

**FARM LANDS. LOANS.**  
Before You Buy or Sell  
any Kind of  
**Real Estate, or Business,**  
Write us your wants.  
J. Y. GARLINGTON & Co.,  
Laurens, S. C.

# The Laurens Advertiser.

Dolls, Toys,  
Games, Wagons,  
Everything  
for Everybody.  
Palmetto Drug Co.

VOL. XIX.

LAURENS, S. C., WEDNESDAY, DEC 30, 1903

NO. 21

**CHILDREN HAVE CHRISTMAS TREE.**

Happy Event in Cross Hill—Some Contrasts With the Old Days—Modern Improvements.

CROSS HILL, Dec. 24.—The Cross Hill School closed Friday, Dec. 18th, for a two weeks recess. The teachers of the 1st, 2nd, 3rd, 4th, 5th and 6th grades had arranged to have a Christmas tree for their pupils. This scheme was passing and was invited to come in and see the tree. It was a pretty holly with red berries and willing hands had put the presents upon it. The teachers had put themselves to labor and expense to see that every one of the seventy or more pupils would receive a present. The children gave gifts to each other and the teachers came in for a nice share also. Old Santa Claus was good enough to favor them with a visit in person to distribute the gifts, all arrayed in his robe and cap of fur. It was a pleasant sight to witness this tree, and to see the happy children enjoy it. It will be a bright day in their lives and they will never forget this happy thought in their teachers to provide for them so much pleasure.

I could not but think that these children have many advantages that we older ones did not enjoy. A good many changes have taken place in that old school room since as a boy I sat and puzzled my brain over the "Rule of three," fare and tret, etc. Modern desks have taken the place of the old seat and with no back, that made a boy's back hurt, (nearly hurts a little yet sometimes) having to sit so long with no support. With shades at the windows, good heaters to keep the room warm, pictures and many other advantages over the old room I used to know, I could not help but say happy children, you ought to appreciate these blessings.

And then a Christmas tree loaded with them. I don't think we ever had one like that. We had a tree, or part of a tree, a branch, a limb perhaps. It was strewn of its leaves here and there, and did not bear presents, but stood up in one corner in a threatening attitude and was an object of fear. I felt like congratulating teachers and pupils on account of the new order of things.

**Shaw's Pure Malt.**  
Its value in sickness has been tried and proved. In the home it is not safe to be without it. Absolutely pure. On sale at all dispensaries. Adv.

"Big results for 2 cents." Simply write me and you will be glad. There is a right way to do everything. Results is what tells, and I get results. Geo. W. Shell, Broker, McCord Building.

Those who wish to have the Semi-Weekly News and Courier and THE ADVERTISER—three papers a week—can get them through THE ADVERTISER for \$1.50 for both papers. If

Women love a clear, healthy complexion. Pure blood makes it. Burdock Blood Bitters makes pure blood. Ezema, scald head, hives, itches of the skin of any sort instantly relieved, permanently cured. Doan's Ointment. At any drug store.

Our New Discovery is sold by W. W. Dodson, Laurens Drug and Chemical Pharmacy under an absolute guarantee. Price \$1.00.

**Why Not Now?**

We have been telling you about the good qualities of "Clifton" but you never will know how good it is until you try it for yourself. For the Christmas holidays "Clifton" is the flour par excellence, if you want the best bread, cake and pastry for that joyous occasion. Order a sack the next time you need flour.

T. N. Barksdale, M. H. Fowler.

**ONE CENT A WORD.**

Lost—On Dec. 20, one gold-filled ladies watch. In case of its being found, please return to J. C. Burns & Co's store. Finder will be rewarded if returned to this office.

**TWELVE CENTS COTTON**

Puts money in your pocket and you want to invest it so as to bring you a good and safe return. I have some values, both in stocks and lands, which are very attractive. Come and see me and I am sure that I can make it to your advantage.

Among the items which I have for sale are:

- 10 shares National Bank, (Laurens) stock.
- 20 shares Enterprise Bank, (Laurens) stock.
- 5 shares Laurens Cotton mill stock.
- 18 acres land in Jocks Township.
- 15 acres bottom land near Laurens.
- 8 room house and lot on Jones Street.
- 8 room house and lot on Simpson Street.
- 7 room house and lot on West Main Street.
- 6 room house on East Main Street.
- 8 room house and lot on N. Harper Street.

FOR RENT.

1 1/2 room house with servant's house on West Main Street.

1 1/2 room house on South Harper Street.

1 1/2 room house on Simpson Street.

One horse farm near Waterloo.

Plantation 7 miles West of Laurens.

**M. L. Copeland,**  
**W. Y. BOYD,**  
Attorney at Law.

**AMONG OUR FRIENDS.**

Rev. W. B. Duncan and family spent Christmas in Manning.

Mr. and Mrs. R. H. Ramsey, of Washington, are visiting Capt. J. E. Philpot.

Miss Eliza Killian, of Greenville, is visiting her uncle, Mr. C. D. Mosely.

Misses Willou and Mary Boyd spent the holidays at home.

Supt. Jones of the Graded Schools spent Christmas in Newberry.

Miss Rosalie Burton, of Chester, spent Christmas at home.

Dr. G. C. Albright and family spent Christmas in Clinton.

Mrs. M. C. Heath, of Columbia, is visiting Mrs. W. E. Lucas.

General Thomas W. Carville, of Edgefield, is in the city.

Capt. and Mrs. J. F. Johnson returned to Asheville yesterday.

Mr. M. A. Leaman of Cross Hill was in the city yesterday.

Mr. Rutledge Fuller of Mountville was here Saturday.

Mr. Tom Ray, a student of Clemson College, is visiting his parents, Mr. and Mrs. T. F. Ray.

Rev. N. J. Holmes arrived in the city yesterday from Columbia and will go to Brewerton for a few days.

Miss Maisie Little spent the holidays with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. R. Little.

Mr. Yancey Gilkerson, of Charlotte, spent Christmas with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. W. H. Gilkerson.

Mrs. Bettie Hair, of Newberry, visited her brother, Mr. J. F. Burton, this week.

Mr. R. V. Irby is at home from Mississippi, where he has been buying cotton.

Magistrate Hosea Thomason, of Youngs Township, was in the city Monday.

Mr. Evans Smith, of Union, spent Saturday and Sunday with relatives in the city.

Miss Nannie Kate Hudgens and Miss Jennie Sullivan, of Converse, are at home for the holidays.

Robert Adams was at home from Davidson for Christmas, Wm. Richey from the Citadel and James Roland from Wofford.

Miss Lil Harris will entertain a large number of her friends at each one this afternoon in honor of Mrs. Robert W. Davis, of Fountain Inn, and Miss Kittle Tennant, of Columbia.

Miss Carrie Holmes arrived from Florence yesterday to attend the Holmes-Adams wedding, which takes place tomorrow night at the Presbyterian church.

Misses Clara and Lillian Eckart, of Washington, D. C., are in the city, the guests of Mrs. J. H. Boyd. They will visit other points in South Carolina and Georgia before they return to their northern home.

The children of the Methodist Church enjoyed a splendid Christmas tree Wednesday evening. Mr. John Hicks acted as Santa Claus, and all the children received pretty presents.

Miss Emmie Meng received from 4 to 5 on Tuesday afternoon, the 29th, in honor of Miss Cora Adams. The reception was on an elaborate scale and the most important and delightful event socially of the holidays.

Mrs. Claude Fuller has resigned as teacher of the 4th grade in the city schools. Mrs. Fuller has held a position in the school for several years and is a very fine teacher. Her resignation is much regretted by the trustees and patrons.

**Killed by a Freight Train.**  
A negro boy by the name of Zell Garlington was run over by a freight train on the C. & W. C. track near the oil mill Wednesday afternoon. He received internal injuries and it was necessary to amputate one leg. He died under the operation.

**Death of Dr. T. E. Todd.**  
The sudden death on the afternoon of the 25th of Dr. Erskine Todd was a shock to the community and caused universal and deep regret. Dr. Todd had not been feeling well but walked down about 4 o'clock for the mail. On his return he fell on Mala street near the Episcopal Church, seized with heart failure. He was carried into the residence of Mr. J. A. Cope and expired in a few minutes.

Dr. Todd was a son of the late Mr. Samuel R. Todd and a brother of Mr. J. W. Todd and Mrs. Jas. Johnson of Asheville. He married Miss Maggie Kennerly, of Newberry, who survives him with three little daughters and two young sons.

For several years ill health had prevented Dr. Todd engaging in the active practice of his profession, but he had large business interests and was the senior member of the firm of Todd, Simpson & Co., a director in the National Bank and a member of the city council.

The funeral took place from the Presbyterian Church of which Dr. Todd was an officer on Sunday, the following gentlemen acting as pall bearers: Col. H. Y. Simpson, Mr. P. A. Simpson, Mr. E. H. Wilkes, Mr. R. E. Fleming, Mr. W. P. Cairns, Mr. J. D. Watts, Dr. H. W. Alken, Mr. W. C.

**WILL BANQUET NEXT WEDNESDAY NIGHT.**

Laurens Lodge, No. 43, Knights of Pythias, Will Assemble Around the Festive Board.

Laurens Lodge, No. 43, Knights of Pythias, will have its annual banquet at the Bondella Hotel next Wednesday evening. The members are looking forward to its being a delightful event, and extensive preparations have been made.

Dr. E. K. Alken will be the toast master; W. R. Richey will deliver the address of welcome, and the "Fair Calanthe" will be responded to by Past Grand Chancellor Milledge L. Bonham, of Anderson.

**DEATH OF MRS. R. G. WALLACE.**

Passed Away at Her Home Near Belfast Thursday.

Mrs. Lucy Spearman Wallace, wife of Robert G. Wallace, died of typhoid fever at her home at Belfast on Thursday at 1:30 p. m. Mrs. Wallace was a daughter of G. W. L. Spearman, of Newberry County. She leaves three sons and five daughters to mourn the loss of a most devoted Christian mother.

Mrs. Wallace was a consistent member of both River Baptist Church, and her body was buried in the graveyard of that historic old church on Christmas day, in the presence of a large number of her neighbors, friends and relatives, the funeral service being conducted by her pastor, Rev. L. W. Swope.

Some days before she passed away she was told by her physicians that she could not live, and though she wished to live for the sake of her husband and children, she expressed her readiness to die and calmly took leave of her loved ones.

**Fire in the County.**  
Mr. R. J. Wood, who resides near Green Pond church, Dial Township, had the misfortune to lose, by fire, his crib containing about 200 bushels of corn. The fire is believed to be of incendiary origin.

**YOUNG MAN'S SUDDEN DEATH.**

Jesse Berry, Clerk at Spartanburg, Attacked With Heart Disease.

Spartanburg, S. C., Dec. 27.—Jesse Berry, son of W. C. Berry, of Boiling Springs, died suddenly this afternoon at 1 o'clock at J. A. Cantrell's boarding house, in this city. The deceased was about 22 years of age, unmarried and for some time past has been engaged as a salesman at Bryant & Co's. general merchandise store. He was a young man of fine business qualifications and excellent habits.

\$5.00 for the picture of the man that wrote more insurance than me in the last few months. If you wish to be among the many ring 199. A few policies left.

Geo. W. Shell, Broker, McCord Building.

One great question is saved when insuring in one of my Companies: "Put me in a good Company?" I couldn't write the policy and do otherwise.

Geo. W. Shell, All kinds of Insurance.

**MERCHANTS NEWS.**

We want your January trade, and as an inducement, we will offer throughout our store prices that have never been equalled in the State.

S. M. & E. H. Wilkes.

See our line of Table Sliver ware. We save you money and give you quality.

S. M. & E. H. Wilkes.

We have just received a shipment of fine cut-glass and if you want a nice piece for some of those January weddings, we can give you the best assortment and save you money too.

S. M. & E. H. Wilkes.

Legins of all descriptions—cheaper than you can get elsewhere.

Davis, Roper & Co.

Our entire stock of Fancy China will be offered to January buyers at cut-prices, and you will find both goods and prices to suit you.

S. M. & E. H. Wilkes.

Dunker and Yacht Club Salad Dressing, 15, 35 and 60 cents a bottle.

See us for Lamps, Lanterns, Lamp Chimneys and Wicks and Oil Heaters. Our stock is complete and our prices are the lowest to be found in Laurens.

S. M. & E. H. Wilkes.

If you have a cheap bed, bureau or chair to buy, see our line, as we have prepared to furnish just what you want at prices that cannot be equalled.

S. M. & E. H. Wilkes.

Fresh celery, 10 and 15 cents stalks Kennedy Bros.

Shaw's Pure Malt has a marvelous dietetic value. While refreshing and pleasant to take, it helps assimilation of food. On sale at all dispensaries. Adv.

**Be Quick.**  
Not a minute should be lost when a child shows symptoms of croup. Chamberlain's Cough Remedy given as soon as the child becomes hoarse, or even after the croupy cough appears, will prevent the attack. It never fails, and is pleasant and safe to take. For sale by Laurens Drug Co.

Have you seen Williamson's new Jewely Store?

To OURE A COLD IN ONE DAY. Take Laxative Eromo Quinine Tablets. It kills the germs and cures the cough. It is pure, wholesome and digestible. No other shortening will do the work of Cottolene. You must either use Cottolene or an inferior product. Which are you going to do?

Guard against substitutes. Cottolene comes only in sealed tin pails (three sizes) with a red label and band. In the center of the label is our trade mark—a steer's head in cotton plant wreath. Cottolene is not open to contamination as is bulk lard; the quality is always uniform and guaranteed.

Ask your grocer for a pail of Cottolene and start yourself on the right road to successful cooking.

USE 1/2 LESS. Cottolene being richer than either lard or cooking butter, one-third less is required.

FREE Send us 12 cents to pay postage and we will mail you a copy of our book, "Home Hints," edited by Mrs. Rorer, which contains 400 of our best recipes from the country's noted cooks.

Made only by THE E. H. FAIRBANKS COMPANY, Inc. 612 Chicago

**A Fearful Accident.**

On last Saturday evening a little son of Mr. Gus Chapman, of Cross Hill, accidentally shot and accidentally killed his little sister, an infant of three months.

The boy was loading a parlor rifle and his mother laid the baby on the bed and left the room for an instant. The rifle unexpectedly discharged and the load entered the baby's head.

Mr. and Mrs. Chapman have the deepest sympathy in this great trouble.

"Get my plan today." "There is no Rent Day." I cure the rent habit!

Geo. W. Shell, Broker.

**Never Varies.**  
Carefully selected winter wheat makes the best flour, and "Clifton" is undoubtedly the best. It never varies from its high standard of purity and excellence. With every sack goes our guarantee of quality.

T. N. Barksdale, M. H. Fowler.

Real estate taken off your hands with soap and water is what anyone can do, but to be "taken off your hands" in a financial way is something else. Place your property in the hands of a reliable, competent and responsible broker. I'm your "Johnnie-on-the-spot" if you have anything to sell. List with me.

Geo. W. Shell, McCord Building.

Go to Williamson's for Cut Glass.

**THE BRIGHTEST CHILDREN.**

Honor Roll of Eden High School for December.

The following is the Honor Roll of Eden High School for month ending Dec. 12, 1903:

First Grade—Lilla Babb, Ruby Babb, Booth Gray, Margie Holder, Genevieve Babb, Lila Martin.

Second Grade—Fred Armstrong, Jennie Bell Watkins.

Third Grade—Gibbon Armstrong, Horace Gray, Frank Gray, Ralph Martin.

Fourth Grade—Vance Gray, Clay Babb, Grady Babb.

Sixth Grade—Vivian Owens, Sallie Browner, Haskell Gray, Robert Gray, Murphy Mahaffey, Ethel Armstrong.

Eighth Grade—Carl Reeves, Laura Nash, Clatie Babb.

SARA COPELAND, Teacher.

Dyspepsia is difficult digestion, due to the absence of natural digestive fluids. Hood's Sarsaparilla restores the digestive powers.

A glass of water taken half an hour before breakfast will usually keep the bowels regular. Harsh cathartics should be avoided. When a purgative is needed, take Chamberlain's Stomach and Liver Tablets. They are mild and gentle in their action. For sale by Laurens Drug Co.

**An Old Favorite**

**SOMETIME**  
By May Riley Smith

MAY (LOUISE) RILEY SMITH, poet, was born in Rochester, N. Y., in 1862 and now resides in New York city. Mrs. Smith has been a frequent contributor to newspapers and periodicals, and her work has gained wide popularity. Mrs. Smith's books are "A Gift of Gentleness and Other Verses," "The Inn of Rest," "Cradle and Armchair" and "Sometime and Other Poems." Her verse is mainly of a devotional character.

**SOMETIME**, when all life's lessons have been learned, And sun and stars forevermore have set, The things which our weak judgments here have spun, The things which we grieved with lashes wet, Will flash before us, out of life's dark night, As stars shine most in deeper tints of blue; And we shall see how all God's plans were right, And how what seemed reproof was love most true.

And we shall see how, while we frown and sigh, God's plan goes on as best for you and me; How, when we called, He heeded not our cry, Because his wisdom to the end could see, And even as wise parents disallow Too much of sweet to craving babyhood, So God, perhaps, is keeping from us now Life's sweetest things, because it seemeth good.

And if, sometimes, commingled with life's wine, We find the wormwood, and rebel and shrink, Be sure a wiser hand than yours or mine Pours out this potion for our lips to drink, And if some friend we love is lying low, Where human kisses cannot reach his face, O, do not blame the loving Father so, But wear your sorrow with obedient grace!

And you shall shortly know that lengthened breath Is not the sweetest gift God sends his friend, And that, sometimes, the sabbic pall of death Conceals the fairest boon his love can send, If we could push ajar the gates of life, And stand within and all God's workings see, We could interpret all this doubt and strife, And for each mystery could find a key!

But not today. Then be content, poor heart! God's plans like lilies pure and white unfold. We must not tear the close-shut leaves apart, Time will reveal the calyxes of gold, And if, through patient toil, we reach the land Where tired feet, with sandals loose, may rest, When we shall clearly see and understand, I think that we will say "God knew the best!"

**Nature's Gift from the Sunny South**

**Cottolene**  
Shortens your food—Lengthens your life

**Chauncey Depew**  
WAS ONCE ASKED:

"Is life worth living?" He replied: "It depends upon the liver." Chauncey was partially right, but he might have added that it depended quite as much upon the stomach and the manner in which it did its work. The moment you put lard-cooked food in your stomach you are sending out a pressing invitation for dyspepsia to call upon you. This may sound exaggerated, but let us reason it out.

Lard is made from hog fats. The hog isn't the most cleanly animal in the world, and why should lard be any more digestible than fat pork? It isn't. You are simply taking chances when you use lard in cooking; if it doesn't harm you, you're lucky.

The best shortening in the universe is Cottolene. It is made from refined vegetable oil and choice beef suet. There's no ingredient about it but what is pure, wholesome and digestible. No other shortening will do the work of Cottolene. You must either use Cottolene or an inferior product. Which are you going to do?

Guard against substitutes. Cottolene comes only in sealed tin pails (three sizes) with a red label and band. In the center of the label is our trade mark—a steer's head in cotton plant wreath. Cottolene is not open to contamination as is bulk lard; the quality is always uniform and guaranteed.

Ask your grocer for a pail of Cottolene and start yourself on the right road to successful cooking.

USE 1/2 LESS. Cottolene being richer than either lard or cooking butter, one-third less is required.

FREE Send us 12 cents to pay postage and we will mail you a copy of our book, "Home Hints," edited by Mrs. Rorer, which contains 400 of our best recipes from the country's noted cooks.

Made only by THE E. H. FAIRBANKS COMPANY, Inc. 612 Chicago

**TENEMENT DWELLERS TO OPERATE MILLS.**

Plan for New York Tenement House People to Operate Mills in North Carolina.

New York, Dec. 28.—A plan to operate a chain of cotton mills in North Carolina by tenement dwellers in this city is being evolved by interested men in the cotton business. If the scheme is successful it will result in the establishment of self-sustaining industries which will take hundreds of women and children from the overcrowded slums. It is proposed to establish at Marshall a model village of five or six cottages to be purchased at one dollar a month, the living necessities to be added at the company store at an advance of 5 per cent.

**SHOT BY HIS NEPHEW.**

An Aged White Man, Near Comp'n, Desperately Wounded.

SPARTANBURG, Dec. 18.—A citizen of the county, named Fisher, aged about 65 or 70 years, lies desperately ill, not fatally wounded at his home five miles below Copeans, on Pacolet river, as a result of a gunshot wound inflicted by his nephew Julius Fisher, on Christmas eve night. The details of the unfortunate affair are meagre and barely attainable. It appears from information secured that the uncle and nephew had had some kind of quarrel last Thursday, and that night the latter's door and fired at him twice, using a double-barrelled shotgun, the loads taking effect in the chest, abdomen and thigh of the man. Julius Fisher then made his escape, and has not been apprehended. Dr. Dean, of this city, who was called to see Mr. Fisher, stated that his condition is exceedingly grave.

**SPARTANBURG, Dec. 18.—**A citizen of the county, named Fisher, aged about 65 or 70 years, lies desperately ill, not fatally wounded at his home five miles below Copeans, on Pacolet river, as a result of a gunshot wound inflicted by his nephew Julius Fisher, on Christmas eve night. The details of the unfortunate affair are meagre and barely attainable. It appears from information secured that the uncle and nephew had had some kind of quarrel last Thursday, and that night the latter's door and fired at him twice, using a double-barrelled shotgun, the loads taking effect in the chest, abdomen and thigh of the man. Julius Fisher then made his escape, and has not been apprehended. Dr. Dean, of this city, who was called to see Mr. Fisher, stated that his condition is exceedingly grave.

**WAS DELIGHTFUL OCCASION.**

How Christmas Was Observed by a Cross Hill Family.

On Christmas Day, the home of Mr. and Mrs. B. A. Austin, Cross Hill, was the scene of much enjoyment. It is the custom of this happy family to exchange presents on every Christmas morning. This time Mrs. Austin had conceived a very novel and unique way to distribute her presents. The family and guests were invited out to breakfast and found a table with tree in center and a net work of baby ribbon extending from each plate to the tree and on to the sideboard and other parts of the room. We were told that breakfast must be finished and then each one must pull his ribbon and follow it to the other end to find a present.

We all enjoyed it and it was something exciting to follow your ribbon to see where it would lead. All were well provided for and family and guests agreed that this was a most beautiful way to distribute our gifts of love and affection.

Before noon quite a large company had arrived and Mr. and Mrs. Austin entertained them handsomely. The hour for dinner having arrived the company was given a splendid Christmas dinner most elegantly served. This deponent reluctantly left the scene of this merriment and good cheer at 3 o'clock to fill another engagement.

More good things are being prepared for us to-day, the 26th and the 27th is not yet. We wish the editor of THE ADVERTISER much pleasure during Christmas and a happy and prosperous New Year.

PRO TEM.

**A Bret Hart's Story.**

Bret Hart was once asked in London if he did not exaggerate some of his western character creations. He declared that he did not and told this true story, which he had always feared to put into print: A well known desperado came into a saloon, and of course those who knew him had business elsewhere at once. An English tenderfoot remained, and the bad man invited him to drink. The tenderfoot innocently said he did not care to do so, a dangerous remark to make in those days, whereupon the desperado wearily reached for his gun and said in a tired sort of way, "Can't I ever have a drink without killing a man?"

**A King's Warm Bath.**

When King Edward II. of England was among his torturers, who hurried him to and fro that no man should know where he was, they set him down upon a bank and the more to disguise his face shaved him and washed him with cold water from a ditch. The king said, "Well, yet I have warm water for my beard," and so shed abundance of tears.

**Improve Your Hogs.**