

FELL DEAD ON CHRISTMAS DAY.

Dr. T. Erskine Todd, A Leading Citizen of Laurens, Dies Very Suddenly.

Dr. T. Erskine Todd, of Laurens, was suddenly stricken on Christmas day as he was walking from the postoffice to his home, passing away a few minutes later. He was apparently in his accustomed health, which, however, had not been vigorous for some time. He was accompanied by one of his little sons when he was stricken and suddenly sank to the sidewalk.

By death of Dr. Todd Laurens loses a highly esteemed citizen. Dr. Todd was 49 years old. He was the son of the late Samuel R. Todd, a distinguished citizen. Dr. Todd leaves a wife and five children. He was a leading member of the First Presbyterian Church. He had retired from active practice as a physician for some ten or twelve years, giving his time to his large commercial interests and private business. He was the senior member of the firm of Todd, Simpson & Co, dealers in general merchandise, director of the National Bank and a member of the council.

Dr. Todd leaves a wife, who is a sister of Mrs. Alan Johnstone, of this city.

SOUTH CAROLINA NEWS.

Items of More or Less Interest Condensed in the State.

Chester will build an additional school house at a cost of \$8,000.

Grover Cleveland and a party of friends who have been hunting near Georgetown have shipped their ducks and other game to the North and followed themselves.

A young negro, Ezels Garlington, was run over in Laurens last week by a shifting freight train, receiving injuries from which he died. The accident, it is said, was due to his own carelessness.

About two hundred Augusta sports went over the river to Hamburg, on the South Carolina side, on Christmas day and fought a bull dog and a wild cat, the bull dog killing the cat in about five minutes.

A negro named Armstrong cut the throat of another negro, John Major, from ear to ear in a field on a plantation near Beaufort on Thursday morning. The two negroes were walking along together. Major was almost beheaded.

John Miller, a negro, was shot and killed by another negro, Lee Gillen, in Greenville county last week. Miller had been married only about ten days. He went to his house to find Gillen in the house with his wife and Gillen shot and killed him.

James B. Caskey, a young man, was fatally shot in the Lancaster mill village on Friday morning by C. B. Skipper, superintendent of the Lancaster cotton mills. Skipper and two others were arrested. The trouble is said to have been the result of a fuss at a dance the night before.

Mr. R. W. Gaston and Miss Wofford, both of Woodruff, married in a passenger coach on the C. & W. C. train between Augusta and Spartanburg on Tuesday morning of last week. Most passengers in the coach stood by as witnesses while the ceremony was performed in one end of the

A young negro, named Eugene Hart, has been committed to Laurens charged with killing a negro, Press Taylor. Dav... says that Taylor came to his house with a Christmas present and... up his shot-gun and... straight at Taylor when, to the surprise, it went off, Taylor instantly.

GREAT REDUCTION SALE

SPLENDID NEW STOCK THROWN
.....UPON THE MARKET BY.....

THE EWART-PIFER CO.

Clothing, Shoes, Hats, Etc.,

At "Clean Sweep" prices at a time when you need the goods and must buy when you see how low we are selling them.

We have decided to make a change in our business on January 1, 1904. This has absolutely been determined and all goods left in over stock after this Great Reduction Sale will be offered in bulk at the best offer we can get for the whole stock.

From Now on to Jan. 1st,

Everybody will have a chance to get at low prices some of the best and newest goods ever brought to this market. We want every friend and customer to secure some of the bargains we now offer.



Clean Sweep of Clothing

Suits \$ 5.50 and \$ 6.00	now \$ 3.75.
" 8.00 " 9.00	" 6.00.
" 10.00 " 12.50	" 8.50.
" 14.00 " 15.00	" 10.00.
" 16.00 " 17.00	" 12.50.
" 19.00 " 20.00	" 14.50.

These Prices are Solid and Rust Proof

Shoes, Shoes, Shoes

Shoes Which Were \$1.65	now \$1.25.
" " " 2.25	now 1.75.
" " " 3.00	now 2.50.
" " " 3.50	now 2.75.
" " " 4.00 & 4.50	now 3.25.
" " " 5.00 & 5.50	now 4.00.

Fine Shoes, Good Shoes, for men women and children.

We quote "Great Reduction" prices on these two leading lines, but everything goes in the sale, Hats, Furnishing Goods, Etc.

Every Clothing Counter is a Bargain Counter, Every Shoe Shelf is a Bargain Shelf, Our Entire Store is a Bargain Store in this Great Reduction Sale.

This is good news for those contemplating buying now or in the near future, and everybody who knows anything about our stock will tell you it is up-to-date in every respect. This Great Reduction comes in the nick of time and must strike the economical buyer most forcibly, for there has never been offered a better opportunity to save money in buying your winter outfit. We can scarcely expect to convince the skeptical, but all who buy here during this sale will have their eyes opened.

ALL GOODS ARE MARKED IN PLAIN FIGURES

Remember that everything is just as advertised and that the whole stock is to go by January 1st—just 40 days yet to come. Time moves swiftly. Come and get the first pick of the splendid goods going at "Clean Sweep" prices.

Don't miss this sale and then say that you thought we didn't mean what we said

The Ewart-Pifer Co.

Clothiers and Outfitters..