

LOCAL MATTERS.

BRIEF MENTION.

Next Sunday is Easter.

Mayor Tolly is enlarging his residence.

The Palmetto Band were out serenading on last Tuesday evening.

Severe cases of pneumonia are reported in several sections of the County.

We understand that cotton-picking is still going on in some localities in this County.

Mr. O. B. VanWyck has purchased the dwelling recently vacated by Mr. Wm. L. Bolt.

The residence of Mrs. Georgia Brown has lately been much improved by a coat of paint.

To-morrow is Good Friday. Plant beans, sow tobacco and cabbage seeds and go to Church.

There will be divine services in the Episcopal Church to-morrow morning at 11 o'clock.

Mr. R. L. Moorhead has been appointed Deputy Clerk of Court for this County, vice Wm. L. Bolt resigned.

Three Italians, with a harp and two violins, furnished delightful music on our streets during the past week.

Messrs. Sullivan & Mattison and J. B. Clark & Sons now occupy the new store rooms in the Centennial House.

Wild turkeys, partridges, geese, woodcocks and pheasants are the only feathered game protected by law in this State.

Judging from the amount of improvements going on in Williamston, we would conclude that her citizens are prospering.

The farmers' meeting to be held in the Court House on Saturday in April will be addressed by Maj. Thomas H. Russell, the President.

See the change in the advertisement of Messrs. J. P. Sullivan & Co. Our readers will always be honorably dealt with by this establishment.

Rev. J. E. Carls delivered a very able and interesting discourse on the subject of temperance on last Sunday night in the Methodist Church.

Divine services will be held in the new Presbyterian Church for the first time on next Sunday week, 4th of April. The services will be held in the basement.

See the prospectus of the New York World, which appears on another page. It is one of the most influential and reliable Democratic journals in the United States.

Mr. John Major, a son of the late Mr. Elijah Major, died at his residence in Belton township on last Thursday after an illness of a week or ten days of pneumonia.

Mr. J. W. Sheard, a prominent and influential citizen of the Dark Corner, has recently been suffering considerably from the effects of a wound received during the war.

The election of officers for Anderson Division, No. 1, Sons of Temperance, to serve the ensuing quarter, comes off this (Thursday) evening. All the members are requested to be punctual in attendance.

The State Convention of the Young Men's Christian Association will meet in annual session in Orangeburg on Thursday next, 1st April, and several members of the Anderson Association anticipate attending.

Mr. Wm. L. Bolt has removed from this place to Seneca City, where he will embark in merchandising. He has been the faithful and efficient scribe in the office of the Clerk of Court for the past eight or nine years.

The entertainment given by the ladies of the Methodist Church on last Friday evening was a success in every respect. The net amount realized aggregated about \$120, which will be used for improving the Church property.

Appointments of the Y. M. C. A. for next Sunday: To conduct the afternoon meeting, H. G. Scudary—Scripture, St. John 14; Poor House Committee, J. W. Todd, J. M. Hubbard, Jail Committee, A. B. Towers, J. B. Clark.

Portable steam saw-mills are getting to be quite numerous in this County of late. There are at present two at work on the road running from Anderson to Williamston, and from all appearances they are doing a pretty good business.

The South Carolina Presbytery will meet with the Williamston Presbyterian Church on Wednesday, 7th instant, and continue in session several days. The delegates will be hospitably welcomed and entertained by the good people of Williamston.

We would call attention to Dr. Flagg's advertisement, which appears elsewhere. The agent, Mr. Leroy, is at the Waverly House, where he may be consulted without charge during the balance of the present and perhaps a part of next week.

The "Victory Dash" advertised in another column, and for which Mr. L. H. Seal is agent at this place, is an invention of one of our citizens, and is said to be an improvement on any thing yet introduced into this section for churning. Give it a trial.

As a tin and stove dealer Mr. L. H. Seal has established an enviable reputation. He always keeps a full stock of tinware and stoves on hand, which he sells at low figures and on the most reasonable terms. He is an enterprising merchant, and deserves a liberal patronage. See his advertisement.

Mr. James B. Chambliss, an aged and respected citizen of this County, died at his residence in Yareness township on Wednesday night of last week, and a large number of relatives and friends mourn his death. His remains were buried in the graveyard at Mt. Creek Church on Friday.

In consequence of a misunderstanding the meeting of the stockholders of the Anderson Educational Association appointed for Monday last was not held. The President requests us to say that the stockholders will meet on Monday next, 29th instant, at 10 o'clock, and that a full attendance is earnestly desired.

We had the pleasure of dining with about fifty young ladies on last Sunday. We were the guest of Dr. Lander, President of the Williamston Female College, and it has been a long time since we beheld such an array of beauty and loveliness as met our bewildered gaze on this occasion. This is an institution of which our people should be proud, as its standard is as high as that of any female college in the State, and its government everything that could be desired.

We have for some time past had a machine for mailing our papers, but owing to our inability to secure the necessary "sorts" with which to put our mailing list in machine we had to be content with our old-fashioned way of doing it. We have now secured a state, however, that we have now secured everything necessary to put it into operation, and in the course of a few weeks our entire issue will be mailed with it, which will be an improvement that both subscribers and postmasters—particularly the latter—will greatly appreciate.

The ladies of the Baptist Church are arranging for a hot dinner and supper for Friday, 2d of April, and will spare no effort to make the entertainment a success, the proceeds of which will go to the parsonage fund. The usual variety of substantial as well as delicacies will be furnished, and the public generally are invited.

Mr. D. H. Hammond, an enterprising farmer of Williamston township, brought us a sample of a two-acre patch of wheat last week that is about two feet high. He says that the sample is an average of the whole patch, and that from an acre and a quarter of the same ground he gathered forty bushels of the same cereal last year.

The drama, "Naval Engagements," which was to have been rendered in Masonic Hall on last Friday evening and was a part of the entertainment that was given by the Methodist ladies, and which was postponed for the reason that the inclement weather prevented the necessary rehearsing, will be presented in Masonic Hall this (Thursday) evening. The public generally are cordially invited to attend.

The State Board of Health are taking steps to have all persons in the State vaccinated who have not been heretofore. There has been little or no vaccination done in the State since the war, and in case small-pox should be introduced into our midst there would be nothing to prevent its spreading. It is a wise move, and boards of physicians in every locality of the State will be charged with the duty of performing the operations.

A correspondent of the Barnwell People makes the following pertinent remarks concerning an evil habit that many people have acquired, and who make no effort to restrain its force or check its growth: "The habit of talking in church, during the services, is certainly a great evil, and a very popular one, and a habit, if indulged in only by children, could be borne with some little forbearance; but when persons who have age as well as respectability on their side are guilty of this deplorable evil, I think they ought to be told of it, and, if propriety would admit, they should be rebuked in public."

The New York Cash Store was never before so pretty and attractive as on yesterday, the occasion of its grand spring opening. The thousands of goods of every description, character and color that lined the counters, adorned the shelves and windows, and that were suspended on cords stretched from side to side and from end to end, presented a most beautiful sight, and attracted scores of our citizens who love the beautiful and admire the picturesque. This store was the center of attraction throughout the entire day, and from about 11 o'clock in the morning until late in the afternoon was crowded with ladies, who kept the polite and accommodating proprietors and clerks busy in supplying their many wants. The elaborate decorations were most artistically arranged, and reflected much credit on the taste of all concerned. Messrs. Arminson & Rose, the proprietors, are highly pleased at the success with which their enterprise and energy was rewarded on this occasion, and will doubtless make similar displays in the future.

Dr. Lawrence C. Neal and Mr. Charley White, of Hopewell township, in this County, have invented an attachment to a gin for opening cotton bolls that do not fully mature before the stalk is killed by cold weather, and for separating the cotton from the burr. The attachment is a work entirely of their own, is quite simple and has been most successfully operated by them the past season, the results of which will leave no doubt in the minds of any as to its great value to the cotton-producers. We are informed that they gathered enough cotton bolls that would not open from the fields of a single farm this fall to make twelve or thirteen five hundred pound bales, and that the cotton was sold in this market side by side with that which was picked by hand at the same price. If the invention proves to be all that is claimed for it, it will certainly take rank among the most important inventions of the age, and will add millions of dollars yearly to the value of this important crop, as there is always a large per centage of the bolls that never open, especially when the crop is late or the fall early. To the Mississippi bottoms, or wherever the stalk grows very rank, it will be particularly valuable, and from the sample of lint shown us, as well as the quality of bolls from which it was made, we are inclined to think that it will contribute more to enhance the profit of cotton raising than any improvement that has been made either in its cultivation or preparation for market in the past quarter of a century. The gentlemen have made application for a patent on their invention, and we hope as a reward for their enterprise and diligence they will make fortunes out of it.

We are glad to say that our farmers are taking more care in preparing their lands this year than ever before. The only reason we can assign for this is that they are all encouraged by their fine prospects. Our school is in a growing condition. Our teacher is doing all he can to advance the cause of education in our midst, and we believe he will be crowned with success. Mr. T. L. Reid tells us that there was a rain fall of eighteen inches during the recent week. He learned it from a boiler of that depth in his yard. A very singular occurrence took place at Henry Whitefield's (colored) on the night of the 15th inst. An old well, of which no one can give any account, fell in. The negro said that he had rode over it many a time. It is just in front of his house, and is forty feet deep.

A May party on a grand scale by the pupils of the Academy may be expected. It has been proposed to place an organ in the Baptist Church, and money for that purpose is being solicited. Messrs. J. A. Gaines and J. A. Burgess have respectively 25 and 15 acres of wheat that can't be beat in the County. Capt. Joseph P. Harris, Sr., a life-long resident of the York, died on the 15th instant in the 77th year of his age. He was a grandson of Gen. Andrew Pickens of Revolutionary note, and had a large circle of relatives and friends here and elsewhere who will sympathize warmly with the bereaved household. Mr. W. C. McCarty, a prominent merchant of this place, found it necessary to enlarge his store room recently. Evidences of Townville's growth are constantly occurring. Mrs. Elizabeth, wife of Mr. James M. Hopkins, of Oconee County, died January 24, 1880, having been a devout and faithful communicant of the Baptist Church for 38 years. She was 60 years of age and was a native of Abbeville County.

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Pomona Grange No. 6, P. H., will meet in their hall on Saturday, 3d day of April, at 11 o'clock, a. m. The members, delegates and brethren are earnestly requested to give their attention. No live Grange should fail to be represented, and the domestic and useful working. A living body joined to the Pomona Grange, and a resolution requesting the Masters and Secretaries to use every available means to revive and resuscitate all dormant and drooping Granges during the next summer, and where there was no hope of reviving such charters at once. Sub-Granges in this condition will, therefore, be pleased to give us their presence and attention, and consult with us as to the most efficacious remedial application for restoration, vigor, healthy and useful working. A living body joined to an inert body and forced to drag it on through life will certainly retard progress, be exceedingly unpleasant, not to say annoying and costly, and must eventually exhaust the life and energy of the healthy body. Brethren, let not this fatality come upon our order through our inaction, carelessness and want of fraternal care.

Belton Township Singing Convention. This body held its second meeting at Belton on the 20th and 21st instants. Delegates were present from Shady Grove, Big Creek, Belton and Cedar Grove Sunday Schools and Choirs. After enrolling the names of the delegates present, the Convention