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 W. W. BALL, Proprietor.
 LAURENS, S. C., Dec. 21, 1897.

The Charleston Post.
 This Independent Journal referring to the attitude of THE ADVERTISER that South Carolina has no rule that a Governor must not have two terms, suggests that THE ADVERTISER opposes the re-election of Governor Ellerbe. In this our contemporary mistakes us. We admit that we are to be classed, possibly among the Ishmaelites, but we are not antagonizing our Governor. When the field is full, we will take our choice. Don't set us down yet awhile as fighting Governor Ellerbe. If he shows himself stout and brave and honest, himself the Governor, no trouncing with thunders and selfseekers, we shall be for Ellerbe. The voters are watching closely, they have been "educated" a little by Tillman and the times, and they will elect a man Governor who is "his own man" and who will conserve the honor of the State and not the interest of individual men and partisans. We so hope and trust. Governor Ellerbe has fallen into the weakness of many people—the task of settling the whiskey question and enacting summary laws for the State. He has joined hands in putting the State into a dirty trade, and there has been much blood and murder, a great increase of officers and much corruption. The State has been a miserable stew for six years.—It is no easy task to pull her out of it. We will see what a year will bring forth. It is a time for manliness, common sense and statesmanship. The age of Nebuchadnezzar has passed.—These men assembled under the King, know O King, that the law of the Medes and Persians is, that no decree or statute which the King establisheth may be changed." We are still free to choose from among our fellow citizens a wise, statesmanlike officer to rule over us. We are opposed to partisanship and are not particular from which side of the lines as drawn for the last six years, he may come, if he answer the character we have endeavored to draw. In the meanwhile, as a "child may understand," the fact that we discuss the succession of an officer a year before his term is out, shows that, the times are out of joint.

Commissioner Wilborn for the delegates from this State to the Cotton Convention wired the Governor of the Empire State of Georgia to know about the small pox pest at that great city, Atlanta. The Governor referred the inquiry to the Mayor of that city and had for answer as follows:
 "Your telegram to the Governor has been handed me for reply. There is absolutely no danger. All cases are thoroughly isolated outside of the city."
 C. A. COLLIER, Mayor.
 This, of course, was eminently satisfactory and the great men of Carolina hesitated no longer to risk their carcasses. They reasoned well, notwithstanding the danger. We have the great men to spare. Again, this view is paramount. The very pick of this State should willingly his "quietus take" from contamination with the denizens of Peachtree Street. We extend the consolation, however, that Governor Ellerbe has sent only "cases" hardened subjects to Atlanta and there need be no dire consequences from the visitation to Georgia. In the meanwhile, however, where did Mayor Collier find the "cases" he has so carefully "isolated" in his pest house "outside of the city"?

A prevailing fad is to have a junketing committee traveling the State "investigating" the State Farms, the institution for the blind, the penitentiary, the insane hospital, and the State Colleges. They recommend to the General Assembly and are experts in the mysteries of the insane, the criminals, the deaf, dumb, blind and halt, the needs of the "higher" institutions of learning, and the management of the great penitentiary around Columbia. Investigate the investigators or get on the committee.

A merry and joyous Christmas to all the readers of THE ADVERTISER.—May a bounteous Santa Claus hobble down every chimney and fill every tiny stocking.

Congress has adjourned for the holidays. There is no reason why they should not have a good time, except a failure of the turkey crops and other liquids.

If you have ever seen a little child in a paroxysm of whooping cough, or if you have been annoyed by a constant tickling in the throat, you can appreciate the value of One Minute Cough Cure, which gives quick relief. B. F. Posey, wholesale and retail druggist.

CASTORIA.
 The little signature of *Chas. H. Fletcher* is on every wrapper.

Executors Sale.
 By virtue of the power vested in me as Executor under the will of Austin Cheek, deceased, I will sell at his late residence on the 5th day of January, 1898, commencing at 12 m., the real estate of which the deceased died, seized and possessed, consisting of 126 acres, more or less, and being the tract of land on which he resided at the time of his death, and known as the Austin Cheek home place, bounded by lands of Walter S. Gray, George Smith, Newton Dial and others. And also at same time and place all the personal property of which said deceased died possessed, consisting in part of tools, saws, fodder, col-

BRILLIANT WEDDING.
 At the residence of Mr. John D. Sullivan, on the 14th of Dec. 1897, at 9 o'clock, A. M., the beautiful and accomplished Miss Florence E. Sullivan was married to Mr. W. Smith, a popular and successful planter of Anderson, S. C., by Dr. Manly. The bride was elegantly attired in a handsome travelling costume and carried a lovely bouquet of cream rose buds. Her maids of honor, Miss Eliza Grambell and Miss Georgia Carter also wore elegant travelling costumes, each carrying a bouquet of sweet-alyssum. The parlor was tastefully decorated with evergreens and roses. After many congratulations, the party were invited, by the master of ceremonies, Dr. Casper West to partake of a most elegant repast in the spacious and tastefully decorated dining hall. The bridal party immediately left for Home Path where they boarded the train for a week of pleasure in the "City by the Sea," from whence they will return to their future home in Anderson.

Don't think that your liver needs treating if you are bilious.—It don't. It's your stomach. That is, your stomach is really what causes the biliousness. It has put your liver out of order.
 See what's the matter with your stomach.
 Sick stomach poisons the liver and then there's trouble. Shaker Digestive Cordial cures stomach and then all's well. That's the case in a nutshell.
 Shaker Digestive Cordial is no secret. Formula's on every bottle. But it's the simple honest way it's made, the honest Shaker herbs and other ingredients of which it's composed, that make it so efficacious.
 Any real case of indigestion and biliousness can be cured with a few bottles of Shaker Digestive Cordial. Try it.
 Sold by druggists, price 10 cents to \$1.00 per bottle.

Certainly you don't want to suffer this dyspepsia, constipation, sick headache, salivary gland, and loss of appetite. You have never tried DeWitt's Little Early Risers for these complaints or you would have been cured. They are small pills but great regulators. B. F. Posey, wholesale and retail druggist.

Hood's Pills
 Are much in vogue, always ready, efficient, satisfactory; prevent a cold or fever, cure all liver, sick headache, jaundice, constipation, etc. Price 25 cents. The only Pills to take with Hood's Sarsaparilla.

999 DROPS
CASTORIA
 Vegetable Preparation for Assimilating the Food and Regulating the Stomachs and Bowels of
INFANTS & CHILDREN
 Promotes Digestion, Cheerfulness and Rest. Contains neither Opium, Morphine nor Mineral. NOT NARCOTIC.
 Recipe of Old Dr. J. C. WELLS
 Pumpkin Seed—
 Licorice—
 Sassafras—
 Gum Arabic—
 Castor Oil—
 Syrup of Marshmallows—
 Simple Remedy for Constipation, Sour Stomach, Diarrhoea, Worms, Convulsions, Feverishness and LOSS OF SLEEP.
 The Simple Signature of
Chas. H. Fletcher
NEW YORK.
 16 months old
35 DROPS—35 CENTS
 EXACT COPY OF WRAPPER.

Don't Forget to Call AT MINTER'S Cash Store.
 We can save you money. We buy and sell for cash and get the best discounts which enables us to handle Goods at the LOWEST PRICES.
CLOTHING.
 Our stock is large and varied, ranging in prices from \$2.50 to \$20.00, and comes direct from the Factory. We have Stouts, Slims and Regalins and can fit and suit the trade. If we sell once we can sell you again.
Shoes and Hats.
 Shoes are one of our specialties, and are rolling in from the Factories. See them and be convinced of their extra good value.
 We take great pains in selecting our hats and carry a fine line of the latest styles, and are agents for several factories.
DRY GOODS.
 We are up on Dry Goods and can offer you good honest goods prices that will make you glad that you called. Thanking you for patronage and soliciting your future business we remain,
 Very respectfully,
MINTER & COMPANY

Scrofula Sores
 Health Was Greatly Impaired, But Hood's Sarsaparilla Built It Up—Sores Have All Disappeared.
 "I was troubled with eruptions on my face, which appeared like scrofula. My health was so much impaired that I was advised to take Hood's Sarsaparilla to build me up, and I bought six bottles. Before I had taken half of this amount I found that I was improving. I could rest better at night, and felt refreshed in the morning. I gained in flesh and when I had finished the six bottles the sores on my face had all disappeared." J. B. BONDIE, Postmaster, Nashville, No. Carolina.
 "After suffering from a sore leg for 22 years, four bottles of Hood's Sarsaparilla made a complete cure. It is several years since I took Hood's Sarsaparilla, but I have not suffered with any sore or erysipelas in that time." MRS. M. J. HARTLEY, Lovett, Georgia.
Hood's Sarsaparilla
 Is the Best—the One True Blood Purifier. Be sure to get Hood's and only Hood's.
Hood's Pills easy to take, easy to buy, easy to operate. 25c.

STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA,
 County of Laurens.
 Court of Probate.
 W. W. Kennedy as Administrator with the will annexed, of Mary P. Kennedy, deceased, Plaintiff against S. R. Todd and W. W. Kennedy as Trustee and Guardian of S. R. Todd, Defendants.
 In obedience to the decree passed in the above stated action, I will sell on Saturday in January, 1898, being the 31 day of the month, at public outcry at Laurens Court House, South Carolina, within the legal hours of sale all that tract of land situated in Laurens County, South Carolina, containing Eighty (80) Acres, more or less, and bounded by lands of M. M. Teague, the estate of Edmund Pasley, estate of Daniel Carter and the dower tract of Mrs. Rebecca Cannon.
 Terms of Sale—One-half cash, balance on a credit of one year, with leave to the purchaser to pay the entire bid in cash. The credit portion to be secured by the bond of the purchaser, and a mortgage of the premises sold, with interest from day of sale. If the purchaser fails to comply with the terms of sale said premises to be resold at his risk on same or some subsequent Saturday upon same terms. Purchaser to pay for papers.
 O. G. THOMPSON, J. P. L. C.
 December 13, 1897.—3t.

NOTICE
 To Executors and Administrators. The attention of Executors, Administrators and Guardians is called to the law requiring them to make their annual returns from 1st January to last day of February.
 O. G. THOMPSON, J. P. L. C.
 Dec. 16, 1897.—td.

SEE THAT THE FAC-SIMILE SIGNATURE OF CHAS. H. FLETCHER IS ON THE WRAPPER OF EVERY BOTTLE OF CASTORIA
 Castoria is put up in one-ounce bottles only. It is not sold in bulk. Don't allow anyone to sell you anything else on the plea or promise that it is "just as good" and "will answer every purpose." See that you get C-A-S-T-O-R-I-A.
 The fac-simile signature of *Chas. H. Fletcher* is on every wrapper.

These are the Kind of Days
 which make one think of the Winter Wrap—the warm underwear—and the other autumn wearables, all of which are here in full force.
Almost Half Over
 Now, is the Millinery Season. From this date we will sell all goods in this department at greatly reduced prices. Our Millinery can't be surpassed in quality, style and Novelty. We would be glad to have you call and examine before purchasing elsewhere, as we are sure you will be pleased.

When the Mercury Drops
 is the time to buy your Winter Clothing, if you haven't before. But "don't lock the stable door after the horse is stolen," and don't wait until you catch a heavy cold before you buy a better overcoat—a warmer suit.
 Drop in, look around, feast your eyes on the good clothing. It is pleasing to the eye, easy to the pocket, and will wear to satisfy. The best of everything that goes to make good Clothes is in ours. Prepare for the holidays—the quicker, the better.

Just a Little
 change in the crown, a little difference in the brim, and there you are; but what a difference it makes in the HAT. There's satisfaction in knowing that you're wearing the correct Shape. We've the pick of the season's plums in HATS.
 No need to wear old styles with such prices.
Laurens Cotton Mills Store

\$12.75
 Furniture Store. All Goods Delivered in South Carolina. Laurens, S. C., Nov. 15, 1897.

Conway Dial. Waters Ferguson.
New Firm
 OPENED UP IN **Laurens.**
 Have lived more than 100 years in Laurens County, not we ourselves, but our ancestors, so are to the manor born and know to most of you. Having chosen Merchandise as a legitimate business, we desire to call the Public's attention to the fact that we have opened up in the DIAL BLOCK, next to Ben-Dolla Hotel. A Brand New Stock of Latest Style
Clothing, Gents Furnishing Goods, Shoes, Hats, Caps, Trunks, Etc.
 Our Goods were all carefully selected, just from the Manufactory and bought Strictly for CASH on delivery. We offer these Goods to the Public, not at COST or LESS, but as low as the same article can be sold in this or any other retail market.
 We solicit at least a call, examination, and comparison, before purchasing.
 MOST RESPECTFULLY,
DIAL & FERGUSON

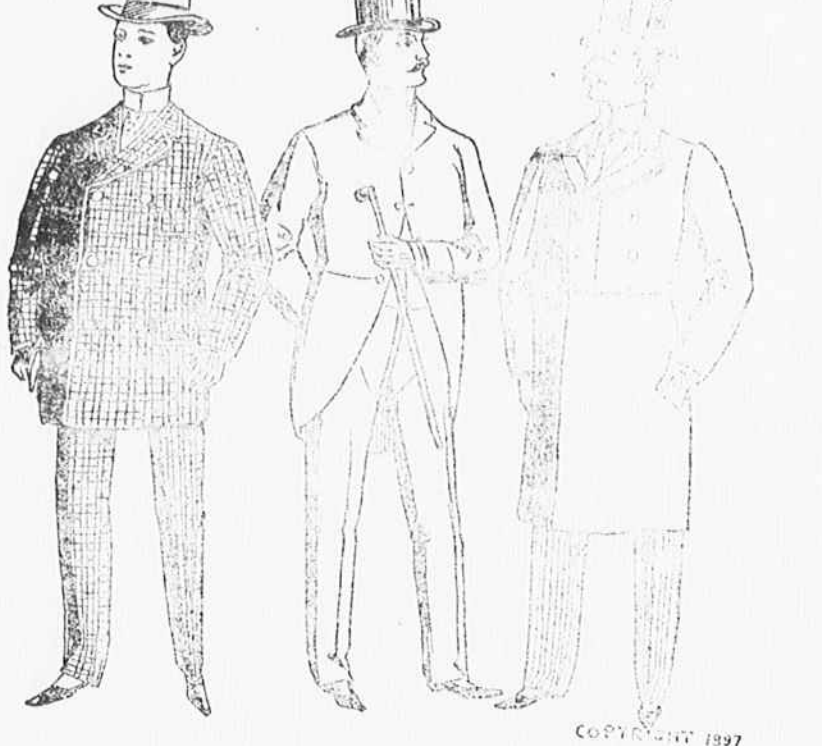
NOTICE
 Of Settlement and Application for Final Discharge.
 Take notice that on the 31 day of January, 1898, I will render a final account of my acts and doings as Executrix of the estate of Allen Dial, deceased, in the office of Judge of Probate for Laurens county at 10 o'clock, A. M., and on the same day will apply for a final discharge from my trust as such Executrix.
 All persons having demands against said estate will please present them on or before that day, proven and authenticated, or be forever barred.
 S. LOU DIAL, Executrix.
 Nov. 29—4t

CASTORIA.
 The little signature of *Chas. H. Fletcher* is on every wrapper.
NOTICE
 Of Settlement and Application for Final Discharge.
 Take notice that on the 14th day of January, 1898, I will render a final account of my acts and doings as Executor of the estate of Simpson D. Glenn, dec'd, in the office of Judge of Probate for Laurens county at 11 o'clock A. M., and on the same day will apply for a final discharge from my trust as such Executor.
 All persons having demands against said estate will please present them on or before that day proven and authenticated, or be forever barred.
 J. PERRY GLENN, Executor.
 Dec. 10, 1897

For Sale
 The Methodist Parsonage and church property—within 400 yards public square—South side Main Street. Handsome new dwelling, three acres of land. One of the most valuable and desirable lot or lots in the city of Laurens. For further information and terms apply to Dr. W. H. Dial or O. B. Simmons, Laurens, S. C.
FOR Rates West,
 TEXAS, MEXICO, CALIFORNIA, ALASKA, or any other point, with FREE MAPS, write to
FRED. D. BUSH,
 District Passenger Agent,
 Louisville & Nashville R R
 36 1/2 Wall St., Atlanta, Ga.

DR. W. H. BALL
DENTIST,
 OFFICE OVER NATIONAL BANK, LAURENS
 OFFICE HOURS—Monday and Tuesday.
 Chairs to suit the most fastidious ones from 25 cents to \$9.50.
 S. M. & E. H. Wilkes & Co.

Davis, Roper & Co.



Standard Clothing
 brings standard prices and to only of the appearance of a suit of clothes the day it is bought, while sensible men take an interest in the way clothing bought to-day will look six months from now. If you want an up to date suit, neat and nobby, and one that will give entire satisfaction you can get it in any color, any size, any cut, for \$7.50

The Largest Stock of Clothing
 IN UPPER SOUTH CAROLINA TO BE SOLD IN THE NEXT
60 DAYS
Cheaper Than Ever Before.
 It will pay you to see these Goods and get the prices. Now is the time to get a good suit for less money than you will again soon. We mean business, these Goods must and will be sold in the next 60 Days. Come, see for yourself.
Davis, Roper & Co.'s
 Famous Clothing, Hat and Big Shoe Store.
 Laurens, S. C., Oct. 14, 1897

\$12.75
S. M. & E. H. Wilkes & CO.

THE NEW FIRM
TODD & HUFF
 Desires everybody in Laurens County to know that they are now opening in one of the handsome store rooms of the Todd Block the largest and most complete stock of—
Carriages, Buggies, Road-Wagons
 over established in the city. They will also carry a large line of—
SADDLES, SADDLE BLANKETS, BUGGY ROBES and WHIPS,
And Harness of Every Description.
 In fact everything that pertains to a first-class BUGGY REPOSITORY. They will be pleased to have you give them a call.—They want you to remember that they are
IN THE BUSINESS,
 and are determined to never get LEFT ON PRICES, and to sell the BEST JOB for the LEAST MONEY.
TODD & HUFF.
 Todd is still representing the Greenville Fertilizer Co.,

State of South Carolina,
 COUNTY OF LAURENS,
 Court of Probate.
 Copy Summons for Relief.—Complaint not served.
 Mattie A. McDuffie, Plaintiff, against R. Morgan Leake, Foster Brown, Willis C. F. Brown, John Henry Brown, Mary Crowder, Sallie B. Fleming, Minnie E. Chandler, J. F. Brown, Hattie T. Boyd, Defendants.
 To the Defendants above named—
 You are hereby summoned and required to answer the complaint in this action, of which a copy is herewith served upon you, and to serve a copy of your answer to the said complaint on the subscribers at the office of N. B. Dial, Laurens Court House, South Carolina, within twenty days after the service hereof, exclusive of the day of such service; and if you fail to answer the complaint within the time aforesaid, the plaintiff in this action will apply to the Court for the relief demanded in the complaint.
 W. H. MARTIN,
 O. L. SCHUMPERT,
 N. B. DIAL,
 Plaintiffs' Attorney.
 To Sallie B. Fleming and Minnie E. Chandler, non-resident, Defendants: Please take notice that the complaint in the above stated cause was filed in the office of Judge of Probate for Laurens County, at Laurens, S. C., November 26, 1897.
 W. H. MARTIN,
 O. L. SCHUMPERT,
 N. B. DIAL,
 Plaintiff's Attorney.