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**THE LANTERN.**  
PUBLISHED TUESDAYS AND FRIDAYS.  
J. T. BIGHAM, Editor and Proprietor.  
Printed at the Postoffice of Chester, S. C., at No. 101 Main street.  
FRIDAY, FEB. 23, 1906.

**Did The Observer Rejoice?**  
The Abbeville Press and Banner will be in danger of a libel suit from the Charlotte Observer learns that it has been notified by the latter.  
Only a few weeks ago, or possibly three months ago, the whiskey shops of Chester, S. C., were closed by the Charlotte Observer and prohibitionists in this state, raised a mighty shout of rejoicing.  
"Even the Charlotte Observer who led the prohibition rejoicing is getting sober." As his reasoning power seems their light begins to dawn, and he begins to see things as they are.

Why, dear contemporary, don't you know that the Observer has never "sober" all along? It has never been one of those "non-descript" assailing the name of prohibitionists. If ever needed any light to dawn, it has lived in the light, and had light to spare. It knew before the saloons were closed that the prohibitionists were a failure, and it did not require a week after the closing for it to convince itself that its prediction had been verified. Before the election it was so much concerned with "Individuals claiming to be prohibitionists" that it tried to save them from their own folly, but there were 48 too many of them, and on July 5, 1904, with the recklessness of their forefathers, they adopted another declaration of independence. On July 1, 1905 they did the same thing, but raised a mighty shout of rejoicing and published a little book telling what good things prohibition had done for them. On July 1, 1905, they were still enjoying that bliss which makes it "folly to be wise," that they may have had some forebodings when the "light begins to dawn."

The Charlotte Observer is a capital paper in most respects, but this is the first time we have ever known of its being accused of rejoicing over the closing of the whiskey shops.  
The Press and Banner should outline in its next paragraph, which it copies from the Charlotte Observer, by way of the Rock Hill Herald, the Observer does not touch for the alleged reason that it is a copy of the dispensary, but makes its statements on the authority of "a gentleman very high in municipal politics." It is this gentleman who tells us that he observes that "a gentleman very high in municipal politics" classed with the dispensaries "all, or practically all, of the saloon men."

A few more days and Mr. and Mrs. Lawrence will be out of the state, a consummation for which they will probably be devoutly grateful.  
Mr. A. M. Altman in a card to the State House that the three elements referred to by Senator Tillman in his interview a few days ago be represented in the race for the senate. If this was the case, the three elements there would be the hot time presaged by the senator's remarks.  
The General Assembly has been criticized a great deal and not without cause, but the merit of what it did so far, so far as the prohibition case is concerned, is that it has pretended to accord these people some kind of protection, has been, we fear, somewhat negligent of their needs.

It has been brought to light that several deaths have been caused in York county, are the only Indians in the entire county who are not under the protecting wing of the U. S. government. The state has not the case, for the state which has pretended to accord these people some kind of protection has been, we fear, somewhat negligent of their needs.

How the American public really has been humbugged is shown by the case of Charles Richards, which is shortly to be called in Asheville. This man by merely pretending to foretell the future, to point out the hidden place of buried treasure, to reveal the estranged, hoarded millions and secured them of thousands of dollars.  
Gen. Chas. H. Spurgeon, for twenty years consecutively a member of the House from Ohio, has been defeated for re-nomination. As the boom times of President McKinley and the establishment of the Republican party in forecasting election results, Gen. Spurgeon had become a national figure.

By the inaction of the Legislature the state will shortly be called on to settle a matter which should have been already settled, namely the much needed dispensary question. The voters would have welcomed some real legislation, and almost any dispensary law would have been preferable to the present state of affairs. The voters would have been glad to see some real legislation, and almost any dispensary law would have been preferable to the present state of affairs.

Now that the Legislature has adjourned without taking any action at all on the dispensary bill it is time to refer the bill to the voters of this county. It is time to refer the bill to the voters of this county. It is time to refer the bill to the voters of this county.

**The chief justice of Alabama was sworn in yesterday, the oath being administered by Miss Mamie O'Fallon, the geographer, who is a notary public.**  
The continued decline in the price of cotton has brought about the farmer to cut down their acreage. Not until the crop is brought within bounds will there be a reigning good price for the staple.

The rubbish cart which the city has lately put on the streets is quite an addition to the street cleaning department. It traverses the business district several times each day, and removes the rubbish which so quickly accumulates. The appearance of the streets since the introduction of the cart is an argument sufficient for its continued existence. It is complained, however, that some business houses, in unloading goods, just after the cart has passed, unnecessarily litter the streets with paper, excelsior and other refuse. All the city authorities are doing is keeping the streets clean, and as far as practicable, unloading should be done at the rear, but a little care will do much to make "a city beautiful."

The interesting little village of Fort Lawn has undergone a complete transformation as the result of the establishment of the mammoth power plant at Carolina Falls. For years the terminus of the Great Falls Railroad which has just been completed, and is therefore the depot of supplies for the entire section. It is a drowsy little village there is bustle and confusion now as the cars roll in, and a great crowd of passengers dismounting and entering a great number of laborers arrive almost every train, and it is expected that the force, which already numbers about 1,000 hands, will soon be swollen far more than that number. The establishment of the plant has already worked wonders in and around Fort Lawn and the Falls, and when the full effect will be far more widespread.

One of our citizens, referring to Mr. Wylie's comments on the planting of trees along our streets, expressed surprise that he should be so far behind his father in the spirit of civic improvement. For late Dr. Wylie, he says, did a great work in planting trees and in inducing others to do so. Many beautiful shade trees in Chester are due to his noble efforts and his intelligent interest in industry. He set out, on his own lands, some of the trees on Wylie's farm, and he has been the did some of those in his neighbors' yards. Two or three in Mayor Hardin's yard were put there by his hands, and he is further to be commended for his very busy town in Dr. Wylie's time, drawing business from large sections of country, extending all over North Carolina, but ending only at Fort Lawn. By the way, the young trees on Gadsden street were set in post holes, in the mayor's absence, and not according to custom.

**Butler Alexander is Dead.**  
Butler Woods Alexander died about 12:40 this morning. Funeral service will be held at the residence of Mrs. Della Alexander, mother of the deceased, at 9 o'clock, Monday, Feb. 20, assisted by Rev. J. S. Moffatt, D. D., dictated by Revs. J. S. Snider and James Russell. The pallbearers will be Messrs. W. H. Alexander, J. H. White, Harry Hand, Harry Withers, Edward Crawford, Jr., John McKeown, Jr., Steele Caldwell, Malcolm Butler.

Butler was seized with pneumonia on Tuesday, the 13th inst., and the disease was malignant and obstinate and ran its course with the most diligent medical attention and nursing could do little more than give temporary relief. The trials of the pneumonia were long and painful, but other organs than the lungs became involved.

Butler was in his 18th year since July 23, 1905, and was a son of the late N. Palmer Alexander, who died several years ago. He was a man of generous, noble hearted young man, of the character, loved by everybody who knew him. As clerk in the store of J. E. Alexander and later in the store of Jos. Wylie & Co., he was very popular and sought out by customers.

Herewith this is written with a heavy heart. Next to one's own children, one mourns the death of his next door neighbor's children, who are grown up with him, and who see their playmates from early childhood and treated around the home as little different from members of the family. Butler was a bright, cheerful, and one little brother having died 11 years ago.

**WANTED**—50 girls to operate sewing machines. Apply to Mrs. W. H. Campbell, 1-16-17.

**Suit in Magistrate's Court.**  
Magistrate McLeod's attention was occupied Tuesday with the hearing of the case of Mrs. Manda Gladden vs. Mrs. W. H. Breckman. The plaintiff alleged that Mrs. Breckman was in arrears for board and also owed her a certain amount for nursing charges for the damages for the amount of \$23.17; the jury awarded her \$17.50. Mrs. Gladden was represented by Messrs. J. H. Martin and J. H. Breckman. The case was argued by W. H. Newbold, Esq.

**Claver Set of Swindlers.**  
Thanks to the fine work of Mayor Hardin and the local police force, a wholesale attempt to swindle the people of this city and county has been unseated and promptly brought to naught. It seems that several weeks ago an agent purporting to be a representative of Prof. Miller, of Columbia, appeared in this city soliciting work for his patron, who he said made a business of arranging pictures. He invariably succeeded in securing the work on these terms, adding that there was a small set for framing the pictures, but that a person was not compelled to take the frame unless he desired. According to his story another representative was to follow him in a few weeks to secure details as to color of hair and eyes for pastel work.

A few weeks rolled by, and a few days after the other representative appeared in the person of Frank McKinnon, who told various contradictory stories about his house and the terms of which the advance agent had secured the work. He announced himself as prepared to gather the details for the pastel work and also stated that the man taking orders for frames for the work when told of the other man's proposition he repudiated it, and seemed to have no authority whatever to make any such arrangement. By dint of argument, threat and flattery he succeeded in securing a string of names, all at once entering into the use of reason. Where persons refused to buy frames he charged a small sum before he would surrender the photograph given to the advance agent.

He imposed upon a number of ladies, not without arousing their suspicion, however, and the matter came to the attention of the mayor when apprised of the facts in the case. Mr. Hardin and his force were not slow to act, and the fellow was soon in the mayor's hands. He was found to be the author of only a few victims were known, and \$14.50, the aggregate of the amounts that he had received, was accepted as a fine. He was yesterday morning was pointed as the time for the trial of the case.

McKinnon evidently considered the blows as lighter penalty than he would be likely to receive in the mayor's court, and he was conspicuous by his absence. To some one at the depot he was taken, and he was a desperate man and that he would soon return to right the wrong impressions that have got out, but who saw him first set on the train made him as they believed a last fare well.

It is believed that the scheme has been thought quite generally throughout the county, but it is hoped that the majority of those engaging in the pictures have not been so unwise as to surrender any cash to this set of swindlers.

Miss Annie C. Hardin spent Wednesday with relatives at Beacomville.

Mrs. E. M. Cross went to Rock Hill to spend a few days with her mother, with her daughter, Mrs. Avery.

Mr. R. A. Love went to Columbia Wednesday and returned yesterday afternoon.

**OPERA HOUSE.**  
The opera house is spending a few days in Rock Hill with Mrs. W. H. McPherson.

Mr. T. W. Tru came up from Columbia a few days ago and moved his family to that city yesterday.

Mrs. J. W. Means and children have returned from a few weeks' visit to Columbia.

Miss Belle Simril arrived home from Norway this morning to spend until Monday with her father, Mr. J. R. Simril.

Mrs. Robert Anderson, of Mt. Prospect, went to Fort Mill this morning to spend a few weeks with her niece, Mrs. E. R. Patterson.

Mr. and Mrs. R. A. Patrick and daughter, of White Oak, came up this morning to spend a few days with Dr. and Mrs. J. G. Johnson.

Mr. Alex Fowell, of Blackstock, was in the city a few hours this morning on his way to Clinton, to see his brother, who is unwell.

Mrs. J. R. Miller and two little sons, of Rock Hill, spent yesterday with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. William Lindsay.

Mr. W. E. Campbell spent yesterday in Monroe, where he had been called as a witness in a railway case. The case, however, was postponed till next week.

Mrs. J. G. L. White left for Gastonia this morning to spend until Monday with her daughter, Miss Mary White, at Lion's Landing. From there she will come to Yorkville to spend a few days with relatives.

Washington's Birthday went without special incident locally. The graded school observed a half holiday and school was held on Tuesday. The day was a day of rest.

**FOR RENT**—Room cottage on Academy street. All conveniences. Apply to Mrs. W. H. Campbell, 1-16-17.

**Clavish Club Meets.**  
The Clavish Club met with Miss Ella Fretwell Saturday afternoon at 4 o'clock.

**Harvie Jordan to Speak.**  
Mr. T. J. Cunningham has received a telegram from Mr. F. T. Wadsworth, announcing that President Harvie Jordan of the Cotton Association will speak in Chester on Monday, March 5th. Let all the farmers arrange to hear him.

**Wagon Stolen at the Falls.**  
L. W. Williams, colored, was brought to the city yesterday and lodged in jail. He is the survivor from a gun-shot wound in the shoulder, which he received in a general fight at the Falls Wednesday. He is not at all decided as to who shot him, and it will probably never be known as a number of negroes were engaged to the fight.

**Bold Attempt at Housereaching.**  
Some one attempted to enter the home of Mr. Monroe Minor on State on Lane last night. Shortly after the family had retired the miscreant tried to make an entrance from the rear, attempting to break in at several doors and windows. Mr. Minor was unwell and therefore unable to get up immediately and drive the intruder away. Finally, however, the family awoke, and the fellow fled.

**In the Mayor's Court.**  
L. W. Williams, the Springfield mill operative who a few weeks ago fired several shots at Will Key, and who has since been evading the officers of the law, has settled his account with the city by the deposit of a bond. He got up \$200 to guarantee his presence on the charge of carrying a concealed weapon and \$5 to cover the charge of disorderly conduct. He is now in his appearance at the time scheduled for the trial, and the money forthwith went into the city treasury.

George Coumar, colored, has been earning a livelihood by stealing brass from the mills and railway shops, but he was detected a day or two ago, and now he is giving an exhibition of muscular energy on the public works. When the thirty days expire George will be sent to the penitentiary, which will probably cause him to spend thirty more days with Superintendent McKeown.

Joe Browning and Frazar Johnson, two well known street Arabs, were before the court yesterday morning on the charge of stealing chickens. There was no doubt as to their guilt, and the mayor fined them \$10 each, with the alternative of 30 days on the public works.

Miss Lena Mills is visiting friends in Barrowville.

Mrs. A. G. Brice spent Wednesday with her niece, Mrs. C. C. McCallie, at Evans.

Miss Mabel Johnson came home from Charlotte yesterday evening to spend a few days with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. W. G. Johnson.

Miss Mildred Patterson has returned from a two weeks' visit to her brother, Mr. Giles Patterson, at Mullins, S. C.

**WANTED**—For U. S. army, able-bodied, unmarried men between ages of 21 and 35 citizens of United States, of good character and temperate habits, who can speak, read and write English. For information apply to Recruiting Officer, 15 West Trade St., Charleston, S. C., or Glenn Building, Hickory, N. C., or Glenn Building, Spartanburg, S. C. 1-14-13m

**Money to Loan On Real Estate TERMS EASY.**  
**JOHN M. WISE, Atty.**

**NOTICE.**  
In re Estate H. C. Brawley, dec'd.  
All persons holding claims against the estate of H. C. Brawley, deceased, are hereby notified to present the same, properly sworn to, to me or to my attorneys, Caldwell & Gaston, Chester, S. C., and all persons indebted to said estate are hereby requested to settle at once with my said attorneys or myself.  
J. C. McCARLEY, Adm'r.  
Bulloch's Creek, S. C.

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**"The Convict's Daughter."**  
A large and well planned audience greeted the first presentation of "The Convict's Daughter" at the first four performances at the Bijou Theatre last evening. Every seat was taken, and the audience was so large that the manager was obliged to place those who remained in the gallery. A stirring melodrama, containing blood and tears, which has a human interest in the story of a life. "The Convict's Daughter" is an act number which appears especially to the young people of the city. Through the story of a young girl who is abandoned by her father, she is rescued by a convict, and through the mechanism of a melodrama, she is reunited to her father. The play is a masterpiece of dramatic art, and is a most interesting and profitable entertainment. It is a most interesting and profitable entertainment. It is a most interesting and profitable entertainment.

**Back Seats—Single and Double Brested**  
RECEIVED BY  
John...  
Mr. Lawrence Webster, of Postville, spent several days with his mother, Mrs. Amanda Bigham, who is quite sick at the home of Mrs. M. M. Stewart.

Mrs. R. B. Bigham and son, Master John White, of F. D. No. 1, expect to go to Ocala, Florida, this afternoon to spend a week with Mrs. Wanda Bigham Ferguson and other relatives at Edgewater.

Mrs. Tom Stewart and two sons, Mrs. Mills Crawford and baby, were in the city yesterday. Mrs. Stewart and children returned in the afternoon. Mr. Crawford and Mr. Ernest Innesworth went over Saturday evening and returned with Mrs. Crawford Monday evening.

Mr. and Mrs. J. E. Dye came over from their school at Whitmer yesterday afternoon for a two days' visit to her parents, Mr. and Mrs. W. S. Hall. They, like a number of other teachers, taught yesterday and are taking holiday today. Mr. Dye was accompanied by his friend, Mr. John Faint, and they have gone to the country for a hunt.

**Visiting Hours.**  
Visiting hours at Magdalen Hospital are 10 to 11 a. m. and 4 to 6 p. m.

**Card of Thanks.**  
The dear friends who were so kind to us during the illness and death of my daughter will please accept my deepest gratitude for their kindness. May Heaven smile upon you all.  
Bessie F. Lewis  
J. S. Lewis

**Notice Final Discharge.**  
On March 24, 1906, I will make my final return as guardian of Fannie Ehrlich and apply to the probate court for letters of final discharge.  
M. S. LEWIS,  
9-22-104 Guardian Fannie Ehrlich.

**Shad! Shad!**  
Where at? Why, down at the old Bohle Die A. Fish and Oyster Department. We handle all the best grades of Fish and Oysters that can be had on Chester's market. We handle from the smallest to the largest fish for the country. Trout, Blue Crabs, Spots, Whiting, Black Brim, salt and fresh water fish. Also the Spanish and King mackerel. We handle over 100 different varieties of fish. We are headquarters for all kinds of fish. We also clean your fish without extra charge. Nothing to do but cut them up and put them into the pan. We clean a bunch of fish for you, and we clean and Spanish Mackerel of Saturday. We have something fresh to eat every day. Call on us for fresh fish. We produce a specialty. Sausage of all kinds. All of our fish are fresh. All fish must be paid for before leaving store. Thanking you all for past patronage, we remain your humble servants for business.

**Johnson & Co.**  
Phone No. 234.  
Corner Gadsden and Wylie Streets.

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**S. M. JONES & COMPANY.**  
**An Appeal to the City Council**  
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