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Silk Department.

When you need silk for a dress or underskirt, try our guaranteed-to-wear black Taffeta, 36 inches, at \$1.00 yard. You are apt to pay \$1.25 for this quality anywhere.

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In all colors and black, at 50c yard. If you are in a shower of rain, it doesn't hurt the silk or you. 27 to 28 inches wide.

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We are showing a 40 inch Persian Lawn, valued at 20c yard in the best stores. Our price for this only 12½c.

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Our Spring Hats are pretty, and we want you to see them. Popular prices.

Linen Skirts and Shirt Waists.

We are making a big to-do about our Skirts and Shirt Waists. We can save you money, if you come and see us. They are made up to the minute in style, at 49c each for waists worth \$1.00, and our 98c White Lawn Waists are as fine as any priced up to \$5.00.

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Our Matting is good and cheap. Art Squares and Rugs.

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The Lexington Dispatch

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Wednesday, April 15, 1908.

Not many weeks since it was the Editor's pleasure to visit and inspect Columbia's magnificent waterworks, with its up-to-date machinery and ample facilities for supplying the city with abundant water for all purposes. Last Sunday afternoon we witnessed the prompt response of the fire department to an alarm which, fortunately, was found to be only a small dilapidated negro cabin in the extreme upper part of the city, and the fire was extinguished with a bucket of water before the department could reach the scene.

We were at the home of Mr. J. Tally Harth, the very efficient and popular electrician of the city, and he invited us to join him, and in less than five minutes run in his handsome automobile we were on the spot. It was indeed surprising to see how quick the firemen were on the ground ready to perform their duty, but it was a needless call, as the fire had been extinguished. It affords us pleasure to give the Columbia fire department deserved praise for their ever ready and quick service, and for the important part they take in the upbuilding of Greater Columbia.

It is indeed invigorating and comforting to an overworked editor to sometimes fall in good luck and relieve his mind of the arduous duties of newspaper work and turn his thoughts to pleasure and amusement. This was our fortune on Sunday afternoon when it was our privilege to be in the hands of Mr. J. Tally Harth in Columbia, and in company with his father, and his estimable wife and son, we took an automobile ride for ten miles out in the country on the Winnsboro road. The cool breeze was bracing, and the trees just out in their new foliage of green, the dogwood and maple blossoms, and the beautiful wild flowers added much to the pleasure and grandeur of the trip. We are certainly under lasting obligations to Mr. Harth, and our ride of Sunday afternoon will be long remembered.

It seems to us that the authorities at Clemson should have pursued another course other than the expulsion of more than 300 students from that institution for a simple April Fool prank. No good can come from such action, and we are afraid that it will injure the future usefulness of this institution, yet we believe in discipline.

It is now Mayor Reamer. Monday morning Mr. T. Hasel Gibbs, for four years the progressive mayor of Columbia, turned over the affairs of the city to Mr. W. S. Reamer. We trust that the new mayor's administration will be as progressive as that of his predecessor, and if he makes half so good a mayor Columbia will continue to grow as the green bay tree.

The management of the Lexington County dispensaries are to be commended for their action in ordering all the dispensaries in the county closed on Saturday and in keeping them closed until after the trial yesterday. As a result there were no visible signs of drunkenness and everything passed off quietly.

"Hell" broke loose in Georgia, sure enough now. It is said that the combined liquor interests of the country are supporting Joe Brown for governor.

Because the Augusta Chronicle has been making a vigorous fight for cleaner politics in that city, the editor of that paper has received several threatening letters. But the brave editor fights on.

What is the difference between a "Merry Widow" and a "Merry Widower?" Respectfully referred to the brilliant paragrapher of the Charleston News and Courier.

One can hardly appreciate the sermons now-a-days for looking at the beautiful Merry Widows.

There is a hot time in Georgia over the gubernatorial race.

Lexington was in the hands of the militia yesterday.

State and General News.

Fire devastated more than one square mile of the manufacturing, business and tenement district of Chelsea, a suburb of Boston on Sunday, entailing a loss of \$10,000,000. Twenty business blocks, a score of factories, 13 churches and upwards of 300 tenement houses were destroyed.

Commissioner Watson returned to Columbia on Saturday from Philadelphia, bringing with him 33 English settlers, the kind the State has worked for since the establishment of the department of immigration, commerce and agriculture. It is said that this will open the way for hundreds of others.

The residence of Mr. C. S. Phillips, of Springfield, with its entire contents, was destroyed by fire about noon on Saturday, entailing a loss of \$5,000.

Five men lost their lives and many others injured in a severe storm which swept New York on Saturday.

Gov. Charles E. Hughes, of New York, has been endorsed for President by the Republicans of his State.

Geo. Spivens, trainmaster of Cole Brothers circus, was acquitted by a Sumter county jury on Saturday upon the charge of murdering J. E. Gailard at Manning during October 1906. At a former trial Spivens was convicted, but the case was appealed to the supreme court and a new trial ordered.

The supreme court has refused to grant a new trial to Rudolph Rabens, of Charleston, who was convicted and sentenced to serve three years in the penitentiary for receiving stolen goods from three safe-crackers, the property of the Courtney Manufacturing company. He will now begin his sentence.

George A. Bristow, alias Charles VanBuren, has been bound over to the Federal court on a charge of devising a scheme to defraud and using the mails for furthering same. His scheme was to induce young girls to come to Columbia under guise of working for a theatrical company. Through the efforts of The State Bristow was trapped and his scheme exposed.

Many men were wounded in a riot with street car strikers at Pensacola, Fla., on Friday night. The strikers refused to let the cars be run on any of the lines in the city and the battle followed.

The state convention of the Baptist Young People's Union was held at Greenwood last week.

Mrs. Alice Webb L. Duke, divorced wife of the North Carolina tobacco man, was arrested in Chicago on Friday upon the charge of passing worthless checks. Being unable to furnish bond, Mrs. Duke was committed to jail.

SPRING HILL SPARKS.

Politics Warming Up—Views on Prohibition and Local Option.

To the Editor of The Dispatch: The political pot is beginning to simmer, and a lively time is expected this summer as the campaign waxes warm, and the dear people will have the pleasure and privilege of selecting the best men for officers from United States Senator down to corner.

Just at this time, there seems to be more interest in "who will be our county officers," and some seem to think there will be two sets of candidates—one standing for local option and the other for straight prohibition. It may be too early in the blaze of the campaign to estimate how the vote of the entire county stands respecting these issues, but as to the Dutch Fork local option will win.

If rumor has it correct, there will be an admirably beautiful and exciting race for clerk of the court between two of Lexington's most popular officials at present. There will also be "some trouble" in the tilt for

Alfred J. Fox,

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60 acres within one mile of Arthur.
One 10 horsepower boiler.
One 8 horsepower engine.
One 50 saw gin.
One shingle mill.
One grist mill.
Timber to cut 500,000 shingles.
20 resident lots in the town of Lexington.
30 acres good farming land in Rocky Creek. 1½ miles from Peter's church.
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One valuable lot in the town of Lexington, S. C.
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1 acre lot—two story building, at Irene, S. C.

FOR RENT.

One store room, one warehouse Lexington, S. C.

Write or call to see me

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THE HOME BANK,
Lexington, S. C.

the supervisor's shoes. Up to a late hour no one has heard of an aspirant willing to commit political suicide by pitting against our ever alert, lynx-eyed sheriff.

As to the other offices, we have heard of no candidates, save the present officials, and probably they will go along with Sheriff Corley, reluctantly to keep him from getting lonesome on a clear track.

I had almost forgotten. Senator Eifrd is reported over our grape-vine telephone, as retired, and won't offer for re-election. We all remember the final contestants in the race when Mr. Eifrd was last elected, and with what becoming grace his opponent accepted the result. Now, in just recognition of past services to his county and State, ably representing his people for several years in both houses, many voters are hoping for him a clear track. We have reference to that noble old Roman, W. H. Sharpe. "RIX." April 13.

Billy Felix's Letter.

To the Editor of The Dispatch:

We are having delightful spring weather and the farmers are making good use of the same.

There will be an abundance of fruit all along the route should there be no more cold to injure it.

C. S. Goodwin has added a room to his store for groceries.

Jas. H. Price has his turpentine distillery about completed.

Mrs. Emiline Dickinson, of Irene, has been visiting friends in this section.

The happiest patron on Route 1 is B. B. Sharpe, and all because another voter has put up at his boarding house.

Misses Lillie and Rosa Fallaw, two of Lexington county's progressive teachers, are visiting relatives in the capital city.

J. Archie Wolf, one of Calhoun's best citizens, was in town to-day. He is in the race for clerk of court and should be elected he will make an efficient officer. We gave him up reluctantly from dear old Lexington.

So far as we know now, the Athen's Graded School will close the first of May with a picnic. Prominent speakers have been invited to make addresses.

Miss Laura Devant, of Congaree, who has been assistant teacher here, has gone home.

Messrs. Tillman and Spencer, of Wagener, were here recently. The former looking after financial business, while the latter appeared to be deeply interested (?) in business pertaining to matrimonial affairs.

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We also have a good supply of the celebrated STUDEBAKER WAGONS, all sizes. The Studebaker Wagon was awarded the premium at the St. Louis Exposition and various other premiums useless to mention. We are also agents for the ROCK HILL BUGGIES that are as good as any buggy for the money.

We are not strangers to the trade and try to carry the best that can be bought in our line.

Everything guaranteed, as we represent it. We solicit a part of your business.

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New Clothes for Easter!

If you choose your Easter Clothes in this store you can be sure you're as well dressed as any man you'll see.

We have all the furnishings to go with them too—stylish Hats in the latest shapes and colors; shipment of Oxfords in tans, patent leathers and gnu metals this week. Neckties, Belts, Hosiery and Shirts in a great variety of patterns.

In other words—We are selling more made-to-measure Suits this season than ever before. The best tailors and years of experience in taking measures have made us experts. Ask the man who has bought from us and come to us for everything to wear.



E. G. DREHER & CO.

Cuffiters for Men and Boys,
LEXINGTON, S. C.

The school here will close shortly. The teacher, Miss Kelly, will return home and prepare to take a course of instruction (?) in culinary arts. We regret to have her go away and wish her all manner of success.

Politics are booming up. When the time comes we will put out some good men, I think. Already one for supervisor has been announced and should he make the race he will—well, wait and see.

C. B. Harby is having some improvements made on his dwelling.

V. L. Goodwin is erecting a handsome residence on Route 1.

BILLY FELIX.

ANNOUNCEMENTS.

All announcements coming under this head will be charged for at the rate of \$5.00 for each announcement. The same to run until the result of the primary.

For the Legislature.
The many friends of Capt. Wm. M. Carter, of Batesburg, recognizing his distinguished ability and true worth as a citizen, hereby announce him as a candidate for the Legislature and pledge him to abide the result of the Democratic primary.

Tax Notice--Town of Lexington, S. C.
Taxpayers are hereby notified that by an ordinance duly enacted by the Town Council of the Town of Lexington, S. C., a levy of (5) five mills has been made on all the taxable property within the corporate limits of said town for municipal purposes for the year 1908. The tax books will be kept open by the undersigned, at his usual place of business in said town, for the collection of the said taxes so levied, from May 4, 1908, to May 30, 1908, both inclusive. After which time, a penalty of five per cent. will be added and the books kept open until June 15, 1908, for the collection of delinquent taxes and penalty. Tax executions will be issued against all defaulting taxpayers after June 15, 1908, to enforce the payment of all unpaid taxes. SAM P. ROOF, Treasurer of town of Lexington, S. C. April 13, 1908. 10w33

Notice, Debtors and Creditors.
This is to notify all parties that they must file their claims properly attested against the estate of J. R. Hubbard, deceased, and those indebted will make payment to the undersigned on or before June 1, 1908. C. B. Harman, Administrator, Augusta, Ga. 3w23

Tillman Much Better.
Atlanta, Ga., April 13.—The condition of Senator Tillman continues to improve. This afternoon he went out for a walk for the first time. He is practically free from pain now and continues to sleep well. Dr. Blackman stated he was very much pleased with the patient's progress.