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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 oil mill has shut down for the season.

A four room cottage is advertised for rent.

The stockholders of the People's Bank will hold their annual meeting on April 30.

Read the advertisement which calls for four live, energetic men to do work in a paying business.

The annual meeting of the stockholders of the Darlington Manufacturing Company is called for May 3.

Miss Emmie James has returned from a visit to Sumter. She is accompanied by Miss Mamie Fraser, of that city.

Miss L. M. Schmid, the popular milliner, calls the attention of the public to her new line of spring and summer millinery.

Mr. J. N. Parrott has been appointed a member of the board of examiners for Darlington county, vice Mr. R. E. Mood resigned.

The Episcopal Convocation will meet in Darlington, in St. Matthew's Church, on Wednesday next, and will continue in session for three days.

Mr. J. C. Keys, the popular cotton-buyer, left on Tuesday for his home in Anderson. He will in a few weeks take a tour through the Southwest.

We wish to return thanks to Cadet J. B. DuBose, of this county, for an invitation to attend the annual picnic of the Citadel Academy at Mt. Pleasant on April 13.

Mr. C. N. Spinks announces that he has established a musical agency and will always keep on hand strings, trimmings, etc., and all the latest songs and music.

At the next meeting of the board of County Commissioners, which will be held on Saturday, Postmaster Gandy will resign the positions of member and clerk of the board.

The fortunate lady who won the curtains at Messrs S. A. Woods & Co's recent opening is Miss Almira Davis, daughter of Mr. A. Bruce Davis, who lives a few miles from town.

Major W. A. Evans has severed his connection with the Cleveland Hotel and has returned to his former home in Chesterfield. The hotel will remain closed until a new proprietor is obtained.

Fee Dee Presbytery will meet in Florence to-morrow (Friday) night. Mr. John James will represent the Presbyterian Church at this place. Rev. J. G. Law will also attend the Presbytery.

The ladies of the Darlington Horticultural Society are earnestly requested to attend an important meeting of the society which will be held in the Guards Armory Monday afternoon next at 4.30 o'clock.

The Florence District Conference of the A. M. E. Church will meet in annual session in Darlington, on Wednesday next, in the A. M. E. Church on Broad street. The Conference will remain in session until Sunday night.

Governor Tillman has offered rewards, \$500 in each case, for the apprehension and conviction of the parties who broke into the dispensaries at Florence and Timmonsville and destroyed the liquor during the recent "insurrection".

The Clerk of the Court requests us to state that applicants for the fund, appropriated by the State for the benefit of those who lost a limb or an eye during the late war, should call on him for blanks. The applicant will have the choice of receiving an artificial limb or its equivalent in money.

Coroner R. G. Parnell has been appointed a deputy United States Marshal. He requests us to say that he has nothing to do with the State constabulary and that the duties of his new position, which he will hold in conjunction with the office of Coroner, pertain only to violations of the United States laws.

ARRESTED FOR EMBEZZLEMENT.

A Well Known Citizen Accused of a Very Serious Charge.

Mr. John H. Schmid, a well known citizen of Darlington, was arrested on Tuesday night and lodged in jail on the charge of embezzlement. There is a shortage in the accounts of the postoffice at this place amounting to \$989.33 and it is for this that Mr. Schmid has been arrested. He has not been employed in the office for a month or so, but postoffice-inspector Peer, who has been here for about a week straightening up the affairs of the office, finds that the shortage occurred while Mr. Schmid was acting postmaster. The warrant was issued by U. S. Commissioner Sanders and the arrest was made by U. S. Deputy Marshal Parnell.

Yesterday (Wednesday) Commissioner Sanders fixed Mr. Schmid's bond at \$1,000. It was arranged with his mother, Mrs. R. Schmid, and Mrs. Libby as sureties and he was released from imprisonment.

Fresh butter and cheese at Coggeshall & Co's.

Lead pencils with rubber 5c. dozen at Book Store.

A handsome black suit \$6.25 to \$8.50 at Blackwell Bros.

THE CASE OF DR. PAINE.

Judge Aldrich Fixes His Bail at Five Thousand Dollars.

On Tuesday Col. C. S. Nettles, accompanied by his client, Dr. B. H. Paine, who has been held in jail on the charge of the murder of Henry Green, colored, went to Marion and made application before Judge Aldrich, who is holding court there, for the release of Dr. Paine from custody upon bail. This killing, as was stated in our last issue, was the result of a difficulty between Dr. Paine and Green, which grew out of the recent robbery of the dispensary. Judge Aldrich, after hearing the arguments, placed the bond at \$5,000.

The papers for the bail of the prisoner have not yet been fixed, but they probably will be to-day, in which event he will be released.

Paragon salt for table use at C. & Co's.

See the remarkably low figures on flour at Blackwell Bros.

A NEW MEDICAL FIRM.

Two Physicians of Darlington Form a Copartnership.

Dr. John E. Boyd, who recently graduated with first honor at the medical college in Charleston, has returned to Darlington and will practise his profession at this place. Dr. W. J. Garner and himself have formed a copartnership under the firm name of Drs. Garner & Boyd. Dr. Garner has already risen rapidly in his profession and Dr. Boyd gives every promise of becoming a skilled physician, so we feel safe in predicting that the new firm will meet with the success that it so much deserves. The rooms over Dr. Boyd's drug store, heretofore used as offices by Dr. Garner, will continue as the offices for the new firm.

Do you want a sewing machine. See Blackwell Bros.

Shred cocoanut at Coggeshall & Co's.

A FATAL ACCIDENT.

A Little Girl Meets her Death in a Peculiar Way.

On Wednesday of last week a little colored girl, Rosa Lee Swinton, came to her death in a most unusual manner. Just a short time previous she had been badly burned and was consequently in delicate health. At the time of her death she was standing in the door of her father's house in Springville. A strong wind came up and she was blown from the door to the ground below, a distance of only a few feet. But the fall was severe and on account of her precarious health she was killed by the shock. An inquest was held over her remains and the jury returned a verdict in accordance with the facts given herein.

Fresh pickles and preserves at Coggeshall & Co's.

AFTER THE FIGHT.

PEACE AGAIN PREVAILS IN OLD DARLINGTON.

The Coroner's Inquest and Finding of the Military Court—A Card of Thanks.

Peace has returned to Darlington and the town is as quiet as it ever was.

No one who may visit Darlington now and observe the stillness that prevails can realize, if he was not present at the time, the extent of the intense excitement that held the town immediately following the massacre of our citizens; nor can he appreciate the terrible ordeal through which our people have passed.

THE SOLDIERS LEAVE.

But the white wings of peace have again spread over the town. The troops broke camp and departed for their homes early on Friday morning, as was announced in our last issue would be the case. During their stay in our midst the soldier boys were most hospitably received by our people. The citizens and soldiers commingled in warm fellowship, for it was soon ascertained that a very large majority of the military were in sympathy with our people and that they did not come here to shoot us down, but merely to preserve peace and protect property.

When the troops departed they carried with them delightful recollections of the hospitality of our dear old town and Darlington can testify on the other hand that the soldiers were as gentlemanly a set of men as ever donned uniforms.

THE CORONER'S INQUEST.

When we went to press with our last issue the coroner's inquest, investigating the killing, was still in progress. On Thursday afternoon it was completed and a verdict was returned to the effect that constable McLendon killed F. E. Norment; L. L. Redmond killed constable Pepper and constable Cain killed Redmond.

The testimony in the inquest is very voluminous. It contains about 50,000 words and would cover more than thirty-five columns in a paper the size of the News and Courier.

The military court of inquiry, which was held at the same time, went further. It returned the same verdict as the coroner's jury, but in addition found all the other constables present at the shooting as accessories to the killing.

WARRANTS ISSUED.

In accordance with the finding of the coroner's jury warrants have been issued against McLendon and Cain on the charge of murder. These parties are now held in the State penitentiary for safe-keeping. Col. Robert Aldrich, of Barnwell, has been retained to defend them and he will soon make application for their release on bail. They will be tried in Darlington county unless a change of venue is asked for and obtained.

A CARD OF THANKS.

While the "insurrection," as Governor Tillman was pleased to call it, was in progress offers of assistance—for our people poured in from every section of this State and from many other States. While the offers were greatly appreciated, they were not accepted because at no time was it necessary to have outside assistance. In grateful acknowledgment of the many proffers of aid the town authorities have issued the following card of thanks:

COUNCIL CHAMBER,

Darlington, S. C., April 7, 94.
We, the Mayor and Aldermen of the Town of Darlington, as representatives of its people, desire to make public expression of our gratitude to the many friends throughout the country for the generous offers of assistance received from them, and particularly to our friends of our sister City of Florence, for the disinterested and timely aid rendered us during the severe ordeal through which we have recently passed.

While Darlington is resuming its business activity and accustomed appearance, it will be a long time before we cease to mourn the loss of our fellow-citizens whose lives were for-

feited as the result of this deplorable tragedy, but the kindly sympathy which has been so generally expressed for us in our misfortune will never be forgotten.

W. F. DARGAN, Mayor,
D. S. MCCULLOUGH,
W. J. MOORHEAD,
F. T. BIGGS,
S. A. WOODS,
Aldermen,
J. W. EVANS, Clerk.

Thus ends the saddest tragedy that has ever befallen Darlington.

CONGRESSMAN McLAURIN.

Even "Curly-Headed Johnnie" Takes our Side in the Dispensary Fight.

[Washington Times, April 7.]

Mr. McLaurin, of South Carolina, in whose district the present riots are, is very much distressed over the unfortunate situation in that state. He says the less said about it the better, but he nevertheless expressed himself quite freely on the present riots there. The dispensary law is, according to Mr. McLaurin, a hobby of Governor Tillman. The people of the state were for prohibition but not for such dispensary legislation. The people are mostly of a thrifty Scotch or English descent, and they now see how foolish the present law, rushed hastily through the legislature, is, especially as it involves a right of search and an invasion of their liberties such as South Carolinians, of all people in the world, do not tolerate. When the present law was passed at Governor Tillman's bidding there was a great outcry in its favor. Not only did it suit the prohibitionist feeling, but it gave promise of yielding such large taxes that no other state levies it was thought would be needed. Now that the people realize what the result is, to bolster a right of inquisition and an invasion of private premises, besides a system of espionage, they are up in arms. It is just what might have been expected but it is nevertheless very deplorable.

Mr. McLaurin says that one reason why the present troubles in South Carolina cause him such deep regret is because there is a general misapprehension concerning the South Carolinian's character prevailing very widely which the present outbreak will serve to still further exaggerate. The people of his state are not fire-eaters or hot-blooded. They are of sturdy Anglo-Saxon or Huguenot French descent for the most part, and would never think of violence under ordinary circumstances. But they are like the people of Massachusetts, ready on sufficient provocation to declare loudly in defense of their rights. The law so hastily passed was one of the kind which causes a Jack Cade rebellion in Pennsylvania, and the people of the state are suffering in consequence in a way they do not deserve.

Leggett's improved jelly at C. & Co's.

White fish, 50c a kit, at C. & Co's.

MR. GANDY TAKES CHARGE.

The Postoffice will Probably be Moved Across the Square.

Mr. A. A. Gandy, having received his commission, took charge of the postoffice on Saturday. He has appointed as his assistants Mr. O. G. Williams, a worthy citizen of the town, and Miss Helen Waddill, a daughter of Mr. J. M. Waddill. Mr. Gandy will remove the office, provided he can obtain the consent of the government, to the building of Messrs Gibson & Woods on the north-west corner of the Square. We do not suppose there will be any difficulty in securing the consent of the government to the removal as a postoffice inspector, who is now here arranging the affairs of the office, states that he will recommend that the office be removed from its present undesirable quarters. The new office will be conveniently fitted up and an additional number of lock boxes will be ordered immediately.

Wheat flakes at C. & Co's.

New Home Sewing machines \$15 to \$25 at Blackwell Bros.

THE DISPENSARY.

THE GOVERNOR REMOVES MR. FLOYD FROM OFFICE.

The Establishment Closed—A New Dispenser to be Elected—A Letter from Mr. Floyd.

After the terrible massacre of our citizens by dispensary spies, Governor Tillman ordered the dispensary at this place to be closed. Be it said to the credit of the town that during the intense excitement on Friday and Saturday nights following the killing, the dispensary, though a creature of the obnoxious law that caused the bloodshed, was not looted as was the case elsewhere. After the soldiers came a guard was continually kept around the establishment. Although martial law has been raised and peace has been restored the dispensary is still closed with a seal upon its doors, though, of course, the guard has been removed.

After the riot dispenser Floyd left town and is now in the North. Governor Tillman has removed him from office, giving as his reason that he (Floyd) has antagonized the people of Darlington. The Governor has instructed the county board of control to immediately elect a new dispenser, have his bond arranged and have the dispensary opened again as soon as possible. The board will meet to-day (Thursday) to elect a successor to Mr. Floyd. Several names have been mentioned in connection with the office.

By order of the insurance companies all the insurance upon the dispensary has been cancelled.

An Open Letter to the Governor.

Anent the Governor's removal of Mr. Floyd the latter has written the following open letter:

WASHINGTON, D. C., April 7, '94.
To B. R. Tillman, Governor and Chairman, Columbia, S. C.
—Dear Sir: I notice in an interview with the World correspondent in Columbia, which is published in the issue of the World of this date, you say: "Dispenser Floyd seems to have made himself obnoxious, and when that dispensary starts it will be with a new man."

You have perhaps forgotten the circumstances under which I was selected dispenser at Darlington. The town was opposed to the law and the establishment of a dispensary, and you well know that it was mainly through my influence that the requisite number of names was obtained on the petition. I was not then considered by you obnoxious, but was selected on the ground of my availability.

Permit me then to ask the question, when was it, then, that you discovered that I was obnoxious? It seems that in your opinion that something has occurred to make me so, and I am at a loss to divine what it is. My leaving Darlington at the time I did was not a desertion of my post of duty, (for you had ordered me to close the dispensary,) but simply an act of self-preservation inspired by the surroundings and by the advice of trusted friends.

Anything I have said in the newspapers was not intended to antagonize either the Conservatives or Reformers, and could not make me "obnoxious."

To remove me because I was obnoxious seems to me an insufficient and unjustifiable ground, because at the time of my appointment you well knew that the Conservatives were not only displeased but violently opposed to my selection, and I was odious to them. To say I am obnoxious to the "Reformers" does not accord with my knowledge of the sentiment of the "Reformers" of Darlington County.

For you should remember that with the Conservatives of the State you are obnoxious would furnish a strong reason for your impeachment.

The injustice of my removal on the ground you state is, therefore, apparent. If I have rendered myself obnoxious to the people of Darlington it has been by faithfully obeying your orders. You are then in part, responsible for it. Now you evade this responsibility and by your desertion of me not only bring me in disrepute with Reformers, but cruelly injure me. This is poor exculpation to your friends.

Of course if I am removed I

bow submissively to the will of the Executive who has the power to displace, but in this act of removal I feel that there is the exercise of an unjust and tyrannical power. So far as the dispensary law is concerned I have favored it and its due execution, but I am satisfied now that the public sentiment of the State will never acquiesce in its rigid enforcement. The opposition engendered to it cannot be peaceably overcome. With these convictions it is perhaps best that I should no longer be officially connected with its enforcement. Very respectfully your obedient servant.

J. BUCKNER FLOYD,
Dispenser Darlington County.

MR. FLOYD TALKS AGAIN.

This Time to a Reporter for a Big New York Paper.

[New York World, April 9.]

J. B. Floyd, who kept the State dispensary at Darlington, S. C., which was the centre of the recent trouble, and whose brother struck the blow that caused the disturbances, is with friends in this city.

"In a recent interview," said Mr. Floyd, "I notice that Gov. Tillman makes the statement that I made myself obnoxious to the people of Darlington, and that when that dispensary starts again it will be with a new dispenser. It strikes me that the Governor has found himself in a hole, and is now trying to place the blame upon some of his officers. The trouble is that the Governor is a candidate for the United States Senate, and is now conducting his campaign. He is trying to execute a law which is obnoxious to the people and which, if put to a vote to-morrow, would be beaten by an overwhelming majority. He could never have started a dispensary at Darlington had it not been for the fact that I made the canvass myself and got the necessary signatures. At all times I had been a close follower of Tillman, even in opposition to my best friends. Now, without any reason at all, and simply to pander to the whiskey element, he turns upon me in order to bolster himself up. He knows that in executing the law I have always used the greatest care, and that my standing with the people has been good. He is the man who is obnoxious and he will find it out when the election comes around again."

WHAT GAILLARD SAYS.

Some of the Spies Reckless Men and Eager for a Fight.

[News and Courier.]

SUMTER, April 4.—Your correspondent learned to-day that Chief Constable Gaillard had had a conversation with Col. D. J. Auld, of this city, on the evening of the fight in Darlington and that he had given information which should be made known to the public. I called on Col. Auld and he substantiated what I had heard, which is in substance as follows: That he (Gaillard) had for several days previous to the fight found great difficulty in restraining his men from getting into a fight; that the men wanted to fight; that several of them were desperate and reckless fellows; that they were leaving Darlington mad because they had not been allowed to fight. This conversation took place on board of the Charleston, Sumter and Northern train the afternoon of the riot, and before Gaillard knew what had happened at the Atlantic Coast Line depot.

It is also a fact that these men, who precipitated the fight, had been drinking all day. Mr. W. H. Commander, a citizen of Sumter and a nephew of Sheriff Scarborough's wife, was at the home of the sheriff on Friday, March 30, [the day of the killing] and positively asserts that many of them were drinking and at least six were drunk.

It is evident from these statements that the citizens of Darlington are not responsible for the recent trouble in that town.

[Col. Auld is so well known that his statement needs no corroboration, still it may be well to add that another prominent citizen of Sumter has written to a gentleman at this place, stating that he was present when the conversation between Col. Auld and Gaillard occurred and that he will corroborate what Col. Auld says—Editor THE NEWS.]

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THE COLLETON PLAN.

THE RECENT STATE CONFERENCE OF THE FAITHFUL.

A Convention Called for August 14—Only "The-Dyed-in-the-Wool" Need Apply.

In the excitement which followed the recent deplorable tragedy in Darlington, our people lost sight of the State Conference of "reformers", which was held in Columbia last week, although it had been the subject of much discussion in the newspapers for several months past. The conference was held in accordance with the now famous "Colleton plan" and was composed of one delegate from each county. Mr. E. L. Gray, of Lamar, represented Darlington.

The conference called for another State convention to be held on August 14 for the purpose of nominating "reform" candidates for Governor and Lieutenant-Governor. Delegates to this convention are to be selected by conventions to be held in the several counties on August 9. Only dyed-in-the-wool "reformers" will be allowed to participate in these conventions and they must abide by the result. Such is "reform". The free-for-all primary which the "reformers" have heretofore so loudly called for has been forgotten. When the so-called general primary comes off in September the faithful must swallow a ticket nominated by a convention, whether it be to their tastes or not.

MEMORIAL DAY.

Preparations in Progress for the Annual Exercises.

Memorial Day, May 10, is not far off and the ladies of the memorial association are now making arrangements for the annual exercises in commemoration of the Confederate dead. Rev. Mr. McArn, of Cheraw, has consented to be the orator for the occasion and will deliver the address which he delivered in August last before the Survivors' Association of Chesterfield county. This address has been very widely circulated and has been the subject of most favorable criticism. Our people will be fortunate in having an opportunity to hear it.

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Respectfully,
Norment & Co.

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