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Beef [illegible]er when you want beef Messrs. Nettles & Watkins have the best the market affords. This warm weather it is a great satisfaction when you buy beef to know that you are getting something nice and pure.

What is It.

While at Bethune last Wednesday Dr. B. L. Norwood showed us a peculiar formation having very much the appearance of coral and glass. It was found 30 feet under the ground in a well that was being dug on Capt. Moody Hough's place. It is a peculiar substance and different to anything ever seen by anyone in that community.

Good Crops.

We spent last Sunday at Capt. Jas. H. McLeod's. The crops in that community are fine. Judging from their appearance no one would suppose that any unfavorable weather had been there. The crops at Bethune and all along the line of railroad between here and there are also fine. The crop prospects in this county are a thousand times better than they were a month ago, and we believe that a very good crop is going to be made after all.

Capt. Zemp's Successor.

At the meeting of the Kershaw Guards, called for the purpose of filling the vacancy caused by the resignation of Capt. Sydney Zemp, a unanimous vote was cast for Capt. Mendel L. Smith, who was the reorganized Guards' first captain. A committee consisting of Messrs. W. L. DePass, John Singleton and E. C. von Tresckow was appointed to acquaint Capt. Smith of his election. A committee was also appointed to wait upon Dr. Zemp and thank him for his past untiring and faithful services in behalf of the Kershaw Guards, and, further, to request him to remain an honorary member of the company, for which he had done so much.

Glanders Spreading in York.

The glanders situation in York county continues to grow more alarming. The State of Saturday says:

The authorities of York county have again written the governor stating that the glanders is steadily spreading in that county, and asking in view of the announcement that Dr. Nesom cannot leave Clemson on account of sickness in his family, that certain Atlanta experts, who are named, be sent there to aid in checking the spread of the disease. The governor has no funds with which to pay for such service, and has written the York county authorities that all they can do is to write President Hartzog of Clemson, and if he can do nothing, then employ the experts themselves. He regrets, he says, that he is poworless to render the desired aid.

Bethune

It was our pleasure one day this week to visit the very pleasant little town of Bethune. Though we were not there only a very short while we noted steady and substantial improvements there. Several new stores, numerous residences and a new Presbyterian church are some of the recent improvements. Intendant Estridge, our good friends Messrs. W. L. Stokes, M. C. West, the King Brothers, Ex Co. Supt. of Ed. L. L. Copeland and brother, Mr. West of the dispensary, Dr. B. L. Norwood and Mr. J. E. Gardner, of the Bethune Enterprise, are some whom we had the pleasure of meeting while there. Also those excellent young men Messrs. Hatfield and Stine, of Baltimore, who are doing a lumber business there. Their mill is located about one mile from the town and they are doing a flourishing business. More lumber it is said, is shipped from Bethune possibly than any other point of like size on the Seaboard. This firm is quite an acquisition to the town of Bethune, being thoroughly reliable and pleasant in every way to deal with.

The Presbyterian church is nearly completed, the work of plastering is now in process. Another reality for Bethune in the near future will be a graded school. The right men are behind this project to push it on to success.

A recent enterprise which means much to Bethune is the erection [illegible] of a first-class hotel. Mr. [illegible] Patterson, the depot agent [illegible] has built a commodious ho[illegible] care of his guests in [illegible] Drummers and all [illegible] who there want to go [illegible] in a sufficient guaran[illegible] to all that can [illegible] Place you go to Bethune, this future home.

Summer School.

[illegible]mmer school for teachers [illegible]rshaw county opened on Mon[illegible]orning last with an enrollment [illegible] The following is a list of [illegible] in attendance:

[illegible]sses Lula Munn, Elly Garrison, [illegible]a Weldon, Anna Holland, Carrie [illegible]atts, Minnie Truesdale, Annie McDowell, Ellie Zemp. Messrs. R. H Reynolds, J. A. Marshall, J. V. Young, L. E Kirkley, L. J. McKenzie, R. C. Bruce, W. B. Turner, D. A. Brown.

The branches being taught are English Grammar, Geography, Principles and Practice of teaching. A lively interest is being taken and under the supervision of Prof. L. I Biker, everything points to a prosperous session.

The Hose Reel Races.

There is much interest being manifested in the proposed contest to be held here early next month on the race track between the hose wagons and jumper reel teams of the local fire companies. Invitations, it is stated, will be sent to the Newberry, Camden and Sumter teams to enter these contests. The board of firemasters, it is understood, is willing to sanction the contest. The idea is to pay the prizes out of the gate receipts. The races will be held on the race track at the fair grounds, where there is a grand stand, having the finish of each contest in front of the stand. A temporary plug will be run into the grounds for the purpose.—The State.

The Sumter firemen will no doubt accept an invitation to attend the firemen's hose wagon races in Columbia if the prizes are sufficiently large, if there is a guarantee that the prizes offered will be forthcoming whether the gate receipts be large or small and if the visiting teams have a voice in selecting the judges and time keepers.

No official action has been taken by the Camden company as to whether it will attend these races or not, but the possibilities are that our company will not go.

Lounges and Bed Lounges, at Geisenheimer's.

Carpet samples to select from at Geisenheimer's.

York Cotton Mills Shown to be in Fine Financial Condition.

The York cotton mills held its annual meeting Tuesday and elected the same old officers. The mill was shown to be in a prosperous condition, with good sized orders ahead. The report of Captain Lindsay, the special accountant employed to go over the records, of the mill and prepare a financial statement of the mill's affairs was an agreeable surprise to most of the stockholders. It showed that the assets of the mill were not impaired in the slightest particular, but on the contrary the books showed that the mill had a little over $200 more than it was entitled to. One stockholder had in some way overpaid his subscription to the extent of fifty-odd dollars, while another large holder had been underpaid dividends to the extent of $180. The stock at the time of Col. Ashe's death was shown to have been worth about 130, outside of an enormous quantity of yarn then in storage in Philadelphia. We are not able to state positively the quantity of this yarn, but understand that it was valued at about $8,300.—Yorkville Yeoman.

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Marriage of Mr. Ancrum Boykin.

Special to The State.

Plantersville, July 20.—The end of pretty weddings is not yet in this "dear old place," and your scribe is again called upon to chronicle one of the happiest union of hands and hearts seen in many a day.

At half past 11 o'clock last Wednesday, 17th inst., the Rev. L. F. Guerry united in holy matrimony Miss Florence Harllee Coachman and Mr. William Ancrum Boykin, Jr. The bride, a daughter of Mr. F. G. Coachman and granddaughter of the late Gen. W. W. Harllee of Florence, was one of Plantersville's fairest young women, and the groom a very popular young knight of Camden, who while in business in this neighborhood a year or so ago won the flower which he now transplants on the banks of the Wateree.

The bride was attired in a lovely gown of organdie and satin, trimmed with lace, en train, the collar being fastened by a magnificent pin of amethysts surrounded by pearls, an heirloom of the bride's family for over a hundred years, and a present from her aunt, Miss Florence Harllee. She carried an exquisite bouquet of hydrangias and ferns.

Miss Martha Shackelford Coachman attended the bride as maid of honor. Mr. Isaac McG. Carraway acted as best man.

Prince Frederick's chapel was beautifully and artistically decorated. The beautiful Episcopal ceremony was repeated under a handsome bell of white Sebatia. The presents were handsome and numerous, testifying to the popularity of the young couple.

After the ceremony a delightful lunch was served at the home of the bride, after which Mr. and Mrs. Boykin left for Florence, where they will spend a few days of their honeymoon with the bride's grandmother, Mrs. M. S. Harllee, before going to Columbia, their future home.

Protracted Meeting.

A protracted meeting is now in progress at Flint Hill Baptist church conducted by Rev. S. N. Watson, of Lancaster.

Marriage.

Our highly esteemed young friend, Mr. W. Oakman Hay, and Miss Cornelia Williams were married last Friday evening, Rev. J. L. Stokes, officiating. The groom is a son of Senator J. T. Hay and the bride a daughter of Mr. Jno. C. P. Williams. The Chronicle extends most hearty congratulations.

Lee County Again.

"We, the undersigned citizens of the proposed Lee county do respectfully subscribe the amount opposite our names below for the purpose of paying for a survey and other necessary expenses that may be incurred for the proposed county of Lee."

The above petition was circulated here late yesterday afternoon and a good sum of money was raised for the purpose of starting the Lee county ball rolling. The country people who were in town from the different sections of the proposed new county spoke in the most favorable terms of the county. A new survey will be made, and some corners, which were in old Lee county will be left off, while an additional territory from other parts will be added.

The people from different sections are much enthused over the matter and it is safe to predict a victory for Lee. The four (4) years constitutional limitation closed today—so the election can, under the constitution, be legally held at any time.—Bishopville correspondence in Sumter Item.

Personal.

Mr. G. C. Bruce is better.

Messrs. W. R. Hough and Jacob Hirsch spent last Wednesday in Bethune.

Mrs. C. L. Winkler and children left for New York last Wednesday night.

Miss Ada Weldon, of Smithville, is in Camden in attendance upon the Summer school.

Mr. B. J. Grier, of Sumter, is visiting Mr. W. W. Huggin's family on Lyttleton street.

Miss Mary Lizzie Weldon, of Herriott, Sumter county, who has been visiting in Camden has returned home.

Mr. Louis Rossignol has returned to Savannah, Ga., where he has accepted a position.

Mr. and Mrs. T. H. Clarke have returned to Sumter, accompanied by the Misses Clarke.

And tor Bruce expects to take a trip next week to North Carolina, on a visit to his brother Mr. W. R. Bruce.

Mrs. Marie Brayton nee Walker, accompanied by her husband and little baby, is spending a few days in Camden.

Mrs. Burgess Abell, of Orangeburg, is on a visit to her father, Mr. A. C. Watts. Mrs. Abel has a large circle of friends who are glad to see her again.

Miss Sallie Heyman left last Thursday for Camden, on account of sickness in the family of her sister, Mrs Eva Baum, of that place.—Chester Lantern.

Mr. B. G. Team who went to the hospital in Baltimore to have an operation performed upon his throat, we are glad to learn, is doing admirably well. The operation was performed several days ago.

North Carolina Chickens Ride Tramp Fashion.

Perched comfortably under a Pullman car that was running at the rate of 60 miles an hour six North Carolina chickens rode more than 300 miles last week, sleeping as peacefully as any bird ever slept, and that too, without the fear of falling into the hands of some dusky hunter of fowls, but at last the awakening came. When the excursion given by the Masons and the Retail Grocer's Association left Wrightsville, N. C., a few days ago, in a special train, it was found necessary to make fast time and in consequence everything was prepared for the run that was to bring the party back to Atlanta. The train left the beach just about the time that all chickens not given to dissipation go to roost. The cars that were used on the trip went from Atlanta, and while the excursionists were enjoying themselves during the time that they were on the outing, stood on a side track undisturbed.

Evidently while the cars were idle these friendly chickens of the Tar Heel state took up their residence on the trucks. Whether they found themselves moving before their chicken brains had time to realize the situation and were afterwards lulled to sleep, or whether they liked the sensation and made the trip voluntarily will never be known, but that they made it is a matter of record. The train stopped at an inspecting point more than 300 miles from where it started, and it was then that the fowls were found.

Fred J. Ladd, who was one of the committee of Masons in charge of the trip, saw the chickens when the train stopped and called the attention of others to them. "I will take one of these and give it a good home," he said, as he lifted a chicken from its dangerous but apparently comfortable roost.

Several other persons on the train agreed to do the same thing for those left and they were quickly disposed of. There have been many queer passengers on the Seaboard system, but that brood of chickens is said to have broken all the records.—Atlanta Journal.

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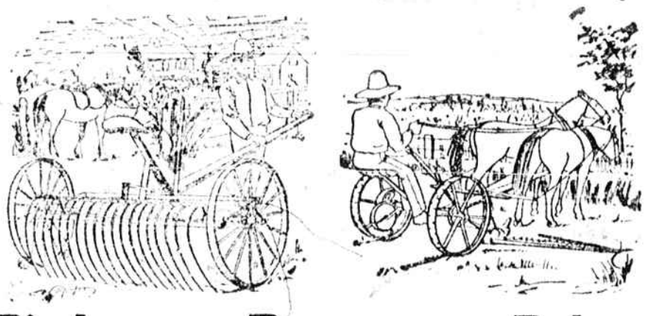

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