

LOCAL ITEMS.

Laurens is a "little heaven." See notice of W. Y. Sherard in another column. Capt. J. M. Philpot keeps the "King" apples, the best known. We are to have a marriage notice next Fall at 4 o'clock that will fill a column. Track-laying on the G. & L. Railroad has reached the trestle over Reedy Fork Creek. N. J. Holmes, Esq., made an able speech in defence of Dr. Woodrow at the recent meeting of Synod at Chester. We are indebted to our able representative, Hon. Wm. H. Perry, for valuable reports and other documents. An extra term of the Court of Common Pleas, for Laurens County, will be held here on the 3d Monday in November next, for the trial of such cases as do not require a jury. The State Baptist Convention will meet in Newberry on the 18th of November. The meeting will be an important one and about 200 delegates will probably be present. A great many persons from various stations on the new road found it to their interest to trade with our wide-awake merchants, while attending the fair last week. The Abbeville Press & Banner has been enlarged and greatly improved in appearance. It was already one of the largest papers in the State, and one of the most valued on our exchange list. Messrs. Traynham & Dial committed to the flames last Saturday, papers of Landreth's garden seed. This is done under the new regulation, which requires all seed not sold each year, to be destroyed. The bridge across the railroad track near the Methodist Church is in a bad condition. The embankment upon which the bridge rests, is not sufficient, and unless it is soon attended to, it may become dangerous. Death is at all times a sad and mysterious thing, but more especially when it enters a household and bears away its sweetest, brightest flower. On Friday last, little Annie, a two-year old daughter of Mr. Enoch West, died of pneumonia, after a brief illness. We have received Dr. Thorne's letter to Gov. Manning, on Public Instruction, published in pamphlet form by the city council of Charleston, for gratuitous distribution. Persons interested in this matter can secure copies by calling upon Col. H. Y. Simpson. So far as our mails are concerned, we derive very little benefit from our new railroad. As it has been for years, at this season of the year, Northern and Western mails, as well as that from Charleston and Columbia, arrive here at an unreasonable hour. We suppose those in charge know best, but it appears to be about time to look for mails from Spartanburg, on the G. L. & S. Railroad.

Absent for a Week. Dr. P. B. Connor will be absent on professional business for a week, after next Monday. Persons who desire to see him, can do so at his office, after that time. A Sudden Death. A white woman by the name of White, who lives in the upper portion of this County, near the Greenville line, was found dead at her home on Friday last. Trial Justice Stoddard held an inquest on Saturday, and while we have not before us the facts as brought out by the investigation, it is probable that she died of disease, although it was believed at first, to be the result of strangulation. The Lecture. On Thursday evening a full house greeted Maj. Charles H. Smith, who is undoubtedly one of the greatest humorists of the day. He spoke of the good old days before the war, and the new order of things; gave an account of several notable characters in Georgia, among whom he mentioned the only original "Bill Arp," and paid a tribute to his memory. The lecture was replete with humor and a great deal of good, common-sense philosophy. The audience seemed well pleased, and we understand that the receipts amounted to about \$60.00. Saleday. Owing to the large amount of land advertised to be sold on last Monday, the attendance was large and the property sold brought a fair price. The following tracts of land were sold by the Probate Judge: 7 acres in Waterloo township, known as the Lindsay tract, was purchased by J. G. Jenkins for \$50.00; 95 acres known as the land of John Nabors sold to Mrs. Martha Nabors for \$885. The Sheriff sold P. H. E. Fuller's interest in four tracts containing 461 acres, more or less, for \$370, to Miss Mary Bell Jones; also, 450 acres known as the Young tract, to M. Ella Young for \$2,110. The property sold by the Master was as follows: Jno. T. Duncan Land—No. 1—176 acres \$200; No. 2—The Deaver Place, 165 1/2 acres, \$200; McCoy place, 28 1/2 acres, \$200; No. 4. Hendrix place, 20 1/2 acres, \$500; No. 5. Mill place, 17 1/2 acres, \$500; No. 6. Reeder place, 14 1/2 acres, \$300; No. 7. 170 1/2 acres, \$410; No. 8. Turner Jones place, 133 acres, \$340; A. F. Golding Land—No. 1, 227 acres, \$2450; No. 2, 216 acres, \$800; No. 3, 112 1/2 acres, \$900. Richardson House, in town of Laurens \$1000; 412 acres, \$1005; 5 1/2 acres, \$100; 110 acres, \$905. McGowan Lots, on Main Street—41 by 24 feet, \$100; 53 by 26 1/2 feet, \$825. On Laurens street, 50 by 120 feet, \$375; 50 by 118 feet, \$850; 50 by 117 feet, \$755; 50 by 116 feet, \$450; 139 acres of land on Cane Creek, \$1005. Aisey Coleman Land—205 acres, \$1,845; 153 acres, \$1050; 208 acres, \$1000; 91 acres, \$900. Reed Land—159 acres, \$700; 125 acres, \$700.

Comment on the Fair. That something should be done at once towards procuring grounds and buildings for future use. That a free show always takes well. That the success is due in a large measure to the ladies. That Laurens, as a County, should be proud of the display. That the benefit to be derived from such exhibitions is immense. That some eloquent boys made deprecations upon the exhibit of fruit which was wrong. That Miss — well, we will tell more privately who took the blue ribbon for beauty. That it is with pleasure we note the interest manifested in this County in the matter of raising live stock. That many things exhibited deserve special mention, which our limited space will not allow. That during the Fair the ADVERTISER received many kind words, which were certainly appreciated. That the Fair was a success, but but it is not fair to wait twelve months for another such occasion.

County Items. CROSS HILL. MACK. We gave ourselves the pleasure of a visit to the County Fair on the 29th, and pen and words fail us when we would describe it, so we leave the subject to able hands. Laurens bids fair to be the banner county of the State. We have in our possession a New Testament that was printed in 1828, and is the first copy of that book that was owned by the late Rev. W. A. McSwain. On some blank leaves in the book are some head notes of sermons that were probably the first preached by him. The village of Cross Hill is situated at and around where the Greenville and Columbia and Puckett's Ferry and Milton Roads cross each other, 14 miles from Laurens C. H., 5 miles from Puckett's Ferry and 6 miles from Milton and 13 miles from Chappells Depot, on the C. & G. Railroad. It is 1 1/2 miles from Waterloo, on the G. L. & S. Railroad. The soil is exceedingly fertile and the Township is well watered by Mudlick, Banksa Creek and Saluda River. These streams afford a large quantity of very fine bottom lands, which are equal in fertility to any in the State. The ridge and hill lands are a very free and generous soil, easily cultivated and peculiarly adapted to the growth of cotton. As an example of the great adaptability to the production of cotton, there are a number of farmers who make from 12 to 15 bales of cotton to the horse. The people are educated, well-to-do farmers; white and black make enough to live comfortably and lay by a little for a rainy day. There is not a case of pauperism in the township, to my knowledge, and we are not represented in the county poor house to my knowledge. There are 4 fine churches in the township, 1 Methodist, 1 Presbyterian and 2 Baptist, and the colored people have three good churches. There is a school house for every church, and no township can beat us in the material to fill school houses, and the cry is, "still they come." At a future time we may write up some more of the particular items of this particular township.

HIGHLAND HOME. WILHELM. Mrs. Dr. Fowler has been quite ill this week. Miss Mattie Barksdale leaves to-day for a visit to Clinton. It was truly gratifying to see so much interest manifested by our people at our late County Fair. We heard a real nice compliment passed on our young editor, recently, and by one he would appreciate. Mr. S. J. Bryson speaks of taking up his abode, for the next year, among the good people of Goldville. Mr. Willie Barksdale was severely though not seriously kicked by a horse, on Wednesday. He is now improving. A call meeting of Presbytery meets at Dorroh's the 3rd Sabbath in November to organize a Presbytery in this County. Miss Mattie Barksdale will have charge of the school at Barksdale's Academy next year. We wish her abundant success. Mrs. Watson from Hobbyville, and Mrs. J. E. Caldwell, of Newberry, the mother and sister of Mrs. Bryson, have been visiting her for the last few days. Mr. Bob Burns, who has been sojourning in Arkansas for the past year, is now at his mother's. Mr. and Mrs. Jimmie Owings are expected to arrive soon at Mrs. James Shell's—all from the same place.

SIMPSONS MILL. NIX. Cotton is still opening, and picking is progressing slowly. Small grain is looking well, but very little has been sown in our section yet. Farmers are very late in gathering corn, the bulk of the crop is still in the fields. Mr. Crawford, one of our County Commissioners, paid a brief business visit to our section on the 30th. Miss Clatie McDaniel is spending a week with her mother and friends. She is going to school Nov. 2nd. Mr. George McDaniel has built a new crib and stables on his place, near his mother's, and is also preparing lumber for a dwelling house. George, let us know when to send it to the ADVERTISER. We notice a few gruntes peamed up in our section, but not half as many as there should be to keep off lions, and mortgages another year; but bacon is cheap and money plentiful with some people. We notice that there are two culverts across the public road near Duvall's cross roads, that have been broken in for some time causing a great deal of inconvenience to the traveling public. We hope to see them repaired soon.

CLINTON. "J." Miss Edie Watts is fast recovering from her recent severe attack of sickness. Miss Jessie Coleman, of Greenwood, and Miss Marian Parrott are visiting friends in Clinton. A large delegation from our section visited the county fair and report most favorably on everything. Mrs. L. C. Albright and daughter are off on a business trip to Paris, Texas, and will be gone perhaps a month. The remains of Mrs. Frances Williams were carried by her son, Rev. N. B. Williams, to Montgomery, Ala., for interment. He will probably be absent ten days. W. E. Owens and Miss Mary Bailey, of Greenwood, were married last week by Rev. W. P. Jacobs. Ed. has brought his young bride home, and Mack Metts says, is doing very well indeed. Mack Pitts led Miss Mattie Copeland to the altar. Miss Mattie is a daughter of our County Treasurer. The knot was tied by Uncle Mark Boyd, and of course with his long experience in such things, he tied it hard. The merchants of Clinton, as a general rule, keep very complete lines of goods, but not one of them have any baby carriages. Are there any in Laurens? If so, let them be advertised, as there is and will be a demand for them in Clinton. The Florida fever is rather on the increase, and there will be quite a colony to go from this section during the present winter. They all expect to settle in Orange County. With from eight to ten thousand acres of land advertised for sale, it does seem as if they might be accommodated here. Some of the ladies are providing, before their departure, for places to come back to if not pleased in the land of flowers.

We Are Watched. For the past few months, the world at large has watched with anxiety, the effect of the recent political revolution upon the South. It is sometimes true that success is dangerous, but we of the South have learned full well, by years of bitter experience under Republican rule, that it is possible, even in "free America," for political parties to become tyrannical, and consequently the Democrats are "taking things easy." Many are viewing the situation from a desire to know before hand, that which will pass into history. The revolution through which we have passed, although silent in its operation, was nevertheless radical in its result. No people were ever called upon to suffer more at the hands of political enemies than the Southern people, and yet while the Republicans reaped in ill-gained treasures, without a moments warning, but like a thunder clap from a clear sky, the scales have turned and the reins of government have been placed in the hands of the oppressed. Is it strange that the historian should stop for a moment, and with the keenest scenting watch the effect of such a change? But other eyes than those of the historian are turned in this direction. The hydra-headed monster,

whom for the time being we have down, is watching with breathless anxiety for the South to abuse the power which she must exercise. The recent "bloody shirt" campaign in Ohio, and its apparent victory, should not discourage us; there will come a time when even Republican Ohio will demand more evidence than the assertions of JOHN SHERMAN. There will come a time when aroused sectional animosity will cease to be effective as campaign warfare. If the South continues onward in her present course, we need have no fears. Already the best elements of the Northern Republicans have shown increased confidence in the ability and honesty of the Southern leaders, and it only requires time that we may show to the world that we are capable of self-government. The course pursued by the Democrats of the South has been, we confess, a surprise to many, especially those who have labored under erroneous ideas, who have been educated in the belief that we are still disloyal to the Union and desire to disfranchise the colored voters. All eyes are upon us, and if from no higher motive, let us steer clear of everything that savors of oppression; let us suppress disorder, punish crime, vindicate the law and turn our attention towards the development of our country.

Triangle Band. This is the name of the only surviving Brass Band in the County. It is an organization composed of about a dozen colored men, most of whom we learn are staunch democrats, and are the most respectable and well behaved men of their race in the vicinity of Triangle.

Mr. Van Patton Revolutionizes Motive Power. CEDAR GROVE, S. C., Oct. 1885—The Watchword to-day is "progress" and the motto of progress is "ever onward." All real enterprise is progressive, and every man or woman who is in the highest sense useful or successful, in whatever vocation, is both enterprising and progressive. Methods and systems are undergoing constant revolution and re-revolution. In no calling is more frequent suggestions of this truth than the mechanical and inventive. The methods of a generation ago are now obsolete, systems are constantly falling in pieces, and even accepted facts are subjected to daily criticism and inquiry, while the ever-widening realm of knowledge is constantly revealing new facts and principles hitherto unknown and not less wonderful than the discoveries of earlier times. In these days of telegraphs, telephones and "lightning express" trains, it is wonderful to hear the problem of perpetual motion has been solved, as claimed by Mr. Francis H. Otto, Burlington, Wisconsin, is having one of his machines constructed in a Racine machine shop? Mr. Otto started his "laborious task of solving the great problem at Bloomington, Ohio, twenty-nine years ago. Mr. V. V. Van Patton, living two miles northeast of this place, claims he has solved the problem of a self-motive power. He says he will apply for a patent at an early date. He claims for his invention all that is possible for steam or water power to accomplish. He is perhaps 80 years old. He has been endeavoring to accomplish his laborious task for about thirty years. He came from New York, where he has wealthy relatives.

—Mrs. Veronica Bulla, who performed a remarkable fast in Syracuse, N. Y., died last week. The fast began August 10th. For 59 days she did not touch a morsel of food, living entirely on water in which small quantities of morphine were dissolved.

STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA—LAURENS COUNTY, IN PROBATE COURT. Whereas, G. W. Shell, c. c. c. p., has applied to me for Letters of Administration, on the Estate of John C. Riddle, deceased. These are therefore to cite and admonish all and singular the kindred and creditors of said deceased, to be and appear before me at a Court of Probate to be holden at my office at Laurens C. H., on the 14th day of December, 1885, at 10 o'clock, A. M., to show cause, if any they can, why letters should not be granted. Given under my hand and seal this 1st day of November, 1885. A. W. BURNSIDE, J. P. C. C. Nov. 3, 1885 14 6t

Extra Term of Court. Pursuant to an order from his Honor, W. D. Simpson, Chief Justice of South Carolina, an Extra Term of the Court of Common Pleas for Laurens County will be holden on the 3d Monday in Nov. next, to wit, on the 11th day of November, 1885, at 10 o'clock, A. M., to show cause, if any they can, why letters should not be granted. Given under my hand and seal this 14th day of October, 1885. A. W. BURNSIDE, J. P. C. C. Oct. 14, 1885 14 6t

The Boss Offer of the Season. For the next twenty days we offer the THE LAURENS ADVERTISER and Charleston Weekly News both for \$2.25 for the year. Of course we cannot offer this liberal discount without cash in advance, but just think of it—two weekly papers, a State and a County paper, both for \$2.25.

STILL THEY GO. OUR SCHEDULE THIS WEEK. 224 prs. of Australian Straight Kid Button Shoes at \$2.25 500 prs. Ladies Glove-grain Button Boots at \$1.40. Also an additional Supply of the popular Bleakly \$3.00 Shoe. JNO. D. SHEAHAN,

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TAKE NOTICE. All persons indebted to us by note or account, are requested to settle same by 15th November, next. Our business must and will be closed up. All accounts not collected in due time, will necessarily be enforced. JOHN B. PECK, General Manager, D. C. Allen, G. P. a.

SOUTH CAROLINA RAILWAY COMPANY. COMMENCING SUNDAY SEPTEMBER 6, 1885, at 9:45 A. M., Passenger Trains will run as follows, "Eastern time" TO AND FROM CHARLESTON. EAST (DAILY). Depart Columbia 7:45 a m 5:27 p m Due Charleston 12:20 p m 9:05 p m WEST (DAILY). Depart Charleston 7:20 a m 5:10 p m Due Columbia 10:40 a m 10:00 p m TO AND FROM CAMDEN. (EAST DAILY EXCEPT SUNDAY.) Dep't Columbia 7:45 a m 5:05 p m Due Camden 12:30 p m 7:42 p m (WEST DAILY EXCEPT SUNDAY.) Dep't Camden 7:00 a m 5:15 p m Due Columbia 9:25 a m 10:40 a m TO AND FROM AUGUSTA. EAST (DAILY). Depart Columbia 5:27 p m Due Augusta 10:35 p m WEST (DAILY). Depart Augusta 4:45 p m Due Columbia 10:00 p m CONNECTIONS. Made at Columbia with Columbia and Greenville Railroad by train arriving at 10:40 A. M. and departing at 5:37 P. M. At Columbia Junction with C. C. & A. Railroad by same train to and from all points on both roads. Passengers take steeper at Branchville. At Charleston with steamers for New York; and with steamer for Jacksonville and points on St. John's River, Tuesdays and Saturdays; with Charleston and Savannah Railroad to and from Savannah and points in Florida, daily. At Augusta with Georgia and Central Railroads to and from all points West and South. At Blackville to and from points on Barnwell Railroad. Through tickets can be purchased to all points South and West by applying to JOHN B. PECK, General Manager, D. C. Allen, G. P. a.

Still Brighter Prospects. We have often mentioned the merits of the Laurensville Female College, and for this we have no apology to make. The great advantage to the community, to be derived from a flourishing college, has never been doubted, and now that ours has been placed upon a firm basis with bright prospects before it, we heartily commend it to the people of this and adjoining Counties. From a combination of causes, our college had almost died out when President Milner came to take charge, but he is the right man in the right place; he came with the determination to stay—to succeed, and it is gratifying to see that the people appreciate his work. No pains or expense have been spared to secure the very best instructors in every department and the building has been renovated and made comfortable. Special care has been taken in the management of the boarding department, and the young ladies speak in the highest praise of the Institutions. All that is needed in order to insure the greatest success, and all this is asked is that those who have daughters to educate, will make an examination. The best evidence is the work already accomplished, and an examination of the curriculum will show the high standard of the college. At the next commencement a large number will graduate among whom are many ladies, as bright and accomplished as ever left this venerable institution, ever in her palmy days. Distinguished orators have already been invited to deliver addresses upon this occasion and we have every reason to believe that our college will be, as it should, an honor to Laurens County and to the people of the State.