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More Buildings to be Erected.

Lancaster cor. The News and Courier: The present year is going to be a notable one in the history of Lancaster for the number and character of the buildings erected. The handsome residence Dr. Poovey is having built, the mammoth building—to contain eleven store rooms, fine hotel, etc.—and the elegant colonial dwelling which are to be built by Col. Springs, have already been referred to in this correspondence. And there are others.

Mr. L. P. Roddey, of the Lancaster and Chester Railroad, has contracted for the erection of an unusually attractive residence, to be located on Main street, on what is known as the Mayer lot, work to begin May 1. Mr. C. C. Whittaker, of Concord, N. C., is the contractor, and the plans were drawn by Architect J. M. McMichael, of Charlotte.

Mr. Roddey's building is to be of colonial design, two stories besides the basement, and will contain nine rooms exclusive of bath rooms, pantry, closets, etc. The material is to be pressed brick and wood—the latter Georgia pine. The hall, dining room and parlor are to be connected by means of sliding doors. The interior of the hall is to be finished in quartered oak with paneled ceiling, six electric lights depending from the latter. A cosy fire place will be located about the centre of the hall. Burlap wainscoting is to be placed in both the hall and the dining room. A broad, handsome stairway will lead from the hall to the second story. The various rooms will be plastered with patent wood fibre or hard clinch.

One of the most attractive features about the house will be the vestibule, which is to be of leaded art glass with oak wainscoting. The front doors, as well as the doors leading from the vestibule into the hall, are to be double and of beveled plate glass set in veneered oak. The mantels will be of superior quality and unique design.

The building is to be equipped with all modern conveniences and appliances, including water works and electric light systems. Electric annunciators will also be installed.

Mr. C. J. Henry, cashier of the Lancaster mercantile Company, is also going to build at once an ideal home, of modern architecture. The plans have already been prepared by Architect McMichael, and Mr. Henry is now considering bids submitted by contractors, to do the work. The building is to be erected on a lot recently bought by Mr. Henry, on Dunlap street. It is to be a ten-room house and two stories in height. The plans have been drawn with especial reference to convenience and comfort as well as attractiveness in appearance. As in the case of Mr. Roddey's building, the plans provide for water works and electric lights.

Other citizens are catching the building contagion and the erection of the buildings noted will doubtless be followed by others this summer.

—Pay for The Ledger.

The Granite Company—Survey being made for Branch Railroad.

Lancaster cor. The News and Courier: The Excelsior Granite Company which recently purchased about 1000 acres of Dr. Strait's granite lands, in Cedar Creek Township, as noted in this correspondence at the time, was reorganized yesterday under the name of the Southern Granite Company, the capital stock remaining the same, \$200,000.

The new company will not only greatly enlarge the plant the old Excelsior company has been operating at the Strait quarry, but will at once take steps to build a branch railroad from the quarry to Heath Springs, on the Southern, a distance of six miles.

Mr. M. S. Law, a civil engineer of Rock Hill, left here this morning for the quarry to begin a preliminary survey of the branch road. As soon as the survey is completed and an estimate made of the cost of building, the contract will be let to a construction company to build the road. It is thought that the road can be completed and ready for use in ninety days from commencement of work. The grading will be comparatively light, as considerable work along that line was done a year or so ago by the Excelsior company to enable it to operate a traction engine in transporting granite from the quarry to Heath Springs.

The Franklin Circle Meeting.

Reported for The Ledger.

The Franklin Circle held a most delightful and profitable meeting Monday afternoon of last week. Mrs. J. J. Blackmon was hostess, which of itself means the club's entertainment was delightful in every particular. Miss Hattie Taylor and Miss Ivy Crawford were the guests of honor. The reports of the committees on civic improvement, year book, and club books, were heard. Mrs. Ira B. Jones and Mrs. M. J. Perry were elected delegates to Federation, which meets in Union in May. Mrs. J. J. Blackmon and Mrs. C. J. Henry were elected alternates. Much interest was felt in reports from cemetery work. The music rendered by Miss Ivy Crawford added much to the pleasure of the occasion. After meeting adjourned a very tempting menu was served, by little Misses Bleeka Hanson and Esther Hood.

Letter to J. A. Miller.

Lancaster, S. C.

Dear Sir: Two years ago, Mr. Grant Smith, Erie, Pa., painted three frame houses, and the woodwork of a brick house.

The painter estimated \$116.50 for the paint, lead and oil.

He bought Devco \$97.40 and returned \$11.60. Saved \$31.10 on the paint.

Don't know the cost of the work. By the rule, the saving of labor would be from \$60 to \$90.

On all, from \$90 to \$120.

This is the tale, as it comes from Messrs. W. F. Nick & Son, our agents there for 40 years.

Yours truly,

F. W. Devco & Co.

Lancaster Mercantile Co. sell our paint.

A Dispensary Shortage.

St. Matthew's, April 20.—A dispensary inspector was in town this afternoon and reported that the dispensary at Fort Motte, this county, is one thousand dollars short. The matter is greatly regretted here, where the dispenser is well known and universally popular. J. H. D.

THE WAR.

After remaining in Kamraih Bay, French Cochinchina, for something like a week, it is announced that the Russian fleet sailed Friday. It is expected that within a short time a clash of greater or less magnitude will occur with Togo's ships, and the world awaits the outcome with interest. The stay of Rojestvensky's squadron in Kamraih Bay, which is in French territory, was so prolonged that Japan formally protested to the French government that neutrality was being violated. While 24 hours is generally regarded as the limit for belligerents to remain at a neutral port under the circumstances surrounding the Russian squadron, it appears that Rojestvensky took advantage of the French for a stay of something like six or seven days. Speculation has been rife during the week just past as to the tactics of Togo, and as bearing on this, the Japanese minister to Great Britain, Baron Hayashi, gave it as his opinion that while the Japanese admiral had no fear whatever as to the outcome of a general engagement, being certain that he was able to destroy the Russian squadron in a great battle, he would probably prefer to attack with only a part of his vessels at a time, with a view to inflicting as great a loss as possible on the enemy with as little corresponding damage to his own vessels as might be. This sounds plausible enough, but the genial Japanese minister may have made that statement with the idea of concealing Togo's real motives. In view of the things he has done, it is hard to believe that the wily admiral will be caught napping when the critical time arrives. If he is, and the Russian squadron gets the better of him, great will be the calamity.

A little news has sifted through from Manchuria, but it has only to do with small engagements here and there and the world is not interested: it is listening for the firing of big gun in the China Sea.—Charlotte Observer.

Hard Fight With Two Negroes.

Columbia, April 22.—Policeman Davis had an encounter with two negroes this afternoon, in which the latter got the worst of it. The officer was about to arrest one negro for disorderly conduct, when both jumped on him. He used his club freely and floored them both. One of the negroes broke his leg below the knee in the scrimmage. He says his name is Powell. The other was too drunk to tell what his name is. Both were very bloody from the use of the club, but the policeman had to use it vigorously to protect himself, and is very much to be commended for not using his pistol.

Reducing the Acreage.

The Commerce (Ga.) News, says: "One farmer reduced his acreage like this: Last year he planted 30 acres; this year he will plant only 20. But his wife has gone to farming. She plants 8. His son plants 2. That makes the landing."

Distinguished Actor Dead.

West Palm Beach, Fla., April 23.—Joseph Jefferson died at his home, "The Reefs," at Palm Beach, at 6:15 o'clock this evening. The end came after a day of unconsciousness and after a heroic struggle of days, which had exhausted his vitality. At his death bed were his wife, his sons, Charles B. and Frank Jefferson; his nurse, Miss Mabel Bingham; Dr. R. B. Potter, and his faithful old servant, Carl Kottler.

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MILLINERY

Our MISS GARRISON has just returned from the North with the Latest Novel ties and Styles for the coming season.

All are cordially invited to attend the O'PENING, Wednesday, April 5th, 1905.

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