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LOCAL LACONICS.

MATTERS IN AND AROUND THE TOWN OF DARLINGTON.

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

Electric lights have been put in the Presbyterian Church.

The executive committee has postponed the Sunday School conference of Darlington county to July. The rate will be decided upon late.

See the advertisement for sale of a house on Pearl street. Those desiring to buy will consult Mr Walter J. Parrott, Darlington, S. C.

The Charleston *Evening Post* of last week said: "Gen. W. E. James, of Palmetto, Darlington county, is welcomed by crowds of admirers and friends in the State."

A telegram was received yesterday morning announcing the death of little James, infant son of Mr. and Mrs. James Dillingham of Charleston. He was a nephew of the editor of THE NEWS.

Union services were held at the Methodist Church last Sunday night. The sermon was preached by the Rev. J. W. Perry, of Hartsville, who also preached at the Baptist Church Sunday morning.

Hail fell in this vicinity last Friday night but crops were not large enough for much damage to be done. A heavy rain also refreshed vegetation and made glad the hearts of the tobacco planters.

Mr. L. S. Welling's wind mill was blown down during the storm last Friday night. It was covered by a $100 tornado policy, however, which Mr. Welling held in one of Mrs. Lucy M. Norment's companies.

The ladies of the Presbyterian church will give an ice cream festival at Mr. C. W. Hewitt's Friday afternoon and evening the 8th of May. There will also be a "Cake Walk" in the evening for the amusement of the grown people.

Complaint has been made of the unsafe condition of the bridge just beyond the mineral spring. The road overseer of that section will please investigate and have necessary repairs done in order that no damage may result to the traveling public.

The regular monthly meeting of the Darlington Guards will be held on Thursday evening next (May 7) at 8.30 o'clock. As this will be the last meeting prior to the 10th of May celebration as well as to the annual inspection, a full attendance is requested.

The directors of the Enterprise Hotel Co. contemplate making some improvements on their property. Among other things it is proposed to have the office down stairs, a change which would add tremendously to the convenience and popularity of the hotel.

Letters addressed to the following persons remain uncalled for at the Darlington postoffice, and are advertised as "dead" for the week ending April 27th: J. H. Howle, J. L. Leeley, T. E. Purvis, Miss Lizzie Wiliamson, Miss J. R. Stergen, Miss Hannah Mixon.

A meeting will be held at the Armory on Monday afternoon at 5 o'clock for the purpose of making arrangements to collect as many Confederate relics as possible in Darlington county to be sent early in June to the Confederate Museum at Richmond. All interested are invited to attend.

The hot dry spell which extended through the most of last week and the week before was most unprecendented for April. For several days the thermometer registered above ninety. The oldest inhabitants probably can recall no spell of weather in April to equal that which was broken last Friday.

At the meeting of the United Confederate Veterans in Charleston last week, Gen. W. E. James of this county, Adjutant of Camp Darlington, received a very complimentary vote for Brig. Gen. of the second Brigade U. C. V. of this State. Col. Coward, of Charleston, who was elected to the position received about a dozen more votes than his competitor.

PERSONAL PARAGRAPHS.

Brief Mention About People You Know and People You Don't Know.

Mr. E. B. Dargan is clerking for Dr. John A. Boyd.

Mr. Junie Law has returned from a visit to Marion.

Mr. John McSween, of Timmonsville, was in town last Friday.

Messrs. D. G. Coit and M. T. Lide spent last Sunday in Cheraw.

Mr. D. F. McCullough has returned from a business trip to Sumter.

Prof. A. Poindexter Taylor, of Hartsville, was in town on Monday.

Mr. J. J. Ward attended the reunion of the survivors in Charleston last week.

Brunson, Lunn & Co. have had nice plate glass front windows put in their store.

Mr. J. C. Keys left for his home in Anderson last Friday where he will spend the summer.

Messrs. T. P. and Walter Harrall and A. K. Atkinson, of Cheraw, were in town last Tuesday.

Mr. Terrell Wilds is attending to Mr. O. B. Davis' soda water fountain which has just begun operations

Mrs. L. E. Williamson's Sunday School class will hold their annual picnic at the mineral spring Saturday next.

Mr. A. K. Atkinson, of Cheraw, tried his fine stallion, "Lord Culpepper", on the Darlington race track Tuesday.

W. P. Airheart advertises in this issue of THE NEWS that he has money to lend. He can be found at the Enterprise Hotel, Darlington, S. C.

George Mack (colored) was arrested and lodged in jail last Saturday, charged with stealing some goods from Mr. S. Lewenthal's store some time ago.

Messrs. Baird Bros. have a new advertisement in this issue which will repay a perusal by anyone. They advertise that "just how they do it doesn't matter."

Mr. S. J. Ormand, of Lancaster County, has been spending a few days in town administering on the estate of his daughter, Miss M. D. Ormand.

The Rev. A. C. Osborn, president of Benedict College, Columbia, delivered an impromptu address before the Baptist Sunday School last Sunday.

A. J. A. Perritt, school commissioner, H. T. Thompson and J. N. Parrott have been appointed the county board of education in this county in place of the county board of examiners.

Capt. Sam. P. Berger, one of North Carolina's veteran tobacconists, has moved to this place, and, with Mr. Geo. W. Hancock, will have charge of the Timmonsville Tobacco Warehouse.

The Rev. W. H. Barnwell left for Statesburg last Tuesday morning to take charge of the Episcopal church at that place. It has not yet been decided who will have charge of the church here.

Orlando Sheppard, Esq., a prominent member of the Edgefield Bar, was in Darlington yesterday on professional business. Mr. Shepperd is a brother of Ex-Gov. Shepperd, and is his law partner.

Mr. Silas Shelburne, a Richmond warehouseman, has been spending a few days in Darlington. The importance of Darlington as a tobacco market attracts tobacco men from all over the country.

J. J. Lucas, E. R. McIver, W. E. James, J. F. Howle, M. J. Outlaw, H. C. Burn, P. E. Griffin, Geo. P. Scarborough, J. W. Woodham, J. J. McIver, J. E. Large, A. F. Stuckey, Henry Newsome and Dove Clanton, of Camp Darlington, attended the union of the veterans in Charleston last week.

Dr. W. J. Garner, of Darlington, who attended the meeting of the State Medical Association in Spartanburg last week, read a paper on Penile hypospodiasis second form. Dr. Garner was also elected first vice president of the association, Dr. L. C. Stephens, of Blackville, being elected president. The next meeting of the association will be held in Union.

MEMORIAL EXERCISES.

HOW THE DAY WILL BE CELEBRATED IN DARLINGTON.

A Column of Girls, A Column of Boys, A Column of Veterans, And The Darlington Guards.

"Memorial Day", falling this year on Sunday, the day following (Monday 11th) will be observed in its stead. The bells will be tolded at 4.30 o'clock p. m. At five o'clock, the exercises will be opened at the Baptist Church, and will be conducted by the Rev. D. M. Fulton The Survivor's Association and the Darlington Guards will then escort the committee of young ladies, little girls and little boys who are to decorate the graves first to the Presbyterian grave yard and afterwards to the Methodist. The children, in charge of Miss Player, will also take part in the procession. From the Methodist grave-yard the procession will go to the Confederate monument, which will then be decorated, after which a short address will be made, and a recitation will be delivered by Miss Theo. Dargan. The exercises will be closed with music. The programme, which has been arranged, is an unusually attractive one, and a very large attendance is expected.

The committee on decoration is: Mrs. G. W. Dargan, Mrs. T. W. Norment, Mrs. E. T. West, Mrs. Abram Sydnor, Mrs. Bacot Law, Mrs. G. W. Brown, Misses Mary Zimmerman, Virginia Williamson, Nina Coggeshall, Maud Atkisson, Mollie Boyd; Messrs. P. S. Wilds, R. E. Wilds, Pegram Dargan, E. R. Cox. The above committee will please meet at monument Monday morning, the 11th at 9 o'clock. Committee on marking graves: Mrs. L. V. Zimmerman, Misses Mary Wilds, Annie Williamson and Eva Charles.

SHOOTING IN KELLYTOWN.

Newitt Kelly, Who Shot Jenkins, Shoots W. F. Smith.

Last Monday afternoon in the Kellytown section of this county, Newitt Kelly shot W. T. Smith with a shot gun. It is said that Kelly had a moonshine distillery, and, thinking Smith intended giving him away, when the two men met Kelley fired at Smith with his gun. Newitt Kelley is one of the men under sentence for shooting Jenkins, being out on bond pending a new trial, which had been refused. Sheriff Scarborough has gone to arrest Kelly but nothing so far has been heard of the affair further than the above. There is certainly something wrong when such desperadoes are allowed to roam around under bond, only to make their escape when a new trial has been refused.

A. M. E. District Conference.

The fourth annual session of the Florence District Conference (colored) was held in Bethel A. M. E. Church here, April 17 and 19, 1896. The meeting was opened with religious exercises, after which the usual committees were appointed by the president and each reported marked improvement over the work of the preceeding year. The session was one of interest from start to finish and excellent sermons were preached by distinguished divines. The usual resolutions of thanks were offered and bidding God speed to the bretheren, the session adjourned to meet at Hymansville in 1897.

"Benedict's Day."

The colored Baptist church celebrated "Benedict's Day" last Sunday. Addresses were made by the Rev. A. C. Osborn, D. D., president of Benedict College; Mr. L. P. Newman, a converted jew; Col. J. J. Dargan and others. A collection was taken up for Benedict College, and quite a sum was realized.

Exchange Your Seed for Meal.

We have a lot of meal which we will exchange for seed. After planting farmers can bring in their seed and we will make the exchange. Darlington Phosphate Co.

A SAD DEATH.

Miss Mary D. Ormand, The Telegraph Operator, Gone to Her Final Rest.

Miss Mary D. Ormand died at 7 o'clock last Saturday evening and was buried at Grove Hill Cemetery at 10.30 o'clock Monday morning. She had been in bad health for some time past, but her death was very sudden. Miss Ormand was the operator in the Western Union telegraph office and had been here about eight years. Her home was in Fort Mills, S. C., but she had lived in Rock Hill, Chester and Lancaster prior to her removal to Darlington. At each of the above places she had served in the capacity of telegraph operator, and was much favored by the Western Union officials. Miss Ormand had made many warm friends in Darlington, and by her courteous manner and genial ways had won the respect and esteem of every business man here. Miss Ormand's two nieces, who lived here and attended the Graded Schools, returned to Fort Mills yesterday. Mr. Gus Young has been appointed to succeed Miss Ormand.

AS VIEWED BY STRANGERS.

What Richmond Men Say About The Darlington Tobacco Market.

[Richmond Tobacconist]

The Darlington market is second to the oldest in South Carolina; in enterprise, sure first; in facilities, unsurpassed; so say its leaders. A Board of Trade is organized there, which declare they are not figureheads, to be put in the papers and to set off a few sheets of writing paper. This board represents the finest planters, bankers and business men in Darlington, who realize that every pile of tobacco sold at home is that much enhanced value to every business interest and piece of property in that place.

Darlington wants and will have far more than local or State fame. If it aspires to be a tobacco market at all it will see and does see it needs to be none other than a leader, and there is every reason to believe it will be. Let people at home and abroad know this and keep it before them and the road will clear itself.

Markets don't grow by fits and starts and jumps like ephemeral mining towns. It takes the exercise of energy, perseverance and judicious advertising, and especially a Board of Trade to accomplish this, and shaving expense, for which risk they hope to get a thousand fold return.

An Ice Cream Festival.

In accordance with the announcement heretofore made in these columns, an ice cream festival for the children will be given under the auspices of the "King's Daughters" to-morrow afternoon, beginning at five o'clock. The public generally are cordially invited to attend. The entertainment will be on the Darlington Guards' drill ground, the lot north of the Armory, and not on the Academy green as was reported last week. At the special request of the "grown folks", it will be extended on until 10 o'clock at night.

The Medal Received.

The Darlington Tobacco Manufacturing Co. received last Tuesday the bronze medal and diploma for the best smoking tobacco exhibited at the Atlanta Exposition. It is certainly very creditable to Darlington that her smoking tobacco exhibit should have taken the medal for excellence over the other larger and more elaborate displays at the Exposition. The great success of this concern is due largely to Mr. I. S. Burch, the efficient manager, who is an experienced tobacco manufacturer.

The Cheraw Knitting Mill.

Mr. H. D. Finlayson, of Cheraw, paid THE NEWS office a visit last Friday. Mr. Finlayson had with him a sample of the Finlayson Hosiery Mill stockings. The new mill started business last week, and will have twenty-five machines and turn out 200 dozen pairs a day. The two knitting mills combined will employ from 75 to 100 hands and turn out about 330 dozen pairs of socks and stockings a day. Mr. Finlayson travels for Friedman & Sons, of Baltimore and sells a lot of goods in this section.

(*Other Locals on last page.*)

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ITEMS FROM SEVERAL SECTIONS AS TOLD BY CORRESPONDETS.

Mr. Rogeres Thinks He Has Discovered Gold.—Other News From Palmetto.

Mr. W. J. Rogers is erecting two tobacco barns on his place.

Mr. M. N. Gray, of Philadelphia, S. C., visited here last Sunday.

Mr. C. Jones has the finest stand of cotton we have seen in this section.

Miss Ressie Smoot has returned from a pleasant visit to friends at Ebenezer.

Rev. C. D. Mann preached an interesting sermon at Pisgah last Sunday morning.

Mr. Geo. G. Watson, of Darlington, did some tomb-stone work at Pisgah last week.

Mr. J. Walter James has employed a tobacco man from Virginia to take charge of his crop.

Mr. C. B. Gardner, of this section, went to Philadelphia last Wednesday on a business trip.

It is said that the Palmetto school will give a commencement at the closing of the session.

Miss Florence Smith, of Clyde, has returned home after a pleasant visit to friends and relatives near here.

Mrs. M. N. Gray has returned to her home at Philadelphia, S. C., after a pleasant visit to Mrs. Mary Jeffords.

Mrs. T. C. Jeffords, Sr., has been very ill for the past week, but we are glad to say she is now considerably improved.

Your correspondent had the pleasure of a delicious feast of strawberries last week—the first of the season in this section.

Mr. R. H. Rogers finished setting out 20 acres of tobacco last Friday. Mr. Clarence Smoot set out some, also, but I can't say how much.

Miss R. F. Cox, of Ebenezer, spent a few days with her sister, Mrs. Mary Jeffords, last week. Come again, Miss Cox, we are always glad to see you.

Mr. Arthur Arnot and Miss Lennie Outlaw, of Darlington, were in our midst last Sunday. Mr. Arnot is originally from Charleston, but now resides in Darlington.

Mr. Henry Jeffords has succeeded in getting Mr. R. H. Rogers' artesian well to a depth of 340 feet. While working at a depth of 210 feet he found some rocks that look like they contain gold, but the metal has not been thoroughly tested yet.

TIMMONSVILLE.

Miss Etta Bolivar, of Orangeburg, S. C., is visiting Mrs. J. W. Ivy.

Mr. D. H. Traxler returned last night from Greenville where he has been visiting his daughters, Mrs. Arnold and Mrs. Bostick.

Charlie, eldest son of Dr. J. F. Culpeper, died at his father's home Monday morning at 7 o'clock. He was 25 years old, and had been confined to his bed for 7 months with a complication of diseases. Rev. R. E. Peel preached his funeral sermon at the Baptist church this morning at 11 o'clock and he was buried at the cemetery just after the services. His death is the cause of sorrowing to all as he was a general favorite, being a boy of generous impulses and of the strictest integrity. He fully realized his position to the last and died in the Christian faith.

(*Other County news on 4th page.*)

300 prs. ladies' Dangola Oxfords @ $1.00
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All in common sense and opera toe. All solid, and the newest lasts. Also about 50 new styles in E. C Burt's celebrated hand sewed Oxfords for ladies, at from $2.50 to $3.50.

Woods & Milling.

CLOTHING! CLOTHING!!

We Want To Talk To You About

CLOTHING

Every man and boy in Darlington County and City will have to have a New Spring Suit. We do not expect to sell all of the Clothing that will be sold in Darlington this Spring, but we do expect to sell all of the

BEST CASH TRADE

For the simple reason that we are the only merchants in Darlington who carry anything like

A STOCK OF CLOTHING.

We have in stock Strouss Bros.' and Hamberger Bros.' fine tailor-made clothing. When you put on a suit made by either of the above firms, no man can tell whether it was

MADE TO ORDER

or not. If you are

A BIG, STOUT MAN,

dont worry yourself by thinking that you

CAN'T GET A FIT.

We remembered you when placing our Spring Orders.

TALL MEN WITH LONG ARMS,

We have a suit for you.

DUDES AND SOCIETY BOYS,

We can fit you in a fine dress or any other kind of a suit you may want.

SOMETHING ELSE

We want to tell you about.

Gent's Furnishings and Hats.

We have by far the largest stock of Gent's Furnishings ever seen in Darlington. Hot weather will soon be here and we will appreciate a look from you before placing your order for summer underware. If you want a nobby hat, just come to our store and we will show you the latest things out.

We have in stock

JOHN B. STETSON'S AND C. H. GARDNER'S FINE HATS.

We have a tremendous stock of

STRAW HATS,

All Kinds, from 10c up.

DRY · GOODS · AND · SHOES.

These departments are so well known that it does not require much talk. We are simply doing the Dry Goods business of Darlington. Merchants who do a credit business are no competitors of ours—they are

STRICTLY NOT IN IT.

When it comes to selling goods for cash, we want your trade. We will treat you right, and as for prices—no one has ever accused us of being high priced merchants.

Yours for business,

SLIGH & [illegible]