

Happenings in Georgia.

The Belles Couldn't Show their Spring Hats Easter--Macon's Material Progress--Tribute to late Rev. J. G. Beckwith ---- Commercial Failures and Divorce Suits Numerous--Why Some R. F. D. Routes have been Discontinued -- Lancaster Merchants Liberal Advertisers--Other Matters.

Mr. Editor: There was great disappointment among the ladies of the city yesterday. It being Easter, they had made great preparation to come out in their "swell" new spring clothes, but when they looked out Sunday morning and saw the rain clouds drifting over and later the rain began and the wind whistled cold like, March "going out like a lion," they realized that they were doomed to disappointment.

Macon continues to move on-ward in the line of progress. We are now very patiently waiting for the new million-dollar machine shops, the big tourist hotel, the big new union passenger station and a few other big industrial developments, which we confidently expect to see put through before many months.

One of our prominent criminal lawyers, Mr. Cooper, who, by the way, figured so prominently in the famous Rawlings case a few months ago, spent a few days in New York, attending the trial of Harry Thaw. He was not connected with the trial in anyway, but merely went as a spectator, perhaps with the intention of getting some valuable information thereby.

We regret exceedingly to hear of the death of Rev. J. G. Beckwith, formerly pastor of the Ker-shaw Methodist church. He was certainly a splendid preacher, an earnest christian and a loyal friend. We have never known another minister whom we liked so much as we did Mr. Beckwith, and we greatly deplore his untimely death and sympathize deeply with his bereaved family, of whom he was exceedingly fond.

The most common occurrences in this part of the state at this time are bankruptcy cases and divorce suits. We have never known them to be quite so frequent, here or anywhere else, before. About a dozen small concerns have gone into bankruptcy in and near this city this year and numbers of others in small towns over the state have done likewise. The number of divorce suits seems to be running about "nip and tuck" with the bankruptcy cases.

We notice that Lancaster's enterprising merchants are advertising more than formerly. They evidently realize that, as a rule, it is the merchants who advertise extensively that get the biggest trade. It is notably the case in this city, where the people peruse the columns of the daily papers, looking for bargains, and nearly every concern doing a retail business, as well as a great many of the wholesale concerns, use, liberally, printer's ink.

Patrons of the rural mail routes

in some parts of this state and elsewhere too, are carelessly neglecting their own welfare in failing to provide suitable mail boxes for their mail on the route near their places. In some places the routes are being discontinued simply because a few stubborn patrons on the route refuse to comply with these requirements. It does look like any reasonable man would invest the small amount necessary to provide a suitable mail box, inasmuch as the advantage of having his mail delivered at his door daily, would many times compensate him for the trouble and expense, in a very short time. But some people would "kick" at having to open the door to have their mail thrown in every day and seem to have been born stubborn and had a relapse.

Until the rain yesterday, which was not a "season," we have had a siege of dry weather. The farmers have caught up with their work, some of them having finished planting. The truck farmers say their vegetables are drying up on the stalk, their customers are complaining of having to buy little knotty headed cabbage and other "shrunken" vegetables, the wells and water courses are going dry, and some of the farmers are wearing the frown that won't come off. Others are buying more fertilizers, at high prices, and preparing for a bigger farm than they expected to have at the first of the season, which is, unfortunately, the way a lot of them do every year.

Former Lancastrian.

Macon, Ga.

Teddy at it Again---Calls Another Man a Liar.

Washington, Apr. 3.—President Roosevelt today emphatically denied the statement contained in a letter published this morning purporting to have been written by E. H. Harriman to Sidney Webster, of New York, in the latter part of December, 1905. In Mr. Harriman's letter the statement is made that at the request of President Roosevelt he, Harriman, assisted in raising a fund of \$250,000 to be used in carrying New York for the Republican party at the election of 1904. This statement, the President characterizes as "a deliberate and wilful untruth—by right it should be characterized by an even shorter and more ugly word. I never requested Mr. Harriman to raise a dollar for the presidential campaign of 1904."

Colored Boy's Horrible Death.

Monroe Journal: Newt Moore, a colored boy, fell on the saw at Mr. Tip Helms' mill, seven miles north of town, yesterday and was so badly cut that he died last night. He was engaged in pushing the lumber away from the saw on trucks. As he braced himself to push the trucks, his foot slipped and he fell backward on the saw, which was going at full speed. The body was hurled off the saw, and when picked up it was found that a gash about fourteen inches long had been cut in the side and that the intestines were cut.

PATTERN, PRICE, QUALITY!

The first thing that attracts a person in the buying of a piece of goods is the PATTERN; second consideration is PRICE, and third QUALITY.

In the selection of our spring stock of dress goods, shoes, clothing and millinery, these things were uppermost in the minds of our buyers, their first object in view being to get something pleasing to the eye; second, to make sure the price was right, and, third, the quality test, which long experience alone has enabled them to determine. It is needless to say that the time and thought spent on this all-important question of **WHAT WILL PLEASE THE PEOPLE** was not in vain. Our fondest hopes in this direction have been realized. We feel confident that we can please the majority of the people of this town and county as to pattern, price and quality in the goods above mentioned, therefore we hope and expect to get a liberal amount of your patronage.

We wish to call your attention to a few specials for today, tomorrow, and next day that are worth notice.

Short Lengths.

500 yards Cotton Voile in light colors of pink, blue and grey, worth 15c on the bolt, while it lasts to go at 5c the yard.

1000 yards pretty neat figured and striped Madras, 15c quality, to go at only 10c the yard.

One big lot 36-inch Percale at only 7 1-2c yard.

1100 yards Dress Gingham in desirable patterns, a good bargain at the price, only 8c the yard.

600 yards 40-inch White Lawn, 15c quality, to close out at the yard only 10c.

Big lot 25c White Madras, can't be equaled for shirtwaist suits, going at 15c the yard.

Small lot English Long Cloth, beautiful quality, an extra value, 12 1-2c the yard.

Remember, Pattern, Price and Quality guaranteed.

Lancaster Mercantile Company.

Murder in Florence--Negro Saw Mill Hand Kills the Manager.

Florence special in the News and Courier: Mr. P. P. Smith, manager of the Singletary Saw Mill, near Hoffmeyer's store, four miles west of the city, was brutally murdered this morning. Tom Lloyd, a negro mill hand, was the slayer of Smith, and he has made good his escape.

Lloyd was employed about the mill and he was slow about getting to work this morning. Mr. Smith reprimanded him about it.

Nothing more was thought of the occurrence until later in the morning when Lloyd, with a canthook, an implement used for turning logs, slipped up behind

Mr. Smith and struck him across the head, crushing the skull and inflicting a death blow.

Lloyd as soon as he committed his dastardly deed made his escape into the woods nearby and has not been seen since.

Mr. Smith was from Fayetteville, N. C., and was highly esteemed.

Eight Dead in Texas Wreck.

Fort Worth, Texas, April 4.—In removing the debris of the two freight trains on the Missouri, Kansas & Texas Railroad wrecked at Bethel Switch, near here yesterday, two additional unidentified bodies were found today by workmen.

These make the total dead as a result of the wreck eight.

Notice to Debtors & Creditors

All persons indebted to the estate of the late Thos. L. Sowell are hereby notified to make payment to the undersigned; and all parties having claims against said estate will present same, duly attested.

W. H. SOWELL, Administrator. April 1, 1907.

Notice to Overseers.

On account of the heavy expense for teams and the use of stock on the public roads, the Board of County Commissioners, at their last regular meeting, passed a resolution not to pay any claims of this nature unless parties contract with the Board.

L. J. PERRY, County Supervisor. April 2, 1907—2t.

Notice to Debtors & Creditors

All parties indebted to the estate of Mary E. Cole, deceased, are requested to make payment without delay to the undersigned, and all persons having claims against said estate are hereby notified to present same duly attested.

J. M. CASKEY, Admr. Lancaster, S. C., March 19, 1907.