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## LOCAL LIAONICS.

### MATTERS IN AND AROUND THE TOWN OF DARLINGTON.

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

Next Sunday is Easter.

Monday next will be saleday.

Mr. B. Vaughan, of Timmons-ville, was in town on Monday.

Mr. S. J. Blackwell, of Mar- ion, was in town on Monday.

Miss Sadie Dargan has been visiting Miss Jessie Prince in Cheraw.

Mr. T. J. Drew, of the Harts- ville Messenger, was in town last Saturday.

Union services will be held at the Presbyterian Church next Sunday night.

Dr. J. A. Cole and Mr. Chas. A. Smith, of Timmons-ville, were in town Monday.

There was a meeting of the County board of Commissioners on Monday Mar. 30th.

Miss Carrie McIver, who has been teaching in Williamsburg county, is home again.

Rev. C. W. Dowell, of Society Hill, preached in the Baptist Church on Sunday last.

Miss Lillian McCown, of Florence County, is visiting her sister, Mrs. W. P. Cole.

The county chain gang is now at work on the road between Darlington and Timmons-ville.

Mr. J. P. Gibson, of Bennetts- ville, passed through town on Monday on his way to Cheraw.

Those who want nice, neat job work done know that THE DARLINGTON NEWS office is the place.

Miss Bessie McLean, of the Graded School, spent Saturday and Sunday in Cheraw with her family.

Mr. A. B. Wardlaw, who is now attending college in At- lanta, Ga., is on a visit to relatives in town.

Caleb Brown, a young colored man who was well known and much liked by nearly everybody in Darlington, died last week.

Mr. S. D. Jordan, a former Darlingtonian, but who now resides in Jacksonville, Fla., is in town on a visit to relatives.

All information sent in about tobacco culture and Darlington as a tobacco market will be appreciated by the editor of THE NEWS.

Miss E. M. Falls has resigned her position as teacher in the Graded School and returned to her home at Kings Mountain, N. C., yesterday.

Cap. E. W. Cannon, of Harts- ville, was in town last Monday. Capt Cannon looked as well as ever and seemed to be in his usual good spirits.

Maj. and Mrs. John J. McIver, of Society Hill, were in town last Friday. Maj. McIver does not seem to get old and enjoys a joke as much as ever.

Mr. Chas. N. Spinks, who for some time past has been working on the books of the Dar- lington Lumber Co., at Doves- ville, has returned to Darlington.

Mrs. E. C. Davis, of Charles- ton, has been spending a few days with Mr. E. T. West's family. Mrs. Davis is the mother of Mr. O. B. Davis, the drug- gist.

Capt. H. T. Thompson and his little daughter, Fannie McIver leave for New York today for a visit of a week or ten days to Ex Governor Thompson in that city.

The Wadesboro (N. C.) Mes- senger and Intelligence of re- cent date says: "Mrs. P. B. Al- len, of Darlington, S. C., is vis- iting her parents, Mr. and Mrs. H. D. Pinkston.

Darlington is already one of the best cotton markets in South Carolina. It should be the aim of her people and the buy- ers to make her the best tobacco market in the State.

Mr. T. L. Spinks, a brother of Mr. C. N. Spinks, who has been in Darlington for some time past, left on Saturday for Macon, Ga., where he goes to play base ball the coming sum- mer.

The Lake City Times of last week says: "J. Ed. McCutchen, of Darlington, spent Sunday in the City of Flowing Wells. Rumor says that Ed. will soon take his permanent abode with us. We'll all welcome him.

The Rev. C. W. Dowell will preach at the Baptist Church again on Sunday next.

Rev. E. N. Pratt preached at the union services held at the Presbyterian Church on Sun- day night.

Two colored youths broke into Mr. S. Tombacher's store on Pearl Street last week and stole some clothing. Mr. Tom- bacher recovered the clothes, and the rogues have been caught and locked up.

There is some talk of having a bicycle squad in the Darling- ton Guards. The drill is a very pretty one, and a soldier can in this way be made much more efficient when quickness of movement is required.

Last week two of the prisoners in jail got into a quarrel while eating their dinner, and one was badly cut with a bottle, in which the other had some water. The surgeon was called in and the cut was sewed up.

Mr. E. L. Gray, the corre- spondent of the News at Lamar, paid a visit to this office last Monday morning. In future the editor of THE NEWS hopes to be able to publish frequently the news from that section.

The Methodist Church will be decorated for the Easter service on Sunday next, and the union service will be held there on Easter Sunday night. The choir of the church is busy get- ting ready with the music which will be of a high order.

Miss Mattie Brunson, of Flor- ence, has been engaged to take Miss Falls' place as teacher at the graded school. Miss Brun- son has taught two years at the Spartanburg graded school. She came to Darlington yesterday to take her position in the school here.

On the 27th ult. acting Cor- oner C. P. Dargan held an inquest over the body of an old colored man who was found dead in Mrs. Gilmore's field, near town. The verdict of the jury was that he came to his death from heart disease. Dr. W. J. Gar- ner was the attending physi- cian at the inquest.

The attention of the ladies of the county is called to the adver- tisement of Mrs. M. J. Byrd, which appears in another col- umn. Mrs. Byrd's business has been long established and she has always given satisfaction to her patrons.

There is no reason why Dar- lington should not be the lead- ing tobacco market, by all odds, in South Carolina. This news- paper will certainly do its share in the work, but must have the co-operation of the planters, buyers and warehousemen.

Sam Nettles, the colored man who was convicted at the March Term of Court, 1895, of break- ing into Mr. Jacob Freed's store, and who was sentenced to one year in the penitentiary therefor, has returned to Darlington. His term in prison having expired.

Maj. J. J. Lucas, of Society Hill, was in town last Monday. Major Lucas came down to Dar- lington to meet with Gen. W. E. James and Col. E. R. McI- ver, who with himself, were appointed a committee to draft the by-laws for Camp Darling- ton, recently organized.

It is said that there are fifty white men on the roll of the re- publican club in Darlington. The following, however, are all that are open republicans: C. S. Nettles, J. B. White, C. M. Ward, H. Appelt, G. H. McKee, W. W. Cooley, W. McG. Buck, G. O. Mertz and C. Mooney.

Miss Louise Schmid has a new millinery advertisement in this issue which will be read with interest by all of the ladies of this community. Mrs. Schmid always keeps abreast of the times, and her assortment of spring millinery is from the very latest New York styles.

Sligh & Rucker have a novel idea of advertising clothing in their show windows for their "Spring Opening." Each suit of clothes has pinned to it a five or ten dollar bill in good money according as the price may be. The advertisement has attracted a good deal of attention.

Owing to the enormous amount of flour that has been received by the merchants of Darlington during the past few months, the railroad author- ities have reduced the rate on that article, and flour is now shipped here from the west cheaper than to any other point in this section of the State.

The News and Courier of Thursday last contained an admir- ably written article on Will- ingsburg County, from the pen of Mr. J. Ed. Norment.

Mr. McGill has sold out his interest in the warehouse busi- ness of Smoot & McGill to Mr. J. S. Walden, an experienced tobacco man. Messrs. Smoot & Walden will in future con- duct the business, and Mr. Mc- Gill will devote his time and attention to his farm.

Many of our citizens go to the artesian well early every morn- ing to drink the water just as it comes up from the ground. This well has been the best in- vestment that the people of Dar- lington ever made. Some seem to think that the water does them more good than that which they get at the famous watering places.

The editor of THE NEWS de- sires that the correspondents of the paper in the different parts of the county keep up with the news in their respective sections and send it regularly. He wants the paper read by all classes and conditions of people, and if the correspondents will do their part, the subscribers will be forthcoming.

If the tobacco growers, buy- ers and warehousemen will co- operate with the editor of THE NEWS, the paper can be of great benefit to the town and county in this line. Darlington is the pioneer tobacco county in South Carolina, and with her accus- tomed enterprise she should dis- tance all other competitors in the tobacco business.

The editor of THE NEWS would be pleased to have approximat- ely the number of acres of tobacco to be planted in Darlington county this year. If there is to be a large increase over last year's acreage it would be a great help to the market to let the buyers know it. The more good buyers we have the better for the town and county.

Letters addressed to the fol- lowing persons remain uncalled for at the Darlington postoffice, and are advertised as "dead" for the week ending Mar. 30th: Peter Scott, Park Thompson, Samuel Brunson, Seola Tamoes, Frank Wm. Robertson, Monckling Williams, Rev. G. W. Shackelford, Fannie Slitts Han- nah Raso, Winne Johnson, Eli- za J. Tillman.

Messrs. R. T. Caston, L. D. Harral, H. M. Tomlinson and T. E. Wannamaker came down from Cheraw to Darlington last Friday night to bring to Mrs. J. Z. Hearon the insurance money to which she was entitled on account of the death of her husband which took place Decem- ber 30 last. Mr. Hearon was insured for \$2,000 in the Knights of Honor and was a number of the lodge at Cheraw.

### Murder Near Florence.

The daily papers of Friday last contained accounts of a most horrible murder which had been committed near Mars Bluff, Florence County, two days previous. Mr. Watson Hall, an aged and highly re- spected farmer, was shot and killed while sitting alone in his house by some person from the outside. Mr. Hall, when he was shot, was sitting alone in a chair with his shoes off and evidently reading the Bible, for it was found on the floor at his feet, where it fell out of his hands. There is said to be something very horrible about the killing which may implicate Mrs. Hall and a man named Alex Ferrell. Reports also say that Ferrell had threatened to "put a spider in the old man's (Hall's) dumpling." Ferrell has been arrested on the charge of killing Hall, and is now in jail.

### Confederate Survivors, Attention.

We have received the follow- ing communication which ex- plains itself:

Pursuant to an Act of the Legislature approved March 9, 1896, we, the undersigned sur- vivors of the late war, respect- fully request all ex-Confederate soldiers residing in this county to meet at the Court House in Darlington on Monday next, saleday, April 6th, for the pur- pose of electing two members of the Examining Board of Pen- sions.

E. KEITH DARGAN,  
E. W. CANNON,  
J. J. LUCAS,  
W. E. JAMES,  
E. R. MCIVER,  
G. P. SCARBOROUGH,  
J. W. WOODHAM,  
H. E. P. SANDERS,  
R. W. BOYD.

### A Rare Treat.

Maj. James T. Bacon, of Edgefield, will lecture in Dar- lington on the 17th for the benefit of the graded school library. Many people in South Carolina have heard his famous lecture, "An Old Man's Kranky Kaleido- scope." In this lecture Major Bacon treats of the good old times before the war in a charm- ing and most interesting man- ner. The lecture is full of wit and pathos and the people of Darlington have in store for themselves a rare treat. The price of admission will be only 25 cents and our people should turn out in full force.

### Married a Chinaman.

Miss Bettie Odella Kirby, for- merly of Darlington, was mar- ried in Charleston on the 25th inst. to a Chinaman by the name of Wong Gin. The ceremony was performed by Magistrate Rouse, and the best man was Soo Hoo Gaw. The bride is 20 years old and the groom is 48. Wong Gin wanted to keep the marriage quiet until he could make all necessary preparations for a reception, but a reporter for the News and Courier caught and published the news. Wong Gin is the keeper of a restaurant on King street and is a well to do Chinaman.

### Anniversary Services of the Colored Baptist Church.

The thirtieth anniversary of the Macedonia Baptist Church (colored) will be celebrated on Sunday next. A very elaborate programme has been arranged for the occasion consisting of addresses, music, essays, &c. Col. John J. Dargan will ad- dress the Sunday School in the afternoon, and addresses will be made by Dr. Daniels, Prof. Cot- tin and others at the mass meet- ing to be held at 8 o'clock P. M. A brief history of the church is given as an introductory to the programme, in which it is stated that the church was organiz- ed on Feb. 11, 1866, with thir- teen members, and since that time has received by baptism and otherwise upward of two thousand members. The Rev. I. P. Brockenton, the present pastor, was ordained March 25, 1866, and is the only pastor the church has ever had. The public is invited to attend the cele- bration services.

### Prof. Woodward's Brilliant Lecture.

[Reported for THE NEWS.]

The Timrod Club merits the thanks and most cordial congratulations of this com- munity for their literary en- tertainment of last Friday even- ing. Prof. Woodward's lecture was certainly one of the rarest intellectual treats that a people ever receive. Few men can fur- nish such a high order of thought and finish of language as are at his easy command. His theme was a splendid one, and he han- dled it with a master's skill. There was not a tame feature or commonplace thought in any utterance of his in regard to Shakespeare's life or writing—all was fresh, racy and stimu- lating, while some of his concep- tions were within the domain of the sublime, and startled and thrilled by the force and brilliancy of their pre- sentation. It is out of the question for me to give any- thing like an adequate discus- sion here of such a soul-lifting, illuminating, comprehensive lec- ture and, besides, I have no means of furnishing passag- es, as I have no copy or notes to aid me. But I cannot forbear to make special reference to his suggestion of the Christian char- acter of all Shakespeare's works in that like his Master he saw, realized a and brought into living light the es- sential good that is in humanity of all races and grades of society. Then the thought that our present business methods contain many of the selfish and brutal doubts and features of war; and are but war in a modified form, while not new, was so pointedly put as to make a profound im- pression on every humane heart in the house. The community is deeply indebted to Prof. Woodward for his good work among us and to the Timrod Club for the wisdom of their selection of a lecturer. The Club should meet with every en- couragement in the task it has assumed of keeping up the liter- ary taste of our people and pro- moting reading and mind cul- ture in this town. As Prof. Woodward remarked, our town is well up in cotton and tobacco enterprises, and is on a solid basis of prosperity in a mat- terial way; but that matter

without mind is of little conse- quence and prosperity in mat- erial things, unless it promotes spiritual development, is not a blessing but a curse. So our re- flecting people should see the importance of the work this lit- erary society is doing, and ren- der it every possible assistance. I was glad to see on the stage with President Edward Coker such representative and leading citizens as ex-Congressman Dar- gan, ex-State Senator Coker, E. Keith Dargan, Esq., President of the People's Bank, and J. J. Ward, who is at the head of so many business houses here, by their presence showing their ap- preciation of the Club. The house was filled, too, with Dar- lington's best people, including the Mayor and city council, lead- ing merchants, lawyers, doctors and clergymen and a host of la- dies, thus evidencing a general interest and a promise of future aid in the work of the Club.

### When To Cut Tobacco.

Mr. D. V. Davis, of Fork Church, Davie County, N. C., gives the following as his ex- perience, in the Southern To- bacco Journal: "I have been raising tobacco for thirty-five years. Twenty-two years ago I discovered that there was a time to cut tobacco better than others. To find the exact time it has taken me twenty-two years. There is sap in tobacco as in a tree. When the sap rises in tobacco it runs the oil out and it (the tobacco) is very sorry. When the sap is out there is nothing in the plant but oil. It seems to be fat and if cut then it is very profitable. Tobacco continues to make these changes, as long as it is on the hill. Tobacco raisers of experience all agree with me on these matters. You have experienced cutting tobacco one week when it may cure up all right, and then cut off the same piece of land the next week and it will cure the opposite." Mr. Davis offers to correspond with any one on this subject provided he encloses sufficient postage for reply.

From the above it would ap- pear that to know exactly when to cut tobacco is of the utmost importance. One farmer brings his tobacco to market and gets 30 cents a pound—his neighbor, who has, to all appearances, the same quality follows him the next day and receives only 15 cents. What makes the differ- ence in price—the one cut his when the sap was out, and the other gathered his when the sap was in the plant. The man who receives 15 cents goes home and grumbles about the market and says he is never going to sell any more tobacco there, when, if the truth were known the market, and the buyers are not in the least at fault. The buyer often does not know why some tobacco brings higher prices than others, his experien- ced eye tells him that this pile is worth 30 cents and that one 15 and he knows nothing about sap or anything of that kind. If our tobacco farmers will write to Mr. Davis at Fork Church, Davie County, N. C., and en- close a few stamps, they will probably learn when to cut their tobacco and thereby save themselves many a dollar in price.

### Spring Openings.

[Reported for THE NEWS.]

No greater evidence have we that spring is here again than that given by the tasteful and elaborate display of their spring goods made by our merchants this week.

Messrs. Sligh & Rucker, with their usual push and vim, started the ball rolling by having their "opening" on Monday morning. These progressive gentlemen have recently made improvements in their store which have not only added greatly to its appearance, but enabled them to display their beautiful goods to much greater advantage on this special oc- casion. Their well arranged windows gave only a hint of the lovely things to be seen within. Their stock, consisting of all the novelties in organdies, linens, belts, ribbons, laces, etc. is complete.

On Tuesday, the strains of sweet music and reports of the cordial reception given to all visitors, drew crowds to the popular house of S. A. Woods & Co., without having seen it, no adequate conception can be formed of the artistic display made by this firm. Suspended from the ceiling in the centre of the store, was a balloon form-

ed of parasols of the most deli- ciate tints and shades. All the shelves were entirely concealed by a drapery of dress goods. On the left, were the heavier fabrics, with the newest trim- mings falling in graceful festoons over them. Conspicuous among these goods, were the new waffle cloth and the Dresden silks. On the right, were the latest things in thin goods, linens, organdies, pique, and dimities. The counters were decorated with flowers and here and there were stands of exquisite hot house plants. Around the railing of the bal- cony were hung some of Mr. J. D. Baird's best pictures. The staircase was covered with an archway, the entrance of which was made of fans. Up- stairs were displayed under- wear, towels table linen, etc. Here, in one of the rooms, a dainty lunch was served to visitors. Not only the firms mentioned; but all the mer- chants have made special dis- plays of their goods this week. At Shultz's was noticed a par- ticularly striking linen suit.

Miss Maggie Jones had her spring opening on Tuesday. Her store was tastefully de- corated with beautiful fabrics and trimmed hats. There were also many other things to please the feminine eye. Miss Jones has a reputation for good taste in millinery and knows how to please the ladies.

### The County Convention of the Melton Faction of the Republican Party.

The Melton faction of the Re- publican party held a county convention in the Court House last Saturday. While most of those who participated were ne- groes, the "lily whites" were on hand in small numbers. After the organization of the con- vention was completed, Clayton Cannon, county chairman, an- nounced that it was his intention to retire from the position which he had held for years and make room for a man who would have more influence and be able to raise the funds so necessary for the carrying on of the cam- paign. Quite a little row was precipitated by this announce- ment, several of the colored de- legates jumping up and accus- ing Cannon of selling out. The speaking was spirited and vehement for a while, until Mr. C. S. Nettles rose and addressed the convention. Mr. Nettles poured oil on the troubled waters by stating that he would take the blame on himself for Cannon's decision. It was at his suggestion that Cannon had decided to give way to another whom he, Nettles, had proposed for the position of county chair- man. Mr. Nettles' remarks seemed to have the effect of quieting matters and the con- vention went on with the elec- tion of a county chairman and delegates to the State and dis- trict conventions as follows: Capt. Paul Whipple, county chairman; G. H. McKee, H. Appelt, C. Cannon, T. H. Hun- ter, A. W. Wines; alternates, W. W. Cooley, C. M. Ward, L. W. Daniels, G. Prince, L. W. Williams, delegates to district convention; C. S. Nettles, G. O. Mertz, Paul Whipple, C. Can- non, L. P. Daniels, C. W. Mc- Call; alternates, J. A. Smith, J. B. Pooler, D. J. Thompson, C. Mooney, W. McG. Buck and J. B. White, delegates to State convention.

Mr. C. S. Nettles made quite a speech in which he spoke of the way the negroes had been defrauded of their rights at the polls and the injustice which they often received under the forms of law. He also men- tioned the Colleton outrage and alluded to protection as one of the cardinal principles of the republican party.

### "Palmetto Lyrics."

We have received the ad- vance sheets of "Palmetto Lyrics," by F. Muench, Ph. D. with an introduction by the Rev. Chas. S. Vedder, D. D., LL. D., Charleston, S. C., Lucas & Richardson, publishers, which is dedicated by its ac- complished author as "A labor of love to the boys and girls of the Palmetto State." Prof. Muench is to be congratulated upon the successful accomplish- ment of an undertaking which might well have tasked the powers of a singer "to the man- ner born," and which to a for- eigner must have presented unusual difficulties. We hope to know that the expression "a labor of love" used in the dedication is not a mere empty phrase. Prof. Muench, who

had suffered for years with a severe affection of the throat, and had in vain sought relief in various parts of Europe and in the Northern States of Amer- ica, feels that he owes his com- plete recovery to the genial climate of South Carolina, and it is his gratitude to the State which has prompted him to the pleasant task of commemorat- ing in verse the heroic legends of her history. For this reason also he had sought a local pub- lisher for his book, and the ex- cellent typographical appear- ance of the volume has fully justified his patriotic selection. The frontispiece represents the stopping of Emily Geiger dur- ing her famous ride by two Ter- ries, who failed to capture the precious dispatch which she bore.

The ballads and lyrics of which this volume is composed are based for the most part on Colonial and Revolutionary leg- ends, and deal with the deeds of such heroes as Rebecca Motte, and Emily Geiger, and Marian Gibbs, and Kate Dil- lard, and Martha Bratton, and such heroes as Isaac Hayne and Francis Marion and John Lan- rens and many others. A por- tion of the volume is devoted to less personal incidents, such as "The Legend of Stony Batter," (in Newberry County), "The Legend of Paris Mountain," of "Caesar's Head," "Cataches, the Indian Maiden," "The Belle of Dorchester," and many others of like character. Most of the pieces are written in simple, flowing ballad measure, of which Prof. Muench shows a very creditable mastery.

We agree with the re- mark made by Dr. Vedder in his introduction that "as per- manent contributions to the annals of a Commonwealth which has been the scene of great events and the mother of the great actors in them, but which has lacked the popular form in which they could be- come familiar and attractive to her children, this book should be welcomed and prized in every home and every school in Car- olina." The book, handsomely bound in cloth, with gilt in- scription, is sold for \$1.50 and can be procured from the prin- cipal booksellers the State.

The Palmetto Lyrics will be sent free of postage to any ad- dress on receipt of the price, which is \$1.50 per copy, by the publishers, Messrs. Lucas & Richardson, 139 East Bay, Charleston, S. C.

### The Crops at Press.

[News and Courier.]

CYPRESS, March 26.—Tuesday and Wednesday were the coldest days, the older heads say, that they ever witnessed in the last of March, but it has come and gone and we now have spring-like weather again. While the weather was awfully cold on Tuesday and Wednes- day it is not thought that the fruit crop and small vegetables are hurt and a fine fruit crop is still predicted. Some of our early birds that planted corn the 1st of March will have the pleasure of planting over. Some few of our farmers are bedding their land and will be ready to plant cotton in a few days. Your correspondent took a drive through the country a few days ago and from the number of new tobacco barns he saw go- ing up and the number of tobacco beds it looks as if the whole country will be planted in to- bacco this year.

Mrs. J. J. DuBoe, a highly respected widow lady, died this morning from typhoid fever. She has been very ill for some time and her physician thought her case doubtful for several days. Her husband died only a few months ago with the same disease. They have left behind them seven small children and a host of relatives and friends to mourn their loss. Her re- mains will be interred at the Methodist Church at this place to-morrow morning.

Mr. C. F. DuBoe, who has been keeping books for Mr. J. A. DuBoe, of this place, for several months, left yesterday morning for Columbia, where he goes to accept a position with a firm in that city of the capacity. Mr. DuBoe is a man of high reputation and has been a member of the firm for some time. Mr. DuBoe, a son of Mr. J. A. DuBoe, of this place, has been a member of the firm for some time. Mr. DuBoe, a son of Mr. J. A. DuBoe, of this place, has been a member of the firm for some time. Mr. DuBoe, a son of Mr. J. A. DuBoe, of this place, has been a member of the firm for some time.