

**To Dance in the State House.**

The custom of holding the State ball in the State house which was discontinued in 1890, is to be resumed this fall. The legislature at its last session adopted a just resolution providing for such an arrangement. The legislature had the legal right to pass such a resolution, but they have the same right to allow the State house used for any other purpose, and by any other people in the State.

Gen. James Longstreet, Major general in the Confederate army and prospective commissioner of railroads to succeed Gen. Wade Hampton who is soon to be removed to create a vacancy for a Republican, was married one day last week to a Miss Dortch, a 22 years old girl, in Atlanta, Ga. The General is 75 years old.

**"Stop My Paper"**

A subscriber who did not want the paper wrote the editor the following:

"Brysen i rote you to stop my paper i want to stop it i am gettin enough of your scheme to make ma take your paper i state once more that i don't want your dog gon old paper the post Mrs. has notified you and she has got record of it and if you don't stop the dam thing i will give you a piece of my mind. Stop that paper i haven't taken none of them out of the ofes."

**Death—Formerly of Lancaster.**

Rev. Chas. R. Willeford, son of Rev. A. S. Willeford, of this city, and former pastor of the Deep Creek Baptist church, died at the home of his brother, R. F. Willeford, Millwood, Ga., on Monday, Sept. 6th, at 2 o'clock p. m. The body was brought to this city and the funeral services held in the Baptist church to-day. In the absence of Mr. Brown, Rev. J. W. Daniel conducted the funeral services at 10 o'clock.—Sumter Watchman and Southron.

**A Magnificent Store in Chester.**

On to day, September 15th, R. Brandt will celebrate his second annual opening. Mr. Brandt just recently returned from a two weeks stay in New York, where he selected a very choice stock. Having been employed on Maiden Lane, the jewelry centre of the world, for nearly four years, he naturally understands the market there better than any other jeweler in the State, unless they have had the same advantages.

An immense stock of elegant and costly wares, all new and of the latest patterns, together with an entire new outfit of 32 feet of the finest French Plate Glass Show cases go to make the display this year by far surpass that of '96.

All are invited and we hope to welcome all our friends and customers from far and near at the store on that day especially.

Most Respectfully,  
R. BRANDT'S Jewelry Store.

**RICH RED BLOOD** is the foundation of good health. That is why Hood's Sarsaparilla, the One True Blood Purifier, gives **HEALTH.**

**Pure**

Blood means sound health. With pure, rich, healthy blood, the stomach and digestive organs will be vigorous, and there will be no dyspepsia. Rheumatism and Neuralgia will be unknown. Scrofula and Salt Rheum will disappear. With pure

**Blood**

Your nerves will be strong, and your sleep sound, sweet and refreshing. Hood's Sarsaparilla makes pure blood. That is why it cures so many diseases. That is why so many thousands take it to cure disease, retain good health and prevent sickness and suffering. Remember

**Hood's Sarsaparilla**

Is the One True Blood Purifier. \$1; six for \$5.

**Hood's Pills** cure Liver Ills; easy to take, easy to operate. 25c.

**A New Cotton Buyer.**

Mr. John D. Taylor who for the last two season has bought cotton at Mayesville, for Alex Sprunt & Son, of Wilmington, N. C., will buy here this season for the same parties. His headquarters are at the store of Cloud & Allison.

**Oakhurst's Special Tax.**

The special levy of 4 mills for the Oakhurst school district has been placed upon the tax books by Auditor Cook, and will be collected by the treasurer this Fall when other taxes are collected.

**Died of Convulsions.**

The two year old son of Mr. and Mrs. J. G. Clifton, of Fort Lawn, died at the home of Mr. D. Ferguson here last Tuesday evening of convulsions. He was taken with spasms or convulsions Tuesday morning and suffered intensely during the day till death came to the relief of the little fellow. The doctors were powerless to do him any good. The little remains were taken to Fort Lawn Wednesday morning for interment. Much sympathy is felt for the fond parents

**CASTORIA.**  
The famous  
signature  
of *Chas. H. Fletcher.*  
is on every wrapper.  
Educate Your Bowels With Castorol.  
Candy Cathartic, cure constipation forever.  
6c; 25c. If C. C. C. fail, druggists refund money.

**Don't**

Don't buy Lamps or Glassware.  
Don't buy Chinaware.  
Don't buy Furniture.  
Don't buy Coffins.  
Don't buy Stoves.  
Don't buy School Books.  
Don't buy Pictures

**Until**

You have looked at my Stock and get prices. I will save you some MONEY. So be good to yourself and look out for number one.

**L. C. PAYSEUR.**

**DOING SPLENDID WORK.**

General Freight Agent Lumpkin, of the Ohio River and Charleston Railroad, Helping Charleston while Helping his Road.

Mr. S. B. Lumpkin, general freight and passenger agent of the Ohio River and Charleston Railroad, was in the city yesterday and to-day goes to Columbia to be present at a meeting of the railroad commissioners. Mr. Lumpkin was in Charleston in the interests of his road and when accosted by a Reporter for The News and Courier said that his visit had been entirely successful and that everything was now working for the best interests of all concerned.

"From the arrangement now existing with the South Carolina and Georgia Railroad," said Mr. Lumpkin, "passengers from Charleston may go to the farthest point on the Ohio River and Charleston Railroad by daylight. I mean by starting at 7.10 A. M. they may reach Marion, N. C. about 7.30 P. M. the same day. There is to be no more stopping over on the way and breaking up two days in getting to the upper points of the road. It will be the same way on the return. Passengers will leave Marion at 8 A. M. and reach Charleston at 8 o'clock the same evening.

"This arrangement will be much appreciated by Charleston merchants, for it will enable their salesmen to go into this territory without such a loss of time as has been heretofore necessary.

"The freight rates from and to Charleston have been considerably reduced. The markets of Charleston are now put in a position to do the business of that territory. Good schedules are in effect on freights also and quick through deliveries will be made.

"The up country merchants seem delighted with the prospect of convenient schedules of passenger service. (This, however, will not be in operation until October 1.) The people say that this will give Charleston the trade that naturally belongs to her.

"I am sure," said Mr. Lumpkin, in conclusion, "that Charleston has not had such an opportunity of securing the up country trade since the war. The arrangements we have made will certainly place all the territory of the Ohio River and Charleston Railroad within close touch with Charleston, their natural port."

—News and Courier.

**HERE WE GO, HEAD US!**

We Have Done Passed the  $\frac{3}{4}$  Pole  
And Nothing in Sight.

We are in the field this season with the most complete line either in the State of North or South Carolina. Some one says, what do you handle? Don't say, what do you handle; but what is it that you don't handle?

**Here Are a Few of the Main Articles:**

Machinery of all kinds, Engines, Boilers, Gins, Feeders and condense rs, Presses—hand and steam—otton and Hay, Saw Mills, Grist Mills, Shafting, Pulleys, &c.

**We Make Ginning  
Outfits a Specialty.**

If you wish to examine one of these, we refer you to Poag & Harper. Here are a few of the gentlemen to whom we have sold full outfits this season: W. L. Blackmon, J. A. Bridges, Dr. E. F. Horton, Col. L. C. Hough and Dr. C. C. Welsh. There has been but very little if any machinery sold in this section for several years except what we have sold. Some say, "Why is this?" Simple enough.

We take our time—don't move in a dash—  
Buy where it's the cheapest and pay the cash.

**Buggies, Buggies, Buggies!**

We have on hand and to arrive the most complete line of Buggies, Phaetons, Surries, Carts, &c., in the State. We have the exclusive agency for all the best makes, hence our ability to furnish what you may desire. Here's a few of the kind we handle: Babcock, Tyson & Jones, Carolina, Rock Hill, Columbus, Columbia, Pany Advance, and a great many others too numerous to mention, ranging in price from

**\$25.00 to \$150.00.**

Over the brain of each youth is spread,  
"How long! How long! before I can wed!"

You must wait patiently and endure,  
And wait until it does mature.  
But, how much sooner it would be  
If you only buy an H. M. T.

We have the exclusive agency for all the best makes, and will sell for less profit than anybody.

**CANE MILLS CANE MILLS!  
CANE MILLS, CANE MILLS!**

Now is the time to buy your Cane Mills. A large lot of the celebrated Chattanooga Cane Mills, Evaporators, steel and copper, and furnices on hand both here and at Kershaw.

**Wagons, Wagons!**

We carry the best line of Wagons in the Carolinas. Old Hickory, Tennessee, Piedmont, Sprach or any other kind you may desire. All sizes, one, two, three and four horse. Repairs of all kinds on hand. Prices not in the way. We have three large distributing points, hence the large number bought and the low prices paid.

**HARNESSES!  
HARNESSES!**

The hide that covered the old cow's back  
Is made to whiz upon the track,

In reins sufficient that will hold

Are manufactured by our Mr. Stoll.

Of customers using them there is no end,  
From the Governor down to Salty Ben.

All kinds harness, single and double, wagon and buggy harness ranging from

**\$6.50 TO \$75.00.**

A nice line of riding saddles and bridles on hand. Repairing Saddles and harness a specialty.

**Mowers, Mowers**

We handle all kinds that are good. Diering, the McCormick and Wood. We sold W. B. Culp and T. K. Cunningham a harvester and bought one for ourselves. Plenty Mowers on hand of the above kind, and repairs for same.

Respectfully,

**H. J. GREGORY & CO.**