

GRAND OPENING

Fine Millinery and Pattern Hats, White Goods, Muslin Underwear, Ladies' Waist Embroideries, Laces, Silks, and Dress Goods-
Thursday and Friday, March 25 and 26.

You are cordially invited to compare and inspect this marvelous and undisputedly supreme showing of new Spring Goods. The newest, the best, the latest, the cream of the market is here. With an eye single to your purse and taste we have made selections the equal of any in the larger cities and the peer of any in this section. The fabrics, the weaves and the prices will delight you.

Come in—Look over this vast stock, feel the goods, test the quality, ask questions, compare, then judge for yourself. While most prices are regular, and not cut for this sale, you will find we are selling a great many goods at about what most merchants pay at wholesale to the drummer.

10 pieces Jacquard Madras Waisting worth fully 12 1-2c at 9 1-2c.

Among our staples in White Lawn carried throughout the season are: Nos. 1077 at 10c.; 944 at 12 1-2c.; 916 at 15c.; 93 at 19c.

No. 10 Persian at 10c.; 2005 at 12 1-2c.; 1102 at 16 2-3c.; 800 at 25c.

Our No. 51 Mercerized 47 inch Batiste at 35c. is a beauty and worth fully 50c.

No. 50 Long Cloth at 10c.; 61 at 12 1-2c.

No. 15 Nainsook at 10c.; 204 at 15c.; 283 at 20c.

No. 14 Round Thread Butcher's Linen at 25c.

No. 114 Sheer Linen Lawn at 48c.; No. 112 Sheer Linen Lawn at 38c.; No. 100 Irish Fronting Linen, 25c.; No. 120 Irish Fronting linen 35c.; No. 160 Irish fronting Linen 55c. Beautiful in finish, even in texture.

No. 63 Irish Round Thread Art Linen, full bleached and soft finish 50c.

72 inch soft finish pure linen sheeting 88c.

90 inch soft finish pure linen sheeting \$1.00.

The above besides many others, are values that cannot be duplicated at the prices we quote.

Fruit of the loom bleaching, for this sale, 8 1-2c limited only first day.

Special sale 10 dozen \$1.00 Kid Gloves at 59c.

This is the famous Broadway Kid Glove that we have sold and guaranteed for eleven years.

It is an imported glove and on account of the increased duty on Kid Gloves, making it cost at retail, in the future, \$1.25 the pair. The importer will discontinue handling it and has closed out the residue of stocks on hand to old customers at sacrifice prices. Our allotment was just 10 dozen and we will have no more.

Our assortment of long and short silk gloves in all colors is complete.

LACES AND EMBROIDERY

In this department we are showing the best line we have ever offered. A look will convince you that we can save you fully 33 1-3 per cent. Our line represents all the newest designs from European markets from 1 inch up to 45 inch flouncing.

Special sales of over 500 pieces ranging in value from 5c to 19c, all on table at 5c.

Special lots on 10c table worth double the amount.

New Waist Silk Net, Linene and Lawn.

Tailor Made and Directoire Style..... 50c to \$5.00

Matting.

10 Pieces 25c Matting for this sale..... 20c

Standard Calicoes, 4c. 40 inch Sea Island 5c. Coats Spool Cotton, sale price, 4c.

1 case 7c Ginghams, for this sale at 5c.

1 case of Maplewove Solid and Fancy Madras, 12 1-2c values, 10c.

Our 10c line of Ginghams cannot be equaled.

10 pieces 12 1 2c India Linen 9c.

50 pieces 15c Persian Lawn 10c.

The above are specials bought for this sale.

SPECIALS FOR THIS SALE.

32 inch lawn remnants at 7c worth 10c.

32 inch fine India Linen Remnants worth 16 2 3c at 12 1-2c. Piques are again very stylish. We have them at 10c., 15c., 20c and 25c. in white, black and all staple colors.

White and colored licene suiting with borders at 15c the yard. Makes swell suits.

Full size White Counterpanes, 79c, \$1.00, \$1.25, \$1.50, \$2.00, \$2.50 are exceedingly good values and cannot be duplicated at our price.

Ladies full size, nicely trimmed night gowns worth 50c at 39c.

60c night gowns, sale price at 50c.

\$1.25 night gowns, sale price, \$1.00.

\$1.98 night gowns, sale price \$1.45.

25c Corset Covers at 15c.

39c Corset Covers at 25c.

69c Corset Covers at 50c.

This sale will continue through this month. Come or you'll be sorry. Our new Spring Stocks in every department are complete, and as rich as a gold mine in good dependable merchandise. We have strengthened our New York buying connections, by entirely eliminating drummers, and buying and selling for net spot cash, thereby effecting savings of 19 to 25 per cent., all of which goes to our customers. Words are not at our command to describe the beauty, the values and completeness of our magnificent stocks. It is necessary for you to come and let us show you.

If we fail to demonstrate our full appreciation of your past and future business by the values, then we have wasted a lifetime in the mercantile business.

WHITTEN DRY GOODS COMPANY, BATESBURG, S. C.

RETURN OF THE FLAG.

A Brief History of the Saluda Flag, Which Was Returned by Mrs. Lacy, Several Weeks Ago--The Correspondence:

Through the kindness of Col. M. D. Harman, we are able to present to our readers this week a brief history of the famous old war flag, which disappeared when Sherman's army passed through this country, and was returned by Mrs. Lacey, of Wyandotte, Mich., several weeks ago. We also give the correspondence between Mrs. Lacey and Col. Harman which, within itself, makes very interesting reading.

The Saluda Guards, Company O., 1st Regt. S. C. V., under command of Col. Maxey Gregg, Gen. M. L. Bonham's Brigade, was organized in April, 1861, under the call of Gov. Pickens, for six months State troops before the storming of Fort Sumter.

This company was made up of the Minute Men of this place and the Saluda Guards at Saluda Factory with the following officers: Capt. W. Moultrie Gibbs; Geo. W. Meetze, 1st Lieut.; Ed Hook, 2nd Lieut.; Leml. Hook, 2nd brevet lieut.; Dr. F. Sim Lewis, orderly sergeant.

This company did service first at Richmond and later at Manassas, Bull Run, Centerville, Fairfax, Germantown and took part in the Vienna fight, on the Baltimore & Ohio railroad, said to have been one of the first great battles of the war.

At the expiration of the enlistment, the Saluda Guards was disbanded at Richmond, the members returning home and later joined other companies.

The flag, the subject of this article, was presented to the Saluda Guards by the ladies of Lexington on the 11th of January, 1861. Of those surviving and now in mind are, Mrs. Mary Jane Norris, now of Edgefield, and Mrs. M. F. Harman, of Batesburg. There were many others prominent in the work, some of whom are now dead.

Wyandotte, Wayne Co. Michigan, 141 Biddle Ave., Sept. 26, '08.

Postmaster at Lexington, S. C.:

Dear Sir:—There has been given to me a remnant of an old Battle Flag, presented by the "Ladies" of Lexington to the Saluda Guards, Jan. 11th,

1861." If there is any member of that Company living and he would care for it, or any organization there that would wish to preserve it, and will communicate with me, I shall be pleased to send it to them. I do not feel that by any right does it belong to me. Of course nearly half a century has not added to its beauty. It had been burned before it came North, but has always been carefully cared for since, but time has discolored it, but the original flag is there, with the letters and markings bright and clear, so there is no question of its genuineness.

If you will kindly hand this to any such person, if any are living, I shall be pleased to hear from them.

Yours respectfully,
(Mrs.) Elizabeth Lacey.

Lexington, S. C., Sept. 29, 1908.
Mrs. Elizabeth Lacey,
Wyandotte, Mich.

Dear Mrs. Lacey:

Our postmaster, Mr. S. J. Leaphart, handed me your letter this morning in reference to the flag of the Saluda Guards of this county, and as one of the surviving members of said company, I write to thank you for the information therein contained, and to say to you that nothing could please me more than to have said flag returned to me.

I assure you that should it be placed in my keeping it shall be carefully cared for and again unfolded to the few surviving members of our dear old company, their friends and relatives of our dead comrades.

A few of the ladies that presented the flag are still living and I can assure you that it will certainly be a source of great joy to them to once more behold the dear old flag—the work of their own hands.

Please accept my sincere thanks for your kindness and efforts to restore the flag to the surviving members of the Saluda Guards, and express the flag to me at my expense to Lexington, S. C.

Will also be pleased to hear further from you as to how the flag came into your keeping or care. Will write you again after the reception of the flag.

Yours most respectfully,

M. D. Harman,
Late a member of Co. O., Saluda Guards, First South Carolina Volunteer Regiment of Infantry.

Wyandotte, Oct. 5th, 1908.
141 Biddle Ave.

Dear Mr. Harman:—Yours of Sept. 29th reached me on Friday and I have taken the first opportunity to answer.

By this same mail, (registered), I send you the flag, on talking with our express agent, he thought it would be the safer way, as no money value could be placed on it, and I think we can trace it if it should go astray by mail. I will wait to hear from you and, allowing three or four days at the most it ought to reach you. We will then get a tracer out, if longer delayed.

I feel certain that you will carefully cherish, what to you is a sacred relic, and am glad that you can again have pleasure of handling it, but poor old flag, like the sender it is in "the Sear and Yellow." Tell the ladies I shall be there in spirit to rejoice with them at its reception, and many years of rejoicing may be spared to them.

In regard to the "Flag" and its possession I fear I can give you but very indefinite information, but perhaps by piecing facts together you may be able to reach the facts of the matter. I was but ten years of a great time it came into the family. We had two orphan children, a boy and girl, older than my sisters and I, that my parents brought up. The boy went into the army and was in the 9th Michigan Cavalry at the time he secured it; his name was James Scott, and from a child was a proaned to wander. Now if I recollect correctly, the flag had been secreted for safety, and I am quite certain it was in a swamp, but where I do not know. This I hope some of your surviving veterans can tell.

It was not burned when found, but borrowed for decoration purposes by the officers of the regiment and the tent was burned and my adopted brother saved it from destruction with the loss of his hair and eyebrows. Then he sent it home to his sister, and has been in her possession until about a year ago, when I coaxed her to trust it to me, and I would return it, or rather send it to Washington to be returned with other battle flags, and then concluded I could send it back myself and the more I thought of it the more it appealed to me as the proper thing.

I was never very proud of the way it came to us, war, may be war, but to me, brought up by a strict old Scotch mother, stealing was stealing, and I

wanted nothing that did not rightfully belong to me. And feel as if one great wrong was being righted when I send it to, and sincerely hope it will give you as much pleasure in its reception, as it has given me to send it. Tell the surviving veterans that if I was not with them in spirit in '61, I certainly am in '08 and shall ever be for years to come.

Trusting I have not neglected anything to cause it to reach you safely and many kind wishes to each of you, I am ever
Yours truly
Elizabeth Lacey.

Lexington, S. C., Oct. 9th, 1908.
Mrs. Elizabeth Lacey

141 Biddle Ave.,
Wyandotte, Michigan.

Dear Mrs. Lacey:

The old flag, or part of the flag, was received with delight by all. It was placed at a conspicuous place at our county fair, and both old and young looked upon it with wonder and astonishment, to behold how well it had been preserved after so many years had passed over it. History will tell you that South Carolina seceded on the 20th day of December, 1860, and our flag was painted and presented to us by the ladies of Lexington on the 10th of January, 1861, less than a month after the state seceded. We therefore claim that it is one of the first flags, if not the first, to be painted after secession. The original flag was made of dress silk and painted on two separate pieces of silk and sewed together or doubled. It being a state flag had a palmetto tree on one side, which seems to have been taken off the side sent us by you, and which I suppose did not come into your possession. I have not been able to gather any information as to how the flag became lost or captured.

Words are inadequate for me to express to you my feeling for the interest manifested in the return to us of our dear flag, and on behalf of the surviving members of Company O, Saluda Guards, of the First South Carolina volunteer regiment, I hereby tender my most sincere thanks and gratitude to you and assure you that your kindness will ever be remembered by us all as long as life lasts, and the flag will be kept by me as a sacred relic, unless we decide to place it in the hands of the U. D. C., to be kept by them in the relic room

in the capitol building in the city of Columbia.

I have found but one surviving lady in our beautiful little town that took part in presenting the flag to us. She is now very old, but says that she certainly appreciates the sentiments expressed in your letter.

Yours very truly,
M. D. Harman.

Wyandotte, Michigan,
141 Biddle Ave., Dec. 6th, 1908.

Dear Mr. Harman:

Your very welcome and fully appreciated letter received, and I have delayed answering it in the hope that I could find something to add to the story of our flag.

I have written to the Captain of the Company my brother was in and waited, hoping to have some word to send. He is in the West and I was afraid you would think I was neglectful if I waited longer, but assure you I will write you as soon as possible after receiving any (if received) information.

Everyone who has read your letter has expressed themselves in the same way—"A beautiful letter"—and it will be placed with my treasures, to be kept for my grand-children, when I am gone. It has brought South Carolina so much nearer to have known you, as I seem to do, and the world is small after all.

The flag was just as it is, when we received it, only the silk was white and pure and could not have been exposed to the weather.

No, James is not living that we know of. He disappeared in 1868 or 69, and I have never been able to find trace of him; but as he was wounded at Fair Oaks—shot through the left lung—he was never as strong afterwards. Mother nursed him until the wound healed, when he again enlisted and went out with the 9th Michigan Company, but rode so hard in the Morgan Raid that it brought on a hemorrhage, and we have always thought he must have died in some Marine hospital, but I have never been able to find out.

I think that when the flag was scorching the back must have been removed, as there was no sign of sewing on the edges. I would love to see the dear old lady who participated in the presentation. I have been with you all in spirit many times.

In regard to my letter, it is yours

to do with as you please. It was certainly very honorable of you to refuse publication, without permission.

I fear I have been more remiss, as have allowed our city paper to publish an extract of your letter, which was noticed, I see, in the Detroit Sunday paper, and both of which I will send you the clipping in the letter at our paper by mail, in the hope that may reach some old 9th Cavalry man and I may hear from him, and so send more news to you, which I assure you I shall certainly do. I have received as much pleasure as you and your comrades from the return of the flag so am not deserving of any great amount of thanks, but assure you shall not allow my new-found friend to drop out of my life, so if you occasionally hear from the cold North occasionally you must not be surprised.

We have about two inches of snow now, and I can see people going holding their hands over their ears, which, I suppose, is the reverse of your winter weather.

Wyandotte is located on the Detroit river, which is about four miles wide at this point; much narrower in Detroit, but you can see there plenty of room for cold winds to reach us from Lake Erie, and when frozen over connects us with Canada, and often used by those wishing to smuggle goods across. The current, however, is very swift and makes it safe, except in the most severe weather. I have pictured your home, with its mild climate, as an everlasting flower.

Thanking you for your very beautiful letter and trusting that the coming holidays may bring you blessings, I am as ever,

Your friend,
Elizabeth Lacey

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