

HAVEN and BLUE POINT OPTICIAN, received every Wednesday and Saturday at

F. W. HABENICHT'S.

—On Thursday the Supreme Court granted license to six young men to practice law in all courts of the State. This is not more than one third of the usual number admitted on such occasions.

—Confound it if my fellow was worth anything, I would get one of those pretty Christmas Cards at Mrs. Henderson's.

—Considerable cotton has been sold in town during the past few days. The unusual quantity was perhaps due to the recent bad weather, which prevented farmers from bringing it to town.

—It costs nothing to get a chance at the Doll.

—An ordinance is in force prohibiting fire works on Congress or East Washington streets. Small boys and others interested will govern themselves accordingly.

—Young man, if you can't take one chance to get a fine Christmas Card for your girl, you don't think much of her.

—Mr. Clarence Brice lost five head of cattle last week—the work of a thief. He was in town on Monday looking for them, but did not succeed in finding any trace whatever.

—A raffle for those Large Candy Hearts at Mrs. Henderson's. Get one and give it to your Sweetheart.

—The appearance of the new building of Mount Zion has been completely changed by the cutting of the trees. It almost seems to have changed position, so plainly is it seen from different portions of town.

—The large forty-two inch Doll will be given to some one Christmas day.

—Even in the most prosperous times people will complain. There is reason, however, for much of it at present, but then there is still hog and hominy in the country, and we don't look for the rats to leave the old ship yet.

—Mrs. Henderson has just opened another lot of Fine Candies. The girls all say that if their Sweethearts would buy these pretty candy boxes, and fill them with candies for Christmas, all will be well.

—The number of scholars at Mount Zion have been steadily increasing since its opening. Last week seven new scholars were received, and we understand that quite a number will be admitted after Christmas.

—Judge of Probate Hinnant has qualified and took possession of the office on Wednesday. Judge Boyles in his retirement from office has the best wishes of his many friends. Mr. Hinnant has moved his family to town.

—It is rumored that the "extreme economists" of the Legislature, are even opposed to giving the canal to the city of Columbia. We are glad to say that while our Representatives are

PERSONAL.— has been prosecuted. studies at Sewanee, Tenn., is at home to spend the Christmas holidays with friends and relative.

Cadets Woodward Dixon and David Dwight, of the South Carolina Military Academy are home spending their Christmas holidays.

Mr. Chalmers, of Newberry, brother of the Rev. J. C. Chalmers, of this place, accompanied by his daughter is visiting in town.

Solicitor McDonald came up on Saturday. He says quick work will have to be done in the Legislature, as they have about 400 bills to act on before adjournment on Friday.

Mrs. C. A. Douglass went to Columbia Saturday on a short visit.

### FOR THE HOLIDAYS!

Just received direct from the Importers:

Pure Cognac Brandy,

Old Jamaica Rum,

Old Scotch Whiskey,

\* At F. W. HABENICHT'S.

RAILROAD ACCIDENTS.—The north-bound passenger train was derailed a short distance below Blythewood by a broken rail on Wednesday. The first-class passenger coach and the sleeper both careened slightly to the side, but rested on the track. None of the passengers were injured, although there were many on board the passenger coach. Only the conductor and porter were on the sleeper. The track could not be repaired in time for the south-bound passenger, but a transfer train was on hand to convey passengers on their way.

IMPORTANT NOTICE.—As has been previously announced to the public, Mr. Reynolds' will sever his connection with this paper on December 31st. In order that the business of the present firm may be settled, it is absolutely necessary that all indebtedness to the paper shall be satisfactorily arranged before that date. There are a large number of delinquent subscribers on the books, whom we urgently request to come up and settle. Of course this notice does not apply to regular contract advertisements which do not expire until the 1st of January.

GOING WEST.—We learn from a gentleman who was in town on Monday, that agents are busy at work in the western section of the county getting up crowds of negroes to go West. Some of these agents are colored men who went out several years ago, and have come back to induce others of their race to try the great West. It has, however, leaked out that these men are simply regular employed agents, and do not represent the laboring class on the Western farms. A large number of colored people have signified their willingness to go, and

churches, and it is contemplated making the Rev. D. E. Jordan a life member of the Society, by contributions from both congregations.

THE XMAS TREE.—We announced several days since that the Xmas tree, under the auspices of the ladies of town, would be at the Thespian Hall. This arrangement has since been changed, and the entertainment will be held at Boag's Opera House. The ladies of town have taken this matter in hand, and held a meeting on Monday afternoon at which final arrangements were perfected. Santa Claus, dressed in the apparel with which children are familiar, will be there, the delight of all young hearts and old ones too. He will distribute a handsome present to every one. The proceeds will go to the Mount Zion piano fund, and as the admission price is only twenty-five cents, which includes a ticket for a prize—and no blanks—everybody should attend.

—Finest Apples, Largest Coconuts, Largest Oranges, Finest and Cheapest Candies and Nuts, Best Bananas, and the best of everything for Christmas at Mrs. Henderson's.

A ROUGH WINTER.—Prof. Proctor, a weather prophet of Iowa, sometime since predicted that we are to have a rough winter, and so far the start is good. The Professor says: To be forewarned is almost equal to being well armed. Following the drouth will be a long, cold, stormy winter, with a large amount of snow. There will be some beautiful weather between this and the middle of December, and then, for at least three months extreme cold and snow blockades. Of course the cold will not be continuous, but during all this long period there will be general thaw, as we often have the last of January or in February. Such winters always cause great suffering to man and beast, and the wise will provide plenty of fuel, repair their dwellings and prepare good shelter for stock. We foretold the great drouth of this year many months before it commenced, and the forces that control the drouth also control the winters as to their severity or mildness. There is no superstition, no guess-work, no astrology about these predictions, but the calculations are made from what is known of the laws of nature, and if mistakes occur it is from miscalculations, as in any other mathematical problem.

### Their Business Booming.

Probably no one thing has caused such a general revival of trade at McMaster, Brice & Ketchin's store as their giving away to their customers of so many free trial bottles of Dr. King's New Discovery for Consumption. Their trade is simply enormous in this very valuable article from the fact that it always cures and never disappoints. Coughs, Colds, Asthma, Bronchitis, Croup and all throat and lung diseases quickly cured. You can test it before buying by getting a trial

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