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EDITORIAL COMMENTS AND CULINGS.

Only seven more days, and the new year will be upon us.

A Mississippi paper says, peccan farming can be made a profitable business in the "bottoms."

A loan and savings bank will soon be ready for business in Waterboro. A two-story brick building will be erected for transaction of the new bank's business.

Speaker Crisp gives Reed some of his own medicine it will be a good thing. But the Georgia Statesman is too smart. In fact he owes his election to Reed's arbitrary course.—Aiken Journal and Review.

President Harrison has appointed Stephen B. Elkins, of West Virginia, to be Secretary of War. Elkins is a notorious political jobber and trickster, and his occupying such an exalted position is a disgrace to the nation.

A new disease, has been discovered known as rabies editorialis. It is supposed to have originated from the bite of a Tillamook, and is pronounced incurable. Symptoms, constant snapping, with spasms which finally lead to self-exhaustion. The patient becomes rigid and straightout.

South Carolina's new Senator, J. L. M. Irby, is the youngest man who has been elected to the Senate since the war. He is a fine looking man, of splendid physique, ruddy complexion, and bounding health, and with a ready debater and eloquent speaker.—Augusta Chronicle.

The general offices of the Inter-State Immigration Bureau have been transferred to San Antonio, Texas, where the Southern Inter-State Immigration Convention will be held on the 27th, 28th, and 29th, of next January, and which will decide where the next exposition will be held.

Senator Preston B. Plumb, of Kansas, died suddenly of apoplexy at Washington last Sunday-Morning. The Governor, who is a Republican, will have the appointment of his successor, until the Legislature meets next Fall. Ex-Senator Ingalls is prominently spoken of for the vacancy, as it is very likely that he will be appointed.

We wish to make an addition to our statement made last week in reference to the expiring department of the Legislature. Taxpayers were entitled to four solicitors, but on sabbath second day four clerks were added. This cutting expense remains the same. This cutting of salaries is a delicate piece of surgery. Some of the good economic doctrines of the campaign have not yet fully materialized.

There are thousands of good people, many of them farmers, who have lived and moved along just one year behind the world for twenty years or more. They mortgage everything in the spring, work through and pay out in the fall, having nothing left. They have paid at least 10 per cent interest on the advanced money supplies, and this interest has been more than the money they have made. By rigid economy and industry perhaps two of them out of three could have kept out of debt and have beneven with the world at least. Why keep a year behind always?—Dallas News.

No newspaper, no matter how ably edited or how enterprisingly conducted, can long keep afloat and abreast with the times when published in a dead town.

It takes a live town to make a live newspaper. There never was in the past hundred years, never will, and never can be a live town without a newspaper. The newspaper is dependent on the town. It reflects the pulse, progress and aspirations of the town. Without home patronage it can not live and thrive; then again, while it is dependent on the town, the town cannot get along without it. There is no auxiliary so valuable to a growing town as an outspoken, public spirited paper, wisely and well managed.

Not that all the business man who does not advertise in it, and the enterprising citizen who does not subscribe for it and talk up for it stands in its own light and is a stammering block in the way of his city's progress. Help the press in your town, and in nine hundred and ninety-nine out of one thousand cases it will return your help many fold.—Mobile Register.

Christmas.

This is Christmas morning, the day which Christians have observed since the birth of the blessed Saviour, whose coming into the world marked the commencement of a new era, which taught mere perfectly the doctrine of universal love. In celebration of this happy event all business cares should be laid aside, and all toil should cease. Once every year the human heart should open itself in the fullness of its joy, and man's humanity to man should make countless thousands glad. Want should be relieved, and suffering alleviated on Christmas day. Happiness and good will to all mankind should reign supreme. The custom of celebrating Christmas has come down to us fraught with the sanction of centuries. Now let us in Camden enjoy a merry, merry Christmas. Let us bid dull care stand aside, and rejoice with the children over what Santa Claus has brought them. Happy days, pleasant time! May the all-wise Ruler give to each and every one of our subscribers a joyous, merry Christmas.

The Phosphate Question.

The proper course in regard to the state's phosphate beds is still one of the unsettled problems of current politics. It is not second in importance to any other, and together with the matter of taxation, is likely to become one of the chief issues in future campaigns.

There seems to be a crisis in the industry. Two causes have combined to produce a great depression in Carolina rock. One is the financial stress which prevails in the farming territory. The outlook for the fertilizer trade, according to all testimony, after a year of great activity, is very blue, and the price of land rock, which is mostly consumed in this country, fell, on December 11th, two dollars per ton. The river rock from which the state derives a great portion of its revenue, has little or no demand just now, and is piling up at the works. During the past year the royalty fell off \$68,000. The amount derived this year being \$169,000, against \$237,000 last year.

The second cause assigned for this state of affairs is the competition of Florida rock, which is becoming a great factor in the markets of the world. The phosphate product of that state has increased immensely during the past year, it being mostly of a higher grade than the Carolina rock, and more cheaply mined. It is contended by some who are hostile to the state administration that its policy in shutting off the Coosaw company last Winter created a deficiency in the supply of rock, and forged dealers to resort to the Florida article, which was thus brought into notice. They admit, however, that it was only a question of time when this result would have been reached any way. They only claim that it was accelerated by the closing of Coosaw.

The plain answer on the part of the Phosphate commission is that they had no discretion, but were bound to obey the Legislature, and follow the act of 1890, which required them to take possession of Coosaw territory, and permit no work there without a license. The Coosaw company refused a license for fear of compromising their demands and of course the result was unavoidable. They were shut up, and the great legal battle joined. The complete victory of the state in the contest restored its authority over its own property. The contest was sure to come sooner or later. To loose the grasp of this monopoly, and unravel its cunning devices could not but be a costly process. Nothing less than the right policy would have achieved success.

The uncomfortable fact remains however that the revenue from royalty has declined, and that at present the phosphate business is in a weak condition. The commission has therefore wisely decided not to raise the royalty above one dollar per ton, as they have the power to do. It may indeed be found necessary to establish an adjustable rate of royalty, automatic so to say, which will be in proportion to the prevailing prices. This really seems to be the only fair method, and the only question is as to its practicability.

In this connection rises a secondary question which has received but little attention until the recent report of Inspector Jones, and relates to the manner of estimating royalty. It seems that for a number of years certain companies paid on rock after it had been "kiln-dried" for shipment, although by law they were required to pay on "crude rock" whereby there was a loss to the state in tonnage. In 1883 an issue arose between the Board of Agriculture and phosphate companies on this head, and it became a dispute, of course, as to how much

per centage should be added to dried rock for loss of moisture. Finally the Board, strangely enough, left the determination of per centage of moisture to the Coosaw company itself. They fixed it at .0355 per cent, and now comes Inspector Jones and says that the true per centage is from 8 to 10 per cent, and that by reason of the low standard adopted, the state has lost \$125,000 in royalty.

School Apportionments

The following are the approximate school apportionments for the different School Districts of Kershaw County, which includes the constitutional levy, roll tax and balances brought forward for the fiscal year 1891-92.

Table with 2 columns: District No. and Amount. Includes districts 1 through 12, with amounts ranging from \$69.06 to \$82.04.

In addition to the above, Districts Nos. 1, 4 and 10 will receive the following amounts from special levies:

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J. M. WATTS, S. C. K. C.

M. L. KINARD, COLUMBIA, S. C.

My exhibit of Tailor-made garments at the Emporium is the most attractive feature in the city for men and boys. The clothing I have to offer you has become famous all over the State, as I carry the best of domestic and foreign goods made and trimmed in the latest styles.

Of course a poor suit that is badly made and trimmed and has no shape or fit is better than nothing, but it makes a poor showing beside my line of Tailor-made Suits. Most any store can lay claim to some merit. But I am at the top, and in the strong light of my superior facilities it is the most natural thing you should come here for perfect satisfaction. My stock is the largest because my trade is. It is the choicest and best because I spare no pains to make it so, and cheapest on that account, too.

You ought to beputting your wardrobe "to rights" for the cold weather. A good stock of suits and light weight overcoats and heavy. I have an immense variety. Don't forget the other departments Boys' and children's Clothing, Hats, shoes, etc. They're in line with the best, biggest and cheapest.

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Notice of Application for Discharge.

Notice is hereby given that the month from date hereof, on Jan. 4th, 1892, will apply to the Judge of Probate of Kershaw County, South Carolina, for Letters Dismissor as Administrator of the estate of Edmund McLeod deceased.

CITATION.

South Carolina—Kershaw County.

Whereas Frank P. Kirkland made suit to me, to grant his letters of Administration of the Estate of and effects of Scott R. Benjamin deceased.

These are therefore to cite and admonish all and singular, the kindred and creditors of the said Scott R. Benjamin deceased that they be and appear before me in the Court of Probate, to be held at Camden on Monday 28th Dec. next, after publication hereof, at 11 o'clock in the forenoon, to show cause, if any they have, why the said Administration should not be granted.

Given under my Hand, this first day of December, Anno Domini, 1891. Published on the first day of Dec. 1891, in the CAMDEN CHRONICLE.

ASSESSOR'S NOTICE.

Pursuant to an Act of the General Assembly, approved Dec. 24, 1884, entitled an Act to change the time for listing property for taxation, the books will be opened for the purpose of listing Returns for the fiscal year 1891 and 1892 from 1st January, 1892 to 31st February, 1892.

All persons owning property, or otherwise having an interest in such property, either as agent, husband, guardian, father, trustee, executor, administrator, &c., should return the same to the Auditor of the county in which such property is situated, under oath, and within the time prescribed by law.

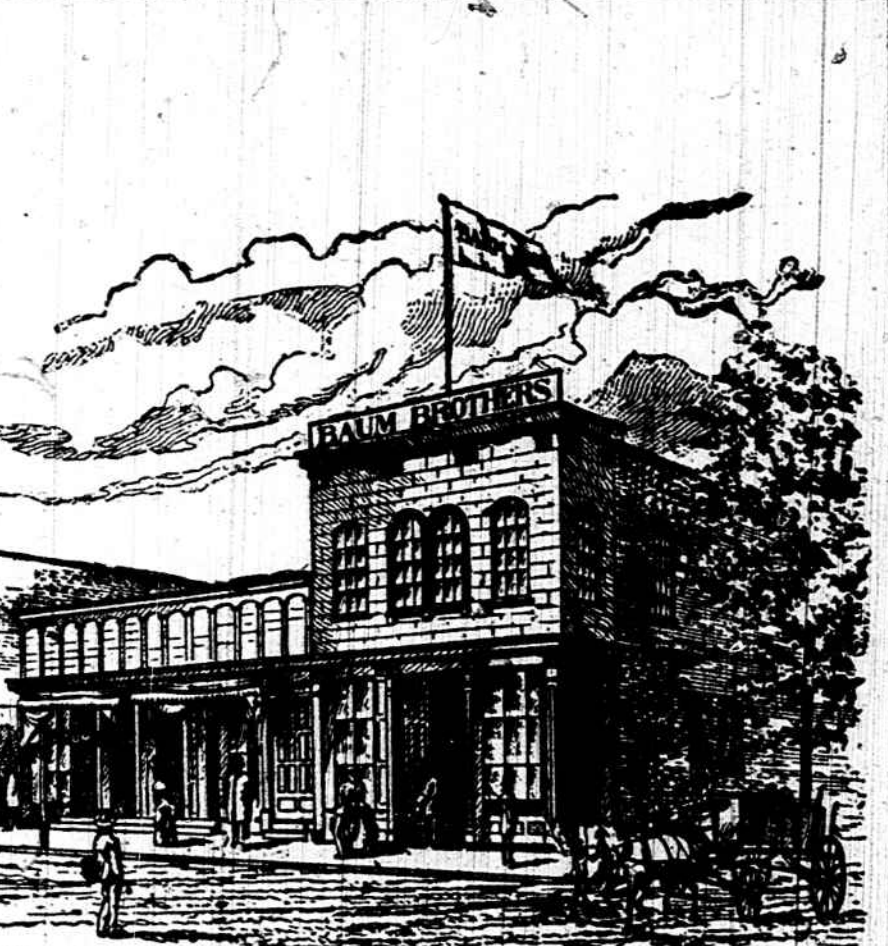
All transfers of real property must be reported to the Auditor at the time of assessing. Sec. 215 requires the Auditor to add 50 per cent. to the property valuation of all persons who fail to make their returns within the time prescribed by law.

The following named gentlemen constitute the Township Boards of Assessors, as indicated below, which will meet at the Auditors office in Camden on Monday, February 29th 1892:

MORTGAGE SALE.

State of South Carolina. County of Kershaw.

James Gripper, or Jim Gripper to R. S. DesPortes & Co., Mortgagee of Real Estate. Under and by virtue of a power of Sale contained in the above stated mortgage, dated Jan. 19th 1885, and recorded in Book H. H. P. pages 476 and 487, we will proceed to sell at public outcry, before the Court House door in Camden, within the legal hours of sale, on the first Monday in January, A. D. 1892, all of that piece of parcel or tract of land in Township No. 11, Kershaw County, State of South Carolina, bounded by the waters of Sawney Creek, and waters of Wateree River, containing eighty-four and one half (84 1/2) acres, bounded on the North by lands of Salina Mickie, East by lands of Wylie Albert, South by lands of Rebecca, and West by lands of Louis Mickie.



This is The way we Do It.

We Now Make Our Bow

to you and apologize for the lateness in giving you the great and good tidings that is our custom at this season. The fact is we have been so busy that we could not find time to do so. Even our tardiness could not prevent the news leaking out as we have been forestalled by the

POWER OF THE PRESS.

Our immense stock and extraordinary low prices were spoken of by our town journals, representatives of which made a tour of inspection through our seven floor store, besides paying a visit to our Carriage and Wagon Repository in the Opera House Building. Every department in our

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We specially invite out of town merchants, who wish to save money to call on us and see how cheaply they can supply themselves from our wholesale establishment. Remember Our Motto—"Equal Rights to all and special privileges to none." Thanking you one and all for the very liberal patronage bestowed on us in the past and hoping for a continuance of the same in the future we remain Yours truly,

R. S. DesPortes & Co. Mortgages. Dec. 11th, 1891.

CASTORIA for Infants and Children. "Castoria is so well adapted to children that I recommend it as superior to any prescription known to me." H. A. ALEXANDER, M. D., 111 So. Oxford St., Brooklyn, N. Y.

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