

**PRINCETON GETS PRIZE.**  
**"Thanksgiving" is the Winning Composition.**  
**REAL GOOD WORK.**  
**To Be Published in Next Week's Issue.**  
 Teachers are Asked to Send Names of Writers of Best Compositions—Fourth Contest.

The composition judge awards the prize for children between 12 and 14 to the writer of the composition entitled "Thanksgiving, a pupil of the Princeton school, of which Mr. C. L. Moseley is the teacher."  
 The next prize of one dollar is open to all children under 10 years old. This gives the real little children a chance.  
 The Thanksgiving composition is written in a neat, good hand and the grammar, capitals and punctuation are generally correct. The chief merit of the composition, as compared with others, is its original thought.  
 Compositions were sent in as follows: One from Princeton, one from Miss Martin's school at Rapley, one from Miss Gena Henry's school at Mt. Olive, two from Mrs. McSwain's classes in the Cross Hill School and two from Miss Maud Tillman's grade (the Fifth) of the Laurens City Schools.  
 It has been easy enough to pick the winner in this contest. The Pilgrims from Miss Tillman's school, Cotton and Iceland from Mrs. McSwain's and the Discovery of America from Miss Martin's are all quite creditable; about equally so. It is intended to publish all these and the winner's, provided the names of the writers are sent in, next week. The names should be sent promptly. None would be published that was not regarded as worthy, and it is due the children that they receive public credit for what they have done. So teachers will please send the names. The conditions for the next contest are printed in another part of this paper.

**NEWS AT GRAY COURT.**  
**To Be a Trained Nurse—Hunters Have Success.**

Miss Matilda Span who has been visiting her sister here returned last Saturday to Atlanta, where she is staying in a hospital preparing herself for a trained nurse and from which institution she will receive her diploma next year.  
 Mrs. Span of Henderson, N. C. is here visiting her daughter, Mrs. A. Q. Rice.  
 Mrs. Belle Wright Jones, director of music in the Graycourt-Owings Institute, will give a public entertainment on the 23rd inst. Those who attend may expect a rare treat.  
 The masons are going to have an oyster stew at their regular communication on the 27th inst.  
 Capt. C. B. Brooks has returned from a short visit to his daughter, Mrs. C. C. Whiteside of Elberton, Ga. He enjoyed his visit very much.  
 J. D. W. Watts and Albert Teague, and also J. T. Garrett and James Todd were here last week to hunt with Dr. A. J. Christopher. They burned lots of powder and I think were fairly successful in bagging the feathered tribe.  
 Miss May Willis and Tally Armstrong who have had attacks of pneumonia are better now.  
 Mr. S. D. Garrison who is clerking for J. W. Williams & Co. of Pelzer was home on a short visit last Sunday.  
 I don't like to make predictions or to tell tales out of schools, but from the signs of the times think that we will have some weddings to report in the near future. D.

**Alliance Meeting.**  
 The next regular meeting of the Leesville Alliance will be held at Oak Grove Schoolhouse Friday, December 26th at 2 o'clock p. m. Let all the members be present as we have several candidates to initiate.  
 B. F. GODFREY,  
 Secretary.

**NOTICE OF County Treasurer.**

The County Treasurer's Books will be open for collection of State, County and Commutation Road Taxes for fiscal year 1901 at the Treasurer's Office, from October 15th to December 31, 1902.  
 All persons owing property or paying taxes for others in more than one Township are requested to call for receipts in each township in which they live. This is important, as additional taxes and penalties may not be attached. Prompt attention will be given those who wish to pay their taxes through the mail by checks, money orders, etc. Persons sending in lists of names to be taken off, are urged to send in early as the Treasurer is very busy during the month of December.

The Tax Levy is as follows:  
 Laurens Special School, . . . . . 34 mills  
 Fountain Inn Special School, . . . . . 4 " "  
 Graycourt Special School, . . . . . 2 " "  
 Waterloo Special School, . . . . . 2 " "  
 Cross Hill Special School, . . . . . 3 " "  
 Mountville Special School, . . . . . 24 " "  
 Clinton Special School, . . . . . 1 " "  
 Ordinary Tax, . . . . . 14 " "

All able-bodied male citizens between the ages of 21 and 60 are liable to pay a poll tax of \$1.00, except old soldiers, who are exempt at 60 years of age. Commutation Road Tax \$1.00, in lieu of working the public roads, to be paid at the time, as stated above.  
 Come early and avoid the rush. It is said there will be no extension this time.  
 J. H. COPELAND,  
 County Treasurer,  
 Laurens, S. C., Oct. 3, 1902—td.

**JUST A WORD.**  
 The Opportunity for new subscribers to get THE ADVERTISER free, or the Twice A Week News and Courier free, is still open.  
 The News and Courier will print all the legislative proceedings in detail.  
 The new subscribers to THE ADVERTISER will get this for nothing, for The News and Courier, twice a week, costs a dollar a year.  
 THE ADVERTISER costs a dollar a year. You save the price of one.  
 This offer, both for a dollar, cannot be kept open very long. It will not be repeated next winter.  
 THE ADVERTISER's sole purpose is to make a large and quick increase to its list of subscribers. That is why this unusual offer is made. Of course it can only be temporary. We could not afford these prices except for a short time.  
 Therefore, if you want to take advantage of it, you must act quick.

**THE PRIDE OF HEROES.**  
 Many soldiers in the late war wrote to say that for Scratches, Bruises, Wounds, Cuts, Corns, Sore Feet and Stiff Joints, Backlon's Arnica Salve is the best in the world. Same for Burns, Scalds, Bolls, Ulcers, Skin Eruptions and Piles. It cures or no pay. Only 25 cents at Laurens Drug Co. and Palmetto Drug Co.

**CASTORIA.**  
 The Kind You Have Always Bought  
 Bears the Signature of  


**Assessor's Notice.**  
 The Auditor's Office will be open from the 1st day of January to the 20th day of February, 1903, to receive returns of Real Estate 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. F. M. Setzler's, January 6th from 10 a m to 2 p m.  
 Jacks Township, Renno, January 8th, from 10 a m to 2 p m.  
 Hunter Township, Clinton, January 7th, from 10 a m to 2 p m.  
 Hunter Township, residence of Duck Young, January 8th, from 10 a m to 2 p m.  
 Cross Hill Township, Spring Grove, January 9th, from 10 a m to 2 p m.  
 Cross Hill Township, Cross Hill, January 10th, from 10 a m to 2 p m.  
 Waterloo Township, Waterloo, January 12th, from 10 a m to 2 p m.  
 Waterloo Township, Ekem, January 13th, from 10 a m to 10 p m.  
 Waterloo Township, Mt. Gallagher, January 14th, from 10 a m to 2 p m.  
 Sullivan Township, Brewerton, January 16th, from 10 a m to 2 p m.  
 Sullivan Township, Princeton, January 16th, from 9 a m to 12 m.  
 Sullivan Township, Tumbling Shoals, January 16th from 1 p m to 4 p m.  
 Dial Township, Abner Babb's, January 17th from 9 a m to 12 m.  
 Dial Township, D. D. Harris, January 19th, from 10 a m to 4 p m.  
 Dial Township, V. A. White's, January 20th, from 10 a m to 2 p m.  
 Young's Township, Cook's Store, January 21st, from 10 a m to 2 p m.  
 Young's Township, Young's Store, January 22d, from 10 a m to 2 p m.  
 Young's Township, Pleasant Mound, January 23rd, from 9 a m to 12 m.  
 Young's Township, Lanford Station, January 23rd, from 2 to 4 p m.  
 Seelietown Township, Tylersville, January 25th, from 10 a m to 2 p m.

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, cars and planes, watches, 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 return, 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 all tax-payers are required to give number of their school district. They are also requested to state whether the property is situated in town or country.  
 After the 20th day of February next fifty per cent penalty will be attached for failures to make returns.  
 In every community there are persons who cannot read or that do not take a newspaper. Those more fortunate may do such persons a great favor by telling them of the time to make returns or by returning for them.  
 The assessing and collecting taxes is done in the same year, and we have to re-estimate the market value of all horses, mules, cattle, and other pieces of personal property as well as the acres of land, lots and buildings and their value that there are in this county, and have the same on file in the Comptroller General's office by the 30th of June of each year, and from that time to the first day of October the Auditor's and Treasurer's duplicate have to be completed and an abstract of the work in the Comptroller General's office by that time, which will show at a glance that the Auditor has no time to take returns, or anything else must be completed by the 1st of October, but work on the books and the blanks. We hope, therefore, that all taxpayers will make their returns in time.  
 W. L. FERGUSON,  
 Auditor.

**Ten Cents Cotton.**  
 We are prepared to take care of a quantity of cotton on storage and advance money on same. Now is the time to store your cotton for a profit. Don't sell too fast, or it will give out too quick.  
 J. WADE ANDERSON,  
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 For a series of years at 8 per cent; straight interest; negotiated. Basis, what land is assessed for taxation.  
 Call on—  
 FERGUSON & FEATHERSTONE.

**GO TO THE CASH BARGAIN STORE OF J. L. HOPKINS TOYS**  
 And see what a little CASH will buy to make the Children happy for—

**CHRISTMAS.**  
 Old Santa has just unloaded here and we have them for every Child. Come and see.

Now look what we have for grown people and children to eat:

Oranges, Apples, Raisins and Bananas,  
 English Walnuts, 18 cents per lb.  
 Almonds, the best, 18 " " "  
 Filberts, the best, 15 " " "  
 Peccans, just off the bush, 15 " " "

**J. L. HOPKINS,**  
 Proprietor.  
 LAURENS, S. C.

**A BIG CARNIVAL.**

**Laurens Awakened!**  
 The progressive step marks her pathway, with steady movement is fast coming to the front. During this week's festivities many special attractions will be displayed.  
 W. G. Wilson & Co. will offer during the week Special Lines in—

**Dress Goods, Blankets and Ladies' Jackets.**

Decided Bargains will easily be detected here by those who are thoroughly familiar with present market values. These cut prices are for this week only at—

**W. G. Wilson & Co.**

**H. E. GRAY. J. C. SHEALY**

**Gray & Shealy.**

**A WORD ON SHINGLES**  
 ought to interest the man whose roof has a hole in it. Also the man who has no roof, but intends to build one. Our Long Leaf unbled Pine Shingles are the best offered in this city. Made from a fine grade wood and right in every particular.  
 And these figures ought to prove that prices are right, too.

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**Glenn Springs Ginger Ale,**

**The best on the market! For sale at**

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**Our Undertaker's Stock is Complete.** We carry a well selected stock of everything from the cheapest Coffin to the best Metallic Cases; in cloth goods we carry the best—among them embossed white plush goods; also black, full draped in cloth. A First-class Hearse when wanted. We can furnish white or black horses when desired. At night or Sunday Phone R. P. Milam's residence or call on J. Mills Hunter at J. A. Copeland's residence.  
 Respectfully,  
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**Ho! For the Carnival.**

Every man, woman and child should attend the Big Fall Street Fair and Carnival to be held December 15th to 20th, and when you get here, get right into the push and follow the crowds to THE HUB

Where the Greatest Carnival of Bargains ever held in this city is in Full Blast. The End of the Season is approaching and our big Stock of Merchandise must be turned into CASH; and while you want the goods is the time to move them. We are determined to sell the Goods, and you are determined to buy them where your Money goes the farthest, so let us pull together. Tell your friends and let them get into line.

**DRESS GOODS.**  
 Every yard of Dress Goods goes on our counter at 25 to 33 per cent reduction. Picking bargains will be easy.

**MILLINERY.**  
 Street and Dress Hats of every description must be cleaned out at some price. Our policy is to carry over nothing in this department.

**BOY'S CLOTHING.**  
 Big lot Boy's School Suits to go at actual cost. Suits from 50 cents to \$3.68. No excuse for your boy to wear an old suit now.

**MISSSES AND CHILDREN'S SHOES.**  
 The biggest values in the city in Misses and Children's Shoes. See them and you will be convinced. Men's High Cut Brogans worth \$1.25 at 98 cts. Men's High Cut Brogans worth \$1.50 at \$1.25

**OUR ENTIRE STOCK**  
 of Staple Dry Goods comes under the knife. Outings, Canton Flannels, Towels, Table Linens, Quilts and Sheets.  
 White Bed Spreads at 73 cts., worth \$1.00; White Bed Spreads (large size) at 98 cts., worth \$1.25; Bed Sheet 81 x 90 inch at 48 cts., worth 65 cts.  
 Every pair of shoes in the house to go at quick moving prices.  
 Ladies' Shoes worth \$2.50 at \$1.98; Ladies' Shoes worth \$2.25 at \$1.75; Ladies' Shoes worth \$1.25 at 98 cts. Winter is a little behind time, but it is here.  
 Lot North Carolina Wool Blankets to go at a sacrifice. These blankets have more worth to the square inch than any other blanket on the market.  
 Blankets worth \$4.00 at \$2.98.  
 Blankets worth \$6.50 at \$4.98.  
 Lot Cotton Blankets at any old price.

**Join the big Procession and march Straight**  
 For our store where you are cordially invited to make headquarters not only when you visit the Carnival, but at all other times.

**THE HUB**

**Big Values**  
 in Holiday Goods. Note these gifts, you may need some help in your selection of gifts and some of these may suggest something for you or may please you.

**For the Men**  
 Morris Chairs, Smoking Sets, Easy-Chairs, Book Cases, etc.

**For the Ladies**  
 Lamps, Chinaware, Furniture, Carpets, etc.

**Our Christmas Stock**  
 has just arrived—better come and make your selections here and make them early before the stock is picked over. We say:  
**Your Money's Worth or Your Money Back.**

**Children's Day at Our Store**  
 Santa Clause never forgets our little patrons. He has sent a supply of Christmas "Goodies" on ahead so that the children can make their selections before his arrival.  
**Good Things for Good Children.**

**BUCK'S FASHIONS IN FURNITURE**  
 The Latest and Best Styles Here Always.

**BUCK'S Smo & E. Wilkes**

**State of South Carolina, COUNTY OF LAURENS.**  
 In the Court of Common Pleas.  
 By virtue of the decree of the Court of Common Pleas for said county and state, in the case of Hellams and Gray against H. G. Prior and others—  
 I will sell at public outcry to the highest bidder at Laurens Court House, South Carolina, on sales day in January next, during the legal hours of sale, all that tract or parcel of land containing One Hundred and Thirty-five acres, more or less, situate in the county of Laurens, State aforesaid, bounded by lands of E. S. Patterson, H. E. and W. S. Gray, being the tract whereon H. G. Prior resides.  
 Terms—One-half of the purchase money cash, the balance with interest from day of sale, on a credit of 12 months, secured by a bond of the purchaser and mortgage of the premises, with leave to purchaser to pay all cash. Purchaser to pay for papers.  
 THOMAS J. DUCKETT,  
 Sheriff L. C.

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