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THE LANTERN,
PUBLISHED TUESDAYS AND FRIDAYS.
J. T. BIGHAM, Editor and Prop.
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TUESDAY, JAN. 26, 1904.

In about 50 years from now everybody will be trying to make it appear that his granddaddy was one of the leaders in advancing permanent road building, and it will be safer to tell a man that his ancestors were Tories than to hint that any of them at a later date opposed the expenditure of money for making good roads.

When the bill, introduced in the senate, requiring railroad agents to post free of cost all judges and sheriffs when traveling on official business, comes up for consideration it should, of course, be amended. Other officials are likely to have their feelings hurt if such partiality is shown the holders of these two offices. The privileges of the bill should be extended to county clerks, treasurers, auditors, school superintendents, supervisors, coroners and perhaps grand jurors, while all the state officers, solicitors, members of congress and members of the legislature have official business and are occasionally forced to travel by rail. All they receive miserably small salaries, are pretty hard worked and entitled to the same gratis as any sheriff or judge.—The State.

Then the multitude of people who have no salary at all and have to nearly work their fingers off should have a little graft. If the bill can pass thus amended it ought to have the enacting clause amended to read:

We do not believe that the bill before the legislature to require railroads to carry free 200 or 250 pounds of baggage for each passenger ought to become a law. The railroads are required to carry bicycles, baby carriages and dogs, we believe, besides a liberal allowance of necessary baggage. If we load down passenger trains with freight we shall have trains often behind schedule—longer trains, heavier trains, slower trains, more dangerous trains. We should not object to the bill's being so amended as to forbid passenger trains to carry more than 100 pounds of baggage for any one passenger, even for pay, did it not interfere with the business of commercial travelers, who must necessarily have their sample cases transported on passenger trains, but this is legitimate freight, and it is an accommodation to these men and their houses to have it carried on the passenger trains, and they should not object to paying a reasonable rate for it. Of course they have personal baggage and should have as much as 400 pounds transported free.

It is understood that the bill is chiefly for the benefit of commercial travelers—and rich folks. The latter are able to pay. The gentleman of the grip have a pretty tough time of it, and we heartily sympathize with them, but charges on excess baggage is not one of their greatest hardships.

COLUMBIA LETTER.
 COLUMBIA, Jan. 25.—The legislature has got down to work and it was possible to get in the appropriation and supply bills this early in the session there is no reason why the general assembly should stay out of the constitutional limit of 40 days.

There have been several spirited debates during the three days in which the legislature was in session this week. After a hard fight against it by Senator Walker of Georgetown, the bill passed last year by the house prohibiting the exportation of shad from the state was passed by the senate. Doubtless the governor will be asked by the fishing people to veto it, as shad fishing is a large industry in this section, the importance of which is not known to the people of the up-country. Senator Walker explained how the shad nets are placed in the bays and rivers long enough for the big steamers to pass over them, a fact which shows that the nets do not keep fish from going upstream, as the advocates of the bill say. The support of this measure comes from the Pee Dee country where the people claim that the shad fisheries at Georgetown keep fish from coming up the rivers. Thousands of shad are shipped from Georgetown every week during the season to northern markets.

A long debate in the house was on the subject of farm labor con-

tracts. There is nearly every section a bill to punish violations of these instruments and as it is a very costly and unprofitable one, it tells the farmers there is always a great deal of date upon it, since every legislator has his own views on all matters that affect the farmers. The object of this bill, which was passed, is to protect the farmers from merchants who interfere with laborers in the middle of the year. The bill as amended reads:

"Any laborer working on shares of crop, or for wages in money, or other valuable consideration, under a verbal or a written contract on farm lands, who shall receive advances, either in money or supplies, and thereafter, willfully and without just cause fail to perform the reasonable service required of him by the terms of the said contract, shall be liable to prosecution for a misdemeanor; and, provided, the prosecution shall be commenced within forty days after the alleged violation, and, on conviction, shall be punished by imprisonment for 30 days, or to be fined in the sum of not less than \$50 nor more than \$100, in the discretion of the court; provided, the verbal contract herein referred to shall be witnessed by at least two disinterested witnesses; provided, that the contract shall be valid only between the original parties thereto and any attempted transfer or assignment of any rights thereunder shall be null and void."

Both houses have agreed to a resolution to investigate the advisability of the state establishing a fertilizer factory. There is a different measure in each house but both contemplate the use of the penitentiary convicts and the working of the phosphate beds owned by the state and now leased on royalties. The passage of the resolution does not mean that the legislature has committed the state to the scheme but only that the matter shall be investigated. If the enterprise were undertaken it would be necessary to take the convicts from the state farms, which would entail the sale of those farms. The object of the agitation, of course, is to secure cheaper fertilizers, and the Virginia-Carolina Chemical company, the fertilizer trust, is the target aimed at.

Mr. Tribble's bill to exempt Confederate soldiers and sailors from paying license, which had received an unfavorable report, came up for discussion in the house. Dr. Tribble sought to strike out the enacting words. Tribble explained that there is a law exempting veterans from license in the counties, but this does not apply to towns. Mr. Mauldin disavowed any unfriendly spirit toward the Confederate soldiers; he was one himself, and would go as far as any other man toward helping them, but the bill does not discriminate between rich and poor, and there are ex-Confederates who are wealthy merchants. The bill was amended. Tribble's bill was amended. Mr. Mauldin's objection was passed.

There have not been a great number of new bills introduced this session, and many of these are local measures.

For Sale—Fine pigs, Early King cotton seed. J. G. L. White.

Rev. and Mrs. Reeve, of Jersey City, are spending a short winter vacation with Mr. Charlie McAllister. They will doubtless enjoy our fine climate when they read of the freezing blizzards at home.

Letter to W & E H Hardin.
 Dear Sir: Your business is, when a house burns down, to give the owner some money to build a new one. It is a good business. I trust that the world goes on so long without it.

We paint the one that burns down and the new one too. What is better, we paint the houses that don't burn down.

You insure the houses that burn; we insure the houses that don't. You have the ashes and smoke; all the houses are ours and it costs twice as long as lead-and- zinc. Nobody wants poor paint; there's lots of it, though, in the world.

A. M. Griffin, Plainfield, N. J. writes:

"Mr Aaron Higgins, of Plainfield, N. J., has been insured by me for his house. Last Spring he had 15 gallons of Devco and had 4 gallons left."

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We give you our word, and you need have no hesitation about taking it—it's as good as our bond. When you come to us to make a purchase you place your interests in our hands, and if we betray those interests you won't come again. We wish to make it clear that you'll come here every time you want drugs. Here are some figures which beat even our lowest record, etc.

Yours for business,
JOHNSTON & GUY.

Auction Sale of Shorthorn Calves And Bulls.

I will sell to the highest bidder on Saturday, Jan. 30, 1904, at John Frazer's stables, Chester, S. C., 40 head of registered heifers and bulls. This car load of calves was selected with great care from the herds of the best breeders of east Tennessee and South-West Virginia and are all descendants of the imported bulls of the Stewart Land and Cattle company.

Each calf will be inoculated by a veterinarian (against fever) before day of sale.
 Sale positive, rain or shine, Jan. 30, at 11 a. m.
JACOB THOMAS,
 Bristol, Tenn.

Valuable City Property For Sale.

A Chance to Buy Property That Will Increase in Value.
 On Monday, the 1st day of February, 1904, at eleven o'clock a. m. I will sell public outcry, before the Court House door, to the highest bidder, the following described real estate, situate in the city of Chester:

1. All that lot of land, with the dwelling house thereon, on the East side of Columbia street, containing one and one-fourth acres, more or less, bounded by the Southern Railway, lot now or formerly belonging to the McAffery estate, usually known as the Purvis Alexander lot.
2. All that lot, with the brick store room thereon, on the corner of Main and Wylie streets, fronting on Main street, bounded by said streets, and lot of George W. Gages, containing 39 poles, more or less.
3. All that lot with the three house thereon, on the corner of Main and Wylie streets, fronting on Main street, bounded by said streets, and lots of Childs & Edwards, and lot conveyed by me to Mrs. Hood. This property is commonly known as the Hunter Corner.
4. That lot of land, with the houses thereon, on the south-west side of Wylie street, north of the Seaboard Hotel, bounded by Seaboard and Pine Railways, Center street, lands formerly belonging to T. B. Stringfellow, containing 3 acres and 22 poles; this lot commonly known as the lot of Clenderson New.
5. All that lot of land on the north-east side of Wylie street, containing two acres, three rods and thirty-two poles, bounded by Wylie street, land of Robertson Air Line Railroad, lands of Carter Ross, et al, being lots No. 3, 4, 5 and 6 in the division of the lands of Horton Henderson, deceased. On this lot there are seven houses containing three rooms each, and one house containing two rooms.

These lots will be subdivided into smaller lots hereafter and the day of sale. Plans of all this property can be seen at my office, I will take charge of the sale, and will allow any of the said lots to any person desiring to inspect the same. Terms of sale, one-half cash on the day of sale, the balance on a credit of twelve months from the date of sale, to be secured by bond of the purchaser, and a mortgage of the premises, with assignment of all necessary policies for two-thirds of the value of the buildings on the premises. Purchase money to be paid in necessary bills. The purchaser may anticipate any or all of the above conditions.

J. L. GLENN,
 Trustee.

Notice of Annual Meeting.
 The Spratt Building and Loan Association will hold its regular annual meeting at the court-house on Tuesday evening, 9th February, at 7:30 o'clock. A full attendance of the members requested.

The books are now open for subscriptions to series number 11.
 Parties wishing to make subscriptions to said series, or information in regard thereto, can call on any of the undersigned officers and directors of the association:

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 We have quite a large stock of IRON BEDS on hand and for the next few days, we will give 10 per cent. off.

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 If you need anything in MATTINGS our line is complete and at right prices.

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 We have a full line of Samples of BRUSSELS and INGRAIN CARPETS. Will be glad for you to call and see them or we will send them to your home if you desire.

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Least Money.

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We will always have something Cheaper and Everything as Cheap.

For the present and until further notice we will sell the
 Finest Whole Head Rice 14 lbs for \$1.00.
 Splendid Standard 3-lb Tomatoes at 10 cents.
 A splendid 3-lb Standard Dessert Peach at 15c.
 For one week only, a splendid Loose Roasted Coffee, 9 lbs for \$1.00.

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We Have Everything Kept in a First Class Grocery Store, Heavy and Fancy.

Just received one car Corn Meal, one car Flour, one car Cotton Seed Meal, one car Molasses, one car Seed Oats.

TO THE FARMERS. If you haven't seen Alexander on Molasses, Tobacco, Meal, Corn, Oats, Bacon and Game you had better see him. Remember our motto, "Best Goods and a Little Cheaper." If I haven't mentioned it it's because I haven't the space. Call us up over the phone and get the price or you may be the loser.

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 Four or five home-raised mules, broke and unbroken, 3 to 8 years old. Also one fine Spanish buck, 10 years old, 16-18 hands high. Above stock guaranteed to be all right. Will sell for cash or good notes. Apply to
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