

THE BABY SHOW A SUCCESS.

A Hundred Beautiful Children a Sight Well Worth Seeing.

The Baby Show, came off as an announced on last Thursday and was a great success. The lawn in front of the old Garlington place, where it was given, was crowded, and there were about a hundred children on exhibition, looking their very sweetest and prettiest. The judges must have found it difficult to know how to award the prizes and ribbons, but finally decided as follows:

Prize to prettiest baby under 14 months, a set of gold baby pins, to John Thomas, son of Mr. and Mrs. E. H. Wilkes; prize for prettiest child over 14 months and less than 3 years, knife and fork in silver, to Frances Elwin, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. W. H. Smith; prize for prettiest girl over 3 years and less than 6, beautiful doll to Sara, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. John F. Bolt; prize to handsomest boy over 3 years and less than 6, pocket knife, to Henry, son of Mr. and Mrs. J. S. Bennett.

Prize to twins, two silver spoons, to Margaret and Eleanor, little daughters of Mr. and Mrs. W. W. Ball.

Blue ribbons were awarded to fourteen children but THE ADVERTISER has found it impossible to classify them according to age and simply gives their names: Bernice Meng, Rosa Gray, Ruth Poole, Robert McCuen, Helen Harrell, Emmie Lou Washington, Charles Hughes, Flora Bennett, Frances Hudgens, Lois Taylor, Lawrence Bollineau, Calvin Teague, Jack Hayne Davis and Mary Jean Dodson.

The twins, little daughters of Mr. and Mrs. Warren Bolt were greatly admired, as were also Mr. and Mrs. John Turner's boy and girl, and twins. They were all four given blue ribbons and had a crowd of admirers around them all the afternoon.

The judges, Mr. W. H. Ellis of Augusta and Mr. Frank E. Brosius of Philadelphia were travelling men, who arrived on the afternoon train and Mrs. Bettie Clarke, who is also a visitor to the city.

The ladies of the Episcopal Church, cleared the sum of \$57.00 and are very appreciative of the kindness of the parents, who allowed their little ones to be a part of the entertainment.

COMMENCEMENT EXERCISES.

Address by Dr. Snyder—Sermon by Dr. Wardlaw—Six Graduates.

The closing exercises of the Graded School took place in the chapel of the Graded School building Friday evening. The auditorium was filled to the doors, many being unable to get seats. Superintendent Jones presided and the exercises of the evening were opened with prayer by Rev. Robt. Adams.

After a chorus by sixty five pupils selected from the first to the fifth grades, Dr. H. N. Snyder, President of Wofford College, was introduced to make the annual address. Dr. Snyder discussed in his usual clear and charming manner the relation of the teachers and books to the pupil.

The diplomas for the graduating class were presented by Hon. O. C. Featherstone.

At the conclusion of the exercises an informal reception was given the graduating class by the school.

Friday morning the 10th grade held its class day exercises. Miss Josie Sullivan, President, presided. Miss Margaret Miller was presented and delivered the Salutatory, her subject being Advantages of a High School Literary Society.

Then followed the debate on the query, "Should South Carolina have a law requiring all children between the ages of 6 and 16 to attend school three months each year." Grover Peterson and Frank Crisp held up the affirmative side of the question; James Sullivan and Pierce Irby, the negative. The affirmative was given the decision.

Valedictory, Sidney Lanier, by Miss Josie Sullivan.

The baccalaureate sermon was preached by Rev. A. G. Wardlaw of Union at the First Methodist Church, Sunday morning at 11 o'clock. The Law of Services is the Law of Promotion was Mr. Wardlaw's subject, based on the 20th Chapter, 26th, 27th and 28th verses of Matthew.

His discourses, which abounded in deep spiritual thought and encouragement was heard by a large and appreciative audience.

VISITORS TO REUNION RETURN.

Officers Re-elected—Mr. McGowan Commander U. S. V. Third District.

Most of those who attended the Confederate Reunion in Charleston last week returned Friday and Saturday. The old city was crowded for three days with the Veterans, Sons and Daughters of the Confederacy, Major G. M. Thos. W. Carlisle was unanimously re-elected Commander of the State Division, Brig. Gen. Zimmerman Division Commander of the First Brigade and Gen. B. H. Teague of the Second Brigade U. O. V. J. J. McGowan is again Commander of the State Division Sons of Veterans and E. P. McGowan, of this city, was elected Commander of the Third Division.

Children's Day at Prospect. Children's Day, an annual event, was celebrated at Prospect last Saturday. A tremendous crowd as usual was present. An elaborate program had been carefully prepared for the occasion and was effectually and beautifully rendered by the Sunday School.

Mr. C. C. Featherstone made the annual address. In the afternoon Rev. E. C. Watson preached a very interesting sermon.

J. H. Davis Opens a Livery. Mr. J. H. Davis, whose ad appears in this issue, has just opened up a livery business with an entirely new outfit, a stable recently occupied by C. S. Fuller. Jack Davis knows a horse, and how it should be handled. You can leave your turnout at his stable and when you want your horse it will be ready to drive.

A JUNE WEDDING.

Mr. Laurens D. Pitts and Miss Lillian Miller to be Married.

Mrs. Mattie M. Miller has issued cards to the marriage of her daughter, Lillian Glennore, to Mr. Laurens Dorroh Pitts on Wednesday afternoon, June the eighth at one o'clock, First Presbyterian Church of this city. This announcement is of unusual interest as both of the contracting parties are popular and prominent socially. Miss Miller is the daughter of the late C. M. Miller and is an attractive young lady of decided intellect and has taught with much success at Laurens and Bennettsville. Mr. Pitts is a son of Rev. J. D. Pitts and holds an important position with the Laurens Cotton Mills.

MR. ROBERT GRAY DEAD.

A Former Good Citizen of Laurens Buried at Dixie Friday.

Mr. Robert Gray, who died at his home at Williamston last Thursday, was brought to Dixie Friday afternoon for interment. The burial services were conducted by Rev. A. J. Cauten, of Williamston, assisted by Rev. J. F. Anderson, of Gray Court, and Rev. W. B. Duncan, of Gray Court. Mr. Gray had been ill several weeks. He was in the 76th year of his age. He was a former citizen of this county, having resided at Gray Court up to 1881 when he moved to Williamston. A widow and nine children survive, six sons and three daughters, as follows: Mr. W. L. Gray, Mayor of C. E. Gray and Mrs. J. F. Tolbert, of this city; Mr. R. L. Gray, of Gray Court; Mr. John Gray, of Dixie; Mrs. W. P. Harris, of Youngs; Mrs. D. M. Mahon and Mr. Darcy Gray, of Williamston, and Mr. James P. Gray, of Dallas, Texas.

Laurens Gun Club Organized. The Laurens Gun Club was organized Monday afternoon with the following officers: O. B. Simmons, President; J. F. Bolt, Vice-President; W. P. Calne, Secretary and Treasurer; A. W. Teague, Field Captain. The club starts off with about forty members. Target and clay pigeon practice will be the feature of the shoot until every amateur is an expert, then no doubt some tournaments will be given. It's a fine sport and the members are enthusiastic over the first practice which followed the organization Monday evening.

Miss Sallie Wright Hostess at Charming Entertainment—Personal Notes.

CLINTON, May 23.—The closing exercises of the Graded School will take place on the night of June the third at Copeland's Hall. The graduation of Miss Jennie Plaxico, Miss Louise Cromer and Mr. John Plaxico, with songs, drills, etc., by the school will be the program for the evening.

The Acton Book Club met with Miss Sallie Wright Friday afternoon. Small books, containing literary conundrums were given each guest.

The covers were done in pen and ink sketches from Gibson, with the name of the club and date, the artistic work of Miss Etta Lee, Miss Katherine Copeland, Miss Camille Vance and Mrs. J. W. Copeland out for the prize, which was won by Miss Vance. A picture of the party was taken as a souvenir of a very charming afternoon.

Miss Clara Young is in Greenville this week for Chocora Commencement.

Mrs. W. B. Owens and little daughter will spend this week in Columbia, attending the Fun-Flower Carnival.

Miss Mayme Leake was at home Saturday and Sunday.

Miss Sadie Philson is visiting her sister, Mrs. John Langston, at Darlington.

Mrs. J. G. Norman returned Saturday to her home in Chattanooga.

Mr. A. E. Spencer is a delegate to the General Assembly of the Presbyterian Church, which is in session at Mobile, Ala. Mrs. Spencer and children are in Spartanburg during Mr. Spencer's absence.

The friends of Rev. G. M. Boyd regret to know of his continued illness.

Mrs. Garvin of Lenoir, N. C., was the guest of Mrs. Robertson and other relatives last week.

Mrs. M. L. Sims has returned from a visit to friends at Laurens.

Mr. Tom Watts of Columbia was in town several days last week.

Mr. Will Owens, Jr., is at home from Hamlet, N. C., on a short vacation.

Pupils Promoted. We have been requested to publish the following promotions of pupils in the seventh and eighth grades of the Gray Court-Owings Institute to the next highest grades:

Eight Grade—Misses Ethel Willis, Jennie Willis and Cora Willis; Masters Henry Dorroh, A. C. Shell and Walter White.

Ninth Grade—Misses Kathleen Anderson, Corrine Anderson, Rosa Cheek, May Willis and Annie Willis, Messrs Albert Gray, Robert Harris, Milan Owens, Lowers Pedar, James Shell and Lander Willis.

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REAL ESTATE, STOCKS, BONDS, FIRE INSURANCE.

FOR SALE—Three milk cows, fresh to milk. One scrub, two Jerseys. Price \$25.00, \$40.00 and \$55.00.

L. C. DORRHO, Gray Court, S. C.

CANDIDATES.

Announcements under this heading must be accompanied by the fee, Three Dollars. Announcements to run after the first Primary.

FOR STATE SENATE.
At the solicitation of friends I have decided to announce myself as a candidate for the State Senate, subject to the Democratic Primary.
F. P. MCGOWAN.

FOR THE LEGISLATURE.
The friends of A. J. Smith, appreciating his past services in the interest of the people, respectfully suggest his name to the voters of Laurens county as a suitable Representative from this County to the Legislature.
FRIENDS.
I respectfully announce myself a candidate for re-election to the House of Representatives, subject to the result of the Democratic Primary.
W. C. IRBY, Jr.

I hereby announce myself as a candidate for the Legislature, subject to the Democratic vote of Laurens county.

At the solicitation of friends from the different parts of the county, I respectfully announce myself a candidate for the Legislature, subject to the rules of the Democratic Primary.
W. P. HARRIS.

C. C. Featherstone, Esq., is hereby announced as a candidate for House of Representatives from Laurens County, subject to the action of the Democratic Primary election.

FOR SUPERVISOR.
At the solicitation of friends, I announce myself a candidate for Supervisor of Laurens county, subject to the rules of the Democratic Primary.
R. P. ADAIR.

I respectfully announce myself as a candidate for re-election to the office of County Supervisor for Laurens county, subject to the rules of the Democratic Primary.
H. B. HUMBERT.

I announce myself to the Democratic voters of Laurens county, a candidate for Supervisor, subject to the Democratic primary and party rules.
JAMES S. DRUMMOND.

FOR CLERK OF COURT.
I hereby announce myself as a candidate for Clerk of Court for Laurens County. Will abide result of Democratic Primary.
T. FOSTER SIMPSON.

I hereby announce myself a candidate for Clerk of Court for Laurens County, subject to the result of the approaching Primary Election.
C. E. GRAY.

The name of John A. Franks is hereby presented to the Democratic voters of Laurens county as a candidate for Clerk of Court, subject to the rules governing the party Primary.
FRIENDS.

I respectfully announce myself a candidate for Clerk of Court for Laurens County and promise to discharge the business of said office as in the past, according to law and the best interests of the people. I will cheerfully abide the result of the Democratic Primary Election. Thanking all for their past favors, I am respectfully,
JOHN F. BOLT.

FOR SHERIFF.
I hereby announce my candidacy for the office of Sheriff of Laurens county. Will abide the result of the Democratic Primary.
J. THOS. PEDEN.

The many friends of Bee A. Wharton knowing his merit and qualifications combined with his superior detective mind of mind most respectfully suggest him to the voters of Laurens County as a worthy and suitable candidate for the Sheriff's Office in the approaching election, subject to the rules of the Democratic Primary.
FRIENDS.

Being conscious of the fact that I have faithfully discharged the duties of the Sheriff's office for the present term, to the best of my ability, and believing that I have the endorsement of the majority of the people of Laurens County to this end, I would again announce myself a candidate for re-election, subject to the decision of the Democratic Primary.
T. J. DUCKETT.

Being solicited by friends from different parts of County, I announce myself a candidate for the office of Sheriff, at the approaching Primary Election, and will abide the rules governing the same.
B. F. BALLEW.

The many friends of Jas. W. Henderson announce him a candidate for Sheriff, subject to the Democratic Primary. He has served several years as a Deputy Sheriff, one term, performing the duties to the satisfaction of the public.
VOTERS.

FOR AUDITOR.
I respectfully announce myself a candidate for the office of County Auditor, subject to the Democratic Primary.
JOEL A. SMITH.

I respectfully announce myself a candidate for re-election to the office of County Auditor, subject to the Democratic Primary.
C. A. POWER.

FOR TREASURER.
I hereby announce myself a candidate for re-election to the office of County Treasurer, subject to the Democratic Primary.
JOHN H. COPELAND.

FOR CORONER.
I hereby announce my candidacy for re-election to the office of Coroner, subject to the rules of the Democratic Primary.
W. D. WATTS.

I announce myself a candidate for Coroner for Laurens county, subject to the Democratic primary and party rules.
J. B. COSHY.

Many friends of Major M. H. Ferguson, from every Township in the County, have solicited him to become a candidate for Coroner at the Primary Election and he has consented. He will abide the rules and regulations of said Primary.
FRIENDS.

FOR COUNTY SUPERINTENDENT OF EDUCATION.
I respectfully announce myself a candidate for re-election to the office of County Superintendent of Education, subject to the rules governing the Democratic Primary.
CHARLES F. BROOKS.

FOR MAGISTRATE.
W. Y. Boyd, Esq., is hereby announced as a candidate for Magistrate for Laurens Township, subject to the Democratic Primary.

25-CENT COLUMN.

FOR SALE CHEAP—One Suit Oak Furniture, writing desk, folding screen, centre table, &c. Or will exchange for trunks and bedding. Apply to this office.
Eugene S. Hudgens.

NOTICE—On May 25th we will shut down our guns until next season.
Eugene S. Hudgens.

WANTED—To rent a buggy for the summer. Apply at this office.

FOR RENT—Pasture at \$1.00 per month. Good grass, good water, and convenient.
M. L. Copeland.

WANTED—A man to sell Sewing Machines and collect on accounts. Experience is not necessary. All we want is a man who is not afraid to work. Address
The Singer Sewing Machine Office, Greenwood, S. C.

NOTICE—We the undersigned forbid all persons from hunting or otherwise trespassing.
T. J. Weathers, Mrs. M. M. Todd

FOR AUDITOR.

I respectfully announce myself a candidate for the office of County Auditor, subject to the Democratic Primary.

I respectfully announce myself a candidate for re-election to the office of County Auditor, subject to the Democratic Primary.

I hereby announce myself a candidate for re-election to the office of County Treasurer, subject to the Democratic Primary.

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ATE EVERYTHING IN SIGHT. Dr. King's Chill and Fever Tonic is without a doubt, the best medicine I have ever found for chills. All my family were in poor health last summer, and after several other tonics had failed, tried Dr. King's, and in a very few days we were all better, eating everything in sight.
N. S. McCORKLE, Sold by Palmetto Drug Co., Laurens, S. C.

I suffered for many years with nervous and sick headaches. Tried many medicines and several doctors. Nothing cured me until I got Lee's Headache and Neuralgia Remedy. It is simply worth its weight in gold.
MRS. J. NO. W. SPRINKLE, Charlotte, N. C.

The price, 25 cents at Palmetto Drug Co., Laurens, S. C.

Mr. Joseph Pominville, of Stillwater, Minn., after having spent over \$2,000 with the best doctors for stomach trouble, without relief, was advised by his druggist, Mr. Alex. Richard, to try a box of Chamberlain's Stomach and Liver Tablets. He did so, and is a well man today. If troubled with indigestion, bad taste in the mouth, lack of appetite or constipation, give tablets a trial, and you are certain to be more than pleased with the result. For sale at 25 cents per box by Laurens Drug Co.

SPECIAL SALE--COMMENCING THURSDAY, MAY 26TH

SOME THINGS THAT MUST GO.

Most goods we buy to sell for direct profit, but there are many things in higher grade merchandise that we buy mainly to give tone to our stock, which, after they have served their purpose, we are willing to part with at and below cost. We have arranged a choice array of such goods on centre counters, and on Thursday morning, May 26th, we will commence and continue a Special Sale until these are closed out.

- 1 lot French Silk and Wool Crepe de Chine, in individual patterns, 40-in wide, colors cadet blue light green, light gray, champagne heliotrope, cream, have been \$1.00; sale price 75c
- 1 lot Aeolian Chiffon, the newest material on the market, green and gray, were \$1.00: now 75c
- 1 lot metal dot Brillanteens, very new, reduced to 44c
- 1 piece cream colored wash Jap Silk, 35c quality, elegant for waists, at 27c
- 1 piece satin striped, 44-in. Grenadine, all silk, worth \$1.00; sale price 75c
- 1 lot colored wash Jap Silk, sale price 19c
- 1 lot fine 25c Zephyr Ginghams, have always been 25c; sale price 19c
- 1 lot elegant colored Figured Crepe de Chine, real value 50c, 19c
- 1 lot 35c colored figured French Organdies at 19c
- 1 lot highest grade Tufted Voiles at 19c
- 1 lot satin striped Organdies in solid colors, value 20c 12½
- 1 lot Homespun Suiting, reduced to 8 1-2c
- 1 lot suiting Cheviots, reduced to 10c

Special Summer Shoe Sale.

- We have a big line odds and ends in Ladies' Children and Men's Shoes, only a few sizes of a lot which we are going to sell regardless of cost.
- 1 lot Ladies' Slippers, sizes 1 1-2 to 3 1-2 cts 25c
 - 1 lot Ladies' Slippers, were \$1.25 to \$2.00, at 48c
 - 1 lot Zeigler Bros. fine shoes, value \$2.00 to \$3.50; sale price \$1.50
 - 1 lot Ladies \$1.25 to \$2.00 Shoes; sale price 48c
 - 1 lot Men's low-cut Shoes, made by Hess, Bay State, Zeigler Bros. and other makes of fine Shoes, values \$3.00 to \$4.00; sale price \$1.50 to \$2.00
 - 1 lot Men's low-cut Dongola Oxfords at \$1.00

Men's Goods, to Close Out.

- 1 lot Men's soft-bosom Shirts 25c
- 1 lot Men's Shirts, slightly soiled, were 75c to \$1.25, at 50c
- 1 lot new Lion Brand Shirts of the \$10.00 quality at 75c
- 1 lot good quality Balbriggan Under Shirts and Drawers, per garment, 25c
- 1 lot high-grade Balbriggan Shirts and Drawers, at per garment 50c
- Suspenders 5c to 50c
- Genuine Linen Collars 5c
- Pure Silk Ties 10c
- Men's Straw Hats 10c to \$1.00
- Boys' Straw Hats 10c to \$1.00

We are starting a campaign of Summer Selling now that should give us a crowd every day. Be sure of one thing, you will have no cause for regret if you do your Summer buying at our store. No trouble to show goods.

O. B. SIMMONS COMPANY.

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Eye Specialist  Eye Specialist
H. D. REESE, OPT. D.,
—WILL BE AT—
W. W. DODSON,
DRUGGIST,
LAURENS, S. C.,
THIS WEEK.

Everyone is invited to call on Dr. Reese while he is here and have their Eyes Examined.
"A Stitch in Time Saves Nine."
SYMPTOMS.
Headache, Eyes Pain in Temple, Feel Tired, Inflamed, Run Water, Nervous at Times.
EXAMINATIONS FREE.
All errors of refraction corrected such as hypermetropia, myopia, astigmatism, presbyopia and others.
CROSS EYES STRAIGHTENED. SATISFACTION GUARANTEED.

Stunning Shirt-Waist Stuffs.
Of course we have hosts of pretty Wash Fabrics for Shirt Waists. To catalogue the kinds and prices here would take up too much room; but you can rest assured that ours is the noblest and most exclusive showing in town. You'll find no such high-class effects in Wash Goods elsewhere, though our prices are no higher than others.

Summer's Swellest Shoes.
The Summer Shoe Stock must not be forgotten. We offer a fine variety of styles in Oxfords and kindred models, that represent the season's very newest ideas in Shoe design. In graceful, smart, shapely Shoes for Ladies no other store in town can in any way duplicate our showing.

The Portia, Regina and Radcliffe are our leading makes. \$2.00, \$2.50 and \$3.00 are their prices.

THE HUB.

I have bought out the Livery business of C. S. Fuller. I will conduct a First-Class Livery, Feed and Sale Stable. Always on hand safe horses and nice turnouts at reasonable rates. Kentucky saddle and harness horses. Give me a trial.

J. H. DAVIS,
FULLER'S OLD STAND.
PHONE 51.

AT TAPP'S
Sale of Imperial Imported Black Taffeta Silk.

This is not an ordinary silk sale, but a wonderful merchandizing event. It is the weight and quality most wanted for shirt-waist suits, petticoats, etc. The lot was bought from an importer who needed tariff money, and he had to sell part of the silk to pay tariff on the lot. Now the silks are ours at about half value, and Monday you can buy them on the same basis—at half value and less. Be on hand at 9 o'clock and get what you want. The lot is in three widths, namely:

- 19 in. wide, the yard 49c
- 23 in. wide, the yard 59c
- 36 in. wide, the yard 79c

Black Dress Goods 98c.

While in New York ten days ago, our Mr. Tapp bought from the best importer of Fine Black Dress Goods in America several thousand yards of the newest and most stylish weaves known this season. The black we guarantee the strongest and best made. This is positively the best value ever offered in Columbia in fine Black Dress Goods. The line is worth \$1.25, \$1.50, \$1.75, \$2.00, \$2.25, \$2.50 and \$3.00 per yard. For the big Fun-Flower sale the price is, the yard, 98c.

Go to St. Louis at Our Expense.

We offer four free trips to St. Louis. With each purchase of 25c cash we give a coupon. On August 10, 1904, all these tickets will be counted and the four persons holding separately the largest number of these tickets will get the trips.

ORDER BY MAIL—We will prepay freight, Mail or Express, on all purchases within a radius of 600 miles of Columbia, amounting to \$5.00 or over.

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The Kinks and Crotchets of Style.
Do you know of any ordinary store hereabouts that keeps up with all kinks and crotchets of style in ladies' goods as thoroughly as THE HUB? THE HUB is a woman's store, first to last. It pays thrice the attention of any other store to all those little points of style that seem so insignificant yet count so much. What wonder is it that so many ladies prefer trading here.

Stylish Summer Hats.
The point which distinguishes our Hats from others at the price and makes them often equal in effect to hats sold for double our prices, is the exquisite taste displayed in the trimming. Our Millinery work reaches an artistic plane not often attained outside this city. Every Hat we make is carefully studied for harmony and beauty of effect; and we please the most discerning and fastidious customers.

Light, simple, inexpensive Summer Hats are most in demand just now; and we are turning out a great variety of handsome ones. We'll make one to your order at \$2.50 to \$4.00, and have plenty already made up at \$1.50 to \$2.50, from which you can choose if you prefer. Buy no Millinery till you have seen our superb Summer showing.

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