

LOCAL LACONICS.

MATTERS IN AND AROUND THE TOWN OF DARLINGTON.

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

McCall & Burch will move in their new store July 15.

Mr. and Mrs. Geo. E. Dargan are at Rawley Springs, Va.

C. A. Woods, Esq., of Marion, is on a visit to Darlington.

Mr. R. A. Dixon, of Bishopville, is on a visit to friends in Darlington.

Attend Sligh & Rucker's great removal sale, and buy summer goods at cost.

Mr. A. B. Stuckey, of Sumter, advertises for a man to run a tobacco farm.

Two tobacco prize houses are to be erected on Woods Street, opposite the residence of Dr. A. T. Baird.

Mr. C. S. Huggins, now of Roanoke, Va., has been on a visit to his friends and relatives in Darlington.

Miss Mary E. Coggeshall has been re-elected a teacher in the Rock Hill Graded Schools for the coming session.

The "Glorious Fourth" was celebrated quietly here. The banks, the government offices, and some of the stores were closed in honor of it.

Mr. L. M. Rhodes, of THE NEWS, has returned to his post after a vacation spent with friends in Augusta and in several sections of this State.

The Rev. R. W. Lide, who has been unwell for some time past, has been given two weeks' holiday by his congregation, which he is spending at Cleveland Springs.

Mr. J. T. China, who was formerly telegraph operator at the C. S. & N. depot at this place, but who now resides in Bennettsville, is in town on a visit to friends.

Mr. L. Pogram Dargan, son of Mr. Keith Dargan, who has been attending Harvard College for the past three years, graduated from that institution last week, and is now at home.

The entertainment given at Dr. R. B. R. C. Wallace's on July 4th to raise funds for sending the State's Exhibit to the Atlanta Exposition was well attended, and was a marked success in every particular.

Col. D. J. Auld, D. D. G. C., of District No. 6, will visit Darlington Lodge, No. 7, K. of P., on next Tuesday night, to promulgate the Semi-Annual password, and to install Mr. N. R. Harrell, the newly elected M. of F.

Letters addressed to the following persons remain uncalled for at the Darlington postoffice and are advertised as "dead" for the week ending July 6th: J. L. Humake, Elerby Johnson, Billie Jones, Miss Linda Cornfield.

The Township Conservative Club held a meeting on Monday to elect delegates to the County Conservative Convention which met here on the following day. Mr. L. E. Williamson was elected President of the club, vice J. C. Wilcox, deceased.

The Columbia State of Sunday says: "Mr. R. Lawton Dargan, a prominent young gentleman of Abbeville, stopped over in Columbia last week en route to his home in Darlington. Mr. Dargan is well known here and is popular in Columbia society."

A young son of Mr. O. M. Rhodes, while playing on the high trestle near the Factory on the C. & D. road a few days ago, missed his footing and fell to the ground. The fall must have been a terrible one, but, strange to say, the lad sustained no serious injury.

The Florence Times says: "Rev. R. W. Barnwell, accompanied by three of our young men, are taking a trip to Hammell's Inlet, a popular summer resort. They left Monday morning and will make the trip by private conveyance. A very pleasant time will be had."

Mr. P. P. Chambers, of Dovesville, set out three acres of tobacco on the 30th day of April from which he gathered a barn on the second day of July, and finished curing it on the 6th. He graded and sold it on July 8th for a good price, the total time from its being set out to its being sold amounting to sixty-eight days.

Mrs. Kauffman, mother of Mr. Isaac Kauffman, who clerks for I. Lewenthal, died suddenly on the morning of July 5, at her home in New York City. She had been very sick, but had been pronounced out of danger by the doctors. Mrs. Kauffman was a sister of Messrs. Isaac and Samuel Lewenthal, Mr. Kauffman and the Messrs. Lewenthal left for New York as soon as they received the sad intelligence.

Tobacco Growers' Association.

Owing to the fact that the Democratic Primary Election will be held on the last Tuesday in July, the meeting of the Tobacco Growers' Association will be held on Tuesday the 23rd. The topics for discussion will be curing and proper care of tobacco after curing, including grading.

W. E. JAMES, President. BRIGHT WILLIAMSON, Secretary.

Darlington at the Exposition.

Col. E. L. Roche, the Commissioner in charge of the State's exhibit at Atlanta, was here yesterday, and conferred with those interested in the matter in regard to having Darlington tobacco represented at the Exposition. It is proposed to place in a prominent place at the Exposition a miniature tobacco barn, with flues and everything complete, the sides to be of glass, and the interior to be filled with Darlington County tobacco.

Inspection of The Darlington Guards.

The Darlington Guards were inspected on the Square yesterday afternoon by Lieutenant Colonel Bruce, Assistant Adjutant and Inspector General of the State. They turned out thirty-nine men, rank and file. The enlistment roll as signed by the Company last January and filed in the Adjutant General's office was called over. Three of the men present having joined the Company since the roll was originally made up, their names did not appear on it, and they were thereupon admitted to it by the inspecting officer.

Does it Pay?

Does advertising in THE NEWS pay? Well, we would not like to make too positive an assertion on the subject, but we do not mind mentioning a little incident in connection with it. A gentleman who found a gold chain recently put an advertisement in these columns enquiring for the owner, but without describing the chain. We do not know how many people read that advertisement, (their number probably runs up into the thousands), but we do know that no less than nine persons who have recently lost gold chains called at this office to see the one we had advertised.

A "Hustling Firm".

Messrs. Sligh & Rucker have an advertisement in this issue announcing that, preparatory to their removal to their new quarters, and in order to facilitate it, they are now offering the balance of their summer stock at prices ranging from cost, in some instances, to far below cost in others. This is a veritable opportunity to secure bargains, and the people of the Town and County, the ladies in particular, will doubtless avail themselves of it to the fullest possible extent. Messrs. Sligh & Rucker, as already stated in these columns, are having the two adjoining stores in the Hewitt building now occupied by J. D. Baird and McCall & Burch renovated and fitted up for their occupancy the coming season. This enterprising firm have "made things hustle" in the business world of Darlington during the few months they have been with us, and we predict that they will be heard from further, and in no uncertain way, in the enlarged and improved quarters into which they will remove their stock on Aug. 1.

The Cleveland Springs Excursion.

Citizens who accompany the Darlington Guards to Cleveland Springs on Aug. 3 will be given board at the hotel at the rate of \$6 a week, the regular rate being \$10. The round trip ticket, good for fifteen days, will cost \$5; the regular summer excursion ticket from Darlington to Cleveland Springs and return costs \$8.40. This will show that the trip is the cheapest one ever offered the people of Darlington; that it will be a most enjoyable one goes without saying. The railroad connection between here and Cleveland Springs is very bad this season. A stop over has to be made at Hamlet for a whole night. To obviate this, the Darlington Guards will run a special train from here early in the morning to connect with the train for Cleveland Springs. This, therefore, will be the only opportunity that the people of Darlington will have this season of getting to Cleveland the same day they leave here, and without even a change of cars. While the excursionists will be expected to go together, all on the same train, they need not return together, but can come back as they please, on any regular train, and at any time within the fifteen days. Such an opportunity as this is rarely offered. The Cleveland waters are fully equal to those of the Greenbrier White Sulphur. A two weeks' use of them at this season will build up the most "run down" constitution for a year to come.

Death of Mrs. McCallman.

(Continued.)

Mrs. J. C. McCallman, nee Catherine LeCora Dove, departed this life on July 1st, in the forty-eighth year of her age. She leaves a husband, eight children and many relatives and friends to mourn her loss; but they have the comforting assurance, from her own lips, that she has gone to that better land "where the wicked cease from troubling, and the weary are at rest." The husband and children would avail themselves of this opportunity of returning heartfelt thanks for the untiring kindness which has been shown them by their friends.

Attend Sligh & Rucker's great removal sale, and buy summer goods at cost.

Fruit jars and jelly tumblers: G. O. Mertz.

Not a Reform Organ

Editor, Columbia Register:

In your issue of yesterday, in an interview with Mr. D. H. Traxler, he is reported as saying that the Timmonsville Enterprise is a Reform paper. How the facts, known to Mr. Traxler, could have been twisted into anything resembling such a statement is only a matter of conjecture to me, for on several occasions I informed him that the Enterprise would be non-political. Please do me the kindness to correct this erroneous report and oblige.

Yours respectfully, J. W. RAGSDALE, Editor, Enterprise, Timmonsville, July 5.

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Darlington Agricultural Society.

The annual meeting of the Darlington Agricultural Society will be held at the Fair Grounds on Tuesday, August 13, at 11 A. M. Subjects: "Diversified Farming, or Diversity of Crops;" Chairman, J. J. Lawton; E. R. Rogers, E. L. Gray; "How far Can Tobacco be Made to Take the place of Cotton as a Money Crop?" Chairman, M. S. Haynsworth, B. F. Williamson, D. M. Smoo, S. B. Gandy, Paul Whipple; "Causes of the Decline in Agriculture, and Remedies Therefor;" Chairman, Edward E. Evans, J. L. Coker, J. J. Lucas, W. C. Coker, J. J. Ward, Dr. W. B. Burney, of the South Carolina College, has been invited to be present and address the Society on the most economical way of feeding stock. By resolutions passed by the Society years ago, every white farmer in Darlington County was made a member of it, and all are invited to be present.

By order of the President: A. A. GANDY, Secretary.

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An Enjoyable Entertainment.

[Reported for THE NEWS.]

The entertainment given at the residence of Mr. B. Fields on Friday evening, June 18th, was quite a success. The stage was very beautifully decorated, and comfortable seats were prepared for the audience. The following was the programme: "Welcome;" Vocal Duet, "Beautiful Moonlight;" "The Bachelor's Sale;" Miss Sadie Fields; Piano Duet, "Golden Clouds;" "Uncle Nathan's Creed;" Luther Fields; Piano Solo, "Myosotis Waltz;" Jimmy Butler and the Owl;" W. H. Fields; Vocal Solo, "Bells of Seville;" "The Peri;" Recitation and Pantomime; Quartette, "Fairy Footsteps Gently Falling;" "Moneymusk;" Miss Driggers; Piano Duet, "Tripping Through the Daises;" "Nearer my God to Thee;" Song and Pantomime; "Bald-Headed Men;" Rosa Fields; Quartette, "Come Where the Lilies Bloom;" "How Bones Stole a Duck;" W. H. Fields; Piano Solo, "Chanson Des Alpes;" "Queen Vashti's Lament;" Miss Driggers; "An Ethiopian Farce;" A. E. Driggers, W. H. Fields and Tommie Rinehart.

The music, both vocal and instrumental, occupied a very prominent part in the exercises, and was very fine indeed. It was given principally by Miss Driggers and Miss Rosa Fields. The music by Miss Fields certainly reflected great credit on herself and her teacher. The Pantomimes "The Peri" and "Nearer my God to Thee" were also very gracefully rendered by Miss Fields. A special feature of the evening were the recitations of Miss Driggers. I will venture the assertion that the audience never heard better ones. The music for the Quartettes, "Fairy Footsteps Gently Falling" and "Come Where the Lilies Bloom," was furnished by Mrs. Dr. Wallace. Refreshments were served during the evening. Upon the whole the exercises were fine, and were highly enjoyed by all present.

The Conservative Convention.

(Reported for THE NEWS.)

A convention of the Conservatives of Darlington County was held in the Court House on Tuesday, which was called to order by Mr. W. F. Dargan, who read the call which had been previously published. Dr. A. T. Baird was made temporary Secretary. A committee of three was appointed on credentials, consisting of Messrs. E. R. McIver, J. W. Coker and J. A. DuBose, who reported that nine townships were represented, making a majority of the townships in the county. Maj. J. J. Lucas was then elected permanent Chairman, and Mr. Geo. H. McKee, Secretary. The resignation of W. D. Coker as the member from this County of the State Executive Committee of the Conservatives was accepted. Mr. W. F. Dargan was then elected to succeed him. Motion prevailed that a committee of three be appointed by the chair, who should confer with the Reformers and see if an equal division of untrammelled delegates to the Constitutional Convention can be had. The chair appointed Messrs. E. R. McIver, W. F. Dargan and A. T. Baird, as such committee. Motion prevailed that this committee be instructed to report the result of the conference to the County Executive Committee of the Conservatives, and that the committee have full power to take such action as they may see fit in regard to naming conservative delegates, in case their proposition is agreed to. The County Conservative Executive Committee will meet July 15th. The following resolution was adopted: "That we, the Conservatives of Darlington County, will go into the primary only upon an equal division of untrammelled delegates." Delegates to this convention were requested to let it be known in their respective neighborhoods what was the action of the convention as regards a division of delegates, and also in regard to going into the primary. The convention then adjourned.

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For iced tea, try Chase & Sanborn's "Orloff" brand; 70 cents per pound; G. O. Mertz.

The Lodge of Sorrow.

(Reported for THE NEWS.)

On Tuesday night, July 9th, 1895, being the year 5895 of Masonry, a Lodge of Sorrow was held in the town of Darlington in memory of deceased brothers, F. E. Norment and Jas. O. Wilcox. Tickets were issued to the friends of the Lodge, St. David's, No. 72, A. F. M., and at the appointed hour, 8.30 o'clock, the Army of the Darlington Guards, where the ceremony was to take place, was filled. The procession entered the hall in the following order: Royal Society of Good Fellows, Knights of Honor, American Legion of Honor, Knights of Pythias, Deputations from Sister Masonic Lodges, St. David's Lodge bringing up the rear headed by two Stewards with white rods. During the approach of the procession Pleyels Hymn was played by the orchestra consisting of Piano, Violin and Cornet. According to Masonic law the door was then closed and tyled by G. A. Bland, the Tyler of St. David's Lodge. The Eastern Chair was occupied by the Worshipful Master of the Lodge, W. E. James, D. D. G. M. The other officers present who took part in the ceremony were, A. F. Northcutt, S. W.; P. B. Allen, J. W.; J. L. Michie, Secretary; H. Hennig, Acting Treasurer; H. Blount, S. D.; I. S. Sanford, J. D., Brothers Butler and Terry Stewards; G. A. Bland, Tyler.

The Lodge being opened, the Chaplain, Rev. R. A. Child, was requested to lead in prayer. A selected Male Quartette consisting of Messrs. Pegues and James, tenors, and Messrs. Wilds and Edwards, basses, with violin, cornet and piano accompaniment, sang the beautiful hymn "Lead Kindly Light." The address of the Worshipful Master came next, and a very impressive and instructive one it was. A most beautiful instrumental piece was then rendered by piano, cornet and violin, after which the reading from Holy Writ by the Chaplain was listened to with great attention, and as he spoke of the soul going out into the land of darkness, the lights were suddenly extinguished, leaving but a glimmering taper in the east, west and south, which served only to show more plainly the gloom with which we are surrounded. Just then the soft notes of the hymn "Nearer my God to Thee" came floating over the assembly, and the solemn tones of the bell were heard tolling the midnight hour. The question came from the Worshipful Master, "Brother Senior Warden, in this hour of darkness, what shall we do?" The answer came, "Look to the Au-

thor of all good." A prayer was then offered by the Chaplain, after which the Worshipful Master asked Senior and Junior Wardens to join him in decorating the catafalque. The solemn procession marched around carrying the emblems of the Order, and, beginning with the Junior Warden, the tomb was decorated with flowers and evergreens, the officers making appropriate remarks.

The Chaplain, approaching near the Catafalque, read a second selection from the Bible amid a silence that was eloquent. At the conclusion of the reading the room was again flooded with light, and the orchestra burst forth in the inspiring strains of the Marseilles Hymn. A Masonic address was then made by Mr. J. L. Michie, in which a brief history of the Masonic order was given, telling of the antiquity of its origin and the great good it had done in the world, charity being the corner stone of the arch. The speaker made a very touching reference to the dead in whose honor this lodge had convened. After music by the choir the first speaker was introduced, Mr. G. W. Brown who delivered an eloquent eulogy upon Mr. F. E. Norment, a deceased brother of St. David's Lodge. Mr. J. M. Johnson followed with a eulogy on Dr. J. C. Wilcox, which he delivered with his accustomed grace and effectiveness. After these addresses there came more music, and then the closing exercises by the Master and Wardens. A prayer and benediction were made by the Chaplain, and the Worshipful Master declared the session of the Lodge of Sorrow closed. The hall was filled during the ceremonies with a select audience, both of ladies and gentlemen, and throughout there was a solemnity befitting the occasion.

Fresh line of candy received weekly at Sims & Young's.

Attend Sligh & Rucker's great removal sale, and buy summer goods at cost.

Try a small "Continental" ham at 12 1/2 cents per pound; G. O. Mertz.

PHILADELPHIA.

Mr. John Siekron and daughter visited relatives here last Sunday.

Curing tobacco has commenced, and some of the boys are having to hustle.

Mr. Leonard Pipkin, formerly of this place, but now a resident of Florida, made a short visit here last week.

On Friday, the 5th inst., Mr. George Simms was instantly killed at Mr. W. R. S. Lawson's, his head being caught in a brick mill which crushed his skull and broke his neck. The affair was purely accidental, and greatly deplored by Mr. Lawson's family. Mr. Simms was a young man well thought of by all who knew him, and the family has the sympathy of the community.

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Fresh banquet wafer; G. O. Mertz.

Reciprocity.

The Cheraw correspondent of the News and Courier says:

"Some of Cheraw's merchants are selling Darlington smoking tobacco, while some of the Darlington merchants are selling Cheraw socks. An interchange of the manufactured products of neighboring towns is a pleasant way of developing the resources of the State and at the same time serves to bring about a spirit of enterprise and good feeling in the different towns.

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We have received from Cadet R. McLendon, of Clemson College, an invitation to attend the joint debate between the Columbian and Palmetto Literary Societies of that institution on the 19th inst.

FOR DYSPEPSIA, Indigestion, and Stomach Disorders, take BROWN'S IRON BITTERS. It is pleasant, cures Bile, Indigestion, Biliousness, Liver Complaints and Neuralgia.

LADIES Needing a tonic, or children who want building up, should take BROWN'S IRON BITTERS. It is pleasant, cures Bile, Indigestion, Biliousness, Liver Complaints and Neuralgia.

Notice of Sale.

UNDER AND BY VIRTUE OF A Bill of Sale made to me by W. R. Killen, of Darlington County, dated the 29th day of January, A. D. 1892, and recorded in the office of R. M. C. for Darlington County in Book 10, page 270, I will offer for sale to the highest bidder for cash at the court house door at Darlington at 12 o'clock M., on Monday, the 29th day of July, 1895, the following described property to wit: One Grey Mare, One One-horse Wagon, H. B. ROSE, Mortgagee. July 11-24.

BIG REMOVAL SALE now going on at SLIGH & RUCKER'S

We have just taken our annual inventory, and find that the result of our past business has been very satisfactory. We will now give our friends and patrons the opportunity of buying all summer goods at cost.

On Aug. 1 we will MOVE into the two stores in the Hewitt building now occupied by J. D. Baird and McCall & Burch, which are to be renovated and nicely fitted up for our business. SLIGH & RUCKER.