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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.

Dr. W. J. Garner is at home again.

Mr. J. S. Burch has returned from New York.

Mrs. Lunn has returned from a trip to Asheville.

Mr. J. B. Law has returned from the World's Fair.

Dr. Lunney has returned from a trip to Chicago.

Hon. G. W. Dargan is off on a short trip to Saluda.

There will be a German at the Hewitt Hall to night.

Mr. J. E. Carlisle left on Monday for a trip to Chicago.

Mr. A. C. McFall has returned from a visit to Chicago.

Mrs. Emanuel, of Bennettsville is visiting Mrs. A. A. Gandy.

Dr. Wilcox is in Washington attending a medical meeting.

The theatrical season opens in Darlington on September 18.

Miss Josephine McCall has returned from a trip to the seacoast.

Messrs. L. Lewinthal and E. E. Lunn have returned from New York.

Mrs. Hearon and Miss Mattie have returned from a visit to Charlotte.

Mr. S. A. Woods has returned from his semi-annual trip to New York.

Editors Woods and Thompson have returned from the World's Fair.

Mr. W. G. Dickson advertises his residence on Pearl street, for sale this morning.

Messrs. J. A. Buchanan and N. L. Harrell have returned from their summer trips.

Miss Ella Wagner has returned from a visit to Chicago.

Mr. J. A. DuBois, one of our best known citizens, has been appointed Postmaster at Cypress.

Messrs. N. S. Gibson and E. O. Woods returned on Saturday from a trip to the World's Fair.

Mr. C. B. Woods has returned after an absence of three months spent at different summer resorts.

Messrs. Edward and Harry Bowles have gone into the bill posting and sign advertising business.

Mr. W. W. Gardner and Mr. W. S. Montgomery caught a fine opossum on the square last Tuesday night.

Rev. W. R. Atkinson D. D. of Columbia, will preach in the Episcopalian Church next Sunday morning.

Mr. J. D. East has left for Bennettsville to assume the duties of principal of the graded school at that place.

Messrs. N. L. Harrell and W. A. Parrott and Dr. S. D. Haarell, of this county, leave to-day for the World's Fair.

Attention is called to the advertisement of Mr. J. D. Baird, the furniture prince, which will be found in another column.

While in Chicago the Editor met Mr. Hymes, a former resident of our town. Mr. Hymes is now pastor of a Presbyterian Church in Memphis.

Mrs. J. T. Bowles and daughter left on Tuesday to attend the funeral of Mrs. Bowles' brother, Mr. Charles W. Ingram of Chesterfield Court House.

Mr. Pegram Dargan leaves to-day for Harvard University to resume his studies at that famous seat of learning. He will go by way of Chicago for the purpose of seeing the Fair.

Rev. T. P. Lide, of Barnwell, is spending his vacation with relatives here. He is a pastor of two flourishing churches in Barnwell county. He is a native and former resident of Darlington.

Mr. Shipp Pegues, who is well known here, has been elected professor of ancient languages in the Southern University at Georgetown, Texas. He will leave in a few days for his new field of labor.

Mr. E. C. Rotholz, who left in June for a visit to Europe, arrived at home on Thursday morning and says that he had a very enjoyable trip. He went to visit his mother whom he had not seen for a good many years.

A number of our citizens suffered the loss of some very fine ornamental trees that could not withstand the fury of the recent storm. Some varieties of ornamental trees are very little and easily succumb to a severe gale. One of the large oaks in front of Mr. W. G. Dickson's residence, on Pearl street was blown down. It was very old and had held out against every storm previous to the late one. The large sweet gum tree in rear of the Methodist church was also badly

broken, one or two of the largest limbs being blown off.

The decaying limbs wrenched from the trees by the recent storm, should be removed from the streets without delay, as it is detrimental to health for them to remain where they are, exposed to the action of the sun.

The Darlington Guards held their first meeting for the fall on Wednesday night last, and afterwards had a short company drill on the square. Four applications for active membership were received. The company will hold its regular business and drill meeting every Wednesday night, with squad drills on Monday and Friday nights.

The Council have decided to connect the boiler of the Fire Engine with that of the Electric Light Works in order that the former may be always full of hot water. This will enable the engineer to get up steam in a very few minutes after a fire alarm is sounded. With this improvement and the addition of a hook and ladder truck Darlington ought to secure low rates of insurance.

We return thanks to the President, Dr. Woodrow, for a neatly gotten up catalogue of the South Carolina College. This time-honored institution is well equipped for the work of educating the young men and boys of the State, and we earnestly trust that its friends will rally to its support and the number of its students, now far too small, be largely increased.

We are glad to have it in our power to state that the financial situation is improving and that the present outlook is hopeful. We make this statement on the authority of those who are in a position to know. In the meantime it is of essential importance that there should be no despondency or nothing said or done that will, in the least, have a tendency to retard the restoration of that confidence which is of such paramount importance in commercial transactions.

Too Much Water.

At the heavy rains the road was in many places, full of water and they found locomotion extremely difficult. Some of the party had enough of the trip and returned home on the train. The others would not give up and rode back on their wheels. Before they attempt another trip for this character it would be well for them to have a bateau attachment to their wheels, that would enable them to skim over the water.

The Furniture Prince.

Mr. J. D. Baird has bought out the interest of his partner, Mr. Geo. E. Dargan, and will conduct the business alone. Mr. Baird is a fine business man and purchases all his furniture direct from the manufacturers and in this way is enabled to give his customers the benefit of the very lowest prices. He claims and that with good reason that he can undersell those who buy from the wholesale dealers and on examination of his prices will convince the most skeptical of the truth of his assertion. People think he is joking when he offers a complete set of furniture, in solid oak, for \$5,000, but he is in serious earnest and if you take up his offer the furniture will be delivered at your house, if you live in town, the only trouble being that you can see how he manages give such bargains, but you need not worry about that, and stay at home and enjoy your bargain. It is almost needless to say that other things in his line are just as cheap.

Alliance Meeting.

There was a large turnout of farmers in town on Thursday to attend a meeting of the Alliance, called to discuss the present financial situation. The meeting was held in the Court House, but no mention was made of a stay law, and no resolution to that effect introduced. It is very evident that the Darlington county farmers have no idea of asking the Legislature to pass an act that will be ruinous to those whom it proposes to benefit. They will face the situation like the honest men that they are, and not let the hard terms prevent them from meeting their honest obligations.

After the adjournment of the Alliance a public meeting was held to discuss the situation. Mr. W. H. Lawrence was the chairman of this meeting. Those present were addressed by Mr. E. Keith Dargan, President of the Peoples Bank of Darlington. Both of these gentlemen assured the people that the financial outlook was brightening every day and that they felt sure that there would be no trouble in moving the cotton crop. The statements of these gentlemen, who are certainly in a position to know, are corroborated by the latest news from New York. Col. Meizer made a short address on the situation in which he agreed with the speakers that had preceded him. The meeting then adjourned.

IN CHICAGO.

THE TRANSPORTATION BUILDING THE GREATEST SHOW.

Vehicles of the Past and Present—The First Locomotive Used in New York—French, English and American Coaches.

To the observant visitor one of the most interesting exhibits of the Fair is to be found in the transportation building, representing as it does the very great perfection of the means of rapid transit, both for passengers and freight, and without which Chicago would have had no existence and the Fair itself a physical impossibility. From the earliest history of the human race to the 19th century there was practically no improvement in the methods of transportation, and it remained for the present century, and that too in the memory of some still living, to revolutionize and bring to a state of practical perfection the problem of rapid transit, which next to the invention of printing, has been the greatest boon, in a material way, and the most potent civilizer of the human race.

Just inside of the Sixty Third Street entrance to the fair grounds stands the queer looking little locomotive, the Dewitt Clinton, which is the first one ever used in New York. If it were mounted on wagon wheels three or four mules could easily pull it on an ordinary road. The passenger coaches are nothing more than the old-fashioned stage coaches mounted on car wheels and marked for twelve passengers each. This train made its first trip in 1837 and ran at the rate of ten or twelve miles an hour. On an adjoining track stood the famous locomotive 999, belonging to the Hudson river and Central railroad, that had attained the marvelous speed of 112 miles an hour. Close to this was a Wagner palace car. The contrast between the beginning of steam transportation and the perfection it has reached at the present time is a voted entirely to a description of its contents, especially when the fact, already mentioned, is considered that but for the improved methods in transportation, the Fair would never have been dreamed of and the great city of Chicago would hardly appear on the map of the country.

THE STORM'S RAVAGES.

Hundreds of Acres of Cotton and Corn Are Ruined.

The following is the weather crop report for the week ending Monday: The past week has but more fully developed the ravages of the fearful storm of August 27th and 28th, which passing over the entire State, left a record of such devastation as has never before been witnessed in this State, and which is without a parallel in the history of this country.

Many hundreds of acres, white Saturday with open cotton, are shorn of the work of months, the plant lying flat on the ground twisted and broken, the unmaturing fruit scattered and rotting. The islands along the coast, the pride and glory of the section, from which thousands of bales are gathered each year, are almost destitute of their accustomed fructage.

Young corn, from which so much was expected on account of the smallness of the old crop, lies flat and broken. Along the river banks and bottom lands freshets have covered or washed away the patient labor of our best citizens.

Fruit trees are stripped of their fall crops. Fences, houses and hundreds of acres of pine forests are ruined; herds of valuable stock and hundreds of human lives are the portion of the Storm King's harvest. Not a section escaped, from Coconee county in the west to Horry county on the coast; from York in the north to the most southern part of Beaufort.

Peas and potatoes are the only crops not damaged. Some sections will have a partial recovery from the effects of the storm and crops there will regain their strength, but will probably show a smaller yield than is now expected.

WHO FOUND IT?

A Little Bag of Gold Coin Lost by the Editor of "The Messenger,"

Florence Messenger.

Imagine your mortification should you retire to bed some night under the full impression that you had in your purse nearly enough of good hard cash to pay your expenses on a trip to the World's Fair and, on waking the next morning, find that you did not possess enough money to pay for a postage stamp. Such was the experience of the editor of this paper on Saturday night last. About the hour of 6 o'clock Saturday evening he had in his pocket a little tobacco bag containing one twenty-dollar gold piece and six or eight five-dollar pieces of the same metal, which he had been keeping as a sort of nest-egg, and which was all the money he had. He retired Saturday night fully under the impression that the precious package was still in his pocket, where he had carried it for several weeks. But on Sunday, to his dismay, he discovered that it was missing. Diligent search was made, but to no purpose. Nothing has been seen either of the little bag or its glittering contents since the hour above mentioned. It was evidently drawn from the pocket in which it had been placed by getting entangled in a bunch of keys which are frequently used, and it slipped unnoticed. If any one has and they would confer a great favor upon its rightful owner, who worked hard for it, by even dividing the pile equally with him. But, the chances are that whoever the fortunate finder was will keep it all. The impression is that it was dropped in the postoffice.

The Meet Postponed.

It was a matter of general regret that the bicycle tournament which was to have taken place on last Friday had, on account of the heavy rains, to be postponed until Friday, the 22nd. The delay will only give the managers time to make the race more interesting, by having a better arranged programme. The Baird Brothers, of Charleston, noted wheelman, came up to attend the races and while here rendered essential service in the arrangement of the programme, which is said to be a great improvement on the original one. These gentlemen will return to take part in the tournament, and Messrs. Swaffield and Roach, of Columbia, and Beale, of Augusta, all noted riders will also be on hand. In addition to these there will be other riders from the different cities and towns of the State. We trust that everyone who can will turn out on that occasion.

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HAPPENINGS AT THE FACTORY THIS WEEK.

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

James B. Hicks has gone to Rockingham, N. C. to his parents.

Mr. W. H. Shaw spent Sunday with his family near Timmonsville.

Mr. John Douglas and daughter are visiting relatives at Society Hill.

Chief Engineer W. G. Dickson attended the labor day celebration in Florence last Monday.

The Sunday school has changed the hour of meeting from 5 o'clock to 4 o'clock in the afternoon.

Miss Eugenia David, who has been for the past month in North Carolina visiting relatives, has returned.

Mr. M. D. Trull is hauling material to build on to his store. Owing to his increased trade he needs more room.

Mrs. Belle Webster, of Richmond county, and Miss Hennie Melkie, of Robeson county, North Carolina, are visiting the family of Mr. T. L. David.

Mr. Jas. H. Lampley, who has been working here for the past year, left Tuesday for North Carolina, where he has gone to take charge of his father's business.

Mr. J. B. Meacham, who has been employed here for a number of years as loom fixer has tendered his resignation and will leave for Chester S. C. next week, where he has accepted a position with the Chester gingham mill. While residing here Mr. Meacham has made a number of friends all of who regret to see him leave.

The Governor's Proclamation.

The following proclamation from the Governor, in reference to the needs of the sufferers by the storm, will meet the approval of all good citizens, and is already being liberally responded to.

"It is the duty of every citizen to do the best interest of the people of this Commonwealth, to issue this, my proclamation, and call on the people throughout the length and breadth of the State to come to the aid of their suffering fellow citizens.

"The fact that these poor colored farmers whose homes have been ruined and whose crops are destroyed appeals with peculiar force to every right thinking person. The general loss in Charleston and elsewhere is great but other communities can take care of themselves.

"Contributions can be made in money, food, clothing and other necessities of life sufficient to meet the present emergency. Money contributions can be sent to the Bank of Beaufort subject to the draft of a general relief committee, which I will appoint at the earliest possible moment, with headquarters at Port Royal.

"I call upon all classes of people, both white and colored, to come hastily to the relief of the unfortunate people.

"I would suggest that church, charitable and philanthropic organizations collect their contributions at the various railway stations to be shipped to Port Royal as soon as the railroad is repaired.

"Full directions will be given through the press later on, and remember he gives twice who gives quickly," under the circumstances.

B. R. Tillman,
"Governor of South Carolina."

Cypress Cinders.

Cotton is opening fast and farmers are picking at a break neck speed.

Misses Sallie Duran and Katie Carner, of Bishopville, spent last week with relatives and friends here.

Mr. C. F. DuBois, of this place, has secured a position at the asylum in Columbia.

The wind storm last week did considerable damage to the crops in this section, besides blowing down chimneys, fruit trees, fences, etc. Lynch river is reported very high and still rising.

Mr. W. H. Crosswell and family and Mr. C. W. Parnham has gone to Heath Springs.

On account of sickness, Rev. C. D. Mann did not fill his appointment at the Methodist church at this place last Sabbath. We hope to see him up again soon.

Some of our charitable ladies will be at the hall in the Hewitt Building, from 3 to 5 o'clock this afternoon, to receive contribution of clothing for the destitute colored people who were made homeless by the terrible storm on the coast. Everyone should help in some way. All articles of clothing or blankets will be gladly received and forwarded without delay.

There is one Chinese, one Portuguese and one Cherokee newspaper printed in the United States.

CONCERNING STOCK.

Farmers Should Accumulate Property Other than Land.

In these days when the dollar is skittish and prone to seek the cool sequestered nooks of bank and safe deposit vaults, we the people are impressed with what a dear delightful thing is credit. In some respects it is surpassed by personal appearance by cash, of the hot and spot varieties, but the fact lingers that for a boon companion to whom with, in season and out, at home and abroad, credit is altogether agreeable.

Credit does not inhabit the Southern States in flocks. It is a rare bird. It settles here, once in a while there, but as a general thing it dwells in Northern latitudes.

There is no reason in the nature of things why credit should not be found in large quantities in these parts but the explanation of its absence is plain. Credit does not thrive where there isn't plenty of collateral and that's what's the matter with the Hannahs in Dixie.

The capitalistic chappies in the North despise to lend money on land and they don't do it. It takes time to sell land, it is troublesome to dispose of, it can't be handled fast. It is too unwieldy a lever to attempt to raise money with except with "great deliberation." Land ownership has been a curious and perplexing thing since Adam's title to that handsome place of real estate betwixt the Tigris and Euphrates becomes clouded. Therefore your yankee Croesus collects mortgages if there is a certificate of stock waiting to be pledged. When he wants money he wants it quick and that is why he seldom lends it unless on some security that is available as an asset at a moment's notice.

Southern people should accumulate "collateral." Farmers ought to make it a point to take stock in manufacturing enterprises. They should buy shares in banks too, but more banks are not so badly needed as are more factories. If the man who succeeds in paying for a two horse farm would then a few hundred dollars worth of good factory stock before trying to purchase all the land adjoining his place he would be gloriously better off.

When the farmer has enough desired accommodation, and escape the humiliation of having a dozen friends decline to endorse his note.

Our people are rich in land. The Advertiser believes that the time is coming when land will pass by assignment just as does building and loan or railroad or other stock and that titles will be unversally cleared. To effect such a reform in the laws will require the tearing away of the prejudice of a hundred generations but it is coming for the reason that there is nothing grounded in common sense to prevent it. But it is a weary way out. For the present, stocks must remain the basis of credit and every man should have a supply. In periods of financial depression they are the life preservers of business.

The idea of hard working farmers buying stocks may be laughed at but it is not ridiculous. Hundreds of farmers do save money and make investments but the notion among them is that there is nothing to buy except land. If that notion could be rooted out it would be easier to build cotton mills, or industries would be diversified and the country's wealth would be multiplied.—Laurens Advertiser.

THREE MONTHS' VACATION.

Swan Sent to Jail for Contempt of Court.

CHARLESTON, S. C., Sept. 5.—Judge C. H. Simonton has filed his decision in the Constable Swan contempt case. It is decided that the barrel of liquor shall be returned to the South Carolina Railway Company, and a sentence of three months in jail is imposed upon constable Swan.

It will be remembered that Swan seized a barrel of corn liquor, which had been sent from North Carolina to parties in this city. The shipment was made in May but the liquor was still in possession of the railroad company in July. It was confiscated by the State and proceedings for contempt were instituted, with the result given.

Governor Tillman said in regard to the decision in the Swan case: "I cannot undertake to express an opinion as to our action in the case until I have read the official decision. The State will stand by its officer as far as possible, however.

In the event of his being imprisoned for seizing liquor without a warrant or for contempt of court, we will, of course, appeal the case to the higher court. We want to know whether the appointment of a Receiver or trustee of the road from all the except as administered by the court under which the receiver is appointed."

Rev. and Mrs. McCurdy, after spending a few days in Darlington, left yesterday for Abbeville, where they will in future reside. Mr. McCurdy having accepted a call from the Episcopal church at that place.

SCHOOL BOOKS.

WHAT THE CHILDREN WILL STUDY IN THE FUTURE.

The Sale of Books to Continue as Now, But a Uniform Percentage of Profit Must be Charged.

Columbia Journal.

The books to be used by the public schools of the State for the next five years have been adopted. There is but little change in the old list, as will be seen by a perusal of the list published below.

The State Board of Examiners were in session in the Senate chamber all day yesterday and far into the night. Their session was long but their work effective.

They discussed the plan of school book depositories as advocated by President Craighhead and gave it consideration in the light of council of the County School Commissioners who were here in consultation with them on that matter and upon the advisability of changes in the list of books for the schools.

After mature deliberation on the plan of Professor Craighhead and another presented by Superintendent of Education Mayfield, the board adopted the latter. The plan as adopted provides for the sale of books as heretofore, by dealers, with the exception that they are to enter into an agreement with the board to sell them at a fixed per cent increase upon the publisher's price. The rate of per centage has not been agreed upon and will not be until the next meeting of the board in October, after which it will be announced.

The board considered the wishes as well as the financial condition of the people in the matter of selecting the list of books for the schools, for they made very slight changes in the list as it has existed for the past five years. This was largely due to the opinions of the County School Commissioners. They were generally satisfied with the books now in use and advised against general changes.

The only absolute change was in grammar. Reid & Kellogg's grammars were discarded in favor of the new ones. When the new grammars were cheaper than those of Reid & Kellogg, which will make up for any increased expense in the purchase of the new books.

After consenting to give out for publication the list of books adopted, Superintendent Mayfield found it impossible to get the list in correct shape up to the hour of the Journal's going to press.

The minutes, however, show the following points on the series as adopted for general use:

Webster's dictionary was adopted as the standard and Worcester's is to be permitted for use in those counties now using it if they so desire.

Robinson's arithmetic is the standard and Wentworth's will be permitted, as will Sanford's, the latter in the counties only where they are now in use.

Holmes readers are to be the standard and Appleton's and the Normal series will be permitted by those who prefer them.

Murray's geographies were adopted for the single series and Tilden's to be used for commercial reference.

Stannell's first and second and Montgomery's first histories are to be the standards.

In writing, Elsworth's series and the graphic system will be used.

Holmes outline maps and nature's readers will be used in connection with the study of geography.

The revised list will probably be given out this evening or to-morrow, but this was as complete a list as could be obtained by the Journal to-day.

Work of the Storm.

The loss of life, on the sea islands, during the recent storm is the most distressing calamity that has ever fallen upon our State, but even this is not so bad as the danger of actual starvation that stares the living in the face, unless relief is promptly sent. These unfortunate people have lost houses, crops and all their earthly possessions, and had hard work to save their lives from the deluge of water that swept over their homes and carried everything before it. They had by years of industry and thrift put themselves in comparatively comfortable circumstances and their lot is now a sad one and must appeal strongly to the sympathy of every one who has a heart to feel for the troubles of others. A great deal is being done to help them, but it will need the utmost effort to prevent them from suffering for sufficient food, and it becomes the imperative duty of us all to see that their necessities are supplied. They not only need food but clothing also, and those who can give a hand can at least contribute some articles of clothing and help in their way.

Darlington has already sent a contribution but is able to do more and the good work should go on as long as the necessity for it exists.