Ready for Santa Claus.

It's been the longest, long old time—
I s'pose about a year—
Since Santa came to our house;
But now he'll soon be here,
And I've written him a letter—
I wrote it all myself—
Sealed it with a kiss and mailed it
Upon the mantel shelf.

I did forget to put some things
I wanted on the list,
But if he brings all I put down
The others won't be missed.
I told how I liked him, first,
And how I hoped he'd come,
She started quite politely—
"Please bring a ball and drum,

"A little monkey on a pole,
A clown with painted coat,
A mamma doll, a papa doll,
A real live billy goat;
I want a jointed wooden cow
That steps and wags its head,
A family of paper dolls,
A blackboard and a sled;

"A horn to blow and make a noise,
A bank to hold my dime;
I want a little watch that ticks
And keeps the best of time;
I'd like to have a Christmas tree
With candy, nuts and fruit—
I want a toy pistol, too,
With paper caps to shoot.

"I want a small automobile—
I saw one at the shop;
I want some water color paints,
Some marbles and a top.
Dear Santa, please do not forget
A single thing I say,
But come on time and leave for me
These things for Christmas day.

"Now, Santa Claus, I'll say goodbye—
I know you'll treat me right,
But there's one thing I'd like explained,
For it is puzzling, quite—
My papa said, 'Those wants are few,'
I don't know how he knew,
I did not ask him for a thing,
I only wrote to you!"

—Margaret S. Hall, in Constitution.

Cadet Caught Stealing.

Greenville, December 17.—After expelling one of the cadets for stealing it was learned from private correspondence in this city to-day that the faculty of Clemson College literally held up the entire corps several days ago and with the assistance of military discipline, searched the rooms of every cadet in the barracks in an effort to find other stolen articles and fix the responsibility. The search was fruitless. The investigation was carried out by the six cadet captains, assisted by their lieutenants, each officer searching his own barracks. The name of the cadet who was expelled is not known here. The students submitted to the search without protest, so far as could be learned. It is certain there was no physical resistance.

CASTORIA
For Infants and Children.
The Kind You Have Always Bought
Bears the Signature of Chas. H. Fletcher

Dots from Flat Shoals.

Flat Shoals, December 16.—Our school is progressing nicely under the management of Miss Greta Gaines.

John Tow recently cut a large poplar tree on his place that measured 70 feet to the first knot. It measured 4 feet and 8 inches in diameter and did not have a windshake in it. The tree made 22,000 first-class shingles.

Hicks Duncan recently bought the Clarkston place at Salem.

Ben Sloan and Boone Grogan have recently moved on the Lay place. Dixie.

A dispatch from St. Petersburg on December 17 says that Sasoneff, who threw the bomb which killed Minister Von Plehve on July 28, and Sikorifsky, his accomplice in the crime, were to-day found guilty by the Court of Appeals, sitting in the law courts building. The former was sentenced to imprisonment for life with hard labor, and the latter to twenty years imprisonment. The trial had been expected to last at least two days, but it was rushed to a speedy completion, in view of the possibility of revolutionary demonstrations. The trial was held behind closed doors, and all the entrances to the building were locked.

A. L. Lawrence, white, was struck in the face several times with a beer bottle in Thackston's beer dispensary in Spartanburg last Thursday afternoon. He was seriously, but not fatally wounded. Two young men were arrested, charged with making the attack. The particulars of the difficulty are not known.

South Carolina News Notes.

A commission has been issued in Columbia to the Bank of Starr, in Anderson county, to be capitalized at $15,000.

Col. M. P. Tribble, of Anderson, has secured a verdict of $1,500 against the Western Union Telegraph Co., before a Richland county jury for failure to deliver a message under the law.

Jeff Pitts, a colored farmer, has bought 400 acres of land for $3,000, near Madden, Laurens county, and will establish a negro industrial school there, something like Booker Washington presides over at Tuskeegee, Ala.

Abbeville Medium: "Last spring Miss Kate Marshall planted a half acre in Florodora cotton on Magazine Hill and made a bale weighing 400 pounds. She did not do any special work on her crop, but only gave it the usual attention."

L. J. Jordan became involved in a difficulty with a negro at Kershaw last week. While the negro was endeavoring to pull his gun, Jordan got the drop and killed him. After he was killed a 44-calibre pistol was discovered on his person.

Dr. Ben E Martin, the well known and popular proprietor of the Ben Della Hotel, Laurens, died last Tuesday afternoon. He was 59 years old and leaves a wife and four children. He entered the war as a boy and was one of Hampton's faithful couriers.

Learning that J. A. Adams, the Colleton county murderer who escaped jail after the Supreme Court had refused him a new trial, was still in that county, Governor Heyward last Wednesday increased the reward for his capture from $500 to $1,000.

Four large barns and a dwelling have been burned in and around Donald's within the past few weeks by a band of incendiaries. The latest sufferer was C. C. Calhoun, a negro. He lost his barn, 2 cows, 2 bales of seed cotton and the seed from 15 bales and 40 bushels of peas.

We like for people to read this newspaper, but we don't like for people to borrow it from their neighbors. Take a paper of your own and pay for it like a man whether you like the editor or not, and be happy in the feeling of independence that accompanies manliness.

The News and Courier says: Numerically the Baptist denomination leads all others in South Carolina. If the action of the Baptist State Convention in Chester, composed of ministers and laymen, was representative of Baptist sentiment, 'hard times and a heap of trouble' are just ahead for the dispensary cohorts."

Dr. W. T. Field died at his home, near Pickens, on 11th instant, aged 72 years. Dr. Field was one of the most prominent and popular citizens of Pickens county and had a brilliant war record. He was well known in Oconee county, and his many old friends in this section will regret to hear of his death. He leaves a widow.

Joe Covington, a most prosperous man of Marlboro county, though robust and in the best of health, has already purchased tombstones for himself and wife, and he has also had their graves dug and cemented so as to keep the water out. Oftentimes he gets into his own grave and plays on his violin and sings some sacred piece.

The government report puts the cotton crop in South Carolina this year at 1,100,000 bales, which will be the largest crop this State has ever produced. At an average price of 8 cents a pound such a quantity of cotton will yield our farmers upwards of $45,000,000, which is a big sum for a little State to get out of a single crop.

The Good Old Way.

A severe cold or attack of la grippe is like a fire, the sooner you combat it the better your chances are to overpower it. But few mothers in this age are willing to do the necessary work required to give a good old-fashioned reliable treatment such as would be administered by their grandmothers, backed by Boschee's German Syrup, which was always liberally used in connection with the home treatment of colds and is still in greater household favor than any known remedy. But even without the application of the old-fashioned aids German syrup will cure a severe cold in quick time. It will cure colds in children or grown people. It relieves the congested organs, allays the irritation and effectively stops the cough. Any child will take it. It is invaluable in a household of children. Trial size bottle, 25c; regular size, 75c. For sale by Walhalla Drug Co. and Seneca Pharmacy.

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Crack Discovered on Face of Moon.

Berkeley, Cal., December 17.—The discovery of a great crack or rill on the face of the moon which extends lengthwise through the valley of the Alps for a distance of 80 miles, is one of the facts announced in the latest bulletin issued from the Lick observatory. The rill on the moon was discovered by Assistant Astronomer Perrine, with the 36-inch telescope. The ring is in the nature of a crack in the moon's crust or a dry riverbed a few hundred feet in width and some 80 miles in length, extending through the center of the valley. It can be seen only under the good atmospheric conditions and when the sun is shining on it at the proper angle.

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Fire on December 15 destroyed the Ohio Seat Company plant in the eastern part of Cincinnati, also the Rudolph-Surre Tannery and dwelling, causing a loss of $150,000.

Senator Latimer has given up hope of the passage of his good roads bill at the present session of Congress. It is announced that economy is to be the slogan of the session, and in every quarter where effort has been made to obtain support for the measure the question of legislative extravagance has been raised. The bill will die at the end of the session.

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The Comptroller General has completed a list of assessments against the railroads for the Railroad Commission's salary and expenses for the year 1904. The total cost was $8,800, of which the Southern was assessed $3,925, the Seaboard, $1,040.80, the Coast Line $2,496.53, the Southern Express Co. $66.04, the Western Union Telegraph Co. $32.78, the Postal Telegraph Co., $28.14, and the independent lines the rest.

Advice to the Aged.

Age brings infirmities, such as sluggish bowels, weak kidneys and bladder and TORPID LIVER.

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Southbound Atlantic Coast Line passenger train from Rocky Mount, N. C., to Wilmington was wrecked last week by running into an open switch at Overman's siding, two miles north of Warsaw. Engineer Guilford F. Horne, of Wilmington, and his colored fireman, Sterling Creech, of Rocky Mount, were instantly killed. None of the passengers were seriously injured, although the entire train, with the exception of a Pullman, was piled up alongside the track. Coast Line officials are of the opinion that the switch was tampered with.

The boy who does anything just because the other fellows do it, is apt to scratch a poor man's back all his life.

Smallpox Epidemic in South Carolina.

[The State.]

Smallpox is alarming the people of many sections of the State. Not since its first appearance in 1896 has the pest been run out of the State, although it was not manifested in a serious form at all times. Reports indicate that there is a larger number of cases now that at any other time, and that in some sections the type is malignant. There is only one way to prevent the spread of the disease—and that is by vaccination.

It is difficult to get the consent of the people to be vaccinated until the disease is almost upon them.

Within the last fortnight there seems to have been a great spread of the disease, particularly in the counties in the Eastern part of the State where the colored population is dense. Gov. Heyward has been in receipt of numerous letters and telegrams acquainting him with the condition of affairs in respective localities, and he has referred the communications to the Secretary of the State Board of Health, Dr. James Evans, of Florence.

The Legislature has made an appropriation and the State Board of Health is authorized to use that fund in stamping out the smallpox, but communities can help a great deal by having vaccination, without falling back on the State to furnish the vaccine points and the medical services. The only preventative is vaccination, and when so many people are suffering with smallpox it is singular that there is so little interest taken in vaccination at places remote from the seat of contagion. For with the rapid transit of these days smallpox can be carried across the State in 24 hours and frequently is carried from one point to another by passengers who ought to be in a pest house. While there have been reports of smallpox ever since the beginning of the fall, there have been more alarming statements in the last 10 days than since the first outbreak of the disease just after the Atlanta exposition.

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Rev. William May, probably the oldest Methodist preacher in the country, died recently at his home in Perryville, Ky. He was 93 years old and had been preaching for 75 years, but during that time had never accepted a cent of money for his services. He had, it is said, married 3,000 couples, baptized 5,000 persons and officiated at 5,000 funerals. He was a great horseback rider, using his steed for traveling over his district, but had never been on a train, and in order to make a living conducted a farm, with which he was eminently successful.

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Governor Heyward has decided to order an election for Calhoun county, to take place on the first Tuesday in January.

MAKE YOUR TAX RETURNS.

The Auditor's office will be open from the first day of January, 1905, to the 20th day of February following for the purpose of receiving returns of personal property and real estate for taxation in Oconee county for the year 1905. For the convenience of tax payers the Auditor or his deputy will also receive returns at the following places on the dates mentioned:

Fair Play, Monday, January 2, from 10 a. m. to 3 p. m.

South Union, Tuesday, January 3, from 10 a. m. to 3 p. m.

Retreat, Wednesday, January 4, from 10 a. m. to 3 p. m.

Tabor, Thursday, January 5, from 10 a. m. to 3 p. m.

Oakway, Friday, January 6, from 10 a. m. to 3 p. m.

Tokeena, Saturday, January 7, from 10 a. m. to 3 p. m.

W. N. Woolbright's, Monday, January 9, 10 a. m. to 3 p. m.

Friendship, Tuesday, January 10, from 10 a. m. to 3 p. m.

Clemson College, Wednesday, January 11, from 10 a. m. to 3 p. m.

Adams's Crossing, Thursday, January 12, 10 a. m. to 3 p. m.

Seneca, Monday and Tuesday January 2 and 3, 10 a. m. to 3 p. m.

Westminster, Wednesday and Thursday, January 4 and 5, 10 a. m. to 3 p. m.

Richland, Friday, January 6, from 10 a. m. to 3 p. m.

Newry, Saturday, January 7, from 10 a. m. to 3 p. m.

Salem, Monday, January 9, from 9 a. m. to 3 p. m.

Jocassee, (Brown's Store), Tuesday, January 10, from 10 a. m. to 3 p. m.

Little River, Wednesday, January 11, from 10 a. m. to 3 p. m.

Cherry Hill, Thursday, January 12, from 10 a. m. to 3 p. m.

Tamassee, (Kelley's Store), Friday, January 13, from 10 a. m. to 3 p. m.

Mountain Rest, Monday, January 16, from 10 a. m. to 3 p. m.

Conley's Store, Tuesday, January 17, from 10 a. m. to 3 p. m.

Cannon's Store, Wednesday, January 18, from 10 a. m. to 3 p. m.

D. F. Carter's, Thursday, January 19, from 10 a. m. to 3 p. m.

Tugaloo, Friday, January 20, from 10 a. m. to 3 p. m.

Madison, Saturday, January 21, from 10 a. m to 3 p. m.

Every male citizen between the ages of 21 and 60 years, except ex-Confederate soldiers and those incapable of earning a support from being maimed or from other causes, shall be deemed taxable polls. Ex-Confederate soldiers are liable for poll tax until 50 years of age.

Note all transfers of real estate since making your last return, from whom acquired or to whom sold.

Under act of 1904, a capitation tax of 50 cents was imposed upon all dogs, and the owners of such property are required to list their dogs for taxation at the time of making their annual return, and it is made the duty of the County Auditor and Township Assessors to enforce the provisions of this act.

It is absolutely necessary to make all returns before the 20th day of February. After that date 50 per cent penalty for non-returns will be added, according to law.

J. P. KEESE,
Auditor Oconee County, S. C.
December 14, 1904. 50-53

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C. H. OELKERS,
Administrator of Estate of D. Oelkers, deceased.
November 23, 1904. 47-50

Notice to Trespassers.

NOTICE is hereby given to all persons not to trespass upon any of our lands in any manner whatsoever, by hunting, fishing, trapping, digging roots, pasturing stock, cutting timber, setting out fire or committing any other trespass. Parties entering said lands after publication of this notice will be dealt with to the fullest extent of the law.

Jas. L. Boyd, W. F. Austin,
R. L. Boggs, Cynthia A. Morgan
November 9, 1904. 45-50

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