

Happenings of a Local and Personal Nature.

—There is a new dentist in town. Watch for his advertisement. —Craig Bros., tell you in their ad this week how to prepare for war in peace. —Rev. B. Holder will preach at Seona the third Sunday at 3 o'clock. —Don't fail to read the advertisements, for if you do, you miss some mighty interesting news. —Folger & Thornley talk clothing and gents' supplies in their ad. See it and profit by their talk. —Robert Ellis and wife, of Greenville county, visited the family of his father, Gideon Ellis, near Pickens, last week. —Coupe Partridge left yesterday for a few days visit to friends and relatives in Atlanta and other parts of Georgia. —The farmers are all about up with their work and these of them who have been wishing for rain are still wishing. —Mrs. Nancy Mitchell died at the home of John Castle, over in the Twelve Mile section, last Friday and was buried Saturday. —The book is being rapidly put on for the new store of W. T. McFall and the active work of building it is in this week. —Harris talks laces, embroideries and insertions to match; and cotton hoes at less than the best on the market. —Students of the Graded school are going right ahead practicing ready for the closing of the school which will be a court house on the nights and 22d instant. —If you enough interest in helping us make it interesting, send us the news of your section? Report the births, marriages and anything else of interest in your locality; it will be gladly accepted. —Had you noticed the showing of Pickens Bank? If not, look it up, all your surplus change should go out on deposit there; they will pay a fair rate of interest to you. It is a long institution and should get your support. —The chain gang is now working on the roads leading northward from Pickens; several more machines are added; Pickens township and this ought to buy a machine together and put every road leading to the house in first class fix; it would help to the business interests of our town. —The election of trustees for Pickens school district was held Saturday at the residence of J. E. Liberty. W. T. McFall and J. L. Libby are again assured of re-election and a splendid school. —The best Graded school in the state, so send your children here to school. —The following students finish the public school for this session: W. T. McFall, J. L. Libby, and J. E. Liberty. —The following students finish the public school for this session: W. T. McFall, J. L. Libby, and J. E. Liberty. —The following students finish the public school for this session: W. T. McFall, J. L. Libby, and J. E. Liberty.

—Don't criticize the contents of this newspaper unless you are a paid-in-advance subscriber. —R. C. Carter, of Liberty, is still selling goods at prices that will save you money. —Go to Henderson's Gallery, over Craig Bros., store for first class photographs. —When you want bargains in almost anything, go to R. C. Carter, Liberty. —Born to Mr. and Mrs. T. L. Bivins, on the 11th instant, twins—a boy and girl. —Read R. C. Carter's new advertisement and see how you like his prices. —Miss Keys, of Fairdale, Anderson county, is visiting her sister, Mrs. John P. Griffin, in Pickens this week. —What is the difference between a soldier and a pretty woman? One faces the powder and the other powder the face. —Mr. and Mrs. T. B. Higgins and children, of Easley, and Aaron Boggs, of Calhoun, are visiting the family of A. J. Boggs. —The Aiken Recorder states that a nightingale has been seen and heard at that place by several persons. It is a rare bird in this country. —For Sale Cheap, a thoroughbred Shetland (stallion) pony, gentle as a lamb; any child can handle him; price low and you can make your money back on him in one season. Apply at this office. —N. D. Taylor, photographer, will be in his studio, Carey building, on Tuesday and Wednesday, May 19th and 20th. Remember the date, and call on him if you want first class work. —A. A. Alexander, (Dock) of Eastatac, will be in Pickens on Saturday in June with nice, cool raised, Berkshire shoots, and those in need of nice shoots will do well to hold their orders. —It is said of a Canadian mother who died the other day: "She was a true wife, a fond mother, and so managed affairs as to marry off her nine girls before any other female in the neighborhood could even get a beau." —S. J. Gassaway, of the Kings section, was in town yesterday and he reports the wheat crop practically ruined; the rust is eating it up and these cold days are against it; he says if it comes a cold rain on it it is gone. —L. G. Clayton, of Central, filled O. M. Abney's appointment in the Methodist church at Pickens last Sunday to a large audience. He shelled the woods and hit a good many. In the afternoon he preached at Bethlehem to a good crowd. —Married, on the 10th inst., at the residence of the officiating Notary Public, M. F. Hester, Mr. Sank Hendricks to Miss Lida Hayes. All of Pickens county. The happy couple have the congratulations of their many friends. —Dr. L. O. Mauldin has located in Pickens for the practice of his profession and opened an office in the rear rooms upstairs over Dr. Earle's drug store, where he can always be found when not professionally engaged. See his card elsewhere in this paper. —It is remarkable what little bites a woman takes when eating in the presence of her sweetheart. What a little mouth she has then? She nibbles with her little white teeth like some dainty squirrel eating a hickory nut. But wait till washday comes! Watch her when she goes to hanging out clothes and gets in a hurry. By the time she gets the big ends of fifteen clothes pins in that mouth, you will begin to think that it is a pretty good sized, hearty mouth after all. —The farmers in this section are about done planting, but are seeding rain and warm weather. The health of this community is very good at this writing. The two eldest sons of the Rev. Stephen Lesley are staying awhile with their aunt, Miss Mattie Lesley. Miss Leland Bishop, a young lady of Piedmont, was buried at Zion church Sunday. She died of consumption. Hovey Welborn visited at his home last Saturday night. Hovey has treated himself to a nice new top buggy. —Z. N. Mullinix will soon have his new house completed. It is a nice house and Zeph surely means "business," and we are expecting to get a piece of cake ere long. —There were quite a crowd of disappointed people at Zion church the second Sunday in May. Rev. W. E. Wiggins failed to meet his appointment. —There was an all day singing at Keowee church Sunday, the 3d inst. A large crowd assembled, though the day was very murky. But the music was melodious. There were some very charming young ladies present. Of course none of them were morose. I don't believe there was a "bedlam" in the crowd. —We haven't any "tattlers" in this community, so news is very scarce. —Misses Lucy, Annie and Alma Mauldin, who have been attending school at Easley will soon be at home again. —Health in this community was never better, as bread and "lassess" is the question; of course they all have a good digestion. —The iron bridge, on Keowee river, near Birch's Ford, is very near completed. It is finished on the Pickens side. —Farmers in this section are very near done planting. —If this doesn't find its way to the waste basket I will be more inquisitive among my friends, and try to give you more news next week. —Rev. Lewis preached an eloquent sermon the first Sunday afternoon at Gap Hill. —Anonymous Dolt.

"A Voice From Old Pickens." Mr. Editor: Under the above caption you take the Pickens County Supervisor and Commissioners to task for letting a job of work on the bridge at Old Pickens. You do not make any direct charges, but some very strong insinuations that we are extravagant, or in collusion with the bidder, or that we manipulated the matter in such a way as to get a "rake off." These insinuations are unjust to say the least of them. If you have any proof to sustain any of them we demand it, if you have no such proof we ask as a matter of simple justice that you so state. In your comments you say "some explanations are now in order. Who will make them?" We beg to say that the statements in the correspondence from "Old Pickens" are entirely incorrect. The truth of the transaction is this: On the day the above work was to be let County Commissioners Welborn and Talley met the Oconee Supervisor and one Commissioner at the iron bridge to let to the lowest responsible bidder, certain repairs. Supervisor Stephens was not there, he being at home sick. Commissioner Welborn was auctioneer and the lowest bid was by Mr. Richardson, an Oconee man, for \$376. When this, the last bid was made, Mr. Welborn promptly announced that he would not accept it, believing it to be too high. The Supervisor of Oconee then asked what to do, and Mr. Welborn replied to re-advertise and let the work. The Supervisor of Oconee and Mr. Richardson then went to one side and had a talk, and when Mr. McAlister, the Supervisor, came back he asked if he would re-open the bidding, as he thought we could get the work done for \$100 less. To this we consented, the bidding was opened and the lowest made was by Mr. Richardson for \$276, and the work was awarded to him. Now we ask you Mr. Editor who had the "Eagle Eye" and whose extravagance or "rake off" was it? Or who was in collusion? We do not object to any or all of our official acts being made public, but we do object to being charged by implication or otherwise with corruption or stealing unless the same can be proven. And we demand the proof. In your issue of the 7th inst., you fall into another error when you say the pier at the Birch's Ford bridge was accepted by the two Supervisors, McAlister and Stephens. The truth is all the Commissioners, except possibly Mr. Talley, was present when the pier on the Pickens side of said bridge was found to be defective, and this defect was discovered by Mr. Stephens and the work rejected. After this, Commissioners Welborn and Talley were sent to inspect the pier on the Oconee side and it also was not built according to contract and rejected. And both piers were rebuilt according to contract after this and received. —L. D. STEPHENS, Co. Sup. A. J. WELBORN, Co. Com. Dots From Twelve Mile. THE ARK AGAIN SPIED. Mr. Editor: Allow me space to say a few words and tell the people that we are living, for we can't get away to see them on account of the infernally bad roads. What is the reason our Commissioners can not have them fixed? Are they too scared to risk their precious necks over them to show the overseers how 'tis done? The health of this community is extra good at present; we are truly glad, too, for we could never send for a doctor over these roads. The farmers are about done planting except some late patches. The small grain is looking very well, but what bothers us is how we will get a thresher up here over the bad roads, and how can we go to mill. We have up here one of the grandest things you ever did see, or heard tell of; some say it is the Pickens county chain gang; others say it is the Pickens Ark, so we call it the ark. In Noah's Ark there were birds of every kind and animals of every kind, while there is "birds" of every kind and mules of every kind in the Pickens Ark. Noah's Ark rested on Mount Ararat and the Pickens Ark is floating towards the mountains but we do not know which one she will rest on just yet, but we think it will stop on Bald Knob and be turned into a summer resort hotel and we understand several parties from the upper edge of Anderson and the lower edge of Pickens counties have registered at \$1.00 per day and board. This ark is creating intense excitement among the children as they are taught in their Sunday Schools that in the time of Noah's Ark and the flood there was none saved except Noah, his three sons and their wives, and they want to know if this ark is portentous of another flood, but we tell them that the world will never again be covered with water but that everything in it will be covered with high taxes, and when this flood comes there will be none saved but "Noah," his three commissioners and their sons, who are now sticking close to the ark. If this escapes the waste basket I may worry you and your readers again and tell you when and where the ark lights. A FRIEND OF THE PAPER. P. S. What do you reckon, Mr. Editor, that little Easley Progress will say about this ark and Noah and his three commissioners and their sons? But it shoots off half cocked and don't hit a thing. Notice to Stockholders. The Central Roller Mill Co., will hold a meeting of the stockholders on the 9th of June 1903, at their office, at Central, S. C., to determine the question of increasing from \$7,500 to \$20,000. F. B. Morgan, Pres. K. G. Gaines, Sec. and Treas. ml4w.

Unrivalled Trading Opportunities. R. C. Carter is offering the good people of Liberty and surrounding country the best goods at the lowest prices. My customers are experiencing a satisfied feeling and a saving of money such as cannot be found in any other store in the county. I want every body else to know what my customers already know. Spring Goods. I am showing the daintiest weaves and newest effects in soft lustrous mercerized Oxfords, Madras and 1903 waistings. Of DIMITIES, LAWNS, MUSLINS and PERCALS I have a varied and beautiful assortment. Notions. White Cotton Towels, 5c the pair. Red Hankerchiefs, 5c for 2. Dress or Work Shirt, 25c each. Overall, 39c a pair. Sweaters, 25c each. Groceries. 3lb. can Standard brand Tomatoes at 11c. Rice, 16, 18 and 20 lbs. for \$1.00, Syrup, 25, 35, 40, 45 and 50c a gallon. Genuine Muscovado Molasses, 45c a gallon. If you want the very best flour try my "Queen of Patents" at \$4.50 a barrel. Hardware. In Hardware I claim to lead. Competition may howl but I lead the procession. I have all kinds of tools from the cheapest to the very best and I am selling First class steel plows at 4.75c a lb. Guano Horns Tube in one piece without a joint 12c. Red Ball Top Hames, 48c a pair. Georgia Ratchet Plow Stocks, 75c. Swingle Trees 15c and 25c. I also have a big line of Buggy Shafts, Poles, Dash Boards, Cushions, Post Diggers, Razors, Table and Pocket Cutlery and all sorts of Trace and Wagon chains. Yours for trade, R. C. CARTER, THE CASH MERCHANT. At Shirley's Old Stand. LIBERTY, S. C.

Our Clothing Counters... LOOKS AS IF A CYCLONE HAD STRUCK THEM... We have had the biggest clothing trade in the history of our business and Spring has hardly come. We are ordering more clothing every day. If you want STYLE, FIT and QUALITY at the right price you will always find it here. We are Sole Agents for the Celebrated "Horse Shoe Brand" of Fine Clothing FOR MEN. There's None Better Made. REMEMBER! Our line Shirts, Shoes, Hats and Gents Furnishing Goods is more complete this Spring than ever before. "Better and Better Day by Day" is our motto on all lines. Cheap shoddy goods are an abomination—the day has come when everybody wants and will have the best goods. We have always been cranks on handling the very best goods that money could buy. They are always the cheapest in the long run. We keep everything, asking for what you don't see, if we haven't got it we will get it for you. Your patronage solicited. Satisfaction guaranteed. Yours truly, Folger & Thornley, Clothing, Hats, Shoes and Gents Furnishing A Specialty.

...OUR... Soda Fount Season HAS OPENED... Ice Cold Drinks at all Times. Pickens Drug Company. W. T. McFALL, President. J. McD. BRUCE, Cashier. PICKENS BANK, OF PICKENS, S. C. CAPITAL, - - \$ 20,500.00. PROFITS, - - \$ 10,312.09. DEPOSITS, - - \$ 100,055.29. Interest paid on time Deposits. Careful Management. Liberal Treatment to all it's Customers. WE MAKE A SPECIALTY OF SMALL LOANS TO FARMERS. DIRECTORS: J. E. HAGOOD, W. T. McFALL, H. A. RICHIEY, J. P. CARBY, W. E. McFALL, J. M. STEWART, J. E. BOGGS, T. N. HUNTER, J. McD. BRUCE.

PREPARE FOR WAR IN TIME OF PEACE. Grain Cradles. Now is the time to buy Grain Cradles. We have them at the very lowest cash price. Call and see them. Cotton Hoes. For a nice light durable cotton hoe we ask you to examine our line. Sweeps. We have a large stock of Terrill Sweeps, one of the best sweeps made, almost any size. We also have the patent sweeps and extra wings that we are offering at a bargain. Fruit Jars. When in need of fruit jars remember we have the very best jar made quart size for 75c doz. Half gallon size for \$1.00. We also have extra tops and rubbers in abundance. Flour! Flour! At present we are able to offer a very good flour for \$3.75 a barrel. Let us quote you prices in our entire line of flour for we believe we can save you money. Bring us your chickens and eggs and buy your goods where you can always count on the price being right. Yours for trade.

Big Values AT THE Big Store. The largest business in our history. Our Millinery and Dress Department has been crowded from day to day. This shows that the people appreciate our efforts along this line and it has encouraged us to make greater efforts. We have arranged to offer some special values for the next few weeks. Don't fail to see them. Another shipment of the "WHITE SEAL CLOTHING." just arrived, so come in and select your suit before the sizes are broken, you just as well buy a suit that fits, when it doesn't cost any more. A Big Line of— STRAW HATS, —and they are going fast. Come quick. We have not neglected your wants in the Vehicle Line. A big line of— Buggies, Surreys, Wagons, etc.. Another car of the famous "ROCK HILL" to arrive soon. We like to sell Rock Hill Buggies because they give satisfaction. Our Hardware and Grocery Department is complete. We haven't space to tell you about it. Come to see us and we will make it interesting for you. Yours truly, Heath-Bruce-Morrow Co., PICKENS, S. C.

CRAIG BROTHERS ONE-PRICE CASH STORE. A BIG LOT OF Fall and Winter Goods at BARGAIN PRICES. Come at once and get choice as the price will move them and they won't last long. Thanking those who have traded with me the past season and hope for a continuance of the same, I am Yours truly, JOHN F. HARRIS. Great Bargains in Laces! and embroidery with insertions to match! A man who makes it his business to scrape up bargains in goods sent me a lot of fine laces, embroideries and insertions with instructions "to sell"; that means as long as this lot lasts you can buy it for less than half the usual price; along with the lot is some extra fine laces; were it not for the ridiculously low price he made on this I would ship it back. Several pieces organdies and other up to date dress goods; you will be interested in the prices on this stuff. A few pairs very nice oxfords, hardly enough to mention, 45c. for your choice. Last year a house shipped me about 10 times as many cotton hoes as I bought; it is a good thing I kept them, as they are much heavier. I can sell you cotton hoes for less than they can be bought at wholesale, and still make a little profit, and I am willing to do it. Produce always wanted. T. D. HARRIS.

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We are always Glad to see you buying the best. The best is the cheapest. It is economy to buy the best. We like to sell the best because the best always gives satisfaction. This applies to all classes of goods— Stoves, Axes, Saws, Table and Pocket utlery, Hammers, Hand Saws & Hoes. —as well as to— Shoes, Hats, Clothing, Jeans, Sheetings, Checks, Yarns, Drills, Oil Cloths, and hundreds of other useful articles which we always have in stock. REMEMBER! Good goods cost but little more than shoddy goods. Call in, look through our stock in its various lines and give us your valued business. Our stock is now complete in every way. W. T. McFALL