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## LOCAL LAONICS.

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

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

An artesian well is being bored at the Oil Mill.

The Rev. Rufus Ford, of Ben nettville, preached at the Baptist church last Sunday.

The Pee Dee river reached 36 feet and seven inches above high water mark last Friday.

The ladies of the Baptist church took in about \$40 from their refreshments and play. The expenses were about \$10.

The Pee Dee Light Artillery will hold their annual reunion at the Darlington Mineral Spring on Tuesday next.

Wanted: To buy or rent a small second-hand 4 or 6-horsepower engine and boiler. W. G. Dickson, Darlington, S. C.

The Rev. Wm. S. Holmes, of Florence, will preach in the Episcopal Church here on Sunday evening (July 19) at 8:30 o'clock.

Mr. James Holmes, agent for the Phoenix Mutual Life Insurance Co., of Hartford, Conn., has been spending a few days in town.

Hon. J. C. Clements, of Lydia, Darlington county, has been visiting his brother-in-law Rev. J. S. Beasley, of McColl—Pee Dee Advocate.

Maj. J. W. McCullough, who has been absent from Darlington in the up country for a month or two, returned to Darlington last Saturday.

Mr. J. H. Sanders, who was the junior member of the late firm of Joye & Sanders, of this place, but now of Durham, N. C., was in Darlington on Monday.

E. F. Deas (colored), was a member of the committee to notify McKinley of his nomination. Deas has been on three such committees since he has been in politics.

Messrs. A. K. Atkinson and W. S. Jackson, of Cheraw, and Dr. J. H. Chapman and Messrs. W. N. Ratliff and Welsh, of Chesterfield, attended the races in Darlington last Tuesday.

Mr. Geo. W. Brown is announced this week as a candidate for the House of Representatives. Mr. Brown is well known in the county and will make a good representative if elected.

Mr. R. H. Tredway, Jr., has returned to Darlington from his home in Virginia. He and his partner Mr. Sydner will be engaged for some time in getting ready for the opening of their warehouse.

Mr. J. H. Mason is now traveling for the Foster Bros. Mfg. Co., of Utica and Baltimore; Pack & Son, of Philadelphia and the Union Wire Mates Co. of Chicago, all furniture houses.

Mr. J. E. Norment, the genial and popular correspondent of the *News and Courier*, was in town on the 6th inst., for the purpose of giving Marion a "write-up" in his valuable paper.—*Marion Star*.

Among the Florence visitors to the races on Tuesday were seen Messrs. S. T. and Black Burch, Schopise Welsh, J. H. Jennings, H. L. Odiorne, J. H. Blackwell, B. H. Young and son and Drs. S. I. Blackwell and L. Y. King.

Mr. A. E. Garner, of Mecklenburg county, Va., arrived in Darlington last Thursday morning. Mr. Garner is a tobacco planter and would like to obtain employment as a tobacco curer in this section.

Mr. Walter J. Parrott was taken suddenly and seriously ill last Friday afternoon, and fears were entertained for his recovery. He is considerably improved now, however, and will doubtless be out again in a few days, much to the gratification of his many friends.

Mr. J. H. Blackwell, of Lake City, was in attendance upon the races last Tuesday. Mr. Blackwell is a brother of Capt. J. C. Blackwell, of this place, and has many friends in this county. He has served three terms in the House of Representatives from Williamsburg county, and is now a member of the Board of Directors of the State penitentiary.

## PERSONAL PARAGRAPHS.

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

Miss Lou McIver is visiting friends in Cheraw.

Mr. J. D. Rast has gone on a trip through Florida and Georgia.

Mrs. C. B. Edwards and children left last Friday for Saluda, N. C.

Mr. E. O. Woods attended the U. S. Court in Charleston last week.

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

Mr. D. G. Coit has been spending a few days with his family in Cheraw.

Miss Anita Auld, of Sumter, is paying a visit to her friend, Miss Alma McCown.

Hon. and Mrs. Geo. W. Dargan returned from Lincolnton last Saturday night.

Messrs. Charlie and Robin Zeimp, of Camden, are visiting Messrs. Geo. W. and John J. Dargan.

Mr. C. S. Lynch, of the Atlantic Coast Line, spent last Tuesday in town and attended the races.

Miss Nonie Williamson has returned from Wilmington, N. C., where she has been making a visit to Mrs. E. M. Wells, Jr.

Mr. Abe Schultz was married on the 10th to Miss Einsteine, at Kingston, N. C. Mr. and Mrs. Schultz will make their home in Spartanburg.

### Dead Letters.

Letters addressed to the following persons remain uncalled for at the Darlington postoffice, and are advertised as "dead" for the week ending July 13th: Alma Mielett, G. W. Dery, Thos. Gardner, Eben Johnson, Dick Aldie, Mrs. Hannah O. Miles, Mrs. Serena J. Holmes, Misses Maggie Blackwell, Sue Smith, Fannie Robinson, Cornelia Roundtree, Susanah Richardson.

### Commissioners, Take Notice.

Several young men from town who went to Dovesville last Wednesday night came near driving into Black Creek before they knew where they were going. It seems that the county commissioners had had the bridge moved about a hundred yards below and the road changed, but had failed to stop up the old road. The above are the facts as told to THE EDITOR OF THE NEWS, and, if true, the commissioners should at once block up the old road and thereby prevent any future accident.

### Marriage in China.

Cards have been received in Darlington announcing the marriage, on June 30, in Soochow, China, of Miss Pauline McAlpine DuBose to the Rev. Lacy L. Little. Miss DuBose is a daughter of the Rev. H. C. DuBose, of Darlington, who went as a missionary to China about twenty years ago, and Mr. Little is a son of the late Mr. Frank Little, of Little's Mills, N. C. Mr. Little went as a missionary to China, along with several others, about a year and a half ago.

### DEATH OF A WORTHY NEGRO.

J. A. Pugh, the Well Known Tailor, Passes Away.

A telegram received here on Saturday last announced the death of J. A. Pugh, the colored tailor, which occurred in Columbia on that day. Pugh was a native of Columbia. He was a good workman, a man of character, and was highly regarded in the city of his birth. He moved here from Columbia about five years ago, and by his quiet, dignified demeanor won the respect of all classes of citizens. The news of his death will be received with both surprise and regret. Pugh was about sixty years of age, and was apparently in excellent health at the time of his death. He had been complaining for some days past, but his friends felt no apprehension until about the middle of the week, when he was taken suddenly ill. His wife came over and carried him to Columbia. It was hoped the change might benefit him, but the end came shortly after he reached his old home. Pugh will be much missed in this community.

## "THE COMING WOMAN."

### THE COMEDY-DRAMA WELL EXECUTED MONDAY NIGHT.

The Play a Magnificent Success And Thoroughly Enjoyed By All Who Witnessed It.

"The coming woman" was rendered in the Opera House last Monday night instead of Thursday night as advertised on account of the bad weather on the former night. Although the audience which attended was not large, it was very appreciative and enjoyed very much the different "take offs" on the coming woman. The following is a synopsis of the play:

Thomas Carberry, who has been engaged in the tea business in China for ten years, returns to Darlington, S. C., his native place, in 1906, to find that a revolution has occurred in his absence, and that the women are in authority instead of men. The play opens in the waiting room of the depot at Florence, where Carberry meets up with Mrs. Barbara Badger, a Tax Assessor, who affords him the first intimation of the change that has taken place while he was away—a change so momentous that he cannot begin to realize it. A conversation which he then holds with Miss Victorine Wigfall has reference to the transposed relation of the sexes in society; but still Carberry fails to grasp the fact of the change, much less the magnitude of its results.

The second act opens with a scene between Carberry and his old friend, Joe Wigfall. The latter has been left at home to darn the stockings and mind the children while the women of his household attend a primary election. To them appears Wigfall's sister-in-law, Miss Wolverine Griffin, a "strong-minded" female, and a political leader, who favors them with the rendition of a speech which she has just delivered before the State Convention. Judge Wigfall, Joe's wife, comes on in the next scene. After airing her views for the benefit of Carberry and her husband, the two latter retire to the nursery, and the Judge's daughter, Miss Victorine, appears. Her mother endeavors to persuade her to pay her addresses to Carberry. This she refuses to do, but she, nevertheless, says a good deal to Carberry in the nature of encouragement when they next meet.

The third act opens with a scene between Carberry and Miss Griffin. The latter offers herself to Carberry in marriage, but he rejects her. Miss Griffin and her sister-in-law, Judge Wigfall, try in vain to prevail upon him to change his mind. Carberry receives a proposal also from Mrs. Badger, the Tax Assessor. Unable to rid himself of her, he calls Miss Griffin to his assistance, and the two ladies proceed to have a regular "Kilkenny Cat" time of it. After they leave, Victorine enters. Carberry tells her that he loves her, and that "he's got to marry somebody." Miss Griffin, in a rage, insists upon forcing a duel on Carberry, but they are interrupted by the Judge, who imposes a heavy punishment on them both. Victorine, however, induces her mother to relent, and to remit the punishment, and "all ends happily," with the assistance of Wigfall, the Judge's husband, who with true masculine astuteness, appreciates the fact that the only way to manage his wife, the stern and unyielding Judge, is to agree with her in everything.

As Wolverine Griffin (Miss May Ervin) made a taking and attractive woman of affairs, except that she was a little over anxious to thrust upon the unappreciative Carberry (H. T. Thompson) a speech which she had just delivered in the State convention at Columbia. Mrs. Barbara Badger (Miss Margaret Ervin) acted well the part of a cool and impudent tax assessor, who cares little how much money she extracts from a suffering people, but is willing to have the State lose its money, provided she can accomplish her purpose of marrying Carberry. The enormous income tax assessed by the women in power was a good take off, in an ex-

aggerated form, of the reckless and impracticable manner in which the women would run the government should they ever be so unfortunate as to get in power.

Victorine (Miss Annie Williamson) was a young lady more on the old order of things, who delighted in the soft words and gallantry of the male sex. She, too, was in love with Carberry and the latter reciprocated. In her actions, Victorine showed clearly that she enjoyed thoroughly the attentions of the men, but, at the same time, she could not free herself of the idea that she must herself do the courting. Judge Wigfall (Miss Clara Ward) was most impressive and stern in her robes of office, which she wore on all occasions in order to impress the people more thoroughly with the dignity of her office. She had gained the mastery over her husband, Joe Wigfall (J. L. Michie) whom she compelled to stay at home and mind the baby and do the sewing.

Joe Wigfall and Tom Carberry were the only two male characters in the play and they seemed to thoroughly appreciate the position in which they found themselves since the changed order of things. Wigfall obediently rocked and held the baby like a veteran and diligently attended to the sewing and house keeping. Carberry, although he rebelled at the idea



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### DARLINGTON SHOE STORE, WOODS & MILLING, Proprietors.

of seeing women masters of affairs, nevertheless, concluded that he must take unto himself a master in order to save the enormous income tax assessed on bachelors. After a lively time between Wolverine, Barbara Badger and Victorine, Carberry was allowed to marry Victorine, the woman of his choice, after Judge Wigfall had pardoned Barbara Badger and Wolverine for their shameful and disorderly conduct about Carberry.

### Attention Darlington Guards!

The Darlington Guards, accompanied by some of their friends, the entire party numbering about fifty in all, will leave here for Pawley's Island on Friday next, July 24. The two cars to be sent here for them will be attached to the regular train running from Hartsville to Florence, which passes Darlington at 7.48 a. m. At Florence these cars will be transferred to a freight train which goes from Florence to Lane's. The latter place will be reached between 12 and 1 o'clock, and from there a special engine will carry the party to Georgetown. On arriving there a transfer will be made from the train to a steamboat, which has been chartered for the occasion, and after a ride of two hours on the water, the boat will land the party at Waverly Mills, from which point hacks will convey them across to the Island, a distance of four miles. The railroad fare from Darlington to Georgetown and return will cost \$3. Tickets may be purchased from the agent at the depot on the morning of departure. They will be good to return on at any time within fifteen days. The trip by boat will cost fifty cents each way, and the hack fare will be the same. Active members of the Darlington Guards who go to take part in the encampment will be paid into the treasury the sum of \$10 each, which amount will cover all of their expenses for the encampment week, beginning Friday, July 24, and ending Thursday, July 30.

Tobacco twine and lanterns; Brunson, Lunn & Co.

## THE COUNTY NEWS.

### ITEMS FROM SEVERAL SECTIONS AS TOLD BY CORRESPONDENTS.

#### CYPRESS.

We have had heavy rain for the past 10 days, which has injured the cotton crops.

Lynches River was the highest last week that it had been in many years and crops and many live stock were lost.

The registration men were at this place today registering the voters and a great many registered. It seems that people are still anxious to vote.

Mr. C. F. DuBose, formerly of this place but now of Columbia, is here on a visit to relatives and friends. He is looking well and speaks of returning in the fall.

The moonlight picnic, which was to have been at Mr. E. H. Hearon's on last Thursday night, was a complete failure on account of bad weather. If the weather had been favorable we think it would have been quite a success, as much preparation had been made and many were sadly disappointed.

A copartnership has been formed at this place between the following gentlemen: Dr. J. M. Josey, S. C. Parnell and W. J. DuBose, who will conduct a large ginnyery. It will be one of the largest and convenient in the country and will have a capacity of 50 bales per day. We predict success for these enterprising gentlemen, as they understand their business and will make it lively for their competitors in the ginnyery business.

It seems that death still chooses its victims in this section mostly among our young people. Only a week ago Miss Lula Boykin, a beautiful young lady, who seemed only a short while back to have a bright and promising future, was snatched quickly away, and on last Saturday Mr. John W. Smith, a young man of Lamar, was chosen as another victim. We extend our sympathy to their heart stricken families and trust that their loss to them will be their loved ones gain in a better and happier world where there is no sickness and death.

#### RIVERDALE.

Capt. J. C. Lawson, of Oats, paid a visit to our section recently.

Miss Sue Fountain, of Darlington, is visiting Mrs. C. J. Milling.

Mr. and Mrs. W. A. Lee, of Lydia, visited relatives in this vicinity recently.

Mr. Tom Folsom, of Stokes Bridge, paid a brief visit to Mr. W. H. Mozingo last week.

Mr. J. A. Middleton gave a very enjoyable picnic at his home near here on the 4th inst.

The Sunday school at Mechanicsville will give a picnic in the church yard, Saturday, Aug. 1st.

Messrs. John Ferrell and Joe Bass, of Virginia, have arrived to assist Mr. J. W. Ferrell with the curing of his tobacco crop.

We have been having quite a series of copious rains for the past week, which have injured crops to some extent. But "after clouds come sunshine" and we are glad to welcome his brilliant splendor.

Nine new members have been enrolled on the church book at Mechanicsville, as a result of the protracted services, recently held there. The ordinance of baptism was administered to the candidates at Isgett's mill last Sunday afternoon, and although the afternoon was rather inclement, quite a number were present to witness the ceremony.

Mrs. J. W. Warr died at her home near here last Sunday evening at 7.45 o'clock. Her remains were interred at the family burying ground the following afternoon, Rev. R. A. Child conducting the funeral services. Mrs. Warr was well known throughout the county, and quite a large number were present to pay the last sad respects. We extend our sympathy to the bereaved husband and family.

Mr. W. A. Carrigan reports that the river at Society Hill was higher last week than he has known it to be for 50 years.

## PALMETTO.

The continued wet weather has done considerable damage to crops in this section.

Mr. E. C. Burch has some very fine tobacco; some leaves measure 30 inches long and 15 inches wide.

Messrs. Pierce and Jolly Jeffords, of the Lamar section, paid a flying visit into this section last week.

Mr. Edwin Rogers, of Lake City, returned home last week after a short but pleasant visit to Mr. Willie Rogers.

Mr. John Shepherd, from Alabama, is in this section in the interest of Shark's land roller and manure pulverizer and scatterer. It is the best thing for the farmers I ever saw.

Mr. and Mrs. J. T. Goodson lost their little girl, Belle, last Sunday night about half past 10 o'clock p. m. She was about three or four years old, and was only sick one day. She was taken ill on Sunday morning with a chill and then went into spasms. The bereaved family has the sympathy of this community.

Two string bands have been secured for the picnic next Saturday, so the public will have plenty of good music for that day and a good hall to dance in and the public are cordially invited to attend. A plenty of all kinds of refreshments will be on hand that day. Mr. Editor, you are expected to be on hand that day so please don't disappoint the crowd. There will be two match games of base ball played between the Hall and Lake Swamp clubs.

#### SOCIETY HILL.

Capt. W. C. Coker is in town today.

Miss Nettie Winters is visiting Miss Rennie Smoot, at Darlington.

Messrs. J. E. Blackman and C. K. Rhodes went to Darlington today.

Prof. D. L. Lewis, of Lake Swamp, is visiting Mrs. T. J. Price.

Mrs. C. L. Dowell is still improving and we hope to see her out again soon.

Trade is remarkably lively for this season of the year, especially on Saturdays.

Mrs. C. F. Reames and daughter, Mrs. Allen, of Durham, N. C., are visiting the family of the Rev. C. L. Dowell.

Work on Maj. Lucas's house is being pushed and it is thought he will christen the new dwelling on Christmas day.

Pee Dee is now on the decline and has been slowly falling for two or three days. The freshest was the most destructive known in several years. Water rose to within almost six inches of the highest water mark, viz. 38 feet and no doubt would have gone higher had there not been so much room to spread. Capt. W. A. Carrigan's dam on the Marlboro side broke in two or three places, and it was only by quick work that Mr. A. M. Sompayrac's dam was saved. Crops along the river were very fine, and the loss is heavy.

#### PHILADELPHIA.

Tobacco growers are busy curing the leaf.

Mrs. J. J. Parrott, Jr., keeps very ill with but little if any improvement.

Politics are very quiet in this community and a better spirit seems to prevail.

We are glad to report that Mrs. Dr. Parrott and Miss Agnes Yarborough, both of whom have been quite sick, are now improving.

The rains throughout this section have been heavy for the last week or ten days and crops are thought to be seriously damaged, cotton in particular.

Estelle, the one-year-old child of Mr. and Mrs. F. A. Dowling, Jr., died on Wednesday of last week, after an illness of several weeks of the dreaded dysentery.

While Mr. J. T. Suggs was trying last week to raise his tobacco barn a few inches higher by means of prize poles, the blocks gave way, the ground being very soft, and the barn went to the ground, and Mr. Suggs now has to tear down and rebuild it. Fortunately, however, his tobacco will not be pushed for a week or two yet.

## AT THE OPERA HOUSE.

Pinafore to be Played in Darlington by a Sumter Troupe.

"Pinafore", that most delightful and trueful of all the comic operas, will be presented at the Opera House here on Tuesday evening next by an amateur company from Sumter, under the management of Mr. J. W. Tillinghast, a most accomplished musical director. The troupe has appeared before the public frequently, both in Sumter and the neighboring towns, and from the encomiums heaped upon them by the press, there can be no doubt that their performance is of a very high order. The prima donna has had considerable experience on the stage. She has a delightful voice, and makes, it is said, a most charming Josephine. All the parts in the cast are well sustained, while the chorus is particularly trained in every particular. There can be no doubt, therefore, that the people of Darlington have a treat in store for them on Tuesday evening next—not only those who will then hear the opera for the first time, but also those who will renew their acquaintance with it under such favorable conditions. The price of admission will be 50 cents; children under twelve years of age, half-price. Reserved seats may be secured without extra charge. The railroad authorities have made special excursion rates from Sumter to Darlington for Tuesday afternoon, and a large crowd is expected over. After the performance at the Opera House, a dance complimentary to the Sumter visitors will be given in the Armory.

### A LONG FELT WANT FILLED.

Mr. W. G. Dickson To Open a Machine and Bicycle Repair Shop.

Mr. W. G. Dickson, who has for so many years been the chief engineer and machinist at the cotton mill, has resigned his position there and will open up a first-class machine shop here about the first of August. Mr. Dickson will repair all kinds of machinery from a sewing-machine to the largest engine. His experience in this kind of work having been very large, the public can, therefore, entrust to him any work in his line with the assurance that it will be properly executed. Mr. Dickson will make a specialty of repairing bicycles. He has also had a good deal of experience in that kind of work. This kind of an enterprise has long been needed in Darlington, and Mr. Dickson can confidently feel that he will be liberally patronized. His stand will be in the building near the electric light plant, which will be thoroughly renovated and fitted up for him.

### A PROMINENT BUYER.

Mr. John Coleman, one of the First to Come to Darlington.

Mr. John Coleman, one of the largest leaf dealers on the Darlington tobacco market, has returned from his visit to his home in Winston, N. C. Mr. Coleman is one of the few tobacco men from North Carolina and Virginia that came to Darlington when the town's tobacco market was in its infancy—with only one warehouse (and that a small one), and no prize houses at all. Mr. Coleman saw that Darlington was destined to be one of the largest markets in the Southern States, and his foresight has been fully verified.—Darlington is now the largest tobacco market in the State and is still growing.

### A SERIOUS SHOOTING.

Timothy Aaron Accidentally Shoots Joseph Abraham, Both Colored.

A serious accidental shooting occurred on the plantation of Capt. W. E. Charles, a few miles from town, last Tuesday. While Timothy Aaron (colored), a youth of about 18 years, and Joseph Abraham (also colored) aged 8, were "fooling" with a pistol, the weapon was discharged, the ball taking effect in little Joseph's right breast, just above the nipple, and striking a rib, passed entirely around and lodged just below the right nipple, where it was extracted by Dr. John Lunney, who attended him. While the wound is both painful and dangerous, it is hoped that the boy will recover.