

Local News.

WEDNESDAY, OCT. 18, 1899.

Court Proceedings.

When we went to press last week the case of James Benson for receiving stolen goods was in the hands of the jury.

The case against J. R. Phillips for disposing of property under a lien was continued.

Case against Tom Prater, Lou Prater and Tom Hellams, for violation of the dispensary law and selling liquor, continued.

Case against Julius Parks, entering dwelling house with mischievous intent, Guilty. Sentenced 6 months on roads or penitentiary.

State vs. John Rogers and Mattie Rogers, housebreaking and larceny. Pleas guilty. Sentenced to 30 days on the road or \$10 fine as to John Rogers, and 30 days in jail or \$10 fine as to Mattie Rogers.

State vs. D. H. Hembree, entering house with intent to steal. Defendant plead guilty. Three months on roads or penitentiary.

State vs. Tom Nally, selling liquor. Defendant plead guilty. \$100 fine or 3 months on County roads or jail.

State vs. John F. Green, murder. Not guilty. Jury was out only six minutes.

State vs. Allen Bowen, hauling contraband liquor in night time. Pleas guilty. \$100 fine or 3 months in jail or County chancery.

State vs. John Tatham and Tench Hunsinger, assault and battery with intent to kill. Guilty of assault and battery of a high and aggravated nature as to Hunsinger. \$30 each or 30 days on roads or in County jail. Tatham is now in the Philippine Islands.

State vs. Joe Latimer, violation of contract. Appeal from Magistrate. Dismissed.

State vs. Dalton Brown, using abusive language to an officer. Indictment quashed.

State vs. Robt. Edwards, selling liquor. Not guilty.

State vs. John Neal. Continued.

State vs. Wm. Wright, rape. Not guilty.

State vs. John Reeves and James Fortune, housebreaking. Guilty. Eight months in penitentiary.

State vs. Robt. Simpson, selling liquor. Not guilty.

State vs. John Neal, selling liquor. Not guilty.

State vs. Sam Johnson, rape. Not guilty.

The following is the Grand Jury's Presentment:

To His Honor, Ernest Gary, Presiding Judge:

The Grand Jury submits its final presentment for the year 1899, as follows:

We have passed on all bills handed us by the solicitor.

At the June term of the Court the Grand Jury called attention to the fact that several physicians were practicing medicine in the county without having registered as prescribed by law.

Some of these physicians are still unregistered, and we present that Dr. W. C. Bowen, of Belton, S. C., Dr. F. C. Carpenter, of Belton, S. C., and Dr. W. R. Denny, of Pelzer, S. C., have failed to comply with the law in this regard.

We present Jim Kelly for vagrancy.

It has been called to the attention of the Grand Jury that at each term of the Court many witnesses have been compelled to enter into recognizances to testify, who either know nothing whatever of the crimes charged or else whose testimony is wholly immaterial.

Such witnesses have been frequently sworn and appeared before the Grand Jury. We do not think the evil can be remedied by depriving these witnesses of their pay, because in many cases they are bound over and compelled to attend Court under protest. There are, however, to be some method of reaching the magistrates and preventing their binding over such witnesses at the expense of the county. We call the matter to the attention of the members of the legislature with the hope they may procure the enactment of some law to remedy the evil, either by requiring an affidavit of the prosecutors in each case as to the materiality of the witnesses' testimony or otherwise, as they may find most expedient.

We especially condemn the custom of binding over numbers of witnesses to appear at preliminary hearings and at the Court of Sessions in cases charging violations of the dispensary law upon no other ground than that these witnesses may know something of the alleged offenses. Such information should be the basis of summoning these witnesses and a punishment provided against a prosecutor who swears to the materiality of a witness who is not material.

The Grand Jury finds that a system is growing in this county with relation to the more ignorant and helpless class of laborers, and especially the negro population, that demands the attention of our best citizens, an evil that should be remedied without delay. It relates to those whose property compels them to give liens and mortgages, or who are compelled to enter into labor contracts to procure the advancement of fees to pay attorneys to defend them against crimes with which they are charged. There are in the County today, a number of these unfortunate who, under terror of conviction for crimes ranging from the most trivial of which the law takes notice, to the graver offenses, have bound themselves to landlords for a period of service ranging all the way from one year to five or more, having in some instances three or four years' service for the advancement of a few of fifty dollars or less. Worse than all, many worthless negro men, who have neglected their wives and helpless children, and have got into the clutches of the law have bound these wives and children to a state of service to procure the payment of some small fine. We are told that in some instances children scarcely out of their infancy have been thus bound and sometimes during the whole of their minority, in order to pay a line of a few dollars, the price of their father's crimes. In other instances these contracts are obtained in order to avoid prosecution. It has been reported to us that J. F. Rice, Esq., an attorney of this bar, has been to the County jail to offer his services to certain negroes charged with crime, upon the agreement that a contract of this sort would be procured as a means of paying the fees. We are not yet prepared to recommend what we consider an adequate remedy against this evil, but we respectfully call the attention of our members of the legislature to it in the hope that they may enact some law curtailing the power of these ignorant and helpless citizens to enter into such contracts, and punishing the parties who overreach them into making them.

The system seems to have grown primarily out of the alternative sentence imposed upon criminals, and in our judgment it would be wiser to compel penal servitude than to impose fines in case of many of the convictions of many small criminals.

Several years ago a recommendation was made that a more complete system of bonds be provided for the super-

visor's office, but this has not been done. Such a large amount of money has to be vouchered in this office, that it is very essential that a complete set of books should be kept. Especially should these books show, to any citizen who desires an inspection of them, exactly what amounts are approved for the several officers and objects for which vouchers are necessary. This would not only show what amounts are paid for those objects, but would enable the supervisor and board to see at a glance when the limit of the appropriations are reached. The present salary provided for the clerk seems inadequate to pay him for keeping such books, and his salary should be provided for along with the appropriation for the necessary books.

There is now due to the County for past indebtedness something over sixteen thousand dollars. We recommend that provision be made for the payment of this debt by annual levies from year to year until paid, and that so far as possible the expenditures of the County each year should be kept within the limits of the appropriation.

While we most heartily commend the management of the superintendent of the poor house, we regard it as a proper business method to take vouchers for the sale of all farm products that he may dispose of and file same with his reports.

During the past summer, both through the local press and in the campaign for supervisor, charges of extravagance and possibly corruption were made, partly by direct statements and partly by insinuation. Thereupon Maj. Vandiver, the present supervisor, who was elected in August, came to the special committee from this body and asked that a complete investigation be made of the officers of said office, and Mr. Snelgrove, the retiring supervisor, addressed a letter to the committee making the same request. Also, a request was made by the members of the legislature from this County to ascertain the financial standing of the County. Thereupon this committee was called together by the Hon. Mr. and Mrs. J. H. Hood, Esq., our expert called to their assistance. Thereupon the communication hereto annexed was addressed to Maj. Vandiver, and the reply annexed was received from him. Upon the convening of this body this week the matter was taken up, and after examining various witnesses, along with the records in the office, we find that the charges of wrong are wholly unsubstantiated. The admiral report of Maj. Vandiver hereto appended we believe to be correct in every particular, and we believe that there has been no corruption or misappropriation of funds in this office.

In conclusion, we beg to extend our thanks to His Honor, the presiding Judge, to the solicitor and acting solicitors and to the various officers of the court for the courtesies they have shown us.

Respectfully submitted  
L. E. CAMPBELL, Foreman.

This is followed by the supplementary report of the special committee having in charge the unfinished report of the Treasurer's office. It expresses its approval of the condition this office showed, and complimented ex-Treasurer Brown as making a satisfactory settlement, and one receiving the sanction of the Auditor.

The report of Supervisor Vandiver referred to in the general Presentment is as follows:

ANDERSON, S. C., Oct. 4, 1899.  
Col. L. E. Campbell, Foreman Grand Jury, Anderson, S. C.

Dear Sir—In compliance with your written request to furnish you a written statement of the whole indebtedness of Anderson County, making dates of making same, and the purposes for which the several amounts were made, etc., I beg leave to submit:

That the auditing book kept in this office shows the claims audited and approved for the present year, up to the time I took charge of the office, to be as follows:

Table with 2 columns: Item and Amount. Includes assistant assessors, County Commissioner, Sheriff, Magistrates, and various public buildings.

Total \$29,496 65

The County has not been able to pay its indebtedness for several years, and the County Commissioners have been compelled each year to borrow money in advance of the collection of taxes to enable the County to run on a cash basis.

The evidences of the County's indebtedness for the present fiscal year are as follows:

Table with 2 columns: Item and Amount. Includes borrowed money for current expenses, Jan 3 note, May 16 note, etc.

Total \$16,491 24

All the above notes bear interest at a rate of 7 per cent. per annum.

The most indebtedness has existed since 1876, the amount has varied each year. In 1895 I am informed by the County Auditor that the past indebtedness was about \$11,000.00. Since that time the following levies have been made:

Table with 2 columns: Year and Amount. Includes 1896-97 current expenses, 1897-98 current expenses, 1898-99 current expenses, 1899-00 current expenses.

So it will be seen that notwithstanding the indebtedness of the County, only \$1 mill has been levied to pay it since 1895, consequently it has increased, as the levies for current expenses were no more than is required to run the County.

Another reason for the increase of the past indebtedness is the extraordinary expenses incurred in the last two or three years. The cost of the new water works for C. H. and Jail not included in contract, \$75,000; work done by the contractors for C. H. and Jail and removing old stables and building new stables, fencing, etc., at the Jail, \$575,000; moving County offices from old C. H. and back to new C. H. and pay-

ing rent for all the offices while the new C. H. was building, and for rent of hall to hold Court in during the same period, \$900.00; putting in sewerage for C. H. and Jail, building a new house for the inmates at Poor House, and a large barn at Poor House farm, estimated at \$500.00; making a total of \$23,044.00, expenses which are extraordinary.

In answer to your inquiry as to what means the County has to pay this indebtedness and how it is expected to pay it, I will say I know of no way other than a levy by the General Assembly for that purpose.

In obedience to requirements of the law the building committee of the County Commissioners, on July 1st, 1897, contracted for and carried to completion the building of a new Court House and Jail for the sum of \$25,000.00, and of said debt I find by reference to the annual settlement book in this office made 22d October, 1898, there remains unpaid \$19,803.88 exclusive of interest, which the County owes to the Sinking Fund Commission, Columbia, S. C., with interest at rate of 6 per cent. per annum, and for the payment of which is provided by a special levy of 1 mill and known as the C. H. and Jail tax.

Respectfully submitted,  
J. N. VANDIVER,  
Co. Supervisor.

SUPPLEMENTAL STATEMENT.

In answer to your inquiry "Why was authority debt made?" I found the debt when I took charge of office, therefore I do not know the authority.

"What records if any, in your office show existence of County's indebtedness and give the source of your information as to your statement?" I find County record book of the annual settlements, auditing book, minute book and original claims, and original check or stub books.

J. N. VANDIVER,  
Co. Supervisor.

NOTES OF THE TERM.

Since Monday morning the Court has been engaged in trying the case of Ellis against the Anderson Cotton Mills, a suit for damages for the loss of an arm in the mill machinery. The case will be concluded to-day. Croft & Tillman and Bonham & Watkins represent the plaintiff, and Tribble & Prince and Col. J. N. Brown the defense. There is a heavy civil docket, and it is probable that the Court will be in session until Saturday.

The Grand Jury met on Tuesday evening and went into an exhaustive inquiry in reference to the County's financial status and the many charges relating thereto. This investigation consumed the remainder of the week, and reference is made to their findings in the general Presentment.

Solicitor M. F. Aspel was called away on Thursday, and E. F. Cochran, Esq., officiated in his stead throughout the remainder of the week.

Col. Jas. H. Tillman, of Edgefield, is in attendance upon Court.

Geo. W. Croft, Esq., of the Aiken Bar, is attending Court this week.

J. F. Rice, Esq., who was designated by the Grand Jury as an attorney reporting to them on the guilt of procuring unscrupulous contracts from parties in jail under terror of conviction for attorney's fees, has asked for an opportunity to exonerate himself of the charge before the Anderson County Bar Association. He will be accorded the privilege during the present week, it is thought.

Weddings in Williamston.

The topic of conversation in Williamston last week was the Newton-Sullivan wedding, which took place in the Methodist church on the afternoon of the 11th inst. The people of our town did honor to the occasion by turning out en masse, while relatives and friends of the happy couple from the surrounding towns were present and seemed to enjoy the occasion very much. The Church was tastefully decorated with golden-rod, autumn leaves, etc. Messrs. William Sharpe, of Anderson, Hewlett Sullivan, of Williamston, and Mark Sullivan and Robert Woodside, of Pelzer, performed the office of ushers in a pleasing manner. The wedding march was exquisitely rendered by Miss Mattice, of the music department of the College. When the first strains of the sweet music were heard, the ushers marched to the front and formed a semi-circle. The groom was escorted to his place by Dr. Frank M. Lander, and the bride was accompanied by Miss Mary Newton, sister of the groom. The bride presented a lovely appearance arrayed in a beautiful brown traveling costume, which harmonized well with her brown eyes and Auburn hair, while the maid of honor has become attired in a blue tulle costume. The beautiful ceremony which united Hope Hall Newton, Jr., and Caroline Nellie Sullivan in the holy bonds of wedlock was performed by Rev. Pierce F. Kilgo, in a solemn and impressive manner. Immediately after the ceremony the newly wed couple were driven to the station and boarded the North-bound train for Asheville, Washington, and other points. A large concourse of friends and admirers repaired from the Church to the station to see the happy pair off. Old shoes and rice were in evidence, and to the dismay of the happy groom, and the happy couple left with the good wishes of many admiring friends and relatives.

Wedding bells continue to jingle. The marriage of Mr. W. J. Trammel, of Pelzer, and Miss Jeanette Austin, daughter of Capt. W. H. Austin, of our town, takes place to-morrow at Capt. Austin's residence, on Pelzer street. We wish long life, happiness and prosperity to our young friends. May the merry wedding bells keep up a tinkle for many days to come.

A few cents ago in an interesting series of debates was conducted under the auspices of the Williamston Epworth League, which was well attended and much enjoyed by the public. These debates are to be resumed, and the first one is looked for Friday evening, Oct. 20th. The query, "Resolved, that the United States' war with the Philippines is unjustifiable," is a subject in which all Americans are interested. Mr. G. S. Goodjohn will represent the affirmative and Mr. J. M. Ramsey the negative. Of course an interesting time is expected.

Towerville Items.

We feel that the Oconee News has lost a good journalist, and a capital good fellow, by the withdrawal of Patrick Dickson from the News force. We hope that Pat will find as good friends where he has gone as he made while in Oconee.

S. G. Bruce and wife, W. N. Bruce and niece, Miss Maggie Speares, spent last week with relatives at Piekens, C. H. They report a lovely time with the good folk of that place, and say that Mr. Inabanti, of this place, is very sick with pneumonia. We hope she will soon be well.

Mr. Cephus Kilpatrick, who lived on Mrs. Livingston's place, died on the 14th inst. He was a good colored citizen.

The Sunday School at the Baptist Church observed Thanksgiving day last Sunday. Dr. T. M. Bailey, Secretary of State Mission Board, made a speech in the morning and preached in the evening. The decorations were lovely and the collection was \$265. Mr. W. W. Keys, of the Baptist Church, was with us and made a nice speech.

There was one new case of smallpox and one death on the 13th inst., over on Deep Creek, eight miles above Anderson, C. H.

Prof. Clinkscales commenced his school on the 16th inst.

Mrs. J. P. Ledbetter and Miss Lucy Harris are going to Atlanta this week to attend the State Fair and visit relatives.

Miss Maggie Nance, who has been spending quite a while with relatives in this country, will return to her home in Resaca, Ga., this week.

Any person wanting a home in Townsville will do well to see S. G. Bruce, as he is wanting to sell.

Our friend, Capt. H. R. Vandiver, is having better health this fall than usual.

Dr. Burris, of Oakway, S. C., attended Church here Sunday.

Corner Creek Items.

The farmers of this section are about through picking their cotton, and are very busily engaged in gathering corn and sowing oats, and in a few more weeks will be sowing wheat. Our farmers are talking of sowing a great deal of grain this fall, which is certainly a good idea, for we say abandon so much cotton raising and make your living at home.

A most delightful pound party was given to the young people of this community last Saturday night at the home of C. B. Kay. A large crowd was present, and we think everyone enjoyed themselves. Some excellent music was eagerly listened to by the many young people present.

Miss Julia Gray, a very charming and fascinating young lady from Anderson, visited in our midst last Saturday night and Sunday, the guest of her friend, Miss Modena Bigby.

Miss Lou Gassaway, one of our successful school teachers, who has been teaching the McAdams school of this section, was sometime ago elected by the patrons of Friendship school to

teach the ensuing term.

Hugh Bigby, of Pelzer, spent Sunday here with his parents.

Mr. Will Pruitt and family, of Carswell Institute, accompanied by Miss Lillie Tucker, visited relatives in our midst Saturday and Sunday.

Miss Mittie Sponse, a very pretty girl from near Mt. Bethel, spent Sunday in our midst with her friend, Miss Leila Gassaway.

Old-time corn shuckings are the order of the day now, and our farmers are making good crops.

The health of our people was never better.

School Notice.

By order of the Board of Trustees, the schools in Pendleton Township will open October 30th. The schools will govern themselves thereby. Trustees will pay teachers a salary for an average of twenty-five pupils; under that average we will pay a per diem. No teacher need apply without a certificate.

J. W. ROTHBROCK,  
Chairman Board of Trustees.

Mr. Editor: Please give me the privilege of extending through the columns of the INTELLIGENCER my thanks to the friends and neighbors for their many kind acts during the illness and death of my venerable father. May God reward each and every one of them. Respectfully,  
I. P. CLINKSCALES.

Notice of Final Settlement.

THE undersigned, Executors of the Estate of D. A. Elrod, deceased, hereby give notice that they will on the 13th day of November, 1899, apply to the Judge of Probate for Anderson County, S. C., for a Final Settlement of said Estate, and a discharge from their office as Executors.

W. S. ELROD,  
J. ELROD,  
W. C. SMITH,  
Executors.

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CLOTHING! Illustration of a man in a suit and a pair of trousers.

Listen to us, Men who want Clothing!

WE are the people to fit you up. For good, practical, dependable Clothing this is the place to get them. Good Clothes don't make the man, but it adds much to his looks and helps in the impressions he makes. While you are buying come to us where you can get good fitting, well-made, stylish Clothing for same price.

We want it understood beyond a doubt that you can buy Clothing from us for as little money as can be bought anywhere. We are carrying out our assertion, and are selling the people that come to see us.

Our \$5.00 Suits are taking the day. Our \$7.50 and \$10.00 Suits are the plums of the season. You can get all the style you want, all the wear you are hunting for at satisfactory prices.

We carry the substantial as well as the dressy line of Men's Pants. Jeans Pants from 50c. to \$1.00 per pair—as cheap as you can buy the cloth. Men's All Wool Pants from \$1.00 to \$5.00.

Overalls, strong, stout and durable, 45c. to \$1.00 per pair.

With \$6.75! LET'S SEE! OSBORNE & OSBORN'S. You can go to— OSBORNE & OSBORN'S. And get a good COOKING STOVE with 32 pieces of nice, smooth and useful ware, guaranteed to give satisfaction. We also have the IRON KING, ELMO, LIBERTY STEEL RANGES, and other good makes of Stoves. The biggest Stove House in the City. Chinaware, Glassware, Tinware and Crockery. PRICES RIGHT. Come and see for yourself, and let us show you through. Yours truly, OSBORNE & OSBORNE.

BOYS' STEAM LAUNDRY! The Most Complete and Up-to-Date Laundry in the State. Every Machine the latest improved, and designed to do most perfect work. Under the superintendence of an experienced Laundryman, with a corps of skilled assistants. Every piece of work carefully inspected, and no sorry work allowed to pass from Laundry. PRICES LOW. Quality of work unexcelled. Give us a trial. W. F. BARR, Business Manager. Located at rear of Fant's Book Store. LESSER and COMPANY. The Greatest of all Seasons. ANNOUNCEMENT EXTRAORDINARY. October is here—the beautiful autumnal month that precedes the glorious month of harvest-thanksgiving, which is followed by the crisp December days. A month full of activity, festivity and rejoicing. These three months embrace the grandest quarter of the year. Start the Fall and Winter season right—begin October 1st. Lesser's mammoth Cash Dry Goods Store is fairly groaning with the weight of New Goods. New Cash Bargains arriving every day. The Fall boom is on. Lesser's popular Store has never had such a rush of customers as now. In new goods you will find everything to please you. None but the best goods money can buy. Don't pay high prices, and don't buy goods that have been carried over from last season. Look through Lesser's Store before you spend your money. Lowest prices in the city, and men of experience to wait upon you.

NOTIONS. Best Toilet Powder, our price 5c. Full Jar Vaseline, our price 5c. White Counterpanes, extra size, value \$1.00, our price 75c. Ladies' Fine Kid Gloves, worth \$1.00, our price 60c. Full box Writing Paper and Envelopes, value 50c, our price 25c. Silk Veiling, all colors, value 15c, our price 10c. Children's Grey Mixed Hose, value 40c, our price 25c. Ladies' Ribbed Undervest, value 25c, our price 15c. Ladies' Bleached and Unbleached Undervest, extra heavy quality, value 40c, our price 25c. Ladies' Jersey Ribbed Union Suits, value 40c, our price 25c. Ladies' Silver Grey Combination Suits, extra line quality, value 75c, our price 45c. 11-4 Wild Rose Blankets, extra heavy quality, value \$1.25, our price 85c. Pure Linen Window Shades, value 40c, our price 25c. DRY GOODS. Unbleached Cotton Flannel, value 15c, our price 10c. French Flannelette, beautiful designs, value 15c, our price 10c. White and Turkey Red Table Linens, value 40c, our price 25c. Bleaching, yard-wide, value 7c, our price 4c. Window Curtain Serims, in all colors, value 7c, our price 4c. Black Henrietta, 40 inches wide, all wool, value 35c, our price 20c. Black Brocade Brilliantine, all wool, 40 inches wide, value 40c, our price 24c. 36-inch Bayadere Novelty Dress Goods, value 35c, our price 20c. 40-inch Pompadour Suitings, beautiful line of colors, value 40c, our price 25c. LADIES' CAPES TO BEAT THE BAND. 200 Ladies' Double Capes, trimmed in Braid, value 75c, our price 45c. 175 Ladies' Black Beaver Double Capes, extra good quality, value \$1.25, our price 95c. 125 Ladies' Black Beaver Capes, extra good quality, value \$1.25, our price 85c. 100 Ladies' Plush Capes, never sold for less than \$1.50, our price \$1.00. 75 Ladies' Plush Capes, Braid and Bead trimmed, value \$2.50, our price \$1.45. SHOES, SHOES. We are building our Shoe business upon a "Solid Leather" basis of best values and lowest prices. We buy direct from the largest manufacturers in the country, and every pair is built on honor. Only the best material is used, and well paid workmen are employed to make them. Ladies' Dongola Shoes, button or lace, value \$1.25, our price 95c. Ladies' Tan or Black Vaseline Dress Shoes, value \$2.00, our price \$1.25. Ladies' Tan or Black Vaseline Dress Shoes, all solid, our price 95c. Children's Grain Button Shoes, all leather, our price 65c. Ladies' Milwaukee Oil Grain Shoes, fleece lined, our price 95c. Gentlemen's Oak Kip Shoes, whole stock, our price 25c. Gentlemen's Calf Shoes, every pair guaranteed, value \$2.00, our price \$1.45. GENTS' FURNISHINGS. Gentlemen's Undershirts, our price 10c. Gentlemen's Extra Heavy Undershirts, value 35c, our price 25c. Gentlemen's Mackintoshes, value \$2.00, our price \$1.45. 500 pairs Jeans Pants, worth \$1.00, our price 75c. Gentlemen's Laundered Percelle Shirts, two Collars, our price 45c. Yours truly, LESSER & CO., UNDER MASONIC TEMPLE.

None such. Illustration of a hat. Gents' Furnishings. We are on our hobby now. Want every young man to drop in and let our young men show them Shirts, Collars, Cravats, Suspenders, Hosiery, and many little things kept in this department. Come whether you are in a buying humor or not. Want you to be familiar with what we carry. This department makes friends every time we show them through. We lay down this proposition: Investigate where you may, try where you will, and then come to us. We are strictly in the selling business this Fall; don't propose to be dashed, dazed or addled, let come what may. This Firm bought goods to sell. We have been in the selling business for some time, and propose by pluck, energy and push and fair means, behind a great stock of Dry Goods, Clothing and Shoes to scatter over this country more merchandise than ever before. Watch us. It will be to your interest, we verily believe, to come to us and see what you can do. Yours truly, C. F. JONES & CO. Wholesale and Retail.