THE NEWS AT BETHUNE.

Chronicle of Happenings Gathered by Our Regular Correspondent.

Bethune, Feb. 3.—The new grist mill rear of the postoffice has been cometed and was put in operation last ek. This mill will be a great connience to the community.

Mr. W. W. Blair, who had the conct for erecting Bethune's new school ilding and is now building the brick ore house for G. B. King & Son, secured the contract to erect a 0,000 school building at Maxton, N.

Miss Sallie Stokes returned home week from a visit to relatives at ddendorf. She was accompanied by friend, Miss Pearl Johnson, who spend this week with her.

Mr. B. W. Hall and family from near

Mr. Willie Waters, from near Camspent Saturday and Sunday with family of Mr. R. L. Jones. Ir. Tom Raley and Mrs. R. L. Jones it Saturday at Camden.

side of town.

nobiles in this section are Messrs. be glad to have him here again.

B. Stokes, of route 1; Luther Raley, The Sumter Daily Item of Monday Lincoln Smith B. Stokes, of route 1; Luther Raley, The Sumter Daily Item of Monday route 2, and one or two others. We had the following to say of Rev. Davidn that several other parties in this nity expect to purchase new cars

rch here last Sunday, both morning

S. Catoe left Tuesday mornfor Gainesville, Fla., where he will nd a few days on busineses.

iss Lucile Barnes, from near Camcame out last week and will atthe Bethune high school the balof the session.

ses Eula Lee Scruggs and Paul-Best, of Hartsville, spent Saturday Sunday in town with relatives. r. Dan McDonald, of Kershaw, in town Tuesday

r. Jas. A. McCaskill.

Lewis and Hobson Young, assatt, were visitors at the home Ir. S. M. Hough Saturday night. e establishment. Mr. Hyden sold Mr. Hyden left yesterday for Dowell. ew week's stay at Marion, after ch he will go to New York for the

Newman, who has been

Mr. and Mrs. Mrs. A. Hamlet. umber of her girl friends Saturday rnoon by giving them a doll party not interrupt traffic. her home. The little ladies enjoythe occasion immensely and after ving some time with the "babies" several games, light refreshments served. Those present were Florand Ellen Stone, Louise and Ce-King, Ruth and Blanche Gard-

this week with her sister, Mrs. Seegars, near Hartsville. far recovered from his recent se-

ge, Pansy and Kathleen Hyatt.

rs. J. H. West is spending a few

iss Eva West, who is attending ing reported to the registrars. er college, spent Sunday and Monat her home here.

on at the very start.

be secured at an early date. laid off streets and its citizens of all these advantages we sug-day night for Florida, where he exn early this spring and have his egard to this matter. By all means, Rev. J. M. Forbis, who was operated n your door and windows to keep

PASTORS EXCHANGE PULPITS.

Rev. Dr. Thayer Preached Here Sunday Morning and Night.

By previous arrangement Dr. Thayer pastor of the First Baptist Church of Sumter, and Dr. Jno. A. Davidson, of the Camden Baptist Church, exchanged pulpits last Sunday, Dr. Thayer preaching here and Dr. Davidson in Sumter.

At the morning service Dr. Thayer stated he had been requested by the pastor of the Camden church to preach that morning on the subject of "Tithing," and to repeat the subject at the evening service. This, however, he sald he would not do, and would preach on that subject only at the morning-service. The speaker made a strong clear and forceful exposition of this somewhat perplexing but very import mden, spent last Saturday and Sun-y with the family of Mr. J. E. Stokes Man's debt (not gift) to God was a tenth part of his gross income.

At the evening service Dr. Thayer chapter and 1st verse: "Wherefore four; par on these holes being three expecting to make a fortune at the exseeing that we also are compassed fours and one five. about with so great a cloud of witdiss Hattle Myers, from near Cam-nesses, let us lay aside every weight, and the sin which doth so easily befamily of Mr. E. M. Huckabee set us, and let us run with patience the race that is set before us." For Ir. E. N. Yarbrough has commenced more than half an hour the speaker erection of his new residence next held his audience almost spellbound. Mr. J. E. Copeland's home on the The sermon was an unusually good Lathrop Bartow one an undoubtedly did great good, mong the recent purchasers of au- and Dr. Thayer's Camden friends will

son's visit to that city:

"The Rev. John A. Davison, pastor of the First Baptist Church at Camervices were held at the Methodist den, preached two interesting and eloquent sermons at the First Baptist evening by the pastor, Rev. A. M. church of Sumter yesterday, preaching morning and evening. Mr. Davison and Mr. Thayer, the pastor of the First Baptist church, exchanged pulpits on Sunday, Mr. Thayer having been asked to deliver two of his sermons on tithes at the Camden Baptist church.

"At the morning service the audience filled the First church to capacity and Mr. Davison held his audience spellbound, while he was speaking. In fact so much was his morning sermon appreciated that at the evening service the Sunday school room of the church Shafter Dix n and Calvin had to be opened for the building to cup it must be won three consecutive town folk. askill, from near Camden, spent hold the audience, which was as pleasdays the past week at the home ed with his evening discourse as it had been with that of the morning."

Married.

Married at the residence of the ofeantile business here for the past ficiating officer, on January 30th, 1916, play. years, has soldtwo of his stares Mr. J. L. Branham and Mrs. Rachael

ther storerooms, one to Mr. W. E. Kelly, both of Camden, were married and one to Mr. Z. Brannon. Mr. on Sunday evening, January 30th, at mon will move into his new store the home of Probate Judge W. I. Mo.

River on a Rampage.

The heavy rainfall the past few resign his position about the 20th has been discontinued on account of the residence formerly occupied to the bridge on the west side. last grand jury recommended that this

Register Births and Deaths.

Mr. W. G. Wilson, the registrar of births and deaths for Camden and De-Kalb township asks us to warn the public that it is important that some Mary Louise McLaurin, Ruth Es. oue report all births and deaths within ten days after occurrence to him. . A. McCaskill is the registrar at Kershaw. Look carefully into these matters an d save punishment, the de Wm. Thompson, of route 1, has partment has been overlooking failures but will not continue to do so ilness as to be able to walk around The records have to be placed on file in the Clerk of Court's office after be

laws governing their sale and use and S. N. Newman spent last week severe penalties for the carrying of plays a good game. Williamsburg county.

The permittion of them, the permittion and unauthorrs. Lula Brown, of Camden, spent practice of irresponsible and unauthorrs. Lula Brown, of Camden, spent practice of irresponsible and unauthorrs. Lula Brown, of Camden, spent practice of irresponsible and unauthorrs. Lula Brown, of Camden, spent practice of irresponsible and unauthorrs. Lula Brown, of Camden, spent practice of irresponsible and unauthorrs. Lula Brown, of Camden, spent practice of irresponsible and unauthorrs. Lula Brown, of Camden, spent practice of irresponsible and unauthorrs. Lula Brown, of Camden, spent practice of irresponsible and unauthorrs. Lula Brown, of Camden, spent practice of irresponsible and unauthorrs. Lula Brown, of Camden, spent practice of irresponsible and unauthorrs. Lula Brown, of Camden, spent practice of irresponsible and unauthorrs. Lula Brown, of Camden, spent practice of irresponsible and unauthorrs. Lula Brown, of Camden, spent practice of irresponsible and unauthorrs. Lula Brown, of Camden, spent practice of irresponsible and unauthorrs. Lula Brown, of Camden, spent practice of irresponsible and unauthorrs. Lula Brown, of Camden, spent practice of irresponsible and unauthorrs. Lula Brown, of Camden, spent practice of irresponsible and unauthorrs. Lula Brown, of Camden, spent practice of irresponsible and unauthorrs. Lula Brown, spent practice of irr day with Mr. and Mrs. J. L. King | ized persons of toting concealed firearms seems to be increasing. It seems e understand that Bethune will to be more deep-seated among the poora strong, live baseball team this er classes of whites and colored. If Perkins played good with his back Mass, is among those stopping at the The young men composing the every ignorant and brazen negro in hitting. team are talking of having a the country were searched probably some time soon in the high-school some kind of defensive weapon—very the benefit of the club likely a cheap and dangerous pistolvery probable that an oyster would be found on his person. Our per will be held for the same pur- lawmakers ought to do something to at an early date. Baseball is very regulate and restrict the handling of plar here and it is hoped that our these dangerous things to guardians dance and at tea time tables were ness men and the young ladies in of the peace and other duly authorized will assist the young men in persons. We need more drastic laws ing the team in good financial con- in this respect and more rigid enforcement of them. The man who totes a he gentlemen who are endeavoring pistol in his pocket in broad day or ecure the establishment of an oil city streets or country roads and in here, have already secured the the peaceful pursuits of life, is a misnise of considerable stock in the erable coward at heart. He shows, rprise. As we stated last week also, that he distrusts himself and his e would be of great benefit both the pistol in his pocket. He is losing he town and surrounding country his faith in human nature; or, he has we hope that the necessary stock committed some wrong against his brothers and is uneasy; or, he lacks o one who has ever visited this some of the attributes of a man. One will deny that it is a pretty and of these is fearlessness, because it is ly located municipality, that it is groundless fear of something or some has splendid water, broad, body that he carries the pistol.—Sel.

Mr. John Lucas, youngest son of Mr clever, hospitable and liberal. In S. D. Lucas, of Tiller's Ferry, left Mon-

Mr. Lee Vaughan received a me sage ally around the stores. Waste pa- his mother, Mrs. Celie Vaughan, of Latrash, tin cans, banana peels, etc., mar, which occurred on Tuesday morn-ild be kept off of Main street and ing of this week. Mrs. Vauguan was

ws to keep on for appendicitis at the Columbia pospital recently returned to his home stringent here on Tuesday night.

POLO AND GOLF HAS BEGUN.

Tourist and Townfolk Witness Games "Buck" Thinks it Will Take Stronger Germans Spring Surprise By Putting Nearly Every Day. Man than Blease to Beat Manning. Vessel in at Hampton Roads. Nearly Every Day.

In the finals of an invitation 18 hole golf match for ladies, Mrs. John W. anything in your paper from this com-Dillenbeck, of Watertown, N. Y., and munity lately thought I would drop liner Appam, plying in the West Afri-Mrs. Samuel V. Merrick, of Philadel you a few lines to let you know that can trade, appeared like an appariphia, played an even game, even to we are still living, but not kicking tion in Hampton Roads today, flying the last hole, and when the 18th hole very high. was played the score was a tie, and | The health of this community is very the players agreed to meet again to other complaints too numerous to menplay the match over. Mrs. Merrick tion has gone to Jacksonville for a short. The farmers of this community are stay and will meet Mrs. Dillenbeck as beginning to prepare for another crop soon as possible after her return.

fessionals-Wm. C. Skelley with Dan the best thing for us to do is not to Thornton when they defeated Jimmie use a pound of fertilizer this year, for Norton and Jack Jolley by 1 up in 18 we cannot afford to pay such extortionholes. The finish was very exciting ate prices in order to raise cheap cotinasmuch as Thornton and Skelley ton As I understand it, a few big were 1 down and 4 to go, when Skelley men I mean rich men, have cornered chose for his text Hebrews 12th finished with three threes and one

> In the finals of the sweepstakes Saturday at the Sarsfield links, in which has been using guano would not use seven players competed, Mr. Lathrop a pound this year at such prices as it Bartow, of New York City, was the is now selling, and just let them keep awaiting British civilians will be put winner. The following are the players it and use it for table purposes, as ashore. with their scores:

Gross Hdk. Net John W. Bubb 104-88 Fred L. Coes 104 12 8 M. Phelps .95

and Robt. Neilson. The weekly sweepstakes and ball handicap matches are being played on

Other entrants were Jas. B. Ladd

the Sarsfield links each Saturday. The golf committee of the Camden F. E. Coursen, and T. Edmund Krumbthe Sarsfield Club, Messrs. Geo. A. the dates for the matches for the Caswell cup. The first match will be played Feb. 10th on the Country Club links, second at Sarsfield Feb. 24th, and the llinks. Col. John Caswell, of New York City, last season to be played for by the Sarsfield has one game on it times.

on the Sarsfield links Monday af- spend his sixth winter here. ternoon Messrs. Jack Jolley and Wm. . Skelley were winners over Messrs. with the finish three up and two to

Mr. Norton of the Sarsfield Club is stock of goods to Mr. J. E. Cope. Carter, of Lugoff, rfd 2. J. M. Por- busy each day instructing the begin- York City. who will conduct a general mer- ter, Notary Public, officiating.

In ers in golfing, among whom are Mrs. Mr. and Mrs. S. Richard Davige, of Beestablishment. Mr. Hyden sold Mr. John Blackwell and Miss Annie Geo. R. Cook, Trenton, N. J.; Bishop Binghamton, N. Y., are at the Kirkand Mrs. Frank Dumonlin, Toledo, O. Mr. and Mrs. Chas. H. Hartshorne Moniciair, N. J.; Mr. and Mrs. Chas. A. Freeburn, Brooklyn, N. Y.; Messrs. Henry E. and Paul D. Dailledouze, of Brooklyn, N. Y.

Polo.

nge here for several months past, on the Camden to Columbia highway polo field. The first practice game was at his home, returned this week to join by the Moewe, and there were no guns played here Wednesday. The fine his family at the Kirkwood. and will move with his family the overflow of water on the approach weather prevailing brought out a record crowd and the match proved well worth while, much interest being in Pherson, of Lawrenceville, N. J. ittle Miss Pansy Hyatt entertained road be put in condition and it is to the new mounts of Claussen, Norton be hoped that another high water will and Perkins, and they did wonders. put the ball in play, Claussen made burg, is spending some time at the the first goal. This was followed by Perkins and Wiley, each scoring twice. It was not until the last period that the Blues tallied, Little and Shaw goal-

A game of polo was played Saturday afternoon between the Blues and Whites. A fast game was played by both players and ponies. The lineup was: Blues-Ray Cassel, Earl Shaw, of Texas, and Chas R. Little, of Cam Whites-E. Y. Claussen, New York; A. P. Perkins, Cleveland, and C. P. Wiley, Bernardsville, O. The whites won by a score of 4 to 3. Wiley played a fine game, making three goals in this game, and bids fair to make a few weeks. a star. Claussen is well mounted and

Monday's polo game between the Blues and Whites resulted in a walkover for the Whites by a score of 7 to 1 1-2. The lineup was the same as Saturday. Claussen made four goals.

Afternoon Teas. The twice-a-week teas at the Kirkwood are proving popular as a meeting place on Tuesday and Thursday afternoons for dancing, music and gossip.

Many were on hand Tuesday for the arranged on the veranda, where the guests assembled and whiled away the time in social chat.

Tuesday afternoon Mrs. Krumbholz entertained at tea in honor of Mrs. John W. Corbett, Mrs. Wm. M. Shan non and Mrs. Douglas Boykin, of Cam-

Mrs. Howard Sewell Wilcox, of Chiestablishment of an oil mill in Be- fellowmen; else why should he put cago. Tuesday afternoon had as her guests at tea, Mrs. J. B. Dumont, of Plainfield, N. J., and Mrs. Geo. E Crampton, of Boston.

For Miss Thompson Thursday at "Villa Roseland," Miss Eleanor Brown entertained at uncheon in honor of Miss Charlotte M. Thompson. At the table were Miss Thompson, Miss Manly, of Baltimore; Mrs. Campbell, of New York; Miss Wallis, and Mrs. Nolan, who is with Miss Thompson at The Terraces.

Mr. Jack Jolley, of Newark, N. J. golf professional who visits Camden every season, is here for a stay, and the Court Inn. has played in several matches since his arrival last week. Mr. Jolley is Annie B. Hayes, of Dover, Del., are connected with the St. Mungo Mfg. guests at the Hobkirk Inn.
Co., manufacturers of goir balls, Mr. and Mrs. C. D. Simon
The Valentine party which is slated family of New York City,

for February 14th at the Kirkwood Kirkwood.

POLITICS AND THINGS.

Man than Blease to Beat Manning.

Editor Chronicle: As I haven't seen

it was too dark to play an extra hole, good except for bad colds and some

but there is a great deal of talk and Saturday afternoon an interesting comment as to what crops to plant to foursome was played on the Camden the best advantage, owing to the high Country Club links between four pro- price of fertilizers. In my judgment on the guano material to some extent pense of the farmer. So I wish that every man in the United States who they are so greedy for it. We can make a living without using fertilizer and stay at home and board at the same place. If we will economize along all lines this year like we did 92 last year and can make plenty of hog

Civil war. This is political year again and oh my, the candidates !- the candidates there are and will be for the different Country Club, Messrs. John R. Todd, offices. I am thinking about running for some office myself, but cannot hardholz, met with the golf committee of ly decide what office to run for unless I run for governor, as I think it will Shoemaker and B. B. Ticknor, to fix take a stronger man than Cole L. Blekse to beat Governor Manning in

and hominy at home and let guano

alone this fall will find us in better

condition than we have been since the

the next election. "Buck." Cassatt, Jan. 31, 1916.

third March 9th on the Country Club is being looked forward to with much This cup was presented by pleasure by all. There will be dancing and music, and the special dinner will be a feature. Several tables have altwo clubs each year and to hold the ready been engaged by both tourist and

> Mr. H. Stetson, of New York City, arrived this week at the Kirkwood to

Mrs. Thomas Campbell, of New York City, is spending a few weeks with Jimmie" Norton and Lathrop Bartow, her sister, Miss D. Eleanor Brown, at her home "Villa Roseland." At the Court Inn for another sea-

son is Mr. John A. Donald, of New

wood hotel. Miss Figure Cook, and Mr. and Mrs. Horace Cook, of Trenton, N. J., are visiting at the home of their father,

Mr. Geo. R. Cook on Camden heights. Mr. and Mrs. F. C. Newbourg, Jr., of Cynwyd, Pa., are at the Kirkwood. Edgar Y. Claussen made the first Mr. Walter B. Cowperthwalt, of New goal for the season on the Camden York City, after spending several days

> Among the arrivals at the Court Inn this week are Mr. and Mrs. S. J. Me-

Mr. E. B. Sterling, of Watertown, N. Y., relative of Secretary of State Lans-One minute after Referee Krumbholz ing, and at one time consul at Edir-Kirkwood.

Mr. W. B. Hutton, of Barnesville, O., is among those arriving at the Court Inn this week. Mr. John Martin Hammond, of Ger-

mantown, Pa., made a short visit to Camden in search of data for a book he is preparing for publication.

Col. and Mrs. Leroy Springs of Lanaster, were visitors at the Kirkwood unday. Miss E. S. Cousins and Miss G. F

R. Keller, of Stockbridge, Mass., are stopping at the Kirkwood Mrs. Denison Gallandet, of New London. Conn., is at the Hobkirk Inn for

Mr. B. B. Beckwell, of New York city, is spending some time at the Court Inn.

Mr. T. M. Phifer, of Columbia, S. . is registered at the Kirkwood for few days. Mr. Walter C. English, of Brookline,

Mrs. G. W. Butts, of New Haven, onn., who is a regular visitor to Camden arrived this week to spend some

ime at the Court Inn. Mr. and Mrs. James Carstairs, of Philadelphia, arrived this week pend some time at the Kirkwood. Mr. W. S. Harding, of Boston, is at

he Kirkwood this week Mrs. J. F. Bartow, of South/Orange . J., arrived this week to spend some time at the Hobkirk Im. Mr. and Mrs. E. W. Watson, of Lang-

horne, Pa., are at the Kirkwood for their third season in Camden. Mrs. I. M. Willard and Miss Rosalind huge guns. Willard, of Hampstead, L. I., are guests at the Court Inn.

Mr. J. D. Barton, of New York City, stopping at the Kirkwood. Dr. E. A. Loew, of Forest Hills, L. is in Camden for a few weeks, stopoing with Mrs. DuBose on Fair street. having come to join Mrs. Loew, who

came here early in the season. Mr. and Mrs. R. E. Danforth and Miss Danforth, of East Orange,N and Miss Cooper, of Philadelphia, form

party at the Kirkwood. Mr. and Mrs. W. A. Burnham and Miss Burnham, of Irvington-on-Hudson, N. Y., are this week registered at Mrs. John P. Sanlsbury and Miss

Mr. and Mrs. C. D. Simons, Jr., and

STEAMER APPAM CAPTURED.

Norfolk, Va., Feb. 1 .- Given up for lost days ago the British passenger liner Appam, plying in the West Afrithe German naval ensign and with her ships company under guard of a German prize crew. She brought word of a mysterious German commerce raider, the Moewe, which now roams the seas and had on board the crews of seven British merchantmen and Admiralty transports captured by the Moewe be fore she seized the Appam and started her across the Atlantic for an American port, with Lieutenant Hans Berge, of the German naval reserve, and 22 men in charge.

The Appam now lies off Old Point Comfort, under the guns of Fortress Monroe, waiting for the State Depart ment at Washington to determine her status-whether she is a man of war subject to internment or a German prize. By tomorrow the customs authorities here expect to have orders to send the ship either to Norfolk or Newport News, where the anxiously

According to the story told with great reserve by Lieutenant Berge to Collector Hamilton when he formally reported his presence in American territorial waters late today, the Moewe captured the Appam, bound from Dakara, West Africa, for Liverpool, after a brief show of resistance, on January 16, 60 miles north of the Madeira Islands. On board the Moewe then were the crews of five vessels, previously captured, all of whom were transferred to the Appam.

From all reports the raider is a converted German merchantman with a false canvas forecastle concealing a battery of guns of fairly large call ber. On January 17, she engaged in battle an armed Australian trader, the Clan Mactavish, which she sank after an exciting combat with a loss of 15 men killed on the Clan Mactavish. The Appain, which was 10 miles away at the time, in charge of the prize crew, steamed hurriedly back to the scene and rescued four members of the crew of the sinking Clan Mactavish, who were struggling in the water. Later, under orders from the com-

mander of the raider, Lieutenant ports and parted company with the Moewe. Nothing has been seen or heard of the raider since, and the Appam steamed across the ocean on an uneventful voyage, reaching the Virginia Capes at 5:45 this morning.

On board the Appam all told 452 persons-the prize crew of 23; 20 German civilians who were on their way to England for interament, 138 seamen captured with the British ship, 114 passengers on the Appam and the Appam's crew of 155.

Lieutenant Berge claims the Appam is a prize of war, but Government officials have not yet accepted this view. She had one mounted rifle aboard when captured, bu small arms carried by the prize crew.

Story of the Capture.

Old Point Comfort, Va., Feb. 1 .- The Moewe was disguised as a tramp steamer and carried a battery of heavy guns concealed behind a false forecas tle head when she captured the Ap pam, according to a story Carroll B. Foster, pilot, said tonight that Captain Harrison, the Appam commander, told him. Foster brought the Appam into Hampton Roads today after she had reported as the German steam-

with Captain Harrison. The story told by Foster is the only detailed account of the capture that the best equipped and most centrally has come from the Appam. Lieutenant located office building in the city. Berge, the German naval officer in charge of the crew which captured the vessel, refuses positively to permit any one except United States officers to board or leave the ship. An armed guard on the deck warns all sorts of vessels to steer wide of the Appam.

"It is best not to go near her," the lieutenant warned newspaper men tonight, "my men might shoot.

This is Captain Harrison's story of the Appam's capture as Foster told it tonight:

at a fair rate of speed when suddenly in the distance I saw what appeared to be an ordinary tramp steamer. Gradually she came closer. We did not fear her and continued ahead with no attempt to escape, nor without making preparations to combat her, as we certainly expected no attack. "Suddenly the tramp fired a shot

from a small gun across our bow. I immediately hove to. As I did so the false forecastle head, made apparently of cavas or some other filmsy material. fell away and revealed a battery of

"It immediately was apparent that resistance was useless, so we surrendered without offering resistance." The next chapter of Foster's ver

sion of Harrison's narrative as to how the small crew of Germans piloted the Appam successfully across the width of the Atlantic and kept the Appam crew and passengers in subjection was graphic and romantic.

"Once aboard the Appam," Foster quoted Harrison as continuing "the who steered far out of reach of them. ferman prize crew under the protec tion of the battery of guns of the raider, immediately disarmed the Appam crew and locked them in various cabins. A similar precaution was taken with the passengers.

"In the course of this work the 20 German captives who were being taken to England were discovered. They were York City, are at the liberated that they might assist the crew in taking charge of the liner.

FARMERS IN BETTER SHAPE.

According to Statement Made by President Harrison of Southern Ry.

Washington; D. C., Jan. 27 .- "Farm ers in the Southern states traversed by Southern Railway Company's lines are better off by at least \$200,000,000 said President Harrison of Southern Railway Company, commenting on the United States Agricultural Department figures of crop and live stock values.

"The Department figures of the values of the crops of cotton, including seed, grains, hay, tobacco, Irish pota toes, sweet potatoes, and apples show a total for those states of \$1,188,630, 000, as compared with \$1,020,179,000 last year, an increase of \$168,451,000 The value of live stock on farms in those states is reported by the Department as \$10,228,000 greater than last year, bringing the total up to \$178,679,-000, and if we add to this the increased value of various vegetables and fruit crops for which figures are not yet available the total will easily reach \$200,000,000.

Although, on account of the large reduction in cotton acreage, the yield of cotton was substantially less than last year, the farm value of the cotton was \$46,872,000 greater, and of the seed \$40,952,000 greater, making the total value of the erop \$87,824,000 greater than last year. The result of the more general diversification of crops which is the outstanding feature of present-day farming in the South is seen in an increase of \$64,082,000 in the value of grains, an increase of \$18,846,000 in the value of hay, an increase of \$12,512,000 in the value of Irish potatoes and sweet potatoes, and an increase of more than \$10,000,000 in the value of live stock on farms. On account of the generally lower prices of farm animals throughout the United States, the increase in the value of live stock does not fully measure the progress of the South in the past year toward a realization of its great advantages for the production of meat and dairy products. The Department figures show increases of 83,000 heads of milch cows, 200,000 head ofother cattle and 984,000 head of swine.

"Taking into consideration the increased extent to which Southern farmers have produced supplies used on the farm as well as the large increase in the value of their marketable products, I think it may fairly be said the average condition of the farmers Berge headed his prize for American of the South was never better than it is today."

Popular Salesman Here.

Geo. N. Wilson, salesman for the B. W. Wilson Paper Co., of Richmond, spent Wednesday in Camden. George is a favorite among the print shops throughout South Carolina and the press gang is glad to see him "on his reet again" after a long illness in a Richmond hospital.

To Move Into New Building.

The Clyburn Drug Company leased the north store room in the Savage and Crocker building now being erected on corner of Broad and DeKalb streets. The origin called for two stores north of the corner store, but this would not allow room enough for a drug store, so the plans were changed to give them a floor space of 21 1-2 by 64 feet. The company expects to have a neatly appointed drug store with a new soda fount and tiled floors. They expect to be in the new building by April.

The Loan and Savings Bank will oc cupy the corner building. None of the other store buildings have been rented yet, but several have spoken for office rooms on the second floor.

Under the supervision of Mr. Padgett the work is being pushed rapidly. The er "Buffalo." on the way in he talked new building will contain all modern conveniences, such as electric lights, sewerage and steam heat and will be

Her Brother Shot.

David A. Langford, proprietor of the Coca-Cola bottling company at Newberry, and a brother of Miss Mary Etta Langforfd, one of the teachers of the Cleveland school in this county, was shot and seriously wounded by Ira O. Burton, also of Newberry, Saturday afternoon last. The affair happened on a crowded street in Newberry and was witnessed by numbers of people. Mr. Langford was rushed "It was a bright clear day when we to a Columbia hospital where an opwere captured. We were moving along eration was performed and it was found that the bullet entered his abdomen. Last accounts from the hospital stated that the wounded man was doing as well as could be expected under the circumstances.

Bazaar at Westville.

You are cordially invited to attend bazaar, at Westville School House on Friday, Feb. 4th, from 4:30 to 11:30 p. m. To be given for the benefit of the school. Hope to have you with us. Westville School.

"A large number of prisoners captured from various vessels sunk by the Germans were placed aboard the

Appam. When the race for Hampton Ronds started a member of the prize crew was stationed at the wireless for the purpose of receiving all messages but to send none. By this method the whereabouts of the British cruisers patrolling the regular ocean lanes were always known to Lieutenant Berge,

"The crew and passengers of the captured vessel were given daily exercise, but only in small numbers at a time. Thus it was very easy for the

few Germans to control several hundred captives. The crew and passengers, according to Foster, had no complaint to make

over their treatment. There is a short age of food and water on the Appane however, Foster declared.