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= Christmas Bells Ringing =
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LOCAL AND PERSONAL.

—See low prices at Norman's.—Adv.
 —W. S. Fraser, of Lockhart, is spending a while in and near Walhalla among relatives and friends.
 —Rev. L. C. Douthit, of North Carolina, is spending the Christmas holidays in Walhalla with his family and among friends.
 —500 Beef hides wanted. Special price paid for same. R. D. Oelkers, Walhalla.—Adv. 51*
 —Miss Julia Maxwell is spending a few days this week visiting her sister, Mrs. J. W. Nix, of Greenville, and among friends at other points.
 —Will Weston, colored, who was convicted of manslaughter in Oconee at the July term of Court, has been paroled by Governor Blease. Weston was given a sentence of six years in the penitentiary.
 —Highest prices paid for chickens and eggs. W. A. Peehuf, at Walhalla Cotton Mill, adv.
 —Anderson Mail: "A. M. Milam, a farmer of the Sandy Springs section, and brother-in-law of J. D. McElroy, has been appointed magistrate for Sandy Springs to succeed Earle Green, deceased."

—Miss Pauline Hughs, of Clemson College, is at home to spend the holidays with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. M. T. Hughs, and among other relatives and friends.
 —Wanted—Regular boarders. Apply at Walhalla Hotel for rates and particulars. Good service; hotel renovated.—Adv.
 —A special Christmas service will be held at the Lutheran church on Christmas night, at which time a Christmas tree and interesting and instructive exercises will be given. Public cordially invited to attend.
 —The Walhalla Gin Company will gin cotton Fridays and Saturdays of each week beginning Friday and Saturday, January 1st and 2d. Patrons please make note of this. Gin is closed for balance of 1914.—Adv.
 —Rev. R. M. Marshall, rector of the Episcopal church of Walhalla, will conduct services at St. John's church next Sunday afternoon at 3 o'clock. All members of the congregation are urged to attend, and the public will be most cordially welcomed.
 —Otto Kaufmann is confined to his room this week, and in the hands of his doctor. He was taken suddenly ill Sunday morning with an attack resembling paralysis. He is reported much better at this time, and his friends hope to see him out again in a few days.
 —Watch bargain table at Norman's.—Adv.

—Sam Elliott and family, who have been living at Mountain Rest several years, moved to Walhalla last week. Mr. Elliott has had charge of the farm of E. L. Herndon, Esq., for some time, but is returning to Walhalla in order to give his children better school advantages.
 —R. S. Rutledge and daughter, Miss Hattie, and grandson, Burt Rutledge, left this morning for Columbia, where they will spend some time. They went in order that Miss Hattie, who has been in poor health for some time, might have the benefit of special treatment and change of climate. We trust that she may soon be restored to health.
 —Wanted—Beef cattle and hogs, also hides. Highest prices. A. L. Ellison, Walhalla.—Adv. t. f.
 —Miss Ida Hiemann, of Lander College, Greenwood, is at home to spend the Christmas holidays. Marlon Moss, of Wofford College, is visiting his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Jas. M. Moss, and among friends. These young people are being most cordially welcomed among their many friends. The Walhalla girls at Winthrop are expected to arrive this afternoon.
 —T. E. Alexander sells Rock Hill buggies. Walhalla, S. C. adv. t. f.

—Little Caro Probst sustained quite painful, though not serious burns last Sunday afternoon, when she upset a small vessel of boiling water on herself. Fortunately there was not a great quantity of the water, and her mother was present to give instant assistance. The burn was not deep, and the little girl will be out among her playmates in a short while.



Ask Santa Claus for a Bank Book

showing your first deposit at the Bank of Walhalla. It is one of the finest presents you could receive. It means the safety of your money, the better standing among your business associates, the easier, safer and cheaper way of transmitting money and the prevention of disputes which checks insure.

Bank of Walhalla, WALHALLA, S. C.

—All Christmas goods at cut prices at Norman's.—Adv.
 —If you need any kind of rough lumber call on "The Old Hustler," West Union or Tamassee. Ready to fill any order from 100 to 100,000 feet. You get what you want. J. C. Shockley.—Adv. 1*
 —Miss Vera White spent the week-end in Walhalla visiting her uncles, R. T. and C. G. Jaynes, and families. She is first assistant in the Oakway Graded School, where she is making a fine record as teacher.
 —Rev. Geo. G. Mayes will preach at Ebenezer Presbyterian church next Sunday morning at 11 o'clock. The membership of the church is urged to attend, and those of other denominations and the public in general are cordially invited.
 —Everything at cut prices at Norman's.—Adv.
 —The spacious home of Miss Jennie Neville was especially inviting last Friday afternoon to the Hayne Circle as it came in out of the cold to the glowing open fires. The president, Mrs. J. A. Steck, announced the program on Peru, which was well rendered by Mesdames Banknight and Dendy. During the social hour a delicious salad course was served by the hostess, assisted by Mrs. Jesse C. Neville.
 —A marriage that will be of interest to many in Oconee was solemnized last Sunday morning at 10 o'clock at the home of Rev. J. A. Bond, near West Union, when Charles Adger Tippett and Miss Essie Maude Kelley were joined in the bonds of matrimony, Rev. Mr. Bond performing the ceremony. The bride is a daughter of Mr. and Mrs. John A. Kelley, of the New Hope section, and is a charming young lady, possessing many most admirable traits, and a lovable disposition that has drawn to her friends wherever she is known. The groom is a young man of sterling worth, being a young farmer of the New Hope section. The Courier extends to the happy young couple every good wish for a long life of happiness, prosperity and peace.
 —The regular meeting of Walhalla Lodge, No. 67, K. of P., was held last Monday night, at which time officers were re-elected as follows: W. R. Craig, C. C.; Jas. M. Moss, V. C.; J. A. Steck, Prelate; W. C. Hughs, K. R. & S.; Geo. Seaborn, M. of Ex.; W. T. Maxwell, M. of F.; D. A. Smith, M. at A.; F. A. H. Schroder, M. of W.; P. L. Steck, O. G. J. W. Shelor was chosen as Inner Guard, succeeding H. P. Holleman, not now a resident of Walhalla. J. A. Steck was elected a trustee for 3-year term, succeeding himself. Dr. J. W. Bell and J. W. Shelor hold over as trustees for one and two-year terms, respectively. D. A. Smith was elected Deputy Grand Chancellor. The installation of officers will take place at the first meeting in January, 1915, and it is earnestly urged that every member of the lodge shall be present on this occasion. It is desired to make 1915 a banner year in Pythianism in Walhalla.

—Toys and dolls at cut prices at Norman's.—Adv.
 —All the stores in Walhalla will be closed Christmas day and Saturday, reopening for business on Monday. Sunday hours will be observed at the post office on Christmas day.
 —T. B. Shelor, of Furman University, Greenville, reached Walhalla last night to spend the holidays here with his parents and among friends. Mr. Shelor is taking high rank in his university work this year.
 —Mr. and Mrs. Frank Cross are spending the Christmas holidays in the lower part of the State visiting at the homes of the latter's relatives in Sumter.

—Rev. L. M. Lyda will preach at Clearmont on the 4th Sunday in this month at 3 o'clock (D. V.) Let all the members and public take notice and be on hand, as this will be the last meeting day the church will have in 1914.

—The many friends of Mrs. Nathaniel Phillips will be glad to learn that she has practically recovered from the effects of a recent fall. For some days she was badly crippled, but is now able to be up and about the home.
 —Buy your Christmas at Norman's at big bargains.—Adv.

—Walhalla is to have another attorney in the near future. A dispatch from Washington, D. C., last week announced that A. A. Manning, of Spartanburg, had been appointed as a title attorney in connection with the United States Department of Agriculture, at a salary of \$1,500 a year, and will be located at Walhalla. Chas. E. Jones, Esq., of North Carolina, held this position here until some months ago, when he was transferred to the Department of Justice with headquarters in Washington. Mr. Manning will be cordially welcomed to Walhalla. Mr. Jones made hosts of friends here while he was engaged in his work for the government.

—There will be special Christmas services on Sunday at the Baptist church, beginning in the Sunday school at 10 o'clock. At this time the candy, etc., will be given to the scholars. The pastor will preach a Christmas sermon, at the conclusion of which the annual church conference will be held for election of pastor, deacon, Sunday school superintendent and other officers. All members are urged to be present. Everybody welcome.

—We are requested to inform those interested in money due to Federal managers of election and clerks of boards that the money is now in hand, checks written out, and same can be had by parties calling for checks at the Bank of Walhalla. C. R. D. Burns has charge of the distribution of these funds, and he feels that much trouble will be avoided by this system of having all checks drawn and at the bank ready for the parties entitled to receive them.

—At the regular meeting of Oconee Lodge, No. 64, I. O. O. F., held last night, the following officers were elected for 1915: Noble Grand, M. L. Phillips; Vice Grand, Harry R. Hughs; Treasurer, Paul L. Steck; Secretary, Anton Gerber; Chaplain, C. G. Engley; Outside Guardian, Wade Crumpton; Trustees; W. D. Moss, J. R. Earle, A. Phillips. Wade Crumpton was elected representative to the Grand Lodge, which meets at Rock Hill in May.

—A wedding of unusual interest was that of Miss Lula Grace Poole and Dr. W. F. Yates, which occurred Tuesday, December 22d, at 1.30 p. m., at the home of the bride's mother, Mrs. M. A. Poole, near Walhalla. The house was tastefully and beautifully decorated. The color-scheme was pink and white in the parlor; in the living room and dining room, holly, green and red—the Christmas colors—prevailed. To the strains of Lohengrin's Wedding March the bride, with her sister, Miss Blondie Poole, as maid of honor, entered, being met at the lovely improvised altar by the groom and his best man, Thomas Smith. The bride was exquisitely attired in a handsome and becoming gown of white satin messaline, en train, and the maid of honor was charming in a dress of yellow chiffon over taffeta. The ceremony was performed by Rev. L. M. Lyda. A delicious and bountiful luncheon was served by Misses Zoia and Lake Poole and was much enjoyed by the guests. After congratulations and hearty good wishes Dr. and Mrs. Yates left on the afternoon train for Chadbourn, N. C., to visit the groom's parents for a week, after which they will be "at home" in Mayesville, S. C., where Dr. Yates is a promising young dentist. The bride's going-away dress was a chic blue coat suit, with accessories to match. There was on display a number of beautiful and useful presents, attesting the popularity of this young couple. Dr. and Mrs. Yates have many friends who wish for them happiness and a long life of prosperity.

—Arch T. Reid is now holding the position of night policeman in Walhalla, succeeding Mr. Williams, who last week resigned the place. Mr. Reid has served the town before, making a good officer.
 —Lost—Somewhere near Robert N. Smith's farm, signet ring; "R" engraved on same. Return to me and get reward. Claude W. Reid, West Union.—Adv.
 —The Lord's Supper will be commemorated at St. John's Lutheran church next Sunday morning at the 11 o'clock service. All members of the congregation are urged to attend the service, and the public will be cordially welcomed.

WIDOW GETS APPOINTMENT.

Executive Order Places Mrs. Onie Cummings in U. S. Employ.

The following item, clipped from a recent issue of the Washington Post, will be of interest to many people in Oconee, and especially in and near Walhalla, where the lady referred to is well known:
 "By virtue of an executive order Mrs. Onie Cummings will be appointed a clerk in the Department of Agriculture, without reference to the civil service rules, at a salary of \$900 per annum.

"This order was issued upon the recommendation of the Secretary of Agriculture, who states that Mrs. Cummings' training and experience are such as to enable her to render good service. She is the widow of R. F. Cummings, formerly a clerk at a salary of \$1,400 per annum in the bureau of soils, Department of Agriculture. Mr. Cummings was in the service from October 16, 1906, until February 1, 1914, the date of his death. The civil service commission did not concur in the recommendation of the Secretary of Agriculture."

Mrs. Cummings was before marriage Miss Onie Beatty, a daughter of Mrs. Chas. W. Beatty, who lives near Walhalla. There are many friends of Mrs. Cummings who will be gratified to learn of her appointment to a place in the Federal government service.

Clemson's Christmas Vacation.

Clemson College, Dec. 22.—The Christmas vacation at Clemson College begins at 2 p. m. Wednesday, December 23d, and ends at 11 p. m. Monday, January 4th. Work will be resumed Tuesday morning following. It would have been possible to begin work on Monday, the 4th, but the reopening was put off until Tuesday in order that there might be no need for traveling on Sunday on the part of those whose convictions were against this practice. The vacation period is somewhat longer than usual.

Notice to Managers of Election.

The money for the managers of State and county election has at last arrived. All of those who call on me at Mr. Long's office will be paid, or if they choose, they may send me their addresses and I will mail checks immediately.
 Harry R. Hughs, Clerk.

Minister Killed in Wreck.

Durham, N. C., Dec. 21.—Rev. Leslie P. Howard, pastor of the Duke Memorial church here, and one of the best-known Methodist ministers in North Carolina, was killed in a railroad accident at Kingston, N. Y., today, according to a message received here from Klugston. Mr. Howard was being treated for a mental disorder at a Kingston sanitarium. The message gave no details. He was a native of Alabama.

New England Mills Busy.

Lowell, Mass., Dec. 19.—The machinery of the Tremont and Suffolk cotton mills will be run 24 hours a day beginning Monday, according to announcement to-day. Four hundred extra employees will be hired. Anticipated demand for fabrics early in the coming year is given as the reason for the increase in production.

Ex-Senator West Found Dead.

Valdosta, Ga., Dec. 22.—William Stanley West, Ex-United States Senator from Georgia, was found dead in his bed at his home here this morning. He retired last night apparently in good health and died some time during the night. Physicians said apoplexy was the cause.
 He was appointed by Governor Slaton to the United States Senate on March 2, 1914, to fill the vacancy caused by the death of A. O. Bacon. His term expired last November, when Thos. W. Hardwick was elected to the Senate. He leaves a widow and one son.

The European war seems to be spreading in the United States. Fortunately, however, it is only a wordy little war between several wordy little Senators and Congressmen. No cause for alarm.

We Wish Each and Every One of Our Customers and Friends A Merry Christmas.

C. W. PITCHFORD General Merchandise Walhalla
 The Place Where You Buy Things Worth While.



CHRISTMAS GIFTS THAT ARE USEFUL
—THINGS FOR the LITTLE ONES

FOR YOUR LITTLE BOY BLUE, FOR MAMA, FOR EVERYONE IN THE FAMILY, AND FOR YOUR FRIENDS, WE HAVE THE MOST SENSIBLE CHRISTMAS PRESENTS YOU CAN BUY. YOUR MONEY WILL HAVE A LONG REACH IN OUR HARDWARE STORE. ONLY A FEW DIMES OR A FEW DOLLARS AT MOST, WILL BUY A SUITABLE PRESENT WHICH THE ONE WHO GETS IT WILL APPRECIATE. JUST COME IN AND SEE WHAT WE HAVE FOR PRESENTS.

MATHESON HARDWARE CO., WESTMINSTER, - - - S. C.

Pension Notice.

I will attend in the Auditor's office at the Court House each Saturday in the month of January, 1915, for the purpose of preparing applications in proper form to go before the County Pension Board, which is hereby called to meet at the Court House on the first Monday in February, 1915, to pass upon said applications and transact any other business that may be properly brought before said board.
 J. W. Holleman, Pension Commissioner.

Yeggmen Get \$4,000.

Chicago, Dec. 21.—Safe blowers bound a watchman and worked five hours in the office of a local theatre to-day before they forced open the strong box. Their booty totalled \$4,000.

Roofing, - Repairing
 Kurfess Paints and Oil.
 Gutter and Repair Work.
D. E. GOOD, TINNER, - WALHALLA, S. C.

FULL BLOODED STOCK.—I have Devon and Jersey Bulls and O. I. C. Boar for service. Write or call for particulars. One milk cow for sale; cash or credit. J. M. HEDDEN, West Union, S. C. 51*

FOR SALE.—New crop Pure Georgia Cane Syrup at 32c. per gallon, in barrels. W. H. DAVIS, Augusta, Georgia. 42-54

I OFFER FOR SALE good 75-acre farm, 7 miles from Walhalla, near Lay's Mill, \$15 per acre. Three acres in cultivation, balance well timbered. Will take one-third cash, balance on time to suit purchaser, or in middling cotton at 10c. pound. C. Q. DEATON, Walhalla, Route 2. 9-7-14-t.f.

NOTICE TO TEACHERS.

The teachers of Oconee county are hereby notified that there will be a special examination held at the Court House in Walhalla on FRIDAY, January 15, 1915, beginning at 9 o'clock a. m. I am not advised as to whether the regular May examination is to be held in 1915, and I would advise all teachers whose certificate will expire, and all those anticipating taking the examination in May to take advantage of the special examination in January. Bear the date and time in mind.
 THOS. A. SMITH, County Superintendent of Education, Dec. 23, 1914. 51-5