

Guy's Letter.

He has been... Also... on the 28th

St. Charles, Dec. 30, 1893.

The old year is very low and can't last long... good... and borrows will be... then we must, per force, enter that profound mystery, the unknown 1894.

We've been calculating our own profits and find the amount to be 30; but then there is considerable to carry—a considerable amount—very considerable, though there ain't much use in considerin' of it.

It is said, "one swallow don't make a summer," but we'll bet there'll be less swallows made the coming summer than there was last, and not such palatable swallows either.

Also, that there don't be any great change in our habits, except that clothing will be worn much longer than usual, both male and female, after their kind.

Also, the Prudential must be well-postponed his return. "Fatted calf for one" may be a very ingeniously brief and significant telegram to wire up, but the order can't be filled at this point.

There ain't a-going to be nigh the politics caused and discussed neither. Th arguments may be sound—all sound—in fact "nothin'" but sound; but we ain't going to have the time nee the stomach to sit down and chaw over a lot of gold leaf distinctions, as formerly.

There wasn't be so many superintendents next year. Pity, too, considerin' the abundant material, for we've got a numerous number of people who can just out-superintend anybody you ever did see; but they'll have to accept another situation.

Some one has said that we are "a carnivorous, cannibal, cannibary animal," but hanged if we ain't occupying a kind of equivocal amphibious position just now, and might as well join some other species for the coming year, for the cocination has already coned to be a distinctive feature, and the carnivorous and cannibary don't promise to distinguish us so all-fired prominently.

On the evening of the 28th there was given, as promised, a "recherche and really unique entertainment in "McDoy Hall." This spacious upper story of the large store building was filled, and this audience comprised as many of the intelligent and cultured, both old and young, as could be found in any such gathering in our county, and they enjoyed, unmistakably, their pleasure and gratification from the rise of the curtain to the fall of the same, without a moment's flagging of interest.

Our St. Charles talent was most ably supported and assisted by some of the select musical and dramatic talent of Sumter, Mayesville, Bishopville and Mechanicville.

Circumstances force us to use that trite aphorism, "He would be invincible to discrimination," but we must be allowed to say that the gem of the evening was the song, "Oid Black Joe," as sweetly rendered by Sumter's lovely child, little Annie Warren, about nine years of age, accompanied on the mandolin, by Mr. John W. Montgomery, to whom we must also say a great part of the credit of this really creditable entertainment is eminently due.

We would write you more at length, but for being provoked at an "old" old chap who is past the age of months and poetry, and who made some poet notes that evening, and who says he don't care a darn if he did, for nobody can make good notes this season, nobody.

P. S.—This letter should have gone to the Watchman and Southern last week, but we were greatly bothered by difficulty in investing our money. Difficulty was occasioned by money getting tight, very tight, and hard to manage.

Letter From Wedgfield.

Wedgfield, January 9, 1894.

Lambert Green and Willis Green were sent to jail by Trial Justice Moreley last Saturday till next term of court, for breaking into Mr. Screven Moore's gin house.

Jacob Smothers, who struck Thos Carter, (col.) last week, is still roaming. Carter is improving.

Mr. and Mrs. W. J. Troublefield have moved to Manning where they will make their future home.

Mr. McBride, of Mayesville and Mr. Ellis, of Darlington, are attending to Mr. Aycock's Tiverton farm this year, Mr. E. W. Pegues having moved to Cheraw.

Mrs. Milligan, of Clarendon is visiting friends in town.

Mr. Jno. K. Caldwell is improving and hopes to beat his work again soon.

Mr. Willie Nelson, son of Mr. Sam'l Nelson, of Stateburg, who has for some time been in the express service in Charleston, is now in that city critically ill.

Representative Manning has been quite sick for more than two weeks, but is now, as very glad to say, improving.

Mr. W. H. Moseley, who some time ago sold out his stock of goods to Mr. Sam'l Melton, left a few days ago for Georgia.

Nearly everybody are sick with colds from the recent warm spell. Glad to say no serious cases of Grippe among us at present.

Am sorry to chronicle, that owing to Mr. Pringle's continued ill health, he has not been able as yet to return. His efficient assistant, Miss Lucy Singleton, has been carrying on the school since the holidays were over. On yesterday he sent Mr. J. D. Wilder to teach his department. We hope to welcome Mr. Pringle back very soon.

Keep it in the house and it will save you many an anxious moment during the changes of season and weather; we refer to Dr. Bull's Cough Syrup, the best remedy for cough and cold.

A Road From Pudding Swamp to The City of Sumter.

Editor Watchman and Southern:

Please allow me space in your columns to call the attention of the public to a new road, a petition for the opening of which will soon be presented to the County Commissioners. I take this method of bringing the matter before the public, because the expenditure of several thousand dollars for a causeway across Black River below its confluence with Scape O'er, will be asked for. It may be, and probably will be, strenuously opposed on the ground of additional taxation during these hard times.

The proposed new road is to begin at the new crossing on Pudding Swamp, about midway between Shiloh and Henry Wheeler's Mill, thence straight line across Due West to Black River, where it will cross at the narrowest part of the swamp at Shiloh Landing, on the line between the lands of Mrs. N. R. Witherspoon and the Estate of McBride. From Black River a straight line to the foot of Liberty Street on this side of Turkey Creek.

This will require the opening of twelve or thirteen miles of road, and will place Pudding Swamp that near to Sumter. It will place the farmers of that prosperous section twelve to fifteen miles from Sumter, where they are now twenty to twenty-five miles away.

A number of these farmers have gone into tobacco farming, and every one of them that I have heard from made money last year. They are anxious for a more direct route to Sumter, and so are we on this side of Black River. The McFaddins, Durants, Brunsons, Montgomeries and others on the Western side of the swamp would be placed four to six miles nearer to Sumter and I have reason to believe would be glad of the new road, for it would cut off the long sandy elbow made in going up to Chandlers X Roads.

The people, the taxpayers, in the sections named want this road, as they will show by their signatures to the petition as soon as it is started. The business men of Sumter ought to endorse it heartily, for it would open up to them a rich section that wants to trade there. We expect them to use their influence in behalf of this improvement. It is strange that this section should have been content to remain cut off from the Court House for so long a time. About the beginning of the war causeway across Black River was proposed, but the war and subsequent hard times caused the project to be abandoned. Now hard times are driving us to economy of time and vehicles and stock.

Fulton Notes.

Fulton, Clarendon Co., Jan. 8, '94.

Mr. Editor: In spite of the deficit of '93, the farmers seem to be preparing with a full heart and rising zeal for this year's crop. Labor is plentiful, which is the outcome of last year's failures.

The grading of the M. & A. R. R., on this side of Santee River has been finished, the rails are now being laid and apparently it will not be long before the entire line will have been completed.

A social given on Thursday evening at the residence of Dr. Jas. B. Richardson was a highly enjoyable occasion. It was attended by some of Clarendon's most lovely young ladies and handsome and gallant young gentlemen. Dancing was the principal amusement of the evening. Refreshments being served about 11.30, we again repaired to the spacious parlor where beauty and gallantry united in making a picturesque scene of chivalry and grace.

Miss Maggie Burgess, of Greelyville, is visiting the family of the late Senator L. H. DesChamps, of this county.

We are glad to welcome among us Mr. Pink Bagin and family, of the Panola section, who recently moved into our neighborhood.

The "Fulton High School," conducted by Mr. Patrick H. Carpenter, of the Va. University, is in a flourishing condition—it having a full attendance.

Fulton has lain in a dormant state for 10 or 12 years, but has begun to open her eyes and interest herself in the affairs of the outside world and promises soon to be one of the garden spots of Clarendon—really our oasis.

Meteorological Records.

The following is a report of observations of the weather taken at Stateburg, by Dr. W. W. Anderson, for the week ending Jan. 7th, 1894:

Table with columns: Date, Temp. (Max, Min, Wind, Rainfall), Condition.

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Fall 1893.

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AT ONE DOLLAR,

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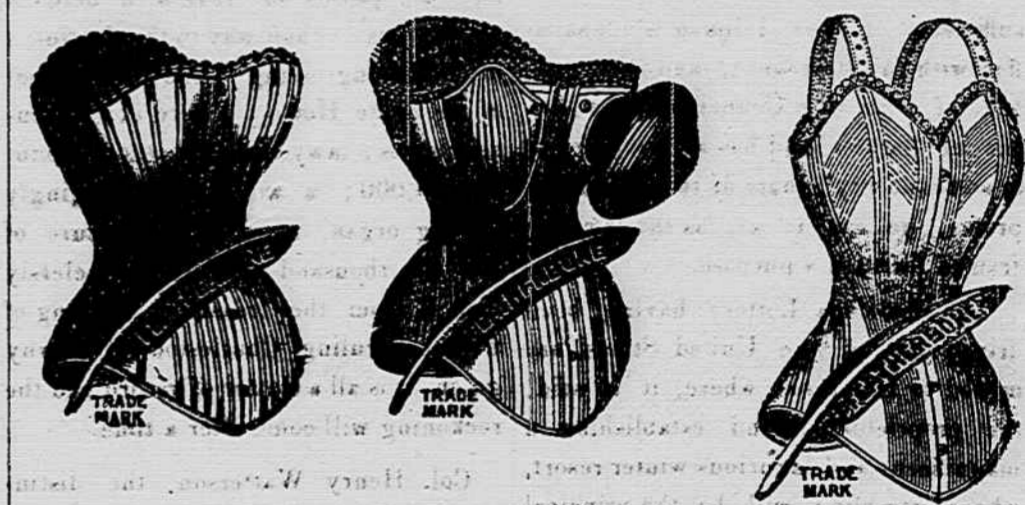
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