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WEST INDIES BILL PASSED

House Adopts Measure to Carry Out Purchase of Danish Islands. Washington, Feb. 22.—By practically unanimous vote the House passed tonight a bill to carry out the provisions of the treaty for the purchase of the Danish West Indies and approximating \$25,000,000 for this purpose. The bill was passed with suspension of the rules and without a roll call.

The debate was brief. Representative Mondell, Republican of Wyoming, said the United States was "enriching in a real estate speculation in the West Indies and paying high for it." Mr. Mann, the minority leader, approved the bill, saying, "we ought to dominate the West Indian Islands."

TO COUNT ARMY AND NAVY. America's Fighting Strength Will Be Appraised for the President.

Washington, Feb. 19.—Army and Navy Bureau Chiefs have been instructed to compile immediately an exact appraisal of the condition of the regular fighting forces of the country for the information of President Wilson. The report will deal with questions both of personnel and material. From it the chief of staff, Chief will be able to form an exact idea of the state of the nation's defenses.

MAY MOBILIZE ALL GERMAN BUSINESS

Possible Step Against Citizens to Dismember Empire—Attendants Offer Services. Berne, Switzerland, Feb. 18.—It is highly probable that a continuation of the war will mean nationalization of business in Germany, the closing of all but the most necessary businesses and the mobilization of all efforts in a determination to ward off what Germany believes to be efforts to dismember that country and its allies.

NEVER SUCH A RUSH TO BE NATURALIZED

Germany Aid Austrians Flock to Courts Following the Diplomatic Revolt. Washington, Feb. 20.—In the two weeks since the diplomatic revolt with Germany, foreigners, notably Germans and Austrians, have flocked to the courts to become American citizens in such numbers that Labor Department officials said today the total could not even be estimated.

RESIGNATION OF MR. DANIELS

Washington, Feb. 20.—Secretary Daniels today accepted the resignation of his private secretary, Howard A. Banks, who is to become an attorney. It will be shown in a few days, however, that every effort has been made to overcome this difficulty. Additional recruiting relations are being opened throughout the country and the Navy Department is getting into communication with retired officers and enlisted men.

THE BOND ISSUE.

To the Voters and Taxpayers of Chester County. Editors Semi-Weekly News. Will you allow me space through the columns of your paper for a write-up of the Bond Issue, as our Legislature has voted to have \$10,000,000 bond issue for road work, to be submitted to the voters of Chester County.

IRISH LENDING ALL THEIR PART

Statistics Furnished by John Redmond Show them Fighting for John Bull. Dublin, Feb. 20.—In a letter read at a banquet held at Friendship Irish Canadian Rangers at their visit here, John Redmond quoted statistics to show the large number of Irishmen who have enlisted in the army of the United Kingdom.

CHESTER SUPERVISOR IS COOPERATING GOOD ROAD MOVEMENT.

R. A. Wilson, president of the Automobile Association of the Chamber of Commerce received a letter this morning from the Department of Public Roads, which is welcome information to the members of the Association, as well as all the people in this section of the county.

PRESIDENT TO BREAK CUSTOM NEWS ITEMS

Washington, Feb. 20.—President Wilson, it became known today, is seriously considering breaking another precedent by not calling the newly elected senate in extra session on March 5 to confirm nominations of cabinet officials. The president is understood to be inclined not to convene the senate unless a special session of congress is necessary.

FRANCE TROUBLED WITH COAL SUPPLY.

Paris, Feb. 20.—The chase after coal during the recent coal strike when for 10 days the weather hovered around 14 above zero Fahrenheit, gave Paris a new and amusing aspect.

ROCK HILLS GET DUPLICATED REGISTRATION CERTIFICATES

In the Rock Hill Herald of Wednesday, the following paragraph appeared in a news item regarding a resolution of a Congressman from the Fifth District: "Quite a number of duplicates to registration certificates were issued by the board of registration, after advice from counsel that this was right and proper."

TAFT READY FOR WAR. ARE DEPLETING SERVICE RANKS

Can Ride a Horse, He Says, but It Might Be Rough on the Horse. New Haven, Conn., Feb. 19.—President Taft today expressed himself as ready for military service should he be needed. He is enrolled as the first citizen of New Haven, whose military census was taken today, and gave as his qualifications "I can ride a horse, but it might be rough on the horse."

AUSTRALIA SUFFERS FROM RAGING FLOOD

Brisbane, Australia, Feb. 20.—Recent flooding has caused the drowning of about 50 persons and great loss of property in central Queensland, which was probably the most destructive which ever befell the State.

PETROLEUM SEEMS TO BE GIVING OUT.

New York, Feb. 20.—A reduction of 36 per cent in the petroleum reserve of the United States was estimated by Prof. David B. Reger, of the West Virginia geological survey, one of the speakers before the American Institute of Mining Engineers in convention here. Operators are experiencing great difficulty in supplying the ever-increasing demand for the product.

MISS RHODA WOOD, OF ROCK HILL, DEAD

Miss Rhoda Wood died Wednesday morning at 7 o'clock at the family residence on West Main street, following an illness of about a year. She was 67 years of age and had been a resident of Rock Hill for many years. Her death was received with regret by a wide circle of friends.

W. W. PEGRAM
STEWART L. CASSELLS

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One Year \$1.50
Six Months75
Three Months50

Advertising Rates Made Known on Application.

Entered at the Postoffice at Chester, S. C., as second-class matter.

FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 23.

A CONFESSION OF GUILT.

The intense desire of the newspaper manufacturers to have the Federal Trade Commission fix a "reasonable price" for their output is a confession that they have been guilty not only of extortion but of unlawful restraint of trade.

For several months the Federal Trade Commission has been investigating the news-print paper industry but it was not until the Department of Justice took action that the manufacturers came across.

Several paper manufacturers were threatened with criminal prosecution under the Anti-Trust Act and when they began to see a prison sentence in the future they were willing to come to an agreement. Just what the Federal Trade Commission will consider a "reasonable price" we are unable to say but news-print paper is still costing one and one-half times the amount it sold for eighteen months ago and it is up to the Commission to fix this "reasonable price" at the earliest possible moment.

As a matter of fact the paper manufacturers are millions of dollars ahead on the so-called paper famine during the past few months and if justice were done to the publishers the paper manufacturers would be forced to return the money they have unlawfully extracted from the newspapers of the country.

GOOD-BYE "BOOZE"

After wrangling over the prohibition bill for the past forty days the South Carolina legislature finally decided to limit the amount to one quart-a-month for medicinal purposes and only a few hours on this decision was reached along come Congress and hits South Carolina prohibition a "happy natural." Yes Congress has put it to the gallon-a-month, the quart-a-month and even the teaspoonful-a-month.

The Reed amendment passed by the House in Washington Wednesday will cut off entirely liquor importations into the large number of States which have forbidden manufacture or sale but have permitted importation for personal use. The Washington vote stood 319 to 72 and it is stated that President Wilson will sign the bill within one week. The Federal law will become effective July 1st, this year and whether or not Governor Manning signs the quart-a-month bill passed by the legislature after June 30th South Carolinians will be deprived of "booze" even to the quantity of a teaspoonful a month, or a year for that matter.

The Reed Amendment will make Virginia, North and South Carolina, Georgia, Alabama and Mississippi "bone dry." Arkansas and Tennessee have already voted "bone dry."

PROGRESS.

Over in Woodruff the progressive citizens determined some time ago to get rid of the old wooden awnings in front of stores and make the town look a little more modern. Their undertaking was successful but they met with bitter opposition. In all towns there are men—usually men who have made an absolute failure of their own lives—who are opposed to anything and everything in the way of progress.

Because they are accustomed to candles and kerosene lamps, they cannot understand why anyone should desire electric lights. Because they were "fetched up" in spring or branch water, they refuse to believe in the virtue of deep-well water. They resent these new fangled notions about germs and say, "I never saw a germ!" they say (grandpa never did).

Because they spent their youth where military closets were unknown, they fail to see any necessity for sewage disposal. Because they are accustomed to riding behind a mule, they resist the coming of the automobile. Or because necessity compels them to walk they favor the most stringent laws to curb the pleasure of auto owners.

The secret of remaining young is to keep one's mind abreast of the times. A man may know that he is growing old when he first makes a resenting invention and improvements.

Many men of many years keep their minds young and active, spirit sweet. They are a blessing to any community. But the men who are out of tune with the times encumber the earth. Progress tries to sweep them out, or, if they have influ-

ence, wait on their death. And those of us who are young and sweet at the moment aged will probably be just like that when we reach that age—Fountain Jan Tribune.

SOUTHERN VIEW OF SOUTH

One might almost imagine, from some of the things appearing in Southern newspapers nowadays, that their part of the country was not the terror of the masses. It has often been called by its sons and daughters when gathered here for their annual dinners. And the same might be well-informed, paper men, too, are not always hoping up, as formerly, all Southern people as exemplars of all the virtues. Take The Houston Post, for instance.

It makes some really astonishing statements about Southern and the South—statements that no Northern paper could make without having a first-class row on its hands indeed. "The Southern cities," it mournfully declares, "are still the abjects of a vast throng of ignorant men and women who have nothing to do, and largely because they know how to do nothing." To a suggestion that the South should be thronging the streets of Southern cities and villages might at least find opportunities in the army. The Post replies: "Hardly. The South certainly never be accepted except in the very last extremity of the nation's life itself."

Of agriculture in the South The Post can only say "a dormant country-side and untilled acres go hand in hand with food scarcity and soaring prices in the cities." The Post, again applicable, not to the negroes alone, but to the whites as well, in its article concludes with the question, obviously not merely rhetorical, though it is left unanswered: "Why is it that in one part of the country men are working two shifts a day to meet the demands for physical energy, whereas in the South there are thousands who have nothing to do, and who apparently want nothing to do, even when we are told that the destiny of the nation is in the balance?"—New York Times.

ANCESTORS LIVED IN CHESTER.

Major Geo A. McCalla, of Chicago, was in the city for several days last week. He came South to a race and to learn something of his South Carolina kin. Major McCalla is a descendant of Samuel McCalla, of Chester county, who married Jennette Hemphill. His ancestors resided on the Hazelwood plantation in Chester county, now owned by J. McCalla Caldwell. His grandfather moved to the West many years ago. A brother of his great-grandfather, John McCalla, by name, moved to Abbeville county about 1800 and settled in the western part of the county. He married Susan V. Tennant of this county and had two sons, I. H. McCalla and George R. McCalla, was the father of John W. McCalla, lately of Elbert county, Georgia, and of Hon. I. H. McCalla, who was a member of the Constitutional Convention of 1895, and at one time Senator from this county.

Major McCalla's great-grandmother, Jennette Hemphill, was a daughter of Rev. John Hemphill, who was pastor of Hopewell church in Chester county many years ago, and she was a sister of Dr. William Bannister Hemphill, at one time professor in Erskine College, and who was for many years pastor of Long Care and Cedar Springs churches in this county. Dr. William Bannister Hemphill was the father of General Robert R. Hemphill, the founder of the Abbeville Medium.

Major McCalla holds a commission as Major in the Cavalry officers' Reserve Corps of the United States Army. He is not in active service except in case of war. He is engaged in the business of manufacturing machinery in his home city and is a man of standing there. He is greatly enjoying his stay in the South and is meeting with many of his kindred and making new friends. —Abbeville Press & Banner.

ILLITERACY.

The stigma of illiteracy is being rapidly removed from the South. The bureau of the interior has just issued a report by Winthrop Talbot, which is calculated to draw the eyes of the critics from the South to the North, for, while it is proved that illiteracy is on the decrease in this section it is on the increase in the North and New England, the latter the boasted center of civilization. The number of illiterates, says the report, is increasing, not in the South, but—and it displays the guilty States in paragraphs, the more strikingly to emphasize the fact—in Massachusetts, Rhode Island, Connecticut, New York, New Jersey, Pennsylvania, Illinois, Colorado, North Dakota, Nebraska, Montana, Wyoming, New Mexico, Arizona, Utah, Washington and California. In short, illiteracy is on the increase almost everywhere except in the South! "It has long been a matter of critical comment," says Mr. Talbot, "that nearly one-fourth of the population of the Southern States is illiterate. It gives the different aspect to the statistics which show that each Southern State cut its percentage of illiterates more than 25 per cent. between 1906 and 1910, and that in the South Atlantic States, South Central, and west South Cen-

tral divisions, which include all the Southern States, the number of illiterates was nearly a million (928,767) less in 1910 than in 1906." It is further in evidence from Mr. Talbot's report that while illiteracy may be a persistency, it is not a hereditary quality which are so active through public school endeavor and otherwise that they are steadily effecting wholesale reductions each decade not only in percentage but in number of illiterates. Illiteracy is chiefly a disgrace in those manufacturing States of the Middle Atlantic division which for 10 years—eign 20 years in the State of New York—have failed to reduce their numbers of illiterates, or, as in the case of Connecticut, have actually retrograded and increased not only in numbers of illiterates, but in percentage of illiteracy as well.

In New York State alone there are more than 406,000 illiterates. In other words, the number of illiterates alone in that State very nearly equals the entire colored population of North Carolina. The same comparison holds good in the case of Pennsylvania. Of course most of the illiteracy is confined to the foreign born. But for one, give us an educated negro population in preference to a foreign educated population.—New York Times.

YESTERDAY

a gentleman came into our store for a small article which he had been told could not be procured nearer than the factory.

HE was told by our salesman that we could furnish this item from our stock, and thereby save a wait of, at least ten days, for factory delivery. This,

WAS a very small item but meant a saving of time as well as money, and this gentleman went away

PLEASED

When in need of anything in hardware, call on us, and we will please you and furnish the goods.

QUICK.
CHESTER
HARDWARE CO.
The Store Of Quality.



FREE! FREE!

HAVE YOU SEEN THE
Beautiful Player Piano
WE ARE GIVING AWAY?

We will also give Six Bracelet Watches and some Rogers Silverware

The organizer is with us this week and will be here for several days. We invite every lady who would like to win one of these fine premiums to come to our store to see the organizer as soon as possible and get full particulars.

This opportunity is too good to miss. Let us tell you about our plan.

Lowrance Bros.

WHAT THEY SAY.

"If some of the women of Chester could hear the line of talk their husbands are hauling out on the streets, there 'could probably be some 'wool pulling' around this section."

Says hubby, about the new liquor law, "Well, so far as I am concerned it won't effect me but, you know, my wife is not very strong and I have to keep a little whiskey around the house for her. I guess I had better order a gallon before the new law becomes effective—that will last her a long time."

Yes they are putting it off on the women and when that gallon comes the little wife won't even see the cartoon to say nothing of the contents.

"If everybody in this town spends his money in town the town will boom. You are free to admit that if the town booms you will get your share of the prosperity."

Mrs. W. P. Rostdyer, of Great Falls, is at the Fenell Hospital in Rock Hill, where she underwent an operation this morning.

The Southern Railway will operate an Inaugural Special to Washington.

When The Liquor Gives Out.

The topic of conversation for the past few days has been prohibition. On the heels of the South Carolina quarter-month law comes the Federal law which passed the House in Washington Wednesday and these two pieces of new legislation has given the men something to talk about.

Many have advanced ideas as to what will happen in the next few months and some have even made predictions five years hence.

We are satisfied that this recent legislation by the Washington body is going to put some people to work who have not done a "respectable" day work in many a year, and when we say people we do not refer to any one color or race.

When the Federal law becomes effective the home of the "blind tiger" will resemble an airship—it will be all up in the air. The farm hand that has been working two days in the week and selling liquor four will now consider seriously the cook that cooked part of the time will now cook all of the time. The man who sold liquor on the side and made the road of an honest competitor hard will now have to get busy or get out.

If every man and woman in this town makes up his or her mind today to spend their dollars with the local merchants this town will boom as it never did before. Out of town bargains often prove a delusion or a snare.

WANTED—Live distributor for Chester County to handle the SCRIPPS-BOOTH luxury light cars. Write, phone, or wire, Shores Osborne Electric Co., Spartanburg, S. C. 2-T.

THE RODMAN-BROWN CO.

ANOTHER

New Showing

OF

Ready-to-Wear

GARMENTS

WE ARE RAPIDLY GATHERING WHAT WE BELIEVE IS GOING TO BE THE MOST COMPREHENSIVE COLLECTION OF WOMEN'S READY-TO-WEAR GARMENTS EVER SHOWN IN A CHESTER STORE.

Beautiful New Silk Dresses

VERY-DRESSY, MADE OF TAFETTA AND CREPE DE CHINE WITH GEORGETTE SLEEVES. Prices \$10 to \$20.

New Coat Suits

COLORS, APPLE GREEN, GOLD, NAVY, COPEEN, TAN, BROWN, NAVY BLUE, SHEPHERD CHECKS, MATERIALS GABERDINE, OXFORD CLOTH, POPLIN, SERGE, POIRET TWILLS, AND WOOL-JERSEY. Prices \$10 to \$32.50.

Handsome New Coats

THREE QUARTER LENGTHS, VERY SNAPPY STYLES. Prices \$5.00 to \$17.50.

The Rodman-Brown Co.

THEY ARE HERE

Our veteran buyer, Mr. John Frazer, arrived Wednesday with a car load of the very best Mules ever seen in this section of the country.

If you went to the market yourself and carried a buyer of years of experience to assist you in making a selection of Mules especially suited for your farm, you couldn't be suited any better than we can suit you with this car of mules.

We have handled mules for a great number of years and know just the kind of mule this section needs and wants, and we have that kind. Big, heavy-built mules, averaging 1200 pounds, free from blemishes, well broke and ready for work. You must see them to appreciate their real worth.

If you think that you are well fixed for the coming season, call at our stables and look over the lot we now have. You will change your mind and see your need of real mules.

Better call early. Mules like these will not stay at our stables very long at the prices we will ask for them.

Frazer Live Stock Co.

Advertise In The Semi-Weekly News For Results

The New GOSSARD CORSETS for Spring

WHILE retaining all those qualities that have characterized and famed Gossard corsets in past seasons, they strike a new note in corsetry—a subtle change that is reflected in a more delicately beautiful outline and in an even more graceful flat back. Youth is the keynote in the style of these new Gossard models.

Without any undue pressure you are assured absolute comfort and freedom of movement, because the Gossard secret scientific boning assures the most perfect support where it is needed; proper breathing is induced and the whole body thrown into the healthful pulse advocated by your physician.

This is the **Thirty-second Announcement and Proclamation of Gossard Corset Styles for Spring and Summer, 1917**

The new models vary in height of bust and length of skirt—as they should—to meet the individual requirements of the various figure types, but the general tendency is toward less corset, lower bust and shorter skirts with a smaller waistline indicated by skillful designing rather than actually expressed.

Be fitted today by one of the many models designed for your figure size at \$2.00, \$3.00, \$4.00, \$5.00 and \$6.00. An expert corsetier who understands your corset work will do it a pleasure to fit you without obligation.

THE S. M. JONES CO.

The Big Store

Death of Mrs. D. E. Penney.

Mrs. Mamie McNinch Penney, wife of Mr. D. E. Penney, died at a hospital in Chester last Tuesday afternoon after an illness of several weeks. The body was taken to Asheville Tuesday night for funeral services and interment.

Mrs. Penney was Miss Mary Theron McNinch and was born in Chester April 19th, 1879. Being a daughter of the late J. J. and Mrs. Mattie McNinch, she was twice married, her first husband being Mr. Patterson Perry, who died several years ago leaving two children, Misses Florida and Edith Perry. In 1907 she was married to Mr. D. E. Penney who is well known in Chester and Chester county having been conductor on the Lancaster and Chester Railway for several years. To this last union there were born two children, Emily and Margaret.

In addition to her husband and four children she is survived by one brother and two sisters, Charles McNinch and Miss William McNinch, of Charlotte and Mrs. Harry W. Rensford, of Birmingham, Ala.

Mrs. Penney was a member of the Methodist church and was devout in her observance of its laws and its teachings. She was a woman of great energy and was capable and bright.

The sympathy of many friends go out to the bereaved husband and to the children bereft of their dearest friend.

STEVENS ON DEFEATS SAPP.

W. F. Stevenson, of Chesterfield, was elected to succeed the late D. E. Finley as representative of the Fifth District in the general election held Wednesday, defeating C. N. Sapp, of Lancaster, by a substantial majority. Incomplete returns show that Mr. Stevenson received a majority of about 2,000 votes, the figures being, Stevenson, 4,868, Sapp, 2,719.

The vote by counties was as follows: York, Stevenson 795; Sapp 767; Lancaster, Stevenson 476, Sapp 863; Fairfield, Stevenson 179, Sapp 112; Chesterfield, Stevenson 1,871, Sapp 219; Cherokee, Stevenson 542, Sapp 328; Chester, Stevenson 588, Sapp 342.

The Chester County Vote.	
	- Sapp Stev.
Carter's	21 25
Landford	10 18
Leeds	3 14
Chester	130 239
Lowryville	4 43
White's Store	2 20
Halsellville	22 5
Richburg	10 59
Fort Lawn	22 21
White's Mill	0 23
Edgemont	7 18
Cornwell	21 23
Lando	31 15
Great Falls	10 18
Rodman	17 23
Wilksburg	15 6
Baton Rouge	15 15
Hazelwood	16 15
Rossville	0 20
Total	342 589

SPECIAL NOTICE.

The Walker-Gaston Camp, U. C. V., is called to meet at 10:30 A. M. Monday the fifth day of March 1917. It is desired that every Confederate Soldier in the county join the Camp. The State reunion meets in Chester on the 24 and 25 of next month will be enticed to represent in the convention upon the basis of the number members in the Camp in good standing. The annual dues is 25 cents per member.

W. H. EDWARDS, Commander.

The Rock Hill Treatment.

Hamme Campbell on yesterday was given the option of paying a \$50 fine or serving thirty days on the chikang. He was charged with peevishness. The hearing was before magistrate Wingate.

John Meadows, of the Catawba section had been asked to change a dollar. While fishing the editor from his pocket-book, Campbell, who was standing by reading, suddenly showed a paper before Meadows eyes and said his pocket-book had been changed. At the same moment he pitched several coins from the pocketbook and then resumed his reading.

Everybody is invited to attend this meeting. There will be no admission fee.

OUR NEW CONGRESSMAN.

Mr. W. F. Stevenson, the newly elected congressman from the Fifth District has long been prominent in the affairs of the State. He is elected in the general assembly and was speaker of the house of representatives from 1909 to 1902. He was president of the Democratic State convention in 1902 and has long served as a member of the State Democratic executive committee from Chesterfield.

South Carolina's latest representative is a native of North Carolina having been born in Ireddell county on November 23, 1861. He was graduated at Davidson College and began the practice of law at Chesterfield in July 1887. He married Miss Mary E. Prince on November 13, 1888. He has made his home at Cheraw for many years.

Item item

One item which is figuring in the high cost of living at present is the price of leather. Local shoe repair shops and proprietors state that they are compelled to pay from \$1.05 to \$1.25 per pound for the best grade of white oak tanned sole leather, while lighter grades can be procured for 90 cents a pound. Shoeleathers have advanced 200 per cent while sewing twine cost more than twice what it did two years ago. Good sole leather could be bought there for 46 cents a pound, yet the cost of repairing shoes, while it has advanced, has not kept pace with the price of the leather used in repairing, according to local shoe repair men.

According to Attorney General Peoples' construction of the new automobile law it will not be necessary hereafter to pay city licenses or registration fees on automobiles. Such fees are now to be paid to the State only.

Mr. Coleman Cladden has been sick during the past week with Grippe.

NOW OPEN

Some time ago I purchased the Chester Cafe and for the past several days have been engaged in thoroughly renovating the place, putting everything in first-class shape.

Our patrons will be served the best that is going at a nominal price and our service will be the best possible. We cordially solicit the business of the people of Chester and Chester County and will use every effort to please them.

A trial will convince you that we are going to conduct an up-to-date Cafe in every particular.

THE CHESTER CAFE

C. H. BLUME, Proprietor.

JOSEPH WYLIE & COMPANY

NEW ARRIVALS AT WYLIE'S

We received another big shipment of Ladies' Suits, Coats, Skirts and Dresses this morning; the very latest styles, right up to the minute.

We are showing the most complete line of Silks and Trimmings, for evening dresses, in the city.

WATCH FOR OUR BIG WHITE GOODS SALE COMING SOON

JOSEPH WYLIE & COMPANY

DO YOU NEED A SEWING MACHINE?

For a limited time you can get an ELECTRICALLY DRIVEN SEWING MACHINE of the latest type with all extra parts necessary to do plain or fancy sewing and with an absolute binding guarantee for Ten Years, backed by the largest Electrical Supply Company in the country. For

ONLY \$27.50

on the following terms: \$3.50 down, and \$2.00 per month for twelve months. This machine regularly retails at \$35.00, and we are making this INTRODUCTORY OFFER for a limited time only.

Call phone No. 50 and we will be glad to give you a demonstration of this machine in your home.

Southern Public Utilities Company

CHESTER, S. C.

LOCAL and PERSONAL

Cotton 16c
Cotton Seed 75c

Rev. R. I. Corbett, of Timmonsville, will preach at Harmony Baptist church Sunday morning at 11 o'clock and at Lowryville at 3:30 in the afternoon.

Miss Marie Cornwell, who is in Baltimore purchasing spring millinery, is expected home tomorrow to spend a few days before going to Metter, Ga., where she will be a trimmer this spring.

There is a probability that there will be some interruption in telephone service during Sunday, Sunday night, and possibly early Monday morning, on account of moving equipment into new quarters. Every available means will be used to restore service to its normal condition at the earliest possible moment. For a short period of this time all service will be discontinued, R. R. Hafner, President.

HAVE YOU SEEN the beautiful Spring Coat Suits and Dresses they are showing at, The S. M. Jones Co.

Don't pull a prop from the town you live in by spending your money elsewhere.

Attend the mass meeting this afternoon at 4:30 o'clock at the City Hall. Street improvement to be discussed.

Mr. Robert J. Cartledge, Jr., a traveling salesman of Greenwood, was a visitor in the city Thursday.

The election for the purpose of deciding whether or not Chester county will issue a bonded indebtedness of \$40,000 for the building of good roads will be held March 27th.

WANTED—new-room house in good location. Phone Chester 6 ROLLER SHOP.

Attend the mass meeting this afternoon at 4:30 o'clock at the City Hall. Street improvement to be discussed.

There will be no services in Trinity Presbyterian church Sunday morning or night—Sunday School at 12 o'clock. Christian Endeavor at 6:30. Dr. J. O. Reavia will preach Sunday, March 4th.

WANTED—Everybody to know that we sell Earle & Wilson's shirts and collars. The S. M. Jones Co. is.

Mr. Jesse A. Williams, cashier of Waxhaw Banking & Trust Company, was summoned to Baltimore last week to attend the Federal court and give evidence in the case of the United States Government against B. H. Bracy and others, in connection

tion with using the mails to defraud in selling stock in the Howie Mining Company. He was gone Wednesday and Thursday.—Waxhaw Enterprise.

YOUNG MEN, ask to see State's new printing hat called "Town Top".
The S. M. Jones Co.

The city council of York has purchased a six-cylinder motor truck for the fire department. The machine has a capacity of 357 gallons a minute and cost \$8,500.

Miss Ethel Rodman, of Waxhaw, the guest of her sister, Mrs. L. E. Brown, on York street.

Mr. J. T. McFadden, of Fort Lawn, was a Chester visitor Wednesday.

Attend the mass meeting this afternoon at 4:30 o'clock at the City Hall. Street improvement to be discussed.

SHAD—SHAD. All kinds of fresh fish at Klutt's Market. 3t. pd.

GENTLEMEN—We have exclusive sale of E. & W. Shirts and collars. The S. M. Jones Co.

Those who wish to vote in the coming election as to whether or not Chester county will issue bonded indebtedness for the construction of roads will be required to have a registration certificate and in order to accommodate the people of the county the County Board of Registration will open the books in the Court House, Saturday February 24th, for the purpose of issuing certificates. The office will be open March 15th, for the purpose of issuing duplicate registration certificates only.

Miss Marie Hindman, of Bascomville, is visiting relatives in Chester.

The residence of Mr. I. H. Norris, on the corner of Foote street and Hemphill Avenue, was sold last Tuesday afternoon at public auction and was bought by Dr. Robert E. Abell for \$32.75.

The residence of Mr. J. Q. Hood on Wythe street, was sold at public auction Wednesday afternoon by Sims & Carter & R. R. Hafner. The residence was purchased by Mr. Harry M. Williams for \$2,900.

Miss Lettie Barber has returned to the city from the Northern markets where she purchased spring millinery.

MOTHERS, have you seen the pretty Gingham Dresses for Children they are showing at, The S. M. Jones Co.

Attend the mass meeting this afternoon at 4:30 o'clock at the City Hall. Street improvement to be discussed.

If you spend your money out of town, and your neighbor spends his money out of town, and everybody spends his money out of town, what will become of this town?

Prominent Speakers To Be Here.

On Wednesday evening, March 7th, at eight o'clock the people of Chester will have the opportunity of hearing addresses by Hon. Malcolm R. Patterson, former Governor of Tennessee, and Dr. Edwin I. Stearns, of New York City.

Mr. Patterson will lecture in the interest of prohibition and has a valuable message for the people of Chester, who no doubt, are more or less familiar with his public life.

Dr. Stearns talks are very humorous and Chester people will do well to hear him.

Everybody is invited to attend this meeting. There will be no admission fee.

Miss Mollie Thomas has returned to the city after spending several days with relatives in Pensacola, Fla.

Representatives Hall and Hemphill and Senator Brice have returned to their homes in the city.

SPECIAL for 98c. 1 Lot of new Spring waltzes, Valued up to \$1.50 at The S. M. Jones Co.

Mrs. S. W. Kluttz and sons, William and Sam, are visiting the former's parents, Mr. and Mrs. W. D. Bayley, in Anderson.

Mr. T. H. Glenn, son of Mr. J. L. Glenn, of this city, was chosen Wednesday night, at a preliminary contest to represent Wilford College at the State Oratorical contest to be held at Rock Hill in April. The subject of Mr. Glenn's speech was "The World War and a Greater Democracy."

A joint meeting of the special committee of the city council and the special street improvement committee of the Chamber of Commerce was held in the office of the Chamber of Commerce last night. The report of Mr. H. S. Jaudon, the engineer employed to make a survey of the streets was received. After reviewing the report the joint committee asked the Chamber of Commerce to call a mass meeting of the citizens this afternoon at four o'clock at the City Hall to consider improving some eight miles or more of city streets. The recommendation of the committee will be given at the meeting this afternoon.

Yesterday afternoon at the Withers school on College street the two domestic science clubs, of this city, formally presented the domestic science department of the school with a beautiful fumed oak dining room suit of furniture. Judge Cagle made the presentation while Col. J. H. Marion made the acceptance on the part of the trustees of the school. Mrs. L. T. Nichols, the founder of the domestic science club, presided.

Do you wish to preserve the life of your home-town? If you do, trade at

INAUGURATION OF PRESIDENT WOODROW WILSON.

The "South Carolina's Inauguration Special" will leave Columbia by the Southern Railway System on March 3rd, at 7:30 p. m., arriving Washington Sunday morning. Returning, leave Washington Tuesday night, March 6th, arriving Columbia Wednesday morning. Passengers will be taken on at York, Chester and Rock Hill and the train will be consolidated at Charlotte with the train from Greenville having the detachment from Greenwood, Anderson, Greenville and Spartanburg.

Governor Manning and staff, who selected the Southern Railway System as the official route to Washington, on the great occasion and the trip will be on the "South Carolina's Inaugural Special."

These wishing to remain longer in Washington can do so by the special round trip tickets which also are sold for all regular trains March 1st, to 4th, with final limit returning to each original starting point by March 10th. Extension may be had until April 10th, by depositing ticket and paying fee of one dollar.

The round trip fare from Chester, S. C. will be \$13.75. Pullman berth \$2.75 each direction from Chester. Fares in proportion from other points.

The Southern Railway System is making unusual preparation for handling the large travel expected to attend the inauguration and is prepared to render better service than ever before owing to the double track and electric block signal system which has been completed and is now in operation practically all the way from Charlotte to Washington.

Pullman reservations are now being booked for both directions at City Office of the Southern Railway, Main street, Columbia, and those expecting to make the trip are urged to apply at once for same, Hotel and boarding tickets also are being secured for those desiring it.

For further information and reservations apply to local agents or direct to H. McLean District Passenger Agent, Columbia, S. C.

EXCURSION FARES VIA SOUTHERN RAILWAY SYSTEM FROM CHESTER, S. C.

ATLANTA, GA. \$7.20
Account International Association of Rotary Clubs; tickets on sale June 15, 16 and 17 with final limit June 25, 1917.

COLUMBIA, S. C. \$2.25
Account Teachers' Association of South Carolina and Automobile Show; tickets on sale March 14, 15, 16 with final limit returning March 19, 1917.

MACON, GA. \$8.55
Account The Chautauqua of the South and Southern Conference for Education and Industry; tickets on sale March 17th, 18th, 19th with final limit returning April 10, 1917.

NEW ORLEANS, LA. \$22.60
Account Laymen's Religious Movement, Southern Presbyterian Church; tickets on sale March 11, 12, 13 with final limit March 21, 1917.

NEW ORLEANS, LA. \$12.70
Account Southern Baptist Convention; tickets on sale May 11 to 16 inclusive with final limit returning May 31, 1917. Limit may be extended until June 15, by depositing ticket and payment of fee of \$1.00.

WASHINGTON, D. C. \$13.70
Account inauguration of President Woodrow Wilson; tickets on sale March 1, 2, 3, 4 with final limit March 10, 1917. Limit may be extended until June 15, by depositing ticket and payment of fee of 50 cents.

Proportionately reduced fares from other points call on local Agents for further information or address S. H. McLean, DPA, Columbia, S. C.

RECEIVER'S SALE.
By virtue of a decretal order of the Court of Common Pleas for Chester County, I will sell at public auction before the Court House corner on Chester, S. C. at 11 o'clock A. M. on Monday March 5, 1917:

All that tract or plantation of land, situated in said County and State, with the dwelling house and other improvements thereon, containing two hundred forty four acres, more or less, bounded by lands of J. B. Westbrook and by the public road from Chester to Great Falls, and being known as tract "B" of the Kell Home Place. Terms of sale, one third cash, balance in two equal instalments due one and two years after sale, with interest on deferred portion at eight per cent, payable annually, deferred payment, to be secured by notes of purchaser and mortgage of premises, buildings to be kept insured for \$100.00, but purchaser may pay all cash. Purchaser to pay for papers. Sold in suit of B. D. Patrick Adm. Solv vs. Mrs. Katie Patrick Adm. Receiver etc. F-32.

The Southern Railway will operate an Inaugural Special to Washington.

NEWS OF RUPTURE ENRAGED KAISER

Paris Hears He Blamed Bernstorff to Forecast Wilson's Plan.

Paris, Feb. 17.—Hear from a very good source that the news of the rupture with the United States aroused like a bombshell in the imperial circles at Potsdam.

New tension with Washington after the submarine note was expected but nothing as drastic as a rupture. On the same morning (Feb. 3) a cablegram from Count von Bernstorff announced that a message note from President Wilson might be expected, but nothing else.

The Emperor received news of the rupture by the sitting down at the table and flew into a violent rage, those who were in touch with Potsdam circles affirmed.

Remarks made by the Emperor to her intimates gave the latter to understand that the imperial wrath was directed principally against von Bernstorff. The Emperor's representatives at Washington invariably created misunderstandings and had always been more lacking in tact, especially in handling "the hypocritical English" at Washington," meaning President Wilson.

Chancellor von Bethmann Hollweg finally managed to appease the Kaiser, taking up von Bernstorff's defense.

The Emperor ordered the Chancellor to be more circumspect and to avoid making matters worse. This would explain the memorandum, transmitted by the Swiss Minister, which was more laudatory in tone, especially following a message from the Chancellor.

Bernstorff's Pre-election Forecasts.
London, Feb. 17.—In connection with reports of Germany's surprise at America's attitude toward untried U-boat warfare, a surprise which was not in fact, especially standing the plain intimation concerning the Sussex note; President Wilson would not go to the length of being off hand in fact, especially the New York Times correspondent is now in a position of publish facts which developed during the Presidential election.

A neutral diplomat who came on a visit to London from the Continent brought detailed information about Germany's plans for extending submarine warfare. All preparations were being made, and, in a sense, all eyes were fixed upon America, for it was not in Berlin that the possibility of waging a ruthless submarine war without getting embroiled with America depended upon the result of the Presidential election. Count von Bernstorff's advice to Berlin were that if President Wilson was elected to serious opposition to the extension of the U-boat campaign need be apprehended from the United States.

These facts were made known to the correspondent under pledge that they would not be made public for reasons into which it is unnecessary to enter.

It is thought possible that after President Wilson's reelection Count von Bernstorff renewed his assurances to his Government that it could go ahead with the submarine campaign without apprehension from a serious break with the United States. Hence came the surprise, which the President's action caused in German official circles.

THE GIFT OF HOPE.

What would we do without the gift of hope? No matter how bitterly we feel on the verge of failure, no matter how discouraged we become because our plans have gone astray, no matter how different life proves from what we thought it would be, hope the healer is ever at hand to encourage and sustain us. We worry ourselves into nervous wrecks sometimes simply because we have not permitted hope to spread its healing wings; it is enough that disappointment instead of success crowns our efforts for us to give way beneath the bitterness of defeat and through this weak surrender of will-power and nerve-power degenerate into factors that count for nothing in life's practical problems.

There are two ways by which to accept the inevitable; one is by worrying endlessly over conditions and blaming nothing to oneself, the other is by facing the facts however hard, and with hope to sustain and reshape our lives. The choice lies with you. It is only by being a sincere creature who will hesitate as to which is best. We are living in stirring times; the past few years have witnessed rapidly changing conditions and rapidly developing problems. It may be that these conditions and problems will be brought closer to us than before, and we shall be called upon to make our individual readjustments as so many thousands of men and women have done in the recent past. If we continue to face with the inevitable and immediately concern our individual lives, even as we go to do so, worrying ourselves into nerve-racked being, incapable of assisting even in a small way in the solution of our domestic problems, or with that spirit of optimism which has ever characterized courageous men and women tirelessly and adjusting ourselves to their necessities. We can do nothing but give our lives to our disappointment with what life brings us; that is, nothing that is good or praiseworthy but much that produces bad results. We must be able to do this on the other hand, however, if we refuse to bear the blight of our disappointment and continue hopefully our efforts for the future, we accomplish with each new effort far more than we anticipate besides exerting a moral influence for good.

Even in our ordinary intercourse of life from day to day we can think a great deal of hope into our lives even if we do not feel it warm and glowing in our hearts. We shall say that we shall succeed where we keep on what happens, that we will overcome our obstacle or remove that which stands in our way, no matter how long it may take us to do so, at least we admit the presence of hope within us, and by degrees we are able to get our feet on a firm ground, the goal which we set for us. This is the spiritual hope that helps us to endure and to profit while enduring, and it is to Him that we must look for the assistance which we need much in time of trouble and disappointment. When we begin to feel discouraged we know that it is His way of helping us, and that we shall emerge a fight to show us the way out of our darkness we must keep it burning bright in our hearts.

Let us be sure that we will not be through peace of mind and happiness. Most of us have this hope somewhere in our hearts, but many of us do not know it is there, and we are sorrow and disappointment make their marks upon our lives. We are too much taken up with the anxiety of the moment, too much concerned about our immediate discomforts, too much wrapped up in our selfish thoughts to care whether or not the light of hope is able to send even feeble rays into our hearts. It is the selfishness of our own position which makes it so hard at times for us to look impartially upon certain results which, although unanticipated perhaps and undesired, were just as likely to come to us as to others.

Once we are able to look upon the results from another angle, however, it will not be long before we shall find something to encourage us, something to hearten us up a bit, something to make us see things are not so bad as we had supposed, and that something of course is the spirit of undaunted hope which God places in our hearts. It is a service which, notwithstanding when conditions make it necessary to reshape our lives, and it is true furthermore that some persons do the task more effectively than others, but that is only because some of us are so wicked to the old that we find it hard to take up the new, and because hope does not seem to spring so spontaneously in some hearts as in others. But, in all events, as long as we have hope in our hearts, and are careful in its use, it can always have something to work for, something to suffer for, something to make life worth while.

FIVE DAYS LATER WAS ABLE TO GO TO CHURCH

Was Sick in Bed Three Weeks Before She Started Taking Tanlac.
IMPROVEMENT WONDERFUL.

Could Not Keep Even Cold Water in Her Stomach for Two Days—Strong and Healthy Now.

Though she declared her condition at one time was so bad that she could not keep even cold water in her stomach, Mrs. J. G. Johnson of 587 North Church St., Spartanburg, declared Tanlac made such a rapid improvement in her condition that it put her "out of bed" and enabled her to do light housework in three days. Mrs. Johnson's remarkable statement and endorsement of Tanlac follows:

"I had catarrhal fever and what I think was a slight case of the grippe. I was very much sick at my stomach, much less my food. I had nausea and I finally lost heart. I became so weak and sick that I had to stay in bed. I stayed in bed three weeks and could not even sit up, and I was not able to get any sleep. I did not seem to be getting any relief, except that nausea was helped. I did not gain any strength at all, though, and I finally lost heart in that way of trying to regain my health, and I threw away all medicines and began taking Tanlac."

"Even in my ordinary intercourse of life from day to day we can think a great deal of hope into our lives even if we do not feel it warm and glowing in our hearts. We shall say that we shall succeed where we keep on what happens, that we will overcome our obstacle or remove that which stands in our way, no matter how long it may take us to do so, at least we admit the presence of hope within us, and by degrees we are able to get our feet on a firm ground, the goal which we set for us. This is the spiritual hope that helps us to endure and to profit while enduring, and it is to Him that we must look for the assistance which we need much in time of trouble and disappointment. When we begin to feel discouraged we know that it is His way of helping us, and that we shall emerge a fight to show us the way out of our darkness we must keep it burning bright in our hearts."

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Strained muscles or soreness following a cold or case of grippe are eased and relieved by an application of Sloan's Liniment. Does not stain the skin or clog the pores like musky ointments or ointments, and is absorbed quickly without rubbing. Limber up your muscles after exercise, drive out the pains and aches of rheumatism, neuralgia, lumbago, sprains and bruises with Sloan's Liniment. Get a bottle today. At all Druggists, 25c.

LAUNDRY AT UNION CLOSED DOORS.

Union, Feb. 21.—The Piedmont laundry under the management of C. L. Jackson for the past six months, has closed. Mr. Jackson says the local public did not give sufficient patronage to warrant continuation of the establishment. It may be possible for him to resume the business at some time in the future, if he secures the cooperation of the public.

Half Your Living Without Money Cost

A right or strong start in 1917 will mean of break most farmers in the South. We are facing a year of uncertainty that no man can foresee the future with any degree of clearness. The year and certain increase in cotton acreage means lower cotton prices. Cost of all food and grain products is high, so high that no man can afford to buy and expect to pay out with cotton.

It's a time above all others to play safe and produce all possible food, and because hope does not seem to spring so spontaneously in some hearts as in others. But, in all events, as long as we have hope in our hearts, and are careful in its use, it can always have something to work for, something to suffer for, something to make life worth while.

WANTED—To trade one good Cadillac touring car for good horse, Farming, Steam Laundry. S-T.

SPECIAL NOTICE.

Quite a number of members of the Chester County Farmers' Mutual Insurance Association have neglected to pay their assessments for 1917. All delinquents are requested to make settlement at once.

FOR CONGRESS.
Mr. W. F. Stevenson announces that he is running for Congress in his District on the platform of liberal aid for country roads, liberal support of the rural small facilities, right economy in governmental affairs, judicious preparation for national defense, and loyal support of the President in keeping us out of war.

LOANS NEGOTIATED ON FARM LANDS.
Wanted you to know that we are Mortgage Company making loans in South Carolina on improved farm lands in amounts of \$100 and over, on 5 year terms.

On loans of less than \$1,000 the interest rate is 7 per cent; and on loans of \$1,000 and over, 8 per cent.

We ask no money in advance for fees. If you want to get a loan handled quickly, write or see CHESTER REALTY & INVESTMENT CO.,
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I am in position to negotiate loans on mortgages upon real estate, at 7 per cent and 8 per cent, per annum, depending upon size of loan. No expense to be paid by borrower, except cost of drawing and recording papers.
SAM' E. McFADDEN,
Attorney-at-Law.

Faulty in His Diagnosis.
Mrs. Malaprop—Young Sharp will have to apologize to me before I speak to him again.
Miss Interest—Did he insult you?
Mrs. Malaprop—Did he? The last time I met him I told him that my uncle had leucomotor stasis, and I asked me if he whistled at crossings.

Children Cry for Fletcher's CASTORIA

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What is CASTORIA
Castoria is a harmless substitute for Castor Oil, Paregoric, Drops and Soothing Syrup. It is pleasant. It contains neither Opium, Morphine nor other narcotic substance. Its age is its guarantee. For more than thirty years it has been in constant use for the relief of Constipation, Flatulency, Wind, Colic and Diarrhoea; allaying Feverishness arising therefrom, and by regulating the Stomach and Bowels, aids the assimilation of Food; giving healthy and natural sleep. The Children's Panacea—The Mother's Friend.

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THE ANNUAL MEETING last Tuesday night at the Court House closed our 25th year of service to the people of Chester County.

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