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CURRENT TOPICS.

WHAT YOU KNOW AND WHAT YOU DON'T KNOW.

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

Mr. Sam Edwards, of Sumter, is visiting Mr. C. W. Hewitt.

Ex-Sheriff Johnson, of Florence county, was in town on Monday.

Miss Ellen Davis, of Sumter, is visiting her sister Mrs. G. E. Dargan.

Mr. C. A. Wilcox, of Marion, paid a flying visit to Darlington this week.

There were eight newspaper men at the Guards, reception on Friday night.

Dr. A. C. Moore Jr., of Camden, spent part of the week with Mr. C. M. Ward.

Mr. and Mrs. J. B. Duffie, of Sumter, are visiting Mr. and Mrs. C. W. Hewitt.

Mr. R. F. Evans, the Superintendent of the Compress has returned to Darlington.

Misses Besie and Lila Lucas, of Society Hill spent last week with Mrs. A. T. Baird.

The rose gardens in town are beginning to put forth their flowers, but they need rain very badly.

Mrs. A. J. Baird left on Tuesday to join her husband at Charlotte, where they will make their future home.

Some of the young folks had picnic at the spring on Saturday, which was very much enjoyed by all who attended.

Mr. and Miss Chambers, of New York, and Miss Mary Chambers, of Chester, spent part of the week with Mrs. Stout.

Rev. J. M. Carlisle and his daughter Mrs. Jennings, of Bennettsville, spent Wednesday with Rev. and Mrs. J. E. Carlisle.

Mr. and Mrs. J. L. Edwards have returned from their bridal trip and are living in their new house on Edwards street.

On Sunday there will be communion services at the Presbyterian Church. There will be preaching on Saturday at 11 o'clock.

We would like to turn the current of Black Creek through some of the back yards in our town and give them a thorough washing.

Two fountains were placed on the Square on Tuesday and are attracting a good deal of attention. They will keep the grass fresh and green.

Miss Maria Lee Evans, of Florence, and Miss Powell, of Virginia, spent Friday and Saturday with Misses Nonie and Edmie Williamson.

Our sporting columns have been pretty dull for the past week or two. Went some of our fishermen come to the rescue and give us some news.

The dust was so bad on Monday that Mr. Foreman gave the Square a good drenching from the hydrants. It was both needed and appreciated.

A gentleman had his neck blistered by an electric light bug on Wednesday night. The bug dropped on his neck and when he attempted to brush it off clawed the skin.

Messrs. G. W. Browne, E. O. Woods, J. E. McIver and R. E. James have been appointed to act as part of the escort for the Columbia Carnival, which takes place in May.

We hope that all our people who have flowers will remember the floral fair and try and have some to exhibit at that time. Everyone who cares for flowers should help to make the exhibition a success.

In answer to a question, by THE HERALD reporter, Colonel Watts, the Assistant Inspector General, said that the Guards passed a very fine inspection and were one of the finest companies in the State, having very few equals in point of appearance and proficiency.

From the amount of trash, of all kinds, deposited on the streets, a great many of our citizens must imagine that it adds to the appearance and health of the town. A small contribution to the town treasury might show them the error in their ways.

Ripping is being laid around the grass plots on the Square in order that they may be watered during the hot weather. Some fine flowers will be planted within the circle that

was left for the Confederate monument. When the flowers bloom they will add very much to the appearance of the Square.

Dr. N. D. Gandy, of Darlington, has purchased from Drs. Burton Bros. the exclusive right to use their local anesthetic, Algine, in the extraction of teeth, in this county.

Dr. Gandy has had several years' experience in dentistry and promises to give satisfaction to his patrons.

We hope that the improvements on the Square will arouse public attention to the importance of having a park. By concert of action, and a little liberality on the part of some of our citizens, one can be secured at small cost and by making a small appropriation each year, it can in the course of a few years, be made a very attractive place and, even in a pecuniary sense, a good investment.

A colored man, a stranger to this section, jumped off the train on the C. S. & N. R. on Monday while it was in motion and was very seriously injured. His face is terribly bruised and both arms are broken. He claims that he was thrown off, which is denied by the railroad employers; who state that he had no ticket and became frightened when they threatened to stop and put him off, and jumped before the train was brought to a stop. Dr. Wilcox has done everything that was possible for him.

One of our friends, who has quite a reputation as a fisherman, always when he goes fishing, takes some small change along with him. As he, of course, catches his own fish, the question naturally arises as to what he does with the small coins? Perhaps he may be something of a believer in witchcraft and throws the silver in the water for good luck. In the old days a silver bullet was the only thing that could kill or frighten a witch, and it may be that this metal may bring in more fish than the cheaper steel.

The medical journals have been calling attention to the danger that may result from handling the electric light bugs, and make the statement that they are very venomous. Several cases of severe poisoning have been reported from their bites, and it will be well to let them alone. A great many children play with them under the impression that they are harmless but they ought to be warned against the practice. These bugs never made their appearance until the advent of the electric lights, and they are spread over the whole country.

It is very much to be hoped that everyone who can possibly do so will use the artesian water during the spring and summer, as it furnishes the best safeguard against a number of maladies that prevail during the hot weather. There is not a single well in the thickly settled part of one town that yields pure water, and while safe for cooking purposes, is unsafe to use for drinking water. Impure drinking water is the source of bowel affection and typhoid and malarial fever, and people who wish to avoid these complaints should stick to the artesian water.

Enjoyable Dance.

There was a pleasant dance given at the Cleveland Hotel on Monday night, which was attended by the following persons:

Mr. and Mrs. A. Nachman, Mr. and Mrs. I. Lewenthal, Mr. and Mrs. M. Marco, Mr. and Mrs. A. Weinberg, Mr. and Mrs. A. T. Levy, Mr. and Mrs. B. C. Betholz, Mr. and Mrs. S. Wolfstein, Mr. and Mrs. C. Alexander, Mr. and Mrs. S. Marco, Mr. and Mrs. W. Witcover.

Misses Hannah Manne, Lena Witcover, Gertrude Marco, Essie Witcover, Celia Weinberg, Sadie Manne.

Messrs. B. Manne, S. Tombacher, H. Hennig, F. Lewenthal, S. Harris, L. Machby, M. Lewenthal, H. Lewenthal, L. Kaufman, S. Lewenthal.

Notice to Tax-Payers:

The time for the payment of town taxes will commence on Saturday, 16th inst., and the books will be open for thirty days, at the office of the judge of probate. Five mills is the rate, the same as last year. The two dollar tax on dogs will be rigidly enforced, and members of the canine fraternity will have to fork over or retire to the seclusion of the country. This tax is the same for all, size and usefulness not being taken into consideration.

A GALA DAY.

THE INSPECTION AND RECEPTION OF THE GUARDS.

An Immense Congregation Witness the Laying of the Corner Stone--The Exercises.

The people of Darlington enjoyed a gala day last week. A portion of Friday afternoon was a holiday to all.

The stores were closed, business was suspended and every one was eager to witness the inspection of the Darlington Guards, and the ceremonies attending the laying of the corner stone of their new armory.

It is a well known fact that the Guards is the only military company in the State having a limited membership, and by the constitution and by-laws of this company, it can have but forty members. At the inspection, every uniform encased the ingredients of a loyal soldier.

The company was formed in its infancy, and the march from there to the college green, where the inspection took place, attracted much attention and admiration. A large concourse of admirers of the "soldier boys" had congregated upon the green to witness their execution of the commands in the rigid military examination to which they were being subjected.

Assistant Adjutant and Inspector General, John Gary Watts, escorted by General W. E. James and Major R. L. Dargan, made the inspection. The rendition of the manual of arms and the field movements were nearly perfect, and many pleasing compliments were bestowed upon the company.

After the inspection the Guards were marched to the Masonic hall, and escorted the members of St. David's Lodge and American Legion of Honor to the new armory building.

When the procession halted at the building, it was greeted by the soul stirring Southern song "Dixie," by the Italian string band. After stacking arms, the Guards were commanded to "break ranks." General James was chief marshal and also acted as master of ceremonies at the laying of the corner stone, which was done according to the beautiful and impressive rites of the Masonic order.

The exercises were opened with the song "Hail, Universal Lord," and followed by prayer by the Chaplain of the Guards, Rev. J. G. Law. The exercises were concluded by the Masonic fraternity, interspersed with sweet vocal and instrumental music, which added quite a charm to the impressive scene.

The corner stone is a snow white marble, and in it was placed the following articles: The State News and Courier, DARLINGTON HERALD containing an account of the Darlington Guards, Darlington News, containing account of Darlington fire of February 27th 1892, with diagram of burnt district, Reform Sentinel, Trade Review of Darlington; Miller's Almanac of 1893 containing State and county officers; list of officers and men of Darlington Guards, list of officers of St. David's Lodge, list of Darlington Lodge A. M. L. H.; copy of new United States tactics, old coins and Columbian stamps.

After the ceremonies the company accompanied the civic societies to their hall, marched back to their armory and dismissed.

The festivities closed with an elegant reception at the armory in the evening. The whole of the large building was brilliantly lighted, and soon it was filled with the Guards and their guests. The law offices of Messrs. Dargan & Thompson and dental parlors of Dr. Garner, were thrown open to the pleasure seekers. The former were captured by those who discussed the times when "we were young," and the latter used as the ladies dressing rooms.

The hall formerly used by the Y. M. C. A. was set apart as the dancing apartment, and of course was the centre of attraction. Between the lovers of the light fantastic and spectators, the hall was filled to its utmost capacity.

It is said that one couple repaired to the armory, pressed one of the Guards into service at the piano and enjoyed a dance with the whole floor at their disposal. Two young ladies were found playing pool and their

proficiency with the cues suggested the possibility of some practice in this line. Several couples with pretended literary proclivities, invaded the reading room, but it is needless to say that Harper, Scribner and the Century magazines were not disturbed and even "Puck" was neglected, for the time being, and Cupid reigned supreme.

The entertainment, much to the regret of everyone, (except, of course those who only went to look after the young folks,) came to an end at half past two. With many tender and lingering hand clasps, good nights were spoken, and the place that had recently been the scene of mirth and joy, was left silent and deserted.

The Guards have always borne the reputation of being royal hosts, but on this occasion they surpassed all of their former efforts. During the evening refreshments were served continuously and enjoyed by all present.

To Captain Henry T. Thompson, who is a lineal descendant of the old school of Southern gentlemen, impregnated with their ideas of hospitality and chivalry, and to his company of handsome and soldierly boys, the people of Darlington are indebted for an evening of unalloyed pleasure and happiness.

Those present at the entertainment were:

Mrs. G. W. Dargan, Mrs. W. J. Alexander, Mrs. J. J. Ward, Mrs. Z. T. Harlow, Mrs. A. C. McFall, Mrs. L. E. Williamson, Mrs. B. C. Norment, Mrs. W. A. Haynsworth, Mrs. A. T. Baird, Mrs. M. Bonnot, Mrs. R. L. Bonnot, Mrs. T. S. Joy, Mrs. W. J. Moorhead, Mrs. D. S. McCullough, Mrs. B. C. Law, Mrs. R. L. Warley, Mrs. G. E. Dargan, Mrs. F. E. Norment, Mrs. H. A. Edwards, Mrs. C. B. Law, Mrs. John Lunney Mrs. C. B. Edwards, Mrs. C. S. McCullough, Mrs. H. M. Wilcox, Mrs. E. E. Lunn.

Misses Helen Davis, Charleston, Juliette Watson, Virginia, Lottie McIver, Cheraw, Beale Lucas, Lila Lucas, Emma Williamson, Nonie Williamson, Alma McCown, Josephine McCall, Alice Hanington, Lila Kelly, Anna Rogers, Maggie Burch, Ola East, Maggie Law, Emma Blackwell, Annie Williamson, Meta Williamson, Pauline Spain, Ruth Alexander, Mary Cook, Emma Edwards, Rosa McCown, Sallie Withers, Cortha Stanly, Marion, Mary Law, Corinne Player, Cattie Spain, Ella Wagner, Mary Chambers, Chester, Greta Chambers, New York, Clara Ward, Alice Parrott, Jennie East, Maria Evans, Florence, Ellen Davis, Sumter, Corrie Law, Mary Watson, Louise Powell, Virginia, Carrie Bush, Georgetown, Sophie Thurston, Summerville, Mattie Hearon, Sadie Dargan, Sue Winston, Mary McClean, Laurie Law, Beale Lide, Louise Williamson, and Louise Ward, Ida Law.

Among the gentlemen present were the following: General James, Adjutant General Watts, Maj. R. L. Dargan, J. J. Ward, W. F. Dargan, A. A. Moore Jr., Camden, Captain H. T. Thompson, E. R. Cox, R. E. James, J. D. Baird, C. M. Ward, J. W. James, T. S. Joye, Rev. J. G. Law, W. A. Parrott, C. W. Hewitt, A. C. McFall, E. J. Lide, E. E. Lunn, W. B. Brunson, E. O. Woods, Dr. A. T. Baird, C. S. McCullough, G. E. Dargan, Rev. John Stout, Z. T. Harlow, J. E. Norment, Harry Norment, Louis Norment, F. E. Norment, Willie Montgomery, O. O. Riddle, Harry Smith, E. E. Vaughn, M. T. Lide, Tom Rogers, M. Bonnot, R. Bonnot, H. E. P. Sanders, I. H. Hunt of Columbia Journal, T. P. Weston, the State, A. G. Kollock, Cheraw, Dr. R. H. Pearce, Mars Bluff, P. A. Wilcox, Florence, C. D. Evans, S. A. Woods, C. R. Woods, Ben Williamson, Bright Williamson, Ben Smoot, Dr. W. J. Garner, Wadsworth Thompson, J. E. Boyd, J. D. Ruz, Claude Milling, T. H. Spain, R. H. Glenn, H. A. Edwards, Robert Dickson, J. S. McCreight, Gus Cooper, Mayseville, S. H. Wilds, C. W. Dubose, W. D. Woods, C. K. King, R. E. Wilds, C. W. Milling, D. G. Coit, A. H. Garner, W. D. Coggeshall, R. W. Coggeshall, Walter Dargan, Henry Dargan, E. M. Wells, C. Law, F. Law, P. J. Boatwright, W. P. Honor, C. A. McCown, G. H. Edwards, P. S. Wilds, Whilden Quarrels, W. M. Haynsworth, A. J. Hlawood, Sims Rogers, Frank Pegues.

We make the prediction that the Central hotel of Florence will be rebuilt before the one projected in Sumter is begun.

ON THE HILL.

HAPPENINGS AT THE FACTORY THIS WEEK.

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

Mr. J. J. Doyle is quite sick with la grippe.

We hold prayer meeting at the hall every Wednesday night at 8 o'clock.

Rev. J. A. White will preach at the hall next Sunday night at 8 o'clock.

Mr. J. K. Doyle and wife, of Dovesville, spent Sunday with relatives here.

Mr. A. R. Lane, the contractor, has commenced work on Mr. H. A. James' store.

Mr. J. L. Bailey, who has been teaching school in Williamsburg county for several months past, has returned home to spend the vacation with his family.

Married, Sunday afternoon at 4 o'clock, at the residence of Rev. John Stout, Mr. John Lambert and Miss Hallie Howell. We wish them a happy and prosperous life.

The Floral Fair.

The first night of the Floral Fair there will be a cantata, "The Flower Queen," given, and the different flowers will be represented by the following ladies: Rose--Miss Emma Edwards, Hyacinth--Miss Jennie East, Dahlia--Miss Nonie Williamson, Daisy--Miss Sadie Dargan, Lily--Mrs. H. A. Edwards, Violet--Miss Emma Williamson, Pansy--Miss Clara Ward, Pink--Miss Bertie Wardlaw, Fern--Miss Lizzie East, Tulip--Miss Marie Lide, Wild Rose--Miss Alma McCown, Sunflower--Miss Mary Law, Blue Bell--Miss Besie Ervin, Forget Me Not--Mrs. G. E. Dargan.

Mr. R. E. James will personate a recluse who has retired from the world, but is inspired with fresh hope when he hears the words of the flowers, and decides to leave his seclusion and lead a life devoted to duty.

Mrs. Frank Pegues will have charge of the musical programme.

There will be an entire change in the musical part of the entertainment on the second evening.

It is earnestly hoped that everybody will be present and if they have any fine flowers send them to help out the exhibition.

Molesting the Cemeteries.

There has been great complaint made in regard to the outrageous habit that some people indulge in, of taking flowers from the cemeteries in town. We have been requested to call attention to the matter, and we wish most emphatically to say that if anyone, it matters not who it may be, is caught doing this, we will publish their name in full, and give all publicity in our power. It is simply outrageous that these memorials of the dead, planted by the hands of those who love them in life and remember them after they have passed away, should be profaned by the touch of the people who are so lacking in every principle of decency and refinement. Owing to its isolated position the Methodist Cemetery has suffered perhaps, more than the others and some of the fine evergreens it contains have been practically ruined by having the ends of the limbs broken off. We are authorized to say that a liberal reward will be paid for proof to convict any person of this vandalism. It is hoped that this warning will be sufficient to put a stop to the practice of robbing the last resting place of our dead of those tokens of affection from the living, but if not the strong arm of the law will be called into play and the offenders severely punished.

The Only Difference.

Many gentlemen believe that only fashionable, high-priced tailors have the newest patterns. This isn't so. Search all the stores you know for the latest novelties in spring goods. Then come to us, and you'll find we have the same goods ready made up. The only difference is in the cost of the garments. Same material exactly and equally as well made. Don't take our word for it--come and see and be convinced. Blackwell Bros.

The widening of Pearl street is under way, and when completed will add very much to its convenience. We hope however that it won't be made any higher in the middle unless the council is prepared to give up tunnels or elevators.

ON A LARGE SCALE.

Silas Bass Steals 720 Cans of Goods From the Canning Factory.

On Tuesday Trial Justice Dargan, on the affidavit of Mr. McRae, who has charge of the canning factory, issued a search warrant against Silas Bass, a colored man who lives near the C. & D. depot.

A search of his premises revealed the fact that he had been stealing on a pretty large scale. He had 710 cans of vegetables concealed inside the house, all taken from the warehouse of the canning factory, and in addition to this had a cellar under the house for the accommodation of stolen chickens, a number of which were found at the time of the search. Some garden hose was also discovered, but it is hard to imagine his reason for stealing this, unless it was done just to keep his hand in, as he could not possibly make use of it and would have found it impossible to dispose of it without being arrested.

He is now quartered in one of the large and airy rooms of the Scarborough House, a place where canned vegetables and chickens do not appear on the bill of fare, which consists of such toothsome luxuries as bacon, corn bread, and cow peas.

If Silas could have secured a barrel of flour and some canned meats he would have had goods laid up for many days, to come and be in a position to eat, drink and be merry.

Bass' wife and his brother-in-law Robert Stephenson were also included in the indictment.

Trial Justice Dargan held a preliminary examination, on Wednesday, in the case of Silas Bass, his wife and Robert Stephenson. Bass and his wife were bound over to the court of sessions and the case against Robert Stephenson dismissed.

At the Opera House To-Night.

We hope that no one, who can possibly do so, will fail to attend Mr. Parrott's exhibition on Hypnotism to-night. The subject is one that is attracting a great deal of attention at present, and it is being investigated by some of our most scientific physicians, the majority of whom are ardent believers in it, and think that, when exercised in the proper way and by those who have made it a study, it can be made to accomplish much good. It is not entirely new, having a good many years ago, attracted a great deal of attention under the name of mesmerism.

It is a subject that should be thoroughly investigated and until it can be clearly shown to be false, it may be well not to be too skeptical in regard to it. Mr. Parrott has had a good deal of practice and his experiments with his subjects are of great interest and amusement also. It is not claimed that this mysterious influence can be exerted over every one, but that only persons of certain temperament can be put under the spell. It is claimed that a person, while under the influence of the hypnotist can be made to abandon a bad habit, such as smoking, and will not resume it even when the spell is broken.

Aside from the interest of the subject, the entertainment is well worthy of patronage, the proceeds going to the St. John's Library fund.

A Warning.

During the prevalence of the windy and dry weather that has prevailed for several weeks, everybody ought to exercise special care in guarding against fire. Every fire in a town has a tendency to raise the rates of insurance, and not only this but it also injures the reputation of the town. Outside of incendiarism nine-tenths of the fires that occur are from gross carelessness and could, by the exercise of a little care, be avoided. Every town should have a building inspector, and he should not be a carpenter or contractor, who would superintend the construction of fires in new buildings, and thus remove one of the most common sources of fire. Very few contractors exercise the necessary care in erecting buildings, and it is nothing but a matter of time, before the town is inspected in order to guard against fire.

We have consulted with the owners of the property that will be taken for the widening of Pearl street, and we think that the owners of all can be obtained, to the scheme of having a wide drive way, running at the foot of the hill and extending from the factory to Board street. The distance is nearly two miles and it would add a great deal to the attractiveness of the town. Some grading and drainage would be necessary, but it would not be very costly.

THE WORKERS.

WAGE-EARNERS THOROUGHLY ORGANIZE THE STATE.

What Has Been Accomplished by the New Movement--The Convention to be Held Wednesday.

[From the Columbia State.]

The movement inaugurated some months ago by the workmen of the State has developed into proportions that will surprise every one, especially the politicians who have been giving their undivided attention for the past six weeks to the matter of the distribution of the Federal patronage in the National capital. While every one was looking to Washington, this great political movement among the rank and file of the Democracy of South Carolina has been pushed most successfully.

The first convention of the State League will be held in the hall of the House of Representatives on Wednesday week, and it promises to be of unusually large proportions.

Yesterday the chairman of the executive committee in charge of the organization was seen, and he gave a summary of the immense amount of work that has been done. He says that every county in the State has already been thoroughly organized except Sumter, and today the organizer of the league will go to that county to organize the sub-leagues there in every precinct.

Piedmont, in Greenville county, has the largest original sub-league in the State. It was organized with over eighty names on the roll. The operatives of the factory there joined it to a man.

The chairman of the committee states that the committee has organized over four hundred live and enthusiastic sub-leagues and the work has not yet been completed. One delegate to the convention is allowed for every ten members of a precinct club.

In regard to the class of men who are joining these leagues he said that they were principally laboring men, although there are many leading business men, clerks, and all other classes of men who care for wages. The committee finds that there is a surprising number of names on the rolls of men who, heretofore, were ardent supporters of the Tillman movement. Every man who joins the league is required upon joining the league to sign the roll and a pledge to support the declarations of principles of the league.

At Vaucluse, where the mill owners thought that their men were about to go into an organization on the order of the Knights of Labor, the only opposition to the league has occurred. They tried at first to prevent the organization of the league, there.

Five good organizers have been doing this work for the committee and they have done their work so quietly that the public at large knew absolutely nothing of what they were doing.

The various county chairmen have all been chosen, but at committee headquarters it was found impossible to secure a list complete enough for publication.

A call has been issued for the executive committee having the entire matter of the organization of the State in charge to be held in this city some night during this week.

The chairman of the committee says: "The State Convention will not have very much to do in a political way. It will have to elect a State chairman, a secretary and a treasurer, and an executive committee consisting of one member from each county. It will also under the plan of organization have to provide for the establishment of a bureau of information and select some one to place in charge of it; as well as adopt a suitable badge having upon its face an impression of the goddess of liberty holding the scales of justice, and the initial letter of the league. The declaration of principles has already been adopted and the convention will not have to adopt a platform or any thing of that kind."

Stands Every Kind of Criticism.

Some men think that ready-to-wear clothing cannot be as well and carefully made as suits that are made to order. That may be true in some cases--perhaps in many. But then it is well to remember that a house with a reputation for jealousy of its and cannot afford to turn out goods that won't stand every kind of criticism. Our ready wear clothing is equal to custom made. Blackwell Bros.