

Local Matters

POINTMENTS OF REV. J. M. V. 178
July, 1st and 3d Sabbath
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—Miss Belle Clyburn is visiting her sister, Mrs W S Taylor, in Charlotte.

—The Daughters of the Confederacy will serve dinner for the public on Monday and Tuesday of court week at a reasonable price. The funds will go to increase the Confederate monument fund.

—Mrs A J Bass and her little niece, Francella Caldwell, of Norway, S. C., are guests of Mrs J P Evans.

—Mrs L S Strait is visiting her parents in Chester county this week.

—Mr Oscar Williams, of New York City, is on a visit to his parents, Judge and Mrs D A Williams, at this place.

—Miss Maggie Creusshaw, of Van Wyck, is visiting her sister, Mrs J F Clyburn.

—Miss Brennie Thompson, of Riverside, is visiting relatives at Mt Gilead.

—Misses Bessie and Ellen Jordan are visiting relatives at Leslie, in York county.

—Mr. J. F. Gregory visited his parents at Taxahaw Saturday and Sunday. His mother who has been quite ill, is some better.

—The time for paying taxes with the 7 per cent penalty expires today. Tomorrow according to the law, executions will be issued and placed in the hands of the sheriff. By paying your taxes today you will save considerable expense.

—We are glad to learn that Mr J Wren Tillman, who has been under treatment of Dr Pryor at Chester for several weeks, for some derangement of the digestive organs, is much improved and was expected home Monday night.

—The pension board for Lancaster county has forwarded its report to Columbia. 21 applications were passed upon favorably and should none of them be turned down by the State board there will be just twelve more pensioners for this county than were on the roll for last year, nine having been dropped from the roll by reason of death.

—Mr. James Lowry, of Lancaster, and Miss Rebecca Wright, who lives near the Highland Park Mill in this city, were married Wednesday night at 8 o'clock at the home of the bride's father by Rev. W. B. Duncan.—Rock Hill Herald.

—An up-to-date market is being opened in the Cunningham store room recently vacated by Deitz Bros. The proprietors are Messrs L S Elliott, S W Heath and — Watkins, the latter of Camden and having had sixteen years experience in the business. Meats, dressed fowl, butter, eggs, vegetables, etc., will be there for you when you want them. The proprietors expect to make it equal to any city market.

—The capitation tax of 50 cents on all dogs to be expended for school purposes in the county where collected ought to increase the school funds of Lancaster county \$804 50 for the ensuing fiscal year, there having been 1,609 dogs returned for taxation in this county last year and presumably as many have been returned this year. 71,713 dogs were returned in the State, the capitation tax on which would amount to \$35,856.50.

—Subscribe to The Ledger.

Robbed While He Slept

On Sunday night last Mr Lester S Starnes, who lives about seven miles North of town, was robbed of \$21.60 in money and his pistol while he slept. The money was taken from a pocket of his pants, which were hanging at the head of his bed, while the pistol was taken from the mantel board in his bed room. A negro boy, Will Thomas, who was hired to Mr Starnes and who slept in the cook room on the premises, ran off that night and has not been heard of since. Mr Starnes is certain that the negro slipped into his room and committed the theft as there was no other cause for his leaving. Efforts are being made to ascertain the whereabouts of Thomas. It is said that he once lived about Concord, N. C., and came to this county from there.

Suit for \$50,000 Damages

The administrator of the estate of Mrs. Annie S. McManus whose home was at Wilmington, N. C., has brought suit in the York county court against the Seaboard Air Line Railroad company, for \$50,000 damages. This suit is for the killing of Mrs. McManus in the wreck near Catawba Junction on the 9th of last September and is in the interest of her husband and three minor children, all daughters.

Messrs. Wilson & Wilson of this city have been employed to prosecute the suit and it is expected that the case will be heard at the coming term of court.—Rock Hill Herald.

Money in Diversified Farming

"I can make money farming and never raise a pound of cotton," said a prosperous farmer in our presence yesterday. "Ten years ago," he continued, "I was almost overwhelmed with debt. I had been raising all cotton and the hope of extricating myself from debt was almost abandoned when I began diversified farming. In three years after I began it I found myself out of debt and a little money to my credit, and I have been getting along very well ever since. I would advise all farmers to pursue the course I have." The gentleman who was talking will not permit us to use his name. When asked what he had sold from his farm the past year besides cotton he stated that as yet he had only sold half of his cotton, but that he had sold over \$800 worth of other products such as hay, corn, fodder, cabbage, potatoes, butter, eggs, cattle, fowls, etc. "Yes," he said, "I have it itemized" and he proceeded to give the amount of each he has sold. He works a four-horse farm and had made forty bales of cotton on something over that many acres. When asked if he would reduce his cotton acreage this year he promptly replied, "Yes, one fourth, whether other do or not."

We could tell of the improvements this gentleman has made on his farm within the past few years, of the handsome residence he has built, and also the number of children he now has in college, etc., but to tell all this would probably be equivalent to giving his name which we promised him not to do. The idea we wish to impress is that there is money in diversified farming.

—Cloud has returned from the Northern markets. See his new adv. in this issue.

—The following names were unintentionally omitted from the honor roll of the graded school published in our last issue: 3d grade—scholarship, Ruth McCardsell; attendance, (for six months) Maude Clyburn, Zelma Johnson, Maude Moore, Elliott Springs, Pearce Horton.

"A Carolina Heroine."

Lancaster cor. The News and Courier: Miss Blanche Cousar, a bright Lancaster girl, has recently accepted the position of stenographer and typewriter for D. W. Alberman & Sons' Co., of Alcolu, S. C. Her history is an exemplification of what even a girl may accomplish when imbued with the determination to be the architect of her own fortune.

As a child Miss Cousar was ambitious to acquire an education, but, being without means and having to work for a living, her prospects were anything but encouraging. She soon found a way, however, to overcome all difficulties. Her plan was to attend the Lancaster graded school during the day and to work at night in the cotton mills. She had to walk a mile to the school and a mile from her home to the mills. That was a hard, very hard task for a child, studying all day and working nights; but for one with little Blanche Cousar's courage and resolution it meant success.

Notwithstanding the fact that she had but little time to prepare for her recitations, she was one of the graded school's honor graduates a year or so ago.

After finishing school she devoted her entire time to mill work in order to make enough money to enable her to go off and take a business course, which she did last fall, going to the Welsh Neck High School, of Hartsville. She recently concluded her studies there and is now filling the responsible position referred to at Alcolu.

For one of her tender age and limited experience, Miss Cousar writes remarkably well, her vocabulary and descriptive powers being really wonderful. Her school compositions were of such decided merit that more than one was published in the local papers at the request of the then superintendent, Mr. L. T. Baker, now at the head of the Mount Zion Institute, Winnsboro.

Items From Kershaw Era.

—Dr. S. G. Rutledge and Miss Ida Truesdel were married Sunday afternoon at the home of the bride's grandmother, Mrs. Seaborn Truesdel, Dr. E. F. Rice officiating. The congratulations and best wishes of the Era are extended to them.

—Mr. John E. Hough has been elected dispenser at Camden. Mr. Hough is the eldest son of Mr. A. R. Hough, the Kershaw dispenser. Mr. Grover C. Welsh will be his clerk. They will probably take charge this week.

—Miss Fay Cook, daughter of Auditor J. A. Cook, of Lancaster, visited the family of Hon. W. U. Clyburn near Haile Gold Mine last week. Miss Ada Clyburn accompanied her home Saturday.

—Little Roy, the infant son of Mr. and Mrs. D. W. Belk, aged eighteen months, died the 10th inst of measles and was buried in the Kershaw cemetery Saturday afternoon. The funeral service was conducted by Dr. E. F. Rice.

Found Gold in Abundance.

A special to The News and Courier from Lancaster, March 11th, says: Mr. Moore, a mining expert from Colorado, who is now connected with the Blackmon gold mine in this county, which is being worked by a Charleston company, made an examination yesterday of Mr. J. D. Nisbet's plantation, some miles north of Lancaster. He found gold in abundance and predicts that it will prove to be one of the richest mines in the country.

Mass Meeting Monday.

The farmers and others interested are reminded of the fact that a mass meeting will be held at the courthouse next Monday, 20th instant, at midday.

Everybody in sympathy with the present farmers' movement is especially urged to attend.—President Smith and Treasurer Hyatt, of the State Association, have been invited to be present and to make addresses.

T. J. Strait,
Pres. Co. Association.
Geo. W. Jones,
County Secretary.

Great Enterprise on Foot.

Special to News and Courier.

Yorkville, March 12—Your correspondent is reliably informed that parties interested in the Catawba River Company have recently acquired a controlling interest in what is known as Mountain Island shoal, located on Catawba River, in Gaston County, North Carolina, twenty five or thirty miles above the site of their present plant in York County, and that a similar plant will be erected there as soon as practicable and that a third plant is to be erected without delay by another company in which the Dukes of the American Tobacco Company are interested on the same stream at Catawba Falls, which is said to be the most magnificent water power in the South and one of the best in America, something like 60,000-horse power being the amount believed to be available, and then the combined power of the three plants is to be available over a circuit of wires taking in Lancaster, Winnsboro, Chester, Yorkville, Clover, Gastonia, Dallas, Charlotte, Fort Mill, Rock Hill, and back to Lancaster.

The combined power of the three plants, if fully developed, will be in the neighborhood of 80,000-horse power and will be sufficient to operate about three times as much machinery as is now in operation in all the towns mentioned. The gentleman from whom your correspondent got this information said that he got it direct from Dr. Wylie, and that that gentleman did not so much as intimate that there was any doubt as to the ultimate successful carrying out of the plan outlined. S. M. G.

Letter to J. A. P. Sistate.

Lancaster, S. C.

Dear Sir: Some think we take a good deal of risk in inviting complaints of Devoe lead-and-zinc—we authorize our agent to sell it under this guarantee:

"If you have any fault to find with this paint, either now in putting it on, or hereafter in the wear, tell your dealer about it."

"We authorize him to do what is right at our expense."

The following story tells how little the risk is:
J. H. Asher & Co., hardware dealers, Rhinebeck, N. Y., have sold Devoe from '76 to now; have sold thousands of gallons and have had just one complaint in all this time.

Three sides of a house were perfect; the fourth was as bad as the three were good.

Explanation—It rained the night before the fourth side was painted; and the painters didn't wait for the wood to dry.

What is done in such a case? Whatever the dealer, who sold the paint, considers it fair to do. We leave it to him. He may not do exactly what we should do if we were there; but we are not there. The best we can do is to leave it to him.

Yours truly,
F. W. DEVOE & Co.
Lancaster-Mercantile Co. sell our paint.

Big Floods in California.

Los Angeles, Cal., March 13.—The Seventh street bridge over Los Angeles river fell today, carrying with it into the flood-swelled river 12 to 15 persons, two of whom are believed to have been drowned.

Flood conditions in Los Angeles and vicinity are the worst known in many years. Los Angeles river, flooded by tributaries from the mountains and from the high country where heavy floods have occurred, is bankful and has reached the highest point known in 13 years. Much loss has been sustained by the city from damaged streets, broken storm drains and sewers.

Along the coast various other towns have suffered. At Santa Monica two piers were destroyed and the damage along the shore there is estimated at \$200,000. At Long Beach the damage to the wharf and to small boats is estimated at \$20,000.

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Our buyer has just returned from the Northern Markets where he selected one of the choicest and up-to-date lines of

Spring and Summer Goods

ever brought to Lancaster.

These goods are arriving daily, and in a few days we will have them on display and we cordially invite one and all to come and inspect our goods.

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36-inch Andrew Scoggins' Ble. Domestic, 10 yds for 89 cts.

36-inch Brown Sheeting 4 3-4 cents per yard.

Checked Homespun, per yard, 4 1-2 cents.

Good Calicoes, pretty patterns, 4 1-2 cents per yard.

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