

**THE LEDGER.**

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**Hardin Made Captain.**

Yesterday the governor's office was notified that Capt. Jos. S. Hardin, formerly of Co. D (Lee Light Infantry), in the First South Carolina volunteers, had been commissioned a captain in the new Forty-sixth regiment, United States volunteers, now organizing for service in the Philippines. Capt. Hardin has been appointed in place of Capt. Mobley, who resigned. This is a compliment to Capt. Hardin's qualifications as a soldier. He spent some time at West Point and made one of the best officers in the First regiment.—The State.

**Smallpox at Bushy Creek.**

Special to The State.

Anderson, Sept. 21.—Yesterday news was received from Bushy Creek in this county that 12 cases of smallpox had developed there. The city board of health at once met and demanded that the city fathers take steps immediately to handle the disease. The board directed one of its members to go to Bushy Creek to take charge of cases already pronounced smallpox and also the suspects. A rigid quarantine is on at Bushy Creek.

There is no alarm here over the situation as the disease is of a mild type.

**FELL OVER A PRECIPICE WHILE OUT HUNTING.**

Young Stevens of Pickens Has Remarkable Escape From Death on Cedar Mountain.

Pickens, Sept. 20.—This morning Ed Stephens, his father, L D Stephens, and a brother, were out hunting on Cedar mountain about seven miles west of Pickens. Several kinds of game abound in the mountains of that section and all of them being experienced in the chase, they knew where to go to find it. From signs best known to them they became enthusiastic in pursuit, when Ed's path led him dangerously near a precipice about 50 feet high. That he might be sure of passing the critical point in safety he took his gun in one hand and with the other caught a projecting limb which offered its service and holding to that endeavored to swing around the danger point, when to his amazement the limb snapped from the trunk and he tumbled to the bottom. Strange to say not a bone was broken but he was bruised from head to foot and taken up unconscious by his father and brother who expected to find him dead. His gun was broken to pieces. He was brought to the home of Dr Kirksey and received prompt attention. He is much better today and will no doubt recover and is the only live man in the county who has fallen down a mountain that far and lived 24 hours.

**Attention Merchants!**

A newspaper whose columns overflow with advertisements of business men has more influence in attracting attention to building up a town than any other agency that can be employed. People go where there is business. Capital and labor go where there is an enterprising community. No power on earth is so strong to build up a town as a newspaper well patronized, and its power should be appreciated.—T DeWitt Talmage.

**Judge Benet Home Again.**

Judge W C Benet has returned from his trip to Europe. The judge looks remarkably well. He spent yesterday in the city. He found his aged mother, who is now 91 years old, quite well at her home in Scotland. Judge Benet says that he found the weather intensely hot in both England and Scotland, and there was a great rush for summer resort places. Judge Benet's mother told him she considered the summer the warmest she had known in Scotland since 1826.

Judge Benet's brother died during his stay in the old country.—The State.

**Mrs Hale Commits Suicide.**

Special to The State.

Piedmont, Sept 20.—Mrs Carrie Bridges Hale, wife of Geo W Hale, an old time resident of this place, committed suicide by taking laudanum this morning. She left a letter stating as a reason for her act that while at all times her husband and family had been very kind in their treatment of her, she had, notwithstanding, become tired of life, and feeling that her sins had all been forgiven she should seek in death, rest in the arms of her Savior. The husband and family have the fullest sympathy of a large circle of friends in their great affliction.

**Dr Timmerman's Loss.**

Yesterday morning Dr W H Timmerman, State treasurer, was notified that his fine barn together with most of its contents had been burned on his home place in Edgefield county. The property lost, Dr Timmerman says, was worth about \$1,200. If his steam engine was destroyed the loss is of course greater. Dr Timmerman carried no insurance upon the property and the loss is total. It was only a short time ago that he sustained quite a loss by fire.—The State, 21st inst.

**HUBBARD'S COTTON LETTER.**

What is said of the Status of the Cotton Market and Crop.

New York, Sept. 21.—Liverpool was affected this morning by the heavy realizing on the part of a London bull syndicate identified with the metal trade, who bought heavily at the first indication of the damage to the crop in August. Their sales covered a reaction abroad from the opening, but the indications of a lighter comparative movement brought many buying orders, and the market became strong and closed steady at the best prices on the advance. Here the market opened lower, but hardly hesitated a moment, recovering the decline and taking all the cotton offered from Europe at advancing prices. The reasons for the advance are commercial, not speculative, and we have repeatedly recounted them. As yet there are no indications that they have been fully appreciated abroad. The market has been broadening all day and closed firm with indications of higher prices tomorrow. Receipts are sustaining moderate crop views.

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The busiest and mightiest little thing that ever made is Dr King's New Life Pills. Every pill is a sugar-coated globule of health, that changes weakness into strength, listlessness into energy, brain-fog into mental power. They're wonderful in building up the health. Only 25c per box. Sold by Crawford Bros'.

**[For The Ledger.]**

**"TANK" ITEMS.**

Very far away in the distance, climbing the rugged hills, we see in our imaginations, an engine puffing and blowing with all its might, as if wearied with its burden of pleasure seekers, en route for the great summer resort, at the Catawba Falls. How soon the above writing will become a reality, we cannot say, but hope see it quite soon, for this noted place, with its beautiful scenery, and fine water power, should, by all means, be improved and nothing will do this so rapidly as a railroad.

This being a busy season, there are few visitors and very little visiting, consequently, not many things of interest to write about.

Some of our farmers, fearing from the short crops, that there will be nothing in their pockets to jingle for Christmas, left Monday morning, even before the "bid dies" were fast, for Columbia, where they will begin work on the new railroad.

One of the six hills in "Tank" has been deserted, and its former occupant, Capt J M Perry, has moved to Lancaster. We were sorry to lose him, but wish him much success and hope that he will be well pleased with his new home.

Mr Willie Clyburn and his two sisters, from Camden, visited Mrs J R Massey the past week. On Thursday evening quite a number of young people assembled there, and enjoyed delightful vocal and instrumental music, dispensing with pleasant tete-a-tetes. One couple, who lived not far away, went off waltzing in the moonlight and the young man returned with a "bush" of — pinned on the lapel of his coat. What sweet dreams this young man must have had! Though this bouquet fades and loses its fragrance, yet, in his memory it remains an ever-"Green."

One of Lancaster's intelligent widowers was seen out horse-back riding with his girl, a few days since in the Douglas neighborhood, but there was no unusual romance as the horses failed to run away. The young lady resembled a pink rose encoined in "Green", but will soon turn "White", leaving the young man with the blues, because he could not prevent the change.

Two of our girls losing their appetites, sought to renew them by taking a sunrise walk to the river and found it an excellent tonic, though decided it would be too expensive, if continued long, considering how quickly the well filled dishes were emptied. This early walk brought the roses to their cheeks, even, more so, than two others who painted all day long, but were disappointed in the evening when their mirror still reflected very pale faces.

Our hearts are sad over the sudden death of our young friend, Mr Claud Beckham, of Waxhaw, who passed away on Thursday night last, after a weeks illness. He was buried at Camp Creek by the Woodmen of the World. The funeral was very sad and touching and there was scarcely a dry eye around this new made grave, which was covered with beautiful flowers, placed there by loving hands. He was a generous neighbor, a loving husband and an affectionate father. We greatly sympathize with his dear ones in their deep distress.

**AMONG THE HILLS.**

Select specimens of your choicest grains, vegetables, finely bred stock, including poultry, for exhibition at the state fair. A little effort on your part will secure one or more of the handsome premiums.

**- Good Things While They Last! -**

**BUT THEY CANNOT LAST LONG, THEY ARE TOO GOOD.**

**Think of It! Staple Goods at Half Price.**

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**Come "a runnin'" If You Want Any of These Good Things!**

SHIRTS AT BARGAINS! Formerly 50, 60 and 75 cents, all marked down to 35 cents. Good Cheviotte work Shirts, heavy and strong, only 20 cents—the 35 cents kind. Best Buckskin Twills at 25 cents, worth 40 cents

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**- Farmers' Banking and Mercantile Co. - Lancaster, S. C.**

Mrs Mattie Hughes on Trial for the Third Time Within Twelve Months for Murder of Her Husband.

Special to The State.

Greenville, Sept 19.—For the third time in a year Mrs Mattie A Hughes has been in court to confront the charge of murdering her husband, George W Hughes, at Greer's last fall. The case has resulted in two mistrials; two attempts have been made to establish a bar to proceedings on the plea for former jeopardy, and meanwhile the plea in bar is pending before the supreme court. Public interest in the case is still lively and the trial is well attended.

The counsel is the same as in the last trial, Solicitor Ansel, J A Mooney and H J Haynworth for the State and A H Dean, J A McCullough, B M Shuman and George Johnstone for the defense.

**CASTORIA.** The Kind You Have Always Bought. Bears the Signature of *Chas. H. Fletcher*

A Flagman Crushed to Death.

Special to The State.

Charleston, Sept 19.—T Victor Thweatt of 35 Mary street, a flagman on the Charleston and Savannah road, had his life crushed out on the rails this morning about 4 o'clock at Yemassee. The story of his horrible death is a sickening one and his body presented a gruesome sight, as his head had been crushed in and brains knocked out by the train.

**BRAVE MEN FALL**

Victims to stomach, liver and kidney troubles as well as women, and all feel the results in loss of appetite, poisons in the blood, backache, nervousness, headache and tired, listless, run-down feeling. But there's no need to feel like that. Listen to J W Gardner, Idaville, Ind. He says: "Electric Bitters are just the thing for a man when he is all run down, and don't care whether he lives or dies. It did more to give me new strength and good appetite than anything I could take. I can now eat anything and have a new lease on life." Only 50 cents, at Crawford Bros' Drug Store. Every bottle guaranteed.

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