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...NCASTER, S. C., DECEMBER 31, 1908.

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

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Men's $5.00 Suits $3.00

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Boy's Suits for 50 cents.

Men's 6.00 Overcoats 4.00.

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

Be sure and come to see us.

RESPECTFULLY.

Lancaster Mercantile Co

State News.

Former Adjutant General John Gary Watts died suddenly in Columbia Christmas day of bronchial asthma. His remains were taken to Laurens, his former home, for interment.

—Furman University received a Christmas present valued at $7,500. It was the home place of the Rev. Charles R. Judson, who has been connected with the institution for more than fifty years. It will be remembered that only last year Dr. Judson gave $21,000 to the endowment fund of Furman.

—While considerable promiscuous shooting was being indulged in at a negro dance in Bamberg county Saturday night Leslie Smith was shot through the heart and instantly killed. Lewis King was charged with the killing.

—A negro named Parks was shot and killed by a negro named Turnbull, near Ropley, Tuesday night.

—A handsome residence in Johnston, belonging to the Wright estate, was destroyed by fire Tuesday. Loss $6,000, no insurance.

—Mrs. Sarah Hutchinson of Bamberg died last week, aged 106 years. She left 20 grand-children and 45 great-grandchildren.

—Mr. Wm. Hall and his brother while driving along the road near Lucknow were shot from ambush by [illegible] Saturday night. On the same night Henry Carter colored, was shot and fatally wounded by Colie Rogers, also colored.

—Bell Morris, col., while walking along Washington street in Columbia last Monday with a child on each side of her was shot and instantly killed. It is supposed the shooting was accidental. Davis Pinckney, col., about 20 years of age, has been arrested on suspicion of being the party who fired the shot.

—Two ladies driving on the street in Columbia were shot at twice by an unknown drunken negro from the platform of a moving street car Tuesday.

—Joe Harris was shot and instantly killed by Buck Chapman in Greenville Monday.

—Dan Fuller, col., was murdered in Laurens county Monday night while alone at his home. He had considerable cash and was probably murdered for his money. No clue to the murderer.

—Lisha McLeod, col., died at Atkins Saturday night as the result of drinking carbolic acid which he thought was whiskey.

—Cleveland Adams, aged 13, at the Granby mill in Columbia, had one of his eyes shot out by another boy Saturday night. Mr J W Powell, a grocer of Columbia, was accidentally shot in the foot by a little boy with a parlor rifle Xmas morning. The same day Wm. Page, while fooling with a pistol shot himself in the leg.

—A ten year old son of Primus Green, col., fell from an ox cart Thursday at Beaufort and was instantly killed.

—The barn of Mr. [illegible] Miller near Woodruff was [illegible] day night.

SAY "MU[illegible]

When you've got [illegible] say "MURRAY'S" [illegible] gives you anything [illegible] bound, Mullein a[illegible] getting the best a[illegible] dy. Make him [illegible] Acts quicker and [illegible] bottle for 25c. [illegible] Every druggist [illegible]

The Country Swept By a Severe Storm.

Most Widespread of any during fifteen years.—Heaviest in Northwest.

Chicago, Dec. 27.—One of the most severe storms of recent years has been raging through the territory lying between the Rocky mountains and the Great Lakes since early this morning, and has caused much trouble to street car companies, railroads and telegraph companies.

In its extent the storm was the most widespread of any during the last 15 years. Counting the fog as a component part of the storm, it stretch l clear from the Rocky mountains to New York and from Winnipeg to New Orleans. The fatalities reported here as due to the storm are three men killed.

Reports from Kansas City were that the storm extended from Missouri as far as Indian Territory to [illegible] accompanied throughout its entire length by high winds and snow drifted [illegible].

In the northwest the storm was even more vio[illegible]. In St. Paul it commenced to fall early last night and grew heavier all through the night, while the wind increased until it was blowing 50 miles an hour.

[illegible] almost the entire north[illegible].

In the south [illegible] somewhat better, [illegible] heavy rainfall, which was preceded by thunder [illegible] followed by high wind. Nashville, Louisville, Atlanta, Montgomery and Memphis all reported exceedingly heavy rains, [illegible] falling [illegible] terrific winds.

Six For Acquittal Six For Conviction.

New York, Dec. 28.—Following a day of intense nervous strain Nan Patterson tonight is in the Tombs, ill and perhaps on the verge of a nervous collapse, but with consummate arrogance.

The Tenderloin girl, expecting acquittal, the fate of the jury, which has listened to the evidence in her trial for the murder of Caesar Young last June, went into court this noon to learn that the 12 men chosen to decide as to her innocence or guilt had been unable to reach an agreement.—In fact had divided evenly over the question as to whether or not she held the revolver which ended Young's life.

The jury stood six to six—half for acquittal, the other for conviction.

A COSTLY MISTAKE.

Blunders are sometimes very expensive Occasionally life is the price of a mistake but you'll never be wrong if you take Dr King's New LifePills for Dyspepsia, Dizziness, Headache, Liver or Bowel trouble. They are gentle yet [illegible] Drawf[illegible] Bros.

Marvie Jordan Issues a Call.

An Interested Convention of Cotton Growers to be Held in New Orleans January 24-26.

Macon, Ga., Dec. 27.—A special to The Telegraph from Monticello, Ga., says that President Marvie Jordan has issued a call for a meeting of the Southern Cotton Growers' Protective association to be held at New Orleans, Jan. 24-26, 1909. Among the matters for consideration to be acted upon are the following, according to the call.

"Financing the entire spot cotton business of the south; creating a bureau of statistics for benefit of the producers; establishment of the cotton exchange in each state through which cotton can be sold direct to the manufacturer; organization of all the cotton [illegible] in each cotton growing country; reduction of acreage and use of commercial fertilizers for 1909, of not less than 25 per cent; adoption of a local warehouse system to meet the practical demand of both farmers and bankers throughout the south; to make New Orleans the leading cotton exchange in the United States; the formation of a [illegible] alliance between all the [illegible] existence for mutual [illegible] and protection. These are among the leading matters for consideration. They are [illegible] and some of them involve tremendous propositions. [illegible] capable of quick [illegible] and practical realization. The [illegible] possesses the brain, the [illegible] will the money to solve [illegible] question which threatens [illegible] prosperity."

General News.

James Linkous, of Radford, Va., painter, murdered his wife and adopted son early Sunday morning and burned his home to remove evidence of the crime.

—Miss Cecelia Moss, aged 28 years, of Lancaster, Pa., jumped to her death from a third story window of a lodging house in New York city Monday night.

—Travis Johnson, a prominent citizen of Pensacola, Fla., was robbed of $300 and murdered last Monday. John Griffith was arrested, charged with the crime.

—At a Christmas dance at Grangers, W. Va., as a result of one man dancing with a young lady without asking the permission of her escort four men were killed and two seriously wounded Monday.

—A volley of shots were fired into a negro church during christmas services at Stouts Mountain, a mining town in Alabama, Sunday, and the preacher and two other men probably fatally wounded. Henry Jett, a white miner, was found dead near the church, a pistol on the ground beside him. His brother, John Jett, and Ted [illegible] other white miners, [illegible]