

Latta News Department

Conducted by W. Ellis Bethea

Coming and Going

J. F. Hudson of Sellers was here Wednesday.
 J. O. Brigman of Temperance was here Wednesday.
 Jas. A. Galloway of Mallory was here Wednesday.
 Mr. and Mrs. John C. Manship of Elberry were here Wednesday.
 W. B. Keenan of Charleston was here Wednesday.
 L. D. Lide of Marion was here Wednesday.
 E. B. Price of Hartsville was here Tuesday.
 E. R. McIntyre of Augusta, Ga., was here Tuesday.
 R. H. Upchurch of Richmond was here Tuesday.
 E. S. Davis of Norfolk, Va. was here Tuesday.
 G. A. Spinks of Florence was here Wednesday.
 George Metz of Charleston was here Wednesday.
 W. T. Sellers of Florence was here Wednesday.
 E. L. Moore of Dillon was here Thursday.
 H. B. Bethea of Dillon was here Thursday.
 A. L. Campbell of Ebenezer was here Thursday.
 P. W. Bryant of Temperance was here Thursday.
 Hon. B. B. Sellers of Sellers was here Thursday.
 John C. Allen of Elberry was here Thursday.
 A. L. Parham of Mallory was here Thursday.
 W. E. Allen of Dalcho was here Thursday.
 Sam Omohundro of Mullins was here Thursday.
 Jas. L. Dew of Temperance was here Thursday.
 L. L. Braswell of Florence who travels was here Thursday.
 D. G. Burden of Rowland was visiting his family Thursday.
 J. F. Hudson of Sellers was here Thursday.
 F. M. Haselden of Mallory was here Friday.
 Moses Pearson of Marlboro who travels was here Friday.
 N. B. Hargrove of Dillon was here Friday.
 C. M. Rugeheimer of Charleston was here Friday.
 E. L. Powell of Dalcho was here Friday.
 Dr. W. M. Reedy of Clio was here Friday.
 L. N. Hatchel of Elberry was here Friday.
 J. F. Easterling of Temperance was here Friday.
 J. S. Braswell, a prosperous farmer of Fork, was here Friday.
 W. B. Allen of Free State was here Friday.
 P. Y. Bethea of Marion was here on business Friday.
 W. D. Lindsey who travels out of Petersburg, was here Friday.
 Mrs. Tracey E. Fore and her son, Walter, were here Friday.
 James D. Bethea of Elberry was here Friday.
 R. A. Proctor of Free State was here Friday.
 Miles McInnis and G. Morrison of Bingham were in town Friday.
 Mr. and Mrs. E. Hood, of Marion were here Friday.
 J. S. Fair of Oak Grove was in town Saturday.
 Mack Atkins of Elberry was in town Saturday.
 Eugene Berry of Elberry was in town Saturday.
 J. R. Reeves of Floydale was here Saturday.
 Rufus Cottingham of Little Rock was here Saturday.
 Mrs. James Stackhouse of Mullins is visiting Mrs. T. C. Covington.
 Mrs. Mamie Smith is spending the week end in Columbia.
 E. Vereen of Marion spent the week end here.
 Lattie Holt and little son spent the day in Fayetteville on Friday.
 A. B. Parker of Dillon County Lumber Co., of Sellers was here Friday.
 Mrs. Sam Edwards of Dalcho was here Thursday.
 Mr. Jim Rogers and his sister Miss Sallie, of Free State were here Thursday.
 Miss Nellie Coleman, student of Coker College, is at home for the Easter holidays.
 Mr. and Mrs. J. O. Bethea were visiting friends in town Sunday afternoon.
 W. H. McIntyre of Bunnell, Fla., is visiting his sister, Mrs. F. M. Richardson.
 C. P. Berry formerly of this place, now of Little Rock, was here Saturday.
 F. H. Richardson, who has lately been confined to his room with flu, is now able to be out.
 Miss Albertine Stalvey, a student of Greensboro College, is at home during the Easter holidays.
 Miss Sallie Bethea has returned from McCall, where she has been visiting Miss Fletcher.
 Mr. and Mrs. John C. Campbell of Columbia are visiting relatives at this place.
 Miss Agnes Davis and Miss Flora Belle McLeod of Elberry were here Thursday.
 Mrs. Nancy Woodward and her daughter, Miss Lyl, visited relatives in Clio and Minturn during the past week.
 Power W. Bethea, State Rural School Inspector, is visiting his sister, Mrs. J. O. Bethea and also his brother, W. Ellis Bethea and family.
 Miss Elizabeth Braddy, a student of Columbia College, is at home during Easter with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. W. W. Braddy.
 Miss Katherine Bethea and Miss

Mildred Smith, students of Lander College, are spending the Easter holidays at their homes.
 Miss Bertha Lee, who is in training in one of the hospitals in Lumberton, visited relatives here during the past week.
 Mrs. George Bond, and daughters Misses Margaret and Elizabeth of Dillon were visiting relatives here in town Wednesday.
 There was a Good Friday service at the Methodist church on Friday evening, 25th. The Sacrament of the Lord's Supper was administered.
 Miss Mary Henry, a student of Salem College, is at home for the Easter holidays with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. P. C. Henry.
 Mrs. M. Sue Evans and her daughter, Miss Gary, were called Thursday to the bedside of her daughter, Mrs. E. J. Bethea, who is sick at Goldsboro, N. C.
 Misses Jennie Lee and Elizabeth Dew, Rubie Bethea, Leila and Isla Coleman, students of Coker College, are spending the Easter holidays with their parents.
 Messrs. Homer Ward and Bradley Smith, and Miss Sarah Pharr, of Rowland visited Misses Mary Henry and Albertine Stalvey on Sunday.
 Eugene Wilson of Fayetteville was in town Monday.
 L. B. Alford of Floydale was here Monday.
 W. P. Powers, cotton dealer of Columbia, was here Monday.
 R. C. Rogers of Florence was here Monday.
 N. M. Lowrance of Florence was here Monday.
 W. G. Kirkland with Swift and Co., of Florence was here Tuesday.
 L. L. Carmichael of Gaddys Mills was here Tuesday.
 E. W. Waterhouse of Charleston was here Tuesday.
 Mrs. Roddick spent Tuesday with friends in Dillon.
 Mr. and Mrs. Ben LeGette of Fort Worth, Texas, visited the family of J. A. B. LeGette last week.
 B. G. Farmer of Wilson, N. C. who has been visiting his nephew, W. J. Summerlin, has returned to his home.
 Everett Atkins of Elberry was here Tuesday.
 D. G. Burden of Rowland spent the day here Tuesday.
 W. J. Summerlin has returned to Wilson for further treatment.
 John Coleman of Lynchburg, Va., was here Tuesday.
 L. F. Ellis of Mallory was here Tuesday.
 Roy Edwards of Dillon was here Tuesday.
 E. W. Allen of Clio was here Tuesday.
 H. F. Easterling of Temperance was here Tuesday.

Social Events in Latta.

Miss Mary Moore Stoneburner entertained the Sewing Club on Tuesday evening the 22nd. After two hours of pleasant conversation and sewing, fancy cakes and delicious ice cream were served. On account of the inclemency of the weather there was a small attendance. The following braved the storm and came anyway: Mesdames Hoyt Watson, W. Ellis Bethea, Misses Annie Covington, Gertrude Manning, Teresa Dew, May Belle Parham, Jewel Bethea, Messrs. C. J. Zeigler, R. T. Fairey and W. Ellis Bethea.
 Dr. John G. Clinkscales of the Wofford Faculty, and a layman, occupied Dr. Kirkland's pulpit on Sunday morning with a full house. He also conducted the Men's Bible Class at the Sunday school hour. Dr. Clinkscales in his speech at the banquet on Saturday night at the hotel, stated that he had lost his teeth and his hair, but we are glad to note that he has not lost his magnificent voice, nor his fertile brain, which works as easily as a freshly oiled machine. His sermon delivered in the Methodist church on Sunday morning was a good one, and calculated to do much good.
 The Bridge Club was entertained on Thursday afternoon by Mrs. L. L. Watson. The living room and parlors were thrown ensuite and most artistically decorated. Lady Bancha and yellow jessamine were bountifully used. These combined with ferns and softly shaded lights of cream with numbers of golden colored candles made it an attractive setting for the lovely affair. Four card tables containing dainty covers matching draperies and carrying out the color motif, were arranged for the players. Several spirited games were enjoyed. Mrs. Deans Crumpler holding highest score was presented with a beautiful basket of Lady Bancha roses tied with an airy bow of creamy tulle. Second highest was held by Mrs. D. Carl Edwards. Tea napkins were passed and the hostess assisted by Mrs. W. D. Bethea served chicken salad on a mound of lettuce, tomato aspic, olives, sandwiches and hot rolls with iced tea. Graceful yellow baskets filled with yellow and white mints were the favor for the afternoon. Those present of the club were Mesdames W. D. Bethea, E. R. Ellerbe, D. C. Edwards, F. L. Carpenter, D. B. Shine, E. J. Brown, T. C. McGee and Miss Ormie Bethea. Invited guests were Mesdames J. C. Manship, J. O. Bethea, J. J. Tolar, Deans Crumpler, R. R. Humphries, W. J. Summerlin, Grady Bethea, A. S. Manning of Columbia, and Miss Hortense Biggs.

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News Items of Interest in and Around Latta.

N. A. McMillan was in town on Saturday from Shreveport, La., where he has been training with the New York Americans. The above team in farming him out with the Rochester Club of the International League, who are now training in Darlington, S. C. Rochester and the Boston Braves play in Darlington April 7th.
 The clerk of the Latta Town Council makes the following announcement: That Street Tax, Dog and Sanitary Taxes will be due and payable at his office April 1st. All parties liable to these various taxes should take advantage of this notice, and evade the 10 per cent penalty which will be enforced on those failing to pay on time. He has usually been giving a few days of grace.
 Some days ago the policeman arrested a colored man named Henry Thomas, for riding on the side walk on a bicycle, that being against one of the town ordinances, and Thomas was promptly fined by the court \$5. He ponded the wheel to a citizen here for the amount of the fine, and it has later been found out that the wheel was stolen from a Dillon citizen by the name of Mr. Stephens. The same Henry Thomas came in before day on last last Friday morning with a fine horse and road cart, which Thomas says he bought from a man in Hamlet, N. C. for the sum of \$75.00. It is believed that Thomas obtained the horse and road cart in the same way that he did the wheel, and this belief is strong enough to the sheriff's mind to lock Henry Thomas up in the jail and wait for the owner of the horse to show up.
 The chief of police here at Latta received a communication today from a Mr. Williamson in Richland County, N. C. stating that the horse held here, that was brought here by Henry Thomas last week, answers perfectly the description of his horse stolen last week. Henry Thomas, being in the Dillon county jail, charged with stealing Mr. Stephens' wheel, it looks now like he will also have to give an account as to how he came in possession of such a nice horse and road cart so quickly.

Marion Methodists Entertain.

The Methodists of the Marion District had a "Set-Up" meeting in Marion today in the interest of the big educational drive which they will put on a little later. The morning services were held in the Methodist church, and the afternoon session was held in the dining hall of the Masonic Temple at that place. There were about seventy-five ministers and lay members present, and the meeting was very enthusiastic, as well as instructive, and was qualified to equip those who expect to assist in this drive. And last, but not least, to a hungry man, Marion can always be counted on for her hospitality, and today was no exception, and at about 1 o'clock we were invited into the large Masonic dining room to a magnificent dinner, prepared by the good women of that place.

Epworth League Meets.

The Latta Epworth League has been doing unusually good work during the last several months. It seems to have taken on a new lease of life and is receiving much favorable comment.
 The League took over the evening hour Sunday and rendered a very impressive and appropriate Easter program, before about two hundred people. The programme was as follows: Hymn 171, Lords Prayer, Scripture Lesson Col. 3: 1-17. Prayer, lead by Dr. Kirkland. Anthem—Choir. Introductory Address—The Significance of Easter by the leader, Prof. R. T. Fairey. Talks—"A Living Issue," Miss Annie Covington. Hymn 256. Paper—"The death of the old and the birth of the new", Miss Gertrude Manning. "He is Risen," Choir. Paper—"Renewed Life," Miss Stoneburner. Hymn 161. League Benediction.

Higher Cotton.

The slogan "Wear Cotton," has reached Latta. Most of our college girls while at home for the Easter holidays, were wearing homespun dresses, and we are glad to note that our teachers are following suit. Now, as all beginnings are, this is a small thing within itself, but a fine spirit indeed is shown by those who are creating a demand for cotton, just at this particular time. We do not know when or where the idea started, but we do know that it is a sensible one, and if this same spirit is manifested throughout our southland, the price of cotton will go up in spite of Wall Street. Some of these dresses are made up real fancy, and are prettier than anything seen by this writer at the price. After using sufficient trimmings to make it beautiful, it need not cost more than one dollar, and to think that the farmer is now selling enough of his cotton to make one of these beautiful dresses for ten cents, as I doubt there being more than one pound of white of cotton to each dress.
 The girls from the several colleges who came home for Easter returned

Monday night and Tuesday morning looking somewhat sad, compared to how they looked when they arrived here.

ORIGIN OF EASTER.

It was on this wise that Easter happened. Just before the crucifixion the Jews celebrated the passover. After awhile, it took on a christian meaning. This passover took place on the anniversary of the resurrection, but this feast had nothing to do with the resurrection, but rather the crucifixion; but it was merged into that idea. The first christians observed a feast at that time known as Easter, but the real meaning of the word has no reference to the resurrection; for the word translated, only once, in scripture is not the Greek word for Easter, but is "Pascha" which has the significance of "death" and not resurrection. For nearly two hundred years the word "Easter" was unknown to the church. About this time notices were given for the observance of the resurrection by the Catholics, who were just beginning their church career. And as the church of Rome grew, so also the idea of Easter grew with it; but it was not even then among the Protestants as a practice. The heathen religionist, it so happened, and Romanist held their feasts about April. The heathen held in it honor of the Teutonic goddess—"Ostera" for they were Star Worshipers and Easter means "Star" worship. In a word the Romish church combined this heathen worship of stars and the Jewish passover; and the illegitimate child of these two parents—Heathenism and Romanism—was called "Easter". Rome made this compromise with the heathen to win them over to Romanism. That is the reason why to day some people attend this service in the churches of Rome because there it is at its best. It comes to pass that gradually this custom has been grafted on to protestants, who if they knew its history would eliminate it from their worship as a remnant of heathenism. They forget that every Sunday is Easter according to the Bible, because Jesus rose from the dead on our Sabbath day. To any thinking person one might suspect that something is radically wrong when they see painted eggs, birds' nests and white rabbits associated with the world's greatest event—the resurrection of Jesus. But no people love to be duped and deceived.

The whole matter is boiled down to this: Because there is sentiment and flowers and new hats and dresses and formalism associated with the so-called "Easter" the protestant church has proven itself to be a gang of "Apostates" though not intentionally "Papists." It is not the resurrection of Christ that concerns many of us; but religious superstition, heathen ritualistic religiosity which appeals to the esthetic nature rather than a sublime faith in the facts of the resurrection. There positively not single scarp of the Bible for it; but the poor to whom the gospel is to be preached, are literally denied the privilege of worship on that day when dresses and bonnets and chicken eggs and rabbits have the day. The negroes go wild over it and even, as do some whites, have an easter dance. We know of some women that never darken a church except on that day of dress parade which is a memorial day to the sacrifice or dishonesty of some poor hardwaked man. It is high time for the thinking people of the church to stop some of our foolishness, cut out superstition in religion and live every day a resurrected life. Christ said, "I am the resurrection and the life." He is not responsible for all this so-called religious stuff about us. His religion is not a mere form nor festival nor rabbit-foot-fun; but a life raised above the worship of stars and flowers and clothes. The resurrection is grand and sublime and real; but this thing is idolatry. E. C. Bailey.

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FINAL DISCHARGE NOTICE.

Notice is hereby given that J. H. Meadors and R. H. Wiggins, administrators of the estate of Ida Boahn, deceased, has made application unto me for final discharge as administra-

tors and that Thursday, April 7th at 11 o'clock in the forenoon has been appointed for the hearing of the said petition.

All persons holding claims against the said estate are requested to file them with the administrators on or before 11 o'clock in the forenoon of April 7th or this notice will be plead in bar of their recovery.

JOE CABELL DAVIS
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