

CURRENT TOPICS.

WHAT YOU KNOW AND WHAT YOU DON'T KNOW.

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

Mr. J. M. Carlsale and his daughter, Mrs. Jennings, are visiting Rev. and Mrs. J. E. Carlsale.

Darlington was well represented at the picnic given by the Florence people at Muldrow's mill on Tuesday.

The contract for building the new city hall at Florence has been awarded to Mr. J. W. Robertson.

Mr. J. W. Blackwell and Dr. McGirt spent part of last week in Williamsburg county, and had some fine sport fishing.

Mr. J. A. Rice, who lived here during the four years of Mr. Rice's pastorate, of the Methodist church, is visiting Mrs. E. C. East.

E. A. Brown has completed his tonsorial parlor next door to the express office, and with three efficient and polite barbers, requests a share of the public patronage.

Our summer friends have stopped building hotels and have turned their attention to cotton factories.

On Tuesday the following municipal ticket was elected in Timmonsville: F. C. Lechner, Mayor.

Mrs. B. C. Norment, Miss Sue Winslow and Mrs. T. W. Norment went up to Laurens, N. C., this week to attend the marriage of Miss Bettie Thomas.

Mr. T. H. Parrott, who is temporarily residing in Williamston, is on a visit to friends in Darlington.

The long dry spell, extending over a period of about two months, was broken on Tuesday by a very refreshing rain.

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DARLINGTON IN COURT.

The City Sued for Interest on the Railroad Bonds.

When the C. S. and N. Railroad was built the town subscribed \$80,000 in bonds, in aid of this enterprise.

The Atlantic Trust Co. of New York, held \$70,000 worth of these bonds, on which they claim interest to the amount of \$6,085.66.

The Trust Co. have employed Col. Livingston, of Bennettsville, and Messrs. Smythe and Lee of Charleston as their counsel.

An answer to the complaint will be filed in the court, Mayor W. F. Dargan and E. O. Woods, Esq., the attorney for the town, were authorized to take charge of the case.

Memorial Day.

On Wednesday, the 10th, the annual decoration of the soldiers graves will take place, and it is very earnestly hoped that all classes of our citizens will take part in this beautiful and touching ceremony.

The exercises will begin at five o'clock at the Methodist church, and will be in charge of Rev. J. G. Law. Miss Marie Lide will recite a poem and the annual address will be delivered by Rev. Edward McCord.

The following are the committees appointed to visit the different cemeteries and decorate the soldiers graves, after the ceremonies at the monument are concluded.

Flowers for the graves should be sent to the residence of Mrs. Zimmerman early in the day, not later than four o'clock in the afternoon.

Dance at Springville.

There was a very pleasant sociable on Monday night at the residence of Maj. S. H. Bacot, in Springville, which was very much enjoyed by all who were present.

The following are the names of those who were present: Mrs. C. B. Law, Misses Mattie Hearon, Ola East, Mary Law, Maggie Law, Wickham Ellerbee, Sallie Ellerbee, Laurie Law, Mary Coker, Clara Ward, Corrie Law, Ida Law, Alma McCown, Rosa McCown, Edith Law, Nicola Godbold, Nonie Williamson, Josephine McCall, Allee Parrott, Marie Lide, Messrs. Lawton Dargan, O. O. Riddle, Willie Montgomery, Louis Norment, Howard Norment, Willie McCown, C. A. McCown, Fred Law, Charlton Law, Laurie Williamson, W. A. Parrott, Ed. Orrell, Jim Orrell, Leon Dove, W. T. Woodward, T. J. Boatwright, Edward Coker, Ben Smoot, John Ervin, Roland Lide.

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The following officers were elected: R. L. Blackmon, past councilor; J. C. Wilcox, councilor; A. P. Levy, vice-councilor; W. C. Byrd, secretary; S. Tombacher, treasurer; W. J. Parrott, prelate; S. Maane, marshal; B. Block, warden; S. Harris, guard; A. Hyman, sentenei; J. C. Wilcox, medical examiner; A. P. Levy, B. Block, W. Witcover, trustees; J. C. Wilcox, S. Maane, E. B. Allen, E. Ewenhual, A. Hyman, committee on by-laws.

ON THE HILL.

HAPPENINGS AT THE FACTORY THIS WEEK.

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

Mrs. Lillie Thomas is quite sick. Mr. Charles Butler is able to be at his post again.

Mr. Robert Cook, of Charleston, is visiting in this village.

THE HERALD is a welcome visitor in this section of the city.

Mr. F. S. Terry has charge of the weave room during Mr. Northcott's absence.

Mr. Nelson Kerby spent Sunday with his father, Mr. J. M. P. Kerby, in Chesterfield county.

Mr. W. J. Dickson, of Marion, has returned to his home after spending several days with his son, Mr. W. G. Dickson.

Mrs. J. J. Smith has gone to Ebenezer to visit Mr. Caleb Gardner, who is quite sick with pneumonia.

Mr. H. A. James has moved his family in his new house on Pearl street. Mr. A. R. Lane has purchased and will occupy the house vacated by Mr. James on Broad street.

Mr. A. F. Northcott and family left on Tuesday morning for Charlotte, N. C., where Mrs. Northcott has gone to spend the summer with her parents.

Rev. J. A. White commenced the revival meeting at the hall last Sunday night. Mr. White is being assisted by Rev. Mr. Carlsale. The meetings are being well attended and we trust that great and lasting good will be accomplished.

An Umbrella Creates Excitement.

On Wednesday afternoon Dr. Baird's horse while hitched in front of Mr. Boyd's residence, became frightened at an umbrella, and by slipping his head out of the bridle got loose and started off at a rapid gallop up Pearl street.

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The Flower Mission.

A number of ladies met at the opera-house on Friday and organized a Flower Mission.

President--Miss Ella Wagner. Secretary and Treasurer--Mrs. G. W. Brown.

Immediately after the meeting adjourned a large quantity of flowers were secured and distributed among the sick of the town.

Attention, Musicians!

Mr. H. K. Zerbee, representing the well known music house of Augusta, Messrs. Thomas & Barton, will be in Darlington on May 15.

It gives me pleasure to say that I know Mr. H. K. Zerbee of Augusta. He is a representative of the New England conservatory of music, in which institution he made a thorough study of piano tuning under the best master.

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THE DELICIOUS GERMAN.

The Cleveland Hotel Beautifully Decorated.

The St. Benedict's club gave an elegant reception on Wednesday night, at the Cleveland hotel, and the assertion may be safely made that it has never been surpassed by any similar entertainment in Darlington.

At 11 o'clock supper was announced, and the refreshments were served in a manner that would reflect credit on the management of a first-class hotel.

The following are the names of those who were present: Mr. and Mrs. A. T. Baird, Mr. and Mrs. F. E. Norment, Mr. and Mrs. C. S. Nettles, Mr. and Mrs. A. C. McFall, Mr. and Mrs. H. E. T. Sadders, Mr. and Mrs. S. A. Woods, Mr. and Mrs. E. O. Woods, Mr. and Mrs. Frank Pegues, Mr. and Mrs. H. L. Odiorne, Mrs. G. E. McCall, Florence, Mrs. C. A. Woods, Marion, Misses Pauline Spain, Cattie Spain, Corinne Player, Julia Dargan, Mary Watson, Josephine McCall, Nonie Williamson, Alma McCown, Alice Parrott, Juliet Watson, Roanoke, Va.; Maria Evans, Agnes Kuker, Mable Odiorne, Florence; Tin Tin Cantey, Camden. Messrs. G. M. Ward, J. E. Boyd, T. H. Spain, Walter Griffin, C. R. Woods, W. F. Dargan, Waddy Thompson, R. L. Dargan, T. J. Boatwright, Eugene Vaughn, O. O. Riddle, C. D. Evans, G. K. King, J. L. Michie, S. H. Wilds, W. J. Garner, S. J. Garner, E. M. Wells, Walter James, J. E. Norment, W. Y. Gardner, W. A. Parrott, Dr. L. Y. King, Baker Haynsworth, Florence.

Death of Dr. Whitford Smith.

Dr. Whitford Smith, for many years professor in Wofford College and who was noted for his gifts as an orator, died last week in Spartanburg.

Retiring From Business.

The Misses Fountain, who have conducted a very successful millinery business in Darlington for a number of years, will retire and have disposed of their good will to Messrs. Woods & Woods, who, in addition to their present business will open in the Fall a large and well selected line of millinery goods.

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THE WORLD'S FAIR.

THE MACHINERY SET IN MOTION BY PRESIDENT CLEVELAND.

An Immense Throng in Attendance--Foreign Countries Well Represented--The Exercises.

CHICAGO, May 1.--Grover Cleveland President of the United States, surrounded by the members of his Cabinet, by high officials of the different States, by numerous and distinguished representatives of lands across the seas and by a mighty throng of American citizens, today pressed the electric button which set in motion miles of shafting, innumerable engines and mechanism and a labyrinth of belting and gearing which made up the machinery of the World's Columbian Exposition.

Nearly all night there had been a continuous slow drizzle; that caused the spirits of the World's Fair officials to sink to the zero point. The rain continued until 7 o'clock, when the clouds parted on the right far over the lake there was a gleam of cold sunshine.

As he retired to his seat, Miss Jessie Couthou, a Chicago reader and elocutionist of national fame, was escorted to the speaker's stand, and in clear, impressive tones, that could be heard distinctly by the 2,000 guests upon the platform, and which penetrated far into the throng, commenced to read the opening stanzas of the poem of the day.

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From the centre of the platform proper there radiated a special stand, and upon this were chairs for President Cleveland, Vice-President Stevenson, the Duke of Veragua and his party and the higher national and local officers of the fair.

It was an inspiring scene that met the vision of the Chief Executive of the Nation as he was escorted to his seat. Before him was such a throng as he had never faced before, pre-empting every foot of space between the platform and the edge of the basin beyond covering the walks and lawns to the east and west as far as the eye could sweep.

THE EXERCISES INAUGURATED.

All was now in readiness for the inauguration of the exercises proper. It had been intended to preface the speechmaking with a grand chorus of 1,000 voices, but owing to an oversight in drawing the plans of the platform, this feature was eliminated, and in its place was rendered the "Columbian March," composed for the occasion by Prof. John K. Paine.

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and arms alike were tired, and a semblance of quiet had once more come over the throng, he commenced his address. He said:

CLEVELAND'S SPEECH.

"I am here to join my fellow citizens in congratulations which befit this occasion. Surrounded by the stupendous results of American enterprise and activity and in view of the magnificent evidences of American skill and intelligence, we need not fear that these congratulations will be exaggerated.

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