

The Darlington

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DARLINGTON, S. C., THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 13, 1896.

WHOLE NUMBER

LOCAL LACONICS.

MATTERS IN AND AROUND THE TOWN OF DARLINGTON.

A Column of News, tersely told, of interest to our many readers.

Mr. W. D. Coggeshall is quite sick.

Cotton is bringing 7.65 at this market.

Mr. Howard Norment has been quite sick.

Mr. J. R. Spinks is clerking at Coggeshall's green-grocery.

Court will meet on Monday, March 2, Judge Watts presiding.

Mr. L. G. McCall moved this week to one of his cottages on Mowry Street.

Mr. E. C. Lidu has been very ill for the past week, but he is now considerably better.

Mr. W. J. Dickson, of Marion, is on a visit to his son, Mr. W. G. Dickson, of this place.

Mr. Julian Coggeshall now has charge of the central office of the telephone exchange.

"Camp Darlington" will make an effort to turn out on parade on Memorial Day—May 10.

Mr. Bright Williamson offers for sale on his plantation pure bred Essex pigs from imported stock.

Mr. A. C. McFall is still improving, and his friends are now hopeful of his ultimate recovery.

There is to be a valentine party at the residence of Mr. W. J. McCown, at Ebenezer, tomorrow night.

The "street brigade" has been kept quite busy repairing the damage done by the recent heavy rains. Some of the sidewalks of the town are in bad condition.

Messrs. W. L. Pearson and H. H. Rast have opened a jewelry store and bicycle repair shop in the store next to Blackwell Bros., under the firm name of Pearson & Rast.

At the last meeting of the Darlington Guards, a number of new members were elected. Squad drills are now held three times a week, and Company drills once a month.

For sale, two White sewing-machines, the last of a large lot. They are in first-class condition and are offered at a bargain. Call at this office at once if you wish to secure one or both of them.

Society people are looking forward with great interest to the "St. Valentine's" ball which is to be given at the Cleveland House tomorrow night. A number of visitors are expected here for it.

"An Artist in Crime", which is to be begun as a serial story in our issue of Feb. 20, will, we can predict with certainty, prove one of the most generally popular continued stories we have ever published.

On Monday, at the meeting of the survivors to form a "camp", there were several men present who had not seen each other since they stood together in ranks in the long ago. They met again with great cordiality, and many were the stories of those trying times that were told.

The Mayor has had his hands full lately trying the cases of those against whom charges have been preferred by the Board of Health. The Board is getting in some good work now, with the result, too, that the exchequer of the town is being considerably benefited thereby.

The young ladies of the Presbyterian Church will give a "Buttercup T-a" Thursday evening, Feb. 20, at the old Y. M. C. A. Hall. Refreshments will be served; admission free. The cause is a worthy one; some charming young ladies are interested in it, and the entertainment will doubtless be liberally patronized.

Miss Bertha Bland was married yesterday afternoon at 4:30 o'clock to Mr. C. C. Beck, of Florence, a son of Capt. J. S. Beck. The marriage took place at the residence of Mr. G. A. Bland, the father of the bride, the Rev. J. H. Dixon, of Florence, performing the ceremony. The young couple left in the afternoon for Florence.

The County chain-gang arrived on Tuesday night, and will work on Black Creek.

The Spartanburg Herald of Monday last says: "Mr. Abe Schultz, of Darlington, has rented the store room between S. Becker and the Harris Company and will open up a clothing and gents' furnishing house."

The Wilmington Messenger of Feb. 8 says: "A quiet marriage was solemnized yesterday at 5:30 o'clock p. m., at St. James' Church by the rector, the Rev. Dr. Strange. The contracting parties were Mr. E. M. Gregg, of Ocala, Fla., and Miss Sue R. Meginney of this city."

The following officers of the local lodge of the "Woodmen of the World" were elected and installed at the regular meeting of the lodge on Thursday last: Geo. Orslov, C. C.; G. O. Mertz, A. L.; A. T. Baird, Physician; A. W. Welling, Clerk; J. S. Garner, Banker; A. F. Northcutt, Escort.

As Tuesday next will be the thirty-second anniversary of the Knights of Pythias, Darlington Lodge, after the regular meeting to be held on that night, will give a big supper in their hall, to which all the members of the Order in good standing in this vicinity will be invited. A fine time generally is anticipated.

Mrs. Harriet M. Adams, nee Weatherly, of Marlboro County, died suddenly at her home near the Factory on Tuesday morning, and was buried at Grove Hill Cemetery yesterday morning. Death was caused from heart failure. Mrs. Adams was the wife of Mr. J. Adams, and she leaves, besides her husband, five children to mourn her loss.

Letters addressed to the following persons remain uncalled for at the Darlington postoffice, and are advertised as "dead" for the week ending Feb. 10th: Messrs. Jno. Bows, Ben. Register, J. M. Martin, T. B. Meachem, L. L. Martin, Ed. Miller, Amis, Robt. Davis, I. S. Harley, R. L. Hart, J. H. Kelley, Anderson Pate, Will Graham, W. L. Neal; Misses Mary Munder, Silver Chury, Sophia L. Hart, Mrs. Caroline Amos.

News was received here last week that S. B. Bass, colored, who is "wanted" by the Sheriff, had been located in Tampa, Fla. Bass, it will be remembered, stole a lot of goods from the Champion Canning Company, in whose employ he was, several years ago, but escaped from jail before his trial. After the Sheriff got the necessary requisition papers from the Governor's office last week, it was learned that Bass was not in Tampa after all.

100 barrels of seed Irish potatoes just received at Deans Bros'.

A solid silver thimble with every \$5 purchase of Sligh & Rucker.

"The Royal Tailors."

By reference to his advertisement, which appears on the fourth page of this issue, it will be seen that Mr. Claude Milling has been appointed agent at Darlington for the Royal Tailors, of Chicago, the largest tailoring establishment on earth. Mr. Milling has for some time past been the local agent for the celebrated house of Wannamaker & Brown, of Philadelphia, and now that he has secured the agency of the Royal Tailors, his customers cannot fail to find just what they want in his line of samples, as regards either style, quality, or price.

Mr. E. B. Dargan is the local agent for the sale of the clothing made by the celebrated Globe Tailoring Co., of Cincinnati, the largest exclusive tailoring establishment in the United States.

Burned To Death.

A shocking accident occurred on Mr. William Ward's place on the Timmonsville road two miles from town on Monday. Rebecca, a little three-year-old daughter of Josephine Bonaparte, colored, was left alone in a house with another little girl five years old. Rebecca was playing in the fire, when her dress caught in some way, and she was so badly burned that she died before assistance could reach her. C. P. Dargan, Esq., deputy coroner, held the inquest on Tuesday, Dr. A. T. Baird making the autopsy.

Darlington's Gain.

Mr. A. J. Baird, a brother of Mr. J. D. Baird, has moved to Darlington from Jacksonville, Fla., where he has been filling a position as cashier of one of the banks. He and Mrs. Baird are staying at present with the latter's mother, Mrs. John Z. Hearon. Mr. Baird will assist Mr. C. S. McCullough for the present with some of his accounts and book-keeping. He will go into business here on his own account later. He will prove a valuable acquisition to the community, and in common with the rest of the people of Darlington we extend to him a cordial welcome.

Try "Jim Dandy" meal at Parrott Bros'.

Does your old sewing-machine run heavy? If so, trade it for a new one at Blackwell Bros'.

"Farmers' Interest Society."

The "Farmers' Interest Society", located at Pleasant Grove Church (colored), in Darlington County, and having for its object "the advancement of the financial condition of its members, and to maintain a closer union generally in their social, moral, fraternal and charitable benefits, and to care for the sick and helpless and to contribute to their necessities", has been granted a charter by the Clerk of Court. The incorporators are B. M. Abraham, W. B. Bachus, C. H. Holmes, Emma Smith, M. S. Lide, J. J. Pouncy and W. B. Byrd.

Silks, silks!—we are selling them fast; Sligh & Rucker.

Acid, kaimit and high grade fertilizers at Blackwell Bros'.

The Saddest Death Of All.

Mrs. David S. McCullough died of pneumonia on Monday morning, and was buried in Grove Hill cemetery on the following day. The funeral services were held at the Methodist Church at 11:30 on Tuesday morning. Mrs. McCullough was Miss Annie Smith, of Greenville. She was married to Mr. McCullough in 1870. Eight children survive her—four sons and four daughters. Of these, Mr. Eugene McCullough is married and living in Laurens County, Mr. C. S. McCullough, Jr., has a position in Bennettsville with the Marlboro Oil Mill, and Mr. Frank McCullough has charge of his late father's business here. The remaining children are young and dependent, some of them extremely young. The oldest daughter has been very ill, as the result of measles, and is still quite sick. It was only week before last that we reported in these columns the sad death from the same cause of her brother, Joe McCullough, a bright and promising lad, fifteen years of age.

A year and a half ago Mr. and Mrs. McCullough occupied with their family a handsome residence on Broad Street, one of the prettiest homes in Darlington. They took great pride in it, and the grounds were kept in beautiful condition. The whole was destroyed by accidental fire in a single night. Mrs. McCullough's only brother died last summer. This was followed a month later by the death of her father. On Oct. 15, while she and Mr. McCullough were alone in their room at night, the former received the wound from the accidental discharge of his pistol which resulted in his tragic death. When little Joe's body was taken to the cemetery week before last, worn out with nursing and crushed by her misfortunes, Mrs. McCullough took to her bed. Her illness gradually assumed a serious form, with the fatal result on Monday stated above.

She was a woman of unusual fine character, and was greatly beloved by all who knew her. It seems, on looking back over a period of the past few years, that it has fallen to our lot to have to chronicle a great many sad deaths, and to record the passing away of an unusually large number of people prominent in the community and in the County. Of them all, however, none have been attended with the sadness which marked Mrs. McCullough's. The hearts of our people, among whom she had lived so long, and who loved her so dearly for all her lofty qualities of heart and mind, go out to-day in sympathy towards the dependent little ones she has left behind her.

A Tribute to Capt. Griffin.

Editor, Darlington News:

The arrival of our paper today brought genuine sorrow to my entire household in the account of Capt. Griffin's death. Living near him as we had for the past six years, I had found him universally kind and a real friend to the inmates of the parsonage. He was among the last of cherished friends who bade us adieu on our recent departure from Leavenworth for this place. His kind acts often recalled 2nd Timothy, 1: 18, as expressing the feelings prompted thereby. He will be greatly missed. F. M. SATTERWHITE, Blenheim, S. C., Feb. 7, 1896.

The latest improvement in the ball-bearing, light running, Wheeler & Wilson sewing-machine. For sale only by Blackwell Bros., who now have it on exhibition at their store.

My selections of garden seed will give the best results. G. O. Mertz.

"An Artist in Crime."

As will be seen from the advertising notices given elsewhere in this issue, we will begin on Feb. 20 the publication of "An Artist in Crime", by Rodriguez Ottolengui, a young man who was raised in Charleston, but who now lives at the North. We feel safe in predicting that this story will give great pleasure to our readers. We read it several years ago, when it first came out, and were not surprised at the high praise showered upon it by the critics. Mr. Ottolengui has written two books since, but while they have all brought him both fame and fortune, this particular work will always stand as his masterpiece. Mr. Ottolengui's short stories are now being published in magazines both in this country and in England, and are read with interest by his many admirers wherever the English language is spoken. So the subscribers to THE NEWS may make up their minds that we have an unusual treat in store for them.

Seed potatoes at Parrott Bros'.

We do not handle groceries, but we do handle and sell more dry goods, clothing and shoes than any two other merchants in Darlington; Sligh & Rucker.

"Camp Darlington."

(Reported for THE NEWS.)

Not since the reunion of the 8th S. C. Regiment at Florence many years ago has such a gathering of the old soldiers been seen in Darlington County as was seen in the Court House on Monday, in response to the call issued some time ago for the purpose of forming a Confederate Veteran Camp. At the appointed hour, Henry Brown, the veteran drummer of the 8th Regiment, beat the call in front of the Court House, and from all sides could be seen the men who, in the long ago, had heard the same call in the stirring times that were then upon us, promptly assembling, but on a more peaceful mission. On they came to the number of one hundred and eighty, representing every branch of the service, and many States of the Confederacy, many of them carrying with them the badge of their service in the empty sleeves and wooden legs, which marked them as men who had done their duty where only true men could stand.

Assembling in the Court House, Mr. E. Keith Dargan was called to the chair as temporary Chairman. In taking the chair he said that it was an honor to preside over a body like that—an assembly of Confederate soldiers, his comrades in arms. It was proper that the memory of the gallant dead should be revered, and that monuments should be raised to perpetuate their fame, but it was eminently proper that the living should be cared for in their declining years, and it was for this purpose that this meeting had been called. These men had given the best years of their lives to the cause, had suffered in health, many of them had lost their limbs, and with declining years were now unable to take care of themselves. There were no pensions for the losing side, and we must take care of our comrades. Again thanking his comrades for the honor of being called to preside, he declared the meeting ready for business. Mr. C. D. Evans

was elected temporary secretary. In order to state more fully the object of the meeting, Col. E. R. McIver was requested to read the prospectus of the Confederate Veterans' Association, which he did, and also to read Article I of the Constitution. This states the qualifications for membership, which are as follows: "All who have served in the Army or Navy of the Confederate States, and who have received honorable discharge therefrom." The roll was then signed and afterwards read and corrected. It was proposed that officers be elected by acclamation, but this was afterwards changed, and a committee of five appointed to nominate. This committee consisted of J. W. Beasley, J. J. Lucas, J. W. Harrington, T. P. King and H. C. Burn.

During the absence of the committee, Mr. E. K. Dargan read the bill on pensions which has passed the House in the Legislature and has gone to the Senate. This bill makes provision for an increase in the appropriation for pensions in this State, and will no doubt become the law. Mr. W. D. Woods also made a few remarks, speaking in high terms of the Confederate soldier and of the place he will hold in History.

Upon the return of the committee, they reported the following as nominees for the officers: E. Keith Dargan, Commander; E. W. Cannon, J. W. Woodham and J. C. Clements, Lieutenant Commanders; W. E. James, Adjutant; Dr. W. L. Galloway, Surgeon; Dr. B. S. Lucas, Assistant Surgeon; W. C. Coker, Quartermaster; Rev. A. W. Parrott, Chaplain; E. R. McIver, Treasurer. A committee of three were appointed on By-Laws, consisting of E. R. McIver, J. J. Lucas and W. E. James, whose duty it was to form the By-Laws suitable for a camp in the country.

On motion it was decided that this camp should be known as "Camp Darlington". The chair was authorized to appoint a committee on the Jefferson Davis monument in Richmond, and also committees on Records, Charity, Applications and Employment—each to consist of five members. It was decided that the next meeting of the Camp should be on April 13, the anniversary of the surrender of Fort Sumter. A call was made for a contribution of 25 cents from each member to meet dues, and to pay for a charter. The meeting then adjourned.

Buy \$5 worth of goods and get a solid silver thimble free at Sligh & Rucker's.

Fine line of fresh candies at Deans Bros'.

Flower pots at Parrott Bros'.

Legislative Proceedings.

[News and Courier.]

COLUMBIA, February 9.—The only new thing in Columbia today is the proposed amendments to the metropolitan police law. The amendments will be introduced in the Senate, and Mr. Mayfield is to have charge of the matter in that body. It is understood that Corporation Counsel Inglesby, of Charleston, has talked over the matter with Governor Evans.

The disposition of the city authorities, as gathered from the Charleston delegation in the Legislature, seems to be to perfect the bill. If it is to stand they wish to make it as good a bill as possible. To this end it is proposed to offer the following amendments:

First, to provide that the accounts of the police commissioners shall be audited by the city treasurer, as are those of all other boards of the city.

Second, to provide that except in the enforcement of the dispensary law, the police shall also be subject to the orders of the Mayor, as in case of fire, etc., as it is manifestly proper and necessary for the city authorities to exercise some control over the police without the delay consequent upon a request to the commissioners.

Third, it is thought that there can be no possible objection to an amendment providing that the Mayor shall be ex-officio a member of the board, as in the case of all other boards of the city, so that the city authorities shall have a representative on the board to explain the reasons for the necessities for appropriations asked for by the board.

There is a disposition on the

part of the Governor and members of the General Assembly to make the provisions of the bill as equitable as possible consistently with the enforcement of the dispensary law, and it is urged that the above changes would improve the bill and would be a recognition of the rights of the citizens of Charleston to see to the expenditure of their own money.

Neither house has yet undertaken to remodel the dispensary law. An entirely new bill has been prepared by the Attorney General, and will probably be presented in the morning. It has been decided—possibly in view of the pending litigation—not to amend the present law, but to pass an entirely new law from bottom up. This, it is argued, will make it necessary for any suit intended to upset the law to be begun de novo. Of course, the new bill will try to meet the objections the Courts have found to the law now in effect, and will provide several changes, especially in the management of the dispensary. The ex-officio members are not intended, under the new bill, to have quite so much to do with the management of the institution, and there is to be more strictness about the auditing of the accounts and the payment of orders.

The message of Governor Evans on the dispensary will be submitted to the General Assembly in the morning. He deals with the matter in rather an historical way and makes some suggestions as to the improvement of the law. Not so much is said about the metropolitan police in Charleston as was expected.

The Gospel Temperance Union bill has come before the House without recommendation. This is a scheme for running the dispensaries for medicinal and mechanical purposes only. There are a great many who favor even absolute prohibition, and this bill will likely develop some strength, although just now to say anything against the dispensary law is considered a graver offence in the House than was the talk of Mr. Talbert in Congress.

The importance of keeping offices for "the boys" was fully illustrated the other day by the temper of some of the argument used against turning the engraving department over to the women. While the advocates of the women prevailed in the House, it was only after some curious expressions of opinion from the opposition, and even the declaration that the passage of the bill would ruin the Reform party. This was based upon the supposition that the appointments would be left to the Solicitors, and with what avidity the few crumbs are watched may be appreciated from the fear expressed by certain rabid Reformers that Solicitors Nelson, Schumpert, Jervey and Wilson would not give the places to the "true blue boys."

There could be no plainer confession that in the opinion of these statesmen the Reform party is run for the money there is in it.

Of course, the usual fight against the appropriations for the higher educational institutions is to be expected. It would be altogether unexpected if the strength of the economic and denominational forces were not directed against these appropriations. The chances, however, are decidedly in favor of all the appropriations as recommended by the committee.

It is thought that nothing will come of the Clemson investigation now in progress, and that everyone will be content to let matters stand as they are.

The economists, of course, have another salary reduction bill on the Calendar. It has the favorable report of the committee and it may be taken up so as to have members give their views on how cheap the Government should and could be run, if they were in charge, but it is altogether a dream that such a bill will pass at this session. Other and far more important measures claim the attention of the General Assembly at this time.

The railroad interests are given an audience before the Senate committee on the bill on the railroad.

already passed, but it has been reported that the bill has been passed.

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