

TEN MILLION FIVE HUNDRED THOUSAND BALES OF COTTON.

The above is the latest estimate on the present cotton crop. These are terrible figures that stare us in the face. This means 5 cents cotton. And 5 cents cotton to the Southern Merchant and Farmer almost means starvation. It takes men with brains to conceive,—energy to accomplish,—and nerves of steel to meet the existing state of affairs. The skillful Surgeon in order to save his patient will cut deep with the knife guided by the hand of science. The merchant who understands his business, will not let the Hard Times ruin him, but will put the knife in unmercifully and cut and slash right left.

* Now for the Cutting and Slashing! *

\$50,000 Worth of Goods to be Slaughtered.

4-4 Heavy Brown Sheeting, Factory price 5 cts., our price 4 cts. Heavy Alamance, Factory price 4 cents, our price 3 cents. Another Lot Heavy Brown Canton Flannels—others ask 8 cents, our price 5 cents. Apron Gingham—others ask 6 cents, our price 4 cents. Heavy Bed Tick—others ask 8 cents, our price 5 cents. All wool Kentucky Jeans, sold everywhere for 25 cents, our price, as long as it lasts, 16 $\frac{2}{3}$ cents a yard. 25 cent Red Twilled all wool Flannel for 15 cents. 5 cents Bleached Shirting for 3 $\frac{1}{2}$ cents. Men's Heavy Under Shirts, 25 cents kind for 15 cents. Men's heavy Socks, the 10 cents kin for 5 cents. Men's all wool Black Cheviot suits, sold everywhere else for \$5.00, our price \$3.00. The \$10.00 men's Imported Diagonal suits will be sold by us for \$6.00. 50 strictly all wool suits—guaranteed the best value ever offered for the money, sold all over the country for \$12.00, our price as long as they last \$6.00.

CAPE AND JACKETS.

We have never in the history of our mercantile career sold so many capes. We often wonder if any one else keeps them. This is our *THIRD STOCK OF CAPES*. A nice black all wool Cape—velvet collar, other houses ask \$1.50, our price 75 cents.

An extra long all wool cape—others ask \$2.00, our price \$1.00. A lovely double cape trimmed in fur, latest back, worth \$3.00, our price \$1.50.

All wool beaver jackets, ought to sell for \$5.00, our price \$2.00.

SHOES.

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We carry the only complete line in Lancaster. When you are tired trying to find what you want come to Headquarters.

A BIG OFFER!

When this advertisement appears we will put on sale 250 pairs of Ladies' Shoes, worth \$1.50 a pair, for 75 cents. You can have them at that price as long as they last. Only two pairs sold to one person at the above price.

A Few Plums IN THE GROCERY LINE!

20 pounds extra light sugar for \$1.00. Parched coffee 10 cents package—no trash. 10 pounds best green Rio for \$1.00. Sullivan's World Renowned Tobacco, can't be matched anywhere for 30 cents per pound. 2 cakes best laundry soap for 5 cents, You pay 5 cents a cake for the same soap. 10 cents size baking powder for 5 cents.

FURNITURE, FURNITURE! STOVES, STOVES!

In no line are we so supreme masters as in these two articles!

\$1.50 Beds for 75 cents. \$2.00 Beds for \$1.03. \$2.50 Beds for \$1.58.

\$5.00 Bureaus—extra dark or light for \$2.48. You can't match the above prices. We handle the celebrated Chattanooga Stoves—every one warranted. If it don't do what we recommend bring it back and get a new one.

25 Buggies and Wagons! We are moving them out. Get one at your own price. 100 Muzzle and Breach Loading Shot Guns at the old price.

T. M. FITZPATRICK & BRO., Leaders of Low Prices.

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Governor Atkinson has vetoed the anti-foot ball bill recently passed by the Georgia legislature.

It is predicted in the Chicago board of trade that L. Z. Leiter and his son, Joseph, will clear at least \$3,000,000 by their deal in December wheat. They are credited with having purchased at least 10,000,000 bushels of December wheat at not far from eighty cents, and already have a profit of fully fifteen cents. Leading members of the board say Mr. Leiter can put the wheat to \$1.25 whenever he wants to.

—The trustees of this (Gills Creek) school district will meet next Saturday at 10 o'clock, a. m. in the office of the Supervisor of Registration. Teachers and others having any business with the board will please attend the meeting. Second grade teachers are requested to bring their certificates with them.

W. G. A. PORTER,
Chairman.

Dec. 13, 1897.

To The Enterprise Pub. Co.

In your last paper you published "Fifty years ago." "A Vivid Pen Picture of Lancaster as it was then. Its people, Its Business and Its Society, interestingly written by one of its Older citizens."

Now your writer evidently has written from information gathered from an unreliable source to slander my dead grandfather. In her "Pen Picture" she says: she came to Lancaster to make it her home in 1850. I claim she did not know Captain William McKenna until then. What right has she to meddle with his private family matters? I contend that his private life is none of her business. Now, with all due deference to the dead whose memory I have been taught to respect and ever shall, I trust, as long as life remains. Your correspondent has resurrected the dead of thirty-seven years in order to show her malice to his grandchild. That is no reason why I should show a want of refinement by arraying in print any slanderous conversation repeated to me about any one's family. I reverse the religion of my grandparent and have a loathsome contempt for any one who would go back over half a century to slander it or traduce his name in a

newspaper, but ingrates are ever to be found. Aristotle asks the question "What first becomes old" and then answers "gratitude." Your writer has certainly forgotten it in this case. I have done everything in my power to make her life pleasant. She has enjoyed my hospitality, such as a limited means have been able to afford, for a number of years, and in return she has published my ancestor's frailties; as it were, she has pelted his granddaughter with his misdoings, through the public press. I will proceed to correct statements made by the writer and inquire from what source she received her information? I will give a few dates. I spent the greater part of yesterday in historic Waxhaw cemetery where the father, mother and uncle of Captain McKenna's second wife's remains are buried. James Cousar, the father of Capt. McKenna's second wife died Sep. 29, 1801. Are there any persons now living who can give authenticity to James Cousar's being a merchant, or the infatuation of Capt. McKenna for Mr. Cousar's daughter?

Anna C. McKenna's mother died in 1814, aged forty-one years. David Cousar, only surviving brother of Jas. Cousar, died in

1807, aged thirty-nine years. Samuel Cousar died in 1790 aged sixty-two. Have we anybody in our town that will admit that they are ninety-seven years old, if so, who are they and where are they? I presume they must be living to have given your writer information for her "Pen Picture" of Captain McKenna, or perhaps she has searched the Archives. One more: correction she says that my mother was placed in a Convent; she was *not* and even if she had been, I know of no institutions of learning superior in my estimation to those of the Catholics for moral, religious and educational training.

For the benefit of my readers I will state that Captain McKenna did not come to South Carolina until 1803, so therefore could not have been employed as James Cousar's clerk as he (James Cousar) died in 1801.

It is however well known that William McKenna was a native of Ireland and emigrated to the United States and landed in New York state at the close, probably, of the last century 1799 or 1800.

With two lines I bid the writer adieu:

"Honor and fame from no condition rise,
Act well your part and there all the honor lies."

CLARA MITTAG CLYBURN,
Dec. 11, 1897.

Intendant and Aldermen Elected.

The Democratic massmeeting called in last week's papers to meet in the court house Friday night unanimously nominated Mr. Waddy C. Thomson, the incumbent, as Intendant of the town for the next two years, and Messrs. W. T. Gregory, T. K. Cunningham, L. C. Payseur and W. McD. Brown as wardens. The election was held Monday, and, as a matter of course, they were elected. This insures Lancaster good government for the next two years. The question whether we would remain under the old charter or go under the general charter, was also voted on Monday, and resulted by a majority of only two votes in favor of remaining under the old charter.

When the votes were counted, they stood 35 noes and 33 yeses, 69 in all, while there were only 68 voters recorded on the poll list. It was necessary, therefore, to draw out one ballot. The one drawn was a "yes," which reduced the yeses to 33, and showed a majority of two in favor of remaining under the old charter.

Had the vote drawn been a "no" there would have been a tie.

Alf Frasier, colored, was accidentally shot in the knee Monday evening by his brother Will. They were fooling with a shot gun and it accidentally went off, with the result above stated.