

LOCAL AND PERSONAL MENTION.

Mr. T. J. Bramlett of Laurens, route 5, was in the city Thursday.

Mr. H. S. Blackwell attended the commencement exercises at Erskine college last week.

Miss Donie Counts returned Wednesday from Winthrop college.

Miss Mamie Crews is at home, having completed her course at Winthrop.

Miss Willie Mae Childress returned Wednesday from Spartanburg where she attended the wedding of Miss Ernestine Jones.

Little Miss Catharine Crews gave a delightful birthday party Monday afternoon, at which a large number of her friends had a most pleasant time. We all hope she may live to be 10 times 7 and more, and that her beauty and sweetness may always abide with her.

Miss Julia Glickerson went to Clinton Friday to attend a reception by Miss Dot Owens to the friends who compose her house party.

Messrs. Y. S. Glickerson and W. G. Lancaster attended Miss Dot Owens' reception at Clinton Friday evening.

All the city churches except the Episcopal were closed last Sunday morning in order that the people might hear Dr. Moffat's sermon at the First Methodist.

Mr. Dupont Guerry of Greenville spent Saturday night in the city.

Miss Janie Colvin left Saturday for her home in Chester. It is a matter of regret that Miss Colvin will not teach in the city schools next year.

Miss Kate Glenn left Saturday for Spartanburg to attend the Wofford commencement, before going to her home in Chester.

Mrs. E. J. Gage and children of Greenville arrived in the city Friday afternoon. Mrs. Gage accompanied by Miss Anna Prentiss returned to Greenville on Monday.

Mrs. W. E. Lucas went to Spartanburg Sunday to attend Wofford commencement.

Miss Annie Bell Childress went to Greenville Saturday for a visit to friends.

While in the city Friday, Dr. J. H. Harms and daughter, Miss Katherine, were the guests of Mr. and Mrs. C. C. Featherstone. Little Miss Katherine remained in the city until Monday.

Mrs. Lucy M. Boyd returned Saturday from Cross Hill where she visited Mrs. M. T. Simpson.

Mr. W. W. Ball and three children spent some days in the city last week. Mr. Ball leaving for Columbia on Saturday. The children will remain here until Mrs. Ball arrives next week, when after a few days' visit the family will leave for their summer home in Hendersonville.

Mr. Gus Hart, who has been attending the University of South Carolina in Columbia, is in the city for the summer.

Rev. C. H. Jordan of Union was in the city last Sunday and administered the sacrament of the Lord's supper at the church of the Epiphany and preached at the evening service. It was announced that Rev. O. T. Porter of Greenwood would conduct these two services, but later it was found impossible for him to be here, and Mr. Jordan kindly consented to be present.

Keep in mind the drawing contest at Terry's store next Monday morning at about 12 o'clock. Fifty dollars will be given away.

Dr. J. S. Moffat while in the city was the guest of Mr. and Mrs. C. C. Featherstone.

Mr. Earle Wilson went to Greenville Saturday and brought back with him the fine, new E-M-P automobile that he purchased some time ago from the Tannehill company.

Miss Mayme Tolbert is at home for the summer from Winthrop college. Accompanying Miss Tolbert is Miss Sadie McGill of Abbeville, who will spend a few days in the city.

Miss Marjorie Gilder of New York is in the city visiting her sister, Mrs. E. P. Minter.

Miss Jessie Bolt is home from Columbia college, where she graduated this year in music.

Miss Lillier Stevens who has been visiting Miss Emily Meng left Monday morning for her home in Kershaw.

Miss May Henderson spent last week with Mrs. T. R. Simpson, en route to her home in Asheville.

Miss Emma Arnold of Atlanta was the guest of Mrs. R. L. Simpson last week.

Mrs. J. A. Arnold of Anderson, who has been visiting Mrs. R. L. Simpson, returned home Saturday.

Messdames Nottingham and Powell are guests at their mother's home this week.

Miss Lillian Woodward of Alken is visiting the family of Mr. S. G. McDaniel on Main street.

Mr. W. L. Gray went to Spartanburg Saturday to be present at his fraternity reunion held at Wofford college. Mr. Gray graduated at Wofford in 1876.

Miss Sadie Sullivan who attended the College for Women in Columbia this year, is at Clinton this week, a member of Miss Dot Owens' house party; she will reach home on Friday.

Miss Josie Sullivan attended commencement at the College for Women in Columbia this week.

Mrs. S. E. Boney, accompanied by her friend Miss Annie Savage of Walterboro, went to Greenville yesterday to attend the Furman commencement. They will return on Thursday.

Mr. and Mrs. E. D. Langston will begin housekeeping this week; they will occupy the Bramlett house on Church street.

Mrs. Martha Babb and Mr. Claude Babb left on Monday for Memphis,

whence they go on to Como, Miss., to visit relatives. They will be absent about three weeks.

Misses Ruth and Margarite Adams of Charleston are the guests of Miss Helen Crisp.

Mr. Marshall Cole and Miss Lucy Hill of Cross Hill were united in marriage Sunday morning, Rev. W. E. Thayer performing the ceremony.

Judge C. C. Featherstone returned Wednesday from Spartanburg where he held a three weeks' term of civil court.

Mr. Carlos Moseley is at home from Wofford college.

News from the Columbia hospital is to the effect that Mr. Jas. W. Henderson who was so severely hurt some days ago, is improving rapidly and will possibly be at home the last of the week.

Mr. P. A. Simpson left Monday morning for a visit to his brother who lives near Memphis.

Messrs. T. B. Crews and R. B. King left early Monday morning for the reunion of Confederate veterans at Memphis, Tennessee.

Mrs. Janie Abrams is now in charge of the county farm since the death of her aunt, Miss Jane Starnes.

The people in East Laurens have been greatly inconvenienced for the past few days by the bursting of the water main near the river above the Main street bridge. The fire engine was used Monday afternoon to pump the water out of the hole, and the break was finally repaired.

Mrs. Mattie Bray and Miss Margaret Bray have gone on a visit to Newburn and Morehead City; they will spend a few days in Charlotte also.

Dr. J. T. Poole is confined to his room on account of illness.

Mr. Alva B. Langston of Madden passed through the city last Thursday enroute home from Louisville, where he, this year, received his Ph. D. degree at the seminary.

Blakely & Blakely have moved their meat market into the frame building formerly occupied by the Express company. This building has been moved across the street adjoining the Todd block.

Dr. H. K. Alken has received a letter from Congressman Johnson, in which it is stated that as yet nothing has been done about the Laurens post-office matter, but that it will be taken up as soon as the pressure of business permits.

Dr. and Mrs. F. J. Inman left Saturday for Louisville, Ky., to attend the Shriners' meeting. From Louisville they will go to Cincinnati, Columbus and Jackson, Dr. Inman's old home. They expect to return to Laurens the 23rd of June.

Next Tuesday afternoon at 7 o'clock, in Gardington's pasture, the Traniham Guards will engage in a practice sham battle, which the public is invited to witness. The company will march from the armory in two platoons, meeting at the appointed place shortly after 7 o'clock.

J. M. Winn, a citizen of the city, was fined \$100 in the Mayor's court Monday morning for violating the dispensary law. He paid the fine.

The condition of Miss Nan Barnett who was brought home quite ill from Williamston several days ago, continues critical.

Mrs. Kennedy and children of Spartanburg are visiting her father, Dr. J. M. McCarley.

Postmaster Geo. S. McCravy has received notice from Washington to the effect that his salary will be advanced July first from \$2,100 to \$2,200.

Miss Nora Taylor is spending this week in the city with relatives.

Messrs. J. P. Strobel and M. L. Roper spent last week in Dorchester county, near St. George, hunting and fishing.

Mr. Clarence Cunningham of Craighead, Cross Hill township, was a visitor in the city Sunday and heard Dr. Moffat at the First Methodist church.

MR. W. W. BALL.

Following are a number of references to Mr. W. W. Ball, who last week resigned his position as editorial writer on The News and Courier to accept the position of news editor on the Columbia State. Mr. Ball is a native of Laurens and was for several years editor of The Advertiser.

Gone, but Not Forgotten.

He has gone and we are sorry; but we couldn't help it. He is built that way, having been taught in his youth that here we have no continuing city, he has gone to Columbia, where he used to be before he came to us, and he cleared out in spite of the fact that his letter of resignation was never accepted. That is to say he "moved on" in spite of all the good counsel of his best friends, against his own better judgment, in fact, and, though lost to sight, he will ever be to memory dear. He is "a fellow of infinite jest, of most excellent fancy," but he won't stay put. Come what may, however, we have had the satisfaction of working with him for about four years, more or less, it seems less now that his bright presence has vanished, and we know that he comes very near being all-wool-and-a-yard-wide. His vacant chair will be kept for his return for the space of the usual thirty days. We hope sincerely that he will get far more than what is coming to him and that he will soon come back home. All this is about William Watts Ball, who is going to Columbia to work some more on the Columbia State.—News and Courier.

The Record Is Delighted.

We judge from an editorial appearing in today's issue of The News and Courier that our esteemed Charleston contemporary has lost the services of one of the best and brainiest newspaper men in the south and that our Columbia contemporary is to be congratulated upon the addition of Mr. William Watts Ball to its staff. There is not a more thorough nor more honorable newspaper man in the profession than Billy Ball nor a better fellow in the world. We are delighted to know that he is coming to Columbia to live again, and we trust that he will be able so to appreciate the value of "Main" street, as well as the beauties of the capital city generally, that he will accept a life term here.—Columbia Record.


Billy Ball.

Mr. W. W. Ball has resigned from the editorial staff of the News and Courier and has accepted a desk on the Columbia State. There is no better writer on the press in this state than Billy Ball and we congratulate The State on securing his services.—Newberry Herald and News.

One of The Best.

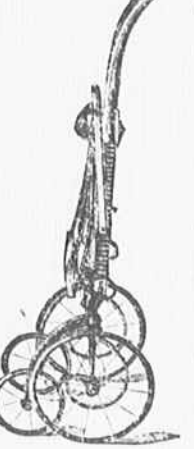

W. W. Ball, for the past four years a member of the editorial staff of the News and Courier, and at all times one of the best all round newspaper men America has gone back to the Columbia State, on which paper he was formerly a worker.—Yorkville Enquirer.

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You will find here the largest and best line from the small folding Go-Cart to the large upholstered Go-Cart. Ranging in price from \$2.50 to \$27.50.

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GRAY COURT-OWINGS INSTITUTE
(By Prof. Archie Willis)

Some years ago the towns of Gray Court and Owings decided to build a school to which the children of both towns might go. The little towns of Gray Court and Owings lie just two miles apart, and a site was selected, midway between the two places, upon which the building should stand. Exactly one mile from the center of each town, in a beautiful grove of young oaks, the school was built, being called the Gray Court-Owings institute.

The first principal of the institute was Prof. Thos. F. Jones, who had charge of the school for two years. During the time that Prof. Jones had charge of the institute, he had associated with him Prof. A. Q. Rice, Misses Annie Putnam, Alice McCarley, Daisy Harris, and Mrs. Thos. F. Jones, as music teacher.

The school began to excite attention immediately after it was built, and not only did it draw pupils from the two towns and the sections surrounding, but pupils from other places came to Gray Court-Owings Institute to get ready for college.

During the time Prof. Jones had charge of the school not less than a dozen girls and boys were prepared for the different colleges there. Among those who went from the institute to college during the first two years of its existence were Misses Harlie Brownlee, Pearl Garrett, Lucille White, Naunie McCain, and Kate Wright; Messrs. Richard Harris, Melan Owens, Earl Garrett, Robert and John DuPre, Clyde Gurry, Luther Henderson, Cleveland Jones, Brooks Patterson, Cleon Hunter and Archie Willis.

Prof. Hamilton had charge of the school during the third year, and that year several girls and boys were prepared for college. Among those who went from the institute to college during the year that Prof. Hamilton had charge, were Misses Louisa Harris, Louise Gray, Beulah Cheek, May Willis, Beulah Cannon, Lila Simmons, Emma Harris, Annie Willis and Mr. Robert Harris.

Mr. J. Y. Bryson had charge of the institute during the fourth year of its existence and the school was very successful under Mr. Bryson's management. Several went from Gray Court-Owings to college during the year that Mr. Bryson was principal. Among those whom Prof. Bryson prepared for college were Misses Ethel Willis, Rosa Cheek and Messrs. Albert Gray, A. C. Shell, W. P. White and Gray Harris.

Prof. J. C. Anderson was principal of the school after Mr. Bryson. Mr. Anderson had a most successful year, keeping up the school's record of sending some of its pupils away to college.

During the years that Prof. J. Y. Bryson and Prof. Anderson taught at the institute Mrs. McSwain, one of the most successful public school teachers this state has produced, was associated with the school, as teacher

Scholarship and Entrance Examination
Clemson Agricultural College

At the County Court House on Friday, July 2nd, at 9 a. m., the Scholarship and Entrance Examinations to Clemson Agricultural College will be held under the direction of the County Board of Education.

Applicants must be at least 16 years of age and must be prepared to enter the Freshman Class. There are no Scholarships in the Preparatory Class. This class is only open to a limited number of boys who cannot attend high schools and who are living in sections of the State where school facilities are poor. Scholarships are worth \$500.00 per Term. The next session of Clemson Agricultural College will begin Sept. 8, 1909.

Apply to the County Superintendent of Education after June 25th for needed information concerning the Scholarship Examinations.

For catalogues, further information, and cards upon which to make application for entrance, to the College, address:

P. H. MELL, President,
Clemson College, S. C.

BRIDGE TO LET.

On the 20 day of June, 1909, at 11 o'clock a. m., the County Commissioners of Laurens and Abbeville Counties, S. C., will bid to the lowest responsible bidder the contract for building a Mattrix Bridge over Saluda river at the old site of such new site as may be selected. Bids will be taken on either wood or steel bridge. Bids must be accompanied by certified check of \$300, as guarantee that bidder will if successful close written contract and execute satisfactory bond for performance of same in accordance with the amount of contract price within 10 days after award of contract. All bids to be presented in the form and manner prescribed by said commissioners.

The right is reserved to reject any or all bids.

H. B. HUMBERT,
County Supervisor.

STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA,
County of Laurens.

Whereas, petitions signed by many of the owners of the unimproved lands and tracts hereinafter named in said District number one, Laurens Township, Laurens County, South Carolina, asking for an election on the question of valuation of said lands, to-wit: Land in number seven, in said County and State has been filed with the County Board of Education, an election on said question is hereby ordered, said election to be held on the 20th day of June, A. D. 1909, at Trinity Bible School House, under the management of the trustees of said school.

All qualified electors and freeholders residing in said district are entitled to vote at said election.

Those desiring to vote out of the said High School District shall vote a ballot containing the word YES written or printed thereon.

Those desiring to remain in the said High School District shall vote a ballot containing the word NO written or printed thereon.

Polls shall open at the hour of seven o'clock in the forenoon and remain open until the hour of four o'clock in the afternoon, when they shall be closed and the ballots counted. The trustees shall report the result of said election to the County Board of Education as soon as possible thereafter.

GEO. L. PITTS,
County Sup't. Education.

THE CROSS HILL SCHOOL.
(By W. S. Hough.)

In the year 1855 the citizens of Cross Hill erected two brick academies, about one-fourth of a mile apart, for the separation of the sexes. The school prior to that time was located near the old Presbyterian church, and was to some extent a denominational school.

Through the efforts of Messrs. R. A. Austin and Hogan Goggans, who with three others were appointed to recover as much as possible of the Wadsworth endowment, which is treated in another article by Mr. Featherstone, enough has been restored to yield an income of \$100 per pupil in the district. Had the fund been properly managed this district would now have an income of \$25,000 per annum.

Forty years ago this school was supported by subscription. Pupils in the higher grades were charged tuition, some of them as high as \$5.00 per month. Not until two years ago, did our people awake to a full realization of their possibilities and obligations. It was then that our handsome \$5,000 building was erected and equipped with modern desks and new furnishings. The lot cost \$800. A great share of the credit for all this work is due to Mr. B. A. Wharton who gave almost his entire time for a whole year in endeavoring to build up this school.

Under the new order, two pupils were entered in college last year, and one of them, Miss Mary Owens, made highest honor at Limestone college in Latin and Algebra. Five teachers are employed and the total salaries amount to \$2,280. The first year of the establishment of the high school the enrollment increased from 104 to 148.

The teachers for the past year were: W. S. Hough, principal; Misses Pearl West, high school department; Kate Addison, sixth and seventh grades; Lella Barre, fourth and fifth grades; and Lizzie Griffin, primary department.

If you have not bought yet, be sure to see our line of Refrigerators and Ice Boxes in different sizes.

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THE SHEATH OF SIBBS.

Carolyn Wells, in Life.

One more unfortunate
Grasping for breath!
Rashly impudent,
Laced most to death.

Gaze at her tenderly,
Dressed with such care;
Fashioned so slenderly,
By corsietiere.

Look at her garments
Gliming like ornaments;
Judge her not scornfully,
Think of her mournfully.

Gently and humanly!
Not of the heft of her—
All that is left of her
Now is pure womanly.

See those silk slips of hers
(Clinging so lovingly);
One might say, glovingly,
Sheathing those hips of hers.

See her soft tresses
Escaped from the comb;
Her fair golden tresses
While wonderment guesses

Whose head they're from.
She is dressed rightly,
No matter how tightly
Her heart is compressed.

Directly sheathing
May stop one's breathing,
But one is well-dressed!

Our neighbor's faults are magnified sevenfold, but as to our own shortcomings we can not see them with a microscope.

As a rule most live stock do better when the grain fed to them is ground, but sheep will do as well when fed whole grain.

Teachers Elected For Next Year.

At a meeting of the board of trustees on Monday afternoon, Mr. C. E. Klugh of Coronaca was elected principal of the city schools, and Mr. B. L. Parkinson of Fayetteville, Tenn., as a teacher. Miss Willou Gray was elected a teacher but declined; hence there is one vacancy yet to be filled. Mr. Klugh is a Wofford graduate and was last year a teacher in the Greenwood schools; he comes highly recommended. Misses Mary Simpson, Irene Raw and Lila Hart were re-elected teachers in the mill schools. Miss Fannie Mae Thomas has been re-appointed teacher of the Kindergarten at the Laurens mills.

Death of Mr. Fuleier.

Early Wednesday morning Mr. Alfred Fuleier, who had been ill for many months, breathed his last in his temporary home, the one erected in the grove near Mr. S. R. Todd's residence. On Thursday afternoon the remains were interred in the city cemetery. Mr. Fuleier suffered with that terrible malady, consumption, and some weeks ago went to live in the open air, but it was too late. During his residence in Laurens he was a tailor. He leaves only a wife.

Stomach Troubles.

Many remarkable cures of stomach troubles have been effected by Chamberlain's Stomach and Liver Tablets. One man who had spent over two thousand dollars for medicine and treatment was cured by a few boxes of these tablets. Price, 25 cents. Samples free at the Laurens Drug Co.

Corn silage in limited quantity may be fed to sheep, but not in a large quantity. Yearling lambs when shedding their first teeth will not fatten rapidly on that account.