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NEW GOODS.

GREATER BARGAINS THAN EVER, AT THE CHEAP STORE,

(OPPOSITE THE POST OFFICE.)

The subscribers here leave to call the attention of ALL who wish to get a

LARGE QUANTITY OF GOODS,

with a

A SMALL AMOUNT OF MONEY,

To the

IMPORTANT FACT,

That they have returned to Camden with a large and fresh supply of

Dry Goods, Clothing, Boots and Shoes,

GROCERIES, HARDWARE, &c.

Embracing almost every article usually found in a

WELL ASSORTED STOCK.

Which they have now open, ready for inspection and sale one door above their old stand,

OPPOSITE THE POST OFFICE,

and they are determined to sell the same as cheap, that all who wish to buy, have only to call to satisfy themselves that they

CANNOT BUY CHEAPER.

Thankful for the liberal patronage they received last season, they solicit a call from all who want cheap Goods.

Oct. 25.

ELIAS & KOOPMAN.

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NEW CASH STORE.

The citizens of Kershaw and the adjoining districts are respectfully informed that the subscriber has opened the store formerly occupied by Mr. H. Levy, and is now receiving a large and carefully selected stock, consisting of

DRY GOODS,

Hardware, Crockery and Groceries,

All of which he offers FOR CASH, at such prices as must command the attention of purchasers.

The following are a few of the articles, which he can confidently recommend as being unsurpassed for cheapness and elegance—

Ladies' Department.

6-4 Brocade Cashmires, with Fancy Silk Cravats, &c.

Trimmed to match

High Necked Cashmires

Newest styles printed do

Chambray Cashmires

Trailing Plaids

Satin striped Cashmires

Fancy M. de Laines, new design

Satin striped Alpaca

Black and colored do

Finest Earstone Gingham

Changeable French do

Fancy check do, in great variety

Shawls, suitable for the season

—Lazantine, — California, — Mexican — 8-4 Shawls

8-4 printed Cashmere do

Small Shawls every description

— ALSO —

A very large and varied assortment of fresh Winter Calicoes, American, French and English, fast colors, bought unusually low, and offered at prices that cannot fail to recommend them, including a variety of 4-4 French printed Caubrics.

Gentlemen's Department.

Black Broadcloth

do French do

do Cassimeres

Fancy striped and check do

do Merino Shirts and Drawers

do "Brough and Ready" Cassimeres

Sattinets, plain and fancy

Printed Stuffs, assorted

Fancy Cashmere and Valenciennes Vestings

READY-MADE CLOTHING.

Tweed Coats, at all prices

do do do

Black Dress and Frock do

Overcoats, assorted

All fresh from the North, well made and fashionably cut. Also, a superior stock of ready made Shirts, together with a general assortment of such articles as are usually found in a country store, all of which will be marked low, and offered to the public as a specimen of the Cash System.

Oct. 31.

JAMES WILSON.

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NEW FALL GOODS.

The subscribers are now receiving and opening their stock of fancy and staple Goods, to which they respectfully invite the attention of their friends and the public generally, as they will be sold low for cash. They consist in part of

Alpaccas

do do do

Moulin Delaines

do do do

Ginghams

do do do

Red and White Flannels

do do do

Apenn beds

do do do

Bed-Tick

do do do

Plain and striped Homespuns

— ALSO —

An invoice of Ready-made Clothing

Dundee and Kentucky Bagging, Rope and Twine

An assortment of ladies' and gentlemen's Shoes

Negro and house servant's Shoes

With a general assortment of Hardware, Glass and Crockery ware, and Groceries, Liverpool Salt.

For sale by GEO. S. DOUGLAS & CO.

Oct. 31

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MRS. GOODLAD'S

Fashionable Bonnet Store.

New Goods just received, consisting of Ribbons, Bonnets, Flowers, Capes, Cardinals, Gloves, &c. open and ready for sale at very low prices for cash, or to punctual customers. Mrs. G. particularly recommends them as being the most fashionable in the market.

Her Bonnets cleaned, altered and trimmed so as to render the most skillful journey unable to tell them from new. At the store formerly occupied by Dr. A. DeLeon.

Oct. 18.

A River Plantation for Sale.

For sale, the Plantation lying on the west side of the Wateree River, within five miles of the town of Camden, formerly a portion of the Estate Plantation of Duncan McRa, and known as number 2 in the division plat of that Estate, now in charge of the subscriber. These Lands are too well known to need special description; they lie as well, and are as much beyond the influence of high water as any lands upon the river, and are as good as the best Every building on the place has been newly put up, within the last four years. Two settlements, one in the sandhills and one in the swamp, sufficient for the accommodation of fifty negroes, Gin House and Erewh, both new and in good order.

The Tract, with the lands appertaining to it, consists of 11 or 1200 acres, 581 acres lying in the swamp, 240 of which are cleared. The whole of the swamp is capable of being brought into immediate cultivation, (lying as high, for the most part, as the lands already under cultivation, & the swamp has been completely drained by the diversion of the water courses that run through it.

An abundance of Rail Timber, immediately at the edge of the cleared land, and perfectly accessible—

1000 or 1200 bushels of Corn and 15 or 20,000 lbs. of Fodder would be sold with the place.

Terms made accommodating to the purchaser.

EDWARD M. BOYKIN.

Nov. 22

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Sale of Negroes on a Credit.

Will be sold on the second Monday in January next, before the Court House in Camden, FORTY FIVE NEGROES, upon a credit of one, two and three years, purchasers to give mortgage of the property and approved security, three equal annual instalments, and interest payable annually.

Dec. 5. E. M. BOYKIN.

In Equity—Kershaw District.

William S. Dunlap vs. Mary Dunlap and others } Bill for partition & sale.

In pursuance of the decree of the Court in the above case, made at June Term, 1848, I will expose to public sale on the first Monday in January next, the following tracts of Land, to-wit:

One Tract lying on the waters of Granny's Quarter creek, containing two hundred acres, bounded by John McDowell's lands on the south, on the west by the tract below described, on the north by lands of Richard Owens and William Drakeford, and on the east by the land of James Richardson, the said land having been originally granted to William Dunlap, deceased.

Another Tract containing one hundred and ninety five acres, bounded east by the above tract, west by Thomas Smyrl and John McDowell, north by Richard Owens, and on the south to come to a point on John McDowell's land.

To us—One half cash; the balance, bond well secured, payable in twelve months from the day of sale.

WM. M. SHANNON, c. e. k. d.

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Sale of Brick Store.

Will be sold before the Court House in Camden, on the first Monday in January next, the large and commodious Store, formerly occupied by Dickson & Latta, one door above the Bank of Camden, and admirably well located and suited to an extensive mercantile business.—Terms will be liberal and made known on the day of sale.

Dec 6

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FOR SALE.

One hundred and sixty three acres of land on the south side of Saunders creek, and bounded by the Beaver creek road on the west, and by lands of J. C. Uretion on the East. For particulars apply to JAMES MC EWEN.

Dec 6

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Negroes for Sale.

By permission of the Court of Ordinary, will be sold before the Court House door on Monday the first day of January next, Four Negroes belonging to the Estate of M. L. Trent, deceased.

Terms cash, purchaser to pay for Titles.

J. M. DESAUSURE, Adm'r.

Dec 6

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Negroes to Hire.

On Monday the first day of January next, will be hired out for the year 1849, before the Court House, at eleven o'clock, Thirteen Negroes belonging to the children of Charles McKinnon, deceased, mostly field hands, one or two have attended about the house.—Terms made known on day of sale.

J. M. DESAUSURE,

Guardian.

Dec 6

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Sale of Houses.

Will be sold on the first Monday in January next, at public outcry before the Court House, the Real Estate of William B. Johnston, being the Dwelling House opposite the Methodist Church, the Dwelling House fronting on Laurens street, and the public square, and the brick Dwelling House adjoining. Terms will be made known on the day of sale or previously, by application to

WM. REYNOLDS, } Assignees.

J. M. DESAUSURE, } Assignees.

Nov. 23.

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In Equity—Kershaw District.

Edward A. Salmon and wife, Adm'r. and Adm'x. vs. Henry C. Salmon, et al. Bill for sale of land and relief.

In pursuance of the decree of the Court in this case, made at June Term, 1848, I will expose to public sale on the first Monday in January next, all that tract of Land, commonly known as "MALVERN," lying in the fork of Pine Tree creek, Kershaw District, and containing about five hundred and eighty acres.

Terms—A credit of one and two years, secured by bond and mortgage and personal security.

WM. M. SHANNON, c. e. k. d.

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Notice.

The subscriber having closed his business, requests all persons indebted to him by note or open account, to come forward and settle immediately. He may be found at Mr. H. Levy's Office.

Nov. 22.

S. B. LEVY.

New Books.

The Women of the Revolution, in 2 vols. by Mrs. Ellet

The French Revolution of 1848.

The Ingoldsby Legends: Brothers and Sisters; Rival Beauties; Kate Walsingham, by Miss Pickering; A warning to Wives; Stray Subjects; The Two Dianas; The Mysteries of Three Cities, &c.

Nov. 14. ALEXANDER YOUNG.

Notice.

All persons indebted to the late firm of Doby & Kennedy, are earnestly requested to call on the subscriber and settle the same without delay.

R. M. KENNEDY.

Nov. 23.

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Sperm Oil.

The Subscriber has just received a supply of superior Bleached, Winter Strained Sperm Oil of first and second qualities. Also—Bleached Whale or Solar Oil—all of which will be sold as low as can be afforded on this side of Charleston.

JAMES R. MCKAIN.

Dec 6

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For Sale by the Subscribers.

New crop No. 1 Molasses, Back Salt, Sugar & Coffee, Nails, assorted sizes Swards Iron, complete assortment Blacksmith and Carpenter's Tools &c., which will be sold to punctual customers, or for cash at the lowest prices.

A. M. & R. KENNEDY.

Dec 6

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GOLD MINES OF CALIFORNIA.

It may not be improper under the circumstances to say, that the very interesting letter annexed, is from Rev. Walter Colton, Alcalde of Monterey. This is a sufficient voucher for the statement contained in it.

Correspondence of the Journal of Commerce.

MONTEREY, CALIFORNIA, Aug. 29, 1848.

The gold discoveries still continue—every day brings some new deposits to light. It has been found in large quantities on the Sacramento, Feather River, Yerba River, the Cosamer, and in many dry ravines, and indeed on the tops of high hills. The extent of country in which it is ascertained to exist, extends some two hundred miles north and south, and some sixty east and west; and these limits are every day enlarging by new discoveries. On the streams where the gold has been subjected to the action of water and sand, it exists in fine grains; on the hills and among the clefts of the rocks it is found in rough, jagged pieces of a quarter or half an ounce in weight, and sometimes two or three ounces.

At present the people are running over the country and picking it out of the earth here and there, just as a thousand hogs, let loose in a forest, would root up ground nuts. Some get eight or ten ounces a day; and the least active, one or two. They make the most who employ the wild Indians to hunt it for them. There is one man who has sixty Indians in his employ; his profits are a dollar a minute. The wild Indians know nothing of its value, and wonder what the pale faces want to do with it; they will give an ounce of it for the same weight of a glass of grog, or whitemen them.

As to the quantity the diggers get, take a few facts as evidence. I know seven men who worked seven weeks and two days, Sundays excepted—on Feather river; they employed on an average fifty Indians, and got out in these seven weeks and two days two hundred and seventy-five pound of pure gold. I know the men and have seen the gold, and know what they state to be a fact—so stick a pin there. I know ten other men who worked ten days in company, employed no Indians, and averaged in these ten days fifteen hundred dollars each; so stick another pin there. I know another man who got out of a basin in a rock, not larger than a wash bowl, two pounds and a half of gold in fifteen minutes; so stick another pin there. Not one of these statements would I believe, did I not know the men personally, and know them to be plain matter of fact men—men who open a vein of gold just as we do.

The gold is obtained in a variety of ways; some wash it out of the sand with bowls, some with a machine, made like a cradle, only longer and open at the foot, while at the other end, instead of a squalling infant, there is a grating upon which the earth is thrown, and then water; both pass through the grating; the cradle is rocked, and being on an inclined plain, the water carries off the earth and the gold is deposited in the bottom of the cradle. No the two things most prized in this world, gold and infant beauty, are both rocked out their primitive state, one to pamper pride, and the other to pamper the woe. Some forego cradles and bowls as too tame an occupation and mounted on horses, half wild, dash up the mountain gorges, and over the steep hills, picking the gold from the clefts of the rocks with their bowie knives; a much better use to make of these instruments than picking the life out of men's bodies, for what is a man with that article picked out of him.

A larger party, well mounted, are following up the channel of the Sacramento, to discover where this gold, found in its banks comes from; and imagine that near the river's fount they will find the great yellow mass itself. But they might as well hunt the fleeting rainbow. The gold was thrown up from the bed of the ocean with the rocks and sands in which it is found, and still bears, where it has escaped the action of the elements, vivid traces of volcanic fire. It often encases a crystal or quartz in which the pebble lies as if it had slumbered there from eternity; its beautiful repose sets human artifice at defiance. How strange that this ore should have lain here, scattered about in all directions, peeping everywhere out of the earth, and sparkling in the sun, and been trod upon for ages by white men and savages, and by the emissaries of every scientific association in the world, and never till now has been discovered. What an ass man is, with all his learning! He stupidly stumbles over hills of gold to reach a rare pepper pod, or rifle a bird's nest!

The whole country is now moving on the mines. Monterey, San Francisco, Sonora, San Jose, no Santa Cruz, are emptied of their male population. A stranger coming here would suppose he had arrived among a race of women, who, by some anomalous provision of nature, multiplied their images without the presence of the other sex. But not a few of the wome have gone too, especially those who had got out of tea—for what is a woman without her tea-pot—a pythoness without her shaking tripod—an angel that has lost his lyre. Every bowl, tray, warmingpan, and piggin, have gone to the mines. Every thing, in short, that has a scoop in it that will hold sand and water. All the iron has been worked up into crowbars, pick-axes, and spades. And all these roll back upon us in the shape of Gold.—We have therefore plenty of Gold, but little to eat, and still less to wear. Our supplies must come from Oregon, Chili, and the U. States. Our grain Gold, in exchange for coin, sells for nine and ten dollars the ounce, though it is well known to be the worth at the mint in Philadelphia eighteen dollars the ounce at least. Such is the scarcity of the coin here.

We want a mint. Let Congress send us one at once over the Isthmus; else this grain

gold goes to Mazatlan, to Chili and Peru—where it is lost to our national currency.—

Over a million of gold, at the lowest computation, is taken from these mines every month—and this quantity will be more than doubled when the emigration from the States Oregon, the Sandwich Islands and the Southern republics, arrives. Send us a mint! I could give you forty more illustrations of the extent and productiveness of these mines, but no one will believe what I have said without my name, and perhaps but few with it.

AWFUL WRECK.—We have already mentioned the loss of the steamer Wyandott, on the Mississippi River, on the 21st ult. The St. Louis Republican gives the following thrilling details of this sad calamity:

"The boat had just rounded to at Paw Island on the 21st, for the purpose of wooding, and in going a short distance up stream, under a very moderate head of steam to make a landing, her larboard side struck against a projecting snag some thirty yards from the Mississippi shore, and in less than twenty minutes she went down to her hurricane roof. As soon as the shock was felt it was known that the boat was in a sinking condition and Capt. Yore instantly ordered the forward hatch to be raised in order to ascertain the extent of damage, but before his order could be executed, and before the men could replace the hatches, the water was several inches above the main deck. The men at the hatches fled, and the boat commenced settling with great rapidity. The horror of the moment can never be described. It was evident to all that the boat was going to the bottom in deep water; and the rush from all parts of the hurricane deck was attended with the greatest confusion. Soon after she commenced filling, she careened to the injured side—and to this may be attributed the great loss of life. Our informant, who was on duty at the time, states that the engine room was filled with barrels and sacks, piled up in tiers; and when she careened, they fell in one promiscuous heap crushing many who were endeavoring to escape from the after-part, and entirely cutting off all retreat from others. He himself made a narrow escape, and just left the room just in time to save his life, swimming. In less than twenty minutes after she struck, nothing but the hurricane roof, pilot house, &c., remained above the water.

All the cabin passengers, and a great many from the deck below, succeeded in reaching the hurricane deck in safety. There are between twenty-five and thirty missing; and horrible to relate, more than half of these were helpless women and children. Of the number, there were some eight or ten of the latter. The unfortunate persons, Orleans. Nothing was saved at that moment except the books and the iron safe belonging to the boat. All her letters, and a great many valuable papers—such as bills of lading, &c.—were lost. But few of the passengers escaped with anything but their mere clothes; and after remaining on the roof some time they were safely conveyed to the shore by means of the yawl. That awful night passed—next morning boats were obtained, and the crew visited the wreck and succeeded in getting out a large portion of the cabin furniture, and by cutting through the roof they fished up nearly all the baggage, &c., belonging to the passengers.

In this terrible loss of life not a solitary name has been ascertained. She was owned in this city, and was insured for \$12,000; but there was no insurance on her freight bill."

RAILROAD ACROSS THE Isthmus of PANAMA.—A memorial on this important subject, from Wm. H. Aspinwall, John L. Stephens and Henry Chauncey, was presented to the