

CHRISTMAS IS COMING.

In fact, is near at hand, and the time for preparation is short.

Christmas Presents

Be sure to call and see the many useful and ornamental articles we are showing.

Husband to present to the Wife, The Wife to the Husband, Sweetheart to Sweetheart, And Friend to Friend.

From now until Christmas we will make a special run on

Ingrain Carpets.

We will sell the regular 75c All Wool Extra Super Carpet at 60c.

We have a complete line of-

Mattings

At 10c, 15c, 20c, 25c, 30c and 35c per yard.

We have just received specially for the Holiday Trade, Five Moquette Art Squares, large size, 9x12, at \$22.50 each.

One Wilton Art Square, 9x12, at \$35.00.

Quite a large assortment of Brussel Rugs, Moquette Rugs, Smyrna Rugs, Wilton Rugs, &c.

We will also make special inducements to close out our Stock of-

Ladies' Jackets, Coats, Capes, Automobiles, Monte Carlos, &c.

We will offer beautiful garments at \$5, \$6, \$7.50, \$10, \$12.50, \$15.

Walking Skirts, Dress Skirts and Silk Skirts.

Ladies' Neckwear and Belts.

Handkerchiefs.

Hosiery.

Ours is quite an array of Gloves for men, women, children. We have put in quite a nice line of Toilet articles especially for the Holidays.

Our Blanket Stock

Is still complete. Handsome All Wool 10-4 Blankets at \$3.50 per pair.

We have a large assortment of Trunks, Valises, Dress Suit Cases, Traveling Bags, Etc.

All are familiar with the fact that we carry the most magnificent line of SHOES in the city.

We invite you to investigate our Stock. Thinking the public for past patronage, and wishing all a merry Christmas, we are

OSBORNE & PEARSON. Wholesale and Retail Dealers in General Merchandise ANDERSON, S. C.

Local News.

WEDNESDAY, DEC. 24, 1902.

THE COTTON MARKET. Good Middling-7 1/2. Strict Middling-8. Middling-7 1/2.

There is talk of organizing a Lodge of Elks in this city.

The merchants of the city have had a fine Christmas trade.

Some people are beginning to formulate good resolutions for the new year.

T. M. Kennedy, representing the Greenville News, was in the city last Friday.

Every taxpayer should read carefully the County Auditor's notice in another column.

Read our clubbing offer in another column, and send in your subscriptions at once.

Mrs. Eugene Fant has gone to Abbeville to spend Christmas with her parents.

Many of our citizens have friends and relatives spending the Christmas holidays with them.

Mrs. D. J. Simpson, of Toccoa, Ga., is in the city visiting her parents, Dr. and Mrs. W. H. Nardin.

You have only one more week in which to pay your State and County taxes without the penalty.

Rev. John T. Mann will preach at Mount Pisgah Church next Sunday, 28th inst., at 11 o'clock a. m.

E. W. Stewart, of Central, S. C., has been spending a few days in the city visiting friends and relatives.

Mrs. Josephine Peoples and son, who have been spending several weeks in the North, have returned home.

Thos. A. Murrah, of Union, S. C., spent a few days in the city last week visiting his mother and other relatives.

Mr. and Mrs. A. Buchanan, of Anderson, visited the family of W. E. Stevenson last week.—Pickens Sentinel.

We still have about 150 of those blank receipts that we should like to fill out by January 1. Come up, gentlemen.

Christmas comes this year on the dark of the moon, an old and honored sign for good crops next year for good workers.

Quattlebaum & Cochran, attorneys, offer some valuable real estate in a near Pendleton for sale. See advertisement.

Prof. W. A. Hudgens and wife, of Ashland, S. C., are spending the Christmas holidays in the city with relatives.

Mrs. J. E. Brownlee and daughter, of Antreville, have been spending a few days in the city the guests of Mrs. G. N. Broyles.

Mrs. E. C. Allen and Mrs. S. M. Turner, of Piedmont, spent a few days in the city last week visiting their brother, J. F. Clardy.

To insure your happiness during the Christmas season, look up some unfortunate and make the poor soul's holiday a joyous one.

Mrs. J. C. C. Featherston and daughter have gone to Laurens to spend the Christmas holidays with the former's son and other relatives.

Don't forget that it is unlawful to sell deer, wild turkeys or partridges. You can kill such game if you can, but you dare not offer it for sale.

We regret that we cannot accept all the invitations we have received from our friends to visit them and partake of their Christmas dinners.

A number of Anderson girls and boys who are attending the various colleges throughout the State have come home to spend the Christmas holidays.

Miss Emma Clark has resigned her position as bookkeeper for the McLure Mercantile Co., and left Monday for her home in Anderson.—Union Progress.

Married, on Sunday, December 21, 1902, by L. N. Martin, Magistrate, Mr. Joseph A. Ashley, of Anderson County, and Miss Lennie Lola Smith, of Abbeville County.

Chas. Harper, of Seneca, is express messenger on the Blue Ridge Railroad between Walhalla and Belton. He takes the place of H. P. Holleman, recently resigned.

The price of cotton has again passed the 8 cent mark and those who still have cotton to sell are congratulating themselves on their foresight in holding for better prices.

The friends throughout the County of Capt. G. W. Sullivan, of Williamston, will be pleased to learn that he is gradually recovering from a long and severe attack of rheumatism.

The recent increase in trainmen's salaries on the Southern does not affect the operators or any of the agents. Only conductors, engineers, and trainmen are benefited by the advance.

Fant Bros., dealers in scrap iron, hides, tallow, etc., are moving into the store room next door to the lumber office, on Depot street where they will be pleased to greet their friends and patrons.

E. F. Geiger has resigned as freight agent of the Blue Ridge Railroad in this city and is succeeded by T. H. Lumpkin, of High Point, N. C. Mr. Geiger will remain with the Road as assistant agent.

Rev. W. A. Meade, of Virginia, who was recently called to the rectorship of Grace Episcopal Church in this city, has notified the vestrymen of his acceptance, and will enter upon his work here in a few weeks.

A telegram was received in the city yesterday about noon stating that H. H. Newell, state constable, had been shot at McCormick. No particulars were learned. The telegram stated that he was resting well.

The Calhoun Falls Investment Company, of this city, has applied to the Secretary of State for a charter. The capital stock is \$30,000. J. J. Fretwell, W. F. Cox, F. K. McNelly and J. S. Fowler are the incorporators.

At the regular convention of Chiquola Lodge, Knights of Pythias, last Thursday night the following officers were elected to serve the ensuing year: T. A. Ratliff, Chancellor; Commander; Calhoun Harris, Vice Chancellor; A. H. Dagnall, Prelate; J. B. Crayton, Master of Work; E. C. Maston, Master of Arms; C. E. Tribble, Keeper of Records and Seal; T. S. Crayton, Master of Finance; Lee G. Holleman, Master of Exchequer; E. E. Moseley, Inner Guard; T. E. Smith, Outer Guard.

B. B. Bobo, of Cross Keys, and Miss Anna Bolt, of Honea Path, Anderson County, were married yesterday at the home of the bride. "B. B." has left for Denver dancing in the trough. Congratulations to you "B. B."—Union Times, 19th inst.

Prof. W. H. Hicks, formerly of this County but who has been living in Jones County for a year or two, was in the city last Friday and gave us a call. He has moved back to this his native County, and says he expects to live and die here.

The drummers who visit Anderson have started a fund to erect a monument over the grave of Pink Williams, the reliable old hotel porter who died suddenly at the Hotel Chiquola a few weeks ago. Manager Dicken, of the Chiquola, will act as treasurer of the fund.

Invitations have been issued by Mr. and Mrs. O. Geisler to the marriage of their daughter, Miss Minnie, to Sol. J. Boley, of Athens, Ga., on Tuesday, 30th inst., at 12 o'clock. The marriage will take place at the home of the bride's parents on South McDuffie street.

Visitors to the city during the holidays, who have teams, should bear in mind that from 8 o'clock to-night to 12 o'clock Saturday night the town will be in the hands of the small boy with fire crackers, horns, drums and everything else noisy his fertile brain can invent.

A few days ago J. W. Revie met with a painful accident while working with the elevator at Mill No. 1 at Pellet's mill. His arm was caught and severely mashed. It is thought to be putated above the elbow. Drs. Denny and Wideman performed the amputation, and their patient is now doing as well as possible.

Rev. R. A. Child, the new Presiding Elder of the Greenville District, has arrived in Anderson with his family, and are comfortably domiciled in the District parsonage on South McDuffie street. Mr. Child is no stranger to the people of Anderson, and we extend to him and his family a cordial welcome to the "Electric City."

Eloise, the infant daughter of J. T. Hanna, Jr., died at the home of her parents, in Varennes Township, last week night, after a brief illness with pneumonia, aged about eleven months. Thursday afternoon the remains were interred at Flat Rock Church, Rev. J. B. Herron conducting the funeral services.

The following officers have been elected and installed to serve Belton Lodge, A. F. M., for the ensuing year: L. E. Campbell, W. M.; L. A. Werts, D. R.; Dr. A. C. Bowen, J. W.; D. A. Geer, Treasurer; H. A. Wilson, Secretary; H. A. Griffin, S. D.; John A. Horton, J. D.; John McCue and Augustus Poore, Stewards; T. F. Callahan, Tyler.

Claude Horton, son of Mr. and Mrs. Manning Horton, of Iola, died last Sunday, 21st inst., after many months of suffering with a complication of diseases, aged 16 years. The remains were interred at Lebanon on Monday afternoon at 2 o'clock. He was a youth of many fine qualities, and leaves many friends and relatives to deplore his early death.

The city water users will save themselves a great deal of annoyance and expense if they will turn off the water on cold nights, and see that the pipes are empty throughout the house. By doing this they will save their pipes from freezing and bursting, and help save the city from danger of a water shortage. An ounce of prevention is worth a pound of cure in this respect.

"Uncle" Morris Cherry, a well known and highly respected colored man, died at the home of his son, Charles Cherry, in this city, last Sunday morning of a stroke of paralysis. He was about 82 years of age, and had been in feeble health for several months. A more upright, law-abiding negro never lived in this section, and none ever held in higher esteem by his white friends, who will long cherish his memory.

A large number of handsome calendars for 1903 are now being given out by the insurance agents in this city. Millions of them are printed and distributed over the country annually, and competition between the companies to see who can get out the prettiest calendar has become keen and spirited. As a result, this branch of the advertising business is costing thousands of dollars where it formerly cost hundreds.

The graded school and auditorium building at Pelzer was destroyed last Monday morning. Flames were seen from the second story at 7:20 o'clock and in thirty minutes the handsome structure was a pile of ashes. Through the efforts of the volunteer firemen, the kindergarten and Methodist Church, about fifty feet distant, were saved from destruction. The fire started from defective flue. The building, valued at \$10,000, was fully covered with insurance.

M. Gambrell Smith, formerly of this County, accidentally broke his leg at his rock quarry, near his home, High Point, Laurens County, a few days ago. Mr. Smith, who is a Confederate veteran, was badly crippled in one leg during the war, and this recent accident happened to his good leg, which renders him helpless for at least a time. His many old friends in this County will regret to hear of his misfortune, and will, we know, join us in wishing him a speedy recovery.

Our young Postmaster, John R. Cochran, Jr., was reappointed by President Roosevelt last Saturday, and his confirmation is a matter of course. There are few Republicans in this section of the State, who could secure a stronger home endorsement than was given to Mr. Cochran. And he deserves it. He has gone beyond the requirements of his office to meet the demands of our rapidly growing city and proved himself studious to accommodate the public in general.

On Monday afternoon a telegram was received in the city announcing the death of our former young townsman, Harry McGrath, which occurred that morning at his home, Ranton, New Mexico, where he had been living for several years. The deceased was the youngest son of the late Capt. John McGrath, was born and raised in this city and was about 34 years of age. He is a brother of Mrs. J. G. O'Donnell and Mrs. J. C. Osborne, of this city. A devoted wife and two small children are left to cherish his memory.

Macie Tribble, son of M. P. Tribble, was accidentally shot Saturday night, last and while the wound is not dangerous, it is quite painful. He was in the shooting gallery with some companions behind each target is a plow which the ball strikes, causing it to ring when a center shot is made. The plow behind one of the targets had turned slightly edgewise and a ball struck it, and entered Macie's thigh. It is thought the ball was shattered and only a part of it penetrated the thigh. It was decided not to cut the lead out.

Our clever friend, C. J. Murphy, of the Piedmont section was in the city yesterday and gave us an appreciated call. Mr. Murphy has had a "hog-killing" time at his home during the past week, having butchered three pigs, one of which was only eight months old and netted him 345 pounds. The second one was fourteen months old and netted him 345 pounds, and the third was fifteen months old and weighed 413 pounds net. These pigs, he says, cost him very little money, as they were raised on the slops and refuse from the kitchen.

A letter received by Mrs. Dr. Shirley, of Honea Path, from a brother in Texas, gives the information that one Thompson Gaines, originally from this State, recently died near Beaumont, Texas, leaving an estate of 40,000 acres of land lying in the Beaumont oil region. He had no family, no immediate heirs, left no will, and his estate will go to the nearest of kin. There are many families by the name of Gaines in this and adjoining counties, and some may be related to the dead man. W. H. Shearer, of this city, is seeking information with a hope of tracing relationship.

The many friends of Mr. and Mrs. R. E. Browne, formerly of our town, will be real sorry to learn of the serious accident which befell their little son, Carroll, at their home in Donalds last Sunday. While at play with his brothers he fell from the top of a house in the yard and sustained a fracture of his skull. His condition did not appear serious at the time but he has made no improvement since, and it may be necessary to have his skull trepanned in order to give him relief. The little sufferer will probably be taken to Charleston within the next day or so when the operation will be performed.—Williamston News.

Exercises preparatory to a joyous two weeks' holiday for the children, were held in the city schools last Friday. They were in keeping with the season, consisting of songs, dialogues, recitations and little plays in which Santa Claus and the Christmas tree bore part and by which one of the finest lessons of life were taught—that there is more real joy and true happiness in giving than in receiving. Quite a number of visitors witnessed the exercises, but there should have been more. The children did well, each entering with zeal into his part and each face bright and joyous and full of expectant hope of the good times to be had during the holidays; but they would have done better and been happier had the parents been there to encourage and smile upon them. This was said on one occasion, when all that was said and done had in it the idea of Christmas and Christmas giving. A lesson was taught that was intended to shape the character of every boy and girl into beautiful and useful men and women that broadens and beautifies and feeds the soul, making the boy a better man and the girl a nobler woman. It was a lesson in love, faith, memory, service, hope and joy, each of these graces being personified and represented by beautiful little girls, each delivering a beautiful little speech. Those who have children at this Christmas time should not only encourage such lessons taught in the school room, but continue the teaching in their homes, being happy while in the fact that no material gift, whether of gold or precious stones, can equal the unfolding love of children.

Death of Mrs. T. J. Webb.

Death has been abroad in our midst again, and this time robbed a happy home of a devoted wife and tender, loving mother. At 6 o'clock this morning Mrs. Elizabeth Webb yielded to the relentless enemy and quietly passed into the world beyond. The tender ties that bound her to a loving husband, four children and a multitude of devoted friends has been torn asunder, but it is the way of the world and God knoweth how to apply the healing balm.

The deceased was Miss Elizabeth Williamson, daughter of Reuben Williamson, and granddaughter of Capt. Billie Nevitt. She was a native of Anderson County and graduate from the old Johnson Female University of this city. In June of 1887 she was married to T. J. Webb, who for so many years served this county as Auditor. Six children were born to this happy couple, four of whom survive, Mrs. Julia vonHasseln, Mrs. Manie Geiger, Robert C. and Wm. A. Webb. May 4th, 1889, was the birth day of the deceased, making her 63 years old. From her girlhood she was a devout member of the Baptist Church, and her useful, happy life was characterized by the beautiful attributes of Him whom she professed to know and love when a child, the blessed Saviour.

This noble woman suffered much from ill health for several years past. About four years ago she found it necessary to enter the Johns Hopkins hospital in Baltimore. She returned after a brief stay feeling assured that she was fully recovered, but last spring her health failed again and in October she made a second visit to Baltimore. This time she was told nothing could be done that would be of permanent benefit, and she returned home to patiently wait the will of the Master. With meekness, patience and perfect trust she bore her sufferings, and when death came it was like the flicking of a spent candle. In death she wears a peaceful smile, while the marble features retain much of that remarkable beauty that characterized her in the youthful years of life.

The funeral services have not been fully decided upon by the family, but they will most likely be held Friday, notice of which will be given.

First Ride of Her Life.

Mrs. Charity Brown, who lives in Butler township about five miles from the city, came to Greenville Thursday from Piedmont, where she had been spending several days with relatives. A remarkable fact about Mrs. Brown's trip is that, although she is 75 years old and has been living within five miles of a railroad all her life, the ride Thursday from Piedmont to Greenville was the first time she had ever been on a train of any description. When the aged woman first entered the car at Piedmont she manifested a little fright which attracted the attention of all the passengers. After the train had started and moved along smoothly she soon became calm and quiet and seemed to enjoy the novel experience.—Greenville News.

WAGONS—We have a large stock on hand that we want to dispose of at way-down prices. Vandiver Bros. & Major.

Just received two Cars of Buggies, all prices—\$35.00 for a Top Buggy up. Vandiver Bros. & Major.

"Health Foods" a Delusion.

The alleged "health foods" with which the markets are flooded are "a delusion and a snare." If your digester is bad eat pure flour made out of good, sound wheat, and do not fill your stomach with chemically prepared "health foods." "Clifton" Flour, the finest patent flour, made at Bransford Mills, Owensboro, Ky., is the "health food" you need. Call for "Clifton" when you order your flour. For sale by John C. Osborne and J. M. Patrick.

HOLIDAY GIFT SALE!

We have had the business of our lives the past twelve months, and now in the wind-up propose to give each and all of you who visit our Store from now until Xmas a surprise in the way of prices. Profits are left off in this Sale altogether.

A RECORD BREAKER.

- Come, look and investigate. You can't afford to miss this sale. All-wool black and blue Worsted Suits regular price 7.50, this sale \$4.75. 25 good heavy Overcoats, 7.50 values, this sale \$4.75. 50 doz. Men's Shirts 39c. 20 doz. Men's and Boys' Hats, 1.50 value, this sale 98c. 100 Hand Umbrellas, 1.50 value, this sale 98c. Men's Pants, new goods, new patterns. 100 pairs, regular 3.00 to 4.00, this sale \$2.25. 50 pairs our standard 3.50 Shoes, put in at \$2.50.

HALL BROS.

South Main Street. Always Cut Price Clothiers.

CHRISTMAS

WILL SOON BE HERE!

DO NOT WAIT!

BUT come now and inspect our large Stock of Goods. If you want something good in the line of-

Suspenders

We can accommodate you. Our new lines embrace all grades and contain Plain and Fancy goods. Some of these Fine Suspenders are excellent Christmas Gifts.

Or, if you want to see something beautiful, come and examine our array of-

Fine Neckwear.

Patterns and Silks were never more stylish and dressy. Take your choice. Prices reasonable.

TO BUY OR NOT TO BUY

Is a question easily settled in our Store. So come at once and look at our line of Holiday Novelties.

C. A. REESE,

Post Office Block. Furnishings and Shoes.