

LOCAL ITEMS.

A mad-dog was killed in town on Monday. Mrs. Kierulff's High School opened on Monday the 31st. Miss Lelia Wilkes returned from Chesapeake yesterday.

Correspondence.

WATERLOO.

Waterloo. Fall Goods are beginning to arrive. The Misses Forch and Delph, of Abbeville, are visiting Miss Lizzie Willett.

A fine rain fell last Friday, the 23, two hours. The rain fell to wet the ground. The dry spell has cut off our crops nearly one half.

It has been suggested that a certain Waterloo young man should pay the government a license for distilling and denoting the quantity consumed each day.

Miss Lizzie Anderson, who was sick a few days last week, is now up again.

Mrs. Estelle Fuller has a fine variety of jelly, which she will exhibit at the county fair.

Mr. Claude Floyd was out buggy riding one evening last week. We know his fair companion spoke words of cheer, at least we judge so, from the looks on his happy countenance.

Mr. W. B. Boyd is absent a few days in Edgefield County.

Miss Carrie Boyd left Friday for Edgefield County. Miss C. has many friends here, who are both to part with her.

There will be more than one aching heart behind when the Misses Carter, who have been visiting Mrs. B. A. Anderson, leave for Triangle.

Mr. Anderson and family, of Charleston, are visiting a member of the legislature, Mr. J. H. Wharton. When we get our Mineral Springs fixed up and Mr. Harris finishes his large Hotel, we may expect many Charlestonians to visit us. The Editor of the News and Courier will be invited to visit "lawless Waterloo."

A string band has been organized by Messrs. Gossett, Lipsford, Stribling and Williams. We will expect something fine soon.

Mr. Joseph Pearce has been confined to his bed for several days.

Mr. J. B. Wharton, of Abbeville, paid our town a visit last week. We are awfully hungry for a certain kind of cake, friend J. B.

Two Gins could get all they could do here this fall. We have one.

A Furniture store will be opened by Messrs. J. H. Lovell, Jr., & Co., on the 1st September.

Mr. James Culbertson made a large quantity of cider out at home, last week. He brought seventeen gallons to Waterloo with him.

Mr. Thos. Boyd refused an offer of fifty dollars per month, as clerk in a Wyoming Store. The offer was by letter and urged by wire, but Tom preferred South Carolina to the far West.

Mr. Henry Wharton has nearly completed his house.

CLINTON.

The first bale of new crop cotton was put on the market here, on the 23rd inst. and was bought by McCraw & Ferguson on private terms. It was from the farm of Mr. A. C. Cleveland, who is one of our most progressive young farmers, and has managed by some hook or crook, but mainly by pluck and work, to have in the first bale of or seven or eight hundred pounds of cotton. The Editor of the News and Courier has put in a new Pratt eighty-saw gin, so that he now runs one hundred and forty saws, with a capacity of twenty thirty bales a day. Mr. Bailey is investing a good deal of money in machinery. He has three steam engines in a row, one press, a saw and grist mill and gin, one splendid shingling machine and saw mill.

The exercises of the Clinton Academy will resume in a few days. Prof. J. B. Parrott is principal, and Mrs. Humphreys, of Union County, has charge of the primary department and class in music.

Mr. N. B. Dial of your local Bar was in town a day or two last week, on professional business, and was accompanied by Mrs. Dial and his little son Haskell.

Dr. E. M. Caine, of Mountville, was in town last week purchasing a new buggy. He reports everything in his section as prospering finely. We acknowledge with most cordial invitation from the Dr. to attend the session of Enoree Presbytery, which meets at Liberty Springs Church, on Wednesday before the 4th Sunday in September next. Messrs. J. W. Copeland, R. R. Blakey and R. Z. Wright have all gone North to purchase their Fall stalk of goods.

—If there are any vestiges of sectional spirit remaining in the country says the New York Times, they do not appear to be at the South. Some of the planks of the platform of the Mississippi Democrats have a close resemblance to those of Republican platforms of twenty years ago. They declare first of all "fidelity to the Constitution of the United States" and demand the "protection of equal rights for all classes," and "no discrimination on account of race, color, or previous condition of servitude or birthplace." There is scarcely anything in the platform suggesting even of party differences, and the co-operation of all citizens is invited, "without regard to past differences." The spirit of progress is indicated in the pledge for the maintenance of free schools, and the demand for a "prompt, vigorous and impartial administration of the criminal laws."—Columbia Record.

—Mr. J. H. Clark, of Sherry, Covington County, Alabama, is the strongest man, physically, in that State. He can take a 250 pound anvil, and by placing his thumb in the mason hole, throw it off like a marble, and to handle two stout men at a time is child's play. Mr. Clark weighs about two hundred and fifty pounds.

Is the Newspaper Business Overdone?

In our view there is as much over-production in the newspaper business as there is in the manufacture of cotton goods. As a rule, of late, there are some exceptions as soon as a town at a railroad depot grows large enough to become a "body politic and corporate" a charter is obtained, the next great and indispensable requisite to the life and prosperity of that town—in the opinion of its citizens—is a newspaper. A few type (old and well-worn, perhaps) and a second-hand press are procured. The paper is "started." It makes its appearance with one side reasonably well printed; the other is mangled and blurred, and scarcely readable. Upon inquiry it is ascertained that the readable, better-printed side of the paper is printed somewhere else than at home—or at any rate not at said railroad station. In other words, half the paper, or what is known as the "patent outside," is printed in the sweet land of Yankeeedom, or by some fellow, similar enterprising, at home, who takes his cue therefrom. Little or nothing of a local nature is recognized in the "patent outside," and, for the reason already stated, what little may be in the home-printed side can scarcely be read, or is so badly "sold." The result is, after a few weeks, or possibly months of miserable existence, the little "mongrel turns up its toes." It is dead. And somebody, with more enthusiasm than either judgment or experience, is minus a few hundred dollars.

This is the feature of over-production in the newspaper business. Another feature is the multiplicity or excess of newspapers now published. Two newspapers in the same county, and not too many, owing in a great measure, of course, to the population, and the complexity and intelligence of the inhabitants. Not more than one paper to the white voting population, on an average, are bona fide subscribers to the County paper, where only one is printed. Where there are two or more published, this proportion is necessarily lessened, as a very small per cent. of the population of any County outside of towns or villages, support more than one local newspaper. Hence, we take it that where more than two newspapers are published in a County with a population of less than three thousand white voters there is an excess of at least one paper, and consequently an over-production to that extent.—Laurensville Herald.

—An astounding bank robbery has just been reported from St. Petersburg. The plundered institution is the State Bank of Russia, and the amount or the robbery is \$220,000 roubles, or \$143,000. This amount was taken bodily out of the vaults of the bank between two days, but the vaults were found securely locked on the morning of the discovery, and there was no evidence of violence or burglary. It was plainly not a case of burglary, for the books showed no false entries. A careful inquiry has shown that the robbery was committed by a party of minor employees of the bank who had no right of access to the vaults, but who had become thoroughly familiar with the routine of the institution, and thus were enabled to concoct a plan by which one of their number was locked in the vault at the close of business hours and released during the night by his confederates. Before they were able to penetrate to the treasure vaults, the conspirators had to forge the signatures of forty high officials of the bank. The chief criminal has fled, and there is no probability of recovering much of the stolen money.

Beware of Dogs.

The 19th instant while Rev. Vashline Herlong was preaching at Bethany Church, Edgefield County, a dog that had followed its owner took a fit in church. The congregation concluded at once the dog was mad; and the death from hydrophobia in the neighborhood a few days before made them the more frantic. Women screamed, and men and women climbed on and over benches with an agility that was astonishing. The preacher called out from the pulpit, "Who'll somebody give me a pistol?" "Won't somebody give me a pistol?" But no pistol was produced—although it was in Edgefield County. A gentleman in the congregation had a pistol, but he would not produce it, for fear some good brother might have him up for carrying concealed weapons. Partial order was finally restored, and the preacher concluded his sermon to a demoralized congregation.

—President of the United States receives daily an average of 30,000 letters, which, as a rule, are answered on their receipt acknowledged on the day of delivery. To enable him to cope with this vast correspondence, much of which requires not simply a formal reply but considerable research and special knowledge, the Executive is furnished with about ten thousand clerks, who, for convenience, are divided into seven departments, according as their work has to do with our foreign relations, the army or navy, the fiscal matters, the Government, its internal relations, the postal service, or the administration of justice.

The Daft Electric Company are making a series of experiments with their electric motor on the elevated railroad of New York. They claim that it can draw four cars at a speed of thirty-five miles an hour.

Severe, But True.

Mr. Edward Atkinson, the statistician, in a recent address to the wool growers, said: "If the cur dog was not stronger than the average Legislature, you could raise all the wool we make and import." But you have not gumption enough to muzzle your cur dogs. We have to protect our wool growers from the pauper wool of foreign countries, and cannot muzzle our dogs. There is no question about the beneficial influence of the dog on sheep husbandry, and thousands of farmers are prevented from keeping a few or many sheep on their farms owing to the danger of loss from the attacks of dogs; still, with all these drawbacks and an insufficient supply of home-grown wool, the price does not advance to a satisfactory point; at least, our farmers think it ought to fetch a good deal more than present market rates.

TAXES!

OFFICE COUNTY TREASURER, LAURENS COUNTY, AUG. 23, 1885.

I WILL attend at the following named places, for the collection of Taxes for Laurens County, for the fiscal year commencing November the 1, 1884, as follows:

October 1st, at Roseboro, in Jacks Township, from 10 a m to 2 p m.

October 2d, at Vance's store, in Jacks Township, from 10 a m to 2 p m.

October 3d, at Goldville, Hunter Township, from 10 a m to 2 p m.

October 5th and 6th, at Laurens C. H., from 10 a m to 3 p m.

October 7th, at Waterloo, in Waterloo Township, from 9 a m to 3 p m.

October 8th, at Cross Hill, in Cross Hill Township, from 9 a m to 1 p m.

October 9th, at Spring Grove, in Cross Hill Township, from 9 a m to 1 p m.

October 10th, at Clinton, in Hunter Township, from 10 a m to 3 p m.

October 12th, at Tyler'sville, in Seuffletown Township, from 10 a m to 3 p m.

October 13th, at Young's Store, Young's Township, from 10 a m to 3 p m.

October 14th, at Parson's Store, Young's Township, from 10 a m to 3 p m.

October 15th at Green Pond Church, in Dial's Township, from 10 a m to 3 p m.

October 16th, at Dial's Church, in Dial's Township, from 10 a m to 3 p m.

October 17th, at Tumbling Shoals, in Sullivan Township, from 10 a m to 3 p m.

October 18th, at Browton, in Sullivan Township, from 9 a m to 1 p m.

October 18th, at Daniel's Store, in Waterloo Township, from 3 p m to 5 p m.

On and after the 19th, the Treasurer's Office will be open at Laurens C. H., for the collection of Taxes, till November 30, 1885.

The Tax Levy for Laurens County, for the fiscal year commencing November 1st, 1884, is as follows:

State Tax 5% mills on every dollar.

County Tax 3 mills on every dollar.

Railroad Tax 3 1/2 mills on every dollar.

School Tax 2 mills on every dollar.

The Poll Tax extends from 21 to 60 years of age.

J. H. COPELAND, COUNTY TREASURER.

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