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**Farmers & Merchants**  
**BANK**  
 Lake City, S. C.  
 CAPITAL, \$25,000.00  
 SURPLUS & PROFITS, \$7,500.00  
 J. S. McCLAM, President.  
 S. B. POSTON, Vice President.  
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A full line of  
 Clothing always  
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 People's  
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**King Quality**  
**SHOES FOR MEN**  
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This season's patterns are pleasing in every respect. See them before purchasing your Spring shoes.

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Having purchased before  
 advance in prices we are  
 in position to give you  
 bargains in anything in  
**OUR LINE.**



**LAKE CITY LOCAL NEWS.**

**THE COTTON MARKET—WHOLESALE GROCERY COMPANY ORGANIZED—OTHER NEWS.**

LAKE CITY, September 17:—E L Hirsch, Esq., was up from Kingstree two or three days last week on business.

Cotton is coming in at a lively rate and the market is rapidly taking on an air of hustle. Mr W E Hanna, the official weigher, has mastered the details of his office and is handling the big bundles of the snow of Dixie with despatch and satisfaction to both seller and buyer. The corps of buyers, which represents every important market of the country and which is larger than ever before, is made up of earnest and eager men who are making Lake City hold her place as one of the largest and most important cotton markets in the entire country.

A wholesale grocery company is being organized here. Very nearly all of the capital stock, which is away up in the thousands of dollars, was taken in a few hours. Application for a charter under the name of "Pioneer Grocery Company," has been made and the organization will be perfected and the company open up for business as soon as the legal formalities can be complied with. Among the stockholders are some of the leading capitalists and business men of the country. The business will be a wholesale grocery in the strict and exact sense of the word wholesale.

School will open, we understand, on the 30th instant. The new school house will be only partly complete by that time, but exercises will be carried on in the old building and such parts of the new as can be used. The entire building will be completed by the last of October.

Mr J M Truluck, Lake City's popular and enterprising young live-stock dealer, has gone West to buy a car-load of horses and mules.  
 W. L. B.

**SALTERS DEPOT ROBBED.**

Robbed of Tickets, Etc., Thief Got No Money.

SALTERS DEPOT, September 18:—The depot at this place was broken open last night and the agent's clothing, a number of railroad tickets, a graphophone, four razors and the cash drawer, (which contained all the articles except the clothing,) were stolen. There was no money in the cash

drawer, which was discovered this morning several hundred yards down the railroad track, where the thief had thrown it away.

Entrance to the building was made from the waiting room by breaking through the screen and bursting open the little wooden shutter to the window.

A lecture at the town hall was concluded at 10:30 o'clock, at which time the burglary had not been committed; therefore it must have been done later in the night, probably after midnight.

A nice line of wagons—one and two horse just ready to haul thirteen cents cotton at—F C Thomas, Kingstree, S. C.

**REMOVAL**

**NOTICE**

On or about September 1st I will move into a store on Academy street near the postoffice, where I will carry a full complete line of everything usually found in a first-class store.

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

Try a caddy of tobacco at 22c per pound, at Farmers' Supply Co.  
 Just received, car of, Town Talk flour, at Farmers' Supply Co's.

**BUGGIES**  
 Brand New  
 Up-to-date  
 Just from Factory

ONE CAR LOAD HACKNEY BUGGIES.  
 ONE CAR LOAD COLUMBIA BUGGIES.  
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Cash or approved Paper.  
**M. F. HELLER**  
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**Tobacco Growers and Everybody**

Our store is conveniently situated to both banks—only a few yards from the Farmers & Merchants, right across and down same street; and we are next door to Bank of Lake City.

Be sure to come to our store before or after the sale, get **SOMETHING COLD** to drink and take a rest. We have a neat, cool place, and you are welcome sure.

If your eyes are giving you any trouble, don't fail to see us. We can fit you with any kind of **SPECTACLES** or glasses you may need, and perhaps stop that head-ache you are always having.

Special agent for Hawke's Celebrated spectacles and frames.

Also have a big fresh lot of **INTERNATIONAL STOCK FOOD** Get a package for your horse or mule.

**BURDUCCO LIVER POWDER** surpasses all other for man.

Get a can of **GO-FLY** to keep the flies off your horse this hot weather: 25 and 50 cent sizes.

**NO ONE will appreciate your trade more than**

**J. B. DuRANT,**  
 PHYSICIAN AND PHARMACIST,  
 LAKE CITY, S. C.

**NEGRO KILLED BY ACCIDENT.**  
 Deplorable Tragedy at Lake City Saturday Night.

On Saturday night, September 14, at Lake City, Mr Sigmon L Courtney shot a negro, Frank Melvin, inflicting a fatal wound. The shooting was entirely accidental and in an ante-mortem statement the negro completely exonerated Mr Courtney.

While the facts we have been able to gather are meager, the following seem to be about the circumstances leading up to the unfortunate affair:

Frank went into the store of Messrs S L Courtney & Co about 10 o'clock and while there asked Mr S L Courtney to let him look at the pistol of Mr H N Courtney, which was lying on a shelf. Mr Courtney took the pistol up and permitted Frank, who admired the brilliant metal, to look at it. Mr Courtney and Melvin were in the best of humor, and joking and jollying each other, they walked to the side door, Frank preceding and going out in the dark. Mr Courtney stopped in the door with one foot on the sill and the other on the top step, and holding the screen door with his right hand, while the left hand, in which was the pistol, rested against the door facing. The pistol was a Smith & Wesson hammerless revolver of 38 calibre. Suddenly Frank, like a child scaring his playmate, jumped towards Mr Courtney with his hands in front of him, and cried "boo!" Startled, Mr Courtney jumped backward and came near falling to the floor. Just as he jumped the pistol went off. Several white men and negroes were in the store at the time and all agree that there was no malice or ill-feeling between the two men. In fact, neither Mr Courtney nor the negro knew that the latter had been wounded for some moments after the pistol fired. After being shot Frank walked around to the front door and entered the store, where he went on laughing and talking until suddenly he placed his hand on his stomach and said, "I'm shot!" Mr Courtney told him he was mistaken and then the negro showed where the blood was oozing out through his shirt. Mr Courtney was horrified at the accident and summoned several doctors, but they could do nothing, as the ball had penetrated the abdomen at close range.

The negro lingered until 9:15 Sunday morning when he passed away.  
 When told that he would die

the negro said that he knew it was an accident and begged that Mr Courtney be put to no trouble about it.

Frank was well known about town and was well liked by every one.

The inquest was held Sunday and a verdict of accidental homicide rendered.

**A Fine Opening.**

The Kingstree Graded School opened here Monday under most favorable auspices. Since the closing of the school in May last the building has been enlarged to meet the growing needs of the school by putting the auditorium into two class rooms. An annex will be built at once, which will contain, on the ground floor, the auditorium, and on the second floor the space will be divided into offices, a library and an additional classroom. An additional teacher has also been elected, the faculty being now composed of eight teachers, as follows: P P Bethea, superintendent; Mr Hailman, principal; and Misses Ross, Stoll, Beckham, Onslaw, Erckmann, and Miss Campbell, teacher of music. The teachers are all present and when the bell rang Monday morning at least 200 pupils answered the roll call. Kingstree has an educational institution second to no town in the State of its size and population.

The best is always cheapest—use Town Talk flour and be convinced. Sold by The Farmers' Supply Co.

Buy Town Talk and get the best flour to be had. At Farmers' Supply Co's.

Free hitching lot and stalls rear of Farmers' Supply Co's.

**The Building Goes On.**

Still the building boom goes on. Ground has been broken for a big machinery plant to be erected in North Kingstree, just beyond the oil mill. This plant will be utilized at first for a cotton ginnery, which is but the first of a number of enterprises to be operated by the same machinery. The plant will represent an investment of about \$10,000, when completed.

As the organization of the company has not yet been perfected the promoters are not quite ready to disclose all their plans, but we are in a position to know that the several enterprises projected will mean much toward the growth and development of Kingstree.