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BILL ARPS' PEAFOWLS.

Cause the Neighbors Trouble—And He Gets an Anonymous Letter.

BILL ARPS in Goldsboro's Health.

"Sic utre tuo ut alium non toedat," which means if your chickens get in your neighbor's garden he must sic the dog on 'em, or words to that effect. Yesterday I received a kind letter from some unknown friend saying that our peafowls were annoying the neighboring gardens and if they were not put up with they would be killed. I was ruminating about this anonymous letter and my opinion is this is not the best way to make a complaint. Our neighbors are all good and kind to us, and I supposed it was the fear of giving offense that kept the writer's name from the letter but I really would have felt better if the writer had told me face to face about the peafowls. As it is, I am afraid several neighbors have been feeling unkind and I don't know who to apologize to. My wife has told me several times that she feared the peafowls were trespassing and that we had better get rid of them.

Well, we have had four or five every year for twelve years and they never did any serious harm to our own garden—not half as much as some of our neighbor's chickens and dogs have done, but folks are folks about such things, and nobody likes to have other folks' birds and quadrupeds prowling around. The peafowl is such a nice, pretty, aristocratic bird that we thought the neighbors would like to see them occasionally, and if they behaved badly a few stones and cloths and sticks and womanly "shoo's" would drive them away for good, for they are timid and easily insulted. As for putting them up, we can't do it, for we can't catch them and they roost so high we can't reach them. A colored Methodist preacher could'n't. And so when I got the anonymous I engaged a friend to come and shoot them in the treetops, but they had flown away before he got here. We then baited them into the workshop and finally caught them and have sent them to the country where neighbors are not so near or so anonymous.

The peafowl is a historical bird. Solomon sent his ships to Tarshish and brought back ivory and gold and peacocks. And the Lord said unto Job: "Who gave to the peacock his goodly wings." It is said to be the most magnificent of all birds; its form is elegant, its movements graceful; its plumage resplendent with tints of green, golden bronze and blue; its long bushy tail is beautiful beyond description with its iridescent hues, velvet centers and brilliant eye spots. In their incomparable robe we find all that glistens in the rainbow and sparkles in the mine—the azure tints of heaven and the emerald of the fields. Now, isn't it a pity to kill a bird like that? And yet the ancient Romans killed them for their brains, and it took 1,000 to furnish enough for a great entertainment.

The peafowl is a gallinaceous bird, but not graminivorous. How's that? It belongs to the polypectron genera of the sub-family of pavonine. Just think of it. The bill is moderate with the base of culmen elevated, the apical half arched and vaulted; tarsi long and strong, spurs conical, anterior toes united at the base and the tarsi in the females tuberculate. Mirable dictu! Some people don't know all that. Maybe my anonymous friend didn't know it or he would have had more consideration for the bird. Their food is grain, seed and insects, but they are non-scratchers. They can't scratch for their legs are not built that way. They sing but one song and that song has but one short strain of two short notes that sound like "paon," and that word is its French name. There if not much melody in this

song, especially when oft in the stilly night it tries to play upon its grammophone and begins and finishes with a wild Camanchee screech. Like some children, they are to be seen and not heard.

But I have long wondered why the male was made so much more beautiful than the female. This peculiar distinction seems to mark the males of all gallinaceous birds and makes them arrogant and vain. "As vain as a peacock" is one of the oldest proverbs: When one is in full array he will sit upon the balustrade for an hour and survey himself in the half reflecting window glass. What he would do before a large plate mirror I do not know, but I found out long ago that the best way to steal your neighbor's pigeons was to set up small pieces of looking glass on the shelf of the dove cote.

But in man and most all quadrupeds the male is coarse, domineering and unadorned. In fact most all men are ugly and unattractive, and woman weds him only because she can't do any better. It is as woman who wears the ornaments of nature and when "unadorned is adorned the most." Strange to say she wants more than the Creator gave her, and delights to array herself in beautiful fabric, and to wear pearls and diamonds and other jewelry. This is her nature and she cannot help it. She loves the beautiful and would be miserable in a room without a mirror, though I have seen some who had but one.

I wonder who were those sons of God who saw that the daughters of men were fair and took wives from among them and raised up giants and mighty men of renown. I wonder if the women of that day were so beautiful that the angels came down to mate with them. There is no telling what men or angels will do for a beautiful woman. I have never ceased to be sorry for Jacob, who worked seven long years for Rachel and then had to take her homely sister, and had to work seven years more to get the girl of his choice. But the sacred historian says "these seven years seemed to him but a few days for the love he had for her."

Was ever love like that? Not in these days. Men like that are scarce in that country or Rachel wouldn't have waited that long for Jacob. Old Laban was a sheep raiser, and I reckon his nearest neighbor was another about fifty miles away, and those poor girls never saw a young man once a year. Rachel let Jacob kiss her on sight because she knew his name or where he came from and that historic kiss has come down to us through all the corridors of time for four thousand years.

I remember that away back in the 40's when I was young and fairly handsome my father sent me on business to Mississippi, and as there were no railroads I bought a horse in Mobile and rode across the country to Vicksburg. One night I found comfortable lodgings with a big cotton grower on the Chicasha river. He had migrated from South Carolina many years ago with wife and little children and about 200 negroes. His name was Calhoun, and he was a cousin of John C. Calhoun. There he lived outside of civilization; not a school nor a church within miles of him and he kept putting off moving his family to where there were some. His oldest daughter, a lass of eighteen, was as shy of me as a fawn, but she brushed her hair and washed her face and changed her dress and shoes and gazed and lingered on the sly long and sweetly. I made advances to her that night in the parlor and pleased her father and mother and bewildered her, for I soon found out that she was a flower-born-to-blush nee.

When I left the next morning the old gentleman followed me to the gate and begged me to come back that way. "Maybe you and Sally might fix up things to your notion," said he, "and if you do I can spare you 200 or 300 acres of the finest land in Mississippi and as many niggers as you want to tend it," and he laughed in a sort of half serious and joking way. There were no fourteen years about that, but I never saw Sally any more. Poor girl, I have often wondered what became of her. She was of good old Carolina stock, but was smoothed. No companions, no books or newspapers, no nothing but niggers and cotton—much like Rachel, I reckon, who saw nothing but sheep and longed for a nice young man. I remember that two negro boys held torches for us to eat our supper by, and everything else was of the same primitive style.

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Will Coal at Key West.

On account of an excess of ignorance or an over-abundance of patriotic confidence in the Spanish soldiery it is stated that in Havana the feeling is entertained, even by educated Spaniards, in the event of a clash of arms they will have an accurate walk over. They cannot be brought to believe that the Americans will fight. They think that the army and navy are hired to bluster, and will run when the powder burns.

"If you ask them, 'where will you get your coal for your warships?' they will answer, 'At Key West.' And they mean it. They expect to land on the coast of Florida and sweep the country clean until they chase our statesmen from the halls of Congress. A number of educated Spaniards of great prominence are already making estimates of the loss they have incurred by the revolution, with a view of putting in indemnity claims when the United States has been humbled into buying peace."—Rock Hill Herald.

Trellising Tomatoes.

When we grow tomatoes for market at ordinary prices we must economize in cost of production in every way possible, and trellising the plants would be out of the question, but when it comes to the home garden I regularly every season trellis at least a few plants, as they can be made a great ornamental feature of the grounds, writes T. Grenier, in an exchange. A tomato plant laden with its glossy high-colored fruit is a pretty object any way, and a row of them, with well up, trimmed and tied, is really "a sight." One of the easiest ways of supporting a tomato plant for such effect (and that is my favorite way) is to simply stake it, and keep it trimmed to a single stalk. The stake may consist of a plain bean pole, seven or eight feet high, or a sawed stick, say two inches square and eight feet long. Be sure to set these stakes in a straight line, and uniformly perpendicular or, perhaps, slightly leaning. Then trim the plants to one or two stalks uniformly. Keep all the branches nipped off. Tie the stalks and especially the fruit clusters with a string, as for instance, strips of muslin, calico, or the like, and see what an ornament this "tomato patch" will be to your garden.

Whenever the counterfeiter needs money bad, he makes it.

POLITICS IN THE FIFTH.

An Interesting Talk With a Politician Who Thinks He Knows.

CHARLESTON, April 18.—It is an old saying that one has to go away from home to learn the news. It is true. I am away from home, and I have just run up on a gentleman who told me lots of things I did not know.

The gentleman was not talking for publication, and I hardly feel justified in giving his name. As he is one of the most prominent Democratic politicians in the state and a resident of the Fifth district, I have reason to believe that what he said will be interesting. Anyhow, I will give it for what it may be worth.

The subject under discussion was the race in the Fifth congressional district. The matter was introduced only incidentally, and it was because of what developed that I became interested.

"And who will be the candidates?" I asked, after the conversation had gotten well under way.

"I can't answer that question fully," was the reply—that is not yet. The outlook is that there will be a larger number than at any time in the history of the district.

"First, there is Dr. Strait. He will certainly be in it, as he has not gotten nearly as much of Washington life as he wants. Next, there are Finley, of York; Barber, of Chester; very probably, also, Solicitor Henry, of the same county; Hough, who used to belong to Lancaster; and Pollock of Chesterfield. It is understood that Kennedy, of Chesterfield, will also be in it on account of personal feeling between him and Pollock. And then, no doubt, with such a field as this there may be others.

"And who will win?"

The speaker looked at me with an expression that I regarded as somewhat pitying, and replied that of course he could not answer that question; but he went on to explain: "It is too early in the game to undertake predictions of this kind."

"What about the chances of Dr. Strait, do you think?"

"In my judgment they are not nearly so good as heretofore; but Jeff Strait will be quite a factor in the race. He'll get a big vote all around, and especially in Lancaster; but I calculate that Hough will divide his Lancaster vote considerably. Hough still has a large number of friends in that county. Strait fears Barber more than any of the others, and I have heard it said that he looks upon Henry rather as an assistant, in that his candidacy will probably divide the vote of Chester county, and possibly, also, that of York."

"It has also come to my knowledge that Dr. Strait intends to make capital against Barber by charging him with having for his assistant, an ex-republican—Judge Townsend; but Barber will discount this with a letter signed by Dr. Strait and others, in endorsement of Samps Poper."

"Finley, I have no doubt, will carry York almost solid, and will get a liberal divide in Cherokee. None of the others, except Hough, are likely to get much of a vote in the first race; but, of course, each one has what might be called an earthly chance. Anyway it goes though, you may bet your bottom dollar that it will be a warm time in the Fifth district this summer."

With this the gentleman made me good night, and without the least personal interest one way or the other, I have come to the conclusion that probably the story is interesting enough to be worth reading up about home. A. M. G.

"It's a cur'ous fact," said Uncle Eben, "dat de man who is gwilling to rest on Sunday is equally unwilling to labor de yuthuh six days."

Resources of Cuba.

With a soil of incomparable richness and fertility the island has remained largely undeveloped during the centuries it has been under the dominion of Spain. With an area of 27,660,800 acres, almost one-half of it still remains a primeval forest, much of it covered with mahogany, rosewood, Cuban ebony and cedar, all of them woods of exceedingly great value for exportation. Besides these forests nearly 7,000,000 acres of land yet remain wild and uncultivated simply because the people of the island have not been encouraged to develop its resources. Manufacturing of all kinds is neglected and only such product are grown as can be produced by the least labor and with the least machinery. Tobacco and sugar are the chief products, and it is probable that with the appliances used in Louisiana in the making of sugar the output of that staple in Cuba could easily be increased at least 30 per cent.

Two crops of Indian corn can be produced annually, while rice, cotton, and indigo are grown with the greatest ease and with the least amount of outlay of either time or money. Under fair and just laws Cuba would be an ideal place for the exercise of American enterprise and the investment of American capital. At present the total value of all the agricultural products of the island is about \$90,000,000 annually, which could be quadrupled in a very short time by the introduction of American methods in tilling the soil. The mineral wealth of Cuba is well known, but little attention is paid to it by the native population. Both copper and coal are abundant, while coppers and alum are known to exist in large quantities.—Chicago Daily News.

CROP BULLETIN.

For The Week Ending Monday, April 18, 1898.

COLUMBIA, S. C., April 19.—The week was cool and generally unfavorable for growing crops, owing to the prevailing low night temperatures.

While some cotton has been planted long enough to come up, it germinates slowly, and that that was up last week will need to be replanted. Planting of cotton has been fairly begun over the whole State, but the bulk of the crop will be planted between this and the 25th, if the weather permits, as the ground is generally prepared for it. In the more easterly counties planting is about three-fourths finished, but generally less than half finished over the central and western counties. Reports vary as to the area to be planted in cotton, but it appears that a full crop will be planted and that it is highly manured. Sea-island cotton is coming up well, growing nicely, and more being planted.

The work of transplanting tobacco has been begun in Kershaw, Horry, Clarendon, Darlington, Florence, and Williamsburg counties, and will become general this week. Plants are plentiful and large. More commercial manures will be used on tobacco lands than in previous years, and the acreage is considerably enlarged, especially in Florence county, and probably over the whole tobacco district.

The cool weather retarded the growth of rice and negated the advantage it had of an unusually early start. Planting continues in all districts.

The outlook for a heavy oats crop is very promising, and from three localities only were unfavorable reports received. The frosts of last week and the cool weather of this week made oats look yellow in places, but it has a good stand and is stooling well. The wheat prospects are good. Rye is heading and is being cut for forage in places.

The reports on the fruit prospect are more definite this week, but do not change the conditions as stated in the previous bulletin. In Oconee, Pickens, Greenville, Spartanburg, Gaffney, and portions of York and Lancaster the bulk of the peaches and plums are killed, but there are localities where a fair crop is left on the trees; in the next tier of counties the bulk of the fruit is safe, but there are many localities where it is almost entirely destroyed; still further eastward it was only in exceptional cases that fruit was damaged. Figs may be an exception to that statement, but it cannot yet be determined. The peach crop is practically safe; apples, pears, grapes, and wild berries were unharmed.

In the Florence truck district about one-third of the early vegetables were destroyed by frost, and some fields are being plowed up. Large shipments of seasonable vegetables continue from Charleston, and more northerly truck districts.

Melons are growing poorly and reports from Barnwell indicate a reduced acreage in that county. Seed are scarce there.

Gardens are growing slowly, and need warm weather; pastures are very poor generally. Ribbon cane was not hurt by last weeks frost. Considerable sorghum is being planted. J. W. BAUER, Section Director, Columbia, S. C.

NEXT-DOOR NEIGHBORS.

From Yorkville Yeoman.

The town council at its last meeting passed an ordinance putting bicycles off all the sidewalks in town.

Dr. D. E. McConnell, of McConnellville, is welcomed to Gastonia's professional circles. He has opened his dental office upstairs in the Y. M. C. A. building.

Mrs. Jerome Blenner has since Christmas sold 41 pounds of butter from one cow, besides what the family has used. Can any one of the Yeoman lady readers beat this?

M. T. M. Whittaker, who has lots of friends about Yorkville, arrived in town last week from New Orleans, where he has been spending the winter. Since his last visit Mr. Whittaker (along with Mr. C. G. Parish, who was a joint owner) has lost his fine racing mare, Fannie Rowena.

From Yorkville Equineer.

A full investigation of the fire of last Monday in the Milford mill by President Watson, develops that it was of accidental origin.

There is a rumor to the effect that York county will probably have a candidacy for the Democratic nomination for one of the high state offices this summer.

Hickory Grove Cor. Equineer.

Mr. J. H. Wylie's two little girls, Mary and Ina, are very sick with fever.

Disowned Yarns.

Here are two court house yarns, and they are telling them both on Capt. Crawford, although he stoutly denies that he is responsible for them: One gentleman says the captain was an eye witness to the "crater" at Petersburg and knew many of the men who were blown up; that some of the Palmetto boys went up loading their guns and came down shooting. The other story is that some Virginia lady was informed in sober earnest that colanders grew so high in South Carolina that a man could stand under the leaves as they spread from the stalk and shade himself from the hot Carolina sun. We were about to suggest that the plant was not what is known in Georgia as colanders, but cabbage palmetto, when the captain broke in with, "Ough, I never said anything of the kind."—Yorkville Yeoman.

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Entered at the Postoffice at Chester, S. C., as
second-class mail matter.
FRIDAY, APRIL 22, 1898.

Is Now the Time?
We believe prohibition will yet win, because it is on the side of right, but that time is not now. When the time comes for the fight to be made we expect to put our shoulder to the wheel, regardless of consequences.—Hartsville Messenger.

Now, he will be denounced as a politician and a backslider. The prohibitionists are the most intemperate people in the world when it comes to condemnation of those who do not agree with them.—Columbia Record.

We concur with the Messenger in the belief that "prohibition will yet win, because it is on the side of right." Whether or not that time is now we cannot know with certainty, but should we maintain that it is not there are certain questions which we should not want any well equipped prohibitionist to ask us, as for example, when will be the time, and what will be the sign of its coming? Will it ever come until there is a determined fight to bring it about? Will the time be when prohibition is an accomplished fact and an assured success? Will it be when the Millennium has been ushered in and whiskey sellers and whiskey drinkers will all have become teetotalers and prohibitionists? Or will it be when the lion has lain down with the procrustean lamb—inside of him? If we wait till the end aimed at is accomplished, then there will be little virtue in putting our "shoulder to the wheel," and small sacrifice in disregarding "consequences." If agitation be deferred till the great instigator of the liquor traffic is bound in chains and is not in a position to clog the wheels, then doubtless the old vehicle can spin along over a smooth road with the same team that has dragged it through the mire, and for the next thousand years our efforts will be directed less to putting our "shoulder to the wheel" than to pursuing the chariot in order to secure a seat upon it before it enters the perilous gates. If we wait till the lion has completely "pacified" the lamb, after the manner of the boar-constructor, then to enter the fight will be to join the lamb, and the only hope of deliverance will rest in an appeal to the Saviour of Jonah.

As to the Record's remark about the intolerance of prohibitionists, we must say that in times past we have heard some very intemperate talk from that source, and it was a very great obstacle to the success of their cause, but we had just been congratulating them upon refraining from ill tempered speech recently. Indeed we have seen more contemptuous flings at prohibition in one week's issues of the Record—if not in a single issue—than we have seen of denunciation or intemperate speech from all prohibition sources combined—well, in a year. In fact, we were beginning to suspect that there was an understanding among them that nothing of the kind was to be used. But then we haven't seen or heard everything that may have been said.

Some negro soldiers, whom brass buttons have made too large for their blue trousers, have been making themselves obnoxious in Key West.

It might be profitable to some dealer now to order a car load of crutches. We heard a military officer say yesterday that rheumatism is breaking out.

In many towns of the State petitions are being circulated and signed, asking the restoration of the 64 cadets recently expelled from the Citadel for participating in a revolt. In our judgment the Cadets of Visitors, in expelling the cadets, pursued the only course consistent with the maintenance of discipline at that institution in the future, and all friends of the institution should wish the action of the board to stand.—Lancaster Ledger.

THE WAR IS ON.
Ultimatum Sent—Spaniards Mad
—United States Squadron Ordered to Havana.

WASHINGTON, April 20.—This was a day of events in the history of the Cuban question. The signature by the President to the joint resolution requiring intervention in Cuba; the notification of that action to the Spanish minister here; his demand for passports, the department's prompt reply to that demand, the minister's departure for Canada and the transmission of our ultimatum that Spain must evacuate Cuba and must make answer by Saturday through Minister Woodford, to the Spanish government followed in rapid succession. The next step is Spain's answer, if she has any, to make and the movement of the United States army and navy on Cuba.

Early in the morning the execution of the programme for the day began with a conference between Assistant Secretary Day, ex-Secretary Forster and Second Assistant Secretary Adee, in which the wishes of the President and cabinet as to the ultimatum were reduced to diplomatic form. The other events succeeded each other with rapidity. The ultimatum was sent to the Spanish minister by Judge Day's personal messenger, Edward Savoy, one of the trusted employes of the state department, who was appointed to his place in 1866 by Hamilton Fish. The messenger was not kept waiting long at the legation, but in the course of an hour had returned to the state department with the Minister's application for his passports. It was not until half past 3 o'clock this afternoon that Savoy made his second trip, carrying with him the desired paper. This was a passport for the minister and his family and suite. It was not in the usual form, but was what is known as a special passport. In general terms it is similar to that presented to Lord Sackville-West, when that unfortunate minister was obliged to retire. In this case it reads as follows:

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA.
DEPARTMENT OF STATE.

To all whom these presents shall come, greeting:
Know ye, that the bearer hereof, Don Louis Polo y Bernabe, envoy extraordinary and minister plenipotentiary of Spain to the United States, accompanied by his family and his suite, is about to travel abroad.

These are, therefore, to request all officers of the United States, or of any State thereof, to permit him to pass freely without let or molestation, and to extend to him all friendly aid and protection in case of need.
In testimony whereof, John Sherman, secretary of state of the United States of America, have hereunto set my hand and caused the seal of the department of state to be affixed at Washington, this 20th day of April, A. D., 1898, and of the independence of the United States the one hundred and twenty-second.

MADRID, April 21.—11:16 a. m.—The ultimatum of the United States was received early this morning in English. The Spanish government immediately broke off diplomatic relations with the United States, notifying the United States minister to this effect before he was able to present any note.

WASHINGTON, April 21.—War between the United States and Spain is a fact, though not yet officially declared so by congress.

The stirring events of yesterday were succeeded today with rapidity by others of equal importance, culminating in the afternoon in orders for the departure of the North Atlantic Squadron for Havana. This practically is an act of war, so that the war between this country and Spain may fairly be said to date from today, April 21, 1898.

Minister Woodford was given his passport and left Madrid at once for France, where his family have been for some time.
The affairs of the American legation at Madrid are left in the hands of the British ambassador, and the

English flag is now flying over the legation, guarded by the police. There is said to be bitter feeling against Great Britain, on account of supposed sympathy with the United States.

Sugar Creek, N. C.
War or no war, the old ship of state will sail proudly through the streets of the "Queen City" May 20th. It will carry the original thirteen States, Liberty, Freedom, Independence, etc. It is being built now in the navy yard. The monument arrived this week and will be put up at once, ready for unveiling on the 20th.

When in Charlotte last week I had the pleasure of meeting Rev. R. P. Smith, formerly pastor of the Presbyterian church at Blackstock now an evangelist of Mecklenburg Presbyterian. He is doing a noble work, and is loved by everybody.

I met Mr. and Mrs. Setzer also. They are well known and much liked by the Chester people. They are in Belk Bros. large store, and are as popular in Charlotte as in Chester.

Mrs. Ross Steele and children, of Huntersville, passed through Charlotte en route to her mother's, Mrs. E. M. Mills', near Blackstock, S. C.

Work on Trinity M. E. Church will soon commence. It is to be of Gothic design and quite handsome and will cost \$15,000. A collection was taken last Sabbath which amounted to nearly eleven thousand dollars. All seem much interested in the new building.

Burglars are quite bold nowadays; they enter the homes of the Charlotte people during daylight. Two and three "burglarisms" a day are not uncommon. They stole about one thousand dollars' worth of jewelry and silver from Mr. Miller Tuesday. A few days ago, all excepting \$23.00 in money was found under the bay window. The people have become alarmed and have taken their valuables and put them in the merchants' safes.

Mr. Allison was absent last Sabbath and Rev. Wynne, pastor of Graham street church, filled his pulpit. Rev. Black, an evangelist, and Mr. Poole, his singer, are conducting a meeting at Graham street church. We heard him last Sabbath night. He preached a very impressive sermon on "Jesus came to seek and save that which was lost." Much interest seems to be taken in the meeting. May the Lord's word accomplish that whereunto it was sent.

Rev. Grimes White, of South Carolina, was pastor of Graham street church after he left Lowryville, S. C. He is now, I think, in California. Tho' absent, he is not forgotten by the Charlotte people.
AZALEE.

April, 18th.

NEXT DOOR NEIGHBORS.
From Lancaster Enterprise.

Rev. J. K. Hall, of Lowryville, is the guest of Mr. and Mrs. Ernest Moore.

Mr. J. S. Mackorell, of Blackstock, is again with his brother here, Mr. J. B. Mackorell.

Messrs. R. S. and S. Cherry spent Sunday with their mother near Fort Lawn, Chester county.

Mrs. S. E. Killian and Mrs. J. E. Turner, of Fort Lawn, is visiting Mrs. H. B. Pardue here.

Ex-Representative J. M. and Mrs. Hough, of Fort Lawn, visited relatives here last week.

From the Lancaster Ledger.
Mr. Hamp Long has returned from a visit to his sister in Chester county.

Mrs. Joe Turner and Mrs. Sidney Killian, of Fort Lawn, were the guests of their aunt, Mrs. H. P. Pardue, this week.

Chester's list of "early birds" has increased to 15—all anxious to serve the dear "people."—Lancaster Enterprise.

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There are only three causes of death: Accident, Wearing-out, Disease. The first and second should not exist. The third is preventable. All diseases are Ignorance, Carelessness or Inheritance. The last can be greatly remedied, and the first and second should not exist. There is a positive medicine for the enormous amount of filth that darkens our world and ruins the life of thousands. It is called "WATER PURIFIER," and it is a simple, safe, and effective remedy for all diseases of the blood and system, including Rheumatism, Gout, Gravel, Dropsy, and all other ailments of the blood. It is a true and reliable medicine, and it is guaranteed to give perfect satisfaction or money refunded. Price 25 cents per bottle. For sale by Woods & Brice.

JOS. A. WALKER & SON,
SANITARY PLUMBING,
STEAM AND HOT WATER HEATING.

We are prepared to do all kinds of plumbing and hot water fitting. Come in and let us show you over our stock, and if you have any work to be done we will cheerfully bid on it for you and do it at a low figure.
PHONE 63.

Land Wanted.
From 5,000 to 20,000 acres of farming lands in Chester and surrounding counties, for settling colonies. Correspondence solicited.
Apply to—
A. J. MCCOY,
Real Estate Agent.
Office: McCoy's Drug Store, Gadsden street.

Eggs, Eggs—Barré Plymouth Rock eggs for hatching. Fine Stock. Guaranteed good hatch. Thirteen for one dollar. If
R. W. STRICKER.

Attention Here—Say, friend, have you tried Dayberry's Laundry? If not, try it. The work is of a dead white and beautiful finish.
Your friend,
J. E. DAYBERRY.

ANNOUNCEMENTS.

SUPERVISOR.
CHESTER, S. C., March 15, '98.
I hereby announce myself a candidate for nomination to the office of County Supervisor at the ensuing democratic primary election, and pledge myself to abide by the result of said election. The cordial support of my fellow citizens is respectfully solicited.
J. R. CULP, Sr.

AUDITOR.
We are authorized to announce W. M. Corkill as a candidate for re-appointment to the office of County Auditor, subject to the action of the Democratic primary election.

TREASURER.
Being well pleased with Mr. W. O. Guy's services as treasurer of Chester county, we hereby nominate him for re-appointment to the same office, subject to the recommendation of the democratic primary.
TAXPAYERS.

PROFESSIONAL.
R. B. CALDWELL,
Attorney and Counselor at Law,
Walker Bld'g., CHESTER, S. C.
Prompt and careful attention given to all business and legal matters. Collections and Commercial Law.

DRUGGISTS.
PRYOR & MCKEE,
Prescriptions a Specialty.

Teachers and Others
Having official business with me will please take notice that my office days are Mondays and Saturdays.
W. D. KNOX,
County Superintendent of Education.

GRAND SPRING OPENING!
S. M. Jones & Co.
RELIABLE WHOLESALE AND RETAILERS.
One of the most Complete Stocks of Goods ever exhibited in the City of Chester. We offer the following Bargains:

2 cases Barker's 4-4 Bleaching 16 yds for \$1.00
Value 10c.
3 cases best Dress Calicoes, 4 cts. per yard. Value 6 1/4 cts.
2 cases best quality Standard Shirting Prints, 3c. yard. Value 5 cts.
2 cases figured Dimity, 5 cts a yard. Value 10c.
100 pieces D. Gingham, 5 cts. a yard. Value 8 cts.
—200 pieces white India Linen, 5 cts a yd. Former price 7 1/2 c.

Carpets, Matting and Oil Cloth
25 pieces Matting at 10c
25 " " at 15c
100 " " at 20 to 35c.
All cheap; worth 25 per c. more.

Special Bargains.
25 pieces black figured India Silks, 75c per yd. Value \$1.
ORGANDIES.
100 Patterns, beautiful styles, all new, 25c. to 40c.

Our Clothing Department.
Even if you do not buy, a look at our New Spring Clothing will give you a correct idea of this season's styles. Perfect in fit and pleasing in price.

TAFFETA SILKS.
50 pieces Taffeta and Colored Silks, in all the newest shades, 50c to \$1. per yard.

Ladies' and Misses' Shoes and Ox-fords.
SEE THIS LINE.
LARGE AND COMPLETE.

Great Sale Ladies Shirt Waists at half price.
500 Laundered Waists with Collars and Cuffs 25c
Cheap at 50c.
300 Laundered Waists 39c
Value 75 cents.
200 with white collars and cuffs 59c.
Value 1.00.

SPECIAL.
100 all-wool Cassimere suits Real Value \$66. \$4.00
100 Crash Suits, all linen and fast colors \$2.50 to \$5.
See our stock of fine Clothing, ranging in price from \$5.00 to \$25.00

HATS, SHOES, GENTS' FURNISHING GOODS.
We are now opening a beautiful line of Fur and Straw Goods, all the correct things for Spring. Our stock of Russett and Patent Leather Shoes is very complete and cheap.

DRESS GOODS, BLACK GOODS AND SILK DEPARTMENT.
We are showing a beautiful line of Dress Goods in all the newest shades and weaves. See our line in colors from 10c to \$1.00 per yard.

Remember we do not keep old goods. Come and buy where you can get goods at wholesale prices. Goods warranted as represented or money refunded.

SOME LATE NOVELTIES IN NECK WEAR AND COLLARS.
SEE THIS LINE BEFORE YOU BUY.

GREAT BARGAINS
In Parasols and Umbrellas. Our Silk Parasol is a world-beater for \$1.00.

MELTON & HARDIN.
SAY!
Have you Seen It?
"CLEVELAND" No. 35 at \$50.00, for 1898.

We carry in Stock Fresh Lines of everything usually found in a First Class Grocery, and can suit all tastes, from the Plainest to the most Fastidious.

It is the best wheel that has ever been offered to the public for the money. The bearings are water-proof as well as dust-proof. "CLEVELAND" wheels are built on honor, and they stand the racket. Our line embraces wheels from \$15.00 to \$100.

We Shall be Glad
For you to call and inquire as to what we can do for you in the way of qualities and prices.

Good stock on hand. We carry a full line of bicycle tools and sundries, and are prepared to do all repair work at moderate prices. Everything guaranteed as represented, and we are here to stay. Remember that we have everything in this line.
Yours truly,
ROSBOROUGH & MCLURE.

Melton & Hardin,
CHESTER, S. C.

CHILDS and EDWARDS.
Importers and Manufacturers
Monumental Works.

C. WARREN'S
(Jos. A. Walker's Old Stand)
I have just received a fresh supply of—
Blue Ribbon Mocha and Java Coffee.
Try it, you will surely be pleased.

Undertakers and Embalmers
Fire, Life and Accident INSURANCE.

Have also just received a shipment of—
"MAGIC-CLEANER" SOAP.
One bar does the work of two of any other kind of soap.

Havana Rose and Country Gentleman Cigars
Finest smoke in the city.

Can suit all. All kinds of Spices. Everything generally found in first-class grocery, at
C. WARREN'S.
PHONE 122.

PHONE 80.

THE LANTERN.

TERMS OF SUBSCRIPTION:
TWO DOLLARS A YEAR, CASH.
FRIDAY, APRIL 22, 1898.

BUSINESS LOCALS.

Advertisements inserted under this head at ten cents a line.
No advertisements inserted as reading matter.

For Rent.—One five-room cottage, exclusive of stove room. Good water, good garden spot, good neighborhood. Apply to Apr. 1. J. L. AGURS.

I will remain in Chester for some months and offer my services to a limited number of pupils for Piano, Violin, voice and harmony. Specialties—voice building and Musical Expression.
J. W. TILLINGHAST.

LOCAL NEWS.

Mrs. Cattie Morrison has returned from Orangeburg.

Mr. Jno. K. Coleman has gone to Asheville on a visit.

Mrs. W. T. Gregory, of Leeds, is visiting Mrs. Leja Westerland.

Mr. N. B. Bratton, of McConnellsville, is visiting in the city.

Mr. Caldwell Rawlinson, of Rock Hill, spent Tuesday in the city.

Miss Annie Gill returned last Saturday from a visit to Clinton.

Dr. and Mrs. J. R. Miller have moved their home from Gaffney to Rock Hill.

Miss Willie Harrison, of Rock Hill, is visiting her sister, Mrs. W. F. Stricker.

Miss Bessie Mikel, of Charleston, spent Thursday night with Mrs. Julia Campbell.

Mr. Sam Mills Flenniken will leave in a few days for Charlotte, where he will conduct a dancing school.

Mr. J. H. Kauffman, after a pleasant visit to his mother, returned to Chicago last Tuesday morning.

If the hackmen don't put some better looking horses "on the line" we shall advocate electric street cars.

Mrs. John L. Rainey and Mrs. J. H. Saye have been spending a few days in the city, visiting Mrs. R. Brandt.

Mr. W. H. Kerr, clerk at the Fairview hotel, has resigned and left the city. Mr. J. E. Pryor is filling the position at present.

Mrs. Harris, a sister of Dr. S. W. Pryor, died yesterday at Union. Dr. S. W. and Mr. J. E. Pryor left to day for the burial.

The Sons of Veterans will be delighted to learn that they are expected to call on Mr. J. L. Simmons to-day and pay their dues.

Miss Ella Miller, of Due West, who has been teaching near Bowling Green, is in the city and will spend the summer with her sisters.

One of the strong men of the Prohibition convention was Rev. J. S. Moffatt, pastor of the Associate Reformed Presbyterian church of Chester.—*Sonib Carolina Baptist.*

The lecture Monday night at the opera house will be of special interest now when everybody is interested in learning something about Cuba.

The street force are now at work on Cuban Avenue. We hereby notify country people that they must quit saying our street is worse than country roads.

We learn from Mr. Daniel Dawkins, of Morgantown, who paid us a call—and also subscription—yesterday, that farmers are planting heavy crops of cotton and using more fertilizer than usual.

It was stated in these columns that Rev. T. C. Ligon had removed from Lowryville to Kershaw. Doubtless this name was mistaken for Cheraw, of similar sound. He is in Chesterfield county.

The lecture advertised in this issue by Rev. J. E. Mahaffey under the head "Stop a Moment" was printed in this office, and is highly commended by thinking people among them, Dr. James H. Carlisle.

Engineer Hamilton will put his force to work on Church street Monday, grading preparatory to macadamizing. Oehler's fish pond is condemned and must go.

In giving the names of delegates from this county to the prohibition convention the name of Mr. J. S. McKeown, of Cornwell, was missed in some way by the printer, and in reading the proof the omission was not noticed.

The water works contractors have acknowledged their obligation to restore the streets to a proper condition, and have come to a settlement. This course will weaken the case of the sewer contractors, who still contend for full pay without completing their work.

Members of the Lee Light Infantry are furnished with only fatigue uniforms; anything else must be purchased at their own expense. It is very desirable that the officers have distinctive uniforms, and the proceeds of the lecture next Monday night will be devoted to that purpose.

The "Lark and Owl" club enjoyed a social party last evening at the home of Miss Ray Wachtel, one of their number. The party was complimentary to Miss Ray, who will leave next Tuesday for Chicago, in company with her sister, Mrs. Poppers, and will spend some time in that city.

The way soldiers and implements of war are moving southward indicates that the rumors of war are not an empty dream. A train load of artillery passed on the Seaboard Air Line Wednesday morning, and seven trains passed yesterday morning on the Southern carrying men, horses, ambulances, guns, large and small, and other supplies.

A well posted gentleman has informed us that the court Judge Gage is now holding is not his last for the term, as we said in Tuesday's LANTERN we believed. He has yet to hold court in Marion. We stand corrected. The same authority says Judge Gage is in Bennettsville this week instead of Marlboro. We admit that he is in Bennettsville, but maintain still that he is also in Marlboro.

Quarterly Conference.

The second quarterly conference of the Methodist church will be held this evening at 8 o'clock, Rev. J. B. Campbell presiding. All official members are urged to be present.

The Lowryville Club.

The Lowryville Democratic club is hereby called to meet at Lowryville on Saturday April 23rd, at 4 p. m.

W. O. GUY, Pres.

Sons of Veterans.

A camp of the Sons of Veterans was organized at the opera house last night, with about 30 members. The name selected was the John R. Culp Camp Sons of Veterans. This was a fitting compliment to a worthy man, one of the bravest of the veterans. Col. Culp was at the meeting and made a ringing speech in acknowledgment of the honor.

Following are the officers: Commander, J. H. Marion, 1st Lieut. Commandant, Jesse H. Harbin, Jr., 2nd Lieut. Com., Thomas Gresham. Adjutant, R. B. Caldwell. Quartermaster, J. W. Means. Chaplain, Rev. D. N. McLaughlin. Treasurer, J. L. Simmons. Color Serg't., R. W. Cranford. Historian, A. M. Aiken. Sponsor, Miss Leila Lathan.

Delegates to Charleston, R. B. Caldwell, A. M. Aiken, Thos. Gresham, J. H. Marion.

Committee on Applications, J. B. Atkinson, R. B. Caldwell, R. W. Cranford.

Committee on Membership, Thos. Gresham, James A. Robinson, J. L. Simmons.

A flag has not yet been designed but a badge was selected bearing the name of the camp.

A number of short, entertaining speeches were made, and altogether the occasion was much enjoyed.

Before Judge Klugh.

Judge Klugh was in the city yesterday to hear two cases that came before him. In the case of McCollum against the G., C. & N. Railroad, the latter, through its attorneys, Glenn & McFadden, moved for a new trial, which was overruled. In the case of McClure against Melton, petition for rule to show cause, by attorneys J. S. Muller and Allen J. Green, of Columbia, the petition was dismissed with costs. There will be appeals in both cases.

A Lecture.

The Lee Light Infantry has made an engagement with Mr. Edward Page Gaston, of Chicago, to lecture on "Cuba and Mexico" next Monday night, for the benefit of that organization. Mr. Gaston is a lecturer of national reputation and has spent a number of years in Spanish America. The profits will go for the purchase of officers' uniforms, and it is hoped the public will give the boys a very liberal patronage. Admission 25 and 35 cents. Tickets on sale at Stringfellow's.

Mr. Buchholz at Wadesboro.

The following is copied from a special to the Charlotte Observer from Wadesboro, N. C.:

The protracted meeting at the Baptist church continues unabated. Rev. Mr. Buchholz preached yesterday afternoon to the children, last night to mothers and fathers, this afternoon to ladies, and to-night will preach to gentlemen exclusively. Quite an interest is being manifested in the services, which are being attended by large crowds.

Don't Know What Day.

Yesterday morning Capt. A. E. Cornwell, of the Lee Light Infantry, received the following letter, which needs no explanation:

HEADQUARTERS PALMETTO REGIMENT, SECOND S. C. VOLUNTEER TROOPS.

Columbia, S. C., April 20, 1898.

CAPTAIN:— I will thank you to report to me by return mail the condition of your company. How many men can you turn out in 24 hours' notice to proceed to such point in the United States for the national defence as the proper authorities may order? Let me know what arms, uniforms, and other equipments you may need. I do not know what day our regiment may be ordered out for service.

I have the honor to remain, Very respectfully,
WILIE JONES,
Col. 2nd Reg't S. C. V. T.
Capt. A. E. CORNWELL,
2nd S. C. Infantry,
Chester, S. C.

Capt. Cornwell replied that he could turn out 32 or 33 men, and he thinks that in a day or two a larger number can be reported.

Mrs. S. J. Lewis.

Died at her home at Rodman, S. C., April 14th, 1898, Mrs. Eliza Catherine Lewis. She was born December 6th, 1831. She was the daughter of Daniel G. Stinson, whose name lives in history, and especially in the "Women of the Revolution, because of much valuable information given by him to the authors of that work. Mrs. Lewis was married January 12th, 1858, to Mr. Samuel Lewis, who with one daughter, Miss Margaret, survives to mourn her death. She was the mother of seven children, six of whom went before her to the tomb, one of these, Daniel G. Lewis, having died about a month before his mother. She was the only surviving member of her father's family.

Here was the quiet, faithful, uncomplaining life of a true follower of the meek and lowly Christ. In humble submission to the will of Him who makes no mistakes in His dealings with His children, she went down into the valley and shadow of death without a murmur or complaint.

"The earth has fallen cold and deep Above her narrow bed."

No wintry winds can break her sleep, No thunders reach her ear. Till time itself, and days, and years, Shall all have passed away; In that cold heart, no hopes nor fears, Shall hold their dubious sway. Though deep the slumbers of the tomb, Though dark that bed of clay, Yet shall she wake and leave that gloom For everlasting day."

PASTOR.

Capers Chapel Dots.

In the last issue of your valuable paper I see a response from Lowryville High School to my last communication, under the name of Justice, who seems to insinuate that what I said was not facts. Now can anyone deny that it was the whole truth? As to setting the river afire and killing Daniel Webster, the expression was simply a repetition of the Lowryville pupils made in the response to the address of welcome. I was not aware that Lowryville High School had divided down to a primary department. Any way, it includes the whole school, and the challenge was accepted as a High School, and as for being mere, children they are older than big. Now, Mr. Editor, to come to the truth, they were older or as old any way as any of our pupils. Our school has been thinking of challenging them, but since Justice seems to think we claim too much, we deem it prudent to let the little primary alone.

Messrs. Sam McKeown and Ambrose Wylie, of Cornwell, made a flying trip here and spent last Saturday night.

Mrs. J. A. Brakefield and children visited numerous relatives here last week.

Rev. J. E. Mahaffey attended the prohibition convention in Columbia Thursday.

Miss Mabel Withers is at Dr. Pryor's sanitarium for treatment.

Among those that attended Bethany church Sunday was the family of Mr. J. W. Ferguson and Miss Carrie Hardin.

The many friends of Mr. Edgar Darby were glad to see him in our midst Sunday.

Mr. S. E. Wylie, the agent for the Farmers' Mutual, was in this vicinity last week.

Miss Mayme Simpson has returned home, after a brief visit with her sister.

Mrs. Mary Ann Darby, who has been very sick, is not improving much. It seems that she is going to lose her eyesight.

VIOLET.

April, 21, 1898.

Discovered by a Woman.

Another great discovery has been made, and that too by a lady in this country. "Disease fastened its clutches upon her and for seven years she withstood its severest tests, but her vital organs were undermined and death seemed imminent. For three months she coughed incessantly, and could not sleep. She finally discovered a way to recovery, by purchasing from us a bottle of Dr. Kings new Discovery for Consumption, and was so much relieved on first dose, that she slept all night; and with two bottles has been absolutely cured. Her name is Mrs. Luther Lutz." Thus writes W. G. Hammick & Co., of Shelby, N. C. Trial bottles free at Woods & Brice's Drug Store. Regular size 50 cents and \$1.00. Every bottle guaranteed.

We made a pertinent inquiry some time ago as to what had become of the Lancaster Guards, but as yet have received no reply. As Cleveland would say, this is no time for military men to remain in a state of "innocuous desuetude." Lancaster Reviewer.

Yellow Jaundice Cured.

Suffering humanity should be supplied with every means possible for its relief. It is with pleasure we publish the following: "This is to certify that I was a terrible sufferer from Yellow Jaundice for over six months, and was treated by some of the best physicians in our city, and all to no avail. Dr. Bell, our druggist, recommended Electric Bitters; and after taking two bottles, I was entirely cured. I now take great pleasure in recommending them to any person suffering from this terrible malady. I am gratefully yours, M. A. Hogarty, Lexington, Ky." Sold by Woods & Brice, Druggists.

GRANDEST OFFER EVER YET MADE BY R. BRANDT.

We will repair your watch throughout, including Cleaning, Main Spring, Jewels, Pivots, Balance Staffs, etc., or all these combined for

\$1.00

and guarantee the entire watch for 12 months, just as if regular price had been paid. Case repairs only shall be excepted. The unquestionable reputation of our high grade work is known by thousands throughout the four counties. Parties from out of town can obtain shipping instructions free by writing for same.

This offer is good only until **JUNE 1st, 1898.**

This is Positively a Wonderful Offer. Take Advantage of it Now.

R. BRANDT, THE JEWELER AND OPTICIAN,

LOOK FOR THIS SPACE NEXT WEEK.

CHESTER, S. C.

TOBACCO! MOLASSES!

—EVERYTHING CHEAP AT—

Wm. LINDSAY & SON'S,

Just received car load of NEW ORLEANS MOLASSES, in new clean barrels, which we will let go as fast as possible, so come and see us.

We will sell you good TOBACCO so you can make money on it. Don't forget us.

Wm. LINDSAY & SON.

NO WONDER

WALKER'S

PLACE IS SO MUCH ADMIRE!

EVERYTHING is so attractive and his stock is complete. Every house-holder knows that when a nice dinner is wanted it cannot be got until you go to Walker's, as he keeps everything that is needed, and fresh. An inspection will convince you that his store is the best equipped grocery store in the city.

THE LATEST delicious treat is Egg Macaroni. It is to be tried to convince. Call at Walker's.

"We can live without science, art and books,
"But civilized men cannot live without cooks."

Phone 84.

JOS. A. WALKER.

WEEDER AND CULTIVATOR,

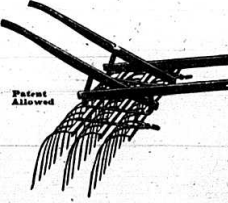
PRICE, \$10.00.

WORKS 7 1-2 FEET. WEIGHT, 80 POUNDS.

The Weeder is invaluable for all crops, nothing growing on the farm in any section of the country, on which it cannot be used with great profit. Used at the right time and with frequency, it dispenses almost entirely with the hardest and most expensive part of cultivation, viz: hoeing.

WHITE OAK, S. C., Feb. 8, '98.
Mr. J. B. MORRISON,
Blackstock, S. C.

Dear Sir:—I purchased a Hall-ock success anti-clog Weeder and Cultivator last spring and another one this season. I will keep one going in cotton and one in corn steadily. I cultivated oats this spring with one, to their great benefit. It took one man and one mule two days to cultivate 25 acres. They will save time and money in raising crops, and will also increase the returns, I believe. Yours truly,
(Signed) C. S. PILLEY.



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J. B. MORRISON, Blackstock, S. C.,

AGENT FOR COUNTY.

Or to E. T. ATKINSON, Local Agent.

SHAD AND OTHER FISH

On hand all the time. Baked Shad served in my cafe every day.

A FINE LOT OF GROCERIES, ETC.

Call on me when you are in need of a fine meal. 25 per cent saved if you buy from me. Biske's old stand.

PHONE 6. T. H. WARD.

REMOVAL.

Dr. JAMES B. BIGHAM,

SURGEON DENTIST,
Has removed from Blackstock to Chester. Office in Walker & Henry's new building, up stairs.

Legal blanks of all kinds for sale at this office.

A MEMORABLE DUEL.

Anniversary of the Encounter Between Two Famous Commanders.

On the 22nd of March, 1820, says the Washington Star, was fought one of the most memorable duels in the annals of the United States. Commodore Decatur and Commodore Barron met on the fatal field near Bladensburg that day. Both participants were wounded, Decatur mortally, dying within a few hours after the encounter. The causes which led to the ill feeling between these two naval heroes have never been accurately determined, but it is generally supposed that Decatur's harsh criticism of Barron on account of the latter's not returning from a broad to take part in the war brought about the breach. Certain it is that Decatur's words were repeated to Barron, and a correspondence between the two ensued which probably resulted in the challenge. The impending duel was kept a profound secret, only a few of the most intimate friends of the respective participants had even an inkling of it. Decatur was the first to arrive upon the scene. He was accompanied by Commodores Rodgers and Porter and several other friends. Barron arrived a few minutes later. The combatants bowed stiffly to each other and stood waiting for their friends to measure off the ground and make the final arrangements.

"I hope, sir," said Barron, as they took their places, "that when we meet in another world we shall be better friends than we have been in this."

Decatur is said to have haughtily regarded his adversary for a moment, and then have replied: "Sir, I have never been your enemy."

A moment later the word was given, and two shots rang out simultaneously. Barron fell almost immediately. Decatur straightened himself, but the pistol fell from his grasp and in a moment he was up on the green sward, writing in agony. He was raised by his friends and carried near the road, where Barron was lying.

"I wish I had fallen in the service of my country," Decatur muttered. Whereupon Barron looked up. "Everything has been conducted most honorably," he said.

Then turning his eyes to Decatur: "I am mortally wounded. Commodore Decatur, I forgive you from the bottom of my heart."

As Decatur was being lifted into a carriage, Brainbridge, whom Decatur had once rescued from Moorish prison, stooped down and kissed his cheek.

With his head upon Rodgers' shoulder, and in company with a physician, Decatur was driven slowly back to the city and carried into his residence on LaFayette square, where he died a few hours afterwards.

The news of the duel spread like wild fire through the city. The following day John Randolph offered consolatory resolutions in congress, which, however, were promptly objected to, and the press rigorously denounced the practice of dueling.

Barron ultimately recovered from his injury, but it is said the memory of the fatal duel darkened his life ever afterward. He lived until the year 1851, and had charge of several vessels. At his own request he was court martialed upon the charges made against him by Decatur and exonerated.

Last Year's Almanac.

Singular chronological coincidence is that which relates between the year 1887 and the present year. An almanac for the year 1887 will fit this year, and all of the phases of the planets and the days of the week occurring on the same days of the month they did in 1887 will occur in this. Such a coincidence will not occur again until the year 1945.—Cheraw Chronicle.

Why do girls kiss each other, while boys do not? Because girls have nothing better to kiss, and the boys have.

America One Hundred Years Ago.

There was not a public library in the United States.

Almost all the furniture was imported from England.

An old copper mine in Connecticut was used as a prison.

There was only one hat factory, and that made cocked hats.

Every gentleman wore a queue and powdered his hair.

Crockery plates were objected to because they dulled the knives.

Virginia contained a fifth of the whole population of the country.

A man who jeered at the preacher or criticised the sermon was fined.

A gentleman bowing to a lady always scraped his foot on the ground.

Two stage coaches bore all the travel between New York and Boston.

A day laborer considered himself well paid with two shillings a day.

The whipping post and pillory were still standing in New York.

Beef, pork, salt fish, potatoes and hominy were the staple diet all the year round.

Buttons were scarce and expensive, trousers were fastened with pegs or laces.

A new arrival in jail was set upon by his fellow prisoners and robbed of everything he had.

When a man had enough tea he placed his spoon across his cup to indicate that he wanted no more.

Leather breeches, a checked shirt, a red flannel jacket, and a cocked hat formed the dress of an artisan.

The church collection was taken in a bag at the end of a pole, with a bell attached to roose sleepy contributors.—Biblical Recorder.

Is One Sneak Worse than Five?

It was dishonorable for Cadet Cante, therefore, a young man of admitted high standing at home, and upright in his conduct, to "report" the students who sneaked out of the academy at night and participated in the revelries of the Sumter Guards. Under this peculiar code of ethics it is honorable, it appears, to lie, if it needs be, to escape detection after the doing of an act which the regulations of the institution forbids. If such a doctrine is to prevail at the Citadel; if the authorities in charge are callous to it or unable or undisposed to correct it, if they are not able to enforce the disciplinary laws for the government of the institution, the sooner they resign or the institution is abolished the better.—Walterboro Press and Standard.

A Chinese writer in one of the publications of his own country has summed up the peculiarities of the American people in a paragraph which is as follows: "They live months without eating a mouthful of rice; they eat bullocks and sheep in enormous quantities; they have to bathe frequently; they eat meat with knives and prongs; they never enjoy themselves by sitting on their ancestor's graves, but jump around and kick balls as if paid to do it, and they have no dignity, for they may be found walking with women."

Speaker Reid is said to have told the president last week that the belligerent spirit of the house of representatives was too many for him, that it amounted to an epidemic of emotional insanity, and that the hearts of the house had gone where their brains ought to be. A great many sensible people will agree that this ruling of Reid is right.—Barnwell People.

In view of the fact that Jews have no civil rights in Spain, are not permitted to erect and maintain houses of worship there, and exist in the kingdom only as aliens, it must be galling to the Spaniards to know that the Judge-Advocate of the Maine Court of Inquiry, Lieutenant-Commander Marix, is a Jew.—New York Tribune.

The region about the Dead Sea is one of the hottest places on the globe, and the sea is said to lose 1,000,000 tons of water a day by evaporation.

Corn and Fodder.

A limited amount of corn and fodder will be taken on subscription to THE LANTERN, if brought before we are supplied. (1)

BITES HIS BEAST.

Unable to Get Satisfactory Progress Out of His Mule, a Wayfarer Dismounts and Bites the Animal on the Neck. Gastonia Gazette.

Forming a cavalcade all to themselves, a wayfarer man and his mule struck the western town limits about the middle of Saturday afternoon, unheralded, unwept, and unsung. On the hill between Rhyme's mill and the Falls house the mule stopped. The cavalier vainly endeavored to persuade his beast to resume his journey. Vigorous applications of a more or less limber stick had effect only upon the stick and the rider's amiability. When the stick flew out of his hand in inanimate rebellion against such cruelty, the fellow's fist was brought into requisition. He pummeled and pummeled, but with effect only upon his fist and his genial temperament. He would pummeled, then look at him, then shake his head in pain or disgust at the nobby-pambyness of a fist that couldn't endure as much as a dogwood root maul.

His vermilion cheeks and a bottle peering above deck in his coat pocket explained the situation so far as it related to the man.

When the rider remounted, the mule proceeded without any ostentatious pomp or vanity. When beaten behind the saddle, he added nothing to his speed; in fact he had nothing to add. When beaten in front of the saddle and on the head, the mule put on brakes and stopped, apparently in profound meditation as to whether he was wanted to go ahead or slack back.

Dis-mounting again, the worried cavalier administered another flagellation to his superior, this time however, omitting the use of his fist. He led on a few paces and remounted. The mule meekly proceeded until beaten on the head. Then he came to a dead halt between two opinions.

The same old cruel evolutions were repeated. The spectators began to sympathize with the persecuted beast, for he was hungry, scared, travel worn, and past responding to any punishment.

The fellow led on a few paces, and remounted. His obedient servant proceeded well enough, but when hit behind the saddle went no faster and when hit on the head stopped advancing altogether. Having exhausted all common methods of persuading a beast forward, the rider got down again and devised a new one. He stepped up to the beast's neck and seized hold of the hide near the mane with his teeth. Oh, if there had just been a mine under the mane then to blow it up!

And there he stood clinching down with all his tremendous might. The mule made no demonstration.

Such disgusting cruelty was too much, and policeman Carroll was soon on hand. The fellow remounted without spitting, mind you, and, followed by the police, passed leisurely out of town.

This is the same gentleman who visited our enterprising little city about six months ago riding a cow, a pure cow. Near the Avon cow met the vestibule. Not wishing the fashionable tourist people to see her in such plight, she threw her company off, and raising her tail aloft like a proud battleship flag, she turned herself into a flying squadron and made a blue streak across the fields.

Wish the mule had felt real well Saturday and had been like-minded.

Daisy—When I get big like you mama, I am going to marry a doctor or a minister. Mamma—Why, my dear? Daisy—Cause, if I marry a doctor I can get well for nothing; if I marry a minister I can be good for nothing.

"My old man," said Aunt Chloe, "is the worst man for chickens you ever see. If he can't get a chicken any other way he'll go an' buy one."

Citizen—"Unless my eyes deceive me, you are the party I gave ten cents to yesterday."

Beggar—"I am, sir. Did you think a dime would make a new man of me."—Truth.

I belong to the militia, And oh, what grief is mine! You see, I want to quit 'em, But I do not dare resign. —Cleveland Plain Dealer.

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