

CHILDREN BURNED TO DEATH.

Mr. Marion Dominick's Little Child and a Negro—Other News in and Around Prosperity.

Prosperity, December 10.—The past week seems to have been a week of fires to the surrounding communities and in some cases resulting in loss of life. Mr. Marion Dominick's little child caught fire from a fire in the yard and was burned so severely that it soon died from the effects. A tenant house was burned by W. P. Counts, occupied by Mr. Holley Summers, and all his belongings were consumed. A tenant house on Mr. D. B. Cook's place was also burned last Tuesday afternoon. It was occupied by a negro, Laura Kibler, who was in the cotton field, and one of her children burned to death.

Our lyceum course had its first attraction last Tuesday, December 8th, with the appearance of the Ariel Quartette. It was a success.

The Rev. E. C. Cronk, of the Atlanta Lutheran mission, was here last Sunday night and preached in Grace church. He made a plea in behalf of his mission. Grace church has a warm heart for the Atlanta mission, it bearing almost the relation of the parent here to the struggling infant yonder.

Our people are now expansionists. The work of building and extension continues. Material is now being put on the ground for a new blacksmith building on the corner of the school building block, a lot owned by Dr. G. Y. Hunter. The building will be occupied by Mr. Steel from Saluda county.

Prof. S. J. Wheeler will move in a few days to his old home near Excelsior school house, where he is now teaching.

Dr. J. A. Simpson had the misfortune to lose a horse this week. The animal had for some time been disabled in its hind foot.

Our stores are beginning to put on Christmas appearance. Holiday goods are displayed and holiday decorations are begun.

Mrs. P. N. Livingston is visiting her daughter, Mrs. F. E. Schumpert.

Mrs. P. C. Singley has been visiting among friends in Newberry.

Mr. and Mrs. Bowles visited her mother, Mrs. L. M. Counts, this week.

Dr. G. Y. Hunter is off to Charleston on business.

Mr. and Mrs. C. E. Stewart are visiting his mother, Mrs. H. S. Boozer.

Dr. and Mrs. J. I. Bedenbaugh, of Saluda, were visiting at the home of her parents, Mr. and Mrs. T. L. Wheeler the early part of the week.

Would Be an Excellent Judge.

The following is from the State of Wednesday:

"Senator Mower has declined the invitation of the bar of Spartanburg to hold the extra term of court on the ground that he is a member of the legislative department, and the constitution forbids that any one holding office in one department shall exercise the functions of another. Some years ago the same question was raised when Lieut. Gov. Gary and Speaker Jones were appointed special judges and although there was some argument on the point raised, it was met by the declination of the gentlemen to accept the appointment. Senator Mower would have made an excellent judge, but his decision is correct."

"Flight of the Princess Iris."

This play will be presented at the opera house on next Thursday night by Mildred and Rouclere. The universal verdict of the press is that these two "surely can entertain."

REFERRED TO MR. CULBREATH.

As Referee He Will Assess County Taxes Claimed to be Due the State by Spartan Mills.

The case of the taxpayers of Spartanburg County against the Spartan Mills, has been referred to J. Y. Culbreath, of Newberry, who has been appointed referee to assess the county taxes claimed to be due the State for the past six years. After Mr. Culbreath has named the figures, the mills have twenty days in which to file any protest on the figure named. The order appointing Mr. Culbreath referee was filed this afternoon. The taxpayers who protested against the exemption of the Spartan Mills from taxes were represented in this case by Thomas Sease and the mills by Ralph K. Carson. The order was filed by Justice Woods, the entire Court concurring.—Columbia Cor. News and Courier, 8th.

A SACRED CONCERT.

John Farmer's Oratorio, "Christ and His Soldiers" To Be Rendered On The 30th.

John Farmer's sacred oratorio, "Christ and His Soldiers," will be rendered in the Lutheran Church of the Redeemer on Tuesday night, December 30th. Thirty voices will take part in the singing and are now being trained by Miss Susie Summer. The public is cordially invited to attend.

THE SALUDA COURT.

Special Judge Robt. H. Welch, of the Newberry Bar, Presiding—The Rhoden Case.

Saluda, December 10.—The session court opened Monday, Special Judge Welch presiding. The Saluda Standard says of Mr. Welch's charge to the grand jury, that it was very appropriate.

The Banks case has not yet been taken up. In the case of the State vs. Sheriff Lee Rhoden, charged with murder, the grand jury returned "no bill."

VARIOUS AND ALL ABOUT.

Mr. Geo. A. Langford has gone to Newport, Tenn., to purchase a carload of hogs.

Rev. Prof. A. J. Bowers and Mr. B. E. Julian have resigned from the board of trustees of the Helena school.

"The Flight of the Princess Iris" will be presented at the opera house on next Thursday night, the 17th, by a very strong company.

At an election held at Helena on Tuesday last the following ticket was voted: For Intendant: Mr. F. G. Spearman; for Wardens: Messrs. J. J. Watts, J. Z. Salter, C. J. Zobel, E. J. Jenkins.

Hon. George S. Mower was appointed on the committee on jurisprudence in the grand lodge of Masons which met in Charleston this week. This is probably the most important committee in the grand lodge.

Mrs. James A. Bowers and little son returned to Atlanta yesterday.

Mrs. E. C. Jones left yesterday to be present at the marriage of her brother, Mr. Jefferson McCants Connor, to Miss Marie Harrison, of Greensboro, N. C.

Dr. W. E. Pelham and Hon. George S. Mower returned yesterday from the meeting of the Masotic grand lodge in Charleston.

Mr. A. C. Jones has purchased Mr. S. P. Boozer's house and lot on Calhoun street.

Yesterday was a cold, blustery day. Some snow fell on Wednesday.

THE KNIGHTS OF PYTHIAS.

The Annual Roll Call On Tuesday Evening a Very Pleasant Occasion—Appropriate Addresses.

The Knights of Newberry Lodge, No 75. K. of P., with their fair ladies and friends gathered 'round the festive board Tuesday evening and spent several hours very delightfully, partaking of light refreshments and listening to post-prandial addresses, bright and yet with sufficient serious strain, by Grand Vice Chancellor James A. Summersett, of Columbia, and prominent Newberry Knights.

The occasion was the annual roll call, held for the purpose of reviving an interest in the lodge among the members. It was a foreshadowing, as it were, of greater things to come at the annual banquet which will be held some time in January. The table was spread in the Armory and the refreshments were served in elegant style by Mr. James Dunbar. About 150 Knights and their ladies and friends were present.

A large part of the success of the occasion was undoubtedly due to the committee appointed by the lodge to make the arrangements for the occasion. This committee consisted of Messrs. E. H. Aull, S. J. Derrick and A. H. Bloth. Mr. E. H. Aull, chairman of the committee, acted as toast-master.

It was a matter of regret to the Newberry Knights and all those present that Grand Chancellor John M. Knight, of Sumter, Past Grand Chancellor D. C. Heyward, Governor of South Carolina, and Grand Prelate B. A. Morgan, of Greenville, who had been invited to be present, were unable to attend, on account of pressing engagements elsewhere.

Governor Heyward conveyed his regrets through Mr. Aull, saying: "I shall be glad if you will tell them with what pleasant anticipations I looked forward to clasping their hands and renewing fraternal and kindred communion with them, and what disappointment is now mine when I have to write that these are to be missed. It is a genuine disappointment to me and I shall feel glad if you will advise my friends of my disappointment. With cordial appreciation of your courteous and hospitable invitation," etc., etc.

Mr. Aull also read extracts of letters from Grand Chancellor Knight and Grand Prelate Morgan, Mr. Knight among other things saying: "I know of no place in the State that it gives me greater pleasure to visit than your splendid city, but I have an engagement for Tuesday evening which I can not cancel." Mr. Morgan wrote in the same strain, giving his reasons for being unable to attend and saying that it would afford him great pleasure to be present.

The three toasts, "Friendship," "Charity," and "Benevolence," the three foundation principles of the order, were responded to by Dr. George B. Cromer, Col. W. H. Hunt, and Dr. O. B. Mayer, respectively. Dr. Cromer pointed out the great beneficent results which would come upon Newberry if the members of the various secret orders would rigidly respect one-seventh of their vows of friendship. Col. Hunt spoke of the charity of Pythians, saying that it meant not only the giving of alms, but the deep and sincere and abiding sympathy of Brother Knights extended to those in distress. Dr. Mayer very feelingly spoke of the sick benefit. Not only has this work of the order saved those in distress from want and the additional suffering which want entails, but the giving of the benefit is always accompanied by the sweet sympathy of the members of the order, who themselves sit at the bedside of the sick.

The Rev. W. L. Seabrook was

called upon as a Knight who had not yet allied himself with the Newberry lodge, but who, nevertheless, was a good Knight. Mr. Seabrook eloquently responded, reviewing the great principles of the order, its wonderful growth and the noble work which it is accomplishing.

Grand Vice Chancellor Summersett made the closing address. Mr. Summersett has been in Newberry on several previous occasions of a similar character and has many warm friends in Newberry. He is a bright talker and Tuesday evening he was frequently interrupted with applause. Wit sparkled throughout his short and appropriate address, and at the same time there was enough of seriousness to manifest his deep love for the order and his abiding faith in its future.

THE SECRET ORDERS.

All Of Them Hold Elections During This Month—Masons Have Held Annual Election.

A good part of the secret orders extant are represented in Newberry. Newberry is a secret order town. She has probably furnished more State officers during the past few years than any other town her size in the country, and all her lodges are in flourishing condition.

All of the orders represented in Newberry elect officers at some time during this month. Some of the elections are annual and others semi-annual.

The annual election of officers of Amity lodge, No. 87, A. F. M. was held on Monday night and resulted as follows:

Worshipful Master, George S. Mower.

Senior Warden, I. H. Hunt.

Junior Warden, F. H. Dominick.

Treasurer, L. M. Speers.

Secretary, J. H. M. Kinard.

The installation will take place on the 18th.

MARRIED BY THE MAYOR.

Mayor Earhardt Unites a Couple On the Day of His Second Election.

Mr. M. S. Davis, of Newberry, and Miss Sallie Williamson, of Asheville, N. C., were married on Tuesday night. The ceremony was performed by Mayor Earhardt at his home. It was the day of Mayor Earhardt's second election and this was the first act after the election which he performed by virtue of his office.

Mr. Davis is an employe in The Herald and News office, with which paper Mr. Earhardt also is connected. Hence the marriage by the mayor.

Hunted Gas With a Torch.

The Southern's passenger train going towards Greenville, which passes Newberry about 1 o'clock, was delayed nearly an hour on Tuesday by a fire under the floor of the coach for colored persons. The fire was caused by the escape from one of the pipes under the coach of the gas used for lighting. The escaping gas was detected when the train reached Newberry and Engineer Schumpert set out with a torch looking under the cars to detect the escape. When he found it the torch ignited the gas. The fire department was telephoned for and made good time to the scene and soon put out the fire and the train went on its way rejoicing. Very little damage was done the car other than scorching it pretty badly.

Odd Fellows' Oyster Supper.

An oyster supper and phonograph and stereopticon show will be given at the Odd Fellows' hall in West End tomorrow night for the benefit of Rebekah Lodge and Pulaski Lodge, I. O. O. F. Every one buying a 25 cents supper ticket will be given admission to the show. Price to show: Adults, 10 cents; children, 5 cents.

THE COTTON MARKET.

What the Fleecy Staple Was Bringing Yesterday Afternoon in the Various Portions of the County.

Table with cotton market data including Newberry, Prosperity, Chappells, Pomaria, Little Mountain, and K'ards, with corrected prices for Good Middling and other grades.

SPECIAL NOTICES.

DON'T miss seeing those ham' me Feather Bows at WOOTEN'S.

ELEGANT line of PERFECT SHAPE Umbrells, at WOOTEN'S.

POOL AND LANGFORD WILL have another car of hogs for sale on or about the 17th.

REMOVAL SALE.—On the first of January I will move my stock of goods to the stand now occupied by Eduard Scholtz. And in order to reduce stock will sell goods at prices never heard of before. Come at once and take advantage of the sale. W. T. TARRANT.

FOR SALE—The 6-room cottage, with outbuildings, 8 acres of improved farming land and nice young orchard and vineyard, 1 mile from Newberry College, will be sold first Monday in January unless sold before at private sale. For terms etc., apply to Dr. D. L. BOOZER, Newberry, or Dr. J. W. BOOZER, Columbia.

NOTICE—I have moved my saw mill on Mrs. Ida N. Boozer's place near New Chapel Church, and am prepared to furnish on short notice, long and short leaf pine lumber—heart or sap—at reasonable prices. Any one in need of first-class lumber will do well to get my prices before placing their orders. H. O. LONG, Silver Street, S. C.

MONEY TO LEND—I am authorized to negotiate loans on real estate mortgages running 3 to 5 years. Apply to Johnstone & Welch. GEO. B. CROMER.

VALUABLE REAL ESTATE FOR SALE—Sixty Acres adjoining incorporate limits of Newberry. High state of cultivation. One hundred and forty acres one and a half miles from town. Good creek and river bottom, fine meadows on both tracts. For information apply to G. M. B. EPTING, or E. H. AULL.

WELLS BORED—Although I have bored two thousand wells in Newberry county I am still in the business. Parties desiring my services may leave orders at my office over W. T. Tarrant's store. I. A. McDOWELL, Newberry, S. C.

FINE HORSES—Just received a nice lot of Kentucky horses. Call and see them. A. L. KNIGHTON & CO.

RESTAURANT—Fancy Groceries—Mr. John J. Eargle who has bought out the grocery store of C. W. Douglas will also continue the restaurant at the same place and you can secure a good meal cheap. He also has a good line of fancy and staple groceries at prices that are reasonable.

First Cost Not the Cheapest. The first cost of an article does not necessarily determine its cheapness. For instance, a sack of "Clifton" flour may cost you a little more than other so-called patent flours, but it will be cheaper to you in the end. Why? Because it will not only make more bread to the sack, but will take less lard and soda to make it. Order a sack of "Clifton" and make a test for yourself. It will prove the truth of this statement. T. J. HAYS.

Do you want one of the prettiest and most stylish Hats in town this season? If so you must have it made by the

The Riser Millinery Co

Our prices are the lowest and our styles the newest that can be found in the city.

Get the Best For the Asking.

When you order a sack of patent flour from your grocer, do not tell him to send you "a sack of good flour," but tell him to send you a sack of "Clifton," because "Clifton" is the best patent. Every sack is sold with this guarantee, and if it does not prove as represented, your money will be refunded. "Clifton" is an all-round flour, and is as good for cake and pastry as light rolls and biscuits. T. J. HAYS.

NOTICE.

THE COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS will hold their annual meeting, as required by law, on Thursday, the 7th day of January, 1904, at 10 o'clock, persons holding claims against the county are required to file same with the undersigned before the 1st day of January, 1904. J. B. HUNTER, Clerk of County Board.