

ABOUT PEOPLE YOU KNOW.

Like Birds of Passage, They Are Here Today and Gone Tomorrow.

Mr. Bill West visited Batesburg Monday. Mr. Frank Watson was in the city Friday. Mr. J. D. P. Irish was here last Thursday. Mr. G. T. Etheredge was in the city Saturday. Col. E. F. Strother is in Aiken on business. Mr. Jas Davis, of Samaria, was here this week. Mr. Ollie Clayton, of Seivern, was here Monday. Mr. Howard Matthews was on our streets Monday. Mr. John Gunter, of Monetta, was in town Monday. Mr. Eddie Jones, of Sawyer, was on our streets last week. Dr. W. H. Timmerman went to Ridge Spring Monday. Mrs. F. U. Gunter is visiting relatives here this week. Mr. J. A. Mitchell, of Saluda county, was in town Monday. Mr. and Mrs. Perry, of Monetta, visited here Friday. Judge John J. Earle, of Columbia, was in town Tuesday. Mr. Harley Ott, of Sawyer, was in town last Thursday. Mr. Judson Hall, of Clinchepin, was in the city last week. Mr. Bub Clayton, of Aiken county, was in our city last week. Mr. G. Trotter, of Saluda county, was in the city last week. Mr. D. P. Holly was among those seen on our streets Friday. Editor Cooner, of the Edisto Record, paid us his weekly visit last week. On Monday we received a visit from Mr. Grover Holston, of Monetta. Mrs. L. L. Dodd is spending a few days with her husband in Wilmington, N. C. Mr. and Mrs. C. L. Jones spent Thursday and Friday in town with relatives.

Washington Letter.

FROM OUR REGULAR CORRESPONDENT.

The last four weeks have been the coldest for many years. Usually early shrubs are in bloom in January, but now sleighs and skates are much in evidence. In 1880 there was a similar winter. Then there was skating up and down for six miles over the channel of the Potomac, and great teams crossed with heavy loads to Alexandria. Yesterday your correspondent found at the Metropolitan Congressman John Sharp Williams, Democratic leader of the House. "Yes," he said, "it certainly would be better for the Democrats to stand together and repudiate the fake treaty. But they are divided, just as they were unhappily on the Paris treaty. On the issue of honesty and decency instead of criminal aggression—of a canal instead of the canal—the people would stand by us and give us victory. They probably will anyhow. We have issues enough if the treaty is ratified in spite of us. The single issue of honesty in office in the light of the official plundering going on is itself sufficient to cause the people to refuse a long lease of power to any party, especially the party that is guilty."

Take a Look at Home First.

WANTED:—To furnish merchants who do a loan business with Notes and Mortgages, Loans on Crops, Bill of Sales, etc., in lots of from 25 to 100 at reduced prices. We note that our worthy neighbor the "Saluda Standard" comments upon a typographical error in the word leap which was spelled leap. While we are no doubt open for criticism in no ways than that which we are charged, we print the following clipped from The Standard but four paragraphs below their comment. "M. L. Fox was convicted last week of selling liquor in Batesburg. They had a jury, which found him guilty, and his sentence was \$100, or 30 days. He paid the fine and appealed of course. "People who live in glass houses should not throw stones." At any rate we refer our readers to an editorial which appeared in the Saluda Standard under the date of January 23 and headed "Mostly Exasperating," in which they make an apology for their "inconsiderable number of typographical errors."

DUPONT.

FROM OUR REGULAR CORRESPONDENT. Mr. Pierce Etheredge, of Leesville College, spent Sunday with the home folks. Dr. W. I. Belenbaugh has left us. He says he took in the last six months at least \$1000 dollars. He will practice in Prosperity. We need a good doctor in this community. Miss Fannie Goff, assistant teacher at Haverhillville, spent Sunday with the home folks. Mr. Luke Rogers, of Richland, spent Sunday in this community. Rev. W. T. Belenbaugh has been appointed a N. P. by the governor. His address is Leesville. Mr. Tilman Shealy is attending the Bible Institute in Columbia. Mr. and Mrs. Hilary Shealy, of Dalmar, spent Sunday with the latter's father, Mr. S. W. Belenbaugh.

MONETTA.

FROM OUR REGULAR CORRESPONDENT. Mr. Tillman Clark, of Cranitewille, was with relatives here last week. Great joy is in the home of Mr. and Mrs. Richard Holstein—a new child. Mr. Brooks Cato, of Wagner, showed us his smiling face this week. Mr. James Perry and family, of Columbia, are on a visit to the family of Mr. E. A. Perry, his father. James is here for his health.

A FEW HOME HAPPENINGS.

Items of Local Interest Collected and Grouped for Advocate Readers.

Cotton is bringing today 15 Reported by L. D. Cullum.

The new dwelling of Postmaster Knoepp is about completed. The old store house formerly occupied by W. D. Rikard & Son has been torn down. Many farmers are coming to town and many sacks of guano are leaving. Such a crop of cotton as we will have next year will surprise everyone. If it is possible for cotton to be made it will surely be done.

Rural Free Delivery.

Mr. Hunter Arnold, of Ohio, acting as special agent for the rural free delivery service who has been here for the past week inspecting the proposed rural free delivery routes leaving Batesburg, will more than likely report favorably on their establishment to the Postoffice Department. This will fill a long felt want and we hope that it will be in operation at an early date.

MR. ETHEREDGE HURT

In Accident at Railroad Crossing.

On Tuesday morning while coming to Batesburg in his buggy, Mr. Uriah Etheredge and his son, John, were thrown out and badly bruised up by coming in contact with a freight train on the Carolina Midland. The horse was killed outright and the buggy badly demolished. The engineer blew his whistle for the crossing, but Mr. Etheredge thought that he had time to cross but as the engine was on the other end of the train pushing a long load of box cars he misjudged the distance hence the accident. The collision occurred at the rail road crossing near Westmorlands place. Mr. Etheredge said he heard the whistle blow but thought he had plenty of time to cross and that his horse was not afraid of trains. Dr. E. K. Hardin attended him on his arrival in the city and pronounced his wounds severe but not serious. His son was not hurt.

SALUDA.

Dr. Arthur H. Ashby, of Fruit Hill, died Saturday morning after an illness of about a week. He was about 40 years of age and a native of Aiken. Mr. John T. Werts, a merchant at Mayson's, died of consumption Monday at the age of 45 years. He was buried with Masonic honors at Good Hope Church. Felix Borknight, charged with cotton stealing, broke jail last Saturday night. This is another argument for a better jail. The many friends of Eon. D. S. Peurifoy are glad to hear of his election as a penitentiary director. The farmers are all going to plant cotton heavy this year. Moundview, Ala., was visited by a cyclone last Thursday: Many people were killed and injured and there was a heavy property loss. The Mayor of Greensboro has asked for aid for the people of the unfortunate town. Ex-President Cleveland says "Bryan has got the stage"; let him go it. "The distinguished gentleman" from New Jersey seems to think he has been frozen out of the game, on account of Palmer-Buckner tendencies a few years back. Whitaker Wright, at one time a king of finance, was sentenced in London, Eng., Tuesday to seven years of penal servitude for fraud. Within one hour from the time sentence was passed Whitaker died from the effects of self-administered poison. Senator Daniel, of Virginia, "the little man with the crutch," was on Tuesday re-elected to the United States Senate. He is loved by the people of his State and his opponents honor him. If it is his desire he will remain a member of the Senate until death claims him. An explosion in the Hardwick Mine, Cheswick, Pa., near Pittsburg, was the cause of nearly two hundred deaths Monday. Mine Engineer Taylor is supposed to have lost his life trying to rescue the miners. The gathering of women and children about the mouth of the trap awaiting the bringing of the victims to the surface was a pitiable one. The work of rescue is slow. The explosion was caused by five damp.

The Fortnightly Club will meet with Miss Lottie Ridgell on the afternoon of Saturday, Jan. 13th.

We thank our friends for the many nice things they are saying about the Advocate.

Advertisers will see by our circulation announcement on this page that they are getting their money's worth.

Our correspondents are doing very well in the way of writing, but we do want them to write weekly if possible. We want to make the Advocate the best paper in the county, but it will be impossible to do so unless they help us. Their letters are what make the paper.

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Mr. M. Barsby, of Orangeburg, S. C., bought yesterday the entire stock of goods of C. W. Sollee for \$4,081. The stock will be placed on the market here.

Messrs F. J. Key and D. J. Macarley, of Chester, were in Batesburg yesterday.

Mr. Tom Kitchens, of Wainsboro, spent Wednesday in Batesburg.

LEXINGTON.

FROM OUR REGULAR CORRESPONDENT.

This community was recently bereaved in the death of one of its oldest and most honored citizens, Hon. H. A. Meetze. Unexpectedly to his family and friends death came upon him in his 84 year. He had lived an honorable and useful career, serving his country through the war and his county in various capacities. It was during the stirring period of reconstruction that his influence was felt most for good, and what he did then for the cause of democracy and good government can not be too highly appreciated. Under his superb leadership this county was led to a complete democratic victory and every semblance of negro and carpet-bag rule was destroyed. Peace be to his ashes, and consolation to his bereaved ones. The sad death of Mr. Meetze, the son of the Fork, reached this community Saturday. He was killed while on two of his sons, cutting down a tree, off of which a limb broke and fell upon him. He lived for two hours after the accident, but his injuries were too serious to be relieved by any human agency. He leaves to mourn his loss a wife and ten children. He was buried Sunday afternoon at 3 o'clock. Mr. Tom Ammer, who lived about three miles from here died also Saturday afternoon. He was an old man, having served his country faithfully during the war between the States. The announcement of his death caused sorrow among his numerous friends and admirers. He was buried Sunday afternoon, the funeral exercises being conducted by Rev. Mr. Cromer, his pastor. There are very few cases to be disposed of at the next term of court, as far as we know there are no jail cases at all at this time. Quite a number of cases against the railroad have been docketed for the next term, but not many civil cases of an other nature have been commenced. The friends of Hon. John Bell Toward, about here, were delighted to learn of his elevation to a position on the State Dispensary Board of Control. They feel sure that he is a safe man to place the interests of the people with, and that he will discharge the functions of his office faithfully and fearlessly. Editor G. M. Harman, of the Lexington Dispatch, is off this week making the rounds with Auditor G. A. Derrick.

STATE NEWS.

A water famine is threatened at Pickens. Conway is to have a new and up-to-date school house. The General Assembly will adjourn the 23d of next month. Capt. John L. Agurs, died at his home in Chester Saturday. The Baptists of Allendale are going to erect a handsome church edifice. At Miles' Mill Charles B. Land shot and killed, one Jim Dore, both colored. Hon. John Bell To it has been elected on the dispensary board of the State. The Walterboro court martial is over. It seems that an amicable settlement was reached. H. A. Williams succeeds P. I. Wells as superintendent of the Savannah division of the Southern. Charleston police have again declared war on the slot machine. There must always be something doing in Charleston. A negro farmers institute will be held at Aiken on the 10th of February. Lexington will be represented. Tobacco will not be planted on so large a scale this year as last. The growers are dissatisfied with prices. Evangelist Leitch is conducting a big revival meeting at Main Street Methodist Church in Columbia. Safe blowers made an unsuccessful attempt to crack the safe in the post-office at Allendale last Sunday night. The upper house of the General Assembly has passed a bill which prohibits the exportation of shad from the State. The House of Representatives has passed a bill to make the meeting of that body every two years instead of one. A poll taken of the present Legislature shows only three members are in favor of "Silver Plank" in the Democratic platform. Columbia dairymen have formed a "trust" and put up the price of milk. They claim cotton seed meal and other food stuffs are too costly.

WORLD'S FAIR DOTS.

The Following Are Some of the Many Things to be Seen. Model schools for the blind and deaf. Old St. Louis—as it was 100 years ago. Ice plant producing 300 tons of ice daily. Special building on Art Hill for sculpture. Typical '99 mining camp in "Maning Gulch." Jubilee presents of the late Queen Victoria. Outdoor mining exhibit, covering 12 acres. Rose Garden, six acres in area 50,000 rose trees. "King Cotton," a statue in cotton fifty feet high.

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GENERAL NEWS.

Sour Lake, Texas, suffered from a disastrous fire Sunday. Loss \$200,000. The prize contest for automatic "jaw" honors is still on between Russia and Japan. The citizens of Savannah, Ga., are using every means to have the Panama canal treaty ratified. The National Guard, which met in St. Augustine, Fla., this week, will hold its next meeting in St. Louis, Mo. Japan is tired of long diplomatic delays and on Tuesday sent an intimation to Russia that an early reply was wanted. Late reports of the Harwick mine disaster state the miners died not from suffocation, but were blown to pieces. On and after July 1st, 1904, the United States government will abolish the use of private mailing cards. The Army appropriation bill has been passed by the House at Washington. It carries an appropriation of \$75,000,000. A plot is on foot to assassinate King Peter, of Serbia, who ascended to the throne by the assassination of the former King. The thermometer at Duluth, Minn., on last Sunday recorded 37 degrees below zero. "Gee, but that's chilly!" Over 200 postmasters of the State will meet in Columbia February 9th to form a State organization. The call is issued by Republican postmasters and is evidently another party fortification scheme. Ex-Congressman Small, colored, was ordered out of the Columbia Hotel lobby last week, and the "Lily Whites" were given a call down by Proprietor Wheeler. No doubt if this were to come to the ear of President Roosevelt he would advise all of "the faithful" not to patronize the Columbia. A change in the British cabinet is looked for daily. The National Guard Association met in St. Augustine, Fla., Monday. Cotton was close on the heels of 16 cents on the New York exchange Tuesday.