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THURSDAY, FEB. 6, 1908.

Where, oh where, is, Col Jim Farnum.

And the gobbles will git them, ef they don't watch out—the grafters.

The negro postmaster Wilson has been reappointed at Florence, as might have been expected. The president of the United States is rather a hard subject to bluff.

It is probable that the legislature will, during the present session, create another judicial circuit. If they keep on, the title "Judge" will soon be as common as "Colonel."

The Solous' next junketing tour will be to Charleston next Saturday. The object is to inspect the Citadel Academy and to shake hands with the denizens of the "City by the Sea." This means a big appropriation for the Citadel and the State pays the freight.

We call attention to the editorial from the News and Courier reproduced in another column as to new counties. The concluding paragraph is significant: "In Virginia the consolidation of counties is a lively question in certain parts of the State, because the counties find the burden of government very heavy to bear." And yet our Lake City friends would have us believe that dismembering Williamsburg would make taxes no higher.

Mr. Stoll vs. Mr. Starr.

We publish this week a letter to the News and Courier, written by Mr Stewart Starr, boosting the new county movement with Lake City as the county seat. The letter speaks for itself and "he who runs may read."

Last week we printed a letter from Mr Philip Stoll on the new county subject, in which he cited certain figures taken from the books of the county auditor. We have questioned the auditor as to the accuracy of these figures, and he tells us that they are substantially correct.

Now comes Mr Starr, who goes over the same ground and produces a set of figures entirely different from Mr Stoll's. Which is correct? If Mr Starr's statistics are right and he will demonstrate the fact beyond mere words that the northern one-third of the county is paying three-fifths of the taxes of the present county government we will have nothing further to say against the formation of Rutledge county. But talk is cheap. Produce the authority.

Let us compare some of the figures. Mr Starr gives the total area of Williamsburg as 1,161 square miles.

A few weeks ago in the Flor-

ence Times' article (which we are informed was his production) his estimate was 991 square miles.

Has he made a survey in the meantime and discovered his former error?

The latest map of the State we have seen places the area of Williamsburg at 991 square miles, which was issued before the part embracing Cowards was voted into Florence county.

Mr Stoll's figures are 948 square miles for the total area of the old county which, allowing for the part cut off, would about correspond with our map and Mr Starr's first estimate.

Now, as to the property and tax question. If the one-third area referred to pays three-fifths of the taxes they must own three-fifths of the property, i. e., (according to Mr Starr's figures for the whole county with which Mr Stoll's practically agree) they pay taxes on \$2,995,200. But Mr Stoll's statement (taken from the auditor's books, mark you) show in the area affected only \$1,828,000. Now, which is correct, Mr Starr's off-hand assertion or the official figures?

There are other discrepancies in Mr Starr's article, but the above is sufficient to convince anyone not wholly blinded by prejudice that either Mr Starr or the county auditor's books are wrong. If the latter, Mr Starr should confide to the public the source of his superior knowledge and the "paupers" that he and his constituents are supporting will, we make bold to assert, withdraw any objection to Lake City, and any other territory that wants to go with her, departing bag and baggage whither they choose to go.

LAKE CITY LOCAL NEWS.

Things of Interest Noted and Put into Paragraphs.

LAKE CITY, February 3:—Mr Sidney Sutcliffe of New York is spending a few days with his mother, Mrs M Sutcliffe.

Mr Geo C Haselden and family of Newport News, Va., have moved into the Richey house, Main and McAllister streets.

A spark from a passing train set fire to the grass in the front yard of Hon W L Bass' residence Sunday afternoon between one and two o'clock and in a few minutes had spread over the entire yard, but with the kindly help of neighbors the fire was soon put out without any further damage. If this had occurred at night it may have proved very serious.

Mrs S W G Shipp and little daughter of Florence are visiting relatives in town.

Hon W L Bass spent Saturday and Sunday at home.

Mr Chappel, the minister of the Baptist church, will shortly move to town with his family and occupy one of the McClam cottages on McAllister street.

The handsome residence of Mrs Belle Turner is nearly finished and will be ready for the family to move into in the course of a few weeks.

For the last week three tramps have been visiting our town, sleeping in barns and cotton seed houses or wherever they could find a place. This fact being called to the notice of the police, who made their acquaintance Monday morning, the last that was seen of them they were counting cross-ties towards Scranton,

W. L. B.

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FEIGNING DEATH.

A Trick Resorted to by Animals to Shun Their Enemies.

The feigning of death by certain animals for the purpose of deceiving their enemies and thus securing immunity is one of the greatest of the many evidences of their intelligent ratiocination. This simulation is not confined to any particular family, order or species of animal, but exists in many, from the very lowest to the highest. It is found even in the vegetable kingdom. A well known sensitive plant is an interesting example. The action of this plant is purely reflex, as can be proved by observation and experiment, and is not therefore a process of intelligence.

An experiment. Writing in Wisconsin fur Alle, says that he has seen the feigning of death in some of the lowest animals known to science. Some time ago while examining the inhabitants of a drop of pond water under a high power lens he noticed several rhizopods busily feeding on the minute buds of an alga. These rhizopods suddenly drew in their hairlike filaria and sank to the bottom, to all appearances dead. The cause was found to be the presence of a water louse, an animal which feeds on these animalcules. It likewise sank to the bottom and after looking at the rhizopods swam away, evidently regarding them as dead and unfit for food.

This was not an accidental occurrence, for the observer has seen the same wonderful performance twice since. Through the agency of what sense, he asks, did these little creatures discover the approach of their enemy? Is it possible that they and other microscopic animals have eyes and ears so exceedingly small that lenses of the very highest power cannot make them visible, or are they possessors of senses utterly unknown to and incapable of being appreciated by man? Science can neither affirm nor deny either of these suppositions.

Most animals are slain for food by other animals. Most of the carnivora and insectivora prefer freshly killed food to carrion. They will not touch tainted meat when they can procure fresh; hence when they come upon their prey apparently dead they will leave it alone and go in search of other quarry unless they are very hungry. Tainted substances are dangerous to get into the stomach. Certain ptomaines render it sometimes very poisonous. Long years of experience have taught this fact to animals, and therefore most of them let dead or seemingly dead creatures alone.

Toast to Laughter.

Here's to laughter, the sunshine of the soul, the happiness of the heart, the leaven of youth, the privilege of purity, the echo of innocence, the treasure of the humble, the wealth of the poor, the bead of the cup of pleasure. It dispels dejection, banishes blues and mangles melancholy, for it's the foe of woe, the destroyer of depression, the enemy of grief. It is what kings envy the peasants, plutocrats envy the poor, the guilty envy the innocent. It's the sheen on the silver of smiles, the ripple on the water's delight, the glint of the gold of gladness. Without it humor would be dumb, wit would wither, dimples would disappear and smiles would shrivel, for its glow of a clean conscience, the voice of a pure soul, the birth cry of mirth, the swan song of sadness.—Life.

Clothes and Seasons.

Like the blessed wild goldfinch, who sometimes stays with us all winter, I feel a stirring ere February is out to shed the gray outward disguise my soul has all along been wearing and to come forth in bright aureate splendor of full summer plumage. I wish to wear a green kirtle when the grass burns emerald and even the sunset skies assume chrysopease. In the winter were it not for starting the good folk I would go everywhere in the hibernal attire of the wise little ermine. In autumn—no; there the analogy stops—I would not array me in carmine or imperial orange, though nature is thus minded to do. In the autumn, even in the late summer, a psychic revulsion from this rule of sympathetic or protective coloring is experienced.—Atlantic.

Spoiled the Metaphor.

A very self confident young barrister was once introduced to Sir Henry Hawkins and throughout his conversation boasted of what he hoped to do in the future.

"Ah," said his lordship at last, "so you hope to be famous some day, eh?"

"Yes," replied the barrister, "some day I hope to have the world at my feet."

"Why, what have you been doing all this time," inquired Sir Henry—"walking on your hands?"

Notice to Trustees.

Please bear in mind the importance of the trustees' annual reports being filed with the county superintendent. Don't, in any case, sign a warrant for last month's school until this annual report is properly made out and signed by the clerk of your board. Write the words "Last Month" across the face of the warrant for the last month of each school.

J. G. McCULLOUGH,
County Superintendent of Education.
1-17-08.

Summons for Relief. (COMPLAINT SERVED.)

STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA,
County of Williamsburg
Court of Common Pleas.

A. M. Gordon, Plaintiff,
Against

Alice Darby, E. M. Darby, heirs at-law of Jack Darby, deceased; Yanikie Davis, Joe E. Davis, George Davis, Mary Conyers, Collins Davis, Louella F. Conyer, heirs-at-law of George Davis, deceased; Mackey Davis, Morgan Davis, Bessie George, Levalve Davis, heirs-at-law of Friday Davis, deceased; Fortune Darby, Harry Darby, Daphney McAnts, Tena Foxworth, James Darby, heirs-at-law of Caesar Darby, deceased; Doccia Cohen, James Cohen, Philip Cohen, Mary Richardson, Sarah Epps, Solomon Cohen, Picket Cohen, heirs-at-law of Windsor Cohen, deceased; Fed Darby, Mose Darby, Bonus Darby, John Darby, Jacob Chandler, heirs-at-law of Daphny Darby, deceased; Carry Lee Dingle, Cephus Darby, Lizzie Darby, heirs-at-law of Lisbon Darby, deceased; Ben Major, Sam Major, Jacob Major, Fortune Major, heirs-at-law of Matilda Major, deceased; Sarah Darby, heir-at-law of Isaac Darby, deceased; Louisa Boyd, Frances James, Calvin Darby, Rosanna Darby, heirs-at-law of Calvin Darby, deceased; Logan Gamble, William Gamble, Wesley Gamble, heirs-at-law of Sarah Gamble, deceased; Mose Dunmore, Daphney Mose, heirs-at-law of Clara Dunmore, deceased, and Jacob Chandler, Defendants.

To the defendants above named: You are hereby summoned and required to answer the complaint in this action, of which a copy is herewith served upon you, and to serve a copy of your answer to the said complaint on the subscriber at their office Kingstree, S. C., within twenty days after the service hereof; exclusive of the day of such service; and if you fail to answer the complaint within the time aforesaid, the plaintiff in this action will apply to the Court for the relief demanded in the complaint. And you, the said Solomon Cohen, Picket Cohen, Cephus Cohen, infant defendants, are hereby required to be caused to be appointed a guardian ad litem to represent your interest and upon your failure so to do within twenty days from the service hereof the plaintiff will apply to the Clerk of Court of Common Pleas of Williamsburg County to appoint a guardian ad litem to represent your interest.

To Mary Conyers, Collin Davis, Levalve Davis, Tena Foxworth, James Cohen, Philip Cohen, Fed Darby, Lizzie Darby, Bonus Darby, John Darby, Sarah Darby, Rosanna Darby, Logan Gamble, William Gamble, Wesley Gamble, Mose Dunmore, non-resident defendants:

Please take notice that the Complaint in this action together with the summons, of which the foregoing is a copy, was filed in the office of the Clerk of Court of Common Pleas for Williamsburg County, State of South Carolina, on the 15th day of January, 1908.

Dated January 15, 1908.
STOLL & STOLL,
1-16-08. Plaintiff's Attorneys.

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