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The Advertiser will be glad to receive the local news of all the communities in the county. Correspondents are requested to sign their name to the contributions. Letters should not be mailed later than Monday morning.

It was announced yesterday (Thursday) that only routine matters were discussed at the meeting of the State military board held Wednesday night. Columbia State, Thought Col. Moore was going to suggest taking the office of Adjutant General out of politics at this meeting. Why this change of mind?

The people of the county are urged to bear in mind the coming of the Atlantic Coast Line Good Roads Train, which will be here Tuesday morning, January Second. The train will be fully equipped with every kind of road making machinery and everybody who possibly can should be on hand. The railroad is expending a large amount of money in this undertaking and we should show that we appreciate it.

The recommendations of Insurance Commissioner McMaster in regard to trash and waste around stores and homes do not come amiss at this time of year. It is a well known fact that during the Christmas holidays the fires are more frequent than at any other time and that they are due to carelessness on the part of property owners and to the reckless use of fire works. The parents should see to it that the children do not get careless with their fire works and at the same time they should endeavor to clean up before it is too late. A little precaution taken now might save a great deal of property.

Some kind of action is necessary to improve present conditions in the cotton market. Commissioner Watson has called another meeting to be held in New Orleans. This meeting is intended to inaugurate the movement recommended at the conference of governors. This is the best plan yet suggested and if Commissioner Watson can get all the states to cooperate with South Carolina in a movement of this kind, the situation is bound to improve. The plan is nothing more than a systematic campaign to hold on to the cotton that we can consistently hold and to reduce next year's acreage.

The only way that we can see of getting a good price for cotton next year, is to make it scarce. The only sure way of making it scarce is to reduce the acreage. And then at the same time the only way of ensuring a good price for the cotton already stored is to reduce next year's acreage. Another fifteen million bale crop would be disastrous. This year's returns are small enough, but if cotton is seven or eight cents next year it will be disastrous. Plant one fourth of the cotton land in grain or some other crop. Make a plenty of necessities to supply the table and then the cotton will take care of itself.

The Advertiser has been twitted on several occasions because it gives no such space to the cotton question and because it takes every opportunity to discuss that question. While we realize that a large number of its subscribers do not read all of this, still we believe that a still larger number do read it. The question, it seems to us, is one that should be kept abreast of and for that reason we hardly ever let a week pass unless something based on that subject is printed in our columns. Today, we print the outline of the \$50,000,000 cotton loan proposition and also an interview by Senator Smith given the correspondent of The Columbia State. They are both lengthy, but instructive. Those who give the cotton question any thought at all should read them both.

MIGHTY RIGHT.

To The Charlotte Chronicle, which has got the claiming and bragging habit we will say that Dr. Jos. A.

Holmes is not a tarheel, but a native of Laurens county, South Carolina.—Anderson Daily Mail.

APOLIGIES TO HYMN NO. 35. From Greenville's Paris Mountain, To Charleston's waffle stand, The hills resound with hungry cries, Those square meals ain't so grand.

BOASTING. The Tribune will wager a pint bottle of printer's ink against a black-face Italic quad that there isn't another hand-set, eight-page, all-home-print newspaper in the State of South Carolina on which all the mechanical, editorial and business duties are handled by two men, one of them new to the business since February, 1911.

Furthermore, it will wager a paste brush against a foot slug that no other paper in the State has a subscription list on which nine out of ten names are paid up into 1912, and on which all names are paid at least to the date of issue.

The Greenville Piedmont will be allowed to hold stakes and the Woodruff Record and the Newberry Observer will act as judges.—Fountain Inn Tribune.

That's a pretty hard record to beat, but The Advertiser is some pumpkins in that line also. Its corps of slug extractors, display artists, form teasers and press manipulators is something hard to beat. With a little assistance here and there from the typewriter tuners (which perhaps is really more of a hindrance than assistance) four of our boys got out a twenty-four page paper, lock stock and barrel, in two days and a half. While we are not much of a wagering man, we would be willing to stack up a four Em dash rule against a cylinder press that the Tribune cannot equal that.

THOSE COTTON PHILANTHROPISTS

Of all the get-rich-quick Wallingford schemes ever attempted this \$50,000,000 cotton loan scheme looks to be the most brazen yet. It really is amusing to think about such a proposition being made to sensible people. The plan submitted by these "bulls," as they have been called, might fool a few people with wool pulled over their eyes, but when such people think that they can fool the whole South, they must think they are treating with people entirely without business sense. Listen to this: "It is not our plan to warehouse this cotton, nor to withhold it from the channels of trade, but we want to get it out of competition, so as to permit the market to go up." Did anybody ever hear of such a thing? Get it out of competition so it can go up. If anybody can see any sense in that sentence, please come out and explain it. Competition with what? The only competition that we can see evident now is the competition between the cotton growers to deliver it to the spinners and that is exactly what this syndicate says the intend doing. Really these "bulls" must take Southern cotton growers for hayseeds around a shell game. The brazen part about the whole thing is that the plan is exposed with the evident expectation that the flaws will not be seen.

With the cotton rushed into the hands of the spinners out of the Southern warehouses, what is going to keep the price up. Nothing. The plan is hardly worth discussing at length. Its dangers to the South are too obvious.

THE HOSIERY MILL.

A visit to the state penitentiary a few days ago proved to be interesting. A prison cannot be expected to look like a lady's parlor, yet everything throughout the whole grounds was found to be clean and neat as can be made. Every reasonable precaution is taken for the health of the inmates, and many of them are better taken care of than they were on the outside. They are well-fed and comfortably housed and not over-worked. Things, however, looked rather lonesome around the place, and upon inquiring where all the prisoners were, was informed that the governor's numerous pardons makes the place look like Sunday.

An inspection of the hosiery mill, over which there has been so much discussion, proved of great interest. The mill is well ventilated and is certainly kept as clean as any textile mill in the state, as any one can see for himself. We are no expert on such matters, and are not prepared to take issue with the state board of health, yet it is hard to see where in this mill is such a death-trip as it is said to be. The trouble is, the whole matter is now a political one, instead of being taken up on its own merits. No one will deny that outdoor work is more healthy for any one, but it is not practicable to employ all the state prisoners outdoors at the state penitentiary, and the directors have acted in good faith toward themselves, the state and the prisoners.—Anderson Daily Mail.

We are glad to note that The Daily Mail is at least considering the Hosiery Mill. Although the State Board of Health has condemned conditions there, very few, if any other papers outside of this one, have discussed the matter really with a single eye to its merits. Several of them have seen fit to mix the questions with politics, but otherwise very little has been said on the subject.

The Mail has gone about the matter right. It has gone down and seen for itself in so far as a lay-

man can see. It says that "We are no expert on such matters, and are not prepared to take issue with the state board of health, yet it is hard to see wherein this mill is a death-trip as it is said to be." The conclusions of The Mail are perfectly natural after its admission as to its knowledge of the causes of diseases under discussion. Now that The Mail has undertaken a discussion of the subject, we would suggest that it write a letter to any member of the Board of Health who stand for the doing away of the mill and ask him why the board takes the position that it does. If The Mail will do that, writing to Dr. Robert Wilson, Jr., for instance, who we believe stands for its abolition, we believe that The Mail will come to realize that the hosiery mill is really just what its enemies have pictured it.

Of course the hosiery mill seems to have as its chief champion our present governor, but we believe that this should be overlooked and the question given the consideration that it deserves.

If Governor Blease conscientiously has the welfare of the convicts at heart when he recommends the abolition of the hosiery mill, The Advertiser commends him for his stand and doesn't mind saying so.

UNION MEETING.

The Union of the Fourth Division of Laurens association will meet with the Cross Hill Baptist church, Saturday, December 30th, 1911 at 11 o'clock, A. M.

Program.

- 11:00—Devotional service, Pastor J. A. Martin.
11:30—The Work Completed by Christ on Earth. John 19:28-30, W. C. Wharton, J. A. Martin, G. H. Liner.
12:00—What is the Church and the Scriptural Qualifications for Membership? S. H. Goggans, W. P. Turner, Wade H. Pinson.
12:30—Intermission.
1:30—What a Local Church may do for the Lost Souls in its Immediate Territory. J. H. Wharton, W. M. Summerell, W. E. Griffin, D. Homer Owings.
2:15—The Sabbath, its institution, its purpose, its proper observance. W. P. Turner, J. A. Martin, L. A. Cooper.
3:00—The Value of the Open Bible. H. Timothy, J. H. Wharton, Geo. W. Davis, J. Pierce Coats, L. A. Cooper.

Sunday Morning, Dec. 31.

- 10:30—Missions. Address by Rev. D. Hower Owings.
11:00—Missionary Sermon by Rev. L. A. Cooper.
W. P. Culbertson, Secretary.

UNION MEETING.

The Union of the Second and Third division of Laurens association will convene with Mt. Gallagher church Saturday before the 5th Sunday in December at 10 a. m.

The following is the program:

- 10:00—Devotional services by John W. Simpson.
10:30—Are our Laymen in Active Sympathy with the "Laymen's Movement"? If not, why not? J. O. Martin, J. P. Simmons, A. O. Alison.
11:30—The Significance to our Churches of the Present Financial Stringency Caused by the Low Price of Cotton. T. B. Brown, H. H. Mahon, T. S. Langston.
Dinner.
1:30—What is the best Financial Plan for the Country Church? W. E. Thayer, H. L. Baggott.
2:30—Is it Possible at this Age to have a Continual Revival in our Churches? If so, how? W. A. Baldwin, C. B. Bobo.

Sunday.

- 10:00—Devotional, Jimmie Martin.
10:30—What are Some of the Qualifications for a Sunday School Teacher. C. B. Bobo.
11:00—An Essay by Miss Lula Simpson on "Every Day Religion."
11:30—Missionary Sermon, H. L. Baggott or J. O. Martin.
12:30—Dinner.
Afternoon to be provided for.
We promise those who attend a great welcome. We know by experience what a visit means to many homes.

B. P. Mitchell, For Committee.

UNION MEETING.

The Union Meeting of the first division of the Laurens Association will meet with the Bethany Baptist church, December 30th and 31st, 1911.

Saturday, December 30th.

- 10:00—Devotional Services led by George T. Cook.
10:30—Enrollment of delegates.
11:00—How can we get More of our Church Members Interested in the Sunday School Work? W. H. Drummond, T. B. Riddle, Charles Wiley.
12:00—Recess of two hours for dinner.
2:00—Devotional services led by J. A. Marler.
2:30—Are we as a Denomination Providing for the Poor as we Should? R. A. Hellams, E. E. Guinn, J. A. Marler, J. R. Martin.
3:30—What Manner of Life and Service, in the Individual, will Render

the Greatest Good to the Community in which he Lives? Oscar Lanford, W. G. Henderson, J. J. Riddle, W. M. Croker, S. M. Collier, George T. Cook. Sunday, December 31.

- 10:00—Sunday School.
11:00—Missionary Sermon, H. L. Baggott or J. M. Trogdon.
T. J. Hughes, J. J. Riddle, J. M. Trogdon, Committee.

Lyceum at Gray Court-Owings.

On Wednesday evening Dr. Roy Z. Thomas will deliver his famous lecture on Edgar Allen Poe in the school auditorium. Dr. Thomas was educated in Maryland, concluded his work at the John Hopkins University, where he was for a time instructor in the Public Speaking department, was vice president of West Lafayette College, Ohio, is a finished scholar and speaker. He is now Professor of Science in Newberry College, S. C. Having lived for a number of years in Baltimore, where Edgar Allen Poe met his tragic death, Professor Thomas is abundantly able to give the true story of Poe's life and writings.

Tickets are on sale at Hunt and DuPree's at Owings and Gray Court Drug store. Purchase your tickets before hand and save a rush at the door. Lecture will begin at 8 o'clock.

"Following the Star."

Rev. W. E. Thayer will break into the regular order of his sermons next Sunday and preach on the subject of "Following the Star." This is not one of the series of sermons which he has been preaching for the past few weeks. The series will be resumed the first Sunday in January. The subject of that sermon will be announced later.



Miss Caroline B. Schrenk.

Miss Caroline B. Schrenk, a dramatic soprano of superior merit, is an American by birth. Her musical studies began early, and her first public appearance as a vocalist was made at the age of twelve years. Even at that early age her musical talent gave a rich promise that has been richly realized. After several years spent with the best vocal teachers of America she went to Germany, studying at Stuttgart, afterwards completing her musical training at Berlin. All her training, from first to last, has been with leading instructors. Upon her return to America she appeared in opera and concerts and met with instant favor and success. Her voice is of exquisite quality, possessing fine carrying power, particularly on high notes, which she reaches and holds with perfect ease. Her repertoire is unusually wide in scope and embraces principal roles in German, Italian and English Opera. Her repertoire also includes the great Oratorios as well as lighter forms of song cycles.

At school lyceum Friday, Dec. 22.

Big Money Order Day.

Monday was the best business day in money orders that the Laurens post-office has ever enjoyed. In fact things flourished over there on that side. Over 165 orders were made, the nearest to that many having been 107. All of these orders were not for liquor either.

"I had been troubled with constipation for two years and tried all of the best physicians in Bristol, Tenn., and they could do nothing for me," writes Thos. E. Williams, Middleboro, Ky. "Two packages of Chamberlain's Stomach and Liver Tablets cured me." For sale by all dealers.

Strength of Ice.

It is said that ice one and a half inches will support a man; four inches thick will support cavalry; five inches thick will support an 84-pound cannon; ten inches thick will support a multitude, and 18 inches thick will support a railroad train. These figures, of course, presupposes that the ice is of an even thickness, not having thin places, and only to true ice, not slush ice or to ice when the temperature is above the freezing point. After a thaw sets in but little confidence can be placed on the strength of the ice.

His Definition.

Young Arthur, being asked to give a definition of "deadlocks," quite as unexpectedly answered: "A deadlock is what Aunt Emma's back hair is made of."

MADDEN NEWS

Madden, Dec. 19.—Mr. Pitts Henry and family left for their new home in Greenwood last Thursday. The good wishes of old neighbors follow them. Mr. J. T. Powers, who bought the Henry place is to move next week. We trust that he shall soon feel at home in our midst.

Mr. Jimmie Benjamin is also moving to his recently purchased farm, near his father-in-law, Mr. Alonzo Culbertson.

Mr. John L. Finley and family are making arrangements to move on their farm recently bought of Mrs. Allison. We bespeak for all these good people a hearty welcome.

Mr. John A. Wonord was called to Simpsonville last week on account of the serious illness of his brother-in-law, Mr. Grisham, a prominent merchant and planter of Greenville county.

Mr. and Mrs. John Thompson of Florida came in Sunday night for a visit to their parents, Judge and Mrs. Thompson. They were accompanied by their sister, Miss Jessie Thompson, who has been on a visit to the "Land of Flowers."

Mr. Troy Jones has been on a visit to his aunt, Mrs. Fowler, near Mt. Pleasant.

The young man, Price, that committed suicide at his home above Laurens was buried in the New Prospect cemetery Sunday at one o'clock. Mr. T. S. Langston conducted the funeral services.

Mr. Cal. Kibbler, a gallant Confederate veteran, of Prosperity will arrive Saturday to spend the holidays with his old comrade, John R. Finley. These old soldiers are very dear friends, their friendship dating from the time they together were thrown in a yankee prison. Memory will recall for them their awful prison experiences and "again they will fight their battles o'er." We trust his visit will be exceedingly pleasant.

Messrs. Bee Culbertson and C. W. Martin went near Ekom Sunday to see their friend, Mr. Elmore, who is quite low with typhoid fever.

Miss Juanita Martin spent last week with her cousin, Mrs. C. A. Power of Laurens.

The hearts of many here were saddened when the news came of the death of Mr. John M. Hudgens, in Columbia hospital. He was so well and so favorably known here. Our sympathy to his family.

Ends Winter's Troubles.

To many, winter is a season of trouble. The frost-bitten toes and fingers, chapped hands and lips, chilblains, cold-sores, red and rough skins, prove this. But such troubles fly before Bucklen's Arnica Salve. A trial convinces. Greatest healer of Burns, Boils, Piles, Cuts, Sores, Bruises, Eczema and Sprains. Only 25c at Laurens Drug Co. and Palmetto Drug Co.

SOCIAL AND PERSONAL.

A Ruby Wedding.

On Wednesday, December 6th, Mr. and Mrs. W. T. Austin of Cross Hill celebrated the 40th anniversary of their marriage. Invitations had been given to twenty-five or thirty of their nearest relatives and friends to dine with them at 1 o'clock. Of the number present eight were at their marriage forty years ago.

Their home in the suburbs of town had been beautifully decorated, red and green being the color scheme. The dinner was very elaborate and was elegantly served by three of their lovely young girl guests.

After all appetites had been fully satisfied a portion of scripture was read and thanks returned to the Giver of every good and perfect gift. The guests then repaired to the parlor where a few hours were very pleasantly spent in an informal social way. "Father Time" seems to have dealt gently with this happy couple who have borne each others burdens, and assisted others also for so many years. Every one seemed to have enjoyed the occasion fully, and as the evening shadows lengthened, departed for their homes wishing for them many happy returns of their wedding anniversary. A. Guest.

Culbertson-Anderson.

The following invitations have been issued within the past week:

Mr. and Mrs. W. H. Culbertson request you to be present at the marriage of their daughter Maude Gene to

Mr. George Calhoen Anderson Tuesday evening the twenty-sixth of December at half past seven o'clock At home

Waterloo, South Carolina Mr. Anderson is a prominent young business man of Spartanburg while the bride elect is a charming young woman of Waterloo. A large gathering of friends and relatives is expected to be present at the ceremony.



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SPECIAL NOTICES.

Christmas Turkeys—I have fifteen fine Christmas turkeys for sale. Phone No. 21, Gray Court or apply to Mrs. W. W. Yeargin, Gray Court. 21-111pd

To Rent—Two horse farm within the incorporated limits of the city of Laurens. Apply to Mrs. Jantie C. Clark, 539 East Main street, Laurens, S. C. 21-11

Horse for Sale—An ideal saddle, buggy, and farm horse for sale. Black. Coming seven years old, will easily weigh 1100 pounds and without a blemish. Not afraid of automobiles. Apply to W. B. Knight, Laurens, S. C. 20-21

Wanted—A competent single white man to assist in management of ten horse farm. Man able to take charge in absence of owner. Address Farmer, Care of The Advertiser. 20-21

Witte Land for Sale—On account of our time being largely taken up in our McLee land proposition, we have decided to offer for quick sale the Witte property, containing 540 acres. Prefer to sell as a whole, but will sell 100 acres on left hand side of road in one tract and the remainder in another tract of 540 acres. Best real estate bargain in Laurens county. Apply to Oakland Heights Realty Company, E. P. Minter, Secretary. 18-11

For Sale—219 acres, 6 miles north of Laurens, at \$15.00 per acre. One-third cash. Rented for next year for 6 bales. Apply to E. P. Minter. 16-11

For Sale—A scholarship in a leading business school not many miles from this place. Will sell at a discount. For information apply at this office. 10-11

For Sale—171-2 acres of land on South Harper street, Laurens, S. C., with five-room dwelling, on edge of city limits. Apply to W. C. Irby, Jr. 3-11.

JOHN SCOTT.

By W. D. S.

He married a Barn ... He drifted around to our school house and stayed in it during vacation. Some one made him a present of a worthless old black horse. There was a large grove of red oak trees around the house. Scott would go out and fill his hat with acorns and feed his horse. He would smell of them and refuse to eat them. Scott would say "You will eat them when you get hungry. One evening he found the old horse devouring the acorns. He was elated. Now thought he would fatten him up. Going out in the morning to feed, he found old black stretched out stiff. "Well, the blamed old fool had to die, just as I had learned him to eat the acorns."

Scott moved to Saxon Mill on North Rabun and some strange tales come back on him from that section.

Backwoodsmen.

Holly and mistletoe can be found growing on the streets of Laurens.—Daily Piedmont.

Gone Back on Blease.

It looks as if Laurens County has gone back on Blease. The people down there last week refused to lynch a negro charged with the usual crime.—Greenville News.