

The bifocal lenses for spectacles were invented by Benjamin Franklin in 1784.

Six hundred patents for new devices to curl hair have been issued by the Patent Office in Washington.

Motor Vehicles Show Increase

Judging by the report of registrations for the first six months in the year given out Saturday at the highway department in Columbia. Automobile registrations for the six months period totalled 129,790, as compared with 125,963 for the six months period ending June 30, 1924, while truck registrations amounted to 13,289 for the first six months of this year as compared with 13,281 for a similar period a year ago. Total receipts from all registrations were \$1,621,198.25. Automobiles and trucks are on the increase in South Carolina. Registrations of trailers, motorcycles and dealers are, however, lagging behind the 1924 sales figures for the two six months period being: trailers, 564 in 1925 and 380 in 1924; motorcycles, 153 in 1925 and 380 in 1924, and dealers, 476 in 1925 and 563 in 1924. Transfers during the period were 2,808, as compared with 2,800 for the same period last year. Registrations have been running for a good part of the year on a par with last years figures, but with the completion of June figures an increase is finally indicated. All receipts from license collections totalled \$1,995,337.75, there being a refund of \$374,139.50, leaving a balance of \$1,621,198.25. In the receipts by counties in the past six months Lancaster county has paid in to the highway department \$20,349.75, Kershaw county, \$24,682.25; Chesterfield county, \$30,831.15; Chester county, \$30,867; Fairfield county, \$15,907.25; York county, \$55,728.25; out of state, \$7,971.

TOLL OF THE ROAD

Nine Killed and Ninety-Three Injured in Month of June

Columbia, July 6.—Nine persons were killed and ninety-three injured in automobile accidents on South Carolina highways during the month of June. The monthly accident report, issued today by the State Highway Department, shows that of the nine killed two met death when machines collided, one by collision with parked car, four were killed when cars overturned, one by collision of car with guard rail and one a motorcycle rider struck by moving automobile. Of the ninety-three injured thirty-five were seriously hurt and fifty-eight received minor injuries, the report says. Thirty-three of the eighty-seven accidents reported were caused by careless driving, twenty-eight by speeding, eleven by recklessness due to liquor, two by skidding and nine by defects of the car, it was shown. Of the automobiles involved in the reported accidents, twenty-four were overturned, twenty-four were driven off the road, seventy-one were seriously damaged and thirty-five slightly damaged. Fifty of the accidents occurred in the daytime and thirty-seven after dark. There were two accidents at railway grade crossings, eight at public road crossings and seven on or at bridges. Public libraries once arranged their books according to size, instead of according to subjects or authors. The guard at the Washington Monument climbs to the top of the structure, 555 feet, every day on a trip of inspection. West Virginians propose to call their state Kanawha, the original designation of the state, as the people are tired of being taken in the North for Virginians. A Chinese who has not paid his debt on New Year's day must go about all day with a lighted lantern until he has done so. For him the new year has not dawned—it is still midnight of the old year.

A man-and-bull team hitched to a two-wheeled vehicle, pulling a load of wood, coal, or other material, is a common sight in Japan.

Madame Tussaud's Waxworks, London, of great fame and antiquity was destroyed by fire with a total loss of priceless relics.

Bank No. 67289.
STATEMENT OF THE CONDITION OF THE BANK OF BETHUNE

LOCATED AT BETHUNE, S. C., AT THE CLOSE OF BUSINESS ON JUNE 30TH, 1925

Resources	
Loans and Discounts	\$122,107.46
Overdrafts	3,476.88
Bonds and Stocks Owned	12,360.00
Furniture and Fixtures	2,395.45
Banking House	1,482.00
Other Real Estate Owned	16,523.68
Due from Banks and Bankers	8,466.23
Currency	2,253.00
Gold	276.00
Silver and other minor coin	701.73
Checks and Cash Items	936.53
Other Resources	290.00
Total	\$171,268.99

Liabilities	
Capital Stock Paid in	\$ 15,000.00
Surplus Fund	10,000.00
Undivided Profits, less Current Expenses and Taxes Paid	2,133.50
Individual Deposits subject to check	52,346.48
Savings Deposits	6,332.75
Time Certificates of Deposit	45,340.30
Cashier's Checks	115.96
Bills Payable, including Certificates for Money Borrowed	104,135.49
	40,000.00
Total	\$171,268.99

STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA, County of Kershaw
Before me came G. E. Parrott, Cashier of the above named bank, who being duly sworn, says that the above and foregoing statement is a true condition of said bank, as shown by the books of said bank.
G. E. Parrott, Cashier.
Sworn to and subscribed before me this 6th day of July, 1925.
Correct Attest: H. F. LEE, Notary Public for S. C.
A. B. McLaure, N. A. Bethune, G. B. King, Directors.

STATEMENT OF THE CONDITION OF THE MERCHANTS AND FARMERS BANK

LOCATED AT BETHUNE, S. C., AT THE CLOSE OF BUSINESS JUNE 30TH, 1925

Resources	
Loans and Discounts	\$89,252.40
Bonds and Stocks owned by the Bank	6,100.00
Furniture and Fixtures	2,347.75
Banking House	1,125.00
Due from Banks and Bankers	15,782.47
Currency	899.00
Gold	457.50
Silver and Other Minor Coin	128.92
Exchanges for the Clearing House	14.28
Total	\$116,107.32

Liabilities	
Capital Stock Paid In	\$ 20,000.00
Surplus Fund	4,500.00
Undivided Profits less Current Expenses and Taxes Paid	6,039.86
Individual Deposits Subject to Check	26,757.79
Savings Deposits	9,780.07
Time Certificates of Deposit	48,495.63
Cashier's Checks	533.97
Total	\$116,107.32

State of South Carolina, County of Kershaw.
Before me came J. D. Lafitte, Cashier of the above named bank, who being duly sworn, says that the above and foregoing statement is a true condition of said bank, as shown by the books of said bank.
J. D. Lafitte, Cashier.
Sworn to and subscribed before me this 7th day of July, 1925.
Correct Attest: J. M. Clyburn, E. B. King, W. E. Davis, Directors.
H. E. HYATT, Notary Public, For South Carolina.

BEARING SERVICE
Timken Roller Bearings, Annular Ball Bearings, and Connecting Rod Bearings to fit all popular makes of cars.

BRAKE SERVICE
We have a big Lewis Electrical Machine that puts them on quick and countersinks the rivets.

GET A BETTER JOB AT LESS COST

W. O. HAY'S GARAGE
South Broad Street Camden, S. C.

"Offended Hand" Cut Off
Pulaski, Va., July 6.—D. M. Nickels, minister and farmer of Scott county, a strict conformist and devout reader of his Bible, all the tenets of which he believes in literally, including "if thy hand offend thee cut it off," Saturday severed that member from his right arm because of some offense it had committed. A doctor was called to dress an ugly wound caused by the axe in the amputation.

Chello berries and living pigs are still offered by natives of Hawaii as a sacrifice to appease the wrath of Madame Pele, the goddess of the volcano.

JULY IS THE TIME TO PLANT RUTA BAGAS
and
EARLY TURNIPS AND SALAD TURNIPS
Fresh Seeds just arrived—full assortment

W. Robin Zemp's Drug Store
Phone 30 Delivery

JULY CLEARANCE SALE NOW PROGRESSING

Ladies' Oxfords



Ladies' Patent and tan combination strap and cut out sides oxfords, low rubber heels. Regular \$5.00 values
Special \$3.98

One table children's scout shoes, low rubber heels, regular \$3.25.
Special \$1.85 pair

One table ladies oxfords and one strap slippers, Cuban and Military, rubber heels. Regular \$3.00 pair
Special \$2.25

Ladies white canvas slippers, cut out and fancy kid trimmed, low rubber heels. Regular price \$2.75
Special \$2.25

Mens dress swelt oxfords in tan and black. Rubber heels.
Special \$4.49 pair

Mens work shoes, Scout styles, Krome soles, regular \$2.50
Special \$1.95

36 inch imported English Broadcloth in the new Roman stripes.
July Clearance 49c yd.

Homaid Ice Cream Freezers, 2 quart size
Special \$1.00

Never before have we offered such prices in Camden. Every item reduced in this sale is genuine and warrants your fullest confidence. We must make room for our fall goods coming in.

36 inch Radium Silk, extra good quality in solid colors.
July Clearance \$1. yd.

Ladies Rayon silk hose in new colors and white.
Special 47c pair

House dresses of percale and linen. New styles and colors.
Special 93c

One lot silk dresses on main floor racks, regular price \$10.75.
Your choice \$7.95

52 inch tissue gingham in checks and plaids. Assorted colors.
Special 49c yd.

36 inch dress percales of the better quality. All fast colors.
Special 19c yd.

Large size Turkish Bath Towels, Heavy weight, hemmed ends
Special 19c each

40 inch dress voiles in the large floral patterns, all the latest shades
Special 45c yd.

32 inch dress gingham in small and medium checks
Clearance 15c

MEN'S DRESS SHIRTS
MEN'S DRESS SHIRTS IN NECK BAND STYLE AND SOME WITH COLLAR ATTACHED. REGULAR \$2.25 VALUES. SLIGHTLY SOILED BUT A GREAT VALUE:
Special 95c Each

27 inch apron gingham in small and medium. Fast colors
Special 8c yd.

36 inch unbleached muslin in a heavy weight
Special 12½c yd.

One rack on main floor ladies striped and solid color dresses Values to \$6.95
Choice \$4.95

36 inch Crepe de Chine. Splendid wearing quality. All colors.
July Clearance 97c yd.

36 inch English printed sateen, stripes and checks, assorted colors.
Special 48c

Ladies all silk hose, lisle top, heel and toe, assorted colors and white.
Special 98c

Gloria Swanson hats, white and colors
Special \$1.45

Boys' Wash Suits



Boy's wash suits; sizes from 3 to 7. Colors, Navy, Tan, Grey and Light Blue. Regular \$1.25 values
Special 98c

36 inch new summer cretonnes in a new assortment of patterns and colors.
Special 29c yd.

36 inch linene suiting guaranteed fast colors.
Special 19c yd.

36 inch "Everfast" and Shantung suiting in all the newest shades.
July Clearance 39c yd.

40 inch plain and dotted dress voiles assorted colors.
Special 29c yd.

36 inch Serpentine crepe for kimono's assorted colors and patterns.
Special 29c yd.

36 inch bleached muslin in a good wearing quality.
Special 12½c yd.

81x90 full bleached seamless sheets, heavy weight. Free from dressing. Hemmed.
Special \$1.25 each

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