

One year.....\$1.00
Six months......50
Three months......25

PERSONAL.

Senator T. I. Rogers spent Sunday and Monday at home.

Miss Nancy Edens returned from a visit to Rowland last week.

A H Rascoe has moved from Darlington street to Maple St.

Judge J. H. Hudson has returned from the meeting of the bar association in Columbia.

Senator J. L. McLaurin is spending some time with his home folks and taking a hunt now and then.

Col. Tom C. Hamer, the popular clerk of the House of Representatives, spent Sunday and Monday here.

Fred Rogers has bought the house and lot on Cook street, where the late John S. Moore resided.

Miss Annie McCall came home Monday night from Rowland, N. C., where she has been on a pleasant visit for sometime.

Dr. J. C. Moore, Messrs. P. Mangum, B. F. Moore and W. G. Tatum were among the visitors to town on Monday last.

Mr. and Mrs. T. E. Stokes, of Darlington spent Sunday with Mrs. Stokes parents Mr. and Mrs. Smith Newton.

Miss Mabel Wooten returned to her home at Maxton on last Saturday after a pleasant visit at the home of Mr and Mrs J T Eason.

Mrs. Mowry, of Englewood N. J., is visiting her sons, W S Mowry and John L McLaurin, and her daughter, Mrs. Throop Crosland.

Charles A. McAlister secretary of the Mallory and Taylor Iron Works, of Macon, Ga., is spending a few days with his mother at Tatum, and was in town Monday.

Dr W J Crosland has bought from L D Newton the place recently owned and occupied by Col. Tom C Hamer, at the corner of Cook street and Fayetteville avenue.

The city council held its regular meeting on last Wednesday night and outside of deciding to have the clerk sign all checks with the mayor, transacted only routine business.

Mr. and Mrs. E. M. Lazenby of Augusta, Ga., and Miss Alene Stanton, of Clio, C. C., are visiting at the home of Mrs. E. A. Medlin on Irby street.—Florence Times.

LeRoy Pearson has bought the house recently occupied by T. F. Gillespie on Jordan street and moved into it. John R. Easterling has moved into M Mittle's house, on Jordan street, which was vacated by Mr Pearson.

Mr. Mueller, of Newberry and formerly private secretary to Chief Justice Pope, of the Supreme Court, was in town last week looking around with a view to locating here. It is learned that he has decided to cast in his lot with Bennettsville who will give him a hearty welcome.

Charlie McEachern, a colored youth, was before the Mayor on Friday charged with being disorderly and using profane language. He was fined \$35 or 60 days on the two charges. For a time it looked as if Charlie was certain of the chain gang this time but he was finally paid out.

On account of the bad weather, the crowds were not large at the services conducted by Rev. Sam J. Porter at the Baptist church Thursday afternoon and night, but those present heard some very fine addresses. Mr. Porter is working in the cause of missions.

Mr. W. D. Grist, of Yorkville, spent several days with his daughter, Mrs. Henry Crosland during the first part of the week. Mr. Grist is well known over the State having at one time been connected with the Yorkville Enquirer and also correspondent for the News and Courier from his home town. He is now in the insurance business in Yorkville.

Leslie McLaurin, of Florence, is in town.

The primary on last Friday was quiet and a large vote was cast.

C J Stanton, from near Gibson, was in town on business Wednesday.

Mr. and Mrs. C. L. Langly from Smithville were among the visitors to town on Friday.

Miss Matilda Davis, of Mars Bluff, is visiting at the home of Col. R. C. McIntyre near the City.

L J Breeden was sworn in as mayor on Tuesday, the oath of office being administered by Judge McLaurin.

Several trees in front of the postoffice have been cut down and moved away, adding very much to the appearance there.

Mrs D S Treece who has been quite sick for about three weeks was operated on last Saturday by Drs May and Carmichael. The operation was very successful and Mrs Treece is now slowly improving.

Clyde Adams, the popular cashier of the Unions Savings Bank, has pneumonia at his room at the Adams house. He is resting well and is convalescent.

The audience at the waterways meeting on Monday was largely made up of farmers showing the interest they have in this needed improvement.

Mr. R. E. Swift and his charming wife, of Baltimore, Md., and Mr. A. T. Neilson, of the same city, are the guests of Mr. and Mrs. Sol Brown. Mr. Swift is the representative of Haywood Bros. and Wakefield in two Carolinas and Mr. Neilson represents Simmons Manufacturing Company, one of the largest in the world. Mr. and Mrs. Brown have been showing their guests around the town and adjoining country and giving them some idea of the fine town and county which is the pride of every citizen.

Col. John A. Fox, after speaking at the waterways meeting here on Monday, left that afternoon for Darlington where he spoke yesterday at noon. He went to Florence yesterday afternoon and addressed another meeting there last night in the interest of the waterways. He is meeting with success in his work and is very much encouraged over the results of his visit. He was very much pleased with Bennettsville and said that this was one of the finest spots he had seen in this country. He was greatly taken with the richness of the land and said that he had often heard of the great farms of Marlboro.

Receiver's Sale.

State of South Carolina, Marlboro County.

In Common Pleas.

A. J. Matheson suing on behalf of himself and other stockholders and creditors of the Marlboro Fruit Company, Plaintiff

vs. The Marlboro Fruit Company, Defendant

NOTICE.

Pursuant to an order of Court of his Honor R. C. Watts, dated January 14th, 1908, I will offer for sale at the Court house door in Marlboro county, on the first Monday in February within the legal hours of sale; all that piece or pieces of land belonging to the Marlboro Fruit Company, containing six hundred and ten acres, more or less, being all the land owned and possessed by the said Marlboro Fruit Company, and are situate in the Northwestern part of the County near Osborn, and are the tracts bought from D. D. McColl, Toney Elberbe, Z. T. Pearson, Adeline Stubbs, Martha Ann Steen and others. Also at the same time and place I will sell all the farming implements, tools stock and supplies of the said Marlboro Fruit Company of every kind and description owned by the said Marlboro Fruit Company, consisting in part of five mules, two two horse wagons, one spraying machine, and merchandise to the value of about eight hundred dollars, and the usual plantation implements.

Terms of sale, one-third cash, balance in two equal installments at one and two yearstime to be secured by bond of purchaser, and by mortgage of the premises, and to bear interest at seven per cent, with privilege to the purchaser of paying all cash. Purchaser to pay for all necessary papers.

Warren Moore, Receiver.

FOR YOUNG OR OLD THE BEST PILL SOLD Rings Little Liver Pills

Waterways Meeting.

The waterways meeting on Monday last was successful from every standpoint and fully came up to the expectations of its promoters. Mr. Jno. A Fox, the special representative of the waterways movement, was the speaker of the occasion and he gave some very interesting facts as well as very convincing ones to the large crowd of representative citizens of Marlboro county who had gathered in the court house to hear him.

It was exactly at noon when President A J Matheson of the board of trade under whose auspices the meeting was held, called the meeting to order and introduced the Hon. J A Fox, of Arkansas.

Mr. Fox spoke of some of the most important reasons why the waterways should be improved. He said that one of the objects of the meeting was the getting of public sentiment to that place where congress would be compelled to appropriate \$50,000,000 each year towards the permanent improvement of the waterways of the country. He showed where the government had spent on improving the waterways during the past ten years only \$19,300,000 whereas they had spent five and six times that much on the army, the navy, pensions and other things.

Mr. Fox then went on to show how much would be saved by having the water rate. In every case where the water rate has come into competition with the railroad the latter has been compelled to lower the rates. And Mr. Fox figured to show that on an appropriation of \$500,000,000 for waterways there would be saved every year in the United States \$187,500,000 this being the annual return on the investment. This would come through figuring the lowering in the freight rates at even the lowest reduction. He showed where freight would cost only 1-7 of which it now costs by rail.

Facts and figures were cited in the speech. He showed if the Pee Dee was so improved that it would have six feet of navigable water all the year round then much would be saved to Bennettsville and the county through the water rates. From the northern points taking an average of eight classes of goods there would be saved in freight rates by means of the water rates 18 cents per hundred on all these eight classes which would be \$3.16 per ton. The commerce from Bennettsville he estimated would be about 8,000 cars, there would be saved by means of the water rates 120,000 tons which in money would be about \$432,000 each year saved in Bennettsville alone.

The speaker spoke of the movement, how united action was needed in contrast to the present work, and said that in prosecution this work South Carolina had pledged herself to raise \$3,500 and of this amount Bennettsville was asked to give \$200. The membership fee was \$5 and this would entitle the joiner to a membership card from the national secretary.

Upon motion it was decided that the President should appoint a committee to solicit members and fees and the following compose the committee: Messrs. Harris Bristow, T S Evans, J N Drake, H W Carroll, James McDavid, W A Rogers, J P Edens, Marvin Adams and A J Matheson.

Following these resolutions were offered and adopted:

Resolutions adopted by mass meeting of citizens of Bennettsville and Marlboro Co.

Whereas the transportation facilities of the country are apparently not adequate to meet the demands of commerce and whereas the niggardly policy pursued by the national government in the past towards improving the natural waterways has not been productive of beneficiary results

Therefore be it resolved by the citizens of Marlboro Co. S. C., assembled in mass meeting this 20th day of Jan. 1908 that we heartily endorse the work of The National

Waterways Congress in its efforts to secure larger appropriations for rivers and harbors and thereby, adequately improved rivers to bear a share of the nation's commerce.

That we pledge it our moral and financial support to the end that the whole country may be informed and educated in regard to the matter, and that the Congress of the United States may be induced to spend not less than \$50,000,000 annually in a systematic and comprehensive manner upon our rivers and harbors.

Be it further resolved that copies of these resolutions be sent to the Hon. Jas. G Cannon, speaker of the house of representatives, and to Hon. Theodore Burton, chairman of the Rivers and Harbors committee of Congress.

JONES TO GET \$200

The Baptist Church Raises Its Pastor's Salary.

At a conference of the members of the Thomas Memorial Baptist church last Sunday, it was agreed to raise the salary, of the pastor, Rev C A Jones, from \$1000 to \$1200. The motion was made by W E Thomas, seconded by H W Carroll, and passed without a dissenting vote.

The church also elected its officers for this year by secret ballot, which resulted in the re-election of R N Sampson, clerk; J T Douglas, treasurer, and H W Carroll, superintendent of the Sunday school. The terms of two deacons had also expired and M McLaurin and A J Bristow were re-elected.

A library association was organized for the purpose of providing books for the Sunday school library. The fee is a dollar a year. About 35 names were enrolled to begin with.

Ben Carlisle was received into the church. He was formerly a member at Cheerful Hope, in Robeson county, but this church disbanded. His membership was carried from Salem to Cheerful Hope.

A letter was granted Henry G Carroll to transfer his membership to a church in Oklahoma City.

After hearing a report from the committee which had been appointed to investigate the matter, the church withdrew fellowship from J F Stewart, who has moved to North Carolina.

TO GET BENEFIT OF WATER RATES

Cheraw Navigation Company to Build Line From Landing to this Place.

Mr John A Fox, who was here at the waterways meeting on Monday and the principal speaker on that occasion, gave some interesting information in the meeting in reference to a proposed tramway from here to a landing on the Pee Dee river. The matter came about when Mr H W Carroll, in the meeting, proposed that at some future time the matter of connecting Cheraw, Bennettsville, Clio, McColl, and Gibson, with a trolley line be agitated. Mr Fox told of the movement which the Cheraw navigation had on foot.

Much encouragement has been given by the people of this community to the boat line from Cheraw to Georgetown. The Cheraw Navigation Company has built and equipped admirable docks and facilities for loading and unloading the boats at Cheraw such as will enable them to bring freight from New York, Boston and Philadelphia to this point 167 miles inland at water rates. The only thing interfering now in the passage of the boat is the bridge at Society Hill but this will, in all probability, be removed in a short time.

The Navigation company is contemplating the construction of a tram road from some point near Gardner's Bluff to Bennettsville five miles away so that freight can be handled here at water rates.

The proposition of Mr Carroll about building the electric line

aroused some interest and is well worth consideration. Should the Pee Dee be improved and new manufacturing interests established here the electric line would be an assured fact.

Rockingham Power Co.

Work on the dam and lines of the Rockingham Power company was suspended for some time on account of the failure of the Knickerbocker Trust company of New York, which holds the bonds of the Rockingham Power company. Work has been commenced again, however. Mr. Pearson has been here for several days surveying for the line from here towards Pee Dee river.

The Rockingham Anglo-Saxon says of the work at Blewett Falls: "We learn that there are some 200 men at work at the falls and it is said that orders have been given for many others to be put back to work. In fact, they were wanted to go to work last Monday. This is good news, if it is true, and we hope it is."

On account of the severe rains of last week the river rose to a considerable extent, covering the entire dam. No damage was done to the dam so far as we could learn."

Attachment Proceedings.

G D Williams recently sold his stock of goods to Asbury Powers, and B D Townsend brought action to attach the goods on account of a debt due him by Williams.

It is contrary to law for a merchant to sell his stock as a whole without first paying all his debts, or else making a list of his debts and an inventory of his stock and notifying all his creditors in advance.

Williams was represented by J W LeGrand, and Townsend by Judge Townsend. Mr. LeGrand objected to the jurisdiction of Magistrate McInnis. Mr. McInnis overuled the objection. Mr. LeGrand gave notice of appeal, and the case is temporarily held up.

Bestowal of Crosses of Honor.

We regret to say, that the five last applications made for Crosses of Honor, came in too late to be entered on the list. With these exceptions, all applications have been examined and approved, by a committee from Camp Henegan, by the president of the chapter, and by the State Recorder. With much pleasure, we announce that the bestowal of crosses will take place at the court house, on Friday, Jan. 31st, at 11:45 a. m. The exercises will be very simple. The public, including teachers and pupils of the graded school are cordially invited to attend.

The few remaining fathers and mothers of Confederate Veterans, are affectionately invited to be our guests on that occasion.

All veterans who applied for crosses, are requested to meet at the residence of Mrs. D. D. McColl at, or before 10.30 A. M. on the appointed day. At 11:40 A. M. they will be marched to the Court House, accompanied by the Marlboro Chapter U. D. C.

Mrs. McColl, President, U. D. C.

Sawdust Still Burning.

The big pile of sawdust at the Scott Lumber Company's mill at Marlboro is still burning and smoking like a volcano. This is the place into which a negro boy fell last fall. While playing on top of the pile, he broke through the crust and fell into a burning crater thirty or forty feet below.

The body of the boy has never been recovered. It was a hopeless task to attempt to reach the bottom of the burning mass where his cremated remains still lie. The sawdust pile is very little reduced in size although it has been burning for several months.

The mill has been shut down on account of the small demand for lumber, and the village of Marlboro now seems almost deserted.

Pine Apple Cheese W. M. Rowe's.

THE FALL OF NATIONS

How Great World Powers Have Passed Into History.

MOST HAVE DIED FIGHTING.

The Struggle Between the Empire of the East and the Empire of the West. Venice, Its Secret Three and Its Long Reign of Terror.

Most countries which have died have gone down fighting. The Roman empire perished like that, and by the irony of fate the power of the Caesars came to an end far away from Rome. After it had existed for centuries the Roman empire became so vast and unwieldy that it had to be divided into two, the empire of the west and the empire of the east. The capital of the former was Rome.

The empire of the west became so weak at last that it could make no stand against its enemies. Rome was sacked by the barbarians and eventually became not the capital of a vast empire, but the city of the popes, over which the pontiffs reigned as kings. The temporal power of the popes lasted till 1870, while the capital of Italy was first Turin and then Milan. Finally the city was taken without a real fight by the soldiers of the king of Italy.

The empire of the east had its capital at Constantinople. For centuries it was the greatest power in the world. But it became honeycombed with vice and enervated with pride and luxury; also it grew old and weak. Then in 1422 the Turks made a tigerish spring on Constantinople and took it by storm. The last of the Greek emperors died sword in hand, and his descendants are living in England today in very humble situations.

Egypt, once so powerful and so famous under the pharaohs, was conquered by Rome and was afterward swamped by the Moslems. The crescent was supreme in the land of the Nile, and the aforetime haughty Egyptians were slaves for a thousand years. The great moguls used to reign in India. In the days of Queen Elizabeth the mogul—or emperor of Delhi, as he was sometimes called—was so powerful that he thought it a vast condescension on his part to receive an embassy from the maiden queen. But as time went on the great rajahs, or tributary kings, rebelled against the moguls. India was rent asunder by the wars between rival rajahs. This gave the Europeans a chance.

France at first held the upper hand and nearly conquered the land, but then England drove France back and seized the empire of the great moguls for herself. The heir of the moguls, by the way, still enjoys a pension given by the British government as a compensation for the throne lost by his ancestors.

Poland used to occupy a big place on the map of Europe. At one time it was much larger and stronger than Russia. The czar of Russia and the emperor of Austria were only too glad to be on good terms with the king of Poland, and there was no king of Prussia in those days.

Noble adventurers from all parts of the world flocked to the Polish capital at Warsaw, eager to serve in the Polish armies. The Duke of Monmouth, son of King Charles II. of England, thought of doing this.

But Poland perished through her own faults and follies. The mass of the common people were slaves in all but name. They were not allowed to move from one part of the country to another without leave, they could not own a foot of land, and they could never be sure that they might not be sold by the great noble they served to a new master; hence the nobles and the people never stood together in times of danger or disaster.

Poland was a big country, but it was divided against itself, and Russia, Prussia and Austria combined were more powerful. They all three joined hands, and each took a large share of Poland in 1772. That was the "first partition of Poland." The Poles submitted tamely, for they were still divided.

In 1793 the trio of robbers made a second swoop. Only the ghost of Poland was left. Another year saw the end of the tragedy. The last remnants of Poland were swallowed up by Russia, Prussia and Austria.

The fate of the republic of Venice is one of the most dramatic in all history. For hundreds of years the City of the Lagoons was one of the most powerful states in the world. Its doges ranked as the equals of the proudest kings. Its alliance was coveted by the greatest powers. Its government was one of sheer terrorism. The doge was hardly more than a splendid figurehead. All real power rested in the hands of the dreaded council of ten and the secret three. The latter were a trio of living mysteries and were known by name to practically no one in Venice.

Sometimes a man was one of the secret three and his own wife and children never dreamed it. Their most dreaded servants were masked mutes. If a Venetian, no matter how high his rank, was denounced by the council of ten or the secret three, he knew he was no better than a dead man. So the government of Venice was a terror to its own people and the outside world. Then Napoleon came upon the scene, and "the lion of St. Mark licked the dust."—Pearson's Weekly.

"I have generally found that the man who is good at an excuse is good for nothing else," said Franklin to a servant who was always late, but always ready with an excuse.