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LOCAL LAONICS.

MATTERS IN AND AROUND PROSPEROUS DARLINGTON.

A Column of News, Tersely Told, of Interest to Our Many Readers.

The Cleveland Hotel opened its doors to guests yesterday.

Darlington Lodge, No. 7, Knights of Pythias, will meet on Tuesday evening next.

The County Commissioners will meet to day and they will probably have business of importance to transact.

The Darlington Public Schools will reopen Sept. 25. Full information on the subject is to be found in another column.

A private office for the use of the Superintendent of the Graded Schools is being added to the St. John's Academy building.

Mr. R. A. Smith, late of the Enterprise Hotel, has moved to one of Mr. Louis G. McCall's new cottages on Mowry Street.

An important meeting of the Darlington Guards will be held on Wednesday evening next, Sept. 6. A full attendance is requested.

A party from town went down to Mr. C. J. Milling's place on Friday on another deer hunt. Two fine deer were brought back as the result of the expedition.

A special meeting of the Darlington Building and Loan Association will be held at the office of E. Keith Dargan, Esq., to-morrow (Friday) evening at 7 o'clock.

The iron front for the Darlington Guards' new armory, decidedly the handsomest thing of the kind ever seen here, has arrived, and will be put in position this week.

Mr. S. Wolfram's jewelry store and Mr. F. E. Norment's insurance office, just in rear of it, are being repainted and renovated for the approaching business season.

A considerable addition is made to the store of Messrs. Blackwell Bros. which will increase its capacity a great deal, and the store itself is being thoroughly renovated.

The injuries to Mr. J. M. James's dog, Pee Dee, have not proven fatal as at first it was thought they would. Though very seriously injured both Daisy and Pee Dee are about.

The young men gave a delightful german at Hewitt's hall on Wednesday evening last in compliment to the young ladies who are at present visiting in town. The affair was voted a success in every sense of the word.

At a recent meeting of the trustees of the Graded Schools the following new teachers were elected: Miss Anabel Johnson, Union; Miss Clara L. Johnson, Elk; Miss Katherine Ashley, Trenton; Miss Mary E. Coit, Cheraw.

A young man recently left Darlington for a trip. He purchased his ticket which read "and way stations." Turning with a puzzled face to his friend, who had accompanied him to the depot, he asked "Is Andway station in South Carolina?"

Every indication points to the bicycle races to-morrow being a grand success in every particular. Baird, Charleston's champion, Roach the celebrated racer from Columbia, and a number of other rapid riders from those two cities, have signified their intention of attending.

The Darlington Guards have received from Capt. Cogswell, the commanding officer of the Washington Light Infantry, a very pleasant letter of thanks for their intended courtesies at the time that they thought the Charleston boys were going to pass through here on their way to Fayetteville, N. C., last week.

Mr. P. P. Chambers, agent of the Fidelity Mutual Life Association, of Philadelphia, paid to Mrs. W. J. Alexander yesterday the sum of \$10,000, the amount of insurance which her late husband had in that company. Strictly speaking, the amount was not even due until ninety days after the filing of the proofs of death.

PERSONAL PARAGRAPHS.

Brief Mention About People You Know and People You Don't Know.

Miss Emmie James is on a visit to Pawley's Island.

Mr. James B. Law is off for a visit to the World's Fair.

Mr. Jno. McLucas, of Marion, is visiting Mr. E. C. Coker.

Miss Rhea Dallas, of Charleston, is visiting Mrs. M. J. Byrd.

Miss Mary Price, of Marion, is visiting Mr. W. G. Dickson.

J. DeJongh, Esq., of Florence, was in Darlington on Tuesday.

Miss Fannie Lucas, of Society Hill, is on a visit to Mrs. J. K. McIver.

Miss Ressie Smoot has returned from a visit to relatives at Society Hill.

Miss Sadie Dargan who has been on a visit to Saluda, N. C., has returned.

Miss Nonie Williamson has returned from a delightful trip to Saluda, N. C.

Mr. and Mrs. Patterson Wardlaw left on Tuesday night for a visit to Hartsville.

Mr. Jno. D. Baird, who has been on a trip to the mountains, returned on Thursday.

Mr. J. H. Mason, who has been on a visit to Winston, N. C., returned on Saturday last.

Miss Rettie Cain, of Kentucky, left yesterday to visit the family of Mr. L. I. Parrott in Sumter.

Mr. R. T. Caston, president of the Bank of Cheraw, spent Friday in Darlington on business.

Misses Clara and Alynne Ward returned on Tuesday from a visit to relatives at Greenville.

Rev. and Mrs. J. E. Carlisle have returned from a visit to Spartanburg and the mountains of North Carolina.

Mr. W. Albert Parrott has almost fully recovered from his injuries and has been out at his duties for several days.

Mr. J. Gregg McCall and his brother, Mr. Geo. E. McCall of Florence, returned on Thursday last from a visit to Cleveland Springs.

A sociable was given at the residence of Dr. S. F. Parrott on Friday evening last in compliment to Miss Bettie Cain, of Kentucky.

Misses May Ervin, and Meta and Annie Williamson and Messrs. B. F. Williamson and R. E. James have returned from Pawley's Island.

Mr. John S. Burch has gone North on a purchasing tour for the firm of McCall & Burch. He will buy goods for the fall and winter trade.

Miss Zada Hughson, of Sumter, who has been on a visit to Miss Rosa McCown, was called to her home on Monday by the illness of a relative.

Mr. J. E. Norment will leave in a few days for a trip to Northern markets where he will select the fall and winter stock for Messrs. Norment & Co.

Prof. J. S. Murray, formerly an instructor at the South Carolina College, and now professor of ancient languages at Mercer College, Georgia, is on a visit to relatives in this county.

Mr. L. C. Glenn, who filled the position of principal of St. John's School at its last session, but who is now travelling for a large anti-depositary book company, spent several days in Darlington last week. His many friends were pleased to see him.

The Charlotte (N. C.) News of recent date says: "Mr. J. D. Baird, of Darlington, S. C., is in the city. Mr. Baird is the commander of the champion military company of the Palmetto State. He says that his company will camp here next summer, even if they have to do it alone."

New Jewelry Firm.

A new jewelry firm will start business in Darlington to-morrow. Mr. W. L. Pearson, who has been associated with Mr. J. H. Mason for the past year, will commence business for himself at the stand now occupied by Mr. Mason. Mr. Pearson has had another party associated with him and the firm name will be W. L. Pearson & Co.

WORK OF THE WIND.

A MOST DISASTROUS GALE VISITS SOUTH CAROLINA.

The Damage Done in Darlington—Charleston Suffers Great Loss—Island Submerged.

A most terrific wind storm of cyclonic appearances visited South Carolina on Sunday evening about 9 o'clock and lasted until Monday afternoon. In Darlington some of the largest trees were snapped off at their bases like so many twigs, and others were uprooted as if there had been nothing holding them in their natural position. Several buildings were damaged considerably, while nearly every building in town was shaken up a great deal.

PHOSPHATE COMPANY SUFFERS.

The Darlington Phosphate Company suffered the severest loss. The building in which the acid chambers and some machinery were located was rendered a complete wreck by the wind. The sides were broken in and the roof came crashing down. The loss of the company is estimated at between \$12,000 and \$15,000. Fortunately the entire property is insured in the New York Home and the Orient Insurance Companies, of which Mr. F. E. Norment is the local agent, for \$30,000 against tornadoes. The building and machinery which were wrecked have a tornado policy of \$15,000 on them.

DAMAGE TO CORN AND COTTON.

The corn and cotton crops in this county were badly damaged and in some instances almost totally destroyed. Vast fields of corn were blown and whipped around until, to a casual observer, it looked like the thatched roof of a log house. Cotton, while it is claimed by some people who seem to know that it is not much injured, seems to have suffered severely. Owing to the thick foliage and heavy bolls of the cotton plant it does not take a great amount of wind to level a field of it. Acres and acres of it in this county are lying flat and the loss appears to be very great.

THE RAINFALL.

A gentleman living about three miles from Darlington says he measured the rainfall and ascertained that it had reached 41 inches in twenty-four hours.

WIRES ALL DOWN.

The telegraph and electric light wires were badly twisted and tangled, and, as a consequence, nothing could be heard from Charleston or anywhere else. It was only through the untiring efforts of Mr. J. J. Forman, superintendent of the electric light plant, that the town was not in utter darkness on Sunday and Monday nights.

FLORENCE GETS HER SHARE.

News comes from Florence that the storm struck there and did a good deal of damage. Several buildings, among them a colored church, were blown down, as were also a number of trees.

IN CHARLESTON.

The people of Darlington were especially anxious about the condition of affairs in Charleston. Telegraphic communication was entirely cut off; no trains were coming from or going to the "City by the Sea," and, therefore, no mail was received. Rumors of all kinds were afloat, some of them fearfully exaggerated. Not until Tuesday night were the minds of the people here relieved. The train from Florence came about an hour late and brought up the News and Courier. A large crowd met the busses and eagerly grabbed for their papers. The damage in Charleston, as reported in the News and Courier, is very great, and the loss is estimated to be more than \$1,100,000. There were six lives lost, three in the city and three on Sullivan's Island. The Island was completely submerged, and a large number of houses were swept away.

The human mind usually reaches a degree of maturity before it grasps the general idea of space, but a little 3-year-old Philadelphia girl is more precocious. A few days ago in the midst of her play she became thoughtful, and after a few moments broke out: "Mamma, what is it that things are in?"—Youth's Companion.

"MUCH ADO ABOUT NOTHING."

Unnecessary Resolutions Passed by the Mechanicsville Alliance.

RIVERDALE, S. C., Aug. 26.—At a regular meeting of Mechanicsville Alliance, No. 192, we, the members of said alliance, having seen a notice of P. Whipple in THE DARLINGTON NEWS saying that the lease of Mechanicsville Alliance had expired, and that therefore there would be no hunting or fishing allowed on certain named places:

Resolved, 1st, That we deny that there ever was any dealing of any character by the Mechanicsville Alliance with said P. Whipple;

Resolved, 2d, That hereafter any person that may lease any thing to us will please notify us before it expires, so that we can look after our interests in the matter;

Resolved, 3d, That these resolutions be published in the Reform Sentinel and also in THE DARLINGTON NEWS.

J. W. WARR, President.

P. T. WARR, Sec. pro tem.

[Capt. Whipple's advertisement was to the effect that his lease with the Mechanicsville Club having expired, etc. When he came to THE NEWS office, he dictated it to the regular Editor, who, being engaged at the time in writing a report of an alliance meeting, took down, through inadvertence, the words "Mechanicsville Alliance" instead of "Mechanicsville Club." The error was not discovered by anyone in the office until Capt. Whipple came in to call attention to it after it had been published twice. In the two succeeding issues of the paper in which the advertisement appeared, the proper correction was duly made. This explanation was given the emissary of Mechanicsville Alliance who brought us the above resolutions, but as he seemed to want them published anyhow, we do so to accommodate him, and not because we see any necessity for it.—Editor, THE NEWS.]

A TRANSFER STATION

At Camden Junction Petitioned for by the Citizens of Darlington.

[Columbia Cor. News and Courier.]

The railroad commissioners have received a petition from thirty-eight signers at Darlington asking the board to secure a transfer of packages at Camden Junction for Darlington and Sumter. The petition was presented by C. M. Ward, who is in charge of a tobacco warehouse, and who argues that Darlington wants to get tobacco via the Camden Junction. It is expected that a petition from Sumter will soon be presented.

The South Carolina Railway some months ago gave its ultimatum in the matter. It expressed a willingness to transfer carload lots at the junction, and that was accepted by the commission as being satisfactory. The road holds that the transfer of packages would necessitate the employment of an agent at the junction, and that the occasional business done would not warrant such an expenditure, and that it cannot be called upon to make such an unwarranted outlay of money simply for an occasional transfer of freight. There is no local business whatever that originates at Camden Junction.

A CALL TO ST. JOHN'S.

The Vestry of the Florence Episcopal Church Select a Rector.

The vestry of St. John's P. E. Church at Florence have sent a call to Rev. Robert W. Barnwell, of Paduca, Kentucky, to fill the vacancy in that church caused by the resignation of Rev. W. A. Guerry. Rev. Mr. Barnwell is a South Carolinian and a very able divine. It is not known, however, whether he will accept the call; should he decide to do so the citizens of both Florence and Darlington will have just cause to congratulate themselves upon having secured such a talented rector.

A DWELLING BURNED.

Mr. B. M. Reddick Loses His House and Furniture on Thursday Night.

On Thursday night last the one story frame dwelling house owned and occupied by Mr. B. M. Reddick, who lives about three miles south of Darlington was consumed by fire. The origin of the disaster is believed to have been a defective flue. The loss is estimated at about \$500; insurance was \$350, of which \$300 was on the house and \$50 on the furniture. The property was insured with Messrs. Gibson & Woods's agency.

THE COUNTY NEWS.

FROM ALL SECTIONS AS TOLD BY OUR CORRESPONDENTS.

The Storm Strikers Dovesville—A Sleepless Night—Alliance Union and Picnic.

The alliance union and picnic was, according to appointment, held at the Academy on Friday last. The meeting was addressed by Dr. J. Wm. Stokes, the speaker of the occasion, Rev. J. Wilson Warr, Mr. W. H. Lawrence and the Rev. Mr. Gresham. The attendance, owing, we presume, to the hard times, was not as large as was expected, but the table was bountifully spread with all the delicacies of the season, which were enjoyed, we think, by all present. Nothing occurred to mar the peace and harmony of the occasion.

A fearful wind and rain storm struck this place about 10 o'clock Sunday night, prostrating corn and cotton, blowing down some trees, and almost carpeting the ground with small limbs and leaves torn from the neighboring forest around. The storm first broke upon our sleepy village directly from the south, accompanied by a peculiar roaring and whistling noise, and blew in continuous gusts, with almost cyclonic fury, for some hours, and then suddenly veered to the northwest. Just before day it as suddenly changed to the east, from which point it blew all day Monday with slightly abated force. We expect to have to report great damage to crops when all points are heard from.

HARTSVILLE.

Mr. Elisha Edwards had the misfortune to lose one of his horses recently.

The Baptists held a protracted meeting last week. The pastor was assisted by Rev. J. A. Smith, of Fair Bluff, N. C.

Rev. James Green, of Little Rock, Ark., who has been visiting in town for some time, preached in the Presbyterian Church last Sunday morning.

It is with deep regret that we have to chronicle the death of J. Gillam Law, son of Mr. H. Lide Law, which occurred last Thursday morning. Mr. Law was nearly 22 years old, and only lacked one year of graduating at the South Carolina Military Academy. He possessed many admirable traits and was liked by all who knew him. He contracted a cold while the cadets were in the encampment at Aiken, S. C., from which he never fully recovered. This was followed by an attack of fever to which he finally succumbed. The funeral services were conducted by the Rev. N. W. Edmunds, of Sumter. We extend to the bereaved father and relatives our most sincere sympathy.

TO DISCUSS THE SITUATION.

The County Alliance Will Talk About The Financial Outlook.

A call meeting of the County Alliance will be held at Darlington C. H., Thursday, September 7, for the purpose of discussing the financial situation so far as it pertains to moving the present crop of cotton, and other matters of interest to our order.

A mass meeting of the farmers and farm laborers will also be held in connection and the plans and suggestions of the banks of Darlington will be made known, with a view of co-operating in giving us relief. Come one, come all.

W. H. LAWRENCE, Pres. D. C. F. A.

THE COLORED TEACHERS.

Programme for the Next Meeting of the Association.

Editor Darlington News: Please make the following announcement in your next issue:

The Colored Teachers Association will meet in the Court House on Saturday morning, September 2nd, at 11 o'clock. The following programme has been selected for the occasion: Arithmetic and grammar in their higher course; arithmetic, Miss Ophelia Sanders and G. W. Casley; grammar, Mrs. Ella P. Smith, and Rev. J. P. Drake. A. W. WINES, Sec.

MILTON NOBLES IN FLORENCE.

He Will Play His Celebrated "Phoenix" There on Saturday Night.

Milton Nobles, the celebrated actor, will present his ever-popular play "Phoenix" at the Florence Opera House next Saturday night. It is difficult to withstand, even in these hard times, the temptation afforded by such an unusual treat, and it is not unlikely that quite a number of people will go down from here to attend the performance. Reserved seats may be secured by applying to the manager of the Darlington Opera House, and Mr. D. S. McCullough will run a line of hacks to Florence and back for the accommodation of those who may wish to attend at a cost of \$1 for the round trip.

(The Bank of Florence.)

The Bank of Florence is making payment by means of thirty-day due-bills. It seems thoroughly understood this is but a temporary expedient, resorted to on account of the phenomenal stringency of the times, and the business men of the community, knowing the institution to be perfectly solvent, accept these due-bills as so much cash without the slightest question.

Mrs. Disher Dead.

Mr. H. J. LaMotte was called to Atlanta on Saturday by the illness of his sister, Mrs. Disher. On Monday a telegram was received bearing the sad tidings that she was dead. Mrs. Disher had many friends in Darlington, where she frequently came as a visitor to her brother's family, and the unexpected news of her death will cause great sadness here.

(Other Locals on 2nd Page.)

The Author of "Gulliver."

Between 1714 and 1728, for a dozen years, Swift remained in Ireland, without intermission, altogether apart from public life. At the latter date he went to London, probably needing a change of scene after the shock of Miss Vanhomrigh's death and the grievous sense he must have had that it was he who had killed her, and it was then that "Gulliver" was published. The latter portions of it, which the children have rejected, we are glad to have no space to dwell upon. The bitterness, passion and misery of them are beyond parallel. One would like to have any ground for believing that the Hovynhms and the rest came into being after Stella's death, but this was not the case. She was only a woman and was not, after all, of such vital importance in the man's existence.

Withdrawal from the life he loved, confinement in a narrow sphere, the disappointment of a soul which felt itself born for greatness and had tasted the high excitements of power, but now had nothing to do but fight over the choir with his archbishop and give occasion for a hundred anecdotes in the Dublin coterie, had matured the angry passion in him and soured the sweetness of nature. Few people now, when they take up their "Gulliver," go beyond Brobdingnag. The rest is like a succession of bad dreams, the confused miseries of a fever. To think that in a desecrated, with calm seat of ecclesiastical luxury, within sound of the cathedral bells and the choristers' chants, a brain so dark and distracted and dreams so terrible should have found shelter!—Mrs. Oliphant in Century.

Special Meeting.

A SPECIAL meeting of the stockholders of the Darlington Building and Loan Association will be held at the office of E. Keith Dargan, Esq., to-morrow (Friday) evening, at 7 o'clock. A full attendance is requested as business of special importance will be transacted.

CHAS. K. ROGERS, Secretary.

Attention, Darlington Guards!

THE regular weekly meetings of the Company will be resumed on Wednesday, Sept. 6, at 8.30 o'clock. A full attendance is desired in order that the work of the fall and winter may be entered upon without delay.

By order of the Captain,
L. G. McCALL,
First Sergt.

School Notice.

THE next session of the Darlington Public Schools is to begin Monday, Sept. 25. All pupils that have not received grade tickets and all new applicants for admission must be examined and graded before they can enter school. The following is the schedule of examinations: Mayor: children under 10 years of age, Sept. 11 and 13; children over 10 years of age, Sept. 14 and 15. FACTORY SCHOOL: Monday, Sept. 18.

ST. JOHN'S: Children under 10 years of age, Sept. 19 and 20; children over 10 years of age, Sept. 21 and 22. The members of St. John's High School or their parents are requested to meet me Saturday, Sept. 16, for the purpose of arranging the election of their studies.

PATTERSON WARDLAW, Superintendent.

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