

LOCAL ITEMS.

Congress assembled on the 7th. See changed schedule of S. C. R. R. Mr. Knock West has sold his house and lot in town to Mr. J. J. Pluss.

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We had the pleasure of meeting Dr. J. D. Austin, of Columbia, while in town last week. The latest is a complimentary ticket to THE ADVERTISER and Lady. Nothing like being an editor.

Again, our young friend "Endelweiss" has favored THE ADVERTISER with an original poem, which will appear in our next issue. Mr. LAVAYETTE ANDERSON, of Pickens County, was married on the 26th ult., to Miss NETTIE ANDERSON, of Laurens County.

Most people fix the date of events by reference to the war, but it is said, in Charleston everything is spoken of as before or since the storm. On next Thursday week, we understand, the ladies in the neighborhood of High Point will give a supper for the benefit of the Presbyterian Church, soon to be erected at that place.

Greenville sent a strong delegation to Columbia last week, who will probably contribute their labor towards Columbia's "ditch." The force consisted of six white and seven colored recruits for the penitentiary. Mr. B. C. CRISP desires us to inform the public that he was in no way responsible for a difficulty reported last week by "Joe Prince. Only the King-bolt in Mr. FRANK BOLT'S buggy broke, and Mr. CRISP had no hand in breaking it.

Mr. J. REEDY NORRIS, of Edgefield has located in our town, and in a few days will open out a stock of fancy groceries, &c., next to Todd, Simpson & Co.'s store. Mr. NORRIS is also highly recommended as a Jeweler and Watchmaker. Don't "go west, young man," but go south. Read this from the Palatka (Fla.) Herald: "Two-thirds of the wealth of the town is to be inherited by young girls with orange groves. Their fathers have no sons and no poor relations. These groves will average an income of \$40,000 clear of all expenses."

The following Bills affecting Laurens have been introduced this Session: By Mr. SIMPSON— 1. Bill to amend the drainage law so far as the same affects Little River, Laurens County. 2. Bill to Charter the "Laurens Building and Loan Association." 3. Bill to authorize the appointment of two additional Trial Justices for Laurens County. One of these to reside at Laurens C. H. and the other at Waterloo.

By Mr. WRIGHT— 1. Bill to require eminent agents to pay a license fee of five hundred dollars before operating in the State. All of these have been reported upon favorably by committees. Personal. Judge CARLISLE, of Newberry, was in town yesterday. Miss LUCY BARKSDALE is visiting in Newberry. Miss MINNIE L. RAID is spending a few days in town.

The many friends and relatives of Mrs. MARY ANDERSON, wife of Dr. D. L. Anderson will be pained to learn of her death, which occurred on Saturday, Dec. 6th, at her home about four miles from this place. She was a tender, devoted mother, an affectionate wife and a christian woman. To the bereaved family we extend our heartfelt sympathy.

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The programme was as follows: Wedding March—Chorus—By the Society. Valse Polka, Instrumental Duet—Miss Sallie Ball and Mrs. Milner. Polish Boy—Recitation—Miss Gussie Barrett. Summer Birds—Vocal Solo—Miss L. Swindler. Believe Me—Vocal Trio—Misses Lillie Harris, L. Swindler and Mrs. Milner. Jano Conquest—Recitation—Miss Lulu Pitts. Barcarolle—Vocal Duet—Misses L. Swindler and L. Harris. Valse Caprice—Instrumental Duet—Mrs. Milner and Miss Lucille Swindler. Her Letter—Recitation—Miss Sallie Brooks.

The Young Postillion—Vocal Solo—Miss Lillie Harris. School for Scandal—Recitation—Misses Rosalie Sullivan and Lucille Swindler. O, Come to Me—Duet—Mrs. Milner and Miss Swindler. Tit for Tat—Dialogue—Six Characters. Dumb-Bell Exercise—By the Society. If we were allowed to discriminate in mentioning this interesting programme, it would certainly be in favor of the Dumb-Bell Exercise. The perfect time, and the ease and grace with which the different manoeuvres were performed, evinced a thorough training.

The musical and elocutionary talent displayed, was most complimentary to the friends and patrons of the Laurensville Female College to see the progress the pupils are making. After the exercises were over President Milner relaxed his rigid rules and allowed the young men to enjoy a pleasant hour with the young ladies of the College.

Married, on the 2d inst., at the residence of the bride's father, Mr. J. M. Wright, by the Rev. N. B. Williams, Mr. Bee Bailey to Miss Cora Wright, all of Clinton. Rev. Prof. Smith has at last definitely arranged all his plans, and will commence work in the college on the 1st of January. The friends of the institution feel confident in saying that this will be as well equipped as any college in the State.

The year 1886 will find our town on a somewhat of a boom. With our new Bank, our new College and new railroad prospects, we are inclined to believe that if the ADVERTISER does not seize this opportunity, some other paper will start, and who knows what will be the luck of such a venture. As usual, at this season, there will be a good many changes of residence in town. Mr. J. P. Little and family will occupy the Richie house; Mr. John Hargrove Mr. Bailey's Riddle house; S. T. Bailey will move into R. R. Blakeley's dwelling house; W. E. Owens will be in Mr. Blakeley's new cottage, and J. W. Copeland will move into the Sun-lap house.

CROSS HILL. MACK. Trial Justice J. C. Cook, acting as coroner held an inquest on the 30th Nov. over the body of Stephen Young colored who was found dead in the wood near the residence of J. H. Dondy "Dry Fork" on the night of the 29th inst. Drs. McSwain and Wilber after an exhaustive and close autopsy, came to the conclusion that death was caused by disease of the heart.

The Union of the Third Section of Reedy River Association, Baptist Church, met with Cross Hill Baptist Church on Friday before the 6th Sunday in Nov. Luther Wells was elected Moderator, W. P. Turner Secretary, and E. S. Griffin Treasurer. The meeting continued through Sunday, and the various interests of the church were looked after and the indications seemed to indicate that the cause was moving onward.

The Baptist Church at this place has been greatly improved by the addition of window blinds. Messrs. Jacks and Young have brought us some elegant hogs and we are now rejoicing in spare-ribs and backbones. We could most heartily wish that one County Commissioner could be induced to travel over the road from Cross Hill to Puckett's Ferry; I am certain they would not wish themselves, their horses or vehicles a second time, until the rotten bridges over the gullies were made over, and some of the washes filled up. Our ways need mending.

The following are some of the emigrants who left High Point for Arkansas and Texas, on Dec. 1st: Mr. T. R. Culbertson and Mr. Y. J. Culbertson and family left for Cleburn, Texas; Mr. John W. Bolt and family left for Indian Territory; Mr. J. S. Medlock and family left for Pike County, Ark.; Mr. Tobo Avery and family, Mr. Robert Martin and family, Mr. Harrison Boyd and family left for Pike County, Ark.

A few nights since, one of our friends and neighbors, in company with some others, went out on a possum hunting. They had not proceeded far when the dogs, as they supposed, struck an opossum, and turned back in the direction of home. The hounds came at full speed, barking at every bound; the boys came running with hats in hand, eager to overtake the coveted prize before it reached the woods, which were near by. But instead of going to the wood, as they supposed, it turned around the house and ran into the stove room; and such a rattling among pots, pans, chairs, and such things as are generally kept in a stove-room, was never heard before; but the pursued had taken refuge in the loft. The boys came up and one of them went up into the loft after Mr. Opossum, but he did not bring him down worth a cent. It might have been Santa Claus; we do not know, but there is one thing certain, Wad's dogs won't run a cat.

DORRHO P. O. JOE PRINCE. Mr. Editor, there is absolutely no news. Sam Bryson made thirteen bales of cotton this year, with one horse, and a gray horse at that. "In the Brute" I had expected that some one would find fault with my introduction to the ADVERTISER, but I did not expect that it would be my friend "Mack."

You do not know, friend "Mack," that the newspaper business is made up and sustained mainly by egotism? Did you ever know a newspaper that was not the very best published for the money? And so I feel like it's my duty to fall into line, and do all I can for the business. You say something about "another praise thee, &c." Ah! law, I've been waiting long enough for that; and my candid opinion is, that if I were to wait until doom's day it would be all the same. And so I think I had better do my own blowing. I am not alone in that, "Mack." Everybody does it, only some have different styles.

As the mail man was leaving Laurens C. H. one morning lately, a young merchant hailed him, jestingly: "If you see my sweet heart, up the road, tell her I'm all right." "Very well," said the loquacious mail man; and he tried hard to keep his word and serve his friend; and so, after getting a mile from town, he began to enquire at every house for Mr. —'s sweetheart. Thus he continued all the way to Greenville, but he failed to find anyone that would own it. He came back next day as mad as a hornet, and said he didn't believe the man had any sweetheart, as every one spoke to, said she wouldn't have him. To enjoy this joke, you must read out who the young merchant is.

CENTERVILLE. HANS VON SMASH. Married, at the residence of the bride's mother, Mrs. Mary Bolt, Nov. 28th, 1885, by Rev. A. C. Stepp, Mr. — Woodright, of Anderson, Co., to Miss Ella Bolt, of Laurens County. Mr. Robert McDaniel has sold a part of his place, near Boyd's mill, to John Weathers, who is now moving upon the same. Notice of other changes will be in order by and by.

Judging from the "wet" men constantly returning from town, we think there must be a considerable "soak" somewhere. If the present legislature would do nothing but repeal the Hen law and stop the sale and use of intoxicating liquors, I will have done a great work. We had the pleasure of attending the Union of the First Section of Reedy River Association held at Robin Creek Church, the 27th, 28th and 29th ult., where we met many of our old friends and acquaintances. Business of importance was transacted, and a pleasant time was spent, notwithstanding the inclemency of the weather.

Several families, whose names we have already mentioned, left Dec. 1st for Texas and Arkansas. They may find better homes in the West, but taking everything into consideration, we think our own South Carolina is as good as any other country. All we need to make us a successful, prosperous and independent people, so far as agriculture is concerned, is a good, well-regulated labor system. Give us this and we can cope with any State in the Union.

A Former Citizen of Laurens. [From the Rector (Ark.) Advocate.] Our popular and esteemed young physician, A. R. Simpson, returned home Thursday, with his accomplished bride (Winnie D. Whitehead) to whom he is wedded in holy tie at Crystal Springs, Miss., on the 28th ult., on which occasion the Rev. Dr. Dudley was the officiating clergyman. Dr. Simpson has been a resident of our town but a few months and his pleasant and agreeable deportment, coupled with his phenomenal success in the practice of his profession, he has both endeared himself to our people and taken rank as our leading physician. His bride is one of the most amiable, intelligent and accomplished ladies that we have ever had the pleasure of knowing, and our citizens are unanimous in extending them their heartiest congratulations and a cordial welcome among us. That their future years may be fraught with a full realization of their most sanguine dreams of happiness, is the wish of your correspondent.

TAKE NOTICE. All persons indebted to us by note or account, are requested to settle same by 15th December, next. Our business must and will be closed up. All accounts not collected in due time, will necessarily be enforced. BOYD, PLUSS & CO. Pursuant to an order from his Honor, W. D. Simpson, Chief Justice of South Carolina, an Extra Term of the Court of Common Pleas for Laurens County will be held on the 2d Monday in Dec. next, to continue for one week, for the trial of such causes as can be had without a jury. Parties interested will take notice, and be governed accordingly. G. W. SHELL, C. C. P. Nov. 2, 1885.

NOTICE OF ASSESSMENT FOR Fiscal Year 1885-1886.

IN pursuance of an Act of the General Assembly of S. C., approved Dec. the 21th, 1881, a general assessment of property for taxation will commence on Jan. the 1st, 1886, and continue until the 20th day of February. All property, both Real and Personal, must be returned for taxation, and all changes in realty since May, 1884, must be noted in returns. During the above time my office at Laurens C. H. will be open for the reception of returns, and for the convenience of the taxpayers, I will also attend at the following places at the time specified, to wit: Young's Township, Young's Store, Jan. 5th. Young's Township, W. B. Parsons's, Jan. 6th. Dial's Township, D. D. Harris', Jan. 7th. Dial's Township, Green Pond, Jan. 8th. Dial's Township, Goodglon's Jan. 9th. Sullivan's Township, Tumbling Shoals, Jan. 11th. Sullivan's Township, Brewerton, Jan. 12th. Waterloo Township, Daniel's Store, Jan. 13th. Waterloo Township, Geo. Moore's Jan. 14th. Waterloo Township, Waterloo, Jan. 15th. Cross Hill, Township, Cross Hill, Jan. 18th. Cross Hill, Township, Spring Grove, Jan. 19th. Hunter's Township, Milton, Jan. 20th. Hunter's Township, Goldville, Jan. 21st. Hunter's Township, Clinton, Jan. 22nd. Scutletown Township, Tylersville, Jan. 23rd. Jack's Township, Reynosa, Jan. 25th. Jack's Township, Roseborough, Jan. 26th. All male citizens between the ages of 21 and 50 years are taxable Polls, except those who are incapable of earning support by being maimed or from any other cause. After the 20th day of Feb., 1886, 50 per cent. penalty will attach on all property not listed for taxation. G. M. LANGSTON, County Auditor.

FAMILY GROCERIES.

We have on hand BACON, HAMS, LARD, FLOUR, SUGAR, COFFEE, MOLASSES, and everything to be found in a First-Class Grocery Store. Bottom Prices for Cash. Traynham & Dial's Red Block. J. M. MURFE, LAURENS, S. C. STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA—LAURENS COUNTY, IN PRORATE COURT. Whereas, G. W. Shell, C. C. P., has applied to me for Letters of Administration, on the Estate of John C. Riddle, deceased.

These are therefore to cite and admonish all and singular the kindred and creditors of said deceased, to be and appear before me at a Court of Probate to be holden at my office at Laurens C. H., on the 15th day of December, 1885, at 10 o'clock A. M., to show cause, if any they can, why letters should not be granted. Given under my hand and seal this 10th day of November, 1885. A. W. BURNS, J. P. L. C. Nov. 3, 1885.

TAKE NOTICE. ALL persons indebted to R. E. & J. O. C. Fleming will please call and settle. After Jan. 1st, 1886, all unsettled notes and accounts will be put in the hands of an Officer for collection. If you haven't got the money, we will pay liberally for cotton on account.

Sp ecial Not ice. All persons indebted to me either by note or account are earnestly requested to settle by Jan. 1st, 1886. My business must be closed by that time. All who fail to come and make satisfactory arrangements in some way, will find their notes and accounts in the hands of an officer for collection. S. R. TODD, Nov. 16, 1885.

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FROM THE GALVESTON FIRE LOT

We have unsold! 112 prs. "Common Sense" Shoe, Advertised last week at \$2.25, Out down to \$2.10. 225 prs. Childs pebble, Raw Hide Tip Shoes, down yet at 30 cts. 120 prs. Wards Calf button Boots for Ladies and Misses, Marked down to \$1.40. 180 prs. Marcy Kid Fox Button (Ladies) Boots, Slashed from \$1.60, to \$1.50. The story of these goods was told in our last weeks "ad." They are of genuine merit, we give above what are left, and they must go to make room for another lot. Ask those who have bought and they will tell you "to get what you need" before the shipment is sold.

JNO. D. SHEAHAN

BUSINESS LOCALS. Never So Cheap Before. A complete set of single-harness, Good Material; New; for only \$7.50. ADAMS & CURTIS. Now is the time to buy a nice set of Harness. Only \$7.50, at ADAMS & CURTIS.

Photographer. Having located in the Fowler Building, over the stores of John D. Sheahan, for the purpose of taking Photographs and Ferrotypes, and also Copying and Enlarging, I am prepared to give you satisfaction, having had ten years' experience. Call and get a shadow before the substance fades. Pictures taken on a cloudy as well as a fair day. J. R. GLAZENER.

Master's Sales. STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA, LAURENS COUNTY, COURT OF COMMON PLEAS. Plaintiff against Defendant and others.

Pursuant to Judgement for sale in the above stated cases, I will sell at public outcry, at Laurens C. H., S. C., on Saturday in January next, being Monday the 11th day of the month, within the legal hours for sale, the following described property, situate in the County and State aforesaid: All that tract of land containing Two hundred and seventy-three acres, more or less, and bounded by lands of W. E. Crisp, Young Garrett, Abner Owens, Martha A. Owens, and others.

Also, all that tract of land containing Fifty-three acres of land, more or less, and bounded by lands of Kesiah Burns, Lewis Burns, Young Garrett, and others. Terms—One-third of the purchase money to be paid cash; and the balance on a credit of one and two years, with interest from the day of sale. The purchaser to give bond and a mortgage of the premises to secure the credit portion, and to pay for papers. C. D. BARKSDALE, Master, L. C. Nov. 11, 1885.

I have on hand a Lot of FINE METALLIC CEDAR, WALNUT and ROSEWOOD BURIAL CASES and CASKETS, also, a Lot of Cheap Coffins from \$5.00 upwards. Hence furnished on all occasions at small price. B. B. HUNTER.

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LEAKE & PATTON Circular NO 1.

TO THE PUBLIC:— We, at the first of the season, expected business to be a great deal better than it has been, consequently, we bought more goods than we can possibly pay for, unless they are sold; so, in order to pay our debts and save our credit, and to get rid of a large Lot of Extra COATS, PANTS and VESTS, and, in fact, remnants of all descriptions, pertaining to our Stock, we will positively sell our entire Stock of CLOTHING, SHOES, HATS and GENTS' FURNISHING GOODS, from Dec. 1st to Dec. 25th, at and

BELOW NEW YORK COST. Now this is an honest and square statement, and we will certainly convince all of the fact, if they will give us a trial, and don't you forget your pocket book when you call on us. Respectfully, LEAKE & PATTON.

