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## ITEMS OF LOCAL INTEREST.

### A COLUMN OF NEWS PICKED UP AROUND TOWN

#### And Put Into Short Paragraphs For Quick Reading By Busy People.

Miss Lula Shaw, of Cades, visited the Misses Nelson, of Kingstree last Saturday.

Mr. Peter G. Gourdin spent a few days with relatives at St. Stephens this week.

Mr. M. F. Heller returned from Georgetown, where he has been selling horses, last Saturday.

Court will convene here on the third Monday in May, with Judge D. A. Townsend on the bench.

The annual examination of applicants for teachers' certificates will be held tomorrow and Saturday.

Miss Lizzie Wallace a beautiful and charming young lady of Atlanta, Ga., is spending some time with relatives in town.

Messrs. Will Dunlop and Lucius Montgomery made a trip to Salters last Saturday afternoon, returning Sunday morning.

Farmers have taken advantage of the recent fair weather and have caught up with quite a lot of the work on the farms which the rain caused to be delayed.

Mr. H. A. Graham, our clever young depot agent, informs us that up to the present time nearly three times as much fertilizers have been received at this point for this season as was received during the entire season last year.

Mr. Lide Tallavast has been "playing the devil" in the County Record office for the past week. Mr. Tallavast says that he expects to be an expert printer in few weeks, and hopes to be able to "double discount" Mr. Brown, our foreman, in settling before the end of the school term.

Mr. J. S. Jopling, a tobacco drummer entertained a small crowd at the Coleman Hotel last Monday night by performing a series of slight-of-hand tricks with coins, cards, etc. Mr. Jopling is a fine performer, and is far superior to many men who gain a livelihood by their "magic" works.

Mr. W. H. Edwards has gone to Timmonsville to take charge of the mechanical department of the Timmonsville Enterprise, edited by Mr. J. W. Ragsdale. Mr. Edwards was for quite a long time connected with the County Record and is a young man of much talent and ability. He will be quite an addition to the Enterprise force.

Mr. R. R. Statts caught a very large gar-fish with a net in Black-river last Monday night. The net was stretched across the stream just below the bridge, at a bend called "rock hole." The fish was a monster, being over four feet in length and weighing over twenty pounds. It was on exhibition at the Dispensary Tuesday.

A gentleman from Lake City told us last Monday that over one hundred crates of strawberries had been shipped from that place this year. What is the matter with the people around here, to allow our neighbors to be so far ahead of us? There must be money to be made from raising strawberries for shipment, or the Lake Citians would not go into the business.

Mr. J. P. Nelson spent Sunday in Scranton.

There are still several cases of measles in Kingstree.

Mr. G. W. Arms made a trip to Ashley Junction last Monday.

Messrs. H. G. Askins and Louis Gilland spent three days in Lake City last week.

Mr. Julian Jacobs went down to Georgetown Monday to visit for a few days.

The banks of the river near Thorne's mill seems to be quite an afternoon resort for the young folks.

The Rev. W. D. Moorer went down to Charleston last Monday, and from there to Walterboro, but is expected to return to-day.

Mr. Peter Gourdin has been confined to his room by illness for several days, but, we are glad to announce, is now able to be out again.

From nearly every section of the county there comes the report that more fertilizers are being used this year than last. We trust this means larger crops.

Traffic manager Bouie, of the Georgetown and Western railroad, accompanied by his family came up last Friday and stayed until Monday visiting the family of Mr. Louis Jacobs.

Dr. H. L. Baker, of Rome, was in town Sunday afternoon and Monday. Dr. Baker expected to meet his father, Rev. W. B. Baker, here, but was disappointed as the latter gentleman got off the train at Lake City.

Mr. Walter Steele is now ticket and baggage agent for the Atlantic Coast Line at Rocky Mount, N. C. Mr. Steele is an old Kings' boy, and has many friends here, all of whom will be glad to learn that he is so pleasantly situated.

While quite a number of young people were frolicing out on the logs near the river bridge a few days ago, a little girl slipped and fell down between two of the timbers into the water, but was immediately rescued and taken back to the land by Mr. Charles J. Lesesne, who fortunately, was near her at the time.

Joe Flemming, the colored man who was committed to jail about a month ago charged with robbing dispenser Stutts, will be given a preliminary hearing before Magistrate Brown to-day. Magistrate Matthews being disqualified by reason of being Mr. Stutts' father-in-law, Mr. Brown was called upon to conduct the preliminary. There is some talk as to why the negro has been kept in jail for so long a time without a preliminary trial, but we are not familiar with the with the details of the case, and can make no comment on the matter whatever.

The greater portion of our new job printing outfit has arrived, and we are now prepared to execute all kinds of printing on very short notice. There is now no excuse for one to send to Charleston or elsewhere to have printing done, as it can be done in this office, right here in Kingstree, just as well, and a great deal quicker. Of course, it will not cost any more to have work done here than it costs anywhere else, for we can and will do it just as cheap as any reputable printing house in the State. Give us a trial order, and be convinced.

## THE LARGEST PEAR TREE

### IN THE SOUTH IS IN WILLIAMSBURG COUNTY.

The Tree Belongs to the Rev. Henry Haddock, of Indiantown.

Perhaps the largest pear tree in the south is in Williamsburg county. Mr. J. T. Brown, who travels for a Waycross, Ga., nursery, and who has traveled in every southern State, and who has made a life-long study of fruit trees, says that the largest pear tree he has ever seen is one on Rev. Henry Haddock's place, in the Indiantown neighborhood. Mr. Brown was in that section last week, and, hearing of the tree, went to Mr. Haddock's and requested that gentleman to show it to him. Mr. Haddock and Mr. Brown proceeded to the tree, and Mr. Brown asked for a rope to measure it, saying that it was undoubtedly the largest pear tree in existence. The tree was measured by the two gentlemen, and it was found to be six and one-half feet in circumference, and measured forty five feet across the branches. The height was estimated at forty feet. Mr. Haddock has gathered as much as sixty bushels of matured fruit from the tree in one year, besides that picked before the end of the season. Several of Mr. Haddock's neighbors say that there is no doubt that the tree has borne seventy-five bushels of fruit in a single season.

The most remarkable thing about the tree is that it has never "blighted," that is, the branches have never died and decayed back to the trunk of the tree. Mr. Brown, who is well-up upon such matters, and who may be quoted as reliable authority, says that the fact of the tree having never "blighted" is the most wonderful thing connected with it, as he, in all his career as a fruit tree salesman, has never before seen a pear tree that had not suffered in this way?

Who can beat this in the way of a pear tree.

All the latest styles in job printing can now be done in The County Record office.

Kingstree is no doubt the only county seat in South Carolina that has no lock boxes in the post-office. What is the reason of this? Have our business men ever requested the government to give us lock boxes? It would be a great accommodation and convenience to both the patrons of the office and the postmaster.

#### Lodge Notice.

The next regular communication of Lake City Lodge, No. 193, A. F. M. will be holden Saturday afternoon, April 24, 1897, at 4 o'clock sharp.

E. T. MOODY, W. M.

W. FRANCIS KENNEDY, Sec.

Next Sunday will be Easter, so lookout for new hats and dresses.

An Illinois farmer has discovered that seed corn soaked in coal oil renders the growing corn proof against the chinch bug. The seed for five acres were soaked in coal oil, and that for forty acres was not. The chinch bugs ate up the corn in the forty acre field, but never touched that on the five acres.

The County Record, \$1 a year.

#### Of Interest to Farmers.

We have been requested to call the attention of the farmers to the notice of President Craighead, of Clemson College, calling for correspondences looking to the establishment of farmers' institutes, which was published in last week's County Record, and to urge the establishment of such an institute in this county. These institutes cost the farmers not one cent, and are very instructive and beneficial. The professors of Clemson College attend the meetings and address the members upon various subjects.

Every county in the State is entitled to at least one, and if we do not secure it at Kingstree, there is no doubt that some other town in Williamsburg county will organize one. As above stated, the organization does not cost the farmers a cent, Clemson College bearing all the expenses. All that is necessary in order to establish a farmers institute is to request Mr. Craighead to come and organize one, and it will be done. Let our farmers be "up and doing" before some of our more enterprising neighbors send in a petition and secure the prize. Get up a petition and have several farmers or others to sign it and forward the same to President E. B. Craighead, Clemson College, S. C., and he will arrange the dates.

Smoke "Pride of Darlington" tobacco, grown in South Carolina and manufactured in Darlington. For sale by W. G. Elwell, Manager.

#### Ex-President Harrison's Success as an Author.

Ex-President Harrison will conclude his series of papers on life in the White House in the May Ladies Home Journal, and take a respite from his literary labors which have so profitably and congenially occupied him for more than a year. General Harrison is the first President to show the public through the White House, "upstairs, downstairs," etc., and to detail the President's daily routine, and social and domestic phases of life in the Executive Mansion. He is also the first Chief Magistrate to crystallize his knowledge and the experience gained as Chief Executive in a series of lucid, instructive and interesting magazine articles on the functions of our government, such as were "This Country of Ours" papers.

The postoffice now opens at night, shortly after the arrival of the last mail train from Charleston.

Old papers for sale at this office.

A lady asks us whether etiquette requires one knock at the door of an editor. We hasten to reply. If you are coming to pay your subscription or bring in a nice juicy item of news, don't stop to knock, just walk right in as if you owned the place. On the other hand, if you are out on a collecting tour, you should make the fact known through the window, and then knock at the door until the editor opens it. You may sink down from exhaustion before he does so, but you will be adhering to printing office etiquette, and that is bound to please the editor.

## ACCORDING TO PROMISE

### WE ISSUE AN EIGHT-PAGE PAPER THIS WEEK.

The Enlargement is A Permanent Improvement.—The Price to be the Same.

In accordance with the announcement previously made, we issue an eight-page paper this week, heretofore our subscribers have been receiving only four pages of matter, two of which were devoted entirely to State and general news, and two to town and county matters. This week, however, and in the future eight pages will be issued, four of which will be devoted exclusively to town and county matters. Of course this will give two pages more than usual devoted to State news and miscellaneous matters all of which will be very carefully selected, and which we hope our readers will appreciate.

The County Record is now the largest newspaper ever published in Williamsburg county, and is also the cheapest considering the fact that there is about twice as much value received now as heretofore.

It is our intention to make this paper one of the best county papers in the State, and to this end we will bend every effort. We hope to soon have correspondents from every postoffice in the county, and we will then be prepared to give all the news of Williamsburg. We have already succeeded in securing correspondents at several points, but wish to get others from other places.

Remember, the subscription of the County Record will remain the same, one dollar a year in advance. Think of it! 48 columns of reading matter each week for 52 weeks, or 2,496 columns in all, for only one dollar!

#### The Liberty School.

Editor County Record:

Some earnest work is being done in the Liberty school. As an evidence of this, the following pupils stand upon their own merits, each of them having averaged 95 on their March examination. Lena and Harhe Duke, Timmons, Jeddie, Charles Cockfield, Nina, Addie, Cleveland and Effie Baker, Ina and Alice McAlister, Lynsy Lynch, Daisy Lee, and Sue Carter.

Scranton, S. C., April 4 '97.

#### Free.

The Gospel Temperance Union will be sent free all over South Carolina to those unable to subscribe, and at 25 cents a year to all others. Two cents extra gets a beautiful story book.

The paper is intended to be a red hot flaming witness on church temperance lines against the demon of strong drink in all its phases, especially the liquor traffic.

Send addresses to the GOSPEL TEMPERANCE UNION, Columbia, S. C.

The State railroad commission has received from the citizens of St. Louis, Mo., a most cordial invitation to attend the annual convention of the railroad commissioners of all the States to be held in that city on May 11. The meeting will be an important one. All three of the members of the board will go, as also Secretary Duncan, who is likewise invited.—The State.

#### A Correction.

Editor County Record:—

In publishing from my minutes of the County Board of Commissioners last week, I notice that you have made some little errors. In the first place you are in error as to the special tax—it should read as follows: "That the Auditor is hereby authorized to levy a tax of 30 mills upon all stock in Anderson, Suttons and a part of Penn townships for the Stock Law fence."

In reference to Mr. R. D. Rollins' official bond, you should have said the bond was presented for approval and that the Board consulted their legal advisor only as to the standing of the sureties; the bond was approved.

J. J. B. MONTGOMERY,  
Sec. & Clerk.

Kingstree, S. C., April 12 '97.

[We gladly give space to the above card, as we do not wish to report anything incorrectly. The paper from which we got our data for the proceedings of the board meeting was only a "skeleton," and was not written in full, hence the errors.]

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### "You May Rip

the roots from the Greek verb and algebraic quantity, but they are worthless unless transplanted to a fertile soil in you; you may read of low priced articles week after week but they avail you nothing unless you take advantage of the bargains offered; you may know that Lesesne & Epps sell oxfords for 50c up, but you can't wear a pair of them Easter unless you buy them as have your neighbor; you may know that a fine straw hat will contribute greatly to your appearance, but not know that you can get it from us at from 25 cts. to \$1.00; you may know that coffee is a great luxury, but not know that it will cost you here only 10 1/2 and 20c per lb.; you may chew tobacco and not know that the best the world affords for the money can be had from us; you may think that life is a struggle, but if you want to know that a good living can be bought cheap, seek the information from the store of

LESSENE & EPPS.

We have a lot of old babble metal on hand for sale at 10 cents per pound.

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GEO. S. BARR, Manager.

**THE IDEAL STOPPING PLACE**  
REASONABLE RATES.

**A FIRST-CLASS LIVERY Stable in Connection**  
GIVE US A TRIAL.

**Wanted—An Idea**  
Who can think of some thing to do to make the County Record more interesting to our readers? Write JOHN WEDDERBURN & CO., Patent Attorneys, Washington, D. C. for their plan and list of two hundred inventions wanted.