

**Opening of 1865 Came Gloomy Prospect.**

The hopes of foreign intervention had long since been looked upon as a delusion. All ports except Charleston, S. C., and Wilmington, N. C., were now in the hands of the federals. But Lee's grim veterans lay in their trenches still. Only about 28,000 had been holding in check an army of 125,000 well fed and well equipped for months. It is useless for me to undertake to tell what Lee's army endured in the trenches at Petersburg from July 1864 until April 1865.

Tongue can not tell it, pen can not write it, the mind of man can not grasp it unless he had been there as a witness. No painter's brush could paint it. Army of Northern Virginia, soldiers of Lee, who fought beside your captian until your frames were wasted, you are greater to me in your wretchedness, more splendid in your rags than the Old Guard of Napoleon or the three hundred at the Pass of Thermopylae. Neither famine nor nakedness nor suffering could break your spirit. You were battered and half starved, your forms were war-worn, but you still had faith in Lee, and the great cause which you bore aloft on the points of your bayonets. You did not falter in the hour of supreme trial, you meant to follow Lee to the last ditch, and die with your harness on.

Did they or did they not fight to the end and to the last ditch? Answer, Wilderness, Cold Harbor, Spotsylvania, Charles City, every spot around Petersburg, when they closed in death grapple with the death grapple. Answer, winter of 1864, black spring of 1865. They fought staggering, starving and following, but defiant to the last. Bearded men were seen to weep on the ninth day of April, 1865, but it was when they heard that their mighty chief had surrendered, which wrung their hearts and brought tears to grim faces.

The Crater, with its 35,000 pounds of powder did not scare them. As soon as the men fell back these same gray veterans swarmed like bees to the mouth of the Crater and filled it with Yankees and negroes.

You may speak of the dreadful horror of war; Sherman was right when he said "War is hell." Grant thought he would blow up our lines, cross over through the crater, but not so. It turned to be a death trap for the federals. Their loss, according to their own report was between five

and six thousand. The confederate captured nineteen battle flags in and about the crater. The blowing up of the lines at Petersburg has been given up as the most cowardly act of the war. An army of 155,000 men, well equipped and fed, confronting a line of 28,000 men! And the only way was to blow them up, but they fell back fighting.

April the 9th dawned with a gloomy outlook. It was then that bayonets were affixed to muskets, arms stacked and cartridge boxes unslung and hung upon our stacks. The torn and battered battle flags were leaned against the stack. The emotion of the soldiery was really sad to witness. Some who had carried and followed those ragged standards through four years of strife, rushed from the ranks, bent about their old bullet-torn flags and pressed them to their lips. The flags which they still carried were objects of undisguised affection. These banners had gone down before overwhelming numbers; torn by shells, riddled with bullets and laden with powder and smoke of battle. These high mettled men began to cut the flags from the staffs and hide them in their bosoms, as they met them with their burning lips. They wanted to keep them, as they wanted to keep the old canteen with a bullet hole through it, or the rusty gray jacket that had been torn by a canister. They loved those flags as a mother loves her first-born, and will love them forever, as mementoes of the unparalleled struggle, and because they symbolized the bloodshed and glory of nearly a thousand battles. But they had to let those flags remain in the stack because General Lee said so.

Thus the Southern army melted away; the flag went down in its grave at Appomattox and the brave fellows laid down their rifles for the hoe, the saber for the plow and the sword for the pen, and revived. And they have made the land of Dixie blossom as the rose.

J. RUSSEL WRIGHT.

**A Good Opportunity.**

Columbia, Dec. 20.—The extension department of the University of South Carolina is promoting a series of reading circles throughout the state, as part of a nation-wide movement for reading circles, the extension department having been named as the agency for promoting the plan in South Carolina.

These reading circles are open to all citizens of the state, without any

charges. A number of special courses have been arranged. A person may take whatever time he desires for the course, but at the end of his reading he is given, by the University a certificate indicating that he has read through the course.

One of the courses is known as "Thirty Books of Great Fiction." The University extension department has purchased these books, and they will be circulated free. These books are: Adam Bede, Arabian Nights, A Modern Instance, Clarissa Harlowe, David Copperfield, Guy Mannering, History of Henry Esmond, Ivanhoe, Joseph Vance, Kidnapped, Lorna Doone, Luck of Roaring Camp, Ordeal of Richard, Feverel, Pilgrim's Progress, Pride and Prejudice, Robinson Crusoe, Romola, Tale of Two Cities, The Cloister and the Hearth, Vanity Fair, Vicar of Wakefield, Last of the Mohicans, Scarlet Letter, The Pilot, Les Miserables, The Three Musketeers, Pere Goriot, Anna Karenina, With Fire and Sword, and Treasure Island.

The ten most popular courses in this reading circle plan as put out by the extension department include courses for boys, girls and parents, in American History, of American Heroes in American literature, in great literature of the past, in the world's Bibles, in world heroes and in fiction.

**Christmas Seals.**

The money with which you buy Christmas seals goes to help the South Carolina Anti-Tuberculosis Association. Is there any worthier cause to be found anywhere? When you go to buy your Christmas presents for those who are strong and well think of those who are feeble and despairing and buy Christmas seals as a gift of gratitude.

**FOR SALE:** Seven White Leghorn roosters, Wyckoff and Tom Barron strain, nine months old at \$2.00 each. Mrs. GEO. F. MIMS.

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Over store of W. W. Adams & Co. 7-7-20

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**Every Department Well Stocked**

We are ready to supply the needs of the people at very reasonable prices. Every department of our store is filled with well selected merchandise.

**FURNITURE**

Our furniture department, on the second floor, should attract those who need new furniture for their home. We have OAK SUITS, WARDROBES, CHIFFONNES, SIDEBARDS, HATRACKS, ROCKING CHAIRS, DINING CHAIRS, DINING TABLES, CENTRE TABLES. A large assortment to select from at very attractive prices.

**RUGS AND ART SQUARES**

We are showing an especially attractive assortment of Rugs and Art Squares, all sizes and weaves, in beautiful designs. We invite the ladies especially to see them.

**STOVES AND HEATERS**

We have a very large stock of Stoves, Ranges and Heaters; also, all sizes of grates. Our prices on these are very attractive.

Beautiful line of BRASS and ENAMELED BEDS. Just the thing that you possibly have been expecting to buy this fall. Come in and let us show you.

Large stock of TRUNKS, SUIT CASES and TRAVELING BAGS, from the cheapest to the best.

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We invite those in need of Lap Robes, Saddles and Harness to see us before buying. We can make a close price on these goods.

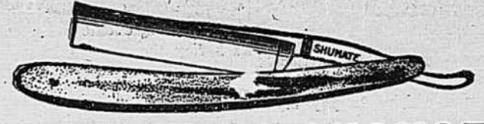
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**Edgefield Mercantile Company**

**Notice of Final Discharge.**

To All Whom These Presents May Concern:  
Whereas, Andrew C. Yonce has made application unto this Court for Final Discharge as Administrator in re the estate of C. K. Johnson deceased, on this the 7th day of December, 1920.  
These Are Therefore, to cite any and all kindred, creditors, or parties interested to show cause before me at my office at Edgefield Court House South Carolina, on the 7th day of January, 1921, at 11 o'clock a. m., why said order of discharge should not be granted.  
W. T. KINNAIRD,  
J. P. C., E. C., S. C.  
December 7, 1920.



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**Our Great Stock Reduction Sale Continues in Order to Close Out all Winter Dry Goods, Clothing, Shoes, Hats Underwear, etc.**

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WE BUY IN LARGE QUANTITIES AND CAN MAKE CLOSE PRICES. IT MATTERS NOT WHAT YOU WANT FOR YOUR CHRISTMAS TABLE WE WILL HAVE IT.

Begin your shopping early. We will appreciate a share of your holiday business. We are in a better position to serve you than ever before.

**Edgefield Fruit Company**