LOCAL DOTS

—Cotton brought 9½ cents on this market yesterday; cotton seed, 23 cents.

—Farmers say they never knew a finer season for crop-gathering than the present one has been.

—Col. Springs's mammoth building being erected on Main street will be completed, it is thought, by the first of January

—Mr. John E Blackmon, recently appointed county treasurer, executed his bond and sent it to Columbia a few days ago. He received his commission yesterday.

—Mr. Vernie Cook, of Kershaw, student at the South Carolina College, has been elected treasurer of the Clariosophic Literary Society, of that institution.

—A colored girl, about 16 years old, daughter of the late Simeon Morgan, had an ankle crushed Friday by getting her foot fastened in a step, at her home near town.

—Mr. A. Theis, of Haile Gold Mine, has been appointed by Gov. Heyward a delegate to the American Mining Congress which convenes in El Passo, Texas, Nov. 14th.

—Gov. Heyward has appointed our fellow townsman Mr. James S. Wilson a delegate to the National Conference on Immigration, to be held in New York Dec. 6 and 7.

—The daughters of the Confederacy will give a "pindar hunt," for the children, at the court house Saturday at 5 p. m. Admission 10c. Proceeds go to Confederate monument fund.

—Mr. Lee Hancock, son of Mr. Ben Hancock, and Miss Annie Belk, daughter of Mr. Robert Belk, of the eastern portion of the county, were married last Saturday night, by Magistrate Carnes.

—Until the printers become familiar with the editor's amazing chirography all sorts of mistakes are liable to appear in these columns. Our handwriting is like Rives's water—all wool-and-a yard-wide.

—A little two-year-old boy of Mr. Ransom Rowell of Goose Creek township was choked to death on an acorn last Friday. The child was playing in the yard and picked up an acorn and sucked it down its windpipe.—Monroe Enquirer.

—According to a letter from Comptroller General Jones, received by Mr. John T. Green, Chairman of the board of election commissioners, the commissioners and the managers of the recent election in this county will not get pay for their services until the legislature meets and makes another appropriation for election purposes. The last appropriation has been exhausted.

—There seems to be an epidemic of chills and fever at Vanwyck, scarcely a family in the community being without one or more cases of sickness, we are told.

Child Burned to Death.

A 3 year-old colord child, of John Robertson, living on the J. C. Williams place, was accidently burned to death last Friday afternoon. It seems that the child had been left tied in a chair by the fire. It managed to get out of the chair, when its clothes caught afire.

To Move From Jefferson To Lancaster.

Mr. R. J. Rorie, of Jefferson, Chesterfield county, has purchased Mr. Lee Steele's plantation a few miles from town and, with his family, will move to Lancaster between now and the first of January. Mr. Rorie will make this place his home in order to give his children the benefit of Lancaster's excellent school advantages. Mr. and Mrs. Rorie were here last Saturday.

Dispensary Sold Out.

The state board of canvassers met in Columbia last Friday and declared the result of Lancaster's dispensary election. The official figures are 956 for "no dispensary" and 126 for "dispensary."

The Lancaster dispensary is now a thing of the past. Two inspectors came here Monday to check up the stock, etc., but there was no stock to check, everything having been sold out, even champagne and fancy priced liquors. The last bottle of whiskey was bought Saturday by a negro, who paid $2.25 for it.

How Long York Farmers Are to Hold Cotton.

Our fellow townsman, Capt. White, has raised a pertinent question in relation to a certain agreement York county farmers recently signed as to holding cotton. He addressed the following letter to the Yorkville Enquirer:

Editor Yorkville Enquirer: I notice in your paper of last date that a number of farmers have signed their names to a pledge that they will not sell their cotton for less than 10 cents until after January.

Please let me know if they mean by that that they will sell their cotton at less than 10 cents after the first of January. What is written would imply that such was the case whether they intend to do so or not.

Yours very truly,
Samuel E. White,
Cotton Farmer of York County.

Lancaster, S. C., October 7, 1905.

Replying the Enquirer says:

"As we understand it, the pledge referred to is in force only until January 1, 1906, after that date the signers will be free to do as they may choose."

The question, the News and Courier says, was referred to President Smith, of the State Cotton Growers' Association, who said:

"I judge from this card that the signers of this pledge have nothing to do with the S. C. A. We stand for our price till we get it. No time limit at all. We propose to make the other fellow make the "date."

Arm Mashed.

Mr. Jackson [illegible]ner, a well known farmer [illegible] the eastern section of the county, met with a bad accident last Friday. While working about the belt of his field gin his arm was caught in the machinery and badly mashed.

Alleged Burglar Captured.

Walter Cunningham, alias Bunk Redish, the young negro charged with breaking into and robbing the dwelling of Mr. W. P. Blackmon, of the White Bluff section, on the 15th of September, and for whose capture Mr. Blackmon offered a reward in the News, was arrested in Kershaw county last Friday and brought to Lancaster the next day.

Deaths.

Mr. Perry Culp, a well known and highly esteemed young man of the county, died Sunday, of consumption. He was a son of the late Abram Culp, of Chester county, and was about 30 years of age. He leaves a widow, who is a daughter of Mr. W. J. Williams, and two children. He is also survived by the following brothers and sisters: Messrs W. B., Abram, Turner and Beauregard Culp, Mrs. Jeff Ferguson, Mrs. A. J. Baskins and Mrs. J. K. Sistare. The remains were buried Monday at Douglass church.

A little child of Mr. J. E. Westmoreland, of the Lancaster Cotton Mills, died Saturday, aged about one year. The remains were taken to Hickory Grove for interment.

An infant of Mr. J. S. Wilson, aged one day, died Sunday morning. The burial was at Westside Cemetery.

Other Crimes With Which Fisher and O'Day Are Charged.

Post Office Inspector Gregory, who worked up the case here against Fisher and O'Day, furnished the following to the Lancaster correspondent of the State:

John Fisher, alias James Shaffer, alias James Veinson, alias Connecticut Shorty, stands indicted in the United States circuit court of South Carolina for the robbery of the postoffice at Latta on Feb. 25, 1904, and for the robbery of the postoffice at Kingstree, Sept. 21 1904. For the Latta robbery two of his suspected pals, James Johnson, alisas Portland Ned, and John King, alias Pennsylvania Swipes, were convicted at Charlesten, April 10, 1905, and sent to the United States prison at Atlanta, Ga., for seven and five years, respectively. Charles O'Day, alias Charles Blackburn, alias Charley Cron, alias Missouri Charley, stands indicted in the United States district court for the eastern distirict of Virginia for the robbery of the postoffice at Gordonsville, Va., March 28, 1904. O'Day, under the name of Charles Blackburn, was sentenced in 1900 to 4 years imprisonment in the Moundsville, W. Va.. penitentiary for robbery of the postoffice at Cape Charles, Va. Both O'Day and Fisher are suspected of complicity in the robbery of safes at various places in different states.

PERSONAL

Mr. A. J. Clark went to Charlotte yesterday.

Mr. J. L. Poag spent Sunday in Lancaster with his family.

Rev. Mr. Yarborough of Fort Lawn, was in town yesterday.

The Rev. Mr. Wilson, of Chester county, was in town yesterday.

Misses Sallie and Jane Dunlap, of Chester county, are visiting in Lancaster.

Mr. J. E. McDonald, of the Winnsboro bar, was in town Monday.

Col. L. C. Hough, of Kershaw, spent Monday night in Lancaster.

Dr. Pryor, of Chester, paid a professional visit to Lancaster Sunday.

Mr. Charles Carter, of the News office, spent Sunday in Charlotte.

Principal H. T. Cox, of the Heath Springs school, was in town Saturday.

Capt. J. P. King and family went to Columbia yesterday morning for a brief visit.

Mr and Mrs. Austin Clanton, of Charlotte, are on a visit to Lancaster, their old home.

Master Willie Tood spent last Saturday and Sunday in Monroe, with uncle's family, Mr. J. G. Barton.

Miss Leila Todd, of Craigsville, returned last Saturday from a visit to relatives in Rock Hill and Fort Mill.

The Rev. Chalmers Fraser and Mr. W. J. Cunningham have gone to Rock Hill, to attend Synod.

Miss Mamie Allison has returned to Roanoke, Va., to resume her duties as teacher in the Virginia Female College.

Mrs. L. J. Drennan has returned from a visit to her sister, Mrs. M. I. Hood, in Lancaster. —Rock Hill Herald.

Mr. Chas. E. Grimes, of Orangeburg, arrived here Monday to accept a position in the office of THE LANCASTER NEWS.

Mrs. Frank Zemp, of Darlington, who has been visiting her parents, Mr. and Mrs. M. H. Johnson, returned home Saturday.

Mr. Charles D. Jones, president of the First National Bank returned Saturday from the Bankers' Association meeting in Washington.

Cashier L. C. Harrison, of the Bank of Lancaster, attended the meeting in Washington last week of the American Bankers' Association.

G. R Perry, former member of the Marion school boad, was arrested in Tampa, Fla., where he was living under an assumed name charged with embezzlement.

Mrs. Minnie Harrison and little son and her brother, Mr. Martin W. Walkup, of Columbia, are visiting Mr. and Mrs. G. W. Williams, of Jacksonham section.

Mr. Paul G. McCorkle, of Chester, was in town Monday. It was Mr. McCorkle's first visit to his old home since the terrible accident that befell him a few months ago.

Mr. Dan Tillman, of Cheraw, spent Sunday in Lancaster, his old home. Mrs. Tillman, who has been visiting her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Amos, returned home with her husband Monday.

Cecil Cowan has resigned his position at the store of Kuykendal & Cunningham and has accepted a position with the Lancaster Mercantile company. He went to work at the latter place on Monday of last week.—Rock Hill Herald.

—Handsome plate glass was put in the front of the store of the Heath-Jones Co., yesterday, which adds greatly to the appearence of the building.

—Mr. O. H. Bell, on the Brown river place, had a 10-pound fish—red horse—for breakfast Sunday morning. It was caught in the Catawba with a hook by a colored man.

YOUR TIME

Will be well spent to come and see us if you are thinking of buying your

FALL SHOES

now, or later on. You should seek knowledge before you buy any of the many brands now shown on the market. We can't tell the story here, it's too long, but would like to see you personally and tell you about them. We have the Edwin Clapp, LaFrance, Marcy Bros, Red Seal lines. All are the proven goods of the past and present. They combine style, comfort, and durability, made of the very best material and by select and most skillful workmen.

CHERRY & CO.

Report of COndition of The Equitable Life Assurance Society for the First Six Months of 1905.

Assets Dec. 31, 1904	$413,953,020.74
Assets July 1, 1905	421,249,272.79
Increase during six months	$7,296,252.05
Income first six months, 1904	36,412,327.38
Income first six months, 1905	38,799,138.19
Increase first six months, 1905	$2,386,810.81
Policies issued first six months, 1904, 65,592, assuring	166,129,321.00
Policies issued first six months, 1905, 61,083, assuring	150,706,993.00
Decrease during six months	$15,422,328.00
Death claims, maturities and all other terminals first six months 1904	100,278,199.00
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Assurance in force December 31, 1904	1,495,542,892.00
Assurance in force July 1, 1905.	1,256,434,739.00
Increase durinng six months	$30,891,847.00

New Paid-for Business of The South Carolina Agency For The First Six Months of 1905, **$1,253,000.00.**

Some Significant Facts.

During the entire 12 months of 1904 only 4 other companies gained as much in assets as the Equitable has during the last six months.

Only 3 other companies gained as much in income.

Only 2 other companies wrote as much business all last year as the Equitable wrote during the last six months.

And only six others gained as much in assurance in force.

The Equitable is today, more than ever before, "The Strongest in the World."

The Equitable Life Assurance Society,

W. J. RODDEY, Manager, Rock Hill, S. C.

W. B. KNIGHT, Special Agent, Lancaster, S. C.