresponsible parties whose carelessness might at any time start a blaze that would cause a disastrous conflagration.

The Spirit of Christmas.

When this issue of THE RECORD reaches most of our readers they will be in the midst of what we hope will be to one and all a joyous Christmas season. With no intention to moralize we beg to indulge in a few reflections touching the manner of observance of the greatest holiday in the calendar of those who acknowledge the sovereignty of the Babe of Bethlehem, from whose birth in a manger nineteen centuries ago we date time.

It is befitting that the Christmas-tide should be a period of feasting and rejoicing among Christian peoples; a time for the return of absent loved ones; for the commingling of friends and the reunion of families around the Christmas board. The exchange of presents and tokens of affection keeps brighter the fires of friendship, and any gift, however inexpensive, should be appreciated for the kind thoughtfulness that prompted the giver.

To the little folk it is the day of all the year that is looked forward to with longing and anticipation. At Christmas time comes Santa Claus, and we pity the child so skeptical as to question the existence of this good old patron saint of childhood. To see the little faces at the Christmas tree, all eager with expectation as the gifts are being distributed, is a sight to move the hardest heart and cause the mind to revert to Him whose message to little children comes down the centuries, and who took them in His arms and blessed them.

But there is another picture, a less pleasing one, that is, alas, too often presented to us at Christmas time. Feasting degenerates into riotous intemperance and men become as brutes. Drunkenness, revelry and rioting—what a shameful way of observing the birthday of the Savior of mankind, whose coming to earth heralded the era of "peace on earth and good will among men." There are some who seem to feel that they have done themselves an injustice if they let Christmas day pass without drinking themselves into a state of imbecility and committing excesses for which they offer in extenuation the plea that "Christmas comes but once a year." With regard to such it is needless to say that it were far better that the day pass entirely unobserved.

In the selfishness of our own pleasure—for pleasure and self-indulgence are closely allied to selfishness—let us not forget the example of Him whose natal day we celebrate. If there be a time in all the year when we should lay aside all petty animosity and bickering: strife and dissension surely it is at this season commemorative of the greatest gift possible to mankind, the gift from the Father of His only begotten son. With the realization of the sublime beneficence of this priceless gift it is little enough we can do out of gratitude therefor to forgive and forget whatever wrong, whether real or fancied, we have suffered at the hands of our neighbor.

Then, too, we should remember those less favored than ourselves. A gift is valuable only in the measure of the appreciation with which it is received. With this in mind surely we can make no better investment than to give to the deserving poor. The several orphanages in the State offer opportunities for giving that should not be overlooked, if there are no objects of charity nearer home. How much happier our little world would be if each of us sought to give pleasure to at least one person in need on this Christmas day of the year of our Lord nineteen hundred and three!

The price of cotton still soars upward and it is freely predicted by bullish speculators that it will reach twenty-five cents by March. This seems to be rather an extravagant prediction, albeit we believe that by March the price will advance considerably higher than it is now.

In naming Mr J E Burke as school commissioner for the city of Charleston instead of Mr A C Kaufman Governor Heyward has done the proper thing. Certain gentlemen of Charleston seemed to think Mr Kaufman fit for the place in spite of his peculiar views on the negro question, but we feel sure that the great body of white Democrats throughout the State are well satisfied that he has been displaced by such a man as Mr Burke.

The foolish giver imagines that the true value of the gift is measured by the purchase price. Don't do that.

REVOLUTION IMMINENT.

A sure sign of approaching revolt and serious trouble in your system is nervousness, sleeplessness or stomach upsets. Electric Bitters will quickly dismember the troublesome causes. It never fails to tone the stomach, regulate the Kidneys and Bowels, stimulate the Liver, and clarify the blood. Run down systems benefit particularly and all the usual attending aches vanish under its searching and thorough effectiveness. Electric Bitters is only 50c, and that is returned if it don't give perfect satisfaction. Guaranteed by Dr W L Wallace, Druggist.

SHAW'S PURE MALT— Its value in sickness has been tried and proved. In the home it is not safe to be without it. Absolutely pure. On sale at all dispensaries.

RECTOR OF ST. LUKE'S.

ASHBURNHAM, ONTARIO, TESTIFIES TO THE GOOD QUALITIES OF CHAMBERLAIN'S COUGH REMEDIES.

ASHBURNHAM, Ont., April 18, 1903. I think it is only right that I should tell you what a wonderful effect Chamberlain's Cough Remedy has produced. The day before Easter I was so distressed with a cold and cough that I did not think to be able to take any duties the next day, as my voice was almost choked by the cough. The same day I received an order from you for a bottle of your Cough Remedy. I at once procured a sample bottle, and took about three doses of the medicine. To my great relief the cough and cold had completely disappeared and I was able to preach three times on Easter Day. I know that this rapid and effective cure was due to your Cough Remedy. I make this testimonial without solicitation, being thankful to have found such a God-sent remedy. Respectfully yours, E A LANGFELDT, M. A., Rector of St Luke's Church. To Chamberlain Medicine Co. This Remedy is for sale by Dr D C Scott, Kingstree; Lake City Drug Co, Lake City; Dr W S Lynch, Scranton.

We know people who make sacrifices in order to buy costly Christmas presents for fear they will be thought stingy. Don't do that.

FULL OF BRIGHTNESS. "Cleanliness is next to godliness," is an old saw, but cleanliness and godliness can go together if we do your laundering for you. It will increase a better feeling to start off a new year with to wear some of the linen we have made spotless. Let Mr. W. W. COURTNEY, agent at Kingstree, S. C. have your next bundle to send to

LAURENS STEAM LAUNDRY W. W. COURTNEY, AGENT. KINGSTREE, S. C.

Bring us your JOB WORK. We Want 1,000 Young Men TO QUALIFY FOR GOOD POSITIONS GUARANTEED IN WRITING. 500 FREE SCHOLARSHIPS OFFERED WRITE TO-DAY TO GA.-ALA. BUS. COLLEGE, MACON, GA

LEGAL NOTICES.

Notice to Creditors.

All persons having claims against the estate of A J Smith, deceased, will present the same, duly attested, to the undersigned, and all persons indebted to the said estate will make payment to MRS PAULINE SMITH, Administratrix. Nov. 10

Trespass Notice.

All parties are hereby warned against hunting, fishing or in any way trespassing upon the lands of the undersigned in Sumter township. Persons disregarding this notice will be dealt with as the law directs. N. T. FLOYD, J. D. FLOYD, W. H. FLOYD. Lake City, S. C., Nov. 10. 3t.

Registration Notice.

The office of the Supervisors of Registration will be opened on the first Monday in every month for the purpose of the registering of any person who is qualified as follows: Who shall have been a resident of the State for two years, and of the county one year, and of the polling precinct in which the elector offers to vote four months before the day of election, and shall have paid, six months before, any poll tax then due and payable, and who can both read and write any section of the constitution of 1865 submitted to him by the Supervisors of Registration, or who can show that he owns, and has paid all taxes collectable on, during the present year, property in this State assessed at three hundred dollars or more. J. J. EADDY, Clerk of Board.

Citation Notice.

STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA COUNTY OF WILLIAMSBURG. By W. E Hanna, Esquire, Probate Judge. Whereas, R P Hinnant made suit to me, to grant him Letters of Administration of the Estate of and effects of Mrs Mary A Hinnant. These are therefore to cite and admonish all and singular the kindred and Creditors of the said Mrs Mary A Hinnant, deceased, that they be and appear before me, in the Court of Probate, to be held at Kingstree, S. C., on 28th day of December next after publication thereof, at 11 o'clock in the forenoon, to show cause, if any they have, why the said Administration should not be granted. Given under my Hand, this 14th day of December, Anno Domini, 1903. Published on the 17th day of December 1903. W. E HANNA, Judge Probate. Dec. 17.

Notice to Creditors.

STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA COUNTY OF WILLIAMSBURG. By W E Hanna Esquire, Probate Judge. Whereas B C Whitehead made suit to me, to grant him Letters of Administration with will annexed of the Estate of and effects of R R Stotts, these are therefore to cite and admonish all and singular the kindred and Creditors of the said R R Stotts deceased, that they be and appear before me, in the Court of Probate, to be held at Kingstree Williamsburg County, S. C. on the 21st day of December next after publication thereof, at 11 o'clock in the forenoon, to show cause, if any they have, why the said Administration should not be granted. Given under my Hand this 9th day of November Anno Domini, 1903. Published on the 12th day of November 1903 in the County Record. W E HANNA, Judge Probate. W. C.

Tax Notice.

TREASURER'S OFFICE WILLIAMSBURG COUNTY. KINGSTREE, S. C., Oct 5th, 1903. The tax levy for the fiscal year 1903 is as follows: For State - - - 5 mills For School - - - 3 mills For Ordinary County - - 4 mills For Roads - - - 1 mill 30 mills on value of all stock in Anderson, Suttons and part of Penn Townships. 3 mills on value of all property in School Districts Nos. 15, 16, 23 and 24. 2 mills on value of all property in School Districts Nos. 19, 20, 31 and 22. 1 mill on all property in No. 18. A capitation tax of one dollar on all males between the ages of 21 and 60 years unless constitutionally exempted. A commutation tax of two dollars may be paid by those liable to road duty. I will be at the following places on the days mentioned below for the collection of the said tax: Kingstree, October 15 to 24 inclusive 26 October 27 and 28 29 Prospect " 30 Venters " 31 Lamberts November 2 Rome " 3 Morrisville " 4 Kingstree " 5, 6, 7, and 9 10 Laues " 11 Trio " 12 Greeleyville " 13 and 14 Kingstree " 15 Indian town " 16 Kingstree " 17 to Dec 31 inclusive. G W JOHNSON, County Treasurer.

Notice.

Notice is hereby given that the Annual meeting of the board of County Commissioners will be held in their office at Kingstree, S. C., Thursday, January 7th 1904, and all persons having claims against the county must present the same duly attested on or before the 1st day of January, 1904. J. N. HAMMET, Clerk.

Sheriff's Sale.

STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA COUNTY OF WILLIAMSBURG. S. W. Gowdy vs. N. W. Dennis. By virtue of a decree of the court of common pleas for Williamsburg county filed in this cause, I will offer for sale at public auction in front of the court house door in Kingstree, S. C., within the legal hours of sale to the highest bidder for cash, on the first Monday in January next, 1904, that tract of land situate in said county and State containing (5) acres more or less and bounded as follows: North by lands of Alex Scott; East by lands of B Jacobs; South by public road from Manning to Kingstree and on the West by lands of P B Thorn. G. J. GRAHAM, Dec. 17 S. W. C. 3t.

Sheriff's Sale.

STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA COUNTY OF WILLIAMSBURG. T. C. Owens, vs. Susan L. Barrineau, et al. Pursuant to an order to me directed I will sell at public outcry to the highest bidder for cash before the court house door in Kingstree on the first Monday in January, 1904, during the legal hours of sale, the following real estate, to wit: All that piece, parcel or tract of land lying, being and situate in the county of Williamsburg and state of South Carolina containing seven hundred and eighty (780) acres more or less and bounded as follows: on the North by land now or formerly of William J Tisdale; on the East by lands now or formerly of estate of Robert Straker; on the South by waters of Black River and on the West by lands now or formerly of William J Tisdale, the same being the tract of land conveyed to said John M Owens, senior, by Samuel P Matthews by deed dated January 23rd, 1877, and recorded in R M Office, of Williamsburg county, South Carolina in Book II, Pages 120, 121. Also all that piece, parcel or lot of land containing ten (10) acres more or less lying, being and situate in the county of Williamsburg and State aforesaid, and bounded as follows to wit: North by lands of - - - East by lands of estate of J J Tisdale, South by lands of estate of J J Tisdale and Moses Lowry, and West by lands of Moses Lowry. G. J. GRAHAM Dec. 17. S. W. C. 3t.

Auditor's Notice.

Notice is hereby given that I will be at the following places on the dates herein mentioned for the purpose of taking tax returns for the fiscal year commencing January 1st 1904. All parties are requested to be prompt in making returns in order to avoid the penalty as required by law. All sales and purchases of real estate since last returns must be reported by seller and buyer. This will avert confusion. Kingstree January 1, 2, and 4 5 and 6 7 8 9 10 11 12 13 14 15 16 17 18 19 20 21 22 23 and 24 25 26 27 and 28 29 30 1 February 1 2 Cedar Swamp " 3 Bloomingvale " 4 Morrisville " 5 Rhemas " 6 Kennedys Store " 8 Kingstree " 9 Church P. O. " 10 Rome " 11 Lamberts " 12 Ards X Roads " 13 Johnsonville " 14 Prospect " 15 Altmans " 16 Concord " 17 Kingstree " 18 to 20 inclusive. J. J. B. MONTGOMERY, County Auditor. Nov. 10. 3t.

ATTENTION EVERYBODY!

Having removed from my old stand across the Railroad into the Grocery Store formerly occupied by J. H. Briles. I shall be glad to serve my Friends and Customers with HIGH CLASS FAMILY GROCERIES at the lowest Prices. Thanking the public for past favors, and hoping to deserve a continuance of the same, I remain, At your service. I. H. V. GASKINS, Lake City, S. C. It is easy to buy Christmas presents with January's salary. Don't do that.

To all a merry Christmas.