

HOME AFFAIRS.

The best one horse wagon at A. H. Martins and the cheapest.

Come to the ADVERTISER office and have your job work done with dispatch and well done.

Sonator Ben R. Tillman spoke Friday last at Gaffney, to help up the new county idea in that quarter.

(Clinton is now connected by telephone with Goldville, and so we can now talk in that direction. The Clinton Telephone Company is a growing institution.—Clinton Gazette.

FOR SALE—At the Laurens Cotton Mill—bagging and ties.

It was a real pleasure to us to have our stalwart Conference classmate, Rev. D. P. Boyd in our home, and also to conduct services in our church, many days since. He will carry to Conference a good report, and will, in the spirit of the true itinerant that he is, be willing to go anywhere he may be appointed to one of Bro. Wilkes' new districts.—Southern Christian Advocate.

In a fight at Bethany church, near McCormick, Edgefield county, on Sunday, the 30th, Leon J. Williams, shot and killed L. D. White, brother. The altercation grew out of a feud of several years standing. Williams is an ex-member of the Legislature and a member of the State Board of Control. Williams received knife wounds but they are not dangerous.

According to a Register correspondent the following bill of particulars constituted Thanksgiving dinner to the lasses at the State Winthrop College—300 plates:

Perhaps our friends will smile at the following figures given by the housekeeper to compose the above bill of fare: Twenty turkeys, 75 pounds of fruit cake, 120 loaves of bread, 40 pounds of ribbon cake, 840 macarons, 8 hams, 10 packages of macaroni, 30 pounds of cheese, 51 gallons of milk, 45 pounds of butter, bushes of apples, 7 1/2 pounds of tea, 14 pounds coffee, 15 quarts of cranberries, 1-1/2 bushels of Irish potatoes.

Distinguished Visitors. Mr. H. N. Higginbotham, President of the World's Columbian Exposition at Chicago in 1893, Mr. E. St. John, Vice-President of the Sea Board Air Line and President of the Childs of the C. N. & L. were in Laurens on last Friday. The party came up in President Childs' private car.

Big Cash Sale. Go today to Davis & Roper's if you want anything in their line at all—in fact go anyway lest you miss a fine opportunity for bargains. You want a new overcoat or new shoes but you think you can't afford to buy them. Try Davis & Roper's and get them cheap. They are clearing their goods out in readiness for the new year and new business arrangements. If you call on them now you will profit by their new deal.

The Beautiful Snow. We have rarely had in Laurens a heavier snow fall than the visitation of last Wednesday. The snow commenced about 7 o'clock in the morning with sleet but in a little while the fall came to be pure snow in great inch flakes and by five in the evening the storm had exhausted itself and was over. A stiff norther blew all the day and out-door work and movements were substantially out of all question. The beautiful stuff measured eleven or twelve inches on the level, but due to the strong buff at every turn and irregularity in the surface there was much drifting and in fact the foot passenger was in eighteen inches of snow at almost every step. It was a rare experience with us so early in the winter season. It was followed by bright, cold and clear weather.—The young folks improvised all manner of sleighs for one, two and four horses and teams and took the road bent on fun and made the most of it. Our boys had best nurse their sleighs and bells, for there is an old saying that a snow in the winter is apt to be followed by others. More than that philosopher Hix predicts a rough winter. The trains were hours behind for several days and some damage was done to telephone and telegraph poles and wires. The storm largely extended in the South. In many places there has been much destruction of timber, shade and fruit trees.

Stockholders Meeting. The annual meeting of the Shareholders of The State Bank of Laurens, S. C., will be held at their Banking House on Tuesday the 12th of January, 1897, for the purpose of electing a Board of eight Directors for said Bank.

JNO. A. BARKSDALE, President.

We mean business when we say we are closing out our entire stock of clothing.

W. A. JAMESON. Children's shoes from 25 cents up at Jameson's.

Headquarters for best values and lowest prices in clothing, shoes and hats.

J. R. Minter & Son. Arriving this week a beautiful line of clothing, consisting of young men's pobby suits, plain business suits, stouts and almas for those who are fashionably made. Also some job lots that will be closed out at greatly reduced prices to make room for our new stock of clothing.

J. R. Minter & Son. Business Notices. The streets were a busy look all through Saturday.

If you have not already done the right thing at the right time come to S. M. & E. H. Wilkes & Co., and see their goods in our Show. We pay the freight and see "ad."

A full line of Trusses, (all kinds, sizes and prices) can be found at Dr. Posey's Drug Store.

Great Scott! How Sam does talk.—It's all about the superlative merits of S. M. & E. H. Wilkes & Co. famous Sunny South Stove. Have you heard him?

Our Christmas Goods this year—will surpass all former offerings in variety, cheapness and beauty.

The Laurens Drug Co. It should be borne in mind that 739 is a good rocking chair to have in your house. It is cheap. See S. M. & E. H. Wilkes & Co.

If quality is a consideration as well as cheapness, the Sunny South Stove is what you want. Ask us what our guarantee is, and we will deliver free. S. M. & E. H. Wilkes & Co. If you want a good smoke, get the "Koum" at Dr. Posey's Drug Store, the best 5 cent cigar on the market.

If you want a nice Calendar for next year leave your name with us now.

The Laurens Drug Co. We sell the King and Jefferson Brands. Don't fail to secure one.

Dr. J. R. Minter & Son.

THE TELEPHONE EXCHANGE.

Its Prosperous Condition—General Satisfaction to the Public.

The Telephone system in Laurens has been a most pronounced success.

It has been in operation for only about a year. One dividend of twenty per cent has been paid.

The remarkable financial success of the system is though not to be mentioned when the convenience which it has afforded is considered. Having had the Telephone for a year, the people of Laurens wonder how they managed to get along without it all the previous years.

The Laurens exchange, it is needless to say, has had the very best possible management. Col. Trynham, the President, and Mr. Richey, the Secretary and Treasurer, have given it all the most careful attention and the city owes them a great deal for what they have done.

Miss Lena Wallace is the "central" during the daylight hours and Mr. Alsey Miller at night. Both of these young people understand their business and give very general satisfaction.

The County Teachers Met here on the 21st ultimo, and were called to order by School Commissioner Madden, who acted as chairman in the absence of the president.

The next part of the programme was the discussion of questions placed in the question box. All the members took part in this, and much valuable information was gained.

The following are on duty for next meeting: L. T. H. Daniel, W. P. Culbertson, A. H. Dagnall, Miss Alice Blakely.

New Goods arriving almost daily at Jameson's.

120 pair of Jameson's World Beater shoe worth \$1.25 going at 98 cents.

Right Will Will! We have fully illustrated the truth of the above business maxim.

From a small beginning six years ago, we have built up a large trade until our mammoth store is now recognized as one of the largest and attractive in upper Carolina.

We will offer big "drives" on some special lots of Shoes and Clothing during these 25 days, that will completely knock out all competition.

When you are looking around for bargains drop in on Jameson's.

We'll let you know what the best line of goods at lowest prices at Jameson's.

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R. D. Boyd, of Ikom, Laurens county was here Friday selling cotton. He is one of Laurens county's leading citizens, and is conspicuous in political affairs of the county and is a prominent alliance man.

Don't delay with rheumatism.—Purify your blood and cure it at once by taking a course of Hood's Sarsaparilla.

CATARRH IN THE HEAD Is a dangerous disease. It may lead directly to consumption.

Talk about Bargains. Do you know one when you see it? You may, but there are others that do not. See our Oak Suit Furniture for \$14.88 and express your opinion. S. M. & E. H. Wilkes Co.—they are paying freight.

Our stock of shoes is being added to daily. We can save you some money if you will only call and see our prices.

J. R. Minter & Son.

Notice to Creditors. The creditors of the estate of E. M. Calne, deceased, are hereby notified to render an account of their demands, duly attested to the undersigned, and those indebted to said estate are called upon to make payment to the undersigned without delay.

Notice. I will sell on Wednesday December 16th, at the home of Field Anderson, deceased, the personal property of said dec'd, consisting of one horse, one mule, sheep, two cows, one two-horse wagon, one one-horse wagon, one buggy, farming implements, corn, fodder, hay, etc. Sale to begin at 11 o'clock, a. m. Terms cash.

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THINGS DONE,

SEEN, HEARD THROUGH SNOW AND SLEET—SALESDAY TRADE—OFF TO CONFERENCE.

Remember the musical treat at the Opera House to-morrow night.

The late election cost the State about \$20,000.

Pay your taxes by the 31st or the Treasurer will call time on you.

The Cotton Mill in Charleston which has had a hectic life is finally closed and the property will be sold.

Mr. J. A. Mette, the genial traveling agent of the Columbia Register, was in the city on Friday.

Mr. Lewis W. Simkins, visited Newberry, on legal business during last week.

Col. B. W. Ball left yesterday to attend the meeting of the Grand Lodge, A. F. M., in Charleston.

Mr. and Mrs. Edward Frierson, of Cincinnati, have arrived in Laurens and are thinking of making it their home in future.

We see with regret in the Columbia dailies that Mr. B. C. Bolt, student from Laurens at the South Carolina College, has been very ill.

Rev. A. J. Stokes, Dr. W. H. Dial and C. O. Featherstone are off to the State Methodist Conference which meets at Abbeville this week.

If you want to clear your counters and tables of the handsome things you have provided for Christmas advertise them through the ADVERTISER.

The Mozart Symphony Club, of New York, will give a Musical Concert in the Opera House to-morrow night, Wednesday, December the 9th.

The Wofford College Students have sent their monthly journal, which as usual shows considerable talent and the ability to get up a fair all round Magazine.

Mr. D. F. Balentine brings us a sample of second crop horse apple—fully ripe from the Yeargin place. The bloom dates 1st of September. Laurens is up with the procession.

An ill wind that blows no body good. The colored men of the city who could do nothing else received from fifty to a hundred dollars on Thursday last for shovelling snow from houses.

The County Auditor publishes to-day his appointments for official visits. They will appear for four insertions. Keep a copy of the paper or cut out and preserve and you will know when he will appear at your precinct.

Chief Langston after the circus departed picked up on the circus grounds the biggest horse-shoe ever seen in these parts. He presented the mascot to Clerk Balle who will suspend it over the city hall door for luck.

A dainty little pamphlet in the form of a Christmas Diary has been sent out by the Laurens Drug Company and also a list of the Christmas goods purchasable at that up-to-date establishment.

Maj. J. K. Vance, the father of Mr. S. W. Vance of our city is on a visit to his son, Mr. W. W. Vance, in Baton Rouge, La. Maj. Vance was quite feeble in the early autumn but we hope to see him return with renewed vigor and youth.

The lads in town had a great battle royal of snow on Saturday afternoon enjoyed with zest by participants and spectators. The fusillade was occasionally directed to a wayfarer of larger growth—some half dozen gray beards taking a full hand and fully boys again.

When we become "grown up children" and the cares of this world are upon us, with all their worry, we joyfully recur to the few short and happy days of childhood. You will find every thing that makes children dance with joy if you read the ADVERTISER and see where to place a few nickles for useful and beautiful Christmas knick-nacks.

Cards are out for the marriage of Miss Caroline Simmons, and Mr. Robert Lee Elder in the Methodist Church, this city, on December the 16th. Miss Simmons is a sister of President O. B. Simmons of the Bank of Laurens, and has numerous friends here. Mr. Elder, the groom prospective, is a popular merchant of Clarendon county, this State.

The December Salesday is usually an immense occasion. The late downfall of snow caused somewhat of a lull in this year's crowd however as the roads are in rather a bad way. Enough people were here though to take the stores, the post office and banks, and to give a very busy aspect to the square. A sale of horses centered the crowd in that locality for a considerable time.

Christmas is traveling on our heels and it may snow on Christmas Eve and in any event there will be a mighty crush; go at once and get your Christmas goods and goodies from Jameson's, Davis & Roper's, Wilkes, Minter's, Burns, Laurens Drug Company, Wilson's, Posey's, and a half dozen other reliable houses, all of which you will find down in the ADVERTISER's columns.

Mr. Bray, electrician, employed at the cotton mill, occupied a lodging in the Gilkerson Boarding House on Friday night last on the ground floor. A setter dog occupied the room with his master. About 12:30 at night Mr. Bray was aroused by the growling of his dog and finding an intruder in the room he fired two shots with his pistol. The burglar escaped, but blood stains were found on the floor and only the mark of a foot on the wall and it is inferred that the rascal was hit.

Two Jolly old vets from Waterloo, and among those we named last week as ready to tackle the Spanish fleet, were here over shoes in snow on last Thursday, paid their score to the ADVERTISER, and assured us that we had not misrepresented them in suggesting them as ready for any little foreign quarrel we might get up. One of these jolly old boys was Dr. J. Q. Wilbur, who fought it out with old John Brown in Kansas and afterwards stuck out the long leg in the sixties. He is today as stout and tough as any contemporary post-ack on the Waterloo hills.

Any one in need of bagging and ties will find the same on sale at the Laurens Cotton Mill.

THE STATE BAPTIST CONVENTION—LAURENS COMPLIMENTED.

As announced in our last issue this great body of Christians through their representatives convened in Charleston at the Citadel Square Church on Wednesday morning last. Dr. Gardner, of Greenville, preached the preliminary sermon on Tuesday night.

The ministers' conference which precedes the organization of the convention was effected on Wednesday morning. Rev. J. B. Parrott, of this county, was chosen as moderator of this body. It was a high but deserved compliment to a most zealous, earnest and talented young Minister. The proceedings are of great interest, but too elaborate for our space. The subject of State aid to State Colleges and schools was one of the leading topics.

Ex-Judge J. B. Hudson, of Bennettsville, one of the ablest men of the South, was chosen President of the Convention.

From the News and Courier we take the following from among personal notices of prominent delegates in attendance on the Convention: The Rev. J. B. Parrott, of Laurens County, is an ardent worker. Mr. Parrott was called upon to preside at the morning session, which he did to the perfect satisfaction of all concerned.

The Rev. J. D. Pitts, of Laurens, is enjoying the Convention, taking things quietly and with great interest. Mr. Pitts was once a business man of Laurens, and when he was licensed to preach his own townsmen, who knew him best, called him to preach to them. This was many years ago, but he deserved this mark of their esteem and confidence and still labors with them, a rising and strong man of his denomination.

And of another gentleman who owes his nativity to Laurens, and we still watch after him and take a lively interest in his career, a worthy son of a noble and patriotic father, formerly our fellow citizen, Col. George F. Moseley. "An unusually interesting member of the Convention is the Rev. H. R. Moseley, now pastor of the Rock Hill Baptist Church. For seven years he has been a missionary in Mexico and his zeal in this work has been most conspicuous. Mr. Moseley left Mexico because of this zeal, the results of which were too numerous and apparent to suit his religious opponents. Mr. Moseley is a strong power and will be heard from throughout this Convention and will continue to be heard from when the strong men of his denomination are considered."

Rev. J. D. Pitts was assigned to preach on Sunday last in Charleston at Spring Street Methodist church at 11 A. M.

In Memoriam. On the 16th ultimo, at the residence of Miss Patsy Griffin, near Waterloo, S. C., Mr. James G. Duncan departed this life. He was considerably past four-score years of age. He died respected by a large circle of friends as an honest, up-right citizen, a brave and faithful soldier in the great civil war. He was a member of Company B, 3d S. C. Battalion, Kershaw's famous brigade of South Carolina—and as a matter of fact made an enviable war record. He was a member of Charles Rutledge Holmes's Camp, No. 740, U. C. V., of Waterloo, S. C.

One by one the ranks of our comrades are being thinned. May the soul of each comrade rest in peace in the Great Beyond. Farewell, thou who served thy country well.

COMRADE.

\$100 Reward \$100 The readers of this paper will be pleased to learn that there is at least one dreaded disease that science has been able to cure in all its stages, and that is Catarrh.

Hall's Catarrh Cure is the only positive cure known to the medical fraternity. Catarrh being a constitutional disease, requires a constitutional treatment. Hall's Catarrh Cure is taken internally, acting directly upon the blood and mucous surfaces of the system, thereby destroying the foundation of the disease, and giving the patient strength by building up the constitution and assisting nature in doing its work. The proprietors have so much faith in its curative powers, that they offer one hundred dollars for any case that it fails to cure. Send for list of testimonials.

F. J. CHENEY & Co., Toledo, O. Sold by druggists.

G. Pet Smith of Brewerton, was here last Friday on business. Mr. Smith is one of the foremost citizens of his county and is very popular. He is an enthusiastic supporter of the new county and has accomplished a great deal for it in his section.—Bonea Path Chronicle.

Bargains in Pianos. Beautiful Upright Pianos from \$215.00 up, at M. A. Malone's, Columbia, S. C.

Why suffer with Coughs, Colds and Grippe when LAXATIVE BROMO QUININE will cure you in one day? Does not produce the ringing in the head like Sulphate of Quinine. Put up in tablets convenient for taking.—Guaranteed to cure, or money refunded. Price, 25 cents.

For sale by Hill & Martin.

Make Home Happy. By selecting one of those beautiful Pianos or Organs, which M. A. Malone, of Columbia, is offering at great bargains.

Notice. All persons holding claims against the county must present them to the county Supervisor on or before the first and second day of January or they will not be paid at that time. By order of the county Board.

R. P. ADAIR, County Supervisor.

Valuable Land for Sale. The tract of land, known as the Wright place at Lisbon, containing 400 Acres, more or less, well improved with good dwelling and out houses. Will sell as a whole or in lots to suit purchaser. Inquire of J. N. Wright or H. Y. Simpson, Laurens, S. C. Nov. 16, 1896-1/2

Don't Delay. If you desire to secure a fine Piano or Organ at a big bargain! For particulars write or call on M. A. Malone, Columbia, S. C.

BRING

The Children to See Santa Claus (Life Size)

—AT— Laurens Drug Co.,

H. K. AIKEN, M. D., Manager.

Store near Post Office.

Organs and Pianos. I do not beg any person to buy of me, but if you value your dollars, I will positively save you many of them on the price of a piano or organ.

See my Organs and pianos. They talk. Call at my photograph studio, over Bank of Laurens. Don't buy until you see what I can do. L. A. McCord.

\$25 Reward Would be cheerfully paid by almost any one who has Catarrh to be cured. You can be cured for less than half that money by taking (B. B. B.) Botanic Blood Balm. Read the following certificate:

CATARRH OF THE HEAD CURED. I cannot refrain from telling you what a glorious medicine you have. For two years my mother has suffered with a severe catarrh of the head and ulcerated sore throat. She resorted to various remedies without effect, until she used Botanic Blood Balm (B. B. B.), which cured her catarrh, and healed her sore throat.

W. A. Pappier, Fredonia, Ala. For sale by The Laurens Drug Co., and all other Druggists.

DON'T STOP TOBACCO. How to Cure Yourself While Using It. The tobacco habit grows on a man until his nervous system is seriously affected, impairing health, comfort and happiness. To quit suddenly is to sever a link to the system, as tobacco to an inveterate user becomes a stimulant, his system continually craves "Baco-Curo" is a scientific cure for the tobacco habit, in all its forms—carefully compounded after the formula of an eminent Berlin physician who has used it in private practice since 1872, without a failure. It is purely vegetable and guaranteed perfectly harmless. You can use all the tobacco you want while taking "Baco-Curo." It will notify you when to stop. We give a written guarantee to cure permanently any case with three boxes, or refund the money with 10 per cent interest. "Baco-Curo" is not a substitute, but a scientific cure without the aid of will power and with no inconvenience. It leaves the system as pure and free from nicotine as the day you took your first chew or smoke.

CURED BY BACO-CURO AND GAINED THIRTY POUNDS. From hundreds of testimonials, the originals of which are on file and open to inspection, the following is presented: Clayton, Nevada Co., Ark., Jan. 28, 1896, Eureka Chemical & Mfg. Co., LaCrosse, Wis.—Gentlemen: For forty years I used tobacco in all its forms. For twenty years after the formula of an eminent Berlin physician who has used it in private practice since 1872, without a failure. It is purely vegetable and guaranteed perfectly harmless. You can use all the tobacco you want while taking "Baco-Curo." It will notify you when to stop. We give a written guarantee to cure permanently any case with three boxes, or refund the money with 10 per cent interest. "Baco-Curo" is not a substitute, but a scientific cure without the aid of will power and with no inconvenience. It leaves the system as pure and free from nicotine as the day you took your first chew or smoke.

Yours respectfully, P. H. MARRYAT, Pastor C. P. Church, Clayton, Ark.

Sold by all druggists at \$1.00 per box; three boxes (30 days treatment), \$2.50 with iron-bound, written guarantee, sent direct upon receipt of price. Write for booklet and proofs. Eureka Chemical & Mfg. Co., LaCrosse, Wis., and Boston, Mass.

ACHING JOINTS

Announce the presence of rheumatism which causes untold suffering. Rheumatism is due to lactic acid in the blood. It cannot be cured by liniments or other outward applications. Hood's Sarsaparilla purifies the blood, removes the cause of rheumatism and permanently cures this disease. This is the testimony of thousands of people who once suffered the pains of rheumatism but who have actually been cured by taking Hood's Sarsaparilla. Its great power to act upon the blood and remove every impurity is the secret of the wonderful cures by Hood's Sarsaparilla.

Extending thanks to our many friends and customers for patronage, we now offer to the public a large and well-selected stock of riding shoes and hats.—Many of them made directly from the factory, and can and will be sold as low as any goods of same quality in South Carolina. J. R. MINTER & SON.

Pianos and Organs. McCord will sell you a first-class Piano or Organ cheaper than any other dealer. He has the State agency for the leading manufacturers, and no expense; common sense would say, if you wish to save money, buy from McCord. These Pianos and Organs are moth and mouse proof.

L. A. McCord, Laurens, S. C.

Notice! Assessor. The Auditor's Office will be open from the 1st day of January to the 20th day of February, 1897, to receive returns of Personal Property for taxation in Laurens County.

For the convenience of taxpayers the Auditor will attend the following named places to receive returns for said year, to-wit:

Jacks Township, Dr. F. M. Setzler, January 11, from 10 a m to 2 p m.

Jacks Township, Renno, January 12, from 10 a m to 2 p m.

Hunter Township, Clinton, January 13, from 10 a m to 2 p m.

Hunter Township, Milton, January 14, from 10 a m to 2 p m.

Cross Hill Township, Spring Grove, January 15, from 10 a m to 2 p m.

Cross Hill Township, Cross Hill, January 16, from 10 a m to 2 p m.

Waterloo Township, Waterloo, January 18, from 10 a m to 2 p m.

Waterloo Township, Ekum, January 19, from 10 a m to 2 p m.

Waterloo Township, Mt. Gallagher, January 20, from 10 a m to 2 p m.

Sullivan Township, Brewerton, January 21, from 10 a m to 2 p m.

Sullivan Township, Pine-ton, January 22, from 9 a m to 12 m.

Sullivan Township, Tumbling Shoals, January 22, from 1 p m to 4 p m.

Dial Township, Luther C. Owens, January 23, from 9 a m to 12 m.

Dial Township, D. D. Harris, January 25, from 10 a m to 2 p m.

Dial Township, V. A. White, January 26, from 10 a m to 2 p m.

Young's Township, Parson's Store, January 27, from 10 a m to 2 p m.

Young's Township, Young's Store, January 28, from 10 a m to 2 p m.

Young's Township, Pleasant Mound, January 29, from 9 a m to 12 m.

Young's Township, Lanford Station, January 29, from 2 to 4 p m.

Scout-town Township, Tylersville, January 30, from 10 a m to 2 p m.

Real Property is not returned this year.

It will save much time to taxpayers, and greatly facilitate the work of the Assessor, if every person before leaving home will make out a complete list of every item of personal property in the following order: Horses, Cattle, mules, pigs and goats, hogs, watches, organs and pianos, buggies, wagons and carriages, dogs, merchandise, machinery and engines, money, notes and accounts above indebtedness, and all other property including household.

It is always required that the Auditor get the first given name of the taxpayer in full.

Under the head of place of residence on tax returns give the township.

All male citizens between the ages of twenty-one and sixty years, on the 1st day of January, except those who are incapable of earning a support from being maimed or from other causes are deemed taxable polls (confederate veterans excepted).

And every taxpayer is required to give the number of their school districts.

After the 20th day of February next fifty per cent penalty will be attached for failures to make