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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 Busy
Readers.

Christmas greetings to all.
Mr J F Cooper visited Charleston Friday.
Dr R J McCabe went to Georgetown this week.
Mr Marvin Martin has been ill for several days.
St Nicholas is truly the patron saint of the little folks.
Mr J S Tisdale was on our streets Saturday from Benson.
Mrs W S Martin of Johnston is visiting relatives in town.
Mr Simon Poston of Jay was a visitor to town Monday.
Mr W C Wilson of Indiantown was in town one day this week.
Mr A W Chandler of Pineland was a visitor in town Tuesday.
Misses Othell and Lizzie Epps were in town Saturday from Central.
Mr P D Cockfield and son J S Cockfield were in town Saturday.
Many a turkey will sing the gobble song today for the last time.
Mr James Cunningham of Sumter is visiting his parents at Indiantown.
Misses Edith and Beulah Nelson visited the city by the sea Tuesday.
The Christmas song of the small boy: "Everybody got a whistle like me."
R J Kirk, Esq., is in Charleston this week, enjoying the merry yuletide.
Mr R A Watts went to Goldsboro Tuesday night to remain during Xmas.
Supervisor-elect J J Graham of Suttons was in town Friday on business.
Mr and Mrs T J Phillips of Cedar Swamp were among the visitors in town Monday.
Mr S J Singletary of Lake City, county commissioner elect, visited town yesterday.
Messrs J F and B F Brockinton, were pleasant visitors at our actum Monday.
Miss Belle Harper, who is teaching at Prospect, is enjoying her Christmas vacation at home.
We were glad to shake hands with our friend Dr J R Brockinton of Indiantown last Friday.
Messrs W P McGill of Cades and J Y McGill of Benson were in Kingstree Tuesday.
Messrs R B Smith and W H McElveen of Spring Bank were in Kingstree Friday.
Miss Blanch Montgomery went to Georgetown this week to spend Xmas with relatives.
Dr C D Jacobs, who is attending the Charleston Medical College, is home for the holidays.
Mr Pole Tyler of Benson called Tuesday and left us a pleasant souvenir on subscription.
Mr Eugene Hirsch spent several days in town this week.
Mrs R D Gamble and Miss Maude Chaplin of Indiantown, were in town shopping last Saturday.
Prof W J Smiley, who has been teaching at Sandy Bay, was on our streets one day this week.
Miss Mary Boyd of Darlington is visiting the family of Capt John A Kelley, on Academy street.
Hon Joel E Brunson left Tuesday night for Sumter to be with his family during the holidays.
Mr T W Boyle, one of Greeleyville's solid business men, was among the visitors to town Saturday.
Dr I N Boyd, who has a veritable host of warm friends in town, was a county seat visitor Saturday.

Dr and Mrs D P Frierson of Charleston are spending the holidays at Mr James Epps' near town.
Prof Sam McCullough, who has been teaching in the Bloomingdale section, called to see us Tuesday.
Mrs M E Cockfield, who has been quite sick at the home of Mr G F Williamson at Cades, is improving.
Mrs Lizzie Barrineau of Molino, Fla., passed through town town last week on a visit to relatives at Rome.
Mr Marion Allen of Florence, formerly a citizen of Kingstree, spent a day or two here with friends last week.
Mr Edwin Epps left Monday night for Tupelo, Mississippi, to pay his relatives there a long deferred Xmas visit.
The editor returns appreciative thanks for an invitation to a Christmas tree at Capt A J Smith's last evening.
Our merchants seemed to be doing a rushing trade during the holidays, especially those who advertise in THE RECORD.
Prof N D Lesesne of Greeleyville than whom there is no more scholarly gentleman in the county, was in town a few hours Saturday.
Mr Joe Brockinton, who holds a position with the Atlantic Coast Lumber Co. of Georgetown, came over yesterday for the Xmas holidays.
At a meeting of the town council this week C E St Amand, Esq., was elected town clerk and treasurer to succeed Marion R Levin, deceased.
Mr Samuel A Tisdale, who has been in business in Georgia for the past year, arrived in town Tuesday night en route to Benson to spend Xmas.
Miss Jennie McCutchen, who is a member of the faculty of the Presbyterian High School, of Columbia, is spending Xmas with relatives at Indiantown.
Mr E J Newcomb, traveling representative of the Southern Printers' Supply Co., Washington, D. C., visited THE RECORD office while in town Tuesday.
Our Lake City correspondent is probably taking Christmas this week. His bright and breezy letters are a feature of THE RECORD and one that we cannot well do without.
Mr Heber G Epps of Grimes, Alabama, came home this week for a brief holiday. Mr Epps is in the saw-mill business in Alabama and is making a success of it.
Mr W M O'Bryan of Heinemann was in town Monday greeting his friends. His two sons, Cadets S G and W M O'Bryan, Jr., are home from Clemson College for Christmas.
There will be a hot supper at Mr S W McIntosh's, Workman, on New Year's night, to which the public is cordially invited. The proceeds will be applied to re-building the school house.
Dr W V Brockinton's horse dashed off Sunday afternoon, from the watering trough in front of Capt G P Nelson's house, pulling Dr Brockinton, who was holding him, over the trough and bruising him severely. The horse got away and ran some distance before being stopped.
News reached here yesterday of the killing of Mr Robert Bodiford the night before on the Murray Hill road about nine miles from town. We have been unable to obtain the particulars of the homicide at this time and will not attempt to give an account of the affair on mere hearsay.

Mr P B Thorn left Tuesday night for Washington, D. C., to join his daughters, Misses Marie and Selma, who are attending the Virginia Female Institute, Staunton, Va., and with a party from the school, will spend the holidays in sight seeing around the capital.
We have been requested to announce that there will be a hot supper at Johnsonville church parsonage on the night of Tuesday, December 30. The public is cordially invited to attend and enjoy a pleasant evening and at the same time contribute to a good cause.
On Saturday, December 27, a carload of horses will be sold at auction in town. There will also be a lot of horse swapping—in fact a regular, old time horse-traders' convention. Anyone wanting to buy a nice horse or to get a new one in a trade should not fail to be on hand.
The editor is indebted to the Palmetto Club of Georgetown for an invitation to their annual banquet to take place on the evening of December 31, 1902. The Palmetto Club is justly famous for the elegance of their entertainments and we highly appreciate the courtesy of the invitation committee.
Mr Dan B Cooper, a son of Supt of Education Cooper, is home on a two months furlough for Xmas. Mr Cooper has been in the United States army for about two years. He is now a cadet of the artillery corps, stationed at Fort Scriven, on Tybee island. He has another year to serve before his term of enlistment expires.
News reached here a few days ago of the extreme illness of Mrs A McRimmon, who now resides at Warner Mines, Alabama. Her malady is typhoid fever and at last accounts her condition was precarious. Mrs McRimmon is the mother of Mrs R W Fulton and has a number of friends in the county who will be pained to learn of her illness.
Mr E R Rowell of Taft recently presented the editor with a sample of syrup made from ribbon cane grown on his farm. The syrup was delicious and our enjoyment of it is only exceeded by the appreciation of the kindly spirit which prompted the gift. Mr Rowell is a thrifty and energetic farmer and withal an estimable citizen of his community.
Mr D F Baxley of Lambert, who presented us with the largest stalk of ribbon cane this season and really the finest we ever saw, supplemented this gift last Thursday with a flask of syrup of his manufacture. It was certainly a treat, being fully as fine as would be expected from such cane as our friend raises. Mr Baxley tells us that he planted one-seventh of an acre of ribbon cane, which turned out 89 gallons of syrup. We return our appreciative thanks for this acceptable present.
The following friends have called this week and left us an acceptable contribution on subscription: Messrs M F Eaddy, S Poston, Jay; A B Burrows, Fowler; W S Hudson, Taft; R H Strong, J G Tisdale, LeRoy Lee, James Epps, W I Nexsen, J P Shaw, Kingstree; Pole Tyler, Benson; B F Brockinton, Sr., Morrisville; E T Hamer, Salters; B A McKnight, Gourdings; N D Lesesne, P C Shirer, Greeleyville; P D Cockfield, Lake City; W K Wilson, Cades and W W Johnson, Johnsonville.
Under the auspices of the Parsonage Aid Society an entertainment will be given in the court house on the night of December 31. In addition to refreshments of every kind that will be served exercises celebrating the going out of the old year and the advent of the new will be a part of the programme. There will be no charge for admission and every body should go out.

THE SAGE OF POSSUM FORK.

CONVEYS A WARNING AS TO CERTAIN KINDS OF HOG FEED.

His Wife Makes Him Keep a Cow
and He Enjoys the Milk—A Lively
Fox Chase.

(For The County Record)

"Good morning Jim, bad luck this morning!"—"What's the matter now?"—"Why fear of the old spotted sow's fine pigs fell in a stump hole and died. I saw the hole near the bed but did not think to fill it up."—"Well that's your fault."—"So it is."—"And you know the old black sow caught my wife's chickens and she said I must kill her, so I put her in the pea field to fatten and she killed herself on peas the first day—I should have stopped her up a while first, I reckon. But I never had peas to kill hogs before. But they say see we bean hulls will kill them—You know Bud Newell had two hogs in his pasture this fall and some of the family threw some green hulls over the fence and both the hogs died after chewing the hulls."

Mr L L Ard also had two hogs in a pen and threw some see we bean vines over to them containing a few beans and they were dead next morning. Some call them lima beans or butter beans.

Now we can't stop planting them, for no other table bean is such a prolific, persistent bearer till frost. But don't throw the hulls to the hogs.

We have a fine acorn crop this year, hogs are fat in the woods and I have only to give them corn enough to harden the lard. A good thing, too, for the severe drought cut crops short in this section. Cotton you know did put on a new growth after the rain set in and made a top crop, but it won't amount to much—too late.

No hog cholera around here this season but hogs are scarce.

A few hogs around a farm is a great thing. They eat the gleanings in the pea field, root the potato patch, drink kitchen slops, pick up acorns and many other things and turn all to lard, sausages &c. They are as good as a Frenchman to eat mushrooms, too, you and I, Jim, would starve in the woods where a hog and a Frenchman would fatten on mushrooms. So I always try to keep some hogs and have always raised our meat.

My wife makes me keep a milch cow or two also, and I tell you, Jim, they do us good. For besides milk and butter the sour milk and clabber make better biscuit than baking powders, and a drink of whey in summer is often better to quench thirst than lemonade. Milk keeps you healthy, too. I call it the balm of a thousand flowers. It is the quintessence of all the herbs and grasses combined; and good Dr Cow knows so well how to pick out the healthy varieties.

Miss Hen, too, gives us the eggs to put in the milk-custard, and I hardly know which is the better, the eggs in the milk or the milk in the custard, or the sugar between. But you can't do much without the milk. It starves the doctors. I am nearly 71 and my wife nearly 69, and we have hardly paid the doctors in all our lives enough money to keep friendly with them.

"But see here, Jim, tell me, did you hear that music Friday night? I wonder who all those dogs belong to? About a dozen

of them; What's the name of that old coarse-mouthed fellow that seems to keep the lead?

"They call him 'Chain lightning.'"

"Oh! but didn't they keep Brer Fox hot 'round and 'round that old summer house field about three hours and never lost the trail! They pushed him so he crossed the Johnson terry bridge and took the long causeway over into Florence county. Mr Charlton Haselden and some others followed him across, but old 'Chain lightning' and his gang got so close to Brother Reynard he took the track back again. Here they come full cry along the causeway while Mr Dennis and Mr Price were on the big bridge. Mr Dennis pulled his coat to fight him back, and Mr Price took his hat. Brer Fox came full charge, fetched one squall and sprang between the boys, disregarding the peltings of coat and hat, and they had to open column to let old 'Chain Lightning' and his musical company try their speed. Don't you think, Jim, it was the most exciting chase you ever heard? I think those fellows had sore throat next day, but they caught him near the road on the side next to POSSUM FORK."

Open Part of Xmas Day.

Our patrons and those who intend to patronize us will find us attending to business as faithfully as ever during the holidays. We wish you a merry Christmas and many happy returns of the day. A new necktie for the proprietor is about all the Xmas coming to us. We did intend to get married, but had to postpone it. This leaves us free, and we will show no partiality, but will make everybody's picture the best we can, which means the best that can be made anywhere.

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A. W. JONES VISITS KINGSTREE

Says that Time for Paying Taxes Will Be Extended.

Mr A W Jones, the chief auditing clerk in the comptroller general's office, was here several days last week looking after the affairs of the auditor's office. Mr Jones regrets that the books are so far behind in this county, but to a representative of THE RECORD he said that he had no doubt that an extension of the time for tax-paying without the penalty would be granted in this county, any way.

This will doubtless be good news to those who have not yet had the opportunity of paying their taxes. Mr Jones was chosen in the last election to succeed Comptroller General Derham, who was not a candidate for re-election. Mr Jones says that all the new State officers will be inducted into office about January 18 of the new year.

A Christmas Treat

The Christmas atmosphere of Kingstree has been redolent of the fragrance of genuine Manila cigars this week, thanks to the thoughtful kindness of Prof Ralph D Epps, who is now in the government service at Manila, Philippine Islands, training the young Filipino idea how to shoot. Last week this kind friend, who was ever a polished gentleman and a staunch friend, sent four boxes of fine cigars to the following addresses: Messrs W H Kennedy, Louis Jacobs, Louis Gilliland and C W Wolfe. It was a genuine treat to the recipients and on behalf of them all we tender our sincerest thanks to Prof Epps, wishing him a happy Christmas and many more.

By special arrangement with the publishers we are able to offer THE RECORD in club with the Semi-Weekly News and Courier at \$1.50 a year in advance. These papers separately cost you \$1.00 each. Remember you get three papers a week, containing all the State and county news for the small sum of \$1.50 a year. Do not neglect this opportunity.

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