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Over \$10,000.00 of our Magnificent \$25,000.00 stock, Cut to below cost of production. More genuine Bargains than ever before offered in Batesburg at one time.

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60 Dz. Armour & Co's. Chateaux Violet Soap, worth 15c. cake.....	8c.	500 Yd's. Batesburg Hickory Stripes	8 1-2c
30 Dz. Armour & Co's. Violetta Soap, 10c. Cake.....	4c.	500 Yd's. Batesburg Tick	9c
10 Dz. Mennen's Talcum Powder.....	15c.	500 Yd's Batesburg 40 inch Drills	5c
10 Dz. Colgate's Talcum Powder.....	19c	30 Pieces Best Table Oil Cloth	18c
10 Dz. 2 1/2c. Tooth Brushes.....	10c.	500 Yd's. 5c. Lawns	4c
2 Dz. Jap. Flat Silk Fans, worth 10c.....	07c.	500 Yd's 8c. Lawns	05c
10 Dz. Seconds in Black Rubber, 25c. Combs.....	05c	6 dz. men's \$1.50 & \$2.00 hats	1 00
60 Dz. Ladies Black and Fancy Colored Hose.....	08c	10 dz. 12 1/2 white hemstitched hdkfs	09.
60 Dz. Boys Heavy Ribbed Hose, worth 25c.....	15c	5 dz. 25c neck ties	18.
30 Dz. Misses Heavy Ribbed Hose, worth 15c.....	10c	25 dz. mens and boys 25c caps	15c.
1000 Yd's. 36-inch Heavy Shirting	05c	25 pr. ladies \$1.25 button shoes	66c

500 Yds. 8c. Lawn, at	5c	25 Prs. Ladies Oxfords,	50c
50 Pc. 12 1-2c. White Lawn, at	9c	50 Lad. Sample Skirts at Wholesale price to Close out.	
500 Yds. Calico	4c	100 Pr. Men's Sample Pants	38c to \$3.50
500 " 20c Cotton Skirts 12 1-2c		100 Men's Fancy \$1.00 Shirts,	75c
50 Pc. 15c Fancy Crepe Paper,	10c	100 Men's Fancy 50c Shirts	39c
25 50c Corsets,	39c	25 Dz. Men's 10c Collars Dozen.	45c
50 15c Towels,	9c	10 Dz. 12 1-2c White Hemstitched Handkerchiefs	08c
100 Pc 4-in Silk Ribbon	10c	5 Dz 25c Neck-Ties	19c
100 " 5-in "	15c	5 " 50c "	39c
50 " Fine Chiffon Taf-fetta Ribbon, worth 45c	25c	5 " 15 and 20c "	11c
JUST OPENED.			
100 Ladies Ready-to-wear \$2.00 Hats, at	\$1.15	10 " 25c Suspenders at	19c
100 Ladies and Childrens Newly Trimmed Hats,	50c	40 " 10c Socks at	08c
50 Odds and Ends in Shapes,	01c	25 " 25c "	19c

Whitten Dry Goods Co., Batesburg, = = = = South Carolina.

A Peculiar Animal.
Regarding some of the peculiar characteristics of that strange link between birds and beasts, the duck billed platy-pus of Australia, a writer says: "It makes its home like an otter in a bank, tunneling up from the entrance under water some thirty or forty feet, which its powerful forearm muscles make nothing of, to a place where it can and a dry and well drained burrow. Its food consists chiefly of insects, crayfish or 'yabbies,' which it bolts, hard shell and all. It will stay from ten to fourteen minutes at a time under water, searching the mud and stones for the delicacies with its ducklike bill. It makes a most fascinating little pet, becoming very tame and squeaking with delight when fed. Its antics are a constant source of pleasure, though if care is not taken it will overeat itself, seeming to have in captivity difficulty in digesting the hard crayfish shells. Its coat is, like the mole's, of an unusually silken and glossy texture."

The Longest Day.
June 21 is the longest day of the year, the day when the sun reaches its northern limit, the tropic of Cancer. At points on the line of the arctic circle there is the wonder of the midnight sun, and many tourists go long distances to witness the sight. It is singular how accurately the semibarbarous nations were able to observe and reckon on. On Salisbury plain, in England, may be seen a cromlech erected by the druids. It is a circle of huge stones which once formed a temple, but the most interesting part of the structure is the artificial stone, which is a broad, flat slab so placed that the rays of the rising sun strike full upon it only on the 21st of June. The old guide who shows the place to visitors tells the story that a young girl once said to him, "I suppose you have seen it hundreds of times, haven't you?"

Wouldn't Be Reconciled.
Two of the most eminent lawyers at the Philadelphia bar were Benjamin Harris Brewster and his half brother, Frederick Carroll Brewster. Both had held the office of attorney general for the state, and the first had been attorney general of the United States. They had not been on friendly terms for many years. It is said that on one occasion a mutual friend tried to bring them together, and finally Frederick C. consented to bury the hatchet and sent Benjamin H. a card containing his name, with these words written underneath, "At home on Monday evening, May 1." By the same messenger Benjamin H. sent a card in return, which read, "Benjamin H. Brewster also at home Monday evening, May 1." This ended negotiations.

Concerning Reading.
Of course reading may become a mere indulgence and dissipation, a habit to be corrected; also it is very evident that many great, resolute natures have been built up with little reading or by much reading of a few books and much pondering of events, rather than of the opinions of great men like Thomas and Lincoln and others who have changed the course of modern history have been so nurtured. We could even point to a very great and effective modern scientific genius who, with an apparent aversion to scientific literature, gets his learning not so much from books as from experiments and from the "twenty question" system intelligently applied to friendly experts.—Century.

IRENE ITEMS.

UNITED SERVICES IN THE CHURCH--ES, COTTON RUSHING TO MARKET AND CROPS LOOKING WELL.
FROM OUR REGULAR CORRESPONDENT.
A lot of farmers are in town this week selling cotton. They are rejoicing over the fact that it is bringing ten cents again.
We are having nice showers occasionally and crops are looking very much better.
Mr. Berley Smith is suffering with appendicitis and up to this writing he is not any better.
We are sorry to state that the health of our town and community is not improving very much. There are some new cases of fever this week.
The oldest son of Mr. Samuel Sistrunk, of Lexington died last Thursday night and was buried as this place on Friday afternoon.
Mr. E. W. Burnett went to Lone Star, S. C. last week on business.
Mr. A. E. Wingard spent Saturday and Sunday with friends and relatives in Columbia, S. C.
Mr. F. S. Kelly has moved to Batesburg where he works for the Middleburg Mills.
Mr. Jno. Pounds, who was for many years a resident of this place, but has recently been living at Williamston, S. C., is with us again.
The members of different churches Baptist, Methodist and Lutheran have decided to go to gether and hold a series of meetings, or rather a Union Meeting, which will run about ten days, or two weeks and possibly longer. The date has not been fixed yet, but think it will commence about the latter part of August or first of September. We hope to have a glorious meeting.
Mr. J. B. Day, who moved to Columbia a few days ago, is in town today.

WAGENER.

COTTON RUSHING TO MARKET AND THINGS AS SEEN ALONG THE ROAD.
A great and grand time is expected at Mr. G. W. Anderson's tomorrow, July thirteenth, instant. Noted speakers are invited and we all know that Gib is pretty good himself, especially on picnic day.
Mr. C. L. Temples remembered the carrier the other day by giving him a "pair" of nice watermelons.
This carrier took a rest a few days last week and gave his substitute a chance for the first time since the establishment of the route.
Mrs. Eita Garvin was in town last Monday having some dental work done.
Mr. Nathan Bodie was seen going to town with a washing machine on his wagon.
Mrs. Maggie Rae and children of Augusta are at the bedside of her sister, Mrs. G. C. Brodie, who is very ill.
Mr. and Mrs. P. B. Fulmer visited friends in Wagener last Sunday.
Mr. H. R. Garvin and Legare Kennedy realized that the carrier was in need of something and gave him some more watermelon last Wednesday. Many thanks old friends.
The people of this section are hurriedly getting rid of their cotton on this little up shoot in the prices. Some of them having refused sixteen cents last year with expectations of getting more.
When you want a pleasant laxative that is easy to take and certain to act, use Chamberlain's Stomach and Liver Tablets. For sale by Timmons Bros. and Crosson Drug Co.
Read Jack Harkaway's School Days.

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We Sell, Rent And Take Charge Of Real Estate of All Kinds.
BATESBURG, SOUTH CAROLINA.

WARDS WORDS.

PERSONAL AND RELIGIOUS MATTERS OF INTEREST.

(From our regular correspondent.)
The Sunday School convention of the Ridge Association met with our Baptist Church Tuesday and Wednesday a good and large crowd assembled each day. The speeches were good and the spirit of the meeting was all that could be desired as each speaker impressed his hearers as being full of the spirit of his Master, which make lasting impressions upon the people. Such concentrated brethren as, Drs. Richard, Timmerman and Quattlebaum of Batesburg and Messrs. S. J. Watson, R. A. Turner and M. L. Coleman of Johnston, J. M. Daniel, B. F. Carson and H. B. White of Saluda, M. W. Johnson of Dry Creek and many other laymen, with Revs. Edwards, Bass, Crossland and Padgett made the meeting a grand success. Brother S. B. Sawyer did grand work as speaker and singer.
Before adjourning the Convention adopted resolutions endorsing and sympathizing with the effort of the good people of Saluda county in the move they are now making to rid themselves of the dispensary in an election to be held at an early date. After the resolution was passed by the Convention, someone suggested that the entire audience be allowed to express by a rising vote and it did the hearts of the enemies to drunkards good to see how eagerly the people voted, men, women and children. The Lord is with us and who can be against us.

RIDGE ROAD RUSTLE.

GOOD CROPS--GOOD RAINS--PERSONALS.
(From our regular Correspondent.)
Mr. Editor, as I have never seen anything from this part of the country, I will try and give you some of the happenings.
We are having plenty of rain now and crops are flourishing; every thing looks very promising now.
Mr. Johnie Swygert is suffering with his ankle, which was cut by an axe while he was cutting cross-ties. We hope for a quick recovery.
Our friend, Mr. G. A. Shealy, of near Union, visited friends here Sunday.
Mr. Jake Sultan worshipped at Union, E. L. Church Sunday and dined with Mr. Jimmie Bedenbaugh.
Misses Arrie and Mary Caughman spent Sunday last with their brother, George, in the Larena section.
Mrs. Erastus Risinger, of near Leesville, spent last Tuesday with her Aunt, Mrs. E. Swygert.
Mr. and Mrs. Rufus Addy, Mr. and Mrs. Emanuel Swygert, spent Sunday last with relatives on Saluda river.
Mr. and Mrs. Y. J. Swygert visited at Mr. Ernest Bedenbaugh Sunday last.
Our old original Ridge Road beef clue started last Saturday and we certainly appreciate Mr. cow.
Mrs. J. D. Kisinger and Mrs. Pierce Risinger spent Sunday last with Mr. and Mrs. Geo. Caughman near Larena.
All the farmers around here, who held their cotton for 10 cts. and more are selling. That's right brother farmer, hold your cotton for ten cts. and take no less. Do's in justice to your self.
Well, Mr. Editor, if this escapes the waste basket you may again hear from me.
Big Ike.

DELMAR DOINGS.

Good rains.
Miss Lela Shealy is visiting her brother in Columbia.
Mr. Patrie Hallman has recently been visiting in this section.
Mr. J. O. Eargle, of Leesville, spent Thursday night with Mr. A. L. Eargle.
Mr. D. A. Fressley was at Delmar one day last week on business.
Prof. J. W. Ballentine, of Newberry is now in this section.
Master Brinton Hite visited his grand-father, Mr. Walter Hite, last Saturday and Sunday.
Mrs. Will Rhineheart visited relatives in this vicinity Saturday.
Mr. Wightman Hite from near Summit, visited in this section recently.
Mr. James and Miss Lillian Eargle of Pomaria, visited Rev. J. D. Shealy Saturday and Sunday.

THE EVENING HERALD.

The Augusta Evening Herald has in view, supplying our Town with daily news. The papers are to be sent here in bulk and distributed by a newsboy. A representation of the paper visited Batesburg on Tuesday, whose object it was to make the arrangement for the daily delivery and to write up our vicinity.
PICTURES ENLARGED.
If I fail to call on you send your pictures by mail. For the finest enlarged pictures, with frames of any kind, 8x10 \$1.98; 10x20 \$2.98 and upward. FLOYD P. ETHEREDGE, Agent, Leesville, S. C.

LEESVILLE LETTER.

COMINGS AND GOINGS; MANY ITEMS WORTHY OF NOTE.

Mr. Allen Crosson of Prosperity, after spending several days visiting relatives in our town has returned to his home.
Miss Edie Wright, after spending the winter and spring months here, has returned to her home in Richmond, Virginia.
Mrs. E. J. Etheredge, accompanied by her children, visited her father, near Columbia, last week.
Prof. D. R. Rizer went to Georgia last week, in interest of his school.
Miss Lula Oxner of Leesville and Mr. Hammie Vaughan of Bamberg were married here on July 3rd.
Rev. C. P. Boozer of Saluda County was in our town this week, selling ten-cent cotton.
Miss Kate Marshal, of Rock Hill, is visiting relatives here.
Mr. John Shealy, who has been quite sick for sometime, is able to be up and about again.
The district conference of the Methodist Church is being held here, now, and our town is full of preachers and delegates and visitors.
Mr. J. Lee Etheredge, of Augusta, was here this week.
Mr. Pope Matthews, of Columbia, was in our town a few days ago.
Mrs. J. R. Banknight has gone for a short stay in the Mountains of North Carolina.
Miss Emma Etheredge is very sick at her home, near Johnston.
Dr. D. M. Crosson, our popular physician, who has been on the go, now for sometime attending faithfully his numerous, is now himself quite sick.

A BARBECUE AT TAYLORS.

A barbecue will be held on the property of Mr. A. Taylor on Saturday, July 22nd.
This barbecue will be no small, half-way affair, but it will be a real old fashioned, allday outing; roast lamb, roast pig, all barbecued, with ice cream and all else besides, will be served. The fresh air and exercise of walking about and talking to friends will furnish the appetite and sack races, foot races and all kinds of races excepting the negro race, (this barbecue is for white people only) will furnish freely to all keen interest and loud laughing fun. Many speakers, from different points, will talk on all kinds of subjects, i. e., all of public interest, will be discussed.
Sweet and inspiring music will lend its subtle charm and, it is but fair to prophesy, that delightful dinner, bewitching spot, enchanting music and spell-binding oratory, will be in plenty for all who go.

MONETTA.

(From our regular correspondent.)
Mr. John Rutland, of Texas, came home last week where he will spend some time with his mother, Mrs. J. W. Rutland. All are indeed glad to see his brilliant face again in South Carolina.
Misses Ida and Maude Shealy visited here last Tuesday.
Mrs. L. M. Holstein is visiting her parents, Mr. and Mrs. T. H. Cato, this week.
Miss Carrie Mitchell, one of Leesville's attractive young ladies, has been the guest of Miss Viola Burton.
Miss Eva Lou Watson has been in our midst this week.
Mrs. R. H. Holstein and daughter, little Miss Cecille, of Florida, are on a visit to her parents, Mr. and Mrs. M. J. Holstein. They will spend the summer months here.
The protracted meeting at Bethel church begins Sunday. Services will be conducted by Rev. S. R. Bass.

SOUTH CAROLINA IS SISTERLY AND BACKS OKLAHOMA FOR STATEHOOD.

'Tis said, that the many South Carolina holders of Oklahoma town site lots, along the lines of the Frisco system, have sent strong letters to be read before the convention of Oklahoma City to-day, endorsing the admission of the Territory, as a State. They argue that Statehood, instead of Territoriality, will double the value of lots in Oklahoma, by giving them proper laws to preserve the bears, deer and wild turkeys, which may be on their respective holdings.

HIGHEST PRICES.

If you want to get the highest prices for your butter, eggs and farm produce, bring it to me.
E. R. Steadman.
SENATOR TILLMAN AT HOME.
Senator Benjamin R. Tillman returned from the North to his home at Trenton yesterday.

THE RUSSO-JAPANESE SITUATION.

M. Witte, who seems to be, as reported, Russia's wisest and to all, most unobjectionable diplomat, has been appointed by the Czar chief plenipotentiary to represent Russia in the peace conference to be held in the United States in August. Mr. Witte has been clothed with full plenary powers and his acts will bind all Russia. The Japanese have captured the large island of Sakhalin, Russian territory lying north of Japan, and the Russian troops in Manchuria are practically in a desperate position with the Japanese simply holding back for such time to strike, as will count most for Japan, when the Peace Conference convenes.

RAYS FROM RED STAR.

CROPS IN FINE CONDITION, GOOD RAINS AND OTHER NEWS.
FROM OUR REGULAR CORRESPONDENT.
The health in this community is very good at present.
The crops are looking splendid since the rain, especially the cotton and sugarcorn.
Miss Dollie Shelgrove, of Delmar, spent a few days in our midst last week.
We are glad to note that Mr. Geo. Warren is able to be up again.
Mrs. James Shealy, of Delmar visited in this section last Saturday.
Mr. S. C. Dickert's little son was severely kicked by a mule one day last week. The doctor states that some of the bones are broken. He is still suffering.
Mrs. J. N. Snelgrove has been on the sick list for a few days, but we are glad to say he is improving.
Mr. and Mrs. J. E. Lybrand visited at Mr. Irvin Risinger's near Leesville, Sunday last.
Mr. W. Crout has pulled some fodder but we think he is rather early.

SAMARIA.

BLESSED RAIN AND MOVEMENTS OF PROMINENT PEOPLE.
Well, Mr. Editor, we have good rains to communicate to-day. We had one of the most gentle and refreshing showers on yesterday, that we have had for a long while, and everything looks much improved this morning.
Our popular Sheriff, Mr. P. H. Corley, dropped in to see us this morning. We noticed Dr. Mack, Magistrate Derrick's Constable, also going down the road.
Messrs. Mose Kneece, Richmond Kneece and James P. Westmoreland, boarded the excursion for Charleston this morning. Hope they will have a nice time.
Mrs. Lula Boatwright, the mother of Mr. D. E. Boatwright, our popular R. P. D. Carrier from Samaria, is very sick at present, but we hope she will soon be herself again.
W. W.

MATTHEWS MANNA.

GOOD RAINS--FINE CROPS--OTHER NEWS.
We have had fine rains in this section and everything is getting on a boom.
Your scribe has just returned from a trip over on little Saluda river. The crops are looking fine and are in good fix.
Messrs. Calvin Matthews and Span Lake, went to Augusta last Saturday and returned Monday.
Mr. W. A. Temples has bought an organ for his children.
Mr. J. A. Temples, our Notary Public, has ordered a seal to use in his business.
Mr. Editors, your paper is looked for each week, with more interest than any we take.

PIANOS.

Popular Pianos, at popular prices can be procured through Mr. C. W. Stewart, of Brattleboro, Vermont. Mr. Stewart is here and, will remain here perhaps permanently, in connection with various building enterprises. Mr. Stewart is an experienced piano expert. As Piano dealing is now a side, issue with Mr. Stewart, he having no traveling expenses; those desiring first class pianos can get what they want from him and at the same time, save the high charges (counting traveling expenses &c.) which must be paid if sought through traveling salesmen.
Mr. Stewart has Pianos always on hand for inspection at The L. D. Cullum Co. Furniture store.

SEEN, AND SAID IN SWANSEA.

FINE CROPS, GOOD RAINS. A QUIET MARRIAGE, DEATH OF PROMINENT LADY.

(From our regular correspondent.)
We have had some very nice rains since my last writing and crops are looking promising now.
We are sorry to chronicle the death of Mrs. W. A. Spires, of near this place. She suffered intensely for several weeks with Typhoid fever, until last Friday morning when her spirit was wanted to the great Beyond.
I learn that the protracted meeting of the Baptist church of this place will not be started the third Sunday of July as stated in my last letter on account of the conflict with the Methodist. As yet no definite time has been set.
We are very glad to have had with us last week Mr. Clarence C. Croft, formerly of this county, but now of Washington, D. C. Clarence has been an aid in the United States coast and Geodetic Navy but now, having resigned that position has accepted a position as Computer in the Carnegie Institute at Washington. Clarence is in industrious young man and we him wish him much success.
There was a quiet marriage in town. The contracting parties were, Mr. Silas P. Hutto, formerly of Batesburg, but for several years a citizen of this place, and Miss Lucy Mason, of Baltimore, who for a few months, has been in the Millinery department of Mr. P. E. Hutto. Both parties are very popular and we hope that their pathway through life may be ever strewn with flowers.
Cotton is now bringing a good price and the people are putting it on the market.
Mr. Ernest Jones, of Wards, is now in Swansea.
Mayor H. J. Seibles, of Sandy Run, is in town today on business.
Mr. Sydney Smith, of Cedar Keys, Fla., is now visiting his father-in-law Mr. I. N. Hutto, of near here.

MINUTES FROM MT. WILLING.

MUCH NEEDED RAIN AND SOCIALS AND PERSONALS.
Last Tuesday brought rain, which every one was very glad to see; we have a thorough season now.
There will be a moon-light picnic at the home of Mr. and Mrs. H. N. Brown tonight (Wednesday).
Miss Maggie Shealy is visiting Miss Trannie Fulmer.
Miss Frankie Herlong leaves Thursday for Saluda where she will attend the county summer school.
Misses Mary and Annie Herbert, from Newberry Co., are visiting Miss Lara Riser.
One of our Mt. Willing boys stood the Examination for the Charleston College scholarship. We all hope that he will be successful.
Misses Marie and Carie Mitchell spent Saturday night at the home of Mrs. Emmie Buster.
Mr. and Mrs. Robert Brown visited relatives at Saluda last Monday night.
Many Saluda friends came down to the Children's day exercises at Emory last Sunday.
Mrs. J. M. Dean is visiting her mother, Mrs. Bledsoe.
Miss Frankie Herlong spent Monday night at Mrs. E. E. Busters.
Mr. Joseph Long sold cotton at Johnston last Tuesday.
Misses Eugenia and Mary Ellen Herlong, Bettie and Helen Grigsby spent Friday night with Miss Grace Buster.

THE LEAK IS STOPPED.

Edwin F. Holmes associate statistician in the bureau of statistics of the Department of Agriculture has acknowledged that he has forwarded news through a man named M. Haas to two brokers in New York City, L. C. Van Riper and Theodore O. Price, (Mr. Price denies the statement).
The charges of leakage from the Department were made by secretary Richard Cheatham of the Cotton Planter's association and have been completely proven to be true.
The more props that are knocked from under the speculators, the better it will be, for the honest farmer.

FRESH BUTTER AND EGGS.

Why not buy your butter, eggs cheese and lard from me? I have one of the latest improved refrigerators and keep everything fresh and cool.
E. R. Steadman.

LOST.

A Fur Tuppy in town yesterday. Reward if brought to J. D. RAWL.

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