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## HOW THE YULE-TIDE PASSED IN SCRANTON.

### TWO MARRIAGES--OTHER SOCIAL AFFAIRS--VISITORS COMING AND GOING--LOCAL NEWS ITEMS.

SCRANTON, December 31:—Dr and Mrs C H Pate spent Christmas with relatives near Bishopville.

Intendant W R Singletary has been very sick and is still unable to leave room.

Mrs Benton and family, recently of Lake City, are occupying the Wall cottage on Academy street.

Mr and Mrs W P Kay, of Lowell, spent a part of the days with relatives in Scranton.

Miss Leila Byrd came home from Hartsville to spend Christmas with her mother, Mrs S J Byrd.

Cadets John and Douglas Singletary, of the Orangeburg Collegiate Institute, are spending the holidays at home with their parents.

Miss Fanny Cannon, who is attending school at Florence, enjoyed the Christmas-tide with her relatives in Scranton.

Miss Addie Cannon, who is teaching school at Forestville, in Florence county, gladdened her many Scranton friends by her presence during the merry Yule-tide.

Mr and Mrs H H Parker of Anderson spent Christmas with the former's parents in town. They were accompanied by Miss Ellen Harris, a very charming young lady, who won many friends during her short stay in town.

Mr Patrick Gaskins, who held the position of salesman with J M Parker, has resigned and gone to Anderson to engage in business.

Mr M R Matthews, who is attending the S. Carolina Medical College, at Charleston, spent Christmas vacation in Scranton and vicinity.

Dr C H Pate has had his cottage on Main street painted, which greatly enhances the appearance of his home.

Mr George Cusaac is having a six room dwelling erected on his lot on Main street.

The Christmas tree at the Baptist church Christmas night was a success in every particular. A great variety of presents was distributed, gladdening the hearts of the lucky recipients.

Mrs Mary J Parrott, who lived near town, was found dead in bed last Saturday morning. She had been in feeble health for some time, and it is supposed she died of hemorrhage of the lungs. Her remains were interred at High Hill cemetery Sunday afternoon in the presence of a large concourse of relatives and friends. Rev Mr Henry, of the Methodist church, conducted the funeral services.

Mr J P Nelson has bought the Mercantile business of Mr George C Cusaac, and is now merchandising on a larger scale. Mr Nelson is also contemplating doing a job printing business, which will be a new enterprise in town.

At the regular meeting of Scranton Lodge No 114 K of P., held on the night of the 28th, the following officers were elected for 1907: Dr C H Pate, C. C.; S J Kirby, V C.; G G Haselden,

FIRST ANNUAL STATEMENT of the Condition of The Bank of Williamsburg, KINGSTREE, S. C. At the Close of Business December 31, 1906.	
Resources.	Liabilities.
Loans and Discounts.....\$58,949 71	Capital Stock, paid in.....\$40,000 00
Banking House.....4,631 04	Undivided Profits, (Net).....4,099 18
Other Real Estate.....1,000 00	Deposits.....70,693 33
Furniture and Fixtures.....2,444 33	Cashier Checks, out standing.....27 70
Cash deposited in National Banks 39,102 00	
Cash in Vault.....6,469 36	
Checks and Cash Items.....2,223 77	
Total.....\$114,820 21	Total.....\$114,820 21

STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA, County of Williamsburg.  
Before me came E. C. Epps, Cashier of the Bank of Williamsburg, Kingstree, S. C., who being duly sworn, says that the above and foregoing statement is a true condition of said Bank, as shown by the books of file in said bank.

E. C. EPPS, Cashier.  
Sworn to and subscribed before me, this 1st day of January, 1907.  
CHAS. W. STOLL, (L S) Notary Public for S. C.

CORRECT ATTEST Chas. W. Stoll, Directors.  
W. T. Wilkins.

P. L. S. Singletary, M of F and M of E; W J Cockfield, M of W; John Tilton, M of A; W L Jones, I G; G M Moore, O G.

Mr E L Parker, of Atlanta, visited his parents in Scranton during the holidays.

The dance at Mr J P Nelson's Friday night was an enjoyable occasion. Mirth and merriment prevailed while the dance went gaily on.

Rev Mr Henry, pastor for Scranton circuit for the ensuing conference year, preached his initial sermon at the Methodist church last Sunday morning. He delivered a strong, forceful discourse and made a fine impression on his congregation.

Mr Hugh Graham and Miss Annie Coker were married on December 20th. Mr Graham is the eldest son of Mr R H Graham who resides near town, and is an energetic and prosperous young farmer. Mrs Graham, as Miss Coker, was pretty, accomplished and popular. May their wedded lives be one long season of sunshine and happiness.

Mr Claude Timmons, an industrious and successful farmer of Friendfield, and Miss Sallie Beck Finklea, a popular young lady of Hyman, were married last week at the Baptist parsonage by Rev J W Truluck. Mr and Mrs Timmons left on the South-bound train on their bridal tour.

As these lines are being written the death knell of 1906 is ringing throughout the land, reminding us that "time and tide wait for no man." It is a solemn hour and awakens serious reflections. For many of us the old year has been a season of shifting sunshine and shadows, and it is with a feeling of "sweet-sorrow" that we witness its passing out. For bountiful blessings we are devoutly thankful, but our hearts are burdened with a sense of shame and sorrow that we have not been worthy of all we have received from a loving Heavenly Father's hand. Many of us who began nineteen hundred and six with good resolutions have not "kept the faith," and many a broken pledge mars the chapter of the year. But with firm faith in God let us begin the New Year resolved to so live that "each day may be a critique on the last."

LOCUM TENENS.

## A DESTRUCTIVE FIRE.

### Range of Wooden Building Destroyed Early Monday Morning.

Monday morning, at 1:15 o'clock, a fire broke out in the store of Wilson McCullough & Co., a little shop kept by negroes next to the drug store of Dr W L Wallace. It rapidly communicated to the drug store and thence to the old Barr Hotel, occupied by J P Wheeler. The flames swept that whole side of the street from the hotel on the court house square to Jail street, burning, in all, four buildings. The houses were old frame structures and burned like tinder, and but for the good work of the bucket brigade much further damage would probably have resulted. The owners of the burned buildings are as follows:

Hotel building, R J McCabe, loss \$1,500; insurance \$1,000.

Drug store, Dr Wallace, loss including building, stock of drugs, library and instruments, \$1,600; insurance \$1,150.

Wilson McCullough & Co., negro store, and the corner store building, also occupied by negroes, W T Wilkins, owner, loss \$1,200; insurance \$650.

We are unable to learn whether or not the occupants of these two buildings carried insurance.

The burnt district will soon be built up again with modern buildings in keeping with the spirit of new Kingstree.

The origin of the fire seems to be a mystery, the current opinion being that it was caused by rats and matches or from some other accidental source.

## KILLED BY THE TRAIN.

### Fatal Accident Near Railroad Station Monday Afternoon.

Monday afternoon, as the train from Charleston, No 50, was approaching the water tank several hundred yards below the station, a colored man named Austin Hines was struck by the locomotive and fatally injured.

Hines was formerly employed by the company as cook on a material train and has been living here for about two years, being, it is said, originally from North Carolina. He was about about 55 years old and had no relatives.

The verdict of the coroner's jury was that the deceased came to his death by being struck by a moving train, through his own negligence.

## Statement of the Condition of The Farmers & Merchants BANK, LAKE CITY, S. C.

At the close of business, December 20 1906.

Resources
Loans and Discounts.....\$40,343 36
Furniture and Fixtures.....439 00
Real Estate.....500 00
Due from Banks and Bankers 44,495 66
Currency.....3,225 00
Gold.....230 00
Silver, Nickels and Pennies 1,371 05
Checks and Cash Items.....710 25
Total.....\$91,214 32

Liabilities
Capital Stock.....\$25,000 00
Undivided Profits, less Current Expenses and Taxes Paid.....6,354 43
Individual Deposits Subject to Check.....59,859 89
Total.....\$91,214 32

STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA, County of Williamsburg.  
Before me came B Wallace Jones, Jr., Cashier, Farmers & Merchants Bank, who being duly sworn, says that the above and foregoing statement is a true condition of said Bank, as shown by the books of file in said bank.

B. WALLACE JONES, JR., Cashier.  
Sworn to and subscribed before me this 22nd day of December, 1906.

H P Baldwin, L. S. Notary Public.  
Correct Attest: Chas M Kelley, L A Winston, J S McClam Directors.

## NEGRO BABIES CREMATED.

### Some Old Story, Mother Away, Child Burned to Death.

On Christmas eve, December 24, a negro infant, six months old, was burned to death near Belser's X Roads, a few miles from town across Black river, the mother, Viola Mobley having gone away and left the helpless child in the house.

The verdict of the coroner's jury at the inquest held on Monday, December 31, was that the deceased came to its death from accidental burning.

We are informed that another negro baby, a child of Clara Williams, who lives in the suburbs of Kingstree, was burned to death several weeks ago. We do not know whether or not an inquest was held over the child. This cremation of helpless negro children is by far too common an occurrence and it would be well for the authorities to hold the mother accountable for the death of the child in such circumstances.

Are you troubled with piles? One application of Manzan will give you immediate relief.—Sold by W L Wallace.

**WHY PAY TAXES**  
On Land You Don't Specially Need?  
**DON'T YOU THINK**  
It would be good business to sell some of your land and invest your money?  
**DO YOU WANT TO SELL?**  
No matter where located we can sell for you and it will pay you to see us.  
**Stoll Bros., Real Estate Brokers, Kingstree, S. C.**

A new lot of Chase Winter Lap Robes just arrived, Prices \$2.00 to \$18.00.  
Come in and look at them.  
**M. F. HELLER.**

**SCHOOL BOOKS SCHOOL SUPPLIES!**  
We are agents for the R L Bryan Co and from now on our drug store will be made a depository for all the books used in our public schools. All exchanges for old books allowed by the publishers will be made.  
**Stationery**  
from now on will be made a specialty at our store. All the latest styles kept on hand. Act wisely and don't buy anything in this line till you see us and get prices. Will make lowest prices and defy all competition in this line of goods.  
Popular makes of fresh and pure candies kept. Ask Mr Stuckey, the buggy man, and Mr Smith, the blacksmith, and the ladies of Lake City about our buggy, wagon and household paints.  
Agents for Sherwin-Williams and other high grade dealers.  
**MEDICINES AND DRUGS**—when it comes to them—there is too much at stake for cheapness. In this department "PURITY" is our motto. The best that money can buy will always be put in your prescriptions, and they will be filled day or night.  
Send your child or servant to our store when you can't come yourself—the smallest child served as carefully and faithfully as the person.  
No red tape about it—your money back when you are not satisfied with every purchase made at our store.  
I feel very grateful to the people of Lake City and surrounding country for the increasing patronage they are giving me, since I have been manager of the business.  
With appreciation and respect, I am yours,  
**J. B. DURANT,**  
Physician and Pharmacist,  
Successor to and sole owner of the LAKE CITY DRUG CO.

**Shop Talk.**  
We are pleased to announce to our friends and patrons that we have taken advantage of our week's holiday—the first in nine years—and installed a new gasoline engine in place of the old one, and that the new machine goes as smoothly as clock work. By making some alterations in the press-room we have removed all cause for a repetition of our trouble in motive power and hope to be permanently relieved of this very serious annoyance to our business.  
In this connection we may say that we have added steam fixtures to our job room and hereafter will run job presses by power. In every department we are now thoroughly equipped for business and now is the time to subscribe and bring in your job work.

**NOTICE.**  
Every body interested in the success of the Farmers' Cotton Association will please turn out the 1st Monday in January at meeting to be held in court house on that day to re-organize, elect new officers and transact other important business.  
**Hymeneal.**  
MARRIED—On Wednesday evening, December 26, 1906, by Rev J E Mahaffey, at the Methodist parsonage, Kingstree, S. C., Miss Emma C Nexsen to Walter N Joye.