

LIFE AT LAKE CITY.

Items of Local and Personal Interest in A Busy Town.

Lake City, Feb. 9.—(Special).—On Thursday morning, Feb. 5, 1903, Miss Eva Rollins and Mr L O Holloway were united in marriage. The ceremony was performed by Rev T J Rooker at the home of the bride's father. It was a quiet home affair, only the immediate family being present. Immediately after the marriage the happy pair took the north bound train for Wilson, N. C., Washington and other northern cities on a tour. Miss Rollins is a daughter of Treasurer R D Rollins. She is a post graduate of Winthrop and a general favorite with all who know her. Her warm friends are numbered by the score. Mr Holloway, whose home is in Wilson, N. C., has been the representative of the American Tobacco Co. on this market for the three years last passed. He is a genial whole-souled gentleman, who is highly regarded for his social, manly and business qualities. May their lives fall in pleasant places; their path be bordered with roses and jasmine; and fanned by breezes from off violet beds.

The stream of wagons moving fertilizers is long, steady and crowded. Mr and Mrs S W G Shipp visited in town last week.

Mr Jim Timmons of Friendfield, Florence county, was seen on our streets Monday.

Mr T M Griffin's new store on Main street is nearing completion.

The town council of Lake City have appointed a board of health, consisting of Dr L B Johnson, J M Sturgeon, A N Sutcliffe, J D Singletary and L C Moore.

D A Bragdon of Friendfield was in town Monday.

Dr S B W Courtney's drug store will soon be ready for the painter's brush.

There were several cases up before the intendant today for train-riding and fighting.

Hon J Davis Carter of Leo was noted in town Monday.

Robt H Singletary has been elected clerk of the town council.

Mr Mack Kirby is opening an up-to-date barber shop in our town, something that has long been needed, and we hope to see him succeed in his undertaking.

Mr Ralph Joyner has returned from Richmond, Va.

Mr Charlie Joyner came down from Cowards Saturday night and spent Sunday in town with relatives.

Mr R F Rickenbaker, a young merchant of our town, went to Florence Sunday to spend the day with (?).

Several of our boys have invested in fine horses and buggies. Can you tell us what it means?

Mr Ed Johnson has accepted a position with Mr W T Askins as salesman.

Mr Ezra Singletary stopped here Tuesday on his way to Savannah, Ga.

Dr S A Steele, who was booked for a lyceum lecture Monday night, failed to appear.

Mr and Mrs D M Epps gave a "social picnic" Friday night. Each lady was invited to furnish supper for two, herself and a gentleman. It was quite a success and thoroughly enjoyed.

NOTICE.

Persons desiring to have their lots at the Williamsburg Presbyterian Cemetery taken care of this year, are requested to pay the necessary amount to Mr Lucius Montgomery at once. The contract for the working of the cemetery is to be made very soon, and only those portions paid for will be included.

There has never been a reduction in the wages of sin.

AFTER SIXTEEN MONTHS

BLACK FEVER GIVES UP ITS DEAD.

Gruesome Sequel to the Disappearance of T. B. Mims over Sixteen Months ago.

Tuesday afternoon while floating timber down the river to Thom's mill, Mr H W Bryan noticed drifting on the water what appeared to be the body of a human being. He investigated and found the object to be the decomposed remains of a man. The body was stark naked except a shoe on one foot. When an effort was made to raise the body the head fell off into the water. The arms had also rotted off, but the greater part of the flesh still adhered to the remains.

With the aid of his men Mr Bryan succeeded in getting the body out on the bank and then came to town and notified the authorities of his discovery.

As soon as the news was told of course everyone's mind reverted to the disappearance of T B Mims over a year ago and the finding of his horse and road-cart in the river.

On Wednesday night October 2, 1901, Mr Mims left Kingstree to return home, but he never reached his destination and two days passed before the unfortunate man's fate was discovered. The horse and cart was tracked to the river-bank and there at a place called the "cut-down ground" was the plain print of the horse's hoofs where it went into the water. The vehicle and the body of the horse were found nearby, but albeit day after day searching parties dragged the river not a trace of Mims's body could be found.

As soon as they were notified Mr John Mims, the father of the deceased and other members of his family, hurried to the scene and took charge of the remains. We are informed that the body was buried yesterday morning.

Coroner Burrows, who was duly notified, arrived in town yesterday but upon hearing that the burial had taken place and that the family were satisfied as to the identity of the remains, we understand that he decided not to hold an inquest.

Mortuary.

DIED—On Saturday, February 7, 1903, at his home at Lyckeburg, S. C., after a protracted illness of nine months, Capt D E Keels, ex-treasurer of Sumter county. Capt Keels was the father of Hon W M Keels of Greeleyville and had a number of friends in this county.

The bad weather is about over with. Come for photos. We will finish them promptly. Col. Satchwell, the proprietor, will be on hand to amuse the crowd.

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Love has made many a young man too nearsighted for military service.

It is the auctioneer's hammer that rivets attention and clinches bargains.

ESCAPED AN AWFUL FATE.

Mr H Haggins of Melbourne, Fla., writes, "my doctor told me I had Consumption and nothing could be done for me. I was given up to die. The offer of a free trial bottle of Dr. King's New Discovery for Consumption, induced me to try it. Results were startling. I am now on the road to recovery and owe all to Dr. King's New Discovery. It surely saved my life." This great cure is guaranteed for all throat and lung diseases by D C Scott, Druggist. Price 50c and \$1.00. Trial bottles free.

THE NEW SCHOOL BUILDING.

Steps Taken Whereby the Project Assumes Tangible Shape.

At last the projected new school building is assuming tangible shape. The town council has been petitioned by the board of trustees to ask the Williamsburg delegation to introduce a bill at this session of the Legislature giving the town the right to issue bonds to the amount of \$6000, if so much be necessary, to erect a new school building. The council immediately acted favorably on the petition and the matter will be at once brought to the attention of the legislative delegation. The thing to do is to get the bill through at once, and we have no doubt that our delegation will bend all their energy to that end.

TILLMAN APPLIES FOR BAIL.

Argument to Be Heard Before Chief Justice Pope Today.

Formal notice has been served upon the solicitor and attorney general by Messrs Nelson and Croft, attorneys for James H Tillman, that application would be made for bail before Chief Justice Pope at Newberry on Thursday, February 12. Judge Buchanan's trip to Newberry Saturday was for the purpose of serving a writ of habeas corpus and of setting the date for the application to be made.

Cotton Worth 13 1-2 Cts Per Pound.

FLORENCE, S. C., Jan. 31, 1903.

Dear Sir:—I have been planting this cotton for past two years. You can grow it as perfectly as any one else, and as much of it as any other variety. This is not a hybrid cotton, but is a distinct variety of Pelier cotton, which I imported from near the coast of Virginia two years ago as an experiment, and I have found that it grows better here than it did there, as I have had my cotton in the market with the planters from whom I got the seed, and I sold for from 1 to 2 cents over them. It costs no more to raise this cotton than it does short staples; and as so many southern mills are putting machinery in to use this cotton exclusively, we can sell this cotton at our doors. The mills at McColl have all been changed, and also one at Bennettsville; and also Newberry has a mill to use this cotton, and also some of the Spartanburg mills, and aside from this New England is using large lots of it in place of silk.

You plant, work and gin this cotton in same way you do short cotton. The local mills are paying 12 1/2 cents for this cotton, and I have just received an offer on a lot of 20 bales from a Boston concern of 13 1/2 cents, which I have accepted.

I called on the manager of the four mills at Bennettsville and McColl a few days ago with samples of my cotton, and he said unhesitatingly that I had the best cotton that he had seen; and he further said that he had samples from almost every place this kind of cotton is grown.

Now, as to the yield of this cotton, I will refer you to Clerk of Court of this county. As to staple, I refer you to Mr Charles Ice-man, of McColl and Bennettsville mills; Rogers, McCabe & Co., and J W Perry & Co., Norfolk, Va., and Berry, Thayer & Co., of Boston. This cotton will hold its own here as to staple, and it is now 14 to 14 1/2 inches long.

I have a few of these seed for sale at \$1.00 per bushel, f o b cars here, and if you want any, send me your order, as my supply is limited, and the first orders get the seed. For further information write me.

Respectfully,
R. C. COMMANDER.

THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY.

REVIEW OF A WEEK'S WORK BY OUR CORRESPONDENT.

Several Important Bills—Mr Daniel's Claim Granted—Kingstree's New Magistrate.

Columbia, February 9, (Special).—The House calendar now numbers more than four hundred bills, and still they come. Most of them are not worth the paper they are written on and it is to be hoped that their existence even as bills will be brief. Quite a good many bills have positive merit, but are not in the proper shape. They are the products of well-meaning minds but were turned out without having received mature deliberation. In fact most of our laws have defects that spring from this same cause. This explains the great number of bills that are introduced every session to amend previous acts. There remains only twelve more working days for the Assembly. Therefore, unless a bill be introduced within the next two or three days, it can not be put through. The final flood is looked for the first three days of this week.

A bill has passed the House by a safe majority which provides that in cases of usury the one exacting a usurious rate of interest shall forfeit twenty-five per cent of the principal in addition to the interest.

The Marshall child labor bill passed the House finally on Saturday and now needs only the Governor's approval to become law. It was debated on three days. Speech after speech was made and harangue after harangue shot off. The air was lurid with statements, charges and declarations. The bill is an exceedingly mild measure. As was stated on the floor, "it is as mild as a May morning." It is a compromise from beginning to end. The bill is too long to reproduce here and even its purport would take too much space.

The Johnson bill, which passed the House Friday, is a measure of great importance. It provides that railroads shall settle freight bills according to the original bill of lading, and provides further that in case of loss, breakage or damage of any freight, the railroad company shall pay the cash value of the articles lost, broken or damaged at once and failure in either case subjects the company to a forfeiture of \$200.

The claim of Mr J D Daniels for services and expenses in the capture of H C Holloway passed without a dissenting vote. This claim would have been paid by Governor McSweeney out of his contingent fund but this fund was exhausted before the claim was presented.

The committee on circuit court roster, of which Mr Bass is a member, has presented a bill fixing the time for holding courts in the Third circuit. A change was necessary on account of the addition of Lee county to our circuit. This bill, which will in all probability become law, as it is consented to by all the counties affected, provides for our (Williamsburg) courts in the first of April, the last of June and the middle of November and gives us two weeks at spring and fall terms, if so much be necessary. However, should the bill to create two new circuits go through, an entirely different arrangement must be made.

Fifty bills, mostly local, were put through Saturday. The Pollock dispensary bill, which sought to raise the price of liquors, was killed after a hard fight.

Messrs P G Gourdin and J W Coward were here Thursday looking after the matter of the expenses in connection with the efforts to establish dispensaries at Lake City and Scranton. It seems that \$123

of these expenses was paid out of the Kingstree dispensary and the balance then divided, which cut down the town's portion about \$62.50. Kingstree contended that this \$62.50 should be repaid to the town. It was decided that this should not be done, that Kingstree is entitled to one-half of the profits after paying all expenses and that this was an expense.

Supervisor Graham was here on Thursday in attendance upon the Good Roads Convention. I said last week that no estimate for the current year had been sent up. In this I was partly mistaken. No estimate had been sent to the delegation, but I learned a few days ago that Ex-Supervisor Chandler had promptly sent the estimate to the Comptroller General. I wish to say this in justice to Mr Chandler.

Recommendations have been made as to all of our magistrates except one. Of course the delegation stood by the primary except as to Kingstree, for which place our members had to name a man. They finally settled down upon R K Wallace, Esq., and presented his name to the governor for magistrate at Kingstree. Senator Williams had recovered sufficiently to return to his post on the 2nd.

ATTEMPTED ARSON.

Futile Effort of a Firebug to Burn Vacant Store.

Some time last week (probably Thursday night) an act of incendiarism was attempted, which had it succeeded, would have swept a whole block and endangered all the business part of the town. Evidence of the fiendish design was discovered Friday morning in the shape of a pile of burned faggots which had been placed under the building at the corner of Main and Jail streets, the old stand of Lesene & Epps. The sill underneath which the fire was built was found to be charred by the heat and it is only by a happy chance that the kindling wood burned out before the sill or boards were ignited. Evidently the cowardly scoundrel who set the fire was afraid to remain to complete his work—as well as he might be. A short shrift at the end of a rope is too good a fate for a fiend who would wantonly or maliciously commit an act so despicable.

The Old Maids' Convention.

The justly celebrated entertainment, "The Old Maids' Convention" will be presented by local talent in the court house to morrow evening. This play is one of the best of its kind and has been a big success wherever rendered. It is entirely new in Kingstree and those who attend will have the double satisfaction of enjoying a hearty laugh and at the same time contributing to a worthy cause, as the proceeds will be given to the Baptist parsonage fund.

The entertainment will begin promptly at 7:30 o'clock and the public is cordially invited to be present. After the play refreshments will be served.

ADMISSION:

Adults - - - - - 25c,
Children - - - - - 10 and 15c.

DEFEATED IN THE SENATE.

Bill to Require Supts. of Education to Hold Teachers' Certificates.

After passing the House and running the gauntlet of two readings in the Senate the bill to require county superintendents of education to hold first grade certificates was defeated Tuesday on its final reading in the Senate. This was one of the most sensible bills introduced this session and we cannot understand what possible objection anyone could have to its passage.

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- SALMON
- SNUFF
- ROPE
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