

PEE DEE SECTION CONVENTION.

WHAT THIS GREAT GATHERING MEANS TO THE PEOPLE—EVERY INTEREST OF THE PEOPLE TOUCHED.

The programme and schedule for the Pee Dee section convention in this city on November 8 and 9 next, and the distinguished speakers who are to appear before the convention will make it one of the most memorable civic occasions ever held in the State of South Carolina. The schedule will divide the convention into two main heads. In the first section will be discussed the magnificent natural resources and opportunities that the Pee Dee section affords in the way of agricultural and commercial development and the second section will be devoted to the discussion of farm demonstration work, soil survey, intensive farming, diversification of crops, good roads and internal waterways and drainage of low-lands.

The Pee Dee section convention will afford to every business man, farmer and citizen the opportunity to hear discussed in an able manner by experts in these various important lines, such as has never been offered before. For instance, Dr Seaman A Knapp, Director of the Bureau of Plant Industry of the U S Department of Agriculture, and Commissioner Watson, of the State Department of Agriculture, will discuss the important work of extending farm demonstration and the soil survey throughout the Pee Dee section and the great importance and benefit to be derived from intensive farming and diversification of crops.

Mr D H Winslow, Superintendent of Good Roads of the U S department of agriculture, will discuss sand-clay road building and make a two days demonstration in good roads work on one of the city streets of Florence; Congressman J E Ellerbe and others will discuss the important work of draining the lower lands of the Pee Dee and other low country counties and the development of hundreds of miles of navigable river courses that permeate this magnificent region; Hon R Goodwyn Rhett of Charleston and Mr F B Jacobs of Roanoke, Va, will address the convention upon the subject of railroad development and the great south-bound railroad, which will bring through the Pee Dee section its tide of coal from the mountains of Virginia to the seaboard at Charleston, which means so much in the potential development of the Pee Dee section into a great manufacturing country.

But these highly interesting sessions of the Pee Dee section convention are not the only attractions which will be offered to visitors of Fair Florence on the 8th and 9th of November. The town will array itself in gala attire of bunting and electric lights. There will be a full battalion of militia and two good bands of music, special attractions in the way of balloon ascension, acrobatic performances on the streets, and a carnival company will help to increase the gaiety of the city, and the crowning feature will be the arrival and parade of the President of the United States, escorted by special details of police and a guard of honor from the A C L station to the Central school building, where the President will deliver an address to the public.

The Board of Trade has made elaborate preparations for the entertainment of the thousands of guests, who are expected to attend the sessions of the convention throughout the Pee Dee section and the State at large. Special preparations will be made for the comfort of the public upon the streets and the

information bureau, of which Mr Landon C Jones is the efficient chairman, has secured a list of hotels, boarding houses and private houses which will enable our visitors to secure quarters at reasonable prices.

Acceptances have been received from the number of distinguished men who have been especially invited to attend the convention and to meet the President, and everything indicates that the Pee Dee section convention in Florence will be the most notable gathering for the development of a region ever held in this State.

Let everyone come to Florence who can and Florence insures them a hearty welcome and a good time.—*Florence Times.*

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USED AGAINST HER.

Congratulations the Actress Received on Her Engagement.

A London music hall belle who had just successfully "landed" an old and wealthy nobleman sued an unpopular manager, alleging that he had not paid her sufficiently well for her engagement at his hall. She won the case and was immediately inundated with flowery congratulations from her friends, all of whom were glad to see the manager go down.

Not content with her victory, however, the belle must needs crow over her beaten manager by packing up the choicest of these telegrams and dispatching them to his house, with the intimation that he might make what use of them he thought proper.

She regretted this last concession the next morning. Taking her at her word, the manager pasted the telegrams on a board outside the music hall, headed them "What Miss Flightie's friends think of her engagement" and left the public to assume which engagement, the professional or the matrimonial, was meant.

Then followed such messages as "Good for you, old girl!" "Pinned the old horror at last!" "Don't let him wriggle off the hook!" "Stick to him till you get the dibs!" "Congratulations on your splendid haul!"

Another action for damages against the manager is now pending.

Woman.

What constitutes society? Woman. She is its sovereign arbitress. It exists for her and for her exclusively. But woman forms the great educational influence for man. She it is trains him in the gifts that charm—courtesy, discretion and the pride that shudders to be self assertive. She it is teaches a few the art of pleasing and all the useful art of not displeasing. From her we learn the lesson that human society is more complex and more delicately adjusted than is generally suspected by the politicians of the cafes. Last, but not least, it is she brings home to us the great truth that the ideals of sentiment and the visions of faith are invincible forces and that it is by no means reason that governs humankind.—Anatole France in "Garden of Epicurus."

Shakespeare.

Pretty nearly everything about Shakespeare is uncertain, and most statements concerning him need to be made in a provisional way. It is generally understood that his dramatic career began about 1589 or 1590, when he was between twenty-five and twenty-six years old. He died in 1616, and if, as is generally assumed to be the case, his birth year was 1564, he died at the comparatively early age of fifty-two.—*New York American.*

High Toned.

A citizen of culture and poetic taste went to a public library and asked for Shelley's "Prometheus Unbound." He was rather taken aback when the librarian replied with great hauteur, "We don't keep any unbound books in this library."

Had to Bow to Custom.

The late King Oscar of Sweden was the least conventional of monarchs, but he had to courtesy to custom nevertheless. The King and M. Bonnier, the botanist, met as strangers while out in search of flowers near Stockholm. They were soon the best of friends, and Bonnier suggested lunch at his inn.

"Come home with me instead," said the other.

When the way led to the palace gates Bonnier hesitated. "I'm sorry," said his companion, "but I happen to be the king of this country, and this is the only place where I can entertain my friends."

THE FIRST BOYCOTT.

English Weavers Leagued Against the Scotch in 1527.

The trade boycott is by no means of as recent origin as some people suppose, nor is it of Irish extraction. Among the early boycotts which strongly suggest the modern institution is one that hails from north England and is chronicled in Brand's "History of Newcastle." This had its inception in a dread of Scotch competition. On Aug. 31, 1527, in the corporation of weavers in Newcastle a number of regulations were adopted, among them that "no member shall take a Scotchman to apprentice or set any of that nation to work under a penalty of 40 shillings." More than this, to call a brother "Scot or man-sworn" involved a forfeit of 6s. 8d., "without any forgiveness."

The canny Scotch doubtless did not delay to pay back the English in kind, but it is nearly two centuries later before any record appears of the extent to which this commercial feud raged between the two peoples or as to the reprisals that were made by the "blue bonnets over the border."

In 1752 a sort of covenant was entered into by the drapers, mercers, milliners and other tradesmen and shopkeepers of Edinburgh to cease all dealings with commercial travelers from England, then called "English riders." The language of this covenant runs: "Considering that the giving of orders or commissions to English riders or clerks of English houses when they come to this city tends greatly to the destruction of the wonted wholesale trade thereof, from which most of the towns in Scotland used to be furnished with goods, and that some of these English riders not only enhance the said wholesale trade, but also correspond with it and sell goods to private families and persons at the same prices and rates as if to us in a wholesale way, and that their frequent journeys to this place are attended with high charges, which consequently must be laid on the cost of those things we buy from them, and that we can be as well served in goods by a written commission by post (as little or no regard is had by them to the patterns or colors of goods which we order them to send when they are here), therefore, and for the promotion of trade (?), we hereby voluntarily bind and oblige ourselves that in no time coming we shall give any personal order or commission for any goods we deal in to any English dealer, clerk or rider whatsoever who shall come to Scotland."

To this document, with its naive pretense that it is for "the promotion of trade," is added an obligation to have "no dealings with any people in England who shall make a practice of coming themselves or sending clerks or riders into Scotland." The penalty for violating this agreement was set down to be £2 2s. for every offense.—*Indianapolis News.*

The Best Judge.

The trust and dependence which characterized the Rev. Mr. Brown's attitude toward his wife's judgment in all practical affairs were sometimes touching, but occasionally they were amusing.

"I'm sorry you've been troubled with the toothache," said the family dentist when Mr. Brown appeared in his office one day. "I gave you the first minute I had free after receiving your wife's telephone message. Let's see—which tooth is it that's troubling you?"

"M-m—it's not aching just at present," said Mr. Brown after a moment's hesitation, during which he made a cautious investigation with his tongue. "Didn't Mrs. Brown mention to you which tooth it was? I always rely on her in such matters."—*Youth's Companion.*

Herbert Spencer's Courage.

Who but Spencer would have been content to fail as an engineer, an inventor and a journalist and yet keep his ambition and vitality unimpaired? Who but Spencer would have projected a work which could not pay, a work which would consume his life and be judged only by posterity and after thirty-six years of incessant labor complete it? The world will pardon much arrogance and many crude judgments for the sake of such a spectacle of devotion and courage.—*London Spectator.*

The Fascination of Golf.

When all is said and done, there still remains the incontrovertible fact—a fact that no other game can boast of—that even the veriest fooler at the game gets a huge amount of pleasure from it. It is only in this way that one can account for the fascination exercised by golf over ages and classes of men and women who persist in playing it under the most apparently disadvantageous conditions.—*Golfing.*

The Scrap Book

Heaving the Lead.
The steamer was loaded with pig lead and was slowly picking her way up the dangerous river. The mate was forward, and as they approached a dangerous spot he turned fiercely to a deck hand.

"Why don't you heave the lead?" he roared. The mariner had only recently embraced his profession, and technical expressions were as yet somewhat beyond him.

"Heave the lead, is it, your mate turned purple. 'Overboard, you fathead!' he cried. And straightway Patrick seized one of the pigs of lead and threw it overboard.

The mate felt that mere words were useless at a time like this, and he made an effort to save the pig as it went over. Alas, in doing so he overbalanced and went, with a splash, into the dark river.

Just then the captain took a hand in the discussion from the bridge.

"Now, then, you forward, why don't you heave the lead?" "Please, sur, 'tis already hevd," said Pat. "Arrah," he said, "don't ye be so much water is there?" "Pat considered a moment. 'Arrah,' he said, 'don't ye be so impatient. The mate's just this moment gone to find out.'"

Many a Slip.
There's many a slip on the stony hillside. Of life as we up to the summit would climb. The pathway is narrow, the pitfalls are wide. And we can go only one step at a time. Then what wonder so many have made a misstep. And fallen. Let us pause ere their sin we rehearse. And still the reproaches that come to the lip. For aught that we know we might have done otherwise.—*Heleen Manville.*

The Arm of the Law.
In a certain Canadian city a lady was defending an action for a large sum of money which she felt she was not morally entitled to pay. When it looked as if the case would go against her she sold all her real estate and put the proceeds, some \$15,000 or more, in her pocketbook—which in her case, as is the custom with some women, was her stocking. The judgment was given against her, and because she would not pay nor tell where the money was she was sent to jail for a year. Her counsel tried to get her released. The following conversation formed part of the proceedings:

"You admit," said the judge, "that this woman had property to the value of \$15,000?" "Yes, your honor," said the counsel. "And you admit that she sold the property and put the money in her stocking?" "Yes, my lord." "And do you mean to tell me that the arm of the law is not long enough to reach it?"

Proof Positive.
Former Representative Amos J. Cummings of New York was once city editor of the Sun. One Saturday night it was announced that all the saloons were to be closed next day. Cummings called his star reporter, Murray.

"Tom," he said, "go out tomorrow and find out if the saloons are selling liquor." It was Thursday when Tom again appeared at his desk. "They were," he reported.

Man's Ideal of Character.
Every man has at times in his mind the ideal of what he should be, but is not. This ideal may be high and complete or it may be quite low and insufficient, yet in all men that really seek to improve it is better than the actual character. Man never falls so low that he can see nothing higher than himself.—*Theodore Parker.*

Family Secrets.
There is a most amiable woman in Louisville who is noted among her friends for her habit of "saying things without thinking." Her daughter was entertaining a young man on the front porch, and the mother was standing at the fence talking to the neighbors next door. In the yard of the latter was a baby a little over a year old, and it was trying to walk.

"You shouldn't let it walk so young," advised the thoughtless matron. "Wait until it's a little older. I let my daughter walk when she was about that age, and it made her awfully bow-legged." The young man began to talk energetically about the weather.



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