

CONGRESSIONAL CONTESTS

Washington, Dec. 6.—The clerk of the house has received notices of 20 contests to be made in the next house. The list, so far as it affects the southern states, is as follows: Second Alabama district—J. H. Clark, gold Dem., versus J. F. Stallard, Dem.

WOULD HELP THE SOUTH.

Postmaster General Gary on the Proposed Postal Savings Bank System.

Baltimore, Dec. 6.—The Manufacturers' Record of this week publishes an interview with Postmaster General Gary in which he sets forth his reasons for believing that the proposed postal savings bank system will be of special advantage to the south and west.

The most important of the new enterprises announced are: Lumber mills, coal mines, iron mines in Alabama \$200,000 publishing company, gold mines, etc., in Georgia; \$5,000 water-works, \$10,000 ice company, 50-barrel flour mill, furniture factory in North Carolina; \$15,000 manufacturing company, 50-barrel flour mill in South Carolina.

ARE OPPOSED TO FUSION.

Barthelemy Democrat Issue an Address Re-affirming the Chicago Platform.

Raleigh, Dec. 6.—The Democratic state committee held an important meeting here.

TO PREACH AGAINST CRIME.

South Carolina Ministers Will on Dec. 19 Denounce Recent Murders.

Columbia, S. C., Dec. 4.—Following the reports of solicitors to the attorney general, which show that the number of murders just doubled in this state for the last year, or reached a total of 200, Right Rev. Ellison Capers, bishop of the diocese of South Carolina, has issued an address to the Protestant Episcopal clergy, reproaching the resolutions passed at the last meeting of the diocesan council, supplementing that with a vigorous statement, and fixing Dec. 19 as the day when all clergy of the diocese shall preach against the crime of murder, now so prevalent in our state, and inviting the ministers of Christ of all denominations to unite on that day in upholding "the sacredness of human life and the honor of our beloved state."

The bishop says: "The sin of murder is upon us, homeicides are of frequent occurrence, and in our judgment, the distressing condition of our state and the public conscience needs to be instructed and the public mind aroused to a sense of the danger which threatens the character of our people."

"The soldiers on the battlefield, the officers of the law in discharge of his prescribed duty, the citizen in defense of his own life may take life without incurring the guilt of murder, for they act by warrant of delegated authority of rulers who are 'God's ministers' and 'bear the sword' by divine authority to punish evildoers."

"But such murders as have of late outraged the law of God and degraded the sacredness of life, and dishonored the country and the honor of our people can lay no claim whatever to the sanction of divine authority. We feel that public sentiment needs to be aroused to a higher and nobler estimate of human life. We call upon our clergy to denounce the murderer and to proclaim the law of Almighty God."

TRACKED HIM A LONG TIME.

Sheriff of Fairfield Has Captured a Negro Wanted For Robbery.

Columbia, S. C., Dec. 4.—Sheriff Ellison of Fairfield has arrived here with Leonard Henderson, a negro whom he had tracked for months through this state and Georgia, losing him once in Atlanta and again in Athens and arrested him later in Spartanburg.

Several months ago Colonel R. L. Coleman, a railroad contractor, went to sleep on the train between Spartanburg and Columbia and when he awoke he found a man sitting in the seat beside him. He had by his side, containing \$2,500 in money and checks, was a negro.

Weeks after it was found buried under the coal chute in Aiston, its contents intact.

WILL SHE HER PROSECUTOR.

HUNTINGTON, W. Va., Dec. 6.—Miss Mary Jarrell, who was arrested here 10 days ago charged with luring Colonel Lazarus Wilson of Kentucky to his death, has been released from custody. The attorneys for the state asked for further time in which to procure witnesses from Kentucky, who they claimed, are now ill and unable to be present. Magistrate Hester would not postpone the hearing. Miss Jarrell says she will now push her \$10,000 suit for damages against James Wilson, who swore out a warrant for her arrest.

Drove Nail Into His Head.

WAPPINGERS FALLS, N. Y., Dec. 6.—Francis Sidley, the 19-year-old son of Anthony-Sidley of this village, fell upon a roughly made toy wagon and drove a 3-inch nail into his head. Neighbors were unable to extract the nail, and the bottom of the wagon had to be sawed off and taken along with the child to the house. A physician cut the section of the wagon loose from the nail before pulling it out. As the nail penetrated the skull more than 2 inches it is not likely that the lad can live.

BUSH'S DIAMOND RACKET STORE.

We have opened and placed on sale, commencing December 1, '07, the greatest line of Dolls and Toys ever brought to the city of Sumter. Our New York buyer spent February, March and April in Turingen, Germany, buying Dolls alone, so you can imagine what sort of a line we will show you, having such a stock from which to select. They were bought and delivered under the Wilson bill, consequently are low tariff goods. But more than this, we are going to give our friends, in return for past favors, not only the advantage of the low tariff under which these goods were imported, but we are going to make the price below the whisper of competition. For the entire month of December, Dolls and Toys for the millions as well as the millionaire, and goods in all other lines will be marked down to actual cost of delivering and handling of same. Dolls and Toys will appear next issue.

SHOES. Reduced Prices for December.

Gent's hand-made Russia calf, \$2.49. Ladies' hand-made kid buttons, \$2.29. Ladies' genuine hand-made shoes, \$1.49. Ladies' kid shoes, \$1.69. Ladies' genuine dog-bone buttons, \$1.19. Ladies' dress shoes, all solid, 95c. Ladies' rubber grain shoes, 95c. Ladies' gore grain shoes, 95c. Ladies' work shoes, 60c. Boys' shoes, 45c up. Misses' shoes, 45c up. Babies' shoes, 15c up. FREE.—With every pair of shoes we give you a pair of heel plates.

TABLE COVERS, COMFORTS, RUGS, Etc.

Chenille table covers, 33c, elsewhere 50c. Large towels, regular price 15c, elsewhere 21c. Large bath towels, 20c, elsewhere 25c. Large handkerchiefs, 10c, elsewhere 15c. Large napkins, 10c, elsewhere 15c. Large placemats, 5c, elsewhere 7c. Large rugs, 29c, elsewhere 50c.

TRUNKS, VALISES, ETC.

Large Trunks, 2 brass locks, \$4.00. Solid Leather Satchel, reduced to, 98c. Other shapes and sizes, 2.25. Imitation Leather Satchel, 35c. Large Leather Satchel, reduced to, 2.19. Large Satchel, reduced to, 2.00.

BOX PAPER.

500 boxes paper, 5c. 300 boxes regular price 15c, 8c. 300 boxes artistic assortment, colored, plain and ruled, 9c. 250 boxes, assorted, colored, plain and ruled, 10c.

With every dollar you spend we give you a box of paper. With every two dollars an elegant box. Paper to sell and paper to give away, and matches to burn at a dozen boxes.

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SPECIAL OVERCOAT SALE!

We offer to our patrons and the public at large for this week some special values in our Clothing Department under the head of a Special Overcoat Sale. There is no use waiting for cold weather to come; instead, be prepared for it when it does come. Our stock is large, too large and complete, and we offer them at these marvelously low figures now, instead of waiting until January 1st.

- No. 1072—Men's \$2.50 Overcoat, special sale price, \$1.73. No. 1088—Men's black Bouclé Overcoat, new weave for overcoats, making the heaviest, warmest and dressiest coat of the season, price with best Italian lining, satin sleeve lining, best velvet collar, etc., \$12.50, special price, \$10.50. No. 1117—Men's black and blue Overcoat, generally sold for \$5.50 or \$6, which we ourselves sell for \$5 regularly, special price, \$4.10. No. 3503—Men's heavy blue heaver Overcoat, velvet collar, Italian lined, a good coat at \$6, special, \$4.89. No. 3504—A 57 beauty Overcoat, a leader at that price, what must it be at the special sale price, \$5.93. No. 3504—A Men's black Kersey Overcoat, one that you generally buy when you want a serviceable overcoat, price \$8.50, special sale price, 7.23. No. 3129—Men's 20-oz. black clay worsted Overcoats, best \$10, medium quality coat on the market, French facing, good linings, etc., special sale price, 8.87. No. 3504—The Crack a Jack Overcoat, extra quality, blue heaver, French facing, extra quality lining, farmer satin top, fancy serge bottom, piped seams, fine velvet collar, champagne pocket, silk stitched, our \$10 leader, special sale price, 8.98. Youth's and Children's Overcoats. Our own blue chevrot youth's Overcoat, sizes 14 to 18, a good coat at \$4, which we have been selling at \$3.50, special price, \$2.98. Our own black Chevrot, same sizes, same prices as above. No. 5223—Our leader in a youth's Overcoat, the best blue heaver coat to sell at \$5.50 that we could find, this week, 4.48. No. 3256—Youth's fine dress Overcoat, which we have been selling at \$7.50, special sale price, 6.43. Children's Overcoats. With and without capes. We have a broken assortment of these. We closed out a lot of about 300 coats ranging in price from \$1.50 up, your opportunity of a life time, 98c.

In addition to the above unparalleled offers we will also give reduced prices in other lines. We have just received a fresh lot of

Sample Shoes and Slippers.

Persons who bought at the previous sale can and will testify to receiving the best bargains in Shoes they ever bought or heard of. We also have special values in

Dress Goods, Dry Goods, Notions, Laces, Cloaks, Capes, Etc.

Short lengths and remnants from our bargain fair, which we will close out very cheap. To close also, balance of lot of sample Alpine Hats, \$1.50, \$1.25 and \$1 goods, together with the Sport Corduroy and cloth combination hats at 50 cents.

J. RYTTENBERG & SONS, THE OLD RELIABLE, SUMTER, S. C.

HERE WE ARE. LEVI BROTHERS, TO REMIND

Our friends in Clarendon that we want a continuance of the liberal patronage of the good people of Clarendon have always so kindly bestowed upon us, and in thanking them we desire to say that a great part of our success in this busy market of Sumter is due to the people with whom we were brought up and who know us best. We are truly thankful for this manifestation of confidence and we can assure our friends that we will guard their good opinion of us with a jealous care.

The season is at hand when goods will have to be bought, the Home and the Farm will have to be provided for. There never was a time in this country when it was more to one's interest to look carefully after purchases.

Congress brought on a revolution in the prices of manufactured goods, but being in a position to do so and with our usual watchfulness of the interests of our patrons and our own interests, we grasped the situation as soon as President McKinley called Congress together in extraordinary session. We knew it meant Tariff and Tariff meant a tremendous rise in prices. We hurried on and made our full contracts and the result is that we are able to compete with any house in the State, in Dry Goods, Clothing, Shoes, Hats, and further we are paying every cent the market will permit for cotton.

Our Dress Goods Department is a pleasure for any lady to visit; there she will find a perfect line of the newest Novelties and latest ideas. The styles are models of beauty; designs and colorings cannot be excelled.

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We would be pleased to have you call and see us or send us your orders which will have prompt attention. Yours truly,

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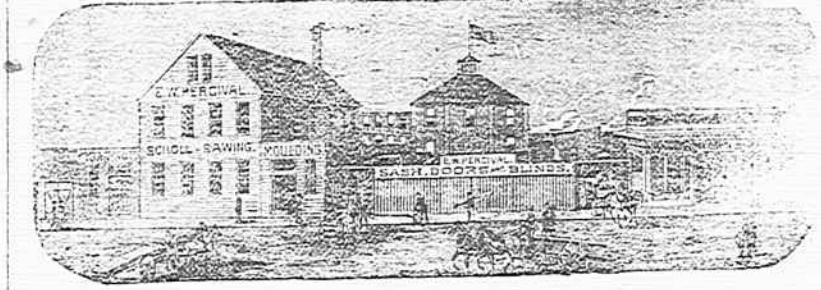
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ATLANTIC COAST LINE.

CHARLESTON, S. C., May 16, 1897. On and after this date the following passenger schedule will be in effect: NORTHEASTERN RAILROAD, South-Down. Lv Florence, 7:55 a.m. Lv Kingstree, 8:50 a.m. Ar Lares, 4:48 p.m. Lv Lares, 4:48 p.m. Ar Charleston, 6:20 p.m. North-Bound. Lv Charleston, 5:30 a.m. Ar Lares, 7:05 a.m. Ar Kingstree, 7:23 a.m. Ar Florence, 8:25 a.m.

Daily, 10 days except Sunday. No. 52 runs through to Columbia via Central R. R. of S. C. Trains Nos. 78 and 32 run via Wilson and Fayetteville—Short Line—and make close connection for all points North. Trains on C. & D. R. R. leave Florence daily except Sunday 8:55 a.m. arrive Darlington 9:28 a.m., Glenavon 10:40 a.m., Washington 10:40 a.m., arrive Conway 1 p.m., returning leave Conway 2:45 p.m., arrive Chadbourne 5:15 p.m., leave Chadbourne 5:45 p.m., arrive at Hub 6:25 p.m., returning leave Hub 8:30 a.m., arrive at Chadbourne 9:15 a.m. Daily except Sunday. J. R. KENLY, Gen'l Manager. T. M. EMBERTON, Traffic Manager. H. M. EMBERTON, Gen'l Pass. Agent.

W. C. & A. South-Down. Lv Wilmington, 4:40 p.m. Lv Marion, 6:43 p.m. Ar Florence, 7:23 p.m. Lv Florence, 8:00 p.m. Ar Sumter, 9:12 p.m. Lv Sumter, 9:15 p.m. Ar Columbia, 10:35 p.m. No. 52 runs through from Charleston via Central R. R. leaving Charleston 7 a.m., Lares 8:20 a.m., Manning 9:00 a.m. Daily. No. 53 runs through to Charleston, S. C., via Central R. R., arriving Manning 7:10 p.m., Lares 7:48 p.m., Charleston 9:25 p.m. Trains on Conway Branch leave Chadbourne 10:40 a.m., arrive Conway 1 p.m., returning leave Conway 2:45 p.m., arrive Chadbourne 5:15 p.m., leave Chadbourne 5:45 p.m., arrive at Hub 6:25 p.m., returning leave Hub 8:30 a.m., arrive at Chadbourne 9:15 a.m. Daily except Sunday. J. R. KENLY, Gen'l Manager. T. M. EMBERTON, Traffic Manager. H. M. EMBERTON, Gen'l Pass. Agent.

CENTRAL R. R. OF SO. CAROLINA. Lv Charleston, 5:50 a.m. Lv Lares, 8:20 a.m. Lv Greer, 8:40 a.m. Lv Foreston, 8:49 a.m. Ar Florence, 8:25 a.m. Lv Aledo, 9:15 a.m. Lv Brogdon, 9:21 a.m. Lv W. & S. Janet, 9:32 a.m. Ar Sumter, 9:35 a.m. Ar Columbia, 10:55 a.m. Daily. No. 53 runs through to Charleston, S. C., via Central R. R., arriving Manning 7:10 p.m., Lares 7:48 p.m., Charleston 9:25 p.m. Trains on Conway Branch leave Chadbourne 10:40 a.m., arrive Conway 1 p.m., returning leave Conway 2:45 p.m., arrive Chadbourne 5:15 p.m., leave Chadbourne 5:45 p.m., arrive at Hub 6:25 p.m., returning leave Hub 8:30 a.m., arrive at Chadbourne 9:15 a.m. Daily except Sunday. J. R. KENLY, Gen'l Manager. T. M. EMBERTON, Traffic Manager. H. M. EMBERTON, Gen'l Pass. Agent.

MANCHESTER & AUGUSTA R. R. No. 35. Lv Sumter, 4:40 a.m. Lv Princeton, 4:54 a.m. Lv Pinewood, 5:05 a.m. Lv Manning, 5:14 a.m. Lv Orangeburg, 5:37 a.m. Ar Denmark, 6:20 a.m. No. 32. Lv Denmark, 6:55 p.m. Lv Orangeburg, 6:25 a.m. Lv Pinewood, 6:16 a.m. Lv Manning, 6:06 a.m. Ar Sumter, 6:19 a.m.

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