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MILLINERY OPENING

The New Millinery Department that you have heard FITZMAURICE was going to open in connection with his other large business.



This Millinery Department will be open to your inspection on Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday March 22, 23, 24, and we extend through the columns of the Lexington Dispatch a special invitation to come, as this is the first attempt. We have spared neither expense or workmanship in designing models that you will not see except here and you are welcome to see our exclusive styles. We are prepared to make at short notice any kind of hat for lady, misses or children at what'er price you want to pay. Special attention given to mourning wear. Expert Designers and Trimmers, Miss McWilliams of Baltimore, and Miss Habenicht, of Columbia.

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That Bridge Muddle Again.

The Dispatch is in receipt of the following letter from the Southern Highway Bridge Company, of Greenwood:

"Our attention has been called to an editorial in your paper of the 10th inst., in which you think the 'Greenwood concern' should explain their connection with the so-called bridge letting in Lexington county last fall. We are a little surprised at the editorial, especially as we did not make a bid on the bridge at the so-called letting and knew nothing whatever of the County having a bridge to let, though we had mailed several prepaid postals to your Supervisor asking for information about lettings and to be allowed to bid on the bridge to be let. The first we knew of this matter was when we saw in the Trade Journals where your county had let a bridge, giving the price and the contractor. The next we heard was in January when we heard rumors of graft at the letting. Later we were asked to make a proposition for the building of this bridge, this we did to Mr. W. C. Harrison about Feb. 1st, 1909. This proposition to which was attached a certified check for \$1,000 was the first and only proposition ever made by this concern for a bridge in Lexington County. When we made this proposition we did so in good faith thinking that we could save your county some money and at the same time make a legitimate profit for ourselves.

"In view of the above we would ask that you kindly have our statement looked into and after you have satisfied yourself of the correctness thereof, that you kindly make correction of the implied charge made in your editorial, that we were in the first so-called letting and tried to flim flam your county of several thousand dollars.

"This we think is likely to cause us serious damage, and would ask that you kindly correct, especially as it accuses us of belonging to the Bridge Pool, and to be classed with the grafters would be doing us a serious injustice."

We take pleasure in publishing the above statement. It must be remembered, however, that The Dispatch made no charge against the 'Greenwood Concern.' We simply stated what had been told us, and not as a fact. We are anxious to have the light turned on, and thank the 'Greenwood Concern' for its statement. We have no desire to do any one an injustice. We propose to be absolutely fair. The Southern Highway Bridge Company has the reputation of being a reputable concern so far as our knowledge goes, and we accept their statement as being true until the contrary has been proven.

We have no apologies to make for publishing the lengthy article from 'Anti-Annexationist' this week. It is one of the strongest papers we have ever published and covers the situation as it is. 'Anti-Annexationist' is a resident of the Fork and lives in the district proposed to be cut off. He is a man that knows from actual experience what he is talking about. He is not a bundle of 'hot air.' We commend the article to those who are thinking of leaving Lexington, believing that it will not only prove interesting reading but that it will cause them to think before it is too late.

As To The Upper Fork.

To the Editor of The Dispatch: Usually, a calm follows a storm, and it seems to 'a man up a tree,' there will be no deviation from nature's rule in the annexation cyclone that has been raging since its inception in the extreme lower part of the Dutch Fork.

The course of the wind, where it spent most of its fury, was along the course of Broad river as high up as Hughey's ferry, where it came in contact with the line of Newberry county, covering an area of most of the two townships, Fork and Broad River, extending from within sight of our capitol city, to the fertile cotton fields of Newberry.

The project may not be dead, but the danger signals have been lowered and all or some at least are hopeful of the agitation bearing some fruits of recognition in the future, that will be beneficial to our 'side of the river' by road improvement at the time of the year it is proper to work our clay roads. There is also spacious room for other advancement in keeping with the progress of the times.

This agitation, unrest or what you may call it, is no new thing in these parts. Then, what are the most aggravating causes that disturb us and keep us agitated? Well, they are numerous. We hear that Batesburg and Leeville intend lopping off from our county with their tremendous taxable values gone from us which means higher taxes for those remaining. Brookland is waiting for a 'free walk' over the murky waters of the Congaree, and she is gone. Our public roads do not compare favorably with the balance of the county, neither with the roads of Richland and red hills of Fairfield. (I mean roads of Dutch Fork.)

Our school facilities are not what they should be in the country, compared with the rural schools of Richland, where their schools run from 6 to 8 months free with voting no ex-

tra levy, and their taxes are not as high as ours are at present.

Are we satisfied with political recognition received from the southside? Yes, and we are not kicking on account of high taxes, and we pay them, as we should, but we do expect something substantial in the way of returns, such as road improvements to say the least. E.

Spring Hill, March 15.

'Ned' Bradford Lies Beneath A Bed of Flowers.

Impressive services were held over the remains of Mr. Edward Fiddling Bradford, the eldest son of Mr. C. S. Bradford of this place, announcement of whose death was made in these columns last week, in St. Stephen's Lutheran church on Thursday morning, conducted by the Rev. K. G. Findlay, rector of Trinity Episcopal church, Columbia, and the Rev. T. S. Brown, pastor of St. Stephen's Lutheran church, this place.

After the services in the church a very large crowd followed the funeral party to the cemetery to pay a last silent tribute to one of the most popular young men the town of Lexington has ever known. The floral offerings surpassed anything ever seen here, the grave being literally hid beneath a bank of flowers. A handsome design, a tribute from the traffic department of the Mobile, Jackson & Kansas City Railroad, of which department Mr. Bradford was chief clerk, was especially beautiful.

Joint Council Meeting.

There will be an extra meeting of the Joint Council of Bethel church held at White Rock on Saturday, 20th day of March, at 10 o'clock, a. m., sharp. All members of this council will please be present as matters of importance will be presented.

Jno. C. Swygert,
Chairman Joint Council.

Prohibitionists Active.

The Rev. J. L. Harley, president of the South Carolina Anti-Saloon League, was in Lexington Sunday and made two addresses in the Methodist church. In the morning he addressed an enthusiastic audience at Saxe-Gotha Mills. Owing to his coming had not been advertised, there was not a very large attendance.

It is understood that this is the beginning of a strong fight to carry this county for prohibition in the election in August. It is stated that such men as Dr. Geo. B. Cromer, of Newberry, and the Hon. C. C. Featherstone, of Laurens, will be the leaders who will stamp this county for prohibition.

The Rev. Mr. Harley knows his subject well and is a very forceful speaker. He made many friends while here.

He left on the 10:18 train for Charleston.

NOTICE.

By order of the Supervisor, notice is hereby given to all parties that all claims against Lexington County must hereafter be filed in the Supervisor's office by Saturday morning before each first Monday of the month in order to insure consideration and approval on the first Monday.

L. J. LANGFORD,
Supervisor.

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Rutland's Cleaning Up Sale.

In this issue Mr. M. E. Rutland, of Batesburg, is telling The Dispatch readers about a 'Cleaning Up Sale' he has inaugurated at his mammoth store at Batesburg. Whenever Mike Rutland puts on a sale of this kind it means the saving of thousands of dollars to the people. All farming implements, buggies, wagons, harness, laprobes, etc., go at astonishingly low prices. You can paint your house now and pay for it next fall if you buy your paint of Rutland during this clean up sale. Be sure to call on Rutland when in Batesburg.

Fine Clothing Store.

On our trip to Columbia last week it was our pleasure to visit the opening of the new clothing firm of Scruggs & Swan. To say that the display on this occasion surpassed any thing we have ever seen is expressing it mildly. The clerks, all dressed in conventional black, were courteous and attentive to the visitors, and made every one feel that they were welcome. From four until nine, sweet strains of music pervaded the atmosphere, to the pleasure and delight of the large number of guests. This firm has begun well and if good values, coupled with courteous attention and prompt service, count for anything, the success of Scruggs & Swan is already assured.

MEET ME AT TAPP'S

6th--Anniversary Sale--6th

Our 6th Anniversary Sale, which is now on is the most powerful merchandising event, the most brilliant display of phenomenal value-giving ever held here. We've utilized every possible commercial influence in securing immense quantities of seasonable goods of unassailable qualities, presenting a most sensational array of tempting economies, so that thousands of people will be irresistibly attracted to this sale.

New Spring Suits at Anniversary Prices.

In the Ready-for-Wear Department we place on sale during the Anniversary Celebration a beautiful collection of newest Suits and Dresses.

We offer Black Taffetta and Messaline Silk Dresses, really swell creations, during the Anniversary Sale at from \$15.00 to \$18.00.

Wash Suits are to be seen here in greatest and best variety. We have white and colors in lingerie, poplin and rep; greatest values ever offered; during the Anniversary Sale, at from \$1.98 to \$6.98 while there are still great values at prices up to \$18.50.

We also show the newest styles in Tailored Coat Suits. We have the accredited modes, showing rare values during the Anniversary Sale; at \$25.00.

Today begins our grand Spring Opening Sale of Millinery. This day marks our Sixth Anniversary and the Spring Opening Millinery Sale is quite fitting.

We place on sale today Hats of supreme grace. We will show the latest models of New York and Paris—Hats bewitchingly beautiful. You will see displayed here every shape that's new; Hats in plain tailored models to those profusely flowered are all to be seen here, and in such wealth of beauty and grace as never before seen in the Carolinas.

You are invited. Come view the new styles—the lovely creations which will be worn this season—you are quite welcome.

ORDER BY MAIL.

We prepay mail, express or freight on all purchases of \$5.00 or more shipped to any point within a radius of 600 miles of Columbia.

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OUR SPRING LINE IS NOW READY FOR MEN, YOUNG MEN AND BOYS



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STYLISH OXFORDS

Newest shades in 'Ox Blood Patent Leather,' Tan and Gun Metal. We carry nothing but men and boys' shoes, but carry the best of these.

HATS

See the new shapes in Stetson and Jefferson hats for Spring. You get the newest and best here.

TAILORING

Don't forget our Tailoring Department. We make a specialty of this line.

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

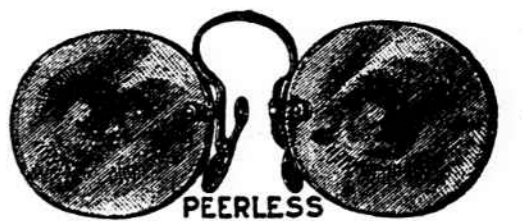
124 acres, 3 1/2 miles from Barr. 50 acres open land. 8 Room dwelling.
2 Barns and other out buildings, easy terms.
108 acres 4 miles from Barr 12 acres open land near church and school.
1 Stationery engine 12 H. P. 1 Boiler, 18 H. P.
1 Saw Mill & Fixtures.
194 acres near Saxe Gotha Mills 165 acres one mile from Lexington depot; 75 acres cleared; young orchard; creek runs through place; fruit never fails.
20 acres near Lexington.
69 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.

30 acres 2 miles from Lexington. 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, 3 miles from Lexington, 9 acres open land. Plenty water.
95 acres, 25 acres open land 35 acres round timber, 35 acres boxed timber, 2 1/2 room houses, barn and stables. Church and school house within 2 miles of place.
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 —
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A Useful Article.

Fresh Baker's Brazil Shredded Coconut, a seasonable article for making delicious custards, pies and cakes, at the Bazaar.