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Wednesday, December 26, 1888.

Unassorted Items.

The Jordan school Christmas tree was a pleasant occasion.
Rev. and Mrs. Leard are visiting Mrs. Geo. H. Huggins.
Panola is to have a gala time Friday, the event of the season.
The Knights of Pythias will elect officers to-morrow night. A full attendance is requested.
Rev. R. D. Perry will preach at New Harmony church, Sunday, Dec. 30th, at 11 o'clock.
Mr. William E. Daniels and Miss Eva Plowden, daughter of Mrs. Callie Plowden, will be married to-night.
Christmas threw the TIMES a day late this year. Well, its all in a life time. Christmas comes but once a year.
Mr. B. A. Johnson left today for Darlington, to join his wife who is now visiting her relatives in that town. He will be absent a week.

Bright Christmas.

Christmas was a lovely day, bright, beautiful, and balmy, and everybody appears to have enjoyed himself. Lots of liquor was destroyed, but good feelings generally prevailed. The vocal serenades by the colored folks Christmas evening was original, unique, unearthly, non-melodious, terrific, indescribable.

Fine Farming.

Our thanks to Mr. J. D. Holladay for samples of his turnip and potato crop. The turnip was of the purple top globe variety, and weighed six pounds. The potato was about as large.
Mr. Holladay has a cow, about two and a half years old, that recently had two bull calves at one time. This is rather remarkable, and of not common occurrence for a cow to have more than one calf at a time.

Fires.

Mr. J. Elbert Davis lost his cotton house last Friday night by fire. His loss is about \$200. No insurance. Supposed to be incendiary.
Mr. David Levi, near Summerton, lost his gin house by fire last Thursday night. He lost besides the house, four bales cotton, three fine gins, and a press, in all about \$1500. No insurance. The fire was accidental, one of the gins taking fire while it was running.

Dr. W. H. Reynolds, a prominent physician of Paeksville, left his home after bed-time Saturday night, Dec. 15th, and has not since been heard of. His disappearance has caused great uneasiness, and numerous rumors of the cause of his leaving are rife. It is feared by some of his friends that he has committed suicide.

Sad Death.

Mr. and Mrs. Seabrook, and their little infant, about two months old, of Edisto Island, arrived in town Monday to spend Christmas with Rev. Jas. McDowell, Mr. Seabrook's father. All was apparently brightness and happiness; but Christmas morning the little child was suddenly stricken down, and in a few short hours died of convulsions. The grief stricken parents left the same evening (Christmas) for their home in Edisto, where the body will be buried.

Merry Christmas.

It seems but as yesterday when the cheerful cry of "Merry Christmas" resounded on every side. But here they are again, and as glad and bright. The Texas wishes to each of its readers a Merry Christmas, with naught but brightness and beauty and love and health on every side. And may the New Year bring to each hours of peace and gladness, with only enough of sorrow and sadness to make the sunlight still brighter.

Quick Selling.

Mr. Charles McCafferty, the well known Texas pony man, had one of his auction sales here last Saturday, just as advertised. He unloaded a car of mules and saddle ponies at about 9 o'clock in the morning, and before 3 in the afternoon they were all sold, at prices ranging from \$40 to \$80. The McCaffertys have won an enviable reputation. A prominent gentleman from the western part of the county says he got the Texas just in time to come to the sale, and he purchased two of the mules. Whenever the McCaffertys advertise a sale of horses, it draws a big crowd, and the horses go off like hot cakes.

Summerton News.

Summerton, Dec. 17.—Our quiet little village was calmer than ever, less by the sound of wedding bells. Miss Sarah Ragin, daughter of Mrs. Doctor Ragin, was married to Mr. William Felder of Panola, by Rev. J. L. Shuford. Though a select and small party attended, the whole affair passed off very pleasantly.
Capt. Cordes, Gen. Manager of S. C. Steamboat Company, spent a few days last week with us. He is looking after the interests of his company; several of their boats ply up and down the Santee River. The prospects of several railroads running through this country are quite bright, and will no doubt cut off considerable freight from the Boat Line. There is nothing like competition. "Let her roll!"
The Rev. R. D. Perry, of the Presbyterian church, preached two fine sermons in the Presbyterian church yesterday to appreciative audiences. He will preach again in the same church on next Sunday, the 23rd, at 4 P. M.
Mrs. Mellette, wife of Mr. Robert Mellette, and daughter of Capt. R. B. Harvin, died very suddenly at her home on Thursday evening, leaving five small children and her husband to lament her death. We all sympathize with the afflicted family.
Miss Annie F. Caldwell of Newnan, Ga., and Mr. Elie Smith of Charleston, are visiting at Maj. R. R. Briggs'; Miss Ida Law of Darlington at Mrs. Dr. Ragin's; Mrs. Alice Bass at Mr. J. D. Rutledge's; Miss Lizzie Rember at Mr. E. A. Tindal's.
Rev. T. E. Wisniamaker has commenced a new year's work as he has been returned to this circuit. Every thing is quiet.

C. C. Cherry Cough Cure. A certain cure for coughs and colds, at Dinkins & Co.'s.
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ROBBERY AND FORGERY.

A Lawyer Attempts Robbery and Commits Forgery—Nobody's Business—No Attempt to Arrest—Allowed to Escape.

Our readers were made aware last week of the breaking into the County Treasurer's office, and the attempt to rob the safe in that office. Suspicion even then pointed to Benjamin S. Dinkins as the guilty party, but we did not have it in shape to give our readers. The robbery was one of the most open-handed and bungling affairs on record, and Dinkins seems to have gone into it careless of the consequences.
NO EFFORT TO ARREST HIM.
It was generally known, common street talk, after Tuesday night, yet not an effort was made to arrest him. He passed along the street freely and openly, conversed freely with policemen, intendants, sheriff, and other officers, and although these officers were morally certain he was the guilty party, yet not an effort was made to arrest him. Something is wrong; somebody is at fault: an ordinary every-day man would never have spent the next day out of jail. But B. S. Dinkins was allowed to walk the streets freely all day Monday; to go to Columbia Tuesday, to argue a case before the Supreme Court; to return that night, and quietly have that night and the next day to arrange his business; and to go to the depot Thursday morning, as freely as he ever did, to take the train for "parts unknown." Comment is unnecessary. This is but a fair sample of South Carolina law and justice, and the reason lynch law retains such a strong hold on the people.

HISTORY OF THE ROBBERY.
But a history of the robbery. Early Sunday night, while the church bells were calling people to the house of worship, Dinkins went to the Court House (as we believe, alone and without confederates or abettors), and, as we stated last week, after failing to break directly into the treasurer's office, forced open the clerk of court's office, and then cut a hole through the back of the chimney into the treasurer's office. He then crawled through this hole, and endeavored to open the large iron safe by manipulating the combination lock, but he failed in this project, and gave up the job. Tuenice he went to Henry Weinberg's bar-room, between nine and ten o'clock, and bought a pint of whiskey. Mr. Jesse Hurst, the clerk of the bar, seeing his dirty condition, said: "Great God, man, what's the matter? You've got dirt from the crown of your head to the soles of your feet." Mr. Hurst says he was full of soot and ashes, and one side of his face was all blacked up.
HIS CHIMNEY FELL DOWN.
Dinkins coolly and deliberately glanced at his condition, carelessly dusted off some of the dirt, and replied: "My chimney fell down this evening, and I have been trying to put it up." Two or three negroes were present, and one immediately went out and notified a policeman. The policeman and several other negroes saw Dinkins in his dirty condition as he went towards his home. Mr. Hurst did not conceal the matter at all, but talked freely with a number of citizens about it.
The following day Mr. Dinkins was to have gone to Columbia, to argue a case before the Supreme Court, but he did not go up till Tuesday. Tuesday he freely walked the streets of Columbia, and unmolested returned to Manning that night. Wednesday, at the advice of his friends, he concluded to leave for parts unknown, and took the train for Columbia Thursday morning, spending the day in that city till nearly six o'clock, when he left on the Augusta train.

FORGERY.
After he left it was also discovered that he had forged a draft on the Simonds (Sumter) bank for \$450, signing his law partner's name, W. F. B. Haynsworth, and had got Treasurer Huggins to cash it. This transaction took place as far back as the first of January, 1889.
Mr. Dinkins was a cotton buyer here last fall, and on two occasions got Mr. S. Wolke to cash drafts for him. These drafts were never paid, and now Mr. Wolke holds in lieu of his money two notes for the amount, \$160.10.

NBODY'S BUSINESS.
Who is to blame for Dinkins' escape? Treasurer Huggins, who has charge of the Treasurer's office, it seems ought to have been interested. It was not only an attempt to rob the county, but, if it had been successful, would have been an assault on the Treasurer's private character. Yet he says it was no more his business than that of any body else, and consequently he declined to swear out a warrant.
Clerk of Court Davis, who has control of the entire Court House building, says there was no trial justice here, and besides the evidence and information he had was not sufficient on which to base a warrant.
The County Commissioners, who have an entire charge and oversight of all public buildings in the county, though it was their duty to swear out the warrant.
Each of the above officers was asked to swear out a warrant.
We never consulted the policemen, but presume they thought they had no right to arrest a person under such suspicious circumstances.
The Intendant, W. E. Bell, says he was ready, as trial justice, to issue a warrant to any one who would make affidavit, but that where those specially and directly interested took no interest, he would not take the initiative. It was county property, and not town or private property affected, and no one asked him to issue a warrant.
Sheriff Lesesne says he was ready to act, and tried to get a warrant for his arrest, but that no one would give him the authority to do so.

Every private citizen, including the Editor of the TIMES, says it was not his business, any more than that of any other man.

FORMER FORGERIES.
Nor is this Mr. Dinkins' first offence. About two years ago he worked into Mrs. Edwards's confidence, and swindled her out of about a thousand dollars. She recovered three or four hundred dollars, but the balance was clear loss. Mrs. Edwards gave him the money to pay her mercantile bills in Charleston, and he forged receipts to give her. Through the kindness of friends he was not prosecuted. Mrs. Edwards talked about it a good deal, and once he went into her store, and threatened to kill her if she did not stop telling about the forgery.
HE CONFESSES.
Before Dinkins left town he confessed to some of his friends his attempt at robbery, and asked their advice, seeming loath to leave. He was advised of three courses: to kill himself, to go to the penitentiary, or to leave for parts unknown.

IN CONCLUSION.
Mr. Dinkins was a young man of excellent parents, and high social standing; pleasing and popular in all his ways; successful in business; and had he not wandered from the path of rectitude would have made a success in life. It is said that gambling and whiskey were the rocks that wrecked him.

CONSUMPTION SURELY CURED.
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TAX RETURNS.

THE AUDITOR'S OFFICE WILL BE open from the first day of January, 1889, to the twentieth day of February, 1889, to receive returns of real and personal property for taxation in Clarendon county for the year 1888, and for the convenience of tax payers will have deputies at each of the places named below to receive returns for the said year:
Curtis's Store, Wednesday, January 2nd, 1889.
Hodges Cross Road, Thursday, January 3rd, 1889.
C. L. Griffin's Store, Friday, January 4th, 1889.
D. W. Brailford's Store, Monday, January 7th, 1889.
Summerton, Tuesday, January 8th, 1889.
David Levi's Store, Wednesday, January 9th, 1889.
Brunson's Cross Roads, Thursday, January 10th, 1889.
Jordan, Friday, January 11th, 1889.
Foreston, Monday, January 14th, 1889.
Harvin's, Tuesday, January 15th, 1889.
W. M. Korman's Residence, Wednesday, January 16th, 1889.
Midway, Monday, January 21st, 1889.
New Zion, Tuesday, January 22nd, 1889.
W. J. Gibbons's, Wednesday, January 23rd, 1889.
J. B. Husband's, Thursday, January 24th, 1889.
R. E. Smith's Store, Friday, January 25th, 1889.

Real estate is not assessed this year, 1889, and remains at the same valuation it was in 1888, except in cases where parties have bought and sold between the first day of January, 1888, and the first day of January, 1889, and those destroyed during that time deducted.
All new structures erected between the first day of January, 1888, and the first day of January, 1889, are to be returned this year, 1889, for taxation, and those destroyed during that time deducted.
Assessors and Tax Payers will please enter the first given name of the Tax Payer in full, also make a separate return for each Tax Payer for the Township the property is in, and always make the return of real property for the same name it was returned in the year before, unless it has changed ownership; and then in the party's name who owned it on the first of January, 1889. All changes of buying and selling land must be made on the tax payer's return between the 1st of January, 1888, and the 20th of February, 1889. After the latter date it will be too late to get the change made for the said year 1889. And another important matter in making or taking returns is, where the tax payer owns land, to insert the post office as their place of residence, and where they own no real property, to mention the owner's land that they live on as being their place of residence, which assists the tax payer as well as the County Treasurer in making the collection, and saves costs and penalties too.
Every male citizen between the ages of twenty-one and fifty years, on the first day of January, 1889, except those incapable of earning a support from being maimed or from other causes, shall be deemed taxable polls.
Tax payers return what they own on the first day of January, 1889.
All returns that are made after the twentieth day of February next have to be placed on the additional list and fifty per cent penalty added thereto, unless prevented by sickness during the time of listing, or out of the county at the time, (not knowing the time of listing is no excuse,) and is the reason that the land owner has to get two receipts when they make their return after the 20th February of each year.

D. J. BRADHAM,
County Auditor.
Manning, S. C., Dec. 19th.
State of South Carolina,
COUNTY OF CLARENDON,
IN THE PROBATE COURT.
By **LOUIS APPELT, Esq.,** Probate Judge
WHEREAS, WASH GEORGIA, JR., made suit to me, to grant him letters of administration of the Estate of and effects of ALLISON GEORGE;
These are therefore to cite and admonish all and singular, the kindred and creditors of the said ALLISON GEORGE, deceased, that they be and appear, before me, in the Court of Probate, to be held at Manning, S. C., on the 19th day of December next, after publication hereof, at 11 o'clock in the forenoon, to show cause, if any they have, why the said Administration should not be granted.
Given under my hand this 23rd day of December Anno Domini 1888.
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Judge of Probate C. C.

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