



# The County Record.



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Positively No New Display Advertisements Will be Received, or Old Ones Changed, Later Than Tuesday Morning.

## LOCAL ITEMS OF INTEREST.

AFFAIRS CAUGHT BY OUR LOCAL REPORTER AND NOTED.

Written in Condensed Form and Printed in Like Manner for the Sake of Our Weary Readers.

Mr. H. Benton has removed from Florence to Lake City.

Miss Irma Nettles, of Gourdin is visiting friends in Sumter county.

Mr. and Mrs. H. C. Godwin of Lake City were in town Monday.

J. M. Johnson, Jr., of Marion spent Saturday in town with friends.

Mr. Samuel B. Myers, of Lanes, spent Sunday in town with his parents.

H. D. Williamson, of Florence, was in town this week on business.

Mr. J. A. Hanna, of Johnsonville, was in town for a few days this week.

Mr. B. A. Myers has accepted a position with Mr. R. H. Pittman at Gourdin.

The Rev. R. W. Barnwell will hold services here on Friday, 12th, at the usual hours.

Mr. T. R. Johnson, of Gourdin, will farm this year for Mr. Pittman at the Fraser place.

A large party of sportsmen from Florence are down at Rhems this week deer hunting.

Mr. Jesse Parker has gone to Moncks Corner to take charge of Mr. Behrman's store.

Mr. R. A. Watts, Jr., the jeweler, has returned to town, prepared to serve his patrons again.

Rev. J. E. Dunlap delivered an able sermon last Sunday afternoon in the Presbyterian church.

Mr. D. E. Grant has opened a store, as manager, on the corner recently vacated by Mr. H. D. Redlick.

Mrs. Sarah Nesmith, an estimable old lady of Black Mingo, died on 5th inst. She was over 80 years old.

Mr. J. W. Blackwell, of Lake City, has moved to Scranton, where he has opened a sale and livery stable.

Mr. Charlie Porter, the Coast Lines efficient chief dispatcher at Florence, spent Sunday with his mother in town.

Superintendent of education Lesesne, has moved into town and occupies the Methodist parsonage.

Miss Meddie and Mr. Clayton R. Thomas have returned to Mousons after a long visit to friends in Cartersville.

Tuesday morning about two o'clock, Mills store and postoffice at Epps was destroyed by fire: Part of the stock was saved.

Mr. E. S. Driggers, who has for the past year has been Dr. Gambles efficient assistant, has returned to his home in Florence.

Mr. W. R. Funk has been quite sick for the past week. His many friends will be pleased to learn that he is improving and may be out soon.

The Atlantic Coast Lumber Co. is pushing the construction on their railway—the work now being some ten miles out from Georgetown.

Mr. J. F. Chandler was in town Monday on business and reports things moving smoothly in the Black Mingo neighborhood. The farmers are busy getting ready for the next crop season.

Devine services were held in the Methodist Episcopal Church last Sunday by the pastor, Rev. W. Smith Martin. A large and attentive congregation being in attendance.

Prof. C. W. Stoll came over Friday much to the pleasure of his friends in town. Prof. Stoll is spending some time with his uncle, Mr. J. E. McCullough, near Saiters, the latter having recently been stricken with paralysis.

Mr. A. W. Gagg, of New Jersey, has been here for the past week looking around with a view to engaging in business in town. Mr. Gagg's coming here would induce the emigration of several families ripe for any enterprise that suggested itself.

### Letter from Lanes.

Capt. J. W. Cotter and family of Lanes, spent the holidays at Bonneau with their parents.

Mr. Conelius Mitchum, trestle master at Pee Dee bridge, will move his family to Marion county this week.

Miss Hattie McCutchen has returned from Indiantown to resume the exercises of her school, which is in a flourishing condition.

Mrs. L. Mouzon and child have returned to Georgetown after a pleasant visit to her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Gordon.

Mr. and Mrs. Willie Plowden have returned to Augusta, Ga., after a pleasant visit to friends.

Miss Elma Gordon has returned to college after spending the holidays at home.

Miss Ervin Severance has resumed her duties in the telegraph office, after a very enjoyable visit to her home in Lake City.

Mr. Willie Litrage, after a short stay with his parents, has returned to his position in Charleston.

Mr. Emile Litrage, telegraph operator at Sellers, with his wife, spent the holidays with his parents.

The Rev. A. Mc A. Pittman will serve the Lanes Baptist Church this year.

Rev. Dubose has moved into the Methodist parsonage and taken charge of the circuit.

Mr. H. L. Orvin, the popular depot agent, was presented on Christmas day with a fine girl.

Miss Isabella Rodgers had a very pleasant family reunion at her home here during the holidays.

Mrs. Nettles, after an extended visit to her daughter, Mrs. Alice Britton, has gone to visit her son at Alcolu.

## FIRE AT MARS BLUFF.

Atlantic Coast Line Depot, Ginhouse and Contents Burned.

Florence, Jan. 6.—Last night at Mars Bluff, the Atlantic Coast Line depot and a large two story gin house were destroyed by fire. The gin house belonged to J. Eli Gregg & Son, and stood not far from the depot.

The fire started at about 11 o'clock in the gin house, and it is supposed to have been of incendiary origin, for when discovered the door which had been securely locked, was standing ajar. Five or six bales of cotton were consumed and about 40 bales were seriously damaged. The engines and guns were lost. There was no insurance on either building or cotton. Three carloads of seed were also destroyed.

The depot was valued at \$1,000 and loss was covered. Most of the freight was saved. The sectionmaster succeeded in rolling off the box cars standing on the siding.

### Lambert Letter.

On the last day of the old year snow fell to the depth of three inches.

There is little news here at this time. Christmas passed off quietly, with only one or two altercations, which we think is pretty good for our section.

A fruit supper was given at the residence of Mr. John Huggins on last Thursday night, which was a grand success. Miss Anna Altman, of Taylor, who is visiting relatives in this neighborhood, was in attendance at the supper.

The Friday before Christmas there was a turkey shooting at Mr. E. F. Prossers store (Huggins old stand.) The Douglas boys were among the winners; James 2, Flavus 2, and L. H. one. The following Saturday there was another concert at Hemmingway & Co's store, and Mr. L. H. Douglas took the first prize there.

Well, the year 1899 has passed into history, a thing of the past, and we have many, many things for which to be thankful—the prosperity which has attended us, the preservation of life, health and property. And as we have passed out of the old year and entered upon the new, may we all enjoy prosperity and form resolutions for the better.

And now, Mr. Editor, may your good paper abundantly grow in power and influence and be a blessing to its many readers. And may you receive in richest measure the benediction of the Master. Ego.

The dispensary was out of whisky on Wednesday and Thursday. It don't happen often, and the old toppers were taken aback.—Georgetown Times.

Girls working in the match factories of England become permeated with the chemicals and minerals used. The sulphur sometimes eat at their jaws in the most painful and disgusting way. Their wages are 11 week.

## Benson Briefs.

Mr. and Mrs. N. D. Lesesne left for Kingstree last Tuesday, where they will reside in the future.

Mr. Vernon Strong moved to the place made vacant by Mr. N. D. Lesesne on last Wednesday, which will be his home for this year.

Mr. J. Y. McGill will, as soon as he can make some improvements on the house lately occupied by Mr. Vernon Strong, move there, and make it his home.

Mr. and Mrs. R. W. Humphries left for their home for the year at Ridgeville, S. C., on last Wednesday.

Mr. Sam McCullough, a cadet from Clemson College, was at home for the holidays, returning this week.

Rev. W. S. Martin preached his first sermon at Cedar Swamp Methodist Church last Sunday.

The New Year is in, being the last of the Nineteenth Century. We wish the County Record and its numerous readers a happy and prosperous year.

W. S. G.

### In Nineteen Hundred.

Alas, for time and chance and change! Before the fire I wondered Whither the cycling world would range

In Nineteen Hundred. What lives would meet with blessings sweet—

What hearts, what hands be sundered? Just how the old world's heart would beat

In Nineteen Hundred! I saw in all the centuries past How that old world had blundered; And would it find the Light at last

In Nineteen Hundred! The snows were dashed against the pane, And loud-wind voice thundered:

"The world is thine, for storm or shine, In Nineteen Hundred." FRANK L. STANTON.

The firms that in a few years have risen from small beginnings to affluence, have generally done so by the aid of judicious advertising from the very commencement of their enterprise.

## All of Our Last Year's

# Fall and Winter Clothing

For Men, Boys and Children,

Reduced from 1-4 to 2-5 Their

## Value

New arrivals of Fall and Winter Clothing.

Just received, the very latest novelties in neckwear.

All of our latest style hats for fall and winter are in.

In our underwear department you will find as complete a line as can be found in the city.

We are now ready to take orders in our tailoring department. Suits made to order from \$15 to \$40. Every fit guaranteed perfect.

Sole agents for the Hamilton Carhatt Overalls, at \$1.50 per suit, and the celebrated Dutchess Trousers, guaranteed not to rip.



H. Brown's

GRANITE CLOTHING HOUSE

224 KinSt. g Opposite Academy of Music Charleston, S. C.

## Thousands Have Kidney Trouble and Don't Know It.

### How To Find Out.

Fill a bottle or common glass with your water and let it stand twenty-four hours: a sediment or settling indicates an unhealthy condition of the kidneys; if it stains your linen it is evidence of kidney trouble; too frequent desire to pass it or pain in the back is also

### What To Do.

There is comfort in the knowledge so often expressed, that Dr. Kilmer's Swamp-Root, the great kidney remedy fulfills every wish in curing rheumatism, pain in the back, kidneys, liver, bladder and every part of the urinary passage. It corrects inability to hold water and scalding pain in passing it, or bad effects following use of liquor, wine or beer, and overcomes that unpleasant necessity of being compelled to go often during the day, and to get up many times during the night. The mild and the extraordinary effect of Swamp-Root is soon realized. It stands the highest for its wonderful cures of the most distressing cases. You need a medicine you should have the best. Sold by druggists in 50c. and \$1. sizes.

You may have a sample bottle of this wonderful discovery and a book that tells more about it, both sent absolutely free by mail, address Dr. Kilmer & Home of Swamp-Root, Co., Binghamton, N. Y. When writing mention reading this generous offer in this paper.

## Stop, Thief!

That is what you will feel like exclaiming when you price our goods after this advertisement appears. Well, we didn't steal them, they are paid for, but from now until the new year we are going to sell them at such prices as to make you think we did.

By January 1st we want to sell out our entire stock of shoes and in order to do so we will from now on make such prices that the profits thereon will pay taxes, insurance and our board like a cat eats pot hooks—slowly. Christmas is nearly here and we want money then, for it might rain. We are reducing prices on everything we have and have some great bargains in store for those who are hunting them. We are overstocked on tobacco and it must go. Having bought largely of coffee when the price was down we can offer great inducements in that line. Farmers, and everybody, we are going to offer you an opportunity now of buying many things you are obliged to have a little later at exceptionally low prices. Come to see us.

Lesesne & Epps.