

One of the liveliest municipal contests our town has ever seen, has arisen since the notice of a special election to fill the office of Mayor was made.

The House Committee on the change in the law in reference to the election of President and Vice-President of the United States have reported favorably in favor of the passage of the Hoar bill.

Three times in the history of the United States since 1800, the question of the Presidential succession has been brought seriously before the people.

In reporting the Hoar bill to regulate the Presidential succession to the House the majority of the committee on the election of President and Vice-President say it is absolutely necessary to provide for the succession under circumstances now existing.

After long quotations from Madison's papers and the early statutes, the majority say it is shown that the propriety of this (present) measure of succession was challenged by the father of the Constitution.

The grave objection to the present system, in the opinion of the majority, is the fact that it merges the executive branch into the legislative branch of the Government.

After further discussing the subject the majority conclude that the President pro tem, of the Senate and the Speaker of the House are in no sense officers of the United States upon whom the Presidential succession can devolve.

In conclusion the report says: "The passage of this Act will meet the just expectations of the people to provide for an evil that may befall us, and whether it is perfect in all respects to meet the difficulties that confront us, is a question better left to the present system governing the Presidential succession and it will be best put upon its present shape at rest until it may be definitely settled by a Constitutional amendment or such other means as Congress may determine."

Albert O. Dixon died at Bishopville, S. C., September 12, 1885. Those are little words, but how much is comprehended in what they mean!

As a member of Darlington Lodge No. 7, Knights of Pythias, it was always his aim to be faithful to the lessons taught there, and thereby to be a true and upright Knight.

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The office of the chivalric and big-hearted gentleman, Col. A. C. Haskell, president of the Charlotte, Columbia and Augusta Railroad Company, seeking the gift of a little firewood in the shape of crosettes or engine fuel, those of them who could proffering the little they had for a stack or two.

Timmonsville Items. —Our young people enjoyed skating on the thick ice in an extended excavation on the side of the railroad—the result was much pleasure, many ups and downs, with a few broken heads, followed by bad colds and fever, and remaining in doors for convalescence.

—The blizzard and cold wave from "Greenland's icy Mountains," and every other place, has come and gone, and old Sol smiles out as bright and as warm as though he had been on regular duty all the time.

—The silver question seems to be bothering our national representatives just now for fear if the coinage continues there will be too much silver. The only thing that bothers us that there is not enough.

Cartersville Items. —Guano has commenced to pour in. —Mrs. Dr. Palmer is teaching the public school at this place.

—Mr. Elinas Wright's steam saw mill at Lisbon was burnt down a few nights ago. Mr. H. Knuts has been arrested for the crime.

STATE ITEMS. The farmers around Black's Station have organized a farmers' club. It costs \$325 a year to sell liquor in Walthalla.

Mr. T. J. Langston, of Edgefield, has stocked an ice house with ice formed by the recent cold spell.

Mr. Jesse Yarborough, of Lancaster, recently had his leg broken, while digging a well, by a log falling upon it.

Mr. B. J. Pope, of Chesterfield County, met a terrible death on January 9. He attempted to dislodge a tree he had just cut, when the tree kicked back and crushed him to death.

A few days ago a small colored boy, son of Peter Black, who lives near Whittaker's, was carelessly handling a gun in the house. His mother directed him to go on an errand, but failing to do so at once, his sister, smaller than himself, reported the fact to her mother, instantly the report of a gun was heard and the girl dropped dead upon the floor, the load having taken effect in her head.

Mr. F. S. Baldwin, of Boston, Mass., has purchased a tract of land from Mr. S. Boatwright, of Edge Springs, and intends to erect a handsome residence upon it.

At the bride's home, near Timmonsville, S. C., Sunday evening, December 27, '85, by Rev. A. McA. Pittman, Mr. J. S. Lewis and Miss Ella Stokes.

At the residence of the officiating minister, Rev. A. McA. Pittman, Wednesday, January 13, '86, Luther Bateman to Lela, daughter of Mr. Wade Blackman; all of Darlington.

TAKE YOUR FRIENDS AND YOU ALL MUST GO TO THE DARLINGTON Jewelry Store FOR Jewelry Rare, Watches, CLOCKS AND SILVERWARE.

WARRANTED. Nickel Watches, 5.00, 5.50, 6.00 to 10.00; solid silver watches 10.00, 10.50, 12.00 to 25.00; solid gold watches, 35.00, 40.00, 50.00 to 65.00; Clocks, 3.00, 3.50, 4.50, 5.50, 7.00 to 14.00; Jewelry, watch-chains, necklaces, brooches, ear-rings, scarf pins, sleeve buttons, collar buttons, etc., at city prices.

By virtue of the above stated Execution to me directed, I will sell at the plantation Robert Nettles, in the County of Darlington, on the first Monday in February next, or the Tuesday thereafter.

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Creditor's Notice. All persons having claims against the Estate of A. F. Edwards, will present them in due form, and all persons indebted to the Estate will make payment to the undersigned, or her agent, T. Hartwell Edwards.

Important Notice. Executors, Administrators, Guardians and Trustees, are hereby notified that their annual returns are now due at the Judge of Probate's office.

Final Notice. One month after date I will file my Final Return as administrator of the Estate of Margaret E. Turnage, and apply to the Judge of Probate of Darlington County for Letters Dismissory from the same.

Red Rust Proof Oats. 1,000 bushels best quality for seed, now on sale at Darlington Wholesale Grocery and at Hartsville.

Mortgagee's Sale. FRANCIS W. KERCHNER, vs. J. O. McLOUGHLIN.

By virtue of authority vested in me by a mortgage, executed by J. O. McLaughlin, dated the ninth day of January, 1885, and recorded in the Register's office for Darlington County, in Book X, No. 2, page 241, I will sell at auction at Darlington, S. C., in front of the Court House, on the first Monday in Feb., next, at 11 o'clock, A. M.

THE STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA. COUNTY OF DARLINGTON. Mortgagee's Sale.

By virtue of and pursuant to authority vested in me by Lee J. Rollins, in a certain mortgage of real estate, bearing date the 24th day of December, A. D. 1884, and recorded in the office of the Register of Meese Conveyances for Darlington County, in Book X, No. 2, page 225, I will offer for sale, at public auction or vendue, on Saturday in February next, in front of the Court House door at Darlington, S. C., the following real estate, viz:

THE STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA. COUNTY OF DARLINGTON. Mortgagee's Sale.

By virtue of and pursuant to authority vested in me by Robt. Dickinson and A. M. Dickinson, in a certain mortgage of real estate, bearing date the 31st day of January, A. D. 1884, and recorded in the office of the Register of Meese Conveyances for Darlington County, in Book X, No. 2, page 25, I will offer for sale, at public auction or vendue, on Saturday in February next, in front of the Court House door at Darlington, S. C., the following real estate, viz:

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STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA. COUNTY OF DARLINGTON. DUNCAN MURCHISON vs. PAUL H. WARING.

By virtue of a mortgage vested in me as mortgagee, in a mortgage executed by Paul H. Waring to me, Duncan Murchison, bearing date the 6th day of August, A. D. 1885, the Bond to secure which the said mortgage was given bears the same date and is in the penal sum of Two Thousand Five Hundred and forty-two dollars, conditioned for the payment of the full and just sum of One Thousand Dollars, in equal payments as follows, to wit: Six Hundred and thirty-five and 10/100 on the 1st day of January, A. D. 1886, and Six Hundred and thirty-five and 10/100 on the 1st day of January, A. D. 1887, with interest on the whole amount from the 6th day of August, A. D. 1885, at the rate of ten per cent. per annum, payable annually until both principal and interest be fully paid.

By virtue of the above stated Execution to me directed, I will sell in front of the Court House of Darlington County, on the first Monday in February next, or the Tuesday thereafter.

NINE BALES COTTON. Levied on as the property of J. N. Parrott to satisfy this and other executions in my office.

STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA. COUNTY OF DARLINGTON. B. W. EDWARDS, vs. JOSEPH BACOT.

To satisfy two mortgages, to me executed by the late Joseph Bacot, recorded in the office of R. M. C., in books V, 372 and K, K., 234, I will sell with the consent of his heirs at law at Darlington Court House, on Saturday in February next, at eleven o'clock, A. M.

Assignee's Sale. THE LARGE AND DESIRABLE STOCK OF GOODS OF B. A. EARLY, -AT THE- DARLINGTON STORE AND ALSO AT THE Cross Roads' Store, IS NOW OFFERED FOR SALE AT COST FOR CASH, IN LOTS TO SUIT PURCHASERS. All persons indebted to B. A. Early will please come forward and settle the same, without delay. Office at the Darlington Store. CHARLES K. ROGERS, Assignee for B. A. Early. January 14, '86-1f

[OFFICIAL] OFFICE OF COUNTY AUDITOR, DARLINGTON, S. C., Dec. 24, 1885. Notice is hereby given, that I will attend in person or by deputy, at the places named, to receive the Tax Returns for 1886. Tax payers are requested to give in their Returns promptly and avoid the penalty of 50 per cent.

Darlington Court House, Jan. 1, 2, and 3. Swift Creek, B. A. Early's store, Jan. 5. Hartsville, J. L. Coker & Co's. store, Jan. 6. Stokes Bridge, J. H. Pate's store, Jan. 7. Cypress, L. S. Pate's store, Jan. 8. Philadelphia C. R. King's store, Jan. 9. High Hill, Garner & Howie's store, Jan. 11. Lisbon, G. H. Mims' store, Jan. 12. Cartersville, C. T. Haynie's store, Jan. 13.

JAMES H. MASON, Pearl Street, Darlington, S. O. Dec 17, 1y

SHILOH'S CURE will immediately relieve Croup Whooping Cough and Bronchitis. For sale at J. A. Boyd's Drug Store.

DON'T You want your Cotton Seed good? If you do, call at the News Office and see a sample of the ground seed and get a circular, and buy a seed mill from J. W. WARK, Agent for Darlington County. Dec. 24, '85-1m

SLEEPLESS NIGHTS, made miserable by that terrible cough, Shiloh's Cure is the remedy for you. For sale at J. A. Boyd's Drug Store.

HIGHEST CASH PRICE PAID FOR Hides, Furs, AND COUNTRY PRODUCE, The CASH will be paid for 20,000 pounds Beeswax. BY M. WELSH. Jan. 19-1y.

Final Notice. One month after date I will file my Final Account as administrator of the Estate of Hilliard K. Abbott, deceased, and apply to the Probate Judge of Darlington County for a Discharge from the same.

Valuable Plantation. A valuable plantation to rent for one year or for a term of years.

SHILOH'S VITALIZER is what you need for Constipation, Loss of Appetite, Bile, and all symptoms of Dyspepsia. Price 10 and 75 cents per bottle. At J. A. Boyd's Drug Store.

TOWN ELECTION. A special election for Mayor for the Town of Darlington (who will serve until January 1, 1887), to fill the unexpired term of the late Mayor, John Woods, deceased, will be held on Thursday, January 21, 1886, at what is known as the Council Room. There will be held by managers appointed a registration of all persons qualified to vote in said Town, on Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday next preceding the election, at the same place. No person who does not register will be allowed to vote, under the charter. Every male citizen who is 21 years of age, has been a resident of this State for one year next preceding the election, and a resident of the Town for 60 days next preceding the election, and who is not disqualified from voting according to the laws of this State, is allowed to register and vote at this election.

Final Notice. One month after date I will present my Final Account as administrator of the Estate of Ezra A. Hudson, late of Darlington, deceased, and apply to the Judge of Probate of said County for Letters of dismissal.

FOOTZ'S HORSE AND CATTLE POWDERS. No horse will die of Colic, Bots or Lice from Footz's Powders. Footz's Powders will cure and prevent Hoof Cholera. Footz's Powders will prevent Galls in Horses. Footz's Powders will increase the quantity of milk and cream twenty per cent, and make the butter rich and sweet. Footz's Powders will cure or prevent almost every disease to which Horses and Cattle are subject. Footz's Powders will give Satisfaction. Sold everywhere. DAVID E. FOOTZ, Proprietor, BALTIMORE, MD. For sale at Dr. J. A. Boyd's. That hocking cough can be so quickly by Shiloh's Cure. We guarantee it.