

## BUSINESS

**WE CAN, MUST AND WILL DO THE BUSINESS OF DARLINGTON.**

**That's Exactly What We Came Here To Do.**

We have more floor space, more goods and more salesmen than any two stores in Darlington.

Our dress goods Department is way ahead of any thing in this part of the State. Our shoe room speaks for itself and our clothing room is the only one in Darlington.

We do not do a credit business, hence we have but one price—A child of 10 years can buy goods to as good advantage in our Stock as an expert shopper of 40. We guarantee to give as good value for your money as any merchant in America.

We think we know our business—We have salesmen that know theirs, so we do not need any assistance or advice from outsiders how to run our business. We want to please our customers and friends and don't care a snap about any body else likes or dislikes.

**YOURS FOR BUSINESS,**

# SLIGH & RUCKER.

### LOCAL LAONICS.

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

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

Mr. W. T. Powell, of Cheraw, spent last Sunday in town.

Miss Maud Atkinson, of Timmonsville, is visiting relatives in town.

Mrs. D. M. Fulton left for Columbia last Friday to visit her father's family.

Strauss & Rosen have opened a branch store on the square next to Blackwell Bros.

Misses Kate and Virginia Williamson returned from the mountains last Monday night.

Rev. Poindexter Taylor, of Hartsville, preached at the Baptist church last Sunday morning.

The Rev. J. B. Holy resigned as pastor of Black Creek Baptist church a week ago last Sunday.

The Rev. D. M. Fulton and Gen. W. E. James went up to Cheraw to-day to attend the meeting of Pee Dee Presbytery.

Mrs. Alexander and daughter, Miss Ruth, after spending the summer in the mountains of N. C., returned to Darlington Tuesday night.

Four deacons were elected at the Presbyterian church last Sunday morning as follows: S. H. Wills, R. E. James, Dr. C. B. Lanneau and N. E. Nigles.

Miss Isabel Lanneau will open her Kindergarten school at Dr. C. B. Lanneau's house on Orange Street, October 5. See advertisement in another column.

Coggeshall & Co. are out with another big advertisement this week, in which they tell their customers some interesting things. The young men who compose this firm are hustlers and believe that advertising is the way to move goods, and back their judgment accordingly.

McCullough & Co. will have a sale of horses at their stables in Darlington Monday, October 5th. If you want to buy a good horse come to the sale. Remember Monday the 5th is the day.

Woods & Milling are out with a big advertisement in THE NEWS this week. This firm has established a reputation for handling nice shoes for ladies, men and children and are in shape to please their customers better than ever. They also carry a line of "gents" furnishing goods, which they will be pleased to show their customers.

Mr. Angus Gainey, who has an advertisement in THE NEWS offering his services as a teacher of the violin, slide trombone, cornet, &c. says that he is determined to have a first class orchestra in Darlington and is going to keep on practicing until he accomplishes his purpose. Mr. Gainey is a perfect master of the violin and it will doubtless not be long before the people of Darlington will be able to enjoy excellent music without going away from home.

T. H. Coker & Son, of Society Hill, have an advertisement in THE NEWS, this week. This firm is advertising extensively with circulars this season, as well as in THE DARLINGTON NEWS, and business is coming to them in consequence.

Society Hill merchants, as a rule, do not advertise, but now that T. H. Coker & Son have lead the way, others will probably see that advertising pays. Society Hill people are too modest about bringing their town to the attention of the outside world, but it is probable that the enterprising firm of T. H. Coker & Son will benefit the town as well as their own individual business.

Lost—Between Moses Abbotts and C. J. Milling's a hunting horn, with buckskin shoulder strap. Finder will please return to C. S. Nettles.

Onion sets for fall planting at G. O. Mertz.

#### Opening of the Schools.

The Graded Schools opened last Monday with a full corps of teachers and a good attendance of scholars. The following is the enrollment to date: St. John's 287; Factory 23; Mayo 243; total 553.

Fresh crimson clover and rye seed at G. O. Mertz.

We have more clothing than we have room for—come get the biggest bargain you ever had in a suit. Blackwell Bros.

Car load of meat received to-day at Deans Bros.

#### Death of Mrs. Townsend.

Mrs. M. M. Townsend, after an illness of a few days, died at her home on Pearl street last Tuesday night in the 78th year of her age. Mrs. Townsend was the widow of Maj. B. D. Townsend, of Society Hill, who was for some time, President of the Cheraw & Darlington railroad. Her remains will be interred at Society Hill this morning.

790 barrels of flour at Deans Bros.

Another big lot of mens pants, all sizes and prices, just arrived at, Blackwell Bros.

#### Dead Letters.

Letters addressed to the following persons remain uncalled for at the Darlington Postoffice and are advertised as "dead" for the week ending Sept. 28th: Messrs. W. R. Bennett 2, Lucius Bonepart, T. B. Beck, Gealse Brown, Murry Davis; J. W. White, Chales Sanders, J. M. McCalsler, E. P. Evin, Geo. Jordan, July Lide, Geo. Hamford, Bartholoman Fields, J. W. Wadden, John Narlie; Misses Jut Darlington, Cattie Johnson, Annie B. McGill, Daisey Bell, Sarah Bacot, Mamie Nixon, Mariah Bonepart.

We had about 75 second hand sewing machines a few days ago. Only a dozen or two left. Come buy one, or a New Home, or Wheeler & Wilson. Blackwell Bros.

#### A Military Drama.

In furtherance of the plan for organizing a first-class library in connection with the Darlington Guards, there will be rendered by some of our amateurs at an early day a military drama, similar to the one presented here so successfully several years ago. This new drama was acted recently with considerable success in one of our neighboring towns. The young lady who then took the principal part is now residing in Darlington, and is to take the same part in it when it is presented here. In fact, the arrangements for placing it on the boards have been left to her to a considerable extent, and there is every probability that under her capable management, the people of Darlington will be treated to one of the cleverest amateur performances they have ever witnessed.

Flour bought before the rise at Deans Bros.

#### A Severe Storm.

About two o'clock Tuesday afternoon a wind and rain storm struck this section of the country, the wind increasing in velocity until considerable damage was done to crops, fences &c. A number of trees are blown down around the town and many fences are seen lying on the ground in all directions. At the Academy yard several oak trees were blown down, some coming up by the roots and others breaking off above the ground. The severe wind lasted about three hours and many were afraid that serious damage would be caused.

Savannah was the greatest sufferer as far as could be learned at this writing, the damage to property there being enormous. Several persons were also killed in the city. Many were apprehensive as to Charleston, but the old city was spared, the storm doing very little damage to property there.

Does your boy need a new suit? If so, send him to, Blackwell Bros.

#### Floral Fair—Minstrel Concert.

The regular semi-annual Floral Fair of the Horticultural Society promises to be more interesting and entertaining this season than ever before. For sometime arrangements have been going on to make this an immensely attractive occasion and a varied program is the result. Under the direction of Mr. J. W. Tillinghast, a minstrel performance and concert will be given, the material of which is composed of native talent. The minstrel performance will be given on Thursday evening at the Opera House, where the fair will be held. Messrs. R. E. and J. W. James are to be "end men" at the minstrel performance and their talent for music and acting will make them an especially strong team. Added to them, for both performances, are Messrs. C. E. and G. H. Edwards, S. H. Wilds, J. K. McIver, C. D. Evans, J. D. Rast and A. L. Dantzier. Some fine music may be confidently expected. The doors of the Opera House will be opened each afternoon at 3.30 o'clock, for the children's drill and for the sale of refreshments. At night the doors will be opened at 8.30 o'clock, the concert and minstrel performance to begin at nine o'clock. Tickets will be on sale at the Book Store. The price of admission will be 35cts, reserved seats 50. The Opera House is the place and the time will be next Thursday and Friday, Oct. 8th, and 9th. These fairs have always been well managed, pleasant and successful and this one seems to have unusual facilities for continuing this record.

The premium list is as follows:

Best collection Begonia's	\$2.00
2nd "	1.00
Best single specimen Begonia's	1.00
"    "    "    Fern	.50
2nd "	1.00
Best "	1.00
2nd "	1.00
Best collection Pot Plants	3.00
2nd "	1.00
Best "	1.00
"    "    "    Cut Flowers	1.00
2nd "	1.00
Best "	.50
"    "    "    Cannas	1.00
2nd "	.50

#### Mrs. Mary G. Adams.

Died in Highland, N. C., Sept. 23d at the summer home of her son-in-law, the Rev. Dr. Thompson of Charleston, Mrs. Mary G. Adams, widow of the late Estel L. Adams, of Charleston, and daughter of the late David Gregg, of Society Hill.

Of this estimable family, Mrs. John J. McIver is the only survivor, Mrs. McIntosh died many years ago, and Alexander Gregg the beloved Bishop of Texas, in 1893.

In her life, Mrs. Adams exemplified the true and faithful Christian. Her unflinching Christian trust and sweet serenity of disposition, enabled her to bear with calmness the reverses of fortune consequent upon the downfall of the Confederate cause, and to meet far greater trials and sorrows, with fortitude and submission. Charitable in thought and word and deed, unwearied in the performance of duty, she ever carried sunshine to the homes of her children with whom, in turn, she passed her later years.

In accordance with her wish, the last summer was spent in the beautiful mountain regions of North Carolina. There she

seemed very happy; health and strength were apparently renewed; but with the fall of the leaf came illness, and in a few days the loved, affectionate heart had ceased to beat. Our friend passed to the higher life at the ripe age of eighty-one years.

"Stay we our tears; the bliss above  
Have hailed a spirit's heavenly birth,  
And sung a song of joy and love;  
Then why should angelic reign on earth."  
M. H. K.

#### GRANT-SPAIN.

A Wedding in Society Circles That Created a Surprise.

When it became known last evening that Miss Joan Baird Grant, daughter of Mr. James Grant, Bedford street, and Mr. Francis Ovid Spain, of Atlanta, Ga., were married yesterday evening at 7 o'clock at the bride's home in the presence of members of the family and a few invited friends, by Rev. Dr. James E. Moffat, of the Presbyterian church, it created a surprise, for while the bride and groom had been engaged

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### Buggies, Wagons, Harness.



I have received two car loads of buggies and one car load of wagons, the largest stock I have had in 15 years. Also a stock of harness.

CALL AND SAVE MONEY BEFORE BUYING  
**C. W. HEWITT**  
DARLINGTON