

Grand Spring Opening

Fine millinery and Pattern hats. Thursday & Friday March 17 and 18th.

You are **CORDIALLY INVITED** to Attend It is an exhibit that will give you an idea with every glance. Novelty is triumphant! not only the newest is here but the best is here and not only all that but prices are so reasonable as to cause wonders.

Whitten Dry Goods Company,

Batesburg, S. C.

Big Mass Meeting

AT
Batesburg, S. C.
TUESDAY, MARCH 22 TO ORGANIZE
THE BATESBURG FAIR
ASSOCIATION

All Colored Citizens are Urged to
ATTEND This big Mass MEETING
Thursday, March 22nd at 11 a. m.

Mount Olive Baptist Church Batesburg to organize the Batesburg Fair Association.-Dr. E. D. White of Rock Hill, Dr. W. P. Conolind, Richard Carroll and others will speak. All persons who have not been paid their premiums will get their money on the 22nd.

Meeting at the Opra House

7.30 p. m. same day.

All whit citizens are urged to meet in the Opera House at 7.30 p. m. Eight counties will unite in the Batesburg Fair, and it will be a big thing- Come rain or shine.

RICHARD CARROLL, E. D. WHITE AND OTHERS.

Easter Oxfords.



Make up your mind that this season you are going to have a pair of oxfords that will suit you exactly, a pair that will fit and feel good from the very first day.

There are hundreds of styles here that are as good looking as they are comfortable, and as neat as they are stylish.

LADIES' OXFORDS

Patent colt, gun metal and dull kid ankle and instep strap slipper and Heavy soles. \$2.00, \$3.00, \$3.50, \$4.00 and \$5.00
Patent, gun metal, bright and dull finished kid, one, two and four eyelet ties. \$1.50, \$2.00, \$2.50, \$3.00, \$3.50 and \$4.00

MEN'S OXFORDS.

EDWIN CLAPP, Patent kid oxfords and two eyelet pumps, \$7-
Gun Metal, glazed kid and Russia Calf, Blucher Oxfords, \$6-
WALK-OVER patent colt blucher oxfords \$4-
WALK-OVER Gun metal kid and Tan Russia calf oxfords, \$3.50 and \$4.00
LEVER'S SPECIALS, Patents, Gun Metal and Kid blucher oxfords, \$2.00, \$2.50 and \$3.00
Little Miss King's Slippers for Misses' and children, \$1.00 to \$3.00
Boy's oxfords \$1.50 to \$3.00.



When you buy here you can rest assured of one thing you will be given the very best attention, and have the satisfaction of being fitted by the most expert shoe fitters, whether you buy a \$1.50 or \$7- pair

LEVER, THE SHOE MAN

In Columbia.

Special Notice.

I have moved my barber shop and pool room at the old National Bank building Two barbers, no waiting. Everything up-to-date.

Thos. Murray, Prop.

Carlyle on Musicians.

When Joseph Joachim, the famous violinist, visited this country in the '70s he was taken by a friend to Carlyle's house in Chelsea and introduced to a well-known musician. Pleading an engagement elsewhere, the friend then left, and Carlyle, who was just then starting for his country, begged the permission to walk in Hyde Park, when relating the story to a friend, Andrew...

forth a stream of conversation about Germany, the King of Prussia, Bismarck, Moltke, the war, etc. At last I thought I ought to say something, and innocently asked the irascible gentleman if he knew Sterndale Bennett, the famous English composer.

"No," he answered, abruptly, and added, after a pause: "I can't bear musicians, as a rule; they are such an empty-headed, wind-baggy set of people!" - London "Tit-Bits."

China the Land of Silk.

China is so well suited by natural conditions for the production of silk that even the most antiquated and unscientific methods cannot deprive her of the first rank in that industry. In Japan everything connected with the silk business is scientifically regulated. No silkworm is allowed to hatch unless the egg has passed a scientific inspection. The mulberry trees are cultivated on scientific principles. Similar methods are pursued in other countries where silk is produced.

But in China these things are almost entirely disregarded, and yet China keeps near the head in production. Her undeveloped resources in this industry are so enormous that Mr. Anderson, our consul at Amoy,

THE WEIGHT OF SOOT.

Eighteen Tons a Day Falls on Cincinnati's Business Center.

A scientific investigator in Cincinnati has been trying to arrive at a definite idea of the amount of soot deposited in the city in the course of a year. One of his tests was to place two buckets, three-fourths filled with water, on 11 roofs in different parts of the city. At the end of three months a careful analysis of the contents of the buckets to ascertain the amount of carbonaceous matter. The final computation is that in the downtown area the falling soot amounts to 541 tons a month, or 18 tons daily. On a square mile of the city the soot deposited is 171 tons a month, or 348, 728 pounds, an average of several pounds to each inhabitant. In one of the suburbs the soot in the bucket was 464 grams to the square foot for a period of 30 days. For the same time the deposit at a central point in the city was 22,550 grams to the square foot.

Long Distance Repeater.
David C. St. Charles, an engineer of

any person, as a matter of fact, who will be responsible in telephone case when the subject. What the so-called "repeater" has done for telegraph St. Charles' invention, it is now claimed, he does for the telephone. The combining of the echo in nature with the sounding board of a violin furnished the clue to the discovery.

A Rare Occurrence.

Lady Laurier has the distinction of being the only woman who has delivered a speech in the Canadian House of Parliament. She was greeted at a reception at the foot of the tribune and at once a demand was made for a speech. She was at first abashed, but ascended the steps and made what was described as "a pretty oration."

Herbert Spencer's Childhood.

When Herbert Spencer was boy his father sent him away from home to school. The youngster became homesick, and, with 2 shillings in his pockets, made his way home, over 120 miles, in three days, walking most of the way. He did 68 miles the first day and 47 on the second. On the third day a friendly coach driver took him most of the way for nothing.

The Record of Te-Day.

Nine years ago, by actual observation, there were 1,247 bicycles along the junction of Broadway and Seneca second street, New York, between sunrise and sunset on a late September day, and not one automobile, the according to a careful record made one day last week, four bicycles passed the same point and 243 automobiles.

Opportunity for Beggars.

A Paris newspaper is the organ of business opportunities offers "ad situation in a very popular winter-sport for a one-armed man or preferably with no arms. References fit and required. Cash deposit also required."

Distributing Charity.

At a meeting of the central body of the London unemployed the other day it was found that a colony established near London had resulted in the distribution of \$28,225 among the unemployed, but that the cost of distribution had been \$74,750.

Followed by His Pets.

The body of George Fox, a London dog fancier, was followed to the grave by four fine bull terriers. They wore black coats, on which were the words in white letters: "Following our master to his last resting place."

Penalty of Fraud.

California rejoices in a lady making the circulation of fraudulent reports regarding the value of the stock of a corporation formed in the State a felony punishable by two years' imprisonment or \$5,000 fine, or both.

In the New York Zoo.

The New York authorities are carrying out a scheme for giving each class of animals a scenic background reminiscent of its native habitat. So, by and by, the zoo will be not only a menagerie, but an art gallery.

Competitions to be Ordered.

A bureau has been established at Budapest for supplying school boys with ready-written essays and prose and verse compositions and translations in any language at 8 cents a

Responsibilities of Engineers.

Down in Georgia the Supreme Court has concluded that an engineer is not justified in acting on the presumption that a child of tender years on a railroad track will appreciate its danger and use the discretion of an adult in getting out of the way of an approaching train.

A Young Shoplifter.

A woman has been arrested in Paris carrying in her arms a 4-year-old child which had been trained to snatch watches and scarf-pins as its mother carried it through the streets. The infant was seen to grab two watches and seven pins in less than half an hour.

PARIS SLAUGHTER HOUSES.

Inspectors in Constant Attendance and Rigidly Enforce Law.

RIDGE SPRING NEWS

Rev W T Hundley delivered a most impressive sermon replete in biblical lore, spiritual uplift and missionary inspiration that was much appreciated by an attentive congregation last Sunday morning. It was the annual missionary sermon to the W. M. U. Society of the Baptist church and they deemed themselves fortunate in securing the services of such an eloquent divine on so auspicious an occasion.

A mission to be held in the Episcopal church by Arch Deacon Weber at an early day is being looked forward to with much interest.

Mrs M H Cogburn delightfully entertained the W M Society of Bethel Baptist church Thursday afternoon last.

Miss Blanche Smith of Ward unfortunately hurt by a run-away team here last Monday is suffering from dislocated shoulder and severe nervous shock.

Dr L J Smith moved into the residence Monday.

On Saturday the veterans met in school auditorium and after appropriate exercises interspersed with music by Mrs L J Smith and L G Wynne. The E W Home Sp of U. C. V. was organized as follows:

Commander, T D Villard; 1st Lt Commander, J W Seigler; 2nd Lt Commander, Lewis Claxton; Atant, Monroe Gantt; Chaplain, RN N Little; Treasurer, Lewis Y; Color Sergeant, J M Rawls; Vete, John Hair. 22 members elected.

Chaplain Rev. Joseph...

Brooks of Columbia... whom the U D C... delegated to honor by their presence an orator of the occasion. His address was highly appreciated and reminiscences concerning the "Knights of the White Camelia" intensely enjoyed.

FARMERS WILL BUILD WAREHOUSE

The farmers of this section are well organized and will bid for their use a fire proof warehouse here in the town of Wagener this summer.

There has been about 2,500 tons of guano carried away from this point already this season and the indications are that there will be 500 more tons moved. This shows that the farmers are trying to enrich their lands.

Business with the merchants here seems to be exceptionally good.

PARIS SLAUGHTER HOUSES.

There are in Paris three principal abattoirs, the largest of which, "La Villette," is in the northern quarter of the city; "Vaugirard," which was opened in 1898, and replaced the old slaughter house of Grenelle, and "Villjuif," where horses are slain for food. Any butcher may slaughter animals at these abattoirs on payment of a tax of 2 francs (40 cents) a hundred kilograms (220 pounds) on the meat so prepared. Butchers of the more important class and specially licensed are permitted to sell the meat which they have thus provided directly to the smaller dealers who keep retail meat stores throughout the city. Inspectors are in constant attendance and any meat found infected with disease or otherwise unfit for food is saturated with petroleum and condemned. Prior to the year 1810 the butchers of Paris slaughtered animals in the streets and public squares, but at that time municipal slaughter houses-abattoirs-were established.

Coal a Modern Production.

Coal is comparatively a modern product. History shows that it was first used in England during the ninth century. In 1318 the King prohibited its use on the ground that it was injurious to health, but the high price of wood finally compelled the Londoners to use it again.

An Expensive Kodak.

It is said that the Sultan of Turkey has a kodak that cost approximately \$8000. It was made by an American firm and the metal work is of gold, the framework ivory, while the whole is enclosed in a case of white morocco with a gold lock and key.

Earnings of Novelists.

Authors earn much less in France than in England. The late Sir Walter Besant ten years ago estimated that there were 50 novelists in England who earned upward of a thousand a year. There are now probably nearer a hundred and fifty; while in France there are almost certainly no more than fifty who make a living at all. An English novelist of standing will receive eighteen pence on every copy

America's Chicken Population.

The non-vegetarian citizen will rejoice in the knowledge that the chicken population of the United States in 1900 was 220,000,000, and at present approaches 300,000,000. Turkeys numbered more than 600,000, ducks more than 5,000,000 and geese as many, though that seems an underestimate for geese, everything considered. The yearly consumption of chickens is more than 300,000,000, though not a few, it appears, are carried over from year to year indefinitely in cold storage for the ultimate benefit of the hapless boarder.-Baltimore Sun.

Piracy in China.

Piracy in China is no new thing in the waters around Hongkong. As long ago as the thirteenth century the island of Hongkong was a practical stronghold, and for centuries the Chinese government was unable to drive the sea hoppers out. All craft passing what is now Hongkong harbor were compelled to pay tribute. The higher elevations of the island served as lookout stations and no boat that approached was permitted to leave until it had paid toll.

Disposition of Lost Mail.

More than 11,000,000 pieces of mail went astray in the United States last year because they were not directed even well enough for the experts to decipher the names and addresses. Millions of this immense total went to the Dead Letter Office, where a lot of it was opened, the addresses of the writers ascertained and the letters or packages returned. But in a great many cases the writer's address is never found and the letter is really "dead."

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products that when China adopts modern methods, she will give a new turn to the silk business of the world.-Exchange.