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LOCAL LAONICS.

MATTERS IN AND AROUND PROSPEROUS DARLINGTON.

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

Mr. Joe English, of Columbia, was in town this week.

A reward is offered for the return of a stolen saddle.

Mrs. Beasley, the wife of Rev. J. S. Beasley, died in Marion on Sunday.

Judge T. B. Fraser, of Sumter, spent Monday in Darlington on business.

The annual meeting of the stockholders of the Darlington Manufacturing Company will be held to-day.

Mr. John S. Jeffords, who has been studying typewriting and stenography at Rome, Ga., returned home on Tuesday.

James Atkinson, white charged with killing Irvin Freeman, has been let to bail by Judge Watts in the sum of \$1,000.

At the annual meeting of the stockholders of the People's Bank, on Monday, the old board of directors and officers were re-elected.

Read the dates given in another column for the visit to this section of Benj. McInnes, Jr., the well-known veterinary surgeon.

Hon. J. H. Hudson, of Bennettsville, ex Judge of this circuit, has been appointed general counsel for the Cape Fear & Yadkin Valley Railroad.

Dr. B. H. Payne, who has been held in jail for killing Henry Green, colored, about a month ago, gave bond on Monday and was released from custody.

Mr. W. B. Brearley, of Sumter, is visiting relatives in town. He is an old Darlington, a son of the late Rev. Wm. Brearley, a former pastor of the Presbyterian Church.

The Clerk of the Court has received the pension money for Darlington county. Each pensioner is entitled to \$23 this year and the same may now be obtained by calling on the Clerk.

At the recent meeting of the State Medical Association Dr. W. J. Garner, of this place, was elected a delegate to the American Medical Association, which will meet in San Francisco in June.

The town has taken no action as yet in regard to the sale of liquors within its limits. The council prefers to wait until the question of prohibition, free liquor or the license system is settled by the Supreme Court.

Drs. J. E. Boyd, of Darlington, C. W. Harris, of Cypress, T. E. Howland, of Jovann, and J. M. Woodham, of Stokes Bridge, passed the State medical examination last week and are now prepared to practise their profession.

Ed Coe, colored, was arrested last week in Chesterfield county by the United States authorities for selling liquor in violation of the internal revenue laws. He has been lodged in the Darlington jail for safe-keeping, awaiting his trial in the federal court.

During the severe storm on Sunday afternoon the house of Amanda Johnson, colored, near the C. S. & N. Railroad, was struck by lightning. Things were torn up pretty severely within the house and Amanda was stunned by the shock. Beyond this she was not injured.

Revs. John Stout, D. W. Key and F. M. Satterwhite, all of this county, will attend the Southern Baptist Convention, which will meet in annual session at Dallas, Texas, on Thursday next. Misses Mattie and Athaland McIntosh, of Society Hill, and Miss Julia Lide, of Darlington, will also visit Dallas during the session of the Convention.

To-morrow (Friday) evening an ice cream and strawberry festival will be given in the Darlington Guards Armory by the Ladies Library Association of the Presbyterian Sunday School. There will be attractions in the afternoon for the children and refreshments will also be served them at very reasonable cost. Everybody is most cordially invited to attend both in the afternoon and at night.

MEMORIAL DAY.

The Program of the Exercises and the List of the Committees.

Next Thursday, May 10, is Memorial Day, which will be appropriately observed in Darlington as usual. The exercises will consist of music and prayer in the Methodist Church and an address at the monument by Rev. Mr. McArn, of Cheraw. This address will be the same one that Mr. McArn delivered not long since before the survivors association of Chesterfield county and which has received such wide spread praise on account of its excellence.

The procession will consist as heretofore of the Confederate survivors, the Darlington Guards and the little children. The ladies of the memorial association extend through this paper a cordial invitation to every Confederate survivor in the town and county to participate in the exercises. All the church bells will begin tolling at half past four o'clock in the afternoon, at which hour those who are to join in the procession are requested to meet at the Methodist Church, in order that the line may be formed by five o'clock, as the exercises will begin promptly at that time.

Gen. W. E. James, who will be in command of the survivors wishes all of them to meet at the Guards Armory at four o'clock in order to march to the church at the hour requested by the ladies, half-past four.

The following committees have been appointed for the occasion: Committee to decorate the monument, Mrs. H. T. Thompson, Mrs. W. J. Early, Mrs. E. T. West, Mrs. D. D. Spain, Mrs. G. E. Dargan, Miss Annie Williamson, Miss Mary Wilds, Miss Mary White, Miss Mary Zimmerman, Miss Virginia Williamson, Miss Nina Coggeshall, Miss Anna Blackwell, Mr. P. S. Wilds, Mr. W. Albert Parrott, Mr. R. E. Wilds, Mr. E. M. Wells; committee to decorate the soldiers' graves at the different churchyards, Mrs. L. V. Zimmerman, Mrs. J. G. McCall, Miss Mary Wilds, Miss Eva Charles, Miss Anna Coggeshall, Miss Florence LaCoste; committee in charge of the children, Miss Corinne Player, Miss Catherine Ashley, Mr. L. C. Glenn.

All who have flowers to donate for the purpose of decorating the soldiers' graves are requested to send them to the residence of G. W. Brown, Esq., on that day. Flowers for the decoration of the monument should be sent to the Methodist Church at ten o'clock in the morning.

Twelve doz ladies colored and black silk gloves and mitts worth 40 and 50c per pair. Your choice at 25c. L. E. Joye.

Fine teas at Parrott's.

THE COUNTY DISPENSARY.

Mr. Josey Still Holds Office and Must Sleep in the Establishment.

At a meeting of the county board of control on Saturday it was decided that Dispensary Josey should sleep in the dispensary. This was done because so many dispensaries throughout the State have been robbed since the law was declared unconstitutional. It is a curious condition that all the dispensaries retain their offices when there are no dispensaries. Governor Tillman says he is "paralyzed" and has shut up shop. Why, then, has he retained his dispensaries, and it is fair to presume that he is paying them, if his jobs are ended by the overthrow of the law? Can they be paid with their occupation gone?

The following will be sold regardless of cost: Embroideries, ribbons, children's hosiery in small sizes, colored silk parasols, black and colored silk fans, black and colored silk gloves and mitts. L. E. Joye.

Mr. Covington Reappointed.

The term of Mr. F. F. Covington, the accomplished stenographer for this Circuit, having expired, he has been reappointed for another four years by Judge Watts. This will be pleasant news to everybody in the Pee Dee section, where Mr. Covington is so well known and so much esteemed.

Java coffee for 35 cts at Parrott's.

A NOBLE MOVE.

WORK BEGUN ON THE WELSH NECK HIGH SCHOOL.

Liberal Donations Made by Friends—The School to be Opened in September.

We noticed sometime ago in these columns that the Welsh Neck Association proposed to establish a high school at Hartsville. As work has now commenced in earnest with a view to having the institution opened for the admission of pupils in September, a few facts about the school will be of interest to our readers.

At a special session of the Association held at Hartsville on March 21 a board of trustees of thirteen members was elected, as follows: J. L. Coker, president, J. J. Lawton, secretary and treasurer, Rev. J. W. Perry, Rev. D. W. Key, Rev. G. T. Gresham, R. N. Howle, Rev. N. N. Burton, Rev. C. L. Dowell, Rev. F. M. Satterwhite, W. C. Coker, of Darlington county, C. A. Smith, of Florence county, and E. J. Kennedy, of Chesterfield county. A charter of incorporation was applied for and the board proceeded at once to take necessary steps towards opening in September a first class high school for boys and girls.

A fine lot of five acres in the best part of the village of Hartsville has been donated by Major J. L. Coker and on this lot has already been planted about two hundred shade trees of choice varieties. The trees are a general contribution of the friends of the enterprise in the surrounding country. A large two-story building (the school proper), with four recitation rooms, an office for the Principal and a fine assembly room, is now in course of construction. This will be furnished with patent desks and other modern appliances and will be heated by furnace.

Mess. J. L. Coker & Co. have very generously given their hotel property, including the complete furnishings, for a boarding department for girls. This will furnish first rate accommodations for at least twenty girls besides rooms for the matron and one or more teachers. It is the intention of the trustees to provide a suitable building for the boarding of boys as soon as practicable, but in the meantime arrangements will be made, in private families and by renting houses for boys and young men who wish to live in messes, to accommodate all who will come.

The board has secured as Principal, Prof. A. Poindexter Taylor, of Virginia, a gentleman of superior culture and several years experience in teaching. He comes to the work with the best recommendations and with a purpose to help the trustees build up a school that shall furnish to the young people of the Pee Dee country satisfactory advantages for intermediate education, or for a substantial preparation for business, at rates to suit the straightened circumstances of our people. Prof. Taylor will have three assistants. Their names cannot be given now, but the negotiations pending justify the statement that these teachers will be worthy of the confidence of all patrons.

The school will fill a long felt want in the matter of education in this section and we can safely predict for it a great success.

GOOD FOR THE CLERKS.

Beginning on Tuesday Last the Stores Close at Seven O'clock.

The following card was handed us too late for publication in our last issue:

We, the undersigned merchants of Darlington, do hereby agree to close our stores at 7 o'clock, beginning on May 1, 1894, and continuing until Sept. 1, 1894, Saturdays and factory nights excepted.

Edwards & Co., Norment & Co., Coggeshall & Co., N. L. Harrell, The Book Store, E. E. Sanders, J. D. Baird, McCall & Burch, Moorhead, Cox & Co., Blackwell Bros., Brunson, Lunn & Co., L. E. Joye, S. A. Woods & Co., Woods & Milling.

Ladies' summer undervests at 5 and 10c. L. E. Joye.

THE MERRY DANCERS.

The Young People Gather at a Pleasant Entertainment.

The young people gave one of their parties, which are always enjoyable, at the residence of Col. E. R. McIver on Friday night. The following are those who were in attendance: Miss Laurie Law, Miss May McCall, Miss Josephine McCall, Miss Annabel Johnson, Miss May Ervin, Miss Maggie Burch, Miss Maggie Law, Miss Nellie McCullough, Miss Marie Lide, Miss Liza Dargan, Miss Edna Dargan, Miss Mary Law, Miss Bessie Ervin, Miss Georgie Ashley, Miss Lou McIver, Miss Carrie McIver, Miss Ann McIver, Messrs J. D. Baird, T. H. Spain, R. W. Coggeshall, W. D. Coggeshall, Walter Griffin, Arthur Griffin, Willard Ragsdale, Eugene Vaughan, Emile Dargan, Archie Dargan, Walter Edwards, F. F. Martin, E. J. Lide, C. B. DuBose, W. T. Montgomery, E. D. Montgomery, Thomas DuBose, C. S. McCullough, Jr., Walter Dargan, Henry Dargan, W. P. Woodward.

Hard time prices on Domestic sewing machines; \$45 the former price, \$35 the present price, \$20 saved on each machine. McCall & Burch.

A BUSINESS CHANGE.

A New Furniture Firm—Mr. J. D. Baird to Leave Darlington.

Darlington has a new firm. Mr. J. D. Baird, who has for several years past been conducting a successful furniture business here, has formed a copartnership with Mr. B. F. Smoot for the continuance of the business. Mr. Smoot has been an accomplished clerk, late of Norment & Co., and, while the purchasing public will miss him in his old line, he will have the best wishes of everybody for success in his new business. The copartnership between these young men was begun on Tuesday. Mr. Baird will not remain in Darlington, but will remove in about six weeks to Raleigh, having been appointed State agent for North Carolina for the Fidelity Mutual Life Association. As he will retain his interest in the furniture business, his friends hope that he will come back to old Darlington frequently.

A nice assortment of gents' summer undershirts, summer drawers, handkerchiefs, hats, etc., at prices in keeping with the times. L. E. Joye.

THE DARLINGTON POSTOFFICE.

To be Removed Across the Square on Next Saturday Afternoon.

The government having given permission, the postoffice will be removed on Saturday afternoon to Gibson & Wood's building on the northwest side of the Square. The postmaster requests us to state that on account of the removal the Saturday night mail will not be opened in the regular manner, but should any persons be expecting important letters that night they may get their mail by making personal application to the postmaster. By Monday morning the office will be in regular running order again. A large number of new lock boxes of the most improved style has been ordered. These boxes will be open by the word combination instead of by use of a key, which will be a great convenience to the box holder.

CALLED TO FLORIDA.

The Presbyterians of Ocala Want the Services of Rev. J. G. Law.

On Monday Rev. J. G. Law received notice that he had been called to the pastorate of the First Presbyterian Church at Ocala, Fla. He has not yet decided whether or not he will accept, but should he do so he will have to obtain the consent of the church here and this Presbyterian. Mr. Law has been pastor of the Presbyterian Church at this place for fifteen years and is dearly beloved by all of our people irrespective of denominational feeling. Should he decide to leave, we shall regret exceedingly to part with him, and so good a man as he cannot but carry with him the best wishes of all of us. Ocala is a city of considerable size and affords a large field for a pastor's noble work.

POSTPONING PEACE.

THE QUESTION OF LIQUOR CONTINUES UNSETTLED.

The State Authorities Block the Way—They Seem Not Anxious for a Settlement.

Since the dispensary law was declared unconstitutional, everything about the liquor question has been involved in so much uncertainty that no one knows how the matter stands. Some think we have prohibition, some free liquor, while others claim that the old license system prevails. The question is treated differently in the different cities and towns of the State. Several municipalities have passed ordinances prohibiting the sale of liquor, others have licensed the bars and still a large number have done nothing. This uncertain condition has brought forth one result. There are

NO MORE BLIND TIGERS.

At almost every place in the State the tiger has opened both eyes and is now selling liquor publicly. He is no longer a timid animal and does not endeavor to work in concealment. The open way in which liquor is sold reminds one of the old days of the period antedating the inauguration of the dispensary system.

Those who are engaged in the sale of liquor are made more bold by Governor Tillman forbidding trial justices from arresting them. His action will not be approved by the prohibitionists for it encourages free and unrestricted traffic in liquor. As will be seen by the further perusal of this article the State authorities will take no step towards preventing or restricting the sale of intoxicants and, therefore, except where the municipal government interferes, anybody who wishes to do so may sell the stuff.

THE GOVERNOR SUBMISSIVE.

From this chaos of doubt, uncertainty and apprehension as to the final outcome, everybody wishes to be freed. The Governor is the perplexing figure in the drama. There is much speculation as to the real intention of our Chief Magistrate. Judging from the little he has had to say on the subject since the decision was rendered and taking his remarks on the whole one would think that he will quietly submit to the law as construed by the Supreme Court. He has certainly said as much.

But as to his motives for being so submissive opinions differ. His admirers say that he submits because he is law abiding and a lover of order and, therefore, bows gracefully to the decision of the court. Others look at his motives differently. They think that the Governor submits because he is glad to get rid of the dispensary as it has proven too heavy a burden for him to carry.

SOME ARE SUSPICIOUS.

There are still others who will not accept either of these opinions. They do not think that submissiveness is a part of Governor Tillman's character; they do not think he is such a great respecter of law and order; nor do they believe he is tired of the dispensary. They are suspicious. While the Governor has said that he will acquiesce in the decision, they seem to see from little hints that creep out in his declaration of submission that he is up to something. They believe he is playing a waiting game and when the time becomes ripe he will show his hand.

WHAT THE SIGNS INDICATE.

We have given impartially the different opinions that prevail in regard to the Governor's position on this all-absorbing question, without daring to venture a prediction as to which opinion will prove to be the correct one. So far as we can see now, however, the indications point to the confirmation of the belief that the Governor is playing a waiting game. There is a great eagerness on the part of the people to know exactly what is the status of the liquor matter. The question of whether the decision affects the new dispensary law, and the other questions of whether we have prohibition,

free liquor or the license system must be decided by a new case before the Supreme Court. Hence a great demand

FOR A TEST CASE

to finally settle the matter and relieve the uncertainty has been made all over the State. But herein becomes stronger the belief that the State authorities are playing a waiting game. They do not seem to want a test case just now. Such a case was made in Florence last week, but the State authorities blocked it and kept it from going to the Supreme Court. Had this case gone to that tribunal we should now be relieved of our present unsatisfactory condition.

But to give our readers a better idea of the matter we clip the following report from Sunday's issue of the Columbia State.

The Florence Test Case.

FLORENCE, April 28.—On the 25th inst. the city council of Florence, at their regular meeting, passed an ordinance providing for the issue of licenses for the sale of liquor. The next day W. B. Rollins, having complied with all the necessary requirements prescribed by the council and having paid the license fee of \$500, received his license to retail spirituous liquors.

ROLLINS ARRESTED.

Yesterday Mr. John N. Henckle swore out a warrant against him for violating the dispensary act of 1893, by the sale of liquor. Mr. Henckle named as witnesses to the violation of the latest dispensary law by Mr. Rollins, J. E. Schouboe, Editor Clayton, of the *Reform Advocate*, the local Tillman organ, and others. Mr. Rollins was arrested by the sheriff and kept in his custody.

THE STATE BLOCKS THE WAY.

This morning Mr. C. S. Nettles, the well known Darlington attorney, left Florence for the purpose of procuring a writ of habeas corpus from the Supreme Court in Mr. Rollins's behalf, his purpose being to test the last dispensary act and to determine whether municipalities could or could not license the sale of liquor. It was hoped that by Monday, at least, Mr. Nettles might have the question before the Supreme Court and end the reign of what Governor Tillman calls "free liquor." To the surprise of our people, however, Trial Justice E. W. Loyd, who issued the warrant, received a dispatch from Attorney General Buchanan, ordering him to release Mr. Rollins from custody. This was done, and so, by the act of the administration, making a flagrant abuse of power, a settlement of the legal status of the liquor question is prevented and free liquor forced upon our people.

Comments on The Situation.

We take from Monday's issue of the *State* the following comments upon the outcome of the Florence test case:

The present remarkable condition of things with regard to the liquor traffic is exciting widespread interest. The liquor men are not hesitating to make the most of it, some sixty retail liquor licenses being issued during the past week by the revenue department. Liquor is being sold openly now just as in the days before the dispensary inquiry, but the sales are rapidly falling off. This is perhaps because it is no longer "forbidden fruit," forbidden by one whom the people considered—very justly too to all appearances—as attempting to deprive them of their inalienable rights.

WHAT THE GOVERNOR MEANS.

The action of the Governor in the Florence case explains what his instructions to trial justices mean and it also shows, so it is now generally considered, what he meant when he said he intended to make the fight in the coming political campaign on the dispensary law as enacted already. It further shows what Commissioner Traxler meant when he stated that the closing of the dispensaries would be only temporary. It is now considered that Governor Tillman's game is to block any possible case getting to the State Supreme Court; that he wishes to make the free liquor conditions so odious that political capital will be plentiful; that he wants Gary to get on the Supreme bench before any kind of a case can be brought; that this once done he will make a big campaign hurrah, get the Legislature to re-enact the law next November; then let it go to the Supreme Court and go right

ahead with the liquor business for several years at least, all means of demolishing the law being wiped away.

THE DISPENSARY ANYHOW.

A gentleman in talking on this line yesterday said he feared the result of the attempt to enforce such a law a second time, for the people are now thoroughly convinced by Chief Justice McIver's opinion that it robs them of their constitutional rights. He considers that Tillman will not care for that as he will be out of the way and leave his pet law a law—for some one else to have to enforce.

Another Test Case.

P. A. Willcox, Esq., of Florence, yesterday obtained a writ of habeas corpus for J. L. L. Brunson, charged with the illicit sale of whiskey by the mayor of Florence.

He also obtained an order requiring the mayor and city council of Florence to show cause why they should not be enjoined from issuing liquor licenses.

The hearing will be had in both cases before the Supreme Court next Monday.

ON THE DIAMOND.

A Baseball Association Organized and Now for Fine Sport.

A baseball association has been organized in Darlington and has gotten to work in a way which shows that it means business. The capital stock is \$100, a large part of which has already been paid up. The following are the officers: Dr. A. T. Baird, president and treasurer; W. J. Early, manager; E. J. Lide, secretary. The park will be located on Mr. W. J. Early's property on lower Main street, near the canning factory, and work is now in progress upon the grand stand and the fence enclosing the park. Darlington has some of the best baseball material to be found in the State and if the community will patronize the games, as it should do liberally, lots of fine sport will be given to while away the dull days of summer.

Read This Offer.

The Darlington Phosphate Company makes an important announcement to the farmers of the Pee Dee section. It has for sale 100 tons of agricultural lime fresh from the kiln. It also wishes 500 tons of sound cotton seed by May 21 and for this will exchange cotton seed meal or fertilizers or pay cash. Read the offer in another column and also the analysis of the company's fertilizers.

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