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Things are waxing warm in that new Heyward County contest.

Statistics show that lynching is on the decline in Ohio.

Slogan for Laurens: The full smoke house town.

Slogan for Anderson: The town a carpenter built.

Slogan for Charleston: Use tangle-foot.

Slogan for Spartanburg: "Keep your foot on the soft, soft pedal."

It looks like Prof. Riggs runs Clemson college just about as well as a real live "president" could.

The weather prophets are predicting another cold wave for the latter part of this week. Oh, my! some more hot weather.

Traveling to Newberry for the purpose of making a deposit in the Postal Savings Bank, recently established in that city, will not be regarded as a great hardship by very many people.

Have you been to see the new depot since it was opened? You watched its gradual rise all last summer and fall, but you do not know what a magnificent building the structure really is until you make a careful inspection of all its appointments.

In about eight weeks, after the roads begin to improve somewhat, we shall expect that good roads' ardor that was exploited all up and down the line between some of the towns of the Low Country and the Piedmont, during the summer of 1910, to break out anew.

During the past year investments in some of the prominent South Carolina counties were as follows: Orangeburg, \$1,671,500; Laurens, \$1,150,000; Richland, \$925,000; Union, \$613,000; Spartanburg, \$631,500; York, \$415,500; Greenville, \$370,000. These are pretty satisfactory figures for the year 1910. —Augusta Herald.

In Spartanburg last week the grand jury gave one of the "Social Clubs" of that city a clean bill of health, stating that the club in question was being conducted on a "high plane." This report, it may be stated, was made in consequence of an investigation into the management of the different places of this character.

Now just as our new depot is being completed, it would be a good thing if the police or the depot authorities would keep that lobby from being congested when the trains come in. It was something of a trial for ladies to get through the crowd blocking the opening there Sunday afternoon when the train from Greenville arrived.

### GOOD ROADS.

Commissioner Watson will repeat his recommendation looking to the attachment to the department of a State highway engineer, as against any proposition looking to a State highway commission, and as to State assistance to the United States soil survey in the prosecution of its work. In connection with the latter it may be mentioned that on Saturday last, the United States soil survey issued in completed form the map and results of the survey of the Conway area in this State, making very nearly 5,000 square miles of territory that has already been covered. —The State

It is hoped that the legislature will take some step in furthering the work of road improvement and drainage in this state. Commissioner Watson has before made these recommendations and has talked it on every occasion, but not yet has the legislature done anything for road improvement. The appointment of a state highway engineer, as he suggests, will be a forward step in this direction.

With the appointment of a state highway engineer should come the appointment of county engineers, or road masters, thus giving to one man the duty of caring for our roads and another the duty of carrying on the office business now done by the supervisors.

## LOCAL AND PERSONAL MENTION.

Mr. J. H. Powers, of Barksdale, spent Saturday in the city.

Mr. John Y. Garlington spent a few days in Columbia last week.

Nellie Poole has returned home from a short visit in Greenville.

Mr. J. M. Hellams, and grand-son of Gray Court, were in the city yesterday.

Mr. M. A. Leaman, of Cross Hill, made a business trip to Laurens Monday.

Mr. John Terry Poole has returned to Atlanta after spending the holidays at home.

Solicitor Cooper left Tuesday for Columbia to be in attendance on the legislature.

Misses Rose and Hattie Davenport spent the holidays with Dr. and Mrs. C. L. Poole.

Messrs. Tom and A. P. Taylor, of Dials Township, were visitors in the city Friday.

Mr. James Wham, of the Trinity Ridge section, was a visitor in the city Monday.

Miss Tallulah Neville of Clinton, visited Mrs. H. K. Aiken for several days last week.

Miss Nora Taylor spent Sunday with Miss Pearl Medlock at her home in Dials township.

Mr. Gus Simmons left Monday for Florence where he will be for several weeks on business.

Miss Lucy Clardy has gone to Montgomery, Ala., to spend some time with her cousin, Mrs. James W. Ramage.

Mrs. W. W. Edwards, and little daughter, of Due West, are visiting Mrs. Edwards' mother, Mrs. M. D. Miller.

Mrs. H. K. Aiken, Mrs. W. E. Lucas, Mrs. M. L. Copeland and Miss Bettie Watts will go to Greenville today to see "The Merry Widow."

Mr. L. H. Watts, an old Laurens county "boy" but who has been making his home for some years at Coronado, made his annual visit to Laurens Monday.

Mrs. C. A. Foster of Timmonsville, who is spending some time in the city with her mother, Mrs. W. T. Dorroh, accompanied by her sister, Miss Sarah Dorroh, visited relatives at Woodruff the past week.

Miss Louise Lynch, daughter of Mr. Walter H. Lynch, formerly superintendent of the Laurens Cotton Mills, has returned to her home in Augusta, after a fortnight's visit to Laurens friends.

### SOCIAL AND PERSONAL.

Miss Julia Childress entertained last Friday evening at the home of her parents of Main street. The feature of the evening was a guessing contest in which Miss Mildred Babb won the prize. Following the different games delicious refreshments were served. The host was assisted in entertaining by Misses Annie Gifkerson, Julia Gifkerson, Fannie Thames, Elizabeth Shell, Annie Bell Childress and Willie May Childress. Among the guests were Misses Lucile Bentz and Jennie Boyd, of Greenville, Annie Lucille Poole, of Greenville, Kathleen Sullivan, Gertrude Barnett, Nellie Poole, Helen Sullivan, Mildred Babb, Lucy Childress, Nell Childress; Messrs Tom Lake, Charlie Fleming, Leon Dodson, James and Erskine Todd, Phil Huff, Bill Crisp, Earl Cain, Barnett, Sam Bolt, Henry Franks, Job Little, Dave Childress, John Terry Poole.

Dr. and Mrs. C. L. Poole entertained recently for Miss Annie Luella and John Terry Poole. Those present were Misses Margarite Simpson, Nell Payne, Julia Childress, Helen Sullivan, Ruth Easterby, Annie L. Poole, Nellie Poole, Messrs. Tom Lake, Phil Huff, Willie Crisp, Charles Fleming, John Bolt, Grover Richey, Sam Bolt, Robert Roper, Hastings Dial, Leon Dodson, John Terry Poole. After a flower contest a delightful sweet course was served by Misses Ruth Poole and Alpha Bolt.

Mrs. Clarence E. Gray, who is soon to leave Laurens for her new home in Georgetown, has been the recipient of numbers of entertainments in her honor within the past few days. Mrs. A. C. Haskell was the hostess yesterday afternoon at a beautiful afternoon reception. When Mrs. Gray was the guest of honor. Numbers of other dinners and bridge parties have been given for Mrs. Gray by her numerous friends.

## LAURENS FINANCES REVIEWED BY JONES (Continued from page one.)

Item was proved by a certificate from H. B. Humbert, county supervisor, to the effect that on August 10, 1906, he, as county supervisor, and J. H. Copeland, as county treasurer, had made a note at the People's Loan and Exchange bank in the sum of \$5,830, of which \$330 was for interest or discount, and that the balance, \$5,500, was placed to the credit of J. H. Copeland, as county treasurer, for school purposes.

"Thereafter the governor ordered the experts to return to Laurens and make another investigation for this item.

"On November 6, 1910, they filed a supplementary report, stating that on re-examination they found the item to be a proper charge against Mr. Copeland—though by another mistake they said it was for county purpose.

**Another Report Made.**  
"In my annual report for 1903 I called attention to the fact that Mr. Copeland was appointed county treasurer on March 14, 1901, commissioned May 25, 1901, and assumed the duties of the office on July 1, 1901, in that year, both Ex-treasurer Babb and Treasurer Copeland were acting as county treasurer and receiving and handling funds as such officers.

"Mr. Copeland borrowed \$8,000 for county purposes on a note as county treasurer, dated March 16, 1901.

"During the months of March, April and May, 1901, ex-Treasurer Babb collected \$1,738.38, county dispensary funds, which was not charged to him in his settlement with Treasurer Copeland and is still due by him to the county.

"When the \$8,000 was borrowed, March 16, 1901, by Treasurer Copeland, the bank only credited him with \$5,966.65, deducting \$2,033.36 on account of amount claimed as overdraft due the bank by the county on account of ex-Treasurer Babb.

**Refused to Allow Credit.**  
"I refused to allow this application of \$2,033.36 as a credit in Treasurer Copeland's accounts. The grand jury, upon ex parte statements without conferring with the comptroller general office, directed the county supervisor to draw his warrant in favor of John H. Copeland, dated August 5, 1904, to cover this amount, and the credit was therefore allowed Copeland in the settlement for the taxes of 1907.

"There is no question but that Copeland was entitled justly to a credit for this amount, as he had never received it from the bank, though the county had given its note therefor. But there is no evidence that the county ever received the benefits from this \$2,033.36, so borrowed from the bank, but the evidence shows that Mr. Babb took credit for the \$2,033.36 in county warrants paid by the bank, and the county paid the bank the note for \$8,000. Thus the county has paid out \$1,066.72 to settle a debt of only \$2,033.36. Unquestionably either the bank or Mr. Babb owes this amount to the county. The bank has refused to furnish a proper voucher to Mr. Copeland to cover this retention by them of \$2,033.36 out of the loan. But as Mr. Babb was county treasurer, the county must look to him and his bondsmen for those funds.

"I, therefore, reiterate Mr. Babb owes a balance to the county of Laurens of \$3,564.95.

**Omission to Charge.**  
"In my annual report for 1908, I reported that there was an omission to charge ex-Treasurer Copeland with \$5,500 proceeds of a note, August 10, 1906, borrowed from the People's Loan and Exchange bank for school purposes, on entry of which was made on the county treasurer's books, and there was a balance due by his estate and bondsmen of \$5,057.40.

"An examination of the reports of these experts shows that such examinations are of little practical value, because such experts are not familiar with the ordinary administrative law governing the conduct of affairs to be investigated, and of that account can not properly check up or verify even the settlement sheets, much less make up an accurate statement of the legal charges against the county treasurer and the credits to be allowed him.

"Thus in the investigation of the dispensary funds in the hands of the county treasurer these experts overlooked the fact that the county treasurer is responsible for all profits which are paid to him, those due the towns, as well as the county and school funds, and that all such should be charged to and accounted for by him.

"Their overlooking the note for \$5,500 and omitting to charge it against the county treasurer was due to their lack of knowledge that such note should have been, under the law, signed by the county supervisor, and a record kept of it in that office as a charge against the county treasurer. Their failure to examine in that office for charges against the county

treasurer, and their inability to make an accurate report upon an original investigation is shown by the statement in their report that 'it would give us pleasure to find any omitted record,' and that they have not determined which of the treasurers is responsible for the \$600.86 shortage reported by them. To do so, they say, 'would be quite a difficult task. There was no proper checking in or out of the treasurer's and no approved settlements for several years,' showing that their supposed investigation was a mere compilation of the often 'incorrect annual settlement sheets, which they say have never been approved—for the obvious reason that they were incorrect. Their work is not an original examination into the facts.

**As to Complaint.**  
"As to their complaint 'on account of the lack of system and manner of bookkeeping in such offices,' I beg to state that the system now in use by me has the approval of Comptroller Generals Hagood, Stoney, Verner, Ellerbe, Norton, Derham and others, under whose direction it has worked well. But no system will work satisfactorily if the requirements are ignored by the incumbents in office; nor will it be intelligible to accountants unfamiliar with the requirements of the laws upon which it is based.

"Greenville county recently undertook to adopt a new system of keeping accounts in its public offices at an initial cost of something like \$2,500 to the county. But it has proved practically worthless and misleading, as neither the county treasurer nor the county auditor can use it, and at the same time comply with the statutory requirements relating to their offices."

The called meeting of the Baptist Laymen of the State which will be held today in Columbia, will be attended by Messrs C. B. Bobo, R. A. Cooper and John H. Wharton of Laurens.

### SPECIAL NOTICES.

**Wanted**—Orders for Cabbage Plants—grown in fields and frost-proof, 1,000 crated, \$1.25; 2,000 or more \$1.00 per thousand, F. O. B. Young's Island. Address, Ernest M. DePre Co., Columbia, S. C. 24-1t

**Warning**—All persons are hereby warned not to hire or harbor in any manner, one Lee Caldwell, colored, who is under contract with H. Watt Bryson for the year 1911. 24-1t pd

**For Sale**—Burt Oats, 50c per bushel, Mammoth Bronze Gobblers, \$3.50 each, Hens, \$1.50 each, S. C. White Leghorn cockerels, \$1.00 each. W. P. Harris. 24-2t pd.

**To Rent**—A fine pasture just below the Laurens depot in easy reach of the entire town, for cows and other stock, and all persons are forbidden to tie any cattle on the lands of Mrs. J. C. Clark. Apply to J. Wade Anderson. 24-4t

**For Sale**—2 one-year old pure, nice Bronze turkey gobblers at 15c per pound. 4 genuine "Silver Lays Wyn-dots" one year cockerels at \$1.00 each. W. P. Todd, Barksdale, S. C. 24-1t pd

**For Sale**—One of the prettiest residence lots in Laurens. Apply to B. K. Humphries. 24-1t

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**NOTICE.**  
Please do not forget to pay the Telephone Co. this week. W. R. Richey, Secy. & Treas.

## The New Year

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**Dr. Posey's Drug Store**  
"Purity at Posey's"  
Laurens, S. C.

**U. D. C. Meeting Postponed.**  
On account of the ceremonies to be held at the unveiling of the Confederate Monument at Clinton on the 19th, the meeting of the Daughters of the Confederacy, which was to be held at Mrs. J. S. Bennetts on that date, has been postponed to the afternoon of the 23rd. The meeting will then be held with Mrs. Bennett, opening at 3:30 o'clock.

# Still At It!

We reduced our Stock so that we vacated room over the Laurens Drug Company the first of the year and we have but few Goods in our Basement, and if the buying public could realize the saving in buying from us, it would not take long to wind up. Our Goods are for sale at

## Close-Out Prices

and no legitimate dealer in the same line, who expects to continue business, can or will sell you Goods all the way through at our prices.

## CLOSE-OUT PRICES

- 10c Jap Goods now ..... .08
- 25c Jap Goods now 20cts, two for ..... .35
- \$1.50 large nickled Lamps ..... \$1.30
- \$2.25 large parlor Lamp ..... \$1.50
- 10c white Curtain Poles ..... .75
- 10c oak Curtain Poles' ..... .07
- Plain oak pedestal Dining Table ..... \$7.90
- Quartered oak pedestal Dining Table ..... \$8.90
- Splendid imitation Mahogany Writing Desk ..... \$8.75
- Cheaper imitation Mahogany Writing Desk ..... \$5.50
- Guaranteed Steel Ranges, with warming closet for only ..... \$25.00
- Cheaper Steel Ranges, with warming closet, for ..... \$20.00
- \$2.25 straw and cotton Mattresses ..... 1.75
- \$2.75 straw and cotton Mattresses ..... 2.00
- \$4.50 combination Mattresses ..... 3.25
- \$5.00 cotton Mattresses ..... 3.50
- \$6.50 felt Mattresses ..... 5.00
- \$2.00 folding bed Springs ..... 1.45

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**The Caine & Pitts Furniture Co.**

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We have received Second Shipment of

## Electric Toaster

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## New Spring Goods

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