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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.

Mr. John Coleman has gone home to spend Christmas.

Mr. J. R. Drake, of Sumter, spent last Sunday in town.

Mr. Willie Carrigan spent last Sunday in Society Hill.

Mr. John McSween, of Timmons ville, was in town Friday last.

The Rev. J. A. Magruder held services at Marsbluff last Sunday.

Mr. W. W. McCutchen, of Florence, spent last Sunday in town.

Mr. F. Marion Sims, of Timmons ville, was in town last Monday.

Read the advertisement of the Book Store in this issue of the News.

Miss Helen Davis, of Charleston, is visiting her sister Mrs. Lucy M. Norment.

Mr. R. A. Tredway left for his home in Virginia to-day to spend the holidays.

Rev. T. H. Law, of Spartanburg, is visiting his brother Mr. Lide Law at Hartsville.

Mr. Mazingo, auditor elect, is employed temporarily in Treasurer Woodham's office.

Miss Buford Brand, of Sumter, is spending some time with her sister, Mrs. C. W. Hewitt.

The safe of the People's Bank was moved into the bank's new quarters yesterday. The rest of the furniture will probably be moved to-day.

Miss Mary Elma Law, of California, who has been visiting relatives in town, left this morning for Sumter, to spend some time there.

Miss Irene Murphy, of Lake City, who has been spending some time with the family of Mr. B. O. Bristow, returned home last Tuesday.

Mr. J. R. Drake, the well known tobacco auctioneer, has been holding forth on the square for the last few days selling patent medicines.

Mrs. Lucy M. Norment attended the meeting of the Daughters of the Confederacy in Charleston last week, representing John Kolb McIver Chapter.

Dr. J. J. Wilson warns people against trespassing on his lands. Those who do not heed the notice which he publishes in THE NEWS this week will be prosecuted.

If you want Hyler's candy and nice perfumes go to Boyd's Drug Store. Also take a chance at the Rochester Lamp and gilt onyx top table advertised in THE NEWS.

If you happen to know of an item of local interest write it out and bring it to the News office, or if you do not care to write it out tell it to the editor and he will put it in shape for publication.

A barn on Mr. S. F. Ervin's place in Florence county was burned last Thursday night and all the provisions of a colored tenant were consumed by the flames. It is believed that the fire was incendiary.

Council gives notice this week that the time for paying taxes has again been extended. The limit has been extended several times and all delinquents should come forward and settle up at once.

Quite a crowd of Darlingtonians attended the play, "A Midnight Bell," at the Florence Opera House last Friday night. A special train brought the party back to Darlington after the performance.

THE DARLINGTON NEWS has increased its circulation a little more than three hundred during the last eight months, and nearly all of this increase came through the work of the management and very little of it through agents.

The people of Darlington will be glad to know that the Rev. R. A. Child has been returned by the Conference to the charge of the Darlington Methodist church. Mr. Child is one of the best preachers in the Conference and very popular with all denominations.

Mrs. M. Manne offers a reward for the return of a plush cape which she lost yesterday. Read her advertisement in another column.

The editor does not always know of those who are visiting in town or those who have gone away to visit. Therefore, whenever you know any persons which you think would be of interest to the public, come to THE NEWS office and write them down.

Col. J. J. Dargan is very much encouraged at the success of his school and desires to announce that it will open for the year 1897 at 9 o'clock on the first Monday morning in January. Pupils from the country who desire to attend Col. Dargan's school, can get reasonable board, near his residence on Law Street.

A good start has been made with the Darlington Guards' Library. New books are being added to it at the rate of twenty a week. Published in the advertising columns this week will be seen a complete list of all the books recently received, and the new ones will be published as they are received from time to time. Members of the Library Association, by watching the advertising columns every week, can thus keep themselves constantly informed on the subject. Those desiring to join the Library can learn all about the matter by enquiring at the Armory.

Beginning Sunday last the Atlantic Coast Line put on an extra daily express train between Charleston and Florence. This is the usual winter train running into Charleston, and carries down people from along the route to Charleston in the morning and back in the afternoon. The train will leave Florence at 9.10 a. m. and arrive in Charleston 12.25 p. m. Returning will leave that city at 4.00 p. m., arriving at Florence about 7.15 p. m. Connections will be made at Florence with trains to and from Darlington.

No Extension of the Time for Tax Paving.

Comptroller General Norton announces that there will be no extension of the time for paying taxes. Therefore, those who have not already paid up will take notice that they must do so by Dec. 31st, else the penalty will be charged up against them.

Dr. Willits Did Not Lecture.

Owing to unavoidable circumstances which were not discovered until a late hour on yesterday Dr. Willits did not come to Darlington last night as it has been announced he would do, and his lecture here has been indefinitely postponed. The management of the lecture course ask the indulgence of their subscribers until they can make a new contract with Dr. Willits, if that can be done, or until they can get Mr. Dixon back here to lecture in his place.

Babbitt's Street Exhibition.

B. T. Babbitt, the soap manufacturer, gave a magic lantern show on the square last Thursday and Friday nights. Quite a number of amusing scenes were thrown on the canvases, which were greatly appreciated by the large crowd who saw them. Although Babbitt's exhibition wagon drawn by four large black horses through the country, must cost considerable money, he has the satisfaction of knowing that Babbitt's soap is well advertised and that piles of it are going to be sold in consequence.

The Municipal Election.

At the town election held Tuesday the vote for Mayor and Aldermen was as follows: For Mayor, W. F. Dargan 72, S. A. Woods 83 and W. M. Haynesworth 86; for Aldermen W. M. Haynesworth 62, L. S. Welling 238, W. D. Coggeshall 52, T. L. Cottin 60, W. C. Coker 193, W. B. Brunson 158, G. E. Dargan 92, J. G. McCall 101, C. W. Hewitt 1 and S. A. Woods 11.

W. M. Haynesworth is, therefore, elected Mayor and L. S. Welling, W. C. Coker, W. B. Brunson and J. G. McCall are elected Aldermen. The election passed off very quietly, although there was some lively electioneering done by the friends of the rival candidates for Mayor.

Drum Cigaretts are always in the lead.

SHOT DOWN BY CONSTABLES.

The Fate of Press Kelly, of Darlington County who was on a Visit to Cheraw. CHERAW, Dec. 13—Special: The usually quiet town of Chesterfield is all excitement over a fatal shooting that took place last evening. It is claimed that much of the contraband whiskey brought into this section of the State comes from the distilleries on the State line. Recently Marshal "Pink" Brantley, of Chesterfield, attempted to capture a man named Clark passing through the streets with some on a buggy, and the effort resulted in the shooting and severe wounding of Clark by the marshal. Soon after this reports were rife of the extensiveness of the hauling through Chesterfield, and a few days ago State Constable George J. Brown turned up there and has been on the lookout since. Early the past week he with a party captured a lot of the "stuff" and committed several parties to jail, and warrants were issued for still others. Following close on all this the constable had pointed out to him yesterday a man driving through town in a buggy with fodder tied on behind, and was told that if he watched for him on his return he would probably be able to make another capture. The constable summoned Deputies Press Douglas, W. P. Swinnie and Dock Chapman, and stationed himself and party on the road leading to the town, and along which the buggy would have to pass on its return. Near nightfall the man was seen coming, and the four officers stationed themselves all on one side of the road, so that in case of any shooting they would not hit each other. As the man in the buggy neared them Constable Brown says that he ordered him to throw up his hands and surrender. He leaned over and, the constable says, raised a long revolver and pointed directly at him, and in an instant a shot was heard from one of the party and the man fell in his buggy. The wounded man was found to be Press Kelly, from Darlington county. He was taken at once to the jail and physicians summoned, who reported that he had evidently been shot with a shotgun, one shot entering just over the right eye, one over the left eye and one on each side of the nose. The physicians pronounced the wounds fatal, and it is not thought Kelly would be alive to-day. The captured team and whiskey are in the hands of the sheriff. Mr. Brown declines to say which one of the party did the shooting, but it says he was armed with two pistols, so that the fatal shot must have been fired by one of the deputies. Brown claims that he would have been killed had not the shot been fired by his party when it was, for Kelly had his pistol almost in his face. The constable was advised to be on his guard and change his quarters last night by some of the citizens of the place, as Kelly is one of the Kelly brothers, of Kellytown, near Hartsville, and they feared for his safety. He therefore came to Cheraw and spent the night here, claiming that he did so not through fear, but to be able to communicate with the Governor.—H. W. F., correspondent News and Courier.

A later account from Cheraw says that Kelly is dead and that his name is George instead of Press. Kelly's name is G. B. Kelly, or Ben Kelly, the same one who was tried in Darlington at the Spring term of the court for violation of the dispensary law.—Ed. DARLINGTON NEWS.

Dead Letters.

Letters addressed to the following persons remain uncalled for at the Darlington postoffice, and are advertised as "dead" for the week ending Dec. 14th: W. A. Young, C. L. Green, Messrs. Futy & Magill, Robert Wilds (colored), Garden Wilkes, F. M. Smith, Henry Seary, Lewis Taylor, R. D. Gainey, E. E. Dennis, Charles Durant, B. F. Sanders, Misses Sarah Newman, Leala Sims, Rita Thomas, Fannie Thomas, Chaney Lee, Carrie Bostic, Maria Lee Johnson, Mary E. Watkins, Mrs. Lella Blackman, Mrs. Lejetta Davis.

Florida Oranges 40 cts per doz at Blackwell Bros.'

Conference Appointments.

The following are the appointments made for Florence and Marion districts by the Bishop of the Methodist Conference held in Abbeville last week.

Florence District—Presiding elder, E. T. Hodges, Florence; W. I. Herbert and C. C. Herbert, Darlington; R. A. Child, Cheraw; D. M. McLeod, Cheraw circuit; R. E. Mood, Hartsville; G. F. Clarkson, Clyde; J. C. Counts, Darlington circuit; P. F. Kilgo, Lamar; W. H. Kiston, Timmons ville; A. B. Earle, Claussen, R. R. Dangnall; south Florence, J. A. White; Scranton, C. Clyde; Lake City, T. J. Bethea; Kingstree, T. P. H. Elwell, Indiantown, E. A. Few; Gourdin, J. H. Noland; Selters, R. C. Boulware; Georgetown, A. J. Stokes; Georgetown circuit, L. S. Bellinger; Johnsonville, G. W. Davis.

Marion District—Presiding elder, J. B. Wilson; Marion, T. E. Morris; Centenary, G. E. Whitaker; Britton's Neck, J. E. Copeland; Conway, W. T. Stokes; Bucksville, J. F. Way; Conway circuit, W. E. Barre; Waccamaw, D. A. Calhoun; Bayboro, G. W. Catlin; Loris, J. A. Aroall; Latta, J. K. McKain; Little Rock, W. W. Williams; Clio, A. J. Cauther, Jr.; Blenheim, B. M. Greer; McCall mission, P. B. Wells; Bennettsville, T. L. Belvin and J. L. Stokes; Bennettsville circuit, J. S. Beasley; Brightsville, J. B. Tradwick.

Make your pound cakes with "Swans Down" flour and "Lilly of the Valley" butter. Sold by Dean Bros.

They are giving some extra big bargains for Christmas at Blackwell Bros.'

Judicial Sales.

As bidders at these public sales often mistake the conditions and obligations of such sales the Master therefore explains certain points in regard to the law in the following manner.

Judicial sales have for the most part, in the past few years drifted into such slipshod methods that bidders might be put to inconvenience unless reminded that some of these habits are not law and will not be recognized as such. For instance, a bidder often supposes he is allowed a certain number of days to pay in the cash portion of his bid, on the contrary a bidder is required to pay it on the sale day or at least to give the Master such security or assurances will satisfy him that compliance will be made before the time expires to re-advertise for next month.

In all cases, when any party demands immediate compliance, the cash portion of the bid must be paid in, on the day of sale or a re-sale will be had the same day.

In all other cases, when no demand is made for immediate compliance, nevertheless the bidder must comply before the time for re-advertising expires. Otherwise the land will be re-advised for the next sale-day, and interest on the debt is calculated to the day of sale only. The Master is under no obligation to receive the bid of a former bidder who has made default in compliance.

Buy your currents, citrons and raisins at Dean Bros.'

Fire crackers, nuts and candy at a big bargain at Blackwell Bros.'

PERSONNE'S WAR LETTERS.

May be in Large Volumes, But Will Surely be Continued.

The authoritative announcement was made yesterday morning that the publication of the magazine containing Mr. de Fontaine's war letters would be continued under the supervision of Mrs. de Fontaine. The intention of Mrs. de Fontaine to continue the publication in magazine form, but her son has induced her to go north to reside with him, and it is now very probable that the letters will be published in book form, a good-sized volume being issued each year until all of the letters and other matter have been published.

The finest quality L. L. Raisins for Christmas at Blackwell Bros.'

A few hundred bushels seed oats raised by W. E. Dargan for sale at Dean Bros.'

COGGESHALL'S HOLIDAY LETTER

To Our Friends and Patrons:

Once more we have the pleasure of placing before you our immense stock of HOLIDAY GOODS. Our stock is larger and more beautiful than ever before, embracing everything in the Grocery, China, Glass and Queensware lines. Our China is handsome and delicately tinted. We have bought a large lot of HOLIDAY CHINA from the bankrupt stock of F. M. Baker & Co. which enables us to buy cheaper and at the same time finer Goods than ever before. DINNER SETS, TEA SETS, OAT MEAL SETS, After Dinner Coffee Sets, Chocolate Sets, Cups and Saucers, Bonbon Dishes, Plates, Salads Plates, &c.

Kindly call and inspect our line of SOLID JEWELRY and PLATE WARE. We can save you money in this line. FIRE WORKS of every description will be found at our house. Fruits, Nuts, Candies, Raisins, Figs and Holiday Goods of all kinds.

We respectfully solicit a part of your Holiday purchases. Thanking you for your past liberal patronage we ask a continuance of same. While using our every effort to please you and wishing one and all a MERRY CHRISTMAS, we beg to remain

YOURS RESPECTFULLY,
COGGESHALL & CO.

RAISINS
CITRONS
CURRANTS
ORANGES
BANANAS
Fruit Cake
Mince Meat
DATES
ALMONDS
FIGS
GRAPES

LEMONS
APPLES
WALNUTS
PRUNES
GRAPE
Fire Works
Teas and Coffees
Cranberries
GELATINE
PRESERVES
JELLIES

THE COUNTY NEWS.

ITEMS FROM SEVERAL SECTIONS AS TOLD BY CORRESPONDENTS.

LAMAR.
Mr. Geo. Stith has the largest hog to kill in town.
We had another marriage in town this week—but no cards.
Every one here is making great preparations for Xmas.
Mr. John French, of Wilmington, visited our town this week.
Rev. John S. Dubose filled the pulpit of the Advent church on Sunday afternoon.
We have had the holiness preachers with us for some time. We don't exactly understand their creed.
Mr. O. O. Jordan has been appointed school trustee for Lisbon township, in the place of Mr. E. O. Gray who resigned.
Mr. Walter Rose, of Fairhope neighborhood, and Miss Minnie Nast, of Columbia, passed through here on Sunday afternoon.
The Rev. Phillip Murry of Beaufort preached a grand sermon at Newman swamp church on Sunday afternoon. Mr. Murry is a brother-in-law of our esteemed school commissioner A. J. A. Ferritt.
Some negroes from this section thought that they would take things by the forelock and took a trip to N. C. in buggies to procure some of the usual pop-skull, tangle-leg and blue-min Xmas one X—but unfortunately the dispensary custom house officers held them up.

CYPRESS.
Horse trading is the order of the day at this place now.
Mr. J. A. DeRose left Monday afternoon for Charleston on a few days business trip.
Mr. Nighkisk, of Virginia, is here with a nice lot of good Virginia horses for sale.
Moving around for another year has already begun. There will be lots of changes made in this community among the land renters and wages hands.
Miss Hannah Byrd, who is teaching school at Una, accompanied by her sister and brother who came over Friday afternoon to see her, visited Mrs. T. J. McLendon's family at this place on last Saturday morning.
Prof. Wilkinson's parents, from Claussen, S. C., visited him last Saturday, going from here to visit relatives in Bishopville. The Prof. accompanied them over also, but returned to his school duties Monday morning.
Dr. J. M. Jossy has erected a nice new tenant house at this place. A great deal of building is going on in the community. One of those who is building is a young bachelor, who is to take in "a bird" some time during the coming holidays.

HARTSVILLE.
The holidays are of hand and things will be unusually lively around our little town for the next few days.
The County chain gang, which has been at work in the New Providence section, for several weeks, will move back here this week and remain the balance of the year.
Mr. C. R. Adams, who has bought tobacco this week at the Farmers Warehouse, left today for his home in Hartsville, Va. Mr. Adams is a very clever young man and we regret very much to see him go.

High grade bicycles for sale at \$45.00 at W. G. Dickson's.
Did you see Babbitt's exhibition on the square and did you get one of those coupon discounts for a glass of beer after the show? If so carry it to Dean Bros. and get a bar of their soap.
Nice red apples very cheap at Blackwell Bros.'