

### ITEMS OF LOCAL INTEREST.

#### AFFAIRS CAUGHT BY OUR LOCAL REPORTER AND NOTED.

Written in Condensed Form and Printed in Like Manner for the Sake of our Weary Readers.

The physicians are vaccinating scores of people now—ays.

Mr. C J Lesesne recently made a trip to Darlington and Bennettsville.

Mr. Sam. W. Wolfe left last night for Tampa, Fla., where he will reside in future.

Miss Mollie Wise has returned home after a pleasant visit of two months to Charleston.

Rev. S P Fulton, will preach at Indiantown church next Sunday morning the 30th inst.

Mr. E L Smith has moved his family to Kingstree, and is occupying the dwelling recently vacated by Mr. Salters Montgomery.

Evangelist J A Williams has promised to begin a tent meeting at Kingstree, beginning at the first of February. Let us who can from far and near come and hear the converted sinner.

The Columbia papers speak in very complimentary tones of Mr. George McCutchen's argument in the recent society debate at the South Carolina College. He represented the Eucharadian society and was on the affirmative side of the query, "A public officer is justified in bestowing patronage as a reward of political service."

Mr. A J Smith had quite an experience with a tramp last Saturday. The fellow was very insolent and rude and Mr. Smith told him to leave the yard. This the tramp refused to do, and made for Mr. Smith with a knife. Mr. Smith's sons came to their father's rescue, and gave the tramp a pretty severe thrashing with sticks, finally forcing him to leave the place.

Mr. Sam P Fulton, the Presbyterian missionary from Japan lectured to a large congregation in the Presbyterian church Sunday morning and evening. In the afternoon he lectured at Union church. In the evening Mr. Fulton gave a very interesting lecture on a missionary's first experience in Japan, the customs and habits of the Japs.

Garfield Walker has fallen under the iron hand of justice. One day last week this son of Ham purloined a sack of groceries from the cart of a Lake City negro, and Magistrate J B McCutchen advised him to assist the chaingang for about twenty days. The illustrious mourner had enough consideration for the owner of the property to leave the ox and cart where he found them.

Quite a commotion was created in Kingstree last Saturday by the report that a genuine, well-developed case of smallpox was in town. The physicians were at the drug store of Dr. D C Scott examining a young Mr Brown, from near Central church, and the report was that the gentleman had smallpox. The rumor soon reached the Record reporter, who at once made his way to Dr. Scott's to find out the truth in the matter. Dr. Scott said that the disease was only chicken pox, and that all the physicians who examined Mr. Brown pronounced it that.

### PIERCED BY CUPID'S DART.

Two Pretty Marriages, One of Scranton and one at Frientfield.

On Wednesday, the 19th of January, a goodly number of friends and relatives met at the home of the bride's father to witness the marriage scene of Miss Hester Brown, of Florence county, to our Williamsburg friend, Mr. Preston Brown.

The many friends assembled were held in expectation till the hour hand of the clock had pointed to eight, when the bridal party marched in solemn, double-file procession as follows:

Mr. Arthur Brown and Corinne Brown, Mr. Wade Eaddy and Miss Ella Hinson, Mr. Louis Lee and Miss Ella Graham, Mr. Sammie Graham and Miss Linnie Lee, Mr. Jesse Carter and Miss Florina Tart, Mr. Eddie Brown and Miss Janie Brown encircling the preacher and Hymen's chosen couple. There the bride and groom stood under an evergreen arch, from which was suspended a good luck signal—a horse shoe—and listened most attentively to the original and beautiful ceremony of Rev. Mr. Oliver; then with a mutual promise they became man and wife.

The congratulations of the many friends being fairly over, supper was announced. Repairing to the dining room, which was literally filled with floral decorations, goodies and bright-faced waiters, we all partook of the wedding feast, and felt like saying as the apostle, "It is good for us to be here." Hymen, the God of marriage was unselfish in his gift for on the following evening, Thursday, the 20th, another queen of a Williamsburg home was crowned by the wedding ceremony of Rev. T A Evans, which united Mr. B B McWhite, Jr., to Miss Anna, the youngest daughter of Mr. William Myers.

Thus it is, those natures that like dew-drops on a petal sway to the same sweet air of love "slip at once all fragrant into one."

"JACK"

### A New Firm.

Messrs. O E Griffin and E L Smith have formed a partnership and will conduct the livery business formerly owned by Mr. Griffin and the mercantile establishment formerly owned by Mr. Smith jointly under the firm name of Griffin & Smith.

Mr. Griffin recently moved here from Clinton, and is recognized as a thorough business man. Mr. Smith is a native of Williamsburg being a son of Mr. A J Smith, and he bears a very enviable reputation as a business man. The new firm has our best wishes.

### Attention, Cotton Growers.

A special meeting of the Cotton Growers' Association of Williamsburg county will be held in the court house at Kingstree on Thursday, Feb. 3, 1898. As matters of importance will come before the Association, a full attendance is urged.

J J M GRAHAM, J. R., President.

J DAVIS CARTER, Secretary.

I am now prepared to furnish cottonseed meal in any quantity, by the ton or carload. Parties will do well to make their contracts early.

Geo. S BARR, Agent for mills.

The County Record \$1 a year.

### NEWS AROUND LAKE CITY.

#### WEEKLY REPORT OF THE DOINGS OF THAT PEOPLES TOWN.

Our Correspondent Sends His Usual Interesting Letter to The County Record.

Miss Marie Sieg, of Red Hill, Va., is now assistant teacher in the Lake City High School. She is a graduate of Stanton, Va., and comes highly recommended in music and the other branches.

Miss Ida Rodgers, who has been visiting at Manning and Pinewood for several weeks, returned to Lake City Friday night. Her many friends are glad to see her on our streets once more.

Messrs. George Haselden and Durant Simmons made a flying visit on wheels to their homes near Johnsonville, last Sunday.

Dr. A H Williams, who is now attending the session of the Legislature, came home Saturday morning to spend a few days.

Mr. P M Moody returned from Darlington Thursday, where he had been doing job work for Mr. B O Bristow for about ten days.

A carload of fine mules for Williams & Green arrived here from Atlanta Friday night.

Hon. J H Backwell left for Columbia Friday night, where he will spend sometime attending to the duties of his office.

On Wednesday evening, Jan. 19 Mr. Henry Odom, of Darlington, S C, and Miss Sue Stuckey, of this town were happily married, Rev. A McA Pittman officiating.

Some scare in reference to the smallpox was shown here the first part of the week. Quite a number has been vaccinated, and as a result of this there are some sore arms among those who have thus taken the precaution.

The wheelmen here have become somewhat alarmed by the report that the municipal authorities here intend at their next meeting taking steps to prevent them from riding on the side walks. The sentiment of those who ride bicycles is decidedly opposed to such action on the part of the Intendent and Wardens. The wheelmen constitute about ninety percent of the men, and they think that they have a right to be considered in the matter. They don't object to some restrictions being placed upon them; but they do think it would be unjust for them to be debarred the use of the side walks. No serious accident has ever happened since the use of wheels was introduced here, and such radical changes do not seem at all necessary. Now then this, the wheelmen help to pay the taxes which are appropriated to the improvements etc., of the town, and they think they should reap some benefit from the town in being accorded the privilege of using the side walks under proper restrictions.

Postoffice matters are still in a muddle. The inspector spent several days here looking after the office; but no definite action, as yet has been taken. For about a week no mail was put off here, and the inconvenience to the business men caused by the suspension was considerable. Baker, the P. M., is now keeping the office in the school house by the colored church. He sends out mail once a day. The office is now closed at 6 p. m., and the mail which comes in at night is not distributed until the next morning. Besides, he hardly ever has any stamps on hand, those who need stamps must needs go elsewhere to get them. As a result of such carelessness, the people, many of them at least, send and get their mail from the Scranton postoffice. It is reported that after February the 1st postoffice here will be kept by a white man, that Baker will still retain the position as postmaster, but will have nothing to do with the keeping of the office, except to visit it quarterly to make out reports. Such a change we think would be acceptable.

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### THE TRESTLE WAS ON FIRE.

Damage to the Railroad Bridge Over Black River.

What might have been a terrible catastrophe was averted by the vigilance of the engineer on the northbound vestibule train last Monday night. The wood-work of the trestle was on fire when the vestibule reached it, and a considerable portion of the bridge had been burned. The engineer seeing the fire, stopped his train and an examination of the trestle was made. The crew of the train put out the fire, and the train crossed the river very slowly. When the depot was reached the train stopped and the agent, Mr. L C Dove, was sent for and informed of the fire. The trestle force was sent for and the work of repairing the bridge was soon under way. The matter was, of course, reported to headquarters. The northbound vestibule's schedule time to pass here is 12:40 a. m. and it was on time. The southbound vestibule passes here about 5 o'clock a. m. and it was delayed very little by the fire, as the trestle force had the bridge about repaired when that train arrived.

The fire is supposed by the railroad officials to have been caused by a passing train, though there has been some talk of an incendiary origin. The southbound mail train that passes here at 9 o'clock p. m. was the last train to cross the river prior to the discovery of the fire, and that was about four hours before the vestibule reached the trestle. The fire may have been caused by coals of fire falling from the southbound mail, or it may have been the work of some miscreant on mischief bent. Several of the timbers were so badly burned that they had to be removed and quite a number of the ties were burned. The prompt work of the trestle force prevented any delay in the traffic, only one train being delayed.

### DEATH OF MR. DAVID ELLIOTT.

He Passed Peacefully Away Last Saturday.

Mr. David Elliott died at the residence of his brother-in-law, Mr. Edwin Harper, early last Saturday morning. He had been sick for several months and the end was not unexpected.

Mr. Elliott was born in Horry county about seventy years ago. He was a very quiet, reserved gentleman, and every one who knew him honored and loved him. He was married many years ago to a Miss Davidson, of Georgetown county, a sister of Mr. Edwin Harper. She died about twenty years ago. Mr. Elliott had three children, daughters, two of whom are still living. The interment took place at the Presbyterian cemetery Sunday morning.

### Married

By Mr. H M Burrows, notary public, at the home of the bride's uncle, near Fowler, on Jan. 19, 1898, Mr. George McCalister to Miss Ida M Burrows, all of Williamsburg county.

### The Bethlehem Union.

The Bethlehem Baptist Union will meet with Hebron Baptist church on Friday 28th Jan, 1898. Churches are requested to send a full delegation. R. D. Rollins, Clerk.

All school trustees of the county are requested to meet in the county superintendent of education's office Saturday.

### NEGRO KILLS A WHITE MAN.

CONSTABLE COX SHOT AT THE MAN HE WENT TO.

The Murderer Killed Over the Fire. The Murderer's Information Reached Tuesday of a murder just across Lynchburg, near Vicksburg, before. It was very difficult to obtain authentic information and it was at first reported that Mr. J D Cox had been killed, but it was learned Wednesday that it was Mr. Dick Cox. Nothing definite could be found out. We heard first that the killing occurred in this county, but later it was said that the shooting took place over the river, so we at once telegraphed the sheriff of Florence county for particulars. Before receiving a reply from Florence we saw a gentleman from the section where the killing occurred, and were told that it was Mr. Dick Cox, and not Mr. J D Cox, as was at first reported.

It seems that Mr. Cox and several other gentlemen went to the home of a negro who was charged with burglarizing a store, for the purpose of arresting him. The night was dark, and when the party reached the house a match was struck. Just as the light blazed up the negro ran out and shot Mr. Cox, the ball taking effect in the face, ranging upward, and entered the brain. Death was instantaneous. The negro fled and has not yet been caught.

### Greeleyville Items.

Since we last wrote a new year has come in and quite a number of changes have been made.

Mr. E C Spann, who is clerking for the Mallard Lumber Co., has moved his family to the Nettles place near town and Mr. Bagnell who lived there last year has moved to Alcola.

Several of our people have gone to Columbia to get work in the factories and on the street railways. Some stay and seem to think there is a fair opening for them, while others return in disgust to begin another year of farm life. I suppose the difference in their ideas of prosperity must account for the different views.

Miss Eliza Love, of North Carolina who has been on a visit to the family of her uncle, Mr. E G Mallard, returned to her home last Saturday morning.

Messrs. Hogan are now operating the machinery formerly owned by Nixon & Browder. They run a grist mill and will operate again during the cotton season.

Rev. Mr White filled his regular appointment at New Market Methodist church last Sunday afternoon. His sermon was on the subject of "The motives of a higher life." It was full of practical thoughts, with Christ for its model.

Services are announced for Richmond Presbyterian church next Sunday morning at 11 o'clock a. m. We hear that the services of a regular pastor have been secured for this church and circuit.

The postoffice was robbed at this place on Tuesday night of last week. The indications point to a thief of no common attainments. It is what the police would call a neat job. Luckily for postmaster Campbell there were but few stamps in the office and only about 60c in money in the drawer. There is no clue to the thief.

## Dixie Plows

## Ratchets,

## Farm

## Tools

## of every

## description

## at the

## LOWEST

## PRICES.

## GROCERIES

## GARDEN

## SEED,

## AT

## Lesesne & Epps'