

LOCAL MATTERS.

BRISK MENTION.

Corros—Midlings, 104 to 104 cents.

Rev. Wm. Henry Strickland will preach next Sunday at 3 o'clock p. m. at New Prospect Church.

Another drove of hogs arrived in Anderson during the past week. They sold out at 54 cents gross.

Col. E. M. Racker delivered an eloquent address before the Grange at Willford's Store on last Saturday.

The pastor of the Baptist Church will preach to his congregation on next Sunday at 11 o'clock a. m. on "Borrowing Trouble."

We would call attention to the advertisement of the County Commissioners relative to the fence required under the new fence law.

Mr. E. B. Tolford has had a horse, saddle and harness stolen from him at Belton. We hope the thief may be caught and properly punished.

Quite a number of Masons and other citizens also have availed themselves of the present exemption rates to make a visit to the city of Charleston.

Mr. O. H. P. Fant has on hand fifty ten pound caddies of choice Tobacco, which can be bought at the lowest prices for cash. Call and see the quality, and you will be convinced of the cheapness of his price.

Rev. H. F. Christy, the pastor of the Methodist Church at this place, is absent from his charge for the purpose of attending the South Carolina Conference. We hope he will be re-assigned to Anderson for the ensuing year.

Mr. W. H. Strickland, the popular pastor of the Anderson Baptist Church, has just refused a very flattering call to the Church at Greenville, Ga. His many friends in this community are glad that he could not be induced to leave Anderson.

We are indebted to Hon. D. Wyatt Aiken, member of Congress from this District, for a copy of the memorial addresses delivered upon the occasions of the death of Hon. M. C. Kerr, Speaker of the House of Representatives, and of Hon. A. T. Caperton, Senator from West Virginia.

The cotton shipments from this depot, up to the first of December from the opening of the cotton season, amounted to 5,000 bales, which is a considerable increase over last year, and shows that Anderson is improving as a cotton market. This is the place to sell cotton high and buy goods cheap.

We would call attention to the advertisement of Messrs. Sloan & Co. This popular confectionery is under the management of Mr. D. Prentiss Sloan who though the youngest business man in town, has displayed great enterprise and energy, and deserves a very liberal patronage. In making your preparations for Christmas be sure to call at this store.

We are requested to announce that Sandy Springs Grange will meet at 9 o'clock on Saturday morning, the 15th inst. Matters of importance will be presented to the Grange upon that occasion, and the annual election for officers will be held. All members of this Grange are requested to be present, and the members of other Granges are invited also to attend.

At the last regular communication of Hiram Lodge, No. 68, A. F. M., held in the lodge room, Dec. 10th, 1877, the following officers were elected and installed to serve the ensuing year: J. N. Vandiver, W. M.; W. C. Andrew, S. W.; Rufus S. Hill, J. W.; J. A. Brock, T. S.; J. Pink Reed, Sec.; J. Willie Prevost, S. D.; W. T. W. Harrison, J. D.; J. M. Payne and D. M. Stephens, Stewards; J. F. Murray, Tyler.

Mr. G. W. Fant has a large and choice collection of fine note papers and beautiful books at the post office book store, which has been brought on to supply the demand for elegant Christmas presents in that line. No more appropriate or acceptable holiday presents can be made to either child or grown person than an appropriate book, so the best place to supply the demand for such a present can be found at Mr. Fant's.

The attention of our Democratic Clubs is called to the fact that a number of the poorest members of our clubs went to Columbia last year at the time men were called for to sustain our struggling government, and paid their own expenses, which they were not able to do in justice to themselves. These expenses should be returned to such men by their respective clubs, where it has not been already attended to. It has been neglected too long now, and should be promptly looked after by each club.

Mrs. Sallie Felt, relict of the late Alfred Felt, died at her residence below Belton, in this city, on Monday, the 3rd inst. Mrs. Felt was 67 years of age, and though advanced in years, was active and in usual health until a short time before her death. She had been a consistent member of the Baptist Church for about 24 years, and died in the full hope of the realization of her faith. She leaves eight sons and daughters who, in common with a host of relatives and friends, mourn the death of her whom all who knew her loved.

Rev. J. C. Hudson, a regularly authorized agent for the collection of bonds due Furman University, and the interest on them, is in Anderson for the purpose of collecting the amounts due upon the bonds subscribed to the endowment of the University by citizens of this County. The Furman University is doing a great work in the cause of education, and is the only institution of learning of high order in South Carolina which offers tuition free. We hope that all persons will try to meet their obligations to this University, and by so doing give it the assistance they have promised.

COOKED WHISKEY.

United States Deputy Marshal F. A. Daniels, with two or three assistants, arrested three dealers in cooked whiskey in the York portion of this County, and started with them to Anderson, on last Thursday, with their wagon and some whiskey in kegs. On the way a portion of Mr. Daniels' assistants dropped behind, and after traveling a short distance, the prisoners drew pistols and shot at one of the assistants, who ran precipitately leaving Mr. Daniels by himself and at the mercy of the two desperate characters who were his prisoners. They discharged him and told him they would come no further with him, but would make him a present of their whiskey, which they directed him to remove from the wagon. He did this, and they then turned their wagon and left in haste for Georgia. Every good citizen ought to see to stop this unlawful traffic, and these wags should not be allowed to infect any community. If they will persist in traveling through this County, we hope that all good citizens will assist, as far as possible, in arresting and bringing them to punishment.

DEBATE BOARD.

Any one desirous of obtaining board in a private family, whose dwelling is conveniently situated for business, can get useful information by calling at this office. Gentleman preferred. 22-2.

VENUS KISSING THE MOON.

On last Saturday evening the planet Venus, which is at its greatest eastern elongation, and in its most brilliant phase, presented a very interesting sight to those who watched its passage of the moon.

At a little before eight o'clock the planet was observed to be rapidly approaching the young moon, and soon appeared to be resting upon the opaque outline of that body, and gradually sank downward until the bright planet appeared to rest for a short time upon the upturned horn of our earth's satellite. The sight was as beautiful as any astronomical view we have ever witnessed, and by slow degrees passed off as the bright planet dropped on downward to the Western horizon, and left the moon far behind it. In more northern latitudes the planet passed entirely behind the moon's surface, and disappeared from view, producing an eclipse of Venus, or what astronomers would term an occultation of Venus, but in this latitude the star only described a tangent to the moon, and was only partially obscured from vision. This phenomenon is of very rare occurrence.

THE USURY LAW.

The discussion of the Usury Law has brought out a portion of the Anderson delegation in the House of Representatives. In the debate on last Saturday, Dr. W. C. Brown obtained the floor, and advocated the passage of the bill.

He proved that, from the earliest ages up to the present time, those countries which had adopted money laws had been the most prosperous. His speech was short, and, marked, argumentative, solid and abounded in common, practical, good sense. It was rhetorical, and he enforced his views of the important question by a systematic arrangement of many facts of historical truth pertinent to the question. He drew an accurate picture of our State from the time of the revolution down to the present, when the rate of interest was limited, and contrasting it with our deplorable financial condition at present, drew the self-evident inference and conclusion that the usury law did not do us any harm in the days of our highest prosperity, and also that the repeal of the law had by no means brought about the anticipated flood of riches so confidently expected by the money-lender. He maintained that the repeal of the "usury law," the passage of the famous "lien law," and the "Black Code" occurred about the same time, and were not the result of mature deliberation, but that the legislators at that time were in a manner dazed and stunned by the misfortune which had overtaken them. He contended that the most civilized and enlightened nations of the earth had always had laws of this kind, and they were regarded as the best of scientific and economical. The most celebrated rulers of the world's history were of the same opinion; for instance, Moses, Justinian, Queen Elizabeth, James the First and Queen Anne, and the rate of interest was reduced to reasonable amounts. He concluded by saying that the tendency and natural result of the legislation of the recent past was to build up one part of our people and pull down another—to make the rich richer and the poor poorer.

A Very Good Reason.

The reason why only one sample bottle of MERRELL'S HEPATIN for the Liver will be sold to the same person, for ten cents, by our Druggists, Simpson, Reid & Co., is because of the enormous expense of importing the Hepatin into this country; but as there are fifty doses in the large size bottle, it seems two cents per dose is cheap enough after all for a medicine that cures dyspepsia and liver complaint. All who have not had a sample bottle are entitled to one for ten cents. Call on Simpson, Reid & Co. drug store. Three doses relieves any case of dyspepsia, constipation, indigestion or liver complaint, in the world. Regular size bottles, fifty doses, \$1.00.

HYMENEAL.

MARRIED, on the 4th December, 1877, by Rev. R. H. Reid, Mr. JOHN D. SMITH, of Spartanburg, S. C., and Miss IDA N. ANDERSON, eldest daughter of R. H. Anderson, of Anderson County, S. C.

On the 4th of December, inst., by Rev. W. P. Martin, at his residence, Mr. N. C. DACUS and Miss C. E. ROGERS, daughter of Jacob Rogers. All of Anderson County.

OBITUARY.

Captain W. M. W. TOWNS was born in Greenville County, near Grove Station, September 4th, 1800, and died at his home, about four miles south of Belton, October 26th, 1877. He resided in Anderson County about the year 1828, and lived with his parents in the upper portion of it until 1832, when he was married to Miss Chloe Clinkscale, and took up his residence at the home where he died.

Capt. Towns was gifted with a peculiarly happy disposition, which ever endeared him to his neighbors and friends, and rendered him popular with his associates. He was a kind and devoted husband and father.

Some of his children had preceded him to that bourne from whence no traveler has ever yet returned, and although Captain Towns had never connected himself with the Church, he died in the possession of a sweet hope of meeting his loved ones in a better land beyond the scene of his mortal last illness he more than once expressed his willingness to meet death, and seemed perfectly resigned to the will of God. He leaves a wife and two children, the loss of a dear husband and a son and daughter grieve for a departed father. But they bow in meek submission to the will of the Almighty Father, humbly waiting for the reunion in that Home above.

When the House met on Monday Mr. R. W. Simpson, who held the floor on Saturday, continued his argument in favor of the bill.

He said he was not willing that the people of South Carolina should be governed by the whims and idle speculations of visionary theorists. I contend that if we pass this bill that not only would the planter, the merchant, and the mechanic prosper, but the whole people would be benefited. The opponents of the bill are proceeding on a false basis. We want money, but do not want to pay exorbitant rates for it. There is no danger of our not coming here if we pass the law, for even then we will pay a higher rate of interest than is paid in many States. The system which we have pursued since the war is ruinous. In our poor, distracted, disturbed country we have no real property. It is all a mere bubble, a delusion, a mistake. The opponents of the bill say it won't make any difference whether this law is passed or not, and yet they are making strenuous exertions to prevent its passage. During Mr. Simpson's speech, the hour for adjournment arrived, and the House adjourned until 11 o'clock Monday.

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He said those who had advocated the theories of visionary political economists and who would not believe the arguments which they had advanced; they did not conform to the evidences of their senses. Money is harder to get now than for six or seven years past. Talk out bank bills! I know a man who, a short time ago, went to a bank to borrow a small amount of money and presented the very best collaterals, but the bank refused to lend him the money. A merchant, coming a few minutes later, took the same collaterals and borrowed all the money he wanted, but he was forced to pay the most exorbitant rate of interest. Talk about theories! Why, our whole country is languishing on account of the enormous rate of interest which our people have to pay for money. I do not claim that if we pass the bill it will benefit only one class of the community, but that the planter, the merchant, the mechanic and the professional man will all be benefited. The present system of money lending and borrowing is a disastrous one, and if not abolished will eventually sink the whole State in bankruptcy.

Mr. Orr followed in favor of the bill. He confined himself to the consideration of banks and banking institutions, and how they would all be benefited by the passing of the usury law. He said that all national banks doing business in South Carolina would be as much bound by the law as private banking houses.

SLABTOW.

As the contributions of your localists seem to be perused by your readers with much interest, permit me, as an itinerant, to present a few "dots" occasionally from portions of the County to which my business may call me.—To-night I find me in Slabtown, a section of as great notoriety, perhaps, as any in the State. So fertile is the soil of Slabtown, so varied and complete are its social and religious advantages, and so intellectual and moral are its citizens, that it has attained a celebrity analogous to the settlements of our primogenitors along the Atlantic. Time, in its despicous course and the demoralizing effects of war, have wrought many potent changes in Slabtown. Many of the elite, who once lent it so many charms, so much of its beauty and grace, have left the County and even the State, to enlist under different banners in the great conflict of life. However, a few yet remain to drown the cares and anxieties of life, and to inspire the youthful knight, in life's drama, with virtue and patriotism, and to possess sterling qualities of worth.—Another manifest change in Slabtown has reference to its educational advantages. In the palmy days of South Carolina, Slabtown was the Athens of the upper part of the State. Many of the most important men in the Southern States owe most of their greatness to the knowledge and mental training which they received while at the old academy under Rev. John L. Kennedy. Since then, with one or two exceptions, the schools here have been of but little consequence. However, an effort is now being made to establish a permanent high school, of the first grade, here, where both sexes may receive a liberal education. The services of a classical scholar and successful instructor, who proposes to open the school on the first Monday in January, 1878, have been secured.—Messrs. John M. Glenn & Co., and J. M. Smith, merchants, seem to be getting a fair trade, and cash goods may be had from them at very low figures.—The farmers in this section are generally through sowing wheat. Acting upon a suggestion made in the Grange, a number of farmers, about twenty, have agreed to see how many bushels of wheat they can grow upon one acre, by high fertilizing; the most successful one to receive one bushel from each of the others.

BLOOD.

THE BLOOD is the most important of all subjects, in connection with disease; and if it impure, HEALTH IS IMPOSSIBLE. How important, then, that this beautiful crimson "liquid flesh," should be freed from all impurities, that it be not too dark, but that it be pure, healthy, rich, life-giving, and life-sustaining. If the blood become thin and impoverished, its condition is manifestly unhealthy. It is the life-giving principle of the whole system, and it is the fruitful source of pimples, ulcers, sore eyes, erysipelas, boils, carbuncles, ringworm, salt-rheum, and eruptions of all kinds. Rheumatism and gout will attack the limbs and penetrate the joints. If it becomes too thick, or loaded with impurities, the smaller blood vessels will be clogged, and apoplexy, paralysis or congestion will result. For the purification of the blood, science has not as yet discovered a medicine to equal SIMMONS' HEPATIC COMPOUND, or LIVER CURE.

NOTICE.

ALBERT J. CLINKSCALES, of Abbeville County, State of South Carolina, having made an assignment to the benefit of his creditors, a greater number of whom reside in the County of Anderson, notice is hereby given, according to the Act of Assembly in such cases provided, that the Creditors of said A. J. Clinkscale meet at Anderson Court House, South Carolina, FRIDAY, the 14th day of DECEMBER next, to act in the premises, and name and appoint an agent according to law, if they deem proper.

JAMES M. LATIMER, Assignee. Dec 6, 1877.

WEAVER'S PATENT.

We would call attention to the advertisement in Col. J. J. Norton offers valuable land in Oconee County for sale.

HOSEA PATH.

The farmers are making great efforts to finish sowing wheat. The area promises to be a small increase over last year. Hogs, lots of hogs, at 8 cents per pound gross, but they don't sell fast.—Mr. Simpson's friends hereabouts are pleased to hear of his promotion to the chairmanship of the Ways and Means Committee of the House of Representatives.—Dr. T. A. Hudgens, is having a merry time in Columbia, as Foreman of Jury No. 1, U. S. District Court. If he don't get home for Christmas dinner, it won't be his fault.—J. L. Brock, paid freight on two sets of buggy wheels from Cincinnati, Ohio, to Greenville, \$1.40, and from Greenville to this place, \$1.80.—A distressing accident, resulting in the death of a little daughter of Galloway Lollis—aged nine years—occurred on Sunday afternoon last, in this neighborhood. It appears that Mrs. Lollis had gone a short distance for a bucket of water, leaving her daughter in the house, and before getting the water she heard the screams of the unfortunate child, and looking towards the house, saw her running, the flames completely enveloping her. Dr. Cheshire was sent for and arrived soon after the accident, and found that her burns were too serious and that nothing could save the life of the poor little unfortunate. In a few hours death relieved her of all her pains. In his efforts to save the child, Mr. Austin had his hands severely burned.

A Gentle Hint.

In our style of climate, with its sudden changes of temperature—rain, wind and sunshine often intermingling in a single day—it is no wonder that our children, friends and relatives are so frequently taken from us by neglected colds, half the deaths resulting directly from this cause. A bottle of Ross's German Syrup kept in your house for immediate use will prevent serious sickness, a large doctor's bill, and perhaps death. The revolution which our Syrup will bring about in curing Consumption, Hemorrhages, Pneumonia, Severe Coughs, Croup or any disease of the Throat or Lungs, its success is simply wonderful. For your Syrup is now sold in every town and village on this continent. Sample bottles for trial, 10c., regular size, 75c.

Great Bargains in Overcoats,

Of which we have now a very large assortment—all new.

BOOTS AND SHOES,

Of which we have now a very large assortment—all new.

CLOTHING DEPARTMENT,

We felt encouraged to order an entire new Stock, and Gentlemen will find it to their advantage to inspect the same before purchasing elsewhere.

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CHRISTMAS IS COMING.

ANTICIPATING a continuance of the large business we have been doing during the past two months, we have

REPLENISHED OUR ENTIRE STOCK,

And all those who have not yet supplied their wants, will find our assortment as large and complete as ever.

CLOAKS AND DRESS GOODS,

An inspection of which is solicited, as they cannot fail to please the most fastidious.

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LOOK THIS WAY.

SHOES—We make Shoes one of our Specialties. Our stock is kept complete. Good Men and Women Shoes at \$1.00 per pair.

JEANS AND CASSIMERES—In these we cannot be excelled, both as regards prices and the quality of Goods. Those wishing to buy a good article for the least money should not fail to try us.

CALICOES—We always have on hand a fine selection in this line—not the flimsy, worthless article so often peddled off on the people.

CLOTHING—We can offer special inducements in this line. Suits from \$5.00 up, and good at that.

GROCERIES—Our Stock of Groceries is the best the market affords, and in these our prices are much lower than ever before. A good article of Sugar at 10 lbs. for \$1.00. Good Coffee at 5 lbs. for \$1.00. Salt, \$1.25 per sack, &c.

LEATHER—Those wanting Upper, Harness, Sole Leather and Calf Skins might injure themselves by failing to call on us.

Nov 15, 1877 11 SULLIVAN & CO. 17

COME ONE! COME ALL!

LADIES' STORE,

And See the Great Variety of New and Beautiful Goods that are Daily Arriving!

YES, we keep constantly ordering to keep up with all the Latest Novelties, and to supply the many calls we have from our numerous customers.

Give us a call before you purchase elsewhere, and be convinced that we are not to be undersold. We mean what we say.

Our customers who have been indulged, will oblige us by coming forward and settling up. We are determined not to let any Account stand over until 1878.

Military and Mantua Department complete. Don't take our word. Call, see and be convinced.

Nov 8, 1877 11 SULLIVAN & CO. 17

NEW AND SPECIAL ANNOUNCEMENT.

I DESIRE TO INFORM MY FRIENDS AND CUSTOMERS THAT I have just received a

NEW STOCK OF GOODS,

Consisting of STAPLE DRY GOODS, GROCERIES, of all kinds, IRON, BUGGY MATERIALS.

Which I bought at extremely low figures. I also have on hand a good lot of CLOTHING, which