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LOCAL LACONICS.

MATTERS IN AND AROUND PROSPEROUS DARLINGTON.

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

Mrs. Z. P. Kirby has gone to North Carolina on a visit to relatives.

A neat iron railing has been placed around the counter in the express office.

People are preparing for Easter which comes very early this year—Sunday of next week, the 25 inst.

Dr. W. J. Garner is preparing to erect a handsome two-story residence on the west end of Broad Street.

The Hebrews of Darlington will celebrate the Feast of Purim on Thursday evening next with a hop in Hewitt's hall.

Messrs S. A. Woods and J. E. Norment returned yesterday from the North, where they purchased the spring and summer goods for their respective stores.

An announcement appears in this issue to the effect that the personal property of the estate of Jordan Lang will be sold on Thursday next at his late residence on the Timmonsville road.

A meeting of the Darlington Horticultural Society will be held in the Guards' Armory to morrow (Friday) afternoon for the purpose of electing officers and to begin arrangements for the annual floral fair.

Mr. T. Tracy Walsh, who has had temporary charge of St. Matthew's Episcopal Church at this place, will leave on Saturday for Sewanee, Tenn., where he will resume his studies in the theological department of the University of the South.

Mr. W. E. Lucas, formerly of Darlington but now of Spartanburg, and Mr. V. M. Montgomery also of Spartanburg, were in town this week. Mr. Montgomery came for the purpose of buying some horses, having heard of Darlington's fine stock.

We are requested to remind the public of the entertainment which will be given this (Thursday) evening at Dovesville Academy for the benefit of Black Creek Church. The program selected promises an enjoyable evening to all who will attend.

A colored man, named Joe Davis, an employee of the Darlington Phosphate Company, had his foot badly lacerated at the works on Saturday by stepping backward into a conveyor. Dr. J. C. Willcox dressed the wound and the injured man is doing all right.

Rev. J. A. W. Thomas and wife, of Bennettsville, celebrated their golden wedding, the fiftieth anniversary of their married life, on Saturday. Mr. Thomas is the beloved pastor of the Baptist Church at that place, and is well known throughout this county.

It is scarcely necessary to remind theatre goers that Wilfred Clarke will present his very funny comedy "The Little Butterfly" in the opera house on Wednesday evening next, the 21 inst. He is so popular in Darlington that the mere mention of his coming will ensure him a large audience.

The liquor recently seized at the C. & D. depot by one of the State constabulary and subsequently taken possession of by Deas, as deputy revenue collector, has been turned over to the State dispensary by order of Collector Townes. No reason was assigned, but it is fair to presume that the revenue authorities hold that their officer should not have interfered in the matter.

Miss Maggie Jones has received her lines of new and fashionable millinery, which she recently selected herself at the North and will exhibit them to the ladies of the town and county at an opening, which she will give on Tuesday and Wednesday next, the 20 and 21 insts. Miss Jones's exquisite taste is well recognized in this community and the ladies will be glad of the opportunity to inspect her beautiful and handsome millinery. She earnestly invites all to visit her store on Tuesday and Wednesday next, as from her varied stock she can please everybody.

THE UNCERTAINTY OF LIFE.

The Sudden Death of a Good Citizen of the Swift Creek Section.

Mr. J. T. Lunn, of Swift Creek, died suddenly on Sunday. He had been in attendance upon services at Swift Creek Church and was apparently in the best of health. He remained at the church for a short while after the services and chatted pleasantly with friends. With the intention of going home he got into his carriage and drove off in company with several members of his family. He had not proceeded more than one hundred and fifty yards from the church, when he fell over in his seat and died almost instantly. Heart disease was the cause of his death.

Mr. Lunn was one of the best men that ever lived in Darlington county. He was born in Swift Creek township and passed his whole life of sixty-three years in that section. He was highly respected and his neighbors had the warmest attachment for him. During the war Mr. Lunn served his country as gallantly as any soldier in the Confederate army.

The remains were interred in the family burying ground in Swift Creek on Monday, Rev. N. N. Burton conducting the services. It was probably the largest funeral ever held in the township, a great concourse of people having gathered at the grave to attest their respect for the memory of a good man. Mr. Lunn's wife and a large family survive him. He was also the uncle of Mr. E. E. Lunn, a prominent merchant of this place.

Famous Almeta roasted coffee. M. J. West.

Fresh candies at Walter J. Parrott's.

Butter and cheese. A. F. Honour.

TEACHERS IN COUNCIL.

Both of the County Associations Held Meetings on Saturday.

Both of the county teachers' associations met on Saturday.

At the meeting of the white teachers, Mr. J. L. Mann was elected president. Arithmetic was discussed by Mr. Patterson Wardlaw and the remainder of the proceedings was devoted to the consideration of "The Library in the Country School". The next meeting of the association will be held on May 5, when the following subjects will be discussed: The Reduction of Fractions to Lower Terms; the Reduction of Fractions to Higher Terms or to Common Divisor; the Management of the Country School Library.

The colored teachers discussed the following subjects at their meeting: Addition, by G. W. Casley; What Amount of Geography may be Taught without a Text Book? by L. W. Patterson; "Common Errors", by all the teachers. The next meeting will be held on the third Saturday in April, the program for which will be published in the county papers later.

Best flour in town for the money at Parrott's.

Evaporated apples and prunes. A. F. Honour.

Apricots, 3lb. cans for 35 cts. M. J. West.

A PLEASANT EVENING.

Vocal and Instrumental Music Make a Delightful Entertainment.

On Tuesday evening a most successful musicale was given at the residence of Mr. Geo. W. Dargan. Quite a number were present and the music given was of a high order. Misses Bessie Williamson, Emma Edwards, Clara Ward, Lily Covington, of North Carolina, Ora Thomas, of North Carolina, and Messrs T. T. Walsh, S. H. Wilds and C. D. Evans, gave music both instrumental and vocal, which was enjoyed by the large company present. It would be well if the musical people of Darlington would form a club, both for their own improvement and for the enjoyment of the lovers of good music in the community. We have a good deal of talent here which could be utilized in this way.

The remaining stock of jewelry and watches of J. H. Mason will be sold at cost — private sale — for the next ten days.

THE CONFERENCE.

THE TIME FOR IT TO CONVENE NEAR AT HAND.

The Methodists Continue Their Preparations—Program of the Work to be Done.

Only two weeks now remain before the time fixed for the meeting of the Florence District Conference at this place. As already stated it will meet on Thursday, the 29th inst. and continue in session until the following Sunday night, April 1.

Preparations for the reception of the delegates are still in progress and the program of the work to be done has been arranged. The following outline, which shows the several subjects to be considered and which is as complete as it can be made at this writing, will give the reader a correct idea of what will be done by the Conference:

The Spiritual state of the church. (1) Reports from pastors; (2) Discussions. (a) Is the spiritual condition of the church keeping abreast with its material and financial advancement? (b) What can be done to improve the spiritual condition of the church, (c) Family religion, attendance upon the social meetings of the church, and the Sacraments.

Missions. (1) Is there any unoccupied territory within our bounds where we ought to establish new missions? (2) Are we supporting our domestic missionaries as we should, and, if not, what is the cause? (3) How may we plan to increase our contributions to foreign missions?

Financial systems. (1) Reports from laymen; Discussions, (a) What influence should the preachers exert on collections? (b) The influence of stewards upon collections.

Condition of houses of worship and parsonages. (1) How may we improve and better care for our houses of worship and parsonages? (2) What shall be done to protect our houses of worship against improper uses?

Christian education. (1) Sunday schools; (2) The common and high schools; (3) Influence of Christian literature; (4) Our colleges.

Just received at the Darlington Shoe Store a fresh lot of our celebrated $2 shoes for ladies, in opera toe, common sense and spring heel; also a lot of $2.50 and $3 turn shoes of the latest style. Woods & Milling.

The best of everything in the grocery line at lowest prices at Coggeshall & Co's.

A SPY BALKED.

A Traveller Refuses to Allow his Valise to be Searched.

On Friday afternoon a difficulty occurred at the C. S. & N. depot which might have had serious results had it not been for the intervention of bystanders. When the train from the North rolled up to the depot, Mr. J. J. Forman, superintendent of the electric light works, who was a passenger on board, stepped off to the platform with a valise in his hand. P. P. Meekins, the spy from Marlboro, who was "nosing" around the depot, grabbed at the valise for the purpose of searching it. Mr. Forman resisted and pushed the spy away. Both parties then drew pistols. Things looked decidedly squally for a short time, but bystanders interfered in the interest of peace. Meekins did not insist further upon making the search and Mr. Forman came on up town with his valise unopened. No warrants have yet been issued on account of the affair.

Potatoes, turnips, onions and cabbages. A. F. Honour.

California peaches, 3lb. cans for 25 cts. M. J. West.

Soda 5 cents per pound at Parrott's.

Hard time prices on Domestic sewing machines; $45 the former price, $25 the present price, $20 saved on each machine. McCall & Burch.

Large glass jelly, 10 cts., M. J. West.

A GRAND OPENING.

Messrs S. A. Woods & Co. to Inaugurate the Spring Season.

In springtime the ladies' fancies naturally turn to thoughts of the many pretty styles and fashions that have been devised for their special benefit—that they may array themselves in costumes befitting the balmy spring, the prettiest season of all the year. The ladies of Darlington will be given an opportunity to satisfy themselves as to what styles lead in the fashionable world this spring by an inspection of as fine a display of new ladies' goods as the eye ever rested upon, on Tuesday and Wednesday, the 27th and 28th insts., when Messrs S. A. Woods & Co. will give a grand spring opening.

The success which attended the opening given by this popular establishment last spring is guarantee enough that its repetition this year will be a great event for the ladies. The firm will surrender the store unconditionally to the gentler sex on the days mentioned and they cordially invite all in the town and county and neighboring counties to come and take possession of the establishment. These will truly be the "ladies' days" and the store will present a beautiful sight, decorated and arranged especially for the occasion and graced, as we know it will be, by the presence of the ladies of Darlington and the surrounding country.

Egg plums, 3lb. cans for 20 cts. M. J. West.

Oranges and lemons. A. F. Honour.

Baseball cigars, best in town, at Parrott's.

THE COUNTY DISPENSARY.

A Representative of the State Dispensary Makes an Inspection.

On Saturday last Mr. W. H. Yeldell, of Edgefield, special inspector for the State dispensary, visited Darlington and made an examination of the books, accounts, etc., of the local dispensary, forwarding the report of his examination to the State board, which shows the business done from July 21, 1893, to March 7, 1894.

The report, as obtained by us from Dispenser Floyd, is as follows:

	Dr.	Cr.
To Mdse as per account.....	$15,142 21	
By amt sales at inv prices...		$12,212 21
Stock on hand		2,609 19
Breakage and shortage not on account...		43 13
Ditto on acct...		198 24
Burglary.....		59 40
U S license....		25 00
Nail puller.....		1 50
By Balance.....	6 46	
	$15,148 67	$15,148 67
To amt Mdse....	$15,142 21	
By st'k on h'nd		2,609 19
Breakage and shortage not on account...		43 13
Credits as per account.....		12,300 76
Bottles not on account.....		38 59
To bal due State Dispenser....		150 54
	$15,142 21	$15,142 21
To amt gr's sales	$15,993 66	
Sales at invoice prices.		$12,202 21
Gross profits..		3,781 45
	$15,993 66	$15,993 66
To gross profits.	$ 3,781 45	
Exp from July 21 to Feb 1..	1,429 01	
	$ 2,352 44	
By amt paid to county.....		$ 1,670 27
*Amt paid city.		382 78
To bal due State	150 54	
	$ 2,502 98	
Cash in bank..		686 64
By Balance.....	256 71	
	$ 2,739 69	$ 2,739 69

*This payment was the profits for the first quarter; the second quarter's profits were paid to the city by the County Board of Control and amounted to $544, making in all $926 78 paid to the city.

Finest lines of candies in town at Parrott's.

Cross & Blackwell's jam, 20 cts a jar. M. J. West.

Three of the very best papers of their kind in the country, the *Weekly News and Courier* and the *Southern Cultivator*, and THE DARLINGTON NEWS will all be sent to any address for one year for $2.45. 4t

GENERAL SESSIONS.

PROGRESS MADE IN CLEARING THE CRIMINAL DOCKET.

Two Men Acquitted and Three Convicted—Court Adjourned Yesterday.

As we went to press on Wednesday afternoon last the Court was engaged in the trial of Will O'Nails and Charles O'Nails (both white) for burglary and larceny. They were charged with stealing two horses, a buggy and a road cart from the Tedders near Society Hill. On Thursday the trial ended with the acquittal of both parties. They were represented by Messrs Boyd & Brown.

THE MURDER CASE CONTINUED.

Thursday was the day appointed for the trial of Judge B. Reynolds, James Reynolds and Rowland Windham (all white) upon the charge of the murder of Cephus Pipkin near Lamar in December. When the case was called Messrs Woods & Spain, attorneys for the defence, explained to the Court that one of the defendants, James Reynolds, was confined to his home from sickness and was unable to appear for trial. The case against these three men was, therefore, continued until the June term.

The case against J. Dozier Flinn (white) for assault and battery, which has been on the docket for sometime, was again continued until June.

THE BICYCLE CASE.

Upon the completion of the O'Nails' trial on Thursday afternoon, the case against J. S. McCreight (white) for breach of trust was taken up. This case excited considerable interest among the townspeople as it grew out of sundry trades in bicycles made by the defendant who is well known in the community, having been at one time proprietor of the Darlington *Herald*. The trial occupied the attention of the Court from Thursday afternoon to Monday afternoon, when the jury brought in a verdict of guilty with a recommendation of mercy. The Judge sentenced McCreight to twenty months in the penitentiary. Messrs Boyd & Brown, who represented the defendant, will appeal to the Supreme Court for a new trial.

OTHER CASES.

The next case tried was the one against Daniel Davis (colored) for larceny of live stock, stealing a hog from Harriet Evans (also colored) in Lydia township. On Tuesday morning the jury found the defendant guilty and he was sentenced to one year's imprisonment in the penitentiary. He was represented by Messrs Boyd & Brown.

Following this on Tuesday the case against Peter Jordan (colored), for arson, was taken up. Jordan was charged with burning the barn of Mr. J. N. Suggs in Philadelphia last summer, a capital offence as the building was located within two hundred yards of a dwelling. The defendant was represented by Messrs H. T. Thompson and C. P. Dargan by appointment of the Court. The jury returned a verdict of guilty with a recommendation of mercy, which saved the defendant's life, and the Judge sentenced him to fifteen years in the penitentiary.

As this was the last case before the Court of General Sessions it adjourned *sine die* at the conclusion of the trial.

THE FINAL PRESENTMENT.

As stated in our last issue the grand jury made its final presentment on Wednesday afternoon of last week too late for it to be published in that issue. We, therefore, give it now:

To the Hon. James Aldrich, Presiding Judge:

Having acted upon all matters presented to us by your Honor, we beg to make the following report and presentment:

That we find the poor-house in good condition, the inmates properly cared for and satisfied.

We recommend that the matting in the Clerk's office and the floor and safe in the Sheriff's office receive the attention of our County Commissioners, and that said commissioners be required to repair ceiling in the Auditor's office and furnish him proper accommodation for his books and papers.

We find that there are parties evading payment of poll tax without sufficient cause, and we recommend that the Auditor take steps to prevent the same.

That we find the jail in good condition and the prisoners well cared for. We recommend that artesian water be used in the jail if practicable.

That we condemn in unmeasured terms the indifferent manner in which our roads are worked under the present system, as well as the system itself, and we hope that the Legislature will devise some plan that will give us better roads.

We have appointed a committee to examine the books and bonds of the county officers, which will make its report at the next term of court.

Our jury has listened with pleasure and interest to the wise and eloquent appeal of your Honor for the improvement of our public schools. We heartily endorse the bold and patriotic stand that you have taken; your earnest appeal from the bench for the education of our Anglo-Saxon people, and we trust that its effect will be felt not only by our jury but by the people, and that we will all unite not only in improving our public schools, but also in demanding that they shall be kept open at least seven months in each year.

We thank your Honor for the kind consideration and invaluable counsel extended to our jury; we respectfully submit the above report.

B. A. EARLY, Foreman.

Starch 6½c at Parrott's.

Columbia River salmon, 20 cts., M. J. West.

THE DARLINGTON POSTOFFICE.

The President Finally Secures a Solution of the Question.

Ever since the people of Darlington protested last fall against the appointment of Mr. J. M. Waddill as postmaster, the matter has been hanging fire. A solution was found last week, however, when the President revoked the appointment of Mr. Waddill and named Mr. A. A. Gandy for the place. The new appointee, while a "reformer", is popular with both factions of the Democratic party and his nomination will be very acceptable to the patrons of the office. He will also make an efficient postmaster. Mr. Gandy is a member of the board of county commissioners and also clerk of said board and clerk of the county board of control. On entering upon his new duties as postmaster he will, of course, resign these offices in accordance with the law.

Sliced pineapple 10 cts a can, M. J. West.

Heinz's sweet pickles at Parrott's at 25 cents per quart.

Always Get the Best.

Persons who suffer from rheumatism want immediate relief. It is not enough that the pain should be eased and the appetite be increased. Anything short of a cure is only prolonging torture. The poisonous acids in the blood, which is the direct cause of Rheumatism are immediately and effectually expelled by Dr. Drummond's Lightning Remedy. Where it fails to perform a cure, the price is refunded. If the druggist cannot furnish it the remedy will be sent prepaid to any address on receipt of price, five dollars, Drummond Medicine Co., 48-50 Maiden Lane, New York. Agents wanted.

"The lady should always precede the gentleman on entering the church," remarked Miss Prudence.

"All right: go ahead, I'm after you," responded Hal, and after that it was smooth sailing. —*Drover's Journal.*

All Free.

Those who have used Dr. King's New Discovery know its value, and those who have not, have now the opportunity to try it Free. Call on the advertised Druggist and get a Trial Bottle, Free. Send your name and address to H. E. Bucklen & Co., Chicago, and get a sample box of Dr. King's New Life Pills Free, as well as a copy of Guide to Health and Household Instructor, Free. All of which is guaranteed to do you good and cost you nothing. Sold at Willcox & Co's. Drugstore.

THE LAMAR FIGHT

OVER THE MUCH VEXED DISPENSARY QUESTION.

An Interesting Letter on the Subject from Rev. C. D. Mann, of that Town.

The following letter we republish from the *News and Courier* at the request of the author:

To the Editor of the *News and Courier:* I see in the *News and Courier* of February 26 that some "citizens" of this place have taken your Cypress correspondent to task concerning a notice which was published in your paper some days ago. They claim that his notice relative to the dispensary is very misleading and erroneous. They would have you and the public believe they are "persecuted for righteousness' sake" in this good and legitimate cause which they are so strenuously advocating. The cause which they are advocating locates them clearly, without any comment from me or anyone else. The establishment of a dispensary in our midst would, you know, be a great reformatory, tending to the elevation of the people mentally, morally and spiritually. Good people always advocate bar rooms, dispensaries and other such haunts of vice and dissipation. Can this be true? If so the interpretation of the term "good people" has become either paradoxical or lost its meaning.

Can the preacher and the good people of Lamar who are opposed to the dispensary stand in the light of God's Word and say to the world that they are not in league with the devil while they are advocating the establishment of one of the precincts of vice and immorality in our midst to debauch the lives of men, old and young, to make widows and orphans and, in the end, drown the souls of men in perdition? Are these the works of good men? So they claim. Ah, gentlemen, "Tell it not in Gath, nor publish it in Askelon, for you cannot drink the cup of the Lord and the cup of the devil." Would it be any more misleading and erroneous to say "good devil" than to apply the epithet, "good people," in this instance, when some of them admit the fact that morally it is wrong to have this dispensary, yet from a financial standpoint they want it?

They say, in the next place, the only opponents of the dispensary at Lamar within the town are parties either prejudiced to the Tillman party or to some persons engaged in the advocacy of the dispensary, unless it be possibly one or two. It is beneath the dignity of any gentleman to judge or impugn the motives of those not favoring a dispensary and make the above statement. The man who wrote this knew when he did it that it was thoroughly untrue, for 95 per cent of those who signed against it in the township were Tillman men; neither did he tell you that all the county officers, from the Senator down, with the exception of two, signed petitions against this and had sent them to the State board, or rather to the chairman, stating that in their judgment it would be best not to have but one in the county. Of course the county officers of Darlington who were elected on the "Reform platform" are Mr. Tillman's enemies and the other class, if not opposed to Tillman, are to some one else advocating the dispensary. As the first charge is false this one is more so.

"All the preachers and the good people are not against the dispensary" as it appeared in the *News and Courier* some time ago, "there being four preachers in town, counting white and colored, and only one so far has publicly declared himself against it." In regard to the preachers, perhaps I know something of them as I have been fighting the thing from its incipiency until now, and I exhonerate my colored brethren from the charge, inasmuch as they have both signed the petition publicly against the dispensary. So there is only one preacher with the "good people" of Lamar.

I am the man who they claim was a dispensary man last year. I confess I thought the dispensary law as it was operated last year was a decided improve-

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