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IN AND AROUND THE CITY.

WHAT YOU KNOW AND WHAT YOU DON'T KNOW.

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

Who'll be our next governor? Easter comes early this year, March 25.

Washington's birthday is the next legal holiday.

Plenty of fun at the Opera House Friday night.

The early birds are beginning to haul their guano.

The railroads seem to be doing a good freight business just now.

The next meeting of the county commissioners will be March 1st.

Mr. H. T. Harlow, of Florence county, was in the city Saturday.

Mr. H. G. Scarborough, of Bishopville, was in the city last week.

Solicitor J. M. Johnson was in the city a few hours last Saturday.

Mr. C. T. DeLorme, of Dovesville, is in Columbia this week on a short visit.

Mr. W. W. Coker, of the American hotel, Florence, gave us a pop call Monday.

Dr. R. B. R. C. Wallace was on our streets Monday as happy and jolly as ever.

Prof. T. N. Rhodes, of the Florence graded schools, was in Darlington this week.

Messrs. Jesse W. Hatchell and Mack Herring, of Florence, were in the city Monday.

Mr. J. DeJongh, a prominent lawyer of the Florence bar, visited Darlington last Friday.

Mr. Abram Snyder, of the Florence Tobacco Warehouse, spent last Thursday in the city.

Mr. J. R. Coggeshall, of Florence, spent Sunday in Darlington visiting relatives and friends.

Mr. A. C. Spain, of this city, has been spending a few days in the "city by the sea" this week.

Mr. J. S. Gray, of the Florence Tobacco Warehouse, was among the visitors to this city Monday.

Mr. T. S. Stucker, of this county, has accepted a position in the auditor's office in Sumter county.

We will venture the assertion that Darlington has some as fine horses as there are in the country.

Frank Weston the Texas favorite humorist and penman at the Opera House this Friday night.

Dr. E. A. Gasque, a prominent dentist of Florence, was among the visitors to Darlington this week.

Mr. P. A. Wilcox, of the "Chaly Honey" paid his brothers, James and Henry, a snap visit last Saturday.

How do you expect the people to hear the news of your community if you fail to send it to THE HERALD?

The Sheriff shipped a few packages of liquor, that had been seized sometime ago, to the State dispensary on Monday.

Miss Zada Hingson, of Sumter, who has been spending several weeks with Miss Alma McCown, left for her home on Monday.

Rev. B. F. Parrott and wife, of this county, have been visiting relatives in Bishopville, Sumter county, during the past week.

Owing to some misconnection in the freight trains our printing paper did not arrive until the day of publication, hence the delay.

Communications, in order to receive attention, must be accompanied by name and address of the writer—not necessary for publication, but as a guarantee of good faith.

There is a nuisance, dangerous to health on Cashua street, between Mowry street and Columbia avenue that should be abated immediately. Strong complaints have been made against it and for good reasons, too.

Messrs. Frank and Junius Parrott left on Tuesday for Clemson College. There are quite a number of other students from the county but we were not able to secure their names. The college will be full and even then will not be able to accommodate all the applicants.

We find on inquiring that the former manager of THE HERALD collected a good many subscriptions and failed to credit them on the books. Those who hold their receipts will please present them at the office in order that they may be credited for the time they have paid. In this connection we wish to impress upon our friends the importance of being prompt in paying their subscriptions promptly. Of course times are hard, but the money is badly needed, and while the amount is very small for each individual, in the aggregate it amounts to a considerable sum.

TOWNSHIP ASSESSORS

Appointed by the County Auditor for this County.

Following are the names of township assessors, appointed by the county auditor:

Antioch—J. Thos. Goodson, R. H. Boswell, J. S. Hawkins.

Cypress—John W. DuBose, Thos. J. McLendon, S. W. P. DuBose.

Darlington—John H. Early, J. W. Warr, W. J. Rogers.

Hartsville—E. R. Moore, W. S. McIntosh, H. Lide Law.

High Hill—P. A. Wilson, F. E. Stokes, J. F. Garner.

Leavensworth—G. H. Caraway, J. W. Ferguson, J. N. Kirven.

Lisbon—J. S. DuBose, L. L. Gray, J. J. Carter.

Lydia—W. R. S. Lawson, Thos. D. King, C. Rhinehart.

Mecanicville—S. B. Gandy, P. T. Warr, C. J. Milling.

Palmetto—D. M. Smoot, John Siskron, E. G. Jeffords.

Philadelphia—Walter Vaughan, W. F. Wilkes, J. P. Parrott.

Society Hill—J. C. Lampley, W. C. Wilson, B. F. Gandy.

Stokes Bridge—J. W. Woodham, John B. Gardner, Wesley Moore.

Swift Creek—R. N. Howle, Samuel Odum, J. L. Lee.

Attention, City Council.

We have, a good many times, called attention to the nuisance, indulged in by nearly all house-owners, of depositing trash in the streets, and we again request that the council will take some action in regard to the matter. It is not only unsightly but injurious to health, and in addition to this it makes the streets muddier in wet weather and infinitely more dusty when it is dry. Some of the streets are badly disfigured in this way and unless the thing is stopped we will make an investigation of every street in town and publish the names of the people that deposit trash on the streets. Old bottles are not detrimental to health, but do not furnish a very nice material for horses to walk over. The police could easily enforce the ordinance against this, and a few fines imposed will very soon put a stop to the practice. There is absolutely no excuse for it and if those who are guilty, and this includes almost every house owner, won't stop of their own accord they should be made to pay for violating the laws of cleanliness and health. THE HERALD proposes to keep up the fight against this nuisance.

Obituary.

Mrs. Jane Fountain, wife of the late Capt. John Fountain, died in town on Sunday night of last week and was buried at Lowthers Hill on the following day. She was a native of Fairfield county, but had lived in Darlington since her early girlhood. She was a communicant of the Presbyterian church, of which she had been a consistent member for many years. She was noted for her hospitality and kindness of heart, and the doors of her house were ever open to her friends or to the passing stranger. She had reached the ripe age of 78 years, and death to her was a welcome release from the toils and sorrows of life. She leaves one child, Mrs. J. W. Fountain.

Sales by the Sheriff.

The following sales were made by the Sheriff on February 5:

B. A. Early vs. A. L. Wallace—31 acres, B. A. Early, \$500.

State vs. G. H. Crenehaw—65 acres, J. S. Hawkins, \$22.

State vs. Mary E. Bateman—194 acres, Mrs. J. E. Ousley, \$45.

J. N. Kirven vs. W. J. Howle—1 colt, J. N. Kirven, \$30.

State vs. Central Carolina Improvement Company—32 lots in town, Frank Williams, \$75.

Cigars and Cigarettes.

The output of cigars throughout the country during the month of December last amounted only to 325,202,380 against 419,035,103 during the same period in 1892, showing a tremendous decrease of 93,832,723 in December, 1893, as compared with the corresponding period of the previous year.

The output of cigarettes, however, during the same period, shows an increase of 4,645,120, it being 210,115,400 in 1893, and 205,470,280 in 1892. The adverse legislation to which the cigarette is subjected almost all over the country seems rather to stimulate its consumption instead of curtailing it.—U. S. Tobacco Journal.

Cards are out announcing the marriage of Mr. L. M. Normant, of this city, to Miss Sallie McEachin, of Laurinburg, N. C., on the 21st inst.

Read the advertisement of the Book and Toy Company in this issue. They are non-stationary stationers.

The acid chambers of the Darlington Phosphate Company are now completed, and running both night and day.

Get us up a club of six yearly subscribers and you will get THE HERALD free for one year.

WEDDING BELLS.

HAPPY UNION OF TWO POPULAR YOUNG PEOPLE.

Mr. J. B. Bastie, of Greenville, weds Miss Georgie Traxler, of Timmons—Large Number of Relatives and Friends Present.

Again the wedding bells! As their merry notes rang out on the evening of the 7th inst., Miss Georgie Traxler and Mr. J. B. Bastie, of Greenville, S. C., were made one, at the residence of the bride's father, in Timmonsville.

At 8 o'clock, as Mrs. J. F. Cullpepper struck the opening chord of the wedding march, Mr. W. H. Keith and Miss Leila Nash, closely followed by Mr. D. McKenzie and Miss Julia Ragsdale, Mr. J. H. Smith and Miss Cora Ball, Mr. Austin and Miss Lizzie Ragsdale, Mr. Wells and Miss Cora Byrd, Mr. J. W. Ragsdale and Miss Irene Charles, Mr. Chas. Bastie and Miss Ellen Traxler fled into the parlor and arranging themselves left an aisle into which the bride and groom soon appeared and were then made man and wife by Rev. Mr. Spigner.

At 10 o'clock supper was announced and the many friends present repaired to the dining room where an elegant repast was enjoyed by all.

The bride and groom left on the morning of the 8th inst., for Greenville, where they will make their future home, carrying with them the best wishes and many handsome testimonials of their many friends.

Darlington's Tobacco Crop.

The tobacco warehouse has closed for the season, and the following figures will show the amount of business done. A great deal of tobacco was ruined by the August storm and some was shipped elsewhere, but de-pite this the amount handled was considerable and the prices obtained very good. We hardly think that those who shipped to other markets have done any better than they could have done at home:

October, 145,125 pounds for \$12,654.28.
November, 158,324 pounds for \$11,139.19.
December, 77,277 pounds for \$4,309.24.
January, 80,740 pounds for \$4,905.76.
February, 8,991 pounds for \$488.67.
Total, 467,557 pounds for \$32,087.18.
The average price was 7 cents per pound.

Mr. Croxton will not return next season but will be succeeded by Mr. H. H. Tredway, of Chatham, Va. Mr. Croxton has made a good many friends in Darlington who will regret to part with him.

A Pleasant Occasion.

Quite a large number of young folks went over to the large residence of Mr. H. M. Smith, near town, on Friday night, and had a very enjoyable time. It was something in the nature of a surprise party, but Mr. Smith was equal to the occasion and not only gave them a warm welcome but placed his large rooms at their disposal. The evening was very pleasantly spent and everybody had a merry time. We regret that we could not secure the names of those who attended.

Important to Taxpayers.

Those persons who own property in the State will do well to remember that the time for the making of returns of their property for taxation will expire on the 20th day of this month. This is the year when the quinquennial assessment of all real estate is to be made. It is not generally known, but the law requires that the auditor shall assess all real estate at the same figure as five years ago, with 50 per cent. penalty thereon if the owners do not come up and make their returns within the specified date.

The Draining.

It was a western New York farmer, John Johnston, of Geneva, who nearly sixty years ago began the first tile draining in America. The drains he made then are in good condition to-day, and the farm has been kept up to the high degree of fertility which its first owner made for it. After land has been made fertile, if it is in a locality where it can be profitably used for producing other than grain as its staple crop, there is no trouble in keeping it fertile. It is the grain crops that are sold from the farm that exhaust fertility most rapidly. This is especially true of underdrained land. It is saved from the losses by washing that take away fertility from soil that is not drained. Whatever fertility a farmer puts into a drained soil must remain until it is used by crops.

An exchange tells us of a man who claimed that he was too poor to take his county paper, but all the same he read in a down cast paper telling how to prevent horses from slobbering, and he sent \$1.50 for the recipe. When the \$1.50's worth came it read, "Teach your horse to spit."

Take all the children to see the comical Lilliputian Family at the Opera House this Friday night.

Have you got any friends? Are they in town? Tell THE HERALD.

THE COTTON CROP.

Returns to the Department of Agriculture for the Month of February.

Returns to the Department of Agriculture for the month of February which relate to cotton give the estimates of the product compared with last year, proportion sent to market, damaged by insects, average date on which picking closed, etc.

The following are State averages of comparative crop: Virginia, 94; North Carolina, 94; South Carolina, 82; Georgia, 93; Florida, 100; Alabama, 96; Mississippi, 104; Louisiana, 90; Texas, 85; Arkansas, 94; Tennessee, 84; Missouri, 81.

General average, average for the country is 92.1. The proportion of the crop which has been sent from the plantations and therefore in the hands of others than producers, as shown by consolidated returns of correspondents, is 92.2 per cent, leaving 7.8 per cent. of the crop still unmarketed. Correspondents of the department assign as cause for unusually large proportion marketed that producers, owing to stringency of times, have been compelled to part with their holdings to pay debts and meet necessary expenses.

Percentage by States is as follows: Virginia, 85; North Carolina, 88; South Carolina, 90; Georgia, 92.5; Florida, 91; Alabama, 93; Mississippi, 92.4; Louisiana, 94; Texas, 92; Arkansas, 94; Tennessee, 92; Missouri, 92.

Losses from insects have been small. Texas, Louisiana, Arkansas, Mississippi and Alabama, being the only States reporting damage from that cause.

Proportion of lint to seed ranges from 31.7 to 33 per cent. Average 32.2. Price of seed varies from 15.6 to 19.7 cents per bushel.

Average date of the closing of picking was Dec. 2.

QUARTERLY REPORT

Of the Darlington Dispensary to the State Board of Control.

The following is the quarterly report of the county dispenser to the State Board of Control. The figures will explain themselves and show to what extent the dispensary is being patronized:

DARLINGTON, S. C.
To the State Board of Control, Columbia, S. C.

Herewith I beg to submit my report for the quarter ending Jan. 31st, 1894:

Amount of stock on hand Nov. 1st, 1893,	\$1,397.93
Amount of stock bought in quarter	6,323.16
Total amount of stock bought in quarter including amount of inventory Nov. 1, 93	7,721.09
Amount sales at invoice price	3,402.81
Amount stock on hand 31st Jan. 1894,	2,318.25
Shortage and breakage	106.76
Net amount stock Jan. 31, 94	2,211.49
Net profits town and county	1,668.05
Amount sales during quarter	7,081.01
Cost of goods sold	5,402.84
Gross profits	1,678.97
Expenses for quarter	599.92

J. B. FLOYD, Dispenser.

Darlington's First Dispensary Trial

On Tuesday E. D. Nixon, colored, was tried before Justice Floyd for violating the dispensary law, and as it was the first trial under the new dispensary law there was a large crowd present to witness it. The warrant for Nixon's arrest was sworn out by J. I. King, one of the local police. When the proceedings began Mr. Nixon, the counsel for Nixon moved to quash the indictment because the warrant did not state what section of the law Nixon was charged with violating and also because the law was unconstitutional. Justice Floyd overruled the motion and went into the business of selecting a jury. Mr. Nettles objected to the way in which the names were drawn, but was again overruled. The following jury were finally selected: C. W. Hewitt, T. J. Brown, W. L. Kendall, R. Dickinson, W. E. Charles, O. M. Rhodes. We have not space to publish all the testimony in the case, but the State is of the opinion of the jury did not make out its case and Nixon was acquitted.

Hawkers and Pedlers Licenses.

Below we give the amount of the license fees, according to a recent act of the legislature, for itinerant dealers in various commodities. Of course these licenses have no reference to regular merchants, but are only designed to reach a class of dealers who have heretofore escaped paying their share of the taxes:

Each itinerant pedler, \$5; each itinerant dealer in patent medicines, \$5; each itinerant dealer in musical instruments, \$25; each itinerant dealer in sewing machines, \$50; each itinerant dealer in lightning rods, \$25; each itinerant dealer in stoves and ranges, \$25; each itinerant dealer in agricultural implements for a \$5 machine \$5, for a \$10 machine \$10, for a \$25 machine \$25.

Jingle, jingle, jingle!
So the row—the rhymer;
But how our hearts would tingle
If the jingle was in dimes.

AT THE COTTON MILL.

HAPPENINGS AT THE FACTORY THIS WEEK.

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

[From our Regular Correspondent.]

Miss Loula Douglas is visiting relatives in Florence this week.

Mr. E. W. Mixon, of Greelyville, visited relatives in this vicinity last week.

Chief Engineer W. G. Dickson visited his father in Marion, last week.

Mr. Jas. E. Hicks has returned from a pleasant visit to relatives in North Carolina.

Mrs. Traxler and daughter, of Timmonsville, attended the tent meeting last Sunday.

Mr. M. D. Trull has purchased a fine soda fountain, and is waiting on Weather Prophet Hicks for further orders.

Mr. J. L. Bailey, who is teaching school in Williamsburg county, is at home with his family for a day or so.

Mrs. J. A. Williams, of Columbia, who has been visiting her sister, Mrs. John Hewitt, returned to her home this morning.

Messrs. C. C. Matthews and John Stokes have organized a Protestant Methodist Sunday School at the former's residence on old hill.

Mr. C. M. Sullivan has severed his connection with this company, and will in the near future move to Bamberg, where he has obtained work.

Owing to the shut down of the Spartan mills, caused by the explosion there last week, there are several of the operatives from that place visiting relatives and friends here.

Mr. John Holt has rented the Garner store on the corner of Railroad and Law streets and has moved his stock of general merchandise from the Weinburg building on Pearl street.

Mr. James A. Williams, the blacksmith evangelist, has stretched his holiness tent near the C. & D. depot, and is running a holiness meeting. Mr. Williams is being assisted by Messrs. H. H. Merritt and Johnnie Anderson. Large crowds attend every night, and there is a great deal of interest being manifested. Services promptly at 7.30 every night, and at 2.30 every afternoon.

Hanged But Still Alive.

A special from Columbia, Miss., of Feb. 8, says: Wm. Purvis, the young negro who was sentenced to hang here yesterday for the alleged assassination last July of William Beckler, of Marion county, by a gang of white cappers, was duly hanged, but is yet alive. The nose parted and Purvis's neck, instead of being broken, was only slightly abraded by the rope. He fell on his back and remained perfectly still for a few moments. A man rushed forward and bending over the negro asked: "Are you hurt?" From under his black cap, Purvis replied: "For God's sake get me out of this." Others came up and the sheriff made ready to conduct Purvis back to the scaffold for a second attempt.

Four of the board of supervisors were present and they called the sheriff into the courthouse for a conference. Rev. Mr. Sisley, of the Columbia Methodist Church, made an impassioned plea to the spectators, and it was decided by unanimous vote that the execution be postponed. The negro was to-day taken to Meridian, and the facts telegraphed to Governor Stone.

To Appoint a Commission.

Some months ago mention was made of the request sent this State to have a commission of Confederate Veterans—South Carolina soldiers who participated in the battle—appointed to assist commissions from other Southern States, which were represented, in laying off and marking the relative positions of all troops upon the battlefield of Chickamauga. Governor Tillman urged the matter before the State legislature, and that body made an appropriation of \$750 to defray the expenses of such a commission, which is to be appointed by the governor. The governor will very soon appoint the commission. Among other things it will visit the battlefield, locate and stake off the positions occupied by the South Carolina troops and have them appropriately marked.

See Mollie Weston in her great sensational act "Trance Vision" at the Opera House this Friday night.

White corn 75c. per bushel at Deans Bros.

One hundred dozen fresh eggs for sale at Deans Bros.

THE HERALD wants all the news it can get. Tell us what you know.

NEWS CONDENSED IN FORM.

Tersely Put Pertinent Facts About All Manner of Things.

California's mid-winter fair is now in progress.

The very latest is an ocean steamship trust.

Eleven inches of snow fell in New York city Jan. 27.

Uncle Sam made 193,825 silver dollars in his mint last week.

John Brock, the Wilmington, N. C., wife murderer has been captured.

Hicks, the Western weather prophet, says we will have snow this month.

The match trust dividend for 1893 was something like \$1,300,000, or about 14 per cent. on the stock.

A bill giving single women a right to control their own estate has been passed by the legislature of Kentucky.

George Washington, great grandson of Lawrence, brother of the first president, died last week in Savannah, Ga.

Atlanta, Ga., has invited the Grand Army of the Republic to hold its annual encampment in that city in May.

Ohio's legislature has before it a proposition to substitute chloroform for hanging as the method of judicial executions.

Augusti Vaillant, the anarchist who on Dec. 9 last threw a bomb into the chamber of deputies, was executed last Monday in Paris.

New York city will at once spend \$320,000 on park improvements to provide work for the unemployed, and \$250,000 soon afterwards.

John W. Love, cashier of the First National Bank, of Watkins, N. Y., has skipped with \$50,000. He left a note to the effect that he was insane.

Jacob Schaefer, the billiard champion, has decided to spend the next six months abroad, having been offered a large sum to play exhibition games in France.

"John Brown's Fort," as the Harper's Ferry engine house was called, is to be taken down from its site at the eleven's Fair grounds, where only eleven persons paid admission to see it, and returned to Virginia.

The police authorities of Baltimore are in receipt of a communication from John Mobley, of North Carolina, asking if there is a young woman in the prisons of that city who can be released by marrying him.

Dr. Talmage expects to preach his farewell sermon in March, at the Brooklyn tabernacle, and to start, with his wife and two daughters, on his projected tour of the world about April 1. His itinerary will take him westward to Honolulu, then to New Zealand, Austria and India.

V. M. C. A. Convention at Sumter.

SUMTER, Feb. 9.—The Young Men's Christian Association assembled at 8 p. m. yesterday at the Baptist church. The meeting was opened by a song service led by Mr. T. H. Shuler, of Wofford College. The convention was called to order by State President James Dillingham, of Charleston. S. B. Love was chosen secretary pro tem. The address of welcome for the city was made by Maj. H. F. Wilson. For the churches by Rev. C. C. Brown, D. D. These were responded to by E. K. Marshall, of Charleston. The following officers were elected for ensuing year: President, Jas. Dillingham, Charleston; First vice president, W. M. Graham, Sumter; Second vice president, Dr. G. G. Palmer, Cartersville; Third vice president, Geo. S. Bearden, Newberry college; Secretary, S. B. Love, Columbia.

History of the Late War.

The United States government is now producing a history of the late war between the States. It has taken twenty years to compile it. The whole work when completed will embrace 120 huge royal octavo volumes of 1,000 pages each, and a gigantic atlas, and the ultimate cost will be something like \$2,500,000. Each separate book in a set is three inches thick and weighs from 50 to 60 ounces, and the combined weight of an entire set will be 520 pounds, while the volumes if set up in a row on a single shelf of one's library would extend a distance of 30 feet. Eleven thousand copies will be printed, so that the edition will comprise 1,320,000 books of 1,000 printed pages, aggregating 1,320,000,000 pages of matter, exclusive of the atlas. The work is said to be impartial and non partisan.

When Baby was sick, we gave her Castoria.

When she was a Child, she cried for Castoria.

When she became Miss, she clung to Castoria.

When she had Children, she gave them Castoria.

SOUTH CAROLINA NEWS.

EVENTS OF A WEEK IN THE PALMETTO STATE.

Tersely Telling of Passing Events Calculated to Catch the Eye and Interest the Reader.

Aiken is to have city water-works. Clemson College will open tomorrow.

The Newberry College will soon issue a college journal.

Yorkville has decided against a dispensary by a vote of 144 to 73.

Mr. S. A. Townes, the new collector of internal revenue, was sworn into office Feb. 3.

Small roller flour mills have proven quite successful in Spartanburg county.

The terms of office of all supervisors of registration will expire March 1st.

The Palmetto Teacher is now published at Greenwood, instead of Lexington, S. C.

Maj. Marion Moise, of Sumter, is spoken of as a candidate for Secretary of State.

Malcolm Johnstone, of this State, has been nominated by the president as consul to Pernambuco.

The annual meeting of the Grand Lodge of the Royal Arch Masons met in Charleston this week.

The Farmers' Association, of Abbeville county, have decided against holding a March Convention.

The United Banking and Building Company, of Richmond, Va., has organized a branch at Florence.

It is said that Representative Cooper, of Colleton, will be a candidate for Secretary of State.

A fund is being raised at Florence to erect an opera house which is to be 45x75 feet and hold 800 people.

Mr. G. D. Bryan has been nominated by the President as collector of customs for the district of Charleston.

Dr. Sampson Pope, of Newberry, has announced himself as a candidate for governor in the coming election.

The State Supreme Court has taken a recess until April 16, unless sooner called together by the presiding justice.

Eight convicts were sent from Florence county to the State penitentiary last week. They were all negroes except one.