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"Astonishing" Argument for Compulsory Education.

It was not our intention to enter into a controversy with the Columbia State on Compulsory Education We intended only to call the attention of its able but busy editor to a serious logical weakness in the line of argument advanced, thinking that perhaps the "illuminated" object lesson under consideration had not been carefully measured in all of its bearings; but since we are informed in The State of May 20th that the matter was gone into "with thought ful discrimination and distinction," we feel inclined to take the matter a little more seriously and give it more than a mere passing glance.

For the convenience of our readers we here reproduce the now illustrions "illuminated object les son," which The State is trying to bolster up as argument for compulsory education:

"The first influx of immigrants came to the State (Connecticut), as has been said, from the Emerald Isle about 50 years ago, and they came to grade the railroads and to dig the sewers and to lay the water pipes and gas pipes in the cities, while the been educated and today they are the professional men and the business men of the State. You cannot find dreamer, while artesian wells voluuin the whole State today a man or woman of Irish birth who is doing menial work except in the case of the very few of the first comers who and hog grow on vines like black- at Rhems. Hold your company survive.' Now, as to the logical bearing of this "illuminated object lesson," we would remark two things and leave it to the judgment of even illiterate (?) South Carolinians as to its value as an argument for compulsory education. compulsory education law has been done in South Carolina without compulsory education. We can even go further and say that the same advancement and progress have been made by industrious families who were not Irish. Who are the professional men-teachers, doctors, legislators, lawyers and preachers of South Carolina today? Who are the business men-bankers, merchants and manufacturers in South Carolina today? Are not many of them the sons of fathers who fifty years ago were "hewers of wood and drawers of water"? Does the editor of The State really believe that Connecticut can show a larger propor tion of protessional and business men-descendants of Irish immigrants who fifty years ago were hewers of wood and drawers of water-than can South Carolina, which as State has witnessed the completest revolution in this respect of any state in the world? Does the editor of The State not know that with few exceptions it is the sons and grand better order.

who are today the office-holders, the business men and the professional men all over South Carolina? We repeat that what has been done KILLING OF NEGRO IN WILLIAMSBURG in Connecticut in the way of transforming illiterate families into the place of "large earners and producers" during the past fifty years under compulsory education, has been done in Sonth Carolina in much less time than that without

compulsory education. Therefore, the logic of the "illuminated object lesson" on that score falls to the Telephonic reports later in the ground, notwithstan ling The State's day were to the effect that concolumns of editorial matter to prop ditions were not nearly so it up.

But, in the second place, we would remark that this is by no means the most serious bearing of The State's argument for compulsory education. We sit in unutterable wonder and astonishment as we meditate over the paragraph which precedes the poetry. Here we are informed that The State's policy of compulsory education has as its object an "intel-

lectual advance" that is to raise people-black and white-"about (above?) the level of manual labor, that they may remain no longer in the ranks of "plowmen and hoe hands-crappers and renters."

Will the State please "illuminate" us if we are mistaken in the follow. ing statements: There are no more railroads to be graded in Connecticut. No more sewers nor water pipes nor gas pipes to be laid in the cities of Connecticut. No more plowing nor hoeing nor renting nor crap ping to be done in Connecticut, nor in any other State where they have compulsory education. These people have already had the touch of 'immortality" (compulsory education) which gives "back the upward looking and the light," and rebuilds in them "the music and the dream,"

and now all they have to do is to listen to the music and dream while ernor Ansel to day: railroads unroll from spools across mountain and chasm, like ribbon over the merchant's counter; bank buildings, factories, thriving cities young women came to act and spreading fields of waving grain 3d Regiment. not read or write, their children have are reproduced in the original from

sons of industrious working people RACE RIOT THREATENED AT RHEMS.

AROUSES BLACKS--SHERIFFS GRA-HAM AND SCURBY RESPOND.

GEORGETOWN, May 20:-In response to a telegram from Rhems stating that a race riot was imminent there, Sheriff (W Scurry and a small posse of citizens set out early this morning by private conveyance for the seat of the disturbance. threatening and that things were apparently assuming a normal state. Fears are still felt that the outward show of quietude may be a mask for some ugly disturbances during the night, and the white men, who in that locality are numerically about one to fifty blacks, are prepared for any emergen-

The disturbance started with a personal encounter on Saturday night between one of the clerks in F Rhem & Sons' big store and a negro by the name of Tony Scott, who was acting in an insolent and unruly manner. A number of other white men took part in the afair and the result was that the negro died from the injuries sustained COLLEGEOF CHAR in the fight.

The funeral took place on Sunday and four or five hundred negroes, it is said, composed the funeral cortege, vowing vengeance against all white people for the deed that had been committed.

These threats and the surly looks of the blacks are the cause of apprehension among the white people, many of whom are scattered in remote and isolated places throughout the neighborhood.

Capt H B Springs, commanding the deorgetown Rifle Guards, telegraphed as follows to Gov-

"Governor M F Ansel, Columbia, S C. Disturbance at Rhems, S C, I hold my company in readiness subject to orders, H B Springs, Capt, Company F,

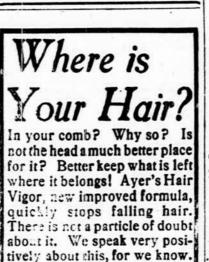
This dispatch was received tonight by Capt Springs from the Governor: "Capt H B Spring, sheriff of Georgetown and sheriff of Williamsburg wire me that race riot expected in readiness and if needed report to Sheriffs Graham and That the present school auditorium Scurry. M F Ansel, Governor. The guards are resting on their arms tonight. ready to move at once.

tree Tuesday about noon from Rhems with a negro in custody, one John Sampson, alias Jim 🙆 Bates, who is supposed to be ring leader among the rioters. It is believed that this negro is wanted for a crime in Georgia 🧕 and if he'is the right party he will be turned over to the authorities in that State. Otherwise there will probably be an indictment brought against him for rioting and inciting mob violence. Messrs Graham and Lovett report everything 'quiet at Rhems now, but the white men are still on guard and will not be lulled into fancied secur

The Coroner's Inquest.

Everything was serene at Rhems yesterday and it is hoped and believed that the trouble has quieted down. At the inquest over the remains of Tony Scott, held by Magistrate Geo. B Nesmith, there were about 150 white men, besides the Georgetown Rifle Guards, and only about 20 negroes were to be seen. The coroner's jury, on the testimony of physicians who had brought in a verdict that Scott died from natural causes, as he had for a long time suffered from heart disease.

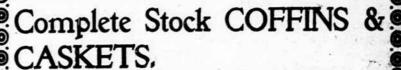






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photographic plates of the the tarily burst for h with milk and honey, and hams of cooked muttou berries.

is wholly inadequate for the purpose intended was very thoroughly demonstrated last Monday night when over a hundred people had to return home without seeing the exercises of

In the first place, what these Irish commencement. If we are to have families did in Connecticut under "a a first class school it is up to the people of Kingstree to remedy this deficiency against the opening of the fall term.

> Because we refuse to swallow its views on compulsory education -the State newsaper accuses us of defend ing illiteracy The ed itor of this newspaper is willing to let his record and that of his paper on this subject speak for itself. According to The State's deduction, because we do not favor its pet hobby, compulsory education, we do not believe in education at all Just as well argue that because we do not believe in forcing a man to go to church we are defending atheism. Brilliant logic, forsooth.

There has been a good deal of complaint about the disorder that occurred in the school auditorium Monday evening. To some extent this is attributable to the overcrowded condition of the hall, but not entirety. A great many people-the vast majority -- want to hear what is going on and those who don't want to hear should be made to respect the rights of others. On such occasions in future it is hoped that provision will be made to preserve

REPORT FROM RHENS.

Last Account Says Everything Bas **Ouleted** Down.

RHEMS, May 20;-9 p m-Special: Everything is quiet at this hour. Sheriffs Scurry, Georgetown, and Graham, of Williamsburg, have handled the situation admirably. There are about one hundred and twentyfive men here with rifles, shot guns and pistols ready to repulse any attack made by the negroes. The many threats made by the negroes have wrought the whites up to a high pitch, but they are maintaining order and will not molest the negroes unless they try to carry out their purpose. It was not necessary to call By P. M. Brockinton, Esquire, Probate out the Rifle Guards. About Judge. Whereas, V. E. Lifrage made suit twenty citizens from George town came up today. The whites are being reinforced every tew minutes and probably the number will reach two hun dred by 10 o'clock. The negroes are dispersing and no trouble is expected now, unless renewed later .- News & Courier.

Later.

Messrs George Graham, Jr., and G T Lovett reached Kings-

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to me to grant him Letters of Administration of the Estate of and effects of Miss A H Montgomery. These are therefore to cite and

admonish all and singular the kindred and Creditors of the said Miss H H Montgomery, deceased, that they be and appear before me, in the Court of Probate, to be held at Kingstree, S (.. on the 25th day of May 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 6th day of May Anno Domini, 1907. Published on the 9t, day of May

1907. in the County Record. P M BRCCKINTON.

5-9-2t. Probate Judge.

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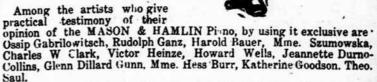
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