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## LOCAL LACONICS.

### MATTERS IN AND AROUND PROSPEROUS DARLINGTON.

A Column of News, tersely told, of interest to our many Readers.

Good cotton is bringing from 71 to 74 cents.

Miss Ellen Pinkston, of Wadesboro, is visiting her sister Mrs. P. B. Allen.

Court is in session at Florence. Several of our lawyers have been in attendance.

Mrs. Pauline Gerganus, of Anderson, is the guest of her sister, Mrs. H. A. Edwards.

Evangelist Williams, of Marion, is conducting religious meetings in a tent near the Atlantic Coast Line depot.

Mr. C. W. Hewitt has removed his office to the rooms formerly occupied by THE NEWS on the second floor of the Hewitt building.

Under the new apportionment Darlington county is entitled to fourteen students in Clemson College and all of these places have been filled.

Mr. R. A. Dixon is now clerking in Mrs. E. E. Sanders' store and Mr. Willie James holds a similar position in Mrs. L. E. Joye's establishment.

In accordance with a recent Act of the Legislature the county commissioners have fixed the fees for county licenses for hawkers and peddlers.

News has been received here of the safe arrival of J. E. Nettles, Esq., at his destination, Trieste, Austria, where he will serve the United States as Consul.

The store of S. S. Dreher, the colored Pearl Street merchant, was closed on Tuesday under a chattel mortgage and the goods were immediately sold at auction.

Mr. B. F. Campion, who has for several years been doing a successful business at this place in upholstering and furniture repairing, has an interesting announcement in this issue.

Lent began yesterday, "Ash Wednesday". Services were held in the Episcopal Church at 4:30 p. m., and during the Lenten season services will be held on Wednesdays and Fridays at the same hour.

Our young friends, Messrs Eugene Harrell and John Skinner, who recently went West to try their fortunes, have been heard from. Mr. Harrell is on a ranch near Desarc, Ark., and Mr. Skinner has located at Petty, Texas.

The time for making returns for town taxation will expire on Saturday. The books of the town clerk, which are now open for this purpose in the Judge of Probate's office, will be closed at five o'clock on the afternoon of that day.

The little son of Mr. Arthur Hart met with a painful accident a few days since. He fell upon the piazza of his father's residence, striking on his head, and was rendered unconscious for some time. The little fellow is now doing well.

The Columbia State of Saturday says: "Last night the little three-year-old son of Rev. and Mrs. J. A. Rice, while playing about the room at his home fell on his right arm. Both bones of the forearm were broken. The broken bones were set and the little fellow is now doing well."

The negotiations which have been in progress during the past week, looking to a transfer of the Cleveland Hotel to Mr. A. B. Josey, of Orangeburg, did not materialize. The public generally will be glad to know that the genial and popular host, Major W. A. Evans, will, therefore, continue in charge of the establishment.

Mr. Brooks Hutchinson, a very worthy young man who has been employed for several years in Mr. N. L. Harrell's establishment, has gone into business on his own account. He has opened, in the small building beyond the jail used until recently by Mr. C. W. Hewitt as an office, a harness and shoe shop. His friends wish Mr. Hutchinson every success.

## THE TOWN'S PROFITS.

The State Board of Control will Hereafter Withhold the Money.

Mayor Dargan's letter to Governor Tillman in regard to the town's portion of the dispensary profits, which was published in our last issue, has been commented upon very considerably both within the State and outside. The Governor has not replied to it and it is not probable that he will do so. The State board of control proposes to adhere to its original position and will withhold the profits that should accrue to Darlington after the quarter ending February 1. The money will be used in paying constables to spy upon our people. It is stated that a number of letters have been sent to the board from this place alleging that the town is not co-operating in the enforcement of the law, but the truth of this allegation has not been proven.

As stated in our last issue it is not probable that the town authorities will tamely submit to the taking away of Darlington's profits and this action of the State board will cause, no doubt, another law suit.

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## "THE LIGHT FANTASTIC."

An Enjoyable Evening in Darlington's Society.

The german given by the young men at the residence of Mr. C. S. McCullough, on Friday night, in compliment to Miss Emily Nesbit, of Georgetown, was one of the prettiest dances enjoyed in Darlington for some time. The following were the attendants: Mr. and Mrs. C. S. McCullough, Mr. and Mrs. F. E. Norment, Mr. and Mrs. Gilchrist, of Yorkshire, England, Mrs. A. C. McFall, Miss Emma Williamson, Miss Emma James, Miss Donna Spain, Miss Emily Nesbit, Miss Katherine Ashley, Miss Georgie Ashley, Miss Alma McCown, Miss Mary Lucas, Miss Bessie Williamson, Miss Ethel Boatwright, Miss Clara Ward, Messrs J. C. Keys, Walter Griffin, A. T. Baird, R. L. Dargan, C. M. Ward, B. F. Taylor, P. J. Boatwright, Willard Ragsdale, Eugene Vaughan, J. D. Baird, Walter James.

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## THE SAME OLD STORY.

A Boy Playing with a Pistol Accidentally Shoots His Companion.

On Saturday afternoon there was a repetition in Darlington of the old story of little children playing with a pistol with the usual sequence of one being shot. Wallace Jackson, colored, about twelve years old, was fooling with the weapon, when he accidentally shot his playmate Sam Brown, who is about the same age, a son of Daniel Brown, the well known colored blacksmith. The affair occurred in a house in the lower part of the town, below the C. S. & N. Railroad. The ball entered the unfortunate little fellow's head between the eyebrows. Of course the wound is exceedingly dangerous, but Dr. J. C. Willcox, who is attending him, expresses some hope of the boy's recovery.

## GATHERED TO HIS FATHERS.

The Passing Away of a Very Old Man at His Home Near Timmonsville.

Mr. W. D. Hill died at his home near Timmonsville, but in this county, on Tuesday night. He had been very ill for some time having been stricken with paralysis. He was well known and much thought of in his neighborhood, where he had lived so long. Mr. Hill was quite an old man, probably the oldest person in his community. He was buried yesterday (Wednesday).

## DIED.

In Darlington, S. C., at the residence of Mrs. M. P. Fountain, on Sunday, February 11, 1894, Jane Fountain, relict of John Fountain and daughter of the late David Milling, aged 76 years. Interment was made in the family lot at Lowther's Hill Cemetery, on the day following her death.

## LIKE BANQUO'S GHOST

### THE MUCH VEXED QUESTION OF LIQUOR WILL NOT DOWN.

The Monster at Dovesville and Lamar—Justice Floyd to Hear Three Cases To-Day.

The question of liquor will not come. Here are the latest developments in Darlington county and town:

#### THE DOVESVILLE DISPENSARY.

On Saturday the county board of control met and heard arguments from those in favor of establishing a dispensary at Dovesville. At a previous meeting the board gave a hearing to those opposed to it. As has already been stated in THE NEWS the matter stands thus. At a recent election held by the qualified voters of the village of Dovesville the dispensary advocates were victorious by a vote of 18 to 16. In opposition to this a petition was filed with the board of control, signed by 183 qualified voters of Leavensworth township in which the village is located, praying that a dispensary be not established at Dovesville.

#### CARRIED TO THE STATE BOARD.

The county board, after giving the matter careful attention, decided that under Section 8 of the dispensary law it has no power to establish a dispensary under such circumstances as surround the Dovesville case (the sale of liquor having been previously prohibited by law in that village). According to the way the county board views the statute, the State board of control alone has authority to act in the premises.

The advocates of the State bar did not give up the fight, however, on account of this decision, but have already carried the matter to the State board, where they will again be met by the opponents of the Dovesville dispensary.

#### STRONG PROTESTS.

In view of the fact that the fight over the Dovesville Dispensary has been transferred to the State board, strong papers have been forwarded to that body petitioning against the establishment of a dispensary at any point outside of Darlington C. H. The county board of control, the board of county commissioners and the Darlington delegation in the Legislature have advised the State board that one dispensary in this county is enough.

The State board seems over anxious to establish dispensaries everywhere, but it can hardly over-ride the overwhelming sentiment against the establishment of further dispensaries in Darlington county.

At the same meeting of the county board the State bar monster again

#### SHOWED ITS HEAD.

this time from Lamar. This is the second effort to have a dispensary established at that village. It will be remembered that an attempt was made to have the Legislature at its last session change the charter of Lamar so as to allow liquor to be sold in its limits. It was unsuccessful, but the subsequent change of the dispensary law itself, whereby State bars may be established in the hitherto "dry" towns, gave the dispensaryites at Lamar another chance. But a

#### PECULIAR CONDITION OF AFFAIRS

exists. Under the law, for a dispensary to be established at any town, an election on the question must first be held by the voters of the town. This election must be called by, and held under the direction of, the municipal authorities. But the question here arises, who are the authorities at Lamar. The terms of Dr. J. A. Cole, the last incumbent, and the council elected with him, expired in April 1893 and no election for their successors has ever been held. There seems to be no town officials, the matter of government at Lamar having fallen into a state of "innocuous desuetude"

#### WANT A SPECIAL ELECTION.

But the few people who want a dispensary at Lamar want it badly, so much so that they will use every possible effort to get it. It is peculiar how hard people will try to get liquor in their vicinity. This was the plan

adopted. A petition, signed by 19 voters of the town, was filed with the county commissioners asking that they order an election for intendand and council for the town of Lamar. In the event of the county commissioners complying with the request and the town government of Lamar thus resurrected, an election should then be held in the town on the question of dispensary or no dispensary.

#### A STITCH IN TIME.

The people opposed to a dispensary at Lamar, who are in a large majority in the township (Lisbon) wished to be on the safe side and, not waiting for the decision of the county commissioners, sent up two large petitions against the dispensary to the board of control at its meeting on Saturday. The first petition was from the qualified voters of the township and contained 200 signatures; the second was from the ladies and young men between the ages of 16 and 21, containing 274 signatures. The total number of signatures on the two petitions is, therefore, 474. Rev. C. D. Mann and School Commissioner Perritt presented the petitions to the board.

Mr. Mann stated to a representative of THE NEWS that an

#### OVERWHELMING MAJORITY

of the voters of the township are opposed to a dispensary at Lamar. He stated that the signatures he secured were the result of a very brief canvass and that he believed he could get the signatures of 95 per cent of the voters he had not been able to see. Only four persons, whom he approached, had refused to sign the petition against the dispensary.

#### DISPENSARYITES KNOCKED OUT.

But the efforts of the opponents of the dispensary turned out to be needless for the present at least, for the dispensaryites were knocked out in the first round without their assistance. At a meeting of the board of county commissioners, on Tuesday, the petition asking for an election of officers for the town of Lamar was considered. Upon the advice of their attorney, Judge T. H. Spain, the commissioners decided that they had no authority to call an election, but that by the failure to hold an election at the regular time, in April last, the charter of Lamar had been forfeited. The town government is defunct. The only recourse now to be had is to apply to the Legislature for a new charter. So the opponents of the dispensary at Lamar may rest easy for a while.

#### THREE TRIAL JUSTICE CASES.

While all this activity about the dispensary is going on in the county, the town of Darlington comes in for her share of the interesting developments in the liquor question. Trial Justice Floyd will try three cases this (Thursday) morning, all of which are connected with the dispensary law. Without waiting further on the Solicitor, he will try E. D. Nixon for keeping a "blind tiger", John Green for assault and battery and Primus Delaney for malicious mischief. The first two cases were forrunners of the recent Pearl Street riot and the last resulted from that disturbance. All of the defendants are colored. C. S. Nettles, Esq., will represent them and he has demanded a trial by jury in each case. The trials will begin at 10.30 o'clock. As the Nixon affair will be the first "blind tiger" case ever tried in Darlington, the result will be waited for with interest.

#### THE RIOT CASES.

The fifteen warrants for the recent Pearl Street riot, which it is said include several white persons, still lie lodged in Justice Floyd's desk. He is unwilling to serve them without consulting the Solicitor, whose sickness has prevented him from coming to Darlington. As the Solicitor will have to attend court in Chesterfield next week, the riot cases will have to lie over for sometime yet. Justice Floyd still refuses to make public the names of the parties against whom the warrants have been issued.

#### THE OTHER "BLIND TIGERS".

We mentioned a short time since that Justice Floyd had other warrants for keepers of "blind tigers". These, he says, he will serve in due time, but refuses to tell in advance who keeps the tigers, where they are located or when he will pounce upon them.

## MORE BLOODSHED.

### THE ALARMING CONDITION OF AFFAIRS IN THE STATE.

Even Governor Tillman, Who is Mostly Responsible for it, Appreciates the Gravity of the Situation.

More blood has been shed in South Carolina on account of the dispensary law. The record of last week shows that the condition of affairs in the State is alarming. In Columbia W. B. Meetze was shot by Davis Miller and now lies dangerously wounded. This shooting was the result of a difficulty between the two men, which grew out of the trial of a "blind tiger" case in a Trial Justice court, in which Miller was a witness against the alleged tiger. In Spartanburg county spies killed a man named Ballew and wounded another named Moore. The spies were endeavoring to search their houses by night. All parties connected with both affairs are white.

South Carolina is in a sad plight, and even Governor Tillman himself is beginning to realize it, as will be seen by the following interview with him, which was published in the State of Tuesday:

Governor Tillman now fully realizes the grave situation in the State brought about by the continued efforts to enforce the State dispensary law with a force of armed spies. The State yesterday morning very fully outlined the gravity of the condition of affairs. Yesterday morning when Governor Tillman read the accounts of the bloody affair in Spartanburg he realized, no doubt, that what had been said was true, for when asked what he had to say in regard to that affair and the several others of the same kind which have developed in the last few weeks, he said:

"I deprecate, along with all law-abiding men, the spirit of lawlessness and the spirit to incite resistance to the law and to magnify and distort all efforts to enforce it, into acts of tyranny and blood-thirstiness. The dispensary law is not on trial as much as all law and obedience to the recognized channels through which laws are enforced."

"I invoke the moral support of all good citizens, whether they are in favor of the dispensary or not, to put down this rebellious spirit. I intend to put it down with an iron hand, but the collision between the constables, the sheriffs and other officers of the law and the violators of the law will be minimized if those who ought to know and do know better, would seek to discourage the lawless elements of society in this resistance."

The Governor has heretofore spoken only of what he would do himself in this matter and his utterances were all of a nature entirely different. His remarks quoted above speak for themselves and show that he has begun to think more of the condition of affairs here than ever before.

## OFFICIAL "BOOZE".

The Report of the County Dispenser for the Last Quarter.

Instead of the usual monthly report of the Darlington dispenser, we have obtained for publication the report for the quarter ending February 1. It is as follows: Amount of sales, \$7,081.81; cost of liquor sold, \$5,402.84; gross profits, \$1,678.97; expenses, \$590.92; net profit, to be divided equally between town and county, \$1,088.05. The town will get its quota for this quarter, \$544.02, but hereafter, according to the instructions of the State board, Darlington will get nothing.

## Shall We Have Baseball?

In last week's issue of the Cheraw Reporter appears the following: "Mr. Walter James, of Palmetto, in Darlington county, is visiting Mr. Mack James. These two base-ball enthusiasts desire to form a league consisting of Florence, Palmetto, Darlington and Cheraw teams to play the coming season. Such an arrangement would add greatly to the summer's attractions in the four towns mentioned and it is hoped that it will be put through."

## A "ROSETTE" PARTY.

The Young Folks of Lydia and Vicinity Make an Evening Merry.

A very pleasant "rosette" party was given by the young people of Lydia at the residence of Mr. O. D. Lee, on Thursday evening. The following are the names of those who were present: Dr. and Mrs. R. B. R. C. Wallace, Dr. and Mrs. S. D. Harrell, Miss Lizzie Banks, of Columbia, Miss Mitilene Howle, of Florence, Miss Annie Driggers, of Williamsburg, Miss Lillah Kelley, Miss Mamie Kelley, Miss Nellie Parrott, Miss Janie Howle, Miss Vista Garner, Miss Alma Garner, Miss Mattie King, Miss Willie Fields, Miss Mercie Howle, Miss Judith Fodges, Miss Mamie Howle, Miss Lou Miller, Miss Mary Jane Harrell, Miss Atlanta Rinehart, Miss Sue King, Miss Rosa Jolley, Messrs H. G. Andrews, Sam Howle, W. L. Pierson, John Parrott, J. C. Clements, A. R. Garner, J. L. Munn, R. A. Dixon, E. Howle, Willie Lee, M. R. Howle, N. R. Harrell, B. Fields, R. L. Blackmon, Lester Wadford, B. F. Smoot.

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## FEBRUARY SALEDAY.

The Property Sold by the Sheriff—The Clerk has No Sales.

Monday was saleday, when the following official sales were made by the Sheriff: In the cases of B. A. Early vs. A. L. A. Wallace, thirty-one acres in Swift Creek were sold to B. A. Early for \$500; State vs. Central Carolina Land and Improvement Company (execution for taxes), thirty lots in the town of Darlington, near the C. S. & N. depot, to Frank Williams, of Bennettsville, for \$75; State vs. Gens Hens Crenshaw (tax execution), six hundred and fifty-seven acres in Antioch township to J. S. Hawkins for \$22; State vs. Mary E. Bateman (tax execution), one hundred and ninety-four acres in Antioch township to Mrs. J. E. Ousley for \$45. The Clerk of the Court made no sales.

## Midway Types.

The Detroit Free Press is this year fairly outdoing itself. Not content with permanently enlarging its famous weekly edition to twelve pages, it proposes to give to every yearly subscriber a beautiful souvenir of the world's fair, called "The Detroit Free Press Portfolio of Midway Types." This artistic production comprises twenty photographic plates, 8x11 inches, representing the strange people that were seen on the Midway Plaisance. The faces and fantastic dress will be easily recognized by those who visited the fair; others will find in them an interesting study. You can obtain the portfolio and one of the best of literary weeklies one year for \$1. The address is Detroit, Mich.

## Let us Reason.

If any one who suffers from Rheumatism would stop and reason a moment before they decide to purchase some remedy, they could not help avoid any so called cure that is sold for \$1. Figuring the retailers, the jobbers, and the manufacturers' profits out of that solitary dollar, and there is left not over 20 cents for the medicine. Aside from its reputation, and the fact, Dr. Drummond's Lightning Remedy appeals to one's good sense. The price is \$5 per bottle and to any one suffering from Rheumatism it is as cheap as it is good and effective. Sent to any address by Drummond Medicine Co., 48-50 Maiden Lane, New York. Agents wanted.

Customer—Why is it you charged as much for a 6 pound pig as you do for a 16 pound pig?

Butcher—The smaller the pig, the worse it hurts us to kill it. Got to charge something for our feelin's, mum.—Chicago Tribune.

Scarcely had Atlanta finished her sensational trial of Lewis Redwine, a society leader, for embezzlement, when she engaged in another trial equally as sensational. Last week Harry Hill, also a leading society man, was tried for and convicted of forgery and sentenced to seven years' imprisonment in the penitentiary.

## THE COUNTY NEWS.

### FROM ALL SECTIONS AS TOLD BY OUR CORRESPONDENTS.

Current Events at Cypress—An Able Sermon Against the State Bar—Other Items.

Our farmers are busy at work preparing for another crop.

Prof. Graham has had a good offer to teach in a High School in Mississippi.

Mr. T. S. DuBose has erected a blacksmith and woodshop here and will soon be prepared to do all kinds of work in these lines.

The school building at this place caught on fire a few days ago and had it not been for the hard work of Prof. Graham it would have been reduced to ashes. As it was the damage was only slight.

We are glad to say that Mr. H. J. DuBose, one of our oldest citizens whom we reported in our last letter as quite sick, is better. Mr. W. H. B. DuBose, however, continues very ill, but we hope to see him up again.

Mr. R. McLendon, who has been clerking for Mr. J. A. DuBose of this place, left last week to attend the High School in Charleston. He is a splendid boy and his many friends wish him much success in his studies and predict that he will make his mark.

Three prizes were recently offered in our school and were won as follows: Mr. Willie McLendon for best mark in deportment and for general improvement; Miss Corinne Huggins for best mark in the dictionary class and Mr. Burt McLendon for best mark in the spelling class.

Rev. C. D. Mann delivered a very able sermon at this place on Sunday, taking temperance as his subject. His remarks were well to the point and he showed that the dispensary law as it now stands is much worse than the old high license bar system and the evil is daily growing worse. We are satisfied that he proved his position to the satisfaction of all who heard him.

## NETTLES' MILL.

Mr. H. T. Jones has had a severe attack of the grip.

Most of our farmers are breaking their cotton lands broadcast.

Some of us are fencing in new pastures for stock—an indication of better times ahead.

On account of an accident the Messrs Goodson had to stop their saw for a few days last week.

Messrs H. F. Jones, E. A. Dixon and Geo. McIntosh have fixed up a blacksmith shop at McIntosh's mill.

Mr. J. W. Coker is getting ready to build new stalls and Mr. Charles Moody is preparing to make improvements on his place.

Mr. Charles Bozeman and Miss Carrie Coker were married at New Providence Church, on the 24th ult., Rev. F. M. Satterwhite officiating. The ceremony was very pretty, the couple having four attendants. Later a large number of friends repaired to the residence of Mr. J. H. Rogers where a fine supper was served. Everybody wishes Mr. and Mrs. Bozeman a long and prosperous married life.

## JASPER.

Mr. I. S. Lloyd is quite sick but we hope that he will soon recover.

Log rolling has been the order of the day for sometime, as the people are busy preparing lands for cultivation.

Mr. W. R. Gardner, one of our most energetic farmers, who was accidentally shot a little over a month ago, is slowly improving.

About eight or ten acres will be used in this section this year in the cultivation of tobacco. If this is planted successfully it will equal in value thirty acres of cotton. Hog and hominy will receive considerable attention this year, along with wheat, oats, rye and potatoes.

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