

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.

Miss Sallie Wilson is visiting at her old home in Goldsboro, N. C.

Mr. Joel E Brunson spent several days in Sumter last week.

Dr. R J McCabe visited the city of Sumter last week, and while there purchased a fine horse.

Miss Millie McCabe is visiting relatives and friends in Sumter this week.

Mrs Alice Pendergrass and her daughter, Miss Mattie, returned from Florence Sunday evening.

Miss Lillie Benjamin left for Georgetown on Monday, where she will spend some time with her sister Mrs. W R Bouie.

Miss Bessie and Cleo Burgess, two of Clarendon's accomplished young ladies were visiting relatives in Kingstree last week.

Miss Florence Bell, who has been teaching at Autreyville, Ga., for the past session returned to her home near Fowler's on Thursday last.

Lieut. W H Simmons, of the 6th Regiment, who was shot through the arm during the fight of Santiago de Cuba, is a cousin of Mesdames M F Heller and R B Lyons, of this place.

The work that the town council has recently had done around the artesian wells is very commendable. No longer will the citizens and visitors have to look at a mud puddle every time they visit the wells.

The Lake City Times has ceased to be published and has been succeeded by "The Dewey Eagle." May the wings of the bird never become so damp from "eagles" that are due(y) that it will be unable to soar.

Heavy rains have visited all parts of the State during the past week, and in some places the precipitation was heavier than it has been for several years. In Greenville and other places there was something like a cloud burst, and on the hillsides some houses were in danger of being washed away.

Our offer of the Thrice-a-Week World and the County Record one year for \$1.65 still holds good; we also offer THE RECORD and the Thrice-a-week News and Courier for \$1.75. This is a rare opportunity to secure two good papers for a very small sum.

The movable cage for the chain-gang has been about completed and it will be put into use pretty soon. The cage is a well-built concern and it will no doubt be of great service to the worthy superintendent of the gang. Of course, the convicts will be kept in the cage at night only.

Attention is called to the advertisement of the Florence Tobacco Warehouse which appears on the eighth page. This is one of the leading warehouses in the State and our farmers will make no mistake in carrying their "weed" there to put it upon the market. We know Messrs. Currier & Moore to be experienced bidders, and they will not let your stuff be sold unless it brings its full value.

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NOT TIME TO LOSE.

The School Trustees Should Elect Teachers.

Kingstree should have one school next year for the white children, and only one. The town is entirely too small to support two or more schools as such institutions should be supported. It was particularly unfortunate that the arrangement that prevailed previous to last year should have fallen through and we hope that it will not be so this year. Of course it is a well-known fact that the division last year was the result of a series of misunderstandings, but the trustees should get together early this year and arrange the matter so that no haste will be required. Now is the time to act, other schools are electing their teachers and Kingstree should not be left out. If the trustees have elected their teachers for the next scholastic term, we are not aware of it.

In this connection it may be well to mention the fact that there are but two members of the town board at this time. Early last fall Dr. W L Wallace published a card in the County Record, addressed to the voters of Kingstree, resigning his position on the board and no election has ever been held to fill the vacancy. One of the other members of the board is a member of the present town council and we do not think he is eligible to discharge the duties pertaining to both offices, as the State constitution strictly prohibits the holding of two offices at the same time. But as there is no emolument arising from either of the offices, it may be permissible in this instance. Our recollection of the wording of the constitution however, is that it prohibits the holding of two offices of trust or emolument.

Attention, Camp James McCutchen.

Headquarters, Camp James M. Cutchen, Kingstree, S. C., July 12, 1898.

An important meeting of this camp will be held in the court house tomorrow (Friday) afternoon at 3 o'clock.

Delegates to the reunion in Atlanta will be elected, and other business of importance will be attended to.

By order of Commandant
C J LESSESNE,
Louis J Bristow, Com.
Adjutant.

The Custom of Assessing Candidates Unjust.

As the candidates are coming out, there is one custom I think needs attention, and it is this: Asking candidates to contribute money for various things. When a man becomes a candidate for office, we have no more right to ask him for money than we had before. We all know their circumstances, and why should they give any more after they become candidates than before? All can not be elected, and when they are defeated it is not pleasant to reflect upon the thought that their constituency and others have taken occasion to bleed them on every hand. No Mr. Editor, it is not right, and I believe all right-thinking people will bear me out in the assertion.

Believing that a word to the wise is sufficient, we think it proper to direct the mind of the public to this matter.

"Up to Date."

The County Record \$1 a year

EDITORS ON A LARK.

THE MOUNTAIN CITY'S WARM WELCOME.

The Press Gang Enjoy Themselves in The Growing City of Greenville.

The annual meeting of the South Carolina Press Association was held in Greenville last week, and a most pleasant time was spent by every one who attended. After the close of the business of the Association, the citizens of the city last Friday gave the members of the "fourth estate" a trip to Paris Mountain, and the ladies of the place served us with dinner at the old home place of Waddy Thompson on the mountain.

To say that we enjoyed our stay in the "Mountain City" would be but expressing it mildly, for a more enjoyable occasion we have never known. True, we were disappointed in two or three ways with the city, but its beautiful mansions, magnificent schools, wide streets, stately buildings, lovely girls, and various other things quite made up for the lack of a public hall and a trolley line.

Greenville is a place which has a history respecting newspapers equalled by few, if any, towns in the State, and if the words of such noted newspaper men as Col. James A Hoyt, Lieut.-Gov. McSweeney, Mr. Elbert H Aull and others count for anything, there isn't an editor in the State who would change his residence, but who would move to Greenville to pursue his editorial work.

Not only do all the newspapers in Greenville prosper, but business of any nature, legitimate business, in the town is always on the ascent. Recently several cotton mills have been erected in and around the city and there is not one of them in which one can buy stock at par. Business of every nature has increased during the past few years, and never do you hear of a failure in Greenville, or of a business man there wanting to make a change of residence. Among the most noticeable improvements in the city is the large number of beautiful and costly dwellings that have been recently built. On every side the place shows signs of a sturdy, healthy growth, and her population has greatly increased in recent years.

The editors made no mistake in selecting Greenville as the place of meeting this year, and Harris' Lithia Springs will have to "hump" itself to give us as pleasant a stay there next year as did Greenville this year.

Fresh Turnip Seed at Dr. W V Brockington's Drug Store.

Notice.

All the delegates that are expected to attend the Interdenominational Sunday School Convention to be held at Johnsonville church on July 28 29, will please send in their names as early as possible to me so that homes can be provided for them.

L L ARR,
Venters, S. C.

Wanted

A pair of Fox Squirrels, by Geo. S. Barr. A reasonable price will be paid for the same.

An Uncertain Disease.

There is no disease more uncertain in its nature than dyspepsia. Physicians say that the symptoms of no two cases agree. It is therefore most difficult to make a correct diagnosis. No matter how severe, or under what disguised dyspepsia attacks you, Brown's Iron Bitters will cure it. Invaluable in all diseases of the stomach, blood and nerves. Brown's Iron Bitters is sold by all dealers.

OFF TO THE WAR.

Lieut. Rossenger and Sergt. Bristow Recruiting in Kingstree.

Sergeant Louis J Bristow, of company A, 2nd S. C., Regt. U. S. V., was in Kingstree for several days during the past week and secured several recruits for his regiment, who will be mustered into service by Lieut. Otto B Rossenger, of company C, same regiment, this afternoon. Sergeant Bristow did not come here on a recruiting tour, but when he arrived in town he found that there were several men around here who desired to go and fight for their country, so he telegraphed his captain and got permission to remain several days and assist in the work of getting the men together. Lieut. Rossenger is the regular mustering officer of Col. Thompson's Battalion, and Mr. Bristow telegraphed for him to be sent here, which was done.

Go to Dr. W V Brockington's for cheap Turnip Seed, fresh.

Benson Budget.

Crops are looking well since the rain has fallen.

Watermelons are plentiful in our community.

Mr. W E Snowden made a flying trip to Florence on business last Saturday.

Mr. F Lamar McCullough has enlisted in the army, and is stationed at Sullivan's Island.

We had several small showers last week, which the dry, thirsty earth received with a warm welcome.

This week a protracted meeting will be in progress at Cedar Swamp Methodist church, conducted by Rev. A B Earle.

A sociable was given at the residence of Mr. J S McCullough on last Friday evening. A pleasant time is reported by all who attended.

There was a game of base ball played on last Saturday at Indiantown between that club and the Dauntless of this place, resulting in favor of Indiantown by a score of two.

The Dauntless and Black Mingo teams will cross bats next Saturday on the ball ground at Mr. L H McCullough's. Two games will be played, one in the morning, another in the evening. The friends of the boys are invited to come with their baskets.

I would suggest to the Dauntless, if we are beaten this time, "Don't less" play another game till we are in better trim.

Among our visitors last Sunday were Rev. H C Haddock and wife, of Trio; Mr. Phillips and sister, of Bloomingdale. Mr. Joe Epps and sister, Miss Mattie, of Epps. Rev. W D Moorer was also present, and gave us an excellent sermon on the "duty of Christians."

At the close of the service it was announced that a protracted meeting would begin at Cedar Grove Baptist Church on Friday before the second Sunday in August.

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Just received; a car load of corn to go at prices that will please the people. S. M. Askins, Lake City S. C.

A full line of furniture of all kinds—to be had at the lowest prices from S. M. Askins, Lake City, S. C.

OUR ARMY LETTER.

MR. BRISTOW WRITES WHILE VISITING KINGSTREE

He Regrets the Failure of Capt. Epps in Organizing a Company. —Recruits Secured.

Kingstree, S. C., July 10, 1898.—As I am here for a day or two, I will write my usual weekly letter right here in the County Record office, and I trust that it will be as interesting to our readers as I have been told my letters from Columbia are.

I have been away from camp for several days, having been off on a jaunt with the editors of the State, and, having a day or two more on my furlough, I decided to run down to Kingstree and spend the time with friends here.

I am very sorry to see that the young men who have been trying to raise a company in this county have met with so little encouragement and success. True they have secured thirty or forty names, but it takes one hundred and six men to make a company of United States volunteers. As I was aware of the efforts being put forth by Messrs. Ralph and E C Epps, Ralph Joyner and others to get up a company here, I suggested to our recruiting officers that they not visit Williamsburg until after the formation of the company feeling sure that the requisite number of young men could be secured, but I am afraid that I acted very unwisely, as I have found a number of noble young fellows here who are very anxious to enlist at once.

The camp at Columbia is growing daily and it will be only a short time before the Second Regiment of South Carolina troops will be completed. I am sure the people of this county will be disappointed when they find that Williamsburg will not have a place in the picture, and I share with them in the disappointment felt. True, this county has already furnished quite a number of the men already enlisted in the South Carolina troops, but I think that the county could have furnished at least enough men for a new company to form a nucleus around which the company could have been built.

However, the young men who want to join the army will have an opportunity of doing so pretty soon.

When I found that there would be no way to get the Williamsburg county company together in time to get in under the second call of the President, I went around accompanied by Mr. E C Epps, and found that nearly every one of the men who had promised to go into the home company wanted to go right away and get into some other company that has been already accepted, so I telegraphed my captain and asked for an extension of furlough and wired Lieut. Otto B Rossenger, of company C, who is the enlisting officer of the Battalion, to come here Thursday and have examined and muster in those who wished to go to the front.

I will go out into the country this afternoon and tomorrow and get all I can to come in Thursday night, already examined and mustered in. They will go to Columbia and be assigned to companies, given tents, uniforms and equipments, and it

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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 advance 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.

LESSESNE & EPPS.