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THE LANTERN.

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CHESTER, S. C., TUESDAY, JANUARY 4, 1898.

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Bill Arr's Travels.

It was a lovely train—that fast mail from Atlanta to Montgomery—cars all new and bright and clean, and we made the run of 175 miles in five hours. The wheels seemed to slide and glide along the rails as if moving upon ice; not a jar or shock, and all went serene until we neared Opelika, when suddenly there was a terrific crash at my window and the large plate glass was shattered by a stone that some fiend had thrown with force and violence. A second later—yes, a fraction of a second—and I would have received the blow in my face. The broken glass was shattered over me and in my face, and a sharp fragment stuck in my finger. Kind fate or Providence protected me, for I had no accident party. But I consider myself the injured person and had mind to telegraph Governor Johnson to call out the militia, for we had crossed the Alabama line. When we reached the town our conductor put detectives on track of theascal, and I hope they will catch them.

When I got to Meridian it was night again and in going to the hotel I found the pavement torn up part of the way and before I was aware of any impediment, I stumbled against an abrupt rise and fell far and wide on the unfeeling brick. It seemed to me I could not stop falling and my corporeity spread out in a horizontal attitude. I lost my cane and my spectacles, but a kind-hearted man ran out of his store and helped me up and we found them. You are the third man that has tripped up there tonight and the city council ought to have a lamp and a watchman here. I skinned my kneecap and got my best clothes all dirty, and once more I considered myself the injured person, for I still had no accident policy.

Today, when our train stopped at Vicksburg, a lot of preachers got aboard on their way to the synod and some of the nice ladies of the town came down to meet some lady friends on the train. It took them a good while to exchange salutations and kiss goodby all around and suddenly the train moved off and gradually gained speed of motion and the nice ladies ran hastily to the door and down the steps and made a leap for the platform. I never saw such a spread of feminine forms and garments in my life. They both fell violently forward face downwards with all four of their limbs extended, and I know the shock must have broken every stay in their corsets. It grieved me, for I know they are hurt, but the train never stopped to see, for the conductor supposed those ladies were passengers and not visitors and had gone forward to look after other matters. But I am obliged to consider those ladies the injured persons. It won't do for ladies or old men to leap from a moving train.

When we crossed the great Mississippi river and had resumed our journey the train stopped to take on a young couple who were eloping from their parents and were going to get married as soon as they reached the first courthouse town. They had dodged the old people by crossing the river in a skiff and so when the train reached the town the young man hurried to the clerk and got a license while our train waited for him. They didn't know where to find a preacher, but there were forty or fifty aboard our train and kind friends suggested that they be married in the parlor car that was attached. So they chose our Jimmy Hillhouse, who used to preach in Cartersville, but is now located in Vicksburg. He got Rev. Jimmy Jones to assist him and while the train was going thirty miles an hour the happy couple were joined together in the holy bonds of matrimony. The two Jimmies kissed the fair young bride,

and when we met the eastbound train the couple boarded it and returned to their anxious parents. There was nothing in the way of their marriage save their youth, for the young man is of good habits and good family, and the girl is as sweet as a pink.

But these preachers are a bright and jolly set. They kept us laughing all the way to Monroe, where the synod meets. Going to the church courts is their greatest recreation. But I am tired to-night, for I have travelled 400 miles to-day and must stop for the present.

Suffering in The South.

The Philadelphia Times, referring to the fact that on the first of January 1898, the suffrage clause of the new constitution, that practically disfranchises two-thirds or more of the colored voters of this State, will go into effect, takes occasion to approve the said disfranchisement as being justified by the experience of the District of Columbia.

The Times tells how when the experiment of universal suffrage and the enfranchisement of the colored voter regardless of intelligence or condition, was made in that district, it proved a total failure. In a few years the property holders of Washington, regardless of party, rose en masse, and so protested against the ignorant colored rule of the capital that even a republican congress and a republican president were forced to confess that ignorant negro suffrage was a failure. The end was that the territorial organization of the district was repealed, and it was restored to the immediate care of congress.

Commenting on the experiment in universal suffrage made in the District of Columbia, in Mississippi and in this state, the Times admits that there was shown an absolute necessity to limit the franchise in order to give security to both person and property.

It further says that Mississippi and South Carolina followed on entirely constitutional lines in practically disfranchising the colored vote in the two states where it is largely in the majority, and the Times adds:

"It was an impious necessity to assure safety to property in those states, and safety to person as well, and while political partisans and organs will criticize the attitude of Mississippi and South Carolina in following the example of the republican president and congress, the supreme conditions which dictate the action in those states will be generally appreciated by all who want free government and enlightened progress."

The Times deserves credit for its candor and its sagacity.

It is obvious that mighty change has come over the hind of the north as regards the negro in the matter of suffrage in the path.—Columbia Register.

Negro Cotton Mill.

The negro cotton mill will be in operation by July 10 in the expectations any statements of the promoters. Eight hundred hands are advertised for, and the first car load of machinery is expected today or tomorrow. There are three car loads on the way. Mr. Monteith states that everything appears bright for the mill and that a superintendent is expected soon, who will begin to work to arrange for commencing operations. This is one of the most interesting experiments ever inaugurated in the country and all the industrial magnates are watching it with much concern.—Columbia Register.

No under the ocean waves get angry when the wind is continually blowing them up.

Wonderful Cotton.

We have been requested to publish the following article for the benefit of farmers:

During the last two years there has been a great deal both said and written about a wonderful new variety of cotton grown by a man named Jackson in Georgia. The claims made for the cotton was so remarkable that the owner of it has been able to sell the seed for \$18 a bushel. At last the experiment stations got some of the seed, and during the past season made a test of this cotton, along with other varieties. Their conclusion is that the cotton is neither new nor wonderful. In a late communication Professor S. M. Tracy, of the Mississippi A. and M. college, thus sums up his conclusions:

Three weeks ago we spoke of the "Jackson Limbless Cotton" and quoted a letter from the Georgia station in regard to its growth and appearance through the south. Dr. Redding, the director of the station, has now gathered the bulk of the crop, and desiring to place the facts before the public as soon as possible, has issued a special bulletin, in which he says the so-called "Jackson limbless cotton" was first brought before the public under this name in the fall of 1896. It was said to have sprung from seed obtained in 1895 in Central Africa. It was claimed that it belonged to a new genus; that it would produce from four to six bales of lint per acre on ordinary upland; that the lint is extra long, fine and strong, etc.

The price first fixed for seeds of this "limbless" was \$1 per 100 seeds, or \$2.50 per 500 seeds. At \$1 per 100 seeds one pound would cost \$90 and one bushel \$1,800. The price has recently been reduced to \$7 per pound of seed, or \$210 per bushel. The director succeeding in getting a small quantity of the seed (of unquestionable purity) and they were planted in direct competition with 20 other varieties comprising the station's "variety test." Of course all the conditions affecting the 21 varieties were made precisely the same as far as practicable.

At the third picking, October 6, the yields of seed cotton from the different varieties ranged from 1,378 pounds for the Texas Burr to 1,040 for Mitchell's Twin Boll, the average for the 21 varieties being 1,254 pounds, and the yield of the Jackson's limbless being 1,270 pounds.

The final picking will probably make a material change in the rank of some of the varieties; but it is not probable that the Jackson will be materially changed.

Very soon after the cotton commenced to limb and square, and each variety to develop whatever was peculiar to itself, it was suspected that the "Jackson limbless" was either identical with a certain old variety, or closely related to it. After the bolls commenced to open the director became satisfied that the so-represented new "limbless" variety was identical with the old variety above alluded to, viz: "Weldon's Pet," which was grown on this station in 1890 and 1892. Correspondence with the originator of "Weldon's Pet" variety and exchange of sections of stalks, confirmed this conclusion of the identity of the so-called "limbless" with "Weldon's Pet," in the judgement of both Mr. Welborn and the director.

It is therefore confidently affirmed that "Jackson's limbless cotton," "Weldon's Pet" are one and the same variety. "Weldon's Pet" has been before the public for 10 or 12 years.

Now for the specific claims made for the "Jackson limbless" by its promoters:

It is not "entirely limbless," but is inclined to produce several (often five or six) long branches from near

the ground. When very closely crowded in the drill, however, many stalks will be without these limbs, and their normal tendency (as with "cluster" cottons generally) to grow tall is much increased.

On exceedingly rich soil the stalks may attain a height of 10, 12 or even 14 feet. The lint is fairly good, but nothing extraordinary. It does not compare at all with Sea Island, Egyptian or even with Allen's long staple, and would not command a higher price than the ordinary upland short staple. The fibre is not remarkably strong, and is not one and one-half inches long, as was claimed. Its length is from one-half to three-fourths of an inch. The director visited and examined a field belonging to the owner of the new variety in September, and estimated that a yield of one and one-half bales per acre might be secured with favorable future conditions. The land on which the four acre patch was growing has for years been very high culture for corn, and is heavily fertilized with cow droppings and commercial fertilizers the present year; and in the opinion of the director is capable of producing 60 bushels of corn per acre.

The station tests of 1890 and 1892 of "Weldon's Pet" and of "Jackson's limbless" the present year prove that it is not the most prolific cotton in the world.

In conclusion the director desires to say that this cotton is a fairly good variety on rich soils or under high culture. Mr. Welborn says it is not suited to poor land and poor culture. For years past he has been carefully developing its peculiarities with a view of fixing a variety that will be better adapted to harvesting with the machine harvester.

Special attention has herein been called to this so-called "limbless" because of the extraordinary claims that have been made for it and the unprecedented high price asked for the seed. These claims are so apparently plausible that the unsuspecting and confiding farmer is liable to be induced to pay at the rate of over \$200 a bushel for the seed when the identical same variety may be had for probably less than \$2 per bushel.—Sunny South.

Bradstreet's Observations.

Holiday quiet and stock-taking close a year, which not fully realizing the most sanguine expectations, certainly contained much that was gratifying and more that is full of promise for the year 1898. Following a series of years of alternate panic, stagnation and slow and even painful revival, 1897 presented a large volume of business gone as a whole, at prices which, while not altogether satisfactory, resulted in a total of trade larger than any previous year since 1893. Tariff changes restricted demand, but encouraged speculation and heavy imports in the first part of 1897, while the enlarged foreign demand for American breadstuffs and some varieties of manufactured articles bettered the condition of the American farmer, and therefore business men, quite materially in the latter part of the year. Price conditions have not favored the southern producer of cotton nor the northern manufacturer of cotton goods. The best reports come from the west, northwest and the pacific coast. Prices at the close are as a whole on a higher range than at the opening, advances being most numerous in food products, raw silk and wool, while decreases are reported in raw cotton and cotton goods, nearly all metals, anthracite coal and petroleum. Railroad interests share in the revival of prosperity, with gross and net earnings larger than any year since 1893, and the year 1898 opens with the business community, with the few exceptions noted, in a very cheerful frame of mind.

JENKINS' BRIGADE.

Story of Sharpshooter by One Who Was There.

Greens, S. C., Dec. 21, '97.

To the Editor of the Greenville News:

I saw by accident yesterday in *The State* of the 5th of December, an article by Col. F. W. McMaster, of the Seventeenth South Carolina volunteers, headed, "Lee in Maryland," in which he said that at the battle of Sharpshooter Drayton's brigade on his right and Jenkins' brigade on his left completely abandoned the field and forced him to fall back into Sharpshooter. He is right as far as Drayton is concerned and wrong as to Jenkins' brigade. I was there and I know what I am about to say is true and I call on General Longstreet, Colonel Hoyt, of your city, who was our assistant adjutant general and Col. Joe Walker, of Spartanburg, my colonel, commanding the brigade at Sharpshooter. Jenkins' brigade was not at Sharpshooter, Drayton on his right and a deep ravine was between, in which a branch ran down out of Sharpshooter into Antetams creek. We did not have a full line of battle, consequently we occupied the high points and did not cover the ground across the ravine and the enemy did not come up the ravine and penetrated the edge of the town at one time, but part of our regiment and part of the First South Carolina volunteers drove the enemy back, then our regiment changed front exposing our flank to the assaulting column and poured a volley along the enemy's line, which Drayton's men formerly occupied, and drove the enemy back and held the gap that Drayton left vacant for two hours. The enemy voluted line after line of battle against us until the gallant A. P. Hill came in from Harper's Ferry and occupied the space left vacant by Drayton's brigade. I must say he came in as opportune a time as did Blucher at Waterloo or as did Joseph E. Johnston at the first battle of Manassas.

And I will say I was in all the great battles in which Longstreet's corps was engaged except Gettysburg, our brigade was left at Richmond to guard the capital in that campaign. The company that I was in last suffered forty-four men killed in battle and 125 casualties during the war.

To the old boys of the brigade First and Fifth, Second Rifles, Gary's Hampton legion, Sixth Regiment, Fourth Battalion, Palmetto Sharpshooters, constituting the brigade, I will say that I do not write this to see my name in print, but we are falling by the wayside one by one and there will soon be none of us that were at Sharpshooter to correct Col. McMaster, but I write for the sake of the thousand and more men that were killed in the brigade whose memory I shall revere as long as life lasts; for the sake of the men that gave our first brigade general, R. H. Anderson, the non de plume of "Fighting Dick," for the sake of the brigade that Jenkins commanded at Seven Pines; (Anderson commanding the division) where he displayed his master tactics, forming three-fourths of a square, and fighting the enemy on our right and left, and in front, driving Casey's division out of their camp, losing half of our men killed and wounded, sleeping on the field where we fought over a mile in front of the balance of our lines; for the sake of the brigade that opened the fight at Frazier's farm, and drove the enemy's line back on their reserves, capturing sixteen cannons and losing two-thirds of our men.

This was the brigade that could manoeuvre under the master tactics, Jenkins, in the hottest of battle with the precision of clock work. This was the brigade that fought from Suffolk and Yorktown to the foot of Arlington Heights at Washington; that fought the night fight at Will's valley near Chattanooga under the peerless Bratton, Jenkins commanding the division, when all others had fled, and rolled up the enemy line under our converging and circular fire and lost 356 men while the other two brigades engaged only lost 52. See Longstreet's history (page 447).

This brigade fought over East Tennessee and Virginia and was charged repeatedly on the retreat from Petersburg, capturing 500 prisoners at Farmville a few days before the surrender, while we were living principally on raw turnip salad and would have made as good a fight the morning of the surrender as we ever did during the war, being thoroughly organized and surrendering more guns than any brigade in Lee's army.

This is what General Longstreet said about Jenkins in his history, page 556. "But Mich Jenkins who fell by the same fire (where I was wounded) was no more. He was one of the most estimable characters of the army. His tastes and talents were for military service. He was intelligent, quick, untrusting, attentive, gallant in discharge of duty, truly faithful to official obligation, abreast with the foremost in battle, and withal a humble noble Christian. In a moment of high earthly hope he was transported to serene heavenly joy to that life beyond that knows no bugle call, beat of drums or clash of steel. May his beautiful spirit through the mercy of God rest in peace. Amen.

Could any soldier ask a higher eulogy.

The State and Spartan, and all papers friendly to the brigade, please copy.

L. C. ZIMMERMAN,
Co. D., P. S., Jenkins' Brigade.

Forty Per Cent. at Farming.

Mr. Henry Parker, who, with his brother, owns a 90 acre farm near Eufaula, Ala., has told the Times, of that place, how he has succeeded at farming. "We made," said he, "last year 40 per cent. profit on the place. And it is of considerable value because we have unusually good accommodations on the place, among other things an exceedingly nice country house with outhouses, etc. We get money from cows. We have five Jersey cows, from which we sell the butter and the increase. We sell 200 head of hogs a year, many of them as pigs, others when grown. We make fodder and hay, and last year got good money from 300 bushels of peanuts. We raise great quantities of sweet potatoes. And do you know that you can't buy a sweet potato in Barbour county now, and they are worth 90 cents a bushel? It is true, I am shipping potatoes from Nashville. The farmer gets impatient and will not hold any part of his crop for a rise. Think what a magnificent thing it would be now to have several hundred bushels of potatoes? We have sold already \$22 worth of new Irish potatoes. We get good returns from sugar cane, and \$9 in the last month of '97 from cattail millet seed. We raise field peas and all kinds of vegetables. Of course, we raise oats and corn, but only to feed our own stock. We made last year over 40 per cent. on our farm. And some people will say that our store helped us out. And so it did. We sold the product of the farm largely through the store, but the store got a profit. The net proceeds to the farm after deducting the value of our services as storekeeper from the amount gave us a profit on our farm of over 40 per cent. on its entire cost to us."—Farm Magazine.

Farmers' Meeting.

A meeting of farmers was held yesterday in the court house, Mr. R. A. Love in the chair, and Mr. John Withers, Secretary. After a full and free discussion of the situation it was decided to organize township cotton growers' associations on Saturday, 15th instant, and these to elect delegates to the County Cotton Growers' Association to meet in Chester, on Monday, 17th inst.

The matter of reducing the cotton acreage was discussed. Mr. T. J. Cunningham and Mr. P. L. Hardin made some remarks in favor of repealing the lien law as the first way of accomplishing the end desired. Mr. J. M. Hough and Mr. W. B. Crosby advocated such action by the Legislature as would prevent a man from planting more than a certain number of acres in cotton. This desirable result was to be obtained by levying a tax on the number of acres in excess of the stipulated number.

There were those that took the ground that legislation of this character would be unconstitutional.

We think that the farmers' meeting yesterday will accomplish much good. In our opinion the farmers are fully alive to the important fact that they must do something to improve their financial situation. They should feel that the responsibility is upon them, and that having put their hands to the plough, they must not look back until the desired improvement has been effected.

It has been said that farmers' will not stick together. Let them show by their united and harmonious action that this is a slander. Let each one join heart and soul in any plan adopted by the majority. In this way they will accomplish a great and noble work that will be felt and enjoyed by succeeding generations.

Attack on McKinley.

Rev. Thomas Dixon, pastor of one of the Baptist churches in New York, recently made the following bitter attack on McKinley and his Cuban policy:

"The proclamation of the Administration at Washington asking help for dying Cubans to be given through Cuban corruptibals, as the climax of our contemptible and servile policy toward Cuba. Truly the reign of the huckster is with us! Have we a tin peddler for President or a man? A huckster or a soldier? Why beg alms for dying Cubans and send our navy to help Spain to kill them? We have spent two millions of dollars patrolling the coast of Florida, and hounding Cuban patriots. Why not withdraw our vessels and give the money thus spent to relieve the Cubans instead of hounding them?"

"For one, I am sick and tired of the pusillanimous fawning at the feet of Spain's baby King by the excuses for men who hold our offices and misrepresent eighty millions of freemen. It is time to do one of two things—either haul down the flag of liberty from our capital and hoist, instead, the blood-stained yellow flag of Spanish tyranny, or else stand true to the faith of our fathers and recognize our brethren who fight for their homes, their wives and children, their life and liberty, in Cuba."

An Extension of Time.

There may be an extension of time for the payment of taxes without the penalty. A pressure will undoubtedly be brought to bear upon the legislature looking to the adoption of a resolution to this effect. If there was ever a time when such legislation was essential to the welfare of the people, that time has arrived. Our lawmakers know perfectly well the condition of the country; they know the poverty of the people in consequence of the low price of cotton. Will they not do something in behalf of the people, or will they push them to the wall and thus add to their distress. We hope not.

The following taken from The Register is an indication that there is already a "concerted movement"

looking to an extension of time by the Legislature:

"The probabilities are that such a measure will be brought to bear on the legislature that the question of extending the time for the payment of taxes will be about one of the first important steps taken by that body."

A member of the legislature who was in the city Saturday said that such a step would be absolutely necessary to save the property of many a farmer.

He said that already there was a concerted movement looking to having such a resolution adopted and that most of the members had already agreed to vote for it.

As showing the necessity of such action he stated that in Greenville county he had learned that hardly more than half the taxes had been paid and it was even worse in other counties."

In connection with this statement the following is taken from the Greenville Mountaineer:

There is no bluer man in this county than a Treasurer S. Lawrence Walker. Out of a total of \$125,614.18 of taxes, up to yesterday had been paid only \$75,455.52, leaving a balance due of \$49,158.26, very little of which was collected yesterday, which was the last day for payment. Taxes paid today and any day after will have the penalty attached. There is no possibility of an extension of time upon which some people have been counting. In this connection, The State of Thursday, says:

"If such is the case in that county which is one of the most prosperous in the State it can be easily imagined what are the conditions in some of the less prosperous counties."

The legislature generally does not take kindly to extension of time, but it looks as if it will have to do something this year.

Dots from Baton Rouge.

Christmas holidays are over and the New Year has dawned upon us with bright hopes and pleasant anticipations for the future.

The young people have had quite a pleasant Xmas. The Christmas tree at the academy was quite a success.

Messrs. Oscar and Frank Smith, Hope Wise and Johnnie Cornwell made a flying trip to Santuc, Union county, Christmas day.

Mr. Spratt Castles spent Christmas day in our midst.

Mr. Fred McCollum and his friend, Mr. Charley Cornwell, who have been visiting in Rock Hill, returned home Friday.

Miss Lena Smith, who has been visiting in Sumter county, returned home Wednesday.

Miss Hattie Cornwell has gone on a visit to her uncle, Mr. W. H. Hafner, in Lincoln, N. C. Success to THE LANTERN.

PANSY.

Capers Chapel Notes.

Christmas has gone, and we can hardly realize it.

Visitors are returning and gay times are ceasing.

Mr. Jim Carter, of Santuc, is visiting relatives in this community.

Miss Julia Crawford, of York County, who has been visiting relatives here, returned home Friday.

Miss Fannie Withers returned to Guthrieville to resume her school this morning.

Messrs. Luther Lathan and J. B. Morrison, of Blackstock, have been visiting relatives and friends in this community.

Mr. B. A. Grant and son, Frazier, are visiting relatives on Broad River, near Woods Ferry.

Miss Carrie Hardin returned to Landsford last Saturday, where she will begin her school this morning.

Mrs. Claudia Triplett and children, from below the city, have been visiting relatives and friends in this community.

Mrs. John Aycock, of York county, has been visiting her sister Mrs. Frank Kirkpatrick.

Misses Carrie and Posa Hardin gave a social party at their home last Monday evening, complimentary to their friend Mr. Frank McCadden, of Landsford, and it was greatly enjoyed by all present. We would like to mention all that were present, but for lack of time we can not.

Mr. W. C. Hardin started for his home in Birmingham, Ala., this morning.

Mrs. Will Simpson, who has been visiting her parents at Cornwell, returned home last Thursday.

Mr. Humbert Ferguson, of Yorkville, has been spending the holidays with relatives and friends here.

Mr. Frank McCadden, who has been visiting at the home of Mr. J. N. Hardin, returned to his home at Landsford Saturday.

VIOLET.

Halsellville Dots.

Miss Sallie Whitesides, of Smyrna, York county, who has been visiting relatives and friends, returned home last week, accompanied by her cousin, Miss Ella Weir.

Mr. Samuel Weir paid a flying visit to Due West during the holidays.

Mr. Fred Weir spent the holidays visiting his brother near Winsboro.

Misses Beatrice and Inez Hunter, of Chester, spent last Thursday and Friday visiting at Mr. M. J. Colvins.

Mr. R. C. Grant spent a portion of the holidays visiting friends near Blackstock.

M. G.

Jan. 3rd, 1898.
Mr. J. Walter Simpson, of Rock Hill has been elected class orator at the semi-annual literary exercise at Erskine College.

THE EXCHANGE BANK.

The following is the report of the condition of The Exchange Bank, of Chester, S. C., at the close of business December 31, 1897.

RESOURCES. Notes Discounted \$175,618.98 Bonds Local 14,800.00 Bonds U.S. 1-28 \$100 14,800.00 Banking House and Fixt'rs 6,671.48 Due from Banks 61,792.21 Cash in Vault 25,281.84 \$294,204.51 LIABILITIES. Capital Stock \$75,000.00 Personal Deposits 188,888.05 Dividend No. 13, payable 1st January 3,000.00 Undivided Profits 17,316.46 \$294,204.51 STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA, } CHESER COUNTY, } I, T. H. WHITE, Cashier of the Exchange Bank of Chester, S. C., do solemnly swear that the above statement is true, to the best of my knowledge and belief. T. H. WHITE, Cashier. Subscribed and sworn to before me, this 31st day of December, 1897. J. C. McLEURE, Notary Public. Correct—Attest: JOSEPH WYLLIE, D. B. WHITE, Directors. G. G. BAILEY.

Annual Meeting.

The annual meeting of the stockholders of the National Bank of Chester (in liquidation) will be held at my office, in Office Building, on Tuesday, the 11th day of January, 1898, at 12 M. By order, J. J. McLEURE, Pres. 31-4.

Desirable Property For Sale in Blackstock.

Having decided to remove to Chester, I offer for sale cheap, for cash, or on reasonable terms, a large, four-story dwelling and lot, consisting of six acres of well improved land, good garden, well of excellent water, good barn including stables, carriage and wagon houses, smoke house, etc., etc., conveniently located. Also my 2000-ft. building consisting of three rooms, which could easily be converted into a five store room. If you wish to see the same, I will rent the same for a short time. JAMES B. BIGHAM.

Tax Returns for 1898.

CHESTER, S. C., December 1, 1897. In accordance with law, the tax books for the return of REAL and PERSONAL property for 1898, will be opened on JANUARY 1st, 1898, and closed on FEBRUARY 30th, 1898, after which time the FIFTY per cent penalty will attach to delinquents. Section 1, Act No. 283 of the General Assembly of South Carolina, provides as follows: "It shall be the duty of all persons who are required by law to make returns of personal property, to make full returns of all real estate, and improvements thereon, between the 1st day of January and the 30th day of February, 1898, and at the same time in every fourth year thereafter. The Comptroller General, by circular letter, instructs me to call the attention of merchants to section 229 of the General Statutes, and the 20th day of January to section 230, at the time of making their respective returns. Plans to enable them to comply with the requirements of said section, will be furnished. All male persons between the ages of 21 and 60, are liable to poll tax, except those exempt by law. W. CORKILL, Auditor Chester County.

Boarders.

Wanted a few table and lodging boarders. Rates very reasonable. E. I. ATKINSON, SR.

PROFESSIONAL.

R. B. CALDWELL, Attorney and Counsellor at Law, Walker Bldg., Chester, S. C.

Prompt and careful attention given to all business. Will practice in this and adjoining counties.

J. B. ATKINSON, ATTORNEY AT LAW, CHESTER, S. C. (Office over Davys Drug Store.)

Prompt and careful attention to all business entrusted to me. Collections a specialty.

PRYOR & MCKEE, DRUGGISTS.

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.

THEO. L. SHIVER, POPULAR BARBER.

NEXT DOOR TO FAIRVIEW HOTEL.

J. W. CROCKETT, BARBER AND HAIRDRESSER.

Next door to Stahn's Jewelry Store.

NOTICE!

What is it? Why, it's a big rush to get to the KIMBAL HOUSE: where is the Kimbal House? Down on Gadsden Street. What house is it? Why, at that noble—

Big 4 Restaurant

where meals and hot lunches are served from morning until night. The bill of fare hangs between the two dining rooms all the time, and served on short notice. Fancy Groceries and Confectioneries. We also keep ICE on hands all the winter. Your humble servants, JOHNSON & CO. PHONE 12. 1616

Below Cost!

We have a selection of very ARTISTIC PICTURES, consisting of "Yards," facsimile Water Colors, Etchings, Artotypes, etc., which we will sell—

Below Actual Cost,

to close them out.

NOTHING NICER than a Nice Picture for a Christmas remembrance.

CHILDS & EDWARDS.

Dec. 7, '97.

Do You Chew?

Try Fischel's Tobacco.

Do You Smoke?

Try Fischel's Cigars.

Do You Eat?

Try Fischel's Fancy Groceries.

Have You a Girl?

Bait her with Fischel's Fancy Candies.

Have You a Beau?

Decoy him into Fischel's.

S. M. JONES & Co.

BIG SALE!

Great Reduction! 30 Days Only!

WE MUST MOVE OUR IMMENSE STOCK OF

Dress Goods, Clothing, Boots, Shoes,

Hats, Carpets, Matting, Blankets, Groceries, Etc.

We Offer this \$60,000 Stock positively at a reduction of 15 to 25 per cent.

We Offer Special Reduction in Dress Goods.

25 Patterns, newest weaves in Dress Goods, \$7.00, now \$5.00
25 Patterns, newest weaves in Dress Goods, \$6.00, now \$4.00
25 Patterns, newest weaves in Dress Goods, \$5.00, now \$3.50
50 Patterns, newest weaves in Dress Goods, \$4.00, now \$3.00

Come before this beautiful line is closed out. They are going fast and can't be duplicated.

20 pieces Ladies' Broad Cloth, in all shades, former price 75c, now 65 c.
See our line of Silk Velvets, largest line in the City.

25 pieces, in all the shades, prices 60c, 75c and \$1.00.
25 pieces Black, prices 75c, \$1.00 and \$1.50.
100 pieces all-Wool Dress Goods, 36 inches wide, in all shades, now going at 25 cts.
100 pieces Dress Goods, 36 inches wide, in all the newest shades, now going at 20 cts.
200 pieces Dress Goods, double width, all shades, will be closed out at 12-12 cts.

150 pieces Black Cashmeres, Henrietta, Serges, &c. Greatest bargains ever offered in Chester.
See our line of all-Wool Serge at 25 and 50 cts.
25 Black Henriettas at 25 cts., worth 40 cts.
25 Black Henriettas at 50 cts., worth 75 cts.
Silk Wraps Henriettas at \$1 and \$1.50.

FLANNEL AND BLANKET DEPARTMENT.

25 pieces all-Wool Red Twill Flannel at 12-12 cts., worth 20 cts.
25 pieces all-Wool Medicated Flannel at 15 cts., worth 25 cts.
50 pieces all-Wool Medicated Flannel at 20 to 35 cts.
25 pieces White Plain and Twill at 12-12 to 50 cts.

See our line of Blankets. Must be sold. 500 pairs from 75 cts. to \$1.00.

DOMESTIC DEPARTMENT.

5 bales Checked Homespun at 3 cts.
10 bales Checked Homespun at 4 cts.
10 bales 4x Unbleached Sheetings at 4 cts., worth 5 cts.
10 bales 4x Unbleached Sheetings at 5 cts., worth 6-7 cts.
You will never have this opportunity again to buy Domestic at the above prices. These prices are lower than 4 cts. cotton.

JEANS, DICKEY'S KERSEY AND CASSEMERES.

Largest line in the upcountry going at a sacrifice. We offer: 50 pieces at 10 cts., worth 15 cts. 50 pieces at 12-12 cts., worth 20 cts. 50 pieces at 15 cts., worth 25 cts. 25 pieces at 20 and 25 cts., worth 40 cts. See this line of Pants Cloth before buying. You will save big money. 100 pieces of Calico, Fast Colors, 3 cts. 100 pieces of Calico, Fast Colors, 5 cts., selling anywhere at 7 cts. 2 cases Indigo Blues at 5 cts., just received.

SHOES! SHOES! SHOES!

We are Headquarters in this line. See our line of MISSES' and WOMAN'S SHOES at 75 cts., worth \$1.00.

Our \$1.00 Shoes is the talk of the entire Country. It can't be duplicated anywhere. Our line of the Celebrated—

"LILLY BRACKET," SELZ SCHWAB and SACH'S SHOES, all guaranteed as represented or money refunded. Each of these lines are well known—need no recommendation.

Our stock of BOOTS and RUBBERS are also complete.

CLOTHING, CLOTHING, CLOTHING!

Great reduction—must be sold at or below Cost. We will positively not carry any Goods over. We therefore commence today and will SLAUGHTER PRICES.

If you want the best all-Wool suit in the State for \$4.00, we have it. If you want the best BLACK CHEVIOT SUIT at \$5.90, we have it. 50 BOY'S and YOUTH'S SUITS, 4 to 15 years old, at 65c, worth \$1.00. 50 BOY'S and YOUTH'S SUITS, at \$1.00 to \$1.50.

See our line from \$1.25 to \$5.00—all to be sold at a reduction of 25 to 40 per cent. at and below cost.

WE OFFER—50 Black and Blue Clay Worsted Suits, Sacks and Cutaways, at \$5.00, worth \$8.00.

See our line of BUSINESS SUITS, \$5.00 to \$10.00, and you will be convinced we are MAKING PRICES to discount 4 cts. cotton. Such Bargains would not be offered if cotton was selling at 7 cts. COME and buy Clothing and all other Goods on the basis of 5 cts. cotton.

UNDERWEAR DEPARTMENT!

Are you in need of anything in this line? See our 20 cts. net-vest, selling everywhere at 25 cts. See our 50 cts. line, 60 per cent. wool, guaranteed, selling elsewhere at 75 cts.

Our \$1.00 Vest is a beauty, former price \$1.50.

LAMES' WRAPS, CAPES, JACKETS, Etc. 100 Capes at \$1, worth \$1.50. 200 Capes and Jackets \$1.25, worth \$2. 150 Gapes and Jackets \$1.50, worth \$2.00. 100 Capes and Jackets from \$2.50 to \$10.00.

We are having a big run on Wraps. Just received large assortment of Plush Capes which will go at the reduction of 25 per cent.

CARPETS, OIL CLOTH, MATTING!

If you wish a carpet we are the people to see. We will save you the solid cash. See our Linoleum Rugs and Carpet Remnants. 1,000 pieces Carpet Remnants 20 cts. a piece, 1 to 10 lengths.

Our line of HATS and COATS are also large and subject to your discount. We sell Hats at anowlow cost. They must go out of the house in order, reduce the cash.

Groceries, Hardware, Saddles, Harness, Plows, &c.

If you want \$1.25 worth of Groceries for \$1 come to S. M. JONES & Co. Do you wish a Saddle, Buggy and Harness? If so, call on us, and we will save you money.

We have the stuff that must be converted into cash. Remember we do not carry over any stock. We do not believe it is business to carry goods from one year to another, slick sales and small profits if we can, if not quick for seed.

WAGONS! WAGONS!! BUGGIES! BUGGIES!!

Do you wish the best wagon on earth? If so, buy the celebrated STUDEBAKER. It runs like a clock. We have sold (3) three loads this season. The people know good thing when they see it. Don't cheap Wagons when you can buy the best make at the same price.

We have just received 60 Bushels of the genuine Little Red May Wheat for Seed. We also have Rye, Barley and Home Baked Oats for Seed.

Give us a call, and you will be convinced S. M. JONES & Co. is the store to get the most and the best goods for the least money. Yours truly,

M. JONES & CO.

THE LANTERN.

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TWO DOLLARS A YEAR, CASH.

TUESDAY, JANUARY 4, 1898.

BUSINESS LOCALS.

Advertisements inserted under this head at ten cents a line.
Subvertisements inserted as reading matter.

Notice.—Trespassing on my lands is forbidden. J. D. MEANS.

Bank Receipts—Printed on good white paper, and bound in books of 100 each, for sale at this office.

NEW ADVERTISEMENTS.

JOS. A. WALKER tells about Groceries, Paints, Oils, etc.
R. BRANDT gives New Year greetings.

THE EXCHANGE BANK publishes statement of condition.

LOCAL NEWS.

J. S. Brice, Esq., of Yorkville bar was in the city Saturday.

Mr. J. E. Craig, of Blackstock, was in the city yesterday.

Mr. W. S. Brown, of this county, has decided to move to Rock Hill.

Mrs. J. E. Wells, of Aiken, is visiting her daughter, Mrs. J. W. Means.

Mr. J. T. Bigham has partially recovered from the painful effects of a vaccinated arm.

S. E. McFadden, Esq., spent Saturday in Yorkville, on professional business.

Miss Mary Smith, of Glenn Springs, is visiting at Mrs. M. V. Patterson's on York Street.

The County Teachers' Association will meet on Saturday, January 8, at 11 o'clock.

Mr. Arthur Lynn has given up his school at Harmony, and will go to Louisville to pursue the study of medicine.

The water from our artesian well contains sulphur. In the future with the eye of faith we can behold Chester as a popular health resort.

A cold wave has been of late an unwelcome visitor. May it soon leave the sunny South for its home in the icy North.

Miss Mamie Meacham, who has been visiting friends in the city, returned to her home in Fort Mill yesterday.

Mr. Herbert Diehl, recently of this county, has obtained a position in the brokerage office of Mr. J. D. Scruggs, of Rock Hill.

Prof. and Mrs. W. S. Hall, of Gaffney, were in the city Monday. They spent the holidays with their parents in this county.

Miss Florence Caldwell, who has been spending the holidays at home, returned to the Gaffney Seminary yesterday.

Mrs. Anna Reid, of Rock Hill, and Mrs. Nettie Turner, of New York, are visiting the family of Mr. R. L. Horne.

The regular annual meeting of the stockholders of the Fairfield Cotton Mills will be held in the office of the Company on the 13th inst.

Miss Luttrell, who has held a position in Mrs. L. Atkinson's Millinery store, during the season just closed, left for her home in Baltimore yesterday.

Miss Addie Harlike, of Florence, is spending a few days here, much to the pleasure of the many friends she made during her former stay in our city.

In another column will be found a statement of the condition of the Exchange Bank of Chester. As will be seen, its condition is prosperous.

Cotton brings 5.30 today in our market. About 15,000 bales have been sold this season in this place, leaving about 3,000 bales still in the hands of farmers.

A young child of Mr. A. M. Hardee was badly burned on last Sunday morning. It fell from a chair in which it was sleeping into the fire. Its condition is very critical.

Mr. J. J. Peay, of the vicinity of Blackstock has discovered on his plantation what he considers gold. He proposes to have the ore tested. It is possible that we may have another Klondike at our very doors.

Miss Fannie Moore and her sister, Miss Eva, have returned to Rock Hill—the former to fill her position as teacher in the graded school of that place, the latter to be a pupil in Winthrop College.

Mr. John C. Stewart occupies one of the beautiful storerooms in the new block of brick buildings lately erected in the valley. His friends hope that he will be just as successful as his father.

Dr. W. W. Fennell has determined to move from Edgemoor to Rock Hill. His patrons are very much grieved to part with him, and are anxious to have another as acceptable to take his place.

Mr. I. N. Cross, of our city, has received an invitation to the marriage of his cousin, Rev. Chas. B. Cross, of Dalby Springs, Texas, who will wed Miss Annie Farrier, of the same place, on Wednesday, Jan. 5, 1898.

Miss Marie Horne returned home Saturday morning on a visit to her parents after spending a very pleasant and profitable season in the millinery business at Murfreesboro, N. C., where she will doubtless return next March.

Mr. C. Warren has occupied the store room in which Mr. Jos. A. Walker conducted business so successfully for several years. The former is following the example of the latter—selling fancy groceries and confectioneries. Buy from both, and you will be doing the right thing.

Meeting of Township Board.

A meeting of township board and overseers of Blackstock Township will be held at Cornwell on Saturday, Jan. 15, at 10 o'clock.

T. C. STRONG, Chairman.

A New Firm.

Mr. I. McD. Hood and Mr. R. E. Brice, under the firm name of Hood & Brice will begin in a few days a brokerage business in our town. Their office will be in the second story of the DeVega building, over the postoffice. This new firm will begin business with the best wishes of their many friends for their success.

Closed Up.

The store of M. Gunhouse & Co. was closed yesterday to satisfy two mortgages paid to protect various creditors. The large stock of dry-goods, groceries, boots shoes, notions, etc., will be sold at auction Thursday, Jan. 6, '98.

The amount involved in the mortgage is \$2,500. This does not include all the indebtedness of M. Gunhouse & Co. The friends of the old firm deeply regret their misfortune, and hope that they will soon be on their financial feet again.

Emancipation Day.

Our streets were filled with colored people on last Saturday. They were here to celebrate another anniversary of their emancipation. The mode of celebration was by a procession and address. Those who participated in the procession were mounted on horses and mules. They went through Main street at a gallop, and were viewed by a large number of spectators, mostly colored. After the procession came the address at the opera house, which was delivered by Rev. Henry McGrorey, a colored professor of Bible Institute. He urged upon his colored hearers—the importance of education. That was the keynote of his address.

The behavior of the negroes was good. While they were lively, they violated no law, statute or municipal. Their beginning of the new year was good, may they continue and end it aright.

Mr. W. A. Clark, of Columbia, has been elected President of the Southern Fertilizer Association. It will control over 40,000,000 tons of fertilizers.

Mrs. Moore in Charge of the Fair View Hotel.

Mrs. Moore and her daughter, Miss Mary, who have conducted for some time so successfully and satisfactorily the Melton House, take charge today of the Fair View Hotel. They enter upon the management of the Fair View under auspicious circumstances. They take along with them all their old boarders, and have a number of new ones. This is abundant evidence of the great satisfaction they have given in entertaining their friends.

Walker-Gaston Camp.

The annual meeting of Walker-Gaston Camp, U. C. V., was held on Monday afternoon at the court house.

The following officers were elected for the ensuing year: J. R. Reed, Commander; T. M. Sanders, 1st vice-Com.; J. Wesley Wilks, and vice-Com.; Jesse H. Hardin, 3rd vice-Com.; D. Hemphill, Adjutant; Dr. A. F. Anderson, Surgeon; Rev. C. B. Betts, Chaplain.

Steps were taken looking towards the completion of the rolls of the commands from this county.

Advertising Pays.

In this progressive age THE LANTERN, without the help of Diogenes, has been able to find an honest man.

The New Year was made thrice happy for Miss M. N. Moore by the return of her watch which she had lost on Friday of the previous week. The finder was Neal Gaston (col.) of Rodman Station, and it was returned to Miss Moore by Mr. S. W. Dunn, on whose place Neal Gaston lives. Mr. Dunn had seen the advertisement of the loss of the watch in THE LANTERN. It pays to advertise, especially in a paper whose rays reach so far.

Sales Yesterday.

Three tracts of land, belonging to the estate of the late Elizabeth Knox, were sold yesterday.

The home tract containing 296 1-2 acres, brought \$8 1-2 per acre.

The Smith tract, containing 66 acres, brought \$5 per acre.

The Hood tract, containing 115 1-2 acres, brought \$13 1-2 per acre.

In addition to the land a considerable amount of personal property, belonging to various persons, was sold. A large number of horses and mules were sold to satisfy mortgages. They were sold at a sacrifice. These sales were the consequence of five cent cotton.

Three C. & N. W. railroad bonds, \$500 each, were sold at about 50 cents on the dollar.

The New Year.

The new year was ushered in by the ringing of bells. With a departure of the old year with all its cares and troubles came in the new. New resolutions were formed by many, but these will have a brief existence. The majority of us, after the passing of a few days, get back into the same old ruts, and live the same life we have led in the past.

We trust prosperity will crown the efforts of our citizens in town, county and State. May the cry of hard times soon be heard no more in the land, and may peace and plenty prevail everywhere. May 1898 be a year of prosperity and happiness to all our people. THE LANTERN extends the greetings of the new year to one and all.

A Meeting at Cornwell.

A committee consisting of Messrs. T. J. Cunningham, T. M. Shannon, and T. C. Strong, have called a meeting to be held at Cornwell's on Saturday, Jan. 15, '98, for the purpose of organizing a Cotton Growers' Association.

Associations of this character should be organized in every township of our county, and organization should be followed by such action as will lead to the formation of a County Cotton Growers' Association, and a State Cotton Growers' Association. The farmers have the prosperity or the adversity of our country in their hands. The responsibility will fall upon them if they do not improve our condition.

Smallpox at an End.

The following article, taken from the Greenville News announces the end of the smallpox disease in that city. And with its departure there ends its brief career for the present in our State. May a century roll round before this unwelcome visitor is again visible in our midst:

To put at rest the numerous and absurd rumors concerning smallpox in Greenville: The News states on authority that there are 200-250 new cases, no deaths, and that the patients, already reported, are bright, cheerful, sitting up and anxious to be relieved of confinement from present quarters. Two cases are pronounced practically well and the other four are out of all danger.

The prompt action of the board of health and city council accomplished the desired end of confining the disease to the locality where first discovered.

There is no possibility of the disease extending and all rumors to the contrary may be nailed as lies made out of the whole cloth.

Just read this and accept the statement as true: Come and go as you desire and do not listen to foolish statements made by irresponsible parties.

Sale of Globe Cotton Mills.

Announcement is made elsewhere in this issue of the sale of the Globe Cotton Mills on the first Monday in February. The property is valuable and the sale will no doubt command considerable attention. The mill building is one story in height, 350 feet long and 120 feet wide; it is equipped with all necessary machinery, including 7500 spindles, 320 boms, spoolers, reels, warpers, etc. The plant also embraces three 100 horse power boilers, one Corliss engine, 300 horse power, one Berryman heater, electric light plant, 60 horse power, water tank and automatic sprinklers, well equipped picker room, card room, cloth room, dye house, and cotton warehouse. The mill tract embraces 22 1-4 acres, on which there are two story and 34 one-story tenement houses for operatives.—Rock Hill Herald.

MELTON

& HARDIN.

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.

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.

Melton & Hardin,

CHESTER, S. C.

Big Sale of CROCKERY!

To move our large stock of CROCKERY, we will offer for the next thirty days—

Crockery, Glass, and Lamps

at prices never before heard of in Chester. In these lines we have everything from the very finest to the cheapest. These goods have all been bought from Factories, and they will be sold at great reductions. We mean business.

Yours truly,

ROSBOROUGH & McLUCKY.

A HAPPY NEW YEAR!

R. BRANDT, The Jeweler,

Under Tower Clock, CHESTER, S. C.

ALL WOOL CASSIMERE

AND

Worsted Suits

Worth \$10. Going at \$7.50

All Wool Suits, worth \$7.50, going

at \$5.00, at

Jos. Wylie AND COMPANY'S.

GO TO

Walker's New Store!

For anything in the Fancy Grocery Line.

His Stock is Full and Complete.

A full line of Canned Goods of every description. Our Teas and Coffees rank of the highest brands. Fancy Patent Flour that will please any housewife.

I still carry a full line of Paints, Oils, Turpentine, Varnishes, Ready Mixed Paint. Murexco, the best wall finish in Kalsomine and disinfectant, will not rub nor crack. Call at

Phone 84.

JOS. A. WALKER.

Annual Meeting.

The annual meeting of the members of the Farmers' Mutual Insurance Association will be held at Chester, court house next Monday, the 10th inst., at 12 o'clock. Each member is earnestly requested to be present at the election of officers for the year will be held, and other business of importance to the Association may be under consideration.

W. S. BROWN, Agent. Rossville, S. C., Jan. 1st, '98.

CHESTER-HAND LAUNDRY.

All kinds of Laundry work done by hand—no torn clothes. Everything in first-class style and on short notice. Satisfaction guaranteed. H. LIND, Under Old Bellows Hall.

The average man never fully realizes at midnight how very sleepy he is going to be at 7 o'clock the next morning.

