

LOCAL LAGONICS.

MATTERS IN AND AROUND THE TOWN OF DARLINGTON.

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

Mrs. A. Synor visited in Florence last week.

Mr. Henry Appelt stuck type in the News office one day last week.

Mr. D. G. Coit spent Thanks giving in Cheraw with his father's family.

Mr. Mc. M. C. King, of Charleston, spent a day or two with his brother Mr. G. K. King last week.

Miss Emma Williamson returned from Charleston last week where she had been making a visit.

The weather has been so warm recently that people are sorry that they have put away their summer clothes.

Mr. and Mrs. R. E. James have moved to Palmetto temporarily and are living with Gen. W. E. James' family.

Mr. Tony Brown has been working a few days in the News office on account of the sickness of Mr. C. W. Hill.

Mr. J. W. Tillinghast and his singing class at Cheraw will give a concert in the town on Tuesday before Christmas.

There was ice Tuesday morning. Therefore the fall in the temperature in 36 hours must have been from 40 to 45 degrees.

Rev. H. R. Moseley, of Rock Hill, delivered a very interesting lecture on Mexico in the Baptist church last Sunday morning.

Mr. J. K. McIver left Monday for Glennwood, Ga., on the Alabama & Georgia R. R., where he will fill the position of cashier for the Walkee Lumber Co.

The Rev. Mr. Fulton preached at the Methodist church Thanksgiving day. A collection was taken up for Thornwell, Connie Maxwell and Epworth orphanages.

Last Thursday was like Sunday in Darlington, all the stores being closed. A large crowd went to church in the morning and many of the young men and boys were off hunting all day.

The collection taken up at the Methodist church on Thanksgiving day amounted to \$40.00, which was divided equally between the three orphanages of the Presbyterian, Baptist and Methodist denominations.

The Episcopal Church chancel was decorated on Thanksgiving day with vegetables, fruits and flowers and presented quite an attractive appearance. After the services they were given out to the poor of the parish.

Mr. Edwin B. Craven, of Marion, spent last Thursday, Thanksgiving day, with Mr. L. M. Rhodes, of the News office. Mr. Craven and Mr. Rhodes were classmates at the Deaf and Dumb and Blind Institution at Spartanburg.

Miss Elizabeth Watkins, of Milton N. C., sung "My Redeemer Liveth" at the Baptist church Sunday morning. Miss Watkins' voice is highly cultivated and her singing was much admired by those who heard her at the Baptist church.

Quite an enjoyable dance was given at the Amory hall last Thursday night. The music was furnished by Mr. Angus Gainey on the violin and Mr. J. W. Tillinghast on the piano and was excellent. Mr. Charley Wells of Marion led the Jer-man.

Tickets for the Rev. Thos. Dixon's lecture tomorrow (Friday) night are now on sale at the Armory—75 cents each, no extra charge being made for reserved seats. Those who desire to secure them had better do so at once, as there are not many choice ones left now.

Baird Bros. will sell holiday goods at cut prices—Their ladies desk sale will be something remarkable for this section—Desks like they propose to sell in solid woods are worth just double the price they will offer them at—it is impossible for them to make anything on them at \$3.99.

A good live business for sale. See advertisement in another column.

The time for paying town taxes has been extended again and this time the 15 of December is the last day.

Messrs. J. E. Norment, D. P. Lide and W. C. Byrd have been appointed managers for the town election the 15th.

The Viol da Gamba Solo by Mr. Mario Blodeck from "De Wit" was interpreted in delightful style and called for an encore.—Opera House Saturday night.

The town election will be held December 15. Read carefully the ordinance about registration and go and register at once. The law for municipal elections has been changed and those who are not registered can not vote.

The Jail Empty.

Sheriff Scarborough says the jail is now empty for the first time since he has been in office. The law which provides for prisoners to work on the chain gang has caused this state of affairs and the prisoners are too far from town to come back to the jail at night.

A Sudden Change In The Weather.

The cold wave struck Darlington between three and four o'clock Sunday afternoon. All of a sudden a rushing wind and rustle of the leaves was heard and the change in the temperature was noticed at once. It was a tremendous change after the Spring weather we had been having.

The Tobacco Warehouses.

The tobacco warehouses of Darlington will close for the holidays December 16th and open again for business Jan. 4th 1897. The buyers are anxious to go home for Christmas and therefore it was thought best to close the warehouses for a few weeks. Darlington has handled more tobacco this season than ever before and will handle a good deal more before the warehouses close in the Spring.

Thanksgiving Hunters Kill A Large Buck.

A party of young men from Darlington went hunting in the river swamp Thanksgiving day and brought back a large buck, which weighed 135 pounds dressed, and a wild turkey. It is supposed that Mr. L. S. Wellington wounded the animal severely before several others of the party shot at him. The antlers fell to Mr. Robt. Hairston who took a leading part in the slaughter. Dr. A. T. Baird bagged the wild turkey.

Dead Letters.

Letters addressed to the following persons remain uncalled for at the Darlington postoffice, and are advertised as "dead" for the week ending Nov. 30th: J. C. Dubose, Henry Goodson, Flave Jones, Henry McIver, A. Floren, Bil Scot, Mazingo Williams, Misses Catharine Graham, Lisa Jackson, Mary Limon, Leygille, Loves Manoried, care of John Melon Price, Mary Jane Soza, Beckey Sturgeon, Emma Tist.

Indemnity For Chief Dargan.

A few weeks ago, Chief A. E. Dargan got his left arm, which happens to be his right arm also, badly scalded. He was laid up for two weeks and was unable to discharge his duties even though he has two right arms and two left arms. The Chief has an accident policy in the Travelers Accident Insurance Co., of Hartford, and now he has a check for his indemnity money, handed him by Mrs. Lucy M. Norment, local agent for the Travelers.

THE STORM.

Wind, Rain, Sleet and Snow.

We have certainly had to pay for the warm weather which we have been having. During the last three days a biting north wind has been blowing and yesterday, in addition to the wind, we were treated to rain, sleet and snow. The trees are loaded down with ice and many are ruined, the limbs blocking the streets. Last night Darlington was in darkness, on account of the electric wires being down and it will be one or two nights yet before the damage will be repaired.

The Clemson Professors.

Last Saturday Profs. Craighead, Harden, Wyman and Hart, of Clemson delivered addresses to a crowd of a hundred or more farmers in the court house. Prof. Harden discussed different kinds of waters and their effect on the people drinking them; Prof. Wyman devoted his remarks to distemper of horses and other animals; Prof. Hart talked of the kinds of feed and the different methods of feeding animals for slaughter, and Prof. Craighead made a speech in which he spoke of agriculture as the noblest of all callings and the foundation of the world's prosperity. The audience listened very attentively to the discussions and quite a number of questions were asked the professors by the different farmers present.

The concert given by Mozart Symphony Club as the first entertainment in the Star Course at the Y. M. C. A. last evening, was perhaps the finest musical entertainment ever given under the auspices of the Association. Every member was heartily enjoyed. The music from the stringed quartette was artistic, sweet and soothing. The Soloists were stars of the first magnitude.—Opera House Saturday night.

JOHN KOLB McIVER CHAPTER.

Daughters of the Confederacy.

The recently organized chapter of the Daughters of the Confederacy held an important meeting at the Armory last Friday. The meeting was for the purpose of organizing and also of attending to other important business. The election of officers made Miss Lou Penn McIver, president, Miss Mary A. Wilds, vice-president, Mrs. Lucy M. Norment, secretary and Mrs. Geo. W. Brown, treasurer. Mrs. Lucy M. Norment was elected a delegate to the annual convention of the United Daughters of the Confederacy, which meets in Charleston on the ninth of December. The members of this Chapter earnestly request all interested ones to lend their assistance by joining this organization. Its purposes are sacred and it is sincerely hoped that the next meeting which will soon be held will have many applications for membership from interested and patriotic women.

Mr. Blodeck introduced the Viol da Gamba to Rockford audience last evening bringing out with good effect its many beautiful qualities of tone. He rendered Chopin's "Nocturne" in a faultless manner.—Opera House Saturday Night.

You Can Yet Register.

Electors who failed to get their registration certificate when the books were opened prior to the last general election, will have another opportunity of doing so on the first Monday in December, as the following extract from the registration law will show.

"The books of registration shall be opened by the boards on the first Monday in April, 1896 at the court house in each county and kept open for at least six consecutive weeks. They shall be opened again at the court house on the first Monday in June, July, August and September, A. D. 1896, and kept open continually for at least one week in each of said months. They shall be closed 30 days before the general election in 1896. After the general election in 1896 the books of registration shall be opened on the first Monday of each month at the court house and kept open for three successive days before the election in 1898, when they shall be closed until the said general election shall have taken place. The offices and books must be kept open from 9 o'clock in the forenoon until 3 o'clock in the afternoon.

"The board of registration is the judge of the qualification of all applicants for registration up to January 1st 1898.

Mr. Mario Blodeck brings harmony from the six-stringed Viol da Gamba, music of greater volume than that of the Cello full round notes that are pleasing to the ear and esthetically sympathetic.—Opera House Saturday night.

Spare a little cash now. Reliable insurance, any kind—all kind—every kind. Mrs. Lucy M. Norment.

Tom Dixon in Darlington.

As the time draws near for the appearance of the great Tom Dixon at the Armory tomorrow (Friday) evening, the interest in that event perceptibly increases in the community. A large number of season tickets have been sold for the Guards Lecture Course, and the indications are that Mr. Dixon will be greeted here by a packed house. The price of admission for his lecture will be 75 cents, there will be no extra charge for reserved seats.

The Nashville American speaking of Mr. Dixon's recent appearance in that city, says: "Before the preliminary service was over at the Tabernacle yesterday afternoon the vast auditorium was full of people, and Summer street, for a full block in each direction, was thronged with two streams of humanity pouring toward the building to hear Rev. Thomas Dixon, Jr. At 2.45 as was necessary to shut and fasten the doors as the Tabernacle was packed to suffocation, and there was a blockade from the door to Church street, and another extending down to Broad."

The Dallas, Texas, News of Jan. 12, 1896, says: "He is one of the most unique orators of the present day, was 32 years old yesterday, and can hold an audience as long as he can talk. He talks as fast as a nervous woman in a church sewing circle and is a master of all the arts of oratory. In one moment he blazes like a meteor, in the next he thunders like a great of belching batteries; again, he dazzles his audiences with a prodigious scattering of gems of thought, and then pounds them with a hailstorm of logic. His lecture on Modern Babylon was the attraction which filled the auditorium of the City Hall last night. Every seat was occupied, and for two hours every person present listened with intense interest. Every one was so well entertained that when the speaker concluded many were surprised to find that he had spoken two hours instead of forty minutes."

Lamar Township Fares Badly under the new Road Law.

O. S. Huggins has something to say on the subject.

Editor of Darlington News—We of this section of the country heartily endorse every word of the article written by Dr. A. H. Hayden in your last issue in regard to the workings of the public road law. Under the present system many roads and bridges are neglected and in many places are almost impassable. There is one road in this township (Lamar) that has not had any work this year. The commutation tax has been paid by the majority of our citizens with the expectation that the roads in our township would be improved thereby but we have been disappointed, and again we are expected to pay into the treasury by Dec. 31st the commutation tax of one dollar which would be two years road tax paid by many of us and yet no work done to some of our roads.

The only alternative is to work four days during the next if the tax is not paid by Dec. 31st. Our public road bosses don't seem to know what the road law is when asked why such and such is the case. If the law is not plain enough to be understood by those whose duty it is to administer the law it should either be simplified or men placed in power who are capable of administering the law in justice and with fairness and impartiality. We want the money paid by the citizens of our township applied to the public roads of our township for the improvements of our own roads and not for the improvements made elsewhere in the county, for I daresay there is no section in this county that has been more neglected than the greater portion of Lamar Township as to the improvement of her public highways. Instead of our condition being bettered in this respect, it is far worse than it was under the old law, and it would be best for the next Legislature to make some necessary changes or abolish the law altogether that seems to authorize the robbing of one section for the benefit of another.

Very truly Yours,

O. S. Huggins

Hopewell, S. C.

Look Out For COGGESHALL'S Holiday Letter Next Week.

THE COUNTY NEWS.

ITEMS FROM SEVERAL SECTIONS AS TOLD BY CORRESPONDENTS.

LAMAR.

Lamar is going to organize a cavalry company.

Mr. W. S. Reynolds has the finest hogs to kill in the country.

The farmers in this section say they can raise anything on their farms, but the "mortgage."

Prof. Wilson and one of his students visited Darlington on Saturday, the 28th, to hear Prof. Craighead lecture.

Miss Grace Alford, of Marion, a very superior young lady, is the assistant teacher with Prof. Perritt at the Newman Swamp School.

Some of our citizens are disappointed over the failure of establishing Salem county—while others seem delighted. It takes a variety of people to make a world.

The pastor of the Methodist church here, leaves next week to attend the State Conference which meets in Abbeville. We sincerely hope he will be returned to this circuit, for he is a very acceptable man.

Hymen's Silken Knot.

Mr. Will Hill, of Elliott's Sumter Co., came over to Lamar on Sunday afternoon not on a warlike mission, but rather to enjoy the triumph and claim his trophy in a battle already fought and won, where a heart was the battlefield and cupid the commander-in-chief, for he was married to Miss Sarah J. Mancill, eldest daughter of Mr. Perry Mancill of this place. The bride was adorned in a beautiful cream cashmere gown with flowers to match. They left on the early train Monday for the groom's home, where they will be welcomed by a host of friends. We extended our congratulations on their departure and truly trust that their life will be long, happy and prosperous and that all their paths to be trod, will be fraught with sunshine rather than shadows. Rev. John S. Dubose performed the ceremony.

A. B. C.

CARTERSVILLE.

Mrs. Lithe Folsom and one of her little children are very sick with typhoid and malarial fever.

Cards are out announcing the marriage of Mr. Basun C. Catherin to Miss Alma Rose, on the 9th of Dec. The ceremony will take place at 7 p. m. at Fair Hope church.

Mr. James Chandler had a severe case of mumps in the spring, went to work before he had sufficiently recovered and had a relapse. He has been lingering the whole time since and at this time the doctors have lost all hope of his recovery.

We are sorry to announce the death of Mr. Walter Norris's youngest child on Saturday 28, inst. The funeral services were conducted by Rev. E. C. Bailey on Sunday at the Baptist church at Cartersville, after which the child was buried in the Baptist cemetery at that place. The family have the sympathy of the whole community.

The Rev. E. C. Bailey preached quite an interesting sermon at Fair Hope Presbyterian church, on Sunday 29th Oct., after which the doors of the church were opened and six converts presented themselves to the church for admission.

All of them were grown young people, three ladies and three gentlemen. This speaks well for the eminent young divine.

Crops are all gathered and the farmers are counting their losses and gains. Cotton and tobacco have not proved to be very remunerative crops. The yield of corn and syrup has been quite satisfactory, but peas and potatoes are only tolerable. Taking all things into consideration we think the farmers are in very good shape, the most of them have paid out and have corn and meat. Quite a large acreage of rye and oats is being sown and large quantities of domestic manure is being raised. The worst feature among the farmers we notice, is the large quantity of cottonseed being sold, now at \$9 per ton. The farmer that sells his cottonseed deprives his lands of the best fertilizer.

SOCIETY HILL.

Mr. L. E. Carrigan lost a large new gin house recently by fire.

Mrs. E. T. Coker and children are spending a few days at Cheraw.

Several nights ago an attempt was made to steal a bale of cotton from Capt. Carrigan's gin house.

Miss Ray Coker is visiting friends and relatives at Timmonsville.

T. H. Coker & Son are now doing a general brokerage business and would be pleased to furnish quotations upon application. They also will call on the merchants in any of the surrounding towns with a full line of samples when requested.

Invitations are out for the marriage of Miss Nettie Winters to Mr. J. O. Durant Jr., of Mont. Clare, at Baptist church Wednesday eve Nov. 28th.

December opens cold. The thermometer below freezing point here today.

Rev. & Mrs. C. F. Dowell, of Darlington, are visiting in the city. Mrs. Dowell is the daughter of Mr. J. K. McIver, of Darlington.

Society Hill is moving. One drug store, shoe and clothing store and military establishment opened all in a short while.

CLYDE.

From what we can learn the liquor spies have been frequently around Clyde for the last few days.

Our boys are making up their ribbon cans and the yield is pretty fair.

Mr. S. M. Forrester, of Kelleytown, returned Saturday from Chesterfield C. H., where he had been on business.

Died at his home in Kelleytown, D. W. Polson. His remains were taken over in Chesterfield to the family burying ground.

Mr. James Warr, of Lydia, has moved into our section on Mr. S. E. Segate's place.

Mrs. Eliza Morrison, of Chesterfield county, has been on a visit to her sons, Messrs. D. F. and A. J. Morrison, of this place.

We enjoyed a fine sermon at New Market Sunday at 11 a. m. by Rev. J. W. Warr.

That wonderful instrument in the hands of Mr. Mario Blodeck made entrancing music, which went straight to the heart of the audience.—Opera House Saturday night.

HARTSVILLE.

Thanksgiving was very quiet here, nothing occurring to break the monotony.

Mr. E. C. Burch and wife, of Ebenezer, were among the many visitors here on Sunday last.

The lecture given here on last Friday night by the Rev. Mr. Moseley, of Rock Hill, was very much enjoyed by everybody. He gave a very touching account of the mission work in Mexico and of the habits and customs of the Mexicans. He made many friends during his short stay here and we would gladly welcome him back.

HIGH HILL.

Well winter has come at last in full force and it bites.

We were glad to have Mr. Jessie Hill of Midway with us last Monday night.

The writer had the pleasure of taking a trip through W. H. Hazardsburg county, last Friday, Saturday and Sunday. The people seem to be living up to the time in that part of the State.

LAMAR.

Feeding a flock of chickens who would kill.

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