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This reason, which every woman should know, is that Royal Baking Powder is made from cream of tartar, which comes from grapes. This means a healthful fruit origin. It means natural food as distinguished from mineral substitutes used in other baking powders.

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New York

FI FI CHARMS CAPACITY HOUSE

Antics of the Dolls Kept Large Audience in Fine Humor Thursday Night.

What is estimated as having been the largest paid audience that has ever been in the graded school auditorium attended the presentation by local talent Thursday night of the spectacular play "FI FI of the Toy Shop" and went away charmed with what it had seen and heard. Not only was the Laurens audience there, but many came from the surrounding towns to witness the performance. Automobiles were here from Clinton, Ora, Mountville, Cross Hill and Gray Court from within the county and, about five cars were here from Newberry, where the play had been given several weeks before.

The play itself was of the spectacular kind, where dances, drills and costumes by a large cast formed the principal drawing card, a light plot being executed by the principals as a setting for the various groupings. The performance served to display a high degree of talent among local people. Miss Margaret Dial, as "Bonnie," was without doubt the favorite of the evening, her part being depicted so truthfully and sprightly as to captivate the audience. Mrs. Earl Wilson, as "FI FI" came in for a major share of the favorable comment, her duet with Hilliard, as the "Man in the Moon" being particularly enjoyed. The musical numbers by Misses Mary Todd and Cora Armstrong were effectively rendered and received generous applause. "Ink Spot" and "Loosey", taken by Misses Marton and Catherine Holt, caused no end of merriment. Miss Margaret Wright, as "Laughing Doll" and Miss Amelia Todd as "Talking Doll" were great successes. A review of the work of the female principals would not be complete without a mention of the graceful dancing of Miss Kibler, particularly, and all the members of the bridesmaids and other groups.

The supporters of the play were fortunate in securing the assistance of two talented visitors in taking parts. Mr. Charles Hilliard, who appeared here several weeks ago in "Cousin Isabelle", kindly consented to come up from Newberry to take the part of the "Man in the Moon" and his portrayal of that part left nothing to be desired, his voice and personality being used to great effect, especially in the scene with "FI FI" riding upon the moon. Mr. Harry Thames, of Charleston, who had previously taken part in a performance of "FI FI" in Charleston, took a dual role, that of Bonnie's father and also a clown, making a very acceptable part of both. Mr. W. R. Richey, Jr., as "Capt. Barnacle", would have been taken for Capt. Kidd or some of his confreres along about the time the lamented captain lived if he had appeared along the waterfront down about Port Royal or Charleston. Mr. Will Meng, one of the "old regulators" was there with "bells on" taking a comedy part as "Lieut. Tin Heart" and winning hands down in a contest for the heart and hand of the fair FI FI over the frilled and furbelowed "Prince Lollypop" taken by Mr. Allie Lee.

It would take all of the space of a metropolitan daily to describe how sweet and cute and cunning the dear little girls were in the different groups and how the animal chorus and jumping jacks walked away with the plaudits of the audience, it being sufficient to say here that all of them did their parts well and will be long remembered. The play was a financial success, the school fund being handsomely increased. The success of the undertaking was due in large measure to the work of Mr. P. W. Westermann, of Fostoria, O., who had charge of the production. Not only was he possessed of marked ability as a director, but his gentlemanly bearing and genial disposition won for him the high esteem of all of those with whom he was associated while here.

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made a pleasant call at The Advertiser office.

Mr. and Mrs. Ben Edwards and Miss Ethel Edwards, of Fountain Inn, spent the week-end here as guests of Mrs. S. D. Childress and family.

Miss Vivian Huff, who is attending Chicora college, spent several days in the city last week with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Aug. Huff.

Mr. G. T. Weathers spent a short while in Laurens one day last week. Mr. Weathers resides on Gray Court Route Four.

Mr. and Mrs. J. G. R. Martin and little child from near Gray Court, were among the visitors in the city last Thursday.

Mr. S. M. Wilkes has returned to the city after a stay in the north making spring purchases for S. M. & E. H. Wilkes & Co.

Mr. B. W. Blakely, formerly of this county, who is now making his home in Greenville, was among the visitors here last week.

Miss Imogene and Kathleen Wilkes have returned home after spending several weeks in Abbeville as the guests of friends.

Mrs. C. H. Osburn, of Farquhar county, Va., will arrive in the city tomorrow to visit Mr. and Mrs. F. P. McGowan and later will visit other relatives in this state.

Miss Helen Jones has gone to Cartersville, Ga., to attend the wedding of her sister, Miss Hattie Jones, she being one of the bridesmaids.

Miss Alleen Crews has returned from Columbia, where she has been visiting her brother, Mr. John Crews.

Mr. John R. Finley, of Maddens, was a visitor in the city yesterday. Mr. Finley is 73 years of age, but still hale and hearty.

Mr. John Cunningham, of Waterloo, was in the city Friday. Mr. Cunningham has not been very well recently, but his friends hope that he will soon be himself again.

Misses Mattye Lawson and Bessie Mathis, of Greenwood, were the weekend guests of Mrs. J. E. Glenn on Jones street.

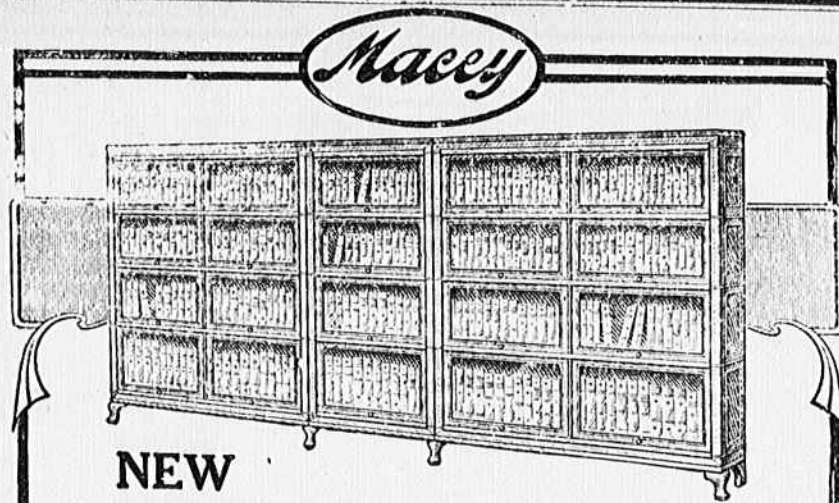
Miss Nell Childress, who is attending Lander college, accompanied by Master Joe Fowler Park, son of Mr. and Mrs. J. B. Park, of Greenwood, spent Sunday with Mr. S. D. Childress and family.

Editor G. E. Moore of the Honea Path Chronicle and Mr. J. E. Allen, two prominent citizens of Honea Path, were among the visitors in Laurens last week.

Mr. Warren Ballentine, of the Ware Shoals section, was in the city shaking hands with old friends Friday. Mr. Ballentine was one of the gallant body-guard of President Jefferson Davis on his memorable retreat from Richmond southward after the crumbling of the Confederacy. Mr. Ballentine did not happen to be with the president when the surrender took place in Georgia, as he was on a furlough for a few days at the time and had not rejoined his command. The old "war horse" is still in possession of his physical and mental faculties, though, of course, not in as great a degree as in the past.

On Thursday afternoon, Mrs. Brooks Swygert entertained the Wednesday club at her home on Irby Avenue. Jonquils intermingled with soft sprays of ferns were arranged about the rooms. The following programme was carried out in a very interesting manner: "Politics," roll call, "Items on present Day Politics"; "Bryan, Statesman or Demagogue," Mrs. H. S. Blackwell; "Woman Suffrage in Europe," Mrs. J. H. Hicks. When the regular business routine was finished, the hostess served dainty refreshments. Those enjoying the afternoon were Mesdames M. L. Smith, W. L. Gray, W. H. Dial, J. H. Sullivan, P. A. Simpson, J. D. Watts, J. McD. Moore, H. S. Blackwell, L. R. Kerr, Brooks Swygert, A. C. Todd and Miss Frances Thames.

Mr. A. R. Holmes of Lisbon, was a business visitor in town on Tuesday. Mr. J. H. Justl, of Cross Hill, was a visitor in the city Friday. Mr. Arthur Lockwood of Waterloo spent yesterday in the city on business. Mr. Milford Cheek of Princeton was a visitor here Monday. Mrs. R. A. Little, of Greenville, spent several days in the city last week. Mt. Tom Switzer has returned after a trip to the northern markets. Miss Annie Leigh Waddy, of Clinton, was shopping in the city Friday. Mr. Fred Nelson, of Charleston, was here Sunday. Mr. John Armstrong of Dials spent the day here Monday. Mr. Zeno Wilson, a Barksdale citizen, spent the day here yesterday. Mr. J. H. Millam of near Barksdale, was among the visitors in the city last week. Mr. D. H. Putnam and son, Everett, of Gray Court Rt. 3, were among the visitors in town on Friday. Mr. E. P. Minter returned last week from New York and Baltimore where he went to buy goods. Miss Lucy McPhail, a student at Anderson College spent the week-end here with homefolks. Mrs. H. C. Rohr returned to the city Monday after a visit of several weeks in Baltimore. Mrs. Mattie Harney, of Spartanburg, is visiting her son, Mr. Jas. F. Harney, and Mrs. Harney on Sitgreaves street. Mr. Hugh Eichelberger, who has been attending the Presbyterian college at Clinton, is at home for some time. Messrs W. P. and John D. Childress left Monday morning for the Kentucky markets to buy mules. Mrs. Bob Davis, of Fountain Inn, has been visiting Dr. and Mrs. R. E. Hughes for several days. Mr. James M. Smith of Mountville spent the day here Monday on business. Mr. John C. Abercrombie of Burnt Factory was among the visitors here for the day Monday. Mr. Austin Bolter of the Horse Creek section was a business visitor here the first of the week. Mr. Fitzhugh Donnon was among the visitors here from Langston church the first of the week. Mr. George Pulley of Sandy Springs was among the business visitors here Monday. Mr. L. Edd Corbett was among the Lisbon citizens in town for the day last Monday. Mr. W. Allen Garrett spent yesterday in the city. Mr. Garrett resides at Gray Court. Mr. John Burton, who resides on Laurens Route Two came in yesterday to look after business. Mr. J. S. Ruff, applicant for magistrate of Sullivan township was among the visitors here yesterday. Mr. James W. Simpson from near Barksdale spent part of the day in the city yesterday. Mr. Henry C. Sims a resident of Waterloo was among the visitors here for the day on Tuesday. Mr. M. J. Darnell has moved into the Boyd brick house near Sitgreaves street. Mr. Hugh Alken, who has been attending Davidson college, is visiting his parents, Dr. and Mrs. H. K. Alken. Mr. Frank McGowan, of the Presbyterian college at Clinton, has been spending several days in the city with his parents. Mr. Grover Richey, who is taking law at the University of South Carolina, spent the week-end in the city with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. W. R. Richey. Mrs. J. D. Jeans and little child, of Greenwood, are visiting Mr. and Mrs. Hamp Hunter, on North Harper street. Mr. O. C. Cox, of Youngs township, was a visitor in the city Thursday and



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COLD POINT NEWS.

Cold Point, Feb. 21.—The farmers of this community are busy terracing and breaking up their land.

Mrs. Della Cunningham is sick. Her friends hope she will soon be her cheerful self again.

Mr. John C. Nelson and two sons, Dallas and Burts, were in Laurens Saturday.

Mr. Carl Moore visited Laurens recently.

Mr. Guy Cunningham was in Laurens Saturday.

Mr. Mose Madden is visiting in Florida.

Mr. Tom Wells and brother visited in this community Saturday.

Mr. John Fowler and daughters, Misses Jennie, Ada and little Miss Ona, were the guests of Mr. and Mrs. Dr. W. C. Thompson Sunday.

Mr. James Munday was a visitor in this community Sunday.

Rev. Covington was the pleasant guest of Mrs. O. C. Duncan and family Saturday afternoon. We understand there is a little Miss Covington in his home and all are progressing nicely.

NOTICE OF ELECTION.

State of South Carolina,
County of Laurens.

Whereas, petition signed by the legal number of the qualified electors and free-holders residing in Hunter School District No. 4, Laurens County, South Carolina, asking for an election on the question of voting an additional special tax of one mill on the property of that portion of the consolidated district formerly known as Hunter School District No. 8.

And upon the question of voting an additional special tax of two mills on the property of that portion of the consolidated district formerly known as Hunter No. 4, making a uniform special tax of four mills on the consolidated district known as Hunter No. 4, to be used as school purposes, have been filed with the County Board and election is hereby ordered upon said question. Said election to be held on the 9th day of March, 1916, at Hopewell Church in said district, under the management of the trustees of said school district.

Only such electors as return real or personal property for taxation and who exhibit their tax receipts and registration certificates as required in the general election shall be allowed to vote. Those favoring the one mill additional special tax on the property of that portion of the school district known as Hunter No. 8 and those favoring the two mill additional tax on the property of that portion of the consolidated district known as Hunter No. 4 shall vote a ballot containing the word "YES" written or printed thereon. Those against the additional special tax of one mill on that portion of the consolidated district known as Hunter No. 8, and those against the two mill additional tax on that portion of the consolidated district formerly known as Hunter No. 4, shall vote a ballot containing the word "NO" written or printed thereon.

The polls shall open at the hour of eight o'clock in the forenoon and shall remain open until the hour of four o'clock in the afternoon, when they shall be closed and the ballots counted.

The trustees shall report the result of the election to the County Auditor and the Superintendent of Education within ten days thereafter.

JAMES H. SULLIVAN,
By order of County Board.
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UNITED STATES post office, Laurens, S. C. Office of Custodian, Feb. 10, 1916. Sealed proposals will be received at this building until 2 o'clock, p. m., February 25, 1916, and then opened, for furnishing electric current, water, ice, and miscellaneous supplies, removing ashes and rubbish, and washing towels during the fiscal year ending June 30, 1917. Sealed proposals will also be received until 2 o'clock April 21, 1916, and then opened, for 25 tons bituminous coal and 1 cord wood. The right to reject any and all bids is reserved by the Treasury Department, Jas. A. Clardy, Custodian.
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PREPAREDNESS

Is the Issue of the Day!

We are Prepared as never before, with the largest and best selection of Spring Goods we have ever shown. We were fortunate in placing our orders early on many lines of goods, which today, are very much higher and very scarce.

Our buyers have just returned from the Northern Markets where they purchased a full line of the latest showings in

**Dress Goods, Silks, Novelties,
Coat Suits, Silk Dresses,
Waists, Skirts and Millinery.**

These goods are arriving daily and are being put on sale immediately. It will pay you to be "an early bird" and see these new things.

SPRING MILLINERY.

The New Hats are arriving and being placed on sale at once. Never have we shown such variety and assortments. Mrs. C. H. Armstrong has just returned from New York where she selected the newest in Millinery. Mrs. Armstrong is in charge of this department and is now ready to show you your Spring Hat.

NEW SPRING SUITS.

Spring Suits - - \$10.00 to \$25.00
New Waists - - \$1.00 to \$3.50

With our complete stock we are "Prepared" to meet the demands of the public and hope to win your trade.

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New Slippers \$2.50, \$3.00, \$3.50 and \$4.00