

LOCAL BREVITIES.

Mrs. Russell, who has been quite sick, is better. Car load Buggies to arrive this week at Ramsey & Jones from \$35 up. To be all at, and always at it, was John Wesley's secret of success. Miss Brunson, of Parkville, is visiting Mr. and Mrs. Arthur Brunson. Denek's concert for the benefit of the Baptist church, to-morrow night. Baby Carriages in assorted colors at Ramsey & Jones. Any price you want. Remember Denek's musical concert to-morrow night at the Opera House. Prof. Denek, during his stay in Edgefield, is a guest of Rev. P. P. Blacklock. Miss Catherine Brooks, of Roselands, is visiting her cousin, Mrs. F. W. P. Butler. Mr. W. L. Lewis had shad from Sanford Fla., last week at 40 and 50c. apiece. New line of beautiful and modish stationery at Fox's. Latest in style and price. If you want to make large crops of small grain try Nitrate of Soda. Sold by W. W. Adams. Mr. Walter Sheppard has gone to Columbia in the employ of the Southern Railway. Miss Gertie Strom has returned from a pleasant visit to friends and relatives at Seigers. Our young friend Dr. George Sharp-ton is on a visit of a few days to his uncle, Solicitor Thurmond. Top dress your small grain with Nitrate of Soda for big results, to be had of W. W. Adams. The Newberry papers are full of Rattlesnake Bob Gardner's seizures of liquors in and around that town. Mr. John Kenney and Mr. Pickens Wright, two of our oldest and most esteemed citizens are in declining health. Gen. Claude Burnett was in town on Saturday. This was the first visit to our metropolis since he came into this country. Mr. A. T. Davis will come to Edgefield up a few days on a visit to his father, John B. Davis. He will bring Mrs. Davis with him. Undershirts made to order any style and style, prices to suit the times. Come to Mrs. Woodson's rooming addition building and see sample. Rev. A. C. Wilkins the new p. of the Batesburg Baptist church will preach his first sermon in that church on Sunday. Mrs. Margaret Dorn died at her home, near McKendree's, on Thursday last, the 25th inst. Her remains were interred at McKendree on the following day. Rev. Mr. Thayer, of Ridge Spring, was in Edgefield last week in attendance on the institute for the promotion of information among the negro preachers. The Woman's Prayer Meeting will be held at the residence of Mrs. Virginia Addison on next Monday afternoon at 4 o'clock. The subject will be God's providence. The regular examination of applicants to teach in the public schools of Edgefield county will be held by the county boards on Friday April 16th Colored applicants on Saturday. Mr. Ira Carson, a former resident of this place, has been ordained to exhort by the Methodist church. The ceremony was performed at Harmony Methodist church at the quarterly meeting last Thursday. On Thursday morning last we had a considerable frost; on Friday a still heavier one; on Saturday no frost at all. On Sunday morning we had both frost and ice. Now the question naturally arises "how is it with the fruit?" It has not been yet determined whether there will be a vacancy in the State Senate from this county, The matter rests with Senator Gaines. Should he resign we would have to elect some one to take his place. Mr. Gaines will live in Greenwood county after June. In New Orleans last week a young man working in the laundry accidentally fell into a machine used for wringing out clothes, and was crushed and whirled to death in ten seconds. The wringer is a machine on the centrifugal principle. It is a metal drum in the centre of which rotates a perforated reservoir at the speed of 1,800 revolutions per min. The unfortunate man was attempting to shift a belt just above the wringer. In getting down he slipped and fell partially into it, his right arm was caught in the cylinders and was torn from his body at the shoulder. All the ribs on that side were found to be broken when he was taken from the machine. Denek, the celebrated pianist, will be in Edgefield to-morrow night, Thursday, and will play in the Opera House for the benefit of the Edgefield Baptist church. Denek will surpass all other pianists who have ever played in our town, in his knowledge and execution of the musical art, as well as in his world-wide reputation. He has played before every crowned head in Europe, as well as all over this great land of ours. When only seven years old he played before Queen Victoria. No one need stay away from the performance for fear that the music will only be designed for cultured ears, for the program will be such as will suit all tastes. It will be a musical treat which few in our town have ever had the pleasure of listening to. Besides you will also be helping a good cause Thursday.

Mrs. Pet Bland is visiting her parents in Edgefield. Sam Jones will conduct a revival in Augusta this month. Miss Sudie Davis spent a few days in Augusta last week. Slight earthquake shocks occurred in Canada last week. Fruit is reported killed in Tennessee, north Georgia and north Alabama. A fire at Greenwood on Thursday destroyed twenty-five bales of cotton. The receipts of the State from the fertilizer tax since Jan. 1st amount to \$83,154. Greenwood's artesian well has been bored to a depth of 600 feet and will soon be tested. Miss Louise Gibson spent a part of last week in Augusta, where she attended the marriage of a friend. Mr. Thurmond's attorneys, we understand, will apply for bail before Judge Aldrich to-day, Wednesday. The farmers and everybody else are rejoicing over these sunny days. The crops will have to be planted in a rush this year. The State Teachers' Association has decided upon Paris mountain as the place for the annual meeting, and June 30th as the date. Mrs. Agatha Woodson is agent for ladies' guaranteed undershirts, skirt supporters, hose supporters, and belts. See her samples before buying elsewhere. The fruit here is safe so far. There was no freeze last week, and the frosts and cold winds, strange to say, did not injure anything except figs, which no one expected to materialize. A misplaced switch caused the collision of Thursday afternoon's train from Aiken to Augusta with a shifting engine near Hamburg, resulting in the death of John Erving, the fireman, and the wounding of several passengers. Solicitor Thurmond has retained for his defence Sheppard Bros., Croft & Tillman, and N. G. Evans, Esq. To assist the prosecution, which will be conducted by the Attorney General, D. S. Henderson, W. T. Gary, Gen. M. C. Butler, and S. Mc G. Simkins have been retained. The number of negro ministers and deacons who attended the Institute last week in our town was about fifty. Dr. Osborne, of Columbia, President of Benedict College, was in attendance, and a number of negro ministers from other parts of the State, appointed to be in attendance. Lectures were delivered by Dr. Osborne, Dr. Gwaltney, Rev. P. P. Blacklock, T. B. Lamberson, and others. The Institute was a success, and the high sounding name of Rhodes' Patent Combination Hair Straightener, Comb, Scalp-Cleaner and Dandruff Remover. The State Convention of the Baptists Young People's Union, will hold their second annual session in the first Baptist church of Greenville, beginning to-day. Delegates from all parts of the State will be in attendance on this convention, and distinguished divines from neighboring states. Rev. John Lake will attend as a delegate, and on Friday morning will conduct a sunrise prayer-meeting. Besides Bro. Lake there will be present from Batesburg, B. Hoyt Hartley, A. C. Jones and T. A. Willis; from Bradley, Miss Allie Pruitt; Johnston, H. S. Hartzog; Ridge Spring, Walter Watson. Every member of the Abner Perrin Camp of Confederate Veterans is earnestly requested to be present at the regular monthly meeting of the Camp on Friday next, as there will be business of importance for attention on that day. J. E. COLGAN, Commander. W. D. RAMEY, Adjutant. Photographic. Have you a good Photograph of each member of your family? If not don't neglect it any longer. Children's Photographs a specialty. R. H. MIMS. Guano, Acid Phosphate, Kaini and Cotton Seed Meal. I am now ready for orders, can fill promptly. My goods are the best, so says the State chemist and thousands of others. W. W. ADAMS. The Cotton Acreage of 1897 has been the subject of several conferences the past few days through the south and southwest. Secretary Hector D. Lane of the American cotton growers' protective association says the main object is not so much to reduce absolute acreage of cotton, as to increase the acreage of food products. In Texas, he estimates this to be the largest ever grown the coming season. Enormous areas of new ground are being brought into cultivation every year, and cotton is the best thing farmers can plant this land with; it takes the rankness out of the ground quicker than any other crop known. At a state meeting held at Augusta, Ga., with Pres Lane presiding, the following resolutions were adopted: An increase of area planted in food crops must inevitably bring prosperity to the cotton growers, irrespective of the size of the cotton crop. There has never been a time in our history that a movement looking to the increased production of corn, hay, oats, hogs and other food crops was so important and necessary. News and Courier. See Mrs. Woodson's samples of black and colored undershirts, made of best quality goods and guaranteed to wear three years.

THE CORONER'S INQUEST.

The Killing of Willie Harris by Solicitor Thurmond.

AS TOLD BEFORE THE JURY.

The Truth, or at Least a Part of it, May Be Found in the Testimony of the Witnesses Examined Before Judge Luther Bell, Sitting as Coroner, on Thursday Last, Which We Append.

Edgefield, March 25.—Certainly one of the most deplorable homicides in this State in recent years was that of Willie Harris by J. W. Thurmond. Both of the men were young, well-known and well-liked, and the cause of the difficulty was so trifling as to make the result all the more pitiable. Owing to a delay of over three hours on account of railway connection I did not reach Edgefield until late to-day, but it was not too late to find that the people were much excited over the killing of yesterday afternoon, and that there was a very divided opinion regarding the affair, so much so that there is no need to try to reconcile these views. All that need be given is the evidence taken at the coroner's inquest, in justice to the dead and the living, and whatever is written is absolutely without passion, feeling or prejudice to the dead or the living. The talk is that the case will be hard fought in the Courts. There are now down for the defence, Messrs. Croft and Tillman, N. G. Evans and Sheppard. The family of Mr. Will Harris did not arrive here until late, and attended to funeral arrangements, and so there were no positive legal arrangements, but the report is that Mr. S. Mc G. Simkins and Gen. M. C. Butler will be employed for the prosecution. At the inquest this morning there was no contest or cross-examination, and witnesses gave their statements. Thus being duly sworn, says: I was in the corner to a little path going down. I saw this gentleman when he turned coming down that path. He did not stop at the place at all until he passed the corner of the brick store—the office of the coroner, the little brick building. He got almost to the second tree going down when he was shot. He turned about half way around, put his hand back of him and threw his coat back. Then, where I stood, I saw him take a pistol from his pocket, and there was another gentleman going up the street facing him, and this gentleman passed without speaking to him. He passed just a few steps. He heard the pistol and turned and followed the gentleman. It was the man that pulled the pistol from his pocket and put it up in front of him before he was shot. After he was shot he put it back into his pocket and walked to the tree and took hold of the tree, and there was a little slant there, and he stepped down, and I thought that he shot himself. He stooped down by the tree and felt around him like he was looking for something, when he walked over a little piece and leaned down and sat over on the grass, and the gentleman who had followed up to the tree went up the street, and then a colored man walked up to him and asked: "Captain, are you hurt?" The next I saw was the gentleman come up with an arm full of bundles. I watched him until he began to fall over, and then I knew he was dying, and they picked him up and carried him off. I do not know anything further. There seemed to be five or six that carried him. I do not know who had hold of him. "You saw the pistol in his hand?" "Yes, sir." "Did the colored man catch hold of him when he walked up to him?" "He put his hand on his shoulders." "Which side of the lappel of the coat did he take hold of?" "His right hand; put it up to him like this," motioning with his left hand. "Do you think you would know the colored man were you to see him?"

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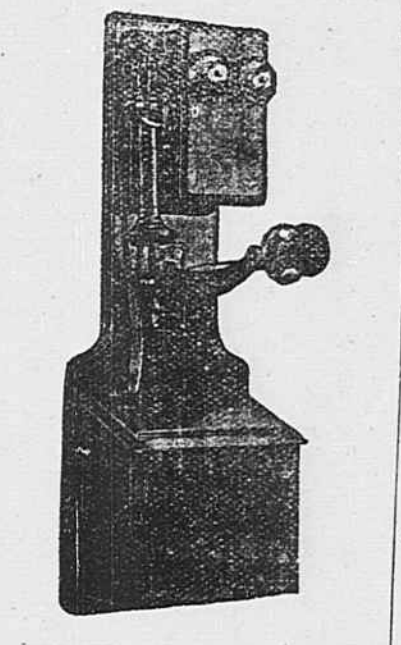
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Auditor's Appointments.

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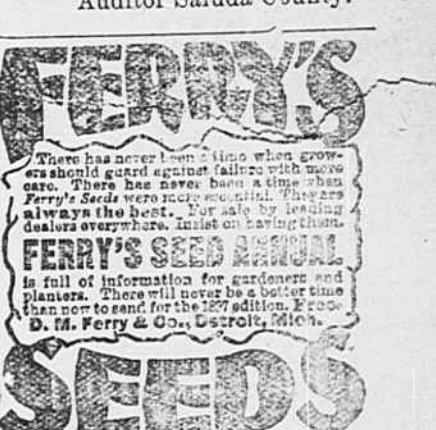
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