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### Gaston Gleanings.

To the Editor of the Dispatch: March has behaved very gentlemanly like thus far, and the farmers are very busy getting ready to plant. Some have planted corn.

Mrs. J. L. W. and L. N. Fallaw have been visiting relatives and friends in and around here the past week.

Miss Dora Craft, one of Lexington's best teachers and principal of Dick Branch school, near Steadman, visited the parental home recently.

The Gaston school closed Friday with a treat for the students by the teacher, Mr. Harman, who has returned to his home to engage in farming.

Mr. W. I. Jumper returns many thanks to the good neighbors who so faithfully ministered to his afflicted wife during her recent illness and death.

Mrs. Cora Mack, of North, visited the old home in Gaston with the little ones.

Inspector W. Wilkinson inspected route 3 from here recently and informed the writer that he would make a favorable report on same to the department. So I presume those people will be getting a daily mail ere many more months pass. Hurrah for Congressman Lever! He's a hustler sure.

The Athen's Literary society is having some interesting debates now, which meets on each Friday eve at 8 o'clock, with an overflowing house of spectators. If you want to hear some good solid horse sense speeches, come and listen at the speeches, especially those of Messrs. J. P. Busbee and J. R. Lee.

Since our last communication sly cupid has been shooting his love tipped arrows and as a result on the eve of the 10th Harry Kyzer and Miss Maggie Head took upon themselves the marriage vows, performed by W. B. Fallaw at the home of the bride's parents, Mr. and Mrs. John Head, in the presence of a large crowd. The attendants were: John Shealy and Miss Lella Price, Julian Sharpe and Miss Ada Williams, Heber Kyzer and Miss Nettie Goodwin.

All repaired to the dining hall and ate sumptuously of a well prepared wedding supper.

Again on the eve of the 17th, at Mrs. M. H. Fallaw's, the mother of the bride, W. B. Fallaw united in the holy bonds of matrimony Mr. Willie T. Shumpert and Miss Anna Josephine Fallaw. Another well prepared supper awaited the hosts and hostesses who ate to the health and happiness of the bride and groom.

These young people start out on life's journey under bright skies and we wish for them an abundance of peace, happiness and prosperity.

The students of our graded school are preparing for an entertainment at the close, which will be about the first of May. I predict there will be some rich things in store for all who are present.

Miss Edna Mae Fallaw, one of Sand Dam's fair belles, visited her sister, Mrs. W. B. Fallaw, recently, in company with her nephew, Master Donnelly Rish.

Mr. Editor, should the bachelor hotel keeper or the excellent school teacher decide to quit the world of single bliss and embark in a bark on turbulent waters of the matrimonial sea you may again hear from

March 18. Billy Felix.

### County Rural Delivery Service.

Congressman Lever has made application to the postoffice department at Washington for what is known as county rural delivery service. If this service is established—and the department has promised to give the matter careful attention—it will result in a general re-arrangement of all routes in the county, the establishment of new ones where necessary and a general completion of the service in the county.

This service is intended to give all people in the county the benefit of rural delivery, and to make the mail more convenient to every one.

Congressman Lever has also made application for this service for both Orangeburg and Lee counties in his district.

### From Batesburg.

To the Editor of the Dispatch:

The stockholders of the Citizens' Bank of Batesburg held their annual meeting on the 15th inst., and found the bank in a most flourishing condition. A dividend of 8 per cent was declared and an additional surplus of \$1,500 was added to the undivided profits. Mr. Albert C. Jones was elected a member of the board of directors in place of J. Frank Kneese. All the other members of the board were reelected for another year. Dr. W. H. Timmerman was reelected president; Capt. U. X. Gunter, vice president; Mr. Albert C. Jones, cashier, and Capt. William M. Carter, assistant cashier. The Citizens' Bank was organized March 7, 1905, and has just passed its second anniversary. Assistant Bank Inspector Rhame was in town a few days ago and after inspecting the bank, expressed himself as highly pleased with the condition in which he found the bank, and complimented its officers for the neatness and accuracy with which they kept their books.

The Tri-County Fair association of Batesburg has been recently organized and the amount of \$2,000 has been expended in the purchase of a valuable ten acre lot in the beautiful residence portion of the town. The proposed capital stock of the association is four thousand dollars of the par value of ten dollars per share. Two hundred shares of which shall be preferred stock and two hundred shares shall be common stock. Nearly \$3,000 of the stock has already been raised which is highly encouraging to the promoters of the fair. We hope to be able to hold the first fair in the early fall of this year. The friends of the association in the counties of Aiken, Lexington and Saluda are cordially invited to assist in making the fair a success.

Mrs. Henry C. Tillman, of Greenwood, is spending a few days with her mother, Mrs. Jabez Ferris.

Miss Salome Timmerman, who has been critically ill with typhoid fever at Kissimmee, Fla., where she has been teaching this session, was improving the last reports received. Mrs. Timmerman has been with her daughter the past few weeks. Dr. W. H. Timmerman also spent several days in Florida at the bedside of his daughter.

Dr. Theo. A. Quattlebaum has returned from Charleston, where he has been attending a special course in surgery for the past two weeks.

Mr. J. Austin Whitten returned last week from a two weeks trip to New York and other northern cities, where he had gone to purchase his spring and summer stock of goods.

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### Will Plead "Unwritten Law."

Charlotte, N. C., March 18.—That Jas. Stephenson, or Bud Stinson, as he was called, who was slain on the Pineville road, four miles from Charlotte, last night attempted to assault Mrs. J. T. Kimball, whose husband slew him was brought out at the inquest into the tragedy this afternoon.

According to Mrs. Kimball's story, Stinson got out of his buggy, came into her house while her husband was a few hundred yards away at a neighbor's and attempted to assault her. She fought him and screamed and in a moment her husband was hastening to her aid.

Stinson saw him flee from the house, enter his buggy and start to drive toward Charlotte. Kimball, hearing his wife's story, seized his gun, followed Stinson, attacked and killed him.

Kimball has employed counsel to defend him and the "unwritten law" will be pleaded in his defense.

### Newberry Court House.

Newberry, S. C., March 17.—Contractor George W. Waring, of Columbia, S. C., who has been awarded the contract for Newberry county's new \$45,000 court house, has arrived in the city, and has put a large force of laborers to work on the job.

This court house, when completed, will be one of the handsomest buildings of its kind in the State. It will be erected on the site adjoining the hotel Frederick.

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Messrs. G. T. Graham and T. C. Sturkie, of this place, who formed a co-partnership for the practice of law some months ago, have been so successful that they have decided to open an additional office in Columbia, which will doubtless be of great benefit to a large number of their clients.

Col. Graham, the senior member of the firm, is a noted lawyer, having practiced at this bar for twenty-five years with marked success. He handles his cases with great ingenuity and skill, and is a forceful and powerful advocate before a jury. He has a large practice and is one of the most successful lawyers in the state.

Mr. Sturkie has practiced law here for several years and has a large practice. He exhibits much ability in the preparation, conduct and management of his cases.

We bespeak for this firm a liberal share of the patronage of the people of Richland county.

Their office is over the Carolina National Bank, 1413 Main street, where they will always be pleased to see their friends.

Mr. Graham will be in the office here on Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday, and in Columbia on Thursday, Friday and Saturday; Mr. Sturkie will be in Columbia on Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday, and here on Thursday, Friday and Saturday.

### Notes from Newberry College.

To the Editor of the Dispatch:

The March anniversary of the literary societies of Newberry college were held in the opera house last night March 15, 1907. Since the organization of the Phrenakosmian and Excelsior Literary Societies of Newberry college in 1859, it has been the custom each year to hold a contest in debate between the two societies. One society selects a query with sides as near balanced as possible and submits it to the other society for them to take the side of the question they prefer.

In 1897, when Newberry college was made a co-educational school, the Philomathean society was organized for the benefit of the young ladies. After the address of the president, E. L. Halfacre, an oration was delivered by F. S. Long, Excelsior, "The Influence of Public Opinion." Then came in order the question for debate. The affirmative debaters were first, V. B. Sease and second A. W. Ballentine, of the Phrenakosmian society. The negative debaters were first, O. C. Kibler and second E. H. Rawl, of the Excelsior society. Query, "Resolved, That Immigration is a Menace to the Welfare of our Republic."

This year the Phrenakosmian debaters selected the question and the Excelsiors took the choice of sides. They chose the negative side and the Phrenakosmians had to uphold the affirmative. After an able discussion of both sides the judges—Messrs. W. H. Wallace, H. C. Holloway, I. H. Hunt, Z. F. Wright and E. H. Aull—rendered their decision in favor of the affirmative debaters. The Phrenakosmian orator was B. E. Petra, "The Ideal Citizen." The Philomathean society was also represented by an essayist, Miss Mabel Tarrant, "The Ideal Man is the Progressive Man." Mr. D. Luther Shealy, of the Pine

Ridge section, was an attendant at the anniversary and also a visitor of his friend, Mr. C. B. Epting, a college student from Pine Ridge.

Messrs. H. H. Haltiwanger, '04, with two of his brothers, A. F. Swygert, '05, S. P. Weed and perhaps others were some of the Lexington boys who attended the exercises last night. Messrs. J. W. Ballentine, '03, W. E. Pugh, '05, B. V. Chapman, '06, Miss Ethel B. Duncan, '04, and others were some of the alumni who were present.

Much success to the Dispatch and its readers, I am

March 18. A Senior Student.

### Peak News.

To the Editor of The Dispatch:

The social news of this dear old, yet small town, is on a stand still, but we can sit in the evening moon light and listen to the sweet strains of music, rendered by Miss Rosalie Suber, the highly accomplished daughter of Mr. W. H. Suber, who has recently purchased a very handsome and sweet toned piano.

Mrs. George Swygert returned Saturday night, after a short visit to her sister, Mrs. Douglas, at Whitmire.

Although there was only a small congregation assembled in church Sunday, the pastor, Rev. J. B. Haigler, preached an able and impressive sermon.

On Friday night, March 29th, Hon. A. F. Lever, who is not only known in this county, but throughout this and other states, will make an address in the school house. Let everybody come out on this date to hear this distinguished son of Lexington.

On the same date we have decided to have an ice cream festival and a toy fish pond and other amusements for the purpose of raising enough money to finish securing more desks for the school room. The exercises will begin promptly at 8 o'clock. Boys, save your dimes and quarters, for there's a gay time coming on "Good Friday night."

Easter has the prospects of being warm, and the seamstress is busy making the new costumes for that occasion.

W. L. C.

Peak, March 18.

### Transfers of Real Estate.

The following transfers of real estate have been recorded in the clerk's office since last week:

W. J. McCartha to John Bell Towill, 662-3 acres in Congaree township for \$333.33.

Samuel M. Craft to Mrs. Racheal J. Craft, 1-3 of 160 acres in Bull Swamp township for \$150.

H. L. Oswald to Mrs. Suedella W. Oswald, lot in Lexington for \$1,800.

Mrs. M. J. Hite to M. E. Rutland and J. A. Watson, lot in Batesburg for \$700.

Eugene L. Hartley to Tri-County Fair Association, 10 acres in Batesburg for \$2,000.

Paul Hite to S. L. Hite, 58½ acres in Gilbert Hollow township for \$100.

W. F. Lindler to T. J. Fulmer, 1 37-100 acres in Saluda township for \$13.70.

Job S. Wessinger to Thos. J. Fulmer, 63 acres in Saluda township for \$1,000.

S. J. Clark to M. Pickens Lindler, lot in Chapin for \$150.

Job F. Corley to Robert Hampton, 3 acres in Lexington township for \$10.

P. L. Lucas to W. J. Kyzer, lot in Macedonia for \$85.

### Senator Tillman.

One of the strong men of the county addressed an audience of Richmond people last night at the Young Men's Christian Association Hall. It was a representative audience, and the speaker held it absorbed for some two hours.

Senator Tillman is not a polished orator. He is reckless of convention, and negligent or wilfully regardless of forms. Self-restraint is certainly not one of his virtues, and when he attacks, it is like the charge of a savage bull. But he is strong, earnest and virile.

He does not strike one as scholarly, but none can doubt that he is a student.

He draws his vocabulary from the stately and noble language of King James's version of the Bible; his theories of government he takes from Jefferson; his political economy from Adam Smith; his love of freedom from the mother who bore him, and the wife who nursed his babies at her breast.

In dealing with public men and measures, he is often bitter and harsh. He not infrequently lets his vehemence carry him away into downright abuse.

But his errors are the errors of a strong man who feels strongly, and, therefore, speaks strongly.

Many eccentricities of manner will be for given to a man and a statesman whose political creed is sound, and who is honest, fearless and strong.—The Richmond Journal.

### Painful Operation.

Mr. J. Archie Wolfe, of Sandy Run, has returned home from Johns-Hopkins hospital, Baltimore, where he underwent a terrible operation, having a number of gall stones removed by the surgeons knife. Dr. Earle Boozer, of Columbia, accompanied him to Baltimore, and Mr. Wolfe remained in Columbia under the treatment of Dr. Boozer until last Thursday, when he returned to his home where he is improving as rapidly as could be expected after his trying ordeal.

### Heavy Explosion

#### Near Prosperity.

Prosperity, March 19.—Mr. N. R. Lester and a negro hand were instantly killed and another negro was seriously injured as the result of a boiler explosion on the place of Mr. Lester, about five miles from Prosperity, at 11:45 o'clock this morning.

The explosion startled the citizens of Prosperity and caused many persons to rush out of the stores and offices to inquire into the cause of the noise. About 15 minutes after the explosion was heard Mr. A. M. Lester received a telephone message informing him of the accident. Owing to the fact that there are no direct telephone connections with the scene of the explosion, the particulars have not yet reached Prosperity.

Mr. N. R. Lester was a prominent citizen of this community and an influential member of St. Luke's church.—State.

### "The Chronicle" Destroyed By Fire.

Augusta, Ga., March 19.—At 3:10 this morning fire broke out in the building occupied by the Augusta Chronicle and the Western Union Telegraph company. The office of the Augusta Chronicle was ruined and the main office of the Western Union Telegraph company and the union city ticket office were destroyed. Eight linotype machines in the Chronicle office were wrecked and the presses of the paper are badly damaged. The losses are estimated at \$75,000 to \$100,000, with partial insurance.

### Fifty Dollars or Thirty Days.

Magistrate G. A. Derrick was not in a very good humor Monday, for when the negro, Arthur Niles, was brought before him charged with having stolen several bundles of goods from the buggy of Mr. and Mrs. W. Q. Roberts, while riding along the public road Saturday, he gave him \$50 or 30 days. He is now in jail.

The magistrate is usually inclined to be good natured, but he says he loses all patience with blind tigers and highway robbers.

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