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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.

W. S. Andrews has been let out of jail on bond.

The McKinley shirt front is one of the latest novelties.

Miss Bessie Ervin went to Columbia last Tuesday morning.

The colored Baptist church is undergoing some necessary repairs.

Mr. and Mrs. Robert Macfarlan and children have gone to Saluda.

The Rev. R. W. Lide left for Port Royal last Tuesday to visit a friend.

Mr. C. D. Evans spent last Sunday with his mother at Society Hill.

Mr. and Mrs. J. W. Tillinghast, of Sumter, are visiting in Darlington.

Dr. W. J. Garner is announced as a candidate for the Legislature this week.

Mr. Frank Parrott has been sticking type for a few days in THE NEWS office.

Mr. Henry M. Smith advertises a ginning outfit for sale in THE NEWS this week.

Mr. Edward Coker returned from Saluda last Saturday after a stay of a few weeks.

Mr. and Mrs. Robert James and baby are spending some time at Pawley's Island.

Rev. Wilmot S. Holmes, of Florence, preached in the Episcopal church last Sunday night.

Mr. Brasington, of the firm of Brasington and Eason, has gone on a trip to Bennettsville, Wadesboro and other towns.

There is a vacancy for Darlington county at the Citadel Academy. See the advertisement in this issue of THE NEWS.

The Misses Livingston and Miss Lipscomb arrived in Darlington from Bennettsville Tuesday morning to visit Mrs. Frank Pegues.

Mr. W. D. Sligh left Saturday for Columbia for a short visit. Before returning to Darlington he will spend some time in North Carolina.

The Rev. Mr. Easterling, of Marlboro, preached in the Baptist church last Sunday morning. He also conducted union services that night.

Mr. Herbert Pegues, who is in the employ of the Coast Line at Tarboro, N. C., spent last Sunday in town with his brother Mr. Frank Pegues.

The platform of the Chicago convention is again published in THE NEWS this week in order that all may become perfectly familiar with the different planks.

A cabbage with twenty-six distinct heads on the same stalk was on exhibition in town Saturday. It was raised in the garden of Mr. Richard Moody, in the Riverdale section.

Some of the campaign speakers passed through here Monday night on their way to Hartsville from which place they drove to Chesterfield to attend the campaign meeting there.

Mr. P. C. Pleasant, representing the Richmond Tobaccoist, paid THE NEWS office a call last Friday. Mr. Pleasant is taking a trip through the tobacco raising section of this State in the interest of his paper.

Sydner & Treadway, of the Darlington Tobacco Warehouse, announce in their advertisement this week that their warehouse will be open for business Tuesday, August 11, for the sale of tobacco, and every day thereafter.

Coggeshall & Co. have moved their store to the middle of their store to the rear end. The change adds very much to the appearance and attractiveness of the store and will also be convenient in the arrangement of their large stock.

The Editor of THE NEWS thanks Mr. Ralph McLendon, of Cypress, this county, for an invitation to attend the anniversary exercises of the Calhoun literary society of Clemson College to be held Thursday, Aug. 6th at 8 o'clock p. m.

The State Campaigners will speak at Oats today.

Messrs. T. E. Sligh and Junius Parrott spent Sunday in Florence.

Several of our young people will attend a picnic tomorrow at Garner's Mill.

Quite a crowd of bicyclists from here will attend the races in Florence today.

Mr. W. G. Dickson spent last Tuesday in Charleston where he went to purchase the outfit for his repair shop, which he will soon open up in the old Lewis shop near the Electric Light station. Mr. Dickson will make a specialty of repairing bicycles.

A Colored man called "Preacher" was arrested last Monday afternoon by Chief Dargan for raising an order on one of the stores in town. The order was written for 20 cents, but the two had been changed to a four. "Preacher" was locked up in the guard house.

Mr. and Mrs. W. H. Carr have taken board at Mrs. Willis' Mr. Carr travels for the Beck & Hardware Co. of Atlanta, Ga., and will make Darlington his headquarters for the present. Mr. and Mrs. Carr's friends welcome them to Darlington and hope that a taste of our fine artesian water may induce them to make Darlington their home.

The Planters Warehouse, Smoot and Walden proprietors, announce in their advertisement this week that their warehouse will be open for the sale of tobacco August 11th next. Mr. Walden is a warehouseman of ten years experience and promises to do all in his power to see that the planters gets the best prices for their tobacco. Mr. Smoot is well known to the planters in this section, having been one of the proprietors of the Planters Warehouse since its organization.

An advertisement of the Farmers Tobacco Warehouse at Hartsville will be seen in this issue of THE NEWS. The Hartsville people have certainly shown commendable enterprise in building a tobacco warehouse for themselves and THE EDITOR OF THE NEWS hopes to see enough business for all the warehouses in Darlington and Hartsville. The building of the warehouse at Hartsville will have the tendency to increase tobacco planting in the county and it is highly probable that Darlington and Hartsville will not conflict with each other in any extent in the warehouse business.

Wear Cheraw knit socks.

Make your leaf tobacco crop absolutely safe by insuring it. Mrs. Lucy M. Norment.

Important Notice to Democrats.

A meeting of the Darlington Democratic club for Darlington township is called to meet in the Court House at Darlington on Monday 24th inst. at 4.30 p. m. for the purpose of organizing and getting up club list as the club failed to have a meeting when last called for want of a quorum. A full attendance of members of the club is earnestly solicited. J. J. WARD, V. P. of Darlington D. C.

Twine for hanging tobacco at Edwards & Co's.

The X Rays.

Prof. J. T. Coleman, of the Citadel Academy, will deliver a lecture in the Opera House Friday evening the 24 on electricity and Roentgen's rays. Prof. Coleman has a "magnificent set of apparatus, enabling every one to see clear through boards." Such an exhibition will be a rare treat for those who attend and all should avail themselves of this opportunity. Admission 25 cents, reserved seats 10 cents extra.

25,000 lbs bacon, 5,000 lbs lard to arrive Monday; Deans Bros.

Mr. L. J. Bristow Leaves Darlington.

Mr. Louis J. Bristow, who has been foreman for some time of THE NEWS office, left Darlington on the 21st for Washington, Ga., where he has accepted a position on the Georgia Reporter of that town. Mr. Bristow is one of the most accommodating and pains taking printers the editor of THE NEWS has ever known and deserves to succeed wherever he goes. The Georgia Reporter will have a valuable young man on its force.

R. K. CHARLES AGAIN.

HE WRITES ANOTHER LONG ARTICLE TO THE MESSENGER.

In Which He Makes Some Very Severe Charges Against Messrs. Parrott and Lawrence.

I have been the subject of a very unseemly and unprovoked attack by these two young men in your last issue, and I think it is due to myself and to the people whose official servant I am in a small way, to justify myself.

I had taken occasion to criticize the action of the Grand Jury in entirely respectful language, attributing no criminality or intentional misconduct to any of them, but expressly stating that a Grand Jury from the nature of the case must leave a great many subjects of inquiry entirely to the Foreman and the committees and I went on to say that I thought the Foreman and the committee on official bonds had done me an injustice and had been prejudiced by some means or other against my bond. In making this statement I took the view that the members of a grand jury are public officers and as such as much subject to reasonable and respectful criticism as any other officers.

I then called attention to our peculiar law for preparing the annual list of jurors in which the Clerk, Treasurer and Auditor are constituted a board of jury commissioners and required to select from the inhabitants of the county a list of such as they may think well qualified as jurors, provided they take at least one name from every 20 voters on such list. (Section 2375 Revised Statutes, Vol. 1.)

Now this law was made immediately after 1876 to fill our peculiar condition at that time and it was thought necessary to vest almost absolute power in the jury commissioners.

My argument was that, in preparing that annual list, if a majority of the Board of Jury Commissioners expected to have a case of inquiry before the Grand Jury that fact would naturally influence their judgment in selecting men favorable to their views and interest. I think this is a fair deduction and one that has always been recognized by law. It is no reflection on any jury to say that in its finding shall have any hand in making it up. Such has always been the spirit of the law.

But Mr. Parrott says I am "wanting in veracity" when I state that a majority of the Board can make up the list. If so, the Supreme Court of South Carolina is "wanting in veracity" when it states that identical position in the case State vs. Merriman 34 S. C. page 16. But as it is not presumable that the Supreme Court is wanting in veracity, does it not lead to the inevitable conclusion (according to Mr. Parrott's boyish logic) that Mr. Parrott is "wanting in veracity"?

But Mr. Parrott says there are other things in my article not true. That other thing is the assertion that his office bond is utterly defective and I will add has always been since the death of Dr. J. C. Wilcox 12 months ago. (Section 511 Revised Statutes vol. 1.) And that notwithstanding he is the custodian of large amounts due to minors, widows and creditors.

I have called attention to this defect in the law and abuse with no intention to reflect on the Grand Jury or the Foreman or the committee, but to reiterate the assertion that when they go into the matter of examination of official bonds they are obliged to depend on the information of the Clerk and Auditor as to the status of persons, and if they depend too much upon this information as friends are apt to do with friends, their confidence is liable sometimes to be abused.

And I have complained that it has been abused in this case or appears to be and the Grand Jury have been prejudiced against my bond by false information and likewise have overlooked glaring defects in the bonds of the two officers or these defects have been kept from their knowledge.

As to Mr. Lawrence's letter it

is scarcely necessary to say a word. He enjoys a character and reputation throughout the county at present of such a nature that nothing he could say would reflect on the moral character of the humblest negro.

He is a very competent officer and a man of some natural smartness, and could be a highly useful citizen were it not for his moral defects. He cannot be relied upon in any emergency and the people have found out that fact at last. Very few would accept his statement on any subject as true unless strongly corroborated by other circumstances. I dislike to apply harsh epithets to any one, even the most contemptible, and as the people of Darlington county now know Lawrence as well as I do and he is powerless to do any one any harm, I dismiss him under the charitable injunction "Speak good of the dead."

Such an inexcusable attack as these two young men make on me, if emanating from persons of some character and manliness, might stir sufficient indignation to induce me to appeal to another mode of redress.

It would indeed be inexcusable to resort to harsh measures with two such lovely cherubs, pampered on three or more terms of office holding until, like spoiled children, they have become to consider these offices their personal and private property and to resent any inquiry with their affairs with the vulgar and indecent epithets of the gutter. I might slap their faces with impunity, but for the present I propose to hold them to that mode of accounting that they least desire.

Mr. Lawrence says I am a "fool," a "knaave," a "liar," a "populist" and a "frequentur of the dispensary" because I charge that he has given no official bond for present term of office. Now if on the stump he fails to sustain his position in this particular what condition will he be in? He ought to know whether he gave bond or not and there is no room to plead mistake. It will not do for him to make the excuse that he gave a bond for a former term for every child would know that that was not a bond for the present term.

Likewise Mr. Albert Parrott who so glibly charges me with "want of veracity" might explain on the stump why it was that at the primary election in 1892 he saw fit to commit a fraud on the people by having a false ticket printed at THE Darlington News office in exact imitation of the Register type and ink and headed "Tillman ticket" and otherwise in exact imitation of that ticket, except that his own name was inserted for Clerk in the place of the nominee of that party. He might go on to explain the difference between getting \$3000 to \$4000 a year that way and of "obtaining goods under false pretenses" or what the State vulgarly calls larceny. He might also explain to the boys of his Sunday School which method a young man of delicate organism and refined aspirations might be excused in adopting to get out of the vulgarity of farm life.

And these are the two young men that constitute, ex officio, a majority of the Board of Jury Commissioners and annually prepare the jury list with liberty to reject from that list 19 in every 20 of the legal voters of the county because they are not in their judgment "persons of good moral character."

I have lived all my life nearly here in Darlington county among the people where I was born and I have never before been charged that I know of with "want of veracity" or any dishonor. I have in the course of a long and large practice of law handled without bond an immense sum in the aggregate of other people's money and never have I been charged with misappropriating or losing a dollar of it.

It now remains for these two young men at this late day of my life to make the first charge against me of dishonorable conduct.

It remains for me to demand that they make good that charge or by their silence remain self-confessed blackguards in the slime of their own infamy and the contempt of their fellow citizens of both factions.

R. K. CHARLES.

July 13, 1896.

Yeast cake at Deans Bros.

THE COUNTY NEWS.

ITEMS FROM SEVERAL SECTIONS AS TOLD BY CORRESPONDENTS.

SOCIETY HILL.

Miss J. A. Coker and brother, Mr. Daniel Coker, of Hartsville, were sojourners in our city Sunday.

Mr. Frank J. Byrd, of Mechanicville, paid friends and relatives here a flying visit the first of the week.

Hot weather and hard times and the coming campaign are frequently discussed—rather interesting topics eh?

Miss Carrie Hart, of Florence, and Miss Hannah Byrd, of Riverdale, are visiting the family of Mr. T. H. Coker.

Miss Mabel Dove, one of Dovesville's attractive young ladies, spent a portion of last week in town with friends.

Miss Agnes McLane, a young lady very popular and well known in this section and a resident of Cheraw, is visiting in company with her brother, Mr. Willie McLean, the family of Mr. W. C. Wilson.

Mr. Henry Womack, bookkeeper for Messrs. W. A. Carrigan & Son, returned home last week from Virginia where he has been recuperating in and around his native home. We are glad to see you back Mr. Womack.

Dr. R. A. Trippett purchased a bicycle some time ago and now ranks among the best wheelmen of our city. Others are contemplating purchasing wheels. The next thing is a race track. I expect a suitable tract of land for the purpose could be procured with little expense, in or outside of our level town limits.

Capt. W. A. Carrigan's artesian well is now being bored on his plantation over the river. Mr. Willie Stogner was given the contract. Mr. Stogner has been engaged at this work in Hartsville and seems to have given the citizens there satisfaction. He is a resident of our town and any persons desiring wells bored will do well to see him, for he is a competent machinist and generally pleases his patrons.

If you borrow flour from your neighbors return cream, for sale by Coggeshall & Co.

CARTERSVILLE.

We think some of the happiest people in our country now are the colored people who put in and take out our barns of tobacco. Their conversation is of course carried on in their own dialect, full of jokes and humor, and of such a nature as not to be offensive to cultivated ears. Give the devil his due and the negro a chance; treat him as a human being. Don't thrust 10 cents meat down his throat, but let him have it right and then you can control his labor.

The regents of Spain seem to be making a poor out suppressing the rebellion in Cuba. Alphonso, though only eight years old, seems to be getting along even better than the infant ruler of South Carolina. Perhaps, since the regent of South Carolina failed in his presidential aspirations, and showed the sixteenth thousand people in the auditorium that he was the biggest jackass in the show, he may return to South Carolina and groom Johnny over for the campaign and tell him how to get out of that \$49,000 bond steal.

There was a serious affray at the usually quiet town of Cartersville, on Saturday night last, between Frank Mims, white, and Hase Daniels, colored. Mims came to town drunk and got into a boxing bee with Daniels. The latter proved too much for Mims and knocked him out. Mims then drew his knife and cut Daniels' arm severely. Daniels then knocked Mims down with a stick, fracturing his skull, and Mims then sat down on the railroad track which was near by. It being dark, some one else struck Mims on the head, fracturing his skull in another place. Dr. G. G. Palmer has no hopes of Mims' recovery. For the credit of Cartersville, we will say no intoxicants are sold here.

16 to 1—1 lb "Tetley's Tea" is equal to 16 lbs ordinary tea; Deans Bros' agents.

CYPRESS.

Mr. C. F. DuBose, who has been visiting at this place, has returned to Columbia.

We still have a great many sick. Among them Dr. C. W. Harris, but we hope to see the Doctor up soon again.

On account of so much rain, our public roads and bridges are in a very bad condition. The County Supervisor could find something to do now to occupy a part of his time if he would come around and see about them.

Mrs. Ballie Huggins died last Saturday afternoon at six o'clock and was interred at Mt. Zion church Sunday afternoon. She leaves two sons and one daughter and a host of relatives and friends to mourn her loss. We extend our sincere sympathy to the bereaved family.

We notice that some correspondents are boasting of the crops in their sections, and while we dislike to boast, we will venture the assertion that Cypress can show up as fine, if not the finest, crops of any section of Darlington county. If these scribes do not believe it, they can come around and see and be convinced that we are correct.

PALMETTO.

Curing tobacco is all the go now. Watermelons have been cut short in this section by the heavy rains.

We are very sorry to report that Mr. Caleb Boone is in very bad health, but we hope that he will speedily recover.

Mr. and Mrs. C. B. Gardner, of this section, spent last Sunday with Mrs. John Skron, of Riverdale section. They report a very pleasant time and good crops.

The picnic at Mr. Arthur Humphries' fish pond on the 18th inst. was a great success, although the day was very unfavorable. A large crowd attended and all seemed to enjoy themselves to the fullest extent. A plenty of good music was furnished by the two string bands, for the dances. A game of base ball was played between the Lake Swamp and the Hall teams, the Lake Swamp team carried off the laurels. Mr. Humphries deserves great credit. We were very sorry you, Mr. Editor, were not present, but sincerely hope you will come next time. Mr. Humphries promises to give another soon, and guarantees the public a better time, as every thing will be arranged more conveniently then.

SPRINGVILLE.

Fruit is scarce in this section. The health of this section is very good at present.

Tobacco growers are very busy curing the leaf.

Crops have been damaged very much by the recent heavy rains.

On last Thursday afternoon, lightning struck five of Mr. H. L. Garland's hogs.

Miss Carrie Sherill, of Dovesville, is visiting her sister Mrs. W. C. Tedder at Floyds.

Most of the farmers are through laying by cotton—some rest for the boys now until they have to pull fodder.

The protracted meeting closed at Black Creek on the 17th inst. and there were a good many conversions made and souls brought unto Christ. Baptism will be administered to them Sunday, 22th inst.

HIGH HILL.

Miss Hattie Hill, of Elliott, is visiting friends and relatives in this section.

Tobacco is looking fine, there is some complaining about the rain interfering with curing.

We were glad to have Miss Bessie Rhodes and Miss Lizzie Blackman in our midst last Tuesday.

Mr. H. T. Stuckey is the first to ship tobacco from this section, but it is likely that there will be some to follow in a few days.

While a thunder cloud was passing over here on the 15th, lightning struck in Mr. N. B. Atkinson's field, leaving a hole about the size of a hen house, which went down to the day.

Prince of India—the best bet cigar at Edwards & Co's.

Veterans of the Pee Dee Light Artillery

Enjoy a Picnic at the Mineral Springs

The survivors' Association of the Pee Dee Light Artillery held at the Darlington Mineral Springs July 21st was called to order at 11 a. m. by President R. B. Kepburn. Twenty-one of the old boys who had survived the ravages of time and the four years' campaign led by Lee and Jackson from sixty-one to sixty-five, answered to roll call.

The election of officers for the ensuing year, was: R. M. Rogers, President; Simon McLendon, Vice President; E. H. Muldrow, Secretary.

Col. James Armstrong and General W. E. James, of the old bloody Eighth South Carolina Regiment, and Dr. Holmes, a gallant survivor of Gen. Kirby Smith's Western braves, were present as guests of the Association. Comrades Muldrow, McLendon, Redick, T. A. Moore, Pettigrew and W. E. James entertained the association with pleasant memories of their recent visit to the reunion at Richmond, Va.

A committee was appointed to work towards erecting a monument at Richmond to the Confederate women.

A poem by Mrs. E. M. Rogers was read and many were the reminiscences of the days when the now gray bearded veterans were gallant rolicking boys.

Col. Jimmie Armstrong, who is always amusing and witty on such occasions, entertained the comrades with a few remarks which were of course greatly enjoyed. On motion Col. Armstrong was invited to be present at all of the reunions of the Association to be held hereafter.

Resolved: That we appoint a memorial committee or memorial committees, whose duty it shall be to prepare tributes to the memories of deceased comrades—such committees to be appointed by the president, one for each one of our dead comrades.

As usual, on these occasions, a most enjoyable day was passed, and another pleasant reunion was added to the long list which have been held by the Survivor's Association of the Pee Dee Light Artillery.

A Charleston Lady Presents The Darlington Guards with a Beautiful Palmetto Wreath.

One of the show places in Darlington is the Armory of the Darlington Guards. Visitors who come here are always pleased with what they see there, and they go away much impressed with the enterprise that well known company. Sometimes in addition to kind words, valuable testimonials of regards are forth coming. This was the case a few days ago. Capt. Thompson was pleasantly surprised by receiving from Charleston, a package, which contained a beautiful work of art, in the shape of a wreath of palmetto, encircling the motto of the company, "Fidelis Certe Morosus" with the letters D. G. on either side of a palmetto tree below. At the bottom the abbreviations, So. Ca. appear. This wreath is placed on a background of blue, which brings out in bold relief all the beauty of the design. The wreath is made entirely of palmetto in which flowers and garlands are fashioned giving the whole an air of artistic beauty, which is hard to describe in cold type. In the letters, "D" & "G" are miniature flags, and at the bottom there is seen an arrow, lodged in the wreath, as if it had been shot at the motto, and had fallen harmless, to be caught in the encircling wreath, which guard the emblem.

This beautiful design is the work of a lady of Charleston, and in each detail there is shown the kind thoughts which prompted the gift. Not only is it a credit to the skill of the fair donor, but there is in it an appreciation of the lofty sentiment of the motto. It is to such evidence of fidelity of purpose, and conquest of difficulty, that the fair women of South Carolina pay tribute. Mrs. E. U. Black, of Charleston, has shown not only a fine taste, but also a most successful member of the art.

The beautiful gift was an honor to the company, and the company will be proud to have it on their banner.

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