

## MINOR LOCAL MATTERS.

### AFFAIRS CAUGHT BY OUR LOCAL REPORTER AND NOTED.

Written in Condensed Form and Printed in Like Manner for the Sake of our Weary Readers.

Today is Thanksgiving day.

Turkey everywhere today.

The schools are closed today.

Just four weeks till Christmas

Lots of folks out hunting today

Miss Nellie Bristow is visiting at her home in Florence.

Hog-killing time, but not many being killed.

No service was held in the Baptist church last Sunday.

All the stores in town are closed today, Thanksgiving day.

Miss Mollie Wise is visiting her sister, Mrs. Brown, in Charleston.

A good many people from this county are attending the Cheraw fair this week.

The weather has turned a great deal cooler in the past two days.

Mr. P. A. Allbrook has moved his family to his plantation, near Indiantown.

Miss Bessie Kelley will teach in Miss Bristow's place at the Academy tomorrow.

The Young Men's Social Club will give a dance at the residence of Mr. Louis Jacobs tonight.

Rev. R. W. Barnwell of Florence will conduct services in the Episcopal Church next Sunday morning at 11:30 o'clock.

We are indebted to the Pope Manufacturing Co., of Hartford Conn. for one of their beautiful desk-pad calendars for the year 1898.

The Epworth League gave a "tacky party" at the residence of Dr. S. P. H. Elwell last Tuesday night. A very enjoyable evening was spent by those who attended.

Mr. A. D. Epps, who has been clerking for Wallace & Johnson for a good many years, left Monday night for Charleston, to enter the Charleston Medical college.

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Among the Williamsburgers who were elected delegates to the Baptist State Convention by the Southeast Association last week were the following: Revs. A. McA. Pittman, W. D. Moor, H. F. Oliver, S. T. Russell, W. P. Holland, A. E. C. Pittman, J. M. Weaver and H. C. Haddock, and Messrs. B. H. Myers, Edwin Harper, B. F. Brockinton, Jr., J. M. Thomas, L. J. Bristow, J. G. McCollough, R. D. Rollins and E. R. Lesesne. These will leave for Rock Hill next Wednesday to attend the convention. Mr. Joel E. Brunson was elected a delegate to the Southern Baptist Convention which meets in Norfolk, Va., next May.

Cotton is low, but prices at Reddick's Racket Store are lower. For the next sixty days Reddick will sell his large stock of shoes and men's hats at COST and his splendid stock of clothing at greatly reduced prices. Come and see that I am doing what I say I will do.

H. D. REDDICK

Thanksgiving services will be held in the Methodist church this morning at 11 o'clock.

Wanted, at once, a copy of McGill's History of Williamsburg District. Apply at this office.

The town council is having some good work done in boxing some of the most important street drains.

Members of the Royal Fraternal Union will please make payments for November to the treasurer prior to Tuesday next.

Mr. C. J. Epps, who is now a student at the Charleston Medical College, visited relatives here this week.

Woodmen of the World are requested to make immediate payments to the clerk for November dues.

At the request of some very prominent Masons, we publish on another page, a long article on "December duties," which will no doubt be read with a great deal of interest by all members of that fraternity.

For the purpose of greatly increasing our ever-growing subscription list, we will send the paper to anyone till January 1st, 1899, for one dollar. This offer is only to new subscribers—that is, those who are not now taking the Record. Subscribe at once; get the Record every week from now till January 1, 1899, for \$1 cash.

The meeting of Camp James McCutchen, U. S. C. V., to be held Monday night, Dec. 6th, in the court house should be, and no doubt will be, largely attended. Several prominent speakers will be here; an invitation has been sent to Col. James Armstrong, of Charleston, to address the assemblage, and it is thought that he will be here. Among the other speakers will be Col. J. E. Dunlop and Dr. S. P. H. Elwell.

A letter just received from Col. Armstrong says he will be here.

The Southeast Baptist Association convened at Bethel church last Thursday morning. A full attendance was present, and a very interesting meeting was had. Sermons were delivered by Rev. H. F. Oliver, W. P. Holland, and Dr. T. M. Baily.

The attendance was so large on Sunday that the Church would not accommodate more than half the visitors, so Dr. Baily preached to a large congregation in the grove in front of the church. A quite a large contribution was raised.

Mr. Joel E. Brunson was elected Moderator of the Association, and Mr. B. F. Brockinton, Jr., of Rhems was elected treasurer.

The Association will meet with the Lanes church next year.

Furniture! Furniture! and mattresses, at Elwell's.

Camp Pressley Attention.

The following communication received by the adjutant of Camp James McCutchen, U. S. C. V., speaks for itself:

Dear Sir:—Your invitation to Camp Pressley to be present at your meeting in the court house Monday night, Dec. 6th, has been received, and is hereby accepted. Please announce the fact through the County Record and publish a call to the members to meet with you on that occasion.

D. E. GORDON, Commandant.

E. P. MONTGOMERY, Adjutant.

Camp Pressley will please take notice of the above and govern itself accordingly.

## LOOK OUT MERCHANTS.

### IF YOU HAVE NOT RETURNED YOUR PROPERTY YET.

Comptroller Epton Cites the Law as to Merchants' Returns—The Penalty for Non-Compliance.

Comptroller-General Epton is after the merchants of the State "with a sharp stick." He finds so few of them complying with the law that he has issued a circular letter to the auditors and supervisors of the several counties instructing them to enforce the statute which provides the manner of assessing those merchants who engage in business after January 1st, each year. In his letter to auditor Hanna, Mr. Epton quoted section 229 of the revised statutes 1893, which defines merchants, which reads as follows:

Section 229 (177): "Any person who shall at any time in this State be engaged in the business of buying and selling personal property or in selling personal property consigned to him from any place out of the State, or property not the product of this State, consigned to him from any place within State, shall be held to be a merchant."

Then follows the mode of taxation and the duties of auditors, with instructions to enforce the law.

It is said that original package dealers come under the head of merchants as described in the above quoted section.

Supervisor Chandler also received the following letter which speaks for itself:

Dear Sir: Your attention is directed to section 269 (218) revised statutes 1893, which is as follows:

"If any person, corporation or firm shall commence any business in any county of this State after the first day of January in any year, the capital or property employed in which shall not have been previously listed for taxation for said county, and shall not within 30 days thereafter make such reports to the auditor of said county, as required in section 267, he or they shall forfeit and pay the sum of \$100, which shall be collected by civil action in the name of the county supervisor and shall be paid into the county treasury for the exclusive benefit of the county and process in such case may be sued out of the court of common pleas of the county in which business was commenced, directed to the proper officers and be served in any county of the State."

Your compliance with the provisions of this section will oblige.

Respectfully,  
L. P. Epton,  
Comptroller-General.

If any merchants in this county who have commenced business this year have not complied with the above statute they had better look out.

Thomas & Bradham will be found at their old stand in Kingstree from Oct. 1st with a nice lot of horses ready to fill the wants of their friends and patrons. We will also be ready to collect for stock sold last season. We expect to do some business here and will sell at a price to insure satisfaction. Thanking our friends for past favors and assuring them that we can do better by them than ever before, we solicit an early call.

THOMAS & BRADHAM.

## From the Columbia Female College.

Editor, County Record:

The Columbia Female College opened this year with the largest enrollment in her history. One hundred and thirty-two have placed their names on the register and we are expecting several others at the opening of the spring session. Out of the hundred and thirty-two, ninety-eight are boarding pupils; the others, girls from the city. We have girls from almost every county in the state, and two from North Carolina. Williamsburg has given us four girls, Misses Daisy, Margeret, and Fannie Kennedy and Miss Ossie Epps. Miss Daisy Kennedy will take her diploma in music this coming June, the others are members of the sophomore class.

During the past three years the college standard has been yearly raised, and it now claims to be one of the finest institutions in the South, and not only does it strive to educate the mind, but the heart also. Dr. Rice, the president considers himself the pastor of each girl who enters his school, and no father could be more kind or more considerate. We have, besides our weekly prayer meeting, a Young Women's Christian Association and a Women's Missionary Society.

The "Helping Home" has been erected on the eastern campus, for the girls who desire to do their own work, and board at cost. It is now under the direction of Prof. Sackhouse and his wife. Mrs. Sackhouse feels much interest in the girls and is ever ready to sympathize with them and advise them.

Parents need have no fear for their daughters at the "C. F. C." As soon as one is taken ill she is removed to the infirmary, and receives the best attention from Dr. Taylor, the college physician, and Miss Ella Moody the matron.

The Wightman and Carlisle Literary Societies are both doing good work. Each rivals the other in popularity and interest. They meet on Saturday evenings and Friday afternoons respectfully. Each member contributes something for the entertainment of the others.

The Criterion a monthly magazine, is published by the students of the college. We feel a pride in it, and try to make it as interesting and instructive as possible.

Since the opening in September, two new members have been added to the Faculty. Dr. Will Rice, a graduate of South Carolina Medical College, who teaches advance physiology, and Miss Annie Fair Dickson, of our class of 1897, who teaches Latin and Mathematics in the primary department.

For thirty years this grand old institution has been sending out women who are a credit to the state, and it is still striving to teach her daughters to lead pure and noble lives; to live not for themselves alone, but for those around them, and to fit themselves for the "great hereafter."

"Erisso."  
Columbia, Nov. 22nd.

I will pay highest prices for good sound, dry cotton seed delivered to me at Kingstree.

GEO. S. BARR, Agt.

The County Record \$1 a year.

## EDGAR PURVIS HANGED.

### THE MURDERER OF MR. BLACKWELL PAYS THE PENALTY.

He Made a Full Confession of His Crime.—History of the Deed.

Ed Purvis, the negro who killed Mr. M. J. Blackwell of this county, near Dunn, N. C., last August, was hanged for his crime last Wednesday. The execution took place near the court house at Lillington and was public. Purvis confessed his crime, and attributed his action to liquor.

The story of Purvis's crime in brief is as follows: On the morning of August 12, train 35, on the Atlantic Coast Line, south-bound stopped at Mingo water, tank near Dunn, N. C., for water. The train crew had been bothered with tramps previous to arriving at that place. Upon arriving there Flagman Blackwell ordered Purvis and two other tramps off the train. In the dark Purvis, who had been drinking pulled a pistol and fired at Blackwell. The ball entered his abdomen and resulted in his death. Purvis made good his escape and crossed a river by swimming and went over to the Cape Fair and Yaddin Valley R. R. where he sat down on a tie and a passing train knocked him off. He walked to Fayetteville, where he was captured. The Florence blood hounds were carried to the scene and trailed Purvis 15 miles, so he said upon trial. He was tried at the September term of Court at Lillington, and sentenced to be hanged October 13, but owing to sickness Governor Russell extended the time to November 17, when he paid the penalty for the life he took.

Mr. Blackwell lived only a few miles from Kingstree, and was well and favorably known all over this county. He was a brother of the two young gentlemen who played baseball here last summer. He was about 30 years of age and was not married.

### Wanted, A Girl.

We want a young lady or a young gentleman in every neighborhood to send us the news every week. We have made strenuous efforts to secure correspondents, but have so far found none who will "stick." To anyone who will send us the items of news REGULARLY, we will furnish stamps, stationery, etc., and send them, free, a copy of the Record every week. The paper will be sent only so long as the letters are "written, no LONGER. Let us hear from every section, so we can make the Record truly a record of all county events.



A perfectly healthy woman is a rare sight. Such a woman is always beautiful. Health brings clear complexion, clear eyes, steady nerves, elastic step and graceful movements. A healthy woman is a woman with healthy mucous membranes. The mucous membranes line the whole body, organ in the body. The slightest catarrh of one of these membranes produces languor, shallow skin, listless eyes, and weakening discharges. Mrs. Alvina Hanenkrat, Ribb Falls, Wis., in a recent letter to Dr. Hartman, says: "I was troubled for ten years with chronic catarrh. I used Pe-ru-na for eight months, and I must say that I am perfectly cured of the disease. It will be two years next June since I was cured, and I have not been troubled with my old symptoms." Dr. Hartman's latest book on chronic catarrh will be sent free to any address for a short while by The Pe-ru-na Drug Mfg Co., Columbus, O. Ask your druggist for a free Pe-ru-na Almac for 1899.



### A TOUGH TURKEY

today would hardly be appreciated. As Thanksgiving comes but once a year we all want a nice juicy, tender turkey. We also want other things to go along with the turkey, so we can truly have cause to give thanks.

One of the best ways to be in a good, thankful mood on Thanksgiving day is to have something to be truly thankful for. This all the people of Williamsburg and surrounding counties have in the establishment of Lesesne & Epps Kingstree, S. C.

We endeavor to give our patrons the very best goods at the smallest living profit, and our sales warrant us in saying that we have struck a popular chord among the people by so doing.

### A Woman Hung

about her husband's neck and begged him to use none but "Our Leader" Tobacco.

If you want first class Groceries at nominal figures, see us. We have no shoddy goods. Once a customer of ours, always our customer.

The winter is almost upon us and heavy winter underclothes are necessary.

Don't forget our SHOES. Ladies' shoes from 85c to \$4 a pair. Men's oil-grain and creoles have advanced 15 per cent, but we are still selling them at the old prices \$1.35 per pair.

Our lines of ladies', gentlemen's and childrens undervests are complete. Prices to meet the stringency of the times.

You will need an overcoat for yourself or your boy, and our line will please you.

Shoes, did you say? Well, yes; our line of shoes is especially adapted to the pocketbook of those who sell 4c cotton.

We are making a specialty of the following:

Shoes, Dry Goods and Groceries.

If you will visit every store in this town (or county), and compare their goods with ours, and their prices with our prices, you would quickly see how you might actually start a snug little bank account with the money you can save at our prices.

**PLAIDS, OUTINGS, JEANS PANTS CLOTH** at lowest prices.

As good an ax as there is in town may be had from us for 60c.

**Lesesne & Epps.**