

Cotton.
 of this year's crop is now marketed. The first for this season was brought in this week and the market was only to-day.

At Lugoff.
 Mr. Mauney Rabon has opened up a new store at Lugoff. A protracted meeting is in progress at Lugoff conducted by Rev. Mr. Penny.

New Depot.
 The North Western Railroad is having its freight depot built near the 3 C's depot, on the north side of DeKalb street and not far from the office building of the Cotton Seed Oil Mill. The building will be 24 feet wide and 91 feet long.

Don't Hire These Men.
 All persons are hereby warned not to hire or any way harbor William Samuels and Alex James, colored. They are under contract to me and have left my premises without my permission.

A. C. WATTS.
 Canteen, S. C.

Smithville Circuit.
 The stewards of the Smithville circuit M. E. Church, South, are requested to meet at Beulah on the 14th of September, which will be Saturday before the 3rd Sunday, at 10:30 a. m. Let every member of the board be present.
 W. C. Smith, Pastor.

DIED MYSTERIOUSLY.
 Joe Hammond, a negro man who lived in that part of Camden known as "Nigger town" died very suddenly on Sunday afternoon last. In a secluded spot near Bateman's ditch just west of the S. A. L. freight depot a crowd of negroes had assembled for the purpose of gambling. It was at this place and among this crowd that the life of Joe Hammond went out. As to the exact cause and manner of his death, they are a mystery and possibly will ever remain so, as all efforts, so far, to throw satisfactory light upon the case have proved unavailing. We are informed by Magistrate Moore, acting Coroner, that the following evidence was given at the inquest:
 Dr. Dunn said: I am a practicing physician and was called to examine the body of the deceased. I could find no marks upon the body. The deceased may have come to a violent death without marks being visible, the skin being black and death being so sudden. Concession of the brain, resulting from a lick on the head might have caused death. No way of obtaining this information without cutting into the skull. Knife was opened in deceased hand, edge of blade great to palm of hand. Blade of grass between knife and hand, as if the knife had been put into his hands by an unknown person. It was not grasped tightly in his hand, but held loosely.
 Cornelius Canteen, colored, said: He was acquainted with deceased, and saw him alive about 5 o'clock, on the west side of Camden. Joe Hammond and nine others were there. They were playing "five there." Mingo Dow was Hammond's partner. They were playing for money. Didn't know who the winning favored, neither did he know who started the fuss. Gaten and Hammond were disputing. Each had 25c in the pot. Gaten refused to play further and gave 25c back to Joe, who was dissatisfied at this, and both cursed one another, and rose up, when Joe reached over in his left hand vest pocket and took out a knife. Gaten ran. Joe followed but could not catch him, stepped about 10 paces and from there he turned and fell. Staggered about three steps before falling. They never did come within striking distance of each other. Gaten did not hit him. He said "let's leave here, better not bother him." "The crowd became afraid and all left. Ed Davis was the only one who went near the body.
 Ed Davis, sworn, said he was coming from the river and stopped by but did not join in the game. He lay down behind them in the shade and soon went to sleep, when he woke he found Gaten and Hammond quarrelling. They were standing up, Gaten said something to Hammond, who reached over at him with a knife in his hand. Gaten ran, deceased followed about 12 or 13 steps; being outrun he turned, fell about 4 steps from where he turned. C. Canteen was the nearest to him. Witness put hat over Hammond's face, and said "Boys you oughtn't to do this way." Deceased did not speak and he said "Boys, Joe is dead." Cont said "No he is sick." Willie Gaten came back and asked are you going to leave him here? Witness said he was going to tell his folks, and Canteen said he would report it. No drinking to his knowledge and was positive that no licks were passed.
 Ray Patterson, says: Was with Joe this evening. Some of them were playing cards, and Gaten and Hammond had some words. The latter jumped up and ran after Gaten. Hammond came back toward ditch and fell. Didn't see any licks passed. Crowd dispersed. Witness did not go near body. Did not see a knife.
 The verdict of the jury, was that deceased came to his death by some means to them.

Personal.
 Mr. M. Baum has returned from New York.
 Mr. Geo. J. Little went to Atlanta on Tuesday.
 Mr. W. H. Zemp spent a few days in New York last week.
 We received a pleasant call yesterday from Mr. J. T. Gaitner, of Kershaw.
 The many friends of Mr. A. C. Watts will be sorry to learn that he is quite sick.
 Mr. W. Geisenheimer and little daughter, Heloid, spent a few days in Savannah this week.
 Mr. Shannon Kirkland has been quite sick with fever for several days at Judge W. P. Russell's.
 Mr. J. L. Comer who has been at his old home in Yorkville for several days has returned to Camden.
 Mr. Robt. McCreight who has been absent from the post office for some time on account of sickness, resumed his duties there on Monday last.
 Miss Mary Vaughan who has been visiting at Matthews, N. C., returned home Wednesday. She was accompanied back by her cousin, Miss Lottie Johnson who will spend a while here.
 Miss Pauline Latta, of Monroe, N. C., is visiting her cousin, Miss Essie Smith of our city. Miss Latta visited here a few years ago and has a number of friends who are glad to see her again.
 Miss Mattie Gerald who has been away from Camden a month on a visit to the family of Rev. W. M. Duncan, at Georgetown former pastor of the Methodist church here, has returned home.
 Mr. Basie S. Allen, an old friend of Mr. L. P. Howell, passenger agent here of the Seaboard Air Line, was on a visit here last week. His coming was a complete surprise to Mr. Howell and a great pleasure to him.
 Mrs. Sallie King, of Lynchburg, is visiting relatives and friends in Camden and West Water. Also Mr. and Mrs. W. B. Albert and Mr. and Mrs. Phillips, of Eastover, are visiting in Camden and West Water.

Meats at Nettles & Watkins.
 always kept in glass refrigerator free from flies and dust.
 For ice cold butter go to Nettles & Watkins.
 For the very best insurance—fire, life or accident call on Canteen and Canteen, on law range.
 Liberal railroad rates to the State Fair will be made Fair week.

Burglars at Work.
 On Monday night last some one broke into Auditor Bruce's office. Their object evidently was robbery as they pretty thoroughly ransacked the office. They failed to find anything, however, which they wanted except 30c in postage stamps which they took. Auditor Bruce says it is possible that the burglars thought they were breaking into the Treasurer's office which is next door to the Auditor's but had they entered the Treasurer's office it would have been equally as fruitless a search for Mr. Hough is too careful a Treasurer to ever leave any cash in his office.
 Also a few nights ago an attempt was made to enter Mr. A. Wittkowsky's store. Thirty-six auger holes were bored in one of the back windows. They were evidently frustrated in their attempt before they succeeded in cutting out an opening.

Hot Weather Dots!

Blue Serge Coat and Pants Suits, \$5 to \$10.
 Fancy Flannel Coat and Pants Suits \$4 to \$10.
 Blue and Fancy Flannel Coats from 3 to \$7.
 Beautiful Line of Blue Serge and Fancy Pants 1.50 to \$5.00.

Belts 10c to 50c.
 Straw Hats 10c to \$1.00.
 Negligee Shirts 50c to \$1.
 White Pique and Linen Shirts.
 Nervous Drawers, 50 and 75c.

Undershirts and Drawers to match 25 to 50c.

In Fact
ANYTHING TO KEEP YOU COOL
 Can be furnished you at lowest prices at

ZEMP & BROTHERS

UP-TO-DATE
Labor-Saving Machines,
 FOR SALE BY
A. D. KENNEDY.
 Now is the Time to Buy.

Binders, Reapers, Rakes,
Thomas' Disc & Cutaway Harrows,
Binder Twine and Grain Cradles.

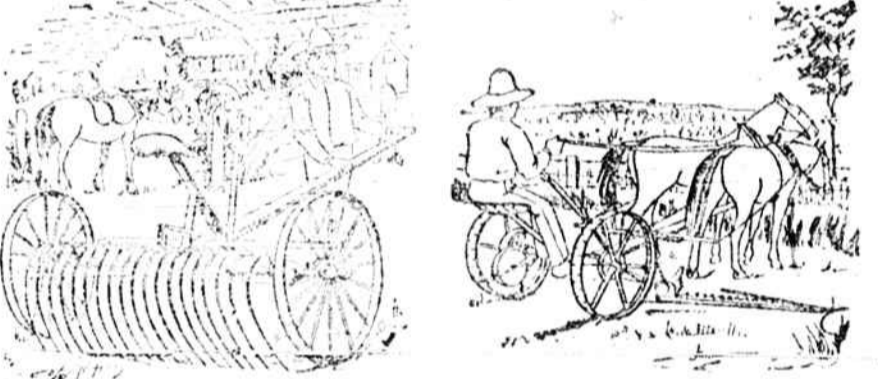
ICE CREAM FREEZERS,
ICE TONGS,
ICE PICKS, LEMON
SQUEEZERS, CORK
SCREWS, HAMMOCKS.

Temperature Tamers.
 Just think of these and get cool.

Fruit Jars, Jelly Tumblers, Preserving Kettles, Fly Fans, Winnow and Deer Screens.

Fishing Tackle to delight the Fisherman's heart.
LAWN MOWERS AND RUBBER HOSE.
 Careful attention to our **GROCERY DEPARTMENT.**

A. D. KENNEDY.



GREAT BARGAINS!
 at David Wolfe's.

Having purchased the large stock formerly owned by H. W. Finlayson at Cheraw S. C., I am in position to sell over

\$25,000 worth of Dry Goods, Shoes, Hats, Ladies Hats, Clothing and other Goods

AT AND BELOW COST

I was fortunate to get these goods way below their value and it will be to the advantage of the people of Camden and surrounding country to give me a call and see for themselves.

Respectfully,
DAVID WOLFE.

AGAIN THE NEW COUNTY OF LEE IS BEING PUSHED.
 [Columbia State, 4th Inst.]
 Mr. B. Frank Kelly, of Bishopville, Sumter county, was in the city yesterday. He came for the purpose of presenting to the governor the proper papers and petitions in the matter of a dashed election on the question of establishing the county of Lee out of portions of the existing counties of Sumter, Kershaw and Darlington. The maps and petitions have been gotten up with great care and are complete in all details. When these papers have been carefully examined and it is found that the constitutional requirements have been met the governor will order the election. The boundaries of the territory in each county proposed to be cut off are given with great care and exactness. The exact area to be taken from the three counties is set forth in square miles in the petition as follows: Darlington 49; Kershaw 45; and Sumter 316. The area in square miles of each old county after the above territories taken will be: Darlington 690; Kershaw 660; and Sumter 544.

The petitioners set forth that they have complied with all the statutory and constitutional requirements, that the names signed constitute over one third of the qualified voters; that the proposed new county does not go within eight miles of any court house now established; that the new county will contain 410 square miles; that the new county will contain 23,000 inhabitants and will not have less than 15,000 inhabitants in each of the counties of Sumter, Darlington and Kershaw; that each of these old counties will have over 500 square miles left; that there is over two million dollars worth of property left to each of the old counties, and that the new county will contain over one and a half millions' worth of property. All the proper affidavits of the county auditors, surveyors, etc., as required by the act and the constitution are presented with the papers, each being sworn to.

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Meeting of Christian Temperance Union.
 The Woman's Christian Temperance Union will meet with Miss Margaret Lattner, Monday afternoon, September 9, at 5.30 o'clock. All the members are requested to be present, and any wishing to join will be cordially welcomed.
 Emma L. Moore, Sec'y.

To Fix The Road.
 At the meeting of the County Board of Commissioners on Monday last it was decided to appropriate \$1,000 for fixing the river road so that travel will not be stopped during a freshet. This amount is to be supplemented with \$2500 by the business men of Camden. It is proposed to build the road 12 inches higher than the highest freshet has gone, thus preventing interference to travel by the frosts. This is a good work and we hope to see it speedily executed.

Marriage.
 Mr. Robt. N. McLeod and Miss Maudie Vardelle Warren were married last Wednesday afternoon at 5 o'clock at the home of the bride's parents, Mr. and Mrs. Albert G. Warren, in this city. Rev. N. W. Edwards, D. D., officiating. Mr. and Mrs. McLeod left Thursday morning for Camden, their future home, where Mr. McLeod is employed with the Southern Express Company—Summer Warehouse, 4th St.

Mr. McLeod above referred to runs an express messenger between Marion and Kingsville and resides on LaFayette avenue, boarding at Mr. Andrew Stokes'.

Ladies Invited to Form an Improvement Society for Kirkwood.
 The meeting set for Sept. 2nd to discuss the pros and cons of a change in the present status of Kirkwood was attended by about fifteen property owners, at the Holbrook Inn, Monday night. It was decided to present to form an improvement society in Kirkwood, whose object shall be the improvement of the roads and sidewalks.

Every property holder will be asked to contribute something according to his means and wisdom, and the ladies of Kirkwood will be asked to interest themselves in the scheme by arranging various entertainments, the proceeds of which will go to the road improvement fund.

The outcome of the general discussion was a vote put by the chairman, Mr. F. M. Zemp, to the following resolution, which was carried: "The residents of Kirkwood and especially the ladies are invited to attend a meeting at Holbrook Inn on Wednesday, Sept. 11th, at 8:30 p. m.; to form an improvement society for Kirkwood, and elect its officers and committees."

Be sure to call at the Gilt Edge Store and see how cheap you can buy bagging and ties.

Would you like to buy your groceries at rock bottom prices? Then go to the Gilt Edge Store and let them make you happy.

When Bagging and Ties at the Gilt Edge Store, and if you would like to get the most goods for the least money, try them. They are all "O. K."

Dry Goods, Shoes and Clothing for the fall trade coming in every day at the Gilt Edge Store.

Lycium Course a Certainty.
 We are glad to announce that Camden will have a course of star attractions here this fall and winter. Arrangements were completed with the manager of the Alkhest Lycium System, of Atlanta, last Saturday to have this series of high grade entertainment to come here. Col. W. D. Traubman was made president of the local branch of this system established here, with Mr. E. C. von Frank as Treasurer and Messrs. Moore & Goodale as local managers.

This corps of officers insures success of the undertaking.

The series will be opened the middle of October with the do Earle's Alkhest Musical Co. Elizabeth Harris Gill, the star of the series, has for a number of years been the principal attraction of the Alkhest Musical Co. in Philadelphia. Her management will be followed by the Original Quaker Male and plantation songs and ballads. The other attractions will be Edwin L. Barker in plays, "David Copperfield," "The Valley," etc. Ladies' Imperial Glee.

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Improve the Time That Remains and thus Redeem What is Lost!

Time for Summer Goods is rapidly passing away, and with it goes opportunities that perhaps have not been improved by some as they should have been, but

THE GILT EDGE STORE

Is still offering Summer Goods at prices that will not be duplicated, and the few weeks that are left before the season closes, hold opportunities that will vastly benefit those who are not blind to their pecuniary interest. Be sure to attend the

CLEARING OUT SALE

For we do not intend that a vestige of Summer Goods shall be carried over, and if you would like to get more for your money than ever before heed what we say and do.

Remember that we must make room for Fall goods, and as our stock is out of season, for the time, nothing, we shall do all we can to exchange them for money. Money we want and money we must have and money we will have if our friends will heed the notes of admonition so distinctly sounded. Besides strictly Summer goods, there are other things that we can interest you in, from the fact that they are good values even when paying a profit, and when they come under the

"SWEEPING REDUCTION"

head, they are bargains indeed. "A dollar saved is a dollar made," so if you would like to engage in a money making business, make frequent visits to the Gilt Edge Store, and we will place you in a position to make more profitable investment than you have for a long time, if ever before.

Bargains any day, Every Day and all Day.

From now to Sept. 1st, good must move, and they will go, if low prices and good values will move them. Be sure to give us a call, and we guarantee that you will be pleased.

Respectfully and Truly,
The Gilt Edge Store,
P. T. VILLPIGUR, PROPRIETOR.