

MINOR LOCAL MATTERS.

AFFAIRS CAUGHT BY OUR LOCAL REPORTER AND NOTED.

Written in Condensed Form and Printed in Like Manner for the Sake of our Weary Readers.

Every good citizen pays for his paper.

If your Record fails to reach you, please notify us.

The Masonic picnic takes place today at the lower Bridge. The public are invited.

Who will be the first to send us a watermelon and thereby win the prize we offered?

The family of Dr. R. J. McCabe, and Misses Lula and Lizzie Wallace will leave for Atlanta Saturday morning.

Several of our citizens have expressed a determination to go to Atlanta on the Charleston excursion next Saturday.

We were favored with a visit from Mr. W. G. Cantly last week—and more than a visit, he pitched us some "elegant wherewith."

Several gentlemen from Kings tree went to Charleston Tuesday on an excursion which was run from Florence to that city.

We have received another cotton blossom, from Mr. J. P. Epps, of Cades. While the bloom opened on the 15th of June, we did not get it until the 19th.

The county superintendent of education requests all school trustees who have not sent in their annual reports, to do so at once, and thus avoid complications.

An accident occurred to the down through freight while at Cades last Wednesday night, causing considerable trouble and delay. No serious damage was done.

We received a cotton bloom from Mr. Roper Fendergrass on Sunday, which opened Friday. This makes the fifth bloom we have received and we guess there are blooms in nearly every cotton field in the county by this time.

The first cotton bloom of the season was sent in on the 16th inst by M. N. W. Baggett, of Gourdin. Capt. W. H. Kennedy, of Indiantown, had blooms on the 15th, but we received Mr. Baggett's first. Now who will send in the first open boll of cotton?

There was a rumor afloat on the streets of Kingstree last week that a colored man had been appointed postmaster at this place, and that Mrs. Chandler had been ordered to turn over the effects of the office to him, but Mrs. Chandler informs us that no such order has been received, and no confirmation of the rumor could be obtained.

Mr. Ervin M. Smith took charge of the Judge of Probate's office last Saturday. A justice of the Supreme Court had an order served upon Mr. J. Z. McConnell last week instructing him to turn over to Mr. Smith. The latter did not come into town until Saturday, and Mr. McConnell had then left town and his whereabouts were unknown to Mr. Smith, so the latter simply took charge of the office. The attorney of Mr. Smith informs us that there is an apparent shortage of several hundreds of dollars in Mr. McConnell's accounts.

There was no service in the Methodist church last Sunday night.

Quite a number of our "sports" are going to attend the picnic and baseball game at Lake City tomorrow.

The examination of applicants for county teachers' certificates will be held in the court house tomorrow (Friday).

A petition has been presented to the town council requesting the erection of a watering-trough at the artesian well in front of Mrs. E. T. Sweet's residence.

The special committee of the Grand Jury appointed to examine the books of the different county officers inspected the office of the judge of probate last Monday.

Invitations are out announcing the marriage of Dr. Liston B. Johnson and Miss May Kellahan, which will take place at the home of the bride's grandfather, Dr. W. L. Wallace, to-night.

In accordance with the previous announcement, the school picnic was held at Kinder's grove last Friday. Quite a crowd was present, and everybody seemed to have had a very enjoyable day. The long tables were crowded with all manner of eatables, and the way those present "went at it" indicated that a day in the country increased one's usual appetite. As is usually the case the day was warm, but this fact did not seem to have any effect upon the people, who went right ahead with their games, etc. in regular holiday fashion.

The Kingstree baseball club has accepted a challenge from the Lake City nine to play a game at Lake City tomorrow (Friday), and will go up there in the morning to play the game. Our boys have just had new uniforms made and have been practicing every day this week. Of course they expect to win but it is said they will have to do good playing to defeat the team of our sister town. The Kingstree nine is made up as follows:

Julian Jacobs, captain; Louis Gilland, Hay McClary, Nappie Jacobs, W. S. Moore, T. J. Brown, J. W. Arms, W. G. Elwell, H. G. Askins and J. S. Scott, substitute.

Three wagon-loads of young people, chaperoned by Mrs. Louis Jacobs and Mrs. T. M. Gilland, went off on a straw-ride last Wednesday night. The trip was to the white sand-hills on Mr. James McClary's place, about three miles from Kingstree, and a gay time was had by everyone of the partakers. Bugles, bells, tamborines, etc., furnished some of the noise, and the vocal organs of the riders made up the balance. The following were among the merry throng; Misses Etta Jacobs, Sallie Wilson, Lizzie Wallace, Annie Thompson, Anna Elwell, Bessie Kelly, Mamie Jacobs, Florence Benjamin, Barbara Levy, Retta Withers, Essie Benjamin, Dell Kellahan, Lula Strong, Mildred McCabe, Barbara Jacobs, Alma Kelly; Messrs. Montie Jacobs, E. C. Dennis, W. S. Lynch, Willie Montgomery, C. J. Lesesne, Emile Arrowsmith, Montie Scott, Louis Gilland, Hay McClary, T. J. Brown, Nappie Jacobs, Willie Dunlop, Lide Tallevast, Dick Wallace, Dan Cooper. Other rides will probably be taken during the moonlight nights of July.

PERSONAL PARAGRAPHS.

BRIEF MENTION OF PEOPLE YOU KNOW AND DON'T KNOW.

Those of Our Citizens Who are Visiting at Other Places.—Our Visitors.—Other Mention.

Mr. W. S. Moore, of Greens, spent Monday in Kingstree.

Mr. W. S. Lynch has gone out to visit his parents, at Lynch, S. C.

Mr. R. K. Wallace will leave Saturday for a short trip to Atlanta.

Mr. N. G. Wade, of Bingham, S. C., was in town on business last Tuesday.

Master Wilmont Gilland is spending some time with friends in Lake City.

Dr. S. P. H. Elwell left on Monday for Nashville to attend the reunion of Confederate veterans.

Miss Mildred McCabe left Friday for Lake City, where she will spend several days with the Misses Rollins.

Mr. Dan Cooper, from the Indiantown neighborhood, has been spending several days in town during the past week.

Messrs. Hart Graham and Willie Holleman went up to Scranton last Saturday morning to spend several days with relatives.

Mr. Willie Dunlop returned to his home in the country Monday. Mr. Dunlop has been attending school here, an is well known by all of our citizens. It is hoped that he will return next year to again attend the academy.

Mr. Herbert Graham will leave in a few days for a short trip to the up country. A Mr. Cooper, one of the special agents of the Coast Lane, will have charge of the depot here during Mr. Graham's absence.

Mr. E. C. Dennis left on Wednesday for a visit to relatives at his old home in Bishopville. Mr. Dennis has made one of the best principals our school has ever had and we are glad to say that he will return for the next term.

Mr. Wm. David Shaw, late editor of the Lake City Times, accompanied by his cousin, Mr. Nesmith, of Dock, paid us a pleasant call last Tuesday. Mr. Shaw is an all-round newspaper man, and deserves recognition among the journalistic fraternity of the State. He is going on a trip into the upper portion of the State in a few days and we hope soon to hear that he has a position on some up-to-date paper.

Mr. J. Lide Tallevast left Sunday for Lake City to attend the Commencement exercises of the Lake City High School. From that town Mr. Tallevast will go to his home at Dock. During his stay in Kingstree as a pupil of the Kingstree Academy, Mr. Tallevast has made a host of friends, all of whom regret his departure, and hope he will return ere long.

Miss Katie Lee Dickson, the popular young school teacher, left Friday afternoon for New York city, where she will spend some time. Miss Dickson has many friends in Kingstree, and all of them will be glad to know that she will return next session and teach in our school again.

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Mrs. F. C. Rodgers, of Lake City, was in Kingstree last Monday.

Mr. Olin Epps returned last week from Spartanburg, where he has been attending Wofford college.

Solicitor Jno. S. Wilson, accompanied by his little son, Ingram, was in town a day or two last week.

The traveling public will be glad to know that there will soon be a new bridge across Black river at Kingstree on the Greeleyville road. The county commissioners will let the contract for building the bridge on Tuesday, July 6th.

Mr. G. T. Bullard will move into the residence just across the branch occupied until recently by the family of Mr. J. Z. McConnell, Jr., sometime the latter part of this, or first part of next week. Mrs. Bullard and child are expected to return to Kingstree in a few days.

Mr. W. T. Gaynor, a New York capitalist, and Mr. R. G. Ross, a phosphate-rock miner of Florida, have been in this county for several days digging specimens of rock which is supposed to contain excellent phosphate qualities. The gentlemen carried away several specimens gotten from different parts of the county and will have them analyzed.

The Sunday School Institute

The following is the programme for the Bethlehem Sunday school institute, which will be held in the Black Mingo church beginning Saturday, July 3rd:

Review of the past quarter, by Rev. W. D. Moorer; History covering the next quarter, Rev. W. P. Holland; Paul's second missionary journey, Joel E. Brunson; Preparing the lesson-methods and helps, B. F. Brockinton, Sr.; Short talks on leading the young to Christ, music in the Sunday school Sunday schools and missions, etc.

Dinner will be served on the grounds in regular picnic style. The public are cordially invited to attend.

Who is Your Choice?

Solicitor Monroe Johnson and Sheriff Pradham are both candidates for the seat made vacant in the lower house of Congress by the promotion of John L. McLaurin to the U. S. Senate. They are both men of resources and would be watchful of the interests of their constituents. LESESNE & EPPS are also in the field and are so closely identified with four interests as to be able to do you more good than you can ever receive through legislation. They bring almost to your doors the necessities of life and give them to you on such small margins of profit as to make it decidedly to your interest to buy of them. You doubtless need a steel wire chain, so as to be able to tether your cow out where she can win her own living. Then you need a grass blade to procure an abundance of forage for that season when the grass is no more and the leaves began to fall. Both these articles, with most any other piece of hardware, and your fit in shoes your wants in groceries and tobacco and your needs in most any thing else can be had at lowest prices from

LESSENE & EPPS.

NEWS FROM THE COUNTY.

SEVERAL LETTERS CONTAINING VALUABLE NEWS.

Items of Interest From Different Sections, All Boiled Down For Quick Reading.

DOCK

Every farmer is out of the grass and their crops are growing nicely.

It is said that Mr. J. F. Chandler will have melons on the market next Saturday. This writer enjoyed cantaloupes for breakfast Sunday last.

Mr. Stuart Cunningham, of Indiantown, was here Saturday evening. His visits are regular—you know why.

Mr. R. J. Nesmith was on the sick list again last week. He anticipates some recreation and rest soon.

There are quite a number of cases of chills and fever through this section. The people expose themselves too much, and do not take medicine as they should. The "M. D.'s" don't care.

At this writing Mr. D. D. Rhem is dangerously ill; has been growing worse since Friday. Drs. Taylor, of Morrisville, Baker, of Rome, and Sparkman, of Georgetown, are at his bedside, and under their care it is hoped he will survive.

Mr. Wm. D. Shaw, after several weeks visit to his aunt, Mrs. L. J. Nesmith, has gone to the up-country. He was accompanied by his cousin, W. E. Nesmith, as far as Kingstree.

Rev. Mr. Few, the Methodist minister on this circuit, has given up the circuit, on account of ill health, it is said.

Mr. and Mrs. W. Tallevast, of Florence, and "Kit" Tallevast, of Cades, are visiting their parents, Mr. and Mrs. H. P. Tallevast.

Quite a severe wind storm passed over this section Thursday night. Not much damage done—some corn blown down.

We have a number of alligators in the bays in the woods here. "Capt" Frank Nesmith, who "rides the turpentine woods" for F. Rhem & Sons, reports that an old gator and sixteen young ones dwell in White bay. The smallest is not less than three feet long and the mother will measure eight or nine feet. The most remarkable thing is that the young ones have become so familiar with the "Capt." that they will eat from his hand. When he is heard coming they rush out of the water to meet him. He says he has too high a regard for his health to get too familiar with the old one. They eat pigs and lambs.

Mr. H. P. Tallevast has pulled the first ripe melon in this section. Mr. Editor, you have made a very liberal offer to those that plant melons, and no doubt it will be taken advantage of.

Misses Virginia and Sallie Coker, of Rhems, visited Miss Ethel Nesmith Wednesday and Thursday of this week.

"Children's Day" will be celebrated at the Indiantown Presbyterian church next Sunday.

The lakes are in good fix for fishing again, and your scribe is swingin' 'em.

"BLUE STEEL."

Spring Bank Items. Mr. Willie M. McElveen has been quite sick, but has convalesced.

The closing exercises of Miss Eva Wheeler's school, was quite a success.

Miss Lillie McElveen and Miss Kittie Wilson spent a nice time on Pudding Swamp among their relatives last week.

Mrs. Irene Davidson and children, and Mrs. Leila Mayey, of Sumter, are spending some time with Messrs. D. I. and S. H. Burgess.

Mr. Robt. Epps and S. W. McIntosh have gone to Georgetown for a few days.

The petition for a mail route from Lake City to Mouzon, has been favorably answered, and the route will be established at an early date.

We have had delightful seasons for crops up to this writing.

The tobacco crops in this section is very encouraging.

Mr. Thos. K. Wilson, a farmer of this neighborhood, related to me quite a queer incident of an egg. He says he hauled a compost heap out of his lot in April to put to corn; a few days ago an egg was ploughed up by one of his hands where a heap was made, he broke it to see if it was good, and found a little chicken, alive in it. It would have hatched in a few days. He says he wished he could have kept and hatched it. What a curiosity it would have been!

Tobacco curing will begin here next week.

The County Record has proved so much; may it long live and be a welcome visitor to every home.

Your correspondent has been quite sick for a few days, but is able to push the "lead" again.

In the days of rocks and herbs Some idle fellow wrote these words "Every fool can't be a poet, No more'n sheep can be a goat; Stultus, paeta, ovis or caper, Pay the money for your paper?" "APPLE JACK."

BLAKELEYS.

The people of our Blakely neighborhood enjoyed themselves last week, for they were up with their crops and they had a fine picnic at the Williams pond. They caught some fish and also shot at several alligators, but did not kill any. Plenty of every thing that was nice was furnished, especially ice lemonade, for it was very warm and it was quite refreshing.

Mr. and Mrs. T. A. Blakley gave an ice cream party for the benefit of the young folks, and her guest, Miss Lillis Cunningham, of Indiantown, and Miss McClary, of Lanes.

Mr. and Mrs. W. D. Rich also gave a party at their home for the purpose of finishing up the enjoyment of the young folks, it lasted until twelve o'clock and the young folks went home almost given out especially Messrs. Witherspoon, Montgomery and Nettles, from Lanes.

Mr. J. W. Locklier has returned home from his visit at St. Stephens.

Mr. W. S. Moore was over to Kingstree Monday, to play baseball with the "scrubs."

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