

## CURRENT TOPICS.

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

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

Dr. Baird left on Monday for the World's Fair.

Mr. B. T. Williamson, has returned from Chicago.

Mr. G. K. King has returned from the cotton season.

Mr. Willie Rogers, left for Furman University on Tuesday.

Miss S. Winston has returned from a visit to Virginia.

Mr. Major Chase, of Florence was in town on Wednesday.

Dr. A. H. Hayden, of Charleston, is visiting friends here.

Rev. H. M. Brealey preaches at the Presbyterian Church on Sunday.

Mr. P. A. Brunson, of Florence is visiting friends in Darlington.

Miss Anna Hacker, of Charleston, is visiting relatives in Darlington.

Messrs N. L. Harvell and W. A. Parrott have returned from the World's Fair.

Mr. Malcolm Woods leaves today to resume his studies at Wofford College.

Mrs. Whildren, of Charleston, is visiting her daughter Mrs. C. J. Milling.

Mrs. Waddill and her family have gone to Washington to join Mr. Waddill.

Mr. J. S. Keys has put in an appearance to take a hand in the cotton business.

The young folks had a dance at the residence of Mr. W. A. Law, on Tuesday night.

Mr. and Mrs. T. W. Norman have returned after spending several months in Virginia.

Mr. E. F. Woods has gone to Nashville to resume his studies at Vanderbilt University.

Miss Emma Starr, who has been visiting her brother has returned to her home in Charleston.

Prof. F. O. Spain left on Monday to resume his duties in the School of Technology at Atlanta.

Dr. and Mrs. Galloway have returned from Cleveland springs. They will visit the World's Fair in a week or two.

The cotton market, at the time of going to press, is a little off and 7/40 is the price for to day. It reached 8 cents a day or two ago.

Mr. Albert Woods left last week for Bellbrook Tenn. where he will attend the Webb school and prepare himself for entrance to Vanderbilt University.

The sales at the Dispensary on Saturday last amounted to \$380.00. The Dispensary has refused to sell to a good many notorious druggists, but they get round this by inducing some friend to purchase their whiskey for them.

There was a good deal of cotton sold on Saturday and the price realized were good. The weather was fine for gathering for the two weeks previous to that and a great deal was picked, there being no scarcity of hands as is sometimes the case.

The graded schools commenced their exercises on Monday with all the teachers and a large number of scholars on hand. It was found necessary to add another room to St. John's Academy in order to give the Superintendent an office and a place for his classes.

The damage to the Phosphate Works done by the recent storm will be repaired as soon as possible, and the company is making all the necessary arrangements to this end.

Mr. B. W. Taylor of Columbia will have charge of the work of the chamber.

Yesterday, Thursday, was the opening day at the Tobacco Warehouse. There was a good quantity of tobacco on hand and quite a number of buyers. The price ranged from 45 to 15 cts per pound. The low priced tobacco was injured by the storm. The tobacco generally is better than last year which shows that our farmers are becoming more expert in handling and curing it.

Messrs Boyd & Brown, who have for some years occupied the rooms over the Herald office, have removed to the new Marco building on the West side of the square. We are sorry to lose them for several reasons, one of which is that while they were above us we always felt that we were doing our work under the Law, and consequently felt pretty safe in trying to show up the political demagogues who have been misleading the people. Things are, however, not so bad as they might be and we are still pretty well protected, as Woods & Spain are just across the street and Trial Justice Dergan holds forth in the next office to ours.

Our stock of dress goods pants, singlets etc. was never before better, and are offering special bargains for the next two days. Blackwell

## ON THE HILL.

**Appellants In and Around the Factory.**

Mr. M. D. T. all spent Wednesday in the city by the sea.

Quite a large number of children have entered the graded school from this community.

M. Chas. S. and family of Florence are visiting at the home of Mr. W. H. Oatley.

Mr. Robert C. Cook has returned home after several months absence in the western part of the State.

Mrs. John Douglas and daughter have returned home from Society Hill where they have been visiting relatives.

Miss Martha Matthews whom it will be remembered was painfully wounded several weeks ago, is rapidly improving.

Mrs. Chas. Lawson has purchased Mrs. E. W. Sutton's millinery business on Railroad street, and will continue the business at the same stand.

Owing to unavoidable circumstances the women's misist society will not hold their regular monthly meeting on next Sunday. Will announce time next week.

On Wednesday the company received an order for one thousand bales of standard sheeting to be shipped to Shanghai China. We filled an order for five hundred bales on Sept. 10th for the same place.

Married on last Sunday afternoon at 7 o'clock at the residence of Mr. B. F. Lambert, his eldest daughter Miss Lettie and Mr. Jas. E. Wilson both of this place. The Rev. J. E. Carlisle officiating. The happy young couple have the best wishes of a host of friends.

The Coker Band is making arrangements to purchase new uniforms. The band already has the reputation of being the best in Eastern South Carolina, and we venture to say that under the efficient management of Mr. J. S. Melton they will soon be able to compete with any band in the State.

Our Florence friends have been again visited by a pretty destructive fire which consumed the following property. The Mansion house, in process of erection and in which the fire originated, lost estimated at \$5,000 insurance \$4,000, Florence District Parsonage occupied by Rev. J. B. Wilson, loss \$4,000 insurance \$3,500 Episcopal Parsonage, loss \$1,500, insurance \$1,000 Other damages \$700. Rev. J. B. Wilson lost nearly all the personal effects of himself and family and had no insurance. The fire was so threatening at one time that a telegram was sent to Darlington for help. The engine and reel were promptly put in readiness to go down, but another dispatch was received stating that the fire was under control. The origin of the fire is unknown.

The Florence people with their indomitable courage and energy will soon have all traces of the fire removed. Nearly all the buildings that were consumed some time ago have been replaced with finer structures.

**The State Fair.**

We return thanks to Sec. Holloway for a copy of the Premium List of the State Fair, which will hold its twenty-fifth annual exhibition in Columbia, beginning on Nov. 6th and ending on Friday the 10th. It is very earnestly hoped that every one who can possibly do so will attend and also do something to help the Fair, in the way of contributing to help out the display.

Our horse fanciers always do their share and their stock carries off a good many of the premiums, but this is not enough as we should have something in every department, and thus advertise the resources of our country. There is a premium for the best county display and with systematic effort Darlington might capture it. The amount of the premium is three hundred dollars. We sincerely trust that our tobacco raisers will make an exhibit and show what our country can do in the way of producing some choice varieties of the weed.

**Farmer and Newspaper Man.**

Many men think that newspaper men are persistent duffers. By way of comparison let us suppose that a farmer raises 1,000 bushels of wheat a year and this to 1,000 persons in all parts of the country, a great portion of them saying, "I will hand you a dollar in a short time." The farmer does not want to be small and says: "All right." Soon the 1,000 bushels are gone but he has nothing to show for it, and he realizes that he has fooled away his whole crop and its value to him in a thousand little dribbles, consequently he is seriously embarrassed in his business, because the debtors, each owing him \$1, treat it as a small matter and think it would not help much. Continue this kind of business year in and year out as the publisher does, how long would he stand it? A moment's thought will convince any one that a publisher has cause for persistent dunning.—Washington National Tribune.

## TRAXLER CASE.

### THE TRIAL POSTPONED UNTIL THE LAST OF OCTOBER.

**A Letter to the Prosecuting Committee—His Circular Letters to Prominent People.**

The case of State Liquor Commissioner Traxler in his church at Timmonsville is becoming interesting. Mr. Traxler went home on Sunday to appear at the meeting of the congregation of his church, that day being appointed for the hearing of his case, and ask for further time, as he did not have his defense ready. He returned to the city yesterday and gave to his press some information on the subject. The church postponed the trial to the last Sunday in next month. Here is the letter that Mr. Traxler addressed to the committee of the church preferring the charges against him:

Columbia, S. C., Sept. 23, 1893.

Dear Brethren—I have not been ungrateful of the state of the case between my church and myself as to my official position as State Dispenser, but protracted sickness in my family has made it impossible for me, up to the present time, to give such attention to the matter as its gravity and importance would require.

I know that you, as a committee, and the church as a body, are desirous of acting in the case with full justice towards me, and with a due regard to our mutual relation as brethren, and, therefore, I feel it the more incumbent to state fully and fairly my views upon the subject. It is a rule of our church, in common with all other Baptist churches, to its members perfect liberty of conscience, within the bounds of the moral law of things prohibited or enjoined in the New Testament. There is no intimation of an idea that I have been guilty of any improper conduct in the administration of my office, and the sole question for the consideration of the church is whether the fact of my holding the official position which I do hold is a violation of my duty to the church. I believe that you will all give me credit for having accepted the office in the first instance from conscientious motives. It is well known that I have ever been opposed to the free sale and use of intoxicating liquor, and it is also well known that my business is such that the salary offered was not of itself sufficient to induce me to accept the position. I did accept it because I believed, and still believe, that a proper administration of the office would result in good to the cause of temperance rather than otherwise. I believe that a fair consideration of the set of Legislative will satisfy you that the purpose of the set was to restrict the sale of intoxicants and to restrain their improper use. The purpose of the set can only be ascertained by the terms of the set itself, and not in anywise by the constructions that may have been put upon it by its opponents, or by the newspapers of the State. I have conferred with some of the prominent brethren of the State who are politically opposed to me, and who consider the set itself unwise, and yet they say to me that from my political standpoint, that the only view to be taken of the act is that it was intended to have the effect which I have above mentioned. This being so, I do not think that you can conclude that the mere acceptance and retention of my office of dispensation places me in a position that would bring discredit to the cause which I profess.

To satisfy my own mind and conscience upon the subject, I have addressed letters of inquiry to about one hundred of our prominent ministers and lay brethren in this and other States, but I was not able to do so until within the last few days, and have not yet had time to receive my replies. I trust that the matter will be postponed for a sufficient length of time to allow both myself and you brethren, as a committee, to get all the light upon the subject which these replies may give to us. Of course I fully understand the perfect independence of our church, and that we are not dictated to or in anywise controlled by the opinions of any individual or any other church, but I am satisfied that you, as well as I, desire to act with perfect fairness and full judgment in the matter. Yours fraternally,

D. H. TRAXLER.

The following is the letter which Mr. Traxler refers to in the above communication. It has been sent to various prominent men in several portions of the State, asking for their opinions in regard to his case:

Columbia, S. C., Sept.—1893.

Dear Sir and Brother: Charges have been preferred against me in my church, Timmonsville Baptist Church, for occupying the position of State Dispenser. My position has been defined in the papers several times, which you have no doubt read. I still feel conscientious after prayerful consideration of the matter that I do myself not commit any criminal wrong, but benefit humanity more and more every day, and if the law is carried

## THE WORK OF MAN.

### THE ELECTRICAL DISPLAY AT CHICAGO.

**What Has Been Accomplished in the Past Few Years—Seeing One Hundred Miles.**

Some years ago Congress appropriated a sufficient sum for the purpose of having experiments made with a view of testing the practicability of using electricity as a motive power. The experiment was not a success, that is so far as cheapness and reliability was concerned, and there were only a few, and they called visionaries, who believed that it could ever be used as a method of propulsion and be made to take the place of steam as a motive power. Since then wonderful changes have occurred and this strange and mysterious force has, by the ingenuity of man, been made almost as much a servant as steam and is now used for numberless things, for many of which steam would not be practicable.

In the great building, on the Fair Grounds, devoted entirely to the display of electrical machinery, one might enter and easily imagine himself transported to the domain of some enchanter, gifted with supernatural power, so wonderful is the exhibit of the uses to which this subtle and all powerful fluid is put. Not only is it used as a motive power for a great deal of the machinery in the different buildings, but it also propels the heavy cars of the elevated railroad that runs entirely around the grounds. On this road thousands of passengers are transported every day, and the rapidly moving cars seem to be propelled by some mighty power invisible to most all sight, and which two hundred years ago would have been considered as the work of the evil one himself, and have brought its inventors to the stake.

On the Lagoon there are beautiful launches, that move swiftly over the water, all of which are propelled by electricity. Within the building is shown all the varied uses to which the electric fluid can be put and the display of machinery is simply bewildering and days might be spent in examining it. At night the building is a glare of light, and the beauty and magnificence of the display is far beyond the power of words to describe. From every part of the building the lights are reflected through colored globes and made to flash through long rows of incandescent lamps. Not only is the building beautifully illuminated but the other buildings and the grounds are made almost as bright as day by the great profusion of lights which are seen on every hand. The magnificent fountains that throw up such quantities of water, imposing as they are by day, are made weirdly beautiful at night by the use of electricity, and the water is changed from one color to another with a completeness and rapidity that looks like magic. Immense columns and cascades of red are shown and in an instant it is all changed to another color, showing in succession the green orange and other gorgeous colors. The whole scene looks like fairy land and is alone worth the trip. Nothing to compare with it has ever been seen before, and it is a sight that can never be forgotten. In addition to all this scene of beauty and light, the towering gili dome of the Administration Building is shown in bold relief by the almost innumerable lights that encircle it, and presents one of the most striking features of the grand illumination.

The greatest triumph in electric lighting is to be seen in the great search lights that are placed on top of some of the principal buildings. The light from them is thrown from one point to another and when concentrated on one building makes it present the appearance of being on fire, so intense and brilliant is the light. Flashed over the grounds it is like a flash of lightning and the reverberation of the thunder is only necessary to make the delusion complete. Vessels forty miles away can be lit up very brightly by these lights and a newspaper can be read on the decks. One of the lights, made in Germany, is so powerful as to be visible at Milwaukee one hundred miles away. The principal purpose of these lights is for use of War vessels and in case of actual warfare they will play a very important part in the struggle. They are an almost perfect safeguard against torpedo boats and can be made very effective in guarding land fortifications against being surprised in the darkness of the night.

The above is but a very imperfect sketch of what is the most wonderful of all the many wonderful things that have been gathered from all portions of the Earth, illustrating as it does the many uses to which the electric fluid can be put and showing its adaptability to run not only the smallest and most delicate machinery but also that where immense power is required.

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## THE BICYCLE RACES.

### THE TRIAL POSTPONED UNTIL THE LAST OF OCTOBER.

**The Bicycle Races.**

The Bicycle Races on Friday were attended by a large crowd. The track was in good condition, the races well contested and the time good. For good exercise, excitement and sport it is a long way ahead of base ball, and say nothing of the great time that is saved by the use of this method of traveling. With care there is practically no danger either in riding a bicycle or in racing, which is more than can be said for base ball.

Below we give a list of the races and the successful contestants.

One mile Novice—T. Maybank, first, time 2:59; Prize—pearl opera glasses. A. Ryttenberg second prize—travelling satchel.

Quarter mile open—Isaac Baird, first, time 37; prize—Bronze clock. S. L. Welsh second prize—silver Watch.

One mile handicap—S. L. Welsh, first, time 2:39; prize—fine lamp. J. L. Johnson second prize—gold locket.

Boys half mile—Earnest McCullough, first, time 1:32; prize—Parlor rifle. Ed McNelly second prize—silver button box.

Special half mile—L. M. Norman, first, time 1:26; prize—Music box. Archie Dargan second prize—Scarf pin.

One mile lap—Isaac Baird, first, time 3:08; Prize—Fine Leather Trunk. L. S. Welsh second prize—Gold Pen.

Boys eighth mile—Walter Norman, first, time 25 seconds; Prize—Silver Watch. Glenn McCullough second prize—Gold Sleeve Buttons.

Special half mile—L. S. Welling, first, time 1:38; Prize—Silk umbrella. B. O. Bristow second prize—Gold Studs.

Two mile handicap—Isaac Baird, first, time 6:25; Prize—Fine shot guns. T. Maybank second prize—Bicycle lantern.

Half mile obstruction S. L. Welsh, first, time 3:28; Prize—Fine valise. L. M. Norman second prize—Pocket knife.

Consolation Race half mile—L. J. Bristow, first, time 1:38; Prize—Fine rocking chair. S. Manne second prize—Gold sleeve buttons.

**Sand-Packed Cotton.**

The most artfully packed bale of cotton was discovered at the Chamption Compress yesterday. The bale bore "A.G.T." and was shipped from Society Hill, S. C. The usual inspection was made and it passed to the press, where it was discovered that some foreign substance prevented the cotton from yielding to the pressure. The bale was removed from the press and opened when there was found in the center about fifty pounds of white sand, showing clearly that it was placed there with the intention of defrauding the case will be thoroughly investigated.—Wilmington Star.

**Two Fire Traps.**

We again call the attention of the Council and of the insurance agents to the two dangerous fire traps that we mentioned some time ago. One of them is a constant menace to the most valuable brick block in town and the other endangers several nice private residences. They should be removed without delay, as it is of paramount importance that the authorities should take every precaution against fire, and neither the negligence or cupidity of private individuals should be allowed to endanger the most valuable property in the town, the loss of which would be a severe blow not only to the owners but to the business interests of the place, and in addition to this will increase the rates of insurance. If the Council has the power to have these dangerous fire traps removed, a word from the insurance agents will bring them down in very short order, and this word they should not hesitate to speak. We have the utmost respect for the rights of private individuals, but this shall not hinder us from insisting that these tinder boxes be removed, and we propose to keep up the fight until they are.

Pants for boys youths and men 50 cents to \$5.00 at Blackwell Bros.

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As a general rule, it is best not to correct costiveness by the use of saline or drastic medicines. When a purgative is needed, the most prompt, effective, and benevolent is Ayer's Pills. Their tendency is to restore, and not weaken, the normal action of the bowels.

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