

LOCAL ITEMS.

Cotton buyers are on a "loaf." Good deeds ring through Heaven like a bell. A Grand Ball will be arranged for the 14th of February. Our town has had a magnificent trade during the past few weeks.

All our schools opened with an increased number of pupils after the holidays.

The World's Week of Prayer opened Sunday, Jan. 3d, and will close next Saturday.

The happiest faces seen on the streets these days, belong to merchants who advertise.

The college boys, who have been spending Christmas at home, have returned to their duties.

Capt. B. R. TRILMAN declares that he will not be a candidate for Governor of South Carolina.

The corporators of the Columbia, Newberry and Laurens Railroad will meet in Columbia on the 14th inst.

During the absence of the editor, next week J. T. JOHNSON Esq., will have charge of THE ADVERTISER.

A number of young people attended balls at Clinton and Greenwood and report favorably from both places.

An exchange says, when a young lady sets herself up as a belle, it is fair to presume she wants someone to ring her.

All our churches have full congregations every Sabbath, which shows the increase in the population of our town.

As nothing stronger than water is allowed in this town, we would suggest that our "city fathers" have the public wells repaired.

Last week in speaking of the tournament, we gave Mr. LER SIMPSON 3 out of 9 rings, when it should have been eight out of nine.

N. J. HOLMES, Esq., had a new buggy torn to pieces by allowing a gentle horse to stand unhitched. Fortunately, there was no one in the buggy at the time.

Mr. ZEPHENIAH MADDEN, living about six miles from this place, died on Saturday last. He was taken sick in the morning and died about 1 o'clock in the afternoon, of heart disease.

Mr. P. B. CONNOR will be absent from his office, on professional business, in Abbeville, for five or six days, from Wednesday, Dec. 7th. Persons having work for him will be governed accordingly.

It is said that Laurens, up to this time, has patronized the Augusta and Spartanburg Railroad better than any other station on the line. If it is supposed that this town is dead, it is a mistake, that's all.

We learn that on Wednesday night Mr. PERRY JEANS, of this County, lost his barn and contents, consisting of fodder, shucks, &c., by fire. Other out-houses received serious damage. Supposed to be the work of an incendiary.

Everybody abuses newspapers because they are not always full of news, but if they would only try for once to write a readable article when they had absolutely nothing to write about, we are sure they would hold up on newspapers and appreciate the position of an editor.

But for the efficiency of the Hook and Ladder Company, and the timely assistance of the citizens, black and white, we would, in all probability, have recorded the loss of considerable property by the fire on Wednesday last. The roof of J. M. RIDGEL & Co's Shop caught from a spark supposed to have been from the engine. The damage is estimated at \$20.00.

The time for the election of a new Town Council is drawing near, and strange to say, candidates are not crowding the field. The position of Intendant of the Town of Laurens is not a desirable one, by any means, but some good man, who will do nothing more than the law requires, but who will enforce the law to the letter, will certainly gain the lasting confidence and esteem of the good people of this entire community.

Trains Delayed. The heavy rains on Sunday night caused the trestle over Little River on the G. L. & S. Railroad, to give way. Trains have been delayed at this place in consequence.

The Lucky Numbers. At the Annual Christmas Drawing on New Year's Eve, Mr. L. TAYLOR held the fortunate ticket (12). The ticket that drew the doll (No. 2.) has not been produced, so the beautiful doll still awaits an owner.

Removals. J. SHEAHAN has moved into the Hunter house. ISSER McCANTS expect to move into the Bendalls Hotel Feb. 1st.

Mr. S. D. GARLINGTON has recently set up a house for the use of Mrs. KIRKLEFF's school.

Mr. DILLINGHAM and family have moved into Mrs. BOYD's residence on the College Campus.

Mrs. SUSAN CLEGG has moved with her family into one of Mr. A. H. MARTIN'S new houses, in Jersey.

Voluntary Intent. On Monday morning about nine o'clock, as Mr. J. WILKINS was going to his home in town, he met a negro man by the name of WASH SIMMONS, who asked if he (Mr. F.) had any wood to cut, to which he received a negative answer. After Mr. F. had been in his house a few moments he heard a noise in the room above him, and on going up stairs found that this negro had entered his house, and was endeavoring to be given if it is probable that he did so with voluntary intent. He was promptly carried by the hands of the officers, and while in the hands of the officers he attempted to make his escape. He is now in jail. Wash has just served 30 days in jail for cutting and it is said he has not formed earnest resolutions to amend his ways for the New Year.

New Year's Day in Laurens.

The custom of paying New Year calls was observed here for the first time. Although few of the houses were prepared specially for callers, yet all ladies received and entertained the young men in the same spirit that prompted the movement. We think the custom commendable, as it serves to stimulate social intercourse.

At the following places callers were received: Miss Mattie Burnside, assisted by Miss Gussie Barrett; Mrs. J. P. Todd; Mrs. Ferguson, assisted by Miss Mamie and Mrs. McLucas; Mrs. Pitts, assisted by Miss Lula and Misses Lucy Barksdale and Mollie Wilkes; Mrs. Gilkerson, assisted by Mrs. Sherard and Miss McGhee; at the Female College, Mrs. Britton, Mrs. Jackson, Mrs. Orr, Miss Swindler and Miss Nora King; on the farm, Mrs. J. D. Austin, assisted by Mrs. S. D. Garlington; Mrs. Young and Mrs. Kierulff received; Mrs. Tuno, assisted by Mrs. Simpson and Mrs. Anderson.

At many places refreshments were served, and the few moments spent in exchanging congratulations and good wishes for the new year, made the day pass pleasantly to all. On the part of the young men, we can say it was a delightful afternoon, and, although the first, it will not be the last of the New Year Calls.

The day closed with a nice dance at the Richardson House.

Personal. Mr. GEO. GEDDES has opened a marble yard in Union, S. C.

Mrs. KIRKLEFF has returned from a few weeks visit to relatives.

Mrs. Dr. ORR, of Union County, is visiting her mother, Mrs. BRITTON.

Misses GRAY and ACKER, of Williamston, are visiting at Mr. J. P. GRAY'S.

Mr. W. C. P. ROBERTSON has changed his quarters and can now be found with Mr. T. ROBERTSON.

Prof. J. A. HOLMES, of the University of North Carolina, spent a few days at his old home last week.

Miss LEBLANC MCGOUGH and Misses MAY and NITA HARRISON, of Greenville, have been spending a few days with relatives here.

Miss ROSA FOUCHE, after spending the holiday vacation at home, has returned and resumed her duties as teacher in the Female College.

Miss MATTIE CALHOUN, a highly accomplished and pleasant young lady, who has been visiting relatives and friends in town and in the county for several weeks, returned to her home, at Ninety-Six, on Saturday last.

Citizens Meeting. A meeting of citizens, held Jan. 4, Maj. N. S. HARRIS was called to the chair, and P. A. SIMPSON requested to act as secretary. After the chairman read the call and stated the object of the meeting, which was to nominate a ticket for Intendant and Wardens for the town of Laurens for the ensuing year. It was on motion agreed that nominations be made from the floor. Dr. B. E. MARTIN being nominated for Intendant, and Messrs. A. W. Burnside, C. W. Tuno, A. H. Shell and J. M. Robertson for Wardens, and the above named gentlemen were declared to be the choice of the meeting. It was moved and carried that the proceedings of the meeting be published in THE ADVERTISER and Herald.

P. A. SIMPSON, Sec'y.

County Correspondence.

CLINTON. "J." Our schools are all on a recess for the holidays, but will resume on the first Monday in January.

Dr. H. C. WOFFORD, our resident dentist, has recently added to his already complete equipment, a splendid dental engine.

You may put down, as Nos. 2 and 3, in the new, Mr. Jack Dillard to Miss Ada Elliott, and Mr. Langford to Miss Augusta Gore. Still they come, and you may look for a few more next week.

Mrs. Poek, an octogenarian, is visiting her daughter, Mrs. SIMMONS, matron of the Thornwell Orphanage; Miss Carrie Turner and Miss Lula Calhoun, of Greenwood, are visiting Mr. C. B. Adams.

The many friends of Dr. J. E. Davis will regret to part with him both as a splendid gentleman of the old school, and a physician of unusual ability. The Dr. seeks a new field for his professional duties in Texas.

A Clinton lady visited, some days recently, for the first time in twenty-four years. She was utterly astonished and bewildered at the changed and improved appearance of everything, and recognized the Todd-Block as the only familiar object which met her eyes.

Christmas has come and gone, and the stern realities of preparation for another year, are standing face to face with all thoughtful persons. The Clinton Amateur's rendition, of a light drama, on last Wednesday night, was a complete success in every respect and will probably be repeated at an early day.

The Christmas tree for the Orphans was a splendid affair, and the little ones were just as happy as they could be. After the tree was over, the rooms of the House of Peace were thrown open to the young folks of the town, with music and conversation, interspersed with a varied display of fine books, made the evening pass off very pleasantly.

CROSS HILL. BLACK. R. A. Austin has painted his house.

J. B. Boyd and family, of Hunter, Townships, are now living near Cross Hill.

Rev. R. W. Seymour and family have removed to Waterloo. He and his interesting family will be much missed in this community. They will be quite an addition to Waterloo. It really looks like Waterloo will absorb Cross Hill.

Mr. Willie Bryson and Miss Bettie Leonard were married on the 24th, Christmas Eve. Rev. T. B. Craig tied the knot which joined the happy couple in holy bonds. May the orange flowers on the brow of the bride never wither, and may the shadow of the groom never grow less.

The hot snapper was quite a success.

Something over fifty dollars was made, and the ladies are quite pleased with their effort. The most interesting event connected with the hot snapper was guessing at the number of seed in a gourd. It was found that there were 46 seed, and Dr. J. D. Austin, of Cornaca was the successful man; another was the timid and bashful bachelor, who rode with three young ladies in his buggy at the same time.

DORROH P. O. JOE PRINCE. A fine young guard dog, belonging to Mrs. Susan Dorroh, left home some three weeks since to follow some of the family to Laurens, C. H. Before reaching town they met the construction train on the G. & L. R. R. The dog went near the engine, and by some chance, accident or otherwise, got badly burned by escaping steam. It then turned and ran back home. On reaching home it was in a state of frenzy from the severity of the pain. From a very gentle and friendly dog, he became at once almost a maniac, biting at everything that came near him. Although he had never before been celebrated as a fighter, now he could knock out the largest and fiercest bulldog in the first round. He left home and went extensively through the Dial neighborhood, biting and fighting all the dogs he met. From there he made his way down to Goodgion's, still fighting as he went, till somewhere in the neighborhood he was shot. But the strange thing about it is that several of the dogs bitten by him have already died from typical hydrophobia, while others have been killed after manifesting unmistakable symptoms of the disease. Will Mr. Pasteur, or some one else, explain strictly on the germ theory, how the scalding of that dog with steam could develop hydrophobia?

I have no disposition to join in the controversy now going on in your town on the subject of Prohibition. I wish to say, however, that the disputants are arguing from false premises. Sensible people who make laws, never make them so that they will have to depend on public sentiment for their enforcement. Public sentiment is not worth a cent for the enforcement of any law. Laws are enforced by self interest and personal resentment. Just remove these incentives and none of our laws will be enforced any better than prohibition laws.

If a man swindles me, I appeal to the law to get my money back. If a man knocks me down, and I am not able to knock him down in return, (which you know I am not), I will enforce the law against him to get my revenge; and so on with all other laws. Just make a law prescribing a fine of \$100 for each offence of selling intoxicating drinks, and giving half of it to the informer, and you will find no more difficulty in enforcing it than you will find in enforcing any other law. Self interest will enforce it then; but public sentiment, never. "But though you beat a fool with a pestle in a mortar, yet will his foolishness not depart from him." This is thrown at law-makers in general.

Happy New Year to all! Mr. T. Simpson has moved into the house known as the Masonic Store.

There is some moving away of the colored people, but everybody seems to have been too much occupied by the festivities of the holidays to think much of business.

Quite a number of young ladies and gentlemen from other places have been visiting relatives and friends in the community, and have added much to the enjoyment of the season.

The oldest inhabitant cannot remember when we ever had such delightful weather for the holidays, bright clear days and pleasant nights, and the people seem to have enjoyed it to the fullest extent. Key dinners and family gatherings have taken up the days and the young people have used every night, except Sunday, for sociables, dances and other festivities.

We have noticed, Miss Florence Watts and Miss Rhoda Boozer of Clinton, Miss Lula Anderson of the Fork, Misses Annie and Laura Simpson, of Laurens, Miss Florence Campbell, of Spring Grove, Miss Clara Nabors, of Sullitown, and there may have been others who escaped my notice, if so, they get their pardon in failing to mention them.

Of the young men, we have seen Capt. D. P. Goggans and Geo. S. McCray, of Laurens; Mr. M. Hunt and Earnest Fochue, of Abbeville; Mr. Ephraim Griffin and Andrews Roak, of Waterloo; H. Z. Nabors, of Sullitown; Mr. James Crisp, of Georgia. If there have been others, they have escaped my mind.

Tuesday a troop of eight young ladies and eight young men went bird and rabbit hunting on horseback, they hunted the country over for five miles or more. We are not informed as to the amount of game caught, perhaps some of the young men can tell if they escaped from the net, we saw the party on the road, riding by two in a sweeping gallop and can truly say it was a splendid sight.

To "Edelweiss." Autumn has gone with its golden leaves and winter holds its sway. Oh! tis for this my spirit grieves. Like them, we too, shall pass away.

Yes my heart is filled with sadness, When I hear the robins call, And softly down, from branches brown, We watch the dead leaves fall.

And beside that same clear stream We watched through sunny hours, The little fawn and sporting lamb, And gathered summer flowers.

Ere long and we shall leave this spot, As you will pass away, Age will pale our youthful cheeks, And turn our hairs to gray.

You will not hear my voice dear Gus, Nor hear the wild birds thrill; But voices sweet, of future days, Mine will be hushed and still.

They'll come to us, the dear old dreams, Of past and future days, And all that once we knew and loved, Like them, will pass away.

'Twill not be long until the flies, Which bind us now will break, And each by Fate, relentless forced, A different path to take.

But should it be our fortune strange, To wander far from here, Back to this time our thro's will range, To those we loved so dear.

And in the saddest hours that come, Will I remember thee? As long as life and hope shall last Will you remember me?

LALLAH ROOK. L. F. C., Dec. 17, 1885.

FIRE IN UNION, S. C.

From private telegrams received here this morning (Tuesday) we learn that five stores were burned on the 4th inst. at Union, S. C. The hardware store of W. D. Bewley, who recently moved from this place, was among the number. The fire originated in the Fant and Kissick Row. Loss not ascertained.

Married.

Married, Wednesday evening, Dec. 23d, Mr. Jas. Whitton and Miss Ola Pearce.

Married, on the 16th day of Dec., 1885, Mr. Jeff Jacks and Miss Corrie Gilliam, by Rev. D. P. Boyd; all of Laurens Co., S. C.

Married, by the Rev. D. P. Boyd, Dec. 16th, 1885, Mr. Frank Blalock and Miss Uelle Malone; all of Laurens Co., S. C.

Married, at the Parsonage at Clinton, S. C., Dec. 21th, 1885, by the Rev. D. P. Boyd, Mr. Charlie Langford and Miss Eugenia H. Gore; all of Laurens Co., S. C.

Married, by the Rev. D. P. Boyd, Dec. 24th, 1885, at Laurens, C. H., Mr. John W. P. Dillard and Miss Ada H. Elliott; all of Laurens Co., S. C.

Married, on the 24th inst., at the residence of the bride's mother, by the Rev. J. D. Pitts, Mr. H. H. Mahon and Miss Eliza Cheek.

By the same, on the 26th inst., in the Laurens Baptist Church, Mr. J. N. Watkins and Miss Florence V. Sharp.

The Session of 1885. LEGISLATION OF GENERAL IMPORTANCE.

The following Acts and Joint Resolutions were passed at the session of the General Assembly which ended on December 24:

STEALING FROM THE FREEDOM. AN ACT to amend Section 2,487 of the General Statutes, relating to Stealing Grain and Cotton from the Field.

SEC. 1. That Section 2,437 of the General Statutes be, and the same is hereby amended, so that the said section shall read as follows:

"Section 2,487. Whoever shall steal from the field any grain, cotton or vegetables, whether severed from the frehold or not, shall be deemed guilty of misdemeanor, and on conviction thereof, shall be punished by imprisonment for not more than one year or by a fine of not more than five hundred dollars."

THE DRAWING OF JURORS. AN ACT to amend Section 2,237 of the General Statutes of South Carolina as amended December 24, 1883, relating to the Drawing of Jurors.

SEC. 1. That Section 2,237 of the General Statutes of South Carolina, as amended December 24, 1883, be, and the same is hereby amended, so that said section shall hereafter read as follows:

"Section 2,237. Of the list so prepared the board of jury commissioners shall cause the names to be written, each one on a separate paper or ballot, and shall fold up said pieces of paper or ballots, so as to resemble each other as much as possible, so that the name written thereon shall not be visible on the outside, and shall place them in a box, to be furnished them by the county commissioners of their county for that purpose, and by said board of jury commissioners to be kept. At the same time they shall place in a separate and special apartment in the jury box, to be known as the tales box, the names of one hundred and fifty persons qualified by law to serve as jurors, who reside within seven miles of the Court House, from which shall be drawn jurors to supply deficiencies arising from any cause or emergency during the sitting of the Court: Provided, that in the County of Richland the number of names to be placed in the separate apartment shall be two hundred, and in the County of Charleston two hundred and fifty, and in the County of Georgetown fifty."

State of South Carolina, LAURENS COUNTY, IN COURT COMMON PLEAS.

Nancy Balentine, David F. Balentine, Robert M. Balentine and Benjamin E. Balentine, Plaintiffs, against William I. Balentine and L. T. H. Daniel as administrators of the estate of John Balentine, deceased, William J. Balentine in his own right, A. L. Balentine, Warren C. Balentine, Fry T. Balentine, Catherine H. Pitts, Elizabeth Daniel, Jane Knight, Adie Gaines, Margaret Balentine, Jno. A. Balentine, Eddie Balentine, Letitia Pitts, Haseltine Balentine, John L. Balentine, Ina Cleveland, Lilly Cleveland and Lizzie Balentine, Defendants—Summons for Relief, Complaint Filed.

You are hereby summoned and required to answer the complaint in this action, which is filed in the office of Clerk Court, for Laurens County, and to serve a copy of your answer to the said complaint on the subscriber at his office at Laurens, C. H., South Carolina, within twenty days after the service hereof, exclusive of the day of such service; and if you fail to answer the complaint within the time aforesaid, the plaintiffs in this action will apply to the Court for the relief demanded in the complaint.

J. T. JOHNSON, Plaintiffs' Attorney.

Dated Dec. 8th, A. D. 1885. G. W. SHELL, C. C. P. [L. S.]

To the Defendants Haseltine Balentine, John L. Balentine, Ina Cleveland and Lizzie Balentine—You will please take notice that the summons and complaint in this action were filed in the office of the Clerk of the Court of Common Pleas for Laurens County, South Carolina, on Dec. 8, 1885.

J. T. JOHNSON, Plaintiffs' Attorney. Dec. 16, 1885.

ANOTHER REVOLUTION

Of the wheels of years points its annual index to the figures 1886 on the Calendar of Time Duty well performed is the bright and pleasant record of the year gone by. Continuing our good work for the peoples benefit, we open a "Land-slide" on our Centre Counters. No deviation from the prices marked in plain figures, and irrespective of Cost the goods must go off our

BARGAIN COUNTERS.

45 pieces All wool Dress goods, Bargain Counter price 10 cts. 25 pieces Colored Dress goods, " " " .05 cts. 2500 yds. regular 10 ct Bleaching yard wide " " " 15 yds. to the Dollar. \$1.00 Jersey, " " " .50 cts. \$1.25 " " " .80 " \$1.50 " " " \$1.00. \$1.75 " " " \$1.20. \$2.00 " " " \$1.35. 65 Misses Cloaks at 85cts.; worth \$1.50 on Bargain Counter. 125 Crochet Quilts, Bargain Counter Price, 70c. 150 " " " " \$1.00. 200 Marcellis Quilts, " " " 1.25. 300 " " " " 1.75. 500 " " " " 2.75. 12 prs. Blankets, worth \$2.00; Bargain Price \$1.25. 9 " " " 2.75; " " 1.60. 16 " " " 3.75; " " 1.90. 25 prs. Blankets, worth \$1.00, \$1.50, \$5.50, \$6.50 and \$7.50; " " 2.50, \$2.90, \$3.40, \$4.25 & \$5.00. ap'r Table Linens at Bargain prices, Towels at Half-price, Hosiery marked down (half off), Corsets at Bargain Price, Gents Underwear marked down, Ladies Underwear marked down, Gents Laundered and Unlaundered Shirts at Jobbers prices. No deviation from prices marked in plain figures. Don't fail to examine our Bargain Counter.

JNO. D. SHEAHAN

NOTICE OF ASSESSMENT FOR Fiscal Year 1885-1886.

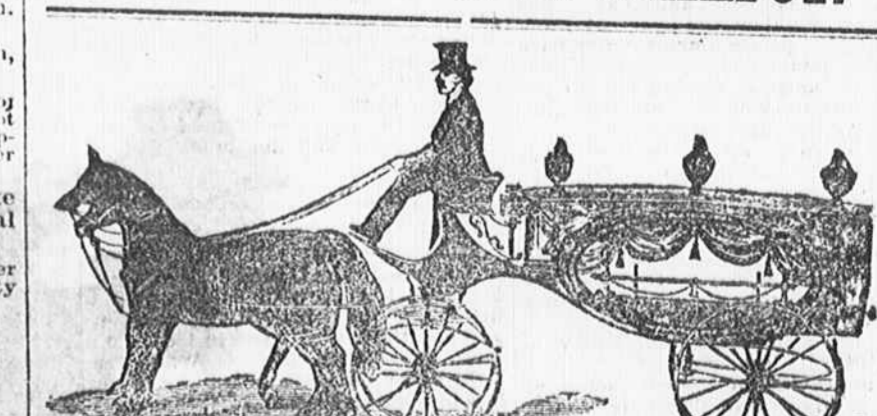
IN pursuance of an Act of the General Assembly of S. C., approved Dec. the 24th, 1884, a general assessment of property for taxation will commence on Jan. the 1st, 1886, and continue until the 20th day of February. All property, both Real and Personal, must be returned for taxation, and all changes in realty since May, 1884, must be noted in returns. During the above time my office at Laurens, C. H. will be open for the reception of returns, and for the convenience of the taxpayers, I will also attend at the following places at the time specified, to wit: Young's Township, Young's Store, Jan. 5th. Young's Township, W. B. Parson's, Jan. 6th. Dial's Township, D. D. Harris, Jan. 7th. Dial's Township, W. B. Stoddards, Jan. 8th. Dial's Township, Goodgion's, Jan. 9th. Sullivan's Township, Tumbling Shoals, Jan. 11th. Sullivan's Township, Brewerton, Jan. 12th. Waterloo Township, Daniel's Store, Jan. 13th. Waterloo Township, Geo. Moore's, Jan. 14th. Waterloo Township, Waterloo, Jan. 15th. Cross Hill, Township, Cross Hill, Jan. 18th. Cross Hill, Township, Spring Grove, Jan. 19th. Hunter's Township, Milton, Jan. 20th. Hunter's Township, Goldville, Jan. 21st. Hunter's Township, Clinton, Jan. 22d. Scuffletown Township, Trlersville, Jan. 23rd. Jack's Township, Reynosa, Jan. 25th. Jack's Township, Roseborough, Jan. 26th. All male citizens between the ages of 21 and 60 years are taxable Polls, except those who are incapable of earning support by being maintained or from any other cause. Owners of Real Estate will take Notice that Full Returns of Real Property will be required. After the 20th day of Feb., 1886, 50 per cent. penalty will attach on all property not listed for taxation. G. M. LANGSTON, County Auditor. Dec. 9 - 18 - 85

J. M. ANDERSON, COTTON AND COMMISSION MERCHANT, AGENT FOR MASSEY'S COTTON GINS, FEEDERS and CONDENSERS, and LEES' PREPARED AGRICULTURAL LIME. Charge for handling Cotton reduced to 50c. per bale commissions; 25c. per bale storage. Liberal CASH ADVANCES made on Cotton in Store. PERSONAL ATTENTION given to Weighing and Selling. Office and Warehouse, 903 Reynolds St., Augusta, Ga.

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