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—Sausage casing 75c. per pound. C. W. & J. E. Bauknight.—Adv.

—The Hayne Circle will meet with Miss Janie Neville Friday afternoon, December 11, at 4 o'clock.

—Born, unto Mr. and Mrs. J. Fulton Hunicutt, of the New Hope section, on November 11th, a daughter.

—Gray Macaulay, who has for some time been employed at Pelzer, is now located at Lexington, where he has accepted a position as pharmacist.

—Preaching may be expected at Bethel next Sunday afternoon at 3 o'clock. After the sermon the Lord's Supper will be celebrated. G. M. Wilcox, Pastor.

—500 Beef hides wanted. Special price paid for same. R. D. Oelkers, Walhalla.—Adv. 51*

—Rev. L. M. Lyda is in Charleston this week attending the State Baptist Convention. Rev. Mr. Lyda is connected with the body as a delegate from the Beaverdam Baptist Association.

—Rev. J. B. Umberger, of the Walhalla Lutheran church, will conduct services and preach at Ebenezer church next Sunday afternoon at 3 o'clock. The public is cordially invited to be present.

—Sam Maxwell, of the Southern Railway, with headquarters in Columbia, is spending some time here with his sisters, Mrs. J. R. Hughes and Miss Sue Maxwell, and among other relatives and his many friends.

—I will give you the highest market price for green hides. T. E. Alexander, Walhalla.—Adv. 1, 1.

—We are requested to correct an error that appeared in The Courier last week in the announcement of the birth of a daughter to Mr. and Mrs. J. N. Todd. The statement should have been to the effect that a son was born unto Mr. and Mrs. W. N. Todd.

—Mrs. A. P. McClair, of Atlanta, who has been spending some weeks with her friend, Mrs. John D. Verner, expects to return to her home next week. Her many friends have been delighted to have her once more in their midst, and regret that her stay cannot be prolonged. Her visit has been shortened somewhat by the illness of her son-in-law, Robert A. Ervin, of Atlanta. It is hoped by the friends of both that she will find him much better upon her return home.

—Farms for Rent—2 miles of Westminster. If you have 1, 2 or 4 horses, come to see me. T. N. Carter, Westminster.—Adv. 50.

—At the meeting of Oconee Conclave, Improved Order Heptasoph, held last Thursday evening, the following officers were elected to serve during 1915: Archon, R. F. Kaufmann; provost, W. S. Floyd; financier, G. A. Norman; treasurer, John A. Ansel; prelate, D. A. Smith; inspector, Geo. L. Jones; secretary, F. A. H. Schroder; warden, H. C. Basch; sentinel, F. M. Biemann; trustees, W. J. Schroder, R. F. Kaufmann, W. D. Moss. Representative to the Supreme Conclave, which meets in Richmond, Geo. L. Jones; alternate, John A. Ansel.

—The Mideales Sunday School Class of the Walhalla Baptist church will give a special entertainment Friday night of this week. Prof. Rosella Dalvinie, magician, mind reader, musician and hypnotist, has been engaged for the night. In connection with Prof. Dalvinie's entertainment three reels of moving pictures will be shown. Every effort will be made to please, and if you are a lover of music, science and magic, you had better attend. The entertainment is for the benefit of the Sunday school class, and will be held at the auditorium. Admission, 25c. for adults, 10c. for children.

—For Sale—29 good mules and horses at my home, Richland, S. C. Terms cash, or good paper. S. N. Hughes.—Adv. 50*

—These are the days of opportunities to pick up bargains in merchandise. The merchants are keeping pace with the stringent times, reducing prices in order to realize cash on quick sales. Keep your eyes on the advertising columns of The Courier. The live merchants are offering special inducements to their customers in all lines. Among those who are represented in The Courier's columns this week are "The Bee Hive," and the Ballenger Hardware and Furniture company, of Seneca; C. W. & J. E. Bauknight, C. W. Pitchford, Norman Company (two stores), of Walhalla; Brownlee & Co., of Westminster; and the Bank of Walhalla and the Westminster Bank have each week something of interest to talk to you about. Always remember, that Boy Blue has a fresh talk every week in the office of the Matheson Hardware Co., of Westminster. Call on these merchants and other business men when in need of anything in their lines.

—For Sale—Plenty hard and soft brick. Will make delivery at any time by making engagement. W. John Schroder, Walhalla.—Ad. 19.



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—Bring balance of your turkeys about the 18th. J. E. Hendrix. Ad.

—The Emery Circle will meet with Mrs. B. F. Sloan Thursday, December 10th, at 3.30 o'clock.

—The Ladies' Aid Society of the Methodist church will meet with Mrs. J. D. Isbell to-morrow (Thursday), December 10, at 3.30 o'clock. All members are urged to be present, as business of importance will be transacted.

—Dresden A. Smith is in Charleston this week attending the Masonic Grand Lodge. He is representing Blue Ridge Lodge, No. 92. W. C. Hughes was the representative, but on account of press of business, was unable to attend. Mr. Smith is attending as his alternate.

—Ross A. Hill, of Greenville, spent some time last week in Walhalla at the home of his parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. Bennett Hill, and among friends here, who are always glad to meet him. Mr. Hill has recently changed his home town, and hereafter will be located at Greer.

—Wanted—Regular boarders. Apply at Walhalla Hotel for rates and particulars. Good service; hotel renovated.—Adv.

—The young ladies composing the Home-Keepers' Club of the Richland public school attended the teachers' meeting in Walhalla last Saturday. While in town they favored The Courier office with a service of delicious salad, sandwiches and hot coffee. Richland school is one of the most progressive rural schools in Oconee, and is alive to the best interests of the institution at all times. The young ladies will please accept our thanks.

—Mrs. M. A. Poole has issued invitations to the marriage of her daughter, Miss Lula Grace, to Dr. Warren Frank Yates, of Maysville, the marriage to take place at the Poole home near town on Tuesday afternoon, December 22d, 1914, at half after one o'clock. We extend to the young couple, in advance of the happy event, our best wishes and congratulations. Dr. Yates is a native of Chadburn, N. C., but has been practicing at Maysville for some time.

—Wanted—Beef cattle and hogs, also hides. Highest prices. A. L. Ellison, Walhalla.—Adv. 1, 1.

—On November 8th, 1914, Capt. W. B. Allgood and wife celebrated the 5th anniversary of their marriage—their golden wedding—at their home in Pickens county. It was a very quiet affair. Not all the children were present, but those who were not sent presents of gold. Several invited guests were present. An old-time good dinner was served and enjoyed by a happy group of people. Mr. and Mrs. Allgood must have felt very happy as they thought of the past 50 years, when they stood before the preacher and promised to be faithful until death. And now 50 years have passed. Children have been given and they have grown up, married and gone out to make homes for themselves. Many grandchildren came from several homes to cheer the declining days of the grandparents. Mr. and Mrs. Allgood have borne the heat and burden of many years together. They have had joys; they have had sorrow, but now at their advanced age in life they are still hale and hearty. Few men in the county, if any, can laugh any heartier than Uncle Bill. And now as they are coming down to the edge of the river, may the little barque on which they have been sailing over the sea of time have a safe landing in the port of Heaven, where they may wait to meet and greet their children as each of them shall cross over. (The above is taken from the Pickens Sentinel. Mr. and Mrs. Allgood have 11 children—8 boys and 3 girls. Mrs. Luther B. Boggs, of Walhalla, is their youngest daughter.)

—Seed Appler Oats—Another car just in. Come at once if you want any. T. N. Carter, Westminster. ad.

—Capt. J. T. Knox, formerly of Oconee, but for some time past in the service of the General Government in the Philippines, spent a short while in Walhalla this week as the guest of Mr. and Mrs. M. C. Todd and in the home of Mr. and Mrs. E. L. Herndon. Capt. Knox has a host of friends here who are delighted to meet him again.

—Columbia State: "Rev. and Mrs. George Gary-Lee, until recently stationed at Lykesland, will reside next year in Westminster, Oconee county. Mr. Gary-Lee having been assigned by the Methodist Conference in Summer to the pastorate of the Westminster church. Mr. and Mrs. Gary-Lee are ardent advocates of State-wide prohibition."

—Clayton (Ga.) Tribune: "C. C. Newman, of Clemson College, S. C., passed through Clayton last Friday en route to his orchard in Apple Valley. Mr. Newman told us that he sent a number of bushels of apples from his Apple Valley orchard, here in Rabun county, to the State Fair at Raleigh, N. C., last year and was awarded a diploma for having the finest apples on exhibit, and would have taken first prize if he had been allowed to enter them, but owing to their being a Georgia product the management would not let them enter the contest. Mr. Newman does not believe in advertising Rabun's apples, and therefore kept this a secret for a year."

—Miss Carrie Thomas, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Robert Thomas, died at their home near West Union, on Tuesday, last, December 1st, after an illness of about five weeks. Miss Thomas was slightly more than 19 years of age, having been born August 8th, 1895, and had been afflicted all her life, in spite of which fact she was a good and obedient child, becoming peculiarly dear to those of the household upon whom she was so dependent. Funeral services were conducted Wednesday last, followed by interment at Poplar Springs cemetery at 4 o'clock. The services were conducted by Rev. J. A. Bond, of the Baptist church. The family have the sincere sympathy of many friends in their sorrow.

—Jesse C. Sanders died at his home in Walhalla last Saturday evening, December 5th, at about 7.15 o'clock. Mr. Sanders had been in declining health for about two years. For several years he was a demonstrator for the Good Roads Machinery Company, of Kent Square, Pa., and while working in that capacity spent several months at a time in the different Southern States. It is thought that while in Southern Georgia or Florida he contracted malaria, this causing a weakening of the system and other diseases set in. For several months Mr. Sanders had been unable to work, but had recently visited relatives in Atlanta. He returned home several days before his death, and his condition was not considered any worse than usual. The end came suddenly Saturday evening. In early life Mr. Sanders married Mrs. Lucy Miller, who, with a large family, survives him. He is also survived by his aged father, J. Merrill Sanders, of West Union, and several brothers and sisters. The deceased was about 46 years of age. For over twelve years he had been a member of Oconee Conclave, Improved Order Heptasoph. Funeral services were conducted at the home Monday morning at 10 o'clock by Rev. J. B. Umberger, of the Lutheran church, after which the remains were laid to rest in Westview cemetery. To the grief-stricken widow and bereaved children is extended the sympathy of many friends.

—There are many of the readers of The Courier, in Oconee and elsewhere, who will learn with deep regret of the death of John Asbury Gaines, which occurred at his home at Townville on Monday, November 30th, at about 6.30 p. m. All of the members of his family except one son were present when the end came. Mr. Gaines was about 81 years of age, and had resided in the Townville section for about 45 years. He was born at Old Cambridge, in Abbeville county, on June 1, 1834, and in 1845 united with the Baptist church, of which he remained a consistent member throughout his long and useful life. He was one of those men who fill life with energetic work at all times, and consequently he had, through industry and perseverance, accumulated considerable property, being rated among the well-to-do men of his community. He was a brave soldier of the Confederacy, although he opposed secession. When, however, the Ordinance of Secession had been passed, he gallantly espoused the cause of the South, laying aside his personal convictions and standing with the majority of his fellow-citizens. He served in a Florida regiment until his health failed him, when he returned to South Carolina, serving in the provost department for two years. At the close of the war he was at home on sick furlough. He took active part in the events of the seventies, lending valuable assistance in the work of throwing off the yoke of alien rulers in the State government. In peace and war he always measured up to the full standard of a good citizen and true patriot, and in his death his community and church have suffered a great loss. He leaves a widow, who was before her marriage Miss Jane Cox, of Honea Path, and five children, three sons and two daughters, as follows: Messrs. J. T. and Lee Gaines, of Townville, and Prof. J. W. Gaines, of Rome, Ga.; Mrs. S. L. Dobbins and Miss Janie Gaines, of Townville. One brother, C. C. Gaines, of Florida, and one sister, Mrs. J. N. Williamson, of Belton, also survive him. The Courier extends to the bereaved ones sincere sympathy in their sorrow. The remains were laid to rest in the cemetery of the Townville Presbyterian church by the side of three children who had preceded him to the grave. The funeral services were conducted by Revs. Hollingsworth and Hawkins.

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—T. E. Alexander sells Rock Hill buggies. Walhalla, S. C. adv.-1f.

—Mr. and Mrs. L. O. Watson, of Greenwood, were among friends and relatives in and near Walhalla for a short while last week. They were visiting at the home of Major and Mrs. Wm. J. Stribling, their relatives, making their trip to Walhalla a part of their wedding tour, which was continued to points North and East, going from here to Washington, D. C.

—The Courier notes with regret that there are persistent newspaper rumors that Dr. E. A. Hines will move from Seneca to Anderson, and that he will take up his permanent residence in the latter city. We hope that the reports are unfounded. Dr. Hines is one of Oconee's most progressive physicians and best citizens, and Oconee can ill afford to lose him.

—We are in receipt of a copy of "The Suburban Home," a weekly newspaper published at Florence, Cal. It will be of interest to many here to learn that at the head of this paper the name of Mrs. J. M. Baldwin appears as local editor. Mr. and Mrs. John M. Baldwin at one time resided in Walhalla, but a number of years ago moved to California, locating at Florence.

—J. D. and F. J. Crenshaw and W. H. Hitchcock, of Washington, D. C., arrived here last Sunday. These gentlemen are all officials of the water, light and power company of the national capital and are on their annual visit to Walhalla. The Messrs. Crenshaw are sons of Newton Crenshaw. Mr. Hitchcock is of a prominent Northern family, but enjoys Southern hospitality as seen on his repeated visits here.

—Anderson Mail, 8th: "Superintendent John R. Anderson, of the Blue Ridge Railway, announced this afternoon that J. L. Mounce, of this city, will succeed K. F. Ritter as depot agent at Pendleton on January 1st. He will also be the Western Union operator and express agent. Mr. Ritter will be transferred to Walhalla. He was appointed agent at Pendleton when Brown Wilson retired about two months ago because of ill health. Mr. Ritter was in the Walhalla office before his transfer to Pendleton." There are many friends here of Mr. Ritter who will learn with great pleasure of his contemplated return. "You can't keep a good man down"—nor a good Dutchman away from Walhalla.

—Highest prices paid for chickens and eggs. W. A. Peehoff, at Walhalla Cotton Mill. adv.

—The home of Crayton Wood, who lives in the Burnt Tanyard section, was destroyed by fire about 11.30 o'clock Sunday night. The origin of the fire is unknown, but is supposed to have been caused by a spark from a defective flue. Mr. and Mrs. Wood and family had been asleep for some time when they were awakened by the fire. The attic of the home was in a solid flame when first discovered. About the only thing saved from the home was a sewing machine, the family having barely time to save themselves. The house was a large one and was comparatively new. It was the property of a Mr. James, of Spartanburg. The loss, including Mr. Wood's personality, is estimated at about \$900.

—From a recent issue of the Columbia State the following clipping is taken: "Miss Elizabeth McAnally died at the home of her niece, Mrs. J. O. Sanders, in the Dutch Fork section of Richland county, last night at 11.15 o'clock after a long illness. She was 91 years old, having been born in Charleston in 1823. She was a resident of Walhalla for many years. The funeral services will be held this afternoon at 4 o'clock at St. Peter's Catholic church. Interment will be in the Catholic cemetery." Miss McAnally was one of the best known ladies of this section years ago, when she resided in Walhalla, having established herself as a teacher of music, in which profession she made an enviable reputation. There are many in all sections of the State who will learn with deep regret of her passing away. She was one of those jovial, wholesouled people whose very presence spreads rays of sunshine wherever they may be, and this characteristic was developed to a marked degree in Miss McAnally. Unpretentious, and with a natural, whole-hearted love for all humanity, she drew to her friends at every turn, and all those who knew her will feel deep sorrow at her taking away.

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