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Our new and handsome stock has had a thinning out in many lines, which is noticeable, but lots of pretty and reasonable merchandise is being constantly received to take the place of that already sold, thus creating an ever-changing picture of beautiful merchandise in Dress Goods, Cloaks and Millinery. We cordially invite you, if not already a patron of ours, to call at our store and learn the secret why our several departments are daily thronged with enthusiastic customers. Prospective purchasers of Blankets, Carpets, Linens and warranted Footwear are being offered a golden opportunity just at this time. Who does not prefer fresh goods to those several seasons old in these especial lines? Is there any common sense or not in the asking of this question?

Your Friends,

THE SUMMER DRY GOODS CO.

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MAYESVILLE NEWS.

Merchants Observe Thanksgiving—Farmers Gathering Average Crop of Cotton, by Reason of Top Crop and Late Season.

Mayesville, Nov. 25.—A petition was circulated among the merchants here yesterday in regard to closing their stores on Thursday on account of Thanksgiving day. The following which includes every white merchant in town, signed the agreement: R. J. Mayes, Sr., Weinberg & Co., W. D. Mayes, Goldman & Harris, R. F. DeChamps, C. S. Cooper, J. W. Cooper, S. M. McCall, R. A. Chandler, A. A. Murphy, J. R. Mayes, J. E. Barnett, A. A. Strouse, Miss F. A. Mayes, H. S. Thomas, J. E. Mayes, H. L. Thomas, J. F. Bland. This is something unusual, as all the stores here were never closed before on a legal holiday.

The cotton crop seems to be a prolonged one this fall. The bolls continue to open and it is reported that the plants are blooming again in some places. Many of the planters who feared that their crops would be a little short have made about the average crop. The rise in price has caused the receipts to become a little heavier during the past few days.

Miss Ada Mayes and Mr. R. A. Chandler, Jr., went to Manning this morning to attend the wedding of Miss Annie Harvin.

Mrs. Lella Pierson Mayes, of Sumter, is visiting Mrs. N. F. Mayes.

Mr. H. H. King and family, have moved to Bishopville.

A number of visitors are expected in town for Thanksgiving.

Hagood News Notes.

Trying to write news items with an aching tooth is no worse a job than trying to write news items, having an aching tooth. I am not telling the world that I have the tooth ache; I would not have it for anything—if I could help it. Kenny, Rev. J. W. if you please, says he once knew a man who wore his heart on his sleeve, and that at first people sympathized with him but that pretty soon they jostled the same as they did others. That was bad for his heart at least. Tell your successes to the world but keep your troubles to yourself. Speaking of Bro. Kenny, he has been holding a series of meetings at New Hope Baptist Church. The preaching was done by Bro. Huggins, of Rockville, so you know just how fortunate we have been. He talked like a man that had been with Jesus and was telling his friends about it. To me his most interesting talk was on "A Wrong Decision" when Pilate condemned Jesus to be crucified. The congregations were good, especially at night, with increasing interest. The seed sown was good; hope the ground was in a condition to receive it. The Lord bless Bro. Huggins.

This New Hope community is developing fast. You have been told of W. R. Brown and what he is doing; there are others that are following his example, and in a few years this section will be abreast with most others in the country.

Notwithstanding the high price of provisions, the farmers seem very well pleased with the crops and prices. The writer knows a number of men who not only cancelled this year's, but the balance of last year's indebtedness, and then had something left. The corn, was better than the cotton crops, and peas, that at one time were not at all promising, turned out exceedingly well. If the acreage in small grain in other parts of the county is what it is here there never was a time in the history of the country when it was so great. As we see it our people are feeling the wave of prosperity that is sweeping over the country, and are investing in modern machinery for the better cultivation and harvesting of their crops. Without doubt the prosperity of the farmer means better times for everybody.

Just a word here about raising meat. We can do it if we will. Why not raise cattle for market when it can be done so easily? Every farmer ought to have a mow and harvest his peavines. These will save his corn to his horses, and with the surplus he can raise cattle. But I must stop. The health of our community is fine.

I purpose to say something soon on our schools. The articles I wrote before bore some fruit but not what I had hoped. I shall have somewhat to say in these about compulsory education.

"Hagood"

Cotton futures opened Monday with an advance of 10 points and the spot market responded to the stronger tone in futures and prices immediately stiffened. Middling sold on the streets Monday at 77.75 and there is strong competition between buyers for all that is offered.

SAD ACCIDENT AT IONIA.

Good Crops and Farmers Out of Debt.

Ionias, Nov. 24.—It has been some time since I have sent you the items from this place, and we like to be heard from occasionally, so I will attempt to give you the news from here again.

We are about through gathering our crops. A very fair crop of corn has been made, and with the price of cotton have paid our debts, old and new, and a large crop of oats has been sown, and this warm weather is making them look fine. I don't think I ever saw a finer crop of potatoes than has been made here, and at almost every house you will find some large, fat hogs; so you see we are living.

A very sad accident happened here last Saturday, the 22nd. Mr. Thomas Hatfield and Mr. Metts Rodgers and a Mr. Farmer were out hunting. Mr. Rodgers fell down and his gun went off, the whole load entering Mr. Hatfield's right side, killing him almost instantly. They were both young men and well thought of by all who know them. Mr. Rodgers married Mr. Hatfield's sister about a year ago. Mr. Hatfield was not married. Magistrate Rhame was notified and held the inquest Saturday night, and the verdict was in accordance with the above facts.

Ionias Grange will hold a special meeting the first Saturday in December, the regular meeting being on the Saturday before the second Sunday in each month.

The State Grange meets in Bishopville the second Wednesday in December.

Mrs. Davis Boykin died on the 18th, and was buried at Antioch Church the next day. She had been sick for about three months. A good wife and mother is gone to rest. She was about 25 years old.

Rev. T. P. Penney preached his last sermon here last Sunday before going to the annual conference.

Old aunt Marthy Feaster is very sick and is not expected to live. Mr. W. F. Davis is also sick.

J. F. M.

Pisgah News and Comment.

Pisgah, Nov. 25.—This has been the finest fall to gather crops, and get small grain up that we have had in years. The stand of oats is perfect, and unless we have killing weather soon, the danger of a freeze-out will be past.

The protracted meeting at New Hope Church closed last Thursday evening. There were two additions to the church. Rev. J. D. Huggins did the preaching after he came. His sermons were practical and fine. During his stay he made many friends, who will be glad to see him come again.

After the sermon last Thursday evening, Mr. Joseph J. Hatfield was ordained to the deaconship. Mr. Huggins delivered the charge and Mr. Kenney, the pastor, made the ordaining prayer.

The young ladies of New Hope Church will give a box supper at Mr. Davis Brown's, near McLeod's Mill, on 27th instant, for the benefit of the church.

Mrs. J. B. Mendenhall and children, of Fort Mill, are here visiting her sister, Mrs. Bright Gillis.

Mr. J. J. Cooley, of Darlington, visited his daughters here, Mrs. Mendenhall and Mrs. Gillis last week.

Editor Cunningham, of the Bishopville Vindicator, was through here last week, and made me a pleasant call. I found him a very agreeable gentleman and his friends here would be glad to have him come again.

Ned Kendrick, who was killed over the river in Kershaw County, was born near here. His father was a slave of Mrs. Epsy Ellerbe. Ned worked here for years, and was a peaceable negro.

Sad Death at Magnolia.

Magnolia, Nov. 21.—Our little town was saddened last night by the death of Mrs. Edith Moore, nee McIntosh, at 11.20 o'clock. She had been extremely ill for two weeks, suffering with malarial fever. Mrs. Moore was a most estimable lady, and was loved and esteemed by all who knew her intimately. No death in this community ever excited more sorrow and deeper sympathy. Her many relatives and friends have the heartfelt sympathy of the entire community. The funeral services were conducted by Rev. Mr. Humbert at the M. E. Church at 3.30 today.

Master Walton Boyle is quite sick. Dr. Tarrant is on the go nearly all the time.

Dr. E. F. Darby has been with us several days—came here to attend Mrs. Moore in her last illness.

Mrs. Toon is visiting her relatives in Summerton.

Mrs. D. O. Rhame is visiting in this place. Occasional.

STRIKE AND RIOT IN HABANA.

Two Strikers Killed and Eighty-Two Persons Hurt.

Habana, Nov. 24.—As the result of conflicts of a serious nature today between the police and the men on strike here, two strikers are dead and 82 other persons are wounded. Five of the wounded, one lieutenant of police, whose throat was cut by a striker, have very severe injuries. The police have the rioters well under control this evening but every precaution is being taken to prevent further outbreak of disorder, and all the police and rural guards in the suburbs have been summoned to concentrate in Habana.

The strike, which at first only concerned the cigar workers, began this morning by the calling out of all trades in sympathy with the cigar makers. All the trades people closed their doors this morning, clerks, cooks and every class of workmen having obeyed the command of the union except the motormen and conductors of the electric cars, who refused to join in the general strike.

The trouble began early by the holding up of electric cars by the strikers whose wrath naturally was directed against the street railroad employees. Several cars were held up and stoned in the outskirts of the city and the passengers were compelled to walk into Habana, among these being the British and German ministers.

Several cars were wrecked and some motormen and conductors were injured during the occurrences. The car men, however, continued running their cars until 10 o'clock, when Supt. Greenwood ordered a suspension of traffic. The employees were willing to remain at work, but the officers of the company, in order to protect their property deemed it wise to suspend the service. Mr. Greenwood had asked for protection from the civil governor, but the authorities were unable to protect the public vehicles. A mob of strikers drove the men in the Western railroad from the trains during the morning.

The mayor of Habana and the secretary of government, Diego Tamayo, had the past week openly sympathized with the strikers and had given orders to the police not to use force in dispersing the crowds and under these conditions the police were unable to cope with the strikers.

The situation was approaching a critical point at noon, serious disorders having taken place in front of the palace itself, in which a police officer named Maso and a number of policemen and strikers received injuries, when President Palma sent word to the mayor that unless the city authorities could preserve order and protect the railroad company, the state would intervene. The mayor then took drastic measures and issued an edict prohibiting crowds from gathering in the streets and authorizing the chief of police to kill, if such action should be necessary to preserve order.

A similar show of force early in the morning undoubtedly would have prevented the trouble, but now the strikers had become emboldened and frequent clashes between them and the police occurred in all parts of the city. The police were obliged to charge a mob of rioters at the slaughter house and several among the latter were injured. The vigorous attitude of the police now made itself felt and traffic on the car lines, which had only been suspended for a brief period was resumed and was continued from this time forth with only occasional interruptions. Most of the injuries sustained by the strikers were caused by the policemen's clubs.

A meeting this afternoon over which Gen. Gomez presided sent word to the labor unions that if the disorders continued the veterans would offer their services to President Palma to preserve order. No bread or meat was on sale today and a continuance of the strike will cause much suffering to the poor. The police fear that trouble may occur in the city tonight and a detachment of rural guards is expected to reach Habana at 2:30 tomorrow morning.

Senor Tamayo has resigned the office of secretary of government, but President Palma will not accept his resignation until the strike has been settled.

The public blames Tamayo for his active participation in the strike and says that he and the mayor are responsible for today's riots, as he had openly expressed sympathy with the strikers. At a political meeting on Wednesday at which Senor Tamayo was chairman he endorsed the action of the strikers.

Barlow & Wilson's Minstrels had a large audience Monday night, but the performance was so inferior to what was expected that nearly everyone was disappointed. Taken altogether it was a poor show.

SECRET MARRIAGE

ENDS IN TRAGEDY.

Duston Sarvis Kills Himself and Wounds His Wife.

Special to The State.

Nichols, S. C., Nov. 24.—A tragedy occurred here this afternoon as a result of which Duston H. Sarvis, a telegraphy student, lies dead, and Miss Josephine Burns, a popular young lady of this town, is seriously wounded.

It seems that Sarvis and Miss Burns were secretly married on September 22nd and lately the girl has begged Sarvis to acknowledge her as his wife. He refused and threatened to shoot her if she should divulge it. She went to him this afternoon and demanded that he go to her people and tell of the marriage, as it must now be known.

She said she had told her parents and they would publish it if he did not. Upon this Sarvis shot her, the bullet entering the centre of the forehead, ranging up and passing through the scalp. As she fell Sarvis turned the pistol on himself and sent a bullet under his ear and through the base of the brain. His death was instantaneous.

Both Sarvis and the girl who claims to be his wife are well known and the terrible tragedy is greatly deplored by the community. Sarvis is from Loris, Holy Cross county. He was about 22 years old.

Thoroughbreds Improving.

(From Outing.)

We constantly hear that our thoroughbreds are deteriorating and that the race horse of today is inferior to his ancestors. This statement is made by two classes of men; one which has grown too old to see any good in whatever exists, the other a class who only know the older horses by tradition and see everything magnified by the purple distance of time. I might add a third group—those who are forever lamenting the "want of class" in our great races, but this amounts merely to an affectation of blase and hardly merits notice, as it is insincere. Comparing the horses of today with those of thirty or forty years ago, I should say the superiority was all in favor of the former. In old times horses ran seldom—often not more than five or six races in a year—often less. The races were over longer distances, but they were specially prepared for them, and as handicaps were few, the best horse had pretty easy time. Besides, the numbers of horses was small. The returns of 1880 showed 640 foals. In 1900 as many as 3,827 were reported to the Jockey Club. A good horse of today runs from fifteen to thirty races in a season, meeting a large number of competitors, and is asked to concede weight, and is kept in training fully nine months of the year. If time is any criterion, there is no comparison between the horses of today and those of former years.

Gen. Frost's Assistant.

Capt. John M. Patrick, of Anderson, will be the next assistant adjutant and inspector general of the State, under Gen. Frost. This appointment could scarcely be improved upon. It is not only a graceful tribute from Gen. Frost to Capt. Patrick, but it is another evidence of the splendid spirit pervading the state campaign of 1902. —J. E. N. in News and Courier.

Bennettsville, November 24.—A telegram was received here yesterday containing the sad intelligence of the attempted suicide of Tom Sparks in Augusta, by taking laudanum. Mr. Sparks is a son of Capt. Alex Sparks, of this county, and married Miss Spencer, of Chesterfield county, and is the father of two children, but for some cause has not recently lived with his wife.

John W. Gates, on the subject of success, advises young men thus: "Attend strictly to your own business; keep well posted as to your competitors' methods and profits; agree with your competitors rather than fight them; make hay while the sun shines; always discount your bills; never try to deceive your banker; never neglect your business for pleasure."

A man in Vermont having killed twenty-five skunks and burned his clothes afterward has suggested to an esteemed contemporary Bill Nye's story of the man who ran a skunk farm at Huntington, Ind. "Last year," said Bill, "he attended the Congregational church, but this year the society has paid him five dollars a month to pray in secret."

TO AID ALL THE PUBLIC

SCHOOLS OF THE STATE.

State Supt. McMahan Makes Some Suggestions to the Several County Superintendents.

State Superintendent of Education J. J. McMahan is sending out a circular of suggestions to the several county superintendents of education. It is of considerable public interest. It is as follows:

"First. Now is the time to have every teacher employed in your county submit to you his or her certificate so that you may make a record in your office of its date of expiration and its grade. At the same time you should learn from each teacher how long he or she has taught, and you should keep a record in your office from which a report at the end of the year could be made, showing the average length of time that your teachers have taught, and the number, men and women, who have taught more than five years. Whether or not you are to be in office at the end of the school year, you should render this service now.

"Second. Require each teacher to write you a signed statement that the adopted course of study is being followed and the children are being graded, as near as their preparation permits, according to the course laid down by the State board of education, in its published course of study. Of course, you will see that each teacher has a copy of this course of study. The copies are limited in number and cost something and therefore it should be enjoined upon the teachers that they are expected, at the end of the year, to report for the year the number of children in each grade. With such report, it is possible for us to judge to what extent our public schools are educating our people. We do not know how many children ever reach the fourth or fifth grade. You see the importance of having such statistics in the future. I enclose a leaflet such as is printed in the back of each teacher's register, and on which last year you were asked to see that your teachers should make reports. The almost entire failure of county superintendents, however, to give any satisfactory report this year on the subject, shows that not much has yet been done toward grading the schools.

"Fourth. Encourage your teachers to celebrate Jefferson Davis Day, on any day that they may select for a public occasion. Programmes will be sent from this office if requested. Contributions, however, small, should be taken up and sent to Mrs. Alice A. G. Palmer, Charleston, S. C."

"Winter Homes in a Summer Land."

The Southern Railway has issued its beautiful "Winter Homes in a Summer Land" folder for the season 1902-3. This folder is published in a very attractive form and is profusely illustrated with photographs of the famous Southern Winter Resorts and their environments. It also contains numerous views of the scenery from the Mountains to the subtropical scenes of Florida and Nassau. The booklet gives full and complete information regarding all of the leading Winter Resorts for health or pleasure and also a complete list of all the smaller hotels and boarding houses which have accommodations for Winter Tourists, giving rates per day, week and month and other valuable data to those desiring to locate for the winter anywhere in the South.

If you are contemplating a trip to any point do not fail to first supply yourself with this booklet by sending a one stamp to any Passenger Agent of this Company. If you are not contemplating a trip send for one anyway; you will find much in it to interest you.

Winter tourist tickets at greatly reduced rates now on sale. For any further information desired as to rates, routes and resorts write to the nearest passenger agent of the Southern Railway.

J. C. Beam, District Passenger Agent, Atlanta, Ga.; R. W. Hunt, Division Passenger Agent, Charleston, S. C.; H. F. Cary, District Passenger Agent, Jacksonville, Fla.

Winter Tourist Rates.

Beginning October 15, the Southern Railway will commence sale of winter tourist tickets to principal resorts in the South under the same conditions existing in previous years. For detailed information as to rates, resorts etc., apply to any agent of the Southern Railway.

W. H. Taylor, Assistant General Pass. Agt. Atlanta, Ga. R. W. Hunt, Division Pass. Agt. Charleston, S. C. J. C. Beam, District Pass. Agent, Atlanta, Ga.

The latest in fine stationery just received and placed on sale at H. G. Osteen & Co's book store.

LEE COUNTY CASE

BEFORE THE COURT.

Important Motion Presented Yesterday--Involves Validity of Act.

This morning the annual fall term of the State supreme court will begin, and there will be a matter of considerable moment before the court at the opening session. Yesterday morning, pursuant to the order of recess heretofore passed the court met at 10 o'clock and there being no business before the court, the April term of 1902 was adjourned sine die.

The very first matter that will probably occupy the attention of the court will be a motion in the pending case involving the validity of the act of the general assembly establishing Lee county. The attorneys in the case are Robert W. Shand, Esq., of this city for the petitioners, who oppose the new county, and former Judge J. H. Hudson, Gen. LeRoy F. Youmans and B. Frank Kelley, Esq., of Bishopville, for the respondents, the officers of old counties from which the new county is taken.

Some time ago the parties represented by Mr. Shand filed a petition with the court in the case of "Wm. W. Fraser, et al., respondents," asking the court to enjoin the county officers from proceeding with the carrying out of the provisions of the act creating the county of Lee, alleging the unconstitutionality of the act. On this a rule to show cause was issued against the respondents.

The allegations contained in the petition were to the effect that Lee county did not receive the favorable vote of two-thirds of the qualified electors voting in each section of the proposed new county; that the new county did not have the necessary population and assessed value of property, nor leave the necessary population and assessed value of property in the three old counties from which it was carved; that it has not the boundaries in the act designated in the petition and that it has cut the county of Sumter within eight miles of its court house building.

The return of the respondents denies emphatically each and all of these allegations, and at length shows to the court reasons why they are without foundation. It alleges that the petitioners have taken the misnaming of one or two points to mean that other lines than those in the original survey were used, whereas the county lines were actually laid out according to that survey. Affidavits are presented as to the figures on population and assessed valuation, and in conclusion the return asserts that the opponents of the county have had ample remedy already, having fought the matter before the governor and at every other point.

The hearing on the petition has not yet been held.

The motion to be made this morning is stated in the following notice just served on the attorneys for the respondent:

"Please take notice that the opening of the November term of the supreme court on Tuesday, Nov. 25, 1902, at 10 a. m., or as soon thereafter as counsel can be heard, a motion will be made before said court for an order referring it to some suitable person as referee to take testimony upon all the issues of fact raised by the pleadings in this case with directions to report the same, together with his findings of fact to the court.

"And also at the same time and place a motion will be made before the same court for an order enjoining and restraining the respondents from turning over to the county board of commissioners of Lee county or such other officers as may be exercising their authority, the public buildings, bonds, obligations, lands or money in their hands belonging to, or held for the said alleged county of Lee, or from otherwise ceasing to discharge any of the duties imposed upon them by section 2 of the said act of the legislature 'to establish Lee county,' 23 Stat., p. 1196 until the final judgment is rendered in this case or until the further order of the court.

"These motions will be based upon the petition, return and the traverse in said case now on file in said court." —The State, Nov. 25.

Against Jim Crow Street Cars.

New Orleans, Nov. 21.—The city criminal court today decided the Jim Crow car law unconstitutional as it compelled the conductors to decide which passengers were white and which colored, and this was not within their province and power.

The law has been in operation only fifteen days, during which time it has given a great deal of trouble and has been repeatedly and openly violated. The case was appealed to the supreme court.