

Columbia's Spring Festival.

The spring festival of music and art to be held at Columbia, S. C., April 26 and 27 is an assured success and will be one of the greatest events ever convening in the south.

The Art League, under the auspices of the ladies of Columbia, will have on exhibition such specimens of work from New York, Philadelphia and Chicago as have never been brought south of the Mason and Dixon line before.

Mr. William H. Rieger, the tenor, has a voice of mellow quality which is seldom heard and his mezzo voice is of superb loveliness. The prices will be in reach of all.

The Drift to Town.

Col. J. B. Killebrew in Southern Farm Magazine of Baltimore for April: In the establishment of new colonies in the Southern States it will be well for those who are in charge of such work to provide for the social and educational advantages of the colonists.

Our Cotton Mills.

Some weeks ago one of our American correspondents drew attention to the very remarkable progress made recently by the cotton manufacturing interests in the Southern States. The movement is significant, not merely in relation to the general question of industrial advance on the other side of the Atlantic, but also because it raises the question of competition with England and other centers.

Accident to Telephone Lincman.

Greenville, March 30.—John Reynolds, a lineman of the Home Telephone Company, was dangerously hurt Thursday afternoon in a rather peculiar manner. He was standing at the foot of a pole on Pendleton street, when W. B. Irby, another lineman, who had gone to the top of the pole to straighten out a rope which had become tangled in the wires, lost his hold and came down from his 30-foot perch feet foremost.

London, March 30.—The parliamentary secretary of the foreign office, Mr. Brodick, replying in the house of commons today to a question on the subject, confirmed the reports that disturbances had occurred in the neighborhood of Tien Tsin, saying they were apparently caused by the secret societies.

Berna, Switzerland, March 29.—According to the Dolagoa Bay railroad award Portugal is condemned to pay 15,314,000 francs. The award, was given its long expected announcement late this afternoon.

Washington, March 3.—The navy department has just received from Admiral Watson a copy of the report made to him by Lieut. Gillmore of the circumstances attending the ambush and capture of the Yorktown's second cutter and crew, at Baler, April 12th, last. The report is a concise, plain, yet thrilling account of the strategy at the mouth of the river, which resulted in the loss of the lives of several sailors and the taking into an eight months captivity of the remainder of the little crew.

It is a refreshing in these days to know an instance in which genuine sympathy has been put to the test and stood firm. Such an instance is one in which the pocket book was touched, and when one's sympathy these days has control over his purse in such a matter it must be set down as a genuine article.

The announcement of the Honorable Colonizer Cole Loquacious Blesse, of the county of Newberry, for lieutenant governor, believs the rumor that the small fry politicians have deserted the bar-yard in the interest of governmental progress.—Anderson Intelligence.

A negro named Harris was lynched yesterday at Belair, Md. for rape. The Chickamauga monument commission met in Columbia yesterday and decided to give the contract for erecting the monument to the Stewart Contracting Co. of Columbia, their bid being \$8,750.

Honolulu, March 24, via San Francisco, April 1.—The board of health has practically decided that the plague has run its course. No cases have been developed for over a week. The members of the board now feel that the quarantine restrictions regarding the shipment of merchant dice from Asiatic ports will be rescinded.

A STORY OF DAN RICE.

The Great Clown Did Not Forget the Tent Man's Bill.

One story of Dan Rice, the veteran circus clown, illustrates his strict sense of honesty and gratitude for favors. Once he was stranded in Cincinnati, the story goes, and was unable to start a show on the road because he had no tent and could not raise money to buy one.

"I believe there is a lot of money in you yet," said the canvas man. "You take that tent and start your show, and if you ever get money enough to pay me for it the price is \$2,500."

Within two weeks Rice was on the road with a show and began a successful career. For 15 years he never referred to the tent, although he often met the man who made it. One afternoon he asked the tent man to be his guest at one of his shows, then in Cincinnati.

"By the way," added Rice, "here's that \$2,500 I owe you." He took a roll of bills out of his pocket and handed it to the tentmaker, who pocketed it without unrolling it. The old tent man loved to relate this story and always declared that the great men of this country were P. T. Barnum, John Robinson and Dan Rice.—New York Mail and Express.

THE BABY'S LITTLE JOKE.

It worried the Fat Man, but He Tried to Enjoy It. It happened in one of the late trains. Everybody was trying to get to sleep, and when the voice of a baby was suddenly lifted up in a robust wall it was not met with expressions of joy.

The child stopped crying as it took it and promptly dropped it again. The man, thinking it an accident, picked it up once more. This time the baby actually smiled, and as he threw it down audibly cooed with delight. The man looked distinctly uncomfortable and became interested in something outside the window.

She gave one awful glance at the baby and then leaned over to the stout man, back of whom she was sitting. "My dear sir," said she, "I have a violent headache, and I am in misery. Won't you please pick up that box again?"

SNOW FLIES. One of the strangest of all specks on snow is the snow flea—no mimic flea, but an actual living and very lively midge, whose swarms sometimes cover the snow in patches as black as ink.

Limits to His Gratitude. "I feel that I ought to make some acknowledgment to the people who were so kind to us during my late wife's last sickness," said Mr. Phroogle. "and I would like to have you insert this card of thanks in a prominent place in this week's paper."

Easy to Fix. "Awful affair at our hotel this afternoon. Cook got angry and cut the end of a waiter's nose off with a carving knife. But one of the guests fixed it up all right."

Every man is his own ancestor, and every man is his own heir. He devises his own future, and he inherits his own past.—H. F. Hedge.

THE EYES OF SNAKES are never closed. Alive or dead, sleeping or waking, they are always wide open.

THE JUDGE'S ADVICE

Given to a Man Who Wavered Between Religion and Politics.

A well known western representative in congress, pleading an engagement, left a small group of talkers in an up town hotel lobby, and an elderly man, whom he had introduced to the party, made bold to tell a story about the departed.

"I have known him," he said, "ever since he was a boy, and when he came out of college he was undecided whether to become a lawyer and politician or go to a theological seminary and become a clergyman." He was fond of politics and thought that with a little law and more religion on the side he might become a great moral reformer.

"However, before he had had time to determine finally what he would do, his friends came after him to run for the legislature, as he had the availability and a pretty fair amount of cash. This brought him face to face with the question he had been much disturbed over, and he went to Judge Blank, a veteran in politics and a man of the highest character, for assistance in solving the problem.

"My boy," he said, "as only he could say it, 'it can't be politics and religion. It must be one or the other. You can't fit yourself for heaven and for the legislature at the same time, and there's no use trying. That is all I can say, and you will have to make your own choice.'"—Washington Star.

A KAFFIR SMOKER.

The Native Women Are Enthusiastic Devotees of the Weed.

In South Africa the native women smoke incessantly. Your native servant smokes as she cooks and as she washes. The tobacco she likes is rank. The dainty cigarette an English or Russian lady of fashion enjoys, smoked through a quill so that no nicotine can stain either teeth or fingers, would be sneered at by a Kaffir.

The men Kaffirs are beyond tobacco. They smoke something so vehement that it makes them cough and splutter, lose their breath, choke and sneeze to an alarming degree. They like snuff, too, and are fond of offering and taking pinches of it ("schniff" they call it) when they meet and visit one another.

Regarding tobacco as too mild for their taste, the Kaffirs take another weed and smoke that. They proceed to arrange a smoking party by squatting on the ground and getting ready their "pipe," a cow horn with a thin tube in it inserted half way down at right angles to the horn. The end of the tube is in a basin, and it is from it that the smoker sucks the strong stuff that makes him incapable of anything but a series of coughs and chokes for some time after he has had his turn at the pipe, which is passed round from man to man until a perfect chorus of coughs rends the air.

The tobacco the Boers smoke looks like poor tea and is peculiar in flavor, yet Englishmen who have become used to it acquire such a taste for it that they never ask for any other kind.—London Mail.

Pictures—

The most popular pictures this season are the artistic and beautiful Platina prints and Artotypes. The Platina prints have all the fidelity to detail of a photograph as well as the finish and artistic value of a steel plate engraving.

We have recently added this line of pictures to our stock and we invite an inspection of our pictures. Many sizes, various styles of frames, and prices to suit.

H. G. Osteen & Co.

Notice of Registration.

The State of South Carolina—Sumter County—Office of Supervisors of Registration, Sumter County, 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.

Pretty Children Mother's Friend advertisement featuring an illustration of a woman and child. Text describes the benefits of the product for mothers and children.

A FINE PIANO, STEIFF PIANOS advertisement. Text describes the quality and features of Steiff pianos, mentioning Chas. M. Steiff.

MOTHER'S FRIEND advertisement. Text describes the product's benefits for mothers and children, mentioning a doctor's recommendation.

A. WHITE & SON, Fire Insurance Agency, ESTABLISHED 1866. Text describes the agency's services and contact information.

THE BRADFELD REGULATOR CO. ATLANTA, GA. Text describes the company's products and contact information.

FIRST NATIONAL BANK OF SUMTER. Text describes the bank's services and capital.

SOUTHERN RAILWAY. Text describes the railway's routes and services.

SAVINGS DEPARTMENT. Text describes the bank's savings services and interest rates.

Table showing Southern Railway Condensed Schedule in Effect Jan. 17, 1900. Columns include station names and times.

THE BANK OF SUMTER, SUMTER, S. C. City and County Depository. Text describes the bank's services and capital.

Table showing Eastern Time and Atlanta and Beyond schedules. Columns include station names and times.

ANTI-KINK advertisement. Text describes the hair care product's benefits.

Table showing schedules for various routes including Savannah, Atlanta, and beyond.

Will straighten curly and kinky hair without injury to the scalp or hair. Price 50c. per box. ANTI-KINK advertisement.

Table showing schedules for various routes including Savannah, Atlanta, and beyond.

Union Sets AND Garden Seeds. Text describes the products and contact information.

Table showing schedules for various routes including Savannah, Atlanta, and beyond.

Darragh & Rich, New York, Sole Manufacturers. Text describes the company's products and contact information.

Table showing schedules for various routes including Savannah, Atlanta, and beyond.

Medicines, Perfumery and Fancy Articles, Usually found in a first class Drug Store.

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J. F. W. DeLorme. Text describes the company's products and contact information.

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Life and Fire Insurance advertisement. Text describes the insurance services offered.

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Andrena Moses advertisement. Text describes the company's products and contact information.

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