

WHERE OUR MONEY GOES.

Items That Go to Make Up the County's Annual Expenses.

The expenses of Oconee county's operations for the year 1908, in which is included all claims audited up to and including the December meeting of the Board of County Commissioners, foots up \$28,002.51. This, of course, does not give the total expenses for 1908, as the December claims will be audited by the board at their January meeting. Among these items will be the expenses of the two recent terms of Court, which alone will amount to about \$2,500. Other items will be comparatively small, such as usually go to make up the regular monthly expenses, unless the new iron bridge over Little River at the Morgan bridge site is completed and received.

Below we give the various headings under which the expenses come, and the amount expended for each cause:

County Auditor.....	\$ 309 95
County Commissioners and Clerk.....	1,558 15
Board of Equalization.....	105 40
Court Expenses.....	1,282 10
Clerk of Court.....	150 09
Road Machines.....	5,063 32
Sheriff.....	1,410 90
Magistrates and Constables.....	1,428 40
Coroner.....	75 55
Poor House and Poor.....	2,063 18
Roads and Bridges.....	11,965 25
Public Buildings.....	199 25
Books, Stationery and Printing.....	527 77
Treasurer and Supt. of Education.....	960 53
Contingent Expenses.....	902 76

Total.....\$28,002 51
The balance of expenses, including Court expenses and general December claims, will in all probability be about \$4,000, bringing the total expenses for 1908 approximately up to \$32,000.

The item "Contingent Expenses" is made up mainly of amounts paid to Confederate soldiers, as provided for by act of the Legislature, the balance being for post mortem examinations, etc.

A Healthy Family.

"Our whole family has enjoyed good health since we began using Dr. King's New Life Pills, three years ago," says L. A. Bartlett, of Rural Route 1, Guilford, Maine. They cleanse and tone the system in a gentle way that does you good. 25c. at all drug stores.

New K. of P. Officers.

At the last meeting of Walhalla Lodge, No. 67, K. of P., held last Monday night, the following officers were elected for the year 1909:

- Chancellor Commander—Dr. G. C. Prebst.
- Vice Chancellor—W. D. Moss.
- Prelate—Rev. J. C. Yongue.
- Master of Work—Geo. Seaborn.
- Keeper Records and Seal—F. A. H. Schroder.
- Master of Finance—B. S. Look.
- Master of Exchequer—Dr. J. W. Bell.

Master-at-Arms—D. A. Smith.
Inner Guard—H. P. Holleman.
Outer Guard—S. C. Witherspoon.
Lodge Deputy—Geo. Seaborn.
Trustees—R. W. Grubbs, term expiring December, 1909; W. A. Strother, 1910; J. A. Steck, 1911.

The new officers will be installed at the first meeting in January, 1909, Monday, the 4th, at which time all members are requested to be on hand promptly. The meeting for Monday, December 28th, was called off on account of the holidays.

A Pleasant Birthday Party.

Miss Allie Mason entertained quite a number of her friends at a birthday party Thursday night. After playing several interesting games all were invited to the dining room, where most everything was daintily prepared, the dining room being decorated with ferns and holly. Miss Allie received a lot of valuable presents from Oconee, Anderson and Belton. She is one of Oconee's sweetest young ladies. We hope to celebrate more birthdays with her. All reported a nice time. B. E.

Would Mortgage the Farm.

A farmer on Rural Route 2, Empire, Ga., W. A. Floyd by name, says: "Bucklen's Arnica Salve cured the two worst sores I ever saw; one on my hand and one on my leg. It is worth more than its weight in gold. I would not be without it if I had to mortgage the farm to get it." Only 25c. at all druggists.

County Sunday School Convention

Will be held at Westminster on January 28 and 29. The program will contain excellent addresses by prominent Sunday school workers of South Carolina. Westminster is a good live Sunday school town and the delegates will be given entertainment and will no doubt be benefited by the program. Each Sunday school will be allowed two accredited delegates. Sunday school superintendents of Oconee county will receive a letter this week asking them to send in names of delegates from their Sunday school and they are requested to handle the same promptly.

THE STROTHER MAUSOLEUM.

The Handsome and Substantial Structure Has Been Completed.

Upon an eminence in a thirty-acre lot of wood at West Union can be seen the mausoleum (tomb) of Richard Coleman Strother. It is one of the best and neatest structures of the kind that we have seen. C. H. Mayhew, of Seneca, was the contractor and builder. The base is ten by ten feet, four feet thick and seven feet high. The inside measurements of vaults are eight feet four inches by three feet four inches. The doors are of mottled Creole marble. Around the tomb is a walk of cement two feet wide. There is an eight-inch wall between the two vaults, with STROTHER in bold Gothic letters over the vault. The roof is reinforced with iron railing. Upon these iron rails is a six-inch cement roof. To look at this structure one would think that it would last forever, but granite crumbles and marble decays, and so will everything that is tangible. It is in keeping with Mr. Strother's taste—it is plain, it is neat, and it is strong.

It is not customary to write a eulogy to the living, but if you will pardon me I will refer briefly to the life and character of my life-long friend, R. C. Strother. Our friendship is akin to that of David and Jonathan, and now, while he is still in the flesh, I will come with this bouquet of flowers and pin them upon the lapel of his coat that he may see and know that I love him; for if I wait until death comes and then chisel warm love words in ice-cold stone they will not do him any good. It can be recorded of but few men more appropriately than of R. C. Strother that truth and justice and honor have been the guides of his life. To do justice, to adhere to truth, and to maintain his honor are sentiments deep-rooted in his nature. His home life is the most beautiful feature in his character. His life has always been modest and unobtrusive. He never was demonstrative, but his example will be remembered. His heart goes out to every person in distress. His character as a Confederate soldier will live as an honorable heritage to his children. He was as brave as Caesar and as gentle as Ruth. We were in the war together from Manassas to Appomattox, and in many a hard-fought struggle, at times hand to hand, breast to breast and hit to hit, and we drank from the same canteen. He is a man of strong convictions. When it comes to duty and honor there is not anything small or hidden in him. He is the same Dick Strother now that he was forty-five years ago.

"What I have written I have written." As I have stated Mr. Strother is one of my bosom friends, and may he live many years! And when he comes to the end of the journey, and his drapery is drawn about him, may he die as he has lived, among his friends, nursed by the tender love of those to whom in life he has been everything.
J. Russell Wright,
Walhalla, S. C., Dec. 21, 1908.

Important Farmers' Meeting Jan. 2d.

Westminster, Dec. 21.—To the Members of the Farmers' Union of Oconee County:

The next meeting of the Oconee County Union will be held with Hopewell Union, three miles west of Westminster, on Saturday, January 2d, 1909, at 10.30 o'clock. At this meeting the following officers for 1909 will be installed: J. Wade Dickson, president; T. D. Alexander, vice president; J. W. Alexander, secretary-treasurer; T. Y. Chalmers, conductor; F. H. Burley, doorkeeper; W. N. Bruce, chaplain; W. C. Foster, business agent.

Each Local is requested to send a list of its officers for 1909, with the address of secretary and president, between now and date of county meeting. This is important, and the secretaries are urged not to overlook the matter. J. B. Harris, President.
A. N. Prichard, Secretary.

Card of Thanks.

Editor Keowee Courier: Please allow us space in your valuable paper to return our most sincere thanks to our neighbors and friends for the kindness shown us in our sad bereavement. May God bless and richly reward them.
Mr. and Mrs. S. M. Morton.

Homicide Near Latta.

Marion, Dec. 20.—What may be termed Marion's first Christmas homicide occurred last evening, when Percy McLellan was shot and instantly killed about 8 o'clock. The killing took place at the home of one Gainey, who is an employee of Lassiter's saw mill, and who lives on John Finklea's plantation, about five miles from Latta. McLellan met his death at the hands of a boy less than half grown, a son of Gainey. It seems that the deceased had been at a shooting match in the neighborhood in the afternoon, and had later come to the home of the Gaineys in an intoxicated condition and was so violent that he ran away all except young Gainey, who was compelled, in self-defense, to shoot him, which he did, using a shotgun, the entire load entering at the right of the windpipe and making its exit at the left side of the back of his neck.

Will Finish Canal in Six Years.

Los Angeles, Cal., Dec. 19.—F. G. Kuehnle, general wrecking foreman in the Panama Railroad, who is here to spend his vacation with his family in this city, says that the Panama Canal will be completed in six years, and that stories of underground lakes, fatal landslides and other disasters are untrue and work great injury to the men responsible for the progress on the canal.

OUT IN THE LONE STAR STATE.

Miss Maria Dendy Receiving Marked Attention in Texas.

The following item, which will be of interest to many of our readers in Oconee, is clipped from the Mexia, Texas, Evening News of December 13th:

"A particularly pretty social event occurred Monday afternoon at the commodious home of Judge W. E. Doyle, when Miss Gary, the accomplished daughter of the home, entertained in honor of her cousin, Miss Maria Dendy, of Richland, S. C. Miss Dendy has for the past several months been a charming addition to our social circle, and has by her grace and sweetness won many friends, who will regret to lose her from our midst. She will leave in the near future for Richland.

"The rose hued rays of the declining sun seemed to linger to add beauty to the already beautiful decorations of mistletoe, holly and Christmas bells.

"The preparations for this event through their happy realization evinced much thought and attention, fully justified by the results in the appropriateness of environment. Three tables were provided for the game of 500. The score and tally cards carried out the decorative scheme, being ornamented with holly, mistletoe and snow scenes.

"High score prize, a book of poems entitled 'Man and His Mate,' was won by Miss Myrtle Street. Consolation prize, a beautiful calendar, was awarded to Miss Katie Cosnahan. The souvenir for the honoree was a lovely dresser cushion, fashioned of yellow satin and net, which was received by Miss Dendy.

"At the close of seven games, writing material was given to each guest, and while Miss Myrtle Street, to her own accompaniment sweetly and incomparably sang 'September,' and an encore 'Just Worrying for You,' the busy girl fingers wrote something for you to read on the train. The productions were comic, humorous and pathetic.

"A dainty menu, consisting of a delicious salad course, followed by coffee, was served. Upon each plate was found a souvenir ribbon, and there were the words 'A Merry Xmas' in glittering letters.

"The fair girls who graced this most enjoyable occasion were Misses Maria Dendy, Myrtle Street, Jennie and Adelle Stevens, Nannie Oates, Katie Cosnahan, Gladys Shaw, Maggie Clark, Lamar Ross, Anita Park, Mary Ward, Alice May, Louise Bonner and the fair hostess."

Where Bullets Flew.

David Parker, of Fayette, N. Y., a veteran of the Civil War, who lost a foot at Gettysburg, says: "The good Electric Bitters have done me worth more than five hundred dollars to me. I spent much money doctoring for a bad case of stomach trouble, to little purpose. I then tried Electric Bitters, and they cured me. I now take them as a tonic, and they keep me strong and well." 50c. at all drug stores.

LEAP YEAR IS CLOSING.

Appeal to the Maidens to Rescue the Men—A Timely Article.

We have received the following from a subscriber at a distance with a request to make the "Last Call" to the maidens of this country to come to the rescue of the timid men. It may be well to heed this call, make the final step, and thereby transform "single-blessedness" into "married bliss." The call follows:

Last Call of Leap Year.

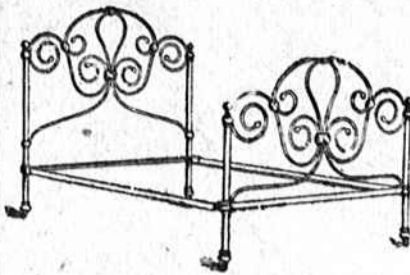
"Of all sad words of tongue or pen, the saddest of these it might have been." So sang the poet, and so will be the sentiment of thousands of lonely females whose timidity or procrastination caused them to neglect a year for the betterment of their forlorn condition of single misery. A note of warning is given you, maidens in despair, for there are yet eight days more. "Lost opportunity!" How that expression will haunt you for the next four years; how you will stretch out your arm and cry, "O, would I were a Leap Year girl again!" Eight days more! Summon your courage; make bold to tell that which has been in your heart for many months. Tell him the "old, old story" which he has never told you. He has also been the victim of timidity, maybe, and your and his fate hang on your courage to broach the fateful subject. Eight more days, girls! Will you let them pass? Now is the time for all good women to come to the aid of their weak-hearted friends. The question remains whether 'tis nobler in the mind to suffer the stings of scorn and loneliness or by proposing to end them?

A last note of warning both to the maidens and the bachelors whose single blessedness is nearing to a close, for, beware! Only eight days more! Last call!

Ill Health is More Expensive than Any Cure.

This country is now filled with people who migrate across the continent in all directions seeking that which gold cannot buy. Nine-tenths of them are suffering from throat and lung trouble or chronic catarrh, resulting from neglected colds, and spending fortunes vainly trying to regain lost health. Could every sufferer but undo the past and cure that first neglected cold, all this sorrow, pain, anxiety and expense could have been avoided. Chamberlain's Cough Remedy is famous for its cures of colds, and can always be depended upon. Use it and the more serious diseases may be avoided. For sale by Dr. J. W. Bell, Walhalla; W. J. Lunney, Seneca.

FURNITURE!



Furniture, Cooking Stoves and House Furnishing Goods at Cut Prices for CASH or ON EASY TERMS. Small payment down, balance in monthly installments or year's credit. You can get what you want from this Mammoth Stock of Household Goods, with a little cash payment and the balance to suit you. Your house can be well furnished before you miss the money.

If you are all right, your credit is good. Try us.

Fifty Cooking Stoves in eight different sizes, from \$8.50 to \$40. Every one guaranteed as represented.

Do you want a \$75 Parlor Organ for \$50 Cash? Call at once—only two in stock. One dozen High Grade, Ball-Bearing, Case-Hardened \$35 and \$50 Sewing Machines, prices \$15.50 and \$19.50.

FURNITURE—We can sell you cheaper, because we buy in car load lots, pay cash and don't have to depend on any one factory.

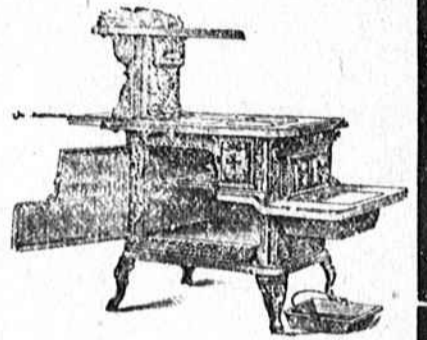
Heavy Roll Head and Foot Beds, value \$12.50, price now \$9.50.

One \$50 Three-Piece Suit, now \$38.50. Ask to see the others from \$10 to \$75.

40-pound All-Cotton Mattresses, only \$5.

\$10 Iron Beds, now only \$6.50.

Side Boards, Chiffoniers, Lounges, Tables, Rockers, Parlor Suits, Wardrobes, Hat Racks, Rugs, Carpets, Matting, Art Squares—All at Right Prices.



RUSKIN ANDERSON,

DEPARTMENT STORE,

Seneca, South Carolina.

\$25 Graphophone Free!

We are going to give away, absolutely free of cost to you, on December 31st, One Cylinder Graphophone, with ten records—your choice of the selections of music.

THE PLAN.

The party that buys the goods gets a ticket with a number upon it, and the number that draws the Graphophone will be made on December 31st by three persons, who haven't any chances at the Graphophone.

We will give a ticket with every twenty-five cents purchase. If you trade one dollar you get four tickets, but nothing less than twenty-five cents gets a ticket.

Some one is going to get this Graphophone, and it might be you.

Our prices are right and stock complete.

Craig-Verner Mercantile Company,

PHONE 63.

WALHALLA, S. C.

GO TO
The City Meat Market
FOR YOUR
CHRISTMAS MEATS.

I am going to reduce prices on almost everything I sell. I am going to sell steak at 10 cents per pound or three pounds for 25 cents; I am going to sell Pork in bulk at 10c. Here are a few of the things I handle:
Beef, Pork, Mutton and Veal.
Pork Sausage, Mixed Sausage, Bologna and Link Sausage.
Green and Salt Hams, Smoked Hams.
Cabbage, Kraut and Pumpkins.
Onions, Apples and Bananas.
Oranges, Lemons and Cocoanuts.
Oysters, Mackerel and Fresh Fish.
Sardines, Cheese and Crackers.
Chewing and Smoking Tobacco and Cigars.
Salt, Sour and Sweet Pickles.
Breakfast Bacon, Syrup and Extracts.
All kinds of Soft Drinks.
Chickens, Eggs and Butter.

THE CITY MEAT MARKET,
T. J. Todd, Proprietor.

Now is the
Time to do Deep Plowing.

WE HAVE A
BIG STOCK OF PLOWS.
The Chattanooga Reversible Disc, in 2 and 3 horse sizes; the Imperial Line, made by Beecher & Gibbs Plow Co.; the 907, 917, 808 and 810 Steel Beam Chilled Turning Plows; the No. 5 Hillside and the 209 Middle Busters; Double Disc Harrows for 4 horses; Disc Harrows, 8-16, 8-18 and 8-20, with trucks or poles; Spike Harrows and many other
GOOD IMPLEMENTS.
White Hickory and George E. Nison Wagons.
Harness made here in our own shop.
All kinds of Vehicles.
Stables full of all classes of
Mules, Horses and Brood Mares.

Now what we want is for you to come to see us, and if you find anything that suits you we will do our utmost to sell you.
Terms: CASH, or reasonably good security.

T. M. LOWERY,
SENECA, WESTMINSTER,
SOUTH CAROLINA.

Special Sale
of
TRIMMED HATS.

WE WILL SELL ALL THIS WEEK AND NEXT TRIMMED HATS THAT WERE FORMERLY SOLD AT \$2, \$3, \$4, \$6 AND \$8 FOR

\$1.48,
\$1.98,
\$2.98
and \$4.98.

WE HAVE ON HAND ABOUT ONE HUNDRED TRIMMED HATS TO CLOSE OUT AT THESE SPECIAL PRICES, AND THE FIRST ONE TO COME WILL GET THE PICK.

R. CALLAWAY & CO.
WESTMINSTER, S. C.