

Seven Keys TO Baldpate
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haberdasher. "Look around for yourself. The inn's overrun with them."
Cargan leaned weakly against a chair.
"Well, what do you know about that?" he said. And they kept telling me Baldpate inn was the best place! Say, this is one on Andy Rutter! Why didn't you get it out and beat it?"
"How could I?" Mr. Bland asked. "I haven't got the combination. The safe was left open for me. That was the agreement with Rutter."
"You might have phoned us not to come," remarked Lou, with an uneasy glance around.
Mr. Cargan hit the mantelpiece with his huge fist.
"By heaven, no!" he cried. "I'll lift it from under their very noses. I've done it before. I can do it now. I don't care who they are. They can't touch me. They can't touch Jim Cargan. I ain't afraid."
(To be Continued.)

Surprising Cure of Stomach Trouble.
Jacob Hindelang, of Chelsea, Mich., was ill with stomach trouble and in such bad shape that he lived for two months on lime-water and milk. He then began using Chamberlain's Tablets. He says: "I am seventy-six years of age but never in my life used any medicine that cured in such a short time as Chamberlain's Tablets." For sale by all dealers.—Advt.

Plagah News and Views.
Plagah, June 1.—This, and the Smithville sections were visited by a heavy rain and wind on Friday afternoon last. The cloud came from the North and for a while it acted as if it would soon develop into a cyclone. Heavy hail devastated the crops around Smithville. How far the damage extended elsewhere I have not heard. The rain was badly needed, though the wind blew down trees, houses, fences and oats.

The closing exercises of the Rembert school took place Friday evening. Notwithstanding the bad weather quite a large crowd were present. Music for the occasion was furnished by Miss Jaunita McLeod and the Myers boys, who accompanied with their violins, the piano. It was very good indeed. The exercises of the children in acting and recitations were also good and showed careful training. Two of the pieces were exceptionally fine. Pantomime by ten young ladies dressed in white who sang "Jesus Lover of My Soul," and "Good Night," by a number of little girls prepared for bed in white, after which Davis D. Moise was introduced by the principal and made a fine address "On our Future Citizenship." He divided his subject into three parts, the past, the present, and the future, all of which were very practicable and appropriate for the occasion. Mr. Moise, while not known to all, made a most favorable impression and made many friends. After his address he presented a diploma to Miss Sadie Rogers, the only graduate of the school this year. She is one of the brightest, intellectual young ladies here and in all her acting and recitations showed careful training and culture. It is regretted that Mr. Kelley, the principal of the school, will not return another year.

Unequaled for a Bad Cold.
Ask anyone who has tried it and he will tell you that Chamberlain's Cough Remedy has never been equalled. Miss Clara Oster, House Springs, Mo., when speaking of this remedy, said: "I feel sure that Chamberlain's Cough Remedy is the best on the market to cure a cough or a bad cold on the lungs. I am only too pleased to say a few words in its praise." For sale by all dealers.—Advt.

SUMTER COTTON MARKET.
Corrected Daily By Ernest Field, Cotton Buyer.

Good Middling 13 1-4.	
Strict Middling 13 1-8.	
Middling 13.	
Strict Low Middling 12 1-2.	
Low Middling 12.	
Strict Good Ordinary 11 1-4.	
Staple cotton nominal.	

New York Cotton Market.
New York, June 1.

	Opening	Close.
July	13.20	13.34
Oct	12.72	13.01
Dec	12.81	13.04

An Excellent Cough Medicine.
The soothing and healing properties of Chamberlain's Cough Remedy makes it especially valuable for coughs and colds. It is pleasant and safe to take and contains no narcotic. For sale by all dealers.—Advt.

A pleasurable event given for the members of the high school graduating class was the commencement dance at the Army Hall on Thursday night following the close of the commencement exercises. There were a large number of dancers present, among them quite a number of the members of the graduating class, and the event proved most delightful to all.

Very Remarkable Cure of Liver Complaint.
Mr. Albert Walker, of Proctous, W. Va., suffered intense pain in the stomach and right side at intervals for fifteen years. He had consulted eight or ten physicians and while they all agreed that he had liver trouble, they failed to relieve him. He was eventually cured by Chamberlain's Tablets. If you have any trouble with your stomach or liver, these tablets will certainly do you good. For sale by all dealers.—Advt.

AN UNAVOIDABLE DISASTER.

SIR THOMAS O'SHAUGHNESSY TALKS OF ACCIDENT.

President of Canadian Pacific Declares Shortness of Time to Blame.

Montreal, May 29.—Sir Thomas O'Shaughnessy, president of the Canadian Pacific railway, issued this statement:
"The catastrophe, because of the great loss of life, is the most serious in the history of the St. Lawrence route. Owing to the distance of the nearest telegraph or telephone station from the scene of the wreck there is an unavoidable delay in securing official details, but we expect a report from Capt. Kendall in the course of the afternoon.
"From the facts as we have them it is apparent that about 2 o'clock this morning the Empress of Ireland, when stopped in a dense fog, was rammed on the port side by the Norwegian collier Storstad in such a manner as to tear the ship from the middle to the screw, thus making the watertight bulkheads with which she was provided, useless. The vessel settled down in 14 minutes. The accident occurred at a time when the passengers were in bed and the interval before the steamship went down was not sufficient to enable the officers to arouse the passengers and get them into the boats, of which there were sufficient to accommodate a very larger number of people than those on board, including the passengers and crew.
"That such an accident should be possible in the St. Lawrence and to a vessel of the class of the Empress of Ireland with every possible precaution taken by the owners to insure safety for the passengers and the vessel, is deplorable.
"The saddest feature of the disaster is, of course, the great loss of life and the heartfelt sympathy of everybody connected with the company goes out to the relatives and friends of those who met death in the ill-fated steamship."

PLEASANT GROVE SCHOOL CLOSURES.
Address by John J. McMahan Feature of the Occasion.
The Pleasant Grove School at Pleasant Grove, closed on Friday for the year, after a very successful term. The features of the occasion was an address by John J. McMahan, of Columbia, which was followed by a big picnic dinner, which proved delightful to the hundreds of pupils and patrons of the school in attendance.
Besides the address by Mr. McMahan, interesting talks were made by J. Frank Williams, county farm demonstrator, and Supt. of Education J. Herbert Haynsworth.

Misses Brower and Herbert are Entertained.
Last Wednesday evening the Girls' Embroidery Club honored two of their graduating members, Misses Cornelia Brower and Anne Herbert, by giving them a party at the home of Miss Mollie Bowman. About forty young people enjoyed the function from 8.30 into the late hours of the night. As the guests of honor were graduates a contest was held by making numerous words out of the word "Graduates." The couples participated in this and Miss Thomas and Mr. Stubbs were decided upon to be the best spellers by making the most words and were awarded the prize.
Then a conversational conversation reigned next. The conversation parts were of about ten minutes duration. In the meanwhile delightful refreshments of cream and cake were served by Misses Dickson and Bowman.
Rustic benches and chairs were popular, having been placed under the many trees of the wooded yard of this home.
The guests gave congratulations to the "sweet" girl graduates and left for their several homes after a very pleasant evening.
The out-of-town guests were: Misses Gertrude Wilson of St. Charles; Lucy Vance, Darlington and Claudia Darlington, of Laurens, and Miss Elizabeth Lucius of Elliotts.

The reports from the tobacco growing counties of the eastern section of the State coincide in the estimate that there will not be more than 60 per cent of an average tobacco crop made this year, as the consequence of the late spring and severe drought that has prevailed since planting time. Prices should be high and those who succeed in making a crop will be lucky.
All of the banks of the city will close on Wednesday, June 3, which is Jefferson Davis' birthday and a legal holiday in this State.
Marriage License Record.
A license to marry has been issued to Henry Lewis and Jessie McDonald, of Sumter.

ELK HEAD TO GATHER.

STATE CONVENTION TO BE HELD AT ANDERSON JUNE 18TH AND 19TH.

Entertainment Committee Preparing for Five Hundred Delegates at Buena Vista Park—Sumter to Send Delegation of Twenty Men—Program of Entertainment.

The State Convention of Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks will be held in Anderson on June 18th and 19th when five hundred delegates from the eleven lodges of Elks in South Carolina are expected to be in attendance. An elaborate program has been arranged for the occasion and the session will be without doubt the best which the South Carolina Association of Elks has ever had.
District Deputy L. H. Cary of Greenville writes to President Geo. D. Levy that Greenville will be on hand with a delegation of one hundred members of the order. Spartanburg will send seventy-five representatives, Gaffney expects to send a delegation of fifty men, including a drum and bugle corps of thirty pieces, this will be a new feature at an Elks' convention and is expected to be one of the pleasing features of the occasion. Sumter expects to send twenty delegates to the convention and other cities where there are Elk lodges will be well represented.
An interesting program has been arranged and the Anderson Elks are preparing to entertain their visitors in a royal manner. The chief feature of the convention will be the big parade of Elks in which five hundred or more will join. This parade will be headed by the Columbia drum and bugle corps.
The program, as announced by President Geo. D. Levy, is as follows:

June 17.
Business Session—4.00 P. M.
Meeting called to order by President Geo. D. Levy.
Invocation by State Chaplain, Rev. K. G. Finlay.
Calling roll of officers.
Calling roll of lodges and response by delegates.
Address of welcome by Gen. M. L. Bonham.
Response behalf State Association, L. H. Cary, District Deputy, Grand Exalted Ruler for South Carolina.
Appointment committee on credentials.
Adjournment.
6.00 P. M.—Automobile or street car ride over city.
8.30 P. M.—Informal smoker at Buena Vista park.

June 18.
Buena Vista Park.
10.00 A. M.—Business Session.
Invocation by Chaplain, Rev. K. G. Finlay.
Report of Committee on Credentials.
Reading minutes of last session.
Report of secretary-treasurer.
Report of executive committee.
Reading communications.
Unfinished business.
New business.
Election of officers.
Good of the Association.
Selection of next meeting place.
Induction of officers.
Adjournment.
12.00 Noon.—Parade.
2.00 P. M.—Barbecue and picnic at Buena Vista park, with Orr Mill band in attendance.

NEWS FROM CAPITAL CITY.
Electric Co., Chartered—Parr Mill Grinds On—Parr Shoals Formally Opened.
Columbia, May 30.—The Shores-Osborne Electric Co., of Spartanburg, with a capital of \$15,000, was commissioned this morning by the Secretary of State. The petitioners are R. A. Shores, Wallace Osborne, C. E. Rogers. The company has the right to build and operate electric plants, sell power, and do a general construction business.
Governor Blease has pardoned J. H. Vernon, a white man, who was convicted of larceny at Anderson in January, 1914 and sentenced to one year on the chaingang.
Nearly 800 people went to Parr Shoals today to be present at the formal opening of the power plant. A special train of seven cars carried the party, who were the guests of Mr. E. W. Robertson, and the officials of the Parr Shoals Co. Over 25,000 horsepower is generated at Parr Shoals, and the power will be used to light Columbia and nearby towns. A big barbecue and baseball game featured the day's exercises.
Washington, June 1.—The house today by a vote of 207 to nothing adopted the so-called compromise amendment to the anti-trust bill relating to the exceptions of the labor unions and farmers' associations.

FIRE DESTROYS RESIDENCE.

HOME OF MRS. F. H. DUNN ON HARBY AVENUE BURNED TO GROUND.

Loss Estimated at About \$12,000 with About One-third Covered by Insurance—Blaze Had Spread over Building Before It Was Discovered—Fire Boys Fight Hard and Prevent Flames from Spreading.

The destruction of the residence of Mrs. F. H. Dunne on Harby avenue last night shortly after 10 o'clock is the biggest loss by fire which has visited this city in several months. The flames caught under the tin roofing of the rear part of the house about 10 o'clock and had probably burned within the ceiling for some time before the fire was discovered, for the flames were breaking through the roof and spreading to the front portion of the building when they were discovered by a neighbor.
The family were sitting on the front piazza talking at the time and Mr. and Mrs. J. W. Bradford, who lived in two of the second story rooms were asleep when the alarm was given. Those downstairs barely had time to drag three or four trunks out of the house and Mr. and Mrs. Bradford escaped without saving a thing from the fire, not even having time to dress before they were driven out by the flames.
The alarm was telephoned in by Mr. A. M. Broughton and the fire department responded promptly. Had it not been for this quick work on their part it is probable that the fire would have spread and other buildings would also have been lost. However, as there seemed no hope of saving the Dunne building they turned their attention to saving the other adjacent homes from the blaze and worked faithfully in the scorching heat. Their efforts met with success and neither Mr. Broughton nor Mrs. Chandler, who lived on each side of the burning building lost their homes. The work of the department was highly complimented on all sides.
The flames were straight up in the air from the burning building and showers of sparks were sent up over nearby houses, which fortunately did not catch. A big crowd was attracted by the blaze and glare, but the crowd arrived too late to do any good in saving any of the furniture, for the flames encompassed the upper portion of the building in a few minutes after they were discovered and a few minutes later the plastering was falling to the floor below.
Mrs. Dunne stated this morning that her loss would probably be between \$7,000 and \$8,000 on the house and furniture, not including the insurance of between \$4,000 and \$5,000 on both. Mrs. S. A. Guill lost everything she had. Her loss was estimated at between \$3,000 and \$4,000 with about \$1,000 insurance. Mr.

Bradford estimated his loss at about \$500 with insurance covering about half of the loss.

DAMAGE BY STORM.
House Blown Down Near Oswego—Barn Blown Down Across Dalzell Road.
The storm Friday afternoon seems to have been pretty severe over the eastern section of the county, while it barely touched the western half of the county. East of Sumter there was a hard rain, while west of the city the rain was only a slight shower, or there was no rain at all.
Near Oswego the wind blew down a negro house in which were several negroes. However, no one was injured and all got out of the house safely after a passage for their exit had been cut.
On Mrs. Knight's place on the road to Dalzell, a barn and shed were blown down, the shed being blown across the public road so as to block it for some time.

Abstracts of New Requirements for Voting in the Primaries.
The State Democratic convention has declared existing rolls of Democratic clubs null and void.
Democrats must reenroll themselves on the book of the club district in which they reside in order to vote in primary next August.
White Democrats, 21 years of age (or those who will reach that age before the next general election) who have lived in South Carolina for two years, in the county six months and in the club district 60 days are entitled to enrollment on the book of their club district, provided they are citizens of the United States and of the State.
The book of enrollment for each Democratic club in the State will be opened by the secretary of the club on or before the second Tuesday in June, 1914.
Democrats who wish to enroll in order to vote in the primary elections must present themselves in person to the secretary and sign the roll, giving their age, occupation and post-office address and street and the number of their house where these designations exist.
In case he is unable to write, the applicant for enrollment must make his mark on the book of the club district in which he resides, and the secretary will put his name on the book. Notice will be given by county chairman of the names of the secretaries of clubs and where books of enrollment are to be opened.
The books of enrollment will be closed and filed with the clerks of court on the last Tuesday in July.

Marriage.
Married by Judge of Probate J. M. Windham Monday, Mr. William Frieron of Foreston, and Miss Blanche David of Alcolu.—Manning Times.

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