

LOCAL AND PERSONAL MENTION.

Mr. Jonas Sparks has moved into his new home in the eastern part of the city.

Drs. George Albright and Clifton Jones attended the quarterly meeting of the Piedmont Dental association which was held in Spartanburg Thursday.

Rev. Dr. R. D. Smart, formerly one of the leading members of the South Carolina conference, now in the Kentucky conference and pastor of a church in Louisville, accompanied by his young son, was in the city for a day and night the past week, stopping over to visit Dr. Alken.

Col. Robert Arnold, of Princeton, was at Ware Shoals last week. We were delighted to meet him. He is a typical Southern gentleman, the peer of any one, and we trust he may be spared many years to enjoy the evening of a well-spent life.—Jones correspondence Honea Path Chronicle.

After a short visit to his parents, Mr. and Mrs. W. D. Barksdale, Mr. Earle Barksdale left Saturday for Hartsville, having accepted the position of manager of the Hartsville Wood Manufacturing company. During the past year he has been keeping books for a business concern at Bennettsville.

Mrs. C. F. Rankin is attending the music festival in Atlanta this week and is the guest of her brother Dr. Strickler.

Mrs. J. D. Pitts has been the guest the past week of Mrs. C. C. Featherstone.

Mrs. A. J. Taylor and little daughter, Elizabeth, are visiting relatives near Cross Keys.

Mr. Yates Smith of Spartanburg visited his brother, Mr. Lamar Smith, during the past week.

Col. George Johnstone of Newberry was in the city Saturday.

Mr. and Mrs. C. W. McCravy visited at Lanford and Gray Court Saturday and Sunday.

Miss Ethel Roper of the Hickory Tavern section is the guest of Mr. T. Mc. Roper's family.

Miss Nora Taylor and Cora Medlock attended the Greenwood oratorical contest Friday night.

Judge and Mrs. R. C. Watts are expected to return this week from a three weeks' visit to relatives in Mississippi.

Miss Alice Striding of Spartanburg was the guest of her sister, Mrs. L. C. Gooch, for a few days last week.

Mrs. Pearl Kennedy of Williston is visiting her parents, Mr. and Mrs. David E. Barnett, East Main street.

Mr. A. C. Bragg and family spent Sunday in Spartanburg, making the trip in their new Ford.

The Oratorical Contest.

In the oratorical contest held in the chapel of the Laurens graded school on Friday evening, April 22, each school in the county was invited to furnish one speaker. To secure the most widespread interest and a large participation Supt. Pitts offered a prize of a twenty-five dollar medal to the best declaimer.

There were several schools represented. The Clinton graded school sent Master Ferdinand Jacobs as its champion and exponent. A large number from Clinton attended these exercises to encourage our youthful orator in his efforts.

The victor in the contest was Master Barney Parrott, formerly a pupil of our graded school, but now a student of the Cross Hill school of which Mr. Glenn Parrott is principal.

We do not mind lending Cross Hill the talent by which she has won this distinction.

Oratory is a charming and valuable accomplishment and we appreciate this effort on the part of our superintendent to encourage its development. This and the agricultural prizes offered to the boys will doubtless stimulate them to put forth their efforts.

But the pen is more potent than orator's tongue or the ploughshare of the husbandman even as it is mightier than the sword, then if we would cultivate all our powers or our noblest gifts let the next prize be offered to the boy or girl who writes the best essay. This offer will reach a larger number and so exert a wider influence.—Clinton Gazette.

Congratulations.

Master Barney Parrott, representing the Cross Hill High school, was awarded a handsome gold medal in the Inter-High School Oratorical contest, which was held in Laurens last Friday night. There were seven other contestants, representing various high schools in the county, all of which did credit to themselves and the school. Master Barney Parrott is a son of the late Rev. and Mrs. J. B. Parrott of Clinton, and is to be congratulated upon winning the medal in the first annual oratorical contest held in Laurens county.

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Senator Smith Dubbed "Cyclone."

Washington, April 26.—Senator Smith's sobriquet of "Gatling Gun" has been slightly modified here. I think this is largely due to the fact that the Hon. Tom Pence, of North Carolina, does not know the difference between a gatling gun and a cyclone. But except for the name the Hon. Tom, or "Governor Pence," as he used to be known, is not responsible for the following story in the Washington Times this afternoon: "Senator Smith, of South Carolina, has gained a sobriquet. He is called 'Cyclone Smith.' This is because of his cyclonic delivery in debate. He can speak faster than any man in the senate.

"His first real debate came yesterday when he attacked the attorney general because of the 'cotton trust' probe instituted by the department of justice. The South Carolinian is a cotton expert. He knows the business from the seed in the ground to the fabric on the store shelf. He organized the cotton growers in the movement to hold the staple for better prices.

"This fund of cotton knowledge was used to overwhelm the senate yesterday. For nearly two hours the senator spoke and 10 relays of stenographers were necessary to catch his remarks. Not a not did he use. All the torrent of talk seemed to rise spontaneously and the deluge was complete.

"Withal, Senator Smith spoke to good effect—for a new senator. He held the attention of more Republican senators during his address than many of his Democratic associates do when they rise to address the senate. He did more. He baited Senator Aldrich until that leader rose to defend the tariff from the South Carolinian's onslaught. That was how vigorously the attack was made.

"Senator Smith is not exactly of the fire eating type, but he borders closely on it. It is suggested that a little more senate training will temper him somewhat and that he is therefore destined to become a forceful debater.—Zach McGhee in The State.

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