

ITEMS OF LOCAL INTEREST.

A COLUMN OF NEWS PICKED UP AROUND TOWN

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

Miss Beatrice Graham went up to Darlington last Monday.

Mr. Charles J. Lesesne spent several days in Manning this week.

Editor W. David Shaw, of Lake City, spent Saturday in Kingstree.

Dr. R. J. McCabe returned last Saturday from an extended trip to Georgetown.

Mr. Willie Dunlop visited his parents, near Indiantown, last Friday and Saturday.

Messrs. S. M. Beatty, and J. C. Carson, of Cades, were in town on business last Saturday.

The Rev. J. E. Dunlop conducted services at the Presbyterian church last Sunday afternoon.

Mr. and Mrs. W. H. Edwards, of Timmonsville, spent Sunday with the latter's parents in Kingstree.

Old man Seeby was carried to Columbia and placed in the State Hospital for the Insane, last Saturday.

Several people from Fowlers, Indiantown and other places came in Sunday to attend services at the Episcopal and Presbyterian churches.

The Rev. Robt. A. Few, pastor of the Methodist church near Indiantown, was married last Tuesday to Miss Tryphosa Davis, of Manning.

Col. B. Pressley Barron, of Mannin, spent a day or two in Kingstree last week, attending to legal business.

Mr. Tom Sudlow, the superintendent of the electric light plant at Florence, was in Kingstree last Friday putting up a new telephone line from the Coleman Hotel to the depot.

Mr. W. E. Cook, of Scranton, was in Kingstree several days this and last week. Mr. Cook's numerous friends were glad to see him on our streets again, and he was equally as pleased to meet them.

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Dr. Liston Johnson returned from the Baltimore (Md.) Medical College last Friday night, a full-fledged "M. D." Dr. Johnson is a young man of great ability and will no doubt earn a position of high rank in the medical profession.

Misses Hattie Kershaw and Mabel Rollins, of Lake City visited the family of T. M. Gilland Esq., last week. Miss Kershaw returned to Lake City Monday morning, but Miss Rollins remained in Kingstree and attended the hop Tuesday night.

Joe Hamlin and Willie Young, two ebony-hued youths, were arrested at Cades last Saturday charged with burglarizing the store of Mr. E. S. Sauls, near Fowlers. The negroes were given a preliminary hearing before Magistrate J. H. V. Gaskins, at Lake City, and were committed to jail to await trial at the coming term of court.

AN INCIPIENT FIRE.

The Residence of Dr. McCabe Slightly Damaged.

About one o'clock last Saturday afternoon the residence of Dr. R. J. McCabe was found to be on fire, but the prompt action of the citizens prevented what might have been a serious conflagration.

The fire evidently caught from sparks from the stove chimney, as the roof was in a blaze near the flue, but not immediately around it. When discovered, the fire had probably been burning but a very short while, as only a small place in the roof was damaged.

As Dr. McCabe's building is the first of a long range of wooden structures, there can be no doubt that the entire block would have burned had the fire not been checked in its incipency, and it is well that it was discovered in time to prevent a conflagration.

Another Fire.

Information reached here on Monday that the residence of Mr. Hugh McCutchen, who lives in the Indiantown neighborhood, together with its entire contents, had been totally destroyed by fire about midnight Sunday night.

Mr. and Mrs. McCutchen were both in Kingstree all day Sunday, returning to Indiantown late in the afternoon. No fire had been in the house for several hours, and it is supposed that the flames originated from matches stolen by rats. Every effort was made to obtain reliable information as to the amount of Mr. McCutchen's loss, but nothing definite could be found out. It was told us upon good authority that there was no insurance whatever upon any of the property, and the loss will fall heavily upon Mr. McCutchen.

Cheap Rates to Wilmington.

The Atlantic Coast Line will sell round-trip tickets to Wilmington, N. C., on account of the Southern Baptist Convention, at the rate of one first-class fare for the round trip, which from Kingstree will be \$1.95. Tickets will be on sale from May 3rd to the 7th, inclusive, with final limit fifteen days from date of sale. Parties desiring to make a longer stay in Wilmington will deposit their tickets with the Atlantic Coast Line agent at Wilmington prior to May 15th and an extension of fifteen days will be given. Already several parties have signified an intention of attending the convention, and no doubt several more will take advantage of the cheap rates and attend.

Hotel Arrivals.

The following is a list of the arrivals at the Coleman Hotel for the past week:

M. E. McDonald, Mrs. A. S. Cheek, W. W. Zachy, J. M. Atkinson, W. Tomlinson, T. H. McEachern, J. W. Corey, Tom Sudlow, B. Pressley Barron, B. F. Jones, Mack Koshland, M. H. Bird, W. S. Camlin Jr., S. H. Alspaugh, C. J. Cooper, J. W. Coward, S. M. B. Scott, N. D. Lesesne, W. Partridge, J. W. Josey, A. H. Breedon, Mrs. D. J. Pipkin, R. B. Smith, A. W. Montgomery, W. R. Scott, J. N. Hammet, Jno. C. Lanham, C. J. Lesesne, H. G. Askins, W. E. Cook, Edwin C. Epps, John. Epps, A. S. Barnhill.

The supervisors of Williamsburg and Florence counties will meet at Johnson's ferry, Lynches river, on May the 4th, for the purpose of letting the contract for building a bridge across the stream. See advertisement elsewhere.

MURDER MOST FOUL!

TWO APPARENTLY HARMLESS MEN KILLED NEAR HERE.

Both the Murderers and the Motive Unknown.—Three Negroes Arrested on Suspicion.

Perhaps the most dastardly deed ever committed on Williamsburg county soil was the double murder, causing the death of two apparently harmless Italians, which occurred about four miles below Kingstree, near Salters, last Saturday night. Both the murdered men and the murderers are unknown.

The murder was discovered by Mr. Ed. McClary, a young farmer, who lives near Salters, about 7 o'clock Sunday morning. Mr. McClary was passing the scene, totally unaware of any terrible crime having been committed, when his dog began a loud barking and howling near a ditch. Mr. McClary went over to the ditch to see what was attracting the dog's attention, and was horrified to see lying in the ditch the body of a white man, cold and stiff in death. Mr. McClary hurried to Salters and reported his discovery. At once a large crowd went to the scene and viewed the remains of the unfortunate foreigner. The crowd rapidly increased in numbers, almost every one being armed. One of the party strolled into the edge of the woods near by, and there found another dead body, that of an old man, with gray beard. Immediately a search for more bodies was instituted, but, of course, none were found.

By this time all was excitement. No one seemed to know just what to do. The murdered men were total strangers, and seemed to be tramps and no motive could be found for the murder. It was afterwards learned that the men were peddlers and had been seen with a peddler's pack.

In the search for more bodies, a valise was found. This was described to us by Magistrate Liffage, who held the inquest, as "a canvas covered telescope, about fifteen by twenty-four inches in size." This was near a rail fence, in a thick portion of the woods. The valise had been opened and nearly everything taken away. A coat, a pair of gloves and one or two other little articles were found near by. A certified copy of naturalization papers was found in the valise, bearing the name Terge Viregeneo, which probably was one of the murdered men, but there is nothing whatever to show which of the men the papers belonged to.

About four o'clock Sunday afternoon Magistrate J. G. Liffage summoned a jury and held an inquest. The autopsy was made by Dr. I. N. Boyd. His testimony was all that was brought out before the coroner's jury. The examination showed that the young man's throat was cut in three places, his skull was fractured, and a rifle ball had passed through the body, piercing the heart. The old man's throat had been cut from ear to ear, the head being almost severed from the body. The jury returned the following verdict:

"We, the jury, find that two unknown men came to their death, one from a gun-shot wound, and the other from having his throat cut, by parties unknown to the jury."

In the meantime, posses had been organized and sent in every direction to search for the mur-

derers. The sheriff was notified, and he wired to Florence for blood hounds, but, for some reason, did not get them.

As soon as the news of the horrible murder reached Kingstree, scores of our citizens went to the scene and viewed the bodies. Almost every man in the enormous crowd around the murdered men was heavily armed. Suspicion was attached to three strange negroes, who had committed other criminal acts around Salters, and a description of them was telegraphed in every direction. Armed men watched the streets of Salters, Kingstree and Lake City all of Sunday night, but the murderers then had a twenty-four hours' start on their flight. Three negroes, filling the description of the supposed murderers, passed through Lake City early Sunday morning, but no one there knew at that time anything of the murder.

About two o'clock Monday afternoon operator Grimsley, of Lake City, wired Mr. H. A. Graham that three negroes had just been arrested there on suspicion. As soon as the fact was made known to sheriff Daniel, he wired Mayor Severance to hold the prisoners until he could send for them. Mr. Daniel, accompanied by Mr. H. G. Askins, a special deputy, and a reporter for The County Record, went to Lake City Monday evening, and the negroes were brought to Kingstree Monday night. A large crowd met the sheriff at the depot upon his return with the prisoners. Threats of lynching if the negroes proved to be the right parties were heard here Monday, but the crowd at the depot was very orderly and quiet.

Our reporter interviewed several prominent men in Lake City, and was told by all of them that the prisoners were not the three men seen there Sunday. Upon being interrogated, the negroes gave us their names, ages and addresses as follows: Oscar Simmons, age 17, 10 Short street; Nat Phelps, age 17, 26 Burns lane, and Joseph Richardson, age 19, 16 Market street, all of Charleston. They all told pretty much the same tale, which was prepared for publication, but was left out after an interview with Mr. M. J. McManus, of the Charleston detective force.

Sheriff Daniel received a telegram from Mr. J. Elmore Martin, chief of Charleston's police force, telling him that the negroes were wanted in Charleston. Mr. McManus was sent up Tuesday afternoon, and interviewed the three boys. When seen by The County Record man, Mr. McManus said that Simmons was wanted for robbing a house on Savage street, in Charleston, two months ago. Richard and Simmons have not long been released from prison in Richmond, Va. All three boys are well known to the Charleston police. When questioned as to what Phelps and Richardson did in Charleston that he should want them, the detective smiled and replied dryly that he did not want them, they were only "needed" there at times. While the detective talked freely on some points, he was non-committal on others. On evidence discovered yesterday, the authorities here decided to hold the prisoners, and the Charleston detective returned alone.

The negroes claim they were in Charleston Friday: Sam Nelson, a colored man living near Salters,

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A BEAUTIFUL WEDDING.

NUPTIALS OF DR. BAKER AND MISS HEMMINGWAY.

A Beautiful Wedding Ceremony Performed in Union Church Makes The Two One.

The most notable event that has transpired in the social domain of this community in many a day was the marriage of Dr. H. L. Baker to Miss Belle Hemmingway which took place at Union church on the evening of the 14th inst., the Rev. Geo. W. Davis officiating.

Promptly at 8:30 o'clock, to the measured strains of the wedding march, beautifully rendered by Mrs. Geo. Hemmingway, the bridal party, preceded by Messrs. W. E. Cook, of Scranton, and W. J. Durant, of Rome, ushers, filed in in regular order and took their respective positions. The bride and groom came down the aisle, immediately preceded by two little flower girls, and assumed their proper place. The ceremony was then read in the most solemn and impressive manner by the officiating clergyman, making the two man and wife. The church was brilliantly lighted and beautifully decorated for the occasion.

A beautiful floral arch was constructed over the place the bride and groom stood, and suspended from this was a heart, pierced by Cupid's shaft. The initial letters, "B. H. to H. B.," of golden foil were attached to the top of the arch.

After the marriage the bridal party and the invited guest repaired to the hospitable home of Capt. W. C. Hemmingway, the brides father, where a reception was tendered.

A sumptuous supper was served, and after refreshing the inner man, the guest were charmingly entertained by some fine selection of music beautifully rendered by some of the young ladies and the Messrs. Johnson. The bride was the recipient of many handsome and useful presents. We regret that lack of the desired data prevents us from giving a more adequate description of this occasion. Our best wishes are extended to the happy couple.

FRIEND.

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

The County Record.

Damage to the Lower Bridge.

The "lower" bridge across Black river was almost totally destroyed last Friday by a raft of logs. Mr. J. A. Ferrell, of Salters, was in town the day on which the bridge was damaged, and he said that he saw two rafts of logs floating down the river, with no one guiding them. The first of the rafts passed under the bridge, but the next one struck the piles and knocked the foundation from under about fifty feet of the bridge, and almost the entire structure fell into the stream.

There is a law on the statute books of South Carolina prohibiting rafts being floated down navigable water-ways without someone to guide them, and this matter should be looked into by the proper authorities, and the guilty parties made to repair the damage.

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MEMORIAL DAY EXERCISES.

The Tenth of May to be Observed in Kingstree.

"Memorial Day" will be appropriately observed in Kingstree. Recitations, speeches, etc. will be delivered, and a large crowd is expected to be present. Messrs. S. P. H. Elwell, Louis Jacobs and E. C. Dennis compose the committee on arrangements, and this fact, of itself, assures the successful carrying out of all plans. An invitation will be extended camp Pressley, U. C. V., and to the Lake City Light Dragoons, and it is hoped that every veteran and every member of the company will be present.

A most interesting programme has been prepared, and will be published in due time. "Memorial Day" is just a little over two weeks off, and everyone in the county who can possibly do so should arrange to attend the exercises in Kingstree.

Joe Flemming, the negro charged with robbing dispenser Stutts, was given a preliminary hearing before Magistrate Brown last Thursday, and was committed to jail to await trial at the May term of the Court General Session.

Supervisor B. B. Chandler is in Florence to-day looking after the chains, guns, etc. for the county chain-gang. Mr. Chandler says there are several convicts from this county who are now in the penitentiary, whom he can have brought here to serve on the chain-gang, so he will not want for material to organize a squad. The only trouble he anticipates is in getting a suitable man to act as guard. This man must be made of the right sort of "stuff," and Mr. Chandler says he cannot decide upon one.

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