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CHRISTMAS.

Next Sunday will mark the 1004th anniversary of the salvation of a dying world from eternal condemnation. On that day, 1004 years ago the Father of the Universe sent in His mercy, His only begotten Son, to be a bond and a pledge for all of His creation of everlasting peace and happiness who accepted the message brought by Him. In the delivery of that message throughout thirty-three years of endless pain and suffering He expiated upon the cross, at least all previous delinquencies against Divine law by sinful man.

At the same time, he left us the sweet assurance of future bliss in that house not made with hands, eternal in the Heavens.

Many have accepted the message and are now enjoying the pleasures of life eternal beyond the space dividing the Heavens and the earth. Others, and they are many, have rejected the promise, and are now, where?

On this rapidly approaching birth-day of the Babe of Bethlehlem, let us join in thanks to and praise of an All-merciful Providence, and in all decorousness respect the day. Let no drunken orgie cause a single pang of anguish to the heart of the Great Being who, made for us such a great sacrifice. Rejoice always, but be temperate in all things, thus retaining His favor, and having reflected upon you, the glory of His countenance.

THE CITY BEAUTIFUL.

What influences acting in conjunction, all operating along parallel lines, and all tending towards a common goal makes "A City Beautiful!"

This query to our minds admits of an answer that may be expressed in a very few words. First of all, the council in power must be thoroughly imbued with the idea that the city over which they have jurisdiction must be made beautiful.

Second—They must realize that to make their city beautiful they must employ competent assistants and road engineers to conduct the work necessary to put the streets of their city in condition to have the outsider exclaim on seeing them, passing over them and traversing their sidewalks, "this is a city beautiful." This is not all. There are in every city numerous parks, boulevards and other places of public resort which to be made proper, refreshing and healthful places of amusement, must be made beautiful.

Third—The opportunity over which any city council is in control must be in accord with their council in their efforts to make "the city beautiful," regardless of cost.

All those who have read the above remarks will understand that they strike directly at the city of Camden, S. C. We love our city, was born here, and are sleeping every night in the room in which we were born nearly forty-four years ago, and it goes strictly against the grain that because of timorousness in some quarters, and lack of executive ability in others, our already, or now beautiful city is allowed to grow into disrepute.

As we don't care to be misunderstood in any instance, we will explain the preceding sentence by saying that in mentioning the word "timorousness" we meant that every council with which we have been connected, and every one within our memory has been afraid to make the requisite tax levy because of the usual fact that the public would not sustain their action.

In our mention of lack of executive ability we wanted to emphasize our opinion that our council does not employ the men best fitted to supervise the street work for a city of such magnificent distances as the city of Camden. These remarks are made in the spirit of unkindness toward those in charge of street work, but it is natural that a trained man will do better work of any

kind than an amateur. Think over this, friends. We may have something further to say later.

OUR WASHINGTON LETTER.

Japs claim to have 90 per cent of Fort Arthur, but the minority stockholders seem to still be in control.

Old Dr. Dowie is paying his debts, determined, apparently, to maintain his reputation for uniqueness.

In insisting that the present Congress must be economical, Speaker Cannon doubtless understands how difficult it is to break a precedent.

"Women would be better off if they never wore hats," says Mrs. Walls of Connecticut. So would their husbands.

Ten men are in jail on a charge of dynamiting a bank at Mount Airy, Md., in the old fashioned way, instead of looting it with bogus notes.

"What a fool I was. What a fool I was," says President Beckwith of the Oberlin bank after his second look at the Chadwick notes. Was?

The Director of the Mint says that about one-half of the \$5,600,000,000 of the world's gold supply is "visible." Oureyesight is certainly very poor.

Mrs. Snell-Coffin-Loyton-Snell-Hayden, of Chicago, is going to get married again. That woman is apparently bidding for a stupor in the War College.

Mr. Carnegie denies that he hires a literary man to edit his books and magazine articles. It is also understood that he edits his promissory notes and other negotiable papers.

It is going to be a little awkward for a time for the Missourians to forget the exposition and the Republican landslide, and turn their attention again to raising mules and Ben Davis apples.

Society Notes.

On account of the unusual icy blasts which visited us last week, the meeting of the Acorn Club, which was to have taken place on last Thursday at the home of Miss Deas Boykin below Camden, at high noon, was postponed until after Christmas.

The members of the Five Hundred Club were most hospitably entertained on Tuesday from 12 to 3 p. m., at Millbank, the home of Mrs. John Boykin, who was assisted by Mrs. Robert Johnson. An unusually large number of members were present, the players being augmented by several guests of honor. Decorations appropriate to the season were effectively used in the large rooms where the guests assembled. After several games had been played, palatable and plentiful refreshments were deftly served by Misses Frances Boykin and Mary and Annie Johnson. After the prizes were awarded, the guests bade good-bye to their hosts, and from the happy medley of voices it was evident that perfect good will, if not peace, had reigned supreme.

The students from the different colleges will return home for the Christmas holidays, among them Misses Margaret Eldredge, Mary Villepique and Emily Carrison who will be accompanied by friends from Charleston, and Miss Marie Zemp, and Messrs. B. O. Kennedy, A. P. DuRose, E. D. McCright, Jr., D. H. Baum, L. H. Deas, Mr. Tom Davis, of Atlanta, is being welcomed to Camden, by many friends and is the guest of Mrs. P. T. Villepique.

Miss Deas Lang will return home from her visit to Charleston on next Wednesday.

After Christmas, Mr. and Mrs. Helton O'Neil Boykin will leave Charleston for Camden, which they will make their home.

After nearly two weeks of judgeship over the special term of court, Mr. McCullough of the Greenville bar, left Camden last Saturday. While here, all those who had the opportunity of coming in contact with him in a business or social way were charmed with his personality.

At the last meeting of the Historical Association, it was decided to hold a loan exhibit of all relics that could be collected in the community in the near future, the proceeds of which will be used in the interests of the association.

Mrs. Aleck Heyward, of Columbia, is visiting her parents, Mr. and Mrs. C. J. Shannon on Halie St.

Mr. Andrew Bethea is spending the holidays at his home in Dillon near Derlington.

The Best Medicine I Have Ever Used.

Columbia, S. C., November 12, 1903. Gentlemen: I have suffered a long time from chronic liver complaint, and find that Dr. James' Iron Blood and Liver Tonic gave me more relief than anything I have ever used. I recommend it to all who suffer from constipation.

Yours truly,
J. S. SHREND,
For sale by the Camden Drug Co.

NOTICE.

The books of subscription to the 7th series of the Enterprise Building and Loan Association are now open at the office of the Secretary and Treasurer, A. D. Kennedy, Free.

W. R. Hough,
Sec. and Treas.,
Dec. 15, 1904.

W. R. PINCKNEY,

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others, together with hinges for mounting in album, only 10c. Agents wanted, 50% commission.

W. A. SCHROCK, Jr., Camden, S. C.

Tax Returns.

Office of County Auditor, Kershaw County, Camden, S. C., Dec. 3, '04

Notice is hereby given that the Auditor's office for receiving State and County tax returns will be open from January 1st, 1905, to February 20th, 1905, (Sundays excepted).

The dates of the appointments at which time the Auditor or his deputy will visit the usual places in the county for receiving returns are given below:

Bethune, January 6.
Riley's Mill, January 6.
Kirkley's Store, January 7.
Kershaw, January 9.
Westville, January 10.
Liberty Hill, January 11.
Russell Place, January 12.
Rabon's X Roads, January 13.
Blaine, January 17.

IMPORTANT.

It is important that tax payers in making their returns, be careful to state their school district—whether new or old—in which they reside at the time of making returns. Also to state if it is the same district as when last returns were made.

WHO SHOULD MAKE RETURNS.

The law requires that all persons owning property or in anywise having charge of such property either as agent, husband, guardian, trustee, executor, administrator or receiver, return the same under oath to the Auditor, who requests all persons to be prompt in making their returns and save the 50 per cent. penalty, which will be added to the property valuation of all persons who fail to make returns within the time prescribed by law.

HOW AND WHAT TO RETURN.

All personal and real property owned on the 1st day of January, 1905, must be returned for taxation, and all changes or transfers of real estate noted.

INCOME TAX.

Under the recent Act of the Legislature all persons having a gross income of Twenty-Five Hundred Dollars or more are required to make a return of the same to the Auditor at the time of making their other returns.

THE POLL TAX.

The new Constitution which went into full operation after the 31st of December, 1895, provides for a poll tax of One Dollar upon all citizens of this State between the ages of Twenty-One and Sixty years, excepting Confederate soldiers above the age of Fifty years. Parties making returns for the fiscal year 1905, will bear in mind this Constitutional provision and govern themselves accordingly.

All returns must be made on or before the 20th day of February next. I cannot take returns after that date as the other work of this office must go on. All returns made after the 20th of February are subject to the 50 per cent. penalty.

All returns sent by mail must be made out on proper blanks and sworn to before some proper officer qualified to administer oaths, and otherwise they will not be accepted at this office as returns.

The County Board of Equalization will meet at the office of the County Auditor on the 4th Tuesday of March, 1905, for the purpose of equalizing property, hearing complaints and protests.

J. J. Goodale,
Auditor Kershaw County.

Money To Loan.

On improved farm lands in Kershaw County. On loans up to \$1,000, 8 per cent. On sums over that amount 7 per cent. No commissions charged.

L. A. Wittkowsky,
Camden, S. C.
or C. L. Winkler,
15 Broadway,
New York.

Notice To Contractors.

South Carolina, Kershaw County.

Notice is hereby given that the County Commissioners of Kershaw County will let to the lowest responsible bidder a contract for the construction of a Court House for said County, at Camden, S. C. Bids will be received to Dec. 17, 1904, at 12 o'clock. All bids will be received and the right is reserved to reject any and all bids.

J. M. Sowell,
County Supervisor
Camden, S. C.

Just a word to Farmers

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Our new Fall Silks and Dress Goods are arriving daily. We have a perfect showing of both plain and fancy effect weaves and colorings. Our Assortment comprises all the latest approved fashions.

Fall Trimmings.

Our stock is complete. Jets, Sprangles, Silk Appliques in Whites and beautiful Persian effects. Silk and Mohair braids.

Dress Making Department.

Miss E. Rowen has charge of our Dress Making Department. Those desiring new Fall costumes should not delay placing orders and engaging time. It is hardly necessary to comment on the ability of our Modiste in charge.

Fall Millinery.

Preparations are being made for our Grand Opening, notice of which will appear later. New ideas will be shown in this department as soon as shown in New York. It will be correct both in fashions and in prices.

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Our stock is the most complete ever shown in this market. See us before purchasing anything in Art Squares, Rugs, Carpets or Matting.

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OUR BEST Clearance Sale!

We will discontinue handling Clothing, and in order to run the stock down as low as possible we put the knife into prices. Our business has grown so that we must, on account of room, cut out some line, and we have decided to cut out Clothing. We will continue making prices to close out the entire line of Men's, Boys' and Children's Suits and Pants. This sale began Monday morning with more buyers present and greater enthusiasm than any previous sale we have yet conducted. We expect to make this Clearance Event a pronounced success by offering bigger and better values than ever before. New bargains will be thrown out each day. We are in earnest in making this emphatically our most successful Clearance Sale.

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BRAND NEW STOCK OF FALL and WINTER GOODS.

I take pleasure in calling your special attention to some of my great bargains in Men's Suits. My Great Specialty being an \$8.00 Suit.

Also, I have a large line of Youths and Boy's Suits at prices as low as the lowest. Quality equal to the best. Everything in this line guaranteed.

SPECIAL BARGAINS IN WINTER CLOTHING

until January 1st. In addition I have the largest and most complete stock of dry goods of all descriptions, clothing, hats, gents and ladies furnishings, and everything that goes to make up a complete stock in my various lines.

When you are in need of Anything In the lines mentioned call on D. WOLFE.

ANOTHER SUPPLY OF THE VICTOR SPRING BEDS HAS JUST BEEN RECEIVED.

No Spring on the market has met with the success that has attended THE VICTOR. Remember that we are sole agents for Camden and Kershaw County for this

Magnificent Spring Bed

It must not be forgotten also, that we handle the finest and best assortment of Furniture and House Furnishings that can be found in the city, and are selling them at prices to suit the times.

Call on me when you want Bargains in anything in my line.

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