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POSITIVELY No Display Advertisement Changed Unless Copy Reaches Us by Tuesday, Noon, Preceding Date of Issue.

Every-thing We had in the way of **Dry Goods, Dress Goods, Laces, Embroideries, Etc,** was bought before the recent sharp advance in prices and we mean to give our customers the benefit of the difference in price. The lines we carry could scarcely be bought today for what we sell them, but we have not increased the price on any article but actually marked down a number of things.

Our Spring Millinery Opening will take place Wednesday and Thursday, March 27 and 28. Also a complete line of Spring goods. **S. MARCUS, Kingstree, S. C.**

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If you want a swell pair of Shoes see our

"King Quality"

for Men at \$3.50 and \$4.00.

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Star Brand Shoes.

We handle other cheaper grades of Shoes, but these are our leaders. We invite attention to our elegant lines of

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FOR THE CORLISS-COON COLLARS which are world famous we are exclusive agents.

Latest effects in lace curtains and curtain material, also we have a lot of 75c. Roller shades marked down to 40c.

Keep warm by buying one of our blankets—they are all wool and more than a yard wide.

Laces and Embroideries.

New Stock 5c laces and embroidery going at 3 1-2c; 10c quality going at 7c; 12 1-2c going at 9c.

We have the goods and our prices are right. Give us a call.

People's Mercantile

Company.,

KINGSTREE, S. C.

Prof. Hand's Lecture.
Prof. W. H. Hand, professor of secondary education in the University of South Carolina, spent Friday in town. During the morning he visited the Graded school and in the afternoon lectured in the court house on the subject of education. It was a source of regret to the writer that such an able speaker as Prof. Hand was honored with an audience so meagre, especially when speaking on a subject of vital importance to our people. Prof. Hand has given his entire time and talent to the work of secondary education and has attained a high degree of distinction along this line, and hence it is well for us to heed his teaching. He criticized our school both favorably and adversely, the most serious adverse criticism being that in the two highest grades he found only two boys—a matter of far-

reaching importance. The lecture was confined mainly to pointing out the defects in the present educational system. The most important of which are: The salaries for competent teachers are too small and therefore incompetent teachers are employed, and the courses now given by the graded schools are not conducive to the greatest benefit, since the present courses are mainly a preparation for college and only about one out of every ten pupils that graduate from a graded school ever attends college. There should be incorporated in the graded school system practical courses, such as cooking, sewing, agriculture, etc.

Pressing Club Notice.
Since the recent fire I have reopened my Pressing and Tailoring business upstairs in the Funk building where I will be pleased to serve my patrons.
J. F. FULTON.
1-15-tf.

No Institute at Clemson College.

EDITOR COUNTY RECORD:

Will you please notify the farmers through the columns of your paper that the board of trustees of the Clemson Agricultural College will be forced to suspend the Farmers' Institute at Clemson College this summer because of the preparation they are making to admit two hundred more students to the benefits of the institution? The dormitories will be placed in the hands of the contractors to be remodeled and arranged for the admission of these extra students, and it will be impossible, therefore, for them to be put in shape for the accommodation of our visitors during the Farmers' Institute.

Our institute work through the State will be considerably enlarged and extended through the year so that the benefits of the work will be given to the people wherever desired. With the use of the cars, placed at our disposal by the Southern Railway Company, we can do very much more work for the benefit of the farmers than we were able to do in the past.

Very truly yours,
P. H. MELL,
President.
Clemson College, March 18.

Graded School Items.

Professor Hand, of South Carolina University, who has been lecturing on education at different schools throughout the State, gave us a very interesting and instructive talk Friday morning.

The exercises Monday morning, South Carolina day, were excellent. The programme was as follows:

Song—America, The School.

Song—Primary Grade.

Dialogue—Carolina, Eight Little Children.

Reading—South Carolina, Ada Brockinton.

Recitation—William Gamble.

Recitation—A Little Bag of Rice, Barney Flowers.

Dialogue—Three Little Girls.

Recitation—McBride McFadden.

Dialogue—Carolina, Our Pride, Three Little Girls.

Recitation—Carolina, Mary Swann.

Flag Drill—Twenty four Little Girls.

Song—Carolina, The School.

Address—Hon. P. H. Stoll.

We are always glad to have our friends visit the school, especially on public occasions, and we should be proud indeed to see our friend, the editor, up here occasionally.

As some of our honorary members are ignorant of the time when our literary society meets, we are only too glad to inform them that our society holds its next meeting Friday, March 22.

We were delighted to have with us Friday morning, Rev. J. E. Mahaffey who conducted chapel exercises and afterwards gave us a splendid little talk.

It good talks are a help to a school, we were blessed last week along this line.

Notice.

Notice is hereby given that the Town Taxes are now due and that after April 1 the penalty will be enforced.

A. C. HINDS,
Town Clerk.

3-14-2t.

WOODEN RANGE SWEPT OUT.

TWO STORE BUILDINGS AND DWELLING HOUSE DESTROYED BY FIRE MONDAY NIGHT.

Monday night, between eight and nine o'clock, the alarm of fire was given and it was found that Mr Meyer's bakery in the rear of Scott & Miller's market on East Main street, was burning. The fire department and bucket brigade responded with commendable alacrity and it was due to the energetic and intelligent work done that the fire was confined to the three wooden building between P S Courtney's and G Ollie Epps' stores. At one time it looked as if Mr Courtney's store was doomed, as the flames leaped upon the side of the building the height of the walls and over on the roof. Had this store burned there is little doubt that the town would have suffered a disastrous conflagration. As it was the fire quickly spread to the wooden restaurant next to the market, occupied by Phil Fulton, colored, and swept it out of existence in short order; then the nearby cottage of Miss Mollie Epps caught and this, too, was soon reduced to ashes.

Mr Ollie Epps' brick store, next to Miss Epps' cottage, was saved by heroic effort, the outside steps and platform being burned and most of the window glass on the side next to the fire shattered. The two wooden stores, were owned by Mr R E Kellahan. Most of the contents of the three buildings destroyed were saved.

The value of the burned buildings is estimated at about \$1,500 or \$1,600, and Mr. Myer's oven and utensils and supplies foot up to \$700 or \$800. All this is a total loss, as we learn that the owners of the property carried no insurance.

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On Store Has enjoyed the confidence of the public for many years, the same persons patronizing us year after year.

Reasons Why

We keep the stock in every way suited to the needs of the community. The best of every thing is carried, the assortment is large, the attention perfect and the prices JUST RIGHT. If you are not already familiar with our way of doing business, we think we can make it profitable for you to become acquainted.

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—always on hand.—

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J. B. DURANT,
Physician and Pharmacist,
LAKE CITY, S. C.

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At this season the man behind the pocket book is the man who holds the reins.

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Gents' Straw Hats, latest styles and tailor made clothing, the very best of up-to-date, goods.

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