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Close-observing farmers tell us that the frequent severe bad spells of weather we are having presage a late spring, and, consequently, late preparation of seeds and planting of crops.

The male Physicians of South Carolina have started a movement to unionize, at least \$10,000 for the purpose of erecting a monument to the late Dr. James H. Thornby, who was the keeper of the records and seals of the Order. Lancaster will no doubt contribute liberally to the fund.

Owing to the overcrowded conditions of our columns a lumber of births and deaths have been unavoidably postponed this week.—Edgefield

It is safe to assume that there is no kicking on the part of the "deaths," at least. Really, a newspaper that can stave off death ought to raise the price of its subscription.

An edict has been issued by His Honor, the Mayor, to the effect that the young men of town must provide their own fuel when they call on their girls these cold nights.—Johnston News Monitor.

We urge upon Mayor Hughes the propriety of taking similar action. Since dancers have to forgo the fiddler, we see no reason why young men who must, week after week and month after month toast their shins before the fires of their sweethearts' parents shouldn't at least help the old folk to foot the oldie fuel bills.

Congressman Finley, of this district, has had two distinct honors conferred upon him recently. Speaker Cannon has appointed him to fill the vacancy on the printing commission caused by the resignation of Representative Griggs, of Georgia. The commission has supervision of all government printing. Mr. Finley has also been appointed first vice chairman of the Democratic congressional campaign committee, which appointment, it is stated, will necessitate his spending much of

his time at, the national capital next summer.

The indications are that Georgia will soon be overrun, so to speak, with corn cribs, for a judge of that state has decided that it is not unlawful in that prohibition commonwealth for a citizen to keep liquor in his corn crib.

The attention of our friends across the line is invited to the fact that the cruiser North Carolina is the fastest American warship afloat. And it wasn't born in Lancaster county, either.—Charlotte Observer.

Nor was it born in Mecklenburg or any other tar heel territory, though it did make a noise like a North Carolinian when on its trial trips it signally and disgracefully failed to make good the very moderate speed guaranteed by its builders. When Lancaster county, where Andrew Jackson was born, gets ready to give birth to a warship it will not be a one-horse, cooter-crawling, turtle-tumbling tub like the cruiser North Carolina, which has more knots in its tail than in its speed.

The department of the interior has issued a pamphlet showing the relative elimination of boys and girls in the schools throughout the country. It appears from the figures given that a very much larger per cent. of boys drop out of school before reaching the higher grades than girls. Not only do fewer girls drop out, but fully a third more of them enter school than boys. No causes are assigned, nor any valuable conclusions drawn in the pamphlet—only "facts and figures" set forth. Observation confirms the correctness of the general facts so far as this section of the country is concerned. But a very small per cent. of the members of the graduating classes of the graded schools are boys. The reason why so many more boys than girls leave school before completing the prescribed courses is not far to seek. It is not because boys are less ambitious than girls to acquire an education, nor is it because parents are naturally disposed to discriminate against their sons and in favor of their daughters in the matter of allowing them to avail themselves of local educational advantages. The trouble with the Southern boy at least, is his environment. So many of our boys are forced to quit school and become wage earners. Others are largely dependent on them for a living. As the country becomes more prosperous however, we may expect to see marked improvement in the conditions noted.

Death of Mrs. John Small.

Mrs. Beatrice Small, wife of Mr. John Small of the eastern portion of the county, died Thursday. She was a daughter of Mr. W. C. Hinson and was about seventeen years old. She was an estimable lady and was a consistent member of the Baptist church. The remains were buried at Fork Hill yesterday.

Take The News.

Death of Mrs. Mary Slagle.

Mrs. Mary J. Slagle, one of the oldest residents of Lancaster county, died suddenly last Tuesday night, at the home of her son, Mr. J. M. Slagle, of the upper portion of the county. She was found dead in bed. She was about 85 years of age and leaves several children, among them Messrs. William and J. M. Slagle, of this county, and Mr. Charles Slagle, of Texas. She was a lady of wonderful energy and industry, of marked intellectuality and a most interesting talker. Possessed of a remarkable memory, it was a treat to hear her relate events of moment that occurred many years ago in the community in which lived. Her father came to this country from Ireland and practiced medicine and taught school in York county for a number of years.

Valuable Stocks Belonging to Est. J. L. Tillman Sold at Auction

Several shares of the capital stock of the Lancaster Cotton Mills were sold here Thursday at public auction by Mr. M. M. Tillman, administrator of the estate of the late John Lee Tillman, Sr., which brought unusually good prices—considerably above par. Nine shares of the common stock were sold in three lots three shares each. The first lot brought \$377, Mr. R. E. Wylie being the purchaser. The second and third lots were both bought by Dr. J. H. Boldridge, at \$375.50 and \$376, respectively. Two shares of preferred stock were purchased by Mr. E. D. Tillman at \$201. As is well known, the par value of the shares is \$100. Twenty shares of the stock of the Waxhaw Banking & Trust company, of Waxhaw, N. C., were also sold. They were bought by Mr. M. M. Tillman at their par value, \$25 per share.

Mother and Son Buried Same Day.

Monroe Journal: Mr. Marion Broom died at his home in Buford township on Monday of last week about noon, and on Monday night his mother, Mrs. Martha Stack, who made her home with him, died, and both of them were buried at Macedonia church Wednesday afternoon, Rev. J. L. Bennett conducting the funeral services. Mr. Broom was 58 years old and is survived by a wife and four daughters, Mesdames Elmore Funderburk, Jas. Davis and M. D. L. Preslar and Miss Mary Broom. Mrs. Stack was 86 years old. Her last marriage was to the late Thos. Stack.

Negro Widow Sues Autoist.

Augusta, Ga., special in the News and Courier: Mr. Harry Buhl, a wealthy resident of Pittsburgh, Pa., who winters in Augusta, is being sued by Melissa McClay, a negro woman, for \$3,000 for the death of her husband. While autoing on a country road a few miles out of Augusta, Mr. Buhl's machine frightened a mule which the woman's husband was driving, causing it to run away and kill him.

Miss Craig, of Lancaster, is the guest of Miss Lizzie Hall, on Park avenue.—Rock Hill Record.

DISPLAY OF
Early Spring Goods
At E. E. Cloud's.

We are now showing a beautiful line of early Spring Goods that will surely interest you both in quality and prices.

Dress Goods.

42 inch Panama in Black and Blue, elegant material for early Spring Suits, at only 50c. the yard.
 50 inch Battiste, in Black, Blue & Cream, these goods wear beautifully and only cost you 50c. the yard.
 50 inch Mohair in all colors, elegant values at 50c. the yd. Ask to see our line of Black Dress goods, ranging in prices from 25c. the yard to \$1.50. We do not hesitate to say that we have one of the best lines of Black Dress Goods in town, and at prices you want to pay.

Silk Foulards.

We have a few suit patterns of Silk foulards. Nothing more stylish for an early spring suit, and the prices are very reasonable, only 75c. the yard.

White Goods.

45 inch Persian Lawn, value 25c.; special price until notified at 19c.
 40 inch Lawns, big values at 15c.; special price, 12 1-2 cts.
 One lot India Lawn, value 12 1 2 cents; special price 10c.

Ginghams.

Big lot of Dress Ginghams, beautiful styles to select from at only 10 and 12 1 2 cents.

New Oxfords.

Big line of Ladies' Oxfords just received. Ask to see them, they come in patterns Vici and Taus, prices, 2.00, 2.50, 3.00 and 3.50.

Men's Suits.

One lot men's Blue Serge suits just received, they come in single, double breast and slims. The suits are well tailored and are full of style. A big value at 12.50.

Here are a few specials and should interest every buyer. One lot plain and fancy silks, value 50 and 75c; reduced to 35 cents.

One lot ladies' ready-made Skirts, value 1.00 to 1.25, reduced to 69 cents.

One lot ladies' ready-made Skirts, value 1.50 to 1.75, reduced to 98 cents.

One lot sample Corsets slightly soiled, value 75 to 1.00, reduced to 25 cents.

One lot men Shoes, value 2.25 to 3.00, reduced to 1.59 cts.

Big lot of Remnants of dress goods to close out at less than one half first cost.

Make a visit to our store as it will be profitable to you.

E. E. CLOUD.

Lancaster's Best Cash Store.

Smallpox in North Carolina.

Statesville special in Charlotte Observer: It has been developed that there are a number of genuine cases of smallpox in north Iredell and portions of Wilkes and Yadkin counties. Dr. M. R. Adams, county physician, returned yesterday from that section, where he had been to meet the county physicians of Yadkin and Wilkins to examine some suspects. The physicians found several cases which they pronounced smallpox. All these and others have been quarantined and disinfections are being used to prevent the further spread of the disease. The physicians will enforce the regulations strenuously and every effort will be made to check the disease at once. The schools in the stricken district have been discontinued.

Rural Carriers' Association to Meet at Heath Springs next Saturday.

There will be a meeting of the Rural Letter Carriers' Association of Lancaster county at Heath Springs on the 22nd of February. All carriers are urged to be present as there will be matters of importance to be considered on that day. We desire the presence of every carrier in the county, whether he belongs to the association or not. We expect every carrier in the county and will be disappointed if anyone is absent. Hoping to meet every carrier in the county at Heath Springs on the 22nd.

I remain fraternally,
 Samuel R. Williams.
 Pres. Lancaster county, R. L. C. A.