

LOCAL INTELLIGENCE.

SKATING RINK.—Mr. J. E. DeLorme, of Columbia, S. C., will open a roller skating rink at Way's Hall this evening. Lovers of the sport can take notice and govern themselves accordingly.

GIN HOUSE BURNED.—Mrs. F. E. Keller's gin house in Middle St. Matthews was entirely destroyed by fire last week. She lost a number of barrels of cotton and all the machinery. We did not learn how the fire originated.

A HEAVY LOSS.—We regret to hear of the serious loss sustained by our friend, Mr. Jno. C. Reeves, of Branchville, last week. He had his entire out-buildings, together with the year's crop of corn, fodder, &c., destroyed by fire last Wednesday night week. This is a heavy blow.

MORE SHOCKS.—Last Thursday morning at eight o'clock a distinct earthquake shock was felt in Orangeburg. The shock was very slight and lasted only a second or two. The shocks seems to be getting weaker and weaker and we confidently hope that ere long they will cease altogether.

IMPORTANT TO TAX-PAYERS.—For the benefit of all concerned we are authorized to announce that the time for paying taxes will expire on the 15th of December, and that date will positively be the last day. After that date the penalty will be attached to all persons who have failed to pay their dues.

THE BEAUTIFUL SNOW.—Old winter struck us in dead earnest last Friday. On that day the cold wave arrived promptly on schedule time, which was followed Friday, Saturday and Sunday nights by sleet, snow and rain until the whole face of the country was covered in a mantle of white. We hope the freeze did not kill the young oats.

PNEUMONIA.—We hear of considerable sickness in and around our town from the above disease. We have had splendid weather for bringing it on during the past two or three weeks, and people should be careful not to expose themselves any more than they can help. It is much easier to take pneumonia than it is to get rid of it.

TRIAL JUSTICES.—The Legislature is about to reduce the number of Trial Justices in our county from twelve to six, and pay them a salary instead of by fees as at present. If the plan will reduce the expense of the system it ought to be carried out. The bill to make the change was introduced into the Legislature by F. M. Rysor, Esq.

A GOOD APPOINTMENT.—Maj. A. C. Dibble has been elected Superintendent of the St. Paul's Methodist Church Sunday School in place of Capt. H. G. Sheridan, who declined a re-election. Maj. A. C. Dibble will make a most efficient officer, and as the school had to loose the valuable services of Capt. Sheridan we are glad that so worthy a successor was found.

MASONIC.—At the anniversary meeting of Shiloh Lodge, No. 28, A. F. M., held last Tuesday night, the following officers were elected for the ensuing Masonic year: T. O. S. Dibble, W. M.; W. L. Glaze, S. W.; G. W. Brunson, J. W.; T. Kohn, Treasurer; Henry Kohn, Secretary; A. C. Dibble, S. D.; W. B. Thompson, J. D.; J. L. Heidman, Tiller; W. L. Izlar and W. S. Stewart, Stewards.

TRAMPS.—Tramps are on the tramp, and walking is good. Before the snow storm Orangeburg was getting her full share. They are all men of health, and robust looks, but do not want to work. A wood pile will make the best of them slide when asked to cut it for food. People should look out for these tramps, and not even give them a cold potato. Let the dog have a bite, and send them over the fence in a hurry.

FOREST FIRES.—Orangeburg was almost surrounded by forest fires for several days last week. They could be seen in every direction, but so far we have not heard of any material damage done by them. The long growth that we had had made these fires burn with great rapidity and destructiveness to trees and fences. The sleet and rain of last Friday night however completely extinguished them all, which was a great blessing.

TOO SERIOUS TO JOKE ABOUT.—The Palatka, Fla., Herald says: "People in the earthquake districts are disgusted with the seismic disturbances that they do not even shake hands now, as it reminds them of their recent trouble." Come, Brother Pratt, this earthquake business is too serious a matter to joke about. If you want to know how they make a fellow feel come over and spend a month with us. They don't only make a fellow shake hands but actually makes him shake all over.

GOOD WIVES, OBSERVE.—In Manchester, England, recently a gentleman named Heron committed suicide by taking strychnine because his wife omitted to give him a birthday present. There are sensitive husbands everywhere. Now that Christmas is near at hand, good wives will take precautions against losing their lords for want of attention to their susceptibilities. "If it had only been a penny cigar," wrote the Manchester husband to his neglected wife, "I should have prized it."

DECLINED A RE-ELECTION.—Capt. H. G. Sheridan who has been the efficient and loved Superintendent of St. Paul's Methodist Church Sunday School for the past eight years, declined a re-election at the last Quarterly Conference. Capt. Sheridan has given many years of his life to Sunday School work, and has accomplished much good among the young. His declination is regretted by all connected with the St. Paul's Sunday School, and the best wishes of both teachers and scholars go with him in his retirement.

AN URGENT APPEAL.—If the following appeal which we clip from the Barnwell Sentinel does not bring in the delinquent subscribers of that journal, Brother Brunson had better cut them off: "The Old Reliable has a nice fat shout for Christmas, he represents a years subscription paid by a good colored Democrat; and for fear some rascal would steal him, we have worn out at the knees two pair of our last year's crop of pants guarding him at night with a shot gun. Will some liberal white delinquent follow the colored reader's example?"

OUR BREVITY BASKET.

Filled With Brief Mention of Many Minor Events of the Week.

Last Monday was a typical December sales day.

A number of roofs in town leaked badly during the past week.

Mince pies are now ripe, but if you eat too much of them you can't sing "Happy be thy dreams."

Gen. J. F. Izlar now has the handsomest residence in the county, and we know no man that deserves it more.

Mr. Foster, whose predictions we published on Nov. 25 last, hit the nail on the head. His snow storm came on schedule time.

If our neighbor's estimate of us was equal to our estimate of ourselves, there would be no known imperfections in human character.

Managers of Election and Clerks for State polls at the late election will please call at this office and get their pay for such services.

In answer to enquirers we would state that any subscriber to THE TIMES AND DEMOCRAT can get the Weekly News and Courier at our clubbing rates by paying up for both papers.

We did not attend the ten cent circus that exhibited here last week, but if the show inside the tent was no better than the street show it was a poor affair.

We publish this week a list of the members of the Conference and the homes to which they have been assigned as a matter of general information.

When you hear a young man say the "world owes him a living," you can make up your mind that he owes the world's people enough to balance the debt.

At the meeting of the State Bar Association in Columbia last week, Gen. J. F. Izlar was elected a member of the General Council from the First District.

We are under obligations to many of our subscribers for a prompt settlement of their accounts. There are a few still behind, who we hope will soon settle.

The Legislature adjourned last Saturday as a mark of respect to the memory of Gov. Perry, and the members embraced the opportunity to visit their homes.

We are sorry that the City Council repealed the law prohibiting the erection of wooden buildings on certain portions of Russell Street. It was a good law, and should have been continued.

B. H. Moss, Esq., who has filled for the past two years most acceptably the position of Clerk to the Board of County Commissioners, deserves a unanimous re-election, and we believe he will get it.

The warm sunshine of Tuesday dissolved the snow scene wherever it touched and by night, save on the North slopes of the house-tops and South sides of streets, the white covering had almost all disappeared.

The House by a decisive vote Tuesday killed a bill to repeal the lien law, which provided that it should take effect immediately upon its ratification. Perhaps one which will give a little time to prepare for it will meet a different vote.

A philosophical editor sets down this fact as the fruit of experience: "The longer we run a newspaper and write about people and events, the more we realize how utterly impossible it is to scratch every man on the spot that itches the most."

We are indebted to our old friend, Gen. Edward McCrady, Jr., for a copy of his address before the Association of the Army of Northern Virginia delivered in the hall of the House of delegates at Richmond, Va., on Thursday, October 21, 1886.

Mr. D. H. Witherspoon has become the sole proprietor of the Manning Enterprise, having purchased the entire paper of Mr. S. A. Nettles. We are glad to know that the fraternity will not lose Brother Nettles altogether. He will still edit the Enterprise.

We are under obligations to the State officials for their Annual Reports. They all show a large amount of painstaking and faithful work in their compilation, and their recommendations, for the most part, deserve the careful consideration of our law-makers.

KILLED ON THE TRACK.—An accident occurred on the South Carolina Railway at Branchville last Friday which resulted in the death of Brakeman Gruber, of Charleston. Train 48, which is the local freight train, was standing on the main track of the Columbia division, when engine 40, drawing an extra train, came down off the Columbia division and ran into the rear end of train 48, injuring Brakeman Gruber so that he died shortly afterwards. A jury of inquest was empanelled by Trial Justice Fairey, who, after fully investigating the facts in the case, returned a verdict that the young man came to his death by an unavoidable accident.

List of unclaimed letters remaining in the Post Office at Orangeburg, S. C., for the week ending Dec. 4, 1886. Edward Brunson, (col.), Solomon Carlos, Mrs. Carrie Culler, Paris Darby, care of R. B. Wannamaker, Mrs. Essie Grice, Daniel Hopkins, G. Asbury Harley, King Harison, H. E. Hartzog, Miss Rosannur Lewis, D. C. Lelen, J. C. Moore, (col.) care of E. C. Volentine, G. J. McLeod, Andrew McGrehan, N. A. Rowland, Jake Salley, Anthony Tatum, B. C. Taggart, W. W. Williams. Persons calling for these Letters or Postal Cards will please say that they were advertised.

"BEAUTY'S SECRET."—This is the title of a thrilling story that will be commenced by us next week. This feature of our paper has become very popular with our readers, and we take pleasure in announcing that we have made arrangements to continue it during the next year. "Beauty's Secret" will be followed by others of equal interest. These stories should be read by all of our readers.

WE ARE OPPOSED TO IT.—Bishop P. F. Stevens advocates a marriage license law. The Bishop is a good and wise man but we think he is off the track on this matter. Marriage ought to be free as possible, and the State ought to encourage rather than hinder so honorable an undertaking as two young people seeking matrimony. Our present laws on the marriage relation can't be improved on.

General News.

The Anderson Intelligencer notes the fact that there is a red headed colored man in that county.

Thirty men were instantly killed by an explosion in Lemore colliery in Durham, Eng., Friday.

Four seaman and two steerage passengers were killed on the steamer Westerland by a big wave during a storm on November 27.

On Tuesday night last an incendiary was caught in the act of setting fire to the town of Temple, Texas, and, attempting to escape, was killed.

At Portland, Me., on Tuesday night, Mrs. Susan Willard, a middle-aged lady was struck by lightning and killed in her bed during a thunder storm.

S. Mize, the confidential clerk of Miner T. Ames, the millionaire coal merchant of Chicago, has got away with \$100,000 of his employer's money.

The City Council of Spartanburg has placed the license for retailing spirituous liquors at \$1,000, the holder to give bond for keeping an orderly place.

The schooner Edith, from St. Pierre for Langlais, was sunk Sunday on a reef near Miquelon Island. All the crew, numbering thirteen, perished.

A gang of Chinese section hands at Big Spring Texas, was waited upon by about 50 masked men and cruelly tortured until they gave up their savings, about \$500 in all.

W. C. Latimer, of Belton, has attracted some attention in Augusta by several apparently earnest attempts to commit suicide. He says he was temporarily insane.

It took the United States army a long time to conquer Geronimo and his band. But the Florida climate is fetching them to the ground at the rate of four per day.

Eight proprietors of second rate hotels and restaurants in Hartford, Conn., have been arrested for using oleomargarine on their tables without displaying the placard showing that it was used.

Polly Stump, aged 55 years, while returning to her home last evening, in Reading, Penn., fell and broke her leg, near Lenhartsville. She vainly endeavored to crawl home and was found frozen to death.

At Arkansas City, Kans., three brothers named Malpass after a trivial quarrel with Esquire Raines, waylaid and killed the latter as he was going home. The Malpass boys were committed to jail without bail.

Thomas Reddy was instantly killed, and Hugh McGinnis was fatally injured last week on the Ashland branch of the Lehigh Valley railroad near Shenandoah, Pa. They attempted to cross the track ahead of an approaching train.

Bernard Ryan, aged 50 was burned to death in his barn at Milltown, Me., on Saturday night, while endeavoring to save it from the flames. He was a veteran of the late war, had just purchased the property with back pension money.

The 25 cent circus failed to poor business at Seneca City and left there denounced by the Free Press as a gang of robbers and dead beats. It played at Greenwood on Friday and one of its members dropped dead there of heart disease.

In an affray in Pitts County, North Carolina, between Thomas Smith and John Dennis, the latter shot and killed the former. The friends of Smith assaulted Dennis and cut him nearly to death with a large knife. It is not thought that Dennis can recover.

Guiteau's curse comes to the front again. Dr. Gray, who pronounced Guiteau a perfectly sane man, has just died, it is said, from the effects of an attempt upon his life by an assassin. The wife of Bill Jones, the avenger, who attempted to murder Guiteau, has quitted Bill and has refused to give him more money for rum.

The Kentucky Democrats are making an effort to prevent the re-appointment of Mrs. Helm, postmistress at Elizabethton. She is a sister of Mrs. Abraham Lincoln, and was appointed by President Arthur. Her husband was the Confederate General Ben Hardin Helm, who was killed at Shiloh. Her term of office expires in January next.

We learn from the Columbia Register that Mr. J. W. Swann, of that city, while out duck hunting Saturday on Broad River, slipped on the sleet and suffered a fracture of both legs just above the ankles. He was carried to the city and surgical aid rendered. He is doing very well and hopes to recover at an early day, as his injuries are not of a serious nature.

THE METHODIST CONFERENCE.—The Annual Conference of the Methodist Episcopal Church, South, will convene on next Wednesday morning at St. Paul's Methodist Church, in this place. Eleven years ago, in 1875, this body of Christian workers met in our town in annual conference. Since that time many changes have taken place both to our community and to the members of that body and some familiar faces will be missed. About two hundred and seventy-five delegates will be present. The sessions, which are open to the public, will be of great interest, and will undoubtedly be largely attended by our people regardless of denomination. In the name of our town we bid all connected with the Conference a warm and hearty welcome to our homes. May this meeting be one of the pleasantest and most profitable in the history of the Conference both to our people and to its members.

HOW SOME PEOPLE EAT.—"Some of our boarders make us weary of life," said a restaurant man, as he leaned his head in the palm of his hand and sighed, as he watched a hungry tramp pass his beaniery. "See that 250 pound man going out of the door? Well, he has boarded with us about three weeks, and the only thing he eats during the whole day are three wheat cakes in the morning and a slice of dry toast and two baked potatoes in the evening. Then there is the lean man. He comes in and orders a 20-cent meal. When he gets through there isn't enough left on the table to feed a humming bird. He eats all the bread in sight, collars the pickles, calls for three plates of butter and fills his pocket with tooth picks and matches. I think I'd rather be a country editor than keep a restaurant six months longer."

PETER C. BRUNSON, (under Way's Hall) has perfected arrangements to supply the trade and families, with fruit and vegetables of all kinds, apples, oranges, lemons, bananas, cabbages, potatoes and onions.

CONFERENCE DIRECTORY.

List of the Delegates and the Homes to Which they Have Been Assigned.

The following is the Directory of the one hundred and first session of the South Carolina Annual Conference, Methodist Episcopal Church, South, to convene at this place December 15th, 1886:

DELEGATES. BISHOP J. C. GRANBERY, D. D., DR. J. G. WANNAMAKER, JR. REV. O. P. FITZGERALD, D. D., W. N. SCOVILLE, REV. I. G. JOHN, D. D., J. C. PIKE, REV. W. C. DUNLAP.

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