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CHANGES FOR 1904.

IN TOWN AND COUNTY. Among the numerous changes taking place we mention the following:

Mr. Lauch Freeman, who has been working for Mr. C. S. McCall for the past year, has rented a farm in lower part of the county and will farm next year.

Mr. J. H. David of Bethel section has turned over his farm to his son Harry and will move to town.

Mr. Chas. F. Covington, who has been living in the brick house on Marion St., has moved to one of Mr. George Crosland's cottages near the Episcopal church.

Mr. James Carroll, who owns the house vacated by Mr. Covington, will occupy it himself.

Mr. George Freeman has moved to the house vacated by Mr. Shelton on Hebron street.

Mr. H. J. Golwin who has been living in lower Brownsville has moved to Mr. J. C. Campbell's farm near Blenheim.

Mr. J. L. Stanton of lower Hebron will be manager of Mr. McCall's "Stewart" place for 1904.

Mr. E. M. Gibson of Hebron will be manager of Mr. McCall's "Dundas" farm for 1904.

Mr. Richard T. Webster has moved to Ruby in Chesterfield county on the new road.

Mr. L. C. Chavis has rented his farm in Smithville to A. W. Quick and has moved to Red Springs.

Mr. Shelton, cashier of the Planters Bank has bought J. H. Mitchell's residence and moved in. Mr. Mitchell goes in the McLaurin house opposite until his new one is built.

Mr. Lewis Chavis has sold his place to Col. C. S. McCall and bought a farm in Hebron.

Mr. A. F. Hilliard and wife who have been living in Smithville have moved to town rented Mr. Matheson's Cottage on Hebron Street opposite and will keep a boarding house.

Mr. Fred Tart who has been living in rural route No. 2, has moved to town. Mr. Fred Tart has the job, and he will farm.

Mr. George Driggers has moved to Mr. J. H. David's, where you can get meal and have your rice cleaned.

Mr. J. A. Spears has bought and moved into the Bouds house on Jennings street.

Mr. Wiley Atkinson has moved to the brick house owned by Mrs. Beck with an acre of pine trees on King street.

Mr. T. M. Bolton, who has been living in rural route, has moved his family back to his house on Darlington street.

Mr. P. A. Miller has sold his Adamsville farm to Capt. Green and bought a farm in Free State, Marion county. We regret to lose him and family.

Mr. John Tart who has been living in the McGilvray house has moved to the Floyd house near Deacons on Spencer street.

Mr. C. Easterling who has been superintending for Mr. T. J. Breeden has resigned, moved to town on Robinson Street and will work for the Bennettsville Hardware.

Mr. Heise, the merchant, has moved to the McGilvray house on King St.

JANUARY SALES DAY.

A Bitter Cold Day—Small Crowd—Many Sales Made.

The first Monday in January was a bitter cold day and for this reason the crowd was not a large one. The sheriff made a few sales of real and personal property at good prices. Mr. David the auctioneer was busy all day selling horses, &c. The horse traders were here in force and trading was lively.

Owing to the severe weather the exhibits of poultry and pigs were few. Mr. D. A. Covington had some fine Buff Plymouth Rocks; Mr. Moody some Blue Plymouth Rocks and the White Leghorns and Mr. Baxster Swan some large Indian Games.

The crowd was orderly and not one arrest was made. The county treasurer was the busiest man in town with taxpayers and very many paid the road tax, which is now due.

The day passed without accident or incident, and by dusk the crowd had left, as snow began to fall.

"Herbert," asked his young wife, "what are margins?" "Er—margins, my dear," replied Mr. Buckitt, "are borders you know—boundaries, edges Why?"

"You were talking about 'em in your sleep last night—putting them up," and all that sort of thing. I guess you had a nightmare, and was sliding down the steep roof of a house with nothing to stop you. Weren't you?"

"Er—yes, my dear. You've guessed it."—Chicago Tribune.

The Continental Plant Co., Kittrell N. C., are the shippers of strawberry plants in the world. All striving to grow this delicious fruit should write for their full catalogue. They offer also all kinds fruit trees. See their ad.

Rev. A. B. WATSON

Mr. Editor.—On Wednesday morning the 23rd inst. the Rev. A. B. Watson left for his new field of labor carrying with him the best wishes, not only of the members of the Methodist Church of this place, but of the whole community. That his removal was a surprise to our church and community for such an impression had been made upon all that there was no other thought than that he would continue with us. This was his first year, and he had the endorsement by resolution of his entire Board of Stewards, and the sanction of his membership by his return. We feel satisfied had the Presiding Bishop been as fully advised of the wishes of this church and community as was the Presiding Elder the result would have been different.

In saying this we mean not the slightest criticism to his successor, he is in no wise to blame and we welcome him to our hearts and homes as being a worthy successor to our predecessor Mr. Watson did a good years work. He met every morning appointment during the entire year, save one, and missed but few evening services and this in every instance, owing to unfavorable weather or other unavoidable circumstances. In addition to his morning and evening services, he delivered most instructive lectures every Sunday afternoon before a large class in the Sunday School, and once in each week at our prayer meeting. He added over forty names to the Church roll, and made over five hundred visits. He paid especial attention to the sick, the poor and needy and administered to their wants and necessities as far as he was able. He having his own conveyance gave him opportunity for doing pastoral work his predecessors could not do.

In conclusion we would say that any circuit or station that has the Rev. A. B. Watson for its Pastor may consider itself indeed fortunate.

He is the best of all a Christian Gentleman. As some evidence of our love and appreciation of his labors in our midst a few of his friends contributed a sufficient amount to purchase for him a handsome suit of clothing.

Bro Watson and his interesting family carry with them to their new home the best wishes of the whole community.

Very Respectfully,
Bville, S. C. A Steward.
Dec. 31, 1903.

Beauchamp at the Court House to night.

Hampton Monument Fund.

Senator McCall chairman of the Hampton monument fund reports the following subscriptions paid in up to January 7th:

Table with 2 columns: Name and Amount. Includes M. A. J. Moore (5.00), P. M. John (5.00), John Parish (1.00), H. D. Herrall (1.00).

PAID TO A. HUESTESS

Table with 2 columns: Name and Amount. Includes Levi Ivoy (5.00), Theodore Weill (.25), W. M. Reedy (.50), L. D. Bunday (.50), H. C. Herring (.50), E. Sternberger (1.00), Z. T. Wright (.25), W. R. Spears (.25), J. D. Edens (1.00).

PAID TO S. J. McINNIS.

Table with 2 columns: Name and Amount. Includes B. D. Moore (5.00), J. A. McNuis (1.00), Sim Gibson (1.00), W. B. Sedbury (.50), G. M. Pate (.25), D. K. Stanton (.25), E. W. Goodwin (.50).

JANUARY SALES DAY.

Temptations to Farmers.

The price of cotton seed has gone up from \$12 to \$15 per ton. With cotton bringing about thirteen cents a pound and seed fifteen dollars a ton. A bale of cotton will turn out about \$70.00 for the farmer. While the above is tempting bait for the farmer for 1904, yet he should remember that corn, bacon, lard, flour, and peas are all high too. If he makes plenty of these then he can plant all spare land in cotton.

JUNIPER POLES.

I am prepared to supply telegraph or telephone poles from 30 feet down to suit, at short notice. Address me Blenheim R. F. D. 1. Dec 16, 1903. A. J. Jones

New Law Firm.

Messrs J. T. Dudley and W. L. Wait have formed a partnership for the practice of law. Mr. Wait has severed his partnership with Col. Livingston and will now be found at the office of J T Dudley where he will be glad to see you

SPECIAL NOTICE.

The annual meeting of the Farmers Mutual Insurance Association of Marlboro county will be held in the Court House on Monday the 18th of January at 10.30 a. m. A full attendance of members is desired.
C. T. Kasterling, Secy.
Jan 7, 1904.

The store of W. C. Coker and Sons of Society Hill was robbed of \$400 cash by experts who used nitro-glycerine.

Ben Brooks, colored, who escaped from the Florence chain gang 4 years ago, was captured in Fayetteville last week.

The snow storm which swept over the north Friday and Saturday reached Bennettsville Monday night.

A SHOCKING ACCIDENT.

Daniel Dimery An Old Colored Olizen Meets Death Under Two Freight Cars.

On Saturday night about 6 o'clock a shocking accident occurred at the Coast Line Depot near the same spot where young Owens was run over and killed in 1891. From witnesses who saw this one we learn that Daniel Dimery, a very old and well known colored carpenter, was returning to his home from town, and for some reason took his route down Marion street to the crossing at the depot and turned down the railroad track going west. The evening freight from Fayetteville going to Florence had arrived and the engine was busy with several hands making changes. Dimery passed down the track and had reached a switch connecting the main line, just as a change was being made. Seeing his danger he was called to by two or three to get out of the way as the engine was coming down on his track. In getting off the track on which the engine was following him, he stumbled and fell over on a side track on which two cars were being placed. The brakemen on the cars when they saw him fall tried hard to stop the cars but they were going too fast and the old man was run over and cut to pieces—the upper part of the body in one place, one arm off, the bowels out and the legs another. It was a shocking sight.

Coroner Covington was promptly notified, a jury impanelled, and permission given the relatives to remove the remains to his home. Mr. R. T. Barfield was employed and in less than two hours performed one of the neatest jobs in his line we ever saw or heard of. The body was buried on Monday afternoon. Daniel was a good citizen, and had many friends, who were shocked at his horrible death.

The inquest was held Tuesday evening but no new developments secured. It was only one of many such accidents. He was 76 years old, near sighted and hard of hearing.

The Poor Man and the Church.

Pickens Sentinel-Journal. There seems to be a disposition on the part of many of the churches of the country to disregard the spiritual welfare of the poor man in favor of the rich.

It is unfortunate, but too true. Men and women of wealth and so-called refinement dominate the great majority of the houses of worship, with the result that the poor workman is gradually becoming forced to the conclusion that he is not of their element and not wanted.

Many of our ministers while well meaning perhaps, preach to the higher social set and forget the poor man in shabby clothes who occupies the back seat.

If he makes his appearance at the social affairs he is looked at askance and made to feel his inferiority. When a woman in fine raiment passes him she gathers up her skirts in fear of coming in contact with one of the "common people."

And what does the poor man do? After receiving a few of these rebuffs he comes to the conclusion that there is no place in the house of God for him, and remains away.

And where does the fault lie? With the minister and the rich man. With the minister because he fails to use his position to bring about a better feeling of Christian spirit between the two extremes. With the rich man because of his presumption in considering himself above a man who is honest but poor.

The house of God should be a place of refuge for all people, and the soul of the poor man should be cherished as much as the man with his millions.

Banish worldly ideas when you enter the church, and remember that God never judges a man by his dollars and cents.

SEABOARD BETTERMENTS.

The Seaboard Air Line Railway takes pleasure in announcing to the traveling public the following improvements in the equipment of their passenger trains:

On and after December 1st, 1903, the Cafe cars on trains Nos. 31 and 34 will be operated between Hamlet and Jacksonville, instead of between Hamlet and Savannah, as heretofore.

On and after December 5th, 1903, the Pullman sleeping cars on trains Nos. 27 and 66 will be operated between Jersey City and Tampa, Fla., instead of between Jersey City and Jacksonville, as heretofore.

W. M. Rowe

The Fancy Grocer
Is now receiving the largest and finest lot

Fruit, Cakes, Candy,
Nuts, Dainties,
— and —
FIREWORKS.
Of all kinds ever handled in this Town.

Ready-made FRUIT CAKE, Cranberries
Minicmeat for Pies, and other goods
we have no time to tell you.

D. A. COVINGTON,
Gibson, N. C.

CAUSES OF COLDS.

The Invariable cause of colds is from within, not without. No one has cold when in a vigorous state of health, with pure blood coursing through the body, and there is no need for any one in ordinary health to breathe exercise, breathing of foul air, want of wholesome food, excess of food, lack of bathing, etc., but always from a violation of the plain laws of health.

There can be no more prolific cause of colds than highly seasoned foods, as well as frequent eating. These give no time for the digestive organs to rest and induce an increased flow of the digestive secretions. Thus larger quantities of nourishment are absorbed than can be properly utilized, and the result is an obstruction, commonly called a "cold," which is simply an effort of the system to expel the useless material.

A delicate supply of pure air to the lungs is not only a strong purifying cause of colds, but a prolific source of much graver conditions. Pure air and exercise are necessary to prepare the system for the assimilation of nutriment, for without them there can be no vigorous health. The oxygen of the air we breathe regulates the appetite and induces a nutriment that is built up in the system.

The safest and best way to avoid colds is to sleep in a room with the windows wide open, and to remain out of doors every day, no matter what may be the weather, for at least two hours, preferably with some kind of exercise, if not more than walking. One should not sit down to rest while the feet are wet or the clothing damp. A person may go with the clothing wet through to the skin all day if he but keeps moving. Exercise keeps up the circulation and prevents taking cold.

The physiologic cause of colds is the presence of a mucus in the throat, the person who does not carry around an excess supply of nutriment in his system and furthermore secures a purified circulation by strict, sanitary cleanliness, thus placing himself in a positive condition, is immune to colds. A starving man cannot take cold.

A careful diet would exclude the use of all narcotics, such as opium, and thoroughly appropriated. An overfed person is worse off than one who is underfed, because the overfed body is taxed to dispose of what cannot be properly disposed of, and when not properly disposed of, remains only to be an element of danger.—Science of Health.

POISONOUS AND HARMLESS SNAKES.

There is a certain physiological difference between the poisonous and harmless snakes which exists very plainly in their manner of dentition. All snakes are objects of aversion and dread to mankind, so much so that he is bitten by a snake as at such a fearful to the victim as to be deemed death although the snake may be harmless. Such is the instinctive dread with which these reptiles are thought of that it may be desirable to have some easy mode of distinguishing the one kind from the other. This distinguishing characteristic is afforded by the teeth. In all poisonous snakes there are only two rows of teeth, the fangs or fangs being arranged within the two rows or outside of them. The harmless snakes have four rows of teeth, the front teeth being arranged in a deep or larger puncture than any other.

TAMING A HORSE.

Three Articles That Will Subdue the Most Savage and Excitable One.

There are few troubles and excitement any one can catch in Colorado. One day a ranch in Colorado was raided by a half broken stallion was running about the yard attached to the rancher's house. He had just thrown a cowboy who boasted there was nothing on four legs he could not do, and he was rearing and bucking so that not even the pluckiest man on the ranch dared to approach.

While the men were standing around wondering what to do the rancher's fifteen-year-old daughter came out of the house and calmly walked up to the excited animal.

When he saw her he ceased rearing, whinnied and stood still. She just put her hand on his mane, stroked his nose and then vaulted lightly on his back and rode around the yard, to the amazement of the men.

"What is the name of the horse?" one of them asked her. "Believe you tacked him he was as savage as a tiger."

"It is simple enough," the girl replied. "Any woman can handle a horse better than a man can. See this?"—showing the man a small round object she had in her hand—"this is horse hair. Horses love the smell of it and will go up to it, no one who has it."

"Any horse has sense enough to know the people who love it. That stallion began to quiet down as soon as he saw me. When I got near him he smelled the musty horse castor in my clothes, for I always carry a little piece in my pocket."

"That pleased him so much that I was able to stroke his head. While doing so I rubbed his nose with a few drops of oil of cumin, which I had poured into the palm of my hand. Horses positively love that scent. Then, did you notice that I put my hand into his mouth? The object of that was to get a few drops of oil of cumin into his tongue from a tin vial which I always carry."

"With these three articles any horse can be tamed. Where do you get them? Well, the cumin and rhodium can be bought at any drug store; the horse castor must be cut from a horse's forehead. It is a wary growth there."

It is a fact that horses are very fond of these scents. They are often used by women in the tropics and west in the taming and breaking of horses.—New York Commercial Advertiser.

BRAHMAN PROVERBS.

He that committeth no evil hath nothing to fear.
He that is kind with reproof and reason, is a wise man.
Of such speaking cometh repentance, but in silence is safety.

The first step toward being wise is to know that thou art ignorant.
Every man the appearance of happiness in any man, for thou knowest not his secret griefs.

Indulge not thyself in the passion of anger. It is whetting a sword to wound thy own breast.
Remember and forget not thine own weakness, so shalt thou pardon the failings of others.

The heart of the envious man is gall and bitterness. The success of his neighbor breaketh his rest.
This instant is thine. The next is in the womb of futurity, and thou knowest not what it may bring forth.

Well it becometh to beauty, so are a man's virtues set off by the shade of his kindness, and are made to shine. The gnat which whirred about his head, but forgot his body, so are a man's virtues set off by the shade of his kindness, and are made to shine.

Walking For Malaria.

Obstinate cases of malaria that have withstood the ocean voyages, mountain heights and quinine dosing are said to have been conquered by systematic and continued walking. What the malaria patient wants most to do is to sit in doors, nurse his aches and pains or to lie down and doze. Advocates of the walking cure maintain that fresh air is an antidote not only to the malaria itself, but to the blues, which usually accompany the disease.

When the patient is advised to walk, the weather is damp or rainy and he goes out to walk. Wear flannel next to the skin, stout shoes and simple hat. If it is warm, dress lightly, but carry a wrap to throw around the shoulders against drafts and too rapid cooling off. When one comes to think that there are few maladies on earth that fresh air and moderate exercise are not good for.

The Spectroscope.

Originally the spectroscope was applied only to chemistry, and in that limited field proved itself an invaluable aid in the analysis of substances. It is a lensed frame with a slit and wire moistened by contact with the substance, the presence of a few grains of salt swallowed a few minutes previously can be detected with the spectroscope. Indeed, so wonderfully refined is the work of the spectroscopist that he can discover in a substance the presence of one three-thirtieth of a grain of metal.

Didn't See Them.

"How did your nephew's wedding pass off?"
"Just splendid."
"Were there any contretemps?"
"I don't think so. I didn't see any. You see, we had the church thoroughly cleaned up before the wedding took place."—Cleveland Plain Dealer

Their Haste.

"Their marriage was a hasty affair, I understand."
"Yes, indeed. They told the minister to hurry, as they had engaged a man by the hour."—Judge.

Everybody attend the big costume at Mittles store.

NOTICE OF FINAL DISCHARGE.

Estate of John R. Webster. HAVING this day filed in the Probate Judge's office Marlboro county, my final Return as Executor of the Estate of John R. Webster, notice is hereby given that we will apply to said Court on the 4th day of February 1904, for a final discharge as such Executor.

D. D. McCOLL,
S. J. DUPRE,
Qualified Executors.
Bennettsville, S. C., Jan. 4, 1904.

Thrifty, Reliable and Profitable.

The Buff Plymouth Rock is the best for brood. The time for setting for the Spring brood is near at hand and to get eggs so as to have them ready when the season opens, you should place orders at once and state date of delivery.

Setting of 15 Eggs \$1.50
D. A. COVINGTON,
Gibson, N. C.

NOTICE OF DISCHARGE.

Estate of Evander H. Stanton. HAVING this day filed in the Probate Judge's office Marlboro county, my final Return as Executor of the Estate of Evander H. Stanton, notice is hereby given that I will apply to said Court on the 21st day of January 1904 for a final discharge as such Executor.

James Thomas Stanton,
Qualified Executor.
Dec 21, 1903.

NOTICE OF DISCHARGE.

Estate of Thomas Stanton. HAVING filed with the Judge of Probate my final accounting as Administrator (cum testamentum annexo) of the estate of Thomas Stanton, deceased, notice is hereby given that I will apply to said Court on the 21st day of January 1904 for a final discharge as such Administrator.

W. L. STANTON,
Administrator.
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Holiday Excursion Rates.

SEABOARD AIR LINE RAILWAY