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LOCAL ITEMS OF INTEREST

Next Saturday is the glorious Fourth.

Miss Mamie Schultz is in town this week from Lake City.

Capt W R Funk has been sick of rheumatism for some days.

Mr Louis Sherfesse of Charleston spent Sunday in town with friends.

Next Saturday, being a legal holiday, the Bank of Kingstree will be closed.

Miss Mary Meyer has returned from an extended visit to friends in Charleston.

Messrs T C Poston and T M Cox of Bloomingdale called pleasantly to see us Friday.

Miss Alma Gordon of Lanes is visiting her sister, Mrs L Mouzon.—Georgetown Outlook.

The base ball boys returned from Georgetown this morning highly pleased with their trip.

Mr Cash Epps of Cades, who is now a "knight of the grip," was here Monday on business.

Miss Maud Z Logan left Monday for Walhalla and other points in the up country to spend the heated term.

Mr W E Severance, a popular commercial salesman and broker, was in town Monday from Lake City.

Mr H K Browder of Lanes has received \$25 from the artificial limb fund of the Pension Department.

Mr J P Wheeler returned to Georgetown Monday after a visit of several days to his family at Cades.

Miss Mary Boyd, who has been visiting her sister, Mrs John A Kelley, returned Monday to her home in Darlington.

Prof George McCutchen, a member of the faculty of the South Carolina College, is spending some time at his old home at Indiantown.

Miss Lulle Cauthen returned Monday to her home in Orangeburg after spending some time here with her brother, Rev Henry Cauthen.

Judge Townsend has issued an order granting a change of venue from Richland to Lexington county in the case of the State vs James H Tillman.

Two more cotton blooms were received last evening from the farm of Messrs D W Avant & Son of Harpers. These were picked on the 27th of June.

Mr Andrew Simonds, formerly president of the 1st National Bank of Charleston and prominent in social and financial circles, has been adjudged insane.

Mr and Mrs W J Bryant of Everett City, Ga., who have been visiting Mrs Bryant's parents, Mr and Mrs B B Chandler at Rome, returned home last week.

Miss Annie Chandler of Benson, one of the "sweet girl undergraduates" of Chicora College, Greenville, is visiting her aunt, Mrs L J Barr, in West Main street.

Miss Annie Riser, who was recently elected as a teacher in the Kingstree Graded school, has declined the position. She will return to her former position at Fairfax.

Again we are compelled, on account of the demands on our space, to omit many items of personal and local interest. We regret the necessity that forces us to do this.

Dr A D Epps, who has had charge of the small-pox case at Fowlers, reports that his patient is out of danger and well on the way to recovery. No new cases have developed and he thinks now that there is slight danger of the disease spreading. This intelligence is gratifying indeed and speaks well for the skillful handling of the case by Dr Epps, as well as the prompt action taken by the authorities.

AFFAIRS CAUGHT BY OUR LOCAL REPORTER AND NOTED.

Written in Condensed Form and Printed in Like Manner for the Sake of Our Busy Readers.

Mr P A Alsbrook has opened a furniture and general repair shop in the building formerly occupied by Barr & Co. Later on, we understand, he contemplates carrying a complete line of furniture, etc.

We call attention to the services to be held in the Methodist church next week. Let all the people attend these meetings. It will pay you to hear Mr Shelton, as he is one of the leading revivalists of the State.

The board of county commissioners met at Barr's Ford last Saturday to let out the bridges at that place for repair. The contract for the large bridge was given to Mr J J Eaddy for \$266, and the smaller one was bid off by Mr Z T Eaddy at \$21.50. These were the lowest bids offered.

The editor is indebted to the courtesy of the committee for an invitation to the picnic at Brown's Ferry on July 9. We have a distinctly agreeable recollection of participating in the pleasure of a similar occasion and would be delighted to be present at this picnic, if it were practicable.

MAY HAVE DISPENSARIES.

So Says the Supreme Court as to Lake City and Scranton.

COLUMBIA, July 1.—The supreme court has reversed the decision in the lower court in the case of the Lake City and Scranton dispensaries. This case has been much mooted and it was considered as fixed that these two ambitious Williamsburg towns would not have a dispensary. There were several constitutional questions involved and the decision of the court, handed down by Justice Woods, is very involved for a layman to understand, but it is stated with very much positiveness that Lake City and Scranton may have booze after their stubborn fight unless some move by the quick-witted attorneys for the anti-liquor faction, Messrs Shipp Bass, find some other way to stop it.—Florence Times.

Whose Wheel is This?

Mr J P Wheeler has in his possession a "Rambler" bicycle, model 38; chainless, which he thinks was stolen by the negro from whom he obtained it, and he is anxious to restore it to the rightful owner. Seeing the negro with such a fine wheel he questioned him about it; and the negro, after telling an improbable story to account for his having it, became suspicious and ran off, leaving the wheel with Mr Wheeler. The negro gave his name first as Jim Moore and later on as Ed Moore. He claimed that he got this bicycle by trading for it another wheel that he obtained in a trade with a negro named Willie Davis, near Wilmington.

Mr Wheeler will be glad to communicate with anyone who can give him any information as to the ownership of the wheel. His address is Georgetown, S. C., Care A C Lumber Co.

\$5,000 LOST!

Therefore, due notice is given, that I will be absent from my office from July 1st to 9th inclusive.

Respectfully,
A. M. SNIDER,
Dentist.

"FORCE", a ready-to-serve, ready-to-digest, delightful food, brings the independent strength that comes of health.

"FAIR PLAY" AND "MORE ANON".

Failed to Specify When Invited to Do So.

To Whom It May Concern:—

The local press for several weeks past has contained articles from the pens of Capt W H Kennedy ("Fair Play" in the Weekly Mail) and Dr A M Snider ("More Anon" in The Record and the Mail), which articles were calculated to create the impression that the town funds were misappropriated. These charges having become sensational, and public curiosity having reached that tension which demanded facts, and we being unable to give the facts (as we were as much in the dark as the public), the editor of the Record in company with Editor P H Stoll, of the Weekly Mail, went to the offices of Capt Kennedy and Dr Snider and asked that they state specifically when, where and how any town funds were misappropriated, and that we, as representatives of the press, would make a personal investigation of the town clerk and treasurer's books and if any irregularities were found, the same would be printed prominently in both newspapers and all corruption exposed. That justice might be done to all and injustice to none, we deemed our proposition a fair and equitable one.

Capt. Kennedy, when seen, unhesitatingly and unequivocally stated that he knew of no discrepancies in the books or misappropriation of funds, had heard of none and had charged none.

Dr. Snider, when called upon to specify, declined to do so.

(Signed) C. W. WOLFE.
(Signed) P. H. STOLL.

Death of Mr T. C. Lesesne.

Mr T Clarence Lesesne, who for some months has been afflicted with that dread malady, consumption, died at his home in East Kingstree on last Monday. At 3 a m the tide of life ebbed and his spirit crossed the bar into the realms of the infinite.

Mr Lesesne was born in 1862 at St Mark's, Santee, being the eldest son of Mr and Mrs Sumter Lesesne, the former of whom has been dead for many years.

Mr Lesesne was a member of the Presbyterian church. He had long since realized the hopelessness of his condition and expressed the belief that his sins were forgiven through the redeeming power of the Savior. He is survived by a widowed mother and several brothers and sisters.

The funeral services, conducted by Rev C F Ramsbottom, took place at the Williamsburg cemetery at 5 o'clock Tuesday afternoon.

Kingstree vs Georgetown.

A picked nine of ball tossers went from here to Georgetown Tuesday to cross bats with the Winyah boys. Two games were scheduled, one to be played Tuesday and the other Wednesday afternoon.

The line up for Kingstree was as follows:

F W Fairy, p
D R Snider, c
M Scott, 1b
W Gilland, 2b
W L McCutchen, s
T McCutchen, lf
C Jacobs, cf
O Arrowsmith, 3b
J Z Hanna, rf
W H Reardon, c

Tuesday's game was won by Georgetown when Kingstree had victory within its grasp. In the ninth inning, with two out and a score of 8 to 6 in favor of Kingstree, Georgetown got busy and made three runs, which gave them the game by a score of 9 to 8.

In the second game, which came off yesterday, Kingstree won a great victory, shutting out Georgetown by a score of 5 to 0.

FROM EYE WITNESSES

SWORN STATEMENT DESCRIBING RECENT ENCOUNTER,

Setting Forth in Detail the Circumstances Leading up to the Difficulty Between Capt. Kelley and Dr. Snider.

Editor County Record:—

As Dr. Snider has published a statement of the difficulty occurring between us, which I insist is untrue, I beg to hand you a sworn statement by the eye witnesses thereto, and ask that you publish it. As he has mentioned the name of Mr E C Epps, in his labored effort to make it appear that I decoyed him in my office, I think it important to state that I asked Mr E C Epps to go with me to Dr Snider's house, and be present with him when the examination of the books was had, as he, Mr Epps, was an expert accountant, which invitation, Mr Epps declined.

JOHN A. KELLEY.

Capt. John A. Kelley,

Kingstree, S. C.

Dear Sir:—

At your request, we hand you herewith, a sworn statement as to the difficulty which occurred between you and Dr Snider in your office, on June 15th.

Very respectfully,

LEROY LEE,
C. E. STAMAND,
F. WILL FAIRY.

STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA COUNTY OF WILLIAMSBURG.

Personally appeared before me, LeRoy Lee, who being duly sworn, says: That on Monday afternoon, June 15th, he walked over to Capt. Kelley's office, and on reaching the door, saw that Capt. Kelley, Dr. Snider and Mr C E StAmand, town clerk and treasurer, were busily engaged looking over some books and papers; that thereupon deponent started to withdraw, but that Capt. Kelley and Dr. Snider both assured deponent that they were not engaged in anything private and invited deponent in; that deponent then opened the door and entered. When deponent had seated himself he noticed that Mr StAmand was explaining to Dr. Snider the receipts and disbursements for the month of February, 1903; that the matter of investigation went on for some time, when Dr. Snider announced himself as being satisfied that everything was straight, that there were no irregularities, but Capt. Kelley insisted on his making a complete investigation, and after they had gone over the general fund, the dispensary fund and assessment book were examined, and Dr. Snider thereupon announced himself as entirely satisfied with the result, using the expression: "that the books were as plain as the nose on your face." Capt. Kelley then asked Dr. Snider if there were any charges that he had to make, or any reports he had heard, which he, Capt. Kelley, could throw any light on, to which Dr. Snider replied that there were none; that he was entirely satisfied that there were no irregularities and that everything was straight. Capt. Kelley then said, "Well, Dr., according to our understanding this morning, you were to make suitable reparation if you found everything straight;" to which Dr. Snider replied, "I have not come to explain or discuss that;" Capt. Kelley then said, "Dr., you remember I told you this morning that the article published by you last week charging the town council with fraud and corruption was very offensive and insulting to the town council, and to myself individually, and saying that if you found that the municipal affairs of the town were straight, that the town council would expect you to make suitable reparation, and

that you then said, "Yes; I will certainly do what is right, I will give the Devil his dues, let alone a human being." To this question Dr. Snider replied, "Yes; I remember it;" then Capt. Kelley said, "Well, then, I expect it?" Dr. Snider said, "I cannot give it this evening," and Capt. Kelley replied "I demand it." Dr. Snider said, "I refuse." Capt. Kelley arose and asked, "Are you armed?" "Dr. Snider said "No." Capt. Kelley then closed the door and locked it and put the key into his pocket, and then stepped to the chimney corner in the same room and picked up his palmetto walking cane (one he has been constantly using for quite a while) and walked up to Dr. Snider and struck at him across the edge of the table. Mr StAmand jumped up and caught the lick on his arm. Capt. Kelley told Mr. StAmand to get out of the way, and struck again, which blow struck Mr. StAmand on the head.

By this time deponent had rushed around the table and jerked Mr. StAmand out of the way and taken the stick from Capt. Kelley, leaving Capt. Kelley and Dr. Snider, who by this time was on his feet in front of Capt. Kelley, facing each other; they then clinched, and in a few seconds Capt. Kelley had floored Dr. Snider and jumped on him and commenced beating him in the face with his fist. Dr. Snider in a few seconds said to deponent "Take this man off of me!" To which deponent replied, "No, Dr. Snider, not until you say you have got enough and you will make satisfaction;" that in a few seconds more Dr. Snider said: "Take him off! I have got enough, and will apologize." That deponent then took Capt. Kelley off.

Capt. Kelley, for the first time, produced the written statement which was published. Before signing the statement Dr. Snider said, "Capt. Kelley, I want you to understand that I am not going to be forced to sign anything; but there is nothing in this statement that I find any objection to and I will sign it," and he then sat down and signed it. After the statement was signed Capt. Kelley asked Dr. Snider if any one helped him to prepare the article signed "More Anon". Dr. Snider said, "No". Capt. Kelley then said: "Dr. Snider, will you swear that no one assisted you in preparing that article?" and Dr. Snider replied; "Yes; I will; no one helped me;" Capt. Kelley said, "Dr., didn't W H Kennedy write that article and carry it to your house for you to sign and you could not read it and he had to carry it back and get it copied and you then copied it and had it published?" Dr. Snider hung his head and said, "Since you seem to know something about the facts, Capt. Kelley did prepare a skeleton and I filled it in."

Capt. Kelley asked Dr. Snider how much of the article did Capt. Kelley write, and Dr. Snider said about one-third. Capt. Kelley then got the article and asked Dr. Snider to show him how much Capt. Kelley wrote and Dr. Snider pointed out about one-third of the article. Capt. Kelley asked Dr. Snider why he went to Mr Wilkins and explained to Mr Wilkins that he did not mean the article published over the signature of "More Anon" as any reflection on him (Mr Wilkins), but he meant to refer to Kelley and Heller, and Dr. Snider said he did not tell Mr. Wilkins that; Capt. Kelley then said, "Mr Wilkins said you did", and Dr. Snider said, "I did not tell Mr. Wilkins that", and Capt. Kelley said, "Gentlemen, bear witness to that".

Dr. Snider then asked for some water and was shown by Mr Fairy into the back room of the office building, where he bathed his face and soon returned to the front room to make suitable reparation, and

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W. T. Wilkins,
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OATS
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TOBACCO any GRADE
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MATCHES per GROSS
Pure Ovel Compound LARD
HAMS, BOLOGNA SAUSAGE
CANDIES, CRACKERS
BACON, SUGAR, Ebl or Sacks
POTTED HAM and TONGUE
CONDENSED MILK
AXLE GREASE
Wrapping PAPER and BAGS
HOMESPU, By the Bolt
TOBACCO CLOTH

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CHEESE
MACARONI
SARDINES
SALMON
SNUFF
ROPE
BUCKETS

Yours for Business
W. T. Wilkins,