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The Advertiser will be glad to receive the local news of all the communities in the county. Correspondents are requested to sign their name to the contributions. Letters should not be mailed later than Monday morning.

Laurens has a well organized "boosting" club. Glad to see it. The old city on the hills has been a little slow, but she is coming. Now let us all join in "boosting" Clinton. Sure she's climbing steadily, but there's nothing like a little soda in the dough. —Clinton Gazette.

The Advertiser is in receipt of a communication from H. Sampson, proprietor of the near beer saloon, entitled "My Answer." As the article is rather lengthy and came in rather late we are unable to publish it in this issue. However, we will publish the entire letter in next week's paper.

We would impress upon correspondents the necessity of placing signatures to their letters. Very often we are forced to throw contributions into the waste basket which we would really like to publish, but which have no names signed to them. Such a contribution came from Reedy Grove this week. Please sign your name to the articles sent in.

We have persistently refused ever since the bill was passed to attempt to get off anything in this column about the marriage license bill, which goes into effect Saturday, and we do not expect to break our silence. For our part if we are ever put face to face with the proposition, we will take our medicine like a man and go up and plunk the dollar down.

While Laurens county can ill afford to lose from her soil such men as Jas. D. Burton, engaged in extensive Y. M. C. A. work in the railroad city of Oakdale, Penn., and many others who are missed from the family hearthstones, it is always a pleasure for The Advertiser to make note of the great work that they are doing and to let the old home folks know that the boy of their youth is accomplishing something worth while in the world.

Although the Camden Chronicle gives us credit for the inspiration to change the make-up of its excellent paper, by taking advertisements from the front page, we are quite sure that they must have had the idea in view all along. We were agreeably surprised when we opened the Chronicle last week, to find that the change had been made. The Chronicle is a much better looking and a much more newsy paper than before and, now with its new equipment, it is in a position to take a lead in its field. Having gone to the expense of providing its patrons with such an excellent paper, it deserves an even larger and better patronage than it has enjoyed heretofore.

THE HOSPITAL.

The Laurens County Hospital is an institution which should be given every encouragement and aid by the people of this city and county. It is an institution which many larger and more prosperous cities are crying for and which many more would be only too glad to support. These two ladies have undertaken to give us what should prove a real blessing to a great many people who have been heretofore unable to receive proper attention and everybody in the county should make it a point to make it "our hospital." Hardly a week passes but that some one is carried to some other city in the state to get the benefit of hospital attention and these patients now should be carried to our own institution whenever the physicians think the case demands it. Many more things are still needed at the building and gifts of any nature will be accepted. It is going to be a hard road to travel to get the institution on its feet and we should all join together to put it on a firm foundation.

CALL FOR A RE-HEARING

Concerning the Princeton School matter, to which we referred at length in these columns last week, we take pleasure in reproducing a short ex-

tract from The Greenville News:

The Reporter's Position.

"In the course of his daily rounds, the reporter called at the office of the Supervisor of Education in quest of news and was furnished with facts, views, opinions et cetera contained in the two stories referred to by The Advertiser. As no one representing the Laurens County school officials or the residents of Columbia school district favoring the annexation of the strip of Dunklin township to Sullivan school district could be found, their side of the question was not touched upon in the news stories. Had the reporter been able to find any one of them this side of the question would have received the same attention as the other.

The only interest the reporter had in the question was its mere adaptability to a news story and, as in all other cases, endeavored to give a truthful and impartial account of the affair, as it was related to him."

While we would not for anything attempt to advise The News as to what it should do, The Advertiser does believe that The News has in its hands the power to demand a re-hearing on this matter. The editor of The News is a busy man, we know, and this is a very small section of Greenville County, but it's a part of it just the same. Princeton High School is offering to a number of Greenville county citizens benefits which they cannot enjoy in their own county (unless better provisions are made) and we are sure that The News would not willingly look idly on and see this chance taken away from them.

We would assert again, though, less there be some misunderstanding of the position of Laurens County, that Princeton will receive some benefits by the incorporation. But the benefits are justly hers, nevertheless, for she is already receiving and will continue to receive, Columbia district children in her school whether this matter is settled satisfactorily or not. We would not have the people of Greenville County to believe that Princeton will be imposed upon.

County Superintendent of Education Pitts has gone to a considerable amount of trouble and expense having this section surveyed and in attending to other matters in connection with it, and we believe that it would indeed be a pleasure for him to know that his plans for the education of the children in the vicinity of Princeton would be carried out. Supt. Davis has given the impression all along that he would be in favor of the incorporation and it came quite as a surprise to those interested here when his vote on the matter became known.

THE FIRE WAGON AGAIN.

We were not aware before that negroes were members of the City Fire Department. When the fire wagon started out Saturday morning, with that pair of slim-legged borrowed animals, there were three of them hanging on behind. Besides the regular members of the fire department and these three negroes there must have been a half dozen other men perched on the wagon. In addition to all this weight the wagon weighs two tons. Now, how can it be expected for our horses to gallop to fires with much speed or without a serious drain on their strength. Where is there a farmer in this county who would run his horses at a gallop for half a mile with five thousand pounds as a load?

It might perhaps appear that The Advertiser is taking upon itself the duty of regulating and directing the fire department, but it is not trying to take that role. Every member of the fire department will agree that all of these people should not be allowed on there every time the fire bell rings. They are absolutely in the way at a fire and only serve to hinder the firemen in their work. The department has made some splendid runs within the past few weeks and is getting in better shape as the weeks go by, but they are greatly hampered when they are crowded out when the fire call comes.

We would offer a suggestion to the company itself, which we believe would help in getting off from the engine house a little quicker. This suggestion is to help do away with the great excitement around the fire house door every time the bell rings. Saturday morning the horses became so frightened and disconcerted that it took quite a deal of time to get them to go out at all. This was caused by the swarm of people who crowded around the door, when the bell rang. It happens all the time and while these strange horses were delayed a little longer than usual this time, we have noted from our window that there is more or less of delay every time from this same cause. The suggestion we would make is that the moment the bell rings the doors should be closed and the lights turned on inside in order to see how to harness up. Then when everything is ready let the doors swing open and the horses go out without excitement. This would have to be practiced to get the horses used to it, but it is better than the plan now followed and is a plan that is followed in great many larger cities.

While we have rambled along so far on the fire department question. The

Advertiser wishes to bring another matter up for the consideration of the insurance paying people of the city. That is the matter of a fire alarm system. Those who are familiar with the insurance tariffs will tell you that the installation of a fire alarm system here will save the city insurance premium payers, (not the tax payers) ten per cent of what they are paying now. As they are now paying about \$50,000 the saving would be about \$5,000 per year. A conservative estimate of the cost of a system is \$3,000 so it can be readily seen that this is a saving of quite a nice sum of money even the first year that it is installed. These statements are not stated as authoritative, but we believe that if the question is looked into it will be found that they are correct.

Going back though to those negroes and non-members of the fire department on the fire wagon, the practice ought to be stopped.

MUTUAL BENEFIT.

Following a suggestion that The Advertiser threw out some weeks ago that the equipment on the early morning and late trains to and from Columbia over the C. N. & L. railway should be improved, The Daily Record, after a few introductory remarks, had the following to say:

"The equipment of the C. N. & L. is not what we would like to see it. It is doubtless not what President Childs would like to have. Further, it is probably not what the C. N. & L. hopes to have in the near future. It must be remembered that this road has not had the advantage of the tremendous financial backing that other lines in the State have enjoyed, and that the roadbed is light and therefore heavy equipment cannot be safely handled on it at present.

The increasing business which this road is receiving warrants the belief that its equipment will be improved as rapidly as conditions justify. We say this on our own responsibility and without consultation with President Childs. At the same time it is only fair to say, and it has been upon our mind for some time to say, that the management of the C. N. & L. and the management of the C. & W. C. deserve very great commendation for the stations which they have recently erected at several points on their lines. The C. & W. C. has spent several hundred thousand dollars in the improvement of its terminals in Greenville and the depot there would be a credit to any road. The station at Laurens is equally as creditable, and the same may be said of the stations at Clinton and Little Mountain. These buildings have been erected with a view to permanency, and if they are kept up as they should be, which we do not doubt will be done, their presence will be a gratification for many years to come."

The Advertiser is not one among that very numerous set of people who believe that the railroads are heartless corporations and are run with the sole view of persecuting those who have to use them. On the contrary we believe that we are somewhat more generous in our views towards railroads and such than most people. We realize that they have invested capital that must show returns and to do this they must practice as much economy as the business of the systems will allow. But coming to the C. N. & L. railway in particular, we agree with The Record on several points and, while it cannot be said that we entirely disagree on several others, there are some points around which we slightly differ. As regard the roadbeds inability to withstand heavy traffic, we believe that the people along the line would be entirely satisfied with the rolling stock on the early morning and evening trains if it was as good as that on the midday train run by the Coast Line. The roadbed stands that train so it stands to reason that it could support another heavy train. As to the financial backing, while the editor of The Advertiser has not reached that stage yet where he can talk with much authority about big financial affairs, it seems to him nevertheless that railroad backing could generally be gotten if the prospects for returns seem bright enough. In this case it seems to us that a betterment of the rolling stock, betterment of the schedule and a little more well directed advertising would bring to the C. N. & L. and its allied lines far greater returns in passenger traffic than they are getting now. It seems to us then that with these prospects it would be reasonable to suppose that the roads could get the capital. We would call the attention of The Record to the fact that although now the schedule on these lines is one hour shorter than on The Southern railway between Greenville and Columbia, that the great majority of the people go the other way. We can explain this in no other way than by laying it at the feet of poorer service.

As to the new stations and improvements along the line we can join with The Record in giving to these roads due credit for them. They are a credit to the railroads, and speaking for Laurens, they are the pride of the towns that have them.

We have no ill feeling against these two railroads. We enjoy very friendly business relations with them; both railroads hold advertising contracts with us in return for which we are issued transportation, or what The Newberry Observer would term, "passes"

and though the railroads get possibly more in return for the deal than we do, still we are satisfied to put up with it. But, nevertheless, we feel that these morning and afternoon trains could be improved by these two roads working in conjunction and the people along them are justified in making some kind of request to have better accommodations. It might be said that the people of Greenville, Laurens, Clinton and Newberry would be just as proud of a new train as they are of the new stations for it makes anyone feel good to see a fine train roll into the local station. The people along the C. N. & L. and the C. & W. C. would be almost as well pleased as the railroads themselves to see the traffic that goes by the Southern turned this way.

We believe an improvement in the service would result in an improvement of traffic and consequent better feeling all around.

LAURENS MAN INVOLVED.

John Young Fowler Victim of Unfortunate Circumstances—An Alabama Feud Ends Fatally.

Hon. R. A. Cooper, solicitor of this the eighth judicial circuit, and a member of the law firm of Simpson, Cooper & Babb, returned Friday from a visit to Anniston, Alabama, Mr. Cooper's visit to the Alabama city was made at the instance of Mr. M. H. Fowler who received a letter a few days ago from an Anniston law firm stating that his son, John Young Fowler, was in jail there, having been committed along with several others charged with murder. Mr. Cooper with the assistance of Fowler's counsel, arranged for the execution of a cash bond which was promptly furnished by the defendant's father, Mr. M. H. Fowler, upon the return to the city Friday morning of Mr. Cooper, and later in the day a telegram was received stating that the young man had been released from jail. His case does not come up for trial until October.

Of course the family and friends of John Young Fowler were greatly shocked upon the receipt of the news of his being involved in what appears to have been a family feud of long standing. According to the court records and the information obtained by Mr. Cooper relative to the case, it seems that Mr. Fowler is the victim of circumstances and the charges against him are without foundation in fact. Briefly stated, Fowler was in the employ of a citizen named Pierce who operated a sawmill and practiced dentistry in the county of Calhoun, sixteen miles distance from Anniston. For sometime a feud had existed between Pierce and a family by the name of Kennedy. Last January the Kennedys closed up a road which had been used by Pierce. The latter, thereupon went before the court of the county and obtained an order giving him authority to reopen the road. On January 15 Pierce, accompanied by his hands, including Mr. Fowler, proceeded to the scene of the obstructed highway for the purpose of clearing it out. Anticipating trouble some of the Pierce party carried guns along. Their expectations were well founded. It seems, for upon their arrival at the scene they met the Kennedy clan who were also armed and a pitched battle ensued without delay. As a result Kennedy and one of his sons were killed. Pierce and his men were arrested, charged with the crime. At the preliminary hearing witnesses swore that Fowler did not shoot at all if he had a gun, while others testified that he had no gun. However, he was held for trial, but on motion of his attorneys the case of Fowler was continued until next fall.

Young Fowler belongs to a large and influential family of Laurens County. After the death of his mother which occurred when he was a small boy, he lived with his grand parents near Mount Pleasant church until he was about grown. He was a popular young fellow, a loyal friend and was generally liked by all who knew him. A few years ago he decided to cast his fortunes in another clime, and it was generally understood that he was getting on in the world very well, for he was hard-working and was never known to shirk duty.

FINAL SETTLEMENT.

Take notice that on the 28th day of July, I will render a final account of my acts and doings as Administratrix of the estate of James Irwin, deceased, in the office of the Judge of Probate of Laurens county, at 11 o'clock, a. m., and on the same day will apply for a final discharge from my trust as Administratrix.

Any person indebted to said estate are notified and required to make payment on that date; and all persons having claims against said estate will present them on or before said date, duly proven or be forever barred.

Fannie Irwin,
Administratrix.
June 28, 1911.—1 mo.

CROSS HILL NEWS

Cross Hill, June 25.—Miss Nannie Goodman of Cross Hill and Mr. W. M. Henderson of Waterloo were married last Wednesday June 21st at the home of the bride's parents Mr. and Mrs. B. Goodman, the Rev. J. A. Martin officiating.

Mr. Louis Hanna returned last Thursday with his bride. He was married on Wednesday the 21st to Miss Kate Mannheim at the home of the bride's parents, Marion, S. C. They will be at home to their friends at the Chapman cottage on Main street this city.

Messrs. J. W. Koon and H. L. McSwain together with some friends from Laurens fished with a seine in Saluda river Monday of last week and caught more than two hundred pounds. Some of the carp weighed 20 lbs. and one cat-fish weighed six pounds.

Misses Gertrude and Leonora Leaman attended commencement exercises at the Thornwell Orphanage school the past week.

Messrs. J. W. Pinson, C. D. Nance and J. H. Razor accompanied by friends went to Augusta, Ga. last Sunday in their autos. They left here at six o'clock and arrived at Augusta at ten. They had bad luck on the return trip, got in a mud hole and when nearly home one wheel smashed.

Misses Georgia, Lucile and Mary, children of Rev. G. M. Holingsworth will go to Lithonia, Georgia, this week to visit their grandmother and other relatives. Mr. and Mrs. Holingsworth speak of going on later in their automobile.

Mrs. R. F. Wade and little daughter returned last Saturday from a pleasant visit to relatives in Spartanburg. Miss Bettie Hill of Belton visited relatives here last week. There was a family reunion at Mr. John C. Hills on Friday.

Misses Martin and McDaniel, friends of Miss Ella Mae Martin are Cross Hill visitors.

Mrs. J. D. Austin of Clinton spent the week end with relatives in town.

More Cotton Blooms.

The Advertiser is in receipt of several more early cotton blooms. Ont is from M. V. Manly, of Gray Court, which was found on the 18th. Another was received from E. B. Bolt, Gray Court No. 3, which was found June 22. The first bloom, as was cited in last week's paper, came from the field of Mr. C. D. Nance, Cross Hill. Who will bring the first open boll?

There is one medicine that every family should be provided with and especially during the summer months; viz, Chamberlain's Colic, Cholera and Diarrhoea Remedy. It is almost certain to be needed. It costs but a quarter. Can you afford to be without it? For sale by all dealers.

SPECIAL NOTICES.

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The Byrdville Dairy and Stock Farm still have their Jack. The season is now open. This last year's work is showing up fine. See him, before breeding elsewhere. Will take care of mares over night for those from a distance. Ewe \$12.50 living colt. Phone No. 10, Laurens R. F. D. No. 3, W. D. Byrd and Son 40-tf

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For Sale—Southwest Georgia farms. No finer lands, no better prices. We speak from personal knowledge. Write today for new list. Epton & Switzer, Spartanberg, S. C. 47-5t.

South Georgia Farms. Improved and unimproved. Large or small tracts, in touch with railroads and good towns. In applying, Wayne and Pierce Counties. A farming section developing rapidly on account of splendid soil and good health. Farms still cheap. Write us for list and particulars. Albert Fendig & Company, Brunswick, Georgia. 48-2t-pd

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