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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 Wearers.

Next Monday is saleday

Court convenes next Monday.

There was no preaching in the Baptist church last Sunday.

There was unusually large crowd in town last Saturday.

The cool weather we have been having indicates that Jack Faust will soon be in our community.

Both of our schools are flourishing. New names has been added to the roll, and everything points to a prosperous year.

Dr. S P H Elwell went over to Manning last Tuesday where he is wanted as a witness in a civil suit that is to come off there this week.

Rev. W D Moorer is rapidly recovering from his illness and is expected to return, with Mrs. Moorer, from Charleston this week.

The attention of our readers is called to the new advertisement of Mr. W E Jenkinson, of Manning which appears on the fifth page of this issue.

J A Fenole, of Salters, and J H Flint, of Kingstree, are among those drawn to serve on the grand jury of the United States circuit court, November term, in Columbia.

Mr. E G Chandler left Monday night for Charleston where he entered St. Francis Xavier in firmity for treatment. His friends all wish for him a speedy and permanent restoration to health.

We have recently mailed a request to remit to every subscriber who is in arrears whom we thought would respond to our request. A few have already remitted and we would greatly appreciate a remittance from the others.

There will be a "hot snapper" given at the residence of Mr. Thos. E Burgess, near Bethel Presbyterian church, on the night of November 5th, for the benefit of Bethel church. The public are cordially invited to attend.

Messrs. Joel E Brunson, J C Bell and L J Bristow have been elected delegerator from Kingstree and Messrs. M A Ross and H A Graham alternates, to the Southeast Baptist Association, which meets at Bethel church, Florence county, Nov. 18th.

We note that the following assignments of delegates from this county to the Presbyterian Synod which meets this week in Darlington have been made: Rev. J E Dunlop with Col. R W Boyd, Mr. T B Snowden with W C Ervin, Mr. Thos M Gilland, with Dr. B C Norment, Capt. D E Gordon with the James Hotel, Mr. J D Daniel with Mr. B O Bristow.

As will be seen by his notice in another column Supervisor B B Chandler has appointed the following delegates and alternates to the supervisors meeting to be held in Columbia Nov. 10th: Delegates, W D Bryan, of Greens, G J Graham, of Coopers, and F G Rhem, of Morrisville; alternates, J E Salters, of Salters, J J Eaddy, of Jay, and J F Kennedy, of Lake City.

Two recruits have recently been added to the chaingang.

Dr. and Mrs. L B Johnson and Mr. R K Wallace spent Sunday at St. Stephens.

There was a slight of hand performance in the court house one night last week.

The margin between noxious dust and vexatious mud is very narrow in this place these days.

Ben Mouzon, colored, was arrested and lodged in jail last Monday, charged with cotton stealing.

Several from this place will probably attend the Baptist Union meeting at Triotomorrow and Saturday.

Mr. D. W. McLaurin, of Columbia, late candidate for Congress from this district was in Kingstree last week.

Round trip tickets to Darlington will be sold from here for \$2.50 this week, on account of the meeting of the Presbyterian synod at that place.

In another column will be found the regular quarterly report of the claims audited at the last meeting of the county board of Commissioners.

In the teachers' examination recently held here six white applicants and one colored passed successfully. The certificates were sent to them several days ago.

The clerk will make two land sales next Monday; the sheriff one and T. M. Gilland, Esq. agent will sell a lot of personal property, as will be seen by reference to the advertising columns.

There will be an ice cream festival at the residence of Mr. E H Sauls, at Cades, on the evening of Nov. 5th, the proceeds derived therefrom to be given to the Cades Methodist church. The public is invited to attend.

Round-trip tickets to Columbia will be sold during the week of the State fair. The fare from Kingstree and return will be \$2.60 for tickets sold Nov. 10th and 11th, good till Nov. 14th. For tickets sold from Nov. 6th to 12th, good till Nov. 15th, the fare will be \$3.50 for the round trip.

A Much Needed Improvement.

It is very probable that there will be a telegraph office established in the Coleman Hotel within a few weeks. A petition was presented the Western Union Telegraph company sometime ago praying for the establishment of an office in the business portion of the town, and as a result a representative of the company was sent here last week to look into the matter. It was easily shown him the great disadvantage our business men are put to in the way of reaching the telegraph office as it is now situated nearly a mile from the business portion of the town. The company's representative made a map of the town and collected such other information as he wanted and sent it to the manager together with a favorable report. The gentleman expressed himself as believing that the office would soon be established, and added that he would do all in his power to have it here within a short time. The establishment of this office will be a great convenience to our town and will be hailed with delight by every business man here.

SONS OF VETERANS.

A CALL FOR AN ORGANIZATION OF A CAMP HERE.

A Letter From the Brigadier-General.—Let us Organize a Camp With a Large Membership.

The editor of the County Record has received the following letter from Mr. F. H. McMaster, of Charleston Brigadier General, commanding the first Brigade South Carolina Division United Sons of Confederate Veterans:

"Can you form a Camp of Sons of Confederate Veterans your town? We are very anxious to have a camp in every town in the State, and we are glad to say that the movement is meeting with much success. So we hope that you will do us in this matter.

"Get as many of the sons of veterans together as you can, resolve yourselves into a camp, elect a commander and an adjutant, report the matter to me, and I will help you do the rest.

"There are no financial obligations imposed, save an assessment of about 5 cents a year per member, so there is bug-bear from that direction.—free silver five cent pieces taken too. So stir up the patriotism, and do honor to the flag that is furled!

"Thanking you in advance for whatever you may do,

"I am, very truly, &c.

Mr. W W Grayson has had some correspondence with the Commander-in-Chief regarding the organization of a camp here, and has handed us the following call.

"Those interested in the organization of a Camp of Sons of Confederate Veterans are requested to assemble in the court house Monday night, Nov. 8th at 8 o'clock for the purpose of forming a Camp."

This is a matter in which all sons of veterans should be interested, and we hope there will be a large number present at the organization.

Some of our young people are speaking of going to Florence next Thursday to attend John Robinson & Franklin Bros' circus.

Thomas & Bradham will be found at their old stand in Kingstree from Oct. 1st with a nice lot of horses, ready to fill the wants of their friends and patrons. We will also be ready to collect accounts for stock sold last season. We expect to do some business here and will sell at a price to insure satisfaction. Thanking our friends for past favors and assuring them that we can do better by them than ever before, we solicit and early call.

THOMAS & BRADHAM.

Visitors to the State Fair will not find a better place to stop while in Columbia than at the Grand Central Hotel. Cuisine the best the market affords; good rooms, well furnished; guests receive every attention.

Having placed my wife behind the counter of my fruit stand adjacent to my barber shop, patrons of the shop are requested to bear in mind the fact and refrain from using profane or obscene language while in the building. This rule is absolute; violators of it will be refused admittance.

E. J. AOSTON.

Kingstree Council, R. F. U.

"Kingstree Council," of the Royal Fraternal Union of America was formed here last week, by Mr. John A. Wagener, Jr., the deputy in charge of this territory. The Council begins its existence with twenty-six members, among whom there are three ladies, and there is every prospect of a prosperous future for it. The officers elected for the first year are as follows: Past councilor, J D Daniel; chief councilor, Edwin Harper; vice-councilor, W G Elwell; recorder, L B Johnson; treasurer, L J Bristow; marshal, J B Lemon; inner guard, A O Mouzon; outer guard, W A Weaver; prelate, H O Britton.

BLAKLEY'S.

The well known section of Blakeley's which has not been heard from in our county paper for several weeks is still very lively, and don't think we are sleeping—we are wide awake day and night but every body is very busy trying to gather their crops, for they are larger than ever before.

Mr. T A Blakely, the well known merchant of Blakeley's, is buying a good deal of cotton.

Mr. J W Locklier, one of the most prominent young men of this section has just received a fine bicycle, but not being used to his new horse, gets some terrible falls.

Mr. W S Moore, who is now teaching school on Oak Ridge, came over last Friday to visit his friends; and they were glad to see him.

It seems as if we are having a good deal of trouble with fire in our neighborhood, some time ago Mr. T. A. Blakley got his gin and grist mills burnt down, and last Saturday morning Mr. R J Morris lost his saw mill by fire. Our people regret their loss very much.

The Rev. N T Noland came over to Greens last Sunday and preached an eloquent sermon to his congregation.

There will be a bicycle race between Mr. A E Salters and Mr. Locklier soon. The latter will have to improve greatly to beat Mr. Salters for he is an old rider.

The Grand Central Hotel is the place to stop while in Columbia. Special accommodations during fair week.

Mr. J R Howle will open a restaurant in the rear of Dr. Gamble's drug store, which will be kept in a first-class style and cooking 2nd to none. People attending court will find it to their advantage to take meals there, as they will be served at all hours. Fresh Fish, Oysters, Beef, Fruits &c., the best the market affords. Terms 25cts.

I have just returned from the West with a lot of fine horses. Call and see them before purchasing. Bargains in good work animals and fine buggy horses.

Another carload of buggies just received. Prices low.

M F HELLER.

DIED

Thursday afternoon, Oct. 21st, at the home of his uncle, Mr. J A Scott, Mr. Willie Davis, aged 18 years.

The County Record \$1 a year.

A FLOURISHING ENTERPRISE.

A LUMBER MILL OF ENORMOUS CAPACITY.

One of Kingstree's Signs of Prosperity—a Sketch of Mr. Thorne's Huge Plant.

Scarcely does one realize that right here in our town, within a few feet of our own doors, there is located one of the largest and most flourishing lumber mills in this section of South Carolina. Right on the bank of Black river, near the town limit, is the large mill of Mr. P B Thorne, and it is truly a sight worth seeing to witness the working of the machinery.

Mr. Thorne's plant occupies a floor space of 12,030 square feet, and his lumber yard covers over two acres. The plant is equipped with one Johnston 40-horsepower steam engine and one Struthers & Wells engine of 20-horsepower. The large boilers are fitted up with a patent blower and Mr. Thorne is thus enabled to utilize all the sawdust etc., be it ever so wet, as fuel, the great force of the blower keeping the furnaces highly heated all the time. One 60-inch Sterns circular saw does the main work, aided by another of smaller proportion. Mr. Thorne has an order now with the manufacturers for another circular saw of 67 inches. The machine now in use in the main building has a capacity of from 12,000 to 15,000 feet of lumber per day. A Stearns "edger" and a Thorne "butting saw" get the lumber in shape for shipment after it comes from the large saw. A 42-inch circular Perkins shingle saw turns out from 12,000 to 18,000 shingles per day, and it is truly an interesting sight to see this machine at work. Indeed it is an inspiring scene that presents itself to the visitor from the time the logs are brought to the mill until the lumber is stored away in cars ready for shipment.

Mr. Thorne uses what is known as the "old river" as his log pen, and from this he has a canal over 400 feet long, about 35 feet wide and 15 feet deep through which the logs are floated to the mill. Here a tremendous "log haul" draws the huge logs up a track about 35 feet long to the "log bed" of the mill, near the saw. Here they are placed upon the carriage by machinery and are then sawed. From this machine the lumber is carried through the "edger" and the "butting saw," and it is then loaded upon a tram car and carried to the lumber yard. A track of about half-a-mile in length conveys the lumber to a special siding on the Northeastern railroad, and here the stuff is loaded for shipment.

The lumber out of which shingles are made is carried through the "butting saw" and from there to the shingle room. After the shingles are made an automatic machine ties them into bundles of 50 each, and they are then ready for shipment.

Mr. Thorne makes only cypress lumber. There are now nearly 4,000 cypress logs in his "log pen," but this is an unusually large stock. These logs are gotten from up the river and are floated down usually in February and August of each year, or when ever a freshet occurs. The distance by water from where the logs are usually cut is between 30

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For a number of years this community has felt the need of a complete stock, where one could be pleased in a pair of first-class dress shoes. Lesesne & Epps have recognized this need and have just laid in a large line of fine, as well as cheap, foot wear.

The new tariff law will "out no ice" with the man wanting a good axe, if he will but come to Lesesne & Epps with only 50c and buy one of their "altes victory." They anticipated this law and bought a large supply.

Until it is thoroughly introduced you get as a present a white metal tea spoon with every cake of Borax Soap you buy from Lesesne & Epps or a table spoon with every two cakes, only 5c a cake.

"Sockless Jerry" could afford to dress with his peers if he knew the prices at Lesesne & Epps was only 12c a pair for the same sock that sells at 25c elsewhere.

More good cutting and idle whittling can be done with a pocket knife bought from Lesesne & Epps than the same money will purchase elsewhere.

A chew of Lesesne & Epps "Red Apple" or "W S" tobacco produces that air of ease and comfort that the obstainer can only dream about.

Your needs are supplied, your tastes gratified, satisfaction given and you go away better off when you trade with Lesesne and Epps.

85c, \$1, \$1.10, \$1.20, \$1.35, and \$1.50 are some of the prices that Lesesne & Epps are offering good, substantial, dressy ladies shoes for.

A good hat is an important part of a mans dress. The latest styles are sold by Lesesne and Epps at the lowest possible price.

When you need shoes, clothing, dry goods, groceries or anything in the line of general merchandise call on Lesesne and Epps.

The present price of cotton is offset in the price of goods when they are bought from Lesesne & Epps.

The most fastidious body can be pleased in shoes at Lesesne & Epps and at such prices as to delight.

No other place in Williamsburg Co. to get your needs supplied and at less cost than at Lesesne and Epps.

Five hundred pounds fine chewing tobacco just arrived at Lesesne & Epps. "Our leader" leads at 5c a plug.

\$3.50, \$4, or \$5 will stand up the winter's chills if invested in a suit of cloths at Lesesne & Epps.

You get a sole and body that will stay together when you buy a pair of shoes from Lesesne & Epps.

A juniper water bucket with two brass hoops for 20c at Lesesne & Epps.

Come to Lesesne & Epps and be better shod for less money than you ever paid shoeing.

That 16oz. bar of soap Lesesne & Epps are selling at 5c is a stunner to competition.

Comfort can be had the coldest night, when Lesesne & Epps are selling comforts at 50c, 75 and \$1.