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THE NAME OF LANCASTER'S NEW PAPER.

"We have seen the last issues of the three Lancaster papers, and their familiar and always welcome faces will be distinctly missed. One of them started on its career the week this editor was born, and is therefore about the same age. We regret that the name of some one of them was not perpetuated in the consolidated paper. They are all decidedly better names than the "News," which is painfully common. It would have been a matter of pride in 1952 to be able to say that the Lancaster Ledger had been running 100 years without change of name, and a little later the same might have been said of one of the other names if it had been selected. It is with regret that we part with the Ledger, the Review and the Enterprise, though their places be taken by a better paper."

The foregoing is from the Chester Lantern of last Tuesday. Our esteemed contemporary's kindly words about Lancaster's old papers are greatly appreciated on this side of the Catawba. We regret, however, that Editor Bigham, for whose literary taste we entertain the highest respect, does not like the name of the successor of the retired journals.

The publishers of THE NEWS really wanted to retain the names of all three of the old publications, but concluded that "The Ledger-Review-Enterprise" would be too cumbersome a title. "THE LANCASTER NEWS," therefore, was finally decided upon, with the names of the old papers and the dates of their establishment, respectively, appearing below in small type, as shown on our first page.

The Lantern says the word "News" is "painfully common." We do not think so. It is certainly not any more objectionable on that account than the names borne by the old papers. There is nothing original, unique or novel about any of them. Newspapers have been called by such names from the very first days of journalism up to the present. Viewed independent of all association, "News" sounds about as well to us as "Ledger," "Review" or "Enterprise."

But, after all, in the language of Shakespeare:

What's in a name? that which we call a rose
By any other name would smell as sweet.

We recognize the fact that a name does not make a newspaper, any more than it does a man. And like the latter, a newspaper must be the architect of its own fortune.

This journal is going to strive to "make a name for itself." We trust that in the years to come, when reference shall be made to the LANCASTER NEWS, it will mean something more than a mere name.

Death of Dr. James H. Witherspoon.

Another of Lancaster's aged and greatly beloved citizens has passed away. Dr. James H. Witherspoon, who had been in feeble health for several years, breathed his last Wednesday evening, about 7 o'clock, at his home on White street, surviving his lamented brother, the late Capt. B. J. Witherspoon, by a few weeks only. As noted in our last issue, Dr. Witherspoon was again stricken with paralysis last Saturday morning, and it was from that attack he never rallied, as he had done in the case of several previous ones.

Dr. Witherspoon was well known throughout the county, as well as elsewhere, especially to the older generation; and the announcement of his death will carry sorrow to many a home, for "Dr. Jimmie," as he was familiarly called by his more intimate acquaintances, was without an enemy and was admired and respected by all with whom he came in contact for his strong, manly character, his uncompromising integrity, his frank, cordial, open-hearted, generous nature and disposition. Dr. Witherspoon was indeed a man of the highest type of genuine christian manhood. Possessed of rare nobility of heart and mind, of pleasing manners, and with a courage that was dauntless, Dr. Witherspoon occupied a warm place in the affections of his friends, whose name was legion.

Dr. Witherspoon was a native of Lancaster, and was in his 70th year, having been born Aug 16th, 1836. He was a son of the late Col. and Mrs. James H. Witherspoon, whose other children were Capt. B. J. Witherspoon, Mrs. Eliza Jane Wylie, Mrs. Fannie Hall and Mr. S. C. Witherspoon; all of whom are now dead save Mrs. Wylie.

In his boyhood Dr. Witherspoon attended school here, after wards entering Mt. Zion Institute, of Winnsboro, where he received instruction under those famous preceptors, Shurley and Hudson. He spent one year, 1857, in the University of Virginia. He entered the Medical College of Charleston in 1858, graduating from that institution the following year. Thoroughly patriotic, Dr. Witherspoon was one among the first young men of Lancaster to volunteer for service in defense of his country in the war between the North and the South. He was first a corporal in the Lancaster Greys, whose first commander was the late Col. John D. Wylie, the company belonging to Col. Coward's regiment, Gen. Bratton's brigade, Gen. Longstreet's corps. Dr. Witherspoon was later made hospital steward. At the reorganization of the regiment, which was the 9th, in Virginia his company became a part

of the 5th regiment of South Carolina volunteers, in which Dr. Witherspoon served as assistant surgeon.

In 1869, Dr. Witherspoon was married to Miss Emma Hasseltine, daughter of the late J. A. Hasseltine. Three sons and a daughter blessed their union, all of whom are now living except the daughter, Mrs. Walter Kerr, who died a few years ago. The sons who, with their mother, survive their father, are Mr. J. Hasel Witherspoon, vice president and manager of the Lancaster Mercantile Company, and Messrs. Hall and James A. Witherspoon, of Cripple Creek, Colorado.

For a number of years Dr. Witherspoon was a leading druggist of Lancaster, finally retiring from active business on account of failing health. He was a prominent member and officer of the Presbyterian Church. For twenty-five years preceding his death he served as an elder of the church.

The remains of Dr. Witherspoon were laid to rest in West-side cemetery Thursday afternoon, at 4:30 o'clock, after impressive funeral services held at his late home, conducted by the Rev. Chalmers Fraser, pastor of the Presbyterian Church, assisted by the Rev. Paul A. Pressly, pastor of the A. R. P. Church. At the final services at the grave, Dr. Fraser was assisted by the Rev. R. E. Turnipseed, pastor of the Methodist Church. The floral tributes were unusually beautiful. A large concourse of sympathizing friends and relatives attended the services at the house and accompanied the remains to the cemetery.

The following gentlemen acted as pall bearers:

Honorary, Capt. Amos McManus, O. J. N. Crockett, Capt. J. E. Stewman, Dr. J. F. Mackey, Capt. W. H. Rives, Capt. L. J. Perry; Active, Messrs. R. L. Crawford, W. M. D. Brown, W. J. Cunningham, Paul Moore, J. P. Allison, Chas. T. Connors.

The farmers of York county are freely signing an obligation not to sell cotton for less than 10 cents.

The testimony of the defense in the Gillis case, now being tried in Camden, will be published in our next issue. The State's side appears elsewhere in today's paper.

The committee appointed to investigate the financial condition of Richland county has made its report, according to which the amount of rottenness existing is appalling.

Horry county voted out the dispensary last Tuesday. The vote, with three boxes yet to hear from, is 801 to 309. The same day Florence county, by a small majority, voted to retain the dispensary.

President Smith, of the State Cotton Grower's Association, issued a strong appeal yesterday to the farmers to hold cotton. He also calls upon merchants and bankers to assist the farmers. Mr. Smith's address will be published later.

Horrible Tragedy.

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persons on another piazza heard a noise like a scuffle. Both blows must have been struck with lightning-like rapidity with a heavy club. Both wounds are on the right side of the heads.

Although every effort was made to keep the public from walking around the scene of the tragedy, the bloodhounds when they arrived after 1 a. m. struck no trail.

The sheriff and police are using their utmost efforts to find a clue and a special meeting of the town

council was called this morning.

When the circuit court convened this morning on the second day of the Gillis trial, Dr. Dunn was summoned to testify as to the condition of Juror R. W. Porter. Dr. Dunn stated that there was a fracture of the skull and that his patient ought to be taken to a hospital immediately to be operated upon, and he was in no condition to sit on the jury. The defense offered to proceed with eleven jurors, to which the state objected on the ground that it would be unconstitutional.

Notice to Taxpayers.

Taxes will be due and payable without penalty from October 15 to December 31, 1905.

The tax levy for State purposes is 5 1/2 mills, for ordinary county purposes 4 1/2 mills, special county purposes (L. & C. R. R. bonds) 2 mills, constitutional tax for school purposes 3 mills, making a total levy of 15 mills on all taxable property of the county. In School Districts Nos. 5, 30, 32 and 46, there is a special levy of 2 mills additional for school purposes; in District No. 24 3 mills; Districts Nos. 12, 17 and 39, 4 mills; District No. 38, 5 mills; No. 14, 6 mills, and No. 40, 7 mills. In Cane Creek Township there is a special local levy of 4 1/2 mills for railroad purposes; Gillis Creek, 5 mills, and Pleasant Hill, 3 mills.

There is also a tax of one dollar on each male citizen between the ages of twenty-one and sixty years, except ex-confederate soldiers and sailors, or those who are so disabled that they cannot earn a support by manual labor.

W. C. CAUTHEN,
Treasurer Lancaster County.

MONEY TO LOAN.

I am prepared, as usual, to negotiate loans, on improved cotton farms, in sums of \$300.00 and upwards for five years. Interest at 7 per cent. on sums of \$1,000.00 and over. Under \$1,000.00, 8 per cent. interest. No brokerage or commission charged—only a reasonable fee for abstract of title.

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Attorney at Law.

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TREASURY DEPARTMENT.

Office Comptroller of the Currency Washington, D. C., Aug. 4, 1905.

WHEREAS, by satisfactory evidence presented to the undersigned, it has been made to appear that "The First National Bank of Lancaster", in the Town of Lancaster, in the County of Lancaster and State of South Carolina, has complied with all the provisions of the Statutes of the United States, required to be complied with before an association shall be authorized to commence the business of Banking; NOW THEREFORE I, Thomas P. Kane, Deputy and Acting Comptroller of the Currency, do hereby certify that "The First National Bank of Lancaster", in the Town of Lancaster, in the County of Lancaster and State of South Carolina, is authorized to commence the business of Banking as provided in Section Fifty one hundred and sixty nine of the Revised Statutes of the United States.

IN TESTIMONY WHEREOF witness my hand and Seal of office this Fourth day of August, 1905.

(SEAL) T. P. Kane,
Deputy and Acting
Comptroller of the Currency.
O-10-05.

Business Notices.

All Notices inserted under this head at the rate of ONE CENT A WORD for each insertion. No notice to be counted less than 25 words.

FOR SALE—A nice lot of brick at the Jno W. Belk brick yard.
2t. B. C. Hinson.

WANTED—The public to know we have opened a first class native meat market on Main st. Give us a trial order and be convinced that we handle the best. Phone 155. Parlor Meat Market, Elliott & Heath, Proprietors.

WANTED—Those who are indebted to the Lancaster Enterprise for Subscription will please call on me and settle same, as I am anxious to close up the business of that paper as early as possible. A. J. Clark, Mgr.

Buy your cabbage to make Kraut this week. Bennett Grocery Co.

NOTICE—On and after October 2 all messages over the telephone line between Lancaster and Chester will be collected for at the rate of twenty-five (25c) cents. This line has been leased to the Lancaster Telephone Co., with the understanding it is to be strictly a toll line and there will be no deviation therefrom. J. T. Thomasson, Manager. 2t.

THE Fountain Pen is the standard writing instrument of the world. My stock of Pens is very complete. I carry at all times the Parker, Waterman, Wirt, Mercantile, and a big lot of cheap Pens. The prices are right. B. C. Hough.

WANTED—The meat loving public to know they can get good fresh native meat at the Parlor Meat Market every hour in the day. Prompt delivery and polite service. Elliott & Heath, Proprietors. Phone 165.

Why do you order high-price Washing Machines? Bennett Grocery Co. sells the Spotless. 10-4-6t.

HAVE you noticed my stock of Watches lately? You never saw so complete a stock before in your life outside of a city, and a pretty large city at that. I carry all the standard watches in stock now, from 7 to 21 Jewel, and I will meet the price of any catalogue you bring up. Some of the Brass stuff you find in catalogues, I do not carry, but most of them, and all the good ones, are in my stock. Do not order Watches, come here where you can see what you are buying. My guarantee means something. B. C. Hough.

LOST—Some time ago, on the streets of Lancaster, a black Jet Cross set with pearls. The finder will be liberally rewarded by leaving same at this office.

DO not ruin your eyes by trying to do without Spectacles. Come and have proper glasses fitted at once. This is not only important to you because you need the glasses to do your work properly, but because it will save your eyes. B. C. Hough fits Spectacles correctly.

When you want good, tender native meat ring phone 165. Your order will have prompt attention and quick delivery. Give us a trial. Parlor Meat market, Elliott & Heath, Proprietors.

WHEN did you have your Watch cleaned and oiled? If you have a good Watch you should have it examined once a year. You would not run an engine, or any other piece of machinery, so long without attention, and you are not doing your Watch justice to run it over 18 months without oil and cleaning. I have the best equipped shop for the repair of Watches, Clocks and Jewelry in the upper part of the State. Satisfaction guaranteed or money refunded. B. C. Hough.

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