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CHESTER, S. C., TUESDAY, DECEMBER 14, 1897.

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A STRANGE PEOPLE.

Who and What Were the Cliff Dwellers of Colorado.

Few people in Colorado perhaps are aware of the fact that within this state are found the remains of a prehistoric race, preserved by a system of embalming which, while somewhat different from the ancient Egyptians, has proved equally effective in combating the ravages of decay. Many know that Southwestern Colorado was, hundreds of years ago, populated by a race of cliff dwellers, and the ruins of their homes on the Rio San Juan, near Mancos, are annually visited by thousands of inquisitive tourists. It is not generally known, however, that these people attained such a degree of perfection in the art of preserving the remains of their dead that even now, centuries after they were placed in the tomb, the only indication of the lapse of time is the withered and dried up appearance of the skin.

In the rooms of the State Historical Society, at the capitol building, are four of these mummies, the most interesting specimens yet discovered. Those who have read with interest the results of the labors of archaeologists in Egypt, whose every discovery of this character is discussed in the journals and magazines throughout the world, will be repaid a visit to the capitol building. Were the history of this strange people known and their records preserved, the four mummies in the rooms of the Historical Society might prove to be the remains equally royal and renowned in their own country with Rameses and Cleopatra in Egypt. That they form a family group is evident. There are father and mother and two children, probably 3 to 5 years of age. Not all the dead of this race were thus preserved. In an adjoining cave are hundreds of human bones, representing the remains of those who did not rank high enough in the cliff dweller's world to be thus carefully protected from the effacing fingers of time. It is therefore not improbable that this family was of the royal blood.

The extraordinary fineness of the embalming wrappings is a further evidence of this fact. Unlike the ancient Egyptians, this wrapping consists not of many folds, but a single garment carefully sewed to shut out the air. The embalming robe in which the remains are shrouded is composed of a ground-work of cord made of the fiber of the yucca plant and closely woven. In this are interwoven feathers, or, rather the finest down from some species of bird. Each feather is carefully woven in an upright position, and so closely are they placed that neither air nor water can penetrate the cloth. To make one of these robes with the crude methods employed, all being done by hand, must have been a labor of years, and it is probable that they were of almost priceless value. Tens of thousands of feathers would be required for each robe.

This feather cloth is evidently indestructible, showing no signs of decay. It is of a light brown color, with occasional streaks of white.

Of the mummies, those of the mother and children are the best preserved. The woman's long black hair hangs down over her shoulders, and teeth and skin are in a perfect state of preservation. But the most remarkable specimen is that of one of the children, which appears to have been about three years of age. Were it not for the peculiar parchmentlike appearance of the skin it would seem that the child had been dead but a few days. Even the lips have not decayed, and the fact that the eyes are missing is not noticeable, for the closed lids are still intact. Hair and eyebrows are preserved seemingly as

in life. The frontal development of the head of this child is most remarkable, bulging out over the eyebrows, a quite unusual case with this people. The head displays every indication of a more than ordinary intelligence.

Another remarkable specimen is that of a newborn infant from which the wrapping has been entirely removed, and in which there is not the slightest trace of decay.

They were a diminutive race, the remains of the two adults measuring not more than 4 feet in length.

These remains were discovered in a tomb cut in the solid rock and carefully sealed at the mouth. As in the tombs of the royal Egyptians were placed jewels and articles of gold and silver, so in this were buried evidences of the belief that the dead would require in the future state some of the things to which they had been accustomed in life. The cliff dwellers did not work in the metals, but with these dead were interred articles of pottery, and basket work and war implements of bone and flint, to aid them in their journey to the unknown.

About the burial places stone slabs are set in the ground and arranged in circles or parallelograms, and on these are inscriptions chiseled or painted in the picture language. These appear also upon the walls of the tomb mentioned. Here is an opportunity for the savants to unravel the secrets of the dead, and he who deciphers these inscriptions may give to the world as startling and interesting a story as was ever unearthed by the most ardent archaeologist who has labored in Egypt.

Who were these strange people? The question has never been satisfactorily answered. Some hold that they were of the Aztec race, others that there was once a great Pueblo empire in the southwest, of which they were a part, while still others assert that the cliff dwellers were a separate and distinct people of whom no posterity now survives.—*Denver Post.*

Memory of Sleepwalkers.

The memory of sleepwalkers is occasionally prodigious under the influence of the dominating impulse that moves them. There is a case in an instance of a poor and illiterate basket maker, who was unable to read or write, yet in a state of sleep he would preach living sermons, which were afterward recognized as having formed portions of discourses he was accustomed to hear in the Parish church as a child more than 40 years before. Quite as strange a case of "unconscious memory" is referred to by Dr. Abercrombie. A girl given to sleepwalking was in the habit of imitating the violin with her lips, giving the preliminary tuning and scraping and flourishing with the utmost fidelity. It puzzled the physicians a good deal, until he ascertained that when a child she lived in a room adjoining a fiddler who often performed on his violin in her hearing.—*Pearson's Weekly.*

The Mule Was a Kicker.

Mayor J. W. H. Duker had a narrow escape Monday from the deadly heels of a typical mule. The animal's foot had been hurt, and Mr. Duker undertook to trim off the fetlock in order to make a thorough examination of the wound. Although the donkey's nose had been twisted into the shape of a hangman's knot, and five or six of his feet tied up from the ground, as a precautionary measure, yet the instant Mr. Duker touched the wounded part, the mule let drive with the one foot upon which he was standing and so close was his aim that he knocked a cigar out of the mayor's mouth and brushed back his mustache. It was a close call.—*Orangeburg Patriot.*

STOKES'S BILL.

To Abolish Gambling in Cotton Futures.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 8.—The following is the full text of Representative Stokes's bill which will be introduced by him at an early day:

A Bill to Abolish Gambling in Cotton Futures and other Agricultural Products.

Section 1. From and after the passage of this act, it shall be unlawful for any individual, or corporation or association to engage in gambling operations whose tendency is to affect artificially the market price of cotton or any other agricultural products.

Sec. 2. For the purposes of this act, gambling operations include all contracts for purchase and sale, commonly known as "futures," in which the tender and delivery of the actual commodity named in the contract is not made.

Sec. 3. Each contract for future delivery of cotton, corn, wheat, and oats shall relate to one grade only and all such contracts shall specify the amount and grade contracted for, and no tender of a different grade from that named in the contract shall be legal tender.

Sec. 4. Any person or corporation or association, their agents, representatives or officers, violating any of the provisions of this act, shall upon conviction thereof be fined in a sum of not less than \$1,000 for each offense, one-half of which fine shall be paid to the informant; or imprisoned for not less than six months, or both fined and imprisoned in the discretion of the court: Provided, that in addition to said fine and imprisonment, any person who has suffered injury by reason of such unlawful operations may recover damages in any court of competent jurisdiction.

Sec. 5. All acts and parts of acts inconsistent with the provisions of this act are hereby repealed.

Dr. Stokes was seen this afternoon after the adjournment of the house, in his room at the Metropolitan Hotel and made the following statement in reference thereto:

"The purpose of this bill is plain and its provisions if enacted into law will do all that legislation can do toward the end in view.

"I have made a close study of the problem—since the cotton growers' convention met in Columbia last month and appointed me a delegate at large from my state to the interstate cotton growers' convention called to meet in Atlanta on the 14th inst. At that meeting, I will present a plan of co-operation among cotton growers that will give them control of the spot market. This bill will wipe out the gambling market and leave the producers of cotton in position to control the price of their product within reasonable limits. It is needless to say that under the provisions of the bill, the same remedies may be applied just as effectually to all other agricultural products—corn, wheat, oats, etc. I speak of cotton specifically because my people are most interested in cotton.

"This section of the bill requiring each contract to relate to one grade will of itself revolutionize the transaction on the cotton exchange. Under the existing rules the seller of futures can deliver any grade from good ordinary to fair. This shuts out spinners and actual buyers of actual cotton, practically, from the cotton exchange, because the spinner when he buys cotton wants to buy a certain grade.

"If we compel the delivery of the grade specified, then spinners can have a showing on the exchanges.

"I repeat: the bill will give the relief the farmers need, if it becomes law; and it will become law if the farmers demand it."—*Columbia Register.*

The York Coal Field.

Old King's Mountain, historic spot that it is, has hidden in its bosom material that will one day employ an army of laborers and add greatly to the wealth of York and Cherokee counties in this state, and adjoining counties in North Carolina. There is here an abundance of fine marble of all colors, manganese, baryta, roofing and pencil slate, coal and graphite. In our last issue was an article in regard to the coal that had been found there. The editor did not have the opportunity of reading the proof of the article, and the printer made Prof. V. Lewis, of Clemson college, appear as "Prof. Z. V. Lewis," and "shale" was made to appear as "shell." But the information conveyed by the article was nevertheless valuable. Since its publication we have received from Rev. P. R. Ham, who has been prospecting for some time in the neighborhood of the mountain, a letter in which he says, "I am very much obliged to you for the interest you have taken in this matter. I have well nigh ruined my health by hard work" and sturdy in order to establish the fact that coal is here. All scientists and mineralogists affirm that it is not there, but it is here, and in very large quantities, and of the best quality. Be you well assured that South Carolina has her part, and York and Cherokee counties are very rich in coal and other minerals. I have traced this coal more than sixty miles, and the field is more than forty miles wide. I can live to carry the development far enough for the people to have faith in it, so they will take the work up and go on with it, I will be satisfied that I have been a public benefactor. * * * I know I have a bonanza in this coal, and if the people will only help me a little I will soon prove it to them."—*Yorkville Yeoman.*

A Worthless and Partisan Geography.

The Abbeville Graded School uses Frye's Complete Geography although the trustees were requested by our citizens last December to discontinue the use of the book. It is as worthless a geography as could possibly be found and a partisan to the last extreme. This geography has a map which claims to show where cotton is manufactured in the United States. The points are indicated by being colored red. The New England States are red all over. In South Carolina there are two red spots which show that there are two places in the State where cotton is manufactured. There is one red spot on the line between this state and North Carolina but there is not a single place in North Carolina according to this map where cotton is manufactured.

The commissioner of labor statistics of North Carolina reports that in North Carolina there are 178 establishments engaged in the manufacture of cotton goods.

In addition to these there are twenty-five exclusive hosiery and knitting mills.

Are the trustees of the Abbeville graded school satisfied that they are doing justice to the children whose education has been put in their hands? It is an amazing thing that such a worthless book was ever adopted and more amazing that its use should be continued after its defects have been pointed out and a request made that it should be discarded.

Below we publish all that is said of South Carolina in Frye's Complete Geography which is now used in our graded school. There are some maps in the book which pretend to give the production of corn and cotton in the State and other enterprises but they are all defective like the description below.

Why should Maury or Mitchell be discarded for such a book as Frye's?

The text in Frye's is as follows:

SOUTH CAROLINA. Charleston is the chief seaport of South Carolina. This city and Wilmington export more rosin and turpentine than any other two ports in the world. Charleston takes high rank in the export of cotton and rice.

Near Charleston, and in the river bottoms and marshy lands farther south, is found a kind of rock known as phosphate rock. Large quantities of it are prepared for use as a fertilizer.

Columbia, the capital, is the railroad center of the state.

Costs of Courts in New York.

In the city of New York, Martin Thorn, a German, led on by his vicious paramour, Mrs. Augusta Nack, murders his rival, dismembers his body, and throws it, piece by piece, into the river. All of the body but the head is found and identified. Thorn and Mrs. Nack are arrested and ample evidence is obtained to fasten the crime upon them. Finally they make a confession and each attempts to fix the murder on the other. Thorn is tried, convicted, and sentenced to death, the execution to take place in the week beginning the 10th of January. It has cost the State of New York from \$25,000 to \$30,000 to put this poor, brutal German in the electric chair, and Mrs. Nack's trial, we suppose, will cost about as much.

Down here in South Carolina this would seem a rather costly way to reach a murderer's neck, but this is the way they proceed up in the rich and enlightened State of New York.

The bill of expenses of the jurors who tried Martin Thorn and was approved by Judge Maddox was \$2,049.00. However, this is not surprising when the twelve jurors were boarded at the Garden City Hotel at \$4 a day each. One item was a barber's bill of \$30.35 for hair-cutting, shaving, trimming whiskers and shampooing those celebrated jurors in order that an ordinary, rustic New Yorker might appear respectable in the court.

Another was \$1.65 for night-shirts for jurors who, it is said, never before wore night-shirts.

One of the jurors fell ill, the doctors took charge of him, cut him open and charged the State \$217 for the operation. If one should have the misfortune to be stricken with appendicitis, as this juror was, it would be fortunate to have such affliction while on a New York jury panel. The strangest item in all this bill of expenses is a charge of fifty cents for two packs of playing cards. The big and powerful State of New York certainly does nothing little in the entertainment of those who happen to be summoned to sit in her high places.—*Greenwood Journal.*

An Unusual Occurrence.

Both Mr. J. Washington Robinson and his wife died on Friday morning; Mr. Robinson at 4 o'clock and his wife shortly afterwards. Mr. Robinson was a native of the county, having been born on Cedar Creek about 63 years ago. He was a member of the 12th Regiment, McGowan's Brigade. He was a prominent Methodist in his community. Mrs. Robinson was a daughter of the late George Hendrix an old Fairfield man. The death of these two old people is peculiarly sad.

Since the death of Mr. and Mrs. Washington Robinson was announced, news has reached here of the death of their daughter, Miss Jessie Robinson, which occurred on Saturday. This makes three deaths in the family in less than three days, and peculiarly excites the sympathy of every one.—*News & Herald.*

STATE NEWS.

Bishop Duncan is presiding over the Methodist Conference at Florence.

The Conference of the A. M. E. Zion Church is in session in Columbia, Bishop Clinton presiding.

The Seneca dispensary has been entered by burglars and robbed of sundry bottles and jugs.

John Wright, colored, is to be hanged in Darlington to-day for murder.

Next week is Gala week in Charleston. Low railroad rates are given all over the State.

Governor Elerbe has relieved Detective Newbold from duty as a state officer.

It is said that the Sea Board Air Line and the Southern now have a peace-and-unity understanding.

Senator McLaurin is lying in Washington with a mild case of typhoid fever.

Ex-Governor John Gary Evans is to be married on the 15th, to Miss Plume, of Bridgeport, Conn.

The State has some 1500 bales of cotton, which will be sold at once to the highest bidder for the lot.

The returns of property for taxation in the State shows an increase of nearly \$3,000,000.

A gang of burglars and safe-crackers are operating in the State. On Tuesday they blew open a safe at Williston, but it was empty.

Blacksburg's public building was burned last Tuesday morning by a prisoner or his accomplice. The prisoner escaped.

One hundred and twenty-five pounds of dynamite exploded at the Richland county quarry yesterday, and a colored man was torn to pieces.

The "understanding" clause of the South Carolina registration law expired Wednesday by limitation. Now all who register must be able to read and write, or pay tax on \$300 worth of property.

Concerning the Orphanage.

At the recent Baptist Convention at Rock Hill something of a sensation was sprung by the resignation of Dr. J. C. Maxwell, of Greenwood, as a member of the board of trustees of Connie Maxwell Orphanage. This resignation had no commonplace import and naturally caused a general stir.

The cause of Dr. Maxwell's resignation is reputed to be disagreement with the management of Rev. Dr. Vass, the Orphanage Superintendent. There has been fiction for some time past.

The resignation of Dr. Maxwell was not accepted and the matter was left to the trustees.—*Greenwood Index.*

The South Carolina Baptist.

The South Carolina Baptist, which has been published at Lake City, S. C., with A. M. Pittman as editor and proprietor, will be published at Greenwood next week by Allen & Gardner. Mr. Pittman has sold an interest in the paper and the new firm will be Pittman, Gardner & Co., proprietors, with Rev. R. W. Sanders, D. D. and J. W. Perry, D. D., editors. Those who are well acquainted with the situation in the State have no doubt as to the success of the enterprise.—*Greenwood Journal.*

Juvenile Analysis.

"I asked little Jim the difference between inertia and momentum."
"Did he know anything about it?"
"Yes. He said inertia is something that won't start, and momentum is something that won't stop."
—*Detroit Free Press.*

Mr. Thompson's Acre.

A correspondent of the Orangeburg Times and Democrat, referring to Mr. F. D. Thompson's acre on which he made four bales of cotton, and which was "stepped" by a neighbor, inquires "if his neighbor stepped exactly three feet, or did he step so many steps?" This correspondent adds that he can step four feet, and he has a neighbor who can step four feet nine inches.

We also have a question that has been running through our brain since we first read the measurements of this acre. If our memory is correct, Mr. Thompson gave as the measurements, first line, 80 yards; second line, 65 yards; third line, 60 yards; fourth line, 65 yards.

Now what we wish to know is, what is the shape of the plot enclosed by these lines to make 4910 square yards, which Mr. Thompson says is the area? How many of the corners are right angles? Does the last line reach the starting point?

We ask purely for information. We know Mr. Thompson and believe him to be a reliable man.

Having no political ax to grind makes the Pickens Sentinel upsh: "Remember, all who don't go in advance next year don't read this paper, as bad as we hate to lose you; but we can't work for nothing, as we have no political ax to grind, we ain't gwine to do it, nuther."

Our Banks correspondent would better be careful or people will think he is crazy and want to send him to the asylum. What a lot of good times he could have had frolicking all this fine weather. His plowing may do him some good next year, but that is so far off, and is generally supposed to be able to take care of itself.

We learn from the Yorkville Enquirer that "there was a disturbance at Tirzah last Wednesday night, which partook very much of the nature of a riot." We suggest to Tirzah that she might unload her dispensary on Rock Hill or Yorkville, where they have better facilities for handling a rucus; that is, if they want it. Otherwise she might return it, with thanks, to the authorities at Columbia.

The Atlanta Convention.

Mr. T. J. Cunningham, who had thought of going to the Farmers' Convention at Atlanta, has decided not to go. The prevalence of small pox in that city will lead to a change of mind in a considerable number of the delegates, and as a consequence the convention will doubtless be slimly attended. Mr. Cunningham thinks that the deliberations and work of the convention will be productive of good to the interests of the farmers.

The Governor's Message.

Governor Ellerbe in talking about his forthcoming message yesterday said that it would be a very brief one. He said he did not propose to deal exhaustively with the several branches of the State government; there is no occasion for a long message this year. He has already written a portion of it.

The message will deal almost entirely with the liquor problem. Governor Ellerbe said he proposed to deal with the situation thoroughly, but he did not indicate what line he would take.—The State.

Brainy Young Man.

Attorney General Barber has announced his candidacy for congress, and will oppose Dr. Strait. General Barber is one of the brainiest young men, not only in our state but in the South. He would honor his state in any capacity. As successor to General Barber, Hon. H. H. Evans, of Newberry, is receiving quite a boom. He corralled and captured the press gang last summer while the boys were in his city.—Piedmont Herald.

BANKS CORRESPONDENT

Believes in Making The Best of The Situation.

Mr. Editor: As you are aware, grubbing is the order of the day. Hard times, low price of cotton, short crops exist to some extent, but a way to get rid of the hard times is hard to solve, and I will say just here that I have never seen a better time and more suitable weather to harvest a crop. There have not been since August as many as six days that a farmer could not work on account of rain.

They complain of hard times and work hard, and there are families of five or six in this neighborhood that cultivated a crop this year and did not make more than five bales of cotton and but little corn—not as much as 60 bushels; and the whole county seems to be in about the same condition. The people could have gathered their crops in half the time and saved what grain they have.

I see very little preparation making for a crop next year, but I will say there are a few farmers around Banks the harder the times are the harder they work. How so many farmers can afford to lose the fine weather we have had I cannot see. This is the most important time to break up land for next year's crop.

Mr. W. C. Brown, a renter near here, has had two two-horse plows running for some time and has about all his bottom land plowed for next crop. I have had three two-horse plows running for the last two months nearly all the time. I have turned all my corn land, together with all corn stalks and vegetation under to decompose by spring. I have tried this plan for several years and find that I make better crops where the land is prepared in the fall and winter. Where you find fall plowing done in the right way, you will find all the farmers, like Mr. W. C. Brown, making all their corn and meat at home. Times like these never affect them in the least.

I hear a good deal of talk about cotton conventions, which I hope will bear much fruit and get up something that the farmers may profit by. There are a good many things that will improve the farmer. The first thing for the farmer to do is to get right and stay right. In 1894 cotton was very low, 4 3/4 cents, I think, and the merchants declined to furnish supplies to most of the renters unless the landowner would waive rent for supplies for their tenants, but I think they required it only one year for most of them. Now I think if they had required them to do so ever since the country would be in a better shape, for if the landowner had to go security for his renters' supplies, he certainly would see that they did not get more than they could pay for, and he would look after that most important part, that is, that they should work their crops thoroughly, and their crops would be at least 25 per cent better.

You say in last week's LANTERN that Representative Hollis was in the LANTERN office and that he had his own solution of the cotton problem. I hope he will give it to the public, as I like to see the matter discussed generally so they can adopt the best plan.

There are a good many reasons why the farmers have not prospered in this country. I believe that the oil mills have had as much or more to do with it than anything else. Most of the farmers sell their seed every year, and the land has recently got so poor that it cannot make a crop. I know some farmers in this country, and around Banks, that did not sell seed when they were 33 cents a bushel, but used them on the ground for manure, and where that has been done the land has been improving every year, and these farmers are not grumbling about hard times either.

I think every farmer has had experience enough to see that the all-cotton system will not do. Every farmer that has land of his own should see that his tenants raise enough corn and hogs every year to supply the farm, and until they do this they will be sure to complain of hard times. Now is a

good time to commence, convention or no convention.

[Representative Hollis's plan is to have the State buy cotton for the State of South Carolina.]

correspondent, viz: Make a living at home, independently of cotton, and be able to dictate prices to speculators.—EDITOR.]

Mr. McKinley is Dead.

CANTON, O., Dec. 12.—Mrs. Nancy Atkins McKinley, mother of the President, died at 2:30 this (Sunday) morning, after lingering in an unconscious condition, as the result of a stroke of paralysis, for ten days.

The President left his mother a few days ago to be in Washington at the opening of Congress, but immediately returned and has been constantly by her bedside.

PROFESSIONAL.

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Do You Eat? Try Fischel's Fancy Groceries.

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Notice.

To the Orphans of the Estate of Caleb P. Shurley. I am hereby notified to present the same property to the undersigned, at Cornwell, S. C.

THOS. C. STRONG, Adm. of Caleb P. Shurley, C. T. A. Dec.

Desirable Property For Sale in Blackstock.

Having decided to remove to other parts of the State, for cash or on reasonable and easy terms, my dwelling and lot, consisting of six acres of well improved land, good garden, well of excellent water, good barn including stables, carriage and wagon house, smoke house and other conveniences. Also an office building, consisting of three rooms which could easily be converted into a nice store room. If not sold in a short time, I will rent to reliable parties.

JAMES B. BIGHAM.

Sale of Valuable Securities by the Executors of Wm. D. Sterling, Dec'd.

By virtue of the power conferred upon us in the last will of Wm. D. Sterling, deceased, we will sell at public auction before the Court House door in Chester, on Monday the 3rd day of January, 1898, at 12 o'clock M. the following securities of the public sales: the following securities, to wit: \$500.00 first mortgage Bonds of the Carolina & Northwestern Railway Company, bearing five per cent. interest payable in May and November, to three Southern Railway Bonds of the Southern Railway Company; also eighteen \$100.00 shares of Right to Stock in said Company; also a claim for the Interest of 1896, on three C. & N. R. bonds, in the hands of Reorganization Committee; also a claim for 20 shares of the capital stock of the National Bank of Chester, S. C., in liquidation; also note or Judgment for \$100.00 against J. Brown Wylie. Terms cash.

W. B. THOMPSON, J. E. CRAIG, Executors of the Estate of W. D. Sterling, dec'd.

Sale of Land.

STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA, Chester County. By virtue of the power vested in me by the last will of Elizabeth Knox, late of said county and State, I will sell at public outcry before the Court House door in Chester, on the first Monday (3rd day) of January, 1898, after the Sheriff's and Clerk's sales, all the following described premises, to wit:

"The home tract" in said county and State, containing 292 1/2 acres, more or less, bounded by the lands of estate of Elizabeth Knox, dec'd, J. W. Knox, James Blaney, William Mason and J. H. Proctor. Also, that other tract known as the "Hood place," containing 112 1/2 acres, more or less, bounded by the lands of the estate of Elizabeth Knox, dec'd, J. W. Knox, James Blaney, William Mason and J. H. Proctor. Also, that other tract known as the "Smith place," containing 90 acres, more or less, bounded by the Kithens estate, P. F. Foyers, the Hood tract above described and Mrs. A. Ferguson. Plans will be found in office of Henry & McFarlane, Attorneys at Law, in Chester, S. C. Terms of sale cash on the day of sale. Purchaser or purchasers to pay for papers.

J. K. HENRY, Agt. and Att'y. of Heirs of Elizabeth Knox, dec'd. November 24, 1897.

Tax Returns for 1898.

CHESTER, S. C., December 1, 1897. In accordance with the tax books for the return of REAL and PERSONAL property for 1898, will be opened on JANUARY 1st, 1898, and closed on FEBRUARY 30th, 1898, after which time the FIFTY per cent. penalty will attach to delinquents.

W. M. CORKILL, Auditor Chester County.

NOTICE!

What is it? Why, it's a big rush to get to the KIMBAL HOUSE. Where is the Kimbal House? Down on Gadsden Street. What house is it? Why, at that noble— Big 4 Restaurant where meals and hot Luchers are served from morning until midnight. The bill of fare hangs between the two dining rooms all the time. FRESH FISH and OYSTERS daily, and served on short notice. Fancy Groceries and Confectioneries. We also keep ICE on hands all the winter. Your humble servants, JOHNSON & CO.

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WE MUST MOVE OUR IMMENSE STOCK OF Dress Goods, Clothing, Boots, Shoes, Hats, Carpets, Matting, Blankets, Groceries, Etc.

We Offer this \$50,000 Stock positively at a reduction of 10 to 25 per cent.

We Offer Special Reduction in Dress Goods. 25 Patterns, newest weaves in Dress Goods, \$7.00, now \$5.00. 25 Patterns, newest weaves in Dress Goods, \$6.00, now \$4.00. 25 Patterns, newest weaves in Dress Goods, \$5.00, now \$3.50. 50 Patterns, newest weaves in Dress Goods, \$4.00, now \$3.00.

Come before this beautiful line is closed out. They are going fast and can't be duplicated. 20 pieces Ladies' Broad Cloth, in all shades, former price 75c, now 65 c. See our line of Silk Vests, largest line in the City. 25 pieces, in all the shades, prices 50c, 75c and \$1.00. 5 pieces black, prices 75c, \$1.00 and \$1.50. 100 pieces all-Wool Dress Goods, 36 inches wide, in all shades, now going at 25 cts. 100 pieces Dress Goods, 36 inches wide, in all the newest shades, now going at 20 cts. See our line of Silk Vests, double width, all shades, will be closed out at 12-12 cts. 200 pieces Black Cashmeres, Henrietta, Serges, &c. Greatest bargains ever offered in Chester.

See our line of all-Wool Serge at 25 and 50 cts. 25 Black Henriettas at 25 cts., worth 40 cts. 25 Black Henriettas at 50 cts., worth 75 cts. Silk Warp Henriettas at \$1 and \$1.50.

FLANNEL AND BLANKET DEPARTMENT.

25 pieces all-Wool Red Twill Flannel at 12-12 cts., worth 20 cts. 25 pieces all-Wool Medicated Flannel at 15 cts., worth 25 cts. 25 pieces all-Wool Medicated Flannel at 20 to 35 cts. 25 pieces White Flannel and Twill at 12 to 50 cts. See our line of Blankets. Must be sold, 500 pairs from 75 cts. to \$1.00. DOMESTIC DEPARTMENT. 5 bales Checked Homespun at 3 cts. 10 bales Checked Homespun at 4 cts. 10 bales 4-4 Unbleached Sheetings at 4 cts., worth 5 cts. 10 bales 4-4 Unbleached Sheetings at 5 cts., worth 6-14 cts. You will never have this opportunity again to buy Domestic at the above prices. These prices are lower than 4 cts. cotton.

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

SHOES! SHOES! SHOES!

We are Headquarters in this line. See our line of MISSES' and WOMAN'S SHOES at 75 cts., worth \$1.00. Our \$1.00 Shoes is the talk of the entire Country. It can't be duplicated no where. Our line of the Celebrated—"LILLY BRACKET," SELZ SCHWAB and SACH'S SHOES, all guaranteed as represented or money refunded. Each of these lines are our stock—no recommendation. Our stock of BOOTS and RUBBERS are also complete.

CLOTHING, CLOTHING, CLOTHING!

Great reductions—must be sold at or below Cost. We will positively not carry any Goods over. We therefore commence today and will SLAUGHTER PRICES. If you want the best all-Wool suit in the State for \$40.00, we have it. If you want the best BLACK CHEVIOT SUIT at \$3.00, we have it. 50 BOY'S and YOUTH'S SUITS, 4 to 15 years old, at 65c, worth \$1.00. 50 BOY'S and YOUTH'S SUITS, at \$1.00 to \$1.50. See our line from \$1.25 to \$5.00—all to be sold at a reduction of 25 to 40 per cent. at and below Cost. WE OFFER—50 Black and Blue Flax Worsteds, Sacks and Cutaways, at \$5.00, worth \$8.00. See our line of BUSINESS SUITS, \$5.00 to \$10.00, and you will be convinced we are making prices to discount 4 cts. cotton. Such Bargains would not be offered if cotton was selling at 7 cts. COME and buy Clothing and all other Goods on the basis of 5 cts. cotton.

UNDERWEAR DEPARTMENT!

Are you in need of anything in this line? See our 20 cts. net-vest, selling everywhere at 25 cts. See our 50 cts. line, 60 per cent. wool, guaranteed, selling elsewhere at 75 cts. Our \$1.00 Vest is a beauty, former price \$1.50. LADIES' WRAPS, CAPES, JACKETS, Etc. 100 Capes at \$1, worth \$1.50. 200 Capes and Jackets \$1.25, worth \$2. 150 Capes and Jackets \$1.50, worth \$2.00. 100 Capes and Jackets from \$2.50 to \$10.00. We are having a big run on Wraps. Just received large assortment of Plush Capes, which will go at the reduction of 25 per cent.

CARPETS, OIL CLOTH, MATTING!

If you wish a Carpet we are the people to see. We will save you the solid cash. See our line of Rugs and Carpet Remnants, 1,000 pieces Carpet Remnants at 20 cts. a piece, 1 to 15 length. Our line of RUGS and CARPETS are also large and subject to your discount. We sell Hats at and below cost. They must go out of the house in order to realize the cash.

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

If you want \$1.25 worth of Groceries for \$1 come to S. M. JONES & Co. Do you wish a Saddle, Buggy and Harness? If so, call on us, and we will save you money. We have the stuff. It must be converted into cash. Remember, we do not carry over old stock. We do not believe it is business to carry goods from one year to another. Quick sales and small profits if we can't get it out quick sales and no profit.

WAGONS! WAGONS! BUGGIES! BUGGIES!

Do you wish the best Wagon on earth? If so, buy the celebrated STUDEBAKER. It runs like a carriage. We are now carrying this season. The people know a good thing when they see it. Don't buy cheap Wagons when you can buy the best make at the same price. We have just received 100 Bushels of the genuine Little Red May Wheat for Seed. We also have Rye, Barley and Home Raised Oats for Seed. Give us a call, and you will be convinced S. M. JONES & Co. is the store to get the most and the best goods for the least money. Yours truly, S. M. JONES & CO.

THE LANTERN.

TERMS OF SUBSCRIPTION:
TWO DOLLARS A YEAR, CASH.
TUESDAY, DECEMBER 14, 1897.

BUSINESS LOCALS.

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

Fresh Antitoxin at McCoy's Drug Store.

Do not put off buying Christmas goods, toys, dolls, china pieces, too late, as we may have bad weather at the wrong moment. You will find nice assortments at W. F. Stricker's, Depot St.

NEW ADVERTISEMENTS.

R. BRANDT makes some tempting offers and warns about the danger of putting off.

W. B. THOMPSON and J. E. Craig, executors of W. D. Sterling, offer valuable Securities for sale.

AUDITOR CORKILL gives notice as to returns of property.

H. LUM, the Chinese Tailor, tells where to have your clothes "done up".

DR. J. B. BIGHAM offers for sale valuable house and lot at Blackstock.

LOCAL NEWS.

As we go to press, cotton is bringing in our market 5 3/5.

To-night Fields & Hanson's Big Minstrels will hold forth at the opera house. Usual prices.

Farmers are sowing more wheat than usual this season. This is one result of five-cent cotton.

The young ladies of the Methodist church will give a Christmas tree on Dec. 23.

One of our society men says he doesn't know how the LANTERN reporter keeps up with his movements so closely.

Mr. W. W. Brice requests us to say that his fine cow is no longer on exhibition; he unloaded her on Ed Poag.

Married, on last Wednesday, by Rev. J. C. Hall, Miss Blanche Quinlan and Mr. R. T. Boyd, both of this county.

They don't spit on our floor quite so much as they did, but possibly only because the spitters haven't been in quite so much recently.

We have heard the simple fact without any particulars, of the death of Mrs. Theodore McKeown at Fort Lawn last week.

We hoped to have some report of the Methodist Conference in this issue, but have not time now to condense from the full reports.

It will doubtless be pleasant news to most of our readers that the Methodist preachers in this county have all been reappointed.

Mr. John F. Oates will move to his new house on Centre street tomorrow. Hard times does not block the wheels of progress in Chester.

Mr. George Doggett returned on yesterday from Shelby, where he had gone on the sad mission of burying his wife. He was badly hurt on the way by a severe kick on the side by his horse.

Mr. C. H. Culp, who has been conducting a family grocery quite successfully in the Coogler building, is moving farther up street, to the room just vacated by Mr. J. J. Gall.

Yorkville Yeoman: Mr. W. A. White, of Chester, who has been here on a visit to his son, Dr. W. G. White, was taken down with quinsy shortly after his arrival in Yorkville. We are glad to note that he is able to be up and about again.

The Love ginny had a flash of fire last week. Though it was in the lint and ran nearly all over the house, owing to the superior precautionary arrangements, it was quickly subdued, with but little damage.

Mr. J. J. Gall, who has been engaged in the grocery business in the valley, has moved into the building opposite Nicholson's Hotel. He will be engaged in the performance of some railroad work, while his wife will manage the store.

We presume that it will not be a surprise to our readers to learn that when the question was asked in the Methodist Conference whether the Rev. J. P. Fifer was "thoroughly" his life and official administration, the answer was in the affirmative.

The Small Pox.

Dr. H. E. McConnell has received a letter from Dr. L. P. Kennedy, city physician of Atlanta, in which the writer says they had at the time of writing 127 cases in the hospital. He says the epidemic is rather mild. They have had only one death.

New Public Printer.

Senator J. H. McDaniel, chairman of Printing Committee, was called to Columbia Saturday, on business connected with the office of public printer, Mr. C. A. Calvo having been adjudged insane, his son, C. B. Calvo, was elected printer. He has turned the work over to the State company, giving the manager power of attorney to act for him.

More Cards Out.

Mr. Marion Sumter Lewis requests the honor of your presence at the marriage of his sister Margaret Emily,

to

Mr. Robert Russell Hafner,

Thursday morning, Dec. twenty-third, at ten o'clock,

Pinekey Street,

Chester, South Carolina.

This read invitations sent out last week.

Dangerous Accident.

This morning about 5 o'clock Clyde Moore, step-son of Mr. H. B. Howie, went to Brice's livery stable as guide to some one who had come in on a train. One of the large doors, which works on rollers, was thrown off in closing, and fell on the boy. One arm was broken about the wrist, the bridge of his nose fractured, and the skull bone was laid bare across the brows. Drs. Pryor and Miller attended him. They cannot tell yet whether there are internal injuries or not.

Program of Epworth Meeting.

The next Epworth League meeting, to be at Mrs. M. E. Patterson's residence, Monday evening at 8 o'clock Dec. 20, '97:

1. Hymn 663.
2. Prayer.
3. Roll call—members answering with a verse of scriptures on faith.
4. Minutes of last meeting.
5. Early life of Susannah Wesley—by Miss Marion Leckie.
6. Married life of Susannah Wesley—by Miss Eunice Davis.
7. A poem (Epworth)—Miss Annie Hardin.
8. Early life of Samuel Wesley—J. E. Pryor.
9. Married life of Samuel Wesley—James Albright.
10. Incidents in the life of Samuel and Susannah Wesley—members of the class.
11. Hymn 750.

From "Lee Hill" to Texas.

"Lee Hill" Stock Farm, R. A. Love, proprietor, has just shipped to John G. Kennedy, president Kennedy Pasture Co., Alice, Texas, a car load of young Devon cattle. This purchase was made through Mr. L. P. Sisson, secretary of the American Devon Cattle Club, who, while on his tour of inspection among the breeders of Devon cattle in the South was so favorably impressed with the excellence of the "Lee Hill" specimens as to secure this shipment in behalf of the above Company.

Mr. Sisson has been identified with the cattle business for a number of years and his thorough knowledge of it is so universally recognized that his services as an expert judge are called into requisition at Stock exhibitions both North and South. This reflects great credit upon "Lee Hill" and exemplifies the importance of keeping up the standard. Mr. Kennedy, to whom this shipment is made, owns and controls the largest cattle ranch in the State of Texas,

and therefore does an immense business. He has just sold twelve thousand calves in one lot. The adds improved cattle to his ranch every year, and his stock is constantly improving better results. After many years of careful study and close observation he thinks there is none so good as the S. C. Devons.

PERSONALS.

Mr. J. V. Murphy spent Monday at Lancaster, on business.

Mrs. Dida Mills, of Blackstock, was in the city Saturday.

Mr. Robt. Lindsay, of Rock Hill, spent Sunday in the city.

Miss Clara Dale, of Alabama, is visiting her sister, Mrs. M. E. White.

Mr. J. T. Young, principal of the Rossville school, spent the Sabbath in the city.

Mr. W. D. Knox went to Charleston last night, to attend the Grand Lodge of Masons.

Fort Mill Times: Miss Carrie Kee, of Richburg, S. C., is visiting at Mr. Alex Barber's.

Dr. Grier returned to Chester Saturday, after a visit of a few days in North Carolina. He left for Due West yesterday morning.

Mr. N. P. Moulden and Mr. Monroe, two of the electricians, returned to their homes in Rockville, Md., Thursday evening.

Mrs. Beckie Atkinson and Miss Mary Wylie, of Richburg, returned home Monday morning after a short visit to Mrs. James Hemphill.

Hon. B. F. Townsend, of Union, is spending a few days in the city.

Messrs. H. C. Glenn, C. P. Lowrance, C. F. Gordon, and J. C. Moore, of Yorkville, spent Sunday in the city.

On the Southside.

Last week we were on the south side of the county. Our first stop was at the residence of Capt. Wm. McAliley, a splendid soldier and gallant officer during the late war in the Sixth S. C. Regiment. He discharged his duty faithfully in that disastrous struggle. At its close he engaged in planting, and has continued it ever since. Now that his health is feeble, his son relieves him from the burden of superintending the farm. His wife, who is a most excellent lady, is very successful in raising chickens. At the present time she has about 600 in a fine healthy condition.

We stopped a short time at the machine shop of W. O. McKeown & Sons. We did not know before there was such an extensive establishment in the county. The dimensions of the shop are 90 by 25 feet, and it is well equipped with all the necessary machines. Messrs. W. O. McKeown & Sons also run at the same place a grist and saw mill and a ginny. They use the improved system of ginning introduced by Smith & Son, Birmingham, Ala., and are agents for that company. They also build telephone lines, having recently constructed the line from Winstboro to Ridgeway, and are prepared to do any work of this kind that may be desired. Besides telephones that connect with Chester, Cornwells and Blackstock, they have six private lines. The members of this firm, father and sons, are endowed with a natural talent for mechanics, which they are constantly developing.

At Cornwells we met Mr. McKeown, of the firm of Strong & McKeown, and Mr. J. E. Cornwell, of the firm of Colvin & Co. These are good, reliable firms. We also met Mr. E. E. Cornwell, a good man and postmaster.

We paid our respects to the merchants of Blackstock. They are good, reliable men. They were not satisfied with the condition of business, but hopeful of better times.

It was our great pleasure to attend a quilting given by the ladies of Hopewell A. R. P. Church. This very pleasant affair took place at the home of Mrs. Mary Wylie, and was enjoyed by a considerable number of the excellent ladies of Hopewell congregation, and several gentlemen, among them Rev. J. A. White, the pastor, Mr. J. W. Big-

ham, Mr. C. C. Strong, and some others. On the arrival of the dinner hour the ladies stopped quilting, and all present were invited to partake of the elegant repast. The nice things were delightfully prepared and greatly enjoyed. Having finished dinner the ladies returned to their quilting. They will sell the quilts and devote the proceeds to missionary purposes.

Hopewell is probably the oldest church in Chester county. It was organized in 1790, and since that time has had only five preachers, their names being as follows: Rev. John Boysse, Rev. John Hemphill, Rev. Warren Flenniken, Rev. R. W. Brice, and Rev. J. A. White. The first four died in the service of the church, and their remains are buried in the church graveyard. Rev. J. A. White, the present pastor, has occupied that position about twenty years and, as he is greatly beloved by his congregation, will doubtless remain the pastor until the end of life.

It was our pleasure to spend one night with Mr. T. C. Strong. He is an excellent man, and a good farmer. He conducts his agricultural interests wisely and well. His father was taken prisoner during the late war, and afterwards died at Elmira, N. Y., where he is buried.

The balance of our work on this trip was confined to the western side of the railroad. We stopped at Mr. Clowney's and found him busily engaged in ginning cotton.

Our course took us into Fairfield county, and there we found THE LANTERN appreciated. We heard of two young men in the neighborhood that were going West on account of the low price of cotton. Though our advice is unsolicited we would advise them to remain at the old homestead. They will find it the best place after all.

We stopped a while at Douglas postoffice, and then pushed on in the direction of old Chester, which was safely reached.

Blackstock Items.

Dec. 13—Mrs. Maggie S. Scott is up from Columbia on a short visit to her brother, Mr. W. J. Simpson.

Rev. M. R. Kirkpatrick, preached a most excellent sermon yesterday, especially to the women.

Rev. P. B. Ingraham preached in the Presbyterian church at night. It is sincerely hoped he will be re-appointed to this circuit again of the coming year.

Halsellville Items.

A great mad-dog scare is in this part of the country at present. A dog with hydrophobia passed through here one day last week and bit several good bird dogs, and the owners will have to kill them. I am informed that some of the owners wouldn't have taken twenty-five dollars for their dogs.

A grand sociable was given at the residence of Mrs. Sallie Castles last Thursday evening. Mr. R. C. Grant and Miss Anna Castles furnished music for the occasion. A vote by ballot was taken by the young men to decide who was the prettiest girl in the room. Every girl was the prettiest, for every young man voted for his own girl.

Messrs. Whiteside and Lester, and Sligh, Robert, and Edward Wallace passed through here on their way to Newberry last week.

Mrs. Lillie Smith, of Sandy River, is visiting at her father's.

Mr. J. F. Castles paid a flying visit home Sunday.

Miss Fannie Hill of Wolling is visiting Miss Leila Weir.

Mr. F. C. Fahey paid a flying visit near Cornwell.

Semi-Weeklies.

The latest addition to the list of semi-weeklies in South Carolina is the Chester LANTERN—a paper creditable alike to the publisher, Mr. J. T. Bigham, and to the town. The example set by The State in 1891 has been followed by the Greenville News, the Greenville Mountaineer, the Yorkville Enquirer, the Rock Hill Herald, the Lancaster Ledger, the Newberry Herald and News, the Georgetown Times. The success of these papers evi-

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Remember the Twenty-five per cent. Reduction at
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The Biggest, Brightest Stock ever Shown in the Four Counties.

Come early and select your presents. Have you seen the Celebrated "WAVE CREST" Ware? Hand painted. It makes handsome presents.

Lady's Solid 14k watches, complete, for \$24.00, or \$18.00. \$45.00 watches at \$30.00. EVERYTHING REDUCED LIKEWISE.

Buy the original and genuine "ROGERS" Knives and Forks, reduced from \$2.25 to \$1.70 per set.

All Fine China and Cut Glass reduced twenty-five per cent.

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AND

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Worth \$10. Going at \$7.50

All Wool Suits, worth \$7.50, going

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Jos. Wylie AND COMPANY'S.

Big Sale of MELTON CROCKERY! & HARDIN.

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

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

Yours truly,

ROSBOROUGH & McLURE
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ences not only improved mail facilities. It shows also the desire for fresher news and for timelier discussions of public questions. The opportunities of the country paper are thus greatly expanded.—State.

Three men, believed to be the Williston safe crackers, have been arrested at Batesburg.

CHESTER HAND LAUNDRY.

All kinds of laundry work done by hand—no torn clothes. Everything in first-class style and on short notice. Satisfaction guaranteed. No. 4100. Under Old Police Station.

Grover Cleveland, Esquire, of Princeton, N. J., is hunting around Georgetown, this State.

