

FROM THE BLUE.
 Parker of Birmingham
 father-in-law
 Mrs. Maloney's parents, Mr. and Mrs. Alex. McRae.

MASS MEETING.
 A meeting of the Democratic voters of the Town of Bennettsville will be held in the Court House on the 7th day of January 1903 at 3 o'clock p. m., for the purpose of nominating a candidate to be voted for on January 14th 1903 for Mayor of the Town of Bennettsville to fill the unexpired term of the present Mayor made vacant by his resignation.
 O. S. McCALL, Mayor.
 Dec 30, 1902.

PEN AND SCISSORGRAPHS
 Cornelius Vandebilt the monkey is still lying very ill.
 The thermometer in the Klondyke fell to 68 below zero.
 The oil supply house of the Seaboard Air Line at Hamlet was burned on the 22nd.
 There are nine denominations who have missionaries in Porto Rico.
 Bradstreet reports the holiday trade this year the most active on record.
 According to the Dutch sign 1903 is going to be a fine crop year—there was a "dark Christmas".

The Spartanburg grand jury is hot after the railroads for working their men in that county on Sunday.
 Senator Morgan says the present canal commissioners have been paid \$1,000 a month for 20 months.
 Sumter has two new sand road and blind factories. Mr. W. McBliver will operate one, and Kennedy Bros. the other.
 The city council of Chester prohibited the use of cast of works during the holidays, a sensible move to keep the street quiet and safe.
 A Chicago company which undertook to corner December corn got cornered themselves and squeezed out at the little end of the horn.

Within the next thirty years it is estimated that within the number of this State will be reduced to one-third of its present population. The number of the population of the State will be reduced to one-third of its present population. The number of the population of the State will be reduced to one-third of its present population.

J. Davis Carter, a Williamburg farmer, planted eight acres of tobacco this year and got his crop in in a record time, guided by his 1902 crop.

Mr. Charles Brigan called on his black eye and Sunday afternoon.
 An old gentleman from Horry is up with a herd of fine cattle—carries a bottle of milk to prime the sacks of his milk cows.
 Mr. C. P. Hodges has his shingle machine in operation, and is turning out some fine shingles and lumber.
 Stray Coon.
 Dec 30, 1902

Law Partnership.
 Col. Ezra Livingston and B. W. Wait, Esq., have formed a partnership for the practice of law in Marlboro county and their office will be found in another column.

Beautiful Sea Shells Free
 Since coming South I have received numerous inquiries for sea shells, and now please say to your readers that I have been living on the seashore, and have made a fine collection of lovely shells from our own shore, the coral reefs and the West India Islands, and that I will send a dozen different kinds, no two alike, and a dozen scarlet sea pens to any one who sends a stamp to pay the postage. Any one is welcome to send, as I have plenty for all.
 Mrs. F. A. Warner,
 Jacksonville, Fla.

NOTICE.
 The annual meeting of the Farmers Mutual Life Insurance Association of Marlboro County will be held in the Court House at Bennettsville, S. C., on Tuesday, January 13, 1903, at 10 o'clock a. m. All the members are asked to attend. An officer is to be elected. Beside you will get information as to the progress and work of the Association that will interest you, and make you a stronger advocate of the Association.

The New Pension Law.
 The new pension law requires the election at once of a Commissioner by the pension boards, who shall begin his work January first and shall have his office open every Saturday during January to receive applications for pension, and at the regular meeting on the first Monday in February he shall submit all applications to the Pension Boards who shall approve or disapprove the same. On the first Monday in March Pension Boards meet and conclude their work and all verified slips must be sent to Comptroller General.

The Blind Tiger Business.
 It is a remarkable fact that among the sharpest critics of the "Blind Tigers" are found some of their best patrons. The "tigers" would soon cease to exist if they were not well supported. Then who is to blame? Those who buy and drink this stuff. The best remedy for this, and a help to keep men sober, is a law making it a misdemeanor to be seen on the streets or highways drunk or disorderly, punishable by a sentence to work a certain number of days on the streets or highways. Very few would violate such a law more than three times. But there's the rub. Public sentiment is not strong enough to remove the deadly cigarette beyond the reach of our boys, or prevent those who drink from getting it.

Notice of Election.
 NOTICE is hereby given that there will be a special election held in the Court House at Bennettsville, S. C., on the 14th day of January 1903 for the purpose of electing a Mayor to fill the unexpired term of C. S. McCALL, made vacant by his resignation. Polls open at 8 o'clock a. m., and close at 4 o'clock p. m. Managers of election L. J. Breeden, W. W. Pato and R. B. Croeland.
 By order of the council
 MILTON McLAURIN, Clerk.
 Dec 30th 1902.

What They Said.
 Penelope—Charley called last night.
 Justine—That's twice in a week, isn't it?
 Penelope—Yes.
 Justine—I suppose he will call three times in the next week.
 Penelope—That's what my brother says.
 Justine—And five times the next?
 Penelope—That's what my sister says.
 Justine—And six times the next?
 Penelope—That's what auntie says.
 Justine—And seven times the next?
 Penelope—That's what papa says.
 Justine—And then what?
 Penelope—Then we will get married, that's what everybody says.
 Justine—And then what?
 Penelope—Then I shan't see him any more of an evening; that's what mama says.—Exchange.

FOR SALE!
 A Farm of 75 acres in the State of Maryland, belonging to the Estate of Mrs. B. P. Dudley, two Towns in West Bennettsville. Apply to Mrs. D. D. Harral, Ex'rs.
Administrators Sale
 BY Order of the Judge of Probate of Marlboro county, I will sell to the highest bidder for CASH, at the late residence of PETER STANTON, on Tuesday January 6th 1903, All the personal property of which he died, seized and possessed, consisting of Wagons, Buggies, 1 Mule, Hogs, Corn, Kaddie, Peas, Potatoes, Farming Utensils, Household and Kitchen Furniture, Etc.
 Sale to commence at 10 a. m.
 W. L. STANTON, Adm'r.
 December 24, 1902.

STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA
 COUNTY OF MARLBORO.
 WHEREAS, L. O. CHARLES made suit to me to grant him Letters of Administration of the Estate and Effects of NANCY D. CHARLES deceased;
 These are therefore to cite and admonish all and singular the kindred and creditors of the said NANCY D. CHARLES, that they be and appear before me in the Court of Probate for the County of Marlboro, S. C., on the 14th day of January next, after publication thereof, at 11 o'clock in the forenoon, to show cause if any they have why the said Administration should not be granted.
 Given under my hand, this 30th day of December, A. D. 1902.
 MILTON McLAURIN,
 Judge of Probate, M. C.

STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA
 COUNTY OF MARLBORO.
 WHEREAS, WILLIAM L. STANTON made suit to me to grant him Letters of Administration of the Estate and Effects of THOMAS STANTON, deceased;
 These are therefore to cite and admonish all and singular the kindred and creditors of the said THOMAS STANTON, that they be and appear before me in the Court of Probate for the County of Marlboro, S. C., on the 5th day of January, 1903, at 11 o'clock in the forenoon, to show cause, if any they have why said Administration should not be granted.
 Given under my hand this 24th day of December, A. D. 1902.
 MILTON McLAURIN,
 Judge of Probate.

APPLICATION FOR MORTGAGE.
 STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA
 COUNTY OF MARLBORO.
 Ex Parte Mary Meggs, Applicant for In Re Est. A. W. Meggs, (Deceased).
 Whereas Mrs Mary Meggs, widow of A. W. Meggs, deceased, having filed with me her application praying that I should order a mortgage to be granted to her in the premises;
 I have ordered that she do and publish notice of her application in some newspaper published in this State for three weeks next preceding the day of the hearing of her application.
 JAMES A. DICK,
 Dec 15, 1902. Clerk of Court.

SHERIFF'S SALE.
 STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA
 COUNTY OF MARLBORO.
 James A. Drake, Clerk of the Court, of Common Pleas, as Administrator of the Personal Estate of Richard Lawson, deceased, plaintiff
 against
 Stephen Lawson, Jr., Jennie Green, Children of Stephen Lawson, deceased, Elizabeth, Stephen Harris, Louis Jenkins, Mary Moore, Tolly, Harriell Suelo, Warren, Julia Clay, Richard Harris, James White, Children of Kate Harris, deceased, Sidney White, Abner Lawson, Franklin Lawson, West Young, Delphia Lawson, Ann Jeter and Tina Gay, Jane Neill, Richard Neill, George Johnson, Maggie Johnson and Willie McColl, defendants.

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NOTICE TO CREDITORS.
 Estate of Peter Stanton, Deceased.
 NOTICE is hereby given to all persons having claims against Peter Stanton, deceased, to present them to the undersigned duly attested within the time prescribed by law, and to bring suit to set aside to make payment to the same.
 Wm. L. STANTON,
 Qualified Administrator.
 December 22, 1902.

NOTICE TO CREDITORS.
 Estate of Eli T. Covington, Deceased.
 NOTICE is hereby given to all persons having claims against the estate of Eli T. Covington to present them to the undersigned or her attorney, T. W. Boucher, and all persons indebted to said estate are hereby notified to make payment to me.
 ELIZA COVINGTON, Adm'r.
 Dec. 18, 1902.

TRESPASS NOTICE.
 ALL persons are hereby warned not to trespass in any manner upon lands belonging to or in possession of the undersigned in Marlboro county either by walking, fishing, hunting, hauling, cutting, or allowing stock to run at large.
 JAMES A. McDANIEL,
 December 1, 1902.

FOR SALE!
 A Pine Farm containing 650 acres, 50 acres cleared. Good water, Dwellings and out-houses, balance well timbered. 32 miles from St. Pauls and 43 miles from Cape Fear River, Presbyterian, Methodist, and Baptist churches within one to 32 miles. For further information address
 W. B. Burns,
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STUBBS' IMPROVED
 Texas Wood Cotton Seed.
 This is to certify that we, the undersigned, have been planting the P. S. Stubbs famous Texas Wood Cotton Seed, selected from choice stalks, and we find the cotton to be exactly as represented by him. It is the equal, if not superior, to any variety of cotton that we have ever planted.
 C. M. Weatherly,
 J. F. Breeden,
 J. B. Green,
 J. A. Drake,
 J. A. Edges,
 E. Sternberger,
 J. T. Clark.
 I planted some of the "Improved Cotton Seed" sold by P. S. Stubbs and I am well pleased with them.
 O. S. McCALL.
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 L. D. IVEY,
 N. J. IVEY,
 L. L. IVEY,
 J. A. GOODMAN.
 Clio, Oct. 24, 1902.

NOTICE TO CREDITORS.
 ESTATE OF H. STANTON.
 NOTICE is hereby given to all persons having claims against the Estate of H. Stanton, deceased, to present them to the undersigned duly attested within the time prescribed by law, and to bring suit to set aside to make payment to the same.
 JAMES T. STANTON, Adm'r.
 December 4, 1902.

NOTICE TO CREDITORS.
 ESTATE OF JOHN G. HUBBARD.
 NOTICE is hereby given to all parties having claims against the Estate of John G. Hubbard to present them to the undersigned duly attested and all indebted to same to make payment to the same.
 J. B. HUESTESS, Adm'r.
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IN ORDER TO SUPPLY DEMAND
MITTLE
 Continues to Receive Goods Daily.
 Always something New and Bright to be had at MITTLE'S STORE.

We are now receiving our **Holiday Goods**, the largest stock ever shown by us. Besides Toys for the little ones, we will show a pretty line of Novelties for the large folks, such as Metal Goods, Manicure sets, Army sets, Ornaments, &c.—something to please every one.
 When our Holiday lines are opened for inspection you will declare us Santa Claus Headquarters.
 Ready for Inspection Dec. 16th

Still showing the greatest line of **Coats, Capes and Suits** in the county.
 On Infants Wear we are top-notchers. Past week's business in **Boys Suits** was up to expectation—still a large line to select from. We can suit you, we can fit you and we do save you money on every purchase.

We can supply **Your Millinery Wants** today as well as ever. We keep up our stock in these lines as well as all others.
 Remember, we have what you want in **DRY GOODS, SHOES and NOTIONS**, at prices that win.

Bring the little ones to see the **Holiday Goods** which will be opened **TUESDAY** December 16th. Bring them now to see anything they or you may need to wear, for **MITTLE'S** offers the Best at the lowest prices.

You must be satisfied or **Mittle Refunds** Your money.
YOURS FOR HONEST DEALINGS
MITTLE'S STORE.
 The Up-to-date Merchant.
 DECEMBER 2, 1902.

THE "EXCELSIOR"
 Call and see it!
WOMEN COOKING A PLEASURE
 What some people you know, and who have Tested These Goods, Say about the Excelsior Cook Stoves:
 I bought an "Excelsior Cook Stove" last Spring, I am well pleased with it. It not only performs well but requires less wood than any stove I ever had.
 Mrs. COBB has just put in another "Excelsior Cook Stove" made by I. A. Sheppard & Co., for 16 years, and it has always given entire satisfaction.
 I regard the "Excelsior Cook Stoves and Ranges" as good as the best, and when in need of a Cooker I endeavor to get that make of Stove.
 Mr. BRISTOW bought one from a sister town, as until recently there was no agency in Bennettsville.
 The "Excelsior Range" bought of you gives entire satisfaction.
 JAS. F. DAVID.
 These goods and all kind of Hardware, Crockery, Paints, Oils &c., can be had at
EXCELSIOR HARDWARE CO.
 Bennettsville, S. C. Next to W. P. Breeden's.

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TESTINA
 Cures Cholera, Infantum, Diarrhoea, Dysentery, and the Bowel Troubles of Children of Any Age. Aids Digestion, Regulates the Bowels, Strengthens the Child and Makes TEETHING EASY.
 Costs Only 25 cents at Druggists.
 For sale by mail 35 cents to C. J. MOFFETT, M. D., ST. LOUIS, MO.
 Write for a special circular, TESTINA. Our little girl, just thirteen months old, has been very sick with cholera, and I have tried everything. I bought your medicine, and she was cured in a day or two. I was almost despaired of her recovery, and I thank you very much for your medicine. Her bowels are regular, and she is now doing well.
 Thanks, etc., D. W. McIVER, Editor and Proprietor Tuskegee (Ala.) News.

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 BENNETTSVILLE, S. C.

POLL TAX OF ONE DOLLAR on all able bodied male persons from 21 to 30 years of age.
 Communication Road Tax \$1.00 on able bodied male persons from 18 to 50 years of age, or work night cars on the public highways of the county.
J. E. THOMAS,
 Treasurer, Marlboro Co.

Rate of Levy:
 State Tax, 5 mills
 Ordinary County, 34 mills
 Deficiency, 1 mill
 New Jail, 1 mill
 Road and Bridges, 1 mill
 Constitutional School, 3 mills
 Total tax levy: 44 mills
SPECIAL SCHOOLS
 Antioch, 2 mills
 Beauty Spot, 3 mills
 Bennettsville, 3 mills
 Boykin, 2 mills
 Brightsville, 2 mills
 Clio, 2 mills
 Ebenezer, 2 mills
 Kollock, 2 mills
 Lester, 2 mills
 Tatum, 2 mills
 Willis, 2 mills



THE BEST OR NOTHING.
 Unless good, wholesome bread and pastry is eaten it would be better to "cut it out" altogether. Soggy, heavy, unpalatable bread is worse than useless. It is positively injurious. It causes trouble instead of giving nourishment.
HIGH GRADE BREAD costs no more, but its value cannot be compared with the inferior kind.
 Permit us to supply what is required for your table. You'll like it.
R. F. SCHULZ,
 BENNETTSVILLE BAKERY,
 N. E. corner public square.

ATLANTIC COAST LINE RAILROAD
CONDENSED SCHEDULE.
 Dated Nov. 24, 1901.

TRAINS GOING SOUTH.

	35	23	53	51
	A. M.	P. M.	A. M.	P. M.
Le Florence	8 25	7 55	9 45	
Le Kingstree		9 07		11 05
Le Lanes	4 33	9 27	7 42	11 23
Le Lanes	4 63	9 57	7 42	11 23
At Charleston	6 00	11 15	9 20	11 10

TRAINS GOING NORTH.

	78	32	52	50
	A. M.	P. M.	A. M.	P. M.
Le Charleston	7 00	5 20	6 00	4 20
At Lanes	8 31	6 45	8 15	6 05
Le Lanes	8 31	6 45		6 05
Le Kingstree	8 47			7 40
At Florence		7 55		7 40

* Daily except Sunday
 No. 1 runs through to Columbia via Central R. R. of S. C.
 Trains Nos 78 and 32 run via Wilson and Bayetteville—Short Line—and make close connection for all points North.
 Trains on C. & D. Railroad leave Florence daily, except Sunday, 10 05 a. m., arrive Darlington 10 30, Hartsville 1 55 p. m., Charaw 2 m., Wadeboro 12 50 p. m.
 Leave Florence daily except Sunday at 8 00 p. m., arrive Darlington 8 25 p. m., Bennettsville 9 22 p. m., Gibson 10 20 p. m., Leave Florence Sunday only 10 05 a. m., arrive Darlington 10 30 a. m.
 Leave Gibson daily except Sunday 5 05 a. m., Bennettsville 7 15 a. m., arrive Darlington 8 15 a. m., arrive Florence 8 50 a. m.
 Leave Wadeboro daily except Sunday 4 10 p. m., Charaw 5 15 p. m., Darlington 6 20 p. m., arrive Florence 7 00 p. m.
 Leave Hartsville 7 25 a. m., Darlington 8 20 a. m., arrive Florence 9 15 a. m.
 J. T. EMERSON, General Manager.
 T. M. EMERSON, Traffic Manager.

ATLANTIC AND INDIAN RAILROAD.
CONDENSED SCHEDULE.
 In effect November 24, 1901.

WEST BOUND.

DAILY No. 52 Leave Bennettsville 9 10 a. m., arrive Fayetteville 1 25 p. m., arrive Sanford 1 58 p. m.

EAST BOUND.

DAILY No. 52—Leave Sanford 8 05 p. m., arrive Fayetteville 4 20 p. m., arrive Bennettsville 4 30 p. m., arrive Wilmington 7 15.

BENNETTSVILLE BRANCH
 Train leaves Bennettsville 8 10 a. m., Maxton 9 05, Red Springs 9 32, Parkton 10 02, arrive Fayetteville 11 10.

Returning, leaves Fayetteville 4 40 p. m., Lone Hills 5 00, Red Spines 5 35, Maxton 6 16, arrive Bennettsville 7 15 p. m.

Connections at Fayetteville with trains No. 78, at Maxton with the Carolina Central Railroad, at Red Springs with the Red Springs and Bowmore Railroad, at Parkton with the Seaboard Air Line, at Gulf with the Durham and Charlotte Railroad.

H. M. EMERSON, Gen. Pass. Agt.
 J. R. KENLY, General Manager.
 T. M. EMERSON, Traffic Manager.

Tax Notice!
 OFFICE OF COUNTY TREASURER,
 Bennettsville, S. C., Sept. 16, 1902.
 For the fiscal year commencing January 1, 1902, will be open at the Treasurer's Office in Bennettsville, S. C., on Wednesday October 15, and remain open until December 31st, 1902, after which the penalty will be added on all Taxes not paid by that date.

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