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Bidders For Contracts Warned.

Special to The State. Orangeburg, Oct. 12.—There being several important contracts for star route mail service conveying in this county, I got from Congressman Stokes the information in regard to the change recently made by the post office department relating to the star route service.

With this information and intelligent action on their part our local bidders should capture some of the contracts at first hand, and not be made to pay tribute to the foreign contractors, who make all the profit, without rendering any service.

The temptation to refer to and engage upon the new life which has taken a hold upon our people owing to the improved condition of business, is irresistible, for the change is so radical that one must see to it whether or not he looks for it. Local business has exceeded possibly the expectations of our merchants, and our city's prosperity is the concern of all.

Millions Given Away.

It is certainly gratifying to the public to know of one concern in the land who are not afraid to be generous to the needy and suffering. The proprietors of Dr. King's New Discovery for Consumption, Coughs and Colds, have given away over ten million trial bottles of this great medicine; and have the satisfaction of knowing it has absolutely cured thousands of hopeless cases.

Well Done For Darlington.

Special to The State. Darlington, Oct. 11.—Tom Mitchell, the only remaining negro connected with the Lamar outrage, was captured near Hartsville last night and is now in jail here. A small posse of four men found him and had no trouble in securing him, but had to proceed very cautiously through the woods and swamps in order to reach Darlington with him in safety, but he is here now, and Sheriff Scarborough does not fear any attempt at lynching, although Mitchell is one of the principal brutes.

South Africa Free or White Man's Grave. Chicago, Oct. 11.—The following cablegram was received tonight by the Chicago Tribune from President Kruger of the Transvaal republic. The cablegram was sent in answer to a message from The Tribune requesting a statement of the position of the Transvaal in the present crisis. In the cablegram which follows small words have been filled in in order to make smoother reading: Pretoria, Oct. 11. Tribune, Chicago: Through The Tribune we wish to thank our many American friends for sympathy in the present crisis of the republic. Last Monday we gave England 48 hours' notice within which to give assurance that the dispute will be settled by arbitration or other peaceful means. The notice expires at 5 o'clock today. The British agent is recalled and the war is certain. This is the fitting end of the British policy of force and fraud which has marked all South Africa with the blood of Africans and the white man's grave. The republic's forces include all nationalities, among them a strong American corps, showing it is not a case of Boer against Uitlander, but all nations against the English. We have full faith in freedom and republicanism and the righteousness which guides the destinies of nations. (Signed) President Kruger.

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Was the ball that hit G. B. Steadman of Newark, Mich., in the Civil War. It caused horrible Ulcers that no treatment helped for 20 years. Then Ducklen's Arnica Salve cured him. Cures Cuts, Bruises, Burns, Blisters, Felt's, Corns, Skin Eruptions. Best Pile cure on earth. 25 cts. a box. Cure guaranteed. Sold by J. F. W. DeLorme, Druggist.

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REDUCED RATES ON ALL THE RAILROADS

To Columbia on Account of The State Fair.

The rates for the State fair of South Carolina, to be held Nov. 6th-10th, have been announced as follows:

The Southern passenger association has granted rates to Columbia, S. C., on account of the State Fair, Nov. 6th to 10th, 1899, from all points in the State of South Carolina, also from Asheville, Charlotte, Wilmington, N. C., Augusta and Savannah, Ga., and intermediate stations at the following rates:

A rate of one first class fare for the round trip, plus 50 cents for admission to the fair grounds. Tickets for the general public, limited to continuous passage in both directions, to be sold daily Nov. 4th to 10th inclusive, with final limit Nov. 13th, 1899, and for the fair officials and stock men only at the same rate Nov. 2d and 3d, on presentation of certificates signed by Thos. W. Hollaway, secretary State Agricultural and Mechanical society.

Also rates embraced in the following table which include 50 cents for admission to the fair grounds: tickets at such rates to be sold Nov. 7th, 8th and 9th, with final limit Nov. 11, 1899:

10 miles and under, \$.85
90 miles and under 100, 2.60
190 miles and under 200, 4.60

The rates on this latter basis will govern from junctional points and include 50 cents for admission coupon:

From Sumter, S. C. the rate will be \$1.60.

Half of the above rates will apply for children between the ages of 5 and 12.

The minimum rate including admission, to be \$1 for adults and 50 cents for children

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A Much Fought For Cup.

The present contest between the Columbia and the Shamrock for the American cup makes the tenth contest for its recovery since it was won by the yacht America in 1851. For the benefit of those who take an interest in such matters we reproduce the following list of all the races, which we clip from the New Orleans Pionayre:

1851—On Aug. 22 the yacht America won the cup from the English cutter Aurora.
1870—On Aug 8 the schooner Magio won from the English schooner Cambria
1871—On Oct. 16 and 18 the schooner Columbia defeated the English schooner Livonia.
On Oct. 19 the Livonia defeated the Columbia, the Columbia being disabled.
On October 21 and 23 the schooner Sappho easily outtailed the English boat

1876—On Aug. 11 and 12 the schooner Madeline won from the Canadian schooner Countess of Dufferin.
1881—On Nov 9 and 10 the sloop Mischief won from the Canadian sloop Atalanta.
1885—On Sept. 14 and 16 the sloop Puritan defeated the English cutter Geesta.
1886—On Sept 9 and 11 the sloop Mayflower won from the English cutter Galstea.
1887—On Sept. 28 and 30 the sloop Volunteer defeated the English cutter Thisle.
1893—On Oct. 7, 9 and 13 the sloop Vigilant won from the English cutter Valkyrie by a narrow margin.
1895—On Sept. 7 the Defender easily outtailed Lord Dunsraven's Valkyrie III, winning by 8m 49s.
On Sept. 10 the Valkyrie III fouled the Defender shortly after the start. The English yacht defeated the Defender by 47s. Because of the foul the Defender protested and the protest was allowed.
On Sept. 12 the Valkyrie III withdrew immediately after crossing the line and the Defender sailed over the course alone.

It is evident from the performances of both yachts which are now contesting for it, that the one which wins will have no easy task for they are so well matched that the slightest miscalculation at the critical moment may give the race to the other. But however it may terminate this will not be the end for the British yachtsmen are determined to get that cup back, and our yachtsmen are as fully determined to keep it on this side, or bring it back if it goes from them.

Five Thousand Killed by a Violent Earthquake.

Amsterdam, Oct. 12.—A dispatch to The Handelsblad from Batavia, capital of the Netherland Indies, Java, says that a violent earthquake has visited the south side of the Island of Ceram, next to the largest of the Molucces, between Baaroo and Papua, completely destroying the town of Ambei and killing, it is estimated, some 4 000 people, as well as injuring some 500 others.

The dispatch says that details of the disaster have not yet been obtained.

War May Cause Money Panic.

The New York Times' London financial correspondent cables: And still gold flows away. More than £2,000,000 has already gone to the Cape. The hope is expressed that gold may come back from the provinces this week, but the probability of that is small. Here is a crude statement of our position: Under our antiquated banking system provincial English, Scotch and Irish banks all issue notes on their credit alone. They are not bound to hold government stock against a fixed legal issue. The aggregate of these uncovered issues is about £10,000,000, and the banks enjoying them are only obliged to keep gold against notes issued in excess of their statutory limits. The English banks never reach that limit; the Scotch and Irish are always above it. The Bank of England stock of gold, therefore, is really about £2,000,000 short now of the amount required to cover the fiduciary note circulation of the three kingdoms. There is no real danger in the position as long as the public is not frightened by rapid exports of gold; but, given active fears, notes could not be met, and suspension of specie payments looms in view.

It is necessary to insist on this point in order to warn your bankers that we cannot now spare gold from the Bank of England. Should a South African war come, as is almost certain, all we can spare or scrape would be required for it, and should other foreign demands spring upon us a credit smash is almost a matter of days.

Dread of this smash alone can now prevent war. All our resources are fully engaged in industry and commerce, in sustaining credit in India and the colonies, in financing Japan and Egypt, and innumerable other directions. Abstract capital for war purposes and the entire machine is liable to become deranged, with disastrous results. Already the Transvaal government has intimated that it will keep the gold produced from the mines until the war is over, all except the amounts minted for expenses—an ominous notice. Our thoughtful bankers—not in the majority, I regret to say—have been alarmed at the prospect for some time, and one or two have begun to collect private stock of sovereigns. These are too slender as yet to do much to stave off confusion, should export proceed and new supplies of metal cease. Your bankers, therefore, would do well to restrict their demands to consignments procurable from bullion dealers.

John R. McLean goes to the very core of the money question in short metre. "Intriguing men," he says, "are found who want to strip the government of that power (the power of coining and issuing the country's money) it has ever been their (the old monetarist intriguer's) aim to make a currency that should be as scarce as possible, with which to carry on the business of the country. They want that they should regulate the amount of money, and then fix the price at which the people could have that money."

Columbia, S. C., Oct. 11.—The state board of control was called to meet tonight to elect a commissioner. Messrs. Williams and Robinson were not here and no meeting was held. It was decided by some of the members that in view of Judge Aldrich's order, while it did not restrain the board, that it would be a courtesy not to elect a commissioner until after the decision in the Doubt case has been rendered. The commissioner's matter will hang over until after a decision.

It is said that Rudyard Kipling and Ernest Seton-Thompson met last winter, and spent an evening telling each other animal stories. The interpreter of the jungle wanted a story of a grizzly bear. Mr. Thompson had one ready for him. It took an hour to tell it. When he had finished, Mr. Kipling exclaimed: "That's fine, Thompson; why don't you write it?" Mr. Thompson has since written it, under the title of "The Biography of a Grizzly," and its publication will begin in the November number of The Century Magazine. It is the first long story by the author of "Wild Animals I Have Known." Needless to say he will illustrate it himself. The decorative arrangement of the pages will be the work of his wife.

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Notice of Registration.

The State of South Carolina—Sumter County—Office of Supervisors of Registration, Sumter County, Sumter, S. C., February 1st, 1899.

Notice is hereby given that in accordance with an Act of the General Assembly, and in conformity with the requirements of the State Constitution, the books for the registration of all legally qualified voters, and for the issuing of transcripts, etc., will be open at the office of Supervisors of Registration in the court house, between the hours of 9 o'clock a. m. and 3 o'clock p. m., on the first Monday of each month, until thirty days before the next general election. Minors who shall become of age during that period of thirty days shall be entitled to registration before the books are closed, if otherwise qualified. The requirements for a qualified voter are that the applicant for registration shall be able to read and write correctly, or possess in his own name property to the amount of three hundred dollars, upon which he pays taxes.

E. F. BURROWS, T. D. DEBOSE, J. M. KNIGHT, Supervisors of Registration Sumter Co. Feb 1

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