Laurens Advertiser.

LAURENS, Nov. 11th, 1885.

LOCAL ITEMS.

Laurens is a town of trestles.

Cotton is selling at 8½@8¾.

The future prominence of Laurens, as a commercial center, is now assured.

Farmers report cotton in the fields as damaged to some extent by recent rains.

Good work has been done in the way of macadamizing the wagon road at the new depot.

One of our young "limbs of the law" is addicted to falling—not in love—but in the skating rink.

Work on the G. & L. Railroad has reached Reedy Fork Creek, and the trestle is almost completed.

Dr. CALVIN G. FINLEY died very suddenly at his home, in this county, on Friday last, of heart-disease.

One of our enterprising young merchants is seriously thinking of erecting gas works for this town.

Of all sad words, that banks report,
The saddest are these: "Our cash is short."

As "ye editor" is absent, we ask the indulgence of our readers this week for all shortcoming in the way of locals.

We understand that the Ladies of the Presbyterian Church will give an entertainment in the Court House on Friday evening next.

Even Laurens is becoming so metropolitan in her ways lately, that one would scarcely know what his neighbor was doing, unless he reads the local newspapers.

Sealed proposals will be received by the Post Master at this place until Nov. 14, when the contract to carry mails to and from the G., L. & S. Railroad depot, will be let to the lowest bidder.

Railroads can do much towards building up a town, but the great business men have long since learned that a certain amount of printer's ink, properly distributed, will do more towards building up a trade.

We learn that Prof. W. B. Cameron is to teach classes of Vocal Music in our town. This is a good opportunity for our young people to improve themselves in singing. Subscription list can be found with Mr. C. L. Fike.

Much inquiry has been made as to when the mails would be put on the new road. A letter from Capt. Woodruff informs us that these mails will commence on Wednesday, November 11th.—*Spartanburg Herald.*

Our correspondent "S" says: "What if the ADVERTISER should some day become a 'Clinton Daily?'"

Our sprightly, little rival has "stole" our bank, but Laurens is not ready to give up the ADVERTISER, even to become a daily in this thriving city."

On Monday morning a goodly number of merchants and business men of our town boarded the special train for Augusta, to enjoy the hospitality of that city and be present at the Grand Banquet and Ball given in honor of the completion of the Greenwood, Laurens & Spartanburg Railroad.

Some vile wretch, "not having the fear of God before his eyes, and moved and seduced by the instigation of the devil," did enter our *sanctum sanctorum* and without cause, did steal, take and carry away, an article, which, to an editor, is dearer than riches. In other words, we have lost our "scissors."

We cannot receive communications on Tuesday. For the past few weeks we have been delayed by having communications and advertisements handed in just before we go to press. We go to press at 10 o'clock on Tuesday, and in order to insure publication, all communications should be handed in by Monday at 12 o'clock.

Mistakes will occur even in the best regulated printing offices. Last week the types made us say "beg" when it should have been "buy," in MINTER & JAMESON'S advertisement. We are very sorry that such a mistake should occur, but if anyone will examine the mammoth stock kept by this reliable house, and see their low prices, they will surely find that it is cheaper to "buy" than to "beg."

Personal.

President MAULDIN, of the G. & L. Railroad, was in town last week.

Mrs. J. H. TRAYNHAM has returned from a visit to Charlotte.

Mr. J. B. RALEW and family, of North Carolina, visited relatives here last week.

Miss CARRIE JONES, of Georgia, is visiting the family of her uncle, Mr. J. WADE JONES.

We are pleased to see Mr. G. S. GARRETT home again from Augusta. Like most persons who leave Laurens, he has concluded that it is not a bad place after all.

A Musical Reception

Will be held in the Court House on Friday night, 13th inst. An attractive musical program, under the direction of Mrs. J. E. WILKES, will be rendered between the hours of 7½ and 9 o'clock, after which delicious refreshment, consisting of fresh oysters, served in all styles, varieties of cake, ambrosia, Charlotte Russe, an abundance of fruits, Confectionery &c., will be served by the fair singers.

Refreshments will also be served from 4 to 7 o'clock Friday evening. After that hour, a small admission fee will be charged and arrangements made for the concert.

The proceeds are to defray the expense of painting the new Presbyterian Parsonage.

The State Fair,

Which opened on the 10th inst., promises to surpass all exhibitions of this kind held heretofore. We notice that the following live-stock, intended for exhibition, left this place on Saturday last:

One bull, cow and calf, ten sheep, nine goats, five coops of chickens, belonging to Col. J. WASH WATTS.

One Thoroughbred Stallion, the property of Col. J. L. M. IRBY.

Two horses—Mr. J. G. BROWN.

One Heifer—Mr. B. A. WRAYTON.

One bag of wool and shearing of fleece—Col. J. WASH WATTS.

County Items.

CLINTON.

"J."

Dr. and Mrs. G. W. Glenn, of Newberry, are visiting friends here.

Sickness has prevented the announcement of No. 4 in the matrimonial line; the intention, however, is the same.

Mr. W. T. Vance and family have moved into the Phinney mansion and opened it as a private boarding house.

The session of the annual conference of the Protestant Methodist Church, was held at Yarborough Chapel, last week.

President McCaughrin, of the Newberry Bank, and Maj. Christian Suber, of the Newberry Bar, spent a night with friends in Clinton, recently.

Mrs. J. C. Hague, *nee* Miss Pattie Thornwell, has been spending a week, very pleasantly, with her old Clinton friends. Miss Pattie, as we all call her, is ever welcome, both to our hearts and homes.

The Clinton Bank is at last a certainty, so far as human endeavor can make it so. Mr. M. S. Bailey, who has made a fortune here, has the money to operate on, and will at an early day open under the firm-name of M. S. Bailey & Co. All the preliminaries as to suitable bank building, &c., have been arranged for, and Mr. Bailey, from his widely known business qualifications, will have no difficulty in attracting all that he may desire in the way of a paying patronage. The future outlook for Clinton is becoming brighter every day. With her splendid outlying country to draw trade from, her unsurpassed social, moral and educational advantages, and now with her bank and an almost certain prospect of increased railroad facilities, she bids fair to rival, if not surpass, some of her neighboring cities of the Piedmont region. What if the ADVERTISER should some day become a Clinton Daily.

CROSS HILL.

MACK.

Mrs. Lucy McGowan, who has been quite ill for a long time, is thought to be improving.

Mr. A. E. Nance has moved to Waterloo. While Cross Hill regrets to lose him, Waterloo gains a good citizen.

We are glad to see the genial and handsome face of John McCravy in our midst after an absence of a couple of months.

McCravy, of Kinards T. O., has been visiting friends in this vicinity. Sam is an admirable performer on the mouth organ, and delighted us with good music and made us laugh by his wit.

The heaviest frost of the season was on the morning of the 3d inst. Vegetation is killed and trees are shedding their leaves. The woods are rapidly putting on the variegated hues that indicate Autumn.

"The melancholy days have come,
The saddest of the year,
Of sighing winds and falling leaves,
And meadows brown and sere."

It is evident that the late frost has allowed the maturing of a great deal more of cotton than was expected, and consequently, there is depression in the market. Parties who have carefully estimated the cost of production, tell us that it costs 10 cents to produce a pound of cotton. Now it is evident that if it only brings 8½ or 9 cents in the market, there is a loss, and the planter must bear the loss. Let men go to thinking and see if this matter cannot be mended. My friend Bob says he has found out what is the matter; he says that the people make only enough to "live on half the year, and the other half the year they must live at a dead loss." There seems to be some truth in this pithy remark, and let the people ponder it carefully.

SIMPSONS MILL.

NIX.

We had a heavy rain on the night of the 7th.

The school at Rocky Mount will begin on Monday, the 19th inst.

Rev. G. A. Martin has accepted the call to supply Union Church, for 1885.

The Texas fever is raging, and a great many families seem determined to go.

Mrs. H. H. Watkins, of Honea Path, is spending a week with her daughter, Mrs. G. Y. Moore.

We are glad to see the ADVERTISER receiving its proportion of patronage in our section.

Mr. Willis Washington has completed his dam across the river, and is now ready to grind for the public.

Mr. H. J. Duvall has sold his place, near the cross roads, to Mr. Burton, who lives near the Knob. We welcome Mr. Burton as a friend and neighbor.

Written for the Advertiser.

A Good Joke On Senator Hampton.

AS TOLD BY "JOE PRINCE."

Dorroh, S. C.
Nov. 5th, 1885.

Mr. Editor: A good joke on Senator Hampton has been circulating orally through this part of the country for a number of years. I am not aware that it has ever been printed; neither am I sure of its authenticity. But should it prove spurious, I reckon the Senator will not think it worth the trouble of a denial.

In the good old *ante bellum* days, Wade Hampton was a great lover of fine horses. He prided himself upon knowing as much about horse flesh as any man, and he generally kept a number of horses in his own stable, which he believed were as good as could be found elsewhere. On one occasion, a grum looking country man drove up to Hampton's palatial residence just at night, and wanted to stay all night. Hampton told him that he was not in the habit of taking in travelers; but referred him to different places where he would be accommodated.

"No," said the stranger, "my horses are already tired, and I don't want to drive them another yard. That sorrel there on the off side can run some, and I expect to win some money on him to-morrow if I can get the right sort of a bet."

"Oh, shaw," said Hampton, "that horse can't run. I have at least a half dozen horses in my stables, either one of which could beat that horse."

"Well now mister" said the stranger, "would you like to bet a trifle on that?"

"Yes" said Hampton "I'll bet a thousand dollars that the slowest horse in my stables can beat him any distance you'll name."

The stranger slowly pulled out a huge pocket book from an inside pocket of his overcoat, and began to fumble over a roll of bills. At length he raised up with a peculiar grin: "Well, mister, you rather oversize my pile, but if you'll just cut it in two, and say five hundred I'll go it, and you can pick out your own hoss."

This was just as good as Hampton wanted it. He saw there was a chance for some fun. So he replied "All right sir," and then called to a negro to take charge of the horses, told the stranger he could look after them himself, to see that they were properly cared for, and then come in the house.

There were several young folks about the Hampton residence, and they were immensely amused at the awkward country airs and actions of the stranger. Especially at the supper table it required all their gravity to keep up even an appearance of respectful politeness. At one time Hampton spoke to a waiter to snuff the candle. The stranger, however, did'nt wait for the waiter, but instantly touched a finger and thumb to his tongue, and deftly pinched off the wick and threw it down on the floor.—Then there was an audible titter in spite of all that could be done. But the stranger appeared to pay no attention to it, but went on with his eating just as if nothing unusual had happened.

The next morning all arrangements were made for the race. Hampton had notified a number of his friends that some rare sport was expected, and they were promptly on the ground. When all were assembled Hampton pointed out a number of young men and told the stranger they were all good riders, and that he could select any one of them to ride his horse. "No," said the stranger, "I think I'll ride that horse myself."

"Why," said Hampton "you're too large, and you are not built right for a good rider; you had better get one of those young men to ride for you."

"No, mister, you see that hoss understands my motions better than he does any body elses, and I just think I'll ride him myself."

As soon as they were mounted, it was noticed by every one, as well as Hampton, that the sorrel horse put on an entirely different appearance to what he had shown before. The word was given and they dashed off the stranger in the lead. For a moment he turned sideways in his saddle, after the manner of the cowboy, and waving his hat above his head, he shouted at the top of his voice: "I'm going to shout Wade's (name) again!"

And he did snuff it, to the tune of five hundred, but Hampton didn't even wait to see it. He turned and walked off in a brown study, muttering to himself, something like "well cuts taken on, put up job," &c., and it was some time afterwards before he could enjoy the joke worth a cent.

Written for the Advertiser.

Who Can Solemnize a Marriage.

Nearly every newspaper has a notice of a marriage which is solemnized by a Notary Public. This no doubt is owing to the vulgar belief that a Notary Public has legal authority to join man and woman together as man and wife. There is also a belief among a great many that no person but a clergyman can solemnize a marriage.

The law in South Carolina is that marriage is a civil contract, which need not be entered into in any particular manner in order to be binding on both parties. The presence of a Notary Public, with his jargon, or a clergyman with his religious formula, can give no more binding efficacy to a marriage than the presence of any other citizen. So there is no use to pay a Notary Public for performing a marriage ceremony, as their office has no legal authority to do such acts or to charge for the same. Nor have the clergy any legal authority to charge fees for the performance of the ceremony. Yet I do not say that it is inexpedient to have the presence of a clergyman at a marriage ceremony, for the reason that the marriage relation is expressly ordained by God, and is the foundation of the existence and well-being of society. Ceremonies appertaining to an institution expressly ordained of God, properly belong to the clergy. The church is the proper organ for the sanction and administration of ceremonies belonging to religious and moral relations. I do not mean by this that a marriage is not valid unless performed by a clergyman, or that a clergyman can charge fees for his services. I heard a clergyman once say at a marriage, "by the authority of church and State, I pronounce you man and wife." In the first place, he had no authority from the State to solemnize the marriage, and in the second place, he could have no authority from the church to *make* them man and wife. The proper formula is, I witness the solemn contract which you make to be now husband and wife.

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Hymeneal

MARRIED at the residence of the brides Uncle, Mr. T. M. Neil, at Newberry C. H., by Rev. J. D. PITTS, Mr. GEO. D. ANDERSON and Miss OPHELIA DAVENPORT.

By the same at the residence of the bride's father, Mr. ANTHONY S. EASTERBY, of Charleston, and Miss LAURA A. MARTIN, of Laurens.

MARRIED, April 30, 1885, by the Rev. W. H. AIRIAL, Mr. W. A. NELSON to Miss LOUISA J. REDDEN, both of Laurens.

MARRIED, Oct. 8th, 1885, at the residence of the bride's father, Mr. P. D. Cureton, by Rev. W. H. AIRIAL, Mr. CHAS. W. STOKES to Miss MINNIE CURETON, all of Greenville.

MARRIED at the residence of the bride's mother, Mrs. Rosana Williams, Oct. 15th, 1885, by Rev. W. H. AIRIAL, WEBSTER STEWART, Esq., to Miss NANNIE A. WILLIAMS, all of Greenville.

MARRIED Oct. 22d, 1885, at the residence of the bride's mother, Mrs. L. A. Hunter, by Rev. W. H. AIRIAL, Mr. J. M. LEAK to Miss EMMA NELSON, all of Laurens.

MARRIED, Oct. 22d, 1885, at the residence of the bride's father, Mr. L. P. Davenport, Mr. AUGUSTUS MILAM to Miss SUSIE DAVENPORT, all of Laurens.

TAKE NOTICE.

All persons indebted to us by note or account, are requested to settle same by 15th November, next. Our business must and will be closed up. All accounts not collected in due time, will necessarily be enforced.

BOYD, PLUSS & CO.

Master's Sales.

STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA,
LAURENS COUNTY.
COURT OF COMMON PLEAS.

Pursuant to Judgements for sale in the following stated cases, I will sell at public outcry, at Laurens C. H., during the legal hours for sale, on Salesday in December next, being Monday the 7th day of the month, the property described in each case, upon the terms specified, to wit:

In the case of J. W. Copeland & Co. *vs.* Agnes J. Hellams *et al*

All that tract of land lying, being and situate in the County and State aforesaid, containing One Hundred and Fifty-eight acres, more or less, and bounded by lands of M. Teague, John Walker and others.

Terms—One-half of the purchase money to be paid cash; and the balance on a credit of twelve months, with interest from the day of sale, secured by the bond of the purchaser and a mortgage of the premises. The purchaser to pay for papers.

In the case of F. W. Wagener & Co. *vs.* Lizzie Parrott.

All that lot or parcel of land situate in the town of Clinton, in the County of Laurens, and State aforesaid containing one and four-tenths (1 4-10) acres, more or less, and bounded on the North by lot of M. S. Bailey, on the East by Sloan Street, on the South by Main Street, and on the West by lot of Mrs. Nellie Parrott, this being part of the lot surveyed by E. P. Jones, March 10th, 1885.

Terms—Cash—The purchaser to pay for papers.

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All work Guaranteed.

LAURENS, C. H., S. C.

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STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA
LAURENS COUNTY,
IN PROBATE COURT.

Whereas, Nancy O. Bridges, has applied to me for Letters of Administration, with will annexed, on the Estate of Mrs. Martha C. Grimes, deceased.

These are therefore to cite and admonish all and singular the kindred and creditors of said deceased, to be and appear before me at a Court of Probate to Probate to be holden at my office at Laurens C. H., on the 18th day of Nov. 1885, at 10 o'clock, A. M., to show cause, if any they can, why letters should not be granted.

Given under my hand and seal this, the 2d day of November, 1885.

A. W. BURNSIDE, J. P. L. C.

Nov. 3, 1885 14 2t

Extra Term of Court.

Pursuant to an order from his Honor, W. D. Simpson, Chief Justice of South Carolina, an Extra Term of the Court of Common Pleas for Laurens County will be holden on the 3d Monday in Nov. next, to continue for one week, for the trial of such causes as can be had without a jury. Parties litigant will take notice, and be governed accordingly.

G. W. SHELL, c. c. c. p.

J. M. VISANSKA,
JEWELER,
WATTS' BLOCK,
LAURENS C. H., S. C.

August 5, 1885 1 tf

SOUTH CAROLINA RAILWAY COMPANY.

COMMENCING SUNDAY SEPTEMBER 6, 1885, and up to A. M., Passenger Trains will run as follows, "Eastern time"

TO AND FROM CHARLESTON.

EAST (DAILY.)

Depart Columbia	7 35 a m	5 37 p m
Due Charleston	12 30 p m	9 05 p m

WEST (DAILY.)

Depart Charleston	7 20 a m	5 10 p m
Due Columbia	10 30 a m	10 00 p m

TO AND FROM CAMDEN.

(EAST DAILY EXCEPT SUNDAY.)

Dep't Columbia	7 45 a m	5 35 p m	6 27 p m
Due Camden	12 30 p m	7 42 p m	7 42 p m

(WEST DAILY EXCEPT SUNDAY.)

Dep't Camden	7 05 a m	7 a m	6 15 p m
Due Columbia	10 25 a m	10 40 a m	10 p m

TO AND FROM AUGUSTA.

EAST (DAILY.)

Depart Columbia	5 37 p m
Due Augusta	10 35 p m

WEST (DAILY.)

Depart Augusta	4 45 p m
Due Columbia	10 00 p m

CONNECTIONS

Made at Columbia with Columbia and Greenville Railroad by train arriving at 10.40 A. M. and departing at 5.37 P. M. At Columbia Junction with C., C. & A. Railroad by same train to and from all points on both roads.

Passengers take supper at Branchville.

At Charleston with steamers for New York; and with steamer for Jacksonville and points on St. John's River, Tuesdays and Saturdays; with Charleston and Savannah Railroad to and from Savannah and points in Florida, daily.

At Augusta with Georgia and Central Railroads to and from all points West and South. At Blackville to and from points on Barnwell Railroad. Through tickets can be purchased to all points South and West by applying to

D. McQUEEN, Ag't. Columbia, S. C.
JOHN B. PECK, General Manager.
D. C. Allen, G. P. and Ticket Agent.

THE STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA—LAURENS COUNTY—IN PROBATE COURT.

Whereas, G. W. Shell, c. c. c. p. has applied to me for Letters of Administration, on the Estate of John C. Godfrey, deceased.

These are therefore to cite and admonish all and singular the kindred and creditors of said deceased, to be and appear before me at a Court of Probate to be holden at my office at Laurens C. H., on the 24th day of November, 1885, at 10 o'clock, A. M., to show cause, if any they can, why letters should not be granted.

Given under my hand and seal this, the 14th day of October, 1885.

A. W. BURNSIDE, J. P. L. C.

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STILL THEY GO.

OUR SCHEDULE THIS WEEK.

85 Braided Jerseys at $1.40.

150 Braided Jerseys at $1.90, $2.25, $2.50.

174 Lisle Thread Jerseys at 90cts.

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Never So Cheap Before.

A complete set of single-harness, Coast Material; New; for only $7.50. ADAMS & CURTIS.

Now is the time to buy a nice set of Harness. Only $7.50, at ADAMS & CURTIS.

Go to ADAMS & CURTIS before they sell out their $7.50 Harness; the best ever sold for the money.

$15.00 Harness for $7.50 at Adams & Curtis. Only a few Sets left.

Photographer.

Having located in the Fowler Building, over the stores of John D. Sheahan, for the purpose of taking Photographs and Ferreotypes, and also Copying and Enlarging, I am prepared to give you satisfaction, having had ten years' experience.

Call and get a shadow before the substance fades.

Pictures taken on a cloudy as well as a fair day.

J. R. GLAZENER.

500 BUSHELS
Abbeville Raised,
Red Rust-Proof Oats,
For Sale by
W. W. JONES.
LAURENS C. H., S. C.
August 26, 1 tf

I am agent for the following
MACHINERY.
Call for circulars &c. Eclipse Engines, Saw Mills, Separators, Gins &c. Grain Drills Hay Rakes, Tan Mills, Feed Cutters. Also agent for the Celebrated Cox & Markly Wagons. GEO. B. ANDERSON.
Laurens C. H., S. C. 1 tf

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J. M. MURFF,
LAURENS, S. C.
August 5, 1885 1 tf

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Charge for handling Cotton reduced to 50c. per bale commissions; 25c. per bale storage.
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Meals furnished at all hours, consisting of all the substantials and delicacies of the season. Everything scrupulously neat, the best of order kept, and the politest attention given.

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JOHN L. SULLIVAN

Is successful once more in defeating all his opponents. Likewise,

LEAKE & PATTON are getting in a better Stock of Clothing than were ever offered the citizens of Laurens before.

We still sell the John B. Stetson Hats, and the Chas. Haiser, SHOES both of which have made for themselves a world-wide reputation. We also sell many other brands of Hats. We can please the most fastidious in styles, which we claim to be the leaders of in Laurens. But they all say they are leaders, so we ask the question, Lead who and where to?

We ask favors from no one, but we would like to whisper to you your Dollar is your friend, and we think you will be doing yourself an injustice to buy before you see our Stock of Clothing and Gents' Furnishing Good. We have Suits from $2.00 to $40.00. We don't propose to quote prices, but just merely to give our limits.

P. S. We have also in connection with our stock of Clothing, a lot of number one good Silver and Gold Watches, standard movements.

LEAKE & PATTON.

LAURENS, S. C.