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# The County Record.

**FARMERS & MERCHANTS BANK.**  
 Your business will receive our prompt and careful attention. We respectfully solicit your deposits.  
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## OUR AIM

is to sell goods and to satisfy our customers with stress on the latter. And we believe we have come near hitting the mark, as our customers are our friends.

Now we want to call attention to a few of our leaders for April and we guarantee quality and price.

First, we invite you to inspect our swell line of

### Panama Hats.

They are going to be worn more than ever this season and we can please you if you give us a chance either in medium price or the higher priced hat for fastidious dressers. Also we have a full stock of

### STRAW HATS.

all the latest fashionable styles and shapes.

To go with the hats we have a fine lot of

### Serge Coats

from 50c to \$5.00 and light weight Pants, the latest styles and very reasonable in price. Or if you want a suit that will wear well and a perfect fit try our

## "I. X. L. System"

made-to-measure suits, made by Rose & Co., of Chicago. These suits cost but little more than the ready made and we guarantee fit, fabric and finish. Call and see our new book of samples.

In shoes we have a choice line of Spring offerings in Oxford ties for Ladies, Gents and Children, also white canvas for ladies and children.

### WHITE GOODS

Effects in Lawns, Organdies, Percales, Piques and Mercerized Goods, also full line of dress goods for Spring and Summer.

We have just received a large shipment of the famous



### CORLISS-COON COLLARS...

and the latest thing in Men's Neck Wear.

Other reasonable goods are Ladies' and Gents' Underwear, Hosiery and other things too numerous to mention.

Groceries delivered free in any part of town.

Come to see us. Yours for are dealing.

## People's Mercantile

Company,  
 KINGSTREE, S. C.

### GREELYVILLE ENTERTAINS DISTRICT CONFERENCE.

A FINE MEETING AMONG A HOSPITABLE PEOPLE—KINGSTREE TO HAVE THE DISTRICT PARSONAGE.

The Summerville District Conference, which met at Greelyville last week, was spoken of by many as one of the best, if not the very best, they had ever attended. Nearly all of the preachers were present and, notwithstanding the busy season of the year, a large attendance of the laymen, who took an unusually active part in the proceedings and added no little to the interest of the occasion.

The hospitality of the Greelyville people came dangerously near threatening the comfort of the guests. Even some of the oldest members, with much observation and experience with table things, confessed to no little embarrassment at times in undertaking to deal with mysterious multiplicities.

Greelyville is a growing town, surrounded by a rapidly developing county, and with a population who seem to know what things to esteem. Business places were closed and a good large church filled with appreciative and attentive listeners at the preaching hours day and night and much of the business sessions. Revs

Herbert, Wilks, Steadman, Mahaffey, Bethea and Mills preached during the week and P. E., Rev J E Carlisle, preached twice on Sunday.

One of the most interesting business items transacted was the selection of a location for the District parsonage. The District stewards had already appointed a committee to receive propositions from the various places and report same to the District conference at Summerville, on the extreme Western border, offered \$1,000 in three equal annual installments, but offered no lot on which to build. Kingstree, more centrally located, offered \$1,000 in cash and a lot valued at about \$500, and, of course the committee recommended the acceptance of the Kingstree proposition, which, after some discussion, was adopted by the Conference. A board of trustees was then elected and empowered to proceed with the erection of the District parsonage at Kingstree.

The board of trustees is as follows: T W Boyle, J D Carter, E B Rhodus, R M Lafton, B F Jones, J S Wimberly, W P Shular, J A Kelley, and J B Clarkson. The executive committee elected by the board is: Capt J A Kelley, chairman; E B Rhodus secretary and treasurer; T W Boyle, J B Clarkson and J D Carter.

The location of the District parsonage at this place is regarded as quite an acquisition to our town and especially to Methodism.

### SNAP SHOTS OF LAKE CITY AND ENVIRONS.

FANCY PRICES FOR BERRIES—STRONG PETITIONS PRESENTED FOR ELECTION ON DISPENSARY QUESTION.

LAKE CITY, April 30.—Col. Peter Epps, who never fails to see the silver lining of every cloud, was in town one day last week as spry as a robbin in newly burned stubble.

Mr J L Stuckey went away Monday evening for a long country jaunt through lower Williamsburg and upper Georgetown counties. He will be away about a week.

Rev Samuel C Morris, whose field of labor is in Dorchester county, stopped over with relatives on his way home for the session of district conference of Upper Charleston District.

Rev S J Bethea went to Kingstree Monday to present to Supervisor Singletary several of the petitions asking for an election on the liquor question. We have been informed that upon the petitions that have circulated are about nine hundred names in the aggregate. If all, or even ninety-five per cent of these, are names of qualified electors, the election will be ordered. The number of qualified voters of the county at the very outside can hardly exceed thirty-five hundred—in fact, we are of the opinion that thirty-two hundred will cover them all.

The friends of Miss Lillie McElveen will be pleased to know that she is improving rapidly and appears to be on the high road to speedy recovery from an illness of several weeks' duration.

Mr Floyd Rodgers, who will write "M. D." after his name before many more moons shall grow fat

and then lean, is at home from the "old reliable," the Medical college at Charleston. He went through all the examinations of his class very honorably. Mr Rodgers is a bright, energetic and manly young fellow, and we are glad he is getting on towards the goal to which he is striving.

And there are some more fodder rogues! A few days ago while Mr Addleton Young was at Church his fodder was stolen. The scoundrel, who was too lazy to cut the grass that ate up his cotton last year and now steals his neighbor's fodder while that neighbor is away paying his meed of service to his God—such a scoundrel is so low down mean that it would ruin the reputation of a nigger eur dog to spit in his face.

Mr A P Hatchell went to Florence Monday morning on business.

Mr M L Webster and family have moved into their new residence which is just west of Mr E J Wilks' place.

Rev and Mrs A W Jackson are now living in the dwelling house known as the "Webster" house, in Charles street. This estimable young couple will be received by our people with pleasure and as well tried friends whose coming among us brings anything but regret. The word "young" is used advisedly. He only is old who is withered and decrepit, and by this standard these people have hardly reached more than middle age.

We are told that out in the West are large rivers which, after flowing along in bold streams many miles, suddenly lose themselves in the sands of the arid plains, run dry as the parched walls of the adobe huts along their courses, leaving on the surface veritable waterless river, an anomaly of nature. So, also, we have an anomaly of "swildom," a dry dispensary. Last Saturday the two-months-old thirst drained the last drop into the crack of its parched tongue, dragged off into a corner and covering itself with sackcloth and ashes, wailed and wailed and wailed and at last reports was still doing time at the same job.

It is true that the untoward weather which wrought ruin to so many crops laid its ban also upon the straw-berries, yet all sections of the truck growing territory suffered and in the same ratio, and the scarcity thus brought about is, in a measure at least, being compensated by the prices at which the berries put on the market are now commanding. As illustrations: Mr L M Belk shipped to W J and S H Davenport, New York, and they sold for 35 cents a quart, \$11.20 a crate and netted \$9.05 a crate. Just think of it—a single bushel of berries sold for enough clear net profit to buy about two barrels of flour. Any earthly excuse for kicking in that? The first refrigerator that went off last week sold at 25 cents a quart \$8.00 a crate. Who has an idea of snivelling at that? If anyone, send him to the goat house for homeopathic treatment. Last Saturday the boys worked up an auction and the red beauties went off like "crack-a-jacks" as high as \$5.50 net cash, right on the spot. Any grumbles heard? If so send him down to Jays at once and let Seals Atkinson induct him into the mysteries of the "five rings" and we'll bet a dose of nux vomica against a whiff of violets that he will never whisper any more—no not even "Billy" more.

### Trial Trip of the "Mercedes."

Last Sunday afternoon Capt. Constine made his initial trip in the "Mercedes," of which mention was made some time ago. Leaving the river bridge with a party of twenty-seven he went down to the railroad bridge at the rate of ten miles an hour. The trip to and from the trestle—some six miles—was made in about thirty minutes, which included a delay of at least five minutes at the trestle to take on four new passengers.

On the whole the trial trip of the "Mercedes" was distinctly a success, and Capt. Constine will doubtless find his craft very popular for excursion parties up and down the river.

### A WANTON MURDER WITHOUT PROVOCATION.

ONE NEGRO SHOOTS ANOTHER WITHOUT ANY CAUSE—MURDERER TAKES LEG BAIL.

On April 24, Jesse Johnson killed Caesar Collins at Camp No 2 of the Atlantic Coast Lumber Co., near Potato Ferry in this county. Jesse Johnson, the slayer, has skipped out and has not been heard of since the killing.

From what can be learned the affair seems to be a wanton murder. The two negroes—both young men—were tussling when Johnson suddenly drew a pistol and pointed it at Collins, exclaiming, "Look out, I'll shoot you." Without giving his victim the slightest chance he pulled trigger and shot him through the arm, the bullet passing through and into the body, penetrating the heart.

As soon as he was informed of the killing Sheriff Graham went to the scene, but the body of the slain man had been removed to Rosemary, in Georgetown county, hence no inquest was held.

### Burgess—Richard.

FORESTON, April 29.—A pretty wedding was solemnized at the home of Mr and Mrs James A Burgess, Foreston, S C., on Wednesday afternoon, April 24, at four o'clock, the contracting parties being their pretty and accomplished second daughter, Miss Mary Cleo, and Mr Cicero C Richard, Hardeeville, S C.

Miss Laura Burgess, a sister of the bride, was maid of honor, and Mr J Alex Montgomery best man. The ceremony was beautifully and impressively performed by Rev R L Grier, of the Presbyterian church.

The bride was exquisitely attired in a white satin princess gown and carried a lovely bouquet of bride's roses.

The parlor was tastily decorated, the color scheme, white, green and pink, being beautifully carried out.

The immense popularity of the charming bride was attested to by the many handsome presents she received.

Immediately after the ceremony the happy young pair left amid the felicitations of their friends, and showers of rice and old shoes, for Augusta, Ga., and other Southern points of interest.

In the coke ovens and blast furnaces of England, Germany and the United States the gases that go to waste represent at least 1,000,000 horsepower yearly.

In sending his yearly subscription to one of the Winnipeg newspapers a Manitoba farmer wrote: "Dear Sir—If you see any women that want to get married send them this way. I want a wife myself and a good many more."

## GUILTY!

Of operating the best, all-around, up-to-date Drug Store in Williamsburg County.

Why of course he has it. That's the answer you get. Send for what you want

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In the Cold Drink Line ahead too! Neatness and purity our motto! Cleanliness our ambition! Our Soda man is up-to-date, that is, he fixes your cold drinks, the nicest in town.

Listen Again! Ice Cream, Ice Cream Sodas. Every day.

Everybody knows DuRant's and nearly everybody's says DuRant's—remember it's in style as well as sensible to go to DuRant's Drug Store for you want. Its a standing wonder to some people how our business is growing.

Come or send to the store that serves you faithfully and honestly and appreciates your patronage.

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

## Cash is Economy.

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

If it's a Horse or Mule you want we can fill your need.

In BUGGIES, WAGONS, HARNESS, LAP ROBES, HORSE BLANKETS, all the best on the market, we are headquarters.

VISIT OUR STABLES, TELL US YOUR WANTS AND WE'LL DO THE REST.

**F. C. THOMAS,**  
 Kingstree, S. C.

### Notice To Shrewd Buyers.

Our buyer has secured a lot of clothing by which I will gain your trade and you will save money. This year's goods and latest styles,

### Drummers' Sample Suits.

WORTH \$12.00 TO \$15.00  
 OUR PRICE \$9.50.  
 ODD COATS OF \$15.00  
 AND \$18.00 SUITS  
 \$5.00 PER COAT.  
 ODD PANTS \$4.00  
 AND \$5.00 GOODS  
 \$3.00 PER PAIR.

### LACES, EMBROIDERIES, RIBBONS.

At Reduced Prices.

**J. S. Eron**  
 The Bargain Specialist.  
 Kingstree, S. C.

### Pressing Club Notice.

I have removed my Pressing Club into the first floor of the Gourdin building, formerly Mouzon's barber shop, where I will be glad to serve my patrons.  
 J F FULTON. 1-15-tf