

## HAVE YOU HAD THAT PHOTO MADE YET?

If not now is the time. I have sold my studio to Messrs. Green and Mullen and will go out of business.

## DECEMBER FIRST.

My work is known all over this section. I do only the best. If I make your photo it's bound to please. Remember I'm out of business after December 1st, SO COME NOW! : : : : : Have just received a line of the latest and most stylish cards.

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### FIRE NEAR MT. HOLLY.

Mr. Cleveland Rankin's Granary Burned—Politics Attracting But Little Attention—A Note Sounded For Progress—Personal Items.

East Gaston, Oct. 24—Possun hunters are now taking the woods, gathering in their favorite game, and along with them they are having taters and simmons. It makes us almost wish we were hunters too.

It has been reported in East Gaston for some time that Mr. E. O. Davis would return with his family from Oklahoma about Christmas on account of the health of his wife. It is reported now that her health has improved and that he will remain out West another year.

Mr. William Hipp has recruited enough to return to Charlotte and take his old position as inouder in a foundry.

Mr. Andy Hipp, who has been in California for several years working at the carpenter's trade, has returned home saying that North Carolina and East Gaston is the best place on earth to live.

Mr. B. Hipp, one of the best carpenters in the country, has completed a very large sales stable for Mr. Isaac C. Lowe at Lowesville, and is now working on the handsome house of Mr. A. A. Farrar at Farrartown.

The granary, cotton, carriage and tool house of Mr. Cleveland Rankin was burned down last Saturday night, and along with it most of the contents, including several bales of seed

cotton. It is thought that it was set on fire.

Miss Mattie Rumpfelt is visiting her friend Mrs. Lena Harky at Lucia. Mrs. Harky has been visiting her parents in East Gaston for several days.

Mrs. J. F. Caldwell has about recovered from her recent spell of sickness much to the delight of her many friends.

The family of Mr. and Mrs. A. M. Mangus have about recovered from the awful spell of sickness that they have had for a long time. It will be remembered that two of Mr. Mangus' daughters died during this awful and trying time. Everybody in this country rejoices that Mr. Mangus' family have about recovered.

Everybody seems to be satisfied in East Gaston, with the present state of affairs in politics. No one seems to be paying any attention to anything except their own business.

Were it not for the newspapers we would not know there was a campaign being waged in this country. Men have quit their foolishness since the populists died, and instead of cussing one another to death they are holding up their heads and looking decent. What fools men are when they let politics get away with them till they fall out with their neighbors and friends, for a candidate that don't care a continental for him except his vote. Men hold up for your neighbors and your country more and vote for the man of your choice; but don't turn a fool about him, for this he will not commend you for doing.

It is dry and our farmers are not getting any wheat and oats sowed but they are taking time picking cotton and pulling corn.

We notice Ignoramus airs him self in your last issue, Mr. Editor, let him go it. We accord him the privilege of thinking as he pleases, but while he is pulling back we want our people to keep moving along building good roads and better school houses, and having better and longer schools, taught by high-toned teachers. We are for progress and good government.

EAST GASTON.

### The Candidate for Sheriff Married the Lady Tax Collector.

Boone Democrat.

Mr. Rome Triplett, Democrat candidate for sheriff of Caldwell county, and Miss Mary Ester, who has the distinction of being the only female tax collector in North Carolina, were married at the home of the bride in Globe on Tuesday evening. Of course Mr. Triplett will be elected and we take it that his bride will be of much service to him in the discharge of his official duties.

Miss Rater's father was the Republican sheriff of Caldwell. He died last year and his bondsmen selected his daughter to collect the taxes which work it is said she performed successfully and promptly.

Across the Line.

Mr. Thomas L. Miller and Miss Annie McGinn of the Old Mill drove across the line to Clover Sunday morning and were married. They were accompanied by Miss Della Miller, a sister of the groom, Miss Willie Rhyme, Mr. Jack Stroup and Mr. Scott Ramsey. Mr. and Mrs. Miller will make their home at the Old Mill.

### BIRTHPLACE OF R. E. LEE.

Famous Old Stratford is One of the Best Preserved of the Old Colonial Houses of Virginia, Ruggedly Simple and Unique in Architecture—Ancient Environments a Lingerling Charm.

Richmond Special to New York Herald.

Wednesday was the anniversary of the death of Robert E. Lee.

He was born at Stratford, Westmoreland county, the home of many distinguished forebears. Chief among these stands out Richard Henry Lee.

Stratford, on the Potomac, as it stands out in the glow of the autumnal sun, is one of the best preserved of the old colonial homes of Virginia. It is a pile of English brick constructed somewhat in form of a flattened letter H. It is ruggedly simple and unique in architecture from the high basement to two clusters of chimneys on the roof. No ornamental feature of architecture or of decoration beautifies or mars its simplicity. It stands squarely on its own firm foundation, as did its builders and inhabitants.

Stratford was built by Thomas Lee, fifth son of Richard Lee, whose father, Colonel Richard Lee, was the first of his family to come to Virginia. He came from Shropshire, England, in 1641, forced by his loyalty to the royal cause to abandon his native land. Thomas Lee built Stratford in the early years of the eighteenth century, naming it after his English estate. It was burned down, but with the aid of \$50,000 from Queen Charlotte it was rebuilt in its original pattern in 1729. Thomas Lee was president and commander in chief of the colony, and later was appointed governor. Colonel Lee, however, died before the commission as governor reached him.

He had six sons, all of whom grew to honorable manhood. They were Philip Ludwell, Thomas Ludwell, Richard Henry, Francis Lighton, William and Arthur. Two of these were signers of the Declaration. Philip Ludwell Lee had a daughter, Matilda. She became the wife of her distant cousin, "Lighthorse Harry" Lee. Mrs. Matilda Lee left Stratford to her son Henry, and here, after her death, his father brought a second bride, Miss Ann Carter, who became the mother of Robert E. Lee.

A corner room to the right of the right wing is that in which local tradition says Richard Henry Lee and his brothers and Robert E. Lee were born. It is a large chamber, high ceilinged and many windowed, with a spacious and comfortable fireplace, over which is a colonial mantel.

The house and grounds are surrounded by a high brick wall, now broken in many places. The two original front gateways must have been elaborate, as remnants of carved sandstone columns and caps are lying about in the grass. Some distance from each of the four corners of the house stand small brick outhouses. One was the kitchen, as may be seen by the twelve-foot, wide open fireplace, with the huge crane still over it for swinging the big pots and kettles into place. Some distance to one side of the mansion stand the stable and barns, all in fair condition.

The main entrance to the house is reached by a flight of sandstone steps. Two long outer staircases enter upon a passage extending the length of the house.

The house contains eighteen large rooms. The front door ushers one into the central hall about thirty feet square, which serves as a connecting link between the wings. It is paneled in oak from floor to ceiling with decorative plasters relieving the panels at intervals. A door on the opposite side from that entered opened upon a similar flight of stone steps, which led down to the garden. Both doors are flanked on either side by a large window. Roomy bookcases, with glass front doors, are set in four panels.

The drawing room is on the river side of the house—a large high ceilinged room, with generous fireplaces and two deep recessed windows.

Another colonial structure of that section and associated with it is the old parish church of Yeocomico. It is sixteen miles from Stratford, but near Lee Hall, Mount Pleasant and other prominent homes in the county. This is one of the best examples of the pre-Revolutionary houses

of worship still in use in Virginia.

The original font, of white marble, in handsome design, is still in place in the chancel, as is the communion table. There is a local tradition that George Washington was "received into Christ's flock" by way of this historic basin but evidence is strongly in favor of the sacrament having been performed in the family church at Pope's Creek. It is, however, a recorded fact that Robt. E. Lee was herein baptized.

Old Yeocomico was built in 1706, with bricks brought from the mother country, and they have stood the nearly two hundred years of their existence with admirable fortitude. Over the main entrance is a Gothic porch that recalls old England. The door reached through this is a massive affair of double planking held together with hand-made bolts. Wrought iron hinges extend across half its surface. It is so heavy as to be difficult to open, and for convenience a smaller door has been cut within the larger that one may lift the latch and enter with ease.

Two brick paved aisles transect, transept and nave. The latter leads to the railed chancel, which holds the altar and font. A modern pulpit and desk are half way up the aisle, and so situated that the minister may be in the center of the congregation. Two square many-paned windows light the edifice and a gallery at the rear of the transept provides seating capacity for colored persons.

The church stands in a well shaded God's acre, wherein repose the bones of the departed flock of the neighborhood. Surrounding the churchyard is a brick wall. This was recently put in repair by persons interested in its welfare.

During the war of 1812 Yeocomico church suffered at the hands of soldiers set to watch the British who came up from the Potomac on expeditions. They tore down the wall about the churchyard and opened the doors of the edifice, leaving it to the mercy of the elements. They used it as a stable, and finally abandoned it to the flocks and herds of the neighborhood. The church was again despoiled by soldiery during the Civil war, but was again restored.

Another historic spot in the neighborhood is the original glebe, with its parsonage, belonging to Yeocomico church. This is one of the few original parsonages and glebes to be found in Virginia to-day. Though it long ago passed from the possession of church, State or crown, the substantial brick house is in almost as good condition to-day as when occupied by Dr. John Augustine Smith, for many years pastor of the parish and later president of William and Mary College. Servants and horses were plentiful, however, and parson as well as squire preferred his house situated upon one of the lovely salt water creeks that intersect this historic corner of old Virginia to being perched high and dry beside his church.

### COOKING and COOKING SCHOOLS

Some Old Delectable Dishes that Are Not Made Any More.

Houston Post.

The school board of Chicago is conducting seven free public kitchens, and it is said that more than a thousand women are learning to cook in these schools. Thirty nationalities are represented among the pupils, China among them. Ten Chinese are taking lessons. Factory girls contemplating matrimony are learning how to cook and being trained to be housewives. Housewives are learning to cook that they may know how to economize with out causing the family table to suffer.

The aim of the teacher is to train the students to manage simple homes in a capable manner. And while this array of working women and housewives is working, another army is sewing. The course in sewing includes dress making and millinery, hand sewing, the use and care of the sewing machine, and exercises in pattern making fitting and designing.

In our judgment, the cooking school is a very valuable adjunct to a system of public education. It has been tested, and has proved its efficiency in the Port Worth high schools.

It would appear that the art of cooking has fallen into bad ways in Texas, and common experience proves that other States are little if any better off than we are. Through out the South, which used to be famous for its culinary excellence, the

## Time of Autumn Harvest.

The gathering time of nature is at hand. For the changing season, new styles, new goods, new garments are needed, and the great gathering of fresh, bright, new goods we have made in anticipation of your wants enables us to be equal to every Autumn demand. Our store is overflowing with Autumn's harvest; come and see and reap while the harvest is full.

### New Neckwear.

The new collars in great variety of colors and styles at 15c and 25c.

### Hosiery, Underwear.

Our fall line has just arrived. Ladies Vests, heavy fleece lined, 25c to 50c.

Combination suits in wool and cotton from 50c to \$2.50 per suit.

Children's heavy fleeced Union Suits, each 50c.

Misses and children's hosiery, best 10 cent line on the market. Better grades 15c to 25c.

Ladies Hose—our lines for 10c, 15c and 25c cannot be beaten. Same way with our higher grade goods at 37 1/2c, 50c, 75c, and \$1.00.

### Lace Collars.

Lace Collars in greater demand this season than ever before. Our second shipment of them just received. The new designs are simply beautiful. Prices \$1 to \$5.

### Ladies' and Misses' Coats.

Our line of Misses' Coats is larger and more varied than we have ever carried before. Big assortment of qualities and styles. Prices \$1 to \$7.

Our line of Ladies' coats beginning at \$5 and running to \$20 is one of surprising beauty. We call special attention to our \$5, \$6, \$7, \$7.50, \$8.50, as being the prettiest garments ever shown here for the prices named.

### Dress Goods and Trimmings.

In this department we are particularly strong, having almost doubled our stock for this

season's buying. The greatest care has been employed in selecting the very newest in every grade and design, while at the same time we have been specially careful to see that durability and all other wearing qualities were of the very best. Our stock is superb in neatness, beauty and variety. We haven't space to say enough on this topic. Come and see the goods. Prices run from 25c to 45c, 48c, 50c, 75c, 80c, 95c, \$1, \$1.25, \$1.50, \$1.75, \$2, per yard.

Outings—Variety of colors, good quality at 10c yard.

Crepe Flannels, yard, 10c.

Jasper Waitings, yard, 15c.

### Peco Petticoats.

These, you know, are the leaders, each, 95c, \$1, \$1.25, \$1.50.

Our 3 ruffle 95 cents skirt is a champion seller.

### Corsets and Girdles.

Our line is complete with the new forms and shapes. We also have a full line of batiste and tape girdles.

### Handkerchiefs.

All linen, 5c, 10c, 15c, 20c, 25c. Swiss embroidered, 10c, 15c, 25c. Lawn, 5c, 10c, 15c, 25c. Fancy Handkerchiefs for sofa pillow covers, complete line, 10c each.

### Millinery.

Our styles this year, are bright, crisp, new, unapproachable. Come and take a look and bring your friends with you. You will find here the latest and best styles in headwear and most likely at smaller prices than you really expected to pay.

We believe in doing a lively business and the proper way to do it is to keep the right styles and sell them at the right prices. After inspecting our stock you will quickly come to the conclusion that we are the right people to see in millinery.

### LADIES' FURNISHINGS A SPECIALTY.

## JAS. F. YEAGER,

## HEALTH is the Most Important

The manufacturers of Royal Baking Powder have had 40 years of scientific experience.

Every method of bread-and-cake raising has been exhaustively studied in this country and abroad.

The result is a perfect product in Royal Baking Powder. There is no substitute for it. The purity and efficiency of Royal Baking Powder have been commended by the highest authorities of the world.

These facts mean two important things to all housekeepers:

- First: that Royal Baking Powder is healthful and makes wholesome food.
- Second: that Royal Baking Powder makes food good to taste.

ROYAL BAKING POWDER ABSOLUTELY PURE

## BIG BANKRUPT SALE

The big bankrupt sale of the Gastonia Bargain House Stock, begun Saturday, is still in full blast. Everything is being sold at an average of 50 cents on the \$1. You can't afford to miss this big sale. Come and bring your family.

### WHITFIELD DRY GOODS CO.

## COME ONE! COME ALL!

We have a nice lot of RUBBER TIRE BUGGIES on hand. Any one wishing to purchase one will do well to call and see what we have and get our prices and terms. We will be glad to show you what we have and will use our best efforts to satisfy you in quality and style. We have in stock new vehicles, prices ranging from \$25 to \$117.50. Come in and get A BRAND NEW BUGGY.

We are again ready to supply you with mules and horses, having only a few days ago received a car load of stock from Tennessee. These stock were selected by our old buyer Mr. Gen. A. Anderson and among them you will find some extra nice pairs of mules and a few good horses to suit almost any one wishing a good animal. Call and see our stock before buying elsewhere, and oblige.

## CRAIG AND WILSON