

LOCAL ITEMS OF 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.

Mr. George Hirsch, of Charleston, is visiting Mr. Edwin Hirsch.

Special rates to various points will be given over the Atlantic Coast Line on July 4.

The campaign speaking at Kingstree takes place July 5. Remember the date.

The artesian well on Main street has been cleaned out and cased to the bottom.

Miss Nellie Bristow, of Florence, has been visiting at Mrs. Graham's for several days.

Mr. A C Jones, Chairman of the Prohibition State Convention, paid Mr. Joel E Brunson a visit Thursday.

Mr. W R Crosland, who represents the Tabb & Jenkins Hardware Co., Baltimore, was in town Friday.

About thirty volunteers have thus far been enrolled in the company to be organized in this county. Send in your names promptly if you want a place in the company.

In conformity with a time honored custom, we offer a year's subscription to THE RECORD for the largest water-melon sent to this office up to August 15.

A cage is being constructed for the chain-gang. Not exactly the kind that holds Cervera, but a sort of movable house on wheels to transport the road builders from place to place.

The broad smile that illumined the countenance of Judge Grayson last Saturday was explained by the fact that on that day a bouncing baby boy was added to his family.

We are indebted to the courtesy of Manager Harris, of the Harris Springs hotel, for an invitation to a banquet to be given to the Dental Association of S. C., which meets at Harris Springs, July 14.

A copy of the catalogue of Clemson College for the session of 1897-98 has reached this office. It is neat, attractive, and elaborate. President Hartzog is doing great things for Clemson, and the College is entering upon a new era of prosperity.

A large and delicious water-melon was presented to us on Tuesday by Mr. J E Brockinton. This is the first home-raised melon we have seen this season, and Mr. Brockinton has our appreciative thanks for his kindness in remembering us.

An exciting runaway occurred in the streets last Tuesday. Just as Messrs. Otis Arrowsmith and George Hirsch had started for a drive, their horse ran away, overturning the buggy and spilling its occupants. Some severe bruises and a wrecked buggy were the outcome.

The ice has been broken and we expect to have a long list of candidates in a week or two. In this issue is announced the candidacy of Messrs J P Epps and B B Candler for Supervisor, and H Z Hanna for Auditor. Read their cards in another column. Come up, gentle men, give us your cards, and let people know whom we are to elect for our next officials.

A SERIOUS CHARGE.

SIX ARRESTS MADE AT LAKE CITY ON TUESDAY.

Seven U. S. Marshals Make the Arrests. No Fear Shown by the Accused. A Preliminary Hearing To-day.

Harry S Stokes, Moultrie Epps, Henry Godwin, R E McKnight, W A Webster, and N V Ward were arrested on Tuesday by United States marshals, a warrant having been issued by Post-office Inspector Bulla, in which they were charged with being implicated in the killing of Frazer Baker on the night of February 18. They were carried to Charleston Tuesday night and were to have a preliminary hearing yesterday. The young men arrested all bear good characters and their friends consider their arrest an outrage. The accused took the matter very quietly, and seemed confident of a speedy release.

The people of Lake City claim that the whole thing is a trumped up story concocted by Erley Lee and Joseph Newham, who have turned State's evidence in hope of getting the large reward offered for the lynchers. T M Gilland Esq. of this place, has been retained for the defence of the prisoners. The officers expected that resistance would be made, and were bristling with shooting irons in true "Old Slueth" style when they arrived at Lake City. It was quite a tame ending when the men submitted so quietly. The parties arrested all live in or near Lake City except R E McKnight, whose home is at Scranton. No news from the preliminary hearing has reached here yet, but it is hoped that the accused will have no trouble in showing themselves to be innocent.

Young men, I have a pretty line of neckware. Come and get pleased. S. M. A. Askins, Lake City, S. C.

Executive Committee Proceedings.

The Executive Committee met in the Court house Monday, the chairman presiding. After some routine work it was moved and carried that a committee of 5 be appointed by the chair to make arrangements for the State Campaign candidates on July 5. The following were appointed on this committee, of which the chairman is a member ex officio: E R Lesesne, William Cooper, W W Kennedy, and Seth Phelps.

Mr. Blackwell then moved that delegates from both clubs at Greeleyville be recognized as members of the committee. After some discussion this motion was carried.

It was next moved and carried that county campaign meetings be held in order at the following places: Kingstree, Aug. 17; Greeleyville, Aug. 19; Trio, Aug. 22; Johnsonville, Aug. 24, and Lake City, Aug. 27.

It was decided that the committee have blank tickets printed to be used in the primary election.

Following this a motion was made and carried that the Democratic clubs be notified to appoint their managers of election 10 days before the primary, and that the chairman be duly notified of the appointments.

A motion was next made that the money paid out for public notices be equally divided between the two county papers.

There being no further business before the committee, the meeting adjourned.

LATEST WAR NEWS.

Summary of the Telegraphic Reports to the County Record.

(Special Telegrams to The County Record.)

Wheeler's advance column is now within rifle shot of the Spanish outposts around Santiago. Assault will not be made until big guns are landed by Shafter's transports.

Some of the fortifications have been reduced, but it will be a work of some time yet to reduce them all.

Some fear is felt lest a battle be precipitated by an encounter of Wheeler's division with reinforcements under Pando coming to the relief of Santiago.

Gen. Shafter has surveyed the field and believes that Santiago can be carried by assault, but will wait on big guns to first reduce forts. Two thousand of Garcia's men will help the Americans in assault on Santiago. Many of the insurgents are half-naked and all are half-starved, they seem eager to fight the Spaniards.

Cubans bring information that the principal entrances to Santiago are being heavily fortified with cannon landed from Spanish cruisers in harbor.

Harvey Reed, a private in a Massachusetts company, was seriously injured accidentally in a sham battle at camp Alger, Chickamauga.

The Red Cross yacht left New York to-day with medical supplies and a corps of physicians.

None of the men wounded at La Quasina have died up to this time.

Benson Budget.

We trust that ere this is published the thirsty earth will be supplied with a splendid rain.

Corn has a submissive appearance during these days, when the thermometer is in the nineties.

Mr. E G Dunlop—or rather Capt. Dunlop, as he says he has been given that title by the Governor—was in our community Saturday getting up volunteers for the army. He succeeded in getting a few to enroll their names.

Your pencil pusher had the pleasure of entertaining Messrs. Z H Langston and R L Phillips, of Florence county, last Wednesday. Come again boys, we have fine girls as well as fine lands in Williamsburg.

The health of our community is good at this writing, and so are corn and watermelons. With good seasons there will be an abundant harvest at Benson and vicinity.

Every Body Should Attend.

There will be an ice-cream festival to-night in the Academy yard for the benefit of the Presbyterian church. The church needs a bell, and the money raised on this occasion will go to the church bell fund. We hope every body will go out to-night and contribute toward a very worthy cause.

The Review of Reviews continues strong on war topics. In the July number the editor reviews the whole campaign up to the landing of our troops for the advance on Santiago, showing the precise part which Lieutenant Hobson's exploit had in the general scheme; Dr. William Hayes Ward treats of Hobson's career as that of the typical young American student; Mr. Edwin Emerson, Jr., the brilliant young newspaper correspondent, gives notes of his adventurous journeying in Porto Rico last month; and Dr. Max West, the statistician and economist, summarizes "Our New War Taxes" in an interesting article. "International Cartoon Comment on Our War with Spain" and the "Record of Current Events" also cover the situation up to date.

The most complete assortment of men's boys' and children's clothing from the cheapest to the best, at S. M. Askins, Lake City, S. C.

GOV. ELLERBE'S APPOINTMENTS.

Officers Named for the Second Regiment of Volunteers.

Governor Ellerbe has made the following nominations of officers for the second regiment: Colonel, Willie Jones, of Columbia; Lieutenant Colonel, Henry T Thompson, of Darlington; Majors, Havelock Eaves, of Bamberg, and Julius C Wagner, of Charleston; Adjutant, L M Haselden, of Marion; Battalion Adjutants, Norman Bull, of Orangeburg, and W M Culp, of Union; Surgeon, E J Wannamaker; Assistant Surgeons, J E Poore and Louis Griffith; Sergeant Major, N D Fowler, of Spartanburg; Regimental Quartermaster, J W Tripp, of Blacksburg; Chaplain, Rev. P A Murry, of Beaufort; Quartermaster, W P Snelgrove, of Anderson.

For the next 30 days I will sell my entire stock of Dry Goods Notions, Clothing, Shoes, Hats, and many other articles at greatly reduced prices. I defy all competition. Come quick for great bargains at S. M. Askins, Lake City S. C.

Misses Janie and Lucie Frierson of Indiantown, spent Wednesday at Barr's hotel.

Every farmer in the County should attend the Farmer's Institute today. The exercises will be held in the Court house, beginning promptly at 11 o'clock a. m.

A telegram has just been received by THE RECORD stating that the preliminary hearing in the Lake City lynching case had been postponed until Friday noon.

An exchange has discovered that the bile of a serpent is an antidote for its bite. We suppose it's on the same principle that "the hair of a dog is good for its bite."

The Mercantile Review was issued from this office last Friday. It contains a "write-up" of Kingstree, Lake City and Scranton, including sketches of the business men of these three towns. The paper presented quite a neat appearance, and as about 2000 copies were printed, will be a good advertising medium for its patrons. Mr. C M Compton, who edited it, was well pleased with Kingstree and the people of Williamsburg. The typographical work of the Mercantile Review was all done in THE RECORD office.

To Cure Constipation Forever. Take Cascarets Candy Cathartic. 10c or 25c. If C. C. C. fail to cure, druggists refund money.

NO MARCHING ORDERS YET.

MAJ. THOMPSON'S BATTALION STILL IN STATU QUO.

"They also Serve Who Only Stand and Wait"—Speculation Rife as to New Appointments. Recruiting Officers sent Out.

Columbia, S. C., June 25.—Another week has been spent by the Independent Battalion, S. C. V., at Camp Fitzhugh Lee, and still no marching orders have been received. Major Thompson, like the true soldier that he is, never complains, and keeps right on with his work with a cheerful smile always on his face. The men are not so contented to do duty here, but keep talking about the "shabby way" they are being treated by the war department.

The new uniforms have arrived and the men present a fine appearance. The uniforms are of a dark blue, light weight material, and the broad brimmed campaign hats and brown leggings add much to the appearance of the men. All the men now in camp have complete army regulation equipments and they are satisfied in this respect. Major Thompson took his Battalion out for a street parade Tuesday afternoon. The Battalion made quite a fine appearance, and many were the favorable comments heard on all sides. The men drill remarkably well, and Major Thompson and the several captains deserve great credit for the work that has been done.

All interest is now centered in the appointments that are to be made for the new regiment by the Governor next Monday. Before this is published the appointments will have been already made. As is well known, the United States Government has called upon South Carolina for eight more companies of infantry, and these eight companies are to be added to the Independent Battalion and a new regiment formed. There are scores of applicants for the regimental appointments, and speculation is rife as to who will be the successful men. The men all want Major Thompson for Colonel, but there is no telling who will be selected by Governor Ellerbe. Great pressure is being brought to bear upon the chief executive from every possible source for each of the candidates for the several positions, and it is impossible to say who has the "inside track." Major Thompson has recently appointed five recruiting officers for the Battalion, and Sergeant C J Epps, of Company D, is now, or soon will be, in Kingstree for the purpose of getting recruits for his company or any other company in the Battalion.

The guard house has been a popular place for several days past and the prisoners grew so in numbers the other day that another tent had to be put up for their accommodation. There is very little sickness here now. Several boys are visiting their homes on furloughs. It is said the paymaster will visit the camp next Tuesday.

LOUIS J. BRISTOW.

Death of Private Gilbert.

Columbia, S C June 27.—Our company was saddened this morning by the sudden death of Private Gilbert, Mr. Gilbert was a fine young man and was much esteemed by his comrades.

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The Season Will Soon Be Here

When we begin to buy fall and winter goods. Before that time arrives we want to sell our stock down as low as possible and are offering

Very Low Prices

on nearly everything in our line.

WE have a big line of

SHOES

being sold at prices to suit the season.

Ladies

Undervests

at 5c, 10c and upwards. A large line of

Sample

Pants

in which we are offering bargains.

Because of the advanced

prices on

Leaf

Tobacco

last season and the additional tax as a war measure on manufactured goods, there will be no more tobacco manufactured that can be retailed at 25c per lb. However we anticipated this condition and laid in quite a large stock that we are selling at old prices—WE have many bargains for the ready customer.

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& EPPS.