

The Watchman and Southeron

TUESDAY, DECEMBER 18.

The Souther Watchman was founded in 1850 and the True Southeron in 1866. The Watchman and Southeron now has the combined circulation and influence of both of the old papers, and is manifestly the best advertising medium in Sumter.

Charles A. Dana, it is reported, gets \$50,000 annually for editing the New York Sun. He would be high at \$1,000 unless the object be to injure the Democratic party.—Morning Star.

The weather during this side is given to us in samples. Frequently we have to see four seasons in one week. Yet every man who is the owner of a good reliable dog is happy.—Georgetown Times.

Mr. Elliott H. Frick, a prominent citizen of Orangeburg county, near Fort Motte, and for a number of years a consistent and active member of Trinity Lutheran Church, committed suicide on the 14th, by blowing out his brains with a shotgun. No cause has been assigned for the rash act.

Anybody who watches the south-western sky just after sunset will see a brilliant star gleaming in the twilight very near the point on the horizon where the sun disappeared. It is the planet Venus, and this is her first evening appearance before the public since she made her famous transit across the sun a year ago.

The colored school in Manning has a large number of pupils, the children coming as far as eight or nine miles from the country. The school has three teachers. It is suggested that the school should be divided, and that the schools should be located in the townships.—News and Courier.

Last week the large and beautiful residence of Mr. C. H. Lannan, treasurer of the Hagenon Mills of this City, located in the Southeastern part of the place, caught on fire and was burned. It was valued at about seven thousand dollars, and there was insurance upon it of only three thousand dollars. The fire was first discovered in the pantry. Most of the furniture in the lower portion of the house was saved. The total loss in the building and furniture is estimated at eight thousand dollars.—Georgetown Times.

There are eighty-five private institutions in Philadelphia devoted to the work of caring for orphaned, destitute and neglected children at the cost of one million dollars annually, and reaching six thousand children. Under a new law, to go into effect the 1st of January, children must not be kept in the almshouse longer than sixty days, and the law will force a distribution of those thrown upon public charity among these private institutions.

J. H. B. writes from Spartanburg to the News and Courier. Since the recent victory for the No-license movement our streets have been more quiet and orderly than ever before. It is admitted on all hands that the fight was fairly won, and the wet forces seem to be somewhat demoralized. A single year's trial has demonstrated how much can be done for good order and sobriety by the closing of the bar-rooms.

Florida travel has already begun from Spartanburg, quite a number of persons having already left for the Land of Flowers, some to spend the entire winter, and others to remain only for a few weeks.

A colored man named Jacob McNeill, who has been in the employment of the Northeastern Railroad Company as a freight-handler for several years, was tried at the Police Court yesterday on the charge of being drunk and disorderly, and sentenced to imprisonment for ten days in the county jail in default of the payment of a fine of \$3. After McNeill had been sent to jail it was ascertained that he had robbed a car in the railroad yard, and a warrant was taken out charging him with this offense, which he will have to answer at the expiration of his term of imprisonment. McNeill, it seems broke into a car which contained a number of barrels of whiskey, tapped one of the barrels and got gloriously drunk on the stolen liquor. He will have to stand a trial at the Court of Sessions.—News and Courier, 14th.

From Our Neighbors.

Clarendon Enterprise, Dec. 13. The ladies of Calvary Baptist church had a hot supper at the Grange Hall last week. Several cakes were sent from friends in Manning. The entertainment was pleasant and the ladies realized about \$110.

A large drove of hogs driven into town last Tuesday, was one of the sights of our town. They were raised in Santee swamp.

A shroud is better than a bridal veil if the bridegroom is or is to be a drunkard.

Although the fast mail has been put on, we still receive the Columbia papers one day behind. Mail from New York will reach here as quick as mail from Columbia.

Mr. J. W. McLeod's kitchen was burned Saturday night, 8th Dec. It was accidental. His loss was about \$100, on which there was a very small insurance.

Darlington News, Dec. 13. We will back Darlington against any town of its size in the State for having done the best cash business, and for paying the highest cash price for cotton, during this season.

An old colored man, Bill Davis, a habitual drunkard, came into town on Saturday evening after a hard days work cutting cross-ties, was taken soon after arrival with a fit, and died in a few minutes. This is the seventh death from the same cause within two years.

A committee of the members of Black Creek Church have bought the residence of Mr. A. B. Reid, for a parsonage, and will have to procure an occupant for it soon, as the Rev. R. W. Lide will preach his last sermon, as pastor, at Black Creek Church, on the 16th instant—from whence he goes to Antioch.

Camden Journal. Mrs. Isabel Scott McKee, the wife of Mr. John McKee, of our town, died on the morning of the 7th inst.

There is no more crossing at the Camden Ferry, it having been closed by the bridge company, who bought it at the recent sale.

Kershaw Gazette. We understand that a large number of negroes in this county are preparing to migrate to Arkansas, where they hope to find a land flowing with milk

POSTING ROADS.

We would call attention to the communication of "Vistor" in to-day's issue. The law is plain, and the need of its enforcement urgent, and, we think that the County Commissioners should see to the work being done. Of course, it will cost money, but all the conveniences of life cost money, and we hope this matter will be attended to. Good roads, which include bridges, posting, &c., are as much an evidence of civilization, as comfortable houses and genteel behaviour. Fortunately most of our roads stay "good" with but little work, but unfortunately we are far behind the times in not having mile posts and sign boards to guide the bewildered traveller.

OFFICIAL SALARIES.

"Taxpayer" sends us an earnest communication, which we publish with pleasure. He has the popular side of the argument, but we are not sure it is correct. Our opinion is, that if a man is engaged in official work that requires his entire time, he should be paid a salary sufficient to give him a comfortable support. His work will be done better, and the public will be the gainer thereby, if his mind is not distracted from its legitimate business, by the pressing wants of every day life. We think it would be a great wrong to the people, to create fat offices for our officials, we fear it is an equally great wrong to put a man in office with a salary so low that much of his time is spent in work outside of his office, to support his family. The public are the sufferers in both cases, and in the latter case more than the former, for a badly managed office is a curse to the country. It seems to us that true economy would require reasonable salaries to the County officers, who should be held to rigid performance of every item of their official duties, and whereby accommodating the public in all possible ways.

The R. R. Bill

The News and Courier, in speaking of the debate on the R. R. law says: Mr. Lee, of Sumter, made an excellent and forcible speech. If the present law had been passed after deliberate expression of public sentiment it was the duty of fair men to stand to it. He attacked the bill before the House with great vigor. It was a most skillfully concocted measure, aiming to take away that dearest right of the people, trial by jury, so much disliked by railroad corporations. It was a deliberate attempt pushed by the most tremendous lobby we have had since Radicalism prevailed to nullify the law. It was so framed that the most iniquitous tariff could not be remedied short of the Supreme Court of the United States.

We are glad to see that the entire delegation from Sumter voted against the bill, and are in favor of the law as it now stands.

THE LEGISLATURE.

The Senate met Thursday, at 11 A. M. A few unimportant reports were received from various standing committees.

The day's calendar, containing eighty-seven bills, joint resolutions, &c., was taken up, commencing with bills that were ordered for a third reading. The first bill of interest to the public was the bill to provide for the more speedy development of the Columbia Canal.

After a speech from Senator Moore, strongly opposing the measure, it was passed by a vote of 19 to 11.

After completing the calendar the Senate adjourned at 2:15 P. M. The House met at 10 P. M.

The Alumni of the South Carolina College asked for and obtained permission to use the hall of the House of Representatives on the night of the 14th instant for the purpose of hearing the annual oration of Mr. W. B. Wilson.

The special order for 11:30 A. M. relating to the Railroad Law and the appointment of a Railroad Commission, was called up for a third reading, and after some discussion, the further consideration of the bill was postponed to 7:30 P. M.

The bill for the completion of the State House brought forth much debate. It recommends the appropriation of \$192,000 for that purpose, and the committee insisted that work was needed immediately, to prevent serious, and perhaps irreparable injury to the building as it now stands. The bill passed to the third reading.

The Senate met at 11 o'clock Friday. The calendar for this day contained seventy-four items, some of them of great interest to the people of the State. Sixteen bills and joint resolutions were on the calendar for a third reading; fifteen receiving such reading and one being continued.

The hour for the final contest on the great divorce bill arrived, and the bill to regulate the granting of divorces in South Carolina was taken up. Only a few spectators were present, it being generally known that there would not be any more speech making upon the subject, leaving the fate of the bill to the hard work of the advocates and opponents thereof. Without a word of debate, the bill was voted upon as follows:

Yeas 13, nays 17. So the bill was killed, let us hope for all time.

The bill to prohibit the sale of intoxicating and malt liquors within the County of Barnwell produced much discussion, and was finally adopted by a vote of 27 to 6.

In the House numerous bills were reported by committees, a number read the third time and some received from the Senate, but the R. R. Commission bill took the lion's share of the time and attention of the members. A number of exhaustive speeches were made pro and con. Mr. R. D. Lee strongly opposed the bill. He made an excellent address in favor of the present law, taking the position that has been occupied by the Watchman and Southeron on this important question. The House adjourned without coming to a vote.

Saturday in the Senate, much routine work was done, but no bills of general importance were discussed except the Militia bill which recommended the appropriation of \$14,000 for the use of the State Militia. Our Senator strongly

opposed it as a useless waste of money. The House met at 10 and after reading a number of bills the third time, the debate on the R. R. law was resumed.

A motion to strike out the enacting clause was lost, and from present indications the bill will pass the House.

APPOINTMENTS

South Carolina Conference, Methodist E. Church South, FOR THE YEAR 1884.

- CHARLESTON DISTRICT, E. J. MEYER, P. E. Charleston: Trinity—J. O. Wilson; Bethel—R. N. Wells; Spring Street—W. P. Moulton; City Mission—J. E. Beard. Canby Circuit—J. C. Conns. Berkeley Circuit—W. Jones. St. Stephen's Mission—To be supplied. Summerville—J. M. Pike. Cypress Circuit—J. W. Humbert. Ridgeville Circuit—J. T. Kilgo. St. George's Circuit—J. J. Simmons. Colleton Circuit—T. P. Phillips. South Branchville Circuit—W. W. Williams. Round O Circuit—S. D. Vaughan. Waterboro Circuit—A. M. Chester Jones. Yemassee Circuit—D. Z. Dantzier. Allendale Circuit—M. M. Brabham. Black Swamp Circuit—J. L. Siffy. Hardeeville Circuit—E. B. Loyless. Editor S. C. Advocate—S. W. Aber. COLEMAN DISTRICT, A. COOK, S. M. P. E. Columbia: Washington Street—Wm. C. Parker; Marion Street—P. Franks; City Mission—C. H. Pritchard. Winesboro—A. H. Lester. Fairfield Circuit—J. K. McKinn. Blytheville Circuit—R. L. Duffie, Denj M. Grier. Lexington Fork Circuit—G. W. Gattlin. Lexington Circuit—H. J. Morgan. Leesville and Concord—G. P. Watson. Batesburg Circuit—A. M. Chester Jones. Johnsons Bluff and Harmony—D. D. Dantzier. Edgefield Circuit—S. W. Wightman. Lewisville Circuit—G. T. Harmon. Graniteville and Vaulause Mission—Saml Lead.

- Alton and Langley Mission—W. W. Mood. Sunday School Secretary—R. C. Oliver. ORANGEBURG DISTRICT, THOS. RAYSON, P. E. Orangeburg Station—J. L. Stokes. Orangeburg Circuit—Dove Tiller. St. Matthews Circuit—J. L. Shuford. Fairview Circuit—C. G. Finney. Branchville Circuit—J. E. Nassaban. Bamberg Circuit—P. Auld. Graham's Circuit—P. F. Kistler, N. Jones. Edisto Circuit—W. H. Lawton. Bolling Spring Circuit—F. Berry. Edisto Mission—M. M. Ferguson. Orange Circuit—A. B. Lee. Williston Circuit—M. H. Foster. SUMTER DISTRICT, A. J. STOKES, P. E. Sumter Station—H. F. Chreitinger. Sumter Circuit—S. J. Hill, T. B. Boyd. Lynchburg and St. Luke Circuit—M. Dar. Wedgefield Circuit—J. C. Chandler. Bishopville Circuit—J. W. Kelly. Foreston Circuit—M. Little. Manning Station—C. Griffiths. Clarendon Circuit—Chas. B. Smith. Shiloh Circuit—J. B. Platt. Camden Station—H. M. Mood. Hanging Rock Circuit—A. A. Gilbert. Spring Hill and Kershaw Circuit—E. N. Merritt. Richard Circuit—J. W. Neely. Professor Paine Institute—Geo. W. Walker. FLORENCE DISTRICT, SIM. H. BROWN, P. E. Florence Station—W. T. Capers. Mars Bluff—J. A. Stafford. Darlington Circuit—Wm. Thomas. Darlington Circuit—T. H. Hodges. Lower Darlington Circuit—A. W. Jackson. Black River Mission—To be supplied. Timonville Circuit—J. C. Kilgo. Edgemoor Circuit—W. H. O. Rotten. Williamsburg Circuit—G. Davis. Kings River Circuit—E. G. Price. Black River Circuit—Wm. Carson. Johnsonville Circuit—N. B. Clark, J. A. Wood. Georgetown Station—W. S. Martin. Georgetown Circuit—P. B. Jackson. Missionary to Brazil—J. W. Koger. MARION DISTRICT, J. MARION BOYD, P. E. Marion Station—J. T. Wightman. Britton—A. C. Walker. Seneca's Neck Circuit—C. G. Gleason. North Marlboro Circuit—C. Jones. Bennettsville Circuit—T. E. Wannamaker. Bennettsville Circuit—T. J. Clyde, James A. Harmon. Ohio Circuit—J. C. Bissel. Little Rock Circuit—J. S. Beasley. Lenoir Circuit—J. W. Murray. Conwayboro Station—T. E. Morris. Conwayboro Circuit—To be supplied. Bagboro Circuit—Jas. E. Grier. Bucksville Station—C. Loyd. Wacamaw Mission—J. J. Workman.

- SPARTANBURG DISTRICT, S. B. JONES, P. E. Spartanburg Station—J. B. Campbell. Spartanburg City Mission—A. P. Avant. Union Station—J. C. Carlisle. Cherokee Springs Circuit—J. F. Smith. South Union Circuit—W. M. Hardin. Jonesville Station—J. D. Rowland. Gaffney City Circuit—J. B. Wilson. Laurens Circuit—G. M. Boyd. North Laurens Circuit—J. M. Fridy. Clinton Circuit—D. Boyd. Edinburg Circuit—J. P. Brantley. Campobello Circuit—A. W. Walker. Paeolet and Glendale Circuit—J. W. Arisell. Vanderbilt University—A. M. Shipp, Professor. Tafford College—W. W. Duncan, Prof. Missionary to Brazil—J. W. Tarbox. COCKSBURG DISTRICT, W. P. KIRKLAND, P. E. Cokesbury Circuit—W. P. Meadors. Greenwood Circuit—Wm. A. Rogers. Ninety-six Circuit—S. P. H. Ellwell. Donald's Circuit—S. J. Betha. Abbeville Station—W. H. Richardson. Abbeville Circuit—J. E. Rushton. McCormick Circuit—J. T. Pate. Lowndesville Station—M. L. Banks. Tauldubus Circuit—G. H. Posner. North Edgefield Circuit—J. V. Brown. Edgefield Circuit—J. A. Chilton. Newberry Circuit—Manning Brown, T. R. Whittaker. Kinard's Circuit—W. H. Arisell. Saluda Circuit—J. W. Daniel. Parksville Mission—To be supplied.

- GREENVILLE DISTRICT, T. G. HERBERT, P. E. Greenville Station—R. D. Smart. Greenville Circuit—W. A. Jones. Reidsville Circuit—R. D. Dagnall. North Greenville Circuit—L. F. Beaty. Fork Shoals Circuit—L. Wood. Williamsburg and Belton Circuit—William Lenoir. East Anderson Circuit—John Ataway. Anderson Station—J. W. Welling. Anderson Circuit—D. B. Brown. West Anderson Circuit—W. H. Daniels. Towson Circuit—W. H. Hodges. Pendleton Circuit—J. W. Daniels. Pickens Mission—W. H. Kirtan. Seneca City Circuit—B. J. Guess. Walhalla Mission—C. D. Mann. WILLIAMSON DISTRICT, SAMUEL LANDER, President. Chester District, A. J. CACTREX, P. E. Chester Station—J. M. Carlisle. Chester Circuit—J. C. Sturges. East Chester Circuit—Jno A. Porter. Rock Hill Circuit—J. B. Traywick. Yorkville Circuit—Jno A. Mood. Kings Mountain Mission—L. A. Johnston. Fort Hill Circuit—H. W. Walker. Lancaster Station—A. W. Moore. West Lancaster Circuit—H. C. Betha. Tradesville Circuit—J. S. Porter. Chesterfield Circuit—J. W. McRay, J. D. Feltus. Cheraw Station—J. W. Elkins. Society Hill Circuit—Simpson Jones.

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[For the Watchman and Southeron.]

Roads—Posting and Numbering.

Mr. Editor: Allow me through the medium of your valuable paper to draw attention to the important matters which head this short communication. It is a shameful fact, that near on to the beginning of the 20th century, amid the boasted civilization and culture of these days, and less than one hundred miles from the chief city of the State, and less than fifty miles from her capital, a stranger cannot leave the town of Sumter—one of her largest inland towns—and travel five miles in the country in any direction, without being hopelessly lost; unless he inquire his way from persons passing him on the way, or disturbing private families. Whose fault is this? Why is it so? Let us see. The law says: "The superintendents of Highways shall cause all the roads in their respective districts to be posted and numbered, and, at each fork of said roads, a pointer to be placed, declaring the direction of such roads." R. S. Sec. 1065. "That any Superintendent of Highways neglecting to cause said roads to be posted and numbered and to have pointers erected as aforesaid, shall be liable to pay the sum of ten dollars for each and every such neglect, to be recovered by indictment in the court of General Sessions, &c."—1066.

The County Commissioners are required by law to appoint these superintendents—and it must be their duty to look after them.

The penalty for cutting, burning or defacing these posts, pointers, &c., is a fine of ten dollars, to be recovered by indictment, &c."

There is a plain, positive duty, the immediate fulfillment of which is demanded by the real necessities of the public and a "word to the wise" ought to be sufficient.

VIATOR. Official Salaries. BISHOPVILLE, S. C., Dec. 13, 1883. Editor Watchman and Southeron: Please allow me space in the columns of your valuable paper, to say a few words in reference to raising the salaries of our County Auditors and Treasurers.

Judging from the expression of sentiment which I hear from every one I have heard speak about it, I venture the assertion, that nine-tenths of the tax-payers of Sumter County, think the salaries of said officials—as they now stand—quite sufficient for the service rendered by them to the State. The older men tell me, they remember when one man performed the duties of both offices, for about half of what one is now receiving. We do not overlook the fact, that the duties of said offices are more arduous than they were then, but we fail to see why they should be enough more so to demand more than three times the pay. Please allow me to ask, if said offices are not remunerative, why are they so eagerly sought after? Why are so many men willing to undergo such arduous work for such small remuneration? If the present incumbents bend the work so hard and pay so poor as to cause them to hand in their resignations, in looking for a better position, why do they not apply for their positions, by men just as competent to fill them. This we think of itself a sufficient reason against raising the salaries of said officials. I was told by one of our County Commissioners, when one of our Representatives was requested to use his influence in having the salary of a certain County officer raised, he refused, saying, if the present incumbent did not want the position, there were plenty more to bid. We are glad to know we have at least one Representative who does not believe in making fat places for office-holders. We are unable to see in what respect the salaries of Auditors and Treasurers are one whit higher in proportion to the labor required, than the rest of our County officers, (except the Clerk of the Court, and his fees should be reduced.) Our County Commissioners ride through heat and cold for five cents per mile, and work for two dollars per day.

Our School Commissioner gets less than either Auditor or Treasurer, and the other officers tell us that they earn every dollar they get, (which they should do.) We can not justly raise the salaries of some of our County officers, without raising them all. To do that, would necessitate higher taxes, and most of us think them too high now.

The Grand Jurors and others, who are receiving the raising of salaries, are probably more of much means, and do not mind high taxes, but most of us, who have to dig from January to January to make our honest living, know the value of the penny when we get it, and are unwilling to be taxed to raise salaries another dollar.

In conclusion please allow us to say that we do hope that the same spirit, which actuated our County Commissioners, when they refused to raise the salaries of some of our County officers, will cause them to turn a deaf ear to the hue and cry that is being made about overworked, half-paid officials.

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Dyspepsia can be cured, and hundreds have used H. P. T. testify to the fact.

EXAMINATION OF TEACHERS.

Office of School Commissioner, SUMTER COUNTY. SUMTER, S. C., Dec. 17, 1883. NOTICE is hereby given that the first regular examination for 1884, of applicants for certificates to teach in the Public Schools of this County, will be held in this office beginning FRIDAY, JANUARY 4th, 1884, and ending January 8th. The subjects to be examined in are: Reading, Spelling, and SATURDAY, January 4th and 5th will be devoted exclusively to colored applicants.

MONDAY and TUESDAY, 7th and 8th to white applicants. By order of County Board of Examiners, D. H. DIGGS WILDER, Dec 18 School Commissioner.

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DECEASED. I WILL APPLY TO THE JUDGE OF Probate for Sumter County on 11th day of January, 1884, for a final discharge as Administrator of aforesaid Estate. WM. YEADON, Administrator. Dec 11-4t

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TREASURY DEPARTMENT. OFFICE OF Comptroller of the Currency, WASHINGTON, NOVEMBER 26, 1883. No. 3,082.

WHEREAS, by satisfactory evidence presented to the undersigned, it has been made to appear that "THE NATIONAL BANK OF SUMTER," in the town of Sumter, in the County of Sumter, and State of South Carolina, has complied with all the provisions of the Revised Statutes of the United States, required to be complied with before an association shall be authorized to commence the business of Banking:

NOW THEREFORE I, John S. Langworthy, Deputy Comptroller of the Currency, do hereby certify that "The National Bank of Sumter," in the Town of Sumter, in the County of Sumter, and State of South Carolina, is authorized to commence the business of Banking as provided in Section Fifty-one hundred and sixty-nine of the Revised Statutes of the United States.

IN TESTIMONY WHEREOF witness my hand and Seal of office this 26th day of November, 1883. J. S. LANGWORTHY, Dep. Comptroller of the Currency. In absence of Comptroller. Dec 11

HOLIDAY GOODS. NEW GOODS. CHEAP GOODS. Come Look at my TOYS. A Full Lot just received. DOLLS, BALLS, EXPRESS WAGONS, CHINA CUPS AND MUGS, FANCY VASES, &c. These goods are fresh, and will be sold at a small profit.

My Stock of Stoves and Fixtures, TINWARE AND OTHER GOODS. Has been replenished, and I invite the public generally, and all my old customers especially, to call on me when they need anything in my line. Those indicated are earnestly requested to make settlement, as I am especially in need of funds, on account of my recent heavy loss by the fire.

T. C. SCAFFE, Second Door South from Noises & Lee's Law Office. Dec 11

LOST. On the day after the late fire, 16th November, 1883, a Seal, belonging to a Green painted Spring Wagon. Whoever may have the same, by returning it to the undersigned, will confer a favor. T. C. SCAFFE. Dec 11

Estate of Miss M. E. Yeadon, DECEASED. I WILL APPLY TO THE JUDGE OF Probate for Sumter County on 11th day of January, 1884, for a final discharge as Administrator of aforesaid Estate. WM. YEADON, Administrator. Dec 11-4t

S. B. THOMAS, Agt. No. 320 KING STREET, Opposite Liberty, Window Shades, Paper Hangings, LACE CURTAINS, CORNICES AND UPHOLSTERY GOODS, WINDOW AWINGS MADE TO ORDER. CHARLESTON, S. C. Dec 11 THE OLD RELIABLE STOVE HOUSE.

T. CAMPBELL, 142 Meeting Street, Charleston, S. C. Sell Hobb's London's Delic in First Class Cooking Stoves, Heating Stoves, Ranges and Grates. Lead and Iron Pipes, Pumps, &c., &c., &c. A full line of Repairs kept for all Stoves we sell.

The attention of the people of Sumter and adjoining Counties is asked. Send for prices on anything in our line. Dec 11

CHAS. BERBUSSE, MANUFACTURER OF Reed and Rattan Chairs, GARDEN FURNITURE, BABY CARRIAGES, Also Dealer in TOYS AND FANCY GOODS, 276 KING STREET, CHARLESTON, S. C. Dec 11

NEW GOODS

AT BOTTOM PRICES. My stock is now complete in all departments. CLOTHING DEPARTMENT. Choice make of best goods ever brought to this market in both MEN'S AND YOUTHS' FINE OVERCOATS a specialty. SHOE DEPARTMENT. Is now complete and full value guaranteed. PHILADELPHIA HAND-MADE WORK. DRESS GOODS AND DOMESTICS As low as any one can sell. HATS AND CAPS In the most Fashionable Styles. TRUNKS AND SATCHELS, Large variety of the best make. GUNS, PISTOLS AND POCKET KNIVES TO SUIT ALL GENTS' UNDERWEAR. All the best grades of SHIRTS, COLLARS, CUFFS, HOSIERY AND NECK-WEAR. GLASSWARE, TIN AND WOODENWARE, Complete Line. CIGARS AND TOBACCO, A full supply of the Best Brands. GROCERIES AND PROVISIONS. Full stock of No. 1 Goods always on hand