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The editorials in this paper are written
in the singular number, the editorial
"we" having been discarded.

A German soldier can kill a
citizen if he jostles him on the
street or otherwise insults him
and the law will not punish
him. It has almost come to
that pass with dispensary con-
stable who can shoot down
citizens at will and be safe from
the gallows, on account of the
pardoning power vested in the
hands of the Governor. It is to
be hoped that Governor Ellerbe
will treat these creatures of a
vicious system in common with
ordinary mortals and thus put
a stop to the outrageous lawless-
ness of which they are so fre-
quently guilty.

Matt Quay is fighting hard to keep
"Plou" John Wanamaker out of the
United States Senate. But in Boies
Penrose he has a mighty poor candidate
for Cameron's seat. As between Wana-
maker and Penrose, a choice is not easy.
Either is worse than the other. One is
hand in glove with the trusts and tariff
robbers, and the other is as potter's clay
in the hands of politicians who rule the
Keystone State.—Columbia Register.

The editor of THE NEWS knew
Boies Penrose twelve or fifteen
years ago, and in those days he
was in the habit of doing his
own thinking. If Boies Pen-
rose is bossed by Matt Quay or
any other politician he must
have changed greatly during
the last twelve years.

A great deal is expected of
William H. Ellerbe, who is soon
to become Governor of South
Carolina. If he comes any-
where near realizing the expecta-
tions of the people he will in-
deed be a model Governor.

LOCALS.

(Continued from first page.)

Mr. F. M. Sims is moving his
family to Timmonsville today.

Read Coggeshall's announce-
ment for the coming year. If
you want to make an account
with the firm go and make
your arrangements before you
order the goods.

Several of the News force
have been under the weather of
late, and much credit there-
fore, is due Mr. S. F. Parrott
for the valuable assistance ren-
dered this week in getting out
the paper.

The partnership heretofore
existing between S. H. Wilds
and J. A. McClure is dissolved,
as will be by referring to
advertisement in another col-
umn. Mr. Wilds will continue
the lumber business in his own
name and will soon move his
plant to a point on the C. & D.
R. R. about three miles this side
of Society Hill. He will be
pleased to receive the patronage
of those needing lumber rough
or dressed.

MARRIED IN LAURINBURG.

Mr. B. F. Smoot was married
at eight o'clock on the evening
of the 29, in the Methodist
church at Laurinburg, to Miss
Roberta Dixon Everett, the
Rev. Mr. Shamsburger perform-
ing the ceremony. Messrs. E.
Vaughan, Howard Norment,
Harry Andrews, W. T. Mont-
gomery and John Baird were
the groomsmen from Darlington.
The bridal party arrived in
Darlington yesterday morn-
ing. Mr. and Mrs. Smoot are
boarding at Mrs. J. J. Willis'.

HOME FROM COLLEGE.

The following young people
from college are at home for
the Christmas holidays:
Misses Bertie Wardlaw and
Louise Ward, of the South Car-
olina College, and Ethel Parrott,
of the Columbia Female College,
and Messrs. Robert and Frank
Coker, of the University of
North Carolina; Lide Nettles
and Carl Hewitt, of Davidson
College; Fraser James, of the
Georgia School of Technology;
Albert Woods and Harry Grif-
fin, of Vanderbilt University;
Eugene McCown, Henry Buck
and Frank Parrott, of the South
Carolina College; Bert Alexander,
of Weldon College, and
Charlie Mooney, of Belmont.

I will have a car load of fine
mules in next Saturday.
C. W. Hewitt.

FIRE! FIRE! FIRE!

A BIG CONFLAGRATION.

Blackwell Bros., Strauss & Rosen, J.
H. Early, The Dispensary and
Several Offices Burned Out.

The fire alarm sounded again
last night about eleven o'clock
and it was soon evident to the
citizens of the town that Dar-
lington was going to have a
big fire. The fire caught in the
rear of Blackwell's store and
consumed everything before
anything could be done to
check it at all. Next came
Earley's store, but by this time
the engine and hose were work-
ing, well and the firemen were
enabled to make some little
headway with the flames. Only
a small part of the stock, how-
ever, from this store was saved
and the flames went on the dis-
pensary, burning up all the
contents before the firemen
could get the flames under
much control. Next came Mrs.
Byrd's building, but the flames
were not making so much pro-
gress when this building was
reached because the firemen
were doing effective work in
keeping them back. Manfully
did they fight amid smoke and
water until finally the fire,
which had caught in the upper
part of the building, was sub-
dued after the whole house had
been deluged with water. All
of Mrs. Byrd's stock of goods,
household furniture &c., were
saved, but the building is gutted
and the loss will be heavy.

Nothing was saved from Boyd
& Brown's law office, only a
few papers from the office of O.
S. Nettles, Esq., a part of the
effects in the office of J. B.
Floyd, Esq., I believe, were sav-
ed and nearly everything from
the office of Dr. Graham, den-
tist. The building, in which
Blackwell Bros. and Strauss &
Rosen had their stock of goods,
belonged to Mr. Marco and was
insured for \$5,800, more than
\$2,000 less than its cost. Black-
well Bros. were insured for \$10,
000, which probably will not
cover their stock by a consid-
erable amount.

J. H. Early had no insurance
on the building which he oc-
cupied or his stock of goods and
his loss will be about \$18,000.
Strauss & Rosen had no insur-
ance and will lose \$500 or \$600;
What the losses and insurance
on Mrs. Byrd's building and the
law and dentist offices were
can not be found out at this
writing, with the exception of
the law office of Mr. C. S. Net-
tles, which sustained a loss of
about \$3,500. The fire was
bad enough in itself, but to add
to its terrors, two colored men
were severely injured by the
breaking of a ladder which they
were climbing and precipitated
to the side walk, the ladder fall-
ing upon them. Dr. Garner,
who attended them, said that
they were severely shocked but
not seriously injured.

It was 2.30 before the fire was
entirely under control, and, dur-
ing all that time, the firemen
fought manfully, endangering
life and limb at times in their
tremendous efforts to subdue
the flames. And right here it
is pertinent to remark that the
services of these gentlemen and
the colored people, who render
such valuable assistance at fires,
is not sufficiently appreciated by
the town, and something should
be done to encourage them in
the future.

The above are some of the
facts as hastily gathered and
written just before going to
press, and while they may not
be full and accurate, time and
space prevents any further ac-
count in this issue.

Death of Mr. W. C. Byrd.

The community was grieved
to hear Tuesday morning of the
death of Mr. W. C. Byrd which
took place suddenly after an
attack of pulmonary apoplexy.
Mr. Byrd had been the overseer
of the streets for several years
and was always regarded as a
good and useful citizen in the
community. His life was in-
sured in the Knights of Honor
and American Legion of Honor
and the Golden Chain. His
remains were taken to Charle-
ston for interment yesterday
morning.

Christmas in Darlington.

Christmas began a little ear-
lier here this year than hereto-
fore. It has been the custom to
wait until darkness comes on
Christmas eve, but as soon as
six o'clock came the report of
fire-crackers was heard and the
streets were lighted up with
sky rockets and roman candles.
The small boy was given full
away and for a while it was
dangerous to go up Pearl street.
It is a great wonder that some
one did not get an eye knocked
out. Several small boys were
given roman candles and were
sent running through the
crowd shooting right and
left. It didn't take the crowd
long to get off the streets after
the shooting began. The firing
of crackers was kept up until
late in the night.

Christmas morning dawned
bright and crisp. The weather
was cold, but pleasant and
everything was favorable for a
pleasant day. But not so.
There was very little fun of any
kind. The only fun for the
forenoon was the parade of the
Coker band from the factory.
About eleven o'clock the mem-
bers, dressed up in fancy pos-
tumes, followed by a large num-
ber of young men in "tockey"
dress met in front of the band
stand and from there marched
over to the old depot. They
then took in Broad street as far
as the Masonic temple and then
Florence street to the Public
Square. Here they marched
round and stopped in three dif-
ferent places and treated the
spectators to some splendid
music. From the square, the
band went up Pearl street back
to the factory. When the crowd
got up Pearl street as far as the
residence of Mr. E. Keith Dar-
gan, a negro threw a cannon
cracker into the crowd. This
was highly insulting and was
promptly resented. Several of
the men drew their guns and
fired in the air and it was cau-
tioned the way that negro "got up
and dusted". He did not let
anything stop him. A house
was no circumstance to him.
When he reached Mr. Dargan's
house he ran right on though
without any ceremony, and
didn't stop until he thought he
was out of reach of the guns.

After the parade the citizens
of the town gathered
around their respective
tables to enjoy their Christmas
dinner. At about four o'clock,
just as the people were getting
through with their feast, the
sad feature of the day occurred.
The fire alarm was sounded and
the citizens ran out to find the
residence of C. S. Nettles, Esq.,
in a blaze. The fire department
was very slow in responding
and the house was burnt to the
ground. An out-house in the
yard was also consumed and at
one time it was feared that the
residence of Mr. A. Nachman
would also go, but this was sav-
ed. Mr. Nettles lost very near-
ly all his furniture. Nothing
was saved from the second
story, as the fire was too far
advanced when discovered, and
what was saved from the lower
story was so badly damaged that
it was rendered practically
useless. He had an insurance
of \$750 on his furniture which
will not near replace what was
lost.

The house belonged to the old
Russell estate and was covered
by insurance. It is not known
how the fire originated, but it
is supposed that it caught from
an old fire in the second story.
A small negro girl first an-
nounced the fire to the family
who had just finished dinner.
Mr. J. E. Norment, who was
taking dinner there, tried to go
up stairs, but the head way of
the flames was so great that he
could not save a thing.

Megaphone-Phonograph Concert.

A concert will be given at the
Armory on Monday evening
next, Jan. 4, at 8.30 o'clock, by
means of one of the most won-
derful inventions of the age—
Edison's Megaphone Phono-
graph, which throws the sound
so that it can be clearly heard
in any part of the hall. The
programme will consist of 26
selections, and will include
some of the latest successes in
instrumental and vocal music,
together with Casey's humor-
ous recitations. The price of
admission will be 25 cents;
children under twelve years of
age, 15 cents. Reserved seats
are now being sold at the Ar-
mory without extra charge.
For the special benefit of the
children, there will also be a
matinee performance at 3.30
o'clock on Monday afternoon,
at which sixteen of the very
choicest selections will be ren-
dered. The price of admission
to the matinee will be 10 cents
for both grown people and
children. The proceeds of both
entertainments will be devoted
to the Darlington Guard's Li-
brary fund. The Megaphone
Phonograph is really a very
wonderful instrument, and it
should be seen and heard by
everyone in the community.

A Remarkable Genius.

Did it ever occur to any of
our readers that a remarkable
genius is that of our corres-
pondent, Mr. J. E. Norment?
Just stop and think for a mo-
ment. Suppose a plate of three
dozen biscuits were set before
you, and you were required, at
such intervals as might be con-
venient to yourself, to write a
dissertation on each one of the
three dozen biscuits, including
an adequate, accurate and en-
tertaining description of the
same, how long do you think
those intervals would be? Yet
that is just about the task
which Mr. Norment has under-
taken, and which he is accom-
plishing so well. To the "un-
observant observer," as an
Irishman would say, three doz-
en biscuits all seem alike, it
would appear impossible to
write a story of one biscuit that
would not be a story of the three
dozen. But to the true observ-
er no two biscuits are of exact-
ly the same circumference or
thickness or weight or color,
and the general differences are
the result of a thousand minor
differences, which, in turn, are
the consequence of many dif-
ferent causes, such as the place
in the oven, the amount of
leavening which gets into each
and so on. The observer who
is properly informed and who
observes would doubtless differ-
entiate each of the three dozen
most entertainingly. Just so
with Mr. Norment. There are
just three dozen county towns
in this State, (there will be
more soon, and he occasionally
goes outside to describe a town
that is not a county town,) and
he is expected to write a good
story about each. Now, to the
"unobservant observer" the
three dozen county towns are
as much alike as the three doz-
en biscuits. Each has its Court
House, its jail, its churches,
schools, industries and stores,
and, of course, its railroad de-
pot, and each has its history of
pretty much the same general
character. But Mr. Norment
is an observant observer and he
takes pains to be well informed
about what he writes. He sees
that no two Court Houses are
exactly the same, even if built
on the same plan, they are dif-
ferently situated. So with the
factories, churches, schools,
Mr. Norment sees the differ-
ences, and seizes upon them.
And so his stories, although
they may appear to the reader
who does not read (and this
class of reader is almost as
numerous as the unobservant
observer) all alike, no two of
them really are. Each, it is
true, has an introduction, about
the same number of columns, a
quantum sufficit of subheads
and a peroration, but they are
just as different as the towns
themselves. Take the story of
Laurens, for instance which we
publish this morning. The in-
troduction is specially appro-
priate to Laurens, and nowhere
throughout the whole page are
you in danger of forgetting that
you are not reading about
Greenville, or Georgetown, or
Barnwell, or any other town.
It is peculiarly Laurens
throughout. Mr. Norment's
faculty in this regard is a
"gift," and, as in the case of
all so-called "gifts," the name
of the giver is hard work.—
News & Courier.

HOPEWELL.

Mr. B. R. Copeland, of Tim-
monsville, with his dashing ir-
ony to a new buggy was sport-
ing in this section recently.

Among the many visitors to
this section during the holidays
were Mrs. Martha Galloway of
Lydia and Mrs. McMillan of
Mullins.

The Christmas tree for the
benefit of the school, took place
at four o'clock p. m. at the Aca-
demy on Thursday. Santa Claus
was on hand in his appropriate
garb and the children were de-
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We are glad to note that the
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SOCIETY HILL.

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which occurred on the evening
of Dec. 9 was a very important
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not reported. Although it is
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The marriage occurred in the
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with Miss Julia Turnage;
Mr. Harry Andrews with Miss
Anna Sumner; Mr. Reames with
Miss Mammie White. While we
are ungrateful to Mr. Durant
for depriving us of Miss Nettie,
we congratulate them both and
wish them a long prosperous
and happy life.—Mr. and Mrs.
Durant are living at Mont Clare.

THE COUNTY NEWS.

ITEMS FROM SEVERAL SECTIONS
AS TOLD BY CORRESPONDENTS.

CYPRESS.

Dudley DuBose, of Syracuse,
is spending some time with B.
Sidney Josey, at this place.

Miss Eva Huggins spent a few
days through Christmas in
Darlington with her uncle, Dr.
W. L. Galloway.

Mr. R. McLeond and his
sister, Miss Rosa, spent Satur-
day and Sunday in Timmons-
ville with relatives.

Christmas is over and every-
thing is as quiet as though we
had no Christmas at all around
this place. Very little drink-
ing and no fights, as is usually
the case during the holidays.

Mr. Brooks Newsome, of
Clyde, lost a very fine horse at
this place last Friday night.
He died from the effects of over-
feeding and a hard driving
soon after.

Mr. C. B. Pate passed this
place a few days ago on his way
from Texas. Chap went to Texas
last August and says his few
months experience in the West
satisfies him that old South
Carolina is good enough for
him.

Mr. Homer Parnell, who is
attending school at Wofford
College, came home last Thurs-
day to spend Christmas with
his parents. Homer is one of
our coming young men. He
stands high in his class at Wof-
ford.

Prof. Wilkinson and Miss
Marie Dove, the school teachers
at this place went to their
homes the former to Clausers,
and the latter to Dovesville, S.
C., to spend the holidays. They
are expected to return the latter
part of this week and will re-
sume their school duties on
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HIGH HILL.

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given during the holidays
which were enjoyed by all
present.

Xmas is gone and another
year is drawing near and let all
of us try to be better men and
start the new year, with good
resolutions.

A young sport of our neigh-
borhood took a young lulu
home recently, and on coming
out to start home, found that
his horse was gone. The young
man had to walk a part of the
way home.

We were glad to have Miss
Bell Pili, of Midway, Miss Liz-
zie Blackman, of Swift Creek,
Miss Georgia Scarborough, of
Darlington, and a Miss Cox, of
Maryland, to spend the Xmas
holidays with us. Come again,
young ladies, we boys are all
ways glad to see you all, and
most especially the young man
on the road, for I notice he is
sporting a new buggy.

Now is the time for Gim
House and Tornado Insurance.
Best companies in the world;
Mrs. Lucy M. Norment.

I will have a car load of fine
mules in next Saturday.
C. W. Hewitt.

There is no Word so Full of Meaning

and about which such tender recol-
lections cluster
as that of
"MOTHER"
—she who
watched
our helpless
infancy and
guided our
first totter-
ing step.
The life of
every Ex-
pectant
Mother is
beset with
danger.

"Mother's Friend"

so assists Nature in the change taking
place that the Expectant Mother is
enabled to look forward without dread
to the hour when she experiences the
joy of Motherhood. It insures safety
to both Mother and Child, and she is
found stronger after than before con-
finement—in short, it "makes Child-
birth easy," as so many have said.
Don't be persuaded. Use nothing but

"Mother's Friend"

"My wife suffered more in ten minutes with
either of her other two children than she did
with her last, having previously used
four bottles of 'Mother's Friend.' It is a bless-
ing to anyone expecting to become a mother,
says a customer." HENDERSON DALE, Carroll, Ill.
Sent by Mail, on receipt of price, \$1.00 PER BOTTLE.
Book "The Expectant Mother's Guide," containing
valuable information and voluntary testimonials.
THE BRADFORD REGULATOR CO., ATLANTA, GA.
SOLD BY ALL DRUGGISTS.

FOR RENT.

THAT TWO STORY EIGHT ROOM
dwelling house with cook room,
orchard and several acres of land in
the town of Darlington, lately oc-
cupied by Mrs. Geo. W. Earle. Im-
mediate entry may be given.

Also
That two story four room dwelling
house with kitchen &c. facing Aca-
demy Green. Immediate entry can
be given. For particulars apply to
J. L. MICHIE,
Darlington, S. C.
Dec. 31.

NOTICE.

THE COPARTNERSHIP HERETO-
fore existing between S. H.
Wilds and J. A. McClure under the
firm name of The Darlington Lumber
Co. is this day dissolved by mutual
consent. All books and accounts are
in the custody of S. H. Wilds, who
will receipt for all accounts due said
firm and also pay all claims against
same.

S. H. WILDS, J.
J. A. McCLURE,
12-31. Dovesville, S. C. Dec. 18 '96.

NOTICE.

ALL PERSONS HOLDING
claims or demands of any kind
against the estate of Mrs. Mary M.
Townsend will present them to the
undersigned properly proven, and all
persons indebted to said estate will
make payment to
CONSTANTIA T. PEGUES,
Executrix.

Valuable Horses, Mares, Colts and Mules for Sale.

WILL SELL MY ENTIRE STOCK
of horses, mares, colts and colts,
within the next 30 days at private
sale. Terms part cash and balance
payable October and November 1897,
or upon good security payable all
most fall or winter.
I have some very finely bred young
colts that will be sold in the lot and
it is a rare opportunity to secure a
good horse upon easy terms. I have
also a lot of plantation machinery
for sale upon same terms.
W. F. DARGAN.
Dec. 24th—4t.

NOTICE OF THE County Auditor.

THIS OFFICE WILL BE OPEN
for listing or returning taxable
personal property and poll tax from
January 1st to February 10th, 1897,
as required by law. All male persons
between the ages of 21 and 60 years,
excepting Confederate Soldiers over
50 years of age and those persons in-
capable of earning a support are li-
able to the poll tax.
I will attend or by a legal deputy at
Leavensworth, January 25th.
Antioch, January 26th.
Hartsville, January 27th.
Lydia, January 28th.
Phillipsburg, January 29th.
Swift Creek, February 2nd.
Jasper, February 3rd.
Laurin, February 4th and 5th.
Mechanicsville, February 8th.
Society Hill, February 9th and 10th.
Ashland, February 11th.
Stokes Bridge, February 12th.
Cypress, February 13th.
W. H. LAWRENCE,
Auditor, D. C.

Hurrah for Christmas!

and before purchasing your
Holiday Goods.

We cordially invite you to our
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Clerk's Sale.

STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA.
Darlington County.
In Ryan of Common Pleas.
W. K. Coker & Son vs. A. B. Dove.
Judgment for Foreclosure.

Pursuant to a Judgment for Foreclo-
sure, made in the above stated case,
I will offer for sale in front of the
court house in Darlington county,
on the first Monday in Jan. next,
the following described real estate:

All that tract of land situate in the
County and State aforesaid, contain-
ing one hundred and seventy-five
acres, more or less and bounded as
follows, to wit: north by lands of Mrs.
Abigail Dove; east by lands of Mrs.
Abigail Dove; south by lands of
Robert Rigall and Black Creek and
west by lands of Isaiah S. Gandy,
same being a part of the tract of
land conveyed to A. B. Dove by
A. Barnet sheriff by deed bearing date
February 1878 and recorded in
office R. M. C. for said county, in
Book M. No. 2, page 178.

Also all that tract of land situate
in the county and state aforesaid,
containing twenty-two acres, more
or less, and bounded as follows, to
wit: north and east by lands of S. C.
Bosewell and public road leading
from Darlington C. H. toociety
Hill, south by lands of Mrs. A. J. De-
Lorme and west by lands of Mrs. A.
J. DeLorme, same being the land con-
veyed to A. B. Dove by S. C. Bose-
well by deed bearing date February
23, 1887 and recorded in office of R.
M. C. for said county in Book W. No.
2, page 579.

Terms of sale, one-third cash, balance
in one and two years, secured by bond
of purchaser and mortgage of the
premises sold, with privilege to pur-
chaser to pay in cash. Purchaser to
pay for all necessary papers.
W. ALBERT PARROTT,
Dec. 12, 1896. Clerk.

Darlington Guards' Library Association.

The following new volumes were received at the Armory during the week
ending Saturday, Dec. 26: