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ARFON IGNORANCE.

The Barrow Philosopher Writes of the Schools and Papers.

Sixty years ago there was some excuse for ignorance; we had but few schools in this southern land and not a dozen newspapers in the state. There were not half as many reading books in all our towns as I have now in my small library of 400 volumes. In our schools we had a blue back spelling book, Smiley's arithmetic, Murray's grammar, Smith's geography and the English reader. To master these was considered a good old field education. I have on my shelf a copy of that same old reader. A good lady sent it to me not long ago, and I almost wept over its delightful pages for there is no school book now published that has so choice a selection of varied reading, both in prose and poetry. I have a letter from an old gentleman in Florida asking where will I find a little poem that his mother taught him and some of which he has forgotten. "It begins," he said, "Pity the sorrows of a poor man." I do not know where he will find it, except in the old English reader. It was written in 1709 by Thomas Moss, and was quoted by Dr. Johnson and Goldsmith. Both loved the pathetic, and nothing more pathetic was ever written.

Pity the sorrows of a poor old man
Whose trembling limbs have borne him
To your door,
Whose days are dwindled to the shortest
Of years.
Ah! give relief and Heaven will
Bless your store.

Those tattered clothes my poverty
Bequeath;
Those hoary locks proclaim my
Lengthened years.
And many a furrow in my grief-worn
Cheek
Has been the channel to a flood of
tears.

Oh, take me to your hospitable home,
Beneath the wind and piercing
Cold;
Short is my passage to the friendly
Tomb,
For I am poor and miserably old.

These are some of the verses, and in another column the list often quoted: "A pampered mental dross from the door." This copy of Murray's English reader was printed in London two years before Queen Victoria was born. It was the text book in most of the schools when I was a boy, and from it we got our speeches and learned how to bow and gesture and give accent and emphasis. This book, with the teachers aid, gave us an idea of elocution and how to read impressively, and I wish it was in all our schools to-day. We have good scholars, but very few good readers. It is rare to find a preacher who can emphasize his text on a chapter or a hymn. Every college and especially every theological seminary, should have a professorship of reading and speaking. I remember hearing an old eloquent divine preach a sermon from the text, "My sin is ever before me," and such was his utterance of that lamentation of David and such his profound and solemn rendering of the enduring consequences of sin, that all his hearers were deeply impressed. "My sin is ever before me" still rings in our memories.

I said that sixty years ago there was some excuse for ignorance, but nevertheless that age and these schools produced many very notable men. The young people were eager for knowledge. A new book was a treasure in the house, and there was more time, more leisure, and Solomon says that "in leisure there is wisdom."

But how the books are almost in the way. They crowd us and surround us, and "the cry is still they come." Young people read an average of two or three a week, and forget the contents in a month. There are magazines in every household, and they contain our best literature—instructive and entertaining; newspapers flood the country by the millions. The New York Herald boasts that it published 240 million copies last year. Every county in our State has a county newspaper, and the editor of the Carolinian paper says the children read a great deal more than their fathers did and keep up with wars and politics and murders and suicides.

Candle wrote an excellent and instructive article recently on the passing of great men. He never writes anything that does not give us food for thought, and I am thankful that he has not passed. Yet the day of great men has passed, not only in Georgia, but in all the south. Eloquence in the pulpit, the forum and the councils of the nation forty and fifty years ago was our pride and our boast, when we had among our preachers such noble and true men as George Pierce, Dr. Mead, Longstreet, Jesse Mercer, Nathan Crawford, Dr. Tucker, Bishop Elliott and Beckwith, Joseph Stiles, Dr. Nixon, Dr. Goulding, and such lawyers and statesmen as Forsyth, Troup, the two Cobbs, Jenkins, Tompkins, Stephens, Johnson, Walter Colquhoun and Ben Hill. There are twenty names given, and many more might be added, and it is a lamentable truth that their equals do not exist in Georgia to-day. This decay of great men is apparent in every Southern State, and as for the north, there is nothing there now but plutocracy who buy their way into public office and defy trial or criticism. The struggle for money is the curse of the age. It has smothered the nobler aspirations of our nature. "Get money; get money honestly, if you can; but at all events get it," is now the motto of the common people want more. The plutocrats want more. The masses of the people are on a strain. I am one of them and I know how it is, for I have been in a brick and tongue to keep in hailing distance of society. So many of our class have a rich man's ways and a poor man's purse that we have to hang on to the ragged edge of gentility. There are so many things nowadays that are so justly obliged to have—things that do not exist in our antebellum days. Our boys must go to college to get a smattering-of-books and a full text of athletics. Our girls must go to get polished and make college friends and receive visits and return visits after they graduate, and it takes money for clothes and money for railroad fares and every now and then a girl gets married and chooses her college mates for her attendants, and that takes more clothes and a wedding present, and so forth, and so fifth and sixth, and so on.

Oh, my country! When will this strain stop? There ought to be a miser in every family, or a rich old bachelor uncle who carried a big life insurance, and would die just at the right time and leave a fortune to his impecunious sisters or his nieces! Why, if I had a good bank account to draw on, I could write a more cheerful letter and take a hopeful view of things and keep calm and serene; but as it is, I find myself lamproving those West Point cadets, and I want those ringleaders—Barry, and Dockery, and Dual—handed down to posterity as the champion-bazars; and their names put in a catalogue alongside of the duke of Alva to illustrate human brutality. But I didn't mean to say anything hard about the Tech boys who have been suspended. I have great hope for that institution, and admiration for the manner in which the boys received their discipline. Nobody thinks any less of them, for there was nothing mean or cruel in their thoughtless conduct, and every outside father sustains Mr. Barry and the faculty. Of course their mothers are deeply aggrieved. They always are when their sons are punished; that is a natural and beautiful trait in a mother's character. She clings to her boys, regardless of whether they are right or wrong. She is like a tigress when robbed of her whelps. I have received several letters from the mothers of these boys, and they defend them with earnest indignation. One of them concludes with, "Nay, I am the mother of one of those boys you wrote about, and if you wish to play Diogenes, bring on your cane." But we have made friends, for she is a lady and a mother, and the poet says:

"A mother is a noble still,
The noblest thing alive."

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TUESDAY, FEB. 19, 1901.

We are indebted to Senator Tillman for the 14th annual report of commissioner of labor, which deals with water, gas and electric-light plants.

Mr. Chauncey M. Depew has sent us a copy of his speech in the United States Senate on the ship subsidy bill. If we say no more about it our readers may think that we are not convinced.

About the only daring act during the whole session of the legislature was the repeal of the anti-free pass law. We do not mean to commend the legislature for this, but perhaps it was just as well to have the law out of the way, all things considered.

The legislature adjourned Saturday. There is scarcely anything to report from the closing days. The two houses spent these days busily building scaffolding for the construction of laws, in the shape of second readings, third readings amendments, failures to agree, conferences, more disagreements, bills continued—and so the time expired with very little work completed.

One of our correspondents, in setting the little remark from the Greenville News about the Spanish populace raising a row over the marriage of a Spanish princess, had "hoi polloi" set "poi hollol." Except for the purpose of "keeping the record straight," it is made but little difference, as it is "all Greek" to most of us either way.

We already have in hand some Confederate company rolls, and will publish them as we can make room for them. Brief information will be given about those known to be dead. These rolls will interest many people, and ought to be preserved. Additions and corrections are earnestly desired and requested from all who can furnish any.

Some member could have immortalized himself by introducing a bill in the legislature to domesticate blind tigers. They have been getting their rations from the back doors of dispensaries, especially in Columbia and Charleston, if we are to credit oft repeated and undisputed reports. As they seem to have become a tacitly recognized institution, they should be "regulated," and they might as well be allowed to march up to the main entrance to get their supplies.

As we understand the situation, Mr. Collins and family lost almost everything they had in the fire. They are left without even the ordinary comforts of life. So far as we have heard, they have not murmured at their lot, but at such a time all of those who have not been so unfortunate could discharge a plain duty by giving them some substantial encouragement in their emergency. If your heart moves you to express your sympathy in useful shape, it will be all the more appreciated if it is done without solicitation. What you do, do at once.

The Southern Cotton Spinners Association, at a meeting in Charlotte last Saturday, passed the following resolution:

"That we recommend all mill to stop night work entirely for four months, beginning March 1, 1901, and in mills where day and night stop one day in every week, beginning March 1. At the expiration of sixty days from March 1, mills stopping night work shall also conform to arrangements made here in for mills running daytime only."

Dr. J. H. McAden, the president, estimates that this action secures a reduction of 50 per cent in production.

We have just heard of a young lady who attends a city mission church that is struggling to get on its feet. Her voice attracted all who heard it. A strong church in the city tried to secure her services to sing in its choir, and asked her to name the figure that would induce her to accept, but she declined. Another church offered her \$25 a month to sing in its choir, and this, of course would not interfere with her regular every

day duties, but she declined this offer also, without sticking to the little mission, though pay. It greatly enhances the appreciation of this example to know that the possessor of the coveted voice is only a social singer. We have a sumptuous admiration for one who cannot be induced to leave the post to which duty has assigned her—who will not even treat on the subject.

Some member introduced a bill in the legislature to prevent chickens from destroying crops. This would have been a good law, on general principles, but very few representatives would have dared to return to the bosom of their families after voting for it, and on considerations of domestic peace, they, nearly all, voted against it. We do not remember the name of the member that introduced the bill, but it is safe to assume that he is, an old bachelor. Most of them are reflected that there are influential members of their households who are interested in flocks of hens, which claim the privilege of scratching in the neighbors' gardens. The general stock law covers the case plainly enough, but no judge on the bench of this glorious commonwealth has the temerity to so decide. They are all prudent enough to check the application at the danger line. Then again, good as the law would be on general principles, it does not suit particular cases. For example, it would not please us to have our chickens foraged on our barley patch—as she will most likely do when grazing appears better there than outside—we can put her up and make him pay a ransom, but when our Plymouth Rocks and Wyandottes go foraging on his oats—as they are sure to do when corn is scarce—the only satisfaction he can get is to tally out and throw clods at them, and if he should hurt them, he would have to pay damage. The present arrangement suits us. Safety, prudence, and subtleties must be taken into account in making laws.

Human Curiosities.
A special to the State from Sumter has something to say of an old man who is known as a "genuine human curiosity" because he has never eaten ice cream, but that is nothing. We know an old man 86 years of age who has been married three times, has never eaten ice cream, never saw an ocean, never rode on a train, never drank whiskey and is in good health. He served as Sunday school superintendent until he was too old, when he was elected to the office for life. He is loved and honored and respected by all who know him and no one looks upon him as a "human curiosity," but as a living example of a temperate life.—Dillon Herald.

To Investigate a Mirage.
Old stories about the mirage city of Alaska are revived by announcement that a party of scientists will leave Victoria, British Columbia, in June to photograph it. It is said to appear every summer, stretching five miles across the big glacier on the coast. The mirage is said to be a remarkable resemblance to Bristol, England. The expedition will study the atmospheric conditions at the time of the mirage and then communicate with Bristol, as to the weather there at the same time for the purpose of insinuating comparisons. The Duke of Abruzzi, who recently led the "farthest north" expedition, is reported to have made a perilous and sketchy of the mirage city when he was in Alaska, and one of the features he sketched are said to be those of the English city.

As Christ would Run a Store.
R. J. Norton, a grocer of Marion, Ind., is running his store "as Christ would run it," and bids fair to run all his competitors out of business. He sells strictly for cash, refuses to deliver any goods at the houses of customers, displays the cost mark on every article and thus shows exactly what profit he is making. He refuses to sell tobacco, cigars or any preparations that have cider, brandy or other liquor in them. He sells his groceries in bulk, and with his grocery business, and sells all goods there at actual cost.—Fort Mills Times.

One drop of ink will darken a glass of water, and one bad boy will corrupt a neighborhood.

Pedigree of a D. A. R.
All applicants for admission to the D. A. R.'s had best take warning from a good story told at the expense of a certain prominent woman about to join this society. This lady was anxious to make as brilliant a showing as possible, so discarding certain revolutionary ancestors of obscure fame, she chose the line of Nathan Hale through which to trace her eligibility. Imagine her surprise when her application papers were returned with the information that though Nathan Hale was a distinguished revolutionary hero, he was hanged at the age of nineteen, —without ever having been married. The lady is no longer on speaking terms with that particular chapter.

The Inauguration.
On account of Presidential inaugural ceremonies, Washington, D. C., March 4th, the Seaboard Air Line railway will sell round trip tickets at the rate of one first-class fare for the round trip. Tickets on sale March 1st, 2nd and 3rd, and for points within a radius of 150 miles from Washington, also March 4th. Final limit, March 6th. Regular organized military companies and brass bands, in uniform, at least rate, Chester, \$13.10. For information call on Ticket Agents.

Parsonage for Sale.
The parsonage property belonging to Zion Presbyterian church, at Lowryville, will be sold to the highest bidder for cash, Feb. 22, at 10 o'clock. There are three lots, on one of which the parsonage stands. J. S. DABBY, J. S. LOWRY, Com. W. O. GUN.

For Sale.
If not previously disposed of we will sell, at public auction, before the Court House door at Chester, S. C., on the first Monday in March, the tract of land comprising the "Corner and Coffey" places, containing one hundred and twenty-five (125) acres, more or less, lying in the suburbs of Richburg, S. C., 6.8 of a mile from center of the town. Terms of sale, cash. DRESSER & GILL.

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. 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.

You Must Be Tired
Of reading about closing out advertisements, and goods sold for less than cost, yet they manage to live.

Our New Spring Stock
The Largest and Best we ever had, will be here soon. What we have left of hats we will sell at ONE-HALF price.

OUR MILLINER IS NORTH
now making Pattern Hats. We will have the best display ever seen here and prices will be lower than ever.

With ample capital we can buy from the best houses for cash, that always talks. We have to pay no rent and our expense account allows us to undersell as we underbuy.

CHESTER MILLINERY CO.

25 per cent off

Heating Stoves

I am making this big reduction to close out the balance of my stock to make room for Spring and Summer Goods. I haven't many left, so come quick, if you want a bargain. I have a full assortment of the Celebrated Star Leader Cooking Stoves

all marked in plain figures. One price to everybody. High grade Stoves, each sold on a 10-year guarantee bond, and at a price below the ordinary cheap stove. Finest Steel Ranges, only \$30. PAUL W. MCCLURE, Agt. for "Star Leader" Cooking Stoves.

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 Alliance. Lena Hardin, of Chester (P. O.) Marie McCrorey, of Banks. Bessie McKeown, of Haisleville. Miss Wrennie Peay, of Chester.

I HAVE JUST RECEIVED A JOB IN FINE MADRAS CLOTH 12 1/2-20 quality for 10c.

Also White and colored Dimity. Percales, White Homespun, Ch. Muslin, Fine Mulls and Welt P. K's at 3 to 4c a yard under value.—Perfect goods. I also have the—

LARGEST and CHEAPEST LINE Embroideries

I have ever shown. The price will do you 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.

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

SWITZER RUBIN JEWELRY WATCHES

Our Repair Department
Has just been refitted

And in order to convince the public of the quality of our work we will for the next 30 days, do all Watch, Clock and Jewelry Repairing at Special Prices.

GIVE US A TRIAL.

The Theiling Co.

We make a Specialty of difficult Repairing.

For Sale—House and lot on Centre street. Apply to Mrs. Jas. K. Marshall.

STILL IN THE RACE.

I desire to say to my patrons and friends that I am constantly receiving fresh supplies of

Celebrated Star Leader Cooking Stoves

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

W. A. CRAWFORD, Next door to New York Bakers

A GOOD SIGN!



Trade and traffic here at W. R. NAIL'S Red Racket and Furniture Store is steadily increasing.

This fact goes to prove beyond the shadow of a doubt that the people now-a-days, irrespective of creed politics or religion, will patronize that house that sells the best and most goods for the least money.—New faces appearing almost daily. This fact proves that our regular customers are pleased with our goods and that they are spreading the glorious news far and wide.

Our Cheap for Cash System of Merchandising

In winning us patrons from the rank and file of all the credit houses of this city. The level-headed, broad-minded men who aim to keep pace with the aggressive march of progress in these eventful times are watching and learning. They feel the ledger's terrific wear and tear and long to throw off the galling yoke. They have the same high aspirations as the cash on delivery advocate, and are free to confess that the past is hopelessly lost, but they mean to redeem the irreclaimable in the brilliant future, and they go at it with a savage intensity and an earnest enthusiasm that means SUCCESS. A visit to our store will convince you that there is always a wheel within a wheel.

W. R. NAIL'S
Red Racket and Furniture Store.
Main St., Chester, S. C.

HORSES TO RIDE OR DRIVE FOR SALE OR HIRE.

VEHICLES
BUGGIES, CARRIAGES WAGONS and HARNESS.

Never mind about the price. Select what you want. We will agree on the price.

REPAIRS
We will half-sole your horse's feet to make them last. We will mend your vehicles, and trim and paint them to make them look new.

JOHN FRAZER.

For Your Money's Worth
GO TO
F. M. NAIL'S
Cheap for Cash Valley Racket Store.

COFFEE IS CHEAPER.
Arbuckle's Roasted Coffee, 15 cts. lb., 2 lbs. for 25 cts. 20 lbs. Nice BROWN SUGAR for \$1.00. 25 cakes of Octagon Soap for \$1.00. Nice Bright Dried Apples, 5 cts. lb. 3 Tin Cups for 5 cts. Heavy Ward-Wide White Homespun 5 cts. yd. Choice Small Onion Sets, going cheap. Sewing Machine Thread, 4 cts. Sewing Machine Oil, 5 cts. bottle. Knives and Forks, 45 cts. doz. Gold Band Tumblers, 60 c. set. Nice White Plates, 40 cts. per set. 3-piece Tin Toilet Sets 95c. Beautiful Decorated Window Shades, \$1.00 per pair. Very Respectfully,
F. M. NAIL

YOU CAN'T DO BETTER
Than try J. A. FAULKENBERRY who has one of the most up-to-date Heavy and Fancy

GROceries
IN CHESTER.

You will find our line of Canned Goods, Pickles, Crackers, Coffees, Cheeses, Plain and Fancy Candles, Fruits, Etc., Etc., up to the best and at moderate prices. We have the genuine, before-the-war New Orleans Hottasses, call for sample.

We deliver all goods promptly

J. A. FAULKENBERRY,
Stewart Building, next door to W. W. Candler.

Exchange Notice.
We will give 200 lbs. Cotton Seed Meal for 300 lbs. Cotton Seed.
CHESTER OIL MILL.

WOODS DRUG CO.
(Successors to Woods & Brice)
W. B. COX, M. D., Offers his professional services to the people of Chester and the surrounding country. Office at Woods Drug Co's, phone 8. Residence at Mr. J. N. Cross' place, phone 81.

I AM RETIRING from business today, having sold my entire stock to Orlando Tyler, Mrs. L. E. Stanback, and others. Owing to pressure of business I am not able to attend to this line of trade. I respectfully ask all who have accounts on my books to call and settle same on or before the 15th inst. I desire to thank you for your liberal trade during my brief period of business in the city, and bespeak for all a happy and prosperous New Year. Respectfully,
J. S. STANBACK.

FRIENDS, ONE AND ALL,
GREETING: Having purchased the Groceries of J. S. Stanback, we venture upon this enterprise with great hope for the future. We propose to sell out the present stock at a little above cost, and ask our friends to give us their trade. Respectfully,
TYLER & CO.

—REMEMBER THE—
Chester Barber Shop
Which was established in the City of Chester 90 years ago. It is the leading barber shop of the city. Up-to-date fixtures and guaranteed work. Good shaves and stylish hair cuts. Prices to suit the times.
BEN HENDERSON, Professional Tonsorial Artist.

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Telephone No. 54.
TUESDAY, FEB. 19, 1901.

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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 the turn-out up-to-date job work on very short notice. Our prices are very reasonable for first-class work. Try us.

LOCAL NEWS.

Mr. and Mrs. R. B. Caldwell spent Sunday in Rock Hill.

Misses Alta and Marie Fewell, of Rock Hill, spent yesterday in the city.

Mr. and Mrs. J. E. Pryor, of Rock Hill, spent Sunday here with relatives.

Miss Annie Beal, of Lenoir, is visiting her sister, Mrs. E. F. Reid, at Mrs. W. H. Hood's.

The Rev. Mr. Ford, of Gaffney, preached at the Baptist church last Sunday morning.

A small bundle of LANTERNS sent to Weddridge Friday was returned to Chester. This will explain why subscribers did not receive them at the proper time.

One effect of the adoption of enclosed carbons will be to defeat the purpose of myriads of bugs of high and low degree bent on suicide by electrocution or electro-combustion.

Messrs. Morris and Ball have moved their shoe shop from the Stewart block, in the valley to the room vacated by Mr. W. J. Crawford, adjoining the Pryor & McKee drug store.

Mrs. Robert Lindsay, of Yorkville, and Mrs. John Stridling, of Chester, were in the city Friday on business for the executive committee of the Woman's Presbyterian Union.—Rock Hill Herald.

It will be seen in a notice elsewhere in this issue that the Presbyterian parsonage at Lowryville is to be sold next Friday. The property is at the site of the old church, and it is the purpose of the congregation to build near the present church.

Howard, the youngest son of Dr. W. G. White, has been desperately ill for more than a week. At times his condition has been critical, and when we went to press Thursday night we are sorry to say his condition was not promising.—Yorkville Yeoman.

Our teacher, Miss Mary Lee Hardin, is one of the very best, if not the best teacher the county can afford. She has won the love and esteem of all her pupils, and both teacher and pupils work together in harmony and union.—Mt. Joy Cour. Union Times.

Mr. J. Matt Hough, of Landsford, was in town Wednesday. Sheriff J. P. Hunter went to Chester Wednesday to place himself under treatment of Dr. Pryor. He was accompanied by his physician, Dr. M. P. Crawford.—Lancaster Enterprise.

Notice for March 12. The next attraction at the opera house will be a musical recital given by Edward Baxter Perry, a noted pianist, of Boston. He will bring his own piano, a Knabe grand. We may expect a rare treat from this gifted musician. Prices, adults 50 cents, children 25 cents.

Mr. J. C. McFadden had another wedding yesterday. It was the 32nd he infuses us that it was a quiet affair, and we notice that it took him just an hour and 20 minutes to celebrate and get back to the court house. Most of us will be pretty quiet after 32 years of married life—but this is no reflection on our lovely brides.

Mrs. A. G. Brice was in Winstonsboro Friday by invitation to attend the birthday celebration of her aunt, Mrs. Jane Torbet, who was 88 years old on that day. Mrs. Torbet has a host of admiring friends in Chester county who will be glad to know of her passing many more anniversaries safely.

Book-keeper—Lady desires set of books or work as an assistant. Address "P," this office.

When you want good, whole, some bread, buy your meal and flour from Wylie & Co., whose grades are uniform and the best and cheapest in the city.

Delightful Tea.
Mr. A. G. Brice gave a tea last Thursday evening in honor of Mr. and Mrs. R. B. Caldwell. Quite a number of congenial guests were present and the occasion is reported as having been peculiarly delightful.

Reckless Riding and Driving.
We have been requested by the city council to call attention of the public to the fact that the city ordinance against reckless riding or driving through the streets will be enforced against all violators. The fine is \$10 or 20 days.

Mrs. Torbet's Birthday.
Mrs. Torbet, mother of Mr. W. H. Flenniken, will celebrate her 88th birthday to-day. Miss Janie Flenniken, her granddaughter, has come up from Columbia to be present for this glad occasion. Mr. D. R. Flenniken is also expected to be present to see his mother, who has reached such a ripe old age.—News and Herald, February 15th.

W. B. Foote Is Dead.
Mr. W. B. Foote, of Wilsburg, died last Sabbath, and was buried at Brushy Fork church yesterday. We are informed. He had been suffering for a long time with indigestion, but we have no information about his sickness immediately preceding death. He was a native of that neighborhood, was about 45 years old, and leaves a wife and five children.

Smallpox.
An old colored man, Geo. Williams we believe has his name, died somewhere up the York road a few days ago, and it is said that he had smallpox. It seems that there is a pretty large family, and all had the disease and were well before anything was known about it. They supposed it was chickenpox. We have heard nothing recently from the cases reported near Leeds.

Claremont Scholarship Contest.
The vote in the Claremont scholarship contest stands at this date as appears below:

- Miss Mary Owen..... 2144
- Mrs. Frances Livingston..... 537
- Kathleen Caldwell..... 1678
- Lena Hardin..... 236
- Marie McTear..... 1654
- Miss Melvina Brown..... 1698
- Wreoline Peag..... 207

The only change of positions is Miss Owen's going from third place to the first.

New Magistrates.
Mr. J. R. Reid has been appointed magistrate for Lewisville township. Mr. Hampton Stroud for Rossville, and Mr. S. E. Wylie for Hazelwood. Heretofore Hazelwood has had no magistrate, being under the jurisdiction of the Lewisville magistrate. Messrs. Reid and Stroud take the place of Magistrates Magill and Jones. In the other townships the former magistrates were re-appointed. Blackstock, however, still shares a magistrate with Chester.

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

Memorial Day.
Arrangements are already on foot for the exercises of memorial day. As the State reunion is to include both of May, it was necessary to select another date, and Tuesday, the 14th, has been fixed upon. Wm. D. Trantham, Esq., of Camden, has accepted an invitation to deliver the oration, and the Rev. T. E. Morris will lead in the devotional exercises. It is expected that a chorus of singers, not yet organized, will add interest to the occasion.

The New Lights.
The new arc lights have been in operation a few nights, and if they continue to behave as well as they have thus far, we think they may be considered satisfactory. They are not so dazzling in their immediate vicinity, but it is claimed that there is a better diffusion of light. The light is much steadier, and the apparatus is much prettier. We are assured that these lights require far less attention and power, and altogether are a great deal cheaper to operate. The carbons are enclosed in nearly air-tight glass globes. The exclusion of oxygen prevents rapid combustion of carbons. Of course, all sorts of judgements are expressed as to the new lights. Some are pleased and others say they are a failure, or if not a failure yet, will prove so in time. We shall wait and see—provided they furnish us sufficient light.

See Jones & Co.'s Window of \$4 silk patterns, now going at \$2.98.

A Charming Visitor.
Chester had a most charming visitor last Friday, in the person of Miss Louise B. Poppenheim, of Charleston, president of the South Carolina Federation of Women's Clubs. She was the guest of Mrs. John G. White while in the city. Miss Poppenheim is handsome and cultured and has much of that rare quality we call personal magnetism. She unites in a delightful manner the grace and charm of the women of the Old South, with the energy and self-reliance of the new.

She was entertained on Friday afternoon by the Up-to-Date Club at the home of Mrs. David Hemphill. A charming program had been arranged, and Mde. President entered with spirit into the discussion of both literary and practical themes, and also spoke most interestingly of her trip to the Milwaukee Biennial, and of the position won by the Southern women in the national competition. The daily refreshments were served and amid much pleasure and merriment the afternoon came to a conclusion.

All agree that the club women of South Carolina are fortunate in having so capable a woman at the head of the State Federation.

A Considerable Fire.
Sunday night about 10 o'clock fire was discovered in Mr. W. W. Coogler's building on Gadsden street, and in a very short time the whole roof was in flames. The firemen were soon on the ground and quenched the flames, but as the fire started in the stove room, on the lower floor at the rear, it swept up through the building with such rapidity that all had been practically destroyed, except the dining rooms on the front part of the ground floor, and they were much damaged.

These rooms were occupied by G. J. Starnes and J. T. Clark, grocer, and I. N. Carter, barber shop. Their goods were removed more or less damaged. All the rear and upper parts of the building, which were rather extensive, were occupied by Mr. Henry Collins and family as a boarding house. They lost almost everything, and had no insurance.

When Mr. Leja Westerlund forced open a door, a sister of Mrs. Collins, who had been in one of the back rooms, tumbled out almost suffocated. The stair-way was cut off, and two men and a lady, who were on the second floor, climbed down a sign post or were helped down from windows.

Mrs. Collins lost some \$25 paid her by boarders Saturday night. Her brother and others also lost money. Some of them escaped with only their night clothes.

Mr. Coogler had \$1800 insurance on the building, less \$50 paid for damage by fire a short time ago. He came very near reducing his insurance \$300 a few days ago.

Fifteen good, well broke, young mules, ages four to six years, cheap at Jos. Wylie & Co's.

Fires in Rock Hill.

Special to the News.
ROCK HILL, Feb. 18.—There were two rather extensive fires last night. At about ten o'clock an alarm came from the Highland Park mill neighborhood. Fourteen double temaments and A. W. Smith's store were completely consumed before it was controlled. This fire occurred outside of the fire limits. The temaments cost about \$500 each, making the loss about \$7,000. Smith's store building was a frame one worth \$2,000, and with the temaments belonged to the Highland Park Mill Co. All were pretty well covered by insurance. Smith's stock was estimated at about \$2,500 or \$3,000; upon which there was insurance amounting to \$2,400. Not a hundred dollars' worth of stock was saved. The origin of the fire is unknown. Rumor says there was an incendiary attempt in the same neighborhood one night last week. It was thought last night that a child had perished in one of the temaments, but happily it was unfounded.

At 2:30 this morning the alarm sounded again. This time the fire was on Railroad Avenue in the heart of the town. It started in that part of Hand Bros' establishment where the stock of fire works was kept, and the popping of the cannon crackers—for once—did some good, alarming the policeman on duty. Hand Bros' grocery was gutted and the loss is probably complete there. The firm had just last week put in some expensive fixtures, in the way

of up-to-date coupon cash registers, etc. The department got in quick and effective work, and although the flames had gotten a big headway, there was no damage to the stores on each side—all one building—except by smoke. Hand Bros' loss is between \$5,000 and \$6,000, with \$3,200 insurance.

If you want a cheap plug mule or horse for \$10, \$15, \$20, or \$25 call on Jos. Wylie & Co.

Torn by a Tiger.
INDIANAPOLIS, Feb. 15.—Albert Neilson the keeper, aged 50 years, today entered the cage of a Bengal tiger by mistake. He was attacked by the beast and finally dragged from the cage more dead than alive, and died en route to the hospital. There was a terrible struggle in the cage, and the keeper was torn in a hundred places. A red hot iron was applied to the tiger, which did not release his hold until seven bullets were fired into him.

Messrs. R. A. Love and T. J. Cunningham will go to Columbia tomorrow to attend a meeting of the fair premium list committee.

Inferior Work from Good Material.
The confusion attending the closing hours of the legislative session was such that it will take a very careful survey to discover just what acts were passed and what the details of the more important were. When we get this information we will be better able to review the work of the session; but it can now be said that in various respects it was disappointing and did not come up to the standard the people had the right to expect from a body composed of able material than any general assembly which has met in South Carolina for 12 years. Which goes to prove that capable men may from policy do very inferior work.—The State.

Stevenson Is Right.
It is probable that the legislature will adjourn tonight, and Speaker Stevenson has notified the house that when 12 o'clock Saturday night arrives he will let the gavel fall. He is a Presbyterian elder and does not believe in violating the Sabbath even if they are lawmakers. Speaker Stevenson is exactly right on this point, and we are glad he has the courage to abolish the non-sensical idea of stopping the clock and keeping up a legislative fiction that the day is not yet ended.—Greenville Mountaineer.

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 \$1.00 up.

R. Brandt, The Optician,
Under Tower Clock, Chester, S. C.

Sure Enough Surprises.

Klutz' New York Racket cheap almost give away price on all sorts of Winter goods is a real profitable surprise to all people who are carefully anxious to make a big haul-in of a great many good Winter goods for a very little bit of an outlay of cash.

It can hardly be said that Klutz is selling goods, for the fact is that he is now almost giving away all sorts of good Winter goods.

You will make no mistake about being quick to get to

Klutz' New York Racket

NOTICE.
The publications of the American Bible Society and the Oxford University Press are for sale at—
Hamilton's Book Store.

JOB PRINTING OF EVERY DESCRIPTION At The Lantern Office


New Lumber Yard.....

I have opened a new Lumber yard, on Church Street, and can furnish ROUGH or DRESSED LUMBER of all ordinary measurements. Also Shingles in any quantity. Don't fail to see me before you buy.

JOHN C. STEWART.

KNOWLEDGE

Gained by experience is by far the most valuable, and you have learned by this time probably that the best is not always the cheapest in groceries as in everything else.



Our Price Marks Are Not the Lowest,
But Every Commodity we Sell is worth the Money we ask.

HENRY-CLAY FLOUR, the cream of perfection, still leads.
GRAPE-JUICE, pints and 1 1/2 pints, a fine tonic for invalids.
A Fine Assortment of JAMS, only 10 cts. a can.
Fine TEAS and COFFEES a Specialty.
South Carolina grown Tea, a fine drink. Try it.
Fine Line Cakes & Confections, Saratoga Chups.
Paints and Oils, Everything in the Paint Line.

JOSEPH A. WALKER.

YOUR CREDIT IS GOOD.

The Nicholson Furniture Store

Does the Business for Chester in Furniture

BECAUSE

We sell cheaper, Give better goods for the money, Guarantee our prices against all competition.

We control exclusively in Chester the Goods of the best factories. This is why we can give better goods for the money. We sell more goods than all our competitors combined, and, selling more, we of course buy more, and get the extra discounts on large orders. These extra discounts are always given to our customers.

Come to see us. We can show you the largest and handsomest stock of Furniture ever brought to Chester.

Yours truly,

A. B. Nicholson

Phone 190.

YOUR CREDIT IS GOOD.

Goods Delivered Free Six Miles.

EDUCATION FOR A GIRL.

A Ten Weeks' Course in Claremont College Given Free to a Girl Selected by Lantern Subscribers.

THE LANTERN will pay all the necessary regular expenses of a girl at Claremont College, Hickory, N. C., for the spring term of ten weeks. This is not a scholarship offer of tuition, leaving the beneficiary to look for her board and other expenses, but we pay tuition, board and even the use of books.

The question may arise whether one can enter in March and take this ten weeks' course with advantage. We are assured that the work of this spring term is so arranged as to accommodate such work.

In the regular course of study, there is review work, covering the course in arithmetic, English, history, etc. This would be good for one preparing for taking a full college course, as well as for teaching. But there is a regular normal course which can be taken. Then, there are the extras, any of which may be taken — business, stenography, typewriting, art, music, etc. But any other desired information can be secured on application.

THE SELECTION.

The prize will be given to the girl elected by the paid subscribers of the LANTERN. The rules for voting are as simple as a hoe handle. Every issue of the paper that is paid for now, this 8th day of January, or that shall be paid for before the close of the contest, will entitle the subscriber to one vote.

To illustrate, if a subscription is paid one year in advance, it will have 104 votes; if 6 months, 52 votes, etc. — two votes for every week. A subscriber may record his votes for his choice, and then if afterward make additional payment on subscription, he can cast the additional votes to correspond. The contest will close on Saturday, March 2nd, at noon.

THE THING TO DO.

Is to get to work quick, and get your friends to work, let everybody know that you are a candidate, or if you are working for another, get your candidate before the people as soon as possible and get friends interested. Get everybody possible to subscribe and pay for, as long a time as possible. Get people to subscribe for papers to send to friends. The one who pays can cast the vote. The votes may be in any plain form indicating the voter's choice. When subscribers do not know how many votes they are entitled to, we will insert the number when the choice is indicated.

Millions of people are familiar with DeWitt's Little Early Risers and those who use them find them to be famous little liver pills. Never give. Pryor & McKee.

No Cigarettes in Tennessee.

CHATTANOOGA, Tenn., Jan. 31.—Tobacco dealers in this city have received notice of the final passage of the anti-cigarette bill and its signature by the governor. They will discontinue sale and return their stock on hand to the manufacturers. It is stated that the sale of cigarettes is practically stopped all over the state. Intimations are given that the constitutionality of the law will be tested.

Did Not Like His Race.

Dempsey Hare, says the *News and Courier*, the richest negro in Eastern Virginia, who died recently, owned 2,000 acres of good farm land. He had prepared a marble vault monument and handsome coffin for his remains. Hare, who would not associate with negroes, cherished the ambition that his one daughter should become the wife of a white man. When she married a negro the old man was crushed. He refused to recognize her and left the bulk of his property to white friends. Hare once applied to his surgeon to remove the negro blood from his veins.

\$100 Reward \$100.

The reader of this paper will be pleased to know that there is at least one dramatic disease that seldom has been able to cure in all the ages, and that is Cancer. Many cases of this fatal disease have been cured by the use of Dr. J. C. Adams' Cancer Remedy. This is a scientific discovery, and it is the only remedy that has been found to cure this disease. It is a scientific discovery, and it is the only remedy that has been found to cure this disease. It is a scientific discovery, and it is the only remedy that has been found to cure this disease.

J. F. CHERRY, O. C. Toledo, O. Sold by Druggists. Hall's Family Pills are the best.

Kershaw Dispensary Closed.

Kershaw's dispensary has been closed since last Tuesday, the cause being an alleged shortage of about \$700 in the profits accruing for the month of November, December and January, which dispenser, Inspector Baggin claims to have discovered in the accounts of dispenser Hough, and upon his representation the county board of control closed the dispensary. Mr. Hough informs us that he went to Lancaster the same night taking his books with him and together with the county board went over the accounts and could not discover the shortage, and acting upon the advice of the chairman of the board he went to Columbia, a member of the county board accompanying him, and made a proposition to the State board to deposit their credit in any bank they might select the amount of the alleged shortage for the space of thirty days and he would employ an expert and the State do likewise to go over the accounts and if any shortage really did appear they could take from the deposit whatever amount was discovered. But the State board declined to accept the proposition and the dispensary remains closed and no one can tell yet what the outcome will be.—Era.

That Throbbing Headache.

Would quickly leave you, if you used Dr. King's New Life Pills. Thousands of sufferers have proved their matchless merit for Sick and Nervous Headaches. They make pure blood and strong nerves and build up your health. Easy to take. Try them. Only 25 cents. Money back if not cured. Sold by Woods Drug Co.

Mathematical Achievement.

Mathematicians, it is noted, are greatly interested in Prof. Pupin's remarkable discovery of a means for increasing indefinitely the capacity of the long distance telephone, for the reason that it was a purely mathematical achievement and not an invention. "Prof. Pupin," it is explained, is not an inventor at all and does not concern himself with the applied side of science. He actually knows comparatively little about the telephone—much less probably than many electricians who have had little or no theoretical training. He is, however a marvellous mathematician, and he reached the essential fact of his recent discovery not by experiment, but through pure mathematics, working the whole thing out on paper as an abstruse problem, until at last he attained a definite result, which showed him that such and such things must necessarily be true, and then practical electricians, under his direction, went out and actually did them, some of the problems he had to solve were so complex that he had to invent new mathematical processes in order to reach the knowledge at which he arrived. His discovery is likened to that of the unknowns have been tuned by the English astronomer, J. C. Adams, by the same means.—News and Courier.

This Will Interest Many.

To quickly introduce B. B. B. (Botanic Blood Balm), the famous blood purifier, into new homes, we will send absolutely free 10,000 treatments. B. B. B. quickly cures old ulcers, scrofula, painful swellings, aches and pains in bones or joints, rheumatism, catarrh, pimples, festering eruptions, boils, eczema, itching skin or blood humors, eating, bleeding, festering sores, even deadly cancer. B. B. B. at drug stores \$1. For free treatment address Blood Balm Co., Atlanta, Ga. Medicine sent at once, prepaid. Describe trouble and free medical advice given until cured. B. B. B. cures the most deep-seated cases, after all else fails. B. B. B. heals every sore and makes the blood pure and rich.

The Kansas Legislature is pretty

nearly in a notion to prove that prohibition will prohibit. Representative Lawrence, last Saturday, introduced a bill to legalize joint smashing in accordance with the manner introduced by Mrs. Nation. The bill makes it a sufficient defence in an action at law for the defendant to show that the property destroyed was actually used in the operation of a joint. The bill was advanced to a second reading; but a motion to rush it through under a suspension of the rules was defeated by a vote of 37 to 26. The passage of the bill will go a long way toward the complete elimination of tigers in Kansas. *Tokville Enquirer.*

A Philadelphia grocer has this

sign behind his counter: "The man who trusts is out."

Have You Any of These Symptoms?

Backache—Tired Feeling—Dizziness—Nervousness—Headache—Pains Across the Loins, or in the Bladder—Sleeplessness—Chills—Urine of an Unnatural Color or Scalding Urine.

They Mean "Kidney Trouble"

The most successful remedy for all forms of Liver and Kidney Complaint, one that has effected some remarkable cures, is

Vaughn's Lithontriptic

This is a purely vegetable preparation and the only medicine now in use that will effectually cure Dropsy and Gravel. Vaughn's Lithontriptic acts directly on the Liver and Kidney, restoring them to their normal healthy condition and eradicating all disease.

READ WHAT IS SAID ABOUT IT!

DEVELOPER'S: These symptoms for three years from a disease of the kidneys, which I had been told was incurable, caused me to try the Lithontriptic. I had been told that it was a purely vegetable preparation, and I was glad to try it. I had been told that it was a purely vegetable preparation, and I was glad to try it. I had been told that it was a purely vegetable preparation, and I was glad to try it.

Since then this gentleman writes under date of Aug. 11, 1900: "Vaughn's Lithontriptic has effected a permanent cure. I have had no return, so far, and am now enjoying good health."

If you have any of the above symptoms write to the Medical Director of
LYON MANUFACTURING CO., 45 So. Fifth Street, Brooklyn, N. Y.
and he will advise you by letter in regard to your special case.

Of all druggists or sent on receipt of price to any express office, \$1.00 a bottle.

Farmers' Mutual Fire Ins. Association
OF CHESTER COUNTY.

Consult the Agent of the Farmers Mutual Ins. Association before you insure.

Amount Ins. in force \$212,000.00
Amt. paid out during 1900 2,567.04
which was 1 1/2 per cent.
Amt. paid out during 1899 557.16
which was 1/2 of 1 per cent.
Amt. paid out during 1900 1,015.00
which was eleven-twentieths of 1 per cent.

Therefore for three years the average cost per year would be .71 1/3 of 1 per cent., or less than 3/4 of 1 per cent.

S. E. WYLIE,
Agent and Treasurer.
W. Y. WHITE, Pres.

THE MANAGEMENT OF THE

BIG STORE

Desires to extend to the public of this city and surrounding county grateful acknowledgement of its liberal patronage during the year just closed and in wishing you all a Happy New Year hopes to merit a continuance of past favors by every possible effort to supply BETTER GOODS for the same money or the goods for less money than elsewhere.

W. W. COOGLER & CO.,
LUMBER
Sash, Doors, and Blinds.

ALL KINDS OF...
BUILDING MATERIALS.
Yard Corner Valley and Gadsden Sts.

Great January Combined Sale Begins Jan. 18th
For 30 Days Only.

SEVENTY-FIVE THOUSAND DOLLARS worth of Gift Merchandise must be sold at and BELOW COST.

WEST INDIA LIMITED
TRAINS
DOUBLE DAILY SERVICE

In Effect November 25, 1900.

Striving After A Bigger Business.

It is the earnest desire, the constant wish of the proprietors of the Big Store to see its business increase to immense proportions. We are building a Department Store here second to none in the State. The foundation has been laid on the solid rock of best qualities—the keynote of the store's phenomenal success. The present growth spurs us on to greater efforts. The achievements of the past will be fairly eclipsed in the history of the future.

Already you have us to thank for the greatly lowered prices which prevail around town. Others went to ask you what they pleased before we came and changed the conditions. We set the pace which others had to follow. It will pay anyone to watch the announcements of the Big Store. Pay him or her to become one of the buying public.

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