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**Local News Notes**

Dr. H. K. Smith left Sunday for New York.

Mr. Paul McNally made a trip to Columbia Tuesday.

Mr. R. M. Estes made a trip to Spartanburg Sunday.

Mrs. A. C. Cave is visiting relative in Columbia this week.

Mrs. James Mixson is in Columbia for the reunion festivities.

Mr. H. B. Murphy, of Cross Keys, was in Union Thursday.

Mr. Herbert Lindsay spent a few days in Columbia this week.

Mr. G. D. Smith, of West Springs was in Union Wednesday.

Mr. John Stewart was in Columbia, attending the Veterans' Reunion.

Mrs. Thos. H. Gore, of Jonesville, was in Union a day or two this week.

Mr. B. F. Alston, Jr., made a business trip to Columbia one day this week.

Misses Annette Bonham and Lily Hamilton are spending some time with Miss Blanche Garner.

Mr. R. M. Estes, the popular groceryman, is out after a three weeks' spell of sickness.

Mr. Hamilton Whiteside, of Lake City, Fla., was here this week visiting relatives and friends.

Mrs. Dora D. Powell left Monday for a month's visit to her son, Mr. J. F. Powell, at Hartsville.

Mrs. O. L. P. Jackson and little daughter are visiting relatives in Columbia this week.

Rev. J. C. Shive, of Clinton, will preach Sunday morning and evening at the First Presbyterian church.

Mrs. James Whitlock has returned to Jonesville after spending a few days with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Summer.

Mrs. Amelia Wicker has gone to the bedside of her aged mother, Mrs. Rebecca Cromer, at Pomaia, who is very ill.

Miss Minnie Scofield, who has been spending the winter in Union, has returned to her home at Davidson, N. C.

Miss Sadie Gist, of Carle, and the guests of Mrs. D. A. Gist for a few days last week.

Mrs. J. E. Wilson left for her home in Charlotte, N. C., Thursday after visiting her daughter, Mrs. W. D. Artler for two months.

Mr. Chas. F. Hart is seriously ill at his home in Union. His health has been poor for several months, and recently he has grown worse.

Mr. Jas. G. Long, Jr., left Tuesday for Charleston where he goes to represent Wallace Lodge, I. O. O. F. in the general meeting being held there this week.

Mr. John H. Hough, boss of the spinning room at Monarch Mills, left for Charleston Tuesday. He goes to the state convention, I. O. O. F.

On next Saturday Buffalo will play Paoclet on the home grounds. A train will be run leaving Union at 3:30 o'clock returning immediately after the game.

Mr. H. L. Scaife made a business trip to Columbia this week. He will return to Mexico in a few weeks. Mrs. Scaife and children are visiting relatives in Clinton.

Messrs. Manly Sanders, Will Bewley, Jack Askew, Fred Sexton, John Cannon, Walter Colton, C. L. Bryant made a short trip to Spartanburg Sunday.

Mrs. Katie Gallman, who has been with her daughters in Columbia, is at her home here on West Main street. She will possibly return to Columbia in a few weeks.

The editor of the Times acknowledges with thanks an invitation to be present for the unveiling of the Confederate monument, Jonesville, May 17, and the invitation is accepted gladly.

Mr. B. E. Waldrop, who has been with the U. & G. S. Railway Co., has accepted a position with the Metropolitan Life Insurance Company. Their offices are in Nicholson Bank building.

Mrs. S. S. McElroy, after spending several weeks in Charleston, where she attended the graduating exercises of the Medical college, in which class Dr. A. P. McElroy was a member, has returned to Union. --Evening Post.

The work of excavation for the new store to be built by Mr. Emalie Nicholson, adjoining the Union Drug Co's. store, has begun. The Union Hardware Co. will occupy this building. The Clarksons Hardware Co. will move into the store now occupied by the Union Hardware Co.

**A Blue Bird Convention.**

By J. H. Mitchell.

Some days ago there was a Blue Bird convention held on Scapeo'er Swamp, in Sumter county. The weather was very fine and there was a large number of Blue Birds present. They had come from nearly every county in the State. The attendance was large because the Blue Birds are so few as compared with a few years ago, and because there is a widespread fear among them that they may all die and there will not be a Blue Bird left.

The convention was held at the place I have named because a Mr. Blue Bird who lives there had sent messengers through the State leaving this announcement: "I request that every Blue Bird in every county shall meet his fellow citizen in some suitable field and elect delegates to a general convention to be held on Scapeo'er Swamp, to devise some plan for the preservation of our family."

In response to this call, they came in great numbers. They lost no time when they had assembled, but the leading Blue Bird mounted a high twig and made a simple but interesting speech. It was a very tender and sad speech, because it told of much suffering and death in the family about ten or eleven years ago. It was a deeply earnest speech, too, because the speaker really believed that the family is in great danger of being completely destroyed. While he spoke many of the delegates wept because of their sad condition. After this bird had finished his speech, he asked that one bird from each county would speak and tell in simple and honest way what he knew of their history and present condition. They all spoke of the awful suffering in 1895, and the many deaths from cold and hunger. It was shown in the speeches that nearly all Blue Birds die of cold and hunger or cruelty of people, or of stronger birds.

After all the speeches were made, they decided to have one of their number write a simple statement of the facts which they had spoken about, and to make an appeal for help to all kind-hearted and humane people. So a bright young fellow was appointed to do the writing and report early next morning. Then they adjourned and scattered over the field in search of food and slept in such places as they could procure. When they assembled next morning it was found on calling the roll that three of the birds had been destroyed by some wild animal.

The statement and appeal was read by the appointed bird and heartily approved. This is what he wrote:

"To all the people of kind and humane hearts: The Blue Bird family is in danger of being destroyed. We lead an innocent and simple life. We rarely eat anything except insects, and by nature cannot withstand much cold, so when the snows and freezes come we cannot easily secure food and soon die of cold and hunger. We never do the farmer or gardener harm, but always good. We never take his fruit but kill many harmful insects. There are many birds stronger than we which drive us from our nests or destroy our eggs or young. There are still other animals which feed on such helpless birds as we. Then there are bad and thoughtless boys, and even men, who do not regard our innocence nor value, that take our lives for what they call sport (which is a very mysterious word to us). From all these foes we need protection and there is no one except people of kind and humane hearts to help us. We appeal to you, therefore, to help us. Make us small homes and perch them on poles or posts where beasts of prey cannot readily find us. In these we will sleep in winter and raise our young in summer. Drive away the birds that would take our homes. Teach thoughtless boys and heartless men to be good. Do this for us and we will catch many harmful insects for you and make more beautiful and happy this great home of yours. You are our only friends; there is no one else to help us: we appreciate you."

Then they adjourned and flew away to their homes, happy in the hope that they would have many new friends.

**An Easier Trip.**  
 "The president of this road," remarked the man in the corner of the smoking compartment, "is one of those old fashioned railroaders. He began as a brakeman. Instead of riding over the line in a private car to inspect it, he walks over it." "I don't blame him," declared the man who was making his first trip on the road. --Cleveland Press.

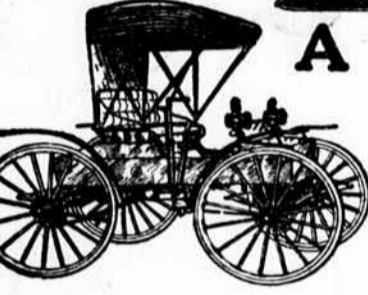
**A Lasting Impression.**  
 "Well, Bertha, I hear you met Mr. Cooke yesterday. Did you like him?" "Do you know, dear, he made an impression upon me that nothing will obliterate."  
 "Really! How--what did he say?" "It wasn't what he said; it was what he did. He spilled a cup of tea over my new white silk dress."  
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 "She married him to reform him."  
 "Did she succeed?"  
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