

MARGARET DUVOYANT.

Just a few weeks ago, the household of our townman, Mr R L Duvoyant, was overcast with gloom at the death of little Sophie. Now we are grieved to learn that the reaper has claimed another of these little jewels. Yesterday (Tuesday) morning, at 5 o'clock, the spirit of little Margaret Duvoyant took her flight to other realms, more suitable to the innocence and purity of childhood.

FIRE!

Mr E J Norris had the misfortune on Tuesday, January 4th, of having his barn and contents, including his horse and wagon, burned. The fire was not discovered until it had made considerable headway, although it occurred at about 3 o'clock in the afternoon. A negro man in Mr Norris' employ opened the stable door and tried to drive the horse from the building, but to no effect: the animal refused to leave the stall. The dwelling and other buildings in the yard narrowly escaped being burned, as the wind was very high and blowing towards them. We are glad to state that the property was partly insured, compensating in a small measure for the loss.

AT THE OPERA HOUSE.

The play, the Heroic Dutchman, given at the opera house Monday evening last, was a monument to the zeal and cleverness of Professor Marshall Moore. In this play, he took the leading part, manifesting a decided penchant for Dutch brogue, and keeping the audience in a continual ripple of laughter. But this Dutchman did not carry off all of the honors of the evening by any means; Mr Monzon Smith in his impersonation of the Southern darkey, created a feast of merriment.

Our young friends, M P Wells, Joe Holland, Wallce Sheppard, Tom Carwite and Alex Watson, were full of the spirit of the occasion and enlivened and animated the scene.

The old Southern gentleman of ante-bellum days, was well characterized by Mr John R Tompkins. But humor and pathos, alike, are of no avail, if beauty lend not her presence. This charm was lent to the occasion by the two heroines of the play, Misses Helen Sheppard and Julia Tompkins.

Miss Lucretia Brunson, in the position of Irish biddy, added humor to the scene. Throughout, the play was so full of fun and incident, all well rendered, that the audience came away in high spirits and full of praises for all who made the evenings pleasure.

The proceeds of this evening's enjoyment was devoted to the promotion of the South Carolina Co-Educational Athletic Association.

MRS A. F. CROOKER DEAD.

Mrs. Amanda F Crooker, who had been sick for two weeks at her home in Buncombe, died on Wednesday at 5:30 o'clock. She had been gradually sinking for twelve hours and the loved ones who watched over her knew that home would soon be without mother. About 5 she calmly died without a struggle, and her spirit took its flight into the great beyond. We knew death was lingering near and she would soon be in the clutches of cold and cruel death, but we hated to give her up. She was a good woman, and was tender and kind to all, and we all did truly love her. But why do we mourn? She is at rest and will never have to say good bye and experience the sufferings of this world again. The son, sisters and granddaughter have our sincerest sympathy. Mrs Amanda F Crooker would have been 73 years of age next July. She was a member of the Methodist church. She leaves one son, Mr Ben Crooker; one granddaughter, Miss Coy Wood, and two sisters, Mrs Rebecca Jones and Miss Cornelia Jones to mourn her loss. The funeral services were held at the home Thursday morning at 10 o'clock, conducted by her pastor, the Rev G. W. Davis, after which the remains were laid to rest in the family cemetery, near her home in Buncombe. She is dead but will long be remembered by us all.

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LOCAL AND PERSONAL.

Mr Jamie Jones, of the Ridge, is visiting Mr Ben Crooker.

Mr Edgar Ready, of Johnston, was in Edgefield Friday last.

Dr J H Self, of Selfs, was a visitor to Edgefield last week.

Mrs Rebecca Jones leaves this week for Augusta, where she will visit friends.

Mrs Foreman and Miss Annie Foreman, of Ellenton, are spending some time at Mrs C J Ashley's, in Buncombe.

Mrs Rufus Dorn, of Meeting St, who has been visiting Mr Horace Dorn, returned home yesterday.

Mr Stenbridge, of Ellenton, is visiting her sister, Mrs C J Ashley, in Buncombe.

Mrs I W Fowler, of Otumma, Iowa, is visiting her parents, Dr and Mrs Horace Parker.

Mrs James H Tillman has returned from a visit to Augusta and Charleston.

Dr A H Ashley, of Fruit Hill, was on our streets one day last week, with his many friends.

Work has been commenced on the new residence of Mr and Mrs D R Durisoe, on Main street, with Mr Will Heath as architect.

Measles is all the rage. The disease is like many other fashions of the day, bad, but still catching, for what is more contagious than a foolish fashion?

Dr Glover Tompkins has returned from a five days trip to Mobile, Alabama. Mrs Tompkins will remain in that city for sometime yet, the guest of her sister, Mrs John R Tompkins.

Mr B J Crooker and Miss Coy Wood went over to Ridge Spring on Sunday. Mr Crooker returned Monday, but Miss Coy will spend some weeks visiting Mrs Jerrold Watson and Mrs Tilla Jones.

The old park trees, after being cut and split so as to be easily handled, were sold by the town council, to the highest bidder. The proceeds of the sale amounted to five dollars.

Dr Walter Ouzts, of Elmwood, was in town Saturday. Dr Ouzts' fine breeds of chickens are becoming famous throughout this and other states. On Saturday he shipped a brace of trios, silver and gold laced Wyandottes, to Treasurer H Q Adams, of Beaufort.

A stray cow, light, with white spots, and a hole in right ear, was taken up 3 wks. ago; now has calf a wk. old. Apply to B M Sullivan or Ropers, pay for keeping, etc.

For the benefit of the subscribers of The State, we will state that the reason it is delayed in reaching Edgefield is due to the rush in doing the public printing and it

is no easy matter to prepare the legislative news and get out on time. The report that the first papers issued are sold and that the papers for smaller towns are mailed on a later train, is untrue. Be patient; The State does its best to be issued on time.

The heartfelt sympathy of many friends and acquaintances in our town have been extended during the past ten days to Mr and Mrs James McKie in their recent distressing suspense over the illness of their bright and promising little girls, Ellen. We rejoice, however, that her life has been spared and that at the present writing she continues to improve.

Mr E A Burdett, of Philadelphia, arrived in Edgefield a few ago with about twenty dogs—pointers and setters—which are in the charge of a professional trainer. He spent a month last year at Edgewood, and being so well pleased with the large Pickens estate as a hunting ground, he has come again.

County Auditor's Notice.

The County Auditor's office will be open for the purpose of receiving tax returns, of both personal and real estate for taxation for the year 1902, from January the 1st, 1902, to February the 20th, 1902.

All persons owning or controlling property in any manner whatsoever are required to make returns of the same between the dates above mentioned, and any and all who refuse or neglect to do so will be charged with an additional assessment of 50 per cent. for non-return on personal property.

All persons owning land are required by law to make returns of the same and to note on their returns all transfers, to whom and from whom.

Owners of real property, situate partly within and partly without any incorporated town or city are required to list the part in the city or town separately from the part outside the incorporated limits thereof.

Assessment of real estate values is fixed by the County and State Boards of Equalization every fourth year.

Every male citizen between the ages of twenty-one (21) and sixty (60) years, except those incapable of earning a support, from being maimed or from other causes, and except those who are made exempt by law, shall be deemed taxable polls.

At Edgefield Court House from January 27th to February 20th inclusive. I emphatically insist upon all parties whose duty it is to make returns of their property for taxation, to do so within the time prescribed by law. I recognize how difficult it is for people to pay their taxes, but the law must be obeyed.

J. B. HALTIWANGER, County Auditor.

Judge Roath has sufficiently recovered as to be able to be at his office a few hours at a time—and it makes us rejoice to see his ever bright countenance and receive his warm and welcome handshakes.

Mr and Mrs James Jones, Mrs. Tilla Jones, and Mr. Jerrold Watson, of Ridge Spring, came over to Edgefield last Wednesday to attend the funeral services of their aunt, Mrs Amanda Crooker.

Mr John A Mette, formerly a young man of Edgefield, editor of the Voice of Labor, Augusta, has resumed the practice of law at 1017 Broad st., in that city, where he will be glad to see his friends.

Miss Ersil Ellis has returned to Edgefield, and resumed her class work in music at the Institute. Miss Ellis has become very much esteemed in Edgefield, being of that sympathetic and magnetic personality which impels homage. Her instruction as a musician has proven eminently satisfactory and her success as a teacher is much remarked.

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