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**Cotton Market.**

Lexington..... 8 1/2c

**Cut Price Sale.**

Read the cut price sale of Derrick's Drug Store elsewhere in this issue. If you expect to need any of the articles advertised now is the time to buy.

**Still at Large.**

All of the prisoners who escaped from the chaingang about a month ago are still at large. So far as is known all trace of them has been lost.

**Lexington Ginnery Notice.**

The Lexington Ginnery will run only four (4) more days in this year—December 11th, 16th, 17th and 18th, at which time we will close down for this season. H. D. Lybrand, Mgr.

**Allen Gillian Released.**

Allen Gillian, the young white man from Saluda county who was arrested last week upon the charge of obtaining money under false pretence from the Citizens Bank of Patesburg, was yesterday released from custody upon satisfactory bond, furnished by his relatives.

**For Sale—Horses and Mules.**

I have on hand now a car of good young horses, mares and mules, well broke. I will be at Gilbert every Saturday. Come and see my stock before you buy. D. D. SMITH, Gilbert, S. C.

**T. B. Aughtry & Co.**

T. B. Aughtry & Co., Columbia, carry at all times a full line of wheelwright and blacksmith material, but some how their supply just now is a little above the average and they invite out of town business. If you can't go, a postal will bring you prices. All mail orders promptly and carefully filled. Give them a trial order.

**This Is An Easy Test.**

Sprinkle Allen's Foot-Ease in one shoe and not in the other, and notice the difference. Just the thing to use when rubbers or overshoes become necessary, and your shoes seem to pinch. Sold everywhere. 25c. Don't accept any substitute.

**Rev. Gilbert Voight.**

The Rev. Gilbert Voight, professor of English and German, in Newberry College, filled the pulpit in St. Stephen's church on Sunday morning. Rev. Mr. Voight is a young preacher of force and is possessed of great powers of eloquence. He is a son of Dr. A. G. Voight, dean of the Lutheran seminary at Mt Pleasant. He made a profound impression upon all who heard him.

**Christmas at Platt's.**

Everything is in readiness for the yuletide at Wm. Platt & Son's, Columbia. Everybody is in a rush and the goods that are being wrapped up and sent out by special carriers indicate that Platt & Son have what the shoppers want. This is right, for this very reliable firm always has the best of everything, not only at Christmas, but every day in the year. If you would be wise, visit Wm. Platt & Sons while the rush is on.

**Lots of Grain Being Sowed.**

Farmers attending the meeting of the county union on Saturday from nearly every section of the county, gave out the information that the farmers are sowing more small grain this fall than ever before. This is a healthy sign, and shows conclusively that the farmers of this county have made up their minds to raise their home supplies and diversify their crops.

**Capt. Minus to Retire.**

A special from Washington says: Capt. Josiah C. Minus, U. S. army, been ordered before a retiring board to examine him with reference to retirement on account of his ill health. Capt. Minus has been the commandant of cadets at Clemson college for several months. It is not known who will succeed him when he goes on the retired list.

Nearly everybody knows DeWitt's Little Early Risers are the best pills made. They are small, pleasant, sure Little Liver pills. Sold by Kaufmann Drug Co.

**DESTRUCTIVE FIRE VISITS SWANSEA.**

**Eight Buildings Go Up in Conflagration Which Started in J. W. & R. L. Lybrand's Store--Losses Heavy.**

Swansea, the beautiful and growing little town on the Seaboard, in this county, was visited yesterday morning by the most serious fire in its history. About 3 o'clock fire was discovered in the office of the large store building of Messrs. J. W. & R. L. Lybrand, and it was not long before the whole building was enveloped with flames which rapidly spread to the adjoining buildings, and before the fire was checked eight buildings were destroyed, and several others were badly damaged.

Particulars are meagre, but from the information received here, the following buildings were totally destroyed:

Swansea Drug Company, J. W. & R. L. Lybrand, general merchandise; Drs. Brooker, drug store; Henry Sharp, beef market, etc.; M. L. Williams, groceries; A restaurant owned by J. W. & R. L. Lybrand; The K P lodge hall, etc. The new building of the Bank of Swansea was badly damaged, the whole front being almost totally ruined. The large store of Reynolds & Craft, together with the Swansea hotel, narrowly escaped the flames.

The origin of the fire is unknown. The estimated losses, with the amount of insurance, cannot be learned, but it will undoubtedly be heavy, and, coming just at this season when the merchants were prepared for a large Christmas trade, makes it doubly heavy.

We extend sympathy to our sister town, in the loss it has sustained, but phoenix like, she will rise from her ashes, a more beautiful and prosperous town.

**Columbia Grocery Co.**

The Columbia Grocery Company, located on the corner of Main and Assembly streets, in Columbia, has a full stock of everything first class in the grocery line. Mr. S. L. Mont gomery is general manager and is a most pleasant gentleman. This firm will treat you right in every way.

**ESTATE LAND SALE.**

On the 16th day of January, 1908, the heirs at law of the estate of G. A. Rister, deceased, will sell in the town of Chapin, S. C., at 11 o'clock, a. m., to the highest bidder, at public outcry, the following tracts of estate lands, to wit: Tract No. 1, containing 25 1/2 acres, more or less, situated in Lexington county, in the fork of Broad and Saluda rivers, and on branch waters of Waterree creek, bounded by lands of S. D. Rister and others. Tract No. 2, containing 64 1/2 acres, more or less, in Lexington county, in the fork of Broad and Saluda rivers, on branch waters of Waterree creek, bounded by lands once owned by Robert and John Eleazer and others. Tract No. 3, containing 87 1/2 acres, in Lexington county, in fork of Broad and Saluda rivers on branches of Waterree creek, bounded by lands once owned by Robert and John Eleazer and others. Terms of sale: One-half cash, remainder to be paid in one year, secured by a mortgage of the premises sold. Purchasers to pay for papers. All heirs of the estate of G. A. Rister will be present to sign papers. HEIRS OF G. A. RISTER, Deed. December 15, 1908.

**Honesty in Jewelry**

"If it came from Sentz's, you know it's all right," is what one of our customers remarked to another the other day. When you buy Jewelry, you generally have to take the "Jeweler's word for it" whether it is good or not. That's just where our reputation for honesty and fair dealing counts. And furthermore, we will always give you your money back and ask no questions any time you are dissatisfied with a purchase. Special attention to mail orders.

**CHARLES F. SENTZ, JEWELER,**  
 1439 Main, Columbia, S. C.

**From Billy Felix.**

To the Editor of The Dispatch: The Sunday school here has decided to celebrate New Year with a picnic and prizes for the little ones. Several prominent speakers have been invited to address the school. Don't forget the time—Friday, January 1, 1909. Every body invited to come and bring well filled baskets and let us have a love feast unto the Lord. A collection for missions will follow. Billy Felix.  
 Gaston, Dec. 14.

**Paster Called.**

St Stephens congregation on Sunday morning extended a unanimous call to the Rev. T. S. Brown, of Alleghany, Pa. It is not known if he will accept or not.

**STATEMENT OF THE CONDITION**

OF THE BANK OF SWANSEA, Located at Swansea, S. C., at the close of business Nov. 27, 1908.

RESOURCES.	
Loans and Discounts.....	\$6,640 40
Banking House.....	1,378 86
Overture and Fixtures.....	1,516 45
Fourth Real Estate.....	600 00
Due from Banks and Trust Companies.....	13,092 80
Currency.....	1,000 00
Silver and Other Coin.....	857 25
Total.....	\$25,085 46

LIABILITIES.	
Capital Stock Paid in.....	\$9,870 00
Undivided Profits, less Current Expenses and Taxes Paid.....	120 81
Individual Deposits subject to Check.....	12,721 47
Savings Deposits.....	2,373 18
Total.....	\$25,085 46

STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA, County of Lexington.

Before me came B. E. Craft, Cashier of the above named bank, who, being duly sworn, says that the above and foregoing statement is a true condition of said bank, as shown by the books of said bank. B. E. CRAFT, Sworn to and subscribed before me, this 8th day of Dec., 1908. R. L. Lybrand, (L. S.) Notary Public, S. C. Correct Attest: J. C. REYNOLDS, W. H. WITT, R. E. INABINET, Directors.

**XMAS PERFUMES**

**? THE QUESTION SOLVED ?**

A dainty bottle of perfume, like a beautiful bunch of flowers, can never go amiss—nothing is more generally acceptable, nothing could be in better form nor more complimentary to the recipient. Our Xmas line of perfumes is splendidly complete, consisting of all the latest odors of the very best makers in holiday packages from 25c up.

**Rieger**  
*The California Perfumer* has just sent us his line, which with our other specialties, makes us justly proud of the Holiday array which we invite you to inspect.

**KAUFMANN DRUG CO.**  
 Lexington, S. C.



Good morning! Won't you come in and see our new style Low Shoes for Ladies? The kind we sell at \$2.00 you will find nicer, finer and better made than the kind you have been getting. Tan Kid, Tan Calf and Black Kid are the most popular this season.

**EHRlich's,**  
 1433 Main St., COLUMBIA, S. C.  
 1627 Main St.,

**Marriages.**

Married, Nov. 22nd, 1908, at the residence of the bride's father, Mr. Luther Eargle, by the Rev. J. A. Cromer, Mr. Backman Langford and Miss Cora Eargle, all of near Elythewood. Dec. 1st, 1908, at the residence of the officiating clergyman, Rev. J. A. Cromer, Mr. Haskell Meetez and Miss Emma Kammer, all of near Lexington. On Dec. 10th, 1908, at the residence of the bride's father, Mr. Samuel Lever, Mr. Matthe Wingard and Miss Jesse Lever, the Rev. J. A. Cromer officiating. All of near Lexington. On Dec. 13th, 1908, at the home of the bride's father, Mr. J. R. Lucas, near Swansea, Mr. D. S. Sturkie and

Miss Mary Lucas, the Rev. W. L. Keel officiating. On Dec. 2nd, 1908, by W. D. Hill, notary public, at the home of the bride, near Swansea, Mr. Summers Jefeot and Mrs. Corrie Lucas. Nov. 19, 1908, at the residence of the bride's father, Mr. J. C. Fulmer, Mr. Chas. N. Frick and Miss Ada Eunice Fulmer were married, the Rev. Enoch Hite officiating. Nov. 26, 1908, at the residence of Mrs. Quilla Derrick, the bride's mother, Mr. Perry H. Derrick and Miss Martha Ada Derrick were married by Rev. Enoch Hite. It makes a woman on a railroad train awful nervous to think she isn't dressed for a wreck.

**W. S. STEWART**  
 —SELLS—  
**HEATING STOVES for OIL, WOOD and COAL, RANGES and COOK STOVES.**  
**MANTLES, GRATES and TILE, and BUILDERS HARDWARE a specialty.**  
**"Quality and Price."**  
**"Reliable."**  
 1526 Main St. Phone 1294  
 COLUMBIA, S. C.

**A MAN'S CHRISTMAS**

PRESENTS will very naturally be gotten from a place like ours. He'll appreciate them. For a man will have a tie more than he wants. The swellest and handsomest Neckwear you'll find here, 25c, 50c, 75c and \$1.00. Shirts, Coliars, Cuffs, Mocha and Kid Gloves \$1.00, \$1.50 and \$2.00. Smoking Jackets. Fancy Suspenders and Supporters, sets in boxes, 75c and \$1.00. Toilet Sets, Collar and Cuff Boxes, Card Cases, etc., and the swellest line of Clothing to be seen. Come and look it all over.

**M. L. KINARD, THE CLOTHIER**  
 1523 Main St. Columbia, S. C.

**MEET ME AT TAPP'S**

**THE JEWELRY FOR CHRISTMAS**

offers startling prices in Solid Gold and Sterling Silver Novelties for the holidays.

Solid Gold Stick Pins with beautiful settings.....	\$1.03
Solid Gold Beauty Pins, pretty styles, the pair.....	.48c
Solid Gold Cuff Buttons, for the \$6.00 kind.....	\$3.98
Solid Gold Children's Signet Rings, each.....	.29c
Sterling Silver Hat Pins in many new patterns.....	.25c

Gold Filled Cuff Pins, the pair. 25c. Children's Gold Filled Bracelets 63c. Misses Gold Filled Bracelets. \$1.97 Gold Filled Cuff Buttons, pair .50c. Sterling Silver Cuff Buttons, the pair.....35c. Thousands of lovely presents, both in solid gold, gold filled and Sterling Silver, at prices never before heard of in all of Dixie land. We have the gifts you want. Buy now.

**UMBRELLAS FOR CHRISTMAS**

Just a few of the many good things to select your Christmas presents from all at special prices. Umbrellas, 24 and 26-inch, plain, substantial Umbrellas. Made for service, special.....50c. 26-inch plain and fancy handle, steel rod, paragon frame and tape bound, guarantee rain proof. A regular \$1.50 value, special.....\$1.00 The largest and handsomest assortment of rolled gold and sterling silver mounts in the Carolinas to select from, all at special prices with a lovely case and our absolute guarantee on each as to quality and wear. Prices range from, each.....\$3.95 to \$15.00

**The Best Suits and Coats in America at \$25**

**SANTA CLAUS AT TAPP'S**

All kinds of beautiful bric-a-brac, toys, dolls, and China. Lowest prices.

**ORDER BY MAIL**

All mail orders entrusted to us are carefully and promptly executed by a special shopping lady in the store, who is very painstaking, and we guarantee satisfaction or your moneyback. All inquiries from out-of-town customers cheerfully and promptly answered. The mail order business is a special feature with this store and we pay express on all purchases over \$5.00 when cash accompanies order.

**THE JAMES L. TAPP COMPANY**  
 DEPARTMENT STORE,  
 1638 to 1640 Main Street, Columbia, S. C.

**Avery**  
 THE JEWELER  
 1637 Main St., Columbia, S. C.

Unsurpassed opportunity is given here to find attractive articles for gift purposes, and Dispatch readers are cordially invited to do their shopping at Avery's.

A Store Full of good things awaits inspection and attractive prices prevail, so none may go away dissatisfied. Can mention but few things in this place. For fuller details visit Avery's.

Watches of all styles, sizes and prices. We prefer to sell the finest, but whether its \$100.00 or \$1.00 you wish to spend you get good value any time.

Umbrellas make useful gifts for women and men. Finely mounted in gold and silver from \$3.50 to \$25.00.

Fans are essentially feminine. Dainty white and black designs, and hand painted effects. Prices very reasonable.

Silverware from leading factories, and this stock comprises goods in sterling silver from Tea Sets to Tea Balls with all the spoons, forks and knife family. The silver plated goods for common every day use is likewise complete.

Jewelry in all forms comprise a carefully selected stock and whether its 25 cents or 25 dollars you have to spend you can find it at Avery's.

Eyes that need glasses get most scrupulous attention by a graduate optician.

Free. I am giving away a few pictures—a reproduction of a \$12.500 painting. To get it you must register your name at this store before Dec. 25th. It's free—there is no chance, no drawing for it. Ask any one in the store about it.

**AVERY, The Jeweler**  
 1637 Main St., Columbia, S. C.

**Alfred J. Fox,**  
**Real Estate and Insurance,**  
 LEXINGTON, S. C.

**WANTED**  
**Five 100 acre Farms, FOR SALE.**

165 acres one mile from Lexington depot; 75 acres cleared; young orchard; creek runs through place; fruit never fails.  
 20 acres near Lexington.  
 60 acres 4 miles from Steedman—18 acres cleared.  
 One lot in town of Lexington.  
 60 acres within one mile of Arthur, 2 acres open land. Plenty of water on the place.  
 One lot on Main street of Lexington; good building.  
 One lot on Main street of Lexington; store building and warehouse.  
 80 acres 2 miles from Lexington. Plenty water. Fruit never fails.  
 85 acres near Lexington. Good for truck. Fruit never fails.  
 250 acres 2 1/2 miles from Southern railway. 60 acres open land. Fruit never fails. Good orchard on the place. Two buildings.  
 25 resident lots in town of Lexington.  
 Lot in Lexington with 3-room dwelling.  
 45 acres, miles from Lexington, 9 acres open land. Plenty water.  
 158 acres 2 1/2 miles from Southern railway, 50 acres open land. Two story dwelling painted and has 8 rooms. Store house and good barn and stables. Fruit never fails.  
 95 acres, 25 acres open land, 35 acres round timber, 35 acres boxed timber, 2 1/4-room houses, barn and stables. Church and school house within 2 miles of place.  
 4 one-half acre lots on Depot Street.  
 4 one-half acre lots on new street to be called Fort Street.  
 One large lot, 6-room dwelling and barn on Main Street, Lexington.  
 100 acres, 30 acres open land, dwelling and barn, church and school within one mile, 5 miles from Gaston, 6 miles from Swansea.  
 1 acre, 5-room dwelling just outside the incorporate limits of Lexington.  
 3 acres, good dwelling near Lexington.  
 6 lots on East Church Street.

Write or call to see me —AT—  
**THE HOME BANK,**  
 Lexington, S. C.