

LOCAL AND PERSONAL MENTION.

Mr. E. E. Bishop, formerly superintendent of the Watts Mills, was a visitor in the city Sunday.

Mrs. L. G. Roff and little William, are spending a few days in Spartanburg.

Mr. Pierce Hellams, of Dials township, was a visitor in the city Monday.

Dr. and Mrs. Reese have returned from Sumter and are now conducting the Winona Hotel.

Mrs. C. B. Duvall leaves today for Greenwood to visit her daughter, Mrs. F. C. Pearce.

Miss Anna Owings of Gray Court is visiting in the city as the guest at the home of Mr. J. F. Tolbert.

Messrs. John Wells Todd and James Todd have returned after a visit to Washington and New York.

Miss Nora Pinson and Mrs. Beatrice Pinson of Waterloo were among the visitors in Laurens last Friday.

Miss Caroline Elizabeth Vance of Anderson has been the guest of friends here for the past few days.

Miss Nell Hellams of Greenville is spending a few days at the home of Mr. and Mrs. W. D. Childress.

Rev. W. R. Minter of Lincolnton N. C., was a visitor in Laurens last week, the guest of his brother Mr. E. P. Minter.

Mr. Calhoun McGowan has returned to the city after attending the sessions of the legislature and attending the inauguration of President Wilson.

Mrs. J. D. Harney is visiting her sister in Spartanburg. While there she will place her young nephew, under the treatment of specialists.

Mr. C. E. Parker, Superintendent of Construction at the new post office, has returned to the city after a weeks visit to his home in Washington.

Mr. Roy Little returned home Saturday after spending the week in Washington attending the inauguration.

Mrs. J. Frank Phillips and two daughters, Katherine and Elizabeth, of Greenwood, are visiting Mrs. John Hicks on Farley Avenue.

GONE BUT NOT FORGOT.

D. R. Lavender, the Motion Picture Man, Says that While He is Away He is Working for Laurens.

Mr. D. R. Lavender, the moving picture "magnate" of Laurens, has just returned from a trip to Gaffney, Yorkville, Spartanburg and other points looking out for himself and his patrons here. While away, Mr. Lavender scored several "hits". One of them is for the benefit of his Laurens patrons and the other is for the benefit of himself. Where he made a hit for himself was in securing the lease over a motion picture house in Yorkville, thus adding one more house to his string.

The other hit or the one for his patrons here, Mr. Lavender considers a big one. While in Greenville he closed a contract for a reel of Wilson's inauguration. This will be shown here tomorrow afternoon and night. The doors will be open at 2 o'clock and from then until 11 o'clock, the show will continue. Three other reels will also be shown. Mr. Lavender wishes it stated that because of the cloudy weather inauguration day, the reels are not as clear as some of them which he shows, but that they are clear enough to be of great interest to crowds who have seen them in other cities.

For tonight, Mr. Lavender will give a Pathe scene "The Grotto Torture", a sensational picture of life in India, showing elephants, leopards, crocodiles and other animals. This is said to be the most realistic animal picture ever shown. This is a two reel feature.

Elected New Teacher.

Mr. M. W. Gray, of the Eden community, was in the city Monday and stated that Mrs. Emma Roper had accepted the position of teacher at the school in his district and had already taken up her work. Mrs. Roper succeeds M. T. Houston Babb, who resigned several weeks ago because of his health. The school is in a flourishing condition.

Coburn's Minstrels Coming.

Manager D. R. Lavender has announced that a contract has been closed with Coburn's minstrels for the evening of Wednesday, March 19. The Coburn minstrels is one of the best organizations of its kind on the road and is composed of actors of exceptional ability. They appear the evening before in Greenville.

TILLMAN FLAYS JOB HUNTERS.

He Compares Them to "Wild Asses of Desert Athirst and Hungry."

Washington March 11.—Senator Tillman today evinced displeasure at the persistency of hundreds of office-seekers who have backed to the capital since the inauguration.

He condemns the scramble for jobs with his characteristic vigor, and says it reminds him of the Bible text: "Wild asses of the desert and athirst and hungry. They have broken into the green corn."

The senator said the text contained reference to asses trampling down the corn, but he would leave that out. He added he had faith in Wilson as a "herdsman who would keep the beasts from doing damage."

Caine-Jones.

An event that is of great interest to the people of this city was that of the marriage of Miss Laura Jones and Mr. Earl Caine which was solemnized in Cowpens yesterday morning. The wedding was a great surprise to the families and friends of both the bride and groom. The bride is a young lady of admirable qualities and is the daughter of Dr. W. T. Jones of Ware Shoals. The groom is a young Laurens boy of many fine characteristics and has a host of friends who congratulate him.

Confederate Reunion.

Surviving soldiers of Company "G" (Laurens Briars) 3rd S. C. Regt.; Company "E" 14th S. C. Regt. and Company "E" 3rd S. C. Battalion will meet in their annual reunion at Barksdale on Saturday, April 12th, 1913. Come out comrades, bring family and friends and let's light once more the campfires. Don't forget that we must have something to eat. Bring your haversacks.

Moves to New Home.

Mrs. T. F. Simpson, who has been residing in the Episcopal parsonage has moved to the residence formerly used by Rev. W. E. Thayer. Mr. Lawson, the new Baptist minister, will occupy the Garlington home on North Harper street.

Inspection of Company D.

Adjutant General W. W. Moore has announced the itinerary of the annual inspection tour of the national guards of this state. Gen. Moore, accompanied by an officer of the U. S. army, will arrive in Laurens on April 25th to inspect the local company. Inspections will be made in field service uniforms, light marching order without overcoats. The annual inspection is always looked forward to with interest by the people of the city as they feel considerable pride because of the high record which the Laurens boys make.

W. R. HILL DEAD.

Another One of Old Confederate Soldiers Passes to his Reward.

Mr. W. R. Hill, a well known citizen of the vicinity of Ware Shoals and an old Confederate veteran, passed away at his home Thursday. He was buried at Bethlehem church Saturday, a large number of sorrowing friends and relatives being present. Rev. T. E. Miller, of Waterloo, conducted the services. He was 77 years of age and is survived by his wife and five children, viz., Mrs. M. B. Chandler, Miss Alma Hill, J. W. B. ready, but he has not made up his mind as to whether he will be a member of McBeth's Artillery. His death is greatly regretted by a wide circle of friends.

MR. LAWSON RESIGNS.

Camden Minister, Who is to Become Pastor of Baptist Church Here, is Reluctantly Given up.

A special dispatch from Camden, to The State of Wednesday, had the following to say of Rev. M. L. Lawson, who is to become pastor of the First Baptist church of this place on or about April 1st:

"At the Sunday morning service of the Camden Baptist church, the Rev. M. L. Lawson tendered his resignation as pastor, in order to accept a call from the Laurens Baptist church. The resignation was accepted with regret and a committee was appointed to present to Mr. Lawson suitable resolutions. Mr. Lawson plans to leave about the middle of April. He carries the best wishes of all the citizens of Camden, who realize that it will be hard to find a more capable minister to carry on his work here."

The Garlington cottage, on North Harper street, has been secured for Mr. Lawson and it is now undergoing repairs. The roof is being prepared and the interior is being renovated and prepared for him.

FEARFUL EXPLOSION OF DYNAMITE

Three Hundred Tons of Dynamite Explode Instantly Killing from Forty to Fifty Men.

Baltimore, March 7. Three hundred tons of dynamite being loaded in the British tramp steamer Alum Chine, in the lower harbor off Fort Carroll, exploded about 10:30 o'clock this morning, instantly killing from 40 to 50 men, wounding and maiming three score more, some of whom may die, and dealing destruction to \$500,000 worth of property.

The Alum Chine and a loading scow along side her were annihilated. The tug Atlantic, which twice went to the rescue of the imperiled seamen, was set on fire and later sank. The United States collier Jason, just completed and ready for trial, was raked to her deck and her armor was riddled. Buildings in Baltimore and towns many miles away were rocked by the force of the terrific explosion.

The Cause Unknown.

The cause of the disaster is unknown tonight but federal authorities have instituted a thorough investigation to place the blame. Excited survivors told conflicting stories, some insisted that a negro stevedore caused the explosion by jamming a spike into a case of dynamite. This is denied by eye-witnesses, who declare that smoke was seen pouring from the Alum Chine's hold several minutes before the explosion occurred. At a late hour tonight the bodies of 20 dead had been brought to morgues

in this city and 60 injured were in the hospitals. Estimates of the dead included 30 stevedores and checkers of the Joseph R. Foard company, employed in transferring dynamite from a barge to the Alum Chine, which was bound for Panama, eight members of the crew of the Alum Chine, six men on the collier Jason and the captain and several members of the crew of the tug Atlantic. Many bodies, it is believed, never will be recovered from the icy waters.

Fifteen Fatally Hurt.

Of the injured a score are frightfully maimed. At least 15 are expected to die.

Tonight nine of the dead had been identified as follows:

Capt. William E. Vandyke, Baltimore of the tug Atlantic; Robert W. Diggs, first mate, tug Atlantic, Baltimore; Edward Watters, chief officer of the Alum Chine; Joseph P. Lennon, Baltimore, Atlantic crew; John Mackerel, Frank Doyle, Edward Cassell, Andred Garretts, John T. Hood, stevedores, all of Baltimore.

Seamen in small craft and Capt. Vandyke saw smoke coming from the dynamite laden Alum Chine a few minutes before the explosion. The launch Jerome was alongside the ship and rescued many members of the crew and rushed them to safety. The witnesses say that when the explosion came the steamer jumped from the water as if a torpedo had struck her and then fell to fragments in which were mingled the torn bodies of the dead.

A Deadly Echo.

The transportation company's scow had been moored to the big steamer

and the concussion from the ship's hold blew up the tons of dynamite still aboard the the barge in an echoing explosion that increased the carnage and destruction. Several small craft in the harbor are believed to have been blown to pieces.

The tug Atlantic, which had twice rushed to the rescue before the crash, was racing away when it was caught in the rain of charred wood, hot steel and unexploded boxes of dynamite that fell in a shower for quarter of a mile around, killing some of the crew outright and setting fire to the vessel.

Coming up the river at the time was the tug Britannia and she rushed to the aid of the Atlantic, picking up

many of the wounded who had leaped into the water. Some of them are said to have perished before the Britannia could get to them.

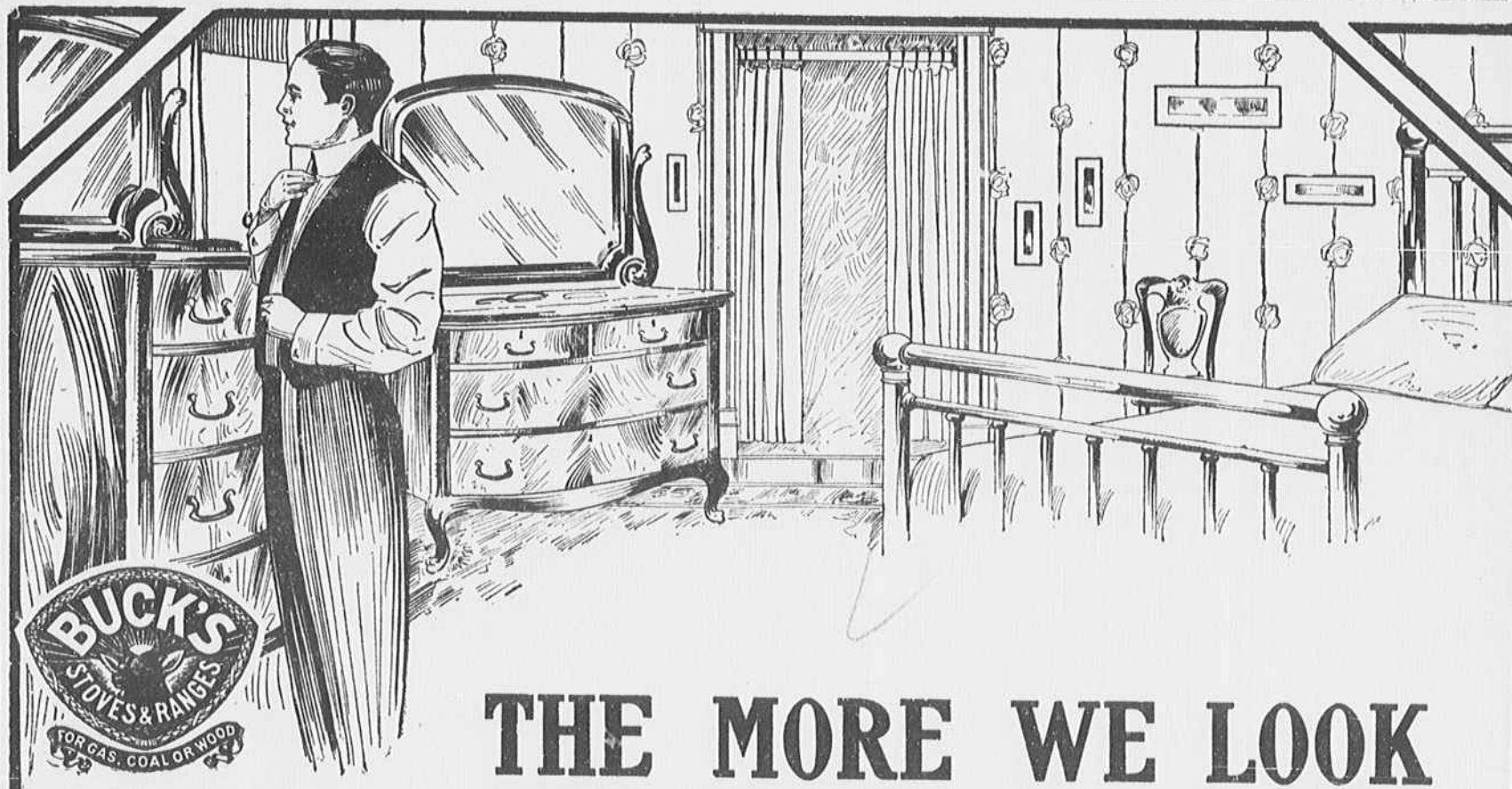
Bird Law Again.

Last week The Advertiser stated that the time for killing partridges in this county expired March 1st. This statement was based on information that was apparently authentic, but later an attorney of the city, who is also interested in hunting, gave the information that March 15th is the last day on which birds can be hunted. Therefore, Saturday will be the last day on which birds can be hunted in this county

You are cordially invited to my Spring Millinery Opening March 20th and 21st

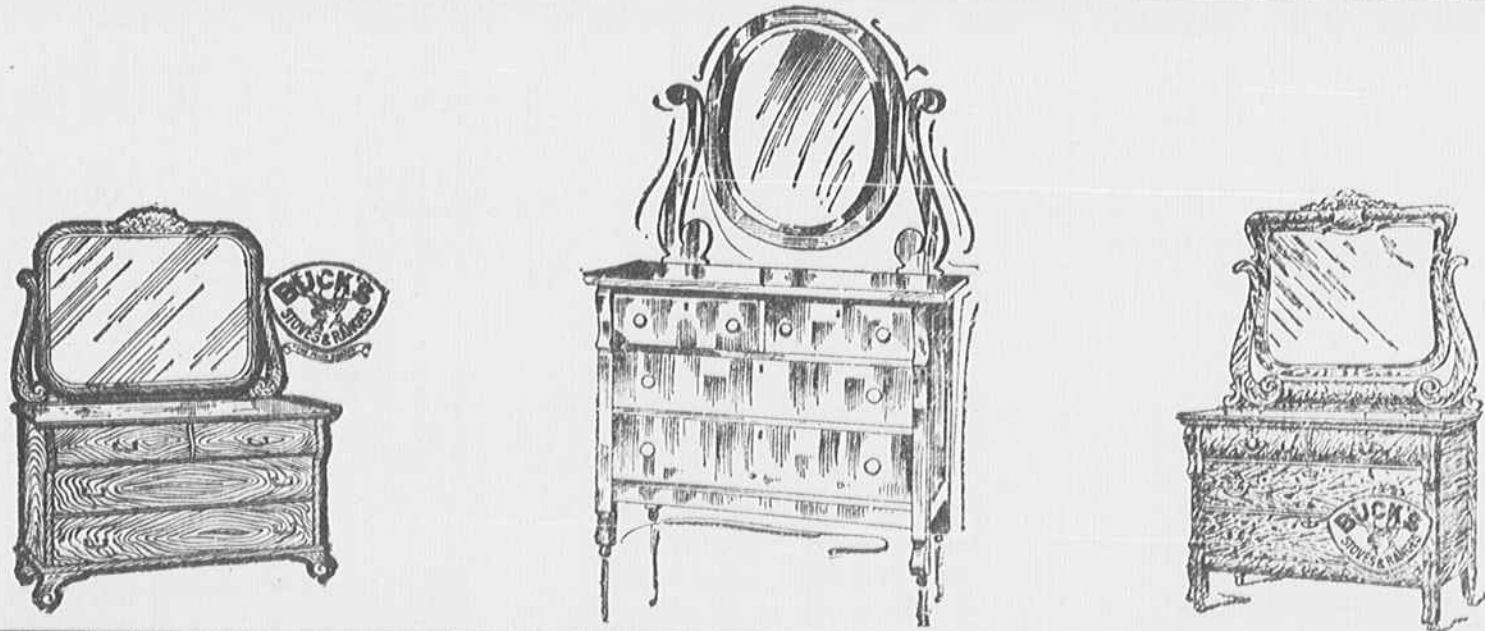
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