

LOCAL AND PERSONAL MENTION.

It was stated yesterday afternoon that there was no apparent improvement in the condition of Mr. Thomas Downey who has been quite sick at his home here for the past ten days.

Rev. W. D. Hammett is at Appalache mills, Greenville county, assisting the Rev. J. E. Covington in a revival meeting.

Mr. J. E. Johnson and family of Gray Court spent Saturday and Sunday in the city with relatives.

The Rev. J. E. Mahaffey of Clinton, it is announced, will preach at Sandy Springs church the fifth Sunday at three o'clock.

Mr. Jas. M. Smith and daughter, Miss Mary, of Waterloo were visitors in the city on Monday.

Mr. Chas. P. Simmons of Greenville was in the city Sunday visiting his brother, Mr. O. B. Simmons, having come in his fine automobile.

Mr. and Mrs. Claud Garrett of Greenwood, with their little daughter, Grace, spent the week-end in the city.

Mrs. J. T. Simmons of Greenwood was in the city Friday visiting relatives.

Mr. and Mrs. Hosea Dean are in the city visiting Mr. and Mrs. J. D. Watts.

Mr. and Mrs. J. W. Humphries of Cross Keys, Union County, accompanied by one of their little granddaughters, Bertha Kirven, visited Mr. and Mrs. A. J. Taylor Saturday and Sunday.

Mrs. D. E. Barnett has returned from a month's visit to friends and relatives at Chapin and Williston.

Mr. J. Archie Willis, editor of the Woodruff News and Herald, was in the city Tuesday night for the dance. Mr. Willis, while still editing his paper is taking a post-graduate course at Wofford college for his M. A. degree.

Mr. Frank Crisp of Woodruff was in Laurens last Tuesday night for the dance.

Dr. C. L. Poole left yesterday for Greenville to attend the Piedmont fair.

Mr. Earl Mills, eldest son of Mr. and Mrs. John D. Mills, after attending Davidson college two sessions, has matriculated at the Medical college at Augusta, Ga.

Dr. J. K. Gilder, a prominent Newberry physician, spent Friday in the city.

Charles Tripp, overseer spinning in Laurens cotton mills, Laurens S. C., and G. N. Franks, overseer ending in the same mill, were visiting among some of the Carolina mills last week. Among other places they visited Anderson, Greenville, Spartanburg, Gaffney and Union.—Mill News.

Mr. A. P. Fuller one of Mountville's successful planters, was in the city yesterday on business.

Mr. M. B. Crisp of Mountville was in the city yesterday.

Mr. J. D. Witherspoon of Westminster was in the city the past week on business.

Miss Julia Charles of Greenville sojourned Friday night in the city as the guest of Mrs. C. M. Clarke.

Miss Annie Childress of Chicora college spent the week-end at home.

Mr. Jas. Clardy of Columbia is visiting in the city.

Mrs. S. L. Saxon has returned to her home in Clinton.

Mrs. Jane Parks and Mrs. J. H. Parks of Greenwood spent Friday in the city.

Deputy Sheriff Cuthbertson returned from Hamlet, N. C., yesterday, bringing with him Jesse McCracken, colored, who is wanted on a charge of housebreaking and larceny.

Married—On October 10th, Mr. J. A. D. Field of Columbia, S. C., to Mrs. Alice Edwards of Laurens, the ceremony being performed at the residence of the bride's daughter, Mrs. Charlie Collins, at the Laurens mills. Rev. A. T. Stoudenmire officiated.

DEATH OF MR. R. C. BROWN.

One of County's Best and Most Substantial Citizens.

Mr. Robert C. Brown, one of the county's best and most highly respected citizens, died late Sunday afternoon at his home five miles west of Laurens after a lingering and painful illness. The funeral services were held Monday afternoon at Chestnut Ridge Baptist church, conducted by the pastor, Rev. E. C. Watson. A large number of people from the city attended the funeral, for Mr. Brown had many warm friends and admirers here.

Mr. Brown was a native of Cross Hill township, where one brother, Mr. Richard Brown, and many relatives still reside. He was a brother of Mr. Jack Brown, now of Newberry, also of Mr. Alex T. Brown, who died at Newberry some months ago. He is survived by his wife and several children. Mrs. Brown is a daughter of Mr. William Penn Garrett, who in the War Between the States won great distinction as a scout in the Seventh cavalry.

In the death of Mr. Brown Laurens county loses one of her most valuable citizens; he was an honest man, a good farmer, a thorough gentleman, a consistent member of his church, a true husband and father—a good man.

On the subject of corn, the top-most ear is the best for seed; of two fields, one planted with seed taken at random and the other selected in the field, the latter yielded as much again as the former.

Are you planning to build a new house? Don't make it too large. Many houses are so large that the women folks are kept scrubbing a good share of the time.

If you are acquainted with Happiness introduce him to your neighbor.

WASTE OF THE FARMER.

Agricultural Reform the Most Urgent of Modern Problems.

George T. Powell recently wrote a letter on "The Farmer's Wastefulness" which was printed in one of the secular dailies. He declares that "the most urgent problem before our nation today is not the tariff, but the prevention of the great wastefulness in agricultural methods that occurs everywhere in the United States and the dissemination of scientific information that shall lead to soil restoration and improvement." The proposition is irrefutable.

Responsible authorities have estimated the amount of the food-bill of the American people at a little more than \$12,000,000,000 a year. That both the first cost and the retail price of most of the articles on the list could be and should be materially reduced there can be no question.

As Mr. Powell declares, very few of our farmers have even a vague notion of the cost of the products. The makers of farm implements, of clothing, hats, shoes, furniture and other articles bought by farmers, know to the fraction of a cent the cost of the merchandise. There are and there can be no wasteful or haphazard methods in manufacturing or in commercial business. The inevitable penalty of indifference to cost in those lines is failure. Except in rare instances, no other methods are followed on the farm. In that industry it is not the producer upon whom the penalty falls. The consumer pays for the waste, indifference and ignorance of the producer.

Because of sundry legends handed down from generation to generation there is a general belief that a farmer's life is of arduous and poorly requited toil. Much of that belief is utter nonsense. The average farmer works harder today than does the average man in any other line of industry. His reward is determined chiefly by the intelligence which he applies to his operations.

Elm Has a Cancer.

The famous Bertram elm in Salem, Mass., has a cancer. It was noticed for some time that no cavities showed on the elm. This was proof to the experienced eye that there was decay inside the tree.

An investigation showed that the elm had a cancer on the inside, which, if allowed to grow, would kill the tree in a few years. Incisions were made and portions of the inside were found to be pink. Tiny roots had begun spreading inside this growth. Efforts are now being made to remove the cancer.

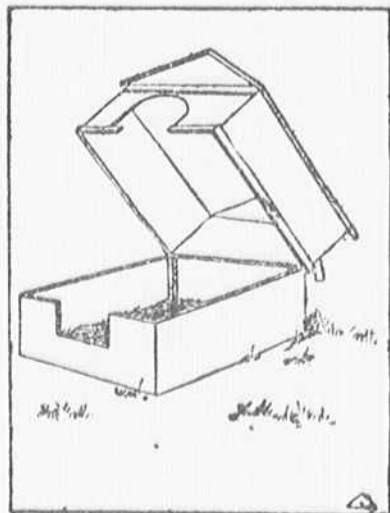
This elm is famed for its size and beauty. The trunk measures twenty-seven feet in circumference, and its age has been reckoned as 100 years. The estate was formerly the home of Captain John Bertram, one of Salem's famous merchants of olden days.

Irish Potatoes.

Late Irish potatoes can be planted in July. No potato crop yields more bountifully than the late Irish potato crop when the months of August and September have a good rainfall. In fact, one good soaking rain the first part of September will insure a good crop of potatoes. The fall grown potatoes are much more prolific and freer from a strong and oftentimes acrid taste than those grown in the spring. A frequent practice among potato growers and a very injurious one to potatoes is to put strong, fresh stable manure in the furrow when the potatoes are dropped before covering them with plow. Such an application not only produces scab on the potatoes, but often makes them waxy, impairing their flavor and reducing their quality for the market and for home consumption as well.

Take Care of the Dog.

A New Jersey man with an eye to the health and comfort of our canine friend has invented a kennel which will make the dog's life a happier one. The kennel is made in two parts, and the top section opens on a hinge so that the straw may be aired every day and quickly changed when necessary. Sticks on the lower portion fit into plates on the lower part so that the whole is a firm structure when closed. Animals as well as human beings are



DOG KENNEL IN TWO SECTIONS.

healthier when they live in clean surroundings, and it is important that their bedding should be aired and kept clean. With the new kennel it is easy to open the top each day and let the sunlight and fresh air purify the straw upon which the animal sleeps at night. People who have dogs for which they have real affection and who indulge these pets to a sometimes foolish degree seldom think of paying ordinary attention to hygienic laws which they accept as absolutely necessary in the case of humans.

DON'T MISS THESE SPECIAL BARGAINS!

We have something of special interest for you in every department of our big store. The kind of goods that you want at prices lower than you can find anywhere. We want you to remember that when we quote you prices it's only on reliable merchandise, goods that have quality.

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We are offering some extraordinary values in this department in Clothing, Shoes and Gents' Furnishings. It will pay you to see what we are doing before you make your Fall purchases.

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Fashionable wearables for Men are abundant in our Clothing Stock in every point, Style, Material, Workmanship, Fit and Value. Our leadership is established anew this season. You simply cannot go wrong on Clothing and Furnishing bought here. Our guarantee insures your absolute satisfaction. Let us show you the New Styles. Here are a few Suits that can't be matched for the price:

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You save money and get the best by trading here.

Never Such a Stock of Shoes!

- Unmatchable values in shoes that wear. See our Men's every day shoes, world beaters, \$2. \$3.50
- Crossette Shoes in every kind of leather imaginable. Prices \$3.00 \$3.50 and \$4.00
- Howard & Foster Shoes, acknowledged to be the best shoes in the country for the price. We have the style and kind of leather you want Prices \$3.50 and \$4.00
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- Makes no difference what price hat you buy if you get it from us if \$1.50 or a \$5.00 grade you get the best to be had at that price. You should see our new styles at \$1.50 to \$5.00
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Ladies' Department!

We are showing this season the best line Ladies' and Misses Coat Suits ever shown in Laurens. We are showing all the Newest Styles in the Season's most fashionable shades.

Come let us show you the line of Suits that we are showing at \$10.00, \$15.00, \$20.00 and \$25.00

Ladies' and Children's Sweaters

Ladies' and Children's Sweaters at prices that are sure to please you. Ladies' Sweaters in White, Grey and Garnet, worth \$2.50. Our Special \$1.75 Ladies' Sweater worth \$3.00 for \$2.50 Ladies' Sweater worth \$4.00 for \$3.50

Ladies' Shirt Waists.

Big assortment of Ladies' Silk and Linen Waists. Prices from \$1.00 to \$5.00 You should see our Special at \$1.00

Dress Goods.

The best Dress Goods value of the season. One lot of Dress Suitings in a big range of colors. Regular 50 cents Goods, our special while they last for 25cts

Special Sale of Wool Blankets.

Never such values offered in Laurens. All Wool 10-4 Blankets for \$2.98 Special value in Blankets \$3.50 Great values at \$4.00, \$4.50 and \$5.00

Buy the Children "Cadet" Hose.

These are the Hose that stand the hard wear that all youngsters impose on their Stockings. Let them romp, play or climb as they like, "Cadet" Hose will stand the racket. They are made with linen heels, knees and toes and will outwear several pairs of ordinary hose—they're cheaper in the long run for that reason. Each pair fully guaranteed, the pair 25 cents.

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