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LOCAL LAONICS.

WATTERS IN AND AROUND THE TOWN OF DARLINGTON.

A Column of News, Tersely Told, of Interest to Our Many Readers.

Mr. J. O. A. Moore has been quite sick.

Mr. W. W. Cooley, who has been quite sick, is out again.

Dr. A. T. Baird has been quite sick, but he is now improving.

Mr. and Mrs. William Dargan, of Greenville, are on a visit to relatives here.

Mr. H. H. Pegues has a position with the Atlantic Coast Line at Rocky Mount, N. C.

Call and see the new "Rambler" bicycles now on exhibition at this office.

Our next issue is to contain the first chapters of that charming serial story, "An Artist in Crime".

Mr. T. E. Sligh is going to New York on Saturday to purchase his firm's spring and summer goods.

The Bar held a meeting on Monday afternoon to arrange a Roster for the approaching session of the Court of Common Pleas.

The road machine to be used in working the roads of the County passed through town on Friday in charge of the chain-gang.

Mr. Robert E. James has been very sick indeed for the past ten days. He is up now, however, and hopes soon to be at his work again.

The Newberry correspondent of the *News and Courier* says that Mr. J. H. Moore, lately of Darlington, has leased a store in Newberry and will go into business there.

The Columbia *State* of Tuesday says: "Mr. Charles C. Wilson, architect and engineer, and Mr. W. A. Edwards, architect, both formerly of this State, have decided to locate in the city and do business under the firm name of Wilson & Edwards".

Col. John J. Dargan addressed the colored Sunday-school at Pleasant Grove on Sunday, the 16th. On Sunday afternoon next he will deliver an address here in Macedonia Baptist Church before the children of that Sunday-school.

The items from "Wardsville" published in this issue are from the neighborhood in which Mr. William Ward lives, west of Darlington. It is to be hoped that our bright young correspondent from that section will favor us every week.

Boston Briggs, a colored boy from the Mars Bluff neighborhood, was detected in an attempt to steal a bolt of cloth from Edwards & Co.'s store on Friday last. He was arrested, and was very willing to compromise the matter by paying up.

The "Schubert Symphony Company" gave a concert in the Opera House on Friday night. The performance was a fine one and gave great pleasure to all who were present. The audience was smaller than it would otherwise have been owing to the excessively cold weather.

Mr. J. W. Northcutt attempted suicide on Monday night by drinking a quantity of laudanum. Drs. Lanneau and Hill were called to his assistance, but had great difficulty in bringing him round. At last accounts, it was thought that he would survive, though he has had a narrow shave.

At the time that we go to press we learn that the local ministers are to hold a meeting on Friday afternoon to arrange a programme for the "peace" conference which will be held in the Armory next Sunday evening. It is understood that Presiding Elder Hodges is to be here on Sunday, and that he will take part in the conference.

The "Buttercup Tea" given by the ladies of the Presbyterian Church on Thursday night last was a great success, and a good sum was cleared for the worthy purpose they have in view. Hewitt's Hall, where the entertainment was given, was beautifully draped for the occasion, and everything connected with it passed off very pleasantly.

Rev. R. A. Child preached the first of a series of sermons on the "Mystery of Faith" at the Methodist Church on Sunday morning last. The series will consist of five sermons.

The people along the line of the Cheraw & Darlington road will be rejoiced to know that, beginning on Sunday or Monday next, the authorities have decided to run a daily passenger train from Florence to Wadesboro and return.

A great many people consider a bicycle an expensive luxury. But if they would give the subject serious thought they would come to the conclusion that in no way can they derive the same amount of pleasure and benefit from any other investment as from a "Rambler" bicycle.

The Hebrews of the community will celebrate the festival of "Purim" in "great shape" this year. In the K. of P. Hall, at 8 o'clock on Monday evening next, an historical play, the incidents of which are intimately associated with the festival, will be presented by the children. After that there will be a grand ball and supper at the Cleveland House.

Sewing machines, all grades and prices and on easy terms, at Blackwell Bros.

To-morrow (Friday the 28th) is bargain day at Sligh & Rucker's.

To Be Tried Next Week.

The following prisoners are in jail awaiting trial next week: John Sanders, housebreaking and larceny; Leb Scott, same offense; Sam Thomas, larceny; George Dixon, larceny of live stock; Mose Lewis, burglary and larceny; Theo. Ham, the same; Robert Dargan, housebreaking and larceny; Maria Hopkins, malicious poisoning; Thomas Duffie, who is also in jail, is awaiting requisition papers from Georgia. H. W. Turner is there, too, serving a sentence of the United States Court.

Austin, Nicols & Co.'s shredded oats, 15 cent packages, for 10 cents, at Deans Bros.

C. W. Hewitt will have in another carload of horses and mules on Saturday next.

"Woodmen of The World."

The local lodge of the "Woodmen of the World," which was organized here about a year ago, is forging ahead at a great rate. Fifty four applications for membership from influential citizens of Darlington were considered at the regular meeting on Monday night. It is rumored that Mr. John Reb Drake, an indefatigable worker for the good of the Order, and the man who was largely responsible for the big membership worked up on Monday night, is to be presented by the Sovereign Commander with a gold medal in recognition of the valuable service he has rendered.

Garden seeds!—Adams' early and Stowell's evergreen sugar corn at Blackwell Bros.

The Wizard Oil Company.

Hamlin's Wizard Oil Company will commence a series of entertainments in the Opera House on Monday night, March 2nd. They are said to have a fine male quartette, and a good company of specialty artists. They have a little man 40 inches high, whose performance alone is said to be worth the price of admission, which is fifteen cents, no extra charge for front seats. The following is what the *Newberry Observer* has to say of this company:

"Hamlin's Wizard Oil Concert Company is the attraction at the opera house every night this week. The company is playing to large audiences and is giving perfect satisfaction. Many of our citizens have paid as much as \$1.00 to see a much worse performance. The singing is good, the farce comedies are laughable and the acrobatic feats of little Jerry Sullivan, Jr., are wonderful. This company will be at the opera house the remainder of the week, and those who would like to attend a good, clean show need not hesitate to take in the Wizard Oil Company. Fifteen cents is all it costs you."

Gentlemen's undervests, worth from \$1 to \$1.25, for 50 cents at Sligh & Rucker's.

Prof. Woodward on "Shakespeare".

Prof. F. C. Woodward, of the South Carolina College, has been invited by the Timrod Club to deliver his celebrated lecture on "Shakespeare" here on March 27th. The Darlington Guards have tendered the Timrod Club the use of their Armory for that occasion, which is being looked forward to with great pleasure by all who had the good fortune to hear Prof. Woodward when he was here last year, and by all who have learned of his "Shakespeare" lecture—the most famous of them all.

Gentlemen's Derby hats, worth from \$2 to \$3, going at 75 cents at Sligh & Rucker's.

Trousers to fit the stout, lean, or medium sized man at Blackwell Bros.

Dead Letters.

Letters addressed to the following persons remain uncalled for at the Darlington postoffice, and are advertised as "dead" for the week ending Feb. 24th: Messrs. Tom McKoy, J. P. Watford, J. S. Williamson, G. C. Walsh, T. L. Wright, Eli Wright, Boyd Truett, Moses Thomas, W. J. Tedder, F. W. Truett, Eddie Rushing, Caesar Adams, Randal Read, Mark Ritchison, Douting Rush, T. N. Towers, Henderson Parson, E. L. Lide, Peter Hodge, Bronson Jackson, Dr. J. P. Wilson, A. P. Sallers, S. E. Segers, C. C. Sink; Mrs. M. J. White, Misses Clara Nettles, Eley Wilson.

A handsome line of colored shirts, neckwear, etc., at Blackwell Bros.

Mr. Bright Williamson has for sale at his plantation pure bred Essex pigs, from imported stock.

A New Firm.

Messrs. McCullough & Co., which firm, it will be remembered, is composed of C. S. McCullough, J. W. McCullough and W. W. Cooley, are going to retire from the livery business, though they will continue to run sale and feed stables at their present stand. Messrs. C. S. McCullough, Jr., and Frank McCullough, sons of the late Mr. C. S. McCullough, will go into the livery business, at their father's old stand on Florence Street. The name of this firm will be McCullough Bros. These young men have many friends in Darlington, whose best wishes attend them in their new venture.

Buckwheat, only 15 cents a pound, at Deans Bros.

To-morrow (Friday) is remnant bargain day at Sligh & Rucker's.

Mr. George D. Williams Burnt to Death.

A terrible fire occurred in Florence early this morning, beginning in the building immediately west of the Central Hotel, and burning all the way round to the Dispensary before it was controlled. Ten buildings were consumed, among them being Sligh & Rucker's large stores, the postoffice, the Dispensary, King & Lake's drug store and Sulzbacher's jewelry store.

The most horrible part of the tragedy was that Mr. George D. Williams, who was sleeping with a friend, Mr. Monroe Berry, in the latter's room over Sulzbacher's store, was burned to death. Berry awoke in time to get out and tried to arouse Williams, but did not succeed.

George Williams was born and raised in Darlington, and was about 22 years old. He was a printer by trade, and was at one time employed on *The News*. At the time of his death, he was working on the *Timmonsville Enterprise*, and was visiting Florence yesterday. He was the oldest child of Mr. C. G. Williams, one of our most highly esteemed citizens. His bereaved family have the heartfelt sympathy of the community in the great affliction that has overtaken them.

One case of "Fruit of the Loom" at 64 cents, by the yard or by the bolt, to-morrow (Friday) at Sligh & Rucker's.

Seed potatoes raised in Maine are the only ones that suit this climate; I have them for sale. G. O. Mertz.

Ober's special tobacco fertilizer; for sale only by Edwards & Co.

"Knights of The Golden Chain."

Mr. A. A. Nolan, state organizer for the Order of the Golden Chain, is working up a lodge in Darlington. This community is famed far and wide for its partiality for secret societies, and, as usual, the inducements offered by the new Order (particularly in the seductive manner they are presented by Mr. Nolan), cannot be resisted. In addition to its social and fraternal features, the Golden Chain has an unusually fine insurance feature, issuing policies for \$1,000, \$2,000 or 3,000. The headquarters of the Order are in Baltimore, and it is said to be one of the most popular and flourishing in the South. There are now seventeen lodges in South Carolina. The lodge at Darlington, which will make the eighteenth, is already assured, twenty persons having signified their intention of joining it, and it will be organized by Mr. Nolan at an early day. We wish this, the youngest of Darlington's lodges, all the success which its older sisters have attained.

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

Two Beautiful Bicycles.

We have been asked whether we could sell a brand new "Rambler" bicycle for \$55. That is out of the question, for "Ramblers" are only one price all the world over, \$100 each. We can, however, sell you a wheel very nearly as good for \$55—one made by the "Rambler" people and fitted out with the G. & J. tire and other "Rambler" parts. It is undoubtedly the very best wheel on the market for the money; that is the general verdict throughout the country wherever they have been sold, and of all those in Darlington who have seen the beautiful sample which was received at this office a few days ago. Call and examine it. With a high grade wheel selling at \$55, many will now buy who felt before that they could not afford it. We also have a Model '96 "Rambler" which we would like to show our friends. It has been voted by all who have ridden it, "a thing of beauty and a joy forever."

Remember, we give a solid silver thimble with every \$5 worth of goods purchased; Sligh & Rucker.

Death of Dr. Simon F. Parrott.

Dr. Simon Parrott died here on Monday morning last at 5.15, and was buried the following day at 11 o'clock in Grove Hill Cemetery. The funeral services were conducted at the Methodist Church, of which the deceased was a member, by the Rev. R. A. Child. Dr. Parrott was born in this County Nov. 2, 1833, so that at the time of his death he was in the 63rd year of his age. He graduated at the Charleston Medical College in the class of 1856, and entered immediately on the active practice of his profession at Flinn's Cross Roads, and with the exception of two years that he lived at Timmonsville continued in it there until 1880, when he retired from active practice.

Dr. Parrott moved to this place in 1882, and has been living here ever since. His wife, who was Miss Frances Byrd, of this County, and ten children, six sons and four daughters, survive him. Three of his sons are in business here, Mr. W. Albert Parrott, Clerk of Court, and Messrs. Walter J. and Laurin I., who compose the firm of Parrott Bros. Dr. Parrott's married daughters are Mrs. W. G. Dixon and Mrs. J. H. Mason. He was a Mason and a member of the American Legion of Honor and the Royal Society of Good Fellows. In the last two societies he carried life insurance aggregating \$8,000.

Dr. Parrott had an attack of the grip about two years ago, from the effects of which he never fully recovered. Up to that time, his health had been remarkably good. For several months past his friends have seen that he was failing, and for a week or more previous to his death they had been very uneasy about him. The Doctor was a genial, whole-souled gentleman, and he will be greatly missed by his many friends.

Eight hundred yards, indigo blue prints at 3 cents a yard, to-morrow (Friday) only, at Sligh & Rucker's.

A "Peace" Convention.

Editor, Darlington News:

I clip the following from the editorial columns of a religious paper of great influence in this country:

A quiet, rational, and excellent way in which to keep Washington's Birthday has been suggested; namely, that the people of cities and towns, at meetings to celebrate the birth of Washington or at meetings called for the special purpose on the Sunday following shall take up the subject of international arbitration, and urge the method of settling all differences between England and the United States. Whether or not such meetings are held next Saturday and Sunday, we repeat what we said last week,—that no time could be more appropriate than the present to urge this important question upon the attention of the American people. Let not such meetings be confined to Washington's Birthday. That ought to be simply the beginning of a movement that should not stop until an arbitration treaty is concluded between England and America, and between America and the other great powers. In order that such sentiments may be effectively expressed, we suggest that ministers who preach on the subject may take a rising vote of their congregations, and that this action, or the resolutions passed at special meetings, should be sent to Mr. William E. Dodge, 11 Cliff Street, New York, or to Dr. William C. Gray, 68 Dearborn Street, Chicago, who are a committee to receive and forward such testimonies to the President of the United States and the Queen of England.

Washington's Birthday was probably celebrated in this excellent way in many places in America, and I write to suggest that, though we people of Darlington are a little tardy, we can be, possibly, none the less serviceable in promoting this great scheme of international arbitration as a substitute for the sword in settling matters of international dispute. The immediate cause of the present movement is the narrow escape England and the United States have recently made of war over a South American boundary line. The alarm and horror felt at President Cleveland's war message by all well-regulated minds in both countries have caused people of both nations to go at once to work to erect a sure defense against such reckless appeals to savage passions in the future. I think the South should show that she is fully abreast with all other sections of the country in her abhorrence of war, and her enlightened perception of the advantages of the more rational method of arbitration for the settlement of international questions. I therefore suggest that on next Sunday evening, at eight o'clock, in the Armory Hall, we hold a meeting of the good people of Darlington in order to discuss this great question, and to pass suitable resolutions expressive of the views of the meeting. It would be well, I think, for the union services usually held by three of the religious denominations of the town to be suspended for that evening in order that the ministers of the Gospel of Peace may be there to address the meeting and impress the Christian view of the matter upon its attention. For myself, I should like to see the meeting conducted as a religious meeting from first to last, with appropriate songs, prayers and speeches by religious people, hearing with respect and great pleasure, at the same time, those not identified with any religious organization who wish to say an earnest word for or against the movement. I suggest, further, that the negroes hold a meeting in some of their churches or halls with a view to the same end. All classes should participate in a great movement in which all classes have so great a practical interest as well as high sentiment. Don't let any say, "What can the little town of Darlington do?" It was in an humble little village, in a despised district of a despised country that the great movement now about to dominate the world had its origin. It has been gradually growing from thence these two thousand years, and we are but poor learners of history if we wait to be big in order to be useful and potent in good deeds. Let us each and all speak our "purer minds" while this good influence is upon us, that we may

"Swell the deep bars of duty done, And strike the key Of time to be, When God and man shall speak as one."

JOHN J. DARGAN,
Darlington, S. C., Feb. 25, '96.

Try Ober's special tobacco fertilizer, Edwards & Co. handle it.

A "Dude" of a "Trusty."

On Sunday morning last a "dude" of a malefactor, about twenty years of age, stood at a corner of the Square, coolly puffing at a cigarette and chatting affably with two or three companions about his own age. The upper part of his person was clad in a neat brown coat, and there was nothing about him that would have attracted particular attention to him but that he had on a pair of striped penitentiary trousers. As he was evidently a convict, and as there was no guard in sight he was probably what is known as a "trusty." But is it not carrying the "trusty" business a little too far to allow the recipient of these special favors to conceal under a neat brown coat a portion of the garb which the law intends him to wear in public as a part of his punishment, and to permit him to spend some time on Sunday morning loafing on a street corner with his pals and smoking cigarettes?

Old sewing machines taken in exchange on new ones at Blackwell Bros.

WARDSVILLE.

Mr. Millard and Miss Claid Purvis, of Peniel, paid us a flying visit last week.

In our neighborhood, one who has not the mumps or the measles is considered very much "behind the times."

Mr. Winston Rogers is, and has been for the past two or three weeks, quite sick with that dread disease "La Grippe."

Several of our young men have new buggies, but a girl has to do some pretty sharp "Leap Year" talking to get a ride in one with "some other girl's brother."

A few days ago a whirlwind, while passing over this neighborhood, lifted the cover of Mr. Lonnie Sizoot's tobacco bed, and carried it up into the air above the tree tops. Some of the small boys thought they were witnessing a balloon ascension.

On Saturday afternoon, while on their way to town, Mr. S. H. Lawhon, his little son Laurie, and Mr. Brock Wilson were thrown from their buggy, and right seriously injured, by a runaway horse. Mr. Lawhon's injuries proved to be the most serious, however, as he was carried home in an unconscious condition, in which he remained until about two o'clock Sunday morning, but the latest report says he is doing right well. Mr. Wilson has a right "bad eye," but we hope both he and Mr. Lawhon will soon be about again. Caution: "Keep your eye on a new horse."

Shirt waists for boys, four to fourteen years, 20 cents each at Sligh & Rucker's.

Just received—another carload of seed Irish potatoes at Deans Bros.

SOCIETY HILL.

Mumps and measles are prevalent.

Carload after carload of fertilizers are coming in.

Mrs. C. L. Dowell is spending a few weeks at Durham, N. C.

Miss Jessie Walsh, of Morvin, N. C., is visiting Mrs. T. E. Evans.

Miss Mabel Dove, of Deasville, has recently paid a well visit to friends here.

Mr. and Mrs. Ballard and Miss Fialayson, all of Cheraw, are visiting Mrs. T. A. Gandy.

Misses Nettie Winton and Cattie McCall are over on a visit to friends in Marlboro county.

At an oyster supper given the young men last evening, the following and gentlemen were present: Messrs. C. E. Dowell, E. Sumner, Misses, Mrs. See Wilson, Ann Tarnage, Vera, Misses Blackwell, Mabel Dove, C. E. Gandy, Mrs. W. S. Gandy, and T. E. Gandy. Many thanks are due to the ladies who gave the supper, and to the gentlemen who were present.