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TUESDAY, MARCH 20

We wonder if there will be a scarcity of blackberries?

It's lucky that some of our ancestors came over before this recent immigration law became effective.

Atlantians are learning how to caulk, and we would also suggest that they learn how to eat soup without making so much "fas" about it.

Drink, drink and be merry. For soon you'll be home dry. Unless you tell the Probate Judge a big old lie.

We notice a saloon keeper in New York who has been in business for fourteen years, clearing \$100,000 per annum, has decided to quit the business because he does not have the right to sell whiskey. Wonder who his "thinker" didn't work before he got all that coin?

Old Father Hubbard. Went to the cupboard. To wet his whisker with rum. But he mistook as he drank. And patted his tank with a grin. "Old Timmy, you'll soon be home dry."

Chester county will never make any progress as long as the majority of its citizens look backward. Our Creator placed our eyes in front, not behind, that we might see the things we ought to do.

Some people appear to be against the home lease because it will place a job on the county. The most successful business establishments in the United States are money borrowers. South Carolina has a million men who are worth a million dollars, and yet we venture to say that over one of them has money borrowed.

A WAR OF FATS. Hogs were sold last week in Chicago for 15 cents a pound. In New York, the market for hogs is about 10 cents. The average price in the same market from 1892 to 1903 was less than 8 cents; from 1892 to 1913, less than 10 cents. Pork in New York sold for \$35.50 to \$38 a barrel, against an average of \$22.50 and \$18.50 in the two ten-year periods preceding the war. Corn, on which pigs are fed, sells high because of the demand acting upon the basis of a short crop.

Pork and pork products rate to these amazing prices because the war is in progress. Fat is a war commodity, either in the manufacture of munitions, drive or lubrication, and nourish the civil and fighting population. For the latter purpose, mineral oils are not available. The great war weakness of Germany is not lack of men but lack of fat. 25,000,000 of her people have not fat enough to ward off tuberculosis for a prolonged period. This lack, more than that of bread or potatoes, causes the amazing statement by Deputy Health Minister Reichstag that some parents are killing their children because they cannot feed them.

In Great Britain fats are about to be rationed; by public authority. Even in our own country their high price is a matter of the most serious concern. For years the world has been an eager buyer of all the hog American farmers can raise—New York World.

Where Peanuts Have Replaced Cotton. Last year Comanche County, Texas, which until a few years ago grew hardly any commercial crop except cotton, made more than half a million bushels of peanuts; says a writer in the current issue of Farm, Poultry and Fireside. "This year there are a dozen counties west and south of Fort Worth that are producing from a quarter to a million bushels of peanuts. That section has had a social monopoly on the peanut in history, for they are being grown all over Texas and Oklahoma, but not in quite such an extensive scale as the locality mentioned."

The peanut is a drought resistant, and there is hardly a summer so hot and dry that it will not make a fair good crop. When the hot, dry days come it will look as if it was going to shrivel up, but whenever a shower of rain comes, it begins to set on its feet again. It may be planted from April until June, and is usually harvested in October or November.

"SKY-HIGH" COTTON.

The following article has been handed us for publication and we think our farmer readers will give it the consideration it deserves. It is difficult to figure how the Southern farmer who is content with planting cotton and expecting this year expects to get the price for all kinds of foodstuffs is going to remain abnormal for at least 18 months, no matter whether war continues or peace comes.

Premier Lloyd George in his last address to parliament and in the English paper went into the question of the world's future food supply and he felt safe in extending to English farmers and English stock raisers the government's guarantee of minimum prices and minimum wages for a period of three years from now, which are an advantage of from 30 to 40 per cent over normal prices and wages.

Even if the war should come to an unexpected termination at once, the depleted food supplies of every European nation, the famine in live stock of all kinds and the war relieved under three or four years, the lack of all kinds of farming and gardening implements, even the most of the simplest kind—would increase rather than decrease the food export demands upon this country for a period of three years from now, which in this conclusion practically every student of the problem, in every country, agrees.

It is our opinion to the conclusion that the Southern farmer is certain to buy as high prices next winter for his cotton as he has for the last year. Even if he has a good cotton crop and he gets 20 cents for it—two things which he has not had for a long time—he will not be ahead, unless he also raises enough foodstuffs to supply his family and his stock.

It needs nothing more than prevailing market prices to prove this. To rely solely upon cotton now—just as short-sighted business men do—certainly a short and direct road to financial disaster as it was the road to ruin for the farmer who sold his "Sky-high" cotton has been overvalued and passed by food commodities prices that have gone up as fast as short-sighted business men of 1917 will not purchase as much food for the farmer and feed for his live stock as the \$40 bale of 1914 would purchase. There is no guesswork about this. It is a fact, and one can't get around facts.

The \$40 bale in 1914 would purchase 100 bushels of potatoes. Now the \$100 bale will buy only 44 bushels.

Seven hundred and fifty pounds of lard could have been purchased with a \$50 bale three years ago; but now only 555 pounds of lard can be bought with \$100.

The cotton farmer got 22 barrels of flour for his \$60; but his \$100 now will buy only 10 barrels.

Five dollars of 1914 would buy 100 bushels of corn. Now the \$100 bale will buy only 44 bushels.

The farmer who increases cotton acreage will probably lessen his corn acreage. Consider this: A \$40 bale of cotton would purchase 100 bushels of corn. But the farmer who has to buy corn now gets only 83 bushels for a \$100 bale.

Sixty dollars of cotton would formerly buy six tons of good hay; but it now takes \$100 to buy only five tons of hay.

The gravity of the situation may be realized when it is stated that at a recent meeting of experiment stations and general agricultural extension workers held in New Orleans, it was learned that chances are ten to one that 25 per cent increase in cotton acreage in some States, it is estimated that 50 per cent more cotton will be planted, and in some communities farmers are planning to forget everything else and jump headlong into the uncertain glory of high-priced cotton.

It certainly is a lot of all commercial and banking interests of the South, whose future prosperity is largely dependent upon the prosperity of the farmer, to use their influence to prevent the South's being planted in cotton this year at the expense of food and forage crops. The South has been a greater need to preach crop diversification than now.

HELD IN ORANGEBURG

Two Charged With Operating Illicit Still.

Orangeburg, March 12.—Paul Churchwell and Carl Henry, Cooper section of Orangeburg county have been brought before United States Commissioner L. Leroy Dukes and committed to jail in default of bail, they being charged with operating an illicit distillery. These parties were arrested in Georgia and taken before a United States commissioner of that State and discharged, but upon their return to South Carolina, they were arrested by the marshal of the eastern district of South Carolina and held for trial at the April term of the United States district court, which convenes in April.

Hog, dairy cattle, corn and velvet beans will make a combination sufficient to make any boll weevil look like thirty cents.

FOR THE LITTLE BELGIANS

(Written For The News.) The dire need of the Belgian child has lain heavy upon the hearts of some of Chester's women, and Tuesday morning in the Chamber of Commerce, these ladies formed an organization for special relief work.

Their idea is to forward a contribution now to Belgium. Headquarters in New York, and probably to form neighborhood clubs, among the children as well as the grown-ups, for the collection of another fund to be sent later.

Mrs. S. Adams was elected secretary and treasurer, with the following ladies as solicitors in the various parts of town: Mrs. S. C. Miller, Mrs. Z. V. Davidson, Mrs. T. M. Douglas, Mrs. I. C. Cross, Mrs. R. Moffatt.

If you are unintentionally overlooked by these workers, won't you just hand your contribution to one of them or to Mrs. Adams? Thank you.

Our town has generously responded to Belgium's call twice before. This, too, alas, hunger won't stay "put" at the little children's just as near starvation today as they were this time last year. There is an inadequate bread and broom line and from it the normal children have to be taken before the food is served—there is only enough for those who are rationed. One day, at the end of even this line, was a gaunt-eyed little girl and her emaciated baby brother. The attendant was in tears, and she said: "Give it to him," replied the small sister weeping, "perhaps I'll be here tomorrow, but mother says he'll die if he doesn't get something today." While the baby greedily licked his glass, dinnerless, supperless.

Won't you send her a cup of cocoa and a roll every day for a month? One dollar will do it. Please!

WATER ANALYSIS.

Sanitary Analysis No. 1696 of water received March 7, 1917, from Chester Water Works, Chester, S. C.

Results in parts per million: Color 10.00 Chlorine 5.00 Hardness 105.00

Bacterial Indications of Contamination Negative. Remarks—Analyses indicate water to be of good quality and free from contamination.

Respectfully submitted, F. L. PARKER, M. D. Cotton

OIL WELL FLOWING AT CLIO.

C. F. Jackson Makes Important Discovery While Building Flour Mill on Plantation.

Clio, March 19.—Discovery of oil within four miles of Clio has created tremendous excitement here. The flowing well of crude oil was discovered within five feet of the surface several days ago. By C. H. Jackson well engaged in building a flour mill on his plantation of 360 acres.

The oil flow was not taken seriously at first, although a number of Clio people went out to look at it Saturday. Many more visited it yesterday and it is unmistakably oil and continues to flow. It has been accepted today as a matter of much moment.

Samples have been sent to experts for judgment as to the value of the oil and steps will be taken at once to take advantage of this unheeded.

Pending advice from the colleges and universities which have been called into consultation there is considerable excitement in Clio and much speculation as to the future the town may have through this appropriation of all its oil door step. No investigations have been made on property near the Jackson place.

Washington, March 17.—"God sent me to see the President; he told me to instruct him to do the best methods of settling the conditions of the working girls in Russia and in the United States." This statement was made by Anna Rachkileva, 38 years of age and pretty, who was arrested at the White House today. The woman was sent to the Washington Asylum Hospital for observation.

Mrs. Rachkileva told the police that she was a native of Russia. She had come to Washington from New York on Friday. She said that her New York address was 523 West 132d Street, and that she is a seamstress. She spent Friday night at a hotel here. Only \$2 was found on her.

The following numbers show the standing of our piano club leaders. Get busy and don't be at the bottom.

- 1. No. 1 13. No. 52
2. No. 68 14. No. 61
3. No. 53 15. No. 79
4. No. 157 16. No. 80
5. No. 154 17. No. 129
6. No. 153 18. No. 131
7. No. 4 19. No. 144
8. No. 3 20. No. 149
9. No. 12 21. No. 158
10. No. 22 22. No. 160
11. No. 26 23. No. 161
12. No. 48 24. No. 108
25. No. 117

Mrs. S. H. Hardin, Jr. was awarded the Silverware in Piano Contest.

Mr. H. B. Murphy was awarded the prize March 17th.

Lowrance Brothers 153 Gadden St. Phone, Store 292. Residence 136 and 356.

VIRTUAL STATE OF WAR EXIST

Wilson inaugurates Movement for Speeding Up of Plans for Coping With German Menace. Suggested That Special Session of Congress May Be Hastened.

Washington, March 19.—President Wilson is expected to address the next 48 hours to indicate definitely what he believes a virtual state of war exists between the United States and Germany. Officers from Plymouth that 15 men, some of them American merchantmen "Vigilante," was struck without warning by a German submarine added, if possible, to the already grave view of the situation held here as a result of the destruction of the Vigilante, "Six Illinois and the City of Memphis.

Whether the president will hasten the extra session of congress, called for April 10, or will take additional steps to protect American commerce without this move was not disclosed.

No official pretense to know his plans, and the general view was that he was still considering the question of the mutual declaration of war.

A cabinet meeting probably will be held tomorrow afternoon and at that time the situation arising out of the new acts of aggression on the part of Germany is expected to be thoroughly canvassed.

Protestation for aggressive action to protect American rights began today when the president visited the war department personally and directed Secretary Daniels to utilize the \$115,000,000 made available by congress to hasten naval building plans.

The New York navy yard will begin to begin the construction of 60 submarine chasers, and announcements were made that bids for 200 more will be opened Wednesday.

Through the early graduation of the classes at Annapolis and the mobilization of reserves it is proposed to make it possible to man quickly all ships of the navy.

Secretary Daniels also took up the question of communication informally with Great Britain and France to discuss cooperation in the protection of commerce lanes across the Atlantic.

This step probably will not be taken until the course of the United States has been finally determined. In addition to his conference with Secretary Daniels, the president saw Secretaries Lansing and McAdoo and William Denman, chairman of the federal shipping board, and there was every indication that he was grasping out comprehensive plans for the protection of American interests in any eventuality.

It is generally conceded that already a virtual state of war exists with Germany in spite of the technical armed neutrality status of the United States.

A suggestion advanced tonight was that the president might issue a call for congress to meet within ten days, and in his proclamation point out the new situation facing the nation since he asked for authority to establish a state of armed neutrality.

ARRESTED AT WHITE HOUSE.

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UNPREPAREDNESS

SHOCKS GERARD Surprised to Find Uncle Sam Unarmed, Says Envoy.

New York, March 16.—James W. Gerard, former ambassador to Germany, emphasized in a public address at the city hall after his arrival here today, the necessity for military and naval preparation of the United States. "When I came back to this country," he said, "it was a positive shock to me to find that in the two years in which the world has been at peace there has been no preparation for even a reasonable means of national defense."

"There is only one thing," Mr. Gerard continued, "and that is universal military training. That nation that stands opposite us today has probably not less than 12,000,000 men under arms. I have seen the Germans take prisoner in one afternoon more men than there are in the United States army."

Mr. Gerard, who had just completed a 7,231-mile trip from Berlin, paid tribute to the loyalty of German-Americans and asserted that he would be willing to lead a regiment of them in the event of war with Germany and "feel sure that I would not be shot in the back."

NO CHEER IN BERLIN

Little Hope There for Advantages of Peace.

Copenhagen (via London), March 17.—The German view of the Russian revolution, so far as it can be made out from the press comments telegraphed here and from utterance of informed German circles, is that the revolution by no means presages a weakening of the Russian conduct of the war for the time being. No hopes of a change in Russia's determination to continue the struggle of the war were made that bids for 200 more will be opened Wednesday.

There seems to be a disposition in certain quarters that the day of Emperor Nicholas' abdication may be celebrated as the birthday of peace, but this idea finds little favor where what are believed to be the best informed German circles. These circles, however, seem to anticipate that the new Russian ministry, although it probably is united in determination to prosecute the war with vigor, may later meet with difficulties which ultimately will help the cause of the central empire. The government, if a separate peace is not only not faced by the open opposition of the ousted faction, but will be exposed to attacks of thousands of revolutionaries of the kind who have been bred upon the spirit of revolt against the government.

A dispatch from Vienna reports that the news of the revolution was greeted by Russian soldiers in the trenches with an outburst of cheering.

Attend the Mass Meeting next Monday in Chester.

THE RODMAN-BROWN CO. Three Special Values In New Spring Silks at \$1.29, \$1 and 45c yd. WE HAVE JUST RECEIVED A BIG LOT OF SILKS FOR THIS SPECIAL SALE. Special No. 1 Crepe de Chine, Taffets, Georgette Crepe, Charmeuse, Satin and Sport Silks, most all wanted shades, 36 to 40 in., values \$1.30 to \$2.00 yard, best goes first, your choice, per yard . . . \$1.29 Special No. 2 Taffets, Messalines, Wash Silks, Shirting Silks, Pongees, Crepe de Chine, Poplin Plaids and Stripes, 36 to 40 inches wide, regular price \$1.25 to \$1.50 per yard, your choice, the yard . . . \$1.00 Special No. 3 Silk Crepes, Silk Pongees, Striped Shirtings, White Habutai, Jap Silks and Fancies, 27 to 36 inches wide, values to 75c yard, choice, the yard . . . 45c Ribbons Plain and fancy, most all shades, regular price, 25 to 50c per yard, special this week, per yard . . . 21c C. M. C. CROCHET COTTON, 10c ball at 3 for . . . 25c

The Rodman-Brown Co. The Absolute Rule of The PEOPLE. Throughout the civilized world is not far away. The rumblings of the storm now breaking of the "Rotten Thrombs of Europe are quite audible to those who have ears to hear. The day is not far distant when the people are going to arise in their might, and take the reins of government into their own hands. Then, and not until then will tyranny and oppression disappear from the face of the Earth. In the meantime, we expect to escape this country with a fine tooth comb, so to speak, for Big Bargains in Watches, Clocks, Jewelry, China, Cut Glass, Bells, Toys and Novelties of almost every description for our Store in Chester, S. C. You are cordially invited to make our store your Headquarters while in the City. W. R. & Pinkston Nail NEAR CITY HALL.

At CLOUD'S New and pretty Spring Goods of all kinds arriving every day. You are cordially invited to come in and see them. A few very special prices on some lines that must be closed out. I got E. P. Reed's patent leather lace boot with white kid top. A very stylish boot and a grand style for early spring and summer. Were sold for \$8.50, now . . . \$6.48 I got E. P. Reed's Havana brown kid boot with black let in top with cream. This is an exceptionally fine dress shoe and good fitter. All sizes and widths, sold for \$10.00. Will close them out now for . . . \$6.98 Just arrived full line of spring dress goods in stripes, plain and fancy, and widths and all varieties of materials at 15c, 17 1/2c, 25c, and 50c. Also all kinds of new white skirts in the new and wanted materials for spring wear. Prices from 15c to 50c per yard. Children's new gingham dresses in new styles and pretty patterns, ages 2 to 6 years . . . 25c to 50c Ages 6 to 14 years . . . 50c to \$1.00 Also beautiful little blue and striped overalls for little fellows from 2 to 6 years. Just the thing for service, per pair . . . 50c Just arrived another shipment "Wishmore" \$1.00 white wash waists. Everybody knows this to be the best value for the money on the market. Be sure to see the new styles in voile and serge and . . . \$1.60 New white wash skirts in gaberdine and checks and self stripes, all good styles and perfect fitting skirts, see them at . . . \$1.50 Middy blouses are fine for service when you get the ones that are made of the right materials and made right. We have them made of heavy white Galatea with colored collars and cuffs and plain whites, also a few styles in fancy blouses, 50c, \$1.00 and \$1.25. NEW MUSLIN UNDERWEAR. All new, well made, and faintly trimmed, beautiful undergarments at 50c, 75c, \$1.00, and \$1.50. Also plain hospital gowns, 50c and \$1.00. Corset covers, chemises, and all kinds of underlinens. LITTLE BOYS. Little boys' new spring blouses, 25c and 50c. Little boys' new spring blouses and shirts . . . 25c, 30c, and 50c. Little boys' overalls 50c. Pants 50c to \$1.00. Little boys' union suits at 25c and 50c. LADIES' READY-TO-WEAR. New skirts, new dresses, new suits, new coats, new waists, new neckwear, new underwear, new pumps and slippers.

THE BIG STORE

FREE!
During The Month Of
MARCH

We will give during the month of March one year's subscription to McCall Magazine and one pattern with each each Cash Purchase of \$5.00 and over.

The S. M. Jones Company

LOCAL and PERSONAL

Cotton 18.40
 Cotton Seed 76c

Beginning March 1st we will give free for one month with every cash purchase of five dollars and over one year's subscription to McCall's Magazine and one pattern. The S. M. Jones Co.

Miss Lella Grant, of this city, has accepted a position as operator for the Lancaster Telephone Company, at Lancaster.

Chester High School—Base Ball Uniforms on display. Murphy Hardware Co.

Miss Annie Elliott went to Backsville yesterday, where she will spend several days with Miss Marie Hindman.

Ladies, we have a beautiful line of white kid boots in the latest styles for spring wear, at very low prices. The S. M. Jones Co.

Mr. William King and family, of Camden, are visiting relatives in Chester.

Mr. George Latimer, of the University of South Carolina, spent the weekend in the city with relatives.

OWING to enormous advances in the price of coal and continued advances in supplies forced on us we will be compelled to advance all laundry work the small amount of ten per cent commencing March 1st.

Opening—We will have our Spring Millinery opening on Thursday and Friday, March 22nd and 23rd, and cordially invite the ladies of Chester and Chester county to pay us a visit and inspect our line. The Chester Millinery Co.

Mrs. W. A. Turner and Mr. and Mrs. Ralph Wall spent the week-end in the Landford section with the former's sister, Mrs. J. T. McFadden.

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Mr. J. B. McFadden, of Fort Lawn, was a Chester visitor yesterday.

Japalac, Ocedar Mops, Ocedar polish, Johnson Floor Wax, Past Down. We deliver promptly. Murphy Hardware Co.

BUY THE BEST SHINGLE
 the market affords if you want the worth of your money. Cheap grades mean early repairs, and frequent repairs cost heavily in the long run.
COME AND SEE US
 when you are ready to buy shingles. We have them bought right and will sell them right.

SATISFACTION IN PRICE AND QUALITY GUARANTEED TO ALL BUYERS.
Chester Machine & Lumber Co.
 THE YARD OF QUALITY
 South Carolina

Instead of prayer meeting services at Purity Presbyterian church Wednesday evening, services will be held Friday evening at 8 o'clock, preparatory for communion Sunday. Dr. J. O. Reavis will conduct the services. Friday evening and also Sunday.

A-LARGE STOCK of Paits, Varnishes, and Stains at J. A. Walker.

Master John C. McFadden, son of Mr. and Mrs. S. E. McFadden, underwent an operation at the Chester Sanatorium Sunday.

Beginning March 1st we will give free for one month with every cash purchase of five dollars and over one year's subscription to McCall's Magazine and one pattern. The S. M. Jones Co.

Mrs. J. Lee Young has returned from a visit to relatives at Chester and Lowryville, being accompanied by her sister, Miss Lettie Abell-Clinton Chronicle.

Young Men, ask to see Stetson's new spring hat called "Town Topic." The S. M. Jones Co.

Miss Sadie Craig, of the Timmonsville High School faculty, spent the weekend in Chester with relatives.

NOW IS THE TIME for housekeepers to save money, as my large stock of groceries will be closed out. Everything in fresh goods. Jos. A. Walker.

The spring term of court for Chester county will convene next Monday, March 28th.

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The suits for the Chester High School baseball team have arrived and are on display at the Murphy, Hardware Company's store.

The team has been practicing for some time and promise Chester people some excellent games this season.

Poultry Wires, all heights—Good. Farmer hose 12 1/2' per foot. Murphy Hardware Co.

Farmers of South Carolina will have an opportunity to sell hogs for higher prices this winter than at any time for several years. Good porkers are expected to bring 14 to 15 cents a pound on the best market this year.

The Weekly Club Calendar.
 St. Cecilia Club Tuesday—10-30 A. M. Hostess, Mrs. John White.
 Executive Board of Patterson Library association—Tuesday, 4:30 o'clock.
 The Emery Club—Thursday, 4 o'clock. Hostess, Mrs. J. L. Cuthbertson.
 Civic Improvement Association—Thursday, 4 A. M. Chamber of Commerce.
 Palmetto Club—Friday, 4 o'clock. Hostess, Mrs. R. L. Douglas.

The Hardin Motor Co., of Chester, State distributors for the Chandler automobile, have opened a branch at Columbia at 823 Main street, with John V. Turner in charge as local manager. Mr. Hardin, in talking of the Chandler, which sells at \$1,395, says that it is very, very proud of the way in which the Chandler checks with the highest grade cars in the features that he considers characteristic of high grade design and most excellent service. Mr. Hardin says that his content of the more of these features than any other medium priced car. The different models will be shown from this date at the Columbia branch as well as at Chester, the State headquarters—Columbia State.

Parity Extends Call To Dr. Anderson
 At a congregational meeting at Parity Presbyterian church Sunday morning Rev. R. C. Reed, of Columbia Theological Seminary presiding, a call to the pastorate of Dr. Anderson was extended to Dr. Neal I. Anderson, D. D., who is now acting as President of the Austin Theological Seminary in Austin, Texas. Dr. Anderson is the youngest foremost ministers in the southern Presbyterian church and is a graduate of Princeton Theological Seminary.

Before going to Austin, several months ago, he was pastor of the First Presbyterian Church, of Winston-Salem, N. C., where he did great work.

Death Of Mr. Chas. M. Adams.
 Leeds, March 12th.—Chas. M. Adams of Saluda, after a lingering illness, died at the home of his wife, Mrs. A. M. Wylie, in the Halabelville manse Saturday night at eleven o'clock, aged thirty three years and six months.

The deceased was a young man of high moral character and sterling integrity, and shared the esteem and confidence of all his acquaintances and business associates; an affectionate brother, devoted husband and loyal friend.

When he was twelve years of age he joined Good Hope Baptist Church. At the time of his death he held membership with Red Bank Baptist Church at Saluda.

The burial was at Beaver's creek at the noon hour Monday, the services being conducted by the pastor the Rev. E. D. Wells.

Besides his wife and four weeks old child, Charles Coleman Adams, he leaves two brothers: Messrs. W. P. Adams, Columbia, J. O. Adams, Greenville, and three sisters, Mrs. A. M. Wylie, Greenwood, Mrs. Jessie Thrallick, and Mrs. L. E. Johnson, Saluda. His three sisters and one brother, Mr. W. P. Adams, attended his funeral.

ENTERTAINMENT AT BASCOMVILLE.
 Minstrel Show at Bascomville school house Friday night, March 22nd, 7:30 P. M. And listen! Did you know this show is composed of about 18 young men of the community—the best talent in the community—all of their high-class actors, who have been drilling and drilling for weeks and are now perfect? Well, they make you split your sides laughing. These sixteen coal black niggers—the best white men of the community—will have three songs to sing on the night of March 23rd—three songs that will make you laugh, and they will make you cry. Yes, sob, they have six jokes that will make you laugh a month, all by niggers, three monologues, all by niggers, March 22nd. Bascomville at 7:30 P. M. Now that's just the "best part" above and the "very best" is two plays each about 20 minutes long. Each of these plays will drive away the blues for a month. Everybody's coming. Children 15 cents, grown-ups 25 cents.

Reward—For laprobe lost on Oak or Luma street. Henry Samuels.

Messrs. W. R. and Pinkston Nall as usual, will close their stores at 4 o'clock P. M. from April 2nd, until Sept. 1st, Saturdays excepted.

Professional Notices—Dr. W. L. Davidson is again at his office, prepared to serve his patrons.

The Largest Line of Keen Kutter Garden Tools ever—see window. Murphy Hardware Co.

Dr. W. Gill Wylie, of New York City, is in the city visiting relatives and friends.

The members of the Civic Improvement Association are urged to be present at a meeting to be held in the Chamber of Commerce Thursday afternoon at four o'clock.

Base Ball Shoes—all sizes—Spalding's. Murphy Hardware Co.

The Christian Endeavor Society, of Purity Presbyterian church, has written Dr. Anderson, of Austin, Texas, who has been called to the pastorate of the church, urging that he accept the call.

Messrs. S. L. Canalis and John J. Kelly, both of whom were operated on for appendicitis at the Pryor Hospital last week, are getting along nicely and expect to be able to leave the hospital the latter part of this week.

Efforts are now being made to have a Sub-postoffice established at the Wylie Mills, about one mile W. of the city. The population of this section is increasing rapidly and the establishment of the office at that point would be a great convenience.

MORE GARDENS UP
 ESTATE NOTICE.
 All persons indebted to the late Henry A. Clayborn, deceased, will kindly make immediate payment to the undersigned, or to W. H. Newbold, attorney for the estate. All persons having claims against said estate will present same properly proven.
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What is CASTORIA
 Castoria is a harmless substitute for Castor Oil, Purgative, Drops and Soothing Syrups. 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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It's lucky that some of our ancestors came over before this recent immigration law became effective.

Allotments are learning how to raise, and we would also suggest that they learn how to eat soup without making so much fuss about it.

Drink, drink and be merry.

For soon you'll be home, my boy.

Unless you tell the Probate judge a big old lie.

We notice a saloon keeper in New York who has been in business for fourteen years, clearing \$100,000 per annum, has decided to quit the business because he does not think a right to sell whiskey. Wonder who his "customer" didn't thank before he got that quit.

Old Father Hubbard.

Went to the cupboard.

To get his whisky with you.

And patted his dandy.

And patted his tank.

And "Old Tommy, you'll soon be home dry."

Chester county will never make any progress as long as the majority of the citizens look backward. Why? Chester placed our eyes in front, a why not follow nature's lines and stop looking backward?

Some people appear to be against the bond issue because it will place a load on the county. The most successful business establishments in the United States are money borrowers.

Virginia has eight million dollars over and we venture to say that every one of them has money hoarded.

A WAR OF FATS.

Hogs were sold last week in Chicago for 15 cents a pound. In New York, last sold close to 80 cents wholesale. The average price in the same market from 1904 to 1906 was less than 8 cents.

The corn farmer got 22 barrels of flour for his \$60, but his \$100 would buy only 10 barrels.

The farmer who increases cotton acreage will probably lessen his corn acreage. Consider this: A \$60 bale of cotton would buy 100 bushels of corn. But the farmer who has to buy corn now gets only 83 bushels for a \$100 bale.

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"SKY-HIGH" COTTON.

The following article has been handed over for publication and we trust our farmer readers will give it the consideration it deserves.

It is difficult to figure how the Southern farmer, who is contentedly making cotton his one crop this year, is likely to win there is no doubt that the price for all kinds of foodstuffs is going to remain abnormally high for at least another year, no matter whether war continues or peace comes.

Promer Lloyd-George in his last speech in parliament and the English people went into the question of the nation's future food supply and he felt safe in extending to English farmers and English farm workers the government's guarantee of minimum prices and minimum wages for a period of three years from now, which are an advantage of from 30 to 80 per cent over normal prices and wages.

Even if the war should come to an end, the excitement and the English depleted food supplies of every European nation, the famine in Liverpool and all kinds of other things, the lack of all kinds of farming and gardening implements—even those of the simplest kind—will still exist. There are no food export demands upon this country for a period of another 18 months to two years. In this condition practically all the food of the globe, of every country, agrees.

All this points to the conclusion that the Southern farmer who has not had other commodities as he has at other times. Even if he has a good cotton crop and his other crops are not so good, he cannot expect to get ahead, unless he also raises other foodstuffs, to supply his family and his stock.

It needs nothing more than present market prices to prove this. To really get the best of the game, as just as short-staple business and as generally a short and direct route to the market as to wool, the cotton was selling at only 12 cents.

"Sky-high" cotton has been overtaken and passed by food and farm products that have advanced to a higher level.

Seven hundred and fifty pounds of land could have been purchased with a \$60 bale three years ago; but now only 335 pounds of land can be bought for the same \$60.

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FOR THE LITTLE BELGIANS

(Written For The News.) The dire need of the Belgian children has lain heavy upon the hearts of some of Chester's women.

Tuesday morning, in the Chamber of Commerce, these ladies formed an organization for special relief work. Their idea is to forward a contribution now to Belgian Headquarters, in New York, and probably to form neighborhood clubs, among the children as well as the grown-ups, for the collection of another fund to be sent later.

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If you are unintentionally overlooked by these workers, won't you just hand your contribution to one of them or to Mrs. Adams? Thank her for her good work.

Our town has generously responded to Belgian's call twice before, but this, alas, hunger won't stay still and the little children are just as near starvation today as they were this time last year.

There exists an inadequate bread and broth for the small children who are to be taken before the food is served—there is only enough for those who are starving. Oh, day, at the end of over something, was a caunt-eyed little girl and her emaciated baby brother.

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Samples have been sent to experts for judgment as to the value of the oil and steps will be taken at once to take advantage of this unheaven.

Pending advice from the colleges and universities which have been called into consultation there considerable excitement in Clio and much speculation as to the future the oil may have through this appearance of oil at its door step. No investigations has been made on property near the Jackson place.

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Wilson Inaugurates Movement for Speeding Up of Plans for Copping With German Menace. Congress The Special Session of Congress May Be Hastened.

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SHOCKS GERARD

Surprised to Find Uncle Sam Unarmed, Says Envoys. New York, March 16.—James W. Gerard, former ambassador to Germany, emphasized in a public address at the city hall after his arrival here today, the necessity for military and naval preparation of the United States.

"When I came back to this country," he said, "I was a positive shock to me to find that in the two years in which the world has been on fire we have done nothing to prepare for even a reasonable measure of self-defense."

"There is only one thing," Mr. Gerard continued, "and that is universal military training. That nation that stands opposite us today has probably not less than 12,000,000 men under arms. I have seen the Germans take prisoner in one afternoon more men than there are in the United States army."

Mr. Gerard, who had just completed a 23-day trip from Berlin, paid tribute to the loyalty of German-Americans and asserted that he would be willing to lead a regiment of them in the event of war with Germany and "feel sure that I would not be shot in the back."

NO CHEER IN BERLIN

Little Hope There for Advantageous Turn.

Copenhagen (via London), March 17.—The German view of the Russian revolution, so far as it can be made out from the press comments telegraphed here and from utterance of informed German circles, is that the revolution by no means presages a weakening of the Russian conduct of the war for the time being. No hopes of a change in Russian determination to continue the struggle of overtures for a separate peace is expected. On the contrary, it seems to be believed more of a war government.

There seems to be a disposition in certain quarters that the day of Emperor Nicholas' abdication may be celebrated as the rebirth of peace, but this idea finds little favor in what are believed to be the best informed German circles. These circles, however, seemingly anticipate that the new Russian ministry, although it probably is united in determination to prosecute the war with vigor, may later find itself in difficulties which ultimately will help the cause of the central empire.

The government, they predict, will not only be faced by the open opposition of the ousted faction, but will be exposed to attacks of thousands of revolutionaries released from prisons and returned from exile, who have been bred upon the spirit of revolt against the government.

It is generally considered that at ready a virtual state of war exists with Germany in spite of the technical armed neutrality status of the United States.

A suggestion advanced tonight was that the president might send a message to Congress to meet within ten days, and in his proclamation point out the new situation facing the nation since he asked for authority to establish a state of armed neutrality.

ARRESTED AT WHITE HOUSE.

Washington, March 17.—"God sent me to see the President; he told me to instruct him as to the best methods of settling the conditions of the working girls in Russia and in the United States." This statement was made by Anna Rachleika, 28 years of age and pretty, who was arrested at the White House today.

Mrs. Rachleika told the police that she was a native of Russia. She had come to Washington from New York on Friday. She said that her New York address was 223 West 123d Street, and that she is a seamstress. She spent Friday night at a hotel here. Only \$2 was found on her.

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Special No. 1

Crepe de Chine, Taffets, Georgette Crepe, Charmeuse, Satins and Sport Silks in most wanted shades, 36 to 40 in., values \$1.50 to \$2.00 yard, best good first, your choice, per yard \$1.29

Special No. 2

Taffets, Massalins, Wash Silks, Shirting Silk, Pongees, Crepe de Chine, Poplin Plaids and Stripes, 36 to 40 inches wide, regular price \$1.25 to \$1.50 yard, your choice, the yard \$1.00

Special No. 3

Silk Crepe, Silk Poplin, Striped Shirtings, White Habutai, Jap Silks and Fancies, 27 to 36 inches wide, values to 75c yard, choice, the yard 45c

Ribbons

Plain and fancy, most all shades, regular price, 25 to 50c per yard, special this week, per yard 21c

C. M. C. CROCHET COTTON, 10c ball at 3 for 25c

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throughout the civilized world is not far away. The rumblings of the storm now breaking of the "Rotten Thrones of Europe are quite audible to those who have ears to hear. The day is not far distant when the people are going to arise in their might, and take the reins of government into their own hands. Then, and not until then will tyranny and oppression disappear from the face of the Earth. In the meantime, we expect to scrape this country with a fine tooth comb, so to speak, for Big Business in Watches, Clocks, Jewelry, China, Cut Glass, Dolls, Toys and Novelties of almost every description for our Store in Chester, S. C.

You are cordially invited to make our store your Headquarters while in the City.

W. R. & Pinkston Nail

NEAR CITY HALL.

At CLOUD'S

New and pretty Spring Goods of all kinds arriving every day. You are cordially invited to come in and see them. A few very special prices on some lines that must be closed out.

I lot of E. P. Reed's patent leather lace boot with white kid top. A very stylish boot and a grand style for early spring and summer. Were sold for \$8.50, now \$6.48

I lot E. P. Reed's Havana brown kid boot with 8-inch let in top with cream. This is an exceptionally fine dress shoe and good fitter. All sizes and widths, sold for \$10.00. Will close them out now for \$6.98

Just arrived full line of spring dress goods, in stripe, plain and fancy, and widths and wide variety of materials at 15c, 17 1/2c, 25c, and 50c.

Also all kinds of new white shirtings in the new and wanted material for spring wear. Prices from 15c to 50c per yard.

Children's new gingham dresses in new styles and pretty patterns, ages 2 to 6 years, 25c to 50c Ages 6 to 14 years, \$1.00

Also beautiful little blue and striped overalls for little fellows from 2 to 6 years, the thing for spring, per pair \$1.00

Just arrived another shipment "Witthorn's" \$1.00 white wash waists. Everybody knows this to be the best waist for the money on the market. Be sure to see the new styles in voile and organza at . . . \$1.00

New white wash skirts in gaber-dines and checks and self fitting, all good styles and perfect stripes, skirts, see them at \$1.00

Middy blouses are fine for service when you get the ones that are made of the right materials and made right. We have them, made of heavy white Galates with colored collars and cuffs and plain white, also a few styles in fancy blouses 50c, \$1.00 and \$1.25.

NEW MUSLIN UNDERWEAR.

All new, well made, and daintily trimmed, beautiful underdresses at 50c, 75c, \$1.00, and \$1.50. Gowns 50c, 75c, 99c, \$1.00, and \$1.50. Also plain hospital gowns, 50c and \$1.00.

Corset covers, chemise, and all kinds of undergarments.

LITTLE BOYS.

Little boys' new spring hats, 25c and 50c. Little boys' new spring blouses and shirts 25c, 30c, and 50c Little boys' overalls 50c. Pants 50c to \$1.50. Little boys' union suits at 25c and 50c.

LADIES' READY-TO-WEAR.

New skirts, new dresses, new suits, new coats, new waists, new neckwear, new underwear, new pumps and slippers.

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