

CITY AFFAIRS.

MEETINGS THIS DAY.

Palmetto Lodge, K. P., at 7 P. M. Charleston Light Dragoons, at 8 P. M. AUCTION SALES THIS DAY.

J. A. Enslow & Co. will sell at 11 o'clock, at store on Central wharf, damaged bagging. S. C. Black will sell at 11 o'clock, near the Postoffice, railroad stock, &c.

William McKay will sell at 10 o'clock, at his store, notions, embroideries, &c.

THE THERMOMETRICAL. The range of the thermometer yesterday, at Mr. Blackman's drug store, was as follows:

8 A. M.; 10 A. M., 45; 12 M., 50; 2 P. M., 53; 4 P. M., 54; 6 P. M., 52; 8 P. M., 49.

UNION PRAYER MEETINGS.

Glebe street Church, Wednesday afternoon, half-past 4 o'clock. The Rev. W. S. Bowman is expected to officiate.

Circular Church, Wednesday night, half-past 7 o'clock. The exercises will be conducted by Rev. John L. Girardeau, D. D.

CHARLESTON LIBRARY SOCIETY.

An extra meeting of the Charleston Library Society was held yesterday, to consider the subject of managing the Library in co-operation with the Apprentices' Library Society.

A BANNER PRESENTATION.

A pleasing ceremony took place last evening at the Temperance Hall, being the presentation to the St. Joseph's Total Abstinence Beneficial Society of a beautiful banner.

WASHINGTON STEAM FIRE COMPANY.

The twenty-fourth anniversary meeting of the Washington Steam Fire Company was held on Monday evening last, when the following officers were elected: L. Cavanaugh, president; T. E. Hogan, vice-president; H. E. Winking, first director; T. Murray, second director; J. Knobloch, third director; A. Axson, fourth director; M. Fitzgibbon, secretary; C. H. Schwing, treasurer; W. Pouteau, J. W. McKenzie, W. J. McCaffee and S. W. Stopplebine, executors; Thomas Morris, engineer and halpkeeper; T. Murray, J. McCaffee, stewards. Captain James M. Carson, the former president, declined re-election.

LOCAL LAQUONS.

There was a slight fall of snow in the city early yesterday morning. A large black Newfoundland dog confined in the main Guardhouse will be sold if not claimed within the next twenty-four hours.

Leads begins to-day. There will be the usual Ash Wednesday services in the Catholic and Episcopal Churches.

A slight run off occurred to a freight train at Monk's Corner, on the Northeastern Railroad on Monday night. The morning train bound North yesterday transferred its passengers and returned to the city.

Mr. Louis D. DeSaussure sold yesterday a three-story frame house, on the east side of King street, a few doors from South Battery, on a lot seventy-nine feet front by fifty feet deep, for \$6500.

The agent of a queer and wonderful little device for threading needles—in the shape of a thimble, with a patent attachment, which simplifies that operation, so perplexing to the ladies, and so impossible to men—was doing a thriving business yesterday on Broad street, near the Postoffice. It is claimed that this thimble saves time and preserves the eyesight, and that, in a word, it is "the most valuable article in the world for the price." The ladies will find it a curious novelty.

THE COURTS.

Court of Common Pleas. The following cases were referred to G. W. Dingle, Esq., as special referee:

W. Harvey, administrator, vs. J. Kelley; Joel B. Skipper vs. J. Kelley.

United States Court. Petition of Joseph E. Flynn to establish lien in the case of John Flynn, bankrupt. Referred to Registrar Clawson. Petition of Eugene G. Evans, of Pendleton, for voluntary bankruptcy. Referred to Registrar Jaeger. Petition of Joseph Singly for payment of rent in the case of Motte & Tarrant, bankrupts. Granted. Arguments were heard on the petition of I. S. K. Bennett, bankrupt, for the reservation of a homestead, and the case was finally discharged from bankruptcy.

Trial Justices' Court. John Riley and Mike alias Nicholas Corroon were refused admission into a barroom in Elliott street, on Monday, whereupon they broke down the door and entered forcibly. They were subsequently carried before Trial Justice Howard, who fined them ten dollars each.

Edward Miller and Clarence Rose, colored, were committed to jail by the same justice, the former for examination on a charge of complicity in cotton stealing, and the latter for examination on a charge of breaking into the barber shop of Wm. Stevens, and stealing a lot of pictures, razors, shears and other articles.

Mayor's Court. William Burley, drunk, fined one dollar. Frank Mitchell, colored, drunk and disorderly, fined two dollars. Moses Barwell, colored, allowing his chimney to take fire, case continued. A black dog, found running at large, fifty cents.

HOTEL ARRIVALS—FEBRUARY 25.

Charleston. Mrs. Larned, C. J. Larned, Philadelphia; J. Elsay, New York; Rav R. A. Simpson, Fernandina; Mrs. M. A. Hodgkins, Miss H. A. Hodgkins, Jos. Willett, Boston; Geo. H. Waters, Columbia; P. L. Cochran, Augusta; F. Deeter, Savannah; A. K. Bra mick, New York; O. P. Wyman and Lady, Boston; J. Book, Illinois; O. W. Richardson, Portland; H. Etting, New York; H. P. Griffith, Savannah; H. T. Hoyt and lady, Miss Hoyt, Mrs. E. J. of Savannah.

Fayetteville. B. Greig, Monk's Corner; Fred W. Ho. t. Philadelphia; A. A. Thomas, Pineville; S. F. Edwards, J. Gorman, Savannah; J. G. Foster, Augusta; A. M. Sperry, Washington; Simon H. Ileran, Coosa; W. B. Parsons, New York; F. French, Columbia; D. Carroll, L. E. Meyers, Fort Worth; W. L. Humphries, Philadelphia; Thos. Aswell, Florence; M. L. Coleman, Cerrito Gordo; Oliver Hewitt, Graham; J. B. Hammond, Camden; N. O. Boardman, J. G. Finn, A. Partridge, New York; R. M. Pegues, Cheraw.

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AMUSEMENTS.

Barrett as Cardinal Wolsey—Hamlet To-night.

Shakespeare's "Henry VIII" drew a full house last night. Mr. Barrett's personation of Cardinal Wolsey was full of dignity and grace. The interest culminated at the close of the fourth act, when, cast off by the King, the Cardinal bewails the fickleness of royalty, exclaiming, "Oh, had I served my God as faithfully as I have served my King He would not, in my old age, have left me naked." This was the signal for a storm of applause, which continued until the gifted tragedian appeared before the curtain. The support was somewhat less spirited than on the previous evenings of the engagement, but ample amends was made for this by the sweet singing of Misses Burke and Belgoids.

To-night, by request, Hamlet will be repeated. Barrett rivals Booth in his conception and presentation of the moody Dane. We look for a crowded house.

The Hibernian. Another good audience was attracted to the Hibernian Hall last evening to witness the second exhibition of the Hibernian. The nature of the entertainment does not admit of a change of programme, except in the music, songs and concluding farce, which on last night were new and pleasing. The exhibition will again be given this evening.

The Masquerade To-night. The German Rifle Club give their grand masquerade this evening in the upper hall of the Academy; and, while sombre tragedy is enacted below, the highest kind of carnival will be held among the merry masquers above. Under the careful management of the Committee of arrangements, whose names are surmises of good order, a pleasant time may be expected.

Ball of the Hope Fire Company. The ball of the Hope Steam Fire Company took place at the South Carolina Hall last evening, and was quite a successful affair. The ball was well filled, the music was good, the temperature of the evening was pleasant, and everybody was happy.

Amateur Minstrelsy. A party of German amateur minstrels gave a very agreeable entertainment at the Freundschafsbund Hall, last evening, before a large audience, composed principally of German citizens. The entertainment will be frequently repeated during the coming month.

BURNED TO DEATH. A little girl, three years old, the daughter of a colored man named Oscar Manigault, living at the Seven-Mile Hill, South Carolina Railroad, was burned to death yesterday, about noon. While her parents were busy at some distance from their house, the child began to play with lighted sticks, from which her clothes took fire. The parents, attracted by screams, beheld the child enveloped in a pillar of flame, which rose far above her head, but before they could render assistance her clothing was entirely consumed. She died about two hours later, in horrible agony. The coroner has been notified, and will hold an inquest this morning.

MORTUARY REPORT FOR THE WEEK. The following is the official return of deaths in the City of Charleston, for the week ending February 27, 1873.

Table with columns: CAUSES OF DEATH, Whites, Blacks or Colored, Adults, Children, Males, Females.

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SUMMERVILLE.

ITS ATTRACTIONS FOR SPORTSMEN.

Deer-Hunting—Bird-Shooting—Fishing—Fox-Hunting.

The far-famed music of the hunter's horn can be heard to great perfection in this little village in the woods as in far more renowned localities. It may not awaken as many echoes as on the alpine heights, nor startle as amid the dreary stillness of the Western prairies; but when at break of day, or on moonlight nights, hunter unto hunter answer makes, the music of their horns is prolonged amid the colonnades of lofty pines in notes of unrivalled sweetness. The hunters have been familiar with the horn from their boyhood up, have acquired great skill in its use, and the sound of each man's horn is as distinct and as well known to those with whom he is accustomed to hunt as to his own voice. To have been raised in Summerville before the war and not to have become a sportsman seems to have been impossibility. The surrounding forests abound in deer and foxes; woodcocks, partridges and other birds are common, and in lakes furnish excellent fish. And in those lakes servants, horses, mules, time were plenty, at least to Summerville. The tastes then acquired have not been lost, and sport, particularly deer hunting, is followed, with as much zest as ever it was.

The HUNTING SEASON. Before the war and since, until the enactment of the present game law, hunting was followed the whole year through. The law as it now stands limits the time of hunting from September 1 to January 1. This, however, regarded by the sportsmen of the country as very absurd, and the Carolina Sporting Club have prepared a code and submitted it to the consideration of the Legislature, which it adopted, as it is hoped it will, will extend the time to March 1. Before the war Wednesdays and Saturdays were the regular hunting days, when the gentlemen collected in large parties for the enjoyment of their favorite sport. Since the war times have been harder and time has been scarce, and so they have but one hunting day in the week, and that is Saturday. During the hunting season, however, that one day is still well observed, and many is the merry party that sallies forth from Summerville bent on the pleasures of the chase. It is generally safe sport, the principal risks being a fall from your horse, or injury from your own or a companion's gun. Occasionally, however, the zest of danger is added to the sport. The bucks run together during the spring and summer, but in August they rub their horns, and after that are very fierce, and have been often known to turn on a pack of dogs and kill several of them; and it is dangerous for a hunter who has shot one to approach it and cut its throat unless he know its dead. They also have desperate battles with each other, and sometimes get their horns locked together. Two have been killed at one shot while in that position, and they have also been known to starve to death, having locked their mouths together, and being unable to get loose. The most exciting part of a hunt is chasing a blooded deer. As soon as a huntsman has shot at a deer and thinks he has hit it, the dogs are called in, and the whole party turn in to hunt for blood and follow the trail until signs are found, and then the dogs are put on.

The sportsman who says he has wounded a deer is an experienced and skillful hunter. The formality of hunting for blood is dispensed with, and the dogs are put on at once. Then the race begins and the excitement wax high. The old gentlemen generally stick to the roads, but the young men, especially the one who has wounded the deer, feel in the bound to keep up with the leading dogs through thick and thin. Through forest and swamp, up hill and down dale, across ditches, creeks and fences he follows them, the men reckless, the horses quivering with excitement, and the dogs making the woodland ring with the music of their bark. The race is between the men and the dogs, for if the latter reach the deer first they will eat and mangle it to the most horrible manner, while as a disgrace to the whole hunting party. The dogs never lose the track of a wounded deer, and his only chance of escape is by trying slightly wounded, indeed, he is only very slightly wounded, and then he sometimes wades out his pursuers. A very exciting chase of this kind came off a few days ago, in which the deer escaped by taking to the river, and one of the best riders of Summerville was thrown heels over head from his horse, but fortunately did not receive even a scratch in the fall.

THE HUNTING GROUNDS. There are three principal hunting grounds. One is known as the Goosecreek Hunting Ground, being along the course of that creek, between the State Road and Foster's Creek. This is the best hunting ground, but has the disadvantage of being the most distant from Summerville, the hunters having to ride about ten miles before they reach a drive. The next hunting ground is a belt of country about four miles wide, and about seven miles from Summerville, extending from the Ashley River to the South Carolina Railroad. The western bank of the Ashley just across Brown's Bridge is also a favorite hunting ground, and one where deer can be found at almost any time. There is no particular place, however, where there is any absolute certainty of finding deer at any given time. Even forty years ago, when they were much more plentiful than they are now, old hunters say that occasionally the very best drives would be entirely deserted.

A HUNT. To describe a hunt as it ought to be described, to tell of the fairness or the murkiness of the weather, to describe the joyous gathering of the huntsmen, the neighing and the prancing of the steeds, the baying of the hounds, the ride across country, the music of a pack in full cry, the desperate races down roads and through woods, the leaps over fences and ditches, the swimming of creeks, how this man killed a buck, how that one missed and how the other fellow's gun snapped, would take the pen of an Irving and the enthusiasm of a born hunter, to say nothing of the space of a small pamphlet. But the following dry statement of facts will serve to give some idea to strangers of what sport our hunting men sometimes have. One morning during the past season six young sportsmen, all natives, and to the manor born, collected together for a hunt across the Ashley. They were well mounted and well armed, and had a good pack of fifteen dogs. They started at seven o'clock, and a brisk ride of an hour carried them six miles to Bacon's Bridge and two miles beyond. Two of the young men took charge of the dogs and entered the drive. Before the war this work was almost always done by a negro man trained to the business, but since the abolition of slavery the negroes are so proud to drive for white men, or when not too proud are too lazy to do it properly, so that now the huntsmen generally take it by turns to do the driving. The dogs had not long entered the drive when one of them was heard to open, and soon the whole pack followed suit. The remaining hunters having taken their stands on the edges of an open savanna, where the deer was expected to come out, were on the tiptoe of expectation. They

were not doomed to disappointment, nor did they have to wait long. Out came a doe, closely followed by a yearling, the dogs in full cry some distance behind. Several shots were fired. The doe was killed.