

COUNTY BOARD MEETING.

Much Business Transacted—Claims Ordered Paid.

The Board of County Commissioners met on last Tuesday and Wednesday.

Report of Clerk of Court for November session read and approved.

Complaint filed with affidavit by Ray McGill and charges for damages to horse on a bridge near farm of Mr. T. R. English. Received as information.

An application from W. F. Gaylard for position as night guard on chain gang was read. No vacancies.

Petition to work road from Gregg's X Roads to Mannville read. Board supposed that J. J. Shaw had worked said road with road hands.

Petition to make a private road in front of R. J. Anderson's leading to Rembert's Church, a public road, read. Received as information.

An invitation to attend the Good Roads meeting at Greenville was read and filed with due appreciation of the invitation.

Dr. S. C. Baker presented report of the paupers at the Alms House. A large number of claims were presented and approved.

Mr. Landrum, the contractor for rebuilding the jail, came before the board and explained why the delay had been caused in completing the jail.

Mr. McKeever, who represented the county as to the repairing of the jail was present and remarked as to the condition of the walls of the building.

The board took the matter under consideration. The board decided to donate \$130 of the Exposition appropriation to the U. D. C. for their county exhibit, the U. D. C. having raised \$70 themselves.

Messrs. A. W. Suder and W. Y. L. Marshall reported on the work they were doing for the county exhibit at Charleston. The claims in connection with the Exposition expenses were paid.

On Wednesday, the 4th inst. the County Board and a committee from City Council met in regard to the county exhibit. On motion of Mr. Hurst, the three commissioners for Sumter County for the Exposition were paid for November, and the donation of \$130 was made to the U. D. C.

The vouchers for expenses were checked over and Chairman Seale was authorized to place such insurance on the exhibit as he thought necessary. The meeting then adjourned.

NELSON SHAW RELEASED.

Granted Bail in the Sum of Fifteen Hundred Dollars.

Nelson Shaw, the negro man who whipped a little negro boy to death a few weeks ago has been released on bond. The application for bail was heard by Judge James Aldrich and the order issued at Kingstree on December 4th, Lee & Moise appearing for Shaw. The order grants bail in the sum of \$1,500, the sureties being required to make a justified bond for that amount. The bond is signed by Frank B. Grier and Z. E. Walker.

Golf Factory Exhibit.

The golf factory of Mr. Thomas Childs has prepared a collection of woods for the Exposition which are quite attractive and handsome. The specimens are sections from curly pine, red and white oak, curly maple, holly, persimmon, and other woods, and are selected to show the natural grain of the wood. The curly pine is a very rare wood and the specimen exhibited is especially handsome. The collection will certainly appeal to lumber men and to many others who admire the beauties of nature.

S. L. I. RESOLUTIONS.

Whereas, The Sumter Light Infantry, learning of the removal of Rev. W. A. Kelly from this city to a new field of labor which necessarily severs his connection with the S. L. I. as its Chaplain.

Be it Resolved, 1st, That the company desires to publicly express its appreciation of his comradeship and his duties faithfully performed.

2d, That it is with regret the company loses him as its Chaplain.

3d, That he has the best wishes of the company for his future success and happiness, and that he carries with him its high regard.

4th, That these resolutions be published in the Daily Item, and spread upon the minutes, and a copy sent to Rev. W. A. Kelly.

T. S. Doar, J. Z. Mims, C. P. Lesesne, Committee.

To S. C. College Alumni.

In pursuance of a resolution adopted by a meeting of Sumter County Alumni and students of the South Carolina College the undersigned committee requests that each Alumnus or student of the College will, at early convenience, inform this committee whether he will attend the Centennial Celebration on the Exposition grounds in Charleston on Dec. 19th next; also, whether he will attend the banquet that evening. The Alumni of the College of Charleston will entertain all who attend, and the railroads have agreed to give low rates. The Banquet ticket will cost \$2.50.

A Sumter County Alumni Association will be organized in Charleston at that time.

The committee also requests that each student, whether or not a graduate, will lend to this Committee his photograph, inscribing thereon his name and class, the object being to have a photographic group of each class. These will be returned to the owners. Respectfully,

J. D. Blanding, J. M. Knight, H. L. Scarborough, Committee.

Sumter, Dec. 4.

Food hanged to Poison.

Putrefying food in the intestines produces effects like those of arsenic, but Dr King's New Life Pills expel the poisons from clogged bowels, gently, easily and surely, curing constipation, biliousness, sick headache, fevers, all liver, kidney and bowel troubles. Only 25c a box. J. F. W. DeLorme's.

A ONE-SIDED GAME.

S. M. A. Easily Defeats W. N. H. S.—Score 40 to 0.

The game of football Monday afternoon between the Sumter Military Academy and the Welch Neck High School, of Hartsville, was a one-sided affair, the home team walking over the visitors and scoring eight touchdowns while their goal was never in danger. The Hartsville team had the advantage in weight but were new at the game. This was their first game and they have been training only a few days. The Sumter boys on the other hand have become well-versed in foot-ball. Of course, they had things going their own way but they showed good head-work and were fast in all their plays. The only playing done on Hartsville that is worthy of mentioning was done by Jones and Flowers. For Sumter, the whole team did good work. The star playing was done by Brailsford, Smith, George, DuRant, J., and Edwards. The visitors got possession of the ball only twice during the game and lost it without making any advances.

The game was called shortly after 3 o'clock. Hartsville taking the east goal and Sumter receiving the kick-off.

FIRST HALF.

Hartsville kicks to Sumter's 10 yard line and Sumter advances ball several yards. Brailsford goes around ends for twenty, thirty, and twenty yards, and scores first touchdown in 3 1/2 minutes after play begins. No goal allowed. Score: Sumter 5, Hartsville 0. Hartsville kicks off and Hicks advances ball 10 yards. Smith goes around end for a 50 yard run and then gets 5 more. Brailsford makes 5. Sumter gets 10 yards on off-side play by Hartsville. Brailsford makes 25 yards around end and scores touchdown. Smith fails at goal. Score: Sumter 10, Hartsville 0. Time 5 1/2 minutes. Hartsville kicks off and Moses advances ball. DuRant, J., makes 40 yard run and Clark goes around end for 25 more. Brailsford makes 10 and DuRant, J., goes over for a touch-down. No goal. Score: Sumter 15, Hartsville 0. Hartsville kicks off and Sumter advances ball by line bucking. Hartsville gets ball on a fumble but Sumter regains it on a fumble. Moses does some good work here. Brailsford gets 5 yards around end when time is called with the ball on Hartsville's 20 yard line. Score: Sumter 15, Hartsville 0.

SECOND HALF.

Sumter kicks off to Hartsville's 30 yard line. Hartsville tries to advance but loses 10 yards. Hicks makes a pretty tackle here. Hartsville loses 10 yards again and ball goes over. George makes 10 yards through line, Brailsford gets 20 and DuRant, J., makes touch-down. No goal. Score: Sumter 20, Hartsville 0. Time 4 minutes. Brailsford makes two fine dashes around ends, George bucks the line heavily and Brailsford makes another touch-down. Goal missed. Score: Sumter 25, Hartsville 0. Edwards scores the next touch-down and the goal is missed. Score: Sumter 30, Hartsville 0. The ball is kicked off and Brailsford by long runs scores another touch-down. No goal. Score: Sumter 35, Hartsville 0. Only 1 minute to play. Hartsville kicks off and Smith carries the ball 70 yards to Hartsville's goal and scores the last touch-down. No goal.

Final score: S. M. A. 40, W. N. H. S. 0.

The lineup: S. M. A. Clark, L. E. Whittington; Hicks, N. L. T. Bird; Edwards, L. G. Hicks; DuRant, E. C. Preatt; George, R. G. Willis; Hicks, W. R. T. Kennedy; Manning, R. E. Hooks; Moses, (Capt.) Q. B. Williamson; Smith, R. H. Jones, (Capt.) Brailsford, L. H. Flowers; DuRant, J. F. B. Law. Substitutes: McDowell, Parnell, (S. M. A.) Lewenthal, Price, (W. N. H. S.).

Referee—White, of Sumter. Umpire—McCutchen, of Carolina. Timekeeper—Haynsworth. Linesmen—Prof. Chase and Capers. Time of halves—20 and 15 minutes.

Mayor's Court.

His Honor, the Mayor, held a seance yesterday, the first in some days. Officer Barwick brought John Wesley up on a charge of disorderly conduct preferred by Health Officer Reardon. John didn't think he had done much wrong and it being his first visit to the court, the Mayor fined him only \$2 or 4 days.

Next Officer Seymour presented Oliver Wheeler, of St. Charles, who had come to town and imbibed too much of the dispensary's physic. He said it was the first time he had been locked up but not the first time he had been drunk. His Honor imposed the small sum of \$2 or 4 days, the usual penalty for being helplessly drunk.

Last, but not least, came Charley Williams being presented to the court by Officers McKagen and Barwick. He had paid a visit to the oil mill and in some strange manner, an alarm clock and a metal tape-measure came off with him. He probably wanted more time, which he has now, for he was fined \$5 or 10 days. This case closed the proceedings for the day and court adjourned.

Resolution of Thanks Adopted by Camp Dick Anderson, U. D. C.

At a meeting of the Dick Anderson Chapter, U. D. C., held on Tuesday, December 2, the following resolution was passed:

"Resolved, that we unanimously extend a vote of thanks to the citizens of Sumter who so kindly helped us to entertain our guests during the meeting of the State Convention; also to the committee of gentlemen who met the delegates at the station."

The delegates were not so large as was expected, so that all offers of entertainment were not accepted. The Chapter is grateful to all who proffered their hospitality.

Don't Let Thom Suffer.

Often children are tortured with itching and burning eczema and other skin diseases, but Bucklen's Arnica Salve heals the raw sores, expels inflammation, leaves the skin without a scar. Clean, fragrant, cheap, there's no salve on earth as good. Try it. Cure guaranteed. Only 25c at J. F. W. DeLorme's.

JUDGE REBUKES SOLICITOR.

Sharp Passage Between Judge Buchanan and Solicitor Johnson.

During the session of the court just closed for this county, while a negro was on trial, charged with burglary and larceny, Solicitor Johnson prosecuted with his usual vigor and said "that there was a time in South Carolina when tracks were so ridiculed by counsel that Judges caught on to the fashion, and one of them said a track alone was not sufficient to convict. Fortunately the Constitution of 1895 allowed the jury alone to pass on questions of fact and Judges cannot now tell juries that tracks cannot convict."

Judge Buchanan took note of this remark and when he charged the jury he severely rebuked the Solicitor in the following language: "It never was the custom of Judges to charge as to the insufficiency of tracks and I am astounded at this statement of the solicitor. That part of his remarks should have no effect on you. It is to be regretted that such an expression should have dropped from the solicitor's lips."

Quite a ripple of excitement was caused by the judges' remarks, while the solicitor sat perfectly still, his eyes flashing rapidly, showing unmistakable signs of how deeply he felt the Judge's piercing rebuke.—Bennettsville cor. News and Courier.

Red Men Elect Officers, Contribute \$10 to Charity Fund and Vote for an Oyster Supper.

At the meeting of Pocahontas Tribe of Red Men last Friday night, the following officers were elected: Sachem—R. F. Hoyt. Sr. Sagamore—E. S. Miller. Jr. Sagamore—Walter Folsom. Prophet—E. W. Hurst. C. of R.—B. C. Wallace. Keeper of Wampum—R. S. Hood. Trustees—Wm. Yeadon, J. D. Craig, L. W. Folsom.

A donation of \$10 was appropriated for the Christmas Charity Fund. An oyster supper will be held at the installation of Chiefs in January.

Mayesville News Notes and Other Matters.

Mayesville, Dec. 9.—The sound of wedding bells and the scent of orange blossoms will soon be in evidence in our town. About Christmas time, two of our popular young people will unite their hearts and fortunes. The marriage ceremony will be performed in the Presbyterian Church and will probably be a swell affair. A few days previous to this wedding, another one of our prominent citizens will become united in matrimony to one of Orangeburg's fair daughters. We are glad to hear of these happy events, and the "Item" reporter gives the fortunate parties his best wishes and hopes they will live long, happy lives.

Mr. J. B. Trimmal, one of our oldest citizens, and a Confederate veteran, is quite ill. His illness is caused from a wound received in the war and from which he has suffered for many years. It is said he will not survive the day.

Business has been almost at a standstill for several weeks. Nearly all the cotton of this section has been marketed and receipts are very light. Sales are the order of the day now. Magistrate Bradley seems to have his hands full.

The Best street lamps purchased by the town some time ago have proved a failure and are perfectly useless today. Other lights should be tried as the town should be lighted by all means. Under the administration of Chief Gallagher, our town has been very peaceful of late and only few arrests have to be made.

Mr. J. C. Jones is confined to his bed with a severe attack of la grippe.

Mr. A. Loryea and daughter, Miss Annie, of Manning, who have been visiting Mr. and Mrs. J. E. Barnett, returned home last week. Mrs. Barnett accompanied them home.

Mrs. E. Sternberger, of Ohio, is visiting her parents, Mr. and Mrs. A. A. Strauss.

Mrs. L. L. Wells, of Jordan, visited her sister, Mrs. N. F. Mayes, last week.

Mrs. Verline Evans, of Workman, is visiting her daughter, Mrs. J. R. Mayes.

The college students and teachers will be coming home for the holidays next week.

Mr. J. B. Trimmal, one of the oldest citizens of Mayesville, and a Confederate veteran, died at his home at Mayesville, last night, about 8 o'clock, after several weeks' illness.

RELIGIOUS.

Rev. J. W. Kilgo, the Presiding Elder, will preach at Zoar Church Ct. Sunday morning at 11 o'clock.

WEDGEFIELD NEWS ITEMS.

Wedgfield, Dec. 9.—Yesterday would have been Rev. G. H. Poozer's last sermon as pastor of the Methodist Church here, but the pulpit was filled by a visiting brother, Rev. Foster Speer. We all regret, very much that conference saw fit to remove Rev. Poozer to another field. He and his family have been with us for two years, and have become very much endeared to us. It is with regret and best wishes that we release him to his new field at Forreston.

Cotton receipts here prove our market has kept nearer with Sumter than in former years, though the crop was shorter. Mr. F. P. Burgess, Sprunt's representative, has bought more cotton than he did last fall.

The unusual cool fall has been a blessing to us, the health of our town is better than in years at this season.

Miss Fannie Nettles, of Privater, returned home last Sunday after a visit of several days to relatives in and around town.

The hunters report lots of ducks in the swamps, which is a sign of a cold winter.

Mr. E. E. Aycock was exhibiting some pecans grown by him a few days ago. They were as fine as any I have ever seen. The soil seems well adapted to them here.

Mr. W. G. Fort, who has had charge of the DuPont house for the past two years, has decided to give it up the first of January. It is reported that Mrs. DuPont will return, and it is hoped she will, for we cannot get along without a boarding house.

Pisgah Correspondence.

Pisgah, Dec. 10.—Oat planting is about finished the acreage is not as large as in other years, owing to the high price of seed and the inability of the people to buy. Enough is planted though with fair seasons to make a good crop. The continued report of hard times is not fiction by any means. Observation and also information from our best people show that the financial condition of our country is anything but good. But it may be a blessing in disguise, and it will be if this wildcat credit will stop, for it brings the country to want, making the good, honest people suffer, while those who reap the benefit of it skulk and hide about and pay nothing; just beat their way through life on other people's means. These remarks do not apply to the industrious, hardworking people who have failed to meet their honest obligations through no fault of theirs, but to that swindling class whose every effort is to get and never pay except when forced to do so.

Capt. J. H. McLeod, who has been sick for some time, is still quite feeble.

Mrs. John McCoa, who has been quite sick for some time, does not improve as fast as her friends would like to see.

Whooping cough is here among the little folks, who have a hard time of it. With these exceptions our community is very healthy at this time.

The usual moving has commenced for next year. A large number of young negroes are drifting towards the seacoast to hunt easy work. They seem to prefer the low country to the high.

Our public school seem to move along smoothly. The often changing of the school books benefits no one but the publishers. They are not a whit better than the old ones. Talking about keeping up with the times if we could go back to old actives in some things, all would be benefited.

What has become of "Guv." Has he gone to sleep. Tell him to wake up, and let us see him through the Item and Watchman and Southron. He must have an office if we have to vote for him, for he deserves one.

We all are looking, oh! so anxiously, for our friend the Supervisor up here on the roads, which are in places getting to be almost impassable.

POLES REFUSED TO BE GERMANIZED.

The disturbances in that part of Polish territory acquired by Prussia do not argue much for German ability in colonizing. Prussia expended a hundred million dollars or more in buying this land for homes for her citizens, but it is now said to be reverting to the Poles, who have multiplied there much faster than the Germans and who will neither speak the German language nor adopt German customs. Inter-marriages with Germans result only in Poles, whether the mother or father be German. The Poles are almost as turbulent as they were in the days of which Sienkewicz writes, and the severe measures adopted by the Prussians are said to be utterly ineffectual. The Poles are actually coquetting with Russia in order to be able to set up a government that will free them from the hated German authority, and the spirit of revolution is rampant.

Who is to blame it is, of course, hard to say. The Poles are called the Irish of the Continent, and certainly the histories of the struggles of the two people have much of similarity. Ireland has been in wide contrast to the colonies Great Britain has founded all over the world and to whom self-government has been so freely accorded that none seek independence. The English and French above all other nations know how to deal with ruder peoples, but the Germans have had no such success. The fact that these Poles should desire to go back to their ancient oppressor rather than associate themselves with the superior civilization of Germany is proof of this.—Courier Journal.

Mr. R. M. Shealy, of Leesville, S. C., committed suicide Thursday morning. He was supposed to have been depressed by ill health.

NOTICE.

At the earnest solicitations of my pupils I have decided to remain in Sumter and continue my work with them. For the present, lessons will be given at the residence of Mrs. Ferd. Levi on Washington Street. All pupils will meet me there at their usual hours for lessons, and work will be continued without interruption. Among the many expressions of kindly feeling which I have received during the past week none are more gratifying than those resolutions spontaneously adopted by my class on Tuesday evening, which alone have caused me to continue my work, a copy of the resolutions are herewith submitted: D. LEE HUTCHESON.

Resolutions Adopted by Miss Hutcheson's Music Class, Dec. 3, 1901.

Whereas, we the members of Miss D. Lee Hutcheson's music class, with a feeling of the highest appreciation of her faithful and efficient work with us during the past two months and recognizing her worth to our community, having implicit confidence in her earnestness and integrity and having heard with profound regret of her avowed intention of leaving our city; have assembled for the purpose of passing the following resolutions: Be it resolved,

1st, That we, appreciating the efforts put forth by Miss Hutcheson, and realizing her ability as an Instructor of Music, earnestly request her to remain with us in the continuance of her work.

2d, That we as her Music Class voluntarily agree to continue our studies under her instruction and at all times to give her our hearty support.

3d, That these resolutions be presented to her with the sincere hope that she may accede to our request.

(Signed) Mrs. Lily M. Levi, Alice Harby, J. H. Levy, Jr., D. A. Bradham, Nina Stuckey, Bartow Walsh, T. E. Hinton, Jr., Edna Hughson, M. P. Harris, Archie China, Moneta Osteen, Robt. M. Warren, Chas. L. Cutino, R. K. Gentry, M. Addie Auld, G. C. Blanding, Coral Weather.

Capt. A. N. Freeland, Alias Foster, Alias C. C. Nelson.

Man With Many Names and Wives

—Same Old Story—Nothing New—From Los Angeles, California.

Los Angeles, Cal., Dec. 7.—This city contains one victim of the wiles and perfidy of C. C. Nelson, alias Capt. A. N. Freeland, who, his Los Angeles wife now contends is five times a bigamist. It is believed he is the man who recently married Miss Wickes of New York. From descriptions given it is believed that Nelson Foster is the C. C. Nelson who robbed and deserted a bride here last July.

The Los Angeles victim has never made complaint to the police because of unpleasant publicity, and only the possibility of bringing him to justice induced her to tell her wrongs. Attorney George L. Sanders, on her behalf, has prosecuted a diligent search for the deserter, but until the New York case became public nothing had been heard from him.

Those who met him here say Nelson was such a man as most women would admire. Fully 6 feet tall with squared shoulders, florid complexion and faultlessly dressed, he was a conspicuous and attractive figure. He said he was of German stock and spoke with a decidedly broken accent. His age is 48, though he looked much younger. Nelson's Los Angeles wife was middle aged. She lived in Bakersfield and was named Burge. They met on a train in the east and after parting, correspondence followed until he suddenly appeared and asked the immediate fulfillment of her promise to become his wife. In his correspondence he said he had a large tract of valuable farm land near Los Angeles upon which a German family of three generations and number of six persons lived. He also said he had property in Alameda, Cal., and a lot on Main street here.

Inquiry has proved these statements to be false. For a short time he had headquarters at the Crellin hotel, Washington street, Oakland, and was a constant attendant at the race tracks in the north. When he left here a great amount of mail, mostly addressed in feminine handwriting, was forwarded from the local postoffice. On reaching Los Angeles he secured rooms at 144 South Main street, but little was seen of him. He hastened to the home of his intended and urged that the knot be tied at once. A minister was summoned late in the afternoon of the day of his reappearance and the marriage followed.

Then came the robbery and desertion. The bridegroom told his bride that he was representing a large eastern steel concern and had business that demanded his immediate attention in Los Angeles. He would be gone only a few hours, &c. He ransacked his bride's effects, securing several hundred dollars, and left never to return. It is believed that he took the train that night for San Francisco. Similar crimes were perpetrated shortly afterward in Salt Lake City and in Oregon towns. Nelson left here in July and the dates coincide with the theory that he is the guilty man in each case.

A fine performance at a small cost is in keeping with the times. The S. L. I. prize drill, a fine concert by the justly celebrated 2nd Regiment Band, violin selections by Miss Hutcheson, and other local talent which will be announced later. The prize drill will be for gold. The winner of the first prize will receive \$10 in gold and a gold-headed cane. The winner of the second prize \$5 in gold. The winner of the third prize \$2.50 in gold. Major H. F. Wilson will give a short talk, which will be of special interest to all. The gold-headed cane was donated by Mr. E. A. Bultman, the jeweler. Thursday, Dec. 19th is the time, and the Opera House is the place. Come one, come all.

Los Angeles, Cal., Dec. 9.—H. J. Fleishman, cashier of the Farmers' and Merchants' bank of this city, has disappeared with a sum of the bank's money which Vice President H. W. Hellman estimates at \$100,000. The shortage was discovered today. Fleishman has not been seen since 9 o'clock a. m. Saturday. At that hour he was at his club. He notified the bank people that he was ill Saturday morning and would not be at his desk. Nothing was thought of the matter at the time. When he failed to report today his accounts were examined and the shortage was discovered. The exact amount has not yet been ascertained.

While the United States lead all other countries in the amount of money deposited in savings banks, that eminence is due in part to the number of the population. Several comparatively small countries have more deposits per head of population than has our own. While there are \$31.22 per capita in the savings banks of the United States, there are \$77.88 in those of little Denmark, which in this respect is ahead of all the rest of the world. In Switzerland there are \$65.06 per capita; in Norway, \$37.16; Australia, \$36.60; Belgium, \$31.76. Among the great commercial nations, Germany has \$37.64; France, \$22.18, and Great Britain, \$20.62. The United States, however, have the largest average per depositor \$406.23. This large sum suggests, what is known to be a fact, that in this country savings banks are largely used for temporary investment of idle capital by other classes than wage-earners.—Courier Journal.

THE BAPTISTS ADJOURN.

Will Meet in Greenville Next Year.

Florence, Dec. 6.—The subject of education was discussed before the Baptist Convention last night. Addresses were made by Dr. Montague, of Furman University, Senator Mayfield, and others.

At this morning's session of the permanent endowment fund of Furman University and womans' work were the principal subjects for discussion.

The dispensary was given a knock by Mr. J. I. Covington. The Convention adjourned at 2:30 this afternoon and will meet in Greenville next year.

Mr. Dooley is rich on "Anglo-Americans." He wields a caustic pen, and knows how to be sarcastic about King Edward's British subjects in New York. He reviews the recent banquet at the chamber of commerce. It will be recalled that Secretary Hey "orated" and he delivered feelingly and bloomingly. Mr. Dooley touches him up gently in the following neat condensation of his speech: "Fellow-subjects, says th' Scretary iv state, 'diplomacy is a far different business than it used to be. (A voice. "Good fr you!") In th' days iv Bismarck, Gladstun an' Charles Francis Adams 'twas a case iv intrigue an' deceit. Now it is as simple as sellin' a pair iv boots. In 15 years th' whole nature iv man is so changed that a diplomat has on'y to be honest, straight forward an' manly and concede iv'rything an' he will find his opponents will meet him halfway an' take what he gives. Unfortunately diplomacy on'y goes as far as the dur. It is unable to give polis protection to th' customer, so when he leaves th' shop th' strong-arm men iv th' Sinit knocks him down an' takes fr'm him iv'rything he got inside an' mor too. Diplomacy has become a philanthropic pursuit, like shopkeepin', but politics, me Lords, is still th' same ol' sport iv highway robbery. But I done what I cud to protect th' inthersts iv th' mother, father an' brother-in-law country, an' between you an' me if I dont' deserve th' Victoria Cross 'Pr presintin' that theaty to th' Sinit nobody does. I will only say that hinceforth th' policy iv this gover'mint will be, as before, not to bully a strong power or wrong a weak, but will remain throe to th' principle iv wrongin' the strong an' bullyin' th' weak."

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HOLIDAY REDUCTION IN PRICES. THE GREAT OPPORTUNITY OF THE SEASON FOR SHOPPERS. I have decided to reduce prices on my entire line of HOLIDAY GOODS. Sterling Silver Novelties, Cut Glass, Imported China, Japanese Ware, Gold and Silver Mounted Umbrellas, etc., etc. and from this date until Christmas Eve The People of Sumter Have an Unprecedented Opportunity TO OBTAIN The choicest productions of the Jeweler's art AT PRICES LOWER THAN EVER BEFORE. The stock in variety, style and quality of workmanship, is the equal of any ever shown in this city. Everyone is invited to inspect my goods, and I believe I have something to please each one. The Big Bargain is the 25c Show Case containing articles worth from 25c to \$1.00—Your choice for Twenty-five Cents. At 6 O'clock Christmas Eve I Will Give Away A HANDSOME GOLD CRESCENT PIN Set with 35 Pearls and one Diamond. From now till that hour each cash customer will receive one coupon for every dollar purchase and the one holding the lucky number will receive the pin. E. A. Bultman, THE JEWELER. Dec 11 MAIN STREET.