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We beg to announce further that Messrs. E. N. Lineberger and J. H. Adams will remain with us and shall be pleased to see their friends and customers as heretofore.

Our President, W. H. Smith, is a successful hardware man of many years experience and holds a similar position with The Smith Hardware Co., Gaffney, S. C. Our Vice-President, W. W. Watt, is the special representative of The Supplee Hardware Co., Philadelphia, Pa., and through this medium we are enabled to obtain many "insides" as to prices that many do not enjoy; naturally our customers reap the benefit. Our Secretary and Treasurer, J. W. Culp, has for the last six years been associated with The Lancaster Mercantile Co., Lancaster, S. C., as Manager of the Hardware Department, and to Mr. Culp will be entrusted the general management of our business. We bespeak for him in advance courteous treatment and prices in keeping with the quality of the goods.

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The Standard Hardware Co.
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HERE'S A' HOWDY-DO.

THE FIGHT IN NEW ORLEANS.

Robbing Folks of Patent Medicine Drams—Nostrums Containing Large Percentage of Alcohol Can Now be Sold Only Under Liquor License.

Raleigh News and Observer.

Washington, Sept. 14.—The Commissioner of Internal Revenue today rendered a decision that will seriously affect a number of patent medicines composed largely of distilled liquors. He has reversed a ruling of his Department made many years ago, and now decides that the manufacturers of these medicines must take out licenses as rectifiers and liquor dealers, and that druggists and others handling them will have to pay the usual retail liquor dealers' license. The Commissioner, in a letter of instruction to collectors of internal revenue, says that there are a number of compounds on the market going under the names of medicines that are composed chiefly of distilled spirits, without the addition of drugs or medicines in sufficient quantities to change materially the character of the whiskey.

While no statement is made by the Commissioner as to the medicines that will be affected, it is believed that several prominent and highly advertised medicines will be effected by the decision. In some instances these medicines have been found to contain as high as 45 per cent. of alcohol, and there are many on the market, it is said, that contain 25 per cent. of alcohol. These medicines are said to have immense sales in prohibition communities, figures collected in Massachusetts recently showing, it is stated, that one much-advertised compound with a high percentage of whiskey had been bought to the extent of 300,000 bottles in one year in prohibition communities of one New England State.

The manufacturers of High Point have shipped 347 cars of furniture in 30 days from August 12th, (when relief was given) to September 12th. This is exclusive of the cars loaded away from the factories and less than car lots. If the cars do not keep coming faster than at present it will be only a short time till the demand will again be greater than the supply.

The Mosquito Theory Vindicated.

Charleston News and Courier.

While the medical fraternity has not achieved a complete triumph in New Orleans, it has at least won a note-worthy victory there over the scourge with which the city is afflicted. A comparison of the deaths and new cases during this epidemic with those in the last epidemic of yellow fever in New Orleans is sufficient proof that science has made a giant stride against one of the most serious and most dreaded ills to which human flesh is heir. It was not to be expected that the fever could be stamped out entirely after it had gotten such a firm hold in New Orleans, but the battle that has been fought against it by the health authorities has been a winning battle none the less.

The scourge has been controlled if it has not been driven out, and this fact in itself gives great promise and encouragement for the future. If yellow fever can be controlled after it has broken out in a city such as New Orleans, it would appear nothing short of criminal carelessness should permit of its ever being introduced there again. And it might be added that the mosquito theory has received additional vindication by what has come and gone during the existing epidemic in New Orleans.

It is not altogether remarkable that the disease has spread to places close to New Orleans, but it should certainly be possible to keep it within reasonable bounds. Should it extend to any distant point capable of infection, the burden of proof would rest upon the health authorities of that place to show that they had not been negligent of their duties in a measure which would be little short of criminal. So far at least it is pleasant to feel and to say that the health officers of most Southern communities have met the emergency forced upon them most admirably.

As to Camels.

Chicago Chronicle.
They say that camels go eight days.

Without a drop to drink;

And are there camels in this town?

Well, I don't think.

YORK AND YORKVILLE.

What's Doing Among our Neighbors Just Across the Line.
Yorkville Environs.

Forty boarders took breakfast at the Bethany High school on the opening morning and now there are sixty.

Mr. H. P. Stowe of the Thousand Company is in Yorkville looking after the interest of his firm.

Mr. James Thomson has moved his family from Gastonia to Yorkville and is occupying the Miss Crepe's cottage on California street.

York county has furnished thirty boys to Erskine college this year. This is the largest number furnished to that institution by a single county.

Miss Lydia Smith has been elected principal of the Ogden High school, with Miss Fannie Good as assistant. The school opens November 1.

There are twenty-three boys and girls in college from the Neely's Creek congregation, and although there are those who fear that this may mean a smaller Neely's Creek someday, still there is no little pride in the fact that the congregation is such a strong believer in education.

Bethel Presbytery held its annual fall session at Heath Springs, convening last Tuesday, and finishing up its work on Thursday. The opening sermon was preached by Rev. W. L. Lingle, pastor of the First Presbyterian church of Rock Hill.

Mrs. Delia Steele, wife of Mr. Geo. Steele, Sr., of Lowryville, died at her home in that place, Tuesday afternoon at 1 o'clock, after a lingering illness. Previous to her marriage to Mr. Steele, Mrs. Steele was Miss Delia Sims of Union county, and at the time of her death she was aged about 57 years.

The ladies of the First Presbyterian church have undertaken quite an interesting enterprise in connection with the early publication of local cook book, under the title "All the Year Round With Yorkville Housekeepers." The book is to be made up principally of favorite cooking receipts of Yorkville housekeepers, each receipt properly credited to the housekeeper who furnishes it. A committee of ladies will edit the book and see that the matter goes into the hands of the printer in proper form. The book is to contain a lot of local advertising, and is to be sold to subscribers at a price to be fixed hereafter.

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It is understood that when it gets things well under way the town government will sell electric light as well as power to individual consumers. Mr. John G. Barnwell is to be superintendent of the light and power department, and will also have charge of the waterworks especially the pumping station.

The mill of the Neely Manufacturing company now stands practically ready for business, everything being in place except the electric motors, and they have been shipped. President Moore says that with everything here, including the motors and the power, he could start his wheels to turning within a week. The mill as it stands is one of the most complete and perfect of its kind to be found anywhere.

A number of representative farmers from different parts of the county met in the court house last Tuesday to perfect the organization of what is to be known as the Mutual Live Stock Insurance company, to do business in York and elsewhere. A commission having already been procured, directors were elected as follows: J. F. Ashe, J. M. Brice, D. E. Boney, R. L. Campbell, W. M. Faulkner, B. M. Faires, D. P. Lesslie, J. C. McKnight, J. W. Quinn, J. W. Simril. The following officers were elected: J. F. Ashe, president; D. P. Lesslie, vice president; D. E. Boney, secretary and treasurer. The officers are going ahead with the work of putting the business in proper shape, etc.

W. J. Hicks, a flagman on the local freight, was caught between the bumpers of two cars at the depot at Lexington Thursday and crushed so badly that he died. He was from Biscoe, N. C., nineteen years old and unmarried. He is said to be the grandson of Dr. Hicks, superintendent of the Oxford Asylum.

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PEOPLE of THE ISLAND of GUAM

Easy Going and Intensely Religious Devotion to Church and School.

Washington Post.

A very interesting visitor is Charles Darwin Lehmkohl, who is taking his first vacation in the United States after a sojourn of six years in this far-away portion of Uncle Sam's domain. Most Americans cannot stand such a protracted stay in the tropics without injury to their health, but Mr. Lehmkohl has kept in fine physical condition and speaks with enthusiasm of the country and its people.

"Guam," said he, "is a little bit of earth set down in the Pacific, scarcely occupying more than 200 square miles, and yet it is a fine place of extraordinary and peculiar importance. Its strategic position as a naval station where our war ships can stop to coal and make repairs gives it a value that cannot be overestimated. The long journey from San Francisco via Honolulu to Manila, exhausts the fuel carrying capacity of ocean craft, and they are glad to put in at the harbor of Guam and get a fresh supply."

"In addition, it is going to be the hub of many radiating lines of submarine telegraph. At present it has the Commercial Pacific Company from San Francisco to the Philippines and the German-Dutch Cable Company has completed a line from Menardo, in Celebes, via Yap and the Carolines, which will be extended to Shanghai next March. Then as soon as the Russo-Japanese war is over a cable will be laid from Guam to Yokohama. The harbor is a good one now, as to procuring a greater depth of water and in the matter of fortifications, which at present are non-existent. Its defenseless position at present is of no consequence, but would be a serious matter in case of war."

"There are on the island about 11,000 natives, who call themselves, Chamarros. They are of yellow complexion, resembling the Filipinos somewhat, but larger in size. These natives from the start have never given our Government the least trouble; they are good-natured, docile, easily managed.

"The people, as I said, are of an easy-going nature, but they are also intensely religious. To the Catholic church stands for all that makes life worth living. So devoted are they that they will not remain away from the town of Agana, in which is the only house of worship on the island, over night. They will go out on their coconut farms, several miles into the country, during the day, but at nightfall will come hurrying back by the hundreds, to be in proximity to their beloved church. It would be an enormous help to their progress if some charitable person would build for these people two or three churches, to be located in the outlying rural districts. This is, indeed, the only way in which Guam will ever be properly settled. A few American priests ought also to come over there, for their influence would be of untold benefit in helping the natives to understand their rightful relations with the United States. I speak not as a Catholic, but as a Protestant who believes in accepting facts and trying to make the best of them."

"Schools are also sadly needed, although we are doing a good deal toward teaching the young. The greatest need is for a few more American ladies to take charge of this work, as the people think it wrong to send their daughters to male teachers."

For this reason several of the wives of United States officials stationed there are doing splendid work in the school rooms. Some of the soldiers are also detailed as instructors, and the common verdict is that the native children are bright and ambitious to learn, and that they acquire the English tongue with great readiness."

Wanted Damages for Dog Bites.

Charlotte Chronicle.

Asheville, Sept. 15.—The Superior Court jury in the case of T. T. Stepp against J. M. Hearn, a suit for \$2,000 because of a "mad dog" bite, came into court yesterday morning and announced that it was unable to agree. The jury was discharged and an entry of mistrial made.

The suit was a novel one. Mr. Hearn owned a dog. The dog, it was alleged by the plaintiff, went mad and bit him; that he suffered great pain and was put to considerable expense to counteract the effect of the bite. He demanded \$2,000 damages from Mr. Hearn and the court was appealed to.

Typhoid Epidemic at Sharon.

The Yorkville correspondent of the Charleston News and Courier says Sharon, a village on the Southern Railroad, about seven miles west of Yorkville, and one of the best business points in this section, has been suffering the effects of a typhoid fever scourge during the past several weeks. There have been more than twenty cases. The fever seems to be of a rather mild type, as there has been only one death up to this time, that of R. H. Cain, well-to-do citizen of the town, which occurred Monday night. As yet the origin of the fever has not been discovered.

CLAIMS TO BE UNDER SPELL.

Young White Man Supposed to Have Escaped from Morganton State Hospital Arrested by the Police—Declares Young Faysouz Hypnotized Him.

Charlotte Chronicle.

J. R. Hoke, about 19 years old, and supposedly an escaped lunatic from Morganton, was arrested this morning by Chief Irwin and committed to jail. Hoke appeared at the police station last night and asked if the arrest of a man named Talbot had been made. He stated that he was charged with bigamy. The officers were unable to give Hoke any news of the man. Today before noon as Chief Irwin was walking across the square Hoke accosted him, asking, "Is there any way to relieve a man who is under a hypnotic spell?"

"Oh yes," replied the chief.

"Well," stated Hoke, "I have been under one for some time and would like to be relieved."

He was informed that a quiet rest would do him good, so the man submitted without complaint, and after being locked up in the tombs for several hours was removed to the county jail pending an investigation into his sanity.

Hoke was willing to talk and make many interesting statements. He said that Faysouz, the boy hypnotist, of Gastonia, had placed him under this spell from which he had never quite recovered. He had no idea in the world where he spent last night, but thinks that he for the past four years has been in the State Hospital at Morganton. It is certain that he has been in some hospital for the insane, for he knows much about the workings of one.

Patrolman Irvin tells this morning of a young man who sat last night under a bridge on South Church street with two revolvers by his side. This man was interviewed by citizens of that district and he stated that he had been robbed in Asheville and had had stolen from him a good watch. He thought he had seen the thief in this city and intended to have revenge. By the time an officer arrived to make the arrest the gentleman could not be found. Possibly there is some connection with the two stories.

MISS ROOSEVELT'S PRANK.

Fully Dressed She Jumps Into Bathing Tank on the Manchuria.

Hospital Dispatch of September 10 to New York.

The transport Sheridan brings a story of Alice Roosevelt's impulsive while on the steamship Manchuria, on her way from Nagasaki. On the forward deck, just below the bridge, a large canvas bathing tank had been erected for the party. On this particular morning, Miss Roosevelt stood near the tank, hat off, but with silk parasol to protect her. She was wearing a white silk waist and silk skirt.

"Congressman Longworth," she remarked, "if you will take a plunge dressed as you are I will follow suit."

Longworth, who was arrayed in a blue coat, flannel trousers and white duck shoes shrugged his shoulders.

"Well, if you don't dare, I do," said Miss Roosevelt, and before a dozen members of the Taft party could protest Miss Roosevelt had tossed her parasol aside, and dressed as she was leaped into the tank.

"Don't you take a dare?" she shouted to Longworth as she arose to the surface and started to swim as gracefully as her bedraggled clothing would allow. This bantering was too much for the Cincinnati man, and he plunged into the tank and helped Miss Roosevelt to step where they both climbed up and out of the water.

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