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THE BANNER STATE.

South Carolina Ahead in Cotton Manufacturing, as Well as Increase of plants.

Large as have been the estimates of the capital put into cotton manufacturing in South Carolina during the last year; they differ in one particular from statistics as they commonly proceed from the mouths of persons who boast of themselves...

Our neighbors and live rivals across the line in the North State, who began the year with high hopes of primacy in the cotton manufacturing industry, have learned at last that South Carolina has responded to North Carolina's spurt and have come to accept the estimate of six millions for our year's investments as accurate.

The books in the office of the Secretary of State of North Carolina show that 38 textile companies have been chartered in this State during the first 11 months of this year...

In South Carolina some 25 new mills have been added this year. As a rule they are larger plants than those of North Carolina...

So in the last two years 42 new cotton mills have been chartered in South Carolina, and 30 mills have been enlarged, and the capital invested in these undertakings has been \$1,493,000 on the reserve list.

rough estimates were made. The State has accomplished much more than was expected...

That in 1900 there have been chartered in this State 31 textile mills of which 27 were spinning and weaving, the exclusively knitting and one bleaching and finishing - with a combined capital of \$4,800,000.

That in 1900 there have been effected, for purposes of enlargement, increases in the capital stocks of 14 cotton mills, which increases aggregating \$2,945,000.

To sum up the aims and achievements of 1900 in South Carolina cotton manufacturing:

Table with 2 columns: No. of mills, Capital. Rows include New mills chartered, Old mills enlarged, New mills commissioned.

Some of the projected mills do not materialize, so they are here stated merely as probabilities, although at least one on the list—the Ioman mill—is already a certainty...

In 1899 11 mills were chartered, with capital aggregating \$5,275,000—of which the Olympia mill of this city furnished \$1,500,000.

So in the last two years 42 new cotton mills have been chartered in South Carolina, and 30 mills have been enlarged, and the capital invested in these undertakings has been \$1,493,000 on the reserve list.

South Carolina is in area the smallest State in the South; in population it is the smallest save Florida and Arkansas; and it has fewer white people than any State in the South except Florida...

THE SPANISH WAR.

Chronological Summary of Events from the Sailing of the Maine to the Signing of the Protocol.

January 25, 1898—U. S. battleship Maine, Captain C. D. Sigsbee, is ordered to Havana, Cuba. February 8—Publication of a letter, in which Senor de Lome, the Spanish Minister, speaks disparagingly of President McKinley.

March 16—Spain remonstrates against certain measures of defense by our government. March 17—Senator Proctor's famous speech concerning Cuban affairs.

April 11—President McKinley sends a message to Congress recommending armed intervention in Cuba. April 15—Army ordered to mobilize.

April 19—Congress passed resolutions demanding the withdrawal of Spain from Cuba. April 21—Gen. Woodford, our minister to Spain, is handed his passports.

April 21—President McKinley cables our ultimatum to Spain demanding a reply on April 23. April 21—Senator Bernate, Spanish Minister, receives his passport and leaves Washington.

April 22—Capture of the first Spanish prizes, Buena Ventura and Pedro. April 23—The Spaniards declare war against the United States. April 25—Congress declares that war has existed since April 21.

April 27—Bombardment of Manzanillas. April 29—Cervera's fleet sails from Cape Verde for the United States. May 1—Dewey's victory at Manila.

May 11—Action at Cardenas. The Winslow disabled and Ensign Worth Bagley killed. May 12—Bombardment of San Juan. May 19—Admiral Cervera reaches Santiago. May 25—President McKinley calls for 75,000 more volunteers.

of state convicts, a synopsis of his annual report, which will be submitted January 1 to the state commissioner of agriculture.

There is no disputing the fact that there has been a marked improvement in the humane treatment of the convicts now, as compared with their treatment before the office of supervisor was created, and yet the present system is wholly unsatisfactory, and the legislature will have the problem to solve.

In the first place, it is held that where the labor is divided only between the phosphate mines and turpentine forests, there is not the proper distinction between the races and sexes, female labor being incompetent for either; nor is the proper provision made for the youths, having to labor by the side of the matured man.

Second, there is the cry of competition with free labor. Third, the State at present is only getting \$2,100,000 annum for all its convicts, who are at present officers, under a changed system, aggregating a total of \$84,000 a year.

One of the propositions is to appropriate the convicts among the several counties to work the public roads, each county camp having its own state officer, with the general supervisor, as at present.

The proposition, however, that is most probable to be acted upon is to build a suitable state penitentiary at some central point, where the women or children, or youths, can be employed, and to lease the male adults; certainly those of long terms, in blocks of 50, not confining them to any specified departments of labor.

Mr. W. A. Hines, of Manchester, N. H., writing of a most miraculous escape from death, says: "After years after measles induced serious lung trouble, which ended in consumption. I had frequent hemorrhages and coughed night and day. All my doctors said I must soon die. Then I began to use Dr. King's New Discovery for Consumption, which completely cured me. I would not be without it even if it cost \$5.00 a bottle. Hundreds have used it on my recommendation and all say it never fails to cure throat, chest and lung troubles."

Industrious Cigar Habit. One of the drug stores is displaying this morning several empty cigar boxes which are to be distributed at 12 o'clock to the boys who will congregate there to receive them, and the line of boxes is placarded with these words: "150,000 cigars sold during 1900."

When the stomach is tired out it must have a rest, but we can't live without food. Dr. Williams' Pink Pills for Pale People is the best food for the stomach. It digests what you eat, so that you can eat all the good food you want while it is restoring the digestive organs to health.

Wedding Bells Again. Truly Cupid has been especially busy during the past year, if we judge from the number of happy couples who have arrived at this blissful state by way of the hymeneal altar.

On Wednesday afternoon, December 19, the writer was one of a large number of guests assembled at the charming home of Mr. and Mrs. W. B. Agnew to witness the marriage of their daughter, Miss Arabah, to Mr. Thomas D. Wallace.

At the appointed time Miss Ida Dye was conducted to the piano by Mr. W. C. Agnew, and at the touch of her skilled fingers the sweet strains of the wedding march floated through the air.

The bride wore an exquisite costume of pearl grey and white and carried a lovely bouquet of white roses and maiden hair fern. The bridesmaids wore handsome suits of brown and carried bouquets of old rose, pansy, lilies and ferns.

Shortly after the ceremony the bride party, accompanied by friends left for the bride's future home, where quite a pleagant reception was given in their honor.

Mr. Wallace was one of Oak Ridge's most charming and popular young ladies. She has grown up and bloomed into sweet young womanhood in our midst, and we know whereof we speak.

Mr. Wallace is a prominent and signally successful young man of Rosville. He is very proud of his unique abilities. He informed us that he "butts for amusement and sometimes gets something to drink." McDonald Furman in The State.

The Appetite of a Goat. Is envied by all poor dyspeptics whose stomachs and liver are out of order. All such should know that Dr. King's New Life Pills, the wonderful stomach and liver remedy, gives a splendid appetite, sound digestion and a regular bodily habit that insures perfect health and great energy.

Prof. and Mrs. J. R. Dye, of Lowryville, Miss E. and Prof. E. H. Hall and Miss Belle Shockley, of Spartanburg, are at Mr. W. S. Hall's. Mr. Sam Kell, of Charlotte,

and Mr. Albert Conner, of Winnsboro, at Mr. T. T. Lumpkin's. Messrs. James and Tillman Kilgo are at home from the North Carolina Co-Educational Institute.

Miss Susie McCrorey and Miss May Mobley, of Winnsboro, are at Mr. W. T. McCrorey's. Miss Fannie Lee Ford, of Bryant, Miss Janie Ford, of Gaffney Grad School, and Cadet Strother Ford, of Clemson School, are at home.

Services were held at Mt. Zion Baptist church Christmas day, and such a helpful meeting it was! We would that such days could last always, but time rolls on and we shall soon find ourselves entering upon a new year with all the zeal and zest with which we entered into the Christmas holidays.

Young Booz was hazed. Young Booz is dead. The physicians summoned to his aid by the Stedden family have declared that he died of ulceration and tuberculosis of the throat. The West Point authorities declare that they knew nothing of it at the time, and ask us to believe that, therefore, he was not killed at the academy.

He Fooled the Surgeons. All doctors told Renick Hamilton, of West Jefferson, O., after suffering 18 months with Rectal Fistula, that unless a costly operation was performed, but he cured himself with five boxes of Bucklen's Arnica Salve, the surest pipe cure for all such ailments.

More Negroes Than Whites. The annual report of the Superintendent of Education, just about to be issued, will show that the total enrollment of the public schools amount to 271,787 for the entire State.

One at a Time. When I was a little boy, helpin' mother to store away the apples, I put my arm around so many of them and tried to bring them all. I managed for a step or two; then one fell out, an' another, an' another, an' two or three more, till all were rolling over the floor. Mother laughed.

Defeasance Cannot be Cured by local applications, as they cannot reach the way to cure deafness, and that is only by means of a medicine that can be taken into the system. An individual condition of the hearing is not cured by the use of any of the many remedies that are advertised in the newspapers. It is the only one that has a permanent effect on the hearing.

The Jackson Coat of Arms. In the modest home of Oakland, Aiken, S. C., hangs the Jackson coat of arms, as the owner of both is a descendant of the same ancestor—Stonewall Jackson.

This family, of which our mother is a lineal descendant, has been traced back prior to the Norman conquest and we have the direct record for seventeen generations. This coat of arms was confirmed to Richard Jackson in 1611 and has been possessed by twelve generations.

The royalty is proclaimed by the crown and ermine (which only royalty could wear), and the "three suns of splendor" are the same to which Gloucester, afterwards Edward IV. (who was on the English throne 22 years,) coming to his aid in battle, exclaimed: "Now is the winter of our discontent made glorious summer by the sun of York."

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Table with 3 columns: Name, White, Colored. Lists names of counties and their respective white and colored populations.

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**THE LANTERN.**

TERMS OF SUBSCRIPTION:  
TWO DOLLARS A YEAR, CASH.

Telephone No. 84.  
TUESDAY, JAN. 1, 1901.

**BUSINESS LOCALS.**

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

**Job Printing**—We have all the new type faces and can turn out up-to-date job work on very short notice. Our prices are very reasonable for first-class work. Try us.

**LOCAL NEWS.**

Dr. T. S. Leitner has returned from a visit to Camden.

Mr. and Mrs. R. B. Caldwell have returned from the north.

Mrs. S. W. Pryor and children are visiting relatives in Union.

The young society people had a grand Christmas ball last week.

Mr. and Mrs. J. C. McLure are at home after a trip to the North.

Miss Fannie Withers returned yesterday to her school at Darlington.

Mrs. W. A. Barber has been spending a few days with friends at Barnwell.

Mrs. M. M. Stewart gave a party last evening, complimentary to Miss Myrtle Boyd.

Dr. Marcus B. Heyman, of New York, is in town to visit his mother and family for a few days.

Mr. Jno. W. Dannovant gave a recherche dining to a few friends at the club rooms last week.

Mr. H. E. Mayfield, who has been spending the holidays at home, returned to Furman this morning.

Mr. James H. Hamel, of the *Karaboa Era*, was in town this morning, returning from a visit to Atlanta.

Miss Margie Leckie, of Winthrop College, accompanied by Misses Steele and Wakefield, have been spending a few days here.

Notice in Dr. W. B. Cox's card that his office is changed to the store of the Woods Drug Company, successors, Woods & Brice.

Miss Blanche Wilkes, who has been teaching at the village county, spent her holidays with her people about Baton Rouge.

There are a number of advertisements in this paper for the reading of which no cash is offered, and yet it may be worth \$10 to you to read them.

Our enterprising furniture men, W. R. Nail and A. B. Nicholson, are shipping goods to neighboring towns, Rock Hill, Columbia and other places.

Beginning with next Sabbath there will be night services at the A. R. P. church. During the past year services were held regularly only in the morning.

The working force of the Exchange bank are praising Mr. J. L. Simmons, the Delmonico of Chester, who near the closing hours of the century, delighted them with viands from his oyster parlor.

Miss Dora Holst, after spending a week with her mother, returned to Jones Seminary on last Saturday. The school is doing well. They expect an increase of twenty more pupils.

Among students home from college for the holidays we omitted mention Friday of Messrs. Royall Davis, from Chapel Hill, and Frank Spratt, from Davidson. There are no doubt others.

Mr. Ernest H. Roberts spent a day and night with his Aunt, Mrs. I. A. Holst, on his way from Ferris-mouth, Ohio, to Savannah, Ga., to visit his mother. He has a good business office in New York, where he will be in a week's time.

Miss Eva Withers, of Baton Rouge, who is teaching at Campobello, Spartenburg county, spent the holidays at home. By the way, Mr. Geo. L. Dickson, principal of the school, is a native of Chester, or at least was once a resident of Chester, being a son of the Rev. J. Flyan Dickson, who was pastor of the Presbyterian church between the pastorates of the Rev. J. E. White and the Rev. Geo. A. Trenholm.

See Those Beautiful wardrobes, Chiffoniers and white enameled iron beds at W. R. Nail's Furniture Palace.

**Hot Supper.**  
A hot supper will be given at the home of M. Hugh W. Miller, near Pleasant Grove, Thursday night. The proceeds are to be devoted to the purpose of putting up a telephone line from Chester to Pleasant Grove.

**Nicholson Hotel sold.**  
Mrs. Calla V. Cunningham, of Lancaster has bought the Nicholson hotel property. She took charge yesterday with the 19th century family have the house well on to half century. They will remain in Chester. Mr. W. M. Nicholson and family have moved into one of his houses on Lacy street.

**Colvin-Boney.**  
Spartanburg correspondence *Columbia State*, Dec. 26: Mr. Samuel E. Colvin, of Chester, and Miss S. May Boney were united in marriage at the residence of the bride's father in this city this afternoon by the Rev. Lewis M. Roper, pastor of the first Baptist church. The bride is a popular young lady of the city. The groom is a prominent business man of Chester. The bridal couple left on the vestibule last evening for their home in Chester.

**K. of P. Banquet.**  
Last night the Knights of Pythias had an elaborate banquet at the Nicholson hotel, which has just changed hands, Mrs. Cunningham having just taken charge. Viands had been prepared in great abundance, and the large dining room was crowded with guests. Indeed the space was so crowded that it was difficult for waiters to pass along the tables. It must have been very trying on the new managers to go in and on the same day prepare so liberally for such a number of guests.

Rathbone Lodge every year provides a sumptuous banquet for the Knights and a number of invited guests. No ladies were present on this occasion, but the number of guests was no less on that account. There were a number of toasts, mostly humorous and without special preparation. We will not, in our very limited space, attempt to give the list. There will, however, be a list in the paper.

In saying that the Rev. H. C. Bunholz, who was the last speaker, hailed the 20th century—which had almost at that moment been ushered in—with most hopeful expressions as to what it has in store for the race. There were wise counsel and mature thought, uttered with an earnestness and fervor that amounted to eloquence.

It was nearly one o'clock when the banqueting hall was deserted and the guests left for their homes.

Mr. Arthur R. Craig sends a subscription for *The Lantern* from Cllo, S. C., where he has a good position as book-keeper for The Bennett Company, which does an extensive merchantile business at that place. He is much pleased with his work, but says, "I have not forgotten my old county and friends, and the longer I stay away, the more anxious I am to hear of the happenings in Chester and Chester county."

Mr. P. W. McLure has sold his house on Saluda street to Mr. J. S. Booth, and will build a new house of handsome design on a more elaborate scale. In the meantime Mr. McLure and family will occupy rooms on the second floor of their own building on Main street, where they will avail themselves of the convenience of the "public utilities."

Among many other items overlooked last Friday, we neglected to mention the departure of Mr. Thomas Gresham's family and the closing for the present of the S. A. L. hotel. They go to Ridgeway, N. C., to conduct a hotel at that junction point. Aside from business considerations, the removal of Mr. Gresham's family will be very much regretted. Messrs Gresham and Jamison have made a name here in their business that will not be forgotten, and they will be distinctly missed. As trains run now, none stop here for meals. We shall have something to say again about one connected with this business.

It is said that Mr. Paunhoff of Aiken, is to be a candidate for the position of sergeant-at-arms of the house of representatives.—*State*.

**A HOT TIME NOW!**

**COMMENCING Jan. 1st** we shall start a Shoe sale that will make every foot in Chester and Chester County tingle for the want of Shoes. It is a little early, but we are going to commence January 1st. We want to close out the stock we have on hand before we inventory, in order to get ready for the splendid line of

**Spring & Summer Footwear**

that will soon be here. We are going to give our patrons a dollar for seventy-five cents. Here's a sample:

**Ladies' Calf and Vici Kid Shoes,**  
\$3.50, 3.00, 2.50, 2.00, 1.50, 1.00  
**Hot-time prices,**  
\$2.80, 2.25, 2.00, 1.60, 1.10, 80c

Oh, well, what's the use? We can't tell you half here. If you fall



to get any benefit from this sale it will be just the same as throwing money away.

**Men's Shoes, good leather, good styles,**  
Regular prices,  
\$5.00, 3.50, 2.50, 2.00, 1.50, 1.25  
**Hot-time prices,**  
\$3.50, 2.80, 2.00, 1.60, 1.10, 90c

**Boys' Shoes,** All sizes and up to date every way; not a poor Shoe fit the lot.  
Regular prices, \$2.50, 2.00, 1.50, 1.00  
**Hot-time " \$2.00, 1.50, 1.00, 75c.**

**Misses' Shoes,** Lace and Button Kid, Calf, Patent and Vici Tips.  
Regular prices, \$2.50, 2.00, 1.50, 1.00  
**Hot-time " \$2.00, 1.50, 1.00, 75c.**

I will give ten dollars in gold to the man, woman or child in Chester or Chester County who will read the above advertisement, or any advertisement of mine that may appear in this paper during the next 30 days, aloud to the greatest number of people before February 1st, 1901. I require competitors to secure the signatures and addresses of all those persons to whom the advertisement is read. The ten dollars will be given to the person securing the largest authentic list.

NO GOODS TO LEAVE THE HOUSE AT THE ABOVE PRICES UNTIL PAID FOR.

**R R HAFNER, the Shoe Man, Chester, S. C.**

**A Novel Contest.**

Do you want a ten-dollar gold piece? Read Mr. R. R. Hafner's advertisement and you will find how you may get it. This is no lottery scheme, but pay for actual service. Instead of dividing the pay it will all be given to the one who renders the most service. The winner, as likely as not, may be one who never possessed a ten-dollar coin before. By the way, there was an error in Mr. Hafner's offer as printed in a few copies of THE LANTERN on Friday, which made it appear that the contest was to close January 1st instead of February 1st, which is the correct date. If you received one of these copies, read February instead of January. Read to everybody, read to your family, to your neighbors, to passers-by, to guests, to hosts, to the willing and the unwilling,—but don't forget to take each one's receipt for the information you have imparted. It will be interesting to read a little later how many

**At Actual Factory Cost**

Our Entire Stock of  
**SHOES and MEN'S HATS**  
at cost. Not to reduce stock, but to close out. This stock must be closed out in 80 days.  
On March 1st we will make changes in our store room for a complete line of DRESS GOODS and TRIMMINGS. Our stock then will consist of two special lines,

**MILLINERY and DRESS GOODS**

Remember this sale is to CLOSE OUT and DISCONTINUE the SHOE and MEN'S HAT BUSINESS.  
Call early before the sizes are broken.  
This is a SPOT CASH SALE; NO GOODS CHARGED TO ANY ONE.

Yours Truly,  
**COLVIN & CO.**

**Rare Opportunity to Buy China.**

It is our object to clear out every piece of China and Bric a Brac in the house, and therefore we cut

**20 per cent. BELOW FORMER PRICES**  
These are the best goods money can buy, and the very latest patterns. We always keep one of the cleanest, newest stocks of goods on display and by getting rid of every piece now and then at bargain prices is one of the ways of doing it.

**NO RESERVATIONS**  
A big opportunity for buyers of Wedding and Christmas Presents. Don't Wait. Come Early!

**R. BRANDT, The Jeweler,**  
UNDER TOWER CLOCK, CHESTER, S. C.

**To the Merchants**

Fifth Car of Seed Oats since Sept. 10th just received. Timothy Hay in first-class bales, Sugar bought since the decline, Finest New Orleans Open Kettle Molasses at January prices, Jute Bagging and Cotton Sacks below present market price. Corn, white and mixed, Meat, Grits, Rice, Soap, Tobacco at bargains, Salt, Vinegar and Flour of all grades. A fresh car of Swift & Co's Dry Salt Meats, Hams, Breakfast Bacon, Lard in all sizes, Canned Meats, Potted Ham, Vienna Sausage, Lunch Tongue, Chipped Beef, Tripe, Veal Loaf, Etc. Anything you want in fresh, nice condition at Bottom Prices.

Famous Red Ash Hard and Jellico Soft Coal. See—  
**Aiken & Dunlap, Grocers.**  
Wholesale Agents.

GOODS DELIVERED FREE SIX MILES.

**Our Goods are the Best  
Our Prices the Cheapest**

OUR PLEASSED CUSTOMERS OUR BEST ADVERTISEMENT.

FOR CHRISTMAS PRESENTS GO TO NICHOLSON'S.  
FOR WEDDING PRESENTS GO TO NICHOLSON'S.  
For Anything in FURNITURE or HOUSE FURNISHINGS GO TO NICHOLSON'S.

**YOUR CREDIT IS GOOD.**

We carry the handsomest Furniture in the City. Lounges, Couches, Parlor Suits, Bed Room Suits, Chairs, Wardrobes, Buffets, Chiffoniers, Hall Racks, Tables, Writing Desks, Odd Beds, Bureaus and Wash Stands, China Closets, Book Cases, Etc. Our Portiers, Curtains and Rugs and Table Covers are the Finest in Chester.

We are just receiving an ELEGANT LINE of Lamps, China and Crockery, which will be sold at the same low prices that have already brought us the bulk of the Furniture trade of Chester. DON'T BUY WITHOUT SEEING OUR LINE.

Come to see us whether you want to buy or not. We will be glad to show you through.  
Yours respectfully,

**A B NICHOLSON,**

Phone 190. Under Cotton Hotel.

GOODS DELIVERED FREE SIX MILES.

**Cash Talks Now**

YOU ALL HAVE SOME CASH LEFT AFTER CHRISTMAS

So if you want some of the comfortable, warming kind of Winter Goods then go to KLUTTZ'S NEW YORK RACKET and see for your Pocket Book's good what Klutz is now doing for the people on Dress Goods and Capes and Blankets and Shoes and Under-shirts.

Be quick about going to Klutz's, New York Racket, where

**Cash Talks Now**

Leprosy in the Philippines.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 26.—An appended report to Gen. MacArthur's review of the civil affairs of the Philippines for the past fiscal year, gives some rather startling facts regarding the instruction and prevalence of leprosy in the islands.

According to the estimation of the Franciscan fathers, says Maj. Guy L. Ede, the writer of the report, there are no less than 30,000 lepers in the Philippines, the major portion of these being in the Visayas. Leprosy was introduced in 1633 when the emperor of Japan sent a ship with 150 lepers on board to the Philippines, a present to be cared for by the Catholic priests. Thus the seed was planted, and as no practical methods were ever adopted to eradicate the disease or prevent its spread, it has taken firm root, and spread into its present formidable phase.

A house to house inspection inaugurated last January found more than a hundred lepers concealed in dwellings. These were sent to Lazaro hospital in Manila, but many others escaped into the surrounding country. A commission is now engaged in the work of selecting a suitable island or islands for the purpose of isolating all the lepers in the archipelago.

When you need a soothing and healing antiseptic application for any purpose, use the original Dr. Witt's Witch Hazel Salve, a well known cure for piles and skin diseases. It heals sores without leaving a scar. Beware of counterfeits. Fryer & McKee.

Smallpox in the State.

Dr. James Evans has made a preliminary report to Gov. McSweeney in regard to the condition of smallpox in this state, which gives a complete review of the situation and the conditions existing at both the opening and close of the year. The report shows that there is not as much smallpox now prevailing as would be generally supposed.

There is more or less of the disease in the counties of Fairfield, Union, Spartanburg, Barnwell, Beaufort and Orangeburg. For a while during the summer it was confined almost entirely to Union county, which has not been free from it during the year, and which county has been the focus from which the adjoining counties have been infected, with one or two exceptions, where it came from North Carolina. There are at present a few cases on certain sea islands, the origin of which has not yet been traced.

The lack of power to enforce general vaccination is one of the greatest drawbacks to the close of the state board of health. The disease now prevailing is of a more virulent type than heretofore.—State.

Now is the time when croup and lung troubles prove rapidly fatal. The only harmless remedy that produces immediate results is One Minute Cough Remedy. It is very pleasant to take and can be relied upon to quickly cure coughs, colds and all lung diseases. It will prevent consumption. Fryer & McKee.

The Little Waifs.

A year ago the following pathetic lines appeared in the *Simpson South*. It is not too late yet to act as messenger to bring a virtual answer to the prayers of the little waifs:

"We want have no Christmas To come an' make us glad, 'Cos we ain't got no mother, Nor father—like we had, 'Cos we don't go no place like this, We're orphaned—that's thers what we's. But Johnnie—he's too little To know our parents dead; An' he waits for Santa Claus An' heers him on the street; An' he's hung them stockings on his tree, Thes like folks knowed wher orphan's lie."

Cures Rheumatism or Catarrh in a Day—Treatment Free. B. B. B. (Botanic Blood Balm) cures the worst and most stubborn cases by draining the poison out of the blood and bones, and building up the broken-down constitution. Aches and pains in the bones or joints, swollen glands, droppings in the throat, hawking, spitting or bad breath, etc., all disappear promptly and permanently. B. B. B. cures where all else fails. Druggists, 21. Treatment of B. B. B. is absolutely free and prepaid by writing to Blood Balm Co., Atlanta, Ga. Describe trouble and send medical advice given until cured. B. B. B. puts new color in your skin, and makes the blood redder and more nourishing, stopping all aches and pains. Over 5,000 cures by B. B. B.

Must Pay Their Debts.

It might be well for other churches to follow the example of the Baptist church at Bowman, Ga. According to an amendment to its constitution, which was recently adopted, all the members are to pay their debts or be expelled from the church, the church being the judge as to their ability to pay.—Anderson Intelligencer.

Dr. Witt's Little Early Risers are dainty little pills, but they never fail to cleanse the liver, remove obstructions and invigorate the system. Fryer & McKee.

A good scene painter may get anywhere from \$500 to \$1,000 for a scene. The average price paid to the best hall-drawn scene painters for a scene is \$500. But there are a good many more scenes painted for \$100 than \$500.

An imperfect skin is always caused by bad blood. Remove the cause! Improve your blood. How? By taking the blood purifier that has stood the test for thirty years. **Johnston's Sarsaparilla**

It has thousands of happy friends. Quart Bottles sell everywhere at \$1.—THE McNEILSON DRUG COMPANY.

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**CITY TAX NOTICE** Take notice that the books for collection of city taxes are open for payment of such taxes. The time for payment will expire on 31st of December. All city taxes must be paid by that date, as there will be no extension of time, and the same amount will be added in the case of every delinquent after the 31st of December. James McLawson, City Treasurer.

**Tax Returns for 1901.** Auditor's Office, Chester, Dec. 1. In accordance with law, the tax books for the returns of all personal property for 1901 will be opened on January 1, 1901, and closed on February 28, 1901, after which time the 50 per cent. penalty will attach to delinquents. Sec. 1, Act No. 288 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 and to make returns of real property where they have bought or sold such property. For the convenience of Taxpayers I will be at the following places on the days named, to receive tax returns:

Lowry Hill—Wednesday, Jan. 3. Wilkerson—Thursday, Jan. 4. Baton Rouge—Friday, Jan. 5. J. F. Stone—Saturday, Jan. 6. Corcoran—Monday, Jan. 8. Blackstock—Tuesday, Jan. 8. Watlington—Wednesday, Jan. 9. Rossville—Thursday, Jan. 10. Dearborn—Friday, Jan. 11. Hickory—Saturday, Jan. 13. Wylie's Mill—Monday evening, from 11 to 12. Walker's Store—Thursday from 8 to 12, Jan. 17. Wilkerson—Thursday evening from 11 to 12, Jan. 17. Lando—Friday morning, 8 to 12, Jan. 18. Hollis Store—Friday evening, 1 to 4, Jan. 18. Rodman—Saturday, 8 to 10, Jan. 19. After this time I will be in office at Chester until the 30th of February, after which time the books will be closed. All male persons who are of age and 60 are liable to poll tax, except those exempt by law.

J. McE. HOOD, Auditor Chester County.

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