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The First National Bank of Batesburg will buy school and county claims and railway receipts for crossties and lumber.

W. W. Watson Cashier.

Save Your Money

and keep it in the Savings Department of the First National Bank of Batesburg—four per cent. per annum. Dividends semi-annually.

LOCALS.

See New York Racket Store change of ad.

Mayor Jones went over to Columbia Monday.

Miss Pelle Jones, of Wards, was in town Tuesday.

Mr. and Mrs. J. Ollie LaGrove were in town Tuesday.

Mr. Leslie Kernughan, of Columbia, is visiting in town.

Mr. and Mrs. N. P. Jones, were down from Wards Tuesday.

Where is that mortal who thinks we have not had enough rain?

J. J. Rawl & Son desire the attention of the ladies. See their ad.

Mr. Elbert Timmerman, of Aiken, county is visiting his father.

Misses Able ond Crouch, of Leesville were here shopping Monday.

The followers of Sir Isaac Walton will soon be in their element.

Chief Salter and the "cinder wagon" are doing good work these days.

Mr. Henry E. Eargle, of Delmar, was in town Tuesday on business.

Mr. and Mrs. J. O. Jones, of Wards, were shopping in town Tuesday.

"A stitch in time saves nine," An ad. in time will save your business.

Little Cuthbert Shealy is able to be out again after a severe spell of sickness.

Mr. Charles Quattlebaum, of Ridge Spring, was in town Tuesday on business.

Mr. Wm. Westmoreland, of Samaria, was in town Sunday en route for Augusta.

The first straw hat of the season was out yesterday. It was a whopper, too,

Business has never been so good in the history of our town. This means a great deal.

Col. A. Kline, a prominent citizen of the Seivern section, was in our town Sunday.

Mr. J. I. Satcher a well known traveling man from Augusta was in our town yesterday.

Mr. W. S. Wightman, a well known citizen of Saluda county, was in our city Tuesday.

Prof. L. B. Haynes and Rev. W. B. Justus of Leesville were in town Tuesday on business.

Mrs. Samuel Dibble, of Orangeburg, visited her daughter, Mrs. W. W. Watson this week.

Mrs Paul P. Hutto and daughter from near Leesville were in our town Tuesday shopping.

Our correspondents are not all drowned, but there are a great many on the missing list.

Miss Gunter, of Leesville, with her sister, Miss Effie, were in town shopping one day this week.

Guano is on the move these days—but the scent around the guano shacks remains stationery.

The Middleburg Mill Band is practicing right along, and we may look for some good music ere long.

Mrs. James Boatwright and her handsome daughter, Miss Reta, of Ridge Spring, were in town Tuesday.

Mr. and Mrs. D. W. Miller went to Steedman Tuesday to be at the bedside of the former's mother, who is critically ill.

Our old friend, Mr. W. J. Hall and son, of Lewiedale, were here on business Monday. We were glad to see them.

Mr. W. W. Watson was called to St. Matthews Sunday, on account of the death of his grandmother, Mrs. Wannamaker.

Let someone call a meeting of the young men of our town and vicinity and form that much talked of military company.

The school near Mr. P. H. Crap's, which has been conducted by Mr. Cyrus W. Shealy, closed last week after a succesful session.

Mr Elijah Hall, of Samaria, was here on business one day last week. Mr. Hall is one of the best business men in the county.

Miss Lizzie D. Gunter, of Seivern, passed through our town Thursday on her return home from Leesville, where she had been visiting friends and relatives.

Miss Bessie Durst, age 17, died at the home of her mother at this place Friday after an illness of only a week. The remains were taken to near Monetta for burial Saturday evening.

Miss Annie Lou Dunbar, of Allendale, left for her home Tuesday morning, after a pleatant visit to Mrs. Queenie Riley. We will be delighted to have this fair visitor with us again.

Mr. O. C Holly, of Dupler, who has been attending the medical college at Augusta, Ga., passed through on his way home Thursday. Mr. Holly is an apt student and the Advocate predicts for him success.

Miss Annie Shuler, of Marshalville, Ga., after spending several days with her sister-in-law, Mrs. Sarah Shuler, left us Monday for Lexington, where she expects to spend a few weeks visiting friends and relatives.

The alleged safe crackers under arrest in Richland jail charged with having robbed the Batesburg Post office last December, will be tried in the United State court which convenes at Charleston the first week in April. Postoffice inspectors Gregory and Pulsipher were here Monday in the interest of the case. Several citizens will likely be summoned from this town as witnesses.

With Easter so near at hand every Feminine mind is instinctively turned to new Spring attire. We have never in the History of our store shown such

An Array of New and Varied Materials

Excessively Dainty and infinitely more becoming than the showing of any preceding season. Our Black Dress Goods Section is represented by - - -

Nearly Every New Material Known to the Weavers Art.

Our Qualities are the Highest and Our Prices the Lowest. We have planned a series of pleasant surprises for our patrons for the coming season, each of which will be announced in due time We do approve of sensational storekeeping, nor will our nature tolerate stagnation in business. Our New York Headquarters are rushing unheard of values to us every day. : : : : : :

OPENING THIS WEEK —— Mennen's Talcum Powders, 15c. —— 20 doz. Challenge Brand Shirts, 75c Regular Price $1,00 to $1.25 —— 10 Pc. No Name Bleaching, free from starch, 6½c. —— 2,000 yds. Fine Sea Island Cotton, 5c. —— 10 Pc. Fine Lonsdale Cambric, 12½c. kind, 10c. —— 36 inch English Long Cloth, 12½c. —— Remnants of Fine Lawns, 10, 12½ and 15c., worth 12½, 15 and 20c. —— 40 inch Printed Dimity, special value at 10c. — 45 Pc Printed Batiste, 15 c. kind, 10c. Just closed a job of 10 doz, new 3 in 1 Hats. Our price, $1.35 Some ask $2.50.

NEW YORK RACKET STORE.

Underground Railroad.

Editor Advocate:

In the days of slavery there existed what was known as the underground railroad. It was supposed to be a subterranean passage from the South to the North and its peculiarity was that travel upon it was only in one direction. People came from the South to the North by this route, but nobody was ever known to travel in the contrary direction and the people, especially on the other side of the Atlantic, seriously believed there was an underground railway line from the Southern States to the Canadian frontier. It was often asked about its mode of operation The underground railway was nothing more than an organized plan for assisting runaway slaves in obtaining their freedom. Thousands of men, women and children escaped from bondage through its aid. The anti slavery society in the Northern cities had a great deal to do with this work. Sometimes a man would be boxed up and shipped as a package of freight or conceal himself in a north bound ship or steamer. Sometimes he would disguise himself in woman's dress and sometimes women were disguised as men. Passes were obtained through friends, some genuine, some fictitious and some forged. Men and women traveled thousands of miles on foot at night, concealing themselves by day. Many were the sufferings they underwent and danger also to those aiding them to escape. Some men spent many years in prison for aiding runaway slaves. In 1859 a merchant of Richmond would sell off his slaves when short of money, and one of them fearing the auction block induced a friend to box him up and send him North. He was shipped by steamer to Philadelphia to a party who knew he was coming. The box was not large enough for him to stretch his limbs in and he suffered great. His friends were on the dock with a carriage and bill of lading to secure the property. The man was found packed in straw. He was shut up 17 hours and said the hours seemed days. Another of these travelers was sent by rail and his parcel was marked, "this side up with care." The mark was little heeded. On one occasion he was left standing on his head an hour or more and when the box was put in its proper position he was almost dead from a rush of blood to the brain. The box was three feet long, two feet wide and two feet eight inches in depth. He was 14 hours in transit and said he was never handled so roughly in his life. The party to whom he was consigned had trouble getting the box from the agent. The man who boxed him in Richmond was arrested and convicted of boxing up two other slaves and served eight years in the Virginia penitentiary. He was refused witnesses at his trial and kept five months heavily chained in a small cell. On one occasion a man and his wife ran away. Their names were William and Ellen Croft. The woman could easily pass for white. They were slaves in Georgia. They laid their own plans and one acted as servant for the other Ellen was transformed to a young planter. Her eyes were covered with green spectacles and walked a little lame so as to carry a cane. She was to be hard of hearing and have everything attended to by the servant. One troublesome was she could not write so as to register at the hotels, so they tied up her right arm as if it were lame. When any one spoke to the planter he was to pay no attention to them, while William was to explain that his master was hard of hearing. Of course this would relieve Ellen from the attention she was desirous of avoiding. They stopped one night at Charleston at a first-class hotel and were treated with the respect due to their supposed position. The same was the case at Baltimore. They had some trouble in obtaining tickets to go North. The ticket agent told the negro his master could have a ticket but the negro must give bond before he could get one, a thing that was the rule. The servant said he knew nothing about that and he was only traveling with his master, who was in bad health and who was going North to get medical aid and wanted to reach Philadelphia as soon as possible and his master must not be detained. The agent was convinced that all was right, waived the rule and sold the tickets. In a few hours they were in Philadelphia and the rheumatism and deafness all departed. The young planter was transformed into a woman and assumed the proper dress. From Philadelphia they went to Boston. In October, 1859, warrants were issued for their arrest. But at first nobody could be found to serve them. The man who came in pursuit of them was arrested on a charge of conspiracy and was immediately bailed. He was rearrested on a charge of conspiracy to kidnap William Croft, a citizen of Massachusetts. Meetings of the colored people were called. Every effort was made to resist their return to slavery and so much excitement was created that the slave hunters ran away from Boston. It was not very safe for William and Ellen to remain in Boston after that, so they went to England. They remained in England until after the passage and ratification of the fifteenth amendment. Then they returned to the United States Williams longed to visit Georgia and buy a plantation near the home of his youth. So he bought a place near Savannah and at last reports was living there with his family.

Many stories might be told about the Underground Railway, as this is only a little sketch, or outline. How many thousand negroes escaped from slavery and found homes in the North is not known as it was not advisable during the time the railroad was in operation to keep any statistics. Many of the fugitives settled in Northern States and others went to Canada. Some of those who went North have come South again to engage in business. I am told that fifty or more plantations in Alabama have been purchased by men who were originally runaway slaves and have now returned to the land of their birth.

B. L. K.

Samaria, S. C., March 16th, '03.

[To be Continued.]

To The Lexington Dispatch.

Spasm No. 1.

We don't want an electric railway, (?)
One shan't pass through our town,
And if the people try to get one to,
We will straightway vote it down. (?)

Spasm No. 2.—Later.

We are going to have a hotel—we are!
A great big fine one, too—
You ain't so many more, Lexington,
Now what are you going to do.
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By the "Unclaimed Poet."

Attention

A LESSON

Is sometimes learnt at great expense to the pupil. This holds good with all ages and conditions of people. The lesson of purchasing is perhaps the most difficult to learn—that is, if you are striving to get your money's worth. For ages one man has struggled to get money, while another has spent sleepless nights conniving a scheme to get it from him. This has never been our plan. To build and maintain a legitimate business, founded on good quality at a fair price, has been our aim. To an extent we have succeeded, but a desire on our part to do a larger business is a legitimate ambition. We have in every nook and corner of our store goods of Quality and at a price in keeping with the times. Our Groceries are always fresh, for they, like the other goods in our establishment, move quickly. Shoes, Hats, Clothing and Dry Goods to suit everyone. If it is a buggy, a wagon or a cart, the kind that bears a reputation, that you are looking for, come to us. Our store is should be your trading place.

L. D. CULLUM & CO.

N. U. GUNTER'S

Mrs. N. U Gunter has just returned from the Northern Markets with the largest and most complete line of Millinery and Millinery Novelties that has ever been brought to Batesburg. Our line of "Ready-to Wear" Hats are simply beautiful. Our stock of - -

Dry Goods

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J. W. POND.

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Fresh Bread and Rolls always on hand. - -

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Fancy Cakes, Crackers and Candies. - -

Coupons given with every purchase. - -

J. W. POND'S.

Opposite Depot.

CORRESPONDENCE

BILLY FELIX'S LETTER.

We are having warm weather and an abundance of rain.

Our farmers are very busy preparing their lands for the seed. Some have already planted corn.

Mr. D H. Croft will plant a small acreage in tobacco instead of cotton.

Hon. W. H. Sharpe worshipped with the congregation at Harmony Sunday, W. B. Fallaw, pastor. The Senator looks as though "hard times" do not linger near him.

The wheat crop looks fine and promising, but we hear some complaint that the pestiferous hessian fly has made its appearance and already the wheat shows signs of decay.

Fall oats as well as spring oats are looking well.

Thus far spring is quite early, but Billy predicts frost in April, still he would rejoice to know that his prediction should fail.

Dr Rufus Kneece's buggy horse took fright with the Doctor while in Gaston one day last week. It smashed one of the front wheels, threw the Doctor out and got away. Fortunately the Dr. escaped unhurt.

Mrs. Ellen Lorenz is still suffering from chronic rheumatism. Under the skillful treatment of Dr. Kneece we hope to see her out again.

Teddy still insists on giving Charleston a "Crum." Pity the President didn't have to try the experience of digesting some of that black, tough Crum himself.

Gaston will soon experience a Rural Free Delivery Route, which will go into operation the first of April, with Mr. B. E. Croft as carrier.

Billy Felix

Gaston, S. C. March 23d.

CHIPS

We were delighted to have the pleasure of attending the closing exercises of Miss Eva Padgett's school at Sardis on last Friday night.

The selections unquestionably were of a high character. The recitals showed to the attentive audience that great care, patience and skill had been used. Our country is not devoid of intellect, the brains are there. The development in some places lking, but just give us a chance and what the Piney Woods can't produce under the discipline of such a teacher will open the eyes of places that have had far better advantages.

Tobacco crop is being very much injured by the insects.

No progress is being made in farming on account of rain. Some of our farmers have been ploughing.

Misses Ethel and Nellie Caugnman, of Columbia, have been visiting the family of Dr. Bates, also since the close of her school, Miss Lou M. Aycock.

Mr. W. H. White is doing a nice business at Mt. Willing.

SUMMIT ITEMS.

The weather continues unsettled—rainy most of the time. The heaviest rain of the season fell here Sunday evening. The ground is so wet now that farmers will be delayed.

The Centerville School near here, with Mr. R. E. Shealy as teacher closed March 17th with quite an interesting program.

Mr. M. C. Hallman, of Fredonia, S. C., one of our leading musical instructors, was in town last Friday.

Mr. J. M. Bouknight, of the Pond Branch section, was on our streets last Saturday.

Mr. F. Hamp Hendrix, of Leesville, was in town last week, delivering more guano. He informs us that he has sold more this season than ever before and with much less solicitation.

Messrs. J. A. Sligh and Jno. M. Shealy, of near here, were in town a short while Saturday evening.

Mr. Henry E. Drafts, a prominent citizen of the Lorena section informs the writer that one of his best hogs was killed Saturday night by lightning. The electrical disturbance was very keen and heavy in this section, but we have heard of no damage being done

Messrs. D. T. Hare and J. S. Shealy, two of our go-ahead farmers, will experiment with tobacco this year.

Mr. Henry Monts, our champion well digger, was with us a short while Monday morning while here to get some fertilizers.

Mr. J. Albert Keisler, of near Shiloh, was in town Monday.

Say, Mr. Editor, how is the Batesburg Military company progressing.

Uncle Joe.

DUPONT.

We think the greatest amount of rain fell here Saturday night and Sunday that ever fell during the same lengthth of time.

There was no preaching at Nazareth Sunday, as Brother Justus, the pastor, was sick.

A great many of our young men did not get to see their best girls Sunday on account of the high water.

Mr. Fred Goff, a prominent young man of Havirdsville, spent Sunday night with his cousin, Noah Goff, of this place.

Married at the home of the bride's father, Mr. T. F. Etheredge, on Saturday evening at 7 o'clock, Miss Rosa Lenta Etheredge to Evangelist W. P. Yarborough, both of Saluda county. Rev. W. B. Justus performed the ceremony. The writer wishes the young couple a long, happy and useful life together [The best wishes of the Advocate follow this young couple.—Ed.]

The young people will meet at Mrs. Bessie Bowers Sunday evening, March 29th, and spend the evening in singing. All of the young people are invited to come and bring their song books with them

Miss Beatrix Holston, of Monetta, is visiting her kinfolks in this community at present.

Saturday night lightning struck Mr. S W. Bedenbaugh's barn and set it on fire. Rain was coming down in such torrents that it was soon extinguished.

Mr. G. R. Taylor had a house covering Monday.

Miss Carrie Bedenbaugh, of the Etheredge community, spent Saturday night with Miss Lucy Bedenbaugh, of this place.

We hear a great deal of talk about the superintendent of education and the trustees having Saluda county cut up in school districts. We think the plan a good one, provided they have them cut up in small districts and then have a good school house put in the centre of every district.

Red Bird.

L. T. PERRY. S. F. PERRY.

PERRY BROS.

General Merchandise.

AGENTS FOR THE NEW HOME SEWING MACHINE. THE BEST ON THE MARKET.

WE CARRY A FULL LINE OF COFFINS AND CASKETS.

WE ARE IN THE MARKET TO SELL. OUR PRICES AND TERMS SUIT THE PEOPLE AND TIMES.

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Batesburg, S. C.

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TO THE LADIES

We thank our many customers for their liberal patronage during the past week. We are doing the Millinery business of the town If you have not visited our store please call before buying.

We have the best line of Millinery Goods ever brought to Batesburg We are going to sell these to somebody. Why not you?

We also have a nice line of

Wash Goods, Dress Goods and Silks.

These are the best goods we have ever bought, and we bought them cheaper than we ever bought goods before. We are going to give you the benefit of our trip to New York and Baltimore. - - - -

WE ARE HERE FOR BUSINESS.

And the more goods we sell the cheaper we can sell them to our customers. Miss Jennie C. Thomas, of Baltimore, who was with us last season is with us again. She will be delighted to meet her many friends and serve them again this season. - - - - - - - - -

A Full Line of Groceries.

One car load of corn going at 72c. per bushel

Other things in proportion. Why not get in the push? - -

J. J. RAWL & SON

THE NEW HOTEL.

While the Advocate has for some time been familiar with the inside workings of a plan to give Batesburg one of the finest resort hotels in the South we have said nothing, being fully aware of the fact that it is not well to count chickens before the hatching. With this issue it is with pride that we announce that it is not chimerical, but an assured fact that we are to have a hostelry with but few equals in the South.

On Monday evening a large and representative meeting of our citizens was held in Kaminer Hall to meet a number of Northern capitalists, bidding them welcome to our midst and to arrange the minor details in connection with the construction of said hotel. The meeting was one that it did us good to attend, for it went to show that our citizens are of the public spirited kind and are always ready to welcome legitimate capital to our midst. Talks were made by our leading business men, and Mr. Daniel Kratzer, our old friend from the North who winters here, was present to lend a helping hand in the consumation of the deal. Mr. Will Mitchell presided over the meeting and Mr. N. U. Gunter, acted as secretary. The hotel will be erected on a beautiful piece of ground about 325 acres, between Batesburg and Leesville. There will be no delay in construction, as it will commence at once. Let the work go merrily on. This should be an incentive to our citizens to lend a helping hand towards other and greater things for the upbuilding of our community.

The citizens of Leesville met the Northern gentleman Monday morning and discussed the hotel project. The meeting was an enthusiastic one, all present agreeing that the hotel must be built. The project is one in which Batesburg and Leesville share equally.

Timmons' Pharmacy

Is the place to go for Pure Drugs, toilet articles and all sundries kept in first class drug stores. We give courteous - treatment to all. We are here to do business and thank the people for their liberal patronage and solicits their trade. - It is our constant aim and desire to please the public. See if we can't please you.

J. D. TIMMONS.

FOR SALE.

Pure Vineless Sweet Potatoes—Seed at 20 Cents Per Peck.

Wilborn's Conscience Seed Corn at 50 Cents Per Peck.

Peterkins Improved Cotton Seed at 50 Cents Per Bushel.

Bermuda Grass Roots to give away to all—without money or price, to all who will come and dig for themselves.

Y. M. NORRIS,

March 13.

CHEAP RATES. VIA. SOUTHERN RAILWAY.

On the dates named below the Southern Railway will sell special round-trip tickets as follows.

To Nashville, Tenn., account of General Assembly, Cumberland Presbyteran Church. Rate of one fare plus twenty five cents for the round trip. Tickets on sale May 19th, 20th and 21st, with final limit June last 1003.

To St Louis, Mo., account of dedication ceremonies, Louisiana purchase expositions. Rate of one first class fare for the round trip. Tickets on sale April 29th, 30th and May 1st good to leave St. Louis not later than May 4th, 1903 returning.

To Atlanta, Ga., account National Convention, B. Y. P U of America, One first class fare plus twenty-five cents for the round trip. Tickets on sale July 8th, 9th and 10th, with final limit July 15th, 1903.

To Richmond, VA., account of Southern educational Conference. Rate of one and one third fares for the round trip Tickets on sale April 20 h and 21st, with final limit April 28th, 1903.

Solid vestibuled trains. Elegant Pullman sleeping car service. Unexcelled Dining-car service. For full information in regard to schedules, tickets, etc, apply to any agent of the Southern Railway Company.

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