

WELSH DAYS.

HARTSVILLE ENTERTAINS HER GUESTS IN A ROYAL WAY.

Base Ball, Commencement Exercises and Other Amusements.—Society Hill Victorious.

Commenting on last Wednesday, May 7th, Hartsville was on a boom regarding May festivities, base ball contests and commencement exercises. A base ball contest had been in contemplation for some time and last week Hartsville "went down for two straights" before Society Hill, though she won a game from Bishopville on Wednesday, assisted by the Darlington players who figured so prominently in effecting Hartsville's defeat on the two following days.

The first day's playing was not marked by any very excellent playing, the visiting team proving an easy victim of the Welsh-Neck High School team. Thursday's and Friday's games, however, were filled with many fine plays on both sides. The winners of the contests, just before coming to the games, found to their sorrow that four of their best players were unwell, and by the efforts of Mr. W. A. Carrigan, Jr., four of Darlington's fine "performers on the diamond" were induced to come over and make up Society Hill's needed number. The Darlington boys, as usual, responded to their friends' call. As they had been expected to play on the Welsh-Neck High School team on Wednesday, they were already in Hartsville when the Society Hill club arrived. Mr. Thos. Goodson was selected as umpire. The intense heat did not deter any of the players from doing their duty on the field, and it was simply owing to the fact that on every occasion the losers were outclassed by their opponents that the games resulted as they did.

The scores resulted as follows: first day: Bishopville, 1; Welsh-Neck High School, 10; second day: Society Hill, 11; Welsh-Neck, 8; third day: Society Hill, 17; Welsh-Neck, 5. The boys on both sides enjoyed their victory and defeat as well as they could, and all went at the close of the games to the commencement exercises of the Welsh-Neck High School where they enjoyed themselves most highly. The players from Darlington cannot receive too much praise, for they would do great credit to any professional team. Mr. Frank McMillough twirled the ball with alacrity, and greatly puzzled all of the batters that stood before him. Mr. Dargan Bristow, alias "Plunder," won laurels on first base, for nothing passed him as he watched the proceedings of the games with eagle eyes. Mr. Brooks Hutchinson's reputation as a catcher was well maintained, and Darlington can always boast of him. Mr. Cephas Hill comes in, too, for a share of the praise, as his playing in left field did quite a lot for Society Hill.

The visiting members from Darlington were entertained with sumptuous repasts, and all of the bountiful delicacies of the season. After the contest on Friday all repaired to their "Host's Residence", and on Saturday morning at 8 o'clock all of the visiting members of the Darlington team arrived at home, save one, their left fielder, who rode his bicycle and as an amateur professional on the "bike" the city of Darlington can be proud, for he made the unprecedented record of railroad time. The Atlantic Coast Line train leaving Hartsville at 6:25 a. m. left on time and Mr. Cephas Hill left at 8 a. m. and reached home just as the Coast Line train was giving her signal for Darlington. Can any Charleston, Sumter, Columbia or any other bicycle rider compete with this?

The commencement exercises at the Welsh-Neck High School were successfully carried out in accordance with the program published last week. All of the parts were well rendered and the music was especially fine. From the passing visitor no one can but be pleased with Hartsville, her people, her schools, her base ball club and her genial hospitality for her sister towns and cities. Observer.

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THE CHICAGO EXPOSITION.

The Lane Concession to which Much Talk and Earnest Efforts have Come.

Augusta, Ga., May 28.—The proposed Southern States Exposition is abandoned, because the States did not respond in accordance with the terms of the agreement entered into at Chicago—that nine States should be represented. South Carolina, Georgia and Alabama would have been ready in time. Maryland applied for space. The Southern Railway, the Mobile and Ohio and other roads had also applied for space. These roads would have secured exhibits from half a dozen more States, but this would not have been a compliance with the agreement.

The depressed condition of business rendered it impossible to secure favorable action in the Virginia, North Carolina, Florida, Mississippi and other States. Under the circumstances the Southern States Exposition Company met in Augusta this morning and declared the proposed Exposition off, for the reason that a sufficient number of States had not responded in accordance with the agreement entered into in Chicago in February last. This is to be regretted because of the liberal offer made by Chicago and the great opportunity which the Exposition would present to advertise the South. The advisory board feels that the provisional committee of Chicago has complied with its agreement and express the earnest hope that a Southern Exposition will be held in that city in the not distant future.

Respectfully,
PATRICK WALSH,
Chairman.
The sentiment survives that the Southern Exposition at Chicago is deferred, but not abandoned. Under favorable conditions the South will be glad to accept a similar proposition from the public spirited citizens of Chicago, and be able to carry through successfully a Southern States Exposition at the metropolis of the great North west.

LOOKING TOWARDS THE SOUTH.

An Inquiry From a New Yorker to the Governor.

Governor Evans yesterday received a letter from Mr. A. Blanch, of New York, in which the writer said:
"A few of my friends and I, all having various and influential relations, either in this country, or in Europe among Frenchmen, French-Canadians, Belgians, Swiss, Italians, Germans and Northern Spaniards, have decided to start in New York city a patriotic society, the object and utility of which will be to direct towards the Southern States, and on most advantageous conditions, the increasing tide of honest and industrious Christian families, anxious to build their happy homes."
"Our society will have a special department for each one of the different nationalities; said department being headed by one of us, who will initiate the new-comers to the laws, habits, language and wonderful resources of their adopted country in order to make them enlightened and useful citizens."
"Would you kindly, honorable governor, let us know on what condition we might secure in your State large tracts of land not only suitable for farming, but also situated in healthy localities, and not far from ways of communication by rail or water."
"In what measure could you afford to give our society efficient, helpful, and valuable encouragement?"
"We will gratefully acknowledge all pamphlets and printed matter published by your government about the natural resources of your State."—State.

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THE GEORGIA BOND DEAL.

Colin Rhind, of Augusta, Ga., Against Ben Tillman.

When it was announced a few days ago that Governor Atkinson, of Georgia, proposed to refund a quarter of a million of the Georgia State bonds we asked the public to keep an eye Georgiaward to ascertain how that Napoleon of finance, Colin Rhind, of Augusta, figured in his own State.

Comparisons are odious, but a comparison of Governor Atkinson's handling of State funds with our own record-breaking Tillman, is calculated to make the honest supporter of the latter absolutely sick.
Did Colin Rhind get an option on the Georgia bonds before they were printed? Not much. Was the legislature asked to appropriate \$130,000 as commissions?
Like a straightforward business man would do, Governor Atkinson advertised his goods and invited bids. The bids came in from all over the country, and instead of paying some obscure broker a commission for "getting up syndicates," the highest bidder got the bonds. Instead of selling the bonds at 4 per cent. below par and giving a bonus to the purchaser, the Georgia bonds at 4 per cent. brought 106 on the market.

Instead of paying \$130,000 in commissions the people of Georgia actually saved \$12,000 by the deal.
So far as we can see there is far more reason to call an investigation of the recent trade with an obscure broker by which commission was paid for labor performed by others, than even the bond deal which congress is now investigating.
If Mr. Tillman wants to be president he should induce Colin Rhind to make restitution of at least \$49,000 of the money wrongfully paid him.—Spartanburg Herald.

OUR MORAL INSTITUTION.

Sunday Liquor for South Carolina Officials.

Our information is that on certain Sundays in the past persons well known to be connected with the public service, as State officers, legislators, Judges or employees have resorted to the dispensary and have been provided with liquors, have drunk the same on the premises, and have carried packages of the same to their rooms and places of residence for use as a beverage. Of these facts there need be no doubt, and they would seem to fill exactly the conditions of law breaking, with circumstances of extreme aggravation, as contemplated in the provisions of the law. The circumstances going to increase the aggravation of the offence are: That liquors are thus dispensed by the officials of the dispensary; that the liquor itself is either "received and kept" there for that purpose, as the property of those to whom it is furnished, or that it has been paid for by the State and is furnished at the public expense; and that the parties who "associate and combine" to receive it are those who made the law, and those who are charged with the highest functions of administering it, as dispensary officials, State officials and Judges.—The Gospel Temperance Union.

AN ANCESTOR.

A Good Story of How Such Luxuries Are Obtained.

Abraham Hayward, the famous Quarterly Reviewer, once thought that he would like to have some ancestors, so he walked straight to a picture dealer's. Selecting a portrait of a cavalier in half armor, with features not quite unlike his own, Mr. Hayward made a bid for it; but, deeming the price asked too high, he went his way. A few days later Mr. Hayward went to dine with Lord Houghton, and was astonished to find the picture in the dining-room. Seeing that it attracted his guest's attention, Lord Houghton said: "Very good picture that! Come into my hands in a very curious way. Portrait of a Milnes of the Commonwealth period,—an ancestor of mine." "Ah, indeed!" said Mr. Hayward: "he was very near being an ancestor of mine."—The American.

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HALL'S MURDERERS CONVICTED.

Alex. Ferrell and Mrs. Hall Sentenced to the Penitentiary For Life.

FLORENCE, May 29.—The trial of Alexander Ferrell and Mrs. Plume Hall for the murder of old man Watson Hall at Mars Bluff ended today. The jury was out two hours and returned a verdict of guilty with a recommendation to mercy. W. F. Clayton, attorney for Ferrell and Mrs. Hall, moved for a new trial. Judge Aldrich denied it. They were then sentenced to hard labor in the State penitentiary for the rest of their natural lives.—News and Courier.

On Saturday last, after the above article was put into type, Ferrell sent for his attorney and made the following confession:
In JAIL, FLORENCE, S. C., May 30.—Not wishing that an innocent person should suffer for my crime I do voluntarily confess that Mrs. Plume Hall had nothing to do or knew nothing of my intention to kill her husband, Watson Hall. He had threatened my life and I determined to kill him in self-defense. I went to his house on Sunday night when all were at church and got the gun and hid it in the woods, and seeing her go off on the train Tuesday, I left the depot and pretended that I was going to Brunson's store, turned when I got in the woods and went towards Hall's house. Staid in the woods until after dark, then slipped up to the house and shot him while sitting in his chair. I went in the house, laid down the gun on the floor, fastened the window and hurried home. I knew the premises well, having boarded in the house. I make this confession voluntarily and in the presence of G. T. Dennis and W. F. Clayton.
(Signed) his
ALEXANDER X FERRELL, mark.

Witnessed by W. F. Clayton and G. T. Dennis.
Nearly everyone thinks that this statement was made by Ferrell in order that Mrs. Hall may be pardoned.

AFTER THE FAILURE.

The South Carolina Exposition Company to Make a General Settlement.

Commissioner Roche, who had just returned to the city from Augusta, where he had a talk with Mr. Walsh, held a consultation with Governor Evans yesterday in regard to the Chicago Exposition matter. The outcome of the review of the situation was that it was decided to call a meeting of the State committee for next Thursday at 1 o'clock, when a general settlement of the Exposition affairs will be made.
Mr. Roche said when the Exposition was proposed the Chicago people required that nine States have exhibits, but later agreed to go on with the matter if seven States and the railroads would make exhibits.
Acting on this, South Carolina was pushing ahead with her exhibit as also were Georgia, Alabama and Maryland, and the Southern railway, the Seaboard Air Line, the Mobile and Ohio and the Georgia railroad.
Kentucky, Tennessee, Virginia, North Carolina, Louisiana and Mississippi withdrew, however, and the exposition was postponed. Tennessee proposed that a wait be made until after her exposition in 1897.
South Carolina was going ahead in her work and no blame can be attributed to her, so Mr. Roche says. This State was the first to act in the matter.—The State.

Thad. E. Horton to Marry.

The News takes pleasure in announcing the coming marriage of Miss Corinne Stocker, a popular young society woman of Atlanta, to Thad. E. Horton, of the Atlanta Journal. Mr. Horton was formerly a Green-villian and for a number of years was a member of the staff of the News. He is now managing editor of the Atlanta Journal, one of the most prominent and strongly edited dailies in the South. The ceremony will occur in Atlanta on June 17th next and he will receive the sincere congratulations of his innumerable friends here and throughout the South. His South Carolina friends always get a courteous and genial reception at his hands when they visit Atlanta and the couple will receive thousands of wishes for a happy career. They are expected to pass through this city on their bridal tour.—Greenville News.

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County of Darlington. In the Common Pleas.

P. A. Willcox, in his own right and as Administrator of the Estate of J. C. Willcox, deceased, vs. Annie L. Willcox et al.
By order of the Honorable R. C. Watts, Judge of the 4th Judicial Circuit, made at his chambers in the said Circuit on April 1, 1896, I am directed and required to give notice to all persons or corporations holding claims or demands of any nature against the estate of J. C. Willcox, deceased, to file the same in my office on or before the first day of July 1896, and in default thereof they will be forever debarred from participation in the assets of said estate, and I am required to take all testimony in establishment of said claims or demands.

R. K. CHARLES, Master.
Geo. G. Thompson, Esq., Plaintiff's Attorney.
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