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IN OUR Dry Goods Department Will be found a complete stock of Dress Goods, Autumn Cloths, Astrakhan, Outings, Table Damask, &c Our line of

All wool Novelty Suitings at 25c per yard. Are values that cannot be duplicated elsewhere. Ask to see them.

A CORSET Is an article that every lady wants the greatest amount of comfort out of for the least money, and we believe THE ARMORSIDE supplies the need. We guarantee this corset for 4 months Any customer not being satisfied with it can have their money refunded at the expiration of that time. Price \$1 per pair.

Our Notion Stock Is supplied with a full assortment of Hosiery, Gloves, Ribbons, Laces, Handkerchiefs and Toilet Articles.

Our Ladies Kid Gloves, in black and colors, every pair warranted at \$1.00. Is one of the principal attractions of this department. We have handled this glove for many years, and the number returned would not exceed one per cent.

Blankets, Capes and Cloaks. The present state of the weather hardly suggests the necessity of these articles, but we are liable to have a sudden change and it is well to be prepared. We are still sole agents for the celebrated

Tar Heel Blankets, And having made our contracts with the mill before the tariff went into effect, we are prepared to sell them at last year's prices, namely: 10-4 \$3.90, 11-4 \$4.65, 12-4 \$5.40. Ask your neighbor who bought these goods from us last year what he thinks of them and act on his judgment.

Capes Are going to be largely worn this season, and for popular prices we believe we have the largest stock that ever came to Sumter, prices from 50c to \$8

Our line of Misses and Children's Jackets in medium weights for early Fall from \$1 25 to \$2. Are exceptionally good values.

Shoes. Every man, woman, boy and girl must have a pair of shoes before the cold weather strikes them, and we know of no place where their wants can be better supplied than with us. Judging from the number of new shoe stores that are being opened one gets the impression that there are large profits in this line, but not so with us. Nearly all of our Shoes are bought for NET CASH and are sold on that basis, our customers getting the benefit of the discounts.

Read, Farmers!

An Open Letter to the Farmers.

Fully Prepared for the Fall Trade in Every Respect.

In our long experience in merchandising we have never procured goods in every line more satisfactory with a view to low and suitable prices than during our recent visit North. We allowed no opportunity looking to this most important end to pass us. These bargains we pledge ourselves to give our customers the full benefit of, feeling sure that we could not give more practical shape to our sense of sympathy and gratitude to our country friends. We know by experience the special wants of our farmers, whose friendship we think we have a peculiar right in claiming, inasmuch as our firm it was which was the pioneer in this section to operate first with the various farmer Alliances, and that our dealings with these gentlemen were most satisfactory in every particular and were appreciated is clearly evinced by the present enormous increased volume of our business. We take much pride in this, and are determined by continued conscientious dealing, and the lowest possible prices to retain our hard earned popularity. Our store is frequently literally packed with customers during the busy season; and this fact can be verified by a visit, and certainly most emphatically sustains the correctness of our statement.

We have not of course the space to lay before the public all our offering stock, but can only refer to a limited portion. Probably much that is omitted will be found even more inviting.

We are sole agents for the H. C. Godman Co., of Columbus, Ohio, Makers of Women's and Children's Shoes, And we can furnish innumerable testimonials of ladies who are wearing the Godman \$1 50 Shoes with as much comfort and service as some other makes for which they had been paying \$2 and more. If your little girl can kick out her Shoes in two or three months try a pair of the Godman at \$1. And we feel assured she will get five or six months kicking out of them. Our prices on these commence at 50c in 4 to 8

For Men's Wear our REYNOLD'S SHOE Has stood the test for several years and it is our intention to retain their agency so long as they keep their goods up to their present standard of merit. It sometimes happens that even in a shoe of this grade a pair may be found deficient, but in every such case, we satisfy the customer by giving a new pair of shoes or making due allowance.

Clothing Department

This is a kind of hobby with us. We cannot resist the temptation of buying, no matter what the quantity may be if the styles and prices are right, and it was our good fortune to secure a line of about fifteen styles of

ALL WOOL CHEVIOTS AND CASSIMERES That were made by a Merchant Tailoring Establishment to sell from \$12.50 to \$15.00, but we bought them to sell From \$7 to \$8.50. You have to see these goods to appreciate them. We also got in connection with this line of goods a lot of light weight

Kersey and Beaver Overcoats, that were manufactured to sell from \$12 50 to \$20. Our price \$10 to \$12.50 These are merely a few of the attractions of our Clothing Stock. You can find anything from a boy's Knee Pants Suits at 50c to a man's suit at \$20.

HATS FOR MEN AND BOYS.

In this connection we will only add that we are as well prepared to supply your wants as we have ever been, and that is saying a great deal, for we feel that our Hat Department has done more towards advertising our business than any other. We are carrying our usual line of

Harness and Saddlery, Hardware, Tinware, Crockery, Glassware and Groceries.

We are exclusive agents for the Millbourne Mills, of Philadelphia, and it would be an injustice to them to terminate this article without saying a word about their flour.

WE HAVE SOLD 3,000 BARRELS Of their goods in the past year and the best evidence of their merit is that we have never had a package returned, or complaint made. We have arranged with the mill to deliver this flour in any part of the county in 5 barrel lots on a basis of Sumter car load rates. Mr. Gibson is associated with us in the cotton business and will be pleased to see his old friends.

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Mexican War Veterans. Col. Blanding Will Attend the National Reunion.

The National Association of Mexican War Veterans will have a reunion at Nashville on the 21st, 22d and 23d instant, under the auspices of the Tennessee Centennial Exposition, to commemorate the 50th anniversary of the capture of the City of Mexico, to wit, on 13th Sept. 1847.

A very neat program of the proceedings intended to be carried out will certainly give the few old survivors a most happy reunion, as they are "to go as you please" over the city and Centennial grounds for three days, and being from all states of the old union, will have to be forgetful of the "late fraternal unpleasances" and fight over their battles upon a foreign soil under the "stars and stripes" though our old vets will never be ashamed that they fought four years under the "stars and bars." And it has been very noticeable for thirty years that the soldiers of the civil war on both sides were the first to shake hands in peace, friendship and mutual esteem, leaving to politicians, who like Falstaff, did not like the smell of gunpowder, to keep up for their own personal ends factional issues and sectional animosity. But the people of both sides preferred to trust in the good sense and leadership of those who had proven their devotion to principle in a hundred battles and relegated the would-be statesmen to the rear; and now the Union is established upon a firmer basis than it ever was before, and probably could not have been except for the civil war. It literally has made us the greatest nation and more devoted to civil liberty than any other nation the sun shines upon.

One other thought: This reunion ought to and doubtless will bring back to the memories of the aged and make the young of the present generation think of the debt of gratitude the nation owes to the Mexican war veterans. They acquired at a merely nominal cost in money, but at a great sacrifice of valuable lives, an immense territory of vast agricultural and mineral wealth, and what was of equal importance enabled the United States to expand from the Atlantic to the Pacific. It was the greatest acquisition the United States ever made, either by war or purchase. All honor is due to the old Mexican veterans.

Col. Blanding has received the following invitation:

NASHVILLE, TENN., Sept. 15, 1897. Dear Sir: Inclosed herewith we hand you Program which carries its own explanation. You are cordially invited to be present and meet your old comrades. You have an opportunity of seeing the great Tennessee Centennial Exposition. Be sure to come, as you will be missed if you do not. Please advise us at once as to whether you are coming or not, as we wish to provide quarters for you, as your stay in the city will not cost you anything.

Respectfully, B. G. Wood, Chairman Reception Com.

He has also been requested as president of the Palmetto Regiment Association, formed in 1848, and of whom only about 25 survive, to carry with him the large embossed silver vase presented by the ladies of South Carolina to Gen. Andrew Jackson after the battle of New Orleans in 1815, and by him bequeathed to the "bravest man in the first regiment from South Carolina in a foreign war." The executor delivered it, through the governor, to the survivors soon after their return in the fall of 1848, to be disposed of according to the terms of the will; but if this was not possible, then in such manner as they deemed best. It was decided by them that no one was, and therefore no one could be designated as "the bravest man of the regiment" and it was resolved that the vase be kept by the president of the association for the last sur-

vivor of the regiment, or to be disposed of as the survivors should thereafter designate. Col. Blanding will attend the reunion and has expressed to Nashville the Jackson vase and also the spear-head of the Palmetto flag, which was the first flag planted on the walls of the City of Mexico at 1.20 p. m., September 13th, 1847. The flag itself was sent in a trunk from Columbia to Chester to escape Sherman's soldiers; but the trunk was lost and the flag disappeared.

We wish a most happy time to our old friend, who has gone through many years of war and many more of peace and usefulness to his State and country.

Notes From Health Office.

Health Officer Reardon requests all citizens of Sumter who happen to purchase fish that are spoiled, not to send them or give them back to parties who sold them, but send for the Health Officer or a policeman and turn the fish over to an officer and give the name of the seller. In this way the officer can arrest the fish vender. A strict inspection of all fish is made by the health officer and police daily, but sometimes fish dealers steal a march on the officer and hide away spoiled fish and speak them off after the daily inspection. The officers are very anxious to catch some of these dealers and will make it warm for them.

A Cow Thief Captured.

Chief of Police Bradford received a telegram Wednesday about 1 o'clock requesting him to look out for a negro with four cows. Soon after 4 o'clock he had the negro and the cows, too. The cows were stolen from Oscar Richardson, of Cartersville, by Henry Jackson, who made directly for this city to sell them. When he reached the outskirts of the city the cows were left near Mr. Graham's farm while he came in search of a purchaser, but during his absence the cows got into Mr. Graham's field and were taken up. When he returned for the cows he was informed that he would have to pay for the damage done by the cows, but having no money he left one cow as security, and came up town to sell the remaining three. The cows were taken to Boyle's stable and then Chief Bradford took charge of Jackson, who told where the fourth cow could be found. Jackson claimed, when arrested, that the cows had been given him by his brother to sell, and thought they were his brother's property. Jackson is a negro who tries to work his head a little, for he had a note recommending him as an honest, industrious and peaceable man, which he had persuaded a negro, by the name of Hill, in this city to write for him.

The cows were returned to their owner who followed in close pursuit of the thief, arriving only a few hours after he was arrested.

The negro Jackson, who was arrested on Wednesday for stealing four cows in Florence County is said to be a professional cow thief. Several lots of cows have been stolen from the same neighborhood recently, and until the capture of Jackson had successfully evaded pursuit and capture.

In drawing the jury for the second week of court, residents of this city were not very lucky, but few of them were drawn

Johnson's Chill and Fever Tonic is a ONE-DAY Cure. It cures the most stubborn case of Fever in 24 Hours.

The horse sale Friday brought the largest crowd of the season to town. There were people from all sections of the county who came solely to attend the sale, and it is beyond question that the sale of horses at auction has become popular with those who purchase horses for their own use. The horses sold to-day were generally good animals and the prices were fairly good.

Births and deaths reported to Health Officer Reardon for past week, ending September 17, are: Births—Colored—Two males, one female. Deaths—White—One male 36 years old; colored—Two males, one 1 month old, one 2 years old, one female 1 year old.

It is rumored that the Atlantic Coast Line will remove the dispatchers office of this division to Florence and consolidate the two offices. The rumor may prove to be unfounded, but it comes from a source of such reliability that it is given publicity without fear that future developments will prove it untrue.

Tickets for the "Pied Piper of Hamelin" are on the market and the "charmingest" of charming young ladies of the sweet sixteen vintage are the vendors. Advice to purchase a ticket is superfluous; it is more probable that some of the susceptible youths will need a warning not to corner the crop of tickets.

The cold wave that struck this city in the small hours of the night has set everybody to shivering and to thinking about winter clothes. The colder weather is not at all welcome, as everybody is heartily weary of the hot and sultry temperature that has ruled for so long. Fall trade will open in real earnest now and everything will take on a brisker motion. The advertising columns of this paper afford all the information that careful and intelligent purchasers need. The merchants who have the goods to sell at the right prices keep their patrons and the public posted through the columns of this paper and no mistake can be made when a purchase is made.

There is no cause for uneasiness over the yellow fever epidemic, for besides being too far distant to reach this section, yellow fever will not spread even though brought into the interior. This has been demonstrated more than once during epidemics in Charleston in former years. People suffering with yellow fever have been brought to this county, but no one contracted the disease from them.

Mr. B. R. Sanders' little son was run over by a bicycle on the side walk in the business portion of Main street last Wednesday, and considerably hurt. It is time that women and children should be protected, while on the sidewalk at least, from reckless bicycle riders who have no respect for the rights of others.

Sumter people who have occasion to visit Charleston, Augusta or other points where quarantine regulations are being enforced, will save themselves annoyance and probable delay by procuring a health certificate from Health Officer Reardon before leaving home. The certificates are issued free and the health officer can be found in his office in the City Hall between 9 a. m. and 12 o'clock. At other times he can be seen at his home on Republican Street or on the street.

The police are complaining that the capture of cow thieves is often prevented by some of the butchers and cattle dealers of this city who buy cattle from any person who may come along. Often cattle are bought from suspicious characters at ridiculously low prices and butchered without waiting a reasonable time for possible owners to claim the cattle. This practice encourages cattle thieves, as it enables them to dispose of their booty and escape capture and punishment, if they can reach this town a sufficient time ahead of their pursuers to sell the cattle and leave town. The purchase of cattle from suspicious characters at prices below market value should be peremptorily stopped, and the butchers should be required to report the suspicious characters, rather than promptly butchering the cattle bought at a bargain.

A fakir, who has been doing the towns on the Atlantic Coast Line and has touched members of the Jr. O. U. A. M. for various sums of money on the plea that he was a brother in distress, struck this city Friday, but his reputation had preceded him, and he was given the marble heart by a number of the brethren and advised to move on in a hurry. He was, however, given food and raiment, and a bath with sweet "soap" by other Juniors. The tribe of benevolent brethren who live on the charity of the credulous sometimes run against a snag, although a grip and a sign is more often than otherwise all that is necessary to disguise the rakeskest impostor.

Great complaint of and much comment on the number of drunk men seen on the streets last Saturday has been made, and the original package agencies have been very responsible for the increase. To-day very few men under the influence of liquor have been seen up to this hour, although the original package agencies are open. It is overdoing the matter, to say the least, to hold the original package dealers responsible for the increase in the number of drunken men, for liquor is sold in the same sized bottles, for the same price and under the identical regulations as by the dispensary. People who want to get drunk are not particular where they get the liquor, and no one has ever claimed that the dispensary has restricted the sale or failed to supply the demand. Besides it is the boast of the dispensary management that their liquor is stronger than that sold by ordinary liquor dealers, and consequently should produce intoxication quicker than ordinary liquor. The liquor business is bad enough anyway, but the responsibility for the evil it works rests fully as much upon the dispensary as upon the original package dealers.—Daily Item, Sept. 18.

The Sumter firemen should get on their running clothes for the tournament in Charleston during gala week. They made a fine record there last year and they should be on hand to maintain their right and title to the championship of the State. The prizes are worth winning and the opportunity of meeting other fast teams is the best that will be afforded them. Sumter should have at least two teams entered.

J. Ryttenberg & Sons have given out a contract for a telephone line from this city to their Rose Hill place. The line will be built at once and will be in operation within a few weeks. It may be extended to Bishopville, via Mannville, in time, but that is a matter for future consideration, while the Rose Hill line is a certainty.

It is reported that a severe storm passed over the Bagood and Bradford Springs neighborhood Sunday afternoon. Considerable damage was done, but details were not furnished by the party bringing this information.

Dr. Leo, who went to Glenn Springs about a month ago in the hope that he would be benefited by the water, is now in a critical condition at Spartanburg, and his recovery has been despaired of by his physicians. Within a few days after arriving at the Springs the resident physician informed him that his condition was hopeless, and he then went to Charleston to consult the physicians of that city; they gave him no encouragement, so he returned to Glenn Springs where he remained until a few days ago, going then to Spartanburg to have an operation performed.

Why take Johnson's Chill & Fever Tonic? Because it cures the most stubborn case of Fever in ONE DAY.

PISGAH HAPPENINGS.

Various News Notes of Interest—A Youthful Couple Married.

As predicted in this paper some time ago, the cotton crop has collapsed from a bright prospect. This with the low price, and short grain crops, will leave our farmers financially worse than they have been for years.

A storm passed over this section last Friday, and did considerable damage. Trees, fences, and limbs, went down before it. Some cotton was blown out, fortunately, the picking has been kept close, or the damage would have been great.

Capt. J. H. McLeod's engine blew out the other day and painfully hurt Mr. Wm. Deas who was running it.

Mrs. Eliza McManas lost a fine mule last week, it is thought from the excessive heat. We have not had such hot September weather since 1880.

Master Henry Hatfield, aged 17, and Miss Venia McManus, aged 14 years, were married by Rev. T. W. Munnerlyn on the 12th inst. This is the most youthful couple our section has ever produced in your correspondent's knowledge.

There are some cases of malarial fever on the sand hills. This seems a little strange as it has heretofore followed the low lands.

A protracted meeting has been carried on at New Hope church during the past week by pastor J. J. Myers.

Rev. Warren Entzinger has been assisting his father in a meeting of three days at Pitgah church last week.

We have no marriages in prospect to report neither do we hear of any parties, or other amusements. Our people seems to have grown too old for such things.

A gay old widower from the Spring Hill section was through here Sunday. They say, he makes the young fellows hustle when he moves along.

There is more petty stealing going on than in years. It is almost impossible to have watermelons or fruit.

A short time after sunset on Sunday 19th inst. the Western heavens were magnificently grand from the rays of the departed sun. A sight long to be remembered.

Pisgah, S. C., Sept. 20th.

A Bishopville Company.

A commission for a charter has been issued to the Grange Real Estate Investment Company of Bishopville. The company is to be capitalized at \$3,000. The incorporators named are: Messrs. L. L. Baker, W. A. James and C. J. Rollins.

About Shoes.

It may as well be understood, we are after the trade on Ladies', Misses' and Children's Shoes. Take one peep at our window; just one peep. Be honest, was there ever such a display of worthy shoes seen in Sumter. Sept 21 Schwartz Bros.

Meteorological Record.

The following is a report of observations of the weather taken at Stateburg, by Dr. W. W. Anderson, for the past week ending September 19, 1897:

Table with columns: Date, Temperature (Max, Min, Mean), Wind, Rainfall, Condition. Data for Sept 13-19, 1897.

Partly cloudy. Light rain about midnight yesterday a. m. and again between 2 and 3 p. m. will help gardens, potatoes and late peas to some extent but more will be needed in a few days. Farmers here estimate that the cotton crop will not quite equal that of last year.

A Valuable Prescription.

Editor Morrison of Worthington, Ind., "Sun," writes: "You have a valuable prescription in Electric Bitters, and I can cheerfully recommend it for Constipation and Sick Headache, and as a general system tonic it has no equal." Mrs. Annie Steele, 2625 Cottage Grove Ave. Chicago, was all run down, could not eat nor digest food, had a backache which never left her and felt tired and weary, but six bottles of Electric Bitters restored her health and renewed her strength, Prices 50 cents and \$1.00. Get a Bottle at J. F. W. DeLorme's Drug Store

NOTICE TO TAXPAYERS.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that I will be in my office in the Court House at Sumter from October 15th to December 31st, next, for the collection of taxes for the present fiscal year, and for collection of commutation road tax for 1898. It is very important, for two reasons, that you should pay up earlier than usual. In the first place, my salary having been reduced twenty per cent. by the last Legislature renders it impossible for me to employ my usual clerks, hence with the usual rush toward the last, many will fail to get in. In the second place, the Auditor has never required heretofore that the tax books be turned over to him promptly for making up the penalty book. He has already notified me that on account of a change in the Law regulating the work of his office that he would be compelled to have the books as required by Law, so that I am compelled to close up on Dec. 31st. N. B. In view of the above reasons don't put off till the last and then expect me to protect you. It will be impossible. H. L. SCARBOROUGH, Treasurer Sumter County. Sept 22

Estate of James R. Odom, Dec'd.

ALL PERSONS having claims against aforesaid Estate, will present same duly attested, and persons in any way indebted to said Estate will make payment without delay to Mrs. CLEO TROUTMAN, Qualified "Adm'r" Sept. 22, '97-31 Wedgefield, S. C.