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 W. W. BALL, Proprietor.  
 LAURENS, S. C., Jan. 18, 1898.

**OUR SOLONS.**  
 Both Houses promptly convened in General Assembly on Tuesday last. President of the Senate, Lieut. Governor McSwain, and Speaker of the House Gary, made their little speeches. The Senate has a grand total, Dorchester, Bamberg, Saluda, Cherokee and Greenwood new counties, having Senators. The House stands at the old number, 124. The House got down promptly to work and soon disposed of the matter on the calendar coming down from the last session. The indications are that it will be a working body. A Senator is to be elected but it is a mere matter of form as Senator McLaurin will receive the vote of every Democrat. Chief Justice McEyer will be re-elected without opposition. Five Judges are to be elected—Watts, Gary and Klugh without opposition. Benet, of the First Circuit is opposed by Bacon, of Charleston, and ex-Judge Izlar, of Orangeburg. Benet will be re-elected, in all probability. In the 4th Circuit, Gage, of Chester, and McDonald, of Fairfield, aspire to succeed Judge Witherspoon, (who declines re-election) with the chances in favor of Gage. There is nothing of the Hanna business in it and all will go off without any fireworks. These elections will probably occur to-day. There are other minor elections. Our Laurens friends are watching and on hand. Here is a touch of their work:

Mr. Goodwin—To provide the manner in which persons may be exempt from poll tax or communication road tax in certain counties.  
 Mr. Goodwin—To amend an act entitled "An act to appropriate the road fund derived from special county levy," approved Feb. 17, 1890, by adding an additional section to be known as section 5.  
 A Bill has passed the House reducing the fees of notaries for taking renunciation of dower; to authorize posting of lands to keep off trespassers; to extend the time for paying taxes (affecting the present fiscal year); a bill to let the public printing to the lowest bidder. Mr. Goodwin's bill to regulate labor on Sundays excited a hot debate, but it was finally knocked in the head in the House. The horse and the cow had to be fed and watered; the cook might strike, cold dinners would be cold comfort for distinguished guests; the boot black might turn fine gentleman. A presentation of this view by an eloquent statesman and the Bill got it where the pretty Miss "wears her beads." There is the usual bill for separate coaches for races, and a bill further "to protect doves," and many new measures that from their titles promise well. A resolution is pending to adjourn on the 14th of February. Senator Ragsdale proposes amendments to the constitution to elect Circuit and Supreme Judges by the people. (This will not do and will not pass). By the way, there is a strong push to have notes, bonds, and credits, on the assessors books for taxation. Don't forget amendments to the Dispensary Law—to add a perfume to the rose, and to paint the lily; they are there. General Hagood's death was announced and he was eulogized. It is clear enough that the General Assembly will average well for common sense, rank high for mediocrity, with some very clever men. "Old Edgethield" is fretting over the fact that her Senator resides in Greenwood county. She is right—it is anomalously ridiculous. But she can repose upon a pillow of down when she recalls that Ben Tillman and Jas. Talbert are in "yan-yan house"—a watching of McKinley and the racy outland Reed.

When the resolution in the House was proposed to elect a Chief Justice and Circuit Judges it was amended to make Circuit Judges read before Chief Justice. This has been construed as a piece of log-rolling in the interest of Judge Benet. Should the opposition be strong to Judge Benet his friends could take vengeance upon McEyer, who as yet is not opposed for Chief Justice. But such is politics. The House proposes for the Attorney General to prepare a Dispensary Bill that will head off the Federal Circuit Judge, Simonson. And yet a resolution proposes to reduce the salary of this officer twenty per cent. This officer now wants a change of venue and to go to Congress, where U. Samuel pays more than \$5,000. "Citizen" Ashley, of Anderson, is in good health and will be in evidence in due season.

In his message Governor Ellerbe states that he avoided paying interest to keep things going by over drawing the States deposits at the banks. But these were the Banks where the great deposits of the State are kept at no interest. It was a fair exchange of courtesies. It would have been tough to have kept a Judge, a Solicitor, a Railroad Commissioner or the like of them waiting for their small compensation. Their annual salaries are paid monthly; don't you know.

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

**Johnson's Chill and Fever Tonic**  
 Quinine and other fever medicines take from 5 to 10 days to cure fever. Johnson's Chill and Fever Tonic cures in ONE DAY.  
 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 pile cure. B. F. Posey, wholesale and retail druggist.

**The Old Man of the Sea.**  
 Governor Ellerbe transmitted his annual message to the General Assembly on the assembling of that body on Tuesday last. The first subject discussed is the Dispensary as intimated in our last issue. It is to the State an "old man of the sea," and apparently cannot be shaken from her neck. His Excellency labors with the monster, but concludes as we gather from much writing, that under the present conditions we must still carry him on our shoulders. A sort of book of lamentations is preached about the Federal Court, but that Court is probably here to stay. It is still our experiment—no other State on the globe enjoys it—and we must not make wry faces at our medicine. The Governor suggests to eliminate the profit feature. We think if that goes, then the institution should go. It might be kept however, as affording good paying berths for a large aggregation of partizan favorites. This is worthy of consideration. As a moral institution it is an utter failure. The immense business done in liquor by the State consists in the sale of the cheapest and meanest liquors manufactured. We are of the opinion that the consumption of liquors by the well-to-do classes in the State has largely decreased; but we are still of the opinion that the opening of depots of cheap intoxicants by the State is a monstrous temptation to the very poor of the State. The Governor does not help us in this predicament. It is but proper to state that he did not get us into it. The message in other respects is devoted to the institutions and departments of the State Government. Educational matters are fully and ably presented. The charitable and penal institutions are healthy. The State is a good farmer—the penitentiary farms show 'ing up well. The Governor presses the necessity of economy and a prompt discharge of the duty devolving upon the law-makers. The great phosphate interest, from which the State had a big income, has gone to the dogs. These are the prominent ear-marks of the official paper.

The News and Courier had some damaging head lines touching Judge Benet, the Spartanburg Herald rushes to the championship of the Judge, the News and Courier apologizes neatly and Judge Benet addresses the Grand Jury of Spartanburg in the choicest vernacular. Washington's great Chief Justice, Marshall, might have been hit hard by "head lines."  
 An eagle towering in his pride of place, Was by a mousing owl hawked at and killed!"  
 Judge R. C. Watts, we are glad to note, will be re-elected for the 4th Circuit, without opposition. His administration of the high office has given satisfaction throughout the State and his many friends in his native county, are proud of his record.

**CATARRH IS A DISEASE**  
 Which requires a constitutional remedy. It cannot be cured by local applications. Hood's Sarsaparilla is wonderfully successful in curing catarrh because it eradicates from the blood the scrofulous taints which cause it. Sufferers with catarrh find a cure in Hood's Sarsaparilla, even after other remedies utterly fail.  
 Hood's Pills are prompt, efficient, always reliable, easy to take, easy to operate.

**ALUM IN LAURENS.**  
 Paymaster Lewis D. Blake, of Pelzer, was in the city Thursday with C. D. Smith, of new county fame. In an interview with Mr. Blake it transpires that he has recently discovered on his celebrated Laurens plantation a most valuable mine of alum. Besides this a wonderful chalybeate spring, and also is to be seen a half acre of fox glove from which, it will be remembered comes the digitalis of the drug stores. Mr. Smith is to be congratulated on his new found treasure and it is supposed that the proud owner of these properties will soon put in operation a three phase plant to mine the alum, bottle the water and distill the potent essence from the digitalis purpurea. —Williamstonian.

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.  
 Indigestive poisons are the bane of the dyspeptic's life. When sick, see if your sickness is caused by indigestive poisons. If so, take Shaker Digestive Cordial. This is the only certain way of being permanently cured, because it is the only way that gets rid of the poison. You know that fermented food is poisonous. Shaker Digestive Cordial clears the stomach of fermenting food, and purifies the blood and system of indigestive poisons. It cures indigestion and the diseases that come of it. Headache, dizziness, nausea, stomach ache, weakness, flatulence, constipation, loss of appetite, irritability, etc. These are a few of the symptoms, caused by indigestive poisons, cured by Shaker Digestive Cordial.  
 At druggists, price 10 cents to \$1.00 per bottle.

**CASTORIA**  
 For Infants and Children.  
 DR. W. H. BALL,  
 DENTIST,  
 OFFICE OVER NATIONAL BANK, LAURENS  
 OFFICE DAYS—Monday and Tuesday.

**Pets of Fortune.**  
 These are the big men who preside over the "Solons" at Columbia and wear the silken gowns:  
 President—Lieut. Governor M. B. McSwain.  
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 Clerk—Gen. R. R. Hemphill.  
 Assistant Clerk—R. M. McCown.  
 Reading Clerk—W. H. Stewart.  
 Bill Clerk—E. A. Perry.  
 Journal Clerk—J. T. Grant.  
 Sergeant-at-Arms—J. W. Floyd.  
 OFFICERS OF THE HOUSE.  
 Speaker—Hon. Frank B. Gary.  
 Clerk—J. Walter Gray.  
 Assistant Clerk—J. Walter Gray, Jr.  
 Reading Clerk—John S. Withers.  
 Bill Clerk—T. C. Hamer.  
 Journal Clerk—M. G. McDonald.  
 Sergeant-at-Arms—N. I. Stansell.

There is more Catarrh in this section of the country than all other diseases put together, and until the last few years have been incurable. For a great many years doctors pronounced it a local disease, and proscribed local remedies, and by constantly failing to cure with local treatment, pronounced it incurable. Science has proven catarrh to be a constitutional disease, and therefore requires constitutional treatment. Hall's Catarrh Cure, manufactured by F. J. Cheney & Co., Toledo, Ohio, is the only constitutional cure on the market. It is taken internally in doses from 10 drops to a teaspoonful. It acts directly on the blood and mucous surfaces of the system. They offer one hundred dollars for any case it fails to cure. Send for circulars and testimonials. Address  
 F. J. CHENEY & CO.,  
 Toledo, O.  
 Sold by Druggists, 75c.

**Christmas in Denmark.**  
 The tree is always lighted on Christmas eve in Denmark, and the family all meet together then. The older people get their presents on a plate at their places at the table, and the children's gifts are on the tree. Roast geese is always the chief feature of our Christmas eve dinner and a dish of rice is eaten on Christmas eve before dinner is served. Apple fritters are instead of plum pudding. Christmas day itself is observed strictly as a religious festival, but the day before and the day after Christmas are holidays. The theaters are open, and the young people give dances. Our little Danish children do not know about Santa Claus. They have instead what they call a Nissen, meaning a Christmas brownie in the shape of a little old man with a large gray beard who is supposed to live under the ground. Another Danish superstition is that at midnight Christmas eve the cows in the stable rise and low in salutation, and the young maidens tell their fortunes by breaking the white of an egg into a glass of water and watching the shape it assumes.  
 "Glædelig Jul!" is the Danish greeting for "Happy Christmas!"—Selected.

**Christmas in England.**  
 I fancy an English Christmas is too well known to need much description. English novels have described it fully, and the English illustrated papers at Christmas time give a good idea of the festivities. Every one who has a country place goes there for Christmas. There is generally a large house party, and dancing and skating help to pass the time. The houses and churches are decorated with holly and greens, and "mistletoe hangs on the castle wall." The tree is almost as universal an institution in England as in Germany, and the evening is given over to amusing the children, who play blind man's buff, snap dragon and hide and seek. The proverbial English Christmas dinner always includes roast beef and plum pudding. Every self respecting Englishman goes to church on Christmas morning, and in some country parishes the "waits" still sing their carols from house to house on Christmas eve.  
 In other respects it is kept very much as the American Christmas.—British Consul in Chicago Tribune.

**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 imperfection 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. Kilmor's Swamp Root fulfills 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. Kilmor'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. Kilmor & Co., Binghamton, N. Y. The proprietors of this paper guarantee the genuineness of this offer.

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

**Troublesome Tetter**  
 Suffered for Years and Could Find No Cure Until Hood's Sarsaparilla was Tried—Scrofula Cured.  
 "I suffered with tetter on one of my limbs just above the ankle. I tried a great many remedies, but nothing did me any good. The disease was very troublesome for 12 or 13 years. In the spring I began taking Hood's Sarsaparilla and after taking several bottles of this medicine, I was completely cured. Hood's Sarsaparilla also increased my weight."  
 F. P. ROBERTS, Statesboro, Georgia.  
 "When my boy was three months old he broke out with eruptions. He was treated by a physician and the eruptions would heal but would break out again. We resolved to give him Hood's Sarsaparilla, and when he had taken two bottles he was cured. He has had no trouble with scrofula since, but is perfectly well."  
 JOHN H. SMITH, Shady Spring, W. Va.  
 If you have decided to try Hood's Sarsaparilla do not be induced to buy any other. Hood's Sarsaparilla is the best, in fact the One True Blood Purifier. Sold by all druggists. Price \$1, six for \$5.

**WILLIAM S. GLENN,**  
 Central National Bank Building,  
 Spartanburg, S. C.  
**Real Estate, Bond and Stock Broker.**  
 Persons desiring to sell or buy Stocks will do well to consult him.  
**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.

**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,  
 Dec. 16, 1897—td. J.P.L.C.

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**Hood's Pills**  
 Best to take after dinner, prevent distress, aid digestion, cure constipation. Purely vegetable, do not grip or cause pain. Sold by all druggists, 25 cents. Prepared only by C. I. Hood & Co., Lowell, Mass.

**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-Della 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 Manufacturer 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.**  
 LAURENS, S. C., Sept. 21, 1897.

**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**

**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.

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 Famous Clothing, Hat and Big Shoe Store.  
 Laurens, S. C., Oct. 14, 1897

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**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 Regulars and can fit and suit the trade. If we sell one 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,  
**J. R. Minter & Son,**  
 Headquarters—Lowest Prices and Best Quality.

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