

BUDGET OF NEWS FROM LAKE CITY.

W. H. M. CONFERENCE—THE MATTER OF ROAD CLAIMS—BANK OF LAKE CITY'S STATUS.

Lake City, March 30:—Mr Henry P Williams, a leading Charleston banker, was here on Friday of last week.

Mr J E W Chandler, who moved from the Bethel neighborhood to Sumter a few months ago, was noted on our streets one day last week.

Editor Wolfe spent a few hours here Friday looking after "RECORD" matters.

The storm of last Wednesday night that wrought destruction at a number of places, did no damage here further than tearing down some fencing or partly wrecking an outbuilding or two.

A movement to have a military here is fairly launched. The aim is an infantry company of the National Guards fully equipped and regularly organized under the State and Federal laws. Messrs W L Askins and A M Parker are the prime movers, and they are being heartily seconded by a number of live men who realize the importance of the movement and the fact that such a company in this section of the State is highly desirable.

The Woman's Home Missionary conference of the Kingstree District held a three days' session at the Methodist church here, beginning Friday and continuing until Sunday night. The local societies of the various churches were pretty generally represented by delegates, and there were several distinguished visitors from beyond the district. The sessions of the conference were well attended and the proceedings were interesting and helpful.

The special agent of the United States Fidelity and Guaranty Co., which is the surety on the bond of D E Motley, the defaulting clerk of the Bank of Lake City, was in town Saturday looking into the Motley matter.

The truck farmers will remain uneasy until next Sunday shall have been well gone by. The moon will be full on that day, and it is the April full moon that brought disaster two or three times in the past. After then killing frost is not likely to fall.

Referring to the article in last week's "RECORD" on the outstanding road claims this correspondent asks leave to say that Editor Wolfe is entirely correct in what he said in that article as to the fact that the delegation meant to make provision to meet the indebtedness and also as to the plan proposed. Further, both Mr Bryan and Mr Graham are correct in what they stated to the editor. The bill providing for the payment of these claims in the manner outlined in the said article, passed both houses of the General Assembly. Of this the writer is certain beyond any doubt. The entire delegation was very anxious about this particular measure and the bill was closely watched until it had safely gone through its final reading. It should perhaps be mentioned that after a bill has passed both houses it goes to the engrossing department to be carefully and finally written out and, after passing through the hands of the committee on "Enrolled Acts," the clerks of the two houses, the Speaker of the House and the President of the Senate, go to the Governor for his signature. To the act in question one of two things has certainly happened: It was overlooked by Mr Cook and the clerk in the office of the Comptroller General (the acts are not filed in this office but the office of Secretary of State), or it has

been mislaid by some careless clerk in the engrossing department. It is not often that a bill is lost, but such a happening is not impossible. Besides, this session the clerks of the House and of the Senate were both new men and the clerks in the engrossing department were nearly all green hands. This increased the danger of the bill's being lost. It is hoped that the act in question has only been mislaid and will yet be found. If lost, the loss cannot be laid at the door of any member of either house. They have no control over the engrossing clerks.

At a meeting of the directors of the Bank of Lake City held last Friday night the report of the expert accountant was received and the matter of the finances of the bank thoroughly gone over in every detail. Nothing whatever developed that caused the officers to wish to retract or modify any part of the statement heretofore made. On the contrary the state of affairs as now ascertained definitely fully justifies that statement. Should any part of the shortage remain after settlement with those liable, this unpaid part is now covered and guaranteed in a manner very satisfactory to the directors. Not a cent of the surplus fund or any other asset of the bank is touched. Everything remains intact, and any deficiency of the shortage that may remain, if any remain, is fully met. This statement is made with a full knowledge of the affairs to which it relates and is made in all earnestness as facts and not as vague generalities.

Attention is called to the "corn contest" mentioned in another column. The Bank of Lake City, who offers prizes in cash for a number of bushels of corn on one acre. It is hoped that this action on the part of the bank will encourage and stimulate the farmers to give more attention to the cultivation of corn and not devote their best energies to cotton, upon the yield and price of which no one can safely rely.

Last Saturday afternoon Mr W E Cockfield shot Arrie Miles, putting a bullet through Miles's left leg above the knee. It is said that trouble had been brewing for two days and that Miles and a friend were advancing on Mr Cockfield, who had started to walk away to avoid a conflict, when Cockfield fired. The shooting took place on the street. Miles has served more than one term on the chaingang, while Mr Cockfield is a respectable white man. Miles's wound is not regarded as serious, though painful. W L B.

NEW BAPTIST MINISTER.

Rev. W. E. Hurt Expected This Week—Will Hold Services Sunday.

Yorkville, March 28.—Special: The Rev W E Hurt, a native of Virginia, and who for about four years previous to January, 1906, was pastor of the Yorkville Baptist church, and who since resigning the pastorate of the local church has had charge of several churches in the county, has recently accepted an invitation to become pastor of the Baptist churches at Kingstree and St Stephen's, and expects to enter upon the discharge of his pastoral duties next Sunday. Mr Hurt preached to his former congregation here to-day. During his residence of six years here he has made many warm friends here and throughout this section. He is a man of high ideals and has the courage and ability to stand for them at all times and under any circumstances. It is not expected that his family will go to Kingstree, their future home, until about the middle of June.—News and Courier.

POSSUM FORK FACTS AND FANCIES.

Mad Dogs About—Tobacco on the Brain—Johnsonville Improving.

Johnsonville, March 29:—There have been mad dogs in our section, a mad hog had to be killed, and yesterday evening (Sunday) Mr W W Johnson shot one of his cows that was slobbering and cavorting around and running at people, as well as other things. The other news around here is good news, people are well, and hard at work getting ready to plant.

Tobacco seems to be on the brain. Guano hauling is on the boom just now, since the steamer brought 130 tons for S B Poston to Alison's. Charley Powell's ox brings half a ton at a load right up the Johnson ferry hill, as bad as it is, just as well as any mule. But Supervisor Graham tells me that the chaingang is to be there, today, the 28th, to cut the hill down and raise the causeway to the bridge. I wish he could plow the road from Johnsonville also, but he thinks he will not have the time, because it has already cost Johnson township so much to fix that old eye-sore of a road from Rome to Union church. Happily it is complete now for years to come!

Johnsonville is improving,—lots \$100 each; and I understand from Mr Weathersbee, the contractor of Dr J D Eaddy's new, seven gable, spacious dwelling, just on the eastern side of the old Cheraw and Georgetown stage road, that it will be ready for occupancy in a few days.

Mr Webb Altman will also soon turn over to the Doctor the complete office and drug store, just in front, on the opposite side of the road.

We are looking for the railroad to start again; we can hear the locomotive whistle over on the Marion side, where they are tramping logs to Pee Dee to be towed to Georgetown, so we keep hoping to hear the trains passing—it will not seem so lonesome. I have been keeping bachelor's hall now for two or three weeks, "Miss Eliza" is gone to Timmonsville and Darlington, visiting the scenes of her young, sweetheart days. I have been writing to her and oh how it makes me think of what a time I had writing letters back in the "fifties," persuading her to come down and live with me in

POSSUM FORK.

DeWitt's Little Early Risers, the best known pills and the best pills made, are easy to take and act gently and are certain. We sell and recommend them. D C Scott, M D.

MATTERS AT MOODY.

Negro Shoots Another, Probably Fatally—Neighborhood News Noted.

Moody, March 29:—Saturday morning, March 27, a shooting scrape occurred here between two unknown negroes. One of the men claimed the other had stolen several articles from him and pursued him here from Rosemary, arriving here on the local freight. When the train reached here the negro, armed with a shot-gun, sighted the alleged thief at the wood-rack and after a short colloquy, when the latter began to run, blazed away at him, filling the fleeing negro's back with No 5 shot. The wounded negro is not expected to live.

Rev J O Carraway filled his appointment at Earls Methodist church Sunday night.

Rev J L Smith, pastor of the local Free Will Baptist church, began a series of meetings Sunday night to continue several days.

Miss Hattie Lewis of Trio spent Saturday here with friends.

Mrs T H Locklear of St Stephens is visiting relatives in town.

Miss S A McCants of Greelyville visited here last week.

Mr W R Camlin went to Georgetown Friday on business.

Mrs W P Barfield and daughter of Charleston spent several days here with relatives recently.

Dr E T Kelley of Kingstree was here last Friday examining applicants for the membership in the newly organized W O W camp.

A party from here enjoyed a shad supper last Friday night at Hardin's landing on Black river.

Thursday morning, March 25, the wind blew down a half completed house which was being built by Mr Charley Boyd, near Trio. No other damage from the cyclone is reported around here. RED COON.

You should not delay under any circumstances in cases of Kidney and Bladder trouble. You should take something promptly that you know is reliable, something like DeWitt's Kidney and Bladder Pills. They are unequalled for weak back, backache, inflammation of the bladder, rheumatic pains, etc. When you ask for DeWitt's Kidney and Bladder Pills, be sure you get them. They are antiseptic. Accept no substitutes; insist upon getting the right kind. Sold by D C Scott, M D.

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A VARIETY OF NEWS REPORTED FROM SCRANTON.

TEACHERS' MEETING—SALEM SCHOOL CLOSING—CUPID AND HYMEN—PARAGRAPHS OF LOCAL INTEREST.

Scranton, March 29:—Mr P M Lee made a business trip to Kingstree Friday.

Mr and Mrs C P Johnson have returned from their wedding trip and are boarding with Rev and Mrs J W Truluck, on Church street.

Mrs W J Godwin has been very ill but is improving.

Mr G C Cusac has invested in an automobile.

Miss Maude Parker is visiting her sister in Florence.

Mr E J Hutchinson of High Hill and Miss Sallie Prosser of Greelyville were married on Sunday, the 21st.

Mr J W Myers, Jr, has bought the house and lot on Wall street heretofore owned and occupied by Mr S O Byrd. The latter has bought a plantation down in south Georgia and will reside hereafter in the "Empire State."

Mr Oliver Fowler, late of Scranton but now of Savage, and a young lady from Mullins were married a few days ago at the Nettles House at Lane's. They passed through Scranton the following day en route to their new home. This was another case in which "love found the way."

Superintendent of Education A H Gasque of Florence, accompanied by Hon H M Ayer of the Daily Times, passed through Scranton Friday afternoon on his way to attend the closing exercises of the public school at Salem.

Dr J L Mann of Florence has accepted an invitation to deliver the address at the close of the Scranton Graded school, which will take place in May.

Dame Rumor has it that another prominent business man of Scranton has surrendered to little Dan Cupid and will face the hymeneal altar ere the arrival of the autumnal equinox.

Miss Hesse Graham, who has been teaching at Mouzon's, has returned home, her school having closed for the term.

The Williamsburg Teachers' association will hold its last meeting for the current scholastic year at Scranton next Saturday, April 3. Owing to the fact that so many of the rural schools have closed and the teachers have returned to their homes, the attendance will probably not be as large as is desired, but we hope as many will attend as possible, for all Scranton wishes to have them come.

This writer regrets that he could not accept an invitation to attend the closing exercises at Salem, which took place last Friday night, the 26th. An interesting programme of exercises was presented and was witnessed by a large and appreciative audience, the school house being too small to seat the crowd. Every detail of the programme was executed to a nicety and reflected immeasurable credit on Miss Berta Collins, the accomplished teacher. Superintendent of Education A H Gasque was present and delivered a splendid address, complimenting Miss Collins, not only on her efficient and highly creditable work in the school-room and building up the school to a high standard, but on her tireless and earnest efforts to improve and beautify

the school building and grounds. He stressed the professional pride she had displayed in her school work, and contrasted her earnest zeal and enthusiasm with the careless and indifferent manner in which some teachers perform their duties, their only incentive to "kill time" in the school-room apparently being the drawing of their salary.

Hon Hartwell M Ayer also made an impressive talk on school matters, after which Miss Collins spoke very feelingly and eloquently to her pupils, expressing her devotion to them and the sorrow she felt at parting with them for at least a season. She was warmly congratulated at the close of the exercises on the splendid success of her efforts to make the last hours of her school an occasion of pleasure and profit to all her pupils and patrons. W E C.

Will Close at Seven.

We, the undersigned merchants of the town of Kingstree, do hereby agree to close our respective places of business commencing April 5, 1909, at 7 o'clock until September 1:

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- Kingstree Dry Goods Co,
- S Marcus,
- Sol Peres,
- Mrs J S Eron,
- H D Reddick,
- L J Stackley,
- L Stackley,
- Farmers Supply Co,
- Kingstree Hardware Co,
- Gale & Gale,
- Watts & Watts,
- Kennedy-Montgomery Co.

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"Last spring I became so run down from the serious effects of a lingering cold, that several complications united in pulling me down. I could neither eat nor sleep well, and lost flesh and spirit.

"I finally tried Peruna and it did wonders for me. In two weeks I was like another person, and in a month I felt better than I ever had before.

"I thank Peruna for new life and strength. I send you two pictures, so you can see what Peruna has done for me."

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"One of my neighbors had stomach trouble. I recommended Peruna to her, and now she is well and healthy, after having been pronounced hopeless by several physicians."

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