

LEVI BROTHERS,

SUMTER, S. C.

In soliciting a continuance of the extensive patronage we are enjoying from the people of Clarendon, we wish to inform the trading public that our buyer has recently returned from market and was fortunate enough to make his contracts before the recent "boost" in prices.

We are prepared to supply the trade with all manner and kinds of General Merchandise at prices to defy competition and at the same time give to the buyer the quality.

Foreign and Domestic Dry Goods, Dress Goods, Trimmings, Notions, Fancy Goods, Clothing, Shoes, Hats, Gent's Furnishings and Groceries.

In all of these lines we propose to satisfy the public demand, and we ask that you come to Sumter and inspect our stock.

REMEMBER

That we are in touch with the exporters of cotton and we can and will pay the very highest market prices for the fleecy staple. Our store has earned a reputation as headquarters for farmers and we propose to keep it up.

LEVI BROTHERS.

Cotton is Fluctuating Goods Are Cheap.

I Will Sell and Do Not Propose to Carry Over Any Fall Goods.

With such a condition of affairs, the business man is put to his trumps to study out the most effectual way of meeting the people and sharing their burdens, to remedy the bad effects caused by any turn in affairs which operate adversely to the people. It is unnecessary to introduce myself to the readers of The Times, they know me, and they know full well that my many years of experience, both as a farmer and a merchant, give me a decided advantage over many others. I have used my experience that it may count for the best interests of my business. In doing this I had to study the needs and wants of my patrons, studying their condition as well as their welfare, because upon their welfare depends my success. Every business man, to keep up with the progressive spirit now pervading this country must study the markets just as a lawyer or doctor must study his books. This must be done or he cannot buy his goods to meet competition.

I have made deals by which I can sell goods at prices that cannot be duplicated anywhere, and I am going to do it. A visit to my store will convince any buyer that my immense stock has been selected with the greatest care, and contains everything that can be used in the family, or on the plantation.

There is no store in this section of the State that has a more varied assortment of Foreign and Domestic

Dress Goods, Notions, Fancy Goods, Trimmings, Clothing, Hats, Gents, Furnishing Goods, Shoes, Hardware and Cutlery.

Saddlery, Harness, Crockery, Glassware, Wood and Willoware.

Dress Making Department Up-Stairs.

My Grocery Department is thorough and complete; I buy direct by the car load from the best mills and packers. Sugars, Coffees, Teas, and everything in the Grocery line in such quantities purchased to give my patrons the advantage of wholesale figures and can save my patrons money. I am paying all the market will permit for cotton and in a position this year to make it advantageous for the people to bring their cotton to Manning. I solicit a continuance of past favors.

YOURS TRULY,

J. W. McLeod.

BRITISH ARE SAID TO HAVE SURRENDERED

Soldiers at Ladysmith Now Prisoners of War?

ATTACKED BY THE BOERS

London First Hears That the Boer's Guns Were Quickly Silenced, but Later Reports Say the Entire English Army Gave Up.

LONDON, Oct. 20.—The following dispatch from Ladysmith, Natal, was received today:

"Firing commenced at 8:30 this morning, the Boers shelling Ladysmith with 40 pounders. After several shots the British succeeded in silencing the Boer fire. A force of Boers is now advancing on the British left flank."

The above message, which was sent at express rates, came through in a remarkable time of two hours. It shows the crisis which the present stage of war operations has reached and that the expected attack on Ladysmith by the joint Boer forces has opened.

A later dispatch under a Berlin date says:

"A report has been received here from Holland to the effect that the whole British army at Ladysmith has surrendered and, the troops are now prisoners of war."

A dispatch from Durban, timed 9:55 this morning, supplements the Associated Press dispatch with the information that the Boer shells were directed at the station and that no damage was done up to the time the message from Durban was forwarded.

During Boer Advance.

That the very guns of the Boers from whom so much was expected should be silenced as speedily as indicated in the Associated Press dispatch from Ladysmith is a matter of great surprise. The subsequent advance of the Boer forces on the British flank shows the attackers were in no way dismayed thereby, and were still far from themselves exhausted. Apparently the Boers have concentrated for a supreme effort at Ladysmith. They have withdrawn their forces from other points, which they consider of less importance. The ease with which they reorganized the German corps, which was almost annihilated at Elandsbaagte, shattered at Tlaine's column, shows great are their recuperative powers and their fertility of resource. The perseverance the Boers have shown in transporting heavy ordnance and posting it in commanding positions has proved admiration over from their enemies.

Unless the present attack is merely a feint to occupy the British while the invaders are cutting off communication southward, which opened this morning, it will decide the issue of the war so far as fighting in the open is concerned, as unless the 12,000 or 20,000 Boers about Ladysmith are able to destroy the 12,000 British there, they can hardly hope to cope with General Buller's army, which for it may be expected the Boers will return to the attack of Ladysmith after they are beaten off, so long as they have a gun in position and men willing to face the British for the next day, being cognizant that the news of their success will bring thousands of sympathizers and adventurers to their standard.

Value of Cavalrymen.—The active operations of the last few days have shown cavalry under modern conditions, armed with long range weapons, in an entirely new way, proving able to work as infantry, both alone and in conjunction with foot soldiers. Those cavalrymen have shown themselves able to hold infantry positions against mounted infantry, which under other conditions they would have been forced to relinquish, while the actual assault on Elandsbaagte was led by dismounted cavalry.

The latest news from the western border has apparently reassured the British authorities as to the ability of Mafeking and Kimberley to withstand assaults. A dispatch from Fort Tuli, forwarded during the evening of Oct. 24, announces that Blackburn's force in the skirmish at Rhode's Drift killed 12 Boers.

A kafir spy reported that many more Boers were lying in the drift dying. Blackburn died of his wounds, returning to Fort Tuli. Reports say the Boers are concentrating on the Rhodesian border with Maxims.

Another eminent civilian, Dr. Fredrick Terres, surgeon in ordinary to the Duke of York and surgeon of the London hospital, has been appointed consulting surgeon with the troops in South Africa. He starts immediately. The true inwardness of the appointments seem to be the recognition by the authorities that the senior military medical officers are behind the times and as the latter would consider it intriga to call in consultation junior officers, more conversant with modern practice, the difficulty has been overcome by the appointment of civilians at an enormous cost.

quadron Going to Africa.—WASHINGTON, Oct. 20.—The South Atlantic squadron has been ordered, or soon will be, to the scene of South African hostilities. The feeling at the navy department that it would be well to have a large American squadron cruising off East Africa is a growth of the last few days. It is understood based on the news obtained in Washington and from Europe that contingencies may arise in the progress of the war in the Transvaal which would make the presence of a large body of sailors and gunners a necessity in that neighborhood.

Mrs. Alice Battle Is Dead.—ASHEVILLE, N. C., Oct. 20.—Mrs. Alice Battle, wife of Passed Assistant Surgeon Samuel Whiting Battle, U. S. N., retired, and daughter of Rear Admiral George E. Belknap, retired, is dead here of consumption.

Hospital Ship For Manila.—SAN FRANCISCO, Oct. 20.—The navy hospital ship Solace, which has been undergoing extensive repairs at Mare Island, has been placed in commission and will sail for Manila in a few days.

A Good Clothing Store
Is where you get the right sort of clothes without danger of mistake. Our clothes are of the right sort, and you will appreciate their excellence and smallness of cost.

We Make Clothes to Order
for those who prefer them. Lasting Materials, proper fit and make and moderate prices. Your orders will have our best attention.

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S. W. Cor. King and Wentworth Sts., CHARLESTON, S. C.

RECORDS MUST BE SHOWN.

Judge Aldrich Issues an Order in the Douthit Case.

COLUMBIA, S. C., Oct. 20.—Judge Aldrich, in the circuit court, ruled that the state board of liquor control must exhibit to that court the records on which the commissioner, J. B. Douthit, was discharged without a hearing.

The commissioner can be discharged for cause only, and Douthit demands a trial by the board. His leading attorney, Colonel George Johnstone, was very caustic in the arraignment of the board.

Mr. D. A. G. Ouzts, the discharged clerk, has accused the ex-chairman of the board, J. D. Hazelden, with being influenced by wholesale whisky houses, and with receiving at his home quantities of liquor.

Captain John Black, shipping clerk, has accused the ex-chairman of being a spy, a thief and a scoundrel.

The amount of liquor business last year exceeded \$1,250,000.

RECRUITS SENT BY MACON.

Nearly Three Thousand Men Furnished Since June.

MACON, Oct. 20.—Macon has probably sent out more recruits to the United States army than any other city in Georgia. The recruiting station which has been established here since last June has been very successful and the records kept by Captain Howe, the officer in charge, show that nearly 8,000 men have been sent from here since June 1.

Sixty per cent of these men have been negroes, enlisted for both the regular and volunteer army. The white men were not up to the standard, and Captain Howe has been very strict in enforcing the regulations.

SWORD FOR TOM BRUMBY.

Dewey's Flag Lieutenant Presented With a Fine Weapon.

ATLANTA, Oct. 20.—Lieutenant Tom Brumby was today presented with a handsome sword bought for him by the people of Georgia in recognition of his splendid services with Dewey at Manila. Preceding the presentation ceremony the lieutenant was formally received by the general assembly in joint session.

The sword was presented to Lieutenant Brumby by Governor Candier, who made a short eulogistic speech, to which the lieutenant gratefully replied.

Thousands of people from all parts of the state witnessed the ceremonies, at the conclusion of which there was a big military and civic parade to the fair grounds, participated in by troops from several southern states.

CARMACK FOR THE SENATE.

Formally Announces His Candidacy to Succeed Turley.

MEMPHIS, Oct. 20.—Congressman E. W. Carmack has formally announced his candidacy for the United States senate, to succeed Senator Thomas B. Turley.

Asked if he expected Governor McMillin to be his opponent, Mr. Carmack said:

"I have no right to speak for Governor McMillin. The governor and I are good friends and whether we antagonize each other in this matter or not, I hope we shall remain so."

WINNIE DAVIS MONUMENT.

Memorial to B. Unveiled in Richmond on Nov. 9.

RICHMOND, Oct. 20.—The week beginning Nov. 6 will be an unusually interesting one in this city. On that day the regents of the Confederate Memorial Literary society and the Daughters of the Confederacy will hold their annual meetings. The former will open on the sixth and be in session daily until the tenth.

The United Daughters of the Confederacy will open their meeting on the eighth. On the ninth the monument over the grave of Miss Winnie Davis in the city of Richmond will be dedicated and the monument is practically completed and will be in place at the designated time.

To Fight the Banana Trust.

MOBILE, Oct. 20.—Articles of incorporation of the Central American Steamship company have been filed in the probate court. The capital stock is \$40,000, divided into 800 shares of \$50 each. The incorporators are E. E. Wagner and John B. Cefalu. The object of the new company is to import bananas independently of the trust recently organized under the title of the United Fruit company.

Pre-byterians in Session.

NEWBERY, S. C., Oct. 20.—The Presbyterian church synod is in session here. It has elected Rev. W. C. Neville moderator, vice Judge J. G. Witherspoon. Since the last synod Rev. John B. Adger, D. D., and C. E. Chickester were enrolled among the distinguished dead.

Schley Goes to Birmingham.

BIRMINGHAM, Ala., Oct. 20.—A telegram received here by the Alabama State Fair association, whose fair opens Nov. 7 and continues ten days, from Admiral W. S. Schley, announces that he will be here on the afternoon of Nov. 6 and will remain over the seventh.

Welcome For Tennesseans.

NASHVILLE, Oct. 20.—The First Tennessee regiment, the last state volunteer organization to leave the Philippines, is expected to reach San Francisco on Nov. 8. Nashville is preparing a royal welcome to the men.

More Fever at Jackson.

JACKSON, Miss., Oct. 20.—Five new cases of yellow fever are reported by the board of health.

RESOLUTION BY STEVENS.

A Better Method of Classifying Cotton is Wanted.

ATLANTA, Oct. 27.—At the morning session of the third day of the convention of the Association of the Cotton States Commissioners of Agriculture, President Stevens offered the following resolution on the classification of cotton:

"Whereas, The annual loss accruing each year in the handling of the cotton crop, growing out of the loss of weight and purity of bales to come up to the sample of classification, which is due to the fact that there is no standard system of weight and classification, and

Whereas, these reclamations destroy the profits of the business to the merchant and directly injure the pockets of the producers;

"Be it resolved, by this convention, That we use our earnest and energetic efforts to bring about the proper standard of weights and classification of the staple, by urging each legislation as to bring about the desired results, and

"Be it resolved further, That we invite the assistance and co-operation of such exporters of cotton who realize the importance of the movement, and who are, from experience, in position to furnish substantial aid."

LABOR TROUBLE SETTLED.

Grievances of Mill Employees Submitted to a Committee.

JACKSONVILLE, Fla., Oct. 27.—The labor troubles at southern Alabama and western Florida sawmills have been settled and work will be resumed at once. Settlement of the differences is due to the efforts of the arbitration committee, headed by General Secretary John W. Hays of the Knights of Labor and William Blount, a prominent Pensacola lawyer.

All the parties concerned bind themselves to accept the decision of the arbitration committee as to the rate of wages to be paid, the time of payment, the number of hours in a working day, the matter of company stores, of insurance men and the employment of doctors.

A conference between Hays and Blount was held at Pensacola as soon as practicable after Nov. 25. Until the committee reports the men are to work at the same terms as existed prior to the strike.

FOURTEEN ARE CREMATED.

Dwellings of Two Families Caught Fire and Inmates Perish.

MOBILE, Oct. 27.—In Baldwin county, 30 miles northeast of this city, fire destroyed the dwellings of Henry Goodlow and Samuel Smithson, cremating all the occupants of both houses—14 persons in all.

The Goodlow family consisted of father, mother and six children, while there were six persons residing in the Smithson home—the husband, wife, three children and a sister of the husband.

No cause could be discovered for the fire, and it is believed to have been of accidental origin. The pine trees surrounding the house caught fire from the flames, added to the destruction and prevented any assistance from reaching the persons in the houses.

RAN INTO AN OPEN SWITCH.

A Savannah, Florida and Western Train Wrecked.

VALDOSTA, Ga., Oct. 27.—A passenger train on the Savannah, Florida and Western railroad, bound for Montgomery, was wrecked here. The switch was open, and the train, with five passenger coaches, running 25 miles an hour, ran into the switch and collided with three freight cars, thus making a terrific smashup.

A mysterious part was that none of the passengers were seriously injured. The engine and two coaches were smashed to pieces, besides the freight cars on the sidetrack. A sleeper and the rear passenger coach were saved.

The engine will perhaps go to \$15,000 or \$22,000.

No Cut in Prices of Yarn.

CHARLOTTE, N. C., Oct. 27.—The Southern Hosiery Yarn Spinners' association met here yesterday, President Charles Adamson presiding. A committee was appointed to draft a constitution and by-laws, and secure a charter and report at the next meeting, the second Thursday in December. One hundred and nineteen thousand spindles were represented at the meeting, which objects of this meeting was that no one cut prices, and to agree upon a scale. North Carolina, South Carolina, Georgia and Alabama mills were represented.

Cotton Sells For 15 Cents.

PORT GIBSON, Miss., Oct. 27.—Mr. James B. Allen of Port Gibson, who cultivates land in this vicinity, has just sold to W. O. Craig & Co. of Vicksburg, Miss., 125 bales of cotton he raised in this county at 13 1/2 to 15 1/2 cents cash per pound net in Port Gibson. This crop of cotton was considered by expert cotton men to be the finest ever seen in this part of the country. The staple measured from 1 1/2 to 1 3/4 inches long, with great strength and high grade.

Negro Lynched Near Macon.

MACON, Oct. 27.—John Goosby, a negro, was hanged at Kregin's mill, about 6 miles from here, late last night, by a party of men from Twigg's county. Goosby had a feud with his employer, John Tom, and cut his throat with a knife. He was pursued by a posse of neighbors, caught at his father's home and promptly executed by the mob. Mr. Robinson will probably recover.

No Complaints.

Horse Dealer—Well, John, how about that horse I sold you? Was he quiet enough?
Undertaker—Well, sir, he did give us a little trouble at first. We put him in one of the mourning coaches, you know, and parties don't like to be shook up in their grief, but we've put him in a regular coach now, and we haven't heard any complaint so far.—Household Words.

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The Mysterious Passenger.

The captain of a vessel which was bringing to America in the fall of 1798 a mysterious passenger who had come aboard at Hamburg watched the latter so closely that at last the passenger said one day: "Sir, this is not the first occasion upon which I have observed the attentive scrutiny you bestow upon me. May I inquire the reason?"

"Sir," responded the candid captain, "you took passage on my ship as a Dane. I don't believe you're anything of the kind."

The passenger smiled. The smile was full of perspicacity and confidence and was followed with, "Pray, tell me, then, what you believe me to be."

At this question Captain Ewing fidgeted, hesitated and finally blurted out: "Well, to be honest, I think you are a gambler. You've well nigh ruined yourself at home and are now coming to fleece the fools you'll find on shore."

The young man's smile broadened. The next minute he turned grave again, lowered his voice and replied: "Captain Ewing, as you have studied me during this voyage so I have studied you. You've come to the conclusion that you are a man to be trusted. I am Louis Philippe, duc d'Orleans, eldest son of that Louis Philippe d'Orleans who was slain by the guillotine on the 7th of November, almost three years ago."—Argonaut.

Most of Them Paid.

A large company of easily gullible individuals was victimized a short time back in a small country town. By means of posters announcing a grand sacred concert and by a free distribution of complimentary tickets bearing on their face this condition, "No Gentleman Admitted Unless Accompanied by a Lady," a large audience was gathered at the theater. When the crowd began to press in through the doors, the ticket taker began shouting:

"All having complimentary tickets will please pass up stairs to the gallery."

This was a dark, dreary, hot place, not having the capacity for seating comfortably more than 100 people. Those who passed forward with their tickets were told that if they did not wish to go to the gallery they could be admitted by paying a shilling apiece. Every man who appeared with a complimentary ticket of course had a lady with him and felt a sort of embarrassment if she were not his wife or intimate acquaintance, so he yielded to compulsion and paid rather than retire, and so the scheme succeeded to the extent of filling the house.—London Answers.

A Tart Old Lady.

Out in Indiana a good many years ago a certain old lady, summoned as a witness, came into court wearing a large poke bonnet, such as was then much affected by rural folks. Her answers to the questions put to her being rather indistinct, the court requested her to speak louder, though without much success.

"The court cannot hear a word you say, my good woman," said the judge. "Please to take off that huge bonnet of yours."

"Sir," she said composedly and distinctly enough this time, "the court has a perfect right to bid a gentleman take off his hat, but it has no right to make a lady remove her bonnet."

"Madam," replied the judge, "you seem so well acquainted with the law that I think you had better come and take a seat with us on the bench."

"I thank your honor kindly," she responded, dropping a low courtesy to the court, "but there are old women enough there already."—Law Notes.

Mark Twain and His Pyjamas.

Mark Twain has an intense dislike for clothes, and if it were possible would remain in his pyjamas day and night. And whenever he can do so he eats breakfast in them, receives his friends and writes in them. His favorite mode of writing is in his pyjamas, with a pipe in his mouth. When on lecture tours, he never gets out of his sleeping clothes until it is time to go to hall or opera house. When the fit strikes him, he likes to exercise, and then with his customary shamble will shuffle along for miles and exhaust his most athletic companion. But he feels far more at home in his pyjamas than in a street suit or evening clothes, and on that he remains as great a part of his life as Mrs. Clemens will allow him.—Ladies' Home Journal.

A Unique Collection.

A Philadelphia man owns a most unique assortment of pieces of blotting paper, collected by his father, who was long an official of the White House, each of which bears, reversed, the signature of a president from General Harrison, who died a month after his election in 1841, to Garfield. On one sheet, the most highly prized of the lot, the last official line signed by President Lincoln was blotted before he was assassinated by Booth.

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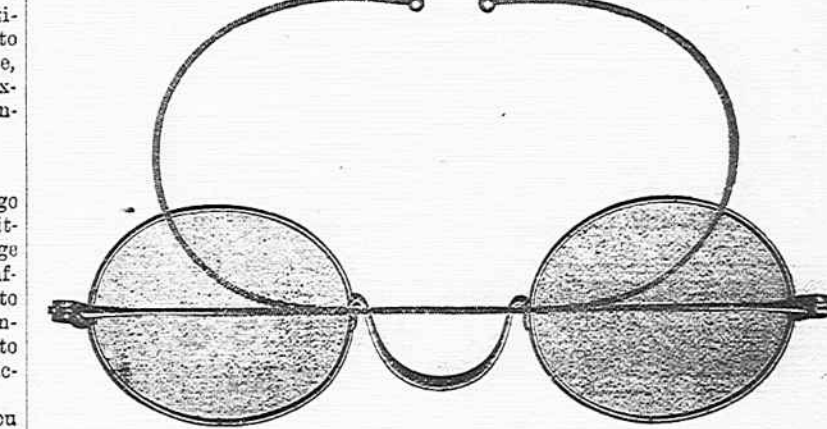
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We have Spectacles and Eye Glasses of all styles, grades and prices. Satisfaction guaranteed.

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