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LOCAL LAONICS.

MATTERS IN AND AROUND PROSPEROUS DARLINGTON.

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

Cotton was bringing in Darlington yesterday from 61 to 70 cents.

The annual meeting of Section No. 518, Endowment Rank, Knights of Pythias, will be held on Tuesday night next.

As the Christmas holidays approach, everybody should keep before the eye Messrs Norment & Co.'s new advertisement.

Rev. R. W. Barnwell will conduct services in the Episcopal Church on Sunday evening next, beginning at 7.30 o'clock.

Mr. J. W. Ferguson, of Dovesville, has been drawn up on the grand jury for the United States Court and Mr. T. H. Coker, of Society Hill, on the petit jury. The Court will convene in Charleston in January.

Messrs Coggeshall & Co. have received a large stock of Christmas goods. They announce that every person who makes purchases amounting to \$10 will be presented by them with a three-fourths life size crayon portrait.

Quite a number of Darlingtonians went over to Sumter on the excursion over the C., S. & N. Railroad, on Sunday, to attend the Methodist Conference. The excursion carried also large numbers from other points along the line.

At the annual meeting of the Darlington Driving Association held on Monday, D. S. McCullough was elected president; J. C. Willcox, secretary; L. S. Welling, treasurer. The first regular races of the association will be given in the Spring.

The regular holiday season of Clemson College has begun and all the students from Darlington county are at home. Clemson gives holiday in the winter instead of the summer. The present holiday will continue until the third Thursday in February.

The colored Presbyterian congregation is now using the old cannery factory as a house of worship, but the members are making efforts to build a church. To help the cause they will give a dime entertainment at the evening of the 25th, 26th and 27th insts.

The young people of the Dovesville section will give an entertainment at the Dovesville Academy on the evening of the 22 inst. A hot supper will be served. A special feature of the evening will be a "cake walk." Music will be furnished by the Society Hill string band and a jolly good time is promised. The public are invited.

The announcement has been made of the approaching marriage of Mr. F. J. Rhodes, of Swift Creek, and Miss Emma Clements, of Oats, which auspicious event will be consummated at Wesley Chapel on Wednesday evening, the 20th inst., at 7 o'clock. We are requested to state that all the friends of the contracting parties are cordially invited to attend the ceremony.

The Florence amateurs who have worked so long and so faithfully to perfect themselves in the cantata, "Ester," have every reason to be gratified at the result. The performance was given in Florence on Monday night and it was a great success. The people of Darlington will be given an opportunity to see the cantata on Monday night next, when it will be presented at our opera house. We commend the performance to the theatre-goers; none should fail to see it.

Two of Governor Tillman's most famous (?) whiskey constables, Swan and Pepper, visited Darlington on Friday. They inspected the town but made no arrests. Swan is the man who was held in contempt of the United States Court and was subsequently mobbed in Beaufort. Pepper made a name for himself by raiding the establishment of an Italian, named Chicco, in Charleston, and entering, in search for liquor, a room in the private premises where Chicco's wife was lying ill.

A USEFUL LIFE ENDED.

The Death of Mr. McCurdy Willis After a Long Illness.

Mr. McCurdy Willis died at his residence at this place on Sunday morning. He had been in failing health for some time and his death was not unexpected. Darlington had no better citizen than Mr. Willis and his death is a severe loss to the community. He was an enterprising man and was always alive to the interests of the town. He had a large circle of friends who admired him for his good heart, fine intelligence and high integrity. His death is keenly felt.

Mr. Willis was about forty-three years old and was a native of Sumter. He commenced his business life as an employee of Green, Watson & Walsh, of Sumter, and was subsequently associated with Samuel O. Nelson & Co., of Charleston. For a number years past he had been a travelling salesman for Frank & Adler, shoe merchants of Baltimore. About ten years ago he removed to Darlington to reside, having married about that time Miss Julia Nettles, daughter of Mr. R. B. Nettles of this place. His wife and one child, a son, survive him.

The remains were interred at Grovehill Cemetery on Monday morning. The services were conducted by Rev. J. E. Carlisle, pastor of the Methodist Church, of which the deceased was a member. The following gentlemen acted as pallbearers: Messrs E. Keith Dargan, W. C. Coker, C. S. McCullough, J. B. Law, C. W. Milling, N. L. Harrell, H. M. Willcox, W. M. Haynsworth. A large number of friends were present at the funeral services. The Darlington Guards attended in a body, in citizens dress, as Mr. Willis was a contributing member of that organization.

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FOR THE CHRISTMAS HOLIDAYS.

The Domino Party Changed to a Masquerade and a Great Time Promised.

The domino party, which the young men intended giving in the Guards Armory on the evening of the 26 inst., has been changed to a masquerade, which will, of course, make it a much more enjoyable affair. The prospects are that the entertainment will be very largely attended. We are requested to mention that all unmarried guests must appear in masks as only married persons will be admitted to the ball without them. At 12 o'clock, at a given signal, everybody will unmask. We published the committees having charge of the party in our last issue. The following ladies will act as chaperons for the occasion: Mrs. G. W. Dargan, Mrs. R. W. Boyd, Mrs. H. E. P. Sanders, Mrs. E. R. Melver, Mrs. A. C. Spain, Mrs. A. C. McFall, Mrs. F. E. Norment, Mrs. A. T. Baird, Mrs. C. S. Nettles, Mrs. J. L. Michie, Mrs. T. W. Norment, Mrs. J. A. Hearon.

New dry goods; prices still the lowest. Norment & Co.

SALEM COUNTY.

The Prospects are that the Bill will be Passed.

The bill for the formation of Salem county, with Bishopville as the county seat, from portions of Darlington, Chesterfield, Kershaw and Sumter counties, has been reported unfavorably by the judiciary committee of the House of Representatives, to which it was referred. This probably means that the bill will not pass. If the new county should be formed it would take from Darlington, we are told, all of Stokes Bridge and portions of Lisbon, Cypress, Hartsville and Antioch townships. We cannot see how so much territory could be taken from Darlington as the county would then be reduced below the constitutional area. Our county is now one of the smallest in the State. We trust that when a vote is reached upon the bill our delegation will do everything possible to prevent its passage.

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THE LEGISLATURE.

A SYNOPSIS OF THE PROCEEDINGS OF A WEEK.

Vengeance Wreaked on Charleston and Corporations Come in for Their Share.

In our last issue we brought the proceedings of the Legislature up to Wednesday of last week. On Wednesday the House indefinitely postponed the bill to tax dogs, but passed one forbidding any dog to run at large after it had been bitten by a rabid dog or had killed any sheep or other dogs or destroyed any fowls or eggs. The House killed the bill to exempt dwelling houses on farms from taxation for five years and the bill to hold sessions of the Legislature only every two years. In the Senate a bill to abolish the office of jury commissioner passed its first reading. The following new bills of interest to our readers were introduced into the Senate: To authorize James R. Pyles to maintain a wharf on Pee Dee River in Florence county; to limit the punishment for carrying concealed weapons, obtaining property, under false pretences and disposing of property under \$20, under a lien (subsequently passed by the Senate); to require the Wilmington, Columbia and Augusta and South Carolina Railroads to exchange freight at Camden Junction, Sumter county.

On the same day a joint session was held and Assistant Attorney General O. W. Buchanan, of Fairfield, was elected Attorney General to succeed F. D. A. Townsend, who has been elected Circuit Judge.

On Thursday the House passed the bill in regard to teachers' certificates after amending it so as to make the certificate good for five years instead of during the life of the holder. The bill to exempt all cattle, hogs and sheep from taxation for five years was defeated. The Senate passed the bill to repeal the charter of corporations when they fail to pay taxes.

On Friday the House killed the bill to compel the railroads to provide separate coaches for races and also the bill to prohibit the manufacture and sale of cigarettes. In the Senate the Congressional redistricting bill was passed. This is a piece of spite against Charleston, as it puts the good old city in the black district.

On Saturday the spite was again shown against Charleston. In the House a bill to provide for a metropolitan police for that city was introduced. Charleston is the only place to be put under this system. The bill to validate marriages here before contracted by any person who had heretofore been married in this State, but had subsequently been divorced in another State and married again, was killed by the Senate.

On Monday the bill providing for the distribution of Confederate pensions through survivors associations to be organized in each township was passed by the House. A resolution to withhold the pay of Legislators when absent from duty and not excused was introduced into the House, but it did not even receive a second. In the Senate a bill was passed to establish a State Medical Board of Examiners (a return to the system in vogue prior to 1890); also a bill to further regulate the holding of the Circuit Courts of the Fourth Circuit.

On Tuesday the House passed the bill creating Greenwood county and killed the bill which was in effect a compromise between the dispensary and the high license system. The Senate passed the famous county government bill and the bill to reduce the number of trial justices and constables in Darlington county.

The Senate and House have disagreed on the salary reduction question. Will the salaries ever be reduced?

We will for the next 15 days offer to the ladies some special bargains in 20 pieces of Dress Goods at cost, consisting of hop sackings, cashmeres and dress flannels. Come and see them. Brunson, Lunn & Co.

Buy your Christmas candies, oranges, apples, raisins, etc., of Blackwell Bros.

THE NEW DISPENSARY LAW.

Are the People's Personal Rights to be Thus Trampled Upon?

A bill has been introduced into the Legislature for the purpose of patching up the dispensary law and making it more iron-clad. It is said that the bill has the sanction of Governor Tillman and, of course, therefore the Legislature will pass it. According to the new bill any house, private or otherwise, may be entered and searched if supposed to contain contraband liquor, nor is any warrant necessary—only information and belief is required. Where are the people's personal rights and liberties?

The new law also provides that not only the party who brings liquor into the State illegally is liable, but also the person who receives it. This provision is made right in the face of the decision of the United States Court that the State cannot prohibit the shipment of liquor into its territory.

New York cloak makers had to sell—we bought at half price and will sell at half price. Norment & Co.

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John H. Sparks's Circus.

Notwithstanding a month had not passed since we had had a big show, John H. Sparks's circus on Monday was well patronized, the large tent being well filled with an appreciative crowd, who were delighted with the performances and who were fully satisfied that they had received the full value of their money. This show was conspicuous by the absence of the usual monte, shell and crap games and all swindling and gambling devices, as well as the absence of drunkenness and profanity as the management will not allow any thing of this kind on their grounds. It is the unanimous decision that this was the best show of the kind ever held in Georgetown.—Georgetown (Del.) Republican.

This circus will exhibit in Darlington on Tuesday next, the 19 inst. adv.

Don't fail to see our new ladies wraps—latest styles below New York wholesale cost. Norment & Co.

From the Piney Woods.

Of the North to the Everglades of the South, grangers are besieged by people with every shade of Rheumatism, inquiring about Dr. Drummond's Remedy. "Will it cure me?" And the druggist points to the fact that the Drummond Medicine Co. 48-50 Maiden Lane, New York, offer a reward of \$500 for a case their remedy will not cure. That kind of answer is satisfying, and the sufferer planks down five dollars and goes home and is cured. Not only relieved but CURED. Agents wanted.

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Watch for the Circus.

J. H. Sparks's circus exhibited here on Tuesday. The afternoon session was well patronized, there being such a crowd they could not seat them. This circus is very popular on the peninsula because of its freedom from vulgarity and gambling. Taken together it is the best thing that has been in the State for the money. They advertise what they will do and do it. The managers are gentlemen in all respects and no town need hesitate to allow them to show within its borders. Every one who attended spoke in glowing terms of the performance.—Laurel (Del.) Gazette.

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A big line of clothing selling for cost at Blackwell Bros.

Costly Railroads. The costliest mile of railway is a mile measured on the steel portion of the Forth bridge. The length of this portion is a mile and 20 yards, and the cost of it was considerably over \$2,000,000. The most expensive railway system in the world is the "Inner Circle" line of London, which cost, including the purchase of land, from \$200,000 to nearly \$1,000,000 per mile. The last constructed mile, between the Mansion house and Aldgate, cost altogether, including "compensations," nearly \$2,000,000.—London Letter.

WHO DID THIS?

IT LOOKS LIKE THERE HAS BEEN FOUL MURDER.

Mr. Cephus Pipkin Found in the Road with his Skull Crushed—He Will Die.

News reached Darlington yesterday of what appears to be a murder committed in the Lamar section. Diligent inquiry on the part of a representative of THE NEWS failed to elicit any definite information in regard to the affair. The reports have it, however, in this shape:

Early yesterday morning Mr. Cephus Pipkin was found lying by the side of the Lamar public road at a point about two miles beyond Shiloh Church and about four miles this side of the town of Lamar. He had several severe cuts about the head and his skull was crushed. Dr. J. P. Parrott was summoned to the aid of the injured man and at last accounts Mr. Pipkin was unconscious and there is no hope of his recovery.

How the man became in that condition is a mystery. It is evident that someone assaulted him, but who did it? A board used as a wagon seat was found lying near by and it is supposed that this was the weapon used in crushing the skull.

Mr. Pipkin was in Darlington on the day previous and it is said that he left town in the afternoon in company with some friends. On his way home he must have been assaulted, but nothing could be ascertained about the circumstances that brought about his unfortunate fate.

The wounded man is about forty years old and is a resident of the town of Lamar. He is well known throughout the county.

The details given above are mere rumors heard on the streets. Nothing authentic could be obtained. Will the mystery ever be solved?

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Section No 518, Endowment Rank, K. of P.

THE Annual Meeting of this body will be held on Tuesday evening next, the 19 inst., immediately after the close of Darlington Lodge, No 7. A full attendance is particularly requested. CHAS. K. ROGERS, E. E. S.

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W. B. McGIRT, D. D. S., Offers his professional services to the people of Darlington and vicinity. Office over the store of Edwards, & ment & Co. Jan 19, '90-17t