

This Space Belongs to W. E. BENKINSON.

J. D. Alsbrook has a good one-horse farm for rent. Mr. C. A. Braham of Silver has a very nice child. Mr. U. J. Lesne of Kingstree spent last Sunday with his relatives in Manning.

The annual meeting of the County Board of Commissioners was held last Monday. We are glad to inform our readers that Senator McManis is recovering from his illness.

There seems to be a disposition among the farmers to curtail the use of fertilizers this year. Our representatives in the General Assembly met with the County Commissioners last Monday.

Five Candles in 1-pound boxes, 25c. R. B. Loryea, the druggist. The town's artisan will be bored over 400 feet and Contractor Bell thinks he will be able to finish it by to-morrow.

Quite a crowd was in town last Monday and Manning was the only town in the State where the sheriff did not sell property. A fine line of stationery at Brockington's, at all prices. Next to M. Lewis.

Rev. James McDowell and bride arrived home last Thursday and they are receiving the congratulations and good wishes of friends. Married at the residence of the bride's parents, last Thursday, by Rev. J. O. Gough, Mr. John J. Berry and Miss Mary Davis, a daughter of Mr. N. B. Davis.

Gen. Johnson Hagood died at his home in Barnwell yesterday, at the age of 89 years. He was one among South Carolina's noblest sons, and the whole State mourns his loss. Baker's Chocolate for cooking purposes R. B. Loryea, the druggist.

It you see a large tree on Main street with the bark all knocked off on one side, you need not think it was struck by lightning; it was run into by a young lady learning to ride a wheel. County Treasurer Bowman informs us that he has collected something over \$34,000, which only leaves a little over \$2,000 yet to be collected. This has been the best collection since 1890.

The Farmers' Meeting. In response to the call in THE TIMES about 200 of Clarendon's sturdy farmers assembled in the court house last Monday to discuss the present depression...

Mr. E. D. Hodge was made chairman, and after a few preliminary remarks he announced the meeting, and invited the general discussion. Capt. D. J. Braham took the floor, and after thanking the people for the many honors conferred upon him from his boyhood to the present time, he announced that his political ambition was satisfied and that with the expiration of his present commission he would retire to private life.

Dr. I. M. Woods spoke next, and his remarks brought about some questions to which the doctor gave a good part of his "changeling." He claimed there was an "epidemic" on the people which must be shaken off, and he placed the evil upon the head and homestead laws. He was several times interrupted, and finally the crowd commenced calling for Hon. James E. Thind, who came forward and in a few minutes the attention of the entire audience was riveted upon him and they were drinking in the words of good reasoning and good advice that fell from his lips.

Mr. Elisha Berry, of this place, says he never had anything to do him so much good and give such quick relief from rheumatism as Chamberlain's Pain Balm. He has bothered greatly with rheumatism from his hip since he used this balm, which affords prompt relief.—E. F. Baker, druggist, St. Paris, Ohio. For sale by R. B. Loryea, the druggist.

Emancipation Day. New Year's day was one of great rejoicing among the colored population; it was celebrated in commemoration of the Abraham Lincoln emancipation proclamation. Early in the morning great crowds from all sections came to Manning, and from various sections came bands of music.

After what may be termed a musical contest by various bands, the meeting was opened with prayer by Rev. P. E. Pompey, whose words were fitting and showed an appreciation of the day and his race were celebrating. Then the Emancipation Proclamation was read by L. H. Hino.

A number of amusing incidents occurred. Some of our town dudes afforded amusement by getting the country dandies so startled they fell while they would sing and squeeze them. One very black young lady with a shapely waist as broad as her shoulders, and her weight standing in a pair of No. 9 shoes would not be short of two hundred pounds, walked up to a little dried looking, freckled faced, yellow fellow with red hair, embraced and kissed him a kiss, which sounded like a clank of a hammer striking a board fence.

BUCKLEN'S ARNICA SALVE. The best salve in the world for cuts, bruises, sores, ulcers, salt rheum, fever sores, tetter, chapped hands, chilblains, corns and all skin eruptions, and positively cures piles, or no pay required. It is guaranteed to give perfect satisfaction or money refunded. Price 25c. per box. For sale by R. B. Loryea.

Attention, Manning Guards! Headquarters Manning Guards, (Manning, S. C., Dec. 27, 1897.) The members of the Guards are hereby ordered to appear in fatigue dress at their armory promptly at 3 o'clock p. m. on January 7th for the purpose of engaging in a target shooting. The best shot in the company will wear the company's gold badge during the next three months.

Farmers' Meeting. In accordance with a resolution adopted by a mass-meeting of farmers held January 2nd, 1898, I call upon each chairman of the township boards of commissioners to issue a call for township meetings to be held prior to the first Monday in February next, and there organize a "Citizen Grower's Protective Association." The said meetings are to be held at the court house in Manning on Saturday in February for the purpose of perfecting said organization. Let there be a full attendance. E. D. HODGE, Chairman. January 3, 1898.

Her Motive. "That Bascombe woman is always making her husband tell her that he loves her right before folks." "Yes, she knows that it is an awful exasperation to him to say it."—Indianapolis Journal. The churches of Naples are so overrun with mice that most of the pastors have been obliged to keep cats in their churches, at the risk of provoking complaints like those sometimes witnessed in theaters when a cat walks across the stage.

It is necessary to hope, though hope should be always deluded, for hope itself is happiness, and its frustrations, however frequent, are yet less dreadful than its extinction.—Dr. Johnson. WANTED—TRUSTWORTHY AND ACTIVE GENTLEMEN or ladies to travel for responsible, established houses in South Carolina. Monthly \$85 and expenses. Position steady. Reference. Enclose self-addressed stamped envelope. The Dominion Company, Dept. R, Chicago. [18-161]

DISPENSARY QUARTERLY REPORT. Report for Quarter Ending Dec. 31st, 1897. Net Profit, \$1,033.99. Gross Profit, \$3,309.00. Invoice Price, \$2,275.01. Gross Sales, \$2,979.70. Net profits to Town and County, \$700.39.

Cold Breakers, Cold Breakers. Three or four doses in time will stop "Grippe" or cure your cold in 8 to 12 hours. Price, 25c. For sale by D. W. ALDERMAN & SONS CO. 130-131. Alcolu, S. C.

TAX RETURNS. OFFICE COUNTY AUDITOR, CLARENDON COUNTY, Manning, S. C., Dec. 22, 1897. The Auditor's office will be open from the first day of January, 1898, to the twentieth day of February, 1898, to receive returns of personal property and real estate for taxation in Clarendon County for the year 1898.

It Matters Not. How hard the times are, when Christmas comes the boys are going to shoot fire works. I think I led in fire works last year, and have bought at close prices this year. I have a big line. They are to come in Dec. 1st. Remember that my store will be headquarters for fire works. Have just received a lot of the choicest Citron, Currants already cleaned for use, Seedless Raisins, Layer Raisins, California Prunes, Pulverized Sugar for Iceing, Mixed Nuts, etc. J. H. LESSENE.

RE B. LORYEA, THE DRUGGIST. SIGN OF THE GOLDEN MORTAR. SUPERVISOR'S NOTICE. OFFICE COUNTY SUPERVISOR, CLARENDON COUNTY. Manning, S. C., Jan. 26th, 1898.—The County Supervisor's office will be open on Saturday of each week, for the transaction of business. The other days of the week I will be out of my office attending to roads and bridges. T. C. OWENS, County Supervisor. Notice. Office Superintendent of Education, Clarendon County. Until further notice I will be in my office every Saturday, from 9 a. m. to 1 p. m. and from 2 p. m. to 5 p. m. Other days will be spent in visiting the schools. W. S. RICHBOURG, Supt. Education, C. C. Manning, S. C., Feb. 1st 1897. D. R. J. FRANK GEIGER, DENTIST, MANNING, S. C.

READY FOR CHRISTMAS, '97. A Great Storeful of Holiday Goods Now Ready for Inspection. The Prices Are the Lowest. BEAUTIFUL NOVELTIES. Lamps, Clocks and Watches. Glassware, Toilet Articles, Fancy China-ware, Rugs, Albums. Dolls in every description. Toys in abundance, Toy Baby Carriages, Wagons. In fact everything appertaining to that line. Also to contribute more to the happiness and comfort of the season, we have in stock such appetizing eatables as Layer Raisins, Seedless Raisins, Currants, Citron, Mince Meat, Assorted Nuts, Candy, French Candy, French Sardines, Mustard Sardines, Columbia River Salmon, Pickles, Chow-Chow. Longfield Sauce, Sliced Breakfast Bacon, Shredded Pineapple, Canned Apples, Peaches, Mock Turtle Soup. The best quality of Butter, Flour, Self-Raising Flour, Tea, Coffee, etc.

Remember We Can Not Be Undersold. We have made a BIG CUT in the prices of our Clothing, such as Overcoats, Men's, Youths' and Boys' Suits, and great bargains are offered. To arrive in a few days—FIFTY FASHIONABLE LADIES' CAPES and STYLISH DRESS GOODS, all of which will be sold at LOWEST PRICES. Respectfully, S. A. RIGBY. E. S. ERVIN, Dispensary.

Now is the Time to Buy at from TEN to FIFTEEN PER CENT CHEAPER than you can buy anywhere else. I call special attention to my stock of Boys' Clothing that I am selling out. I have a complete stock in this line. When you need Suits for your boys, don't fail to come and look at mine and get prices that will astonish you. The above prices include everything in my line except the Douglas Shoe; on these I can't break prices. Remember I will sell you a WHEELER & WILSON SEWING MACHINE at factory prices. Call and examine my stock before buying elsewhere. E. C. HORTON.

Belitzer's Furniture Store. OUR LAMPS AND CHINA SETS Are of the latest styles and shapes and very cheap. OUR FURNITURE Is known throughout Clarendon County. Take an hour or so pricing other folks' stock, then come to us. You will see the difference. We also repair and upholster and make over old Furniture and Mattresses. Work Good and Prices Low. Can We Serve You in Any Way? Monaghan Block. - SUMTER, S. C. Belitzer's Furniture Store.

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This is now December and cotton still keeps down, and looks as if there is no chance to go higher this season. I have a large stock of Clothing, Dry Goods, Shoes and Hats. On hand and they must be sold, and I have concluded to sell them out this month at 10 Per cent. Above Cost. So if there is anything you need in this line, now is the time to get them cheap. I have the goods you need, and you have the money that I need, so come to my store and buy your goods cheaper than you can buy anywhere else in this town.

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