

## LOCAL LAONICS.

### MATTERS IN AND AROUND THE TOWN OF DARLINGTON.

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

McCall & Burch have moved in their new store.

There was a picnic at Garner's Mill on Saturday last.

Mr. Abram Sydnor has returned from a trip to Saluda.

Mr. T. C. Jeffords, Jr., advertises tobacco hogsheads for sale at \$1.25 each.

R. W. Boyd, Esq., went to Charleston last week on professional business.

Dr. W. B. McGirt has been quite sick. He is out again, though he is still very unwell.

Mr. J. D. Rast has been elected principal of the Graded Schools at Rockingham, N. C.

The County Alliance is to hold a meeting at Flinn's Cross Roads on Saturday, August 17.

Mr. K. D. Lucas has opened a grocery store in the building recently occupied by Mr. I. Koppel.

George W. Brown, Esq., has returned from a two weeks' vacation spent at his old home at Lancaster.

Mr. E. S. Howle and Miss Anna Coggeshall will clerk for McCall & Burch this fall, beginning Sept. 1.

Prof. A. Poindexter Taylor will lecture on the subject of education at Lamar on next Sunday night.

The Rev. D. M. Fulton will preach at the Springville Sunday school building at 5 o'clock on Sunday afternoon.

Mr. R. E. James have gone to Glenn Springs. He will go from there to Cleveland, to join the Darlington Guards.

Mr. and Mrs. George W. Dargan and Mr. and Mrs. Geo. E. Dargan have returned from a trip to Rawley Springs, Va.

Mr. P. Bishop Parrott, of Washington, D. C., is on a visit to his relatives and many friends in Darlington County.

Mr. J. M. James has opened a grocery store at his stand on the Public Square, next door to Mrs. M. J. Byrd's millinery establishment.

Miss Bettie Cain, a sister-in-law of Mr. L. I. Parrott, has been employed as a clerk by Messrs. Sligh & Rucker. She will begin on Sept. 1.

Mr. R. H. Tredway, Jr., of the firm of Sydnor & Tredway, tobacco warehousemen, has returned from an extended visit to relatives in Virginia.

The game of base ball played between the Swift Creek and Darlington teams on Friday last resulted in a victory for Darlington by a score of 15 to 0.

A young man, well known and popular in Darlington, who has had ten years' experience in clerking here, advertises that he wants to obtain a situation.

Young Mr. Burgess, who has been clerking for Mr. H. M. Smith for the past year, has joined the United States Army, and has been sent to serve in Wyoming.

Mr. C. S. McCullough, Jr., has returned from a six weeks' visit to relatives in the upper part of the State. He will work for the Oil Mill at Bennettsville again this season.

Prof. T. L. Cottin, principal of the Mayo School, is conducting a summer school at the academy, which is attended by sixteen pupils. He also teaches a night class there composed of ten pupils.

Mr. R. W. Coggeshall has gone for a two weeks' vacation to the mountains of North Carolina. His brother, Mr. J. R. Coggeshall, has charge of the express office during the former's absence.

The tobacco hogshead factory of Messrs. Burch & Booker, located on the lot of Mr. W. J. Early, beyond the C. S. & N. railroad, has been equipped with a steam outfit with a capacity of 500 barrels a week.

Dr. P. E. Griffin has purchased the Beck residence, on Cashua Street, and has moved into it. Mr. T. E. Sligh will move his family into the McFall residence, on Broad St., made vacant by the removal of Dr. Griffin, today.

We have been requested to call attention to the fact that there are several large and very dangerous holes in Lide's Bridge, across Black Creek, and that Hood's Bridge, which crosses the same stream, is also in a very bad condition.

The Rev. R. W. Lide has returned from his visit to Cleveland Springs and filled his pulpit on Sunday last. Mr. Lide was very much pleased with Cleveland, particularly with the water and the fare, both of which he says are fine.

The Editor of THE NEWS has received an invitation to attend the marriage of Miss Hannah Mann and Mr. Iadore Koppel, which will take place in the rooms formerly occupied by the Darlington Club, on Wednesday evening, Aug. 14, at 8 o'clock.

Messrs. Schultz & Bro., merchants, of Newberne, N. C., who are also in business at Kingston, N. C., have decided to open another branch at Darlington, and have rented for that purpose the Nachman store, which Sligh & Rucker are just leaving.

Mr. J. M. Stterson, who recently rented the Arlington Hotel, has closed up that establishment and returned to his former home in Rockingham, N. C. Mr. Hodges, of the Enterprise Hotel, has leased the Arlington, but will keep it closed for the present.

A meeting of the stockholders of the Pee Dee Compress Company will be held at the office of Mr. Bright Williamson, the secretary of the Company, on Monday next, for the purpose of electing a new Board of Directors, and attending to other important matters.

Monday will be salesday, and the recently appointed Master for this county will make his first official sales on that day—two land sales. The Sheriff will also make some tax sales, five of land and seven of personal property. The Clerk will not make any sales on that day.

Mr. George Walsh, who was formerly superintendent of the phosphate works here, but who now has charge of a similar industry in Temple, Texas, was married at Marion on Thursday last to Miss Sue Dickson, a sister of Mr. W. G. Dickson of this place. Mr. and Mrs. Walsh will reside in Texas.

Mr. A. Shipp Pegues, instructor in Latin and Greek in the South-western University, of Georgetown, Texas, is on a visit to his brother, Mr. Frank Pegues. He has been ill for seven weeks with typhoid fever, but his many friends hope that he will now be fully restored to his usual health.

The new advertisement of the South Carolina College is published in this issue. This noble institution, which must be ever dear to the heart of every true South Carolinian, has just past through a year of unexampled prosperity, and has even a brighter outlook ahead of it for the coming session.

Dr. A. H. Hayden will shortly move with his family to the residence of the late Dr. Horace Williamson, in Mechanicsville Township, where he will take up the latter's practice. Dr. Hayden is an accomplished gentleman and a skilful physician, and will doubtless meet with marked success in his new field of labor.

Letters addressed to the following persons remain uncalled for at the Darlington postoffice, and are advertised as "dead" for the week ending July 29th: Messrs. E. M. Maize, D. W. McCall, Wesley Blyther, George Aron, W. T. Pool; Miss Hannah Law, Miss Ada Wilson, Miss Eliza Tillman, Miss J. H. McClaughan, Miss Janie Washington.

Mr. J. D. Baird moved his furniture store on Monday to the stand on the south side of the Square which had been prepared for him. Messrs. McCall and Burch having already moved to their new stand, the two stores in the Hewitt Block are now being arranged for Messrs. Sligh & Rucker, who will move into them as soon as they are finished.

Mr. Samuel J. Parker, who enlisted in the United States Army from this place in 1893, and who is now stationed at New Orleans, has recently been appointed a corporal in his company. Mr. Parker says that at the expiration of the year which he still has to serve he is coming back to Darlington, but only for the purpose of paying a brief visit to his friends and relatives.

The Atlantic Coast Line now has on sale Sunday excursion tickets to Sullivan's Island at \$3 for the round-trip, including the ferry boat charges between Charleston and the Island. These tickets are on sale every Saturday afternoon, and are good until the following Monday. Round trip season tickets to Pawley's Island are also on sale again this year, the price of them being \$4.90.

The Darlington Guards are to have a lecture course at their Armory the coming winter that will attract considerable attention. Among those with whom they have already entered into written contracts are Gen. John B. Gordon and Rev. Sam P. Jones. The former will be here in December and the latter in February. Full information concerning their visits will be given in these columns from time to time.

### Improving the Looks of the Square.

The brick block on the east side of the Public Square, comprising the stores of Miss Maggie Jones, McCall & Burch, S. A. Woods & Co. and Sligh & Rucker, is being painted and is being very much improved thereby. Miss Maggie Jones' and McCall & Burch's new establishments, both in the same building, have just had a new glass front put in, which improves the looks of that part of the Square wonderfully.

### Watermelons for Northern Markets.

Messrs. L. S. Welling, W. F. Dargan and W. W. Cooley, who raised watermelons here for the northern markets this season, have shipped twenty-five car loads of melons to Philadelphia in the last ten days, and five car-loads to Boston. Mr. Welling went to Philadelphia to handle the melons, but the market at that place being overstocked, he telegraphed that no more must be sent there; so the balance of the crop will be sent to Boston.

### The Guards' New Uniforms.

The Darlington Guards are certainly in luck. The handsome new uniforms given the company by the United States government have arrived and are much admired. The men will have an opportunity of wearing them on the trip to Cleveland Springs next week. The indications are, by-the-way, from the number of enquiries that are being made concerning the Cleveland Springs excursion, that a large number of our people are going on it.

### "Harvest Day" Exhibition at Ebenezer.

"Harvest Day" will be celebrated at Ebenezer on the 15th of August. A service of praise will be held in the old his-oric church. A picnic will be given in the grove at Ebenezer station, and the ladies of the Memorial Association will serve ice cream, the proceeds derived therefrom to go to their fund, which is used for keeping up the cemetery. In the evening the young people will gather at some convenient residence, where the time will be spent in various amusements.

### Religious Meetings at Hartsville.

The Rev. J. W. Perry is being assisted in the work of carrying on the protracted meeting at the Baptist Church at Hartsville by the Rev. Mr. Shublett, and not the Rev. W. L. Kessler, as was reported in these columns last week. Another meeting is being carried on in the Presbyterian Church at that place by the Rev. Mr. Dagnall, assisted by the Revs. D. M. Fulton, of this place, and W. O. Hodges, of Cheraw. Great interest is being manifested, the stores all being closed during the services.

### "The Lloyds."

Mr. J. Bart White, representing the South and North American Lloyds, and the New York and Chicago Lloyds, of New York City, the associations which have done so much towards reducing the cost of insurance in this country, advertises that he is prepared to write all classes of fire insurance at extremely low rates, and that he expects to make a specialty of insuring tobacco barns and gin-houses. Capt. Paul Whipple lost a tobacco barn last week that was insured in these companies, and Mr. White says that settlement of the same is to be made promptly.

### Arrested the Adjutant-General.

Quite an amusing incident occurred in Columbia last week, while the Captain of the Darlington Guards was calling at the Adjutant-General's office to obtain from him some of the supplies necessary for the Cleveland Springs encampment. Among other things, some blank cartridges were asked for. Gen. Watts said he had none on hand, but being reminded of the fact that Gatling gun cartridges would fit the Springfield rifle used by the militia, he sent for one of them, and went down into the basement of the State house armed with a rifle to try it. The report of the rifle as Gen. Watts fired it off awoke the echoes, and resounded through the building at a terrible rate, causing many people to think that an effort had been made to blow up the Capitol with dynamite. A crowd quickly gathered; a policeman came up and arrested the Adjutant and Inspector-General and summoned him to appear at Mayor's Court the following morning to answer to a charge of violating ordinances concerning the use of fire-arms within the corporate limits of the city.

In order to reduce our stock of Oxford ties, (Burt's goods excepted), we will sell them at cost for cash. This line consists of ladies', misses' and children's Oxfords, in all colors and styles, at popular prices; Woods & Milling.

### A Delightful Dance.

A dance was given on Monday evening at the residence of Mr. C. S. McCullough, complimentary to the Philamonic Club. Everybody spent a most delightful evening. The following young ladies and gentlemen were present: Misses Sanders, of Sumter, Louise Williamson, Nellie McCullough, Louise Ward, Bertie Wardlaw, Lizzie Rast, Eliza Dargan, Sallie McCall, of Florence, Helen McIver, of Charleston, Irene Charles, of Timmonsville, Ann McIver, Miss Douglas, of Florence, and Miss Powe, of Cheraw; and Messrs. A. S. Dargan, D. F. McCullough, P. H. Edwards, R. E. Coker, A. L. Dantler, J. W. Williamson, H. H. Brand, C. H. Hewitt, H. H. Garner, W. W. Garner, E. H. Griffin, A. M. Griffin, E. M. McCown, C. S. McCullough Jr., B. Edwards, W. E. James Jr., T. F. James and E. Vaughan. The German was gracefully led by Mr. Archie Dargan and Miss Helen McIver.

### Delegates to The Constitutional Convention.

[Darlington Cor., Columbia Register.] The only delegates so far announced for the constitutional convention are all Reformers. There was some attempt at a divide, but the Conservatives refused to accept any offer at all other than that they would be allowed to name from the Reform ranks the men to be associated with them on the ticket. Of course this was refused.

Mayor Dargan tells me that he does not think there will be any fight on the part of his party, but of course he cannot say anything about the negro. It is rumored here that they will put a ticket in the field. The purport of Mayor Dargan's language is that the negroes will receive very little help from their party, if any at all.

The ticket now out is as follows: H. C. Burn, J. N. Parrott, J. O. A. Moore and A. J. A. Perritt. All are good men.

As stated above I do not think there is any doubt but that they will go to the convention. Mr. Perritt and Mr. Burn are considered conservative men, while Mr. Moore and Mr. Parrott are extremely pronounced in their politics. The first two men named, Burn and Perritt, are very acceptable to the Conservatives, while Mr. Moore and Mr. Parrott are not so acceptable, caused by their being so pronounced in their views. All of this I have heard on the streets.

### "All Aboard for Cleveland Springs."

Owing to unavoidable circumstances, it has been found necessary to postpone for four days the excursion to Cleveland Springs, but it will leave positively on Wednesday morning, Aug. 7, at 6.30 o'clock. There will be no change of cars between Darlington and the Springs. The special train from Darlington will be attached to the regular train of the Seaboard Air Line at Wadesboro, and will reach the Springs in time for dinner. Parties desiring to take the excursion train along the line of the Cheraw & Darlington railroad must purchase their tickets in advance from the Captain of the Darlington Guards. Though run under the auspices of that organization, they make nothing out of the excursion, their desire being simply to afford their friends an opportunity of taking a most delightful trip at the smallest possible outlay. The actual expenses of the trip, (that is, including the two items of board and railroad fare, and not including hack fare, meals that may be taken on the way, &c.,) amount to \$15 each for military men in uniform for the two weeks, and \$17 for citizens. Those who go for less than the two weeks will, of course, pay even less, in proportion to their stay. Such an opportunity as this has never before been offered the people of Darlington. "A wonderfully cheap trip," is the comment of everyone who has heard of it. The waters of Cleveland Springs are fully equal to those of the Greenbrier White Sulphur. A two weeks' course of them is worth a good many dozen bottles of physic, and will save many a dollar's worth of doctor's bills, building up as they do for another season's labors the most depleted and overworked system. Efforts are now being made to charter a special train from Wadesboro to Darlington on Aug. 21. This will obviate the necessity of having to lie over at Wadesboro on the return trip, and will make the excursion an ideal one in every respect. Remember the date—Wednesday next, Aug. 7.

"Mamma, was that a sugar-plum you just gave me?" asked little Mabel. "No, dear, it was one of Dr. Ayer's Pills." "Please, may I have another?" "Not now, dear; one of those nice pills is all you need at present, because every dose is effective."

### RIVERDALE.

Miss Leila Smoot is visiting the family of her uncle, Mr. John Bell, in Williamsburg County.

Miss Carrie Siskron is spending some time with Miss Sallie Gray in the Philadelphia neighborhood.

Mr. and Mrs. R. Hay, accompanied by their little daughter Susie, visited friends at Oats last week.

We had a very nice rain last Sunday afternoon, which was of great benefit to the corn and cotton crops.

Misses Annie Owen and Maud Hunter, who have been visiting relatives in this section, returned to their home in Florence last week.

A tobacco barn belonging to Capt. Paul Whipple was destroyed by fire during the process of curing last Saturday morning. The heat from the fire also destroyed some tobacco in the field which was growing in close proximity to the barn.

### SOCIETY HILL.

Miss Mary Lucas has returned home.

Miss Juanita McCall, of Monroe, N. C., is the guest of Miss Edith Gandy.

A dance was given last Monday evening at the residence of Mr. Blackman.

Misses Ida and Emma Easterling, of Marlboro, are visiting the family of Mr. J. C. Lampley.

An agricultural society was organized here recently, of which Mr. John Witherspoon was elected president and Major J. J. Lucas, secretary. The meetings will be held on the last Friday in each month.

### JASPER.

Several young ladies from Darlington have been in our community.

A series of meetings will be held at Lake Swamp, commencing the first Sunday in September.

Mr. R. L. Wilson says he has a few acres of corn planted about the middle of June which is very fine. Corn crops generally are looking well, also rice.

Tobacco curing is being well attended to. We can boast of four barns within three hundred yards, owned by Mr. Stephens and Messrs. E. F. and G. R. Sansbury.

### PHILADELPHIA.

Mr. J. P. Clements, of Oats, is visiting in this community.

Mr. and Mrs. R. Hay and their daughter, Sadie, of Riverdale, paid a visit here last week.

On Sunday morning last death relieved the sufferings of the invalid child of Mr. and Mrs. L. B. DuBose.

According to the announcement, Prof. A. J. A. Perritt addressed the Sunday School at this place on last Sunday, delivering a very able discourse, and taking for his subject such characters as impede the progress of the Sunday School.

### CLYDE.

Our crops are suffering for want of rain.

The new bridge at New Market is almost finished.

Capt. E. W. Cannon has the finest tobacco we have seen this year.

Several of the Kellytown tobacco farmers have commenced curing.

We are having a good Sunday School and Prayer meeting at New Market.

Dr. Maxey and Mr. Will Lee, of Lydia, spent several days here recently.

### HOPEWELL.

Mrs. E. C. Huggins has gone to Florence to visit friends.

Mrs. R. McLendon, of Florence, visited relatives here last week.

Almost every farmer of this section has a tobacco crop this year, and curing the leaf is the order of the day with us at present. Master Cloudy Conner, twelve years of age, has just cured a barn of tobacco for his father: it is pronounced excellent by several experts. The barn was under his exclusive management during the process.

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

### SOUTH CAROLINA COLLEGE.

SESSION BEGINS SEPT. 24TH. Ten Regular Courses, with Diplomas. Special Courses, with Certificates. Board, \$8 a month. Total necessary expenses for the year (exclusive of traveling, clothing and books), from \$113 to \$153. Women admitted to all Classes. For further information, address the President, JAMES WOODROW, Columbia, S. C.

# 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.