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## NOTES AND COMMENTS.

The recent spell of cool weather has given trucking a set back in this and other states. As usual Polk county has not suffered as much as other places. That's more evidence of our superior climate.

We do not claim to know what is best for the farmers to do and we do not wish to dictate, but it does seem foolish on their part to plant largely of cotton this spring after their experience with low prices the past year. Better be a little careful and think twice before you put many acres in cotton.

"The hanging of Parr in Columbia Friday was the first execution of a white man in this State in eleven years, and it's a question whether or not he would have suffered the death penalty had he possessed wealth. We hope, however, it is but the beginning of a new era so far as the punishment for murder is concerned.—Gaffney (S. C.) Ledger.

Will "the new era so far as the punishment for murder is concerned" ever make a beginning in Polk county? Sentencing a man guilty of killing his fellow man, to a few months on the chaingang is more like encouraging than punishing the criminal.

## THE WAR.

The opposing squadrons of Pussia and Japan are still in the China Sea, but so far as known no engagement has yet taken place. Admiral Rojestvensky is apparently staking all that Russia possesses on the present venture, and if he should win Japan would be shorn of much of her great advantage, if she did not in fact lose it all. The squadron under Admiral Togo is short one or two battleships by comparison with the force of Rojestvensky, and there is that element of uncertainty about the result of an engagement when it does come that is calculated to make the friends of the Japs a little uneasy. If Japan's fleet should be destroyed and she lose command of the sea, it is likely that her army would be forced out of Manchuria and the tide turned in Russia's favor. This is of course merely a possibility, and what race-track habitues would term a "long shot," but it is perhaps the best thing that Russia can do, and she is apparently playing the last hand with desperation. It is hardly conceivable that Admiral Togo would permit his ships to be destroyed when they are so greatly needed, and the situation may not be as serious as it appears, but when the engagement occurs, as it seems likely that it will in a short time, it will doubtless be to the finish. The reports from Vladivostock are to the effect that the Russians are preparing for a prolonged siege, and the Japanese are said to be determined to place an army of a million men in the field in Manchuria by next fall. There is a continuation of desultory fighting in Manchuria, but

it is of apparently little consequence, the armies seemingly awaiting the result of the naval operations.

The matter of bringing about peace has received but little attention during the past week, all parties doubtless awaiting developments in the China Sea. As bearing on the latter situation it is interesting to note that French critics think Rojestvensky will lose. Their sympathies are naturally with him, but they do not believe he can win.—Charlotte Observer.

## COLUMBUS NEWS.

McMurray & Lawter to Dissolve Partnership—People Coming and Going—Other Notes.

Rev. T. C. Croker preached at the Presbyterian church Sunday morning.

Mr. and Mrs. J. P. Morris returned from Rutherfordton Monday.

Rev. W. W. Jones, of Campobella, S. C., will preach at the Baptist church the first Sunday in May.

Misses Nellie and Coy LeCompte, of Corydon, Iowa, arrived here Tuesday. They enjoy the climate here and will probably remain several weeks.

Mrs. J. H. Hill, of Rutherfordton, is visiting her mother and other relatives and friends. Mrs. Hill expects to remain in Columbus about two weeks.

It is learned that A. L. McMurray and B. F. Lawter, of the firm of McMurray & Lawter will dissolve partnership about the first of May. Mr. McMurray will continue to keep store where he is now and B. F. Lawter will open a store in the N. B. Hampton building which is situated on the same street a few doors farther along.

## DUNNE'S LARGE FAMILY.

Chicago's New Mayor Comes Under Provision of New Hotel Law.

Mayor Dunne made the discovery that under the new city fire regulations he is classed as a hotel keeper, and that he lives in a hotel. This is because he maintains a home in which more than twenty persons live.

When the report was laid on the Mayors' desk, the executive's fingers began playing a tattoo, and in blocks of five the mayor counted up to twenty and added three.

"That's right," he murmured, "Twenty three. Ten little Dunnes, me and Mrs. Dunne; that's twelve; the grandpas and grandmas, the uncles and the aunts, and five servants. Great Scott, what is it coming to? I guess I am keeping a hotel all right, but I must have time to consider what is best to do, I must consult my friends."

## A SHORT LETTER FROM COLLINSVILLE.

Farmer's will plant as much Cotton this year as usual inspite of low prices—Peaches killed.

The wheat crops look encouraging.

Moses Shields went to Columbus Monday on legal business.

We have not had as much rain here as there has been about Columbus and other parts of the county.

All the peaches in this section are killed except what is on the Cowpen Ridge from G. C. Love's place to a point some where above Sandy Plains.

Rev. Jack Tate preached in the Collinsville school house to a large congregation Sunday. His text was taken from the 1st chapter of Romans, 15th and 16th verses.

Planting cotton is the order of the day in this section. We think in this neighborhood the farmers are going to plant as much cotton this year as common regardless of the present low price.

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