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LOCAL LACONICS.

MATTERS IN AND AROUND PROSPEROUS DARLINGTON.

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

This is the shortest day in the year.

The grip is paying its annual visit.

Best cotton brought 7 cents yesterday.

We wish all our readers a Merry Christmas

Miss Alice Parrott has returned from a visit to Sumter.

Mr. L. Mauldin, of Wilmington, Del., is visiting Dr. A. T. Baird.

Fourteen persons were baptized in the Baptist Church on Sunday.

Miss Jessie Brown, of Florence, is visiting the family of Mr. C. G. Williams.

Miss Emma Williamson has returned home from a pleasant visit to friends in Charlotte.

Mr. P. Bishop Parrott, who now resides in Washington, is spending Christmas with his home folks.

Mr. and Mrs. A. J. Baird, of Charlotte, are visiting Mrs. Baird's parents, Mr. and Mrs. John Z. Hearon.

Mr. G. J. McCown, who is now living in Coffee county, Georgia, is at home for the Christmas holidays.

The very young folks gave an enjoyable domino party at the residence of Mr. C. S. McCullough on Friday evening last.

Messrs Nettles & Nettles have removed their law office to the second story of Mr. S. Marco's building on the west side of the Square.

State Constable Pepper is again in Darlington. Several days since he seized a package of liquor at the Atlantic Coast Line depot.

Mr. C. W. DuBose is now clerking for Messrs Edwards & Co. and will be glad to see his many friends at his new place of business.

Miss Rosa McCown has returned from a visit to Sumter and Miss Alma McCown is at home again after an extended stay in Alabama.

We are requested by the county authorities to state that all persons having claims against the county can use the same in the payment of taxes.

Rev. J. A. Rice, the former pastor of the Methodist Church at this place, gladdened his many friends in Darlington by a visit to the town this week.

We are requested to state that oysters and other refreshments will be served at Union Academy to-morrow (Friday) night. The proceeds of the supper will be devoted to furnishing the school building. The public are invited.

The children of the Baptist Sunday-school will be treated to a Christmas entertainment on Tuesday evening next at the church. Music and recitations will form part of the program. Each pupil will also be given a Christmas present.

Those who rose yesterday before the sun saw a remarkable phenomenon. A long streak of white light, serpent shaped, was distinctly visible extending perpendicularly in the eastern sky. The light remained until the sun appeared.

The Comptroller General has directed the county auditors to list for taxes real, as well as personal, property this year. In accordance with this instruction Auditor Lawrence has made a change in his notice now appearing in this paper, which should be read carefully by everybody.

A series of four concerts will be given in Darlington this season, under the management of Mrs. R. W. Boyd. Each entertainment will be for the benefit of one of the four churches. The first concert will be given on Thursday of next week and will be for the benefit of the Methodist Church. An excellent program has been arranged for the occasion.

LEGISLATIVE PROCEEDINGS.

What has Been Done by Our Lawmakers During the Past Week.

On Wednesday of last week the House devoted its time to the discussion of the redistricting bill (the prime object of which is to put Charleston in the black district) and the re-reading of the code. In the Senate the phosphate compromise bill, which allows the phosphate companies some concessions on account of the damage done them by the storm, was passed. The bill to regulate the holding of courts in the fourth judicial circuit was killed. At the night session the Senate discussed the new dispensary bill.

On Thursday the House voted down the redistricting bill and the Senate passed on its second reading the new dispensary law.

On Friday the House killed the Salem county bill and also the bill to make 7 per cent. the legal rate of interest. It also reduced the license for selling cartridges and pistols to \$25. The House also decided to take up for reconsideration the redistricting bill which had been defeated on Thursday. This revising of a bill after it had been killed is a most remarkable and unheard of proceeding. The Senate passed the new dispensary law on its final reading. The two houses agreed on a salary reduction bill.

On Saturday the bill to prohibit the running of trains on Sunday was killed in the House and the bill to reduce the salary of school commissioner was passed. The bill to provide for a public printer (the dangerous system used in radical days) passed the Senate on its second reading.

On Monday the House passed the bill for the repeal of the charter of the Port Royal & Augusta Railroad. The Senate passed on its final reading the bill providing for a State printer.

THE TAX LEVY.

What the County of Darlington Will Pay Next Year.

The supply bill introduced into the Legislature last week fixes the levy for Darlington county taxes for next year as follows: State levy 5 mills; county ordinary levy 3 mills; total 8 mills. Last year the State levy was 5 1/2 mills, so, if the figures given above are not changed, the State levy next year will be 1/2 mill less. The levy for county ordinary expenses is the same as last year, but, as the jail debt will be paid in full with the collection of this year's taxes, we will be saved the 1/2 mill tax heretofore levied for that purpose. The county commissioners asked for a county ordinary levy of 4 mills but it seems that the Legislature thinks 3 mills will be enough. Perhaps it will, but we hardly think that the county government can be run on a 3 mill tax without continuing to resort to the plan of "shaving" papers, which has heretofore caused so much inconvenience and dissatisfaction. It would be better to make the levy sufficient to pay the expenses in full and promptly.

OFF FOR SUMTER.

The Guards and Their Friends to Attend the Fair and Ball To-Night.

The Darlington Guards, accompanied by a number of their friends, will leave for Sumter this afternoon by the C. S. & N. Road at 4 1/2. A special car will be attached to the regular train for the accommodation of the party. The fare for the round trip has been placed at \$1.60. The ladies of the community and the honorary and contributing members of the Company will find tickets to the ball tonight awaiting them aboard the train. One of the features of the entertainment in Sumter will consist of an exhibition drill to be given by picked squads selected from the Governor's Guards, of Columbia, and from the Darlington Guards.

Alliance Meeting.

The first regular quarterly meeting of the Darlington County Alliance will be held on the third Saturday in January next, at Flinn's Crossroads (Capt. Bass's school house). Sub-alliances will take due notice and govern themselves accordingly. F. A. JOSEY, Secty. D. C. F. A.

ARRESTS MADE.

THREE MEN CHARGED WITH THE KILLING OF PIPKIN.

The Man Who Was Found in the Road With his Skull Crushed Dies of his Injuries.

We mentioned in our last issue that Mr. Cephus Pipkin had been found on Tuesday night in the Lamar public road with his skull crushed and that his life was despaired of. This information was correct for the man died from his injuries on the following day.

Pipkin was found in the road, close by the colored school house near Shiloh Church, about ten o'clock at night by Messrs J. M. Coker and R. P. Hicks. A piece of scantling and a short plank, such as is used as a wagon seat, were found on the scene. Assistance for the injured man was immediately procured by Coker and Hicks and Dr. J. P. Parrott, who attended him, rendered all the medical aid possible. But the life of Pipkin was beyond saving. He gradually sank until death relieved him from suffering on the next day.

The coroner held an inquest on Thursday and evidence was then produced to show that Pipkin had been killed. A number of witnesses were examined, but none saw the struggle in which the man's life was taken. Sufficient testimony was given, however, to cause the jury to bring in a verdict that Pipkin "came to his death at the hands of Judge Reynolds, James Reynolds and Roland Windham." All the parties are white. They left Darlington on the afternoon of the killing with Pipkin. Judge Reynolds and Roland Windham went ahead in one vehicle and James Reynolds and Cephus Pipkin followed in another. The deceased was last seen in company with these men.

Upon the finding of the jury the Sheriff arrested Judge Reynolds, James Reynolds and Roland Windham and placed them in jail. They immediately secured the services of Messrs Woods & Spain, attorneys, to conduct their defence.

On Monday the attorneys applied to Judge Hudson at Bennettsville for bail for their clients. The application was granted and the bonds of James Reynolds and Roland Windham were placed at \$1,000 each and the bond of Judge Reynolds at \$1,500. On Tuesday the prisoners were released on bail, Messrs J. W. Windham and J. W. Windham going on the bond of each.

A LUCKY FIND.

The Sheriff, Seeking, Another Man, Runs Across Travis Evans.

Last week Sheriff Scarborough was notified that J. N. Kelly, who was wanted in this county for disposing of property under a lien, was in Wetumka, Ala. He proceeded immediately to that place to get him. While passing through the depot at Atlanta to take the train for Alabama the Sheriff, to his surprise, ran across Travis Evans, sitting in the waiting room. Evans is the white man charged with murder in Chesterfield, who was sent to Darlington for safe keeping, but who subsequently escaped from the Sheriff's custody. The Sheriff immediately handcuffed Evans who made no resistance. Having secured this prisoner he went on to Alabama and got Kelly. Both men were brought back to Darlington yesterday morning by the Sheriff. Evans was immediately lodged in jail, but, as the case against Kelly was amicably settled upon his arrival, he was released from custody.

MYSTERIOUSLY ASSAULTED.

A Colored Man, While Asleep, Struck On the Head With an Axe.

Esau Johnson, a well-known colored man, was mysteriously assaulted on Friday night. During the day he had been doing work at Mr. W. J. Moorhead's residence and that night he slept on the premises in a rude hut which he had improvised. While he was sleeping peacefully some unknown person struck him on the head with an axe,

causing a very severe wound. Medical assistance was immediately given him and he is now doing very well. Who can his assailant be?

SPARKS'S CIRCUS.

Our People Enjoy a Very Pleasant Entertainment.

John H. Sparks's circus gave two exhibitions here on Tuesday. At both entertainments the tent was crowded with spectators. This circus is certainly a good show and the price of admission is very reasonable. Our people were very much pleased with the performances. The trapeze acting and the contortionist were exceptionally fine and the horses and dogs were admirably well trained. A remarkable feat was the acrobatic performance of a man upon the top of a high ladder, which was balanced upright upon the shoulder of another man. There is no fake about this circus and it is well worth the money.

THE COUNTY NEWS.

Matters at Green Plain—Hard Times Depopulating the Section.

A happy Christmas to THE NEWS and its many readers.

We have finished gathering our short crops and have put in some grain and are hoping for better times.

Peter Thomas, colored, is building a very nice dwelling on a place near here. Messrs Willie Howle and G. W. Hill are both making improvements at their respective homes. We hear that Mr. J. H. Coker will build soon. This shows some signs of prosperity, despite the hard times.

Hog killing has commenced in this section and meat is not quite so scarce. Mr. Dave Byrd killed seven hogs a few days ago that weighed twenty-three hundred pounds. Mr. J. W. Byrd killed one that turned the scales at four hundred. Almost all of us have killed or will kill a good number. This is right, more meat and less cotton.

The short crop has almost depopulated our section. Some have already left and more are to leave soon. It looks as if labor will be scarce among us next year. Among those who have already left are Messrs W. J. Boswell and Murray Byrd for Georgia, Messrs W. T. Boswell, E. W. Boswell and H. O. Wilkerson for Florida, Mr. J. A. Chapman and family and Mr. Matthew Gainey for Maxton, N. C. Next week Mr. G. C. Taylor and family, Mr. and Mrs. R. L. Allen, Mr. and Mrs. V. B. Waddill and Messrs J. H. Chapman and G. E. Boswell will also go to Maxton. Those who go to Maxton will work on a large plantation near that place, which Messrs G. C. Taylor and J. A. Chapman have rented to try farming on an extensive scale. We wish them all success.

CLYDE

Black Creek is up.

We hear of several marriages for the Christmas holidays.

Mr. B. B. Shirley has a very nice singing school at NewMarket.

Miss C. E. Larrimore has a flourishing school at Clyde. She is very much liked by the patrons.

Mr. R. E. Parnell has returned from Sumter to the Union section. We welcome such neighbors as he.

Mr. R. F. Warner is making decided improvements about his residence. Frank is a good farmer.

Mr. J. M. Walters, who clerks for Mr. Wadsworth the latter part of every week, is an honest, good young man and fills his place well.

RIVERDALE.

A Merry Christmas to every reader of THE NEWS.

Miss Eliza McCall, of Florence, spent last week with Miss Edna Dargan.

Mr. W. D. Fountain has returned from a visit to the Augusta Exposition.

Mr. Henry Dargan returned last Friday from a business trip to Danville, Va.

Mr. Frank Middleton paid a brief visit to relatives in Florence recently.

Miss Eliza Dargan has been visiting relatives and friends in Florence County.

AT IT AGAIN!

THE AUTHORITIES PUSHING THE LIQUOR FIGHT.

A Motion to Have J. M. James, E. R. James and Henry Appelt Attached for Contempt of Court.

Will the litigations in the dispensary fight ever have an end? It would seem not from the following, which are the latest developments in the all absorbing question:

On Saturday Solicitor Johnson served notice on Messrs Nettles & Nettles, attorneys for J. M. James, E. R. James and Henry Appelt, that he would make a motion before Judge Hudson to have J. M. James, E. R. James and Henry Appelt attached for contempt of court, for violating the injunction issued by Judge Fraser forbidding the sale of liquor in the James establishment.

The Solicitor will base his motion upon the papers in the previous actions against J. M. James and especially upon the answer of Mr. James in the case brought against him last summer by Dr. J. C. Wilcox and upon the affidavits of Charles Price, T. H. Sansberry, P. T. Warr and J. L. Wilkes (upon which the James brothers and Appelt were recently arrested as already mentioned in THE NEWS) and upon the additional affidavits of P. R. McIntosh and Senator J. W. Beasley. In the affidavits of the parties mentioned all the deponents swear that they either bought liquor in the James establishment or saw it sold there, except Senator Beasley. The latter's affidavit is out of the usual order so we publish it in full:

SOUTH CAROLINA,

Richland County.

Personally appears J. W. Beasley, who on oath says that he is a resident of the county of Darlington and the present Senator from said county; that deponent frequently visits the town of Darlington and is well acquainted with the citizens and localities of said town. That deponent was in the town of Darlington on last Monday, the 27th day of Nov. ailing; that deponent saw a number of persons of known drinking habits going in and out of the bar of J. M. James or at the place known as such, on said Monday, 27th ultimo, and presenting every appearance of going in and out for drinks. That Mr. C. S. McCullough called deponent's attention to the fact and informed deponent that J. M. James was selling liquor right along and that said J. M. James commenced selling liquor fifteen minutes after Solicitor Johnson left the town for drinks. That Mr. C. S. McCullough called deponent's attention to the fact and informed deponent that J. M. James was selling liquor right along and that said J. M. James commenced selling liquor fifteen minutes after Solicitor Johnson left the town for drinks. That deponent has seen said J. M. James and the said C. S. McCullough further inform deponent that J. M. James one day recently ran a race with the local dispenser as to who would make the most sales and that J. M. James sold \$180 worth of liquor against a sale of \$130 worth by the dispensary. That the said C. S. McCullough told deponent that any one could buy liquor of the said J. M. James in open violation of the dispensary law and to drive it to deponent invited him into the bar of said J. M. James to buy a drink of liquor; that deponent told Mr. C. S. McCullough that the stream of men going in and out of the said bar of J. M. James was quite sufficient to convince him (the said deponent) of the truth of his (the said C. S. McCullough's) assertion. That deponent has unmistakable evidence that J. M. James has been carrying on a retail liquor business at his same old stand ever since July the 1st or about that date; that he has been told by numerous parties that they had bought liquor of J. M. James, that he was selling it openly and said he was determined to continue doing so as he had paid license for the privilege.

That Mr. W. F. Dargan, the ex-Mayor or Mayor of the town of Darlington and said to be the attorney for Dr. J. C. Wilcox in the suit against J. M. James before Judge Hudson, recently informed deponent that J. M. James (as well as others not dispensers) were selling liquor in the town of Darlington and that no law could prevent it. That Mr. Dargan openly declares that the dispensary law cannot be enforced and deponent easily inferred from Mr. Dargan's conversation that as an officer of the town he could not be depended on to enforce the law or to assist in doing so.

That deponent knows Dr. J. C. Wilcox is in sympathy with those who are violating the dispensary law by retailing liquors in the town of Darlington. J. W. BRASLEY.

Sworn to and subscribed before me the 4th Dec. 1893.

U. R. BROOKS,

Notary Public S. C.

The motion before Judge Hudson, to have the defendants attached for contempt, was set for yesterday (Wednesday) in chambers at Columbia.

The same time and place were set for hearing the motion of James's attorneys, Messrs Nettles & Nettles, to dissolve Judge Fraser's injunction forbidding J. M. James or his agents from selling liquor. The principal ground for this motion is that the original case against James

(brought by Dr. J. C. Wilcox) had been transferred to the United States Court and, therefore, the State Court has no jurisdiction to issue an injunction against him.

Our hour for going to press yesterday was too early for the result of either motion to be ascertained for publication in this issue.

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