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MINOR LOCAL MATTERS.

AFFAIRS CAUGHT BY OUR LOCAL REPORTER AND NOTED.

Written in Condensed Form and Printed in Like Manner for the Sake of our Weary Readers.

A merry Christmas to all!

The Methodist conference next year meets in Greenwood.

Eight days more and the events of 1897 will have passed into history.

Miss Wilson's school closed yesterday for the holidays. Work will be resumed Monday, Jan. 3rd.

The pupils of the Kingstree academy will have week's holiday this year. The school will close for a week, beginning today.

Winthrop college has closed for the holidays, and Misses Salie McCutchen, Maggie Lee and Eva Rollins are spending Christmas at their respective homes.

The colored woman who has been working on the chaingang for the past two weeks paid her fine last Friday and was released. Her sentence was thirty days.

Mr. Carl W. Hill has retired from the editorial management of the Lake City Times. The paper will be continued by Mr. Marion Clark, of Lake City.

We are indebted to Hon. M. C. Butler for a copy of the Compendium of the Eleventh Census, which was received from the Interior Department last week.

Superintendent Howle will give the chaingang holiday from today till next Monday, in order that the convicts may enjoy Christmas. An extra fine dinner will be served to them Christmas day.

The advertisement of the county auditor has had an error in the Johnsonville appointment. Mr. Hanna will be at that place on Thursday Jan. 13th instead of the 14th, as has been heretofore advertised.

Is there no law to prevent hogs and other animals running at large through the streets of Kingstree? It is an outrage against decency and good order to allow such a state of affairs in this respect as is seen daily in this town.

Nearly all the towns in the State are requiring the citizens to vaccinate, as there is small pox within the our State limits. Why does not Kingstree take some action in the matter. While there is no immediate danger, it is well to guard against a possible epidemic.

Another change in the railroad schedule went into effect last Monday. The local passenger train was again put on for the winter. The time of leaving Kingstree is now as follows: going north, 8:29 a. m. and 8:15 p. m. going south, 10:45 a. m. and 8:59 p. m. The local passenger does not carry mail, so we have mail only once a day each way.

To all new subscribers who enroll their names upon our list before February 1st, 1898, we will give as a premium a copy of the World Almanac and Encyclopædia. This Encyclopædia is the very best publication of its kind ever issued by any publishing house, and a copy should be in every home. Let us enroll your name and receive the Encyclopædia free.

There will be a race on Mr. J. H. Blackwell's race track next Thursday, Dec. 30th, between Mr. W. W. Grayson's "Annie Rooney" and Mr. P. B. Thorne's "Vivian."

Mr. E. L. Smith will open sometime in January, a general merchandise store in the building now occupied by Dr. W. G. Gamble as a drug store. Mr. Smith has purchased the building, and expects to do a good part of the mercantile business of the town.

We have recently arranged with a number of correspondents in different sections of the county to send in the news from their neighborhood and we hope that they will do it. We still want correspondents in several localities and would like to hear from some one.

L. J. Brockinton, executor, has a large new advertisement in this issue of the Record. Under the present management this house is easily maintaining its position in the front rank of the mercantile business of Kingstree obtained for it by its founder. Let all those interested read the advertisement and then call and see for themselves.

The newspaper reports say that Mr. Grover Cleveland is enjoying his duck hunt off the Georgetown coast immensely. That honorable gentleman, it is said, "bags" an unusually large number of ducks on every hunt. Some of our readers have long since thought Mr. Cleveland had greater gifts for duck hunting than for presiding over the nation. At any rate it seems that he has not lost his love for sport, and he knows where to find the game.

We issue a number of extra copies of the County Record this week and will send out several hundred sample copies. We want to increase our subscription list several hundred by the beginning of the year. If you receive a copy this week and are not already a subscriber, send in your name and get the largest and best paper ever published in this county every week. Only one dollar a year.

We trim all ladies' hats, and do not handle trash. Come one; come all—Stackley.

Best Raisins for 10c at Reddick's.

Go all around and then come to Stackley's for your goods.

Installation Exercises.

The officers elect of Kingstree Lodge No. 46, A. F. M., will be installed at 11 o'clock on Monday the 27th inst. in the court house. After the installation Rev. S. P. H. Elwell will deliver an address on Freemasonry. The public are cordially invited to attend the installation exercises. At 7:30 p. m. there will be banquet served at the Coleman hotel for the members of the Lodge, ladies and invited guests.

W. W. GRAYSON, Chairman,
J. A. KELLEY,
H. D. REDDICK,
Committee.

All kinds of Christmas goods at Stackley's.

Fresh Onion-sets, cheap—Dr. W. V. Brockington.

We are still headquarters for Christmas goods, and they will be sold cheap—Stackley.

ONE MORE CHANCE

TO REGISTER UNDER "UNDERSTANDING CLAUSE."

The Old Boards Must Have Books Open on the First Monday in January.

The County Record of last week printed the following paragraph relative to the registration law:

"The 'understanding clause' of the registration law is now a thing of the past. Hereafter the property qualification or the ability to read and write will be necessary pre-requisite for registration."

It now seems, however, that there is one more day in which voters may register under the "understanding clause." The Columbia State last Friday said:

Although it was generally supposed that the last chance for registration under the understanding clause of the new constitution expired with the days set apart in December for the books to be open, it develops that there is yet one more day upon which voters can secure registration certificates under that clause. Attorney General Barber has received recently numerous inquiries as to whether the time had expired. Yesterday he examined the law and stated that there was yet one more day—the first Monday in January. The present boards will conduct the registration on that day: they will close their books, make up the lists and file them away. The act says that voters may register upon the "understanding provision" up to and including the first Monday in January, 1898.

Toilet Soap and fine stationery, cheap for cash—Dr. W. V. Brockington.

Our stock of millinery is complete—Stackley.

Kingstree's Needs.

Kingstree needs an express office and a telegraph office in the business portion of the town. Several weeks ago the Western Union Telegraph Company sent a representative here to look over the field, and we were told at the time that the representative promised to recommend the establishment of the office, seeing the need of it. We have never heard anything more of it. For our citizens to be forced to walk about a mile to reach a telegraph office is a shame, and, besides this, Kingstree's commercial work amounts to enough to warrant the establishment of a down-town office. The agent at the depot is worked night and day in order to keep up with the railroad, telegraph and express work. We hope the management of the telegraph company will yet establish an office in the business portion of the town.

The Southern Express Company, too, is derelict in its duty towards Kingstree in not furnishing an office down town for the handling of the immense amount of goods that comes through this agency. It is a crying shame that such a powerful vehicle of transportation as the Southern Express Company should hamper its business and subject its patrons to such inconvenience, annoyance and grievous burdens as it quietly heaps upon this town. Give us an office down town.

Go to Stackley's for your Christmas goods.

A CARD.

Editor County Record:

Will you kindly allow me space in your paper to reply to the card of Supervisor Chandler which was published sometime ago?

Mr. Chandler's card appeared simultaneously with the report of the Grand Jury at our last term of court. In this report, the grand jury called the attention of the court to the fact that from our examinations of the offices, and information received, it appeared that the supervisor, his clerk and the County Commissioners had been paid a part, at least, of their salaries, (giving the exact amounts that had been received by each,) out of funds that had been "borrowed" for other and specific purposes, while other officers of the county, as much entitled to their pay, had not been paid a cent. Mr. Chandler in his card emphatically denies this allegation, in so far as it relates to the borrowed funds, and himself and clerk. In this reply I desire to say for myself and those of the special committee of the grand jury who assisted in the investigation, that, in making our report to the full jury, the same was based upon information received and from an examination of the books presented to us.

In this particular case, our attention was called by some of the county officers who said they were unable to get any money for their services, but instead had to accept certificates and then trade them off at a discount. Upon making inquiry why this was so, and why these particular officers (supervisor, clerk and county commissioners) should be paid cash for their services. We were informed by treasurer Rollins, who pays out all the county money, that these officers had been paid out of the \$1,000, "borrowed" for the chaingang and other expenses, or at least a portion of this borrowed money had been used for that purpose. I have, since Mr. Chandler published his card, been over his stub book, as well as the checks issued therefrom, and find that checks for himself, clerk and county commissioners had been issued on this "borrowed fund" and the same paid by treasurer Rollins and charged to this fund. I regret that Mr. Chandler in his card made it an issue of veracity between himself and the grand jury, thereby making it appear that the jury had intentionally or otherwise done him a great injustice by misrepresentation. I am sure I can speak for myself and fellow jurors, and say that in making our investigations, we were actuated by none other than the purest motives to serve the public honestly and faithfully with no ill will towards any one. We were especially delighted to be able to report so many of our officers in good condition and their incumbents endeavoring to serve the public faithfully.

The reason of this delayed reply is that I have been very unwell for the past month, a greater portion of the time confined to my bed.

Respectfully,
EDWIN HARPER,
Foreman, Grand Jury.

Money is tight, and goods are very cheap at Stackley's.

Full line Balwire's triple extracts, at Dr. W. V. Brockington's.

ALL IN A PERSONAL VEIN.

A COLUMN OF LOCALS ABOUT PEOPLE YOU KNOW

And People You Don't Know.—Some are Our Own People and Some Are Not.

Mr. H. A. Graham, of Timmonsville, was in Kingstree last week.

Mr. A. D. Epps is at home from the Charleston Medical college for the holidays.

Mr. J. E. Norment, the special representative of the News and Courier, was in Kingstree Tuesday.

Miss Florence Benjamin, who is teaching school at Sampit, is at home for the holidays.

Mr. Roper Pendergrass, of Kingstree, is visiting his brother Mr. Julian Pendergrass.—Florence Times-Messenger.

Mr. E. M. Gregg, Sprunt & Son's cotton buyer at this place, will leave for his home today, and will be gone till Monday, Jan. 3rd.

Miss Annie Thompson will leave tomorrow for a visit to her old home at Ellore. After her return she will conduct the millinery department of Radick's racket store.

Messrs. J. C. Kinder and Eugene Flagler left last Monday night for Richmond, Va. They have enlisted in the United States army for a term of three years.

Mr. W. G. Elwell, manager, has sold out his stock of general merchandise to Mr. H. D. Reddick. Mr. Elwell will devote his entire time in future to his livery business.

The family of Dr. S. P. H. Elwell will leave today for Charleston. Dr. Elwell preached his farewell sermon last Sunday night. Mr. W. G. Elwell will remain here and will still conduct his livery business near the Coleman House.

Rev. A. B. Earle, the newly appointed pastor of the Methodist Church at this place, is expected to arrive here tonight. He will be accompanied by his family. Mr. Earle will preach his introductory sermon here Sunday morning.

The Bennettsville correspondent of the News and Courier of Tuesday said:

Mr. C. W. Wolfe, first assistant in the Bennettsville graded school, is suffering with some chronic trouble and a recent severe attack necessitated his return to the hospital. He is now in Charleston for treatment. Mr. Wolfe is a polished gentleman, and is a member in good standing of the Lodge of Knights of Pythias.

Mr. S. M. Butler will leave today for his home near Readsville, N. C., and will be gone until sometime in February. Mr. Butler was very ill at the home of Mr. J. P. Wheeler when the residence of that gentleman was destroyed by fire about two months ago. He suffered a relapse, and was confined to his bed for several weeks. His many friends are glad that he has regained his health to such an extent as to be able to travel, though they will regret his departure.

Married

At the residence of the bride's father, Mr. M. S. Fagin, on Dec. 15, 1897, by Rev. S. T. Russell, Mr. H. Morgan Russell to Miss Addie E. Fagin, and Mr. W. W. Hines to Miss Lillie J. Fagin.

At the residence of the bride's father, Mr. Louis Yarborough, on Sunday afternoon, Dec. 19, 1897, by Rev. S. P. H. Elwell, Mr. A. B. Burrows to Miss Yarborough.



A GLAD CHRISTMAS

Will be yours if you are careful in making your purchases. Buy only such articles as will give the most service, thereby giving pleasure. Christmas is the time when all mankind should be glad. So let's everyone see to it that we do all we can to make all others glad. We will do all we can for you. Come and see us.

London Layer Rabbits,
Prepared Currents,
Mixed Nuts,
Citron

In greatest abundance, and cheap, too.

Stationery in plain and fancy styles. Prices are all right. Only call and we are sure that if you want anything you can be suited, both in style and price.

TOILET SOAP

From 1 1/2c to 12c per cake. Our line is complete.

Finest Extracts

Two bottles in a fancy box, nicely packed; 50c a box. Makes a nice Christmas present. By the way; speaking of Christmas presents; a

"New Home"

Sewing machine would make an excellent present. When you go to select your presents come to our store, and we will show you some appropriate articles.

Heinz's Pickles

And Queen Olives in greatest variety. Just call and look over our stock.

We have an immense stock of finest

Gilt Edge Butter. It is fine. Try a pound of it. You will be pleased. If you or your boy want a

Pocket Knife

Just call and see our line. All the celebrated makes at the lowest possible prices.

Of course, everyone must wear

SHOES

Our line of shoes is large and complete. Prices right. Just call and see us before buying your shoes.

CARROMS,

A New Parlor Game.

Fascinating to Old and Young.

It is the very latest game. Cheap, and everlasting. A scientific game. Just see it! Don't let Christmas pass without buying a board for Carroms. You will get more genuine enjoyment out of a game of Carroms than from anything else. Be sure to call and see it.

Lesesne & Epps.