

## CURRENT TOPICS.

### WHAT YOU KNOW AND WHAT YOU DON'T KNOW.

**Personals and Short Items of Interest to the Local and General Reader.**

Dr. I. G. Burton was in the city this week.

Miss Maggie Burch spent Sunday with Alice Parrott.

Miss Roddy, of Rock Hill, is visiting relatives in the city.

Mr. Charlie Burch spent Easter with Mr. W. A. Parrott.

Miss Bessie Williamson returned to Columbia on Tuesday.

Miss Lita Lucas, of Society Hill, spent Sunday in the city.

The walls of Mr. Marco's two stores are being rapidly run up.

Miss Clarkie Cothran, of Abbeville, is visiting relatives in the city.

Miss Bettie Cain, of Sumter, spent Easter with Miss Alice Parrott.

An account of the Florence fire will be found on the fourth page.

Capt. J. C. Blackwell is the owner of a Holstein cow that weighs 1300 pounds.

Miss Ella Wagner has returned to Darlington after a prolonged visit to Charleston.

Mr. A. W. Welling had his arm slightly injured by a piece of timber at the planing mill on Wednesday.

The notice to the stock holders of the Darlington Manufacturing Company will be found in another column.

Miss Emma James, and her friend Miss Wood, of Danville, Ky., are spending the holidays in Darlington.

Miss Julietta Watson, who is teaching school in this county, was the guest of Miss Alice Parrott Sunday.

Miss Call, who spent the holidays at home, returned to the Columbia Female College on Monday.

Messrs. Frank and Andrew Wardlaw came over from Columbia to attend the marriage of their sister on Monday.

The sun was obscured on Wednesday afternoon by the smoke from the burning of a house in the vicinity of the town.

The regular monthly union service was held at the Baptist Church on Sunday night, conducted by Rev. J. E. Carlie.

Mr. J. S. Burch's house is well under way, and work has commenced on Mr. Zimmerman's house, which will occupy the adjoining lot.

Mr. C. J. Mooney had his nose fractured and his face cut by the breaking of a piece of lumber at his mill Wednesday. Dr. Garner dressed the wounds.

Darlington now has a daily paper, "The Weekly Visitor," published by Messrs. Brown and Gayle. Mr. C. A. Brown is the editor. It does not discuss politics.

Some of the awnings over the store fronts are too low and should be raised high enough so as not to be in the way. Some of them are not more than six feet above the sidewalk.

Mr. R. L. Dargan has been appointed adjutant general on the staff of Gen. W. E. James. Mr. Dargan is a graduate of the Citadel and is thoroughly posted in military matters.

Julian, the son of Capt. and Mrs. W. E. Edwards, died at his home on Saturday, April 1st, and was buried at the Presbyterian Church on Monday. Rev. J. C. Law conducted the funeral services.

Six barges on the C. & N. R. R. trestle at the Pee Dee bridge were burned on Saturday. The damage was temporarily repaired and there was very little interruption to the trains.

Mr. Harry Smith, who has been a resident of Darlington for the past year or two, will leave next week for his former home in Charlotte. During his residence here Mr. Smith has made many friends, who will regret to part with him.

All the stores will close to-day except the one that has the circulation of the newspapers of having the corner stone of the building that will contain the new masonry of the Darlington Guards. This action on the part of our merchants meets with the commendation of all public-spirited citizens, and is nothing more than a patriotic tribute to our fine military company.

## CYPRESS CINDERS.

**The Alliance Picnic Largely Attended--A Bountiful Dinner.**  
CYPRESS, S. C., April 3.—Miss Ida DuBose has returned from a visit to Clydes.

Mr. J. W. DuBose has the finest patch of wheat in this section.

Corn planting is about over, and the farmers are preparing to put king cotton under the ground.

Sam Simons, a colored man living near here, while burning over a small pasture last Friday, accidentally let the fire get out and burned up about 4,000 turpentine boxes in a large forest. The fire also ruined a large field of oats.

The Alliance picnic at this place on Saturday last was quite a success, and was attended not only by those in the immediate vicinity, but by persons from all over the county.

The newspaper men were out in full force, and the following journals were represented: The Cotton Plant, by Editor Bowden; THE DARLINGTON HERALD, by Messrs. McCreight and Parrott; The Hartsville Messenger, by Editor Drew, and the Reform Sentinel by Editor Brown.

Messrs. McCreight and Parrott, the energetic young representatives of THE HERALD, distributed about one hundred copies of their paper to our farmers. This free distribution we are sure will bring them in a good crop of subscribers. THE HERALD we are pleased to say, has wonderfully improved in the past few months, and is slowly but surely coming to the front as one of the best county papers in the State. These young men also visited our town, and made many friends here. Come again, and we will make your visit both pleasant and profitable.

The Alliance held a meeting in the church in the morning, the nature of which was not made known to your correspondent.

After the session adjourned, dinner was announced, and substantial and sweetmeats were present in profusion. The contented and pleasant faces of those present plainly showed that they had not been disappointed in anticipating a good dinner. The ladies of Cypress have the reputation of having plenty to cook and knowing how to prepare it. When the farmers of other sections raise their own hog and hominy, they can live like "we folks down here."

After dinner the crowd assembled in the church to hear the speaking. About two o'clock, County Chairman Lawrence in befitting words, introduced Colonel D'Arcy P. Dusean. The speaker began by complimenting the Alliance upon its prosperity, etc. He spoke over an hour and his remarks were strictly confined to the farmers. Politics were not mentioned and it was altogether one of the finest Alliance talks your correspondent ever listened to.

Mr. Bowden, of the Cotton Plant, was the next speaker, but business deprived your correspondent of the pleasure of hearing what he had to say.

### The Exercises To-Day.

The Guards will be inspected at half-past four this afternoon and immediately after the inspection the company will march to the Masonic Hall where the procession will be formed by General James, which will consist, besides the Guards, of Masons and the other civic societies of the town. The line of march will be up Broad to Edwards street, from thence to Pearl and the to the Square. From the Square it will proceed to the place on Main street, where the corner stone will be laid. An iron box has been provided, in which will be deposited the articles to be put in the corner stone, which is in the north-east corner of the building. General James will conduct the exercises, which promise to be of great interest. In the parade he will be assisted by several aides appointed for the occasion. The Guards will close the day with a big reception at their armory.

### Easter Service at Wesley Chapel.

Wesley Chapel, at Lydis, was beautifully decorated on Easter Sunday. Rev. J. S. Betha, the pastor, preached an appropriate sermon from Matthew 28, 6, which was listened to by a congregation that crowded every available foot of space in the church. The music under the direction of Miss Mary Harrell, organist, was in keeping with the occasion.

## EASTER SERVICES.

### THE METHODIST AND EPISCOPAL CHURCHES.

**Beautifully Decorated With Flowers and Evergreens--Large Congregations.**

Despite the fact that the severe winter had killed a great many flowers, the Methodist Church was beautifully decorated and it would have been impossible for the flowers to have been arranged with finer effect than was done by the ladies who worked so assiduously to celebrate in a fitting manner the resurrection of him who was both human and divine.

Over the high arch above the pulpit in evergreen letters, was the inscription "Joy to the World." From the centre of the arch was suspended a basket of growing plants, and graceful festoons of evergreens were hung from the top of the arch and entwined around the electric lights. On the platform were two groups of magnificent calla lilies, and the contrast between the pure white blooms and the deep rich green of the large leaves presented a pleasing spectacle, and one that was admired by the whole congregation. The chancel railing was draped in moss and ivy. Inside the railing were blooming plants, which added very much to the general effect. On one side of the railing in front was a cross decorated with evergreens and calla lilies. The pulpit was covered with white and trimmed with fine cut flowers and trailing vines. This was perhaps the prettiest of all the decorations. There were also some pretty flowers outside of the railing and a dish of choice cut flowers were resting on the communion table.

The congregation was a very large one and besides the lower floor being crowded, nearly all the seats in the gallery were filled.

The pastor, Rev. J. E. Carlie, preached a carefully-prepared and entertaining sermon from Matthew 28, 6: "He is not here, for He is risen, as He said. Come see the place where the Lord lay."

After speaking of the importance of the Sabbath as a day of rest, Mr. Carlie then entered into discussion of Easter Sunday, the anniversary of the Saviour's resurrection, and spoke eloquently of the propriety and appropriateness of celebrating the day, making a joyous Christian festival and of decorating our churches in commemoration of Christ's triumph over death and the grave.

Mr. Carlie's remarks on Easter were well expressed and peculiarly appropriate to the occasion. He dwelt with special emphasis on the fact that the resurrection was the crowning proof of the divinity of the Saviour, and that belief in its truth was essential to Christianity. He showed how the power of the gospel was convincing proof of the doctrine.

The musical part of the services was well rendered by the regular choir of the church and added greatly to the interest of the occasion.

The services were opened by an instrumental voluntary which was well rendered. This was followed by hymn 116. After lessons and prayer, hymn 121 was sung. When the sermon was concluded, the anthem, "Christ is risen," was sung with fine effect, after which was prayer followed by the closing hymn 118.

The instrumental voluntary and accompaniments were played in admirable taste by Miss Jennie Rast, the organist of the church. The choir consisted of Mrs. J. H. Mason, Misses Mary Zimmerman and Lizzie Hart, Messrs. W. F. Dargan, S. A. Woods, Harry Smith and Eugene Vaughn.

### At the Episcopal Church.

This neat little church, was most appropriately and tastefully decorated with potted plants, vases of cut flowers, moss and evergreens. Over the communion table was the motto, "He is risen." There was a cross of gold, surmounted by a crown, on the communion table, and also a small white cross and crown in the gate of the railing.

At the morning service the Rev. Edward McCreight preached a very interesting discourse from the text, "Now is Christ risen from the dead, and become the first fruits of them that sleep."

### At the Baptist Church.

The services at this church were in keeping with the occasion.

## MEETING OF THE

### PEE DEE MEDICAL ASSOCIATION ON WEDNESDAY.

**A Large Number of Medical Men Present--Several Interesting Papers Read.**

The Pee Dee Medical Association met in the parlor of the Enterprise Hotel, at Darlington, on Wednesday, April 5, at 10 o'clock, a. m., President C. Kollock, M. D., in the chair.

This organization is the oldest in the State, with perhaps one single exception, having been organized in 1846, by Dr. McLean, of Chesterfield county, who was the first president.

The following medical men were present: Dr. C. Kollock, president; Dr. J. C. Wilcox, vice-president; Dr. J. Lunny, secretary and treasurer, and Drs. Evans, Miller, Baird, H. Williamson, J. W. Williamson, Hill, Culpepper, Griffin and Josey.

Drs. B. G. Gregg, R. E. Lee, M. G. Lee and L. Y. King were elected to membership.

Dr. E. Miller, of Florence, was appointed a committee of one to write out the history of the organization from its inception to the present time.

Dr. A. T. Baird read a very interesting paper on the "Practice of Hypnotism." He gave a thorough and scientific history of hypnotism from its birth to the present day.

The speaker laid special stress on the fallacies and ignorant ideas that the laity have on this subject, and contended that all was due to prejudice and an absence of thoughtful investigation.

Continuing, Dr. Baird said: "The theories of hypnotism are numerous. The one generally accepted by medical men, is that the concentration of the mind on the idea of sleep, aided by fixing the gaze on a given object, and monotonous suggestions by the operator, produces a certain amount of unconsciousness of thought and a more or less pronounced alteration in consciousness. The patient's mind having been concentrated before hypnotized, he remains, as it were, in relation with the person who has been instrumental in producing this condition, and so hears his suggestions even when the brain slightly responds to, or altogether refuses to notice other subjects. Perfect confidence in the operator and entire willingness on the part of the patient are essential features in hypnotic suggestion."

The doctor then drew some general conclusions on the subject. It can hardly be doubted any longer that a condition of hypnosis can be genuinely produced, and that this condition, through varying in degree, can be produced in a very large percentage of people. It can also be induced in dangerous processes, with no fear of danger attending it.

The doctor urged everyone present to give the subject his careful and serious attention. He closed by saying: "If these remarks will lead any brother physician to study this subject, to devote scientific investigation to it, with the end in view of placing it on a higher level than it now occupies, and use it in a strictly medical sense, I will be content."

Dr. W. J. Garner read a very interesting paper on the surgical treatment of diseases of the tonsils, which was also freely discussed.

Drs. Kollock and Lunny entertained the association with verbal accounts of difficult operations.

Dr. J. C. Wilcox presented a resolution relative to the re-establishment of the State Medical Examining Board, which was adopted.

The following delegates to the State Medical Association were appointed by the president: Drs. Evans, Miller, Wilcox, Lunny, Baird, Garner, Hill, Culpepper and Josey.

The special committee on resolutions relative to the death of Dr. W. A. Player, were allowed two weeks further time in which to make their report.

The meeting closed with the election of officers, which resulted as follows:

President—Dr. C. Kollock.  
Vice-President—Dr. J. C. Wilcox.  
Secretary and Treasurer—Dr. J. Lunny.

Blackwell Bros. claim that their Reynolds' shoe will wear ten times longer than any other shoe.

## PEE DEE PRESBYTERY.

### A Synopsis of the Proceedings of the Session.

The Pee Dee Presbytery met at Cheraw on Thursday, March 30, at 8 p. m., and was opened with a sermon by the Rev. T. B. Craig, retiring moderator, from Luke 22, 27, "For whether is greater, he that sitteth at meat or he that serveth? Is not he that sitteth at meat? But I am among you as he that serveth."

Rev. W. B. Corbett was elected moderator, and Gen. W. E. James temporary clerk.

Ten ministers and fourteen ruling elders were present.

Revs. W. G. F. Wallace, A. H. McArn, J. G. Richards and S. E. Bishop were received into the Presbytery. Licentiate C. O. Martindale was received from the Charleston Presbytery, and dismissed to the care of Harmony Presbytery.

Rev. Robert Bradley, of Harmony Presbytery, was invited to sit as a corresponding member, and the Rev. Mr. Kilgore, of the M. E. Church, South, was introduced to Presbytery as a visiting brother.

The Rev. A. H. McArn accepted a call to Cheraw, and Revs. W. B. Corbett, J. H. Dixon and J. G. Law were appointed to install him on the first Sabbath in May.

Rev. J. G. Richards accepted call to Reedy Creek and Great Pee Dee, and the following committees were appointed to install him: Revs. J. G. Law and A. H. McArn, with elder Dr. G. G. Palmer, at Great Pee Dee on the third Sabbath of May; and Revs. W. B. Corbett and H. B. Zernow, with elder Dr. J. C. McKenzie, at Reedy Creek on the second Sabbath of May.

Rev. W. G. F. Wallace accepted calls to Carolina and Kentucky Churches, and Revs. J. G. Law and H. B. Zernow, with elder John McSweeney, were appointed to install him at Carolina on the fourth Sabbath of May; and Revs. S. E. Bishop and J. H. Dixon, with elder W. M. Gregg, at Kentucky on the first Sabbath in June.

Rev. H. B. Zernow and elder J. McRae, were elected commissioners to the General Assembly, and Rev. W. B. Corbett and elder D. T. McNeill were appointed alternates.

The pastoral relation existing between Rev. T. B. Craig and Hopeval Church was dissolved, and he was dismissed to Harmony Presbytery. The name of Centre Point Church was changed to Hartsville.

An elders' and deacons' convention was appointed to be held at Great Pee Dee Church, August 23, at 8 p. m. The convention is to be opened with a sermon by Rev. J. G. Law. Papers are to be read by elder J. J. James on Sunday School work, with Gen. W. B. James as alternate; Gen. W. L. T. Pines, with Mr. W. F. Stevenson as alternate, on the elder-ship; Mr. J. P. Coffin, with Mr. Robert McFarlin as alternate, on the diaconate.

This Presbytery made a proposition to Harmony Presbytery to cooperate in the employment of an evangelist for the cultivation of the Horry and Georgetown fields.

After a pleasant and harmonious meeting, Presbytery adjourned Saturday night, with a hearty vote of thanks to the good people of Cheraw.

The Presbytery will meet next at Kentucky Church on Thursday, September 21, at 8 p. m.

### Death of Mr. L. L. Martin.

A gentleman in town has received a dispatch from Charleston, conveying the sad intelligence that Mr. L. L. Martin, who is well known there, had been drowned, by the capsizing of a boat, in the harbor on Wednesday afternoon. We have not been able to learn the particulars of the untimely death of this young gentleman. He could not swim and of course was helpless in the water.

### St. James A. M. E. Church.

The Easter service at this church was attended by a large congregation and a great many could not obtain admittance to the building. The pastor, Rev. F. D. Smith, preached both morning and night, and his sermons were interesting and appropriate to the occasion. The church was dressed in evergreens and flowers. This congregation has a good organist and choir, and the singing was especially good. On Monday afternoon there was a special service for the Sunday School, which was enjoyed by those present.

### The Board of Health.

It would have been a good idea to have invited the members of the Pee Dee Medical Association, that met in our city on Wednesday, to view the embalmed remains of our late board of health. The members of it present in death the gains appearance of calm repose that they did while living, except the absence of breathing. They are more useful in death than in life, as they serve the purpose of showing the perfection of the em- balming art.

## ON THE HILL.

### HAPPENINGS AT THE FACTORY THIS WEEK.

**Personal Paragraphs Pertaining to Visiting People--Improvements and Other News.**

Mr. A. P. Hurst has returned to his home in Newberry.

One of Mr. B. F. Lambert's children is quite sick with pneumonia.

Rev. J. G. Law will preach at the hall next Sunday evening, at 4.15 o'clock.

Mr. Geo. H. Edwards is filling Mr. J. L. Edwards' place at the office this week.

Mr. J. P. Coleman, colporteur for the Pee Dee Association, spent Sunday with his family.

The Sunday School celebration will be on the third Sunday in April, instead of the second Sunday as before mentioned.

Mrs. H. A. James and Miss Alice McKay have returned from Sumter, where they have been visiting relatives and friends.

Married, on Sunday afternoon at 4 o'clock, at the residence of the bride's mother, Mr. C. G. Humphries and Miss Hattie Butler, Rev. J. E. Carlie officiating.

The mill turned off over four hundred and fifty-eight thousand yards of cloth during the month of March. We would like to hear of a mill that can beat that with three hundred and twenty-five looms running on standard goods.

The factory commenced on April 1 to comply with the Ashley labor law. This law does not affect us much, as we were only working six days a week before it went into effect. Under this law we will run six days and take one hour for cleaning up, which only gives us one hour a week. The time of starting in the morning has not been changed, but the mills shuts down at 6.30 instead of 6.00.

### Before the Trial Justices.

Willie McIver, an old trespasser upon the laws of the state, is again looking through the bars. Next to a watermelon, the descendants of Ham, love fishing, and having an idea of relieving the lake of its surplus, they pilfered a pair of shoes from the Racket store, presumably to guard against snake bites. Before he could hook anything else, Chief Dargan did a little hooking business, and Justice Dargan gave him a free pass to the Hotel Scarborough.

Will Spears, John Wright and Henry Knappie, young members of the light fingered gang, have allowed their taste for good clothes to overrule their consciences, and will spend the next thirty days in lumber. The old scheme for lifting goods was used one would engage the attention of the clerk while the other would steal the goods. The racket was sprung on Mr. A. J. Broom, but was not successful, for as soon as the boys departed a pair of fine trousers was missing. The matter was reported to Chief Dargan, who shadowed the boys and soon succeeded in finding the goods and captured Wright and Knappie. Spears being conspicuously absent, missed a fine opportunity of having his board and lodging paid. Messrs. Blackwell Bros. have also a similar charge to make against them, and perhaps Justice Dargan will give them another ticket for board.

Jeff Furman was before Justice Floyd on charge of larceny and given \$10 or ten days.

Justice Floyd "sent up" John Green for ten days, on a charge of assault and battery.

### Funerals.

A large party of gentlemen from Bishopville passed through this place last week on route for Louth's lake. We do not think they caught very many of the finny tribe.

Mrs. J. T. Piles, who has been on a visit to Florida, returned last Monday. She was very much pleased with her visit, and thinks there is no place like the "Land of the golden orange." Miss Clara Crosswell, who went with her, has not yet returned.

Dr. Gee, a dental surgeon who recently graduated from the University of Maryland, has been spending some time here.

The fire in Florence does not affect Blackwell Bros' new spring outfit.