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Mr. J. W. Peterson had the misfortune to lose a fine horse on Saturday.

Four barrooms have taken out licenses. The city licenses \$800, County, \$100, United States \$25.

Alexander was elected president of the Georgia Central Railroad over Raoul, by more than thirteen thousand majority.

D. S. Childress and Miss Zola Parks, daughter of Fowler Parks, were married at Fountain Inn on Sunday by the Rev Mr. Bialek.

Dr. P. B. Connor, would inform the public that he has returned and can now be found at his dental rooms over L. G. Halle & Co's store.

A negro man in Columbia last week delivered a bunch of bananas from a dray was bitten by a venomous snake and is now in a critical condition.

A new game of cards called "matrimony" is destined to become popular. If the man wins, he takes the girl; if the girl wins, she takes the man.

Laurens Rifle Company will meet at their armory on Friday evening. Full attendance is requested as the annual election and other business of importance will be transacted.

A large crowd gathered at Wilkes' Book and Drug Store on Saturday evening to witness the annual drawing of prizes. The first prize, a beautiful album, was drawn by J. C. McDaniel. The second, an elegantly dressed, life-size doll, was drawn by Mr. John H. Odell.

Wat Ellison, the negro who shot at Perry Little and killed Sarah Ann Turner just before Christmas, and who has since been in the cage, was captured at Sumter a few days ago. He was brought to this place on Friday last by the Sheriff, and now occupies quarters in Hotel de Ballew.

The Senate failed to confirm Governor Richardson's nomination of Joel Ellison, Trial Justice for Laurens County. The following nominations for Laurens County were confirmed: Treasurer, J. H. Copeland; auditor, G. M. Langston; jury commissioner, J. O. Templeton; trial justices, C. M. Miller, B. L. Henderson, J. B. Parrot, W. F. A. by.

Temperance Meeting. The Sunday School at New Prospect Church was turned into a temperance meeting. Several gentlemen, among the number Capt. Hudgens, Will Cunningham, Thos. Langston and others, made strong and enthusiastic speeches advocating prohibition. About 20 members were present, and after the addresses a vote was taken, and it was unanimously agreed to vote for the Murray XXX Bill in August.

Sale Day. Quite a crowd of citizens gathered here Saturday last. Despite the fact that the attendance was larger than usual and that this is the first Sale day since the barrooms have been open there was not a breach of the peace and policemen had absolutely nothing to do.

The following tracts of land were sold at public auction: 54 acres, Todiver Lohertson; 120 " Oscar L. Hunter; 92 " J. H. Tronhyam, \$180; 100 " Mary Leator; 40 " W. W. Kennedy, \$1200; 190 1/2 " to R. H. Hudgens; One town lot 1/4 acres, P. D. Elliott; 65 acres J. O. Fleming.

Personal. Mrs. Col. J. W. WATTS and EDWARDS MARTIN her son, spent Christmas with her sister Mrs. Dr. J. Boyd in Spartanburg.

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Miss MARY MILLS of N. C., is visiting friends and relatives here and at Clinton. Dr. THOS. WEIR, of this County, who has for several months suffered from sore eyes, passed through this place on last Thursday on his return from Baltimore, where he has been under a celebrated oculist. His many friends will be glad to learn that he is much improved. He was accompanied by his sister, Mrs. Glenn, of Newberry.

Prof. JOSEPH A. HOLMES, of University of North Carolina, spent a few days at his old home last week. Mrs. Dr. BOOZER, of Clinton, visited the family of her son, Mr. Geo. BOOZER, last week.

Rev. J. M. CARLISE, pastor of the Methodist Church at this place, occupied his pulpit for the first time on Sunday last.

Gov. E. O. FRIERSON, of the Presbyterian Church, preached at Woodruff on Sunday evening.

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Mr. J. D. WATTS has gone to Little Rock, Ark., to buy cotton.

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HIGHLAND HOME. OBSERVER.

Mr. Editor, with your permission and at your request, I will give some of my observations from this place.

In making my debut before the readers of the ADVERTISER I ask them to look intently on all short comings; and I promise to give my observations in such a way as I hope to be both pleasing and profitable to them.

Christmas has come and gone, and the New Year has come, bringing with it new resolves, new duties, and I may add fresh vigor to all of us.

I observe that although the cotton crop of 1886 was very short, a considerable quantity of it is still in the field, which fact proves conclusively to my mind that a short crop is harder to gather than a good one.

I observe further that the farmers in this vicinity are taking hold with redoubled energy, and if we can keep out of the hands of our friend, the Sheriff, I predict that with a favorable season they will be in a much better condition by this time in 1888.

I observe further that the patrons of the school at Thomas' Cross Roads are pushing the work on their new school house to completion. They have secured the services of that efficient teacher, Miss Mattie Barksdale, for 1887. The school will open, in a few weeks.

'Sould this meet with a favorable reception at the hands of ADVERTISER, I may come again with other observations.

Wishing a pleasant and prosperous year to all the readers of the ADVERTISER, and much success to its Editor, I take my seat.

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DOTS AND DASHES FROM ORA.

IN making our debut before the readers of that excellent paper, The Advertiser. We wish one and all of its readers, including its Handsome Editor, and all a Happy and Prosperous New Year. Hoping that the year 1887 will give many happy returns to make up for our depressed spirits and our stricken country. Let us all go to work with a willing mind and see what [virtue there is in economy and reform.

Messrs. Sullivan & Milam, have placed their large stock of goods in position and are ready for business. Mr. Milam and excellent wife are quite an acquisition to our thriving little town.

Fleming & Blakeley report the Xmas trade as good, and are making preparations to do an extensive business this coming season. Both of these gentlemen are well qualified and know how to treat their many customers.

Willie Hunter, our colored merchant reports business as good as he could expect.

Mr. Barnett, our obliging postmaster, will soon place a select stock of confectioneries in the store house of Mr. A. Y. Thompson.

Only 50 bales of cotton have been shipped from this point since Oct 29, to this date. Last year 105 bales were shipped during the season, Oct to Jan. Most of the cotton went to Charleston with the exception of 5 or 10 bales to Laurens.

The Southern Express Company will establish an office here at an early day. The telegraph office will be fitted up in a few days. A. M. Moseley as operator.

Mrs. Owens and mother of Fairfield, Misses Carrie Todd of Due West, Fannie and Lillie Hunter of Reidville, Mamie Woodruff and Mrs. E. J. Moseley of Laurens, have been visiting friends and relatives at this place.

Capt. R. T. Melbawell of the Central railroad was up a few days since. The parties at Messrs. McClintock and Melbrough Fleming's, on the night of the 27th inst, were largely attended and highly enjoyable.

Mr. Jessie Henderson of Waterloo, is clerking for Sullivan & Milam. Be a good boy Je sa and don't monkey with zig zags or play in the sand.

The up and down passenger on G. L. & S. R. R., trains most here at 12:35 p. m. Our longest stage line track between Spartanburg and Augusta. Capacity 47 cars and engines.

Christmas was quite a noticeable here in the respect that whiskey was not a thing to be had or seen.

Row. D. M. Haddon returned from Waterloo a few days since.

Certain Causes of Disease. A paper read before the Academy of Medicine by Dr. Blaine deals with a subject of great importance to the inhabitants of large cities who know so little about the condition of the animals who furnish their supplies of milk and beef. Dr. Blaine holds that consumption, or tuberculosis, not only is transmitted in the human family by inheritance, but is also acquired by human beings from animals through the medium of milk or beef.

It is well known that certain diseases are propagated through the agency of milk. Epidemics of typhoid fever, scarlet fever and other similar diseases have had their origin in polluted milk, as well as in polluted water, but in cases that have been investigated the disease was caused by morbid matter, for which the milk served as a conveying agent, and which was not derived from the cow and was not present in the milk when it was taken from the cow. But is tuberculosis so tainted with the germs of that disease that it causes tuberculosis in the human being who drinks it?

The results of investigation thus far point to the conclusion that the disease is communicated in this way. And in support of the theory it is shown that the use of milk taken from cows suffering from foot and mouth disease causes a disease like that with which the animal is afflicted. "It has been asserted," said Nature recently, "that tubercle can be propagated from animals to man by the consumption of diseased meat, or, in the case of the cow, from the milk of the tuberculous animal. Further proof is required before we can accept such a hypothesis, but there is nothing impossible in such a mode of conveyance of the disease, especially in the case of children with a tubercular predisposition."

Tenements and the Death Rate. In London apartment houses have afforded great relief, and the fact that thousands of disgraceful tenements have been torn down, that landlords pay more attention to the cleanliness and conveniences of their houses; that, notwithstanding the scars of natural drawbacks, the city possesses the smallest death rate of any of the large cities of the world, and that within the past decade there has been a remarkable decrease both in poverty and crime, are significant results, traceable, we believe, largely to the construction of successful apartment houses.

The erection of these houses both in London and other parts of Europe has been characterized by a general desire to abstain from all methods which would tend to perpetuate tenants and lead them to look upon their homes as a piece of charity.

Even the great Peabody fund, which was given with the primary intention of relieving the condition of the poor, has been construed by the trustees (with the subsequent sanction of the donor) to mean the working poor. Ample proof of the wisdom of this decision is found in the last report of the trustees of the fund, which shows that the original donation of \$300,000 now affords home for 18,000 people in over 10,000 rooms; that the annual income is over \$300,000, and that new buildings are being yearly erected.

Cor. Brooklyn Eagle.

WINTER.

The winter, O the winter! Who does not know it well! When day after day, the fields stretch gray, And the peewee waits on the fell. When we close up the cranberries and shut out the cold.

And the wind noddles and hollow, And our dead leaves sleep in the churchyard cold. And we pray that we soon may yield: In the winter, successful winter.

REGLIARITIES OF FASTING.

A Scientific Man's Theory—Some Singular Cases—The Feeling of Hunger. M. Bernheim, of the Nancy faculty, who has just made his reviews public in the Revue Scientifique, is disposed to believe in very extraordinary instances of fasting, per se. Thus he cites the cases of patients afflicted with typhoid fever, who remain weeks without taking nourishment, and still do not die. In a disease to which young girls are especially liable, known as "nervous anorexia," or "hunger of food," which is characterized by a total loss of appetite, the patient for weeks and even months eats nothing, or scarcely anything.

In this connection M. Bernheim quotes the case of a young girl who was unable to keep food on her stomach through constant vomiting, although she had a good appetite and ate and drank. She lived over a year in that condition, although it was impossible to say by what life was supported. Thus a healthy person will die after a few days' fast, while an invalid will linger for weeks under the same condition.

This winter, coinciding with the curious anomaly by the theory that the healthy man does not really die of inanition, since he is a cohesus in comparison with the emaciated invalid who drags himself through the weeks like a walking corpse, or with the convalescent from typhoid, who, though reduced to nothing but skin and bone, still recovers his health. The inference, therefore, is that it is hunger that kills and not inanition, or rather, to keep the starving man from dying, we must take away the feeling of hunger.

To support this ingenious hypothesis—an hypothesis which Succi's experiments would seem to bear out, as he asserts that he does away with the sensation of hunger by the use of his remarkable liquid—the case is cited of Guillaume Granis, a prisoner, who determined to starve himself to death in his cell at Toulouse, in 1831. This faster lived just seventy-two hours on nothing but water, but at his death he had only weighed twenty-six lbs., or less than fifteen pounds. Succi's suffering from melancholia have also been known to live from twenty to sixty days without eating, and, generally, it may be said, that any powerful emotion greatly modifies the feeling of hunger.

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The World's Hungry Children. I sometimes wonder how anybody with a heart can endure to live in so unjustly balanced a world. There are so many to suffer, while so few are really happy. There are so many who go hungry while pet dogs are pampered and beribboned, and cats are fed and caressed. There are so many little children who never know how a juicy tenderloin tastes, or how good for the stomach a hot and creamy cup can prove. There are so many frozen and flattened little noses pressed against the outer pane, while warmth and feasting go on within. "My eye!" said one of these little nose-flickers in my hearing once, "SMELL the soap, Johnny! Did he ever TASTE it, I wonder, poor little man? Did any revelation of its warmth and cheer ever reach him, save through the cold lips nipped nose of his, or for another "Fied Piper" to gather the hungry children from out of the streets and out from the shadow of squallid homes, not to entomb them in the hill-side, but to sit them down to a dinner as fine as your dog has daily, madam.

In Munich, they tell me, there are tables spread constantly for the poor, where they may eat without pay and go their way. In such a city as this, perhaps the free spreads would call together a rabble and create a riot; would offend the wealthy, and bring actual merit to the wall, and the lady who would gather the hungry children from out of the streets and out from the shadow of squallid homes, not to entomb them in the hill-side, but to sit them down to a dinner as fine as your dog has daily, madam.

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MUSIC AMONG THE GYPSIES.

Their Favorite Instruments—Apt Pupils in Music—Singing—Concerts. In the days of yore, long ere the hills of England were tunneled, its rivers crossed, or its valleys were invaded to make way for railway trains, it was sweet to listen to the mild music, which, emanating from some Gypsy camp in a secluded dell, mingled with the rich notes of the nightingale and other birds of song, just as the sun, on his vernalion car, sank below the horizon in the distance.

Although the roads have been made on the banks of the crystal rivers, and their music is not heard so often now as formerly, the old love of it still lingers in the tents and lives in the hearts of this singular people. Their home life is now and then enlivened by music and dancing, especially when the women have had "good luck," and the men have been successful in their speculations.

It is then they indulge, more than they usually do, both in eating and drinking. A few "of wine's soules" will make them so light hearted, and they become so merry, that a tune on the violin is proposed, to which all that are able and so disposed dance with great hilarity, especially to that known as "The White Cockade." Many of the men dance well, and the women and girls generally move lightly and elegantly, and all of them seem to enjoy the pastime. The favorite instruments of the Gypsies are the harp, fiddle, tambourine and tin whistle. Such apt pupils in music are many of them, that if they had proper cultivation and efficient tutors they would be no disgrace whatever either to the most eminent composers or to the most accomplished musicians.

In different parts of Europe, particularly in Russia and Hungary, many Gypsies have become very popular as singers in cathedrals and churches, and have often been employed to sing before princes and fashionable assemblies, both private and public. In Hungary, some of the Gitanos are theatrical performers, and cases are not infrequent in which they have attained great efficiency and popularity. In Hungary a writer relates of knowing several Gypsy women who were popular as public singers, and one in particular, whose voice was of such remarkable sweetness that she was almost constantly engaged in singing at concerts given in the private mansions of the rich and noble for many miles around, and for which she was always very amply and handsomely paid.—Brooklyn Magazine.

The Hotels of New York. The Hotels of New York are its history. Time was when the Astor house was so far up town that people went up there to see it. Its erection was midway of an era, which went back to the old City Hotel and Howard hotel, and forward to the Metropolitan and St. Nicholas. The hostesses of these days took their names from those subjects, the old Clinton, where the pioneer of the Leland family made a beginning of the hotel business in some humble capacity, was named after the governor who planned "the big ditch," just as the Hoffman in recent times was named after another chief magistrate of the Empire state. French's, Coleman, the Starbuck and the Everett were and are perpetuations of individual designations, such as the New York, the Union Square and the Fifth Avenue.

The St. Nicholas was a tribute to the city's patron saint; the Metropolitan marked the era when New York assumed metropolitan rank, and the United States was the home of sea captains, who conducted our international commerce. The epoch of traveled Americans and visiting Englishmen came next with such hotels as the Charendon, Albemarle, St. James, Windsor, Westminster, Brunswick and Buckingham. The French and continental fashion of putting the word "hotel" before the name came with and succeeded this stage of nomenclature. The Hotel Normandy is a happy illustration. Numerous others might be cited, among the latest of them the Hotel Burdell, which was quite an inspiration of its sponsor, and the Hotel Gladstone, which is ardently a success in point of euphony.—Brooklyn Citizen.

Astronomical Photography. To such a degree of perfection and effectiveness has astronomical photography now reached that among its achievements is a photograph of the cluster in Perseus, showing stars down to the thirteenth magnitude. In this peculiar case the negative was obtained in fifty minutes with a 6.3 object glass of 83-inch focal length, the view being subsequently enlarged four times and reproduced by helio engraving.—New York Sun.

Settlement AND DISCHARGE. BY PERMISSON of A. W. Burnside, Plaintiff, I will sell the Estate of Sarah Bryson, deceased, at the office of Laurens C. H., on the 31st day of January, 1887, at 10 o'clock, A. M., and at the same time will apply for a final discharge.

All persons having demands against said Estate are hereby notified to present the same in due form, on or before said day, or to forego their demand. And all indebted are required to make payment by said time.

A. S. NICKOLS, Administrator.

NOTICE! Mr. Dan. P. O'Connor has this day become associated with me in business under the firm name of J. D. Sheahan & Co.

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