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# THE LANTERN.

### COTTON MILL RETURNS.

As Investigation by an Expert  
Taxes Official Shows Surprising  
Figures—A Remedy Suggested.  
The following report made by an expert tax official on an important matter of public interest just at this time. It was made to Aiken county officials:

To Jas. L. Quinby, A. S. Seigel and W. E. Mealing:  
Gentlemen: The board of equalization in March, 1900, appointed you, with myself to investigate certain returns and make such suggestions to our representatives as would tend to equalize more effectively the returns of manufacturers: certain portion of this work was assigned to me, which I have investigated and beg to report.

I respectfully call your attention to the report of the Hon. J. P. Derham, comptroller general for the fiscal year 1899, page 137. Under the head of "Average value of property appertaining to manufacturing," you will see that the total value of all material used in the state by manufacturers was for the last fiscal year valued at \$1,955,420. Of this amount, Aiken county returned \$349,060 or nearly 18 per cent. of the entire amount. When you take into consideration the fact that the only manufacturing interest in Aiken county during that fiscal year was confined to the Graniteville, Langley, and Aiken manufacturing company's cotton mill, the return of the state at large, as shown by the comptroller general's report, is absurd. Sections 229 and 230 of the revised statutes provide the manner of ascertaining the value of the material used by manufacturers and should have been enforced and not allow Aiken county whose spindle capacity is very small when compared with other counties throughout the state, pay 18 per cent. of the entire tax material used by the manufacturing interest in the state, simply because they make a just return.

On January 1, 1900, there were in operation in the state of South Carolina 1,348,254 spindles engaged in the manufacture of cotton. A conservative estimate of the value on real estate, mills, machinery, fixtures and tenements would be \$20 per spindle, and at the usual ratio of 65 per cent. for this class of property would represent a taxable value of \$12,757,302. To this should be added sundry supplies, stock in process and materials on hand, of \$3.00 per spindle, giving an additional taxable value of \$4,044,900, or a total return for taxes for the 1,348,224 spindles of \$21,572,264, or a ratio of \$16.00 per spindle for taxation.

What do we find? The return from 13 counties, including 56 corporations having 1,217,087 spindles, or fully 90 per cent. of the state's total spindles, shows only \$11,811,415, or a ratio of only \$8.76 per spindle for all purposes of all values or less than 55 per cent. of what it should be.

In these returns we find mills returned as low as \$4.23 per spindle, and as high as \$20.18 total for taxation. Forty-three per cent. of the returns show that they have paid taxes on materials, but that they were not taxed on materials, some mills paid as high as \$5.75 per spindle on materials, others of the 43 per cent. returning material for taxation returned 105 per spindle for taxes. Three dollars per spindle is a very conservative estimate for materials; yet the total material returns for 1,217,087 spindles was \$338,491, and this item should have been, as shown above, 4,044,900. Now, with these facts before our representatives, they cannot fail to see that it is necessary to adopt some uniform method or system for the taxation of cotton mills.

My idea is a spindle basis for the entire plants throughout the state, to cover real estate and machinery, and a sworn statement of the materials, stock in process, sundry supplies, etc., itemized from the books of the corporation and filed with the auditor, when other returns are made, and a sworn statement of the duty of the comptroller general, so that the law is complied with and the proper returns made.

Respectfully submitted,  
DAVID H. WISS.

### The Murderous Pistol.

The attitude of the house toward the concealed weapon question, as indicated by the debate of last Saturday, gratifyingly rates as otherwise. That the house bill will become a law is passed to a third reading of course, is not at all probable. Members of the house have no doubt already seen the clumsy shape it presents, and they realize that its effectiveness would be doubtful even if there were no question as to its constitutionality. But in addition to further opportunities for a better shaping up of the bill in the house, the senate still has a go at the bill, and it that body approaches the subject in the same spirit that the house has shown, there need be no fear of its final shape. But there is one feature of the question which has probably not received the consideration to which it is entitled, and that is the exemption of officers in the discharge of their duty from the provisions of the act. All officers do not find it necessary to carry pistols in the discharge of their duties, and the unequal exemption gives peace officers, if not a right, a pretext, to carry pistols at all times. There is no need for this. If an officer is on errand that would require a pistol, he should carry a weapon it is better that he should carry that weapon exposed than concealed. A desperado armed with a concealed weapon would not be so apt to draw that weapon against that officer who had a weapon exposed, as against an officer who, from appearances, might be unarmed. Again, officers who carry pistols concealed by virtue of their offices, sometimes have personal quarrels of their own, and they are as apt to use their weapons in their personal quarrels as are other people. If the officer were required to carry his pistol exposed the moral tendency would be to prevent him from participating in aggravating personal discussions, and he would be less liable to interference from outsiders. Some few years ago some member, (his name does not now occur to us) secured the passage of a bill which prohibited the carrying of concealed weapons by anybody. By the terms of the bill peace officers were also clearly included. But peace officers generally took the position that the prohibition, so far as they were concerned, was an oversight, and they paid no attention to it. We have always had the idea that the member who engineered that bill through, knew exactly what he was doing; but for some reason did not care to risk discussion on the subject, in which of course he was wrong. It would be well, however, if the general assembly would give this whole subject very careful attention, for it is really a very important one. The concealed weapon is responsible for many a murder that would never have occurred otherwise, and the legislature cannot employ itself to better purpose than in adding to the security of the lives of the people of the state.—Yorkville Enquirer.

### The C. & N. W.

Notwithstanding the long, discouraging wait, there is again good reason to believe that the day is rapidly approaching when the Carolina and North-Western railroad will be a standard, instead of a narrow gauge.  
The reporter had a talk a few nights ago with a prominent official of the company, who had no objection to talking freely; but who, for reasons of his own, preferred not to have his name used in connection with any publication about the plans of the company. The reporter knows the official well, knows him to be reliable, and knows that all he had to say may be taken as straight. Among other things, the official said:  
"Yes, the Carolina and North-Western will surely be a standard gauge before many months longer. It was our hope a year ago that it would have been a standard gauge long before this; but somehow it turned out we had to wait for further development of some difficulties that we hoped to anticipate. The principal difficulty of this class was the fact that the Southern Railway owned that mortgage on the upper end of the line. We hoped that the Southern might be willing to allow us to pay the mortgage and go on with our work. The Southern officials, however, were not disposed to be accommodating. They say proper, on the other hand, to give us all the annoyance possible. Just why, I am unable to say, except possibly they may have thought that this annoyance would make it impossible for us to perfect our financial arrangements. Had we been able to provide for that mortgage held by the Southern, we would have had our work of making the gauge standard, completed long ago. It is all we had to simply wait until the bonds became due in order that we could put them absolutely beyond the possibility of giving us further trouble."  
"But in the meantime, we have not been idle. All the bridges and trestles on the road, except that over the South Fork of the Catawba, have been widened and strengthened for a standard gauge track, and all the cuts and fills, that were not up to requirements, have been worked over. We have bought thousands of standard gauge ties and substituted them for short ties until now we are much closer to a standard gauge than people, other than railroad folk, have any idea of. There is not much to do now except to get the heavy rails and spike them down, which, of course, is a considerable job."  
"I am not willing to say that we have actually bought new standard iron; but it practically amounts to that. We have made every arrangement that is necessary, and can say that we are ready for it. Our plan, as you are already aware, is to lay the heavy rails on the outside of the present light rails and continue the operation of the narrow gauge rolling stock, etc. until the standard gauge is completed. This will be a great saving to us."  
"There have been two surveys to junction points across the mountains and the reports of the engineers are now under consideration. As to which will be chosen, will depend upon many circumstances that will receive due attention."  
"Asked as to when the public might expect to see standard gauge engines running over the line, the railroad man said that he did not care to make any definite promises; but he could see no good reason why the entire work between Chester and Lenoir, and a good portion of that from Lenoir across the mountains, should not be completed by the first day of next November.—Yorkville Enquirer.

### Deaths at Edgemoor.

Died, at Edgemoor, Wednesday evening, Mrs. Esther Wherry, 78 years of age. She leaves three children, Mrs. Richard Kee, of Edgemoor, A. Wherry, Lewis T. O., and Wallace Wherry, Gatesville, Ga. The remains were buried in the cemetery at Fishing Creek church.

Mrs. Mamie Wood, wife of Mr. Alva Westerlund, of this city, died at the home of Mr. J. B. Ferguson, near Edgemoor, Wednesday, of consumption, of which she had been a sufferer for perhaps a year. Mrs. Westerlund was a daughter of Mr. and Mrs. W. C. Wood, of Edgemoor, and when death came she had been married one year and fifteen days. Her baby, born several months ago, preceded its mother to the grave in the early days of the new year. Mrs. Westerlund was 38 years of age. Yesterday her remains were interred in Laurel Hill cemetery, in this city.—Rock Hill Herald.

Millions of people are familiar with DeWitt's Little Blue Pills. It is those who use them find them to be famous liver pills. Never gripe. Pryor & McKee.

### MILCH COWS.

Really Good Cows Scarce—Five Gallon Cows Will Not Give More Than Four Gallons.  
Ordinarily when anybody wants anything that is to be obtained in this section, it is only necessary to make known that want through the columns of the Enquirer; but it has developed that this rule hardly applies to milk cows.  
About ten days ago, a gentleman of Yorkville made it known that he was in the market for a good milk cow, and upon inquiry of him a few days ago, the reporter learned that up to that time there had not been a single tender of the desired commodity. The situation struck the reporter as being somewhat strange, and he undertook to get further information on the subject through an interview with a local cattle dealer. The first question asked was like this:  
"Are good milk cows scarce or plentiful in this section?"  
"I would say that they are pretty scarce—that is good cows; but still they are about as plentiful as they ever were," was the guarded reply of the dealer.

"How do you account for the fact that when a man advertises for a good cow, nobody is willing to sell him?" was the next question.  
"Well, I don't know about that except that maybe everybody else is about like I am," said the dealer frankly. "I noted that this advertisement said a 'good cow' was wanted, and as I calculated that it meant I must say there is a cow that will give so much milk at a given price, and if she does not give the milk, she's my cow." There are plenty of cows for sale in this section; but not a great many on this kind of terms. I don't know that this is what the advertisement means; but that is the way I look at it."  
"It seems to me that that would be business," remarked the reporter. "What is the matter with the arrangement?"  
"Yes, you are right; it is business, and if I had a cow to sell that could recommend in this matter, that is what I would be willing to do. But you see I have nothing just now that I can sell that way. I am altogether dependent upon what the other fellow says, and unless you know him it does not do to risk him in a cow trade!"  
"What is a good cow worth?"  
"That depends on lots of things—looks, age, breed, first, second or third calf, quantity and quality of milk and butter, etc. Some people hold to the rule that a cow is worth \$10 for each gallon of milk she will give."  
"Then a four gallon cow is worth \$40?"  
"That's what she is, according to that rule; but in the hands of most dealers she will sell for \$50."  
"How do you make that?"  
"Oh, she'd be sold as a five gallon cow, you know. They are seldom rated at less than from a gallon to a half gallon less than they really give. If a cow really gives four gallons of milk a day, most dealers call it five."  
"How about a two-and-a-half gallon cow?"  
"She's rated at three and a half-gallons, and worth about \$30. She's a good average cow, too. Lots of them that have the credit of giving more, give less."

"What would you say is the real value of a cow that can be depended upon to actually yield one gallon of milk a day?"  
"Unless there is prospect of outcome, she is not worth feeding as a milker; but should be valued by the pound for beef; but the truth about the matter is that three-gallon cows are scarce, four-gallon cows are much scarcer, and two-and-a-half gallon cows are more plentiful than either of the others."  
The dealer with whom the reporter talked is one of the most reliable in the business—one who can be depended upon to make good any representation that he may be induced to make. It is true that the situation as he gives it, affords but little encouragement to the novice on the cow market; but most individuals who have had experience along this

### line will readily admit that the dealer's statements of the fact are pretty nearly in accord with what they have previously learned to their cost. Owners of really good cows are not generally anxious to get rid of them, and when they do sell they are apt to demand more than the theoretical value of the animals.

Most of the cows that are voluntarily hunting purchasers are of the two-gallon kind under three-gallon representation.—Yorkville Enquirer.

A powerful engine cannot be run with a weak boiler, and we can't keep up the strain of an active life with a weak stomach; neither can we stop the human machine to make repairs. If the stomach cannot digest enough food to keep the body strong, such a preparation as Kodol Dyspepsia Cure should be used. It aids digestion and is simple and can't help but do you good. Pryor & McKee.

### Salaries of Rulers.

The death of Queen Victoria and the consequent discussion of her will and estate call attention again to the great difference in the salaries of European sovereigns and that of the President of the United States. The queen's salary—and the salary of the king her successor—was \$1,875,000 a year besides which the government provided her with very valuable estate, which brought her in much more. But that is by no means the largest salary paid to a European sovereign. The income of the King of Italy from government revenues is said to be about \$12,000,000. The largest salary paid directly from the treasury to a European sovereign is \$3,875,000, to the Emperor of Austria. Next in order comes the Emperor of Germany, with a salary of \$3,352,770. And the poverty-stricken kingdom of Italy pays its rulers \$2,388,000 a year.

The little 18-year old child of the little kingdom of Dukes and Dutch gets \$250,000 a year with \$60,500 in addition for the royal family, which means her "Ma" now and will include the Duke of Schleswig-Holstein as soon as they get married. Just think of that young thing getting five or six times more for ruling over the little kingdom of Dukes and Dutchmen than William McKinley gets for ruling over the great and glorious republic of these United States.

The king of the little country of Bavaria gets a salary of \$1,412,000 in addition for the royal family. The king of Greece gets \$600,000 from his little kingdom, besides \$600,000 more that is paid him in equal portions by England, France, and Russia.

Here are other figures of European salaries for rulers:  
Belgium \$600,000; Denmark \$227,775 for the king and \$33,330 for the crown prince; Norway and Sweden \$595,525; Portugal \$634,440; Roumania \$277,000; Saxony \$735,000; Serbia \$240,000; Spain \$1,400,000; the King of Greece gets \$600,000 from his little kingdom, besides \$600,000 more that is paid him in equal portions by England, France, and Russia.

These are hard times. We let our timber rot and buy fencing-fence, and our ashes and manure go away and buy soap. We raise yellow dogs and buy hogs. We let our manure go to waste and buy commercial fertilizers on tick. We send our boys out with a \$40 gun and \$10 dog to hunt 5 cents birds. We oppose every plan to upbuild our town and wonder why we fail to prosper. Some one kick us.—Ex.

### Brave Men Fall.

Victims to stomach, liver and kidney troubles, as well as women, and all the results in loss of appetite, poisons in the blood, backache, nervousness, headache and tired, listless, run-down feeling. But there's no need to feel like that. Listen to J. W. Gardner, Idaville, Mo. "I have tried Electric Bitters was just the thing for a man when he is all run down—and don't care whether he lives or dies. It did more to give me new strength and good appetite than anything I could take. I can now eat anything and have a new lease on life." Only 50 cents at the Woods Drug Co. Every bottle guaranteed.

### Red Hot from the Gun.

Was he ball hit by G. B. Stens, man of Newark, Mich., in the Civil war. It caused horrible ulcers that no treatment helped for 24 years. Then Bucklen's Arnica Salve cured him. It is the only cure for such sores, skin eruptions, Bred pile cure on earth. 25 cts. a box. Cure guaranteed. Sold by the Woods Drug Co.

### Chester at the Exposition.

Mr. A. W. Love, one of the Exposition Commissioners for Chester county, has written as follows to the Department of Promotion and Publicity in regard to the place which his county will occupy in the Exposition:  
Dear Sir: I have been reading with pleasure the reports of the various Commissioners of the different counties of the state, as to what was being, and what would be, done by their counties at the Exposition, and I am gratified that so much interest is being shown in the matter.  
And now I beg to present some things that will be done by the "Barren County of the State"—Chester county, which has always been the champion in all contests at Exposition and fairs.  
1st. We will take the first prize for the best county display.  
2nd. We will take more individual prizes than any other county in this state.  
3rd. We will have more people visit the Exposition than any other county having the same, or near the same population, for our people are an industrial people, and fully appreciate the benefits offered.  
4th. We will erect on the Exposition grounds—a "W. Love Cabin," built of the finest Chester county materials, to be headquarters for all visitors from this county.  
5th. We thank Charleston for giving us the opportunity to advertise ourselves, and will not sit back and wonder "How the Exposition is going to help us." We see the opportunity and will take advantage of it to push our business, and not wait for one to push us.  
Yours very truly,  
A. W. LOVE,  
Commissioner for Chester County, Chester, S. C., Jan. 30, 1901.

This is a fair challenge and it ought to excite a most generous rivalry among the progressive counties in the state. Ample provision will be made in the Exposition for the several county exhibits and the county that makes the best use of the space allotted to it will reap the largest benefits from that great show. Mr. Love is a veteran in this sort of work and we hope that his challenge will be taken up promptly by some other enthusiastic worker for this state. The people of Georgetown have already pledged a fund of \$700 for an exhibit of the resources of that county, and Abbeville, Greenwood, Florence, Laurens, Anderson, Marion, and other counties have promised contributions for making the exhibits from those counties as full and attractive as money and taste can make them. Who will take the Chester county date?—News and Courier, Feb. 15.

For the weakness and prostration following grippe there is nothing so prompt and effective as One Minute Cough Cure. This preparation is highly endorsed as an unfailing remedy for all throat and lung troubles and its early use prevents consumption. It was made to cure quickly. Pryor & McKee.

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### Millions Given Away.

It is certainly gratifying to the public to know of one concern in the land who are not afraid to be generous to the needy and suffering. The proprietors of Dr. King's New Discovery for consumption, coughs and colds, have given away over ten million trial bottles of this great medicine; and have the satisfaction of knowing it has absolutely cured thousands of hopeless cases. Asthma, bronchitis, hoarseness, and all lung diseases are surely cured by it. Call on the Woods Drug Co. and get a free trial bottle. Regular size 50c. and \$1. Every bottle guaranteed or money refunded.

### Speaker Stevenson.

It is a matter of record and general knowledge that W. F. Stevenson, of Chesterfield county, was elected, speaker of the house of representatives and appointed the committees thereof. The Record is informed that Speaker Stevenson is one of the counsel of the Seaboard Air Line, that a bill affecting the interests of that railroad was introduced in the house and referred to the committee on ways and means, and that Speaker Stevenson appeared before that committee to plead the interests of the railroad which pays him a salary for his services as a lawyer.—Columbia Record, January 29th.

### Road Improvement in Laurens.

LAURENS, Jan. 30.—Special to News and Courier.—The question of bettering the roads in the county as well as within the city limits is receiving a good deal of attention of late. Mr. Ambrose H. Marlin, a large planter, is taking an active interest in plans to make a hard road between the city limits and his home five miles west of the city. It is understood that the neighbors to the roadway have subscribed a thousand wagon loads of rock and that five hundred dollars cash has been subscribed in the city. The rocksheds belonging to the city will probably be secured and Supervisor J. H. Drummond will look after the matter.—Other subscriptions from gentlemen in the country will doubtless be made. It is hoped, if the scheme prove successful, that farmers throughout the county will catch the contagion.

### Thrifty Colored Man.

A Memphis, Tenn., dispatch says: "The finance committee of the Confederate Veterans' Reunion has received a check for \$1,000 from Robert R. Church, the wealthiest colored citizen of Memphis, who was born a slave and served as such in his youth. This is the second largest individual contribution yet received by the committee." It said that Robert R. Church is the originator of the bill recently passed by the Tennessee Legislature excluding white teachers from colored schools. His reason for the bill was that if the state could get rid of the Northern teachers in public schools, the white and black people of the state could get on better together.—News and Courier.

Editor Harmsworth, of London, who is at present in this country, has had a good deal to say about the Twentieth Century Newspaper. One of his demands is that larger type should be used—not in the headlines, that is too large now, but in the reading matter. The daily papers of the present are making the livelihood of more than one oculist.—Aiken Journal and Review.

The North Carolina experiment station has discovered that the flavor of eggs is determined by the feed. After giving hens chopped onions for two weeks the eggs became so disagreeable in flavor that they could not be used. When shorts, cottonseed meal and skim milk increased the number of eggs laid, but the eggs had a disagreeable flavor. Cracked corn and corn dough resulted in fewer eggs, but larger ones and of better flavor.

The gospel of Good Roads has been preached, in season and out, by a few papers in the state, and the effect is beginning to be seen in legislative acts. The chain gang law has been slightly changed so as to allow the use of more convicts on the roads.—Aiken Journal and Review.

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TUESDAY, FEB. 5, 1901.

The death of Hon. Geo. D. Tillman removes a prominent figure from this state.

The report of the secretary of state is one that we are glad to have. It contains a vast amount of information, much of which is often hard to find.

It seems that the difference between smallpox and chickenpox is about like that between big chickens and little chickens. It is impossible to settle on any dividing line.

The Anderson *Intelligencer*, upon the authority of the Columbia *Record*, says: "There has been an unusual amount of jockeying for positions in the future" by members of the general assembly. The public will very readily believe it. It is this "jockeying" that prevents the restricting of the state and that leaves its slimy trail over a great deal more of the legislature's record.—*Greenville News*.

There is no question that "jockeying for positions" by members of the legislature is very detrimental to the public good. There ought to be a sentiment in the legislature against electing its members to office. It would perhaps be better still if all members were ineligible for election to any position in the gift of that body during and for two years after their connection with it.

**The Legislature.**

On Thursday the house debated the bill prohibiting the working of children under 12 years in cotton mills, and voted, 62 to 32, to strike out the enacting clause. Messrs. Hollis and Haldin voted to strike out—that is to kill the bill—and Mr. Gaston against it.

The first business transacted in the senate yesterday was to agree to the house amendment to the Charleston exposition bill, which gives the building, after the exposition is over, to the sinking fund commission, to be sold and the proceeds to be turned over to the state treasury, instead of being given to the state agricultural and mechanical society, as at first proposed.

The senate agreed to the house concurrent resolution requesting the directors of the Charleston exposition to provide, if possible, some way by which the needy Confederate veterans of the state may visit the exposition.

Mr. Gaines' bill to regulate the delivery of alcoholic liquors by common carriers, passed its third reading.

Senator Graydon's bill to require railroads to take out charters in the state to prevent removal of lawsuits to the Federal courts passed second reading.

**FRIDAY.**

In the house a concurrent resolution was passed providing for a commission to investigate the conditions existing in cotton mills relative to the work of children.

Mr. deLoach's bill to provide for the sale of the state farms was killed, also a bill to reduce the contract rate of interest to 7 per cent., the same as the legal rate. A bill to sell the state farms, at not less than \$25 an acre, was continued till next session.

**SENATE.**

Among bills that passed third reading were the bill to incorporate the board of visitors of Thorowell orphanage, bill to regulate fees for the settlement of estates of less than \$100, and bill to further regulate the drawing of grand jurors. A bill to make stock in manufacturing corporations really passed second reading. The effect of the bill would be to exempt holders of stock who live out of the state from paying tax on their stock as personal property.

There was some discussion of a bill to change the composition of the state house commission. It proposes to make the commission consist of the governor, one senator, two representatives, the chairman of the senate finance committee, and the chairman of the house ways and means committee.

The bill providing for a state bacteriologist passed second reading. The bill providing for registering marriages, births, and deaths had been unfavorably reported and was killed. The bill to increase the

royalty on phosphate to 50 cents was also killed.

**SATURDAY.**

There was very small attendance Saturday, as many had gone to their homes, and hardly anything of importance was done in the house.

The senate passed the bill ceding to the city of Charleston certain swamp lands for the purposes of a naval station.

The bill to make cotton mill stock taxable as realty passed third reading.

Mr. Brown's bill to provide for the appointment of a state geologist was taken up for its second reading, and passed without discussion.

Mr. Brice's bill to regulate the issuance of preferred stock by joint stock companies also passed second reading.

**MONDAY.**

The house met at noon, and as it had resolved to take up nothing that would provoke debate, the work was uninteresting. The bill to allow the United States to acquire certain forest lands in the north-western part of the state for a forest reserve passed second reading.

Mr. Richards introduced a resolution asking newspapers to publish the votes of the members when viva voce vote is demanded. On motion of Mr. Vincent this was tabled. Mr. Richards explained that it was a mere request and that county papers are dependent upon the city papers for information as to the way members vote.

Mr. Wilson stated that he was perfectly willing for everybody to know how he votes, but the legislators now receive sufficient gratuitous advertising from the state papers.

The senate was in session only a half hour and nothing of interest to our readers was done.

**Native Hay.**

A farmer living in the western part of the county, who prefers that his name, for the sake of extreme modesty, be unknown, was here last Monday with a sample of excellent hay that he was offering for sale. At the time we saw him, he had been offered \$15 a ton for it. In response to some inquiries, he stated that the grass from which it was made is native grass known as "timberwillow" and swamp "foxtail." After cutting, it is cured in the shade, this process preserving a beautiful color, and an odor of the fields and meadows that is delightful. We were informed that this hay can be cut three times a year, sometimes yielding as high as two tons per acre per cutting, but generally averaging about three tons for the three cuttings, making it an extremely profitable crop, even as compared with ten cent cotton.

This farmer is an energetic and active man, not afraid of work, and during the month of July, August, September, and October, with two small mules, and without an additional hand, made \$50 worth of hay for his own use, and \$150 worth for sale, besides \$50 cutting peavines. That is a good stowing.—*Yorkville Yoman*.

**A Mammoth Hog.**

Mr. T. W. Whiteside, of Edgemoor, this season killed a three-year-old Poland China hog that netted 605 pounds.

That was a whopper. But Sheriff Passmore, of Lowndes county, Ga., has distanced Mr. Whiteside by killing one that was two months less than three years old that netted 350 pounds moor. The weight of the latter was 955 pounds net or 1,250 pounds gross.

The fat of this monster turned out 50 pounds of lard, or nearly a tierce and a half. Three big wash-pots were kept roaring all day and at nightfall there were ten soap tins and three buckets of pure leaf lard—enough to last a small family about four years. Besides the lard, there was something like a wagon load of sausage from this one hog, to say nothing of the number of hams, lard and other products. Each ham weighed 102 pounds.—*Rock Hill Herald*.

**Funeral of the Queen.**

The funeral of Queen-Victoria was conducted Saturday amid circumstances of great pomp. Four kings followed the bier, Edward VII of Great Britain, William III of Prussia, Leopold II, king of Belgium, and Carlos I, king of Portugal.

**Rehearsed for the Funeral.**  
COWES, Jan. 29.—At the rehearsal today of a part of the ceremony to be observed at the queen's funeral, a dummy coffin, filled with sand, was placed on a heavily laden brake, estimated to be the weight of a gun carriage, and eight Haverstran horses, which are to draw the gun carriage in the funeral procession, were hitched to the brake and drew it over the route. Non-commissioned officers who are to bear the queen's coffin practiced with the sand-filled dummy.

Don't buy mules till you see Gladden & Gibson's, at Crowder's stables.

**Announcements**

The following girls are contestants for the ten-weeks course in Claremont College offered by THE LANTERN free to the girl who receives the largest number of votes by subscribers, each paper paid for in advance counting a vote:

Mary Owen, of Chester.  
Frances Livingston, of Landsford.  
Kathleen Caldwell, of Allendale.  
Lena Hardin, of Chester (P. O.).  
Minnie McCrorey, of Banks.  
Bessie McKeown, of Halseville.  
Miss Wrennie Peay, Chester.

**Teachers' Examination.**

Office County Supt. Education, Chester, S. C., Jan. 29, 1901. The next regular examination of teachers for graded certificates will be Friday, Feb. 15, 1901, beginning at 9:45 a. m.

Applicants will furnish their own stationery.  
W. D. KNOX,  
Chm. B'of Examiners.

**Farmers' Mutual Notice.**

Time for payment of assessments expires next Thursday, 7th. All members are urged to settle at once and thus save themselves and the directors annoyance.

S. E. WYLLIE, Treas.

**TO RENT.**

A lot and house, two story, in the town of Richburg on easy terms. If desired, a one horse farm can be had in connection with it.

J. T. MARION.

**For Sale.**

I have some good three to six year-old, home-raised Mules for sale. They have been learned to work. They are acclimated and will stand more hard work than Western Mules. Will sell for cash or on time, with satisfactory security. Apply to  
L. E. SIGMON,  
Banks, S. C.

**Exchange Notice.**

We will give 300 lbs. Cotton Seed Meal for 100 lbs. Cotton Seed.

CHESTER OIL MILL.

**NOTICE!**

All persons indebted to me for veterinary work will please call and settle and oblige. I am willing and ready to do your work, but I want pay for it. I will work for CASH and CASH ONLY at the following prices: Visit in town, \$1.00; out of town 50 cents a mile and expenses any over ten miles. Examination to locate lameness or disease, \$1.00; colic, \$2.50; complicated, \$5.00; writing prescriptions, 50 cents and other work according to nature of it. Don't come and take me all over Chester to examine your horse or mule and then say "much obliged." You must pay before I examine. Thank the people that have paid, and remember you that haven't paid—a great nuisance—that you may need my services again.  
Yours, etc.,  
J. E. CORNWELL, V.S.

**Do You Like BREAD THAT IS WHITE? ROLLS THAT ARE LIGHT? CAKE OUT OF SIGHT? PIES JUST RIGHT? Of Course You Do.**

**Oehler HAS THEM**

I HAVE JUST RECEIVED A JOB IN FINE MADRAS CLOTH 12 to 20c quality for 10c.

Also White and colored Dimity, Percales, White Humespun, Ch. Muslin, Fine Mulls and Veil. P. K's at 3 to 40 acts a yard under value—Perfect goods. I also have the—

**LARGEST and CHEAPEST LINE Embroideries**

I have ever shown. The price will do your heart good— I am daily receiving NEW SPRING GOODS in all the new effects, and my price will be a pleasing surprise to you.

Yours truly,  
**E. A. CRAWFORD.**

**Grandma Wonders At It**

Not only at the beautiful dinner set itself, but at its purchase price at McLURE'S. Good cause for amazement, for the tableware here is first-class, in quality, and astonishingly low in price. Dining Room Ware, Bed Room Ware, Utensils for the Kitchen—all are here in great variety.

**PAUL W. McLURE, HARDWARE**

**Wanted.**

Reliable and experienced man to attend to herd of cattle, milk and prepare butter for market.  
G. O. NIBRET,  
Lewistown, P. O., S. C.

**FOR SALE.**

THE DELTA FARM, owing to the large number of fowls on hand, offers the following at reasonable prices:

- 100 Barred Plymouth Rocks.
- 100 White Plymouth Rocks.
- 35 Black Minorcas.
- 12 Indian Game.
- 4 Black Breasted Red Bantam Cockerels.
- 4 Broiler Leghorn Cockerels.
- A few Bronze Turkeys.

All of the fowls offered for sale are fine specimens of their variety.  
Eggs in season at \$1.00 per 15.  
Address, J. T. McDILL, Mgr. 6w-111 Wellridge, S. C.

**STILL IN THE RACE.**

I desire to say to my patrons and friends that I am constantly receiving fresh supplies of FRUITS, CANDIES, CANNED GOODS, Fancy and Heavy Groceries and everything in this line that one would reasonably wish, which I am selling at as low price as can be obtained. I appreciate the patronage of all, and shall endeavor to please, both in quality of goods and price.

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**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.**  
The Rev. J. C. Stoll preached at the Methodist church last Sunday.  
Miss Addie Stricker, of Concord, N. C., is visiting Miss Fannie Stricker.

We have heard that there are some cases of measles and whooping cough both in town.  
Mrs. T. J. Strait is visiting her sister, Mrs. G. W. Nisbet in Chester county.—Lancaster Ledger.

Dr. Samuel Lindsay was in town yesterday, and left yesterday evening for New York, where he will spend three weeks among the hospitals.

Mr. R. R. Doyle, a compositor in THE LANTERN office, has gone to his home at Seneca to spend a few days while convalescing from an attack of grip.

Miss M. Barber, of Edgemoor, passed through here Thursday on her way to McAdensville, N. C., where she, with her family, will make her home.—Rock Hill Herald.

The men that deal in cold drinks in the summer are making progress along with the rest of the world. They now serve hot drinks in the winter, and thus do business the year round.

Mrs. A. M. Aiken entertained the Chamaine club last Friday afternoon in a most delightful way. A musical game was the novel feature introduced. The prize was won by Miss Alice Kittrell.

We are informed that the Music club has finished the prescribed Derthrick course of study, and is now allied with the National Federation of Clubs. In this new alliance they lose the maiden name of "Derthrick" and take the euphonious name of the "Chester Chamaine Club."

The front of A. B. Nicholson's furniture store is made very attractive with beautiful pieces of furniture. We have noticed a hall rack near the door that is particularly attractive, and a display of china in the windows presents a very pretty appearance, especially at night in front of bright lights.

Cards are out announcing the marriage of Mr. Duncan Wolfe to Miss Leila Yongue, at the Methodist church in this place on the evening of February 14. Mr. Wolfe is head clerk at the store of L. J. Massey, and is one of the town's most popular young men. The prospective bride is the eldest daughter of Rev. R. A. Yongue, who will officiate at the marriage.—Fort Mill Times.

Notice—On and after February 15th, we will run our mill only on Tuesdays, Thursdays and Saturdays.—Lewisville Roller Mills.

**Liberty.**  
The Rev. L. J. Carroll, of Columbia, will preach at Liberty next Sabbath at 11 a. m.

**Benevolent Society.**  
The Ladies Benevolent society will meet at Mrs. M. H. Gaston's Thursday at 4 p. m. All members are urged to be present.

**Half-Hose**—Young men who wish to be up-to-date should see one of S. M. Jones & Co.'s show windows, in which there is a fine display of half-hose.

**Smallpox.**  
Some reports of smallpox near Broad river have come to town. Several cases are reported some where near Leeds, as we are informed. Other cases were reported, but they have now been pronounced chickenpox.

**Minutes Lost.**  
The minute book of Walker-Gaston camp Confederate veterans, with the charter and records of the camp, has been lost. Any information leading to recovery will be most thankfully received. Give information to W. D. Knox, adjutant.

Have you seen Gladson & Gibson's miles at Crows' nest? They'll make you laugh.

**Communion at Blackstock.**  
There will be communion service at Blackstock Presbyterian church next Sabbath, Feb. 10th. Preaching on Saturday at 11 a. m., and a meeting of the session at close of the service.

**Claremont Scholarship Contest.**  
The winner in the Claremont school contest stands at this date as appears below:  
Miss M. J. Owen..... 1071  
Frances Livingston..... 438  
William Caldwell..... 1608  
Anna Hardin..... 197  
Marie McCreary..... 582  
Beulah McKelown..... 758

**Valentines for sale at Hamilton's Book Store.**  
He Wasn't Dead.  
The death of Mr. Calvin Wallace recalled to Mr. I. McD. Hood's mind his returning from the war. About June 1865, an old soldier was seen prowling along with a staff and knapsack. It proved to be Mr. Wallace, who every body supposed was dead, as he had not been heard from since sometime before the surrender. He said he had been in prison and had just got out.

**Walker-Gaston Camp.**  
The Walker-Gaston camp at a meeting yesterday resolved to instruct its delegates to ask the state camp in Columbia to make no more appointments for the 10th of May, as it conflicts with memorial day all over the state.  
The annual dues of this camp are now 25 cents, and they must be paid for this year by the next quarterly meeting, April 8th.

**Nearly Fifty Years.**  
Rev. and Mrs. L. C. Hinton, now numbered among the old people of the county, will celebrate their golden wedding May 1st. We do not know what amount of ecstacy will attend the affair; we do not think any program has been arranged. One thing only is certain; the anniversary will come and pass, whether there be much observation or not.

**The Spinsters' Convention will be held in Chester Feb. 12, 1901, at the opera house. Admission 25 cts. Reserved seats 50 cts.**

**Deaths.**  
Mr. Robt. Clark, of Cornwall, died Friday, Jan. 25th, and was buried at Woodward church Saturday, the Rev. J. H. Yarborough conducting the funeral services. Mr. Clark was 40 years old and left a wife and eight children, some of them small. One daughter is married.

Mr. Charlie Colvin, who called at this office on business Saturday informed us that Major C. W. Faucette, of Feasterville, died on Friday. We have no further facts about the death. Our Feasterville correspondent, in a letter published Friday, mentioned Maj. Faucette's sickness, but at the time of writing he appeared better. It was stated in the same correspondence that he was 85 years old.

Mr. Calvin Wallace, died last Saturday at Lando, where he had been living perhaps 10 or 12 years. He must have been 80 years old or more. He had at least five sons and one daughter living in different parts of the county. He formerly lived in the Torbet neighborhood.

**For Sale**—Yellow pine and popular shingles and laths. Write us for prices—G. W. Conley & Bros., Lenoir, N. C.

**Cause for Rejoicing.**  
The Methodists of Chester are glad; they have a right to be glad; and their Christian friends congratulate them. They have paid off all obligations incurred on account of building the new church. They borrowed some \$3,000 perhaps from the church extension fund for four per cent, to be paid in semi-annual

instalments of \$300 or \$400 each. They arranged a kind of building and loan plan to raise these instalments, and the ladies collected the dues. Though they were quite successful, and they had two or three years yet to pay the loan, they feared that the collections might become a drag—in fact they were getting somewhat tired of the business. So they just told the men what was to pay. The men found that this was not slang, but a literal and earnest proposition, and at it they went, with the ladies' help. That settled it. Treasurer Childs sent off the check Saturday evening for the whole amount. Now there is no more interest, no more instalments, because there is no more debt; and the building and loan association of the Chester Methodist church, having forced its stock to maturity before its time, has gone out of business in fine shape.

**Deaths at Edgemoor.**  
Died at Edgemoor on last Thursday morning, Mrs. Alva Westerlund, aged eighteen years and five months. From her youth she was good, and early in life she professed religion and joined 'Mt. Holly M. E. church. Lovingly in person, sincere in friendship, faithful in duty, she was a true Christian woman. It was the privilege of the writer to know her intimately. She was kind hearted, and the life of our departed friend was beautiful in its simplicity and consistency. All was done for her that medical skill, a devoted husband, loving kindred, and kind friends could do, but of no avail. That dreaded disease, consumption, had done its work. In the memory of those who knew her best and loved her most, they cherish sweet memories of her superior worth in all relationships of life. Funeral services were conducted by her pastor, Rev. Barr Harris, assisted by Rev. L. T. Pressley. Her remains were interred on Friday in Laurelwood cemetery, at Rock Hill. The following gentlemen acted as pall bearers: Sidney Robinson, M. Clinton, T. B. Reid, A. Willford, W. N. Clinton, D. D. Chambers, W. C. McCright, Paul Workman.

**A SCHOOLDMATE.**  
Edgemoor, Feb. 4, 1901.  
Died near Edgemoor Wednesday evening, Jan. 30th, Mrs. Easter Wherry, aged seventy-one. Funeral services were conducted by Rev. J. H. Wilson. Burial at Fishing Creek. She leaves three children, Messrs. A. Wherry of Lewis T. O., W. H. Wherry, of Gainesville, Ga., and Mrs. Richard Kee, of Edgemoor.

Young man, do you want half-hose? See S. M. Jones & Co.'s show window.

**From Catawba's Brink.**  
DEARBORN, Feb. 4.—I don't hear of any farm work going on now, owing to the inclemency of the weather. The farmers are busy hauling guano, so as to be ready to prepare for planting as soon as the weather moderates.  
Mr. Walker Grant and Miss Clara Stroud, of Heath, were married Jan. 13th. The bride is the eldest daughter of Mr. Hampton Stroud. She is a popular and most estimable young woman, having those traits that will make her a good wife, and Mr. Grant is to be congratulated upon winning her. The groom is a prosperous young farmer and is a most deserving young man.

On the following Sabbath, which was the 20th, Mr. Hiram Hindman, of Bascomville, and Miss Effie Higgins, of Richburg, were married. The bride is a woman of rare excellence and beauty. The groom is one of Bascomville's most prominent young men. He is esteemed for his many good qualities.

Little Johnny Anderson, baby boy of Mrs. Sallie Anderson, died Jan. 30th. The little one had been ill only a few days. This is the second bereavement of the kind in the family in just a few short months. The dear little form was laid to rest by its father's side in the Cedar Shoals cemetery.

Miss Nettie Green, of Lancaster, is visiting in this community. Mr. and Mrs. J. T. Gwin and little son, Master Harper, went over to Lancaster Friday.

**George D. Tillman.**  
CLARKS HILL, Feb. 2.—After an illness of considerable duration, Hon. George D. Tillman died of his country home this morning at 7 o'clock. Col. Tillman's death was not a surprise as it had been realized for some time that it was merely a matter of a few days before the end came. But notwithstanding this fact the death of Col. Tillman was the cause of great sorrow in this community.

The funeral will take place here at 2 o'clock Sunday afternoon. A party including the governor and other distinguished guests will come from Columbia and another party is expected from Augusta, where the deceased was very highly esteemed. The following have been requested to act as pall bearers: Gov. M. B. McWeeny, Hon. C. W. Craft, Hon. Samuel Aldrich, Hon. J. W. Moore, Hon. Robert Dibble, Capt. Colcock, Hon. John C. Sheppard, and Mr. Hugh Dempsey.

**Horses for South Africa.**  
Three British army officers, who will ship over 5,000 horses to South Africa, left New York for New Orleans last Tuesday. They are Capt. Seymour Husted, Capt. T. M. Langton, 21st Lancers, and Lieut. J. H. C. White, of the 3rd Buffs. They are commissioned by the British remount department and will buy animals for the South African yeomanry. The problem of supplying mounts for British cavalry is growing a harder problem each year, according to those officers. The supreme lesson for the Boer war has resulted in emphasizing the fact that mounted infantry will be of prime importance in future wars. Horses and mules about to be shipped will be used by officers and men who have had no previous experience on horseback. The government has scoured Ireland, Belgium and Hungary for available cavalry material and is still badly handicapped. The three officers sent to this country will buy up every possible specimen of horse flesh they can find in the Southwest, shipping them, as fast as the number warrants, direct to Durban.

**Miss Chickens**—Are you going to the Thanksgiving dinner, Mr. Turkey?  
Mr. Turkey—I don't know, I haven't been axed yet.—Baltimore American.

**COME IN AND LOOK**  
Yer dont hafter bi nothin, Bet yer can keep FROM bien sumthin—

A sure enough store-cleaning out sale is now in full blast at Kluttz' New York Racket, the scene is like a red hot battlefield because Kluttz is now shooting high prices more mercifully than ever before. Such bargains, such bargains, my, my, my it is a plum sight the way Kluttz seems to have gone wild—in almost giving away beautiful Dress Goods and handsome Capes and comfortable Shirt Waists and splendid Shoes and warming Under-shirts, and Men's and Boys' Clothing, and the people are taking these bargains out in a rush, and all the while wearing a contented happy smile because Kluttz leaves them so much cash to jingle in their pockets.

**FOUR TOWEL BARGAINS**  
These 4 different kinds of Towels are beauties, they were made by a North Carolina Towel Factory that got hard up for cash and that is the reason Kluttz now names the price 4 cents, and 5 cents, and 8 cents, and 9 cents.  
You will also be profitably delighted to know of Kluttz' bargains in heavy, yard wide, White Homespun at 5 cts. the yard. Dress Calico at only 2 1/2 cts. the yard. Nice quality, yard wide Bleaching for you at 6 cts. the yard. Remnants, Remnants, many kinds of Remnants, cheap, very cheap.

A very little bit of cash certainly does not stretch out to an agreeably surprising long length at your cheapest friend

**Kluttz'**  
New York Racket

**NOTICE.**  
The publications of the American Bible Society and the Oxford University Press are for sale at—  
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**Spectacles and Eye Glasses**  
Eyes tested and fitted with the Finest Lenses in the most scientific manner. One especially equipped room devoted to this branch of our business.  
A Fine Spectacle guaranteed to fit or money refunded, from  
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**New Lumber Yard....**  
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EXTENSION TABLES, 6-foot.....	3 25
MATTRESSES.....	1 52

Everything else just as cheap.

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