

o'clock. It seems that Mrs. Sanders and other members of the family had gone to the spring, and while they were away the front door blew open, letting in a gust of wind, which blew fire under a bed. Within a few moments the building was in flames. The fire was communicated to the outbuildings, five of which were destroyed. Nothing in the shape of a building was left on the premises except a greenhouse that was doing service as a barn. Practically nothing was saved from the residence. The entire loss foots up something like \$1,500. There was no insurance. The people of the Olive neighborhood held a meeting on Monday for the purpose of taking steps to make good at least a part of Mrs. Sanders' heavy loss.

Returns Must Be Sworn To. Auditor Boyce publishes a notice that is important to those people who have not made their tax returns, and who expect to send the same to him by mail. Although the law has always required returns be made out in detail and sworn to in due form, there has grown up a lax custom under which property owners simply mark their blanks "same as last year," and forward the same by mail or hand to the auditor. The custom entails endless work on the auditor, and its practice also is sometimes rather expensive to the tax books. With a view to putting a stop to this custom, the comptroller general has recently sent out some special instructions under which the auditor must require that property be listed in all the detail indicated in the return blanks, and that the correctness of the list be duly sworn to before a notary public or a magistrate. This, of course, is when it is intended to forward the return by hand or mail. If the return is made before the auditor, that official administers the oath; but in all cases a detailed list of property must be made.

PORT HILL MATTERS.

What the Farmers are Doing.—How the Patrons of Gold Hill are Developing the Efficiency of their School. Correspondence of the Yorkville Enquirer.

GOLD HILL, Fort Mill township, February 1.—The farmers of this section have been taking advantage of the favorable weather and have done a good deal of work, such as ditching, clearing off on ditches and branches and terracing, to put their farms in shape.

The branches and creeks, which have been choked up for some time, have been cleaned out, which will put some good bottom land that has heretofore been useless, except for pasture land, into cultivation.

Mr. W. H. Windle, who bought the "Marsh Place," last fall and moved to it, has changed things around considerably. He has done some building and remodeling. He is terracing the plantation, which requires no small amount of labor when it is done in the proper way, and that is the way Mr. Windle has things done.

Miss Bessie Boyd has charge of the school at Flint Hill, and the patrons are well pleased with the work she is doing.

Messrs. B. M. Faris, C. T. Crook and J. G. Smith have a hay press and have been doing some work for the public. They are a jolly set and generally stir up fun when it is to be found.

Messrs. C. T. and W. H. Crook bought a corn shredder and shredded their own crops and several others. Messrs. J. F. Boyd and C. B. Smith have a shredder and work for the public. The people who have had shredding all seem to be pleased with the work and with the plan of harvesting the crop.

Mr. C. P. Blankenship is building a large and roomy barn. This section is becoming noted for its barns, and other things too. Messrs. B. M. Faris, J. G. Smith and S. H. Epps, Sr., have each just completed new barns.

to the library a few days ago. Quite a number of other persons that we have not yet been able to see are expected to contribute some books. A plan is under consideration for running a reading room in connection with the library. In carrying out this plan, we will expect some assistance from editors, which they seem very willing and ready to render.

GENERAL ASSEMBLY ELECTIONS.

Penitentiary Directors and College Trustees Chosen Friday.

The general assembly put in the greater part of last Friday electing penitentiary directors and trustees of Winthrop and the South Carolina college.

The first election was for penitentiary director, to succeed Mr. T. J. Cunningham, resigned to take the position of census supervisor of the Fifth district.

There were two candidates—Dr. M. O. Rowland, of Spartanburg, and Mr. B. A. Ragsdale, of Chester. Dr. Rowland was elected by a vote of 101 to 43.

Next came the election of two new members of the board to serve for two years each. The nominees were Messrs. W. D. Mann, Jeremiah Smith, George W. Fairry, W. B. Love, D. B. Peurifoy. The vote resulted: Love, 111; Fairry, 17; Mann, 70; Smith, 45; Peurifoy, 47. Messrs. Mann and Love will take the places of Messrs. S. P. H. Garris and W. G. Tatum.

The following were elected without contest as trustees of the South Carolina college for the next two years: Mr. C. E. Spencer, Dr. W. T. C. Bates, Colonel John T. Sloan, Messrs. James Q. Davis, Julian Mitchell, Robert McFarland. Mr. Spencer, who was nominated by Mr. McDow, is the only new trustee. He takes the place of Hon. D. E. Finley.

The election of trustees for Winthrop college was next taken up and the nominees were: Dr. E. S. Joynes, of Columbia, presented by Mr. McDow; Dr. A. C. Fuller, of Laurens, by Mr. G. P. Smith; Dr. T. A. Crawford, of Rock Hill, by Mr. C. P. Sanders; Mr. C. A. Woods, of Marion, by Mr. Hydryck; Mr. A. M. Lee, of Charleston, by Mr. Bacot; Mr. W. J. Roddey, of Rock Hill, by Mr. Means; Mr. W. N. Elder, of York, by Mr. Timmerman; Colonel Willie Jones, of Columbia, by Mr. Weston; Senator B. R. Tillman, by Mr. Caughman; Mr. D. W. McLaurin, by Mr. Stackhouse. The vote resulted: Willie Jones 126; E. S. Joynes 100, T. A. Crawford 93; C. A. Woods 108, A. M. Lee 109, D. W. McLaurin 59, A. C. Fuller 69, W. N. Elder 35. The seven first named were elected.

It appears that during the day, at the instance of somebody, tickets containing the names of the first seven gentlemen had been distributed in the house. The names of the other three gentlemen did not appear on these tickets. The previously agreed upon ticket was elected.

MERE-MENTION. The ways and means committee of the house has decided to report a tariff system for Porto Rico on a basis of 25 per cent. less than the domestic schedule. Wm. S. Wright, an ex-member of the Kentucky legislature, was assassinated at Boone Fork, on the Kentucky river, last Friday night. Judge J. M. Key, postmaster general under President Hayes, died at his home in Chattanooga, Tenn., last Saturday. Senator Bacon, of Georgia, slipped on the ice in Washington on Saturday and fractured one of his ribs. The American operations against scattered bands of Filipino insurgents continues. Brigham H. Roberts returned to Salt Lake City last Saturday and was immediately arrested.

AT THE CHURCHES.

BAPTIST. Prayer meeting tomorrow evening at 7 o'clock. A full attendance of the members of the church is desired.

THE CHURCH OF THE GOOD SHEPHERD. REV. J. C. JOHNS, RECTOR. There will be services in this church this afternoon at 4.30 o'clock.

TRINITY METHODIST EPISCOPAL. REV. J. M. STRADMAN, PASTOR. There will be prayer-meeting this evening at 7.30 o'clock.

PRESBYTERIAN. REV. W. G. NEVILLE, PASTOR. Prayer meeting this evening at 7.30 o'clock.

ASSOCIATE REFORMED. REV. BOYCE H. ORIER, PASTOR. Prayer-meeting Thursday evening at 7.30 o'clock.

SUNDAY SERVICES.—AT THIRZAI.—Preaching in the morning at 11.30 o'clock. Sabbath school at 10.30 a. m. YORKVILLE.—Sunday school at 3.30 p. m.

Special Notices.

TAKE COUGH EASE, 25 CENTS A BOTTLE. YORK DRUG STORE.

Call For a Pastor. Rev. J. S. Grier will moderate a call for a pastor at Smyrna on the 13th instant at 11 o'clock a. m., and at Hickory Grove on the same day at 3.30. J. W. QUINN.

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PAY UP AND PAY UP NOW. PARTIES who have subscribed for THE ENQUIRER ON MY CLUB, if their subscription is not paid, the amount does not stand until March, as some people seem to suppose. That is the time I have to settle, and until subscribers settle with me I cannot settle with the publisher. Every subscriber on my club is, therefore, requested to settle at once, either with me in person or at THE ENQUIRER office. Respectfully, P. W. LOVE.

CORN MILL FOR SALE. SEE me at once! Prices low and terms to suit. T. B. McCLAIN.

TEACHERS' EXAMINATION. THE regular examination of applicants to teach in the public schools will be held in the Courthouse at Yorkville on FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 23, beginning at 9 o'clock a. m. One day only. White applicants will meet in the judge's room, and colored applicants in the main building. JOHN E. CARROLL, County Superintendent of Education. February 7 w 3t

AS TO TAX RETURNS. Office of the County Auditor of York County, YORKVILLE, S. C., February 3, 1900. TO THE TAXPAYERS: I AM in receipt of special instructions from the Comptroller General of which the following is of importance to taxpayers who have not yet made their returns: "First. Require a tax return in due form from all taxpayers. Do not accept a return that says 'same as last year' or 'no change in property.' Where the party desires to send return by mail, let him make return under oath before a magistrate or notary public and transmit by mail. Taxpayers will please take due note of the above and govern themselves accordingly. Respectfully, W. W. BOYCE, County Auditor. February 7 w 2t

SMALL FIRE IN YORKVILLE IN FRONT OF STARR'S DRUG STORE. ON Monday morning, Feb. 5th, there was a small fire in front of Starr's Drug Store. Every year Starr burns up all old Garden Seeds on hands, and orders a clean, fresh stock of Seeds. He has burnt all old Seeds this year, so parties buying Seeds will be sure to get fresh ones at Starr's Drug Store. We have a full assortment of

Landreth's Seeds and Onion Sets. One cup full of Beans and Peas for 5 cents. WE have a big stock of Tobacco on hands and are offering special bargains. One box (10 pounds) Tobacco for \$2.50. WE sell Wilcox & Gibbs' Guano and Acid. Acid is put in packages and has just very close prices for cash or on approved paper payable November 1st. JAS. M. STARR & CO., Leading Druggists.

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OF The Topka Capital. Issued from March 13th until March 18th, inclusive, will be furnished to weekly subscribers—6 copies—for 25 cents. Order at once from me. All orders must be sent in on or before February 26. Order at once.

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MULES AND HORSES. ONE individual or six or eight of them, can get as many good bargains in MULES and HORSES from me. T. B. McCLAIN.

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A 20 PER CENT. DISCOUNT TO ALL!

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I have determined to get rid of my stock of Winter Goods, and the lever which will be used will be a SPECIAL 10 DAYS' SACRIFICE SALE, during which time I will give 20 PER CENT. DISCOUNT ON ALL HEAVY WINTER GOODS. This Sale will commence today--Wednesday--and I assure you that you will be wise if you take advantage of this rare opportunity. This Sale will include

Boys' and Men's Clothing, Over Coats, Ladies' Wrappers, Skirts and Jackets, Blankets, Single Pants, Underwear, Etc.

These Goods will not remain in my store long at these astonishingly low prices. I am going to give the discount and also am going to give the Chinaware free. Each purchase of \$1.20 cash entitles you to a piece of Chinaware.

Now, when you see your neighbor with a nice new Suit of Clothes or a new Over Coat, and he tells you that he got it at STRAUSS'S, and what he paid for it, don't say that you didn't know that I was giving such bargains; but come at once and see my Goods and let me show you some of the bargains that I am going to give during the next TEN DAYS.

I have just received a nice line of White Goods in Victoria Lenon Lawns, Ducks in all shades, colors and qualities, a nice line of Percales from 6 1-4 to 12 1-2 cents per yard, new Spring Prints, etc.

Ladies, if you wish to get your spring and summer sewing done before warm weather sets in, you can now find the goods at my store, and the most of them at last summer's prices. I also have a new line of Embroidery, Inserting and Laces which has just arrived.

Here is a bargain for the ladies! I have a job lot of Ladies' Knit Undervests which I am going to close out at 25 cents each.

Come and see my Silver-Plated Table and Teaspoons.

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At no distant date we will begin the publication of a new Serial Story by Jeannette H. Walworth, entitled

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Be sure to read the first chapters!

NOTICE. BY mutual consent, the firm of WILLIAMS & CAROTHERS (consisting of L. R. Williams and T. R. Carothers) has this day (January 19th, 1900) been dissolved. JAMES L. HANAHAN has purchased the stock of drugs, store-fixtures, credits, etc., and has assumed all liabilities of the late firm. The business will hereafter be conducted by JAMES L. HANAHAN, at the YORK DRUG STORE, L. R. WILLIAMS, T. R. CAROTHERS, JAMES L. HANAHAN.

APPLICATION FOR DISCHARGE. NOTICE is hereby given that the undersigned, administrator of the estate of SMITH PATTERSON, deceased, having this day filed his final return with the Judge of Probate for York County, on the 10th day of FEBRUARY, 1900, who apply for a discharge from further liability as administrator of the said estate. W. F. PATTERSON, Adm'r. Fort Mill, S. C., Jan. 9, 1900. w3t

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Unsettled Accounts. THE first thing to be done at the beginning of the New Year, is for those who have not settled their account, to come forward and make arrangements. Such matters should not be allowed to stand too long, and those who desire to settle will have little difficulty in so doing. We have Black Oak Cooking Stoves of all grades, that were bought before the rise in the price of iron. They are cheap now. Bedsteads from \$1.25 up. Furniture of all kinds at prices that are right. Good Flour, Corn, Oats and Hay on the road. We have eight or ten head of Horses and Mules which will be sold right for cash or good paper. WHISONANT & CASTLES, The Leaders.

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