

A Moneyless Christmas.

A Christmas without spending money! Midwinter holidays without dolls or picture books, tops, toy cannon or jumping jacks, colored candies or any "store presents" of any kind whatsoever! Christ's nativity celebrated without a Christmas tree or a Christmas carol or a gathering of the children—no evergreen shrub sparkling with glass, no Santa Claus and no pantomime. Could such a thing be in a Christian land?

Yes, verily. And it is not so very long ago that just such a Christmas was the rule in three fourths of the United States—nay, it is the rule now in considerable sections where there are no large towns. So easily do we get accustomed to what is, and so naturally do children believe that the system they first noticed has always been the system, that most people do not know, and even the older ones are forgetting, that the Christmas of to-day is comparatively a new thing.

But what was the old time Christmas, and with what sights and sounds was it ushered in? Well, in the first place, it was—in all the rural regions at any rate—a time when no money could be "wasted." Children must have their fun without extra expense, save as each child had carefully saved his pennies. As to deliberately handing out a half dollar to a boy for Christmas—the average father would as soon have thought of giving him a deed for the farm. It was a season for rabbit hunting and sledging if there was ice, for a good dinner and an extra piece of pie, and then, perhaps, for some home made presents.

But times have changed, and the children of to-day would not be satisfied without a "good time" on Christmas. Now, what's to be done about it? Money is scarce and the cry of "hard times" is heard on every hand. The unpaid account at the grocery stares you on the one hand and provision for the coming year on the other, while the jolly days of Christmas come between for a share. Scratch, old folks, and let the children honor the glad old days of Christmas. Pay all your claims first, and let each and every one hurry to town and lay in a supply for the coming holidays.

EDITORIAL NOTES.

—Mr. L. W. Gault's well known citizen of Florence, died on the 15th.

—Mr. A. H. Jones, a prominent citizen of Charleston, is dead.

—Henry W. Gray's trip North and his much talking has given him a severe case of pneumonia.

—A French chemist has discovered how to solidify petroleum and run it into cakes like bricks.

—Col. William H. Duncan, a prominent citizen of Barnwell county died on the 15th.

—Mary F. Sawyer died a few days ago at Sterling, Mass., aged eighty-eight, she was the Mary that had the little lamb. The little lamb is dead, too, but the little poem which told of Mary and the little lamb, still lives.

—A consolidation was effected last week at St. Louis between the Knights of Labor and the Farmers' Alliance. It is now the National Farmers' and Laborers' Union. Col. L. L. Polk was elected President.

—The jury in the Dr. Cronin murder trial at Chicago have found a verdict, Coughlin, Burke and O'Sullivan were found guilty of murder and the penalty fixed of life imprisonment.

—North Carolina is about to go to seed on the building and loan association business. Agents of foreign associations are overrunning the State, endeavoring to establish branches. We caution the people to be careful about going into these enterprises.—Statesville Land.

A new sort of boot sole has been introduced in Nuremberg, consisting of a sort of trellis of spiral metal wire, the interstices being filled with gutta-percha and rosin. They can be fitted with nails like ordinary soles, are fifty per cent, cheaper than leather and vastly more durable.

—The following are the total net receipts of cotton at all the ports since September 1, 1889: Galveston 564,974 bales; New Orleans, 1,052,977 bales; Mobile, 161,131 bales; Savannah, 621,161 bales; Charleston, 261,819 bales; Wilmington, 96,020 bales; Norfolk, 238,088 bales; Baltimore, 22,545 bales; New York, 45,984 bales; Boston, 19,960 bales; Newport News, 15,218 bales; Philadelphia, 13,422 bales; West Point, 185,421 bales; Brunswick, 51,721. Total 3,349,541 bales.

—The Legislature is having two sessions a day, but little of general interest has been done. Mr. W. D. Evans' bill to sell the phosphate beds and get the State out of debt deserves special mention, and in our next will give some of the discussions on the bill. It was one of the most important bills of the session, and if it meets with success places our people under a debt of gratitude to Mr. Evans.

THE BIG SHOW COMING!

I will open on the 16th of December, one of the finest stocks of **HOLIDAY GOODS**

that has ever been offered to the trade of the Pee Dee section. These goods have all been bought with a great deal of care. I pride myself in saying that I have been before the public for over twenty years in this line, and with that long experience can certainly say that I ought to know how to buy, and to buy fully as cheap as those who are always "gassing" about where and how they buy, so don't be deceived by their "why's," "if's" and "how's." I have the Goods and I intend to sell and there is no use for any one to say they can sell cheaper than I will, for **SELL** is my name, so I MEAN JUST WHAT I SAY. My friends will find me

NEXT DOOR TO THE LADIES STORE,

where they will find plenty polite clerks to wait on them, so DON'T BUY UNTIL YOU GIVE ME A CALL. I will send up

A Balloon Every Night

During the Holidays, for the benefit of the public, the weather permitting.

PLUSH CASES of every description, from the cheapest to the finest, all shades and colors.

CHINAWARE.

A fine assortment TEA-SETS, 44 pieces, CHAMBER SETS, CUPS AND SAUCERS, PLATES, VASES, IMAGES, SHAVING MUGS, DRINKING MUGS, CHINA DOLLS.

VASES! VASES!! VASES!!!

This line is more than complete. I have them small to very large, fine to the finest, all shapes, colors and of every kind.

Dolls! DOLLS! Dolls!

My WAX DOLL line is beautiful and complete—dressed and undressed—open eyes or going to sleep. Also, Talking Dolls, China Dolls of all kinds and prices.

Wagons, Wagons.

A beautiful line of WAGONS, and at marvelous prices!

Velocipedes, Velocipedes.

A splendid assortment of sizes, and at bottom figures.

DRUMS, DRUMS!

A large stock of these goods, and pretty ones too, low down in prices.

A VERY LARGE ASSORTMENT OF TIN TOYS.

TIN HORSES ON WHEELS, TIN HORSES WITH RIDERS, TRUMPETS, BELLS, RATTLES, COOKING SETS, TEA SETS, SHEEP, GOATS, HORSES, STEAM ENGINES.

No use to mention any more names, as I have all you want at Rock Bottom Prices.

Furniture Sets and Tea Sets.

A large line of Black Boards, Writing Desks, Bureau Sets, Trunks, Wash Sets, Doll Sets, Cradles, and A B C Blocks.

GUNS, GUNS! PISTOLS, PISTOLS!

Something new in this line, and at the same time at prices to suit all.

Fireworks! * Fireworks!

A tremendous line of this class of goods, such as FIRECRACKERS, large and small, Roman Candles of all sizes, Sky Rockets and Torpedoes.

Balloons! Balloons!

My stock of Balloons can't be surpassed, and I will send up regular every night during the holidays balloons for my friends to see.

FRUIT! FRUIT! FRUIT!

A big lot of ORANGES, APPLES, LEMONS, BANANAS, COCONUTS, which will be sold at bottom figures.

CANDY, CANDY, CANDY.

The largest stock that has ever been offered to the public, and at prices so low till everybody can get sweetened.

NUTS, RAISINS, CITRON, CURRANTS, PRUNES.

Everything in this line is all O. K.

BUTTER, the very best the market affords, and don't forget it! Price—25 cents per lb.

Now my Friends, and the Public Generally:

I have said a great deal, and I mean every word that I have said. I have always sold the largest part of Xmas Goods that has been sold in Bennettsville, and I intend to sell them this season, so don't be too quick to buy, but come and examine my large stock and see for yourselves.

Thanking my friends and the public generally for their patronage in the past, I ask a continuance of the same in the future.

Respectfully,

A. J. ROWE.

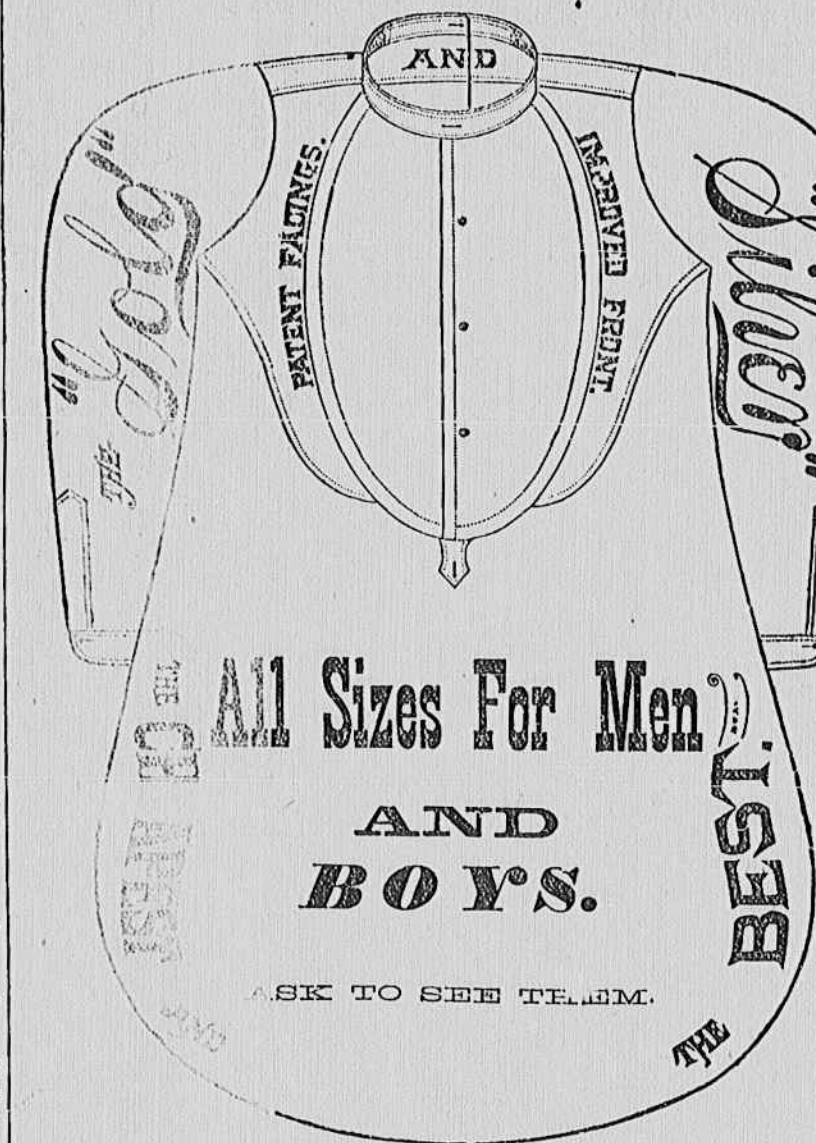
December 6th, 1889.

FALL AND WINTER

CLOTHING
AT THE VERY LOWEST PRICES,

WITH
SHIRTS, HATS, AND FURNISHING GOODS.

AT
A. J. Bristow & Co's.



The cool nights and mornings are upon us, and we would call attention to our stock of **CLOTHING FOR THE SEASON.**

ALSO LATEST HATS, Boys Shirt Waists, Boys Shirts, Boys Collars, and a large line of **BOYS SUITS**, from 4 to 18 years that must be sold.

We will offer special bargains for the entire season.

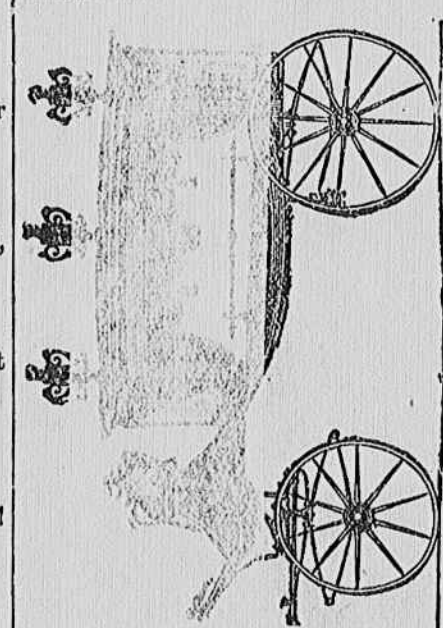
Prices will Tell the Story.

Very respectfully,

A. J. Bristow & Co.

R. T. BARFIELD, Manufacturer of **Furniture and Coffins,** North Side of Public Square, **BENNETTSVILLE, S. C.**

Furniture of all kinds made or repaired at short notice. I have also secured the services of a good **MATTRESS MAKER**, and can fill orders for new work or repair and renovate old work at short notice at moderate prices.



COFFINS AND CASKETS ALL SIZES AND PRICES.

I have two HEARSEES, and can attend funerals to the distance of 30 miles. Orders by Telegraph promptly filled.

When not in my shop I can be found at my residence in West Bennettsville, near Wallace Square's. Jan. 11, 1888.

OLD NEWSPAPERS FOR WRAPPING PURPOSES. For sale at this office.

UMBRELLAS, CELLULOID COLLARS AND CUFFS. Ladis & Misses Hose, At attractive prices. Ask to see this line of Goods.

READY FOR INSPECTION. (o) **MY FALL STOCK** Of Ladies DRESS GOODS, CLOTHING, SHOES, HARDWARE, CROCKERY.

A FULL LINE OF STAPLE GROCERIES. And hundreds of Articles Needed in the House and on the Farm, is now ready for

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We are making a specialty of the **WILSON CIGARETTES, PHILADELPHIA WAGONS**—noted for durability, and Strength.

CALL AND SEE US AND GIVE US A CHANCE TO SUIT YOU.

Respectfully,
J. M. Jackson.
Sept. 16, 1889.

Dissolution of Copartnership. THE firm of ROPER & WELCH is this day dissolved by mutual consent. All persons indebted to the late firm of Roper & Welch will make payment to Roper, Welch & Herring, successors to ROPER & WELCH.

Dec. 4, 1889

Copartnership. THE undersigned have this day formed a Copartnership under the style and firm name of Roper, Welch & Herring.

B. F. ROPER, G. R. WELCH, H. C. HERRING, BERRY GLEAVES.

Clio, S. C., Dec 2, 1889.

Palmetto Academy,

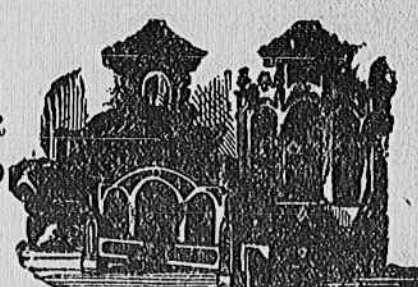
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N. D. JOHNSON, Principal.

The **SPRING TERM** of this school, which has an existence of over 30 years, begins the **FIRST MONDAY** in January, 1890. Prepares for College or for business. First class Teachers employed. More than 100 pupils enrolled the last session—the most prosperous in the history of the school. Expenses—Board (everything included) and Tuition, \$60.00 per session of 20 weeks. Book keeping \$1.00 extra. Music, including use of instrument, \$3.00 per month. Incidental fee, 10c. per month. Prompt attendance and punctual attendance insisted upon. For particulars address N. D. JOHNSON, Adamsville, S. C. Dec. 20, 1889.

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THE **LARGEST STOCK EVER BROUGHT TO THIS MARKET.**



THE **LARGEST ASSORTMENT TO SELECT FROM EVER SEEN IN BENNETTSVILLE**

BUREAUS, BEDSTEADS, CHAIRS, ROCKERS, CRADLES

MATTRESSES AND SPRING BEDS.

BEDROOM SUITS

DINING ROOM CHAIRS,

CONVENTION TABLES, ETC.

We mean business, and by calling and inspecting our stock and learning prices you will be liberally rewarded in your purchases. We quote prices only on a few articles

BEDSTEADS FROM \$1.25 UP.

MATTRESSES FROM \$2.50 UP.

SPRING BEDS FROM \$1.50 UP.

CHAIRS FROM 50 cts. UP

Seeing is Believing. Call and See Us.

Respectfully,

J. F. EVERETT

August 15, 1889.

AUCTION SALE

CARRIAGES AND BUGGIES.

HAVING just returned from the Western Markets, I will offer on the **FIRST MONDAY IN DECEMBER NEXT**, to the citizens of Marlboro and surrounding counties a lot of one hundred first-class

BUGGIES AND CARRIAGES of all styles, steel axle, springs and tire, with the following warranty on each vehicle sold

If a wheel, spring or axle breaks within one year from sale on account of bad material or workmanship it can be returned to me and I will replace it or repair it and pay freight one way.

I also offer the best line of

HARNESS AND WHIPS

that has ever been on this market. Come and see and be convinced.

Yours Respectfully,

F. M. EMANUEL.

Nov 8, 1889

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FAYETTEVILLE N. C.

Monuments and Tombstones either in Marble or granite at prices that defy competition.

Consult your interest by calling or writing for designs and prices. **ALL** Work delivered **FREE** at your nearest depot. **ELLERBE POWERS**, at Bennettsville, is my local agent for Marlboro County. Sept. 26, 1888.

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SPECIAL FORMULAS COMPOUNDED.

1 PURE FINE GROUND RAW BONE.

4 to 5 Ammonia,

22 to 24 Phos. Acid,

48 to 52 Bone Phosphate,

PURE DISSOLVED RAW BONE.

3 to 4 per cent. ammonia,

28 to 32 per cent. Avail. bone Phosphate,

No. 1 DISSOLVED RAW BONE.

3 to 3 1/2 per cent. Ammonia,

25 to 30 per cent. Avail. Bone Phosphate.

Stag Super Phosphate, for Tobacco; Ammoniated Bone Super Phos. for all Crops; Pure Fine Ground Raw Bone; Dissolved South Carolina Bone Phosphate; Bird Guano and Potash, for Corn; Super Phosphate of Lime; Ground Sulphate of Soda; Sulphate of Magnesia; Sulphate of Potash; Nitrate of Soda, 96 to 98 per cent.

BONE BLACK, FISH BLOOD, MEAL, ACIDS.

All grades Carbonated Guanoes. All goods guaranteed what they are represented to be. Send for prices before buying. Small grain special.

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October 4, 1889.