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LOCAL LAONICS.

MATTERS IN AND AROUND THE TOWN OF DARLINGTON.

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

Mr. Eugene Vaughan is back from Pawley's Island.

Parrott Bros. moved into the Koppel store last Thursday.

Mr. H. H. Brand, of Augusta, is spending a few days in town.

Miss Mamie Fraser, of Sumter, is visiting her cousin Miss Emma James.

Major and Mrs. H. L. Charles left for Camden last Tuesday morning.

Mr. Mc. G. Buck returned from Glenn Springs Wednesday of last week.

Rev. T. Hartwell Edwards preached at the Baptist Church last Sunday morning.

Mrs. E. J. Barrentine, of Baltimore, is making a visit to her son, Mr. John Barrentine.

Mr. and Mrs. R. E. James and baby returned from Pawley's Island last Friday morning.

Mrs. C. S. McCullough and children returned from Pawley's Island last Friday night.

Miss Florence Butler, of Florence, has been spending some time with Miss Marian Nettles.

Remember the meeting of the Darlington Agricultural Society at the Fair grounds next Tuesday.

Mrs. Julia J. Willis left last Thursday for Glenn Springs, and from there she will go to Asheville.

Mrs. W. H. Carr left for Winston, N. C., last Friday. She expects to return to Darlington in October.

Mr. Lawton Dargan, a former Darlingtonian, but now of Asheville, S. C., spent a few days in town last week.

The County Board of Education will conduct an examination here on the 21st, for a scholarship at Furman University.

The ladies of the Presbyterian Church, who served dinner at the cotton shed last Tuesday, cleared about \$55 by their undertaking.

A most welcome and unexpected rain fell in Darlington last Monday night, which greatly refreshed vegetation and sweetened humanity.

The Union service in the Baptist Church last Sunday night was conducted by the Revs. Fulton and Child, the latter preaching the sermon.

The regular county campaign meetings came to an end at Dovesville last Saturday. A special meeting, however, has been appointed for Garner's mill next Saturday.

Edmund Deas, one of the Webster delegates to the St. Louis convention, came home last week. Deas spent sometime at Hot Springs, Ark., after the adjournment of the convention.

There will be no services at the Episcopal Church on Sunday evening next, as was previously announced, owing to the fact that the Rev. Mr. Holmes is off on his vacation.

Mr. J. S. White, of Hartsville, has an advertisement in THE NEWS this week. When you go to Hartsville be sure and not forget Mr. White, who is a most clever and accommodating merchant.

Water from a hydrant, near Mr. Bulckens store, has become stagnant in the gutter, and a disagreeable odor is the result. The matter should be attended to before people in the vicinity are made sick.

Mr. R. A. Smith, who kept the Enterprise Hotel a few years ago, but who has been living in Wadesboro for some time, has moved back to Darlington and occupies one of Dr. J. S. Garner's houses.

Claude, aged 23 months, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Geo. H. Edwards, after a protracted illness, died on the 8th inst., on Sullivan's Island, whither the parents had carried her in the hope of benefit to her health. The remains were brought to Darlington the same day and on Sunday morning were interred in Grove Hill Cemetery, Rev. T. H. Edwards officiating.

Mrs. John T. Green, Jr., of Sumter, is visiting Miss Alma McCown.

Mr. Robt. Hairston, of the American Tobacco Co., is back in Darlington again. Mr. Hairston and the American Tobacco Co. have contributed greatly to the success of the Darlington market.

Mr. J. R. Drake, the well known and popular auctioneer, who sold tobacco for Smoot & McGill last season, but who is now employed with the Sumter Warehouse Co., attended the tobacco sales here last Tuesday.

Mr. E. L. Wilkins, one of Manning's prominent men, attended the tobacco sales in Darlington on the 11th. The Manning people have built a warehouse and Mr. Wilkins is much interested in the success of the enterprise.

Mr. J. S. White and Mr. Nutt, the Hartsville warehouseman, paid THE NEWS office a visit Tuesday. Mr. White is a hard worker for the Hartsville market and he and Mr. Nutt were in Darlington attending the opening sales of the warehouses here.

Northern apples, at Sims' Grocery.

Save your coupons of "Drum cigarettes" and have them redeemed by any merchant handling them. The merchants loose nothing, as they are cashed at headquarters.

"Pauline."

The amateurs who are rehearsing the comic opera Pauline under the direction of Mr. J. W. Tillinghast, the accomplished musician, are making rapid progress, and the performance which they expect to give in the Opera House on the 25th inst. for the benefit of the Darlington Guards, bids fair to prove a marked success in every particular. The cast has some good actors, who sing as well as they act. The chorus is a strong one, and the music of the opera, while simple, is beautiful, so the music-loving portion of our population have a genuine treat in store for them on Aug. 25th.

Do not buy too much bagging and ties until Deans Bros. try the wire ties.

THE OPENING DAY AT THE TOBACCO WAREHOUSES.

The Weed Brings Excellent Prices and All Are Satisfied.

The Darlington tobacco warehouses, according to announcement, had their opening sales Tuesday the 11th. Although the warehouse men did not make any effort to secure a large amount of tobacco for this sale, every one was surprised to see the number of wagons which hauled the weed to town on that day. During the entire morning wagons were being unloaded of the yellow weed until at last the floors of both warehouses were covered all over with bright tobacco.

The sales began in the Darlington Warehouse about eleven o'clock and continued until dinner. After dinner the auctioneering was resumed in the same warehouse and was kept up for about one hour until all of the piles of tobacco were sold. Then the crowd adjourned to the Planters Warehouse and the sales began there. After the auctioneers had cried for a while some of the buyers became tired out with the heat and the rest of the tobacco was left to be sold the next day, Wednesday. The bidding was spirited throughout and the average price which the tobacco brought, was high. One of the warehousemen told the editor of THE NEWS that Darlington's opening sale this year is the best tobacco sale ever held in South Carolina and that only three piles of tobacco were withdrawn, something almost unheard of. Every one seemed to be satisfied with the prices, those who sold ordinary tobacco especially.

The most reliable estimates place the number of pounds on both floors from 60,000 to 75,000. That practically all were satisfied with the results of a sale of such magnitude is remarkable, to say the least, and shows conclusively to the tobacco world that Darlington is still the tobacco market of South Carolina.

Big stock Bagging & Ties, just received. We can interest you in the prices. Brunson, Lunn & Co.

SUNDAY SCHOOL CONFERENCE.

The Annual Meeting of the Methodist Episcopal Church Conference.

The Darlington County Sunday School Conference of the Methodist Episcopal Church South, which meets annually, met at Bethel Church, near Flinn's Cross roads, from August 4th to 6th. The opening sermon was preached by the Rev. W. H. Kirtton on Tuesday night. A large and appreciative congregation was in attendance. Mr. Kirtton is a good preacher and made quite an impression on the Conference.

The first session of the conference was opened at 10 o'clock on Wednesday morning by Mr. A. J. A. Perritt, the chairman of the Executive committee, after which Mr. L. M. Lawson was chosen temporary secretary. The President then appointed a committee on nominations for the permanent organization, composed of Messrs. J. C. Clements, W. V. Moore, J. T. Warr, J. W. Davis, and W. A. Dowling. The committee nominated for President, A. J. A. Perritt; Vice President, Lev. P. F. Kilgo; Secretary, L. M. Lawson and Statistical Secretary, S. Frank Parrott, all of whom were duly elected.

After the permanent organization was completed the President announced that Rev. W. H. Kirtton would deliver the address of welcome. This was responded to by Mr. S. Frank Parrott, after which the roll was called and routine work began.

The following delegates were in attendance: Preachers—Revs. W. H. Kirtton, P. F. Kilgo and J. W. Warr.

Bethelmen—J. S. Hawkins, J. A. Howle, Willie Howle and Mrs. C. A. Moody.

Bethel—H. A. Hancock, Hilton, H. M. Parrott and Miss Lizzie Watson.

Corinth—W. V. Moore and H. M. Wadsworth.

Cypress—J. D. Large.

Darlington—S. Frank Parrott.

Hartsville—T. J. Drew, J. W. Davis, and Mrs. J. W. Davis.

Hebron—J. H. Pate.

We have an unusually large stock of LADIES' OXFORD TIES in all the latest styles that we are selling very cheap to close out. Also a large line of Misses' and children's oxfords at just a little above cost.

DARLINGTON SHOE STORE, WOODS & MILLING, Proprietors.

Lamar—G. W. Mims and W. J. Joye.

Newman Swamp—H. M. Joye, H. S. Parnell, Roland Waidham, J. F. Warr and Misses Minnie A. Strother and Florence Jeffords.

New Hope—E. D. Fields.

Philadelphia—W. A. Dowling, W. P. DuBose and W. M. Byrd.

Pine Grove—J. I. Thornwell and Jno. E. Carter.

Sandy Grove—T. P. Matuse, J. T. Rogers and Mrs. J. T. Rogers.

Wesley Chapel—L. M. Lawson, H. A. Joye, A. S. H. arrell, S. C. Truell and Mrs. R. B. C. Wallace.

Elvin, New Market, St. Paul and Zion made no reports.

At 12 o'clock Rev. W. H. Kirtton preached another very impressive sermon. The conference was then invited out under the trees in the churchyard to one of the largest and best dinners that the writer has ever seen on such an occasion, it was such a dinner as only the good people of the Swift Creek section, know how to prepare. After all the delegates and visitors had eaten, the food could not be missed from the table. Every one was made to feel at home whether he was a delegate or not. There is not a more hospitable set of people in the State than these people. Every one who attended will be glad when they have another opportunity of visiting that section.

After dinner, just as the hand of the watch was pointing at 2.30, the President called the second session of the conference to order. The devotional exercises were conducted by Mr. John E. Carter.

The reports of a part of the schools were heard at this session, after which the question which was appointed for discussion was taken up. The question was, "What are the requisites for successful Sunday School work?" It was very ably discussed by Messrs. W. H. Kirtton, J. C. Clements, P. F. Kilgo and Mrs. Dr. Wallace. In this discussion the Sunday School Magazine and the Home Department of the Sunday School received considerable attention.

The question box was opened immediately after this discussion and the question, "What is the best method of getting the Sunday School to contribute to missions?" was found in it. This was discussed by Messrs. A. J. A. Perritt and S. Frank Parrott, after this the second session adjourned.

Preaching was conducted at 8.30 p. m. by Rev. W. H. Kirtton.

At 9.30 o'clock on Tuesday morning the President called the third session of the conference to order. Mr. W. H. Joye conducted the devotional exercises. During this session the following resolution was adopted: Resolved: That it is the sense of this conference that all our Superintendents and teachers provide themselves with the Sunday School magazine and use it.

The reports of the schools were all heard during this session. "The question box was opened after all the reports were heard, and five questions were found. Question No. 1. "What is the best plan for securing funds for Sunday School literature?" This was discussed by Messrs. H. M. Joye, P. F. Kilgo, John E. Carter and J. W. Warr.

Question No. 2. "What can be done in our Sunday Schools to interest our old people in the Sunday School work?" Messrs. W. H. Kirtton and H. M. Joye discussed this question very ably.

Question No. 3. "Should not the entire contribution from the Sunday School be given to the missionary cause?" Discussed by Messrs. J. C. Clements and H. M. Joye.

Question No. 4. "Besides merely asking the questions of the lesson, what are the duties of the Sunday School teacher?" Mrs. R. B. C. Wallace discussed this very admirably and expansively.

Question No. 5. "Can we introduce, with benefit, the Home Department into our Sunday Schools?" Discussed by Mr. J. C. Clements and Mrs. Wallace.

After the question box was closed the President introduced Mr. S. Frank Parrott who gave the conference an address on missions; after which the conference was again invited out to a big dinner.

The fourth and last session was called to order by the President at 2.30 p. m. The devotional exercises were led by Rev. P. F. Kilgo. After the opening Messrs. A. J. A. Perritt, J. C. Clements, H. M. Joye and J. C. Clements were appointed on the executive committee for another year.

The next conference will meet at Newman Swamp Church next April.

The question box was opened now for the last time and the following questions found and discussed: Question No. 7. "Will some one tell us how to get the missionary spirit in our hearts?" Answered by Messrs. T. J. Drew and W. H. Kirtton.

Question No. 8. "What are the benefits occurring from a good library in the Sunday School. By special request Mr. A. J. A. Perritt answered this.

Question No. 9. Is an unregenerated person capable to achieve success as a worker in the cause of Christ?" Discussed by Messrs. J. S. Hawkins, H. M. Joye, J. W. Warr, W. H. Kirtton, Mrs. A. A. Joye and others. The conference then adjourned sine die.

The reports were very gratifying indeed. The average attendance at the Sunday Schools was increased about sixty per cent, the contribution about seventy-five per cent, and the missionary contribution more than one hundred per cent, over last year. Wesley chapel had by far the best Sunday School in the county, its membership is 223 with an average attendance of 189.

MIXSON TO HUBBELL.

HE MAKES A STATEMENT ABOUT THE REBATE MATTER.

Re-iterates the Statement That Hubbell Offered the Rebates—A Little More Inside History of the Dispensary is Given.

In The State yesterday morning there was published a card from Mr. Hubbell, who had been charged with offering Col. Mixson \$562.50 a carload in whiskey rebates for purchasing his X X X goods. Mr. Hubbell's card was full of plain English and was a flat denial of the charge.

Now Col. Mixson comes to the front and makes a statement in regard to the matter in which he throws some more light on the inside workings of the dispensary. He intimates, too, that Mr. Hubbell is "a liar" if he means what he says. He tells of a good deal of money that was wasted before he took charge and states that nearly all the whiskey used before his advent was purchased from the Mill Creek people. But here is Col. Mixson's card to speak for itself:

Columbia, S. C. Aug. 6, 1896.

To the Editor of The State: In your issue of to-day you have a card signed Mill Creek Distilling Co., Geo. Hubbell, secretary, in which he concludes as follows: "If Commissioner Mixson says I ever offered him, directly or indirectly, a dollar in any shape whatever he states what is absolutely false."

I have been drawn into this very reluctantly and had hoped that the matter had blown over and I would not be required to say anything, but as a man who is jealous of his honor and one who is not afraid to resent an insult, I am forced to make the following statement of facts:

I have been connected with the dispensary since the first conception of the scheme and was in charge under Senator Tillman's direction when the building was being put in fix for bottling, Mr. Traxler, then the commissioner, being at his home in Timmonsville, quite ill with typhoid fever. After Mr. Traxler's recovery and return, I was retained in the capacity of superintendent, which position I held until Mr. Traxler resigned, and I was honored with the appointment.

During my term as superintendent I naturally discovered that the bulk of the whiskeys bottled by us was purchased from Mill Creek through Mr. Geo. Hubbell, who was frequently down here. I also discovered that in making these purchases Mr. Hubbell, or Mill Creek, I should say, was requiring and being paid an interest on them after 30 days, each 30 days calling for more or bigger interest.

On being appointed commissioner in January, 1896, and being in possession of these facts of interest-bearing accounts, and not intending relieving Mr. Traxler till Feb. 1st, I commenced to look around and see if I could not do something better for the State and save at least the thousands and thousands of dollars being paid in interest to Mill Creek. About Jan. 20, some 10 days or perhaps more before I took charge Mr. Hubbell showed up and was anxious to ascertain if I intended to continue the trade with him. My reply was, "That depends." He asked, "Depends on what?" I replied, "On you; I want the same whiskeys or better, at the same prices or less with 5 per cent. off as discount or rebate." He seemed to be utterly dumfounded and exclaimed: "Do you want the earth?" I replied, "No, but this I want, and this I intend to have." He went on to say that his proposition was one that he nor no one else could entertain and wanted to know if I had calculated the 5 per cent. off. He enquired when I would be in the market for purchases, and upon being told that it would take several days after Feb. 1st to make the transfer, he asked me again for the purchases, if I should need anything before he returned in February. I told him, "Only on my terms."

On assuming the duties, Feb. 1st, I very soon discovered that I needed some Bourbon whis-

kies and wired him: "Same whiskey, same price, 5 off; send me X and XX Bourbon." I received a wire in reply: "Will ship at once." A few days after this I received a letter saying: "Your telegram ordering Bourbon received, and knowing from its being a wire that you were in need, we hasten to make shipment, but we cannot give you the terms, &c." I immediately wired him: "Order cars back; won't receive them only on my terms." In a few hours I received a wire: "Cars too far advanced to order back; receive them on your terms." In due course the cars arrived and were received. Bill for same came in with 5 per cent. off and was paid.

I do not recollect when nor how often Mr. Hubbell came to see me in the few months that followed before the following occurred:

He asked me to take him in to the sample room and show him the XXX rye that I was purchasing. I did so, and while in there alone, he and I he offered me his XXX rye at the same price he had formerly sold it to the dispensary with the interest on, for the same price per gallon, 10 per cent. discount; and, if my memory serves me correctly, he made the following calculation there and then: Cost \$2.25 per gal.; 10 per cent. off, makes 22 1/2 cents per gal.; 50 gallons to a barrel makes \$11.25 and 50 barrels to a car makes \$562.50. I said, "Will you put this discount on the invoices and let it show up regularly?" He replied that he could not do so; that he was a member of the trust, but for me to pay the invoices at the regular price of \$2.25 per gallon and he would return me the 10 per cent. off in cash. This I refused to do and no purchase has been made from him by me.

These are the facts in the case and includes all I have said as to Mr. Hubbell's offer to me. If he says any part of it is untrue he is a liar.

F. M. Mixson

ASKING FOR LIGHT.

The following card from a Reform member of the recent constitutional convention appeared in the Register yesterday morning:

Editor Register: At the campaign meeting in Barnwell I saw that Mr. Duncan stated that Mr. Mixson had said that Tillman, or that Governor Evans said he had "filled his pockets with rebates." I am a Reformer and was among the first to espouse the Reform cause and accept B. R. Tillman as its leader. I am a Reformer from principle. I was actuated from a law of injustice to step over on the side of the masses and demand their rights. I wanted to see by the votes of the people that any man could hold office if he was honest and intelligent enough to fill the position. Prior to 1890 it had almost reached that point where pedigree was the only passport to office and positions of trust.

It was the love of country that actuates me now to ask, yes, to demand of Mr. Mixson, who is himself a recipient of wages from the people of our State, to answer in full if the charges against Governor Evans recited and preferred by Mr. Duncan at Barnwell are false in toto or whether any part of the charges be true. I believe Mr. Mixson will give the answer without altering and without any attempt to evade, and such an answer the people demand. This is no time for men in public trust to hide crime, if crime exists, committed by others, when we have plenty of Reformers in the State who are pure enough and sufficiently competent to fill any position. We are not dependent on any men for party sake. If the charges are without foundation then Mr. Mixson has already waited too long and should be glad of an opportunity to give his public denial. I would not ask this question but for the fact that it has been published that "Mr. Mixson was on the stand" when they were preferred and did not deny them then and there. Besides they bear on the pride of our party when it is charged that "Tillman filled his pockets with rebates."

I, as a Reformer and citizen, have a right to ask these questions and the people of this State have a right to know if Governor Evans made such statements. We take them as an insult and if they are false

Mr. Duncan should be made to hold up. R. P. Stackhouse. Oswego, S. C., Aug. 4, 1896. When the above was shown to Col. Mixson he declined to say anything in regard to it.

Try a barrel of "Obelisk" flour.

Feed oats at Deans Bros.

Jersey Cows and Calves for Sale.

3 COWS AND YOUNG CALVES—3 my best stock—4 to 5 gallons of milk each. Apply to B. A. EARLY, Early's X Roads, Darlington County.

Aug 6-2t

YOUR OLD FRIENDS,

Sydnor & Tredway,

WILL AGAIN HAVE CHARGE OF

Darlington Tobacco Warehouse

Open Tuesday, August 11, and

every day thereafter.

We want your patronage and

will do all that can be

done for you.

YOURS TRULY,

SYDNOR & TREDWAY.

Candidates' Cards.

FOR COUNTY SUPERVISOR.

WE HEREBY ANNOUNCE MR. J. W. HEARON as a candidate for County Supervisor of Darlington county, subject to the Democratic primary. MANY VOTERS.

AT THE REQUEST OF MANY

friends, I announce myself as a candidate for the office of Supervisor for Darlington county, subject to the Democratic primary. R. M. JOSEY, Una, S. C., June 29, 1895.

FOR THE LEGISLATURE.

THE MANY FRIENDS OF J. E. MILLER, having confidence in his integrity and ability, announce him as a candidate for membership of the House of Representatives, subject to the Democratic primary.

THE MANY FRIENDS OF DR. W. J. GARNER announce him as a candidate for the House of Representatives; subject to the rules governing the Democratic primary.

HEREBY ANNOUNCE MYSELF a candidate for the House of Representatives; subject to the Democratic Primary. GEO. W. BROWN.

FOR SHERIFF.

THE FRIENDS OF MR. W. P. COLE hereby announce him as a candidate for the office of Sheriff of Darlington county, subject to the Democratic primary.

FOR AUDITOR.

HEREBY ANNOUNCE MYSELF a candidate for the office of Auditor of Darlington county, subject to the action of the Democratic primary. H. A. JOSEY.

FOR SOLICITOR.

HEREBY ANNOUNCE MYSELF a candidate for the office of Solicitor of the Fourth Judicial Circuit, subject to the action of the Democratic primary. F. B. SELLERS, June 29, 1896.

THE FRIENDS OF SOLICITOR J. M. JOHNSON request the announcement of his candidacy for re-nomination as Solicitor of the 4th Circuit, subject to the action of the Democratic party, with a promise on his part, if nominated and elected, to devote his best energy and experience to the discharge of that office for the ensuing term.

FOR CLERK OF THE COURT.

HEREBY ANNOUNCE MYSELF a candidate for re-election to the office of Clerk of Court for Darlington County subject to the Democratic primary. W. ALBERT PARROTT.

HEREBY ANNOUNCE MYSELF a candidate for the office of Clerk of Court of Darlington County, according to the Democratic platform of 1876, subject to the primary. GEO. O. LEE, June 2, 1896.

FOR MAGISTRATE.

THE FRIENDS OF MR. E. P. THOMAS desire to announce him as a candidate for Magistrate of Lytle Township, subject to the action of the democratic primary.