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WEDNESDAY, FEB. 17, 1897.

## FRANKED FOR THEM.

A SOLDIER'S STORY OF PRESIDENT LINCOLN AND BOYS IN BLUE.

An Envelope That Is More Valuable Than the Best Stamp In Any Collection-The Soldier Who Wouldn't Tell Lincoln a Lie.

A. LINCOLN." "Let this go. Unless it has been destroyed there is in a home in Fond du Lac county, Wis., a soldier letter in an envelope bearing the above words, signed by the great war president.

Frank King was a Lamartine boy, fresh from the farm, and a character our whole company took to kindly from the first.

When the army was camped in Virginia, near Washington, the winter of 1861-2, it was a common practice with the soldiers, when they got a pass, to visit the city to buy a package of envelopes and call at the capitol, send in for their senator or representative and get him to frank them.

One of our boys came back to camp in high feather. He had two packages of envelopes-one franked by Senator. James R. Doolittle, now a Chicago lawyer, the other by the late Senator T. O. Howe, who succeeded Captain James as postmaster general in President Arthur's cabinet. For 20 years senators and members have been giving a good deal of their time to helping the soldiers with their pension claims. If they have done it as willingly and pleasantly as they used to frank envelopes for the boys, they must be pretty nearly angels.

"You fellows, there, are making a big blast over getting a couple of senators to frank your envelopes," said Frank King. "Just you wait till you see me come back from Washington with the president's name on some letter covers."

Within a few days Frank King and Harry Dunn, who for years after the war was a Chicago business man; went to the city. They called at the White House. It was easier to see the president then than it is now. At certain hours of the day a soldier could reach the chief executive with fully as much ease as a senator can in these later years.

King was the ringleader. Approaching the guard, he said: "We want to see Mr. Lincoln. Please stand aside and let us pass."

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"You tell old Abe we have charge of a regiment over on Arlington Heights and want to see him on an important



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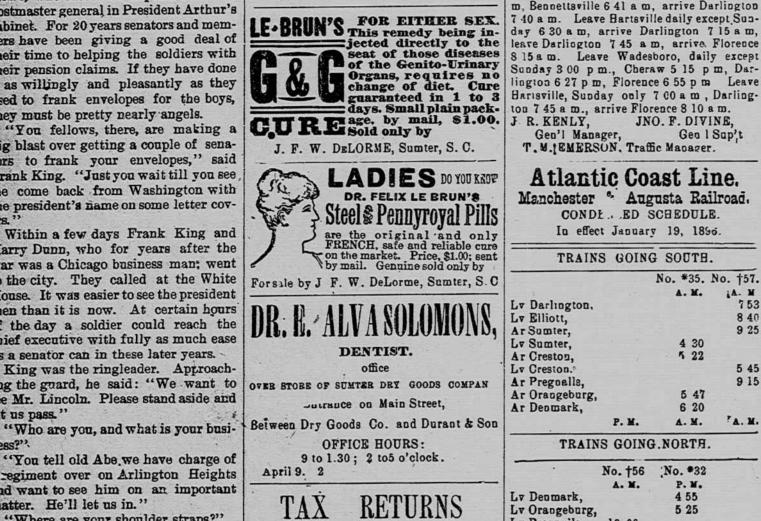
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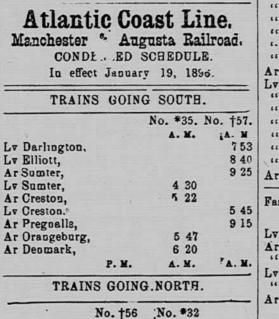
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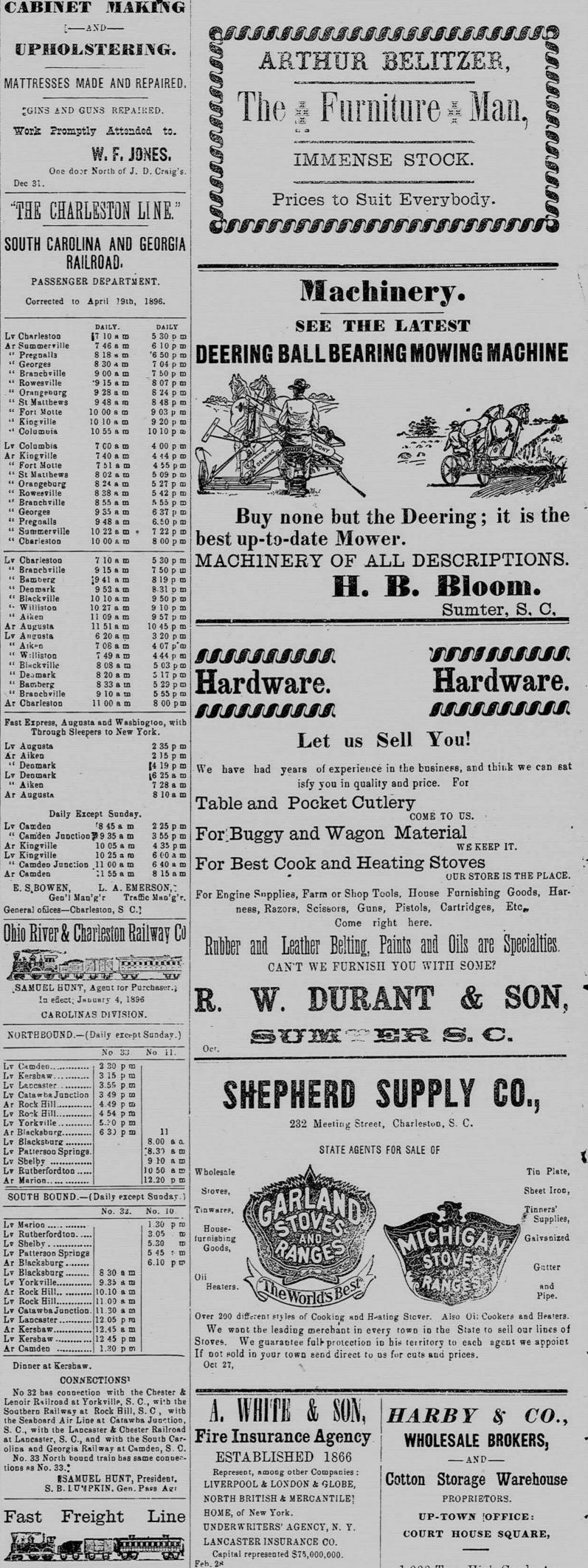
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matter. He'll let us in. "Where are your shoulder straps?" "We came over in our everyday clothes. Come, we are in a hurry. Let

us go in and see Mr. Lincoln." The parley had attracted the attention of the president. The door swung open and the good natured chief of the nation

smiled upon the cheeky young fellows and bade them step right in. "What can I do for you, my men?"

"Mr. Lincoln, I want you to frank these envelopes," said King.

"Better get your congressman to do that."

"I'd much rather have you do it, Mr. Lincoln. The folks at home would like to see your name on my letters."

"I'll fix one of them. Take the rest to your congressman. Who is he?" "I den't know."

"Where is your home?"

"Lamartine, Fond du Lac county, Wis."

"That is my friend Scott Sloan's district. You go to Mr. Sloan. He will fix the rest of them."

The president shook hands with the two privates, asked them to be brave soldiers and wished them a safe return to their western homes.

Frank couldn't make his tentmates believe that the president had written: "Let this go. A. Lincoln." But the next day he wrote a letter to his father. The name of Lincoln was personally examined by all of the neighbors.

In January, 1864, our regiment was in Washington on the way, home, having re-enlisted—"veteranized," as they called it. In company with two others I went to the While House. The president shook hands with us, thanked us for swearing in for three years more and | alty which will be added to the property expressed the hope that we would have a nice visit on our veteran furlough.

"Mr. President," said Jones-Ed Jones-"you franked a letter for one of the boys in our company, Frank King. I wish you would frank one for me."

"Odd as it may seem, you are the second soldier to make such a request. So both are of the same company? Very well."

On Jones' envelope he wrote "A. Lincoln, President," and as he handed it back he asked what had become of from other causes, shall be deemed taxable that other man who had asked him to Polls, and except Confederate Soldiers 50 pass a letter.

"He was killed at Gettysburg." I shall never forget the look of sadness in the president's face when the answer was given, and it had not disappeared when we left the room.

"Jones, what did you tell him about King for? Did you see how it pained 'inim?"

"What did he ask about him for? Do you suppose I was going to lie to a man I would die for?" was Jones' indignant reply .- Chicago Times-Herald.

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FOR 1896-97.

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SUMTER, S. C., Nov. 27, 1896. DETURNS of all Personal Property and Poll Taxes will be received at this office from January 1st, 1897, to January 12th. 1897, and at the following [times and

Mayesville, Tuesday, January 12th. Reid's Mill, Wednesday, January 13. Mannville, Thursday, January 14th. Smithville, Friday, January 15th. Mechanicsville, Saturday, Jao. 16th. Kingman's Store, Monday, Jan. 18. Rembert's Store, Tuesday, Jan. 19. Hagood, Wednesday, January 20th. Stateburg. Thursday, January 21st. Wedgefield, Friday. January 22od. R. I. Manning's, Saturday, Jan. 23d J. M. Tindal's, Monday, Jan. 25th. Bishopville, Tuesday and Wednes-

ay. January 26th and 27th.] Magoolia, Thursday, Jenuary 28th. Lyochburg, Friday, January 29th. Concord, Saturday. Jacuary 30th. Johnston's Store, Monday, Feb. 1st. Shiloh, Tuesday, February 2od. And at Auditor's office in the City of Sumter from February 3rd, to Feb-

ruary 20th inclusive. The law requires that all persons owning

property or in anywise having charge of such property, either as agent, husband, guardian, trustee, executor, administrator, etc., return Central R. R., leaving Lanes 826 a. m., Man the same under oath to the Auditor, who requests all persons to be prompt in making their returns and save the 50 per cent. penvaluation of all persons who fail to make returns within the time prescribed by law.

Tax payers return what they own on the first day of January, 1897.

Assessors and taxpayers will enter the first given name of the taxpayer in full, also make a separate return for each Township where the property is located and also in each and every case the No of the School District must be given.

Every male citizen between the age of wenty-one and sixty years on the first day of January 1897, except those incapable of earning a support from being maimed or years of ace, on Jan. 1st, 1897

All returns must be made on or before the 20th day of February next. I cannot take roturns after that date and all returns made after the 20th day of February are subject to a penalty of 50 per cent.

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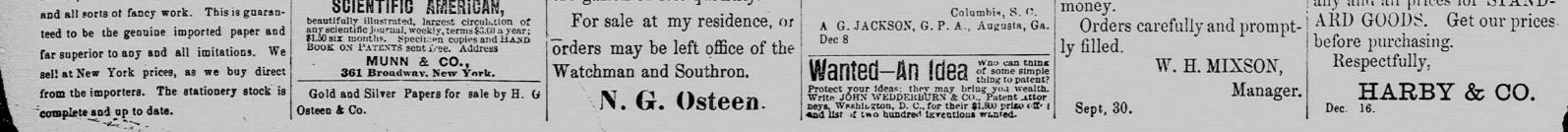
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