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REMOVING TRUSTEES.

Quite an unusual step was taken by the County Board of Education Saturday afternoon, when the trustees of the Long Branch school were removed and a new board commissioned. The news article on this matter, appearing last week should be read by everybody in Laurens county; the subject is interesting and of vital concern. Its effects will be far-reaching; it will materially affect the educational system of our county, and, we hope, other counties.

We treat this matter altogether impersonally and in accordance with our idea of right regardless of any who may be concerned. We are acquainted with none of the trustees, either those dismissed or the new board; this, however, would not affect our expressions. The Board of Education, we believe, acted well and wisely; their firmness is to be commended—they have enforced the law. The school laws require every teacher to hold a certificate or a diploma from a college of recognized standing. This, of course, was not so qualified, hence the trustees of Long Branch were obliged to employ her—they did not fulfill the law's requirements and thereby subjected themselves to interference by the County Board.

In dismissing the trustees of the Long Branch school, Superintendent Pitts and the County Board were executing the law's demands, unpleasant as the task might have been. The law is specific on this point; indeed, it should be. The maintenance of a proper standard rests upon the enforcement of this law; the good of our schools depends upon it. The Board acted conscientiously in the matter, and even those affected, must admit that their interference was warranted by law.

As to the "Unknown Tongue" and the young lady teacher, the Board did not consider. However, the laws of South Carolina forbid the teaching of any "creeds" in her public schools. Hence, the course of the Long Branch teacher was open to criticism, not because she was teaching this particular creed; it would be the same had she taught Methodist or Baptist "doctrines." It is against the law to teach religious creeds in our public schools.

In the matter of proper qualifications of teachers, it is learned from Superintendent Pitts that there are other teachers in the county who are not properly qualified to teach. Mr. Pitts states that these will not receive their salaries. For the good of our schools, for the enlightenment of our people, for the enforcement of law, such a course on the part of our Superintendent should be upheld by the people. It is easier to obey than to break the law. The times demand better schools; knowledge is growing from more to more; we must keep pace the times, so let the good work go on. Our officers are expected to enforce the law—they are elected for that purpose. Let the people sustain them.

"DUFF" STONE.

That was the name we all knew, and the mention of which will ever be a cause of sadness. We think of it now and exclaim: "It is awful." And we wonder at the dispensation of Providence in so suddenly bringing to an end the life just really begun. "It is hard," we say; yes, it is hard. But our regrets cannot bring back that one that was so suddenly and gently snuffed out; he is gone to his long home. "Duff" Stone is no more.

The writer wishes to offer this humble tribute to a faithful officer and good man, one of whom he had learned to respect and to love, one who was kind and courteous to him. Among the first to call on the new editor of this paper upon his arrival in Laurens and to welcome him to the city was Mr. Stone. Very well is that morning recalled: "How are you? I am glad to welcome you to our city" were his good words. "And any time I can help you, let me know" was added. Many a night as the writer sat late at his desk, Mr. Stone,

seeing the light, would come in and chat pleasantly for several minutes, then go out, onward in his rounds. We learned to like him.

Officer Stone lost his life in the faithful performance of his duty. He need not have been killed; he could have been less vigilant and the encounter might never have occurred, and the people would have been none the wiser. But there it is! Had he not been faithful the mid-night assassin and burglar would have accomplished his designs. Officer Stone was guarding the sleeping souls in Laurens, and their property. He died in harness; he died fighting. The people of Laurens recognize their obligation. The bravery he displayed, the courage he showed will ever be remembered. That the people appreciate the circumstances was largely evidenced by their tribute Friday afternoon.

Our city mourns the loss and untimely death of a true officer and a good citizen; we honor his memory. Let those who were very near and dear to him, and whose hearts bleed, remember that while "God moves in a mysterious way, His wonders to perform." He nevertheless knows the long path we tread alone, and that "He will lead our steps aright."

A BUNCH OF VIOLETS.

Just a bunch of violets—little wet violets, the nearest human of all the flowers that blow, repose on the now calmed and forever still breast of the murderer. What though he be a stranger in a strange land, some loving hand—not loving his awful crime nor his wicked life, but loving because he was one of God's creatures placed those wee flowers on a breast that was once free from guile—that once nestled against a mother's breast. What though his deed were bloody, his crime dastardly and his fate just! Already his spirit had flown away to meet its judgment; could an act of love be aught but good; in this silent tribute to the handiwork of God? Some heart, filled with genuine love and affection for mankind, prompted the act. Just a bunch of violets on the dead man's breast!

The act in no wise condoned the man's great sin; it lessened not one whit the heinousness of his crime, the stench of which rose even to heaven's gate; it evidenced no sympathy with the man's life. But it was the outgrowth of a pure, affectionate thought. Here lay the corpse of an unknown villain—unknown and unclaimed; a desecrated temple of God—a human body. Somewhere in the world, that body was once, if not now, dear to some one; some heart has bled for the wickedness of that heart now still. Some one here in our midst had a heart big enough to feel for that other heart that once bled—hence the deed, whose fragrance reaches the throne of God.

Just a bunch of violets—little wet violets, whose deep blue eyes kissed by heaven's breath and colored by its dews, keep watch over the wreck and ruin of a human life!

To The News and Courier: There are many prohibitionists in South Carolina who have no sympathy with the tactics of Superintendent J. L. Harley, of the Anti-Saloon League; nor are they to be held accountable for all his sins. The Anti-Saloon League did not originate the whiskey fight in this State, and even now, it is by no means the principle factor in the contest. The Rev. Mr. Harley may think he is the leader of the prohibitionists; he may be dreaming.

The News and Courier says morals cannot be legislated into people. Maybe not; but as Dr. Cromer says: "The law can make it mighty uncomfortable to be immoral." They are really funny—some of The News and Courier's arguments against prohibition.

"The newspaper now under the fire for their efforts to expose corruption in high places should have the active support of every true American, for their cause is the cause of us all"—fine words and true, but passing strange in that they fall from the lips of one Benjamin Ryan Tillman.

The upshot of the News and Courier's argument against State-wide prohibition is: "Charleston should be allowed to legislate for herself in this matter; let us alone." But perhaps a little interference would do Charleston good; it's rank hereby, of course, to say so (at least to Charlestonians). Life-long custom and habit do not make a thing right.

Do our people now recognize the dire need of a city hospital here? The King's Daughters should be encouraged and assisted in their endeavors to supply this need.

Housekeepers in Laurens were "up against it" Sunday morning. Yet, it is said, that not one of them lost her temper, and that they all attended morning services at their respective churches, wholly unruffled, sweet and

placid as if there had been no freeze.

Some real live news for you, dear reader:

"Three of the stingiest men in the State have just been discovered, says the Johnston News-Monitor. One of them will not drink as much water as he wants unless it is from another man's well. The second forbids any of his family from writing anything but a "small hand," as it is a waste of ink to make large letters. The third stops the clock at night in order to save wear and tear of the machinery. All of them decline to take a newspaper on the ground that it is a terrible strain on their spectacles to read newspapers, even in the day time."

But we can show you one better: There's a man who won't subscribe to his county newspaper, but who visits his neighbor, sits in his neighbor's chair, on his neighbor's cushion to keep from wearing his "pants", borrows his neighbor's spectacles and reads his neighbor's newspaper.

The News and Courier is "scared right" over the possibility of State-wide prohibition; when the old News and Courier gets scared there's certainly something doing.

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- Large package Washing Powder for..... 04c

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Three hundred and fifty acres, 3 miles from town, half in fine timber, \$15.00 per acre.

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132 acres between Laurens and Clinton at a bargain.

We have that magnificent farm known as the Van Robertson farm, near Waterloo, 214 acres at a bargain, and very easy terms.

313 acres near Waterloo, the Amanda Coleman place.

500 acres near Stomp Springs, the best bargain of them all.

One six-room house and lot on Fleming street at a bargain.

97 acres, the Boyd farm at Boyd's Mill, \$1000; one-half cash.

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BOX 278

"THE VANISHED DAYS."

Lay the jest about the julp in the camphor balls at last. For the miracle has happened and the olden days are past; That which makes Milwaukee thirsty does not foam in Tennessee. And the lid on old Missouri is as tight locked as can be; Oh, the comic paper Colonel and his cronies well may sigh, For the reit is waiving gaily, but the South is going dry.

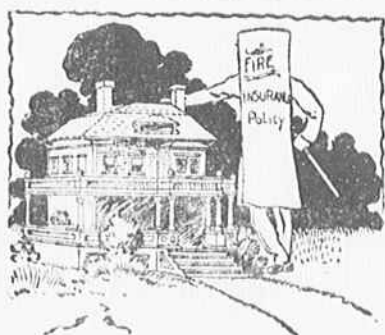
By the stillside on the hillside in Kentucky all is still. For the only damp refreshments must be dipped up from the rill. Noth China's stately ruler gives his soda glass a shove, And discusses local onion with the South China Gov.; It is useless as the fountain to be whifful of the eye, For the corkill glass is dusty and the South is going dry.

As water, water everywhere, but not a drop to drink; No longer hear the music of the mellow crystal clink. When the Colonel and the Major and the Genl and the Judge, Meet to have a little nip to give their appetite an edge; For the egg-nog it is nogless and the rye has gone awry, And the punch bowl holds carnations and the South is going dry.

All the night caps now have tassels and are worn upon the head— Not the nightcaps that were taken when nobody went to bed; And the breeze above the blue grass is as solemn as is death, For it bears no pungent clove-tang on its odorifer breath; And each man can walk a chalk line when the stars are in the sky, For the fizz glass is fizzless and the South is going dry.

Lay the jest about the julp 'neath the chestnut tree at last. For there's but one kind of moonshine and the olden days are past. For the water wagon rumbles through the Southland on its trip, And it helps no one to drop off to pick up the driver's whip; For the mint bed makes a pasture and the corkerew hangeth high, And is still along the stillside and the South is going dry.—Selected.

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Laurens, S. C.

Efforts Being Made to Supply Vacancy

The Church of the Epiphany in this city is still without a rector. It is learned, however, that efforts are being made to supply the vacancy at the earliest possible date.

There is more Catarrh in this section of the country than all other diseases put together, and until the last few years doctors pronounced it a local disease and prescribed local remedies, and by constantly failing to cure with local treatment, pronounced it incurable. Science has proven catarrh to be constitutional disease and therefore requires constitutional treatment. Hall's catarrh cure, manufactured by P. J. Cheney & Co., Toledo Ohio, is the only constitutional cure on the market. It is taken internally in doses from 10 drops to a teaspoonful. It acts directly on the blood and mucous surface of the system. They offer one hundred dollars for any case it fails to cure. Send for circulars and testimonials. Sold by all Druggists, 75 cents.

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Laurens, S. C.

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- 5 lbs. Coffee for..... 1.00
- 3 lb. best Florida and Java Coffee for..... 1.00
- 10 lbs. good green Coffee..... 1.00
- 5 lbs. can Kernal Blend Coffee..... 1.00
- Old time country cured speard and peppered Hams at..... 13c
- Nice Picnic Hams..... 10c
- Fresh Breakfast Bacon..... 15c
- Best full Cream Cheese..... 18c
- 3 lbs. Nice Sun dried Apples for..... 25c
- Full line of Syrups and Molasses at 25c to..... 60c
- Good juicy Mackerels 5c each
- White or Red Onion sets per quart..... 16c
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- Large Stock always on hand at lowest prices of Flour, Meal, Bacon, Lard, Cotton Seed Meal, Corn, Oats and Hay.
- One latest improved patent 60 Gallon Oil Tank to sell at a bargain.

Mr. Featherstone at Home Path. Hon. C. C. Featherstone, of Laurens, delivered a lecture in the Baptist church last Sunday afternoon to a very large and appreciative audience. He captivated the crowd by his eloquence and forcible logic. His subject was "Temperance."—Home Path Chronicle.

'Twas a Glorious Victory.

There's rejoicing in Fedora, Tenn. A man's life has been saved, and now Dr. King's New Discovery is the talk of the town for curing C. V. Pepper could not work nor get about," he writes, "and the doctors did me no good, but, after using Dr. King's New Discovery three weeks, I feel like a new man, and can do good work again." For weak, sore or diseased lungs, cough and colds, hemorrhages, hay fever, tightness, asthma or any bronchial affection it is a grand curative. Price 50c and \$1.00. Trial bottle free. Sold and Guaranteed by Laurens Drug Co. and Palmetto Drug Company.