

Edgefield Advertiser.

Gifted Entertainer.

Sidney Landon, the entertainer, is the best characterist that has ever appeared in Memphis. He presents characters as they exist and appears in make-up for each character, changing rapidly before his audience.—Memphis Reveille.

Card of Thanks.

I avail myself of this means of thanking the good people of the Collier, Red Hill and Red Oak Grove sections for their extreme kindness to me during the many months that I have been in failing health. I shall never forget nor fail to appreciate what the people have done for me.
J. H. Cosey.

Brother Lanham on Double Duty.

When it comes to tying nuptial knots Rev. P. B. Lahham "takes the cake." Quite frequently it requires the services of two ministers to tie the knot satisfactorily, but Mr. Lanham can tie two knots at once all by himself—but don't you know he trembled like the erstwhile terra firma did in 1886. Brother Littlejohn, you are not in it anymore. You've lost your knot-tying laurels.

Nine Days of Bargains.

In this issue of The Advertiser Dr. W. E. Prescott devotes an entire page to his bargain-giving sale of nine days. Commencing Thursday, January 9, he will conduct a special sale that will last through Saturday, January, 18. During this time he will offer first-class merchandise at lower prices than it has ever been sold in this section before. Every department of his large store will be included in the sale. Nothing will be reserved. It will pay you to borrow money and anticipate your needs in groceries and dry goods. Read every word that Dr. Prescott says. He stands squarely behind every statement he makes. You take no risk when you make your purchases of him. Every article guaranteed to be just as represented. Remember that you have only nine days, and those who call first get the cream of the big bargains offered. Read every line of the whole page advertisement.

Next Lyceum Attraction.

The third lyceum entertainment of the course will be given in the opera house next Wednesday evening by Mr. Landon, the celebrated impersonator. We quote the following concerning this successful entertainer:

"Mr. Landon is more than a mere impersonator—he will make you think the real, live, noted men, whom he portrays, are standing before you and speaking to you.

"Mark Twain, our greatest humorist, will be there and deliver an after-dinner speech so characteristic of him, you will think, almost, that he has returned from the grave.

"The genius, Poe, the little-understood author, will make himself more real to you and you will realize how human and appealing he was when he shows you his heart in his rendering of "Annabel Lee."

"Rudyard Kipling and some of his characters will tread your stage and live for a few minutes before you.

"Bill Nye" will convulse you with his fun—this portrayal is given as the result of a thorough study of the real Nye in which Mr. Landon was assisted by Congressman Frank Nye, a brother of "Bill Nye."

Only Two Changes.

The campaign and primary last summer made only two changes in the official family of the county. Mr. W. G. Wells retire, as county supervisor and for the next four years Mr. A. A. Edmunds will fill that office. Mr. Wells gave the people a straightforward, businesslike administration, one to which he can hereafter point with pride. Both in the office and out upon the public roads Mr. Wells has done his very best as he saw it. Of course he has not pleased all of the people. That was an impossibility. Mr. Edmunds will likewise do his utmost to serve the people faithfully and satisfactorily, giving the taxpayers an economic administration.

The second change was in the office of sheriff. Mr. W. G. Ouzts has given place to Mr. W. R. Swearingen. Mr. Ouzts practically grew up in the sheriff's office which caused him to be thoroughly familiar with the duties when he succeeded his lamented father. He was courteous, conscientious, capable, making a record that was without a blemish. Mr. Swearingen, the incoming sheriff, is likewise a man of sterling qualities and will also fill the office with credit to himself and to the people who elected him.

Successful Impersonator.

Sidney Landon made all laugh and he showed himself to be an impersonator of no mean ability. His make-up (on the stage) of the old man was marvelous, as was also the Dutchman of New York who wanted to talk politics, and the Swede, who was homesick and in love—"Bac yimminy, aye wish aye har hem again."—Valentine (Neb.) Democrat.

Moved to His Farm.

It is with deep regret that Edgefield gives up Mr. and Mrs. W. G. Ouzts. They have sold their property in town to Mr. J. H. Allen and Mr. M. P. Wells and have moved out to their valuable farm in the Harmony-Trenton section to make their home permanently. These good people have made useful citizens and every phase of our community life will feel the effects of their absence. If Mr. Ouzts makes as good farmer as he did an officer of the law he will be the winner of many agricultural prizes. Success to our friends in their new home!

Letter From Gardnerville School.

As I have started back to school, my first thoughts are of writing to the dear old paper. We have had a merry Christmas without any serious accidents in our community.

We had at our school house a Christmas tree on Christmas day and we little ones enjoyed it hugely. Old Santa Claus gave out a lot of presents and amused us by his attractive appearance and conversation.

Some of our school, the Gardners and Hancocks, were absent on account of sickness.

Our school opened yesterday I am glad to say, with but two out of their places.

Wishing you and yours a prosperous and happy new year.
Brown Eyes.

Local Merchants Awake.

Local merchants need now to awake, says an exchange, to the possibilities of the new parcel post system. The man who gets busy and takes advantage of the new system is the man for whom its benefits are stored up. The mail order houses to get trade. The local merchant has the advantage. He is near the customer and the rates for sending matter are so much lower for his legitimate territory than they are for the long distance concerns. But he will not get this trade unless he goes out for it. It will not come to him. He must let his customers know what he has and how well he can serve them through parcel post. Advertise the fact and doubly impress it in every way possible. In this way you benefit your business.

From Missionary John Lake.

The following letter from Rev. John Lake was published in the Baptist Courier last week:

Dear Dr. Cody:—You will excuse pencil and cheap stationery, I am sure, when I explain that much of my correspondence is carried on in trains or in railroad stations—in the odds and ends of time, during these strenuous furlough days. Mrs. Lake says it takes an iron constitution to stand a furlough home! She and I have just closed a series of meetings in Washington, lasting a week, in which we spoke seventeen times in Baptist churches of that city. We spoke in Lexington, Ky., yesterday, and I am down for five speeches tomorrow. We are swinging around through Louisville and Nashville, and expect to reach Greenville early in January to fill the engagements in the itinerary so kindly arranged by Mrs. J. D. Chapman.

It sounds like ancient history now, but of course we see The Courier irregularly, traveling so much, and the object of this letter is to call attention to a report of a talk I made before the state convention at Abbeville. The brother who made the report did not, of course mean that I said there were but four missionaries in the great city of Canton, but I am afraid that some people, less informed on missions than he, might fail to get my meaning. I was speaking of the number of male members of our Baptist Mission before Brother Snuggs and I left for our furlough. Of course there are the wives of the missionaries and the single ladies, and now Brother Buckner has been called to Canton from Yingtak—which is like robbing Peter to pay Paul—and of course there are the missionaries of other denominations in that city with its population greater than that of South Carolina, perhaps as great as Virginia or Kentucky.

I was pleading for reinforcements and I said that, with Brother Snuggs and me on furlough, there were just two male members of the Baptist mission in Canton when Dr.

Graves and Dr. Simmons died this year. Please print enough of this hurriedly written scratch to make this plain to all.

Think of it, there are on that compound the Theological Seminary with some fifty students, the Boys' Academy with about a hundred, the Girls' Boarding school with something like a hundred their last year, the Woman's school with over a hundred, the orphanage and the School for the blind girls, and only ten members of the mission there, including Mr. and Mrs. Buckner, and only three of them men. These same ten missionaries, in a city of some two millions, have the oversight of seven Baptist churches and preaching halls in the city and of numerous out stations.

One of these ten missionaries, Dr. Chambers, with two young men helping him, has charge of the China Baptist Publication society about which I speak so much in these meetings, which employs some seventy Chinese printers and workmen and gets out over a million pages of Christian literature a month. This publishing house for the Baptists of all China is located in Canton, near the compound of our Southern Baptist Mission.

Surely these figures are eloquent of Canton's need for reinforcements and explain how eager a missionary is to go back to a work that needs him so.

Mrs. Lake and I are planning to go back to China earlier than we had at first planned—we would naturally be expected to stay in this country till the summer of 1913 is past, and we hope that when you readers see this statement they will understand why it will be impossible for us to accept any more invitations to speak than we have already accepted. We wish we could write personal letters to all in South Carolina and other states, who are so kindly inviting us, but as our correspondence grows, this becomes impossible. Please beg your readers not to be offended when only a postal card or a notice through the papers, like this, is all the reply we can sometimes make to a letter of invitation. Tell them we would come if we could, and we would write if we could, but that we are drawing on our strength. I will not say reserved strength! seriously now, and as soon as engagements already are fulfilled we must take a little rest to fit us for the coming years in China.

Two things—it is extremely gratifying to see such an interest in foreign missions at home; and to see how the native workers are beginning to bear their share of the burdens, so that ten men and women can even hold the fort and mark time while the churches in the homeland are raising the funds and training the recruits for the Titanic struggle in China of the next few years—let us not permit it to be a Titanic wreck! It is God's work!

Yours fraternally,
John Lake.

On the wing between Washington and Louisville.

Illustrated Lecture on Cattle Tick at Corn Exposition.

Columbia, S. C., Dec. 6.—(Special)—Complete details of the life story of the destructive cattle tick will be depicted in moving picture films at Fifth National Corn Exposition here next month. Uncle Sam will conduct a moving picture show at the exposition, as one of the numerous features of the elaborate government exhibit, and one entire reel will be devoted to a close, detailed study of the life and habits of this expensive pest, its rapacious methods of obtaining a living, and the most effective methods of eradicating it.

The cattle tick film has recently been completed, after two years of research in obtaining pictures. It has been given a preliminary try-out before secretary Wilson and other officials of the department, but its first public appearance will be reserved for the Fifth National Corn Exposition, which opens January 27th. This reel is highly instructive, and will especially interest the cattle owners of the south, who are estimated to lose annually from \$50,000,000 to \$100,000,000 through the cattle tick alone. Magnified many times, the ticks in all stages of growth will crawl upon the screen before the audience.

This reel is supplementary to the cattle dipping vat—another instructive feature of the department exhibit, at which will be actually demonstrated this most certain, effective and permanent method of eradicating the cattle tick.

Executor's Notice.

All persons holding claims against the estate of Camilla B. Blalock, deceased, will present them duly attested to the undersigned for payment, and all persons indebted to the said estate will make payment at once to the undersigned.

P. P. Blalock,
Executor.

The Corner Store's Clearance Sale of Shoes

We find our shelves with too many shoes and for the next few days offer well known brands of dependable foot wear at such prices that will pay you to buy for future use.

\$4.00 shoes going at, per pair	\$3.00
3.50 " " " " "	2.70
3.00 " " " " "	2.25
2.50 " " " " "	1.90
2.00 " " " " "	1.65

Sale prices for cash only.

Respectfully,

THE CORNER STORE

About Time to Call a Halt.

A dispatch from Atlanta says the musty superior court room, which usually smells of moth-eaten books and stale tobacco is perfumed again with violet toilet water, carnation cologne, rosebud face powder, sweet peas and the thousand and one other seductive and commingled odors that hover over any gathering of dolled-up femininity.

In other words it is matrimonial wash day again in Atlanta, and Judge Pendleton, aided by a jury is called upon, with the help of the law, to put asunder some ninety-two couples who believed that they were joined together by the Almighty, but who have found out since the ceremony that the Lord had nothing to do with it.

The monthly Atlanta divorce court is getting to be the biggest and most spectacular event of local court circles. The calendar usually has anywhere from 80 to 135 cases on it, and the fair prosecutors or defendants represent every walk of life, every grade of society. The divorce suit of a prominent society woman has been known to be called on the same day as that of her negro cook.

The more we read of this divorce business in other places, the more pleased we become that South Carolina does not allow divorces for any cause, and that over here in this benighted region, as some divorce advocates refer to us, a man marries one woman for a life time. We hope it will never be otherwise.—Orangeburg Times and Democrat.

Railroads Underpaid For Carrying the Mail.

Washington, D. C., Dec. 5. That the railways of the United States are underpaid for carrying the mail and that despite this fact the postmaster general is not only seeking to have the present rates of pay reduced, but is planning to force the railways to transport without any compensation whatsoever the enormous additional amount of mail matter expected to be offered by the public under the new parcels post to be inaugurated on January 1, such service without compensation to continue on the railways of the southeast until 1916, are some of the startling statements convincingly set out in a pamphlet just issued by the committee on railway mail pay, representing 268 railways, operating 214,275 miles of line.

The pamphlet shows that the railways receive a smaller rate for the same space on their passenger trains devoted to the mail service than they do for the space assigned to passengers or express. As every one knows that the passenger train service of the American railways is less remunerative than the freight service this makes carrying the mail the poorest paid service which the railways render.

During the last twelve years the post office department has made great reductions in the pay for railway transportation, but has not reduced the total of its other expenditures or the proportion of such expenditures to its total revenues, all savings in the department's operation having been made at the expense of the railways.

Having repeatedly failed to get redress from the post office department for either the unjust reductions in pay or the numerous burdensome requirements made of them, the railways have determined to take their case directly to the people, feeling that when the facts are known the American people will not sanction the methods which the officials of the post office department

Blizzard!

Get ready for the Blizzard that is coming this way. We have a big stock overcoats at low prices.

Dorn & Mims

have adopted to make a record of economy for themselves by unfair treatment of the railways, which render the one vital service of the mail system, that of transporting the mails from one section of the country to another.

Work for the New Year.

Farmers should not forget the wet weather they had last spring. For four months there were not three consecutive days when plowing could be done. When the first of April came there was very little land ready for planting. Never was a crop planted under such unfavorable conditions and the cultivation was difficult.

The first work to be done with the plow in the new year is preparing land and sowing oats. Many farmers have sown none and others did not finish before the rains came.

The next work will be the preparation of land for the next crop. Let us repeat former advice. Do not turn clean land bottom-side up, bringing much clay to the surface. There are many fields with their soil three to four inches deep. If three inches of clay are turned up on top of that poor soil, it will be a poor crop raised on it. If the clay is broken on such soil only a little should be brought up at a time and that should be mixed with the top soil.

Some farmers claim that the best way to prepare land for corn or cotton is to bed it out, breaking the hard pan. Then they should rebed it just before planting time.

There is a job on every farm which requires sound judgment.

That is the cutting of firewood so as to save the timber. Some time ago we passed through a lot of woodland, original forest, from which much firewood might be cut so as to promote the growth of the balance. There are many trees which have ceased to grow. They are worth nothing except for firewood. They should be cut out so as to give the others a chance. There were many places where five or six trees stand where there should be but one. Such places should be thinned and young vigorous trees left. Any farmer who has sense enough to own land ought to have sense enough to trim out his timber land so as to increase the growth of the timber left. You may notice that a small tree, taken from the woods and planted as a shade tree at the house, will soon grow and spread and be a large tree, just because it is not crowded. If scrubby, half-dead trees are cut from the forest and only vigorous thrifty trees left they will soon be large trees. The time has come when the preservation of timber is very important.—Spartanburg Journal.

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"After four in our family had died of consumption I was taken with a frightful cough and lung trouble, but my life was saved and I gained 87 pounds through using
DR. KING'S NEW DISCOVERY
W. R. Patterson, Wellington, Tex.
PRICE 50c and \$1.00 AT ALL DRUGGISTS.

Farm For Sale

350 acres; 14 miles Augusta; 12 miles Edgefield; 4 miles Trenton; 100 acres cleared. Frame 8-room residence, painted, fine repair, also barn, crib, etc. Will sell at a bargain. Terms: One-third cash; balance loaned for 5 years at 8 per cent. annual interest.

JAMES FRANK & SON, Augusta, Ga.