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South Carolina does not make any cigarettes, but she makes 'way with a few.

Senator Tillman has made a tour of the country discussing the negro "problem." Is it settled?

We invite all our friends to call in and see in operation the first linotype machine ever brought to Union.

A white man was hanged in Georgia last Tuesday—this happened occasionally in South Carolina.

Upon one point in President Roosevelt's message to congress we all agree: "The negro criminal is the worst enemy to his race."

We county editors are up against it. No free passes; so we cannot travel. And coal is so high we cannot stay at home. "Woe is us!"

Beautiful tribute was paid the deceased president of the Southern railroad last Sunday. Silence reigned for five minutes—silence which spoke volumes.

The work of raising money for the Confederate monument is progressing well. It should be the desire of every loyal person in Union to take a part in this work.

There has been considerable comment on the high taxes for this county. Treasurer J. H. Bartles is preparing a statement for this paper, in which will be shown the cause of this increase.

According to the figures given by Zacherliece on the consumption of whiskey in South Carolina each voter makes 'way with four gallons. Count out the farmers, Zacher, and how much have the booze artists to work on?

Troopers are grumbling at high taxes. This may be alright and you may have just grounds for complaint. Yet, how many grumble or even think about the tax they pay on poor roads? Your mud bog friend is one of the heaviest ones are bearing.

My son Young and Mr. H. L. Scott, who are now so deeply interested in their mining enterprise, make a most patriotic promise. Here it is: "If we strike a bonanza down there, we will pay off the debt of Union." Citizens, remember that and hold 'em to it.

The death of President Spencer is a loss. He was a man capable of great things—the results of his labor indicate that, and yet the fact that his death has not in the least retarded the workings of the system tends to show that the operation of this world's affairs does not depend on any one man.

The organization of a teacher's association in Union county was a move in the right direction. Organized effort is always effective in any undertaking and especially in school work. Let the teachers realize the importance of this opportunity to do themselves good, and get better results from their efforts.

The Methodist ministers who have been and county, on the first of the year, we wish to express our regrets and extend our best wishes for their future success in the fields. Your stay among us has been our gain and we hope your pleasure. You have

rendered us the highest service committed to man; you were noble citizens and true neighbors. We regret to lose you, but since keeping you is impossible, we wish you well in your new homes.

To those ministers who return for another year, we welcome you back again. Our hearts and homes are, as they have been in the past, ever open to you.

And to those who come to us for the first time, we extend double welcome. Union is a hospitable place, and there is no necessity for you to feel as strangers among us. Make this your home, claim us as neighbors and friends, and the year together will be both profitable and pleasant.

THE OLD ANTAGONISM.

The man with enemies is not necessarily a bad man. The man with many friends is not necessarily a good man. The truth is that every man that seeks honestly to do his duty will bring down upon his head the wrath of evil-minded individuals. The mere fact that honesty and sincerity condemn dishonesty and insincerity is sufficient to produce hatred on the part of the disreputable towards the reputable. It is not always easy to stand for those things that make for the good of humanity even when the many take their stand on that side; it is even more difficult to stand for the best things when the many take up the fight for evil things; but in every case the malicious and vicious will vent their wrath upon the head of the fearless defender of right. It is in the nature of things that this should be the case. And yet, there is this comfort to the man that does take his place on the side of righteousness: Sin is a cowardly thing. It cannot fight in the open. It prefers to fight under cover or to run away and await the coming of darkness to renew the battle. In the struggle for the good citizenship these same conditions prevail. In the war being waged against the whiskey curse it is manifested. Shall the man, therefore, who stands for good citizenship and against the whiskey curse shut his mouth because to open it means that he will call down upon his head the wrath of the lawless and the intemperate? Not so. There is strong consolation in the mere fact that one's life is projected upon the higher ideals. A fellow feels cleaner and his heart rejoices in the comfort that comes from seeking to do right, whether that cause brings scorn or approval upon his head.

PRESIDENT SPENCER.

The death of Mr. Samuel Spencer, president of the Southern railway, in a rear-end collision on the mainline of his own railway, is a calamity which has shocked and distressed especially the whole Southern country. For with the development of the South Mr. Spencer had been intimately connected.

The sad occurrence took place in the early morning of Thanksgiving day at Lawyers, Virginia. Mr. Spencer's private car, which was attached to one of the Florida-bound trains, being telescoped by the great engine which drew the Atlanta-bound "vestibule," so long the pride of the great system.

Samuel Spencer was a native of Georgia and, like most railway geniuses, had worked his way up from the bottom, and had come to be recognized one of the greatest railway presidents in America.

Tens of thousands of Southerners, as the news of the calamity flashed down the lines of the road, thousands who had never seen Mr. Spencer, felt a sense of personal loss at his death. The death of a man in his position unquestionably means more to the country at large than that of a private citizen.

Col. A. B. Andrews, the honored first vice-president of the system, and a veteran and shrewd railway genius himself, was tendered the presidency, but it is understood he refused it rather than move from his Raleigh home.

The distinguished dead was laid to rest in the family vault at Oak Hill cemetery in Washington. A great number of prominent people in railway and other circles throughout the country honored his memory by their presence.

"LOOK AT THE JUGS."

To all those who are constantly harping upon the "jug trade" that is going on in Union and who are therefore seeking to belittle our present prohibitory laws, we wish to put this question: Did you ever know it to happen in Union, in all the history of the past,

that a circus came to town and on that day not a single arrest was made? It never happened before the last circus. But it did happen then!

Did you ever hear of a man advertising his town by saying: We have whiskey shops and gambling dens to offer as inducements to people seeking a place to trade? You hear men say to the prospective settler: We have a good town; good schools, healthful climate, good water, good streets, churches and public buildings, and a citizenship noted for its hospitality. That is the way men put it. They do not dare to say that whiskey selling makes a good town. Some few do say that selling whiskey makes "business" good. But these deluded souls forget the condemnation their own words bring upon their heads. If it did make "trade" better the eternal question of right and wrong would still be to reckon with.

Doings at Lockhart.

Lockhart, Dec. 5.—Mr. S. E. Boney was with us last Sabbath and delivered an address at the Baptist church that was well received. It was laden with rich thought, conveyed in a vehicle of words well suited for the occasion. He dealt with God's word like an old veteran of the cross. Mr. Boney is a young man of much promise.

Mr. and Mrs. J. R. Garner, who were recently married at Westminster, are now with us again. Mrs. Garner, nee Miss Terrell, is very favorably known at this place, she having served as postoffice clerk for some time at the Lockhart postoffice.

I think I hear the inquiry, "How about the immigrants?" The immigrants are all right, appear to be giving satisfaction and to be very well satisfied. They appear to be orderly and industrious and are learning to talk our language.

Work is commencing in Mill No. 2, carding, spinning, spooling and slashing. Warping will commence in a short time and the looms will soon be in active operation.

Mr. Chas. McQueen, who for so long a time has presided over the spinning room, has moved to Cherokee Falls to take a similar position. It does not appear as yet who will wear his shoes. Mr. T. T. Howell is spinner pro. tem.

I cannot close this without saying something about the "night school." It is no trial affair with us, having been in operation for 6 months in the year for five years. It is being well attended by young men who desire to better their condition in life.

Wedding at Jonesville.

Jonesville, Dec. 4.—There was a quiet, but none the less beautiful, home wedding at the home of Mr. and Mrs. John H. Littlejohn, in our town, last Thursday, when their oldest daughter, Miss Mollie, and Mr. Hezekiah L. Spears, of Gaffney, were made man and wife, Rev. F. C. Hickson, of Gaffney, officiating.

Miss Littlejohn is one of Jonesville's most estimable young ladies and she carries the well-wishes of many friends here with her to her new home in Gaffney; and Jonesville's loss will be Gaffney's gain in this marriage.

Miss Julia Grace Littlejohn, who is teaching at Chesterfield, attended her sister's wedding.

Miss Teresa Omalley, stenographer for the Jonesville Manufacturing Co., in their office here, has resigned her position to take effect the 15th inst. She will return to the West.

Mr. James H. Alman, who is in a commercial college of Columbia, ran up and spent last Sunday at his home in Jonesville.

Mr. Baxter Mitchell, of Spartanburg, is visiting his cousin, Mr. N. S. Fowler.

Dr. F. M. Ellerbee to Wed.

Jonesville, Dec. 3.—Mrs. Addie B. Hames announces the engagement of her daughter, Miss Etha, to Dr. F. M. Ellerbee.

Miss Hames is a young lady of rare accomplishment and has filled several important positions in our town; such as teacher in the graded school, teacher in the Methodist Sunday school, organist of the Methodist church, secretary of the John Hames chapter U. D. C., and other positions. Dr. Ellerbee came to Jonesville more than a year ago and took charge of the Jonesville drug store, and he has established himself in the confidence of the people as an honorable Christian gentleman.

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Dwelling House Burned.

Pea Ridge, Dec. 3.—Business is very dull. The merchants in the country and in town say it is the dulllest time they ever saw for this time of the year. The farmers have gathered their short crop of cotton, and when the price reached 11 cents last week, what had not been sold was at once put on the market.

J. Wesley Isom, colored, had the misfortune to get his dwelling house and nearly all his household effects burned up by fire this afternoon about 3 o'clock. Wess is a hard-working and honest negro and was the only colored man who came out and voted at the general election in November. He voted the straight-out Democratic ticket. He deserves help from all who can give it, both white and colored. Wess was living on Mr. Sam Littlejohn's lands on Paeolet river, about three and one-half miles of Kelton.

Mrs. W. T. Aycock, of Walterboro, who has been visiting relatives in Kelton, returned home last week, accompanied by her sister, Miss Mittie Wood.

That Kick About Taxes.

Jonesville, Dec. 5.—Last week in my communication I spoke of tax being raised so much this year, and I will now give some evidence of the difference: One man's tax last year was \$56.75, this year on the same property it is \$95.09; another man paid \$28.00 last year, and this year it is \$65.00; while another paid \$25.00, and this year it is \$75.00. This seems to be too much of a jump all at one time.

For several days last week cotton brought 11 cents in this market and a great deal of it was sold. Telephone.

Rev. R. G. McLees Married.

Rev. R. G. McLees and Miss Julia Earle Thornwell were married last Thursday evening at the bride's home in Fort Mill. Rev. Mr. McLees is well known and much beloved here in Union. Miss Thornwell is the daughter of Dr. J. H. Thornwell, one of the greatest preachers in the Presbyterian Synod.

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