

The "original package" business has received a heavy set back from the railroads in their refusal to carry the packages unless they are boxed, crated or barrelled. This will practically nullify Simonton's decision on this question.

Mr. J. P. Derham, chief clerk in the Comptroller General's office, is a candidate for the office of Comptroller General, made vacant by the election of Mr. Norton to Congress from the fifth district. Mr. Derham is thoroughly familiar with the duties of the office and we would be glad to see Governor Ellerbe appoint him to the place.

**The "Bargain" Man's Ad.**

The "bargain" man is out in an announcement in this issue. He tells you he went for bargains and that he got bargains. He will exhibit a few of them to you in his ad. next week. Watch the bargain man's ad.

**A Hardware Store for Lancaster.**

Lancaster is on rising ground. In addition to the new businesses that have been opened here in the last two years, we are to have what few towns of this size have—a hardware store. Messrs. Stewart W. Heath and John T. Stevens and the Heath Hardware Company of Monroe, N. C., will compose the new firm which will be known as the Heath Hardware Company of Lancaster. They have leased the large room in the old Catawba House building formerly used as an office, dining room, cook room, etc., and Messrs. W. J. and T. K. Cunningham will have them a handsome room fitted up, 33 by about 135 feet. They will build a gangway from the rear up to the second floor, which will be turned into one large hall and used for storage purposes. The business will be opened just as soon as the necessary changes can be made in the building.

In connection therewith the firm of Stevens, Heath & Elliott will build a large livery and sale stable on the lot where Mr. W. F. Garvin's shop now stands, and will move their stock business into that. This business will be in the special charge of Mr. J. C. Elliott, of the firm. These parties are all hustlers, and we are glad to see them spreading out.

**Happily Married.**

Mr. J. W. Bowling, head of the weaving department at the Lancaster Cotton Mills, was married Sunday afternoon at 3 o'clock to Miss Lettie Mobley, daughter of Mr. Hiram Mobley of the Heath Spring neighborhood, at whose home the ceremony took place. Rev. S. W. Henry officiated.

The happy couple came to Lancaster that evening, and went at once to the home of the groom.

The following parties accompanied Mr. Bowling and witnessed the marriage:

Mr. and Mrs. W. J. Beckham, Miss Arah Belle Beckham, Miss Alice Elliott and Mr. M. H. Johnson.

**Hood's Pills**  
Should be in every family medicine chest and every traveller's grip. They are invaluable when the stomach is out of order; cure headache, biliousness, and all liver troubles. Mild and efficient. 25 cents.

**Merit**

Is what gives Hood's Sarsaparilla its great popularity, its constantly increasing sales, and enables it to accomplish its wonderful and unequalled cures. The combination, proportion and process used in preparing Hood's Sarsaparilla are unknown to other medicines, and make Hood's Sarsaparilla

**Peculiar to Itself**

It cures a wide range of diseases because of its power as a blood purifier. It acts directly and positively upon the blood, and the blood reaches every nook and corner of the human system. Thus all the nerves, muscles, bones and tissues come under the beneficent influence of

**Hood's Sarsaparilla**  
The One True Blood Purifier. \$1; six for \$5.

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

—Comptroller-General James Norton was elected to Congress last week from the sixth district by a majority of 586 over Solicitor J. M. Johnson.

—Reports from the yellow fever districts indicate that it is spreading, although the authorities seem to be using every means to prevent it.

—Messrs. Knight & Langley have the contract for fitting up the rooms for the hardware store referred to in this issue. They also have a contract to build a six-room dwelling at Fort Lawn, for Mrs. Jane Edwards.

—Mr. John S. Riddle is opening a stock of heavy and fancy groceries in the Riddle block next door to the bank. We wish him much success in his new undertaking.

—Joe Hammond, colored, was turned over to the chain gang last Wednesday. He was sentenced to the gang for two years at the October term of last year, but escaped last Spring. He was captured in Chesterfield by Constable Roberts of Longville. Overseer Barton will likely keep an eye on him now.

—Read the new ad of Poag & Harper in this issue. These are practical machinists and can do anything you need done in their line.

—List of letters advertised for the week ending Sept. 21, 1897: Ida Garrison, care of W. E. Belk, Louela James, care of Mrs. Taylor, Ella Mungo, Mrs. T. C. Stogner, James Heaton.

Jos. F. GREGORY, P. M.

—The special levy of the Oakhurst School district, as recently placed upon the tax books by Auditor Cook, amounts to \$198.44.

—The cotton market has declined nearly a half cent within the last week. October delivery is now worth about 6½ in New York. The staple is worth but little over 6 here.

—We are indebted to Mr. H. G. Mellwain, who is just back from a trip to Cheraw, for a copy of S. A. L. Magundi, containing a write up of that pretty town, together with a number of beautiful views there.

**See us Before Buying.**

We have just received a car load of Haydock and other grades of Buggies and Carriages and road wagons, with or without top, and the celebrated Mitchell Wagons, which are warranted the best on the market, all of which we offer to the public at greatly reduced prices. Be sure to inspect our stock before buying, and we will either sell you or save you money.

STEVENS, HEATH & ELLIOTT.

**Notice!**

To the tax payers of Lancaster County: The tax books will be open in the office of the County Treasurer for Lancaster county for the collection of taxes for fiscal year 1897, from the 15th day of October to the 31st day of December, 1897.

The following is the levy for the county:

State	8 mills
County	8 "
Interest on C. & C. R. R.	3 "
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Constitutional school tax	3 "
Lancaster Graded	4 "
Jones X Roads	2 "
Kershaw	4 "
Oakhurst	4 "
The levies by Townships are:	
Indian Land	15 mills
Waxhaw	16 "
Cane Creek	16 "
Cane Creek (Graded School)	20 "
Cane Creek (Jones X Roads)	18 "
Gills Creek	20 1/2 "
Gills Creek (Graded School)	24 1/2 "
Gills Creek (Jones X Roads)	22 1/2 "
Buford	16 "
Five Creek No. 9	20 "
Pleasant Hill	19 "
Pleasant Hill No. 9	23 "
Pleasant Hill (Jones X Roads)	21 "
Pleasant Hill (Oakhurst)	23 "
Cedar Creek	16 "
Cedar Creek (Jones X Roads)	18 "

Respectfully submitted,  
J. E. BLACKMON,  
Co. Treas., Lancaster County.

**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.

**HERE WE GO, HEAD US!**

We Have Done Passed the ¾ 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!**

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!**

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.