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In Order To Reduce Stock By

JANUARY FIRST

WE ARE OFEERING SOME GREAT BARGAINS IN ALL DEPARTMENTS OF OUR STORE.

HERE ARE A FEW OF THEM

Men's $5.00 Suits $3.00
" 7.00 " 4.00
" 10.00 " 7.5o
Boy's Suits for 5o cents.
Men's 6.oo Overcoats 4.oo.

We can certainly save you money on anything you want to buY.

Be sure and come to see us.

RESPECTFULLY.

Lancaster Mercantile Co

Happenings in the State.

As Chronicled by the Alert Correspondents of The Columbia State.

SIX PER CENT DIVIDEND.

Laurens, Dec. 17--The semi-annual meeting of the board of directors of the Laurens cotton mills was held in the offices of the mill company Thursday and the usual six per cent. semi annual dividend, payable Dec 31, was declared.

HEAVY SNOW IN YORKVILLE.

Yorkville, Dec 17—There was a heavy snowfall here last night and this morning. For a while it came down in very large flakes. It measured four inches deep on a level and the young people had great sport sleighing, snow balling and rolling each other in the snow. It is clear tonight and thawing.

KILLED A NEGRO GIRL.

Beaufort, Dec 16.—About 6 o'clock last evening George Middleton, aged 11 years, while playing with a gun which contained a load of bird shot claims to have accidentally killed Rebecca Patterson, aged sixteen. She stood near the boy and the full load tore away the throat, causing almost instant death.

NO ONE CLAIMS THE CAR.

The car of whiskey seized by Division Chief Osborne's men at Cayce Friday night was brought over to the city and delivered to the State dispensary yesterday afternoon. No one has so far appeared to put in a claim for ownership.

The names of the persons who opened fire on the constables were learned yesterday and they are all negroes. The parties to whom the whiskey is thought to belong were in no way connected with the shooting.—The State.

SIX BARNS AND A RESIDENCE BURNED RECENTLY.

Honea Path, Dec 17.—Saturday night a barn on Mr W M Shirley's farm, about four miles from Honea Path, was destroyed by fire.

In the last few weeks Col Bob Arnold's barn in Greenville county, Dr Valentine's barn in Laurens county W R Mattison's barn in Abbeville county, W M Shirley's barn in Abbeville county, Joe M H Ashley's barn in Anderson county and Ben Lipford's residence in Abbeville county, all within 10 miles of Honea Path, have been burned. Some think the burnings have been done by incendiaries.

YOUNG MAN ARRESTED ON A SERIOUS CHARGE.

Orangeburg, Dec 17.—In response to a complaint lodged with the U. S. Secret service authorities at Washington, Special Agent H E Thomas of Charlotte came here on Thursday and arrested Mr Ned Oliver on the charge of making counterfeit coin.

Mr Oliver is a young man, born and reared at or near Timmonsville, but who has lived here for the past two years.

At first he was engaged in the photograph business, but afterwards entered the brokerage business, handling grocers' sundries.

A LEGAL HANGING AT CHESTER.

Chester, Dec 16.—William Hardin, colored, convicted at the November court of the murder of Henry Sanders, colored, was hanged here today at 11.30 o'clock in the presence of quite a company. After 14 minutes the attending physicians declared the body dead from strangulation. The murder was committed on the 7th of September, and was most atrocious. William Hardin was a son-in-law of Henry Sanders, who protested while Hardin was cruelly beating his wife. Enraged by the interference of the father, Hardin seized his gun and fatally shot his wife's father and then crushed his skull with the gun barrel.

A COSTLY MISTAKE.

Blunders are sometimes very expensive Often costly life is the price of a mistake but you'll never be wrong if you take Dr King's New Life Pills for Dyspepsia, Dizziness, Headache, Liver or Bowel troubles. They are gentle yet thorough. 25c, at Crawford Bros J. F. Mackey & Co's, Funderburk Pharmacy.

Hester's Weekly Statement.

New Orleans, Dec. 16.—Secretary Hester's weekly cotton strtement, issued today, shows for the 16 days of December an increase over last year of 19,000 and an increase over the same period year before last of 197,000.

For the 107 days of the season that have elapsed the aggregate is ahead of the same days last year 1,106,000 and ahead of the same days year before last 1,249,000.

The amount brought into sight during the past week has been 464,483 beles against 400,153 for the same seven days last year and 346,218 year before last.

REVOLUTION IMMINENT.

A sure sign of approaching revolt and serious trouble in your system is nervousness, or stomach upsets. Electric Bitters will quickly dismember the troublesome causes. It never fails to tone the stomach, regulate the Liver, and clarify the blood. Run down systems benefit particulary and all the usual attending aches vanish under its searching and thorough effectiveness. Electric Bitters is only 50c and that is returned if it don't give perfect satisfaction. Guaranteed by Crawford Bros, J. F. Mackey & Co., Funderburk Pharmacy druggist

The Popular Vote.

Number Received by the Two Presidential Candidates in 1904

To the Editor of The State.

Will you please give me the total popular vote for president in 1904 election. Isaac A Keels.

Kingstree, S C, Dec 15, 1904.

[According to a cauvass made by the New York Times, complete except as to one county in Tennessee and four counties in Michigan, the total popular vote in the late election was 13,533,820. Of this, Parker received 5,094,091, while Roosevelt polled 7,640,561, the largest popular vote ever given to a candidate for president of the United States. Roosevelt's plurality was 2,546,470. The remainder of the popular vote was scattered among the several minor candidates. In the electoral college Parker will receive 140 votes; Roosevelt, 336.—Editor The State.]

SAY "MURRAY'S"

When you've got a bad cough just say "MURRAY'S" If a druggist gives you anything but Murray's Hore Hound, Mullein and Tar you're not getting the best and surest cough remedy. Make him give you Murray's A cts quicker and you get a 50c size bottle for 25c.

Every druggist has it

Cotton Farmers Combine.

Macon, Ga., December 17.—Specials to the Telegraph from many counties of the State tell of mass meetings, held by farmers in an effort to further the movement recently inaugurated to hold cotton for a price of ten cents. In most of the counties strong resolutions were adopted, setting forth the fact that the farmers should hold all their cotton possible and appealing to local banks for aid.

FIGHT WILL BE BITTER.

Those who persist in closing their ears against the continual recommendation of Dr. King's New Discovery for Consumption, will have a long and bitter fight with their troubles, if not ended earlier by fatal termination. Read what T. R. Beall of Beall, Miss. has to say: "Last fall my wife had every symptom of consumption. She took Dr. King's New Discovery after everything else had failed. Improvement came at once and four bottles entirely cured her." Guaranteed by Crawford Bros, J. F. Mackey & Co., and Funderburk Pharmacy.

COTTON STILL DECLINING

To meet this decline we are going to Knife deeper the prices on our goods.

For the next Twenty days we are going to offer the trading public more goods for the money than they ever saw before in Lancastsr.

We are offering during this time

$5.00 suits at $3.98; $7.50 suits at $5,98; $10.00 suits at $7.50 $12.50 and $15.00 suits at $9.00 and $10.00, $5.00 Overcoats $2.98 and up to $10.00 ones. Pants from 50c per pair, worth 75c, to $3.50, worth $6.05. Heaviest weight yd wide Sheeting, weight guaranteed, at 6c yard.

Just received case Bleach to go during this sale 10 yards for 75c. Only 10 yards to the custumer. 50 dozen mens' 50 cent undershirts at 38c. Two for 75 cents. 20 dozen Ladies' 25 and 35 cent vests for 19c per garment. A few of those 50c Shirts left at 25 cents.

We ftill have on hand a few shoes. Price them, yoh'll buy if you need Snoes. Don't miss these bargains. They only hold good fo twenty days. YOURS FOR TRADE,

Funderburk Co.

10c bottle Sewing Machine Oil 5c. 10 balls Sewing [illegible] hundred other things to numerous to mention.