

PYTHIANS ENJOY ANNUAL BANQUET.

Delightful Refreshments and Good Cheer.

ELOQUENT TALKS.

About 150 Guests in Attendance.

Speeches from Mr. Summersett, Mr. Haynesworth, Mr. Carlisle and Mr. Featherstone—The Committee.

Laurens Lodge, No. 43, Knights of Pythias, had its annual banquet in the dining room of the Bendella Hotel Wednesday night. It was one of the brilliant social events of the year. About 150 knights, ladies and guests were present, and a delightful supper was served by Dr. and Mrs. B. E. Martin of the hotel.

Turkey salad, fried oysters, various other accessories and coffee and punch were included in the menu. Mr. W. R. Richey welcomed the guests in an appropriate manner and Dr. Hugh K. Atken gracefully presided as toastmaster. The divine blessing was asked by the Rev. Robert Adams of the First Presbyterian Church.

The toast, "Our Sister Societies," was eloquently responded to by J. A. Summersett, formerly a member of Laurens Lodge, now of Columbia, and one of the grand officers of the order in the State. Mr. Harry J. Haynesworth of Greenville responded to the toast "The Ladies" in a manner which captured his auditors. It was clever, humorous and pointed, and made a decided hit. Mr. J. B. Carlisle of Spartanburg responded to "Our Guests" briefly but happily. "The Bibles" was an impromptu toast to which Mr. C. C. Featherstone responded with fervor.

The committee in charge of the banquet consisted of M. L. Nash, W. R. Richey, M. G. Jeans and John B. Brooks.

Mr. Cleveland's Daughter Dead.

Ruth, the eldest daughter and child of Ex-President Grover Cleveland and Mrs. Cleveland, died at their home in Princeton, N. J., of diphtheria last Thursday. She was about fifteen years old.

Copeland's Announcement.

The store of R. E. Copeland has already won a good reputation in Laurens County. Its customers will find it a good place to visit—especially will they be pleased with the quality of goods to be found there. Read their advertisement.

Look Out Next Week.

J. E. Minter & Bro. today have something interesting to say to their numerous customers and the public generally. They will have more in the near future. Keep an eye out for them.

FARMERS AT WORK AROUND GRAY COURT

Social and Personal Items—Marriage of Prof. Stephens and Miss Garrett—Other News.

GRAY COURT, Jan. 11.—Mr. Joe A. Chapman, the man who buys poplar trees, has moved here with his family and is occupying Miss Dorob's house. Mr. W. T. Coleman, with his bride, who was Miss Frennie Fair Stewart, daughter of Dr. H. B. Stewart of Fairview, has moved to his new home at Knight's Station, which he recently bought from Mr. M. A. Knight. Miss Janie Fulmer of Peak's has moved here to make her home with Mrs. A. Q. Rice.

Mr. Willie Rice of Union is here going to school. He is boarding with his uncle, Prof. A. Q. Rice. Messrs. W. A. Putnam, Jr. and E. V. Garrett have returned to Clemson and Misses Eula Check and Lucile White have returned to Limestone College since the holidays.

D. J. Entekin is building a dwelling on his plantation near the Rock quarry. The farmers are making preparations for another crop. The plows during that nice weather last week were just going like it was planting time, and they are ploughing deep too. Rev. J. P. Anderson has been sick for two weeks, but is able to be out now. He says he hopes that some of his congregation will ever have grip. Miss Anderson has gone back to her school at Whitman and Mr. Coney Anderson has gone back to resume his studies at Wofford.

On December, 30th at the residence of the officiating minister, Prof. A. E. Stephens was married to Miss Annie, second daughter of Mr. and Mrs. V. C. Garrett, by Rev. J. L. McLin.

BOLL WEEVIL GREAT FOOD FOR TURKEYS.

Latest Report Concerning the Pest of Texas Is That It Has a Value.

A boom in turkeys is reported from Texas as a result of the boll weevil plague, and that State, particularly in the boll weevil section, will produce from three to four times as many turkeys as heretofore. The shipment from Giddings amounts to 5,000 turkeys. The town had never shipped any before, all those raised there being used at home.

The raising of the turkeys is the direct result of the boll weevil, the farmers holding that the turkey is a fine bird in the cotton fields, being able because of his long reach, to get at the top of the stalk during the season of greatest activity among the insects. Then the boll weevil will be exterminated and the turkeys fattened at the same time. The extermination of birds in Texas is claimed by some to be largely responsible for the increase of the weevil nuisance. The turkey is the only domestic fowl able to get at the weevil easily.

Those who wish to have the Semi-Weekly News and Courier and THE ADVERTISER—three papers a week—can get them through THE ADVERTISER for \$1.50 for both papers. If.

Shaw's Pure Malt. Its value in sickness has been tried and proved. In the home it is not safe to be without it. Absolutely pure. On sale at all dispensaries. Adv.

LIFE AT SIMPSON.

A Worthy Colored Man Has Loss By Fire.

SIMPSON, Jan. 11.—We are having some fine weather now and the farmers are beginning to prepare their land for another crop.

Everything is getting along nicely, with no sickness to report at present. Mr. Wylie Bolt and charming sister, Miss Sallie, of Rabun, were the guests of Mr. and Mrs. W. W. Stone last Thursday night.

Mr. and Mrs. W. M. Caldwell, also Mr. J. D. Chaney and wife, visited Mr. E. H. Adair, of Holly Grove, last week. Mr. Arthur Owens and family and Messrs. Herbert and Rex Simpson, of Barksdale, spent Friday night and Saturday at the home of Mr. J. A. Stone.

Riley Johnson, colored, living on Capt. J. M. Philpot's place, lost his dwelling and contents by fire last Wednesday afternoon.

Mr. B. F. Terry is suffering with rheumatism.

Mr. J. P. Caldwell is spending a while with her daughter, Mrs. Henry Pitts. Misses Minnie and Maude Stone visited Misses Maggie and Mattie Coyle, of Alma, Tuesday.

Mr. Henry Pitts is all smiles. It's a boy.

YUCATAN.

Rich, warm, healthy blood is given by Hood's Sarsaparilla and thus coughs, colds and pneumonia are prevented. Take it now.

Our New Discovery is sold by W. W. Dodson, Laurens Drug Co. and Youngs' Pharmacy under an absolute guarantee.

"The nicest and pleasantest medicine I have used for indigestion and constipation is Chamberlain's Stomach and Liver Tablets," says Melard F. Craig, of Middlegrove, N. Y. "They work like a charm and do not gripe or have any unpleasant effect." For sale by Laurens Drug Co.

For a bad taste in the mouth take a few doses of Chamberlain's Stomach and Liver Tablets. Price 25 cents. Warranted to cure. For sale by Laurens Drug Co.

Notice of Dissolution. By mutual consent the firm of Oxlings & Bobo has this day been dissolved. C. B. Bobo having sold his interest in said business to J. C. Owings. The business will be carried on at old stand by J. C. Owings.

Until the 27th C. B. Bobo will be in Laurens settling up affairs of said firm. After which time the affairs will be left in the hands of J. C. Owings. J. C. OWINGS, C. B. BOBO.

As I now retire from business life, I can but return my sincere thanks and gratitude to all with whom I have had business relations. As I now enter into a new field of labor, I earnestly request the prayers of all God's people, that I may be kept at the foot of the cross, where I may be effectual for the spiritual welfare of mankind at large. My friends and brethren shall each have a warm place in my heart while laboring in the Master's vineyard. Sincerely, C. B. BOBO.

ONE CENT A WORD

\$5000 to loan in next ten days; 8 per cent straight interest. In sums of \$1000 and up. Terms to suit the borrower.

Ferguson & Featherstone.

Thoroughbred Registered Berkshire Boar, Lord Sanford, will make the season at my lot, Gray Court, S. C. J. N. LEAK.

Jan. 9-4.

WANTED—Persimmon, Dogwood Hickory and Holly Logs. Freight paid on carloads. James Cockshot, Charleston, S. C.

DOMESTIC TROUBLES.

It is exceptional to find a family where there are no domestic ruptures occasionally, but these can be lessened by having Dr. King's New Life Pills around. Much trouble they save by their great work in Stomach and Liver troubles. They not only relieve you, but cure. 25 cents at Laurens Drug Co. and W. W. Dodson.

Go Williamson's for Silverware.

Terrible plagues, those itching, peeling diseases of the skin. Put an end to misery. Doan's Ointment cures. At any drug store.

Women love a clear, healthy complexion. Put blood makes it. Burdock Blood Bitters makes pure blood.

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Is displayed by many a man enduring pains of accidental Cuts, Wounds, Bruises, Burns, Scalds, Sore feet or joints. But there's no need for it. Bucklen's Arnica Salve will kill the pain and cure the trouble. It's the best Salve on earth for Piles, too. 25 cents at Laurens Drug Co. and W. W. Dodson.

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There is little or no difference in the appearance of flour, but there is all the difference in the world in the results. "Clifton" flour will produce light, white wholesome bread—you know from sad experience just what other kinds will do. For more bread and better bread, use our "Clifton" every time.

T. N. Barksdale, M. H. Fowler.

Notice Annual Meeting.

The annual meeting of the stockholders of the Enterprise Bank will be held in its rooms on Friday, Jan. 15th, at 11 a. m.

N. B. DIAL, President.

Two million Americans suffer the torturing pains of dyspepsia. No need to. Burdock Blood Bitters cures. At any drug store.

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The Kind You Have Always Bought

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Have you seen Williamson's new Jewelry Store?

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The family of Mrs. M. L. Bobbitt of Bergerton, Tenn., saw her dying and were powerless to save her. The most skillful physicians and every remedy used, failed, while consumption was slowly but surely taking her life. In this terrible hour Dr. King's New Discovery for Consumption turned despair into joy. The first bottle brought immediate relief and its continued use completely cured her. It's the most certain cure in the world for all throat and lung troubles. Guaranteed bottles 50 cents and \$1.00. Trial bottles free at Laurens Drug Co. and Palmetto Drug Co.

TO CURE A CO. LD IN ONE DAY

Take Laxative Bromo Quinine Tablets. All druggists refund the money if it fails to cure. E. W. Grove's signature on each box. 25 cents.

WHY RENT?

When you can own your own home with the same money?

The Piedmont Savings and Investment Company will enable you to do this.

Instead of Paying Rent for years and owing nothing at the end of the term the property is yours.

Meanwhile, you have had the home from the first—with the motive to improve it.

Owning one's home does more to make an independent man than anything else.

A man with little or no property finds it hard to borrow and build. Such men this company provides credit for.

There are hundreds of working men in this town paying rent on houses that are not cosy and comfortable, they have no conveniences, that are not kept up and that are not improving in value.

Lots in Laurens are cheap. These same lots, with the rent money they are paying, can all own homes for which they will take pride and which will grow more valuable each year.

The Piedmont Savings and Investment Company is not a building and loan association. Why? Because the contract is certain and definite. The borrower knows to a day when his debt will be due. Moreover the rate of interest is lower.

W. W. BALL and M. L. COPELAND



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Jan. 22, 1904.

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THOSE WHO BUY NOW!

Fortune favors frugal buyers at The Hub just now. For reduction prices are quite general all through our stock. This is "house-clearing" time in the store—the time when all remnants, reminders of broken lines, odd pieces and odd ends of every sort are closed out at cut prices. And, in addition to this, a great many complete lines have been reduced in price; so as to stir trade up a bit in the otherwise dull season of the year. We believe that there's no lubricant that will grace the wheels of business half so well as "oil of bargains" and we are offering all sorts of good bargains to those who will come and get them. These items we print below are fair samples:

- New Embroideries and Insertions, select patterns 5 to 25c
- New lot Valenciennes and Torchorn Laces, extra values, 5 and 10c
- Elegant line Ladies' Fancy Neckwear, Silk, Mousaline and Lace, 25 and 50c
- All Ladies' Fancy Neckwear, at greatly reduced prices.
- Ladies' Fleeced Union-suits, worth 40 and 50 cents and 25 cents.
- Lot Misses and Children's Cloaks at actual cost.

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Stocks, Bonds, Real Estate and Insurance.

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