

HOME AFFAIRS.

Married at the residence of the bride's father, J. P. Miller, Thomas H. Pope to Miss Kate Miller, Dr. T. M. McConnell, assisted by the Rev. W. L. Richards, performing the ceremony. — Greenville News, 16th.

The above will be of interest to Mr. Pope's numerous relatives and friends in Laurens.

Have you seen my liberal offer of a solid silver thimble for only 10 cents. One to a customer. W. A. Johnson.

Clinton Gazette Clippings. Miss Ellene McCaslin is visiting relatives in La Grange, Ga.

At a meeting of the College Association the Rev. W. T. Matthews, of Westminster, S. C., was elected Chancellor of the Presbyterian College. He will move to Clinton next week and begin work January 1st.

Something useful for grandma, a pair of Gold spectacles. W. A. Johnson.

President Lucas in Charleston. Mr. W. E. Lucas, President of the Laurens Cotton Mill, is among the most prominent arrivals in the city.

Mr. Lucas is one of the best known young cotton mill men in the State. He went into the business just after graduating from Wofford College in 1887. He stuck closely to work, and it was not long before he began to make his presence felt among the manufacturing men of the State.

A year or so ago a movement was started for the building of a cotton mill at Laurens, and after casting about for a suitable man to place at the head of the enterprise the directors wisely chose Mr. Lucas who was at that time President of the Morgan Iron Works at Spartanburg for that position.

Mr. Lucas is an enthusiastic mill man, and is of the opinion that the South is sure to become the leading cotton manufacturing section of the country. — News and Courier of the 10th inst.

A pretty Xmas present—a purse with Silver mountings, at W. A. Johnson's.

No man or woman can enjoy life or accomplish much in this world while suffering from a torpid liver. DeWitt's Little Early Risers, the pills that cleanse that organ, quickly. B. F. Posey, wholesale and retail druggist.

All the latest in Silver Novelties at the usual low prices. W. A. Johnson.

W. L. Douglas's \$3.00 shoe for only \$1.99 at Jamieson's this week to close out stock.

Clothing at cost this week at Jamieson's.

The several Township Pension Boards will meet at their respective meeting places at 10 A. M., on the 3rd Monday of January, to hear applications (new and old) for Pensions. Blanks will be furnished.

B. W. BALL, Chairman County Board Pensions.

Excursion Rates for the Holidays. The live Charleston and Western Carolina Railway Company will sell Excursion Tickets for the holidays to all points in Virginia, North Carolina, South Carolina, and Georgia at four cents per mile for the round trip.

Tickets on sale December 22, 23, 24 and 25, and on December 30 and 31, and on January 1, 1898, round trip on any train until January 4, inclusive. For any other information as to rates or schedules, call on any Agent of the Company, or write W. J. Craig, G. P. A., Augusta, Ga.

The "Bicyclist's Best Friend" is a family name for DeWitt's Witch Hazel Salve, always ready for emergencies. While a specific for piles, it also instantly relieves and cures cuts, bruises, salt rheum, eczema and all affections of the skin. It never fails. B. F. Posey, wholesale and retail druggist.

A nice Christmas present is a handsome plush cape. You can get just what you want at Jamieson's.

Suppose you make your wife, sister or sweetheart a present of a nice pair of bed room slippers, either in black, green or garnet. You can get them at Jamieson's.

How would you like to make your wife a present of a pair of all wool blankets? Jamieson's is closing out his blankets at a big bargain.

To heal the broken and diseased tissues, to soothe the irritated surfaces, to instantly relieve the irritated surfaces, to instantly relieve and to permanently cure is the mission of DeWitt's Witch Hazel Salve. B. F. Posey, wholesale and retail druggist.

Ho! for the Cheap Cash Store. Minter's Store, where you can get a dollar's worth for a dollar. Cash makes goods cheap. We buy and sell for cash, which enables us to handle goods at the lowest prices possible. Some big drives in Clothing, Overcoats, etc.

J. R. MINTER & SON, and quarters for Lowest Prices.

NOTICE TO TRESPASSERS. All trespassers on the grounds around my residence, especially if there for the purpose of shooting will be prosecuted.

B. W. BALL.

Stockholders Meeting. The regular Annual Meeting of the Shareholders of the National Bank of Laurens will be held, at their banking house, on Tuesday, January 11th, 1898, for the election of Directors for the ensuing year.

JNO. A. BARKSDALE, President. Dec. 7th, 1897.

CASTORIA For Infants and Children.

Who has the little children? It is on the wrapper.

Vaccination. To the Citizens of Laurens: As Smallpox is reported to exist in adjacent towns and cities, we, as the Board of Health of this city, do most respectfully request and urge our people, in order to escape the possibility of this fearful disease, to have themselves vaccinated at once by their respective family physician.

W. H. DIAL, M. D., Chairman. M. WILKES, Sec. & Treas.

Field & Hanson.

This popular minstrel aggregation appeared in the Opera House on Saturday night. The house was well filled for a Saturday night performance. "Great expectations" were had of a Company coming with so good report. But the audience were gratified beyond expectation. It is a model minstrel performance. The fun, the music, the dance, a great variety of clever art, gave two hours of choice relaxation. There was nothing coarse or unseemly. Chris Clinton, was inimitable and called down the House in the song: "I only know I Lover Her So." James Corbett as a "Buck Dancer" was first class and his performance will be remembered and talked about here were other excellences and Field & Hanson deserve a big welcome from fun lovers wherever they may go.

THE COLORED MASONS.

The Grand Lodge, F. A. A. M., assembled in this city on the 15th inst. in the lodge room of the local lodge in the twenty-ninth annual communication. Thirty-seven lodges were represented by eighty-six delegates. They were an unusually intelligent and substantial looking body of negro men. The following grand officers were chosen for the ensuing year: E. B. Burroughs, W. M. G. M.; J. P. Brockington, B. F. McDowell, D. G. M.; R. C. W. E. J. Sawyer, G. S. R. M.; Nixon, G. T.; C. C. McCrae, G. C.; McDonald Riggins, G. P.; T. L. Schriver, G. M.; C. L. Walton, G. S. D.; T. W. Wilson, G. J. D. Wm. Pope, P. Governor, G. S. C. B. White, G. S. B. A public installation was held in the A. M. E. church, this city, at 10 o'clock on last Wednesday morning. Columbia was chosen as the place for the next annual communication.

A solid Silver Thimble for 10 cents at W. A. Johnson.

A Much Talked of Question Satisfactorily Answered—A High Containment Paid the Author of The Answer.

The News and Courier of the 13th contained an exceedingly clever article by Miss Perrin Farrow in answer to the question recently asked by Superintendent of Education Mayfield, "What was the real cause of the Rebellion in 1861?" It will be recalled that the question was given recently in an examination of applicants for teachers certificates and that the use of the word "rebellion" brought about a hot discussion in which almost every paper in the State had a word. Lack of space forbids our quoting Miss Farrow's article or even the whole of the high compliment which the News and Courier pays its author editorially. We clip however the closing paragraph:

"In view of the discussion which has been aroused and the light that has been shed upon the subject, as well as the demonstration of the need of such light, it is perhaps as well, after all, that the question was asked. In fact, we would almost pardon Mr. Mayfield's blunder if it had no other effect than to bring out the admirable article, which we publish to-day, on teaching United States history, with which the question is answered by Miss Mary Perrin Farrow, a practical teacher, who knows how to teach and knows what she teaches. It is a pity there are not more such teachers in our public schools. But how can we expect to have many such teachers when we pay them salaries that would hardly recompense a good nurse? We should be thankful to have one such teacher, and some effort should be made to utilize her services in teaching other teachers how to teach, and perhaps in this way a compensation might be obtained for her more in proportion to her deserts."

For baby's first Xmas a solid Silver Bracelet at W. A. Johnson's.

Death of Mrs. W. F. Metts. Yesterday morning at 2.30 o'clock, Mrs. Mary Metts, wife of W. F. Metts, died at her residence, 115 Whitner Street.

Mrs. Metts was a native of Newberry county, born on the 18th of August, 1827.

Her maiden name was Williams—Capt. Leonard Williams, of this city, and Dr. J. H. Williams, of Laurens county, are her brothers.

On the 7th of August, 1841, she was married to W. F. Metts, the postmaster of Greenville.

Mr. and Mrs. Metts resided in Laurens for a number of years, removing to Greenville county some seventeen years ago, and about ten years ago came to this city.

Fifty-one years ago Mrs. Metts united with the Baptist church near her home and has been a most earnest and consistent Christian all the years of her life since professing conversion. She was a woman of strong religious convictions and her life has been spent in deeds of Christian charity.

She leaves a husband and eight children. W. D. Metts, clerk of court of this city, is one of her children. The funeral will be held at Sandy Springs Baptist church, thirteen miles below the city, to-day at 12 o'clock.

Mr. Metts and his children have the sincere sympathy of a host of friends in this county and other sections of the State.—Greenville News, 16th inst.

The diseases cured by Hood's Sarsaparilla are many, because most ailments disappear as soon as the blood is enriched and purified by it.

A few dress patterns left to be closed out at cost at Jamieson's this week.

CROSS HILL. We wish all a merry Christmas. James Pinson and Miller Pinson of Greenville county, are moving into town.

Mr. Bushart, of Saluda county is moving into town.

A good number of our people are making improvements on their dwellings and out-buildings. There seems to be quite a spirit of thrift among our citizens.

Our town council have caught the spirit of progress and have put up street lamps which are quite an improvement especially on dark nights. Also, some much needed improvements on our streets.

The boiler of the steamery of Moore and Grant exploded this morning, the 18th inst. Mr. Mike Moore, is thought to be fatally injured and two negroes were seriously, may be fatally hurt. SCRIBE.

INTERESTING ITEMS

IN BRIEF—VISITORS IN OUR CITY.

Remember the play at the Opera House to-night.

Rev. M. L. Carlisle spent a few days in the city last week.

Mrs. T. D. Darlington is visiting her parents, Dr. and Mrs. W. C. Irby.

Mrs. W. E. Lucas is spending a few days with friends in Spartanburg.

Don't fail to see the Chas. King Company to-night at the Opera House.

Mr. and Mrs. Augustus Huff went to Edgefield last Tuesday to present at the Tillman-Fuller wedding.

Mr. and Mrs. Ed Bass will spend Christmas with their relatives at Hartsville.

Misses Pearle Barnett and Lillie Brown are at home from Winthrop College for the holidays.

Mr. L. H. Watts, of Abbeville, visited his relatives here during last week.

Senators Tillman and McLaurin are both expected to be able to come home during the recess.

A party of young people attended a dance at Clinton on Friday evening and report a pleasant occasion.

Misses Annie Garlington, Mary and Annie Cannon visited Charleston during Gala Week.

The Charleston News and Courier of Friday last contains the report of Dr. A. G. Fike in that city.

Mrs. J. D. Watts went to Spartanburg on the 13th to visit Mrs. J. C. Garlington.

Ex-Governor John Gary Evans was married on the 15th instant to Miss Emily Mansfield Plume, at Waterbury, Conn.

In the Christmas rush don't forget that you owe your subscription. When you come in to-morrow or next day, pay it.

Mr. J. G. Williams and Mr. R. H. Pate, of Laurens, were registered at the Moseley National House, Charleston, during Gala.

Mary Jane Jacks, colored, is in the lock up, arrested by the town police, charged with violating the dispensary law.

Mr. Jack Brown, the well known Liveryman, has moved his fine lot of horses and carriages to the new stables, corner of Jail and Laurens Streets. There you will find elegant turnout.

Our physicians as a precaution are vaccinating the old and the young in the city. It is exceedingly important, although it is not expected to be serious in any quarter. A case of small pox here and there, is reported from neighboring towns.

Mr. Albert G. Fielding died in Charlotte on the 14th inst. and was buried in Columbia on last Wednesday.—About ten years ago he made Laurens his home for a time and still has friends here who will be sorry to learn of his death.

Rev. S. A. Weber, D. D., has been appointed Assistant Editor of the Southern Christian Advocate and will move to Greenville City. He is one of the ablest members of the Conference in this State and an accomplished scholar.

Capt. W. R. White died at his home in Spartanburg on the 13th instant after an illness of many weeks. Capt. White was a well known hotel man and popular wherever he was known. He was the father of Mrs. J. A. Copeland, of this city. The burial took place in Greenville on last Tuesday.

We understand that several applications have gone up to Governor Elberle for the Supervisors in this county.

Among them we hear the names of Mr. Alsey Coleman, R. P. Adair, John Boyd, William Anderson and Wright Sims. They are competent gentlemen.

"Slocum Gilson," friend to the readers of THE ADVERTISER, after eight weeks tug with fever crawled up Friday. He is the worst for wear, but we were glad to see him and THE ADVERTISER'S readers will be glad to hear from him again.

The boiler at Grant's saw mill at Cross Hill exploded on Saturday morning, injuring one man fatally and two others seriously. The boiler was thrown a half a mile in various directions.

Don't let your father carry matches loose in his pocket, get him a match safe at W. A. Johnson's.

The Christmas number of the Alkaloid, published in Atlanta, is the most attractive issue yet seen of that popular Southern Magazine. While commendable always, it improves somewhat with every issue. The cover is a beauty, in three colors, by John Henderson Garnsey.

Somebody asked Col. Ham, the famous Georgia editor and humorist, on Thanksgiving day, what he was thankful for. "Honesty, I am thankful that Allen Chandler will be elected Governor next year; that the Democrats will elect the House and Senate, and generally bring us towards Bryan and Van Wyck will be nominated and elected on a free silver platform."

The Hon. N. B. Dial, formerly the mayor of Laurens, is one of the leading young lawyers of the Piedmont section. He is now "in town" at Gala W. L. Mr. Dial is one of Charleston's regular guests at Festival time and he generally brings with him a large party of Laurens people who know how to enjoy the week thoroughly.—Talking of Laurens. Mr. Dial said it was still booming and was showing ahead rapidly in the right kind of way.—News and Courier.

Last night the Charles King Company, which has been entertaining us for the past five nights, gave us "Tipton Van Winkle." The opera house was crowded to overflowing and the unanimous decision of the vast audience was that the play was superb. At times the crowd was hysterical with laughter and the next minute the tears would roll from aged eyes as they would sympathize with the scene.—Wadesboro, (N. C.) Special to THE Charlotte Observer.

This Company will be at the Opera House every night this week.

James Downey, Esq., Supervisor for Laurens county, died in this city on Friday morning after a protracted illness. Mr. Downey was about sixty-five years of age, was a native of this county, a christian gentleman and highly respected. He served gallantly in the war, subsequently served the county as Commissioner, and in 1896 had the endorsement of his county for Supervisor. He leaves a widow and children who have the affectionate sympathy of a large circle of kindred and friends. His remains on Saturday were tenderly laid by the side of his father at Union church, his old home.

TO THE COTTON GROWERS OF LAURENS.

At the Cotton Growers' Convention held at Laurens C. H., on Saturday in December last, a convention of cotton growers was called to meet at Laurens C. H. on Saturday in January, 1898. We respectfully invite the presence of bankers, merchants, professional men of all classes, and all those directly or indirectly interested in cotton growing, to meet with us. Let us rise to the necessity of the occasion and take some definite action. I shall not waste space by indulging in arguments of the necessity of this action. Five-cents cot and its natural effect is its own most potent pleader in this cause. The importance of the situation addresses itself to our common country. There is no one interested in the material prosperity of our country who will not have to bear his share of this burden. We appeal to all to join us in a patriotic effort to crush out the ills that are now threatening our ruin. The threat of five cents cotton a few years ago shocked us with anticipation of impending ruin; its realization has almost convinced us that we are helpless; but 'tis often true that dire necessity compels us to act for self preservation, and under the present conditions we are absolutely slaves. The price is set on our cotton at just such a figure as to only leave us a bare living. The only reason we are not entirely crushed out is simply because our cotton is a necessity, and thus a scanty living is left that we may continue a product at the prices dictated to us. We are only laborers, without a voice in the price paid us for our labor. A crop of seven million bales for 1898 would be more valuable to the South than ten million bales in 1897. If our usual cotton acreage could be reduced 25 per cent, and this reduction planted in grain, hay and peas, our farmers would prosper, and with this prosperity would come new life. The cotton crop of '98 is already being traded away by the sharks that inhabit Wall street, at prices ruinous and begetting starvation. Shall the speculators relinquish their unrelenting grasp upon the labor of the producers, or will the farmers make a total surrender of their manhood and decide to become their hewers of wood and drawers of water for all time? The crisis is upon us, and now is the time to strike for freedom or to content forever afterwards to hold our peace and act in humble submission to the iniquitous demands of the Shylock and his pack of hell-hounds.

Respectfully,

J. H. WHALTON, President.

JOHNSON'S CHILL AND FEVER TONIC Cures Fever In One Day.

MADDENS.

The farmers have about finished gathering cotton and sowing small grain seems to be the order of the day.

The wedding bells have again been ringing in our midst. On the 8th instant Mr. Harrison Pinson and Miss Lillian Davenport were united in marriage at Mount Pleasant church at 6 o'clock P. M. Rev. E. C. Watson, officiating. All of Laurens county.

The health of our community is exceptionally good at present.

Dr. J. B. Jones, who has been in such ill health for several weeks we are glad to report is still improving.

Mr. Wyatt McDaniel, who has been attending Medical lectures at Chattanooga, Tenn., for several months is on a visit to his father, Robert McDaniel.

Mr. Ed Teague, of Columbia, S. C., is visiting his father, Mr. T. L. Teague.

Mr. Stokes Teague, of Augusta, Ga., paid our town a brief visit last week.

The minstrel on the evening of the 8th was in every way a perfect success and it was very difficult to ascertain who laughed the loudest. We hope the Waterloo boys will come again.

Can some one tell us just where the dispensary law, Judge Simonson and the original package houses stand, and the blind tiger thrown in?

ONE X.

BLADDER TROUBLES.

The bladder was created for one purpose, namely, a receptacle for the urine, and as such it is not liable to any form of disease except by one of two ways. The first way is from an imperfect action of the kidneys. The second way is from careless local treatment of other diseases.

SAMPLE SENT FREE.

Unhealthy urine from unhealthy kidneys is the chief cause of bladder trouble. It is comforting to know that Dr. Kilmer's Swamp Root fills every wish in quickly curing bladder and urinary troubles. It corrects inability to hold urine and scalding or stinging pain in passing it, or bad effects following use of liquor, wine or beer, and overcomes that unpleasant necessity of being compelled to get up many times during the night to urinate. The mild and extraordinary effect of Dr. Kilmer's Swamp Root is soon realized. It stands the highest for its wonderful cures of the most distressing cases. If you need a medicine you should have the best. At druggists fifty cents and one dollar.—You may have a sample bottle and pamphlet both sent free by mail. Mention THE ADVERTISER and send your address to Dr. Kilmer & Co., Binghamton, N. Y. The proprietors of this paper guarantee the genuineness of this offer.

Running sores, indolent ulcers and similar troubles, even though of many years standing, may be cured by using DeWitt's Witch Hazel Salve. It soothes, strengthens and heals. It is the great cure. B.

What Unbounded Enthusiasm!

Over our Christmas showings. We like it. We meant to have people get enthusiastic over such a collection of Xmas gifts at such prices as these. It proves that folks are interested in unique and desirable articles of real worth when sold at the right price. Many things have been sold. Never have we known an early Holiday trade to compare with this. It's because we have the Holiday stock. Hundreds of the choicest articles still remain. We urge you to make your selections as early as possible. Pick out the things and let us hold them for you, but Pick them out now before the assortment is picked over too much. Here are a few reminders:

- Whisk Holders, Trinket Boxes, Traveling Toilet Sets, Toilet Trays, Silver Novelties, Smoker Sets, Shaving Sets, Perfumes, Necktie Boxes, Music Cabinets, Mirrors, Toilet, Medallions, Leather Novelties, Ladies' Pocketbooks, Lap Tablets, Jewel Boxes, Infant Sets, Handkerchief Boxes, Vases, Gent's Pocketbooks, Frames, Photo, Fan Boxes, Dressing Cases, Collar and Cuff Boxes, Cigar Cases, China Novelties, Celluloid Novelties, Card Cases, Book Cases, Books, Pocket, Bisque Novelties, Bibles, Albums, Autograph, Albums Photograph, Childrens Books, Glove and Handkerchief Sets,

And there are endless more. Presents for the Humble-in-Means, Presents for the Well-to-do, Presents for Everybody. This is headquarters for the Christmas Presents for Laurens County.

THE LAURENS DRUG CO.

Laurens, S. C., Dec. 14, 1897. Todd's Corner.

Notice! Assessor.

The Auditor's Office will be open from the 1st day of January to the 20th day of February, 1898, to receive returns of Real and 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. E. M. Setzler's, January 10, from 10 a. m. to 2 p. m. Jacks Township, Renno, January 11, from 10 a. m. to 2 p. m. Hunter Township, Clinton, January 12, from 10 a. m. to 2 p. m. Hunter Township, Milton, January 13, from 10 a. m. to 2 p. m. Cross Hill Township, Spring Grove, January 14, from 10 a. m. to 2 p. m. Cross Hill Township, Cross Hill, January 15, from 10 a. m. to 2 p. m. Waterloo Township, Waterloo, January 17, from 10 a. m. to 2 p. m. Waterloo Township, Ekum, January 18, from 10 a. m. to 2 p. m. Waterloo Township, Mt. Gallagher, January 19, from 10 a. m. to 2 p. m. Sullivan Township, Brewerton, January 20, from 10 a. m. to 2 p. m. Sullivan Township, Princeton, January 21, from 9 a. m. to 12 m. Sullivan Township, Tumbling Shoals, January 21, from 1 p. m. to 4 p. m. Dial Township, Abner Babbs, January 22, from 9 a. m. to 12 m. Dial Township, D. D. Harris, January 21, from 10 a. m. to 2 p. m. Dial Township, V. A. White, January 25, from 10 a. m. to 2 p. m. Young's Township, Parson's Store, January 26, from 10 a. m. to 2 p. m. Young's Township, Young's Store, January 27, from 10 a. m. to 2 p. m. Young's Township, Pleasant Mount, January 28, from 9 a. m. to 12 m. Young's Township, Lanford Station, January 28, from 2 to 4 p. m. Scufftown Township, Tyler's Hill, January 29, from 10 a. m. to 2 p. m.

Real property to be returned this year.

It will save much time to taxpayers, also 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, sheep and goats, hogs, watches, organs and pianos, buggies, wagons and carriages, dogs, merchandise, machinery and engines, moneys, 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 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 district.

After the 20th day of February

SENSIBLE Christmas Presents

A Good Book.

Why not give your friends some nice Book, something they will enjoy in years to come. We have a nice lot to arrive this week to suit the taste of all and prices to suit the hard times.

J. O. C. FLEMING & CO

Your Chance.

During the next Ten Days we will offer our entire stock of Ladies Capes and Jackets at reduced prices.

RESPECTFULLY W. G. Wilson & Co.

1897 FALL 1898

Dry Goods, Millinery, Hats and Shoes

I HAVE BOUGHT A LARGE STOCK OF

Dress Goods and Millinery

O. B. SIMMONS

LAURENS, S. C., Sept. 7, 1897.

For the Fall trade, and bought them before the High Fall was put on and can offer you goods at as low or lower prices than ever before. Goods in all lines are advancing, but my prices remain the same for goods already bought. My line of—

Great reduction in price of Glenn Springs Water at The Laurens Drug Co., Kennedy Bros., and Dr. B. F. Posey \$1.75 per case, bottles to be

Advertisement for Glenn Springs Water, Kennedy Bros., and Dr. B. F. Posey, including a list of products and prices.