

Wedgfield Items.

Wedgfield, Nov. 21—Our town was saddened this morning upon the receipt of the news announcing the death last night of Clifton, the eldest son of Mr. and Mrs. S. H. Ramsey.

One less at home! The charmed circle broken; a dear face missed day by day from its accustomed place; But, cleansed and saved and perfected by grace.

One more in Heaven!

Mr. S. C. Bannister and wife have gone on an extended visit to Florida.

Messrs. A. E. Aycock, E. L. Ducom, W. Anderson, Mrs. A. E. Aycock and Miss Hattie Singleton are representing us in Charleston this week.

The top cotton crop is not opening as fast as we would like, and it now looks as if we will be picking cotton in January in spite of the low crop estimate.

Dr. Bull's Cough Syrup cures the most stubborn coughs, colds and lung affections. Even incipient consumption has been successfully cured by this marvelous remedy.

Magnolia Items.

Magnolia, Nov. 20.—Our quiet little town was saddened on Saturday last by the sudden death of Mr. C. P. M. Wilson, a wheelwright and blacksmith of this place.

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George Mack, Rosa Mack and Lula Wilson were arraigned for disorderly conduct, fighting and cursing on the streets. They were adjudged guilty and required to pay a fine of \$2 each.

Rosa Johnson and Mittie Blair were charged with quarreling and fighting, and the evidence establishing their guilt, they were given four days in the guard house or \$2 each.

Eugene Richardson was up for throwing a brick into a crowd, striking James Ballard on the head to the injury of Ballard and the destruction of the brick. He was fined \$2 but the fine was remitted on condition that he receive a whipping.

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Tuesday—H. D. Moise, riding a bicycle after dark without a lighted lantern; discharged. James Lewis, riding on railroad train; fine \$1.

A Snake in His Bosom.

A small snake was the cause of great excitement on Red and White last Friday night, and Mose Mason was scared worse than he has been since the earthquake.

THE CLUB DANCE.

Gowns of many hues and the regulation black evening suits made a bright picture last Thursday night at the Sumter Club. The occasion was the Fourth Annual Reception and ball of that institution, and none of its predecessors surpassed it in glory.

For some weeks past the various committees had been working to make the night a success, and when the time arrived everything was seen to have reached a climax in an harmonious whole.

The members and guests began arriving about 9 o'clock, and a little after ten to the music of the Fourth Regiment Orchestra the grand march began.

From then till after twelve dancing held sway. Then the inner man and lady—was looked after and refreshed with salads, sandwiches, fruit, coffee and punch.

This part of the evening's pleasure was under the directorship of Messrs. J. H. Levy, D. J. Auld, Jr. and C. W. Stansill, Jr. They handled well the large crowd within the small space at their disposal.

After supper under the leadership of Mr. I. H. Moses, Jr., a german was danced. Two-steps, marches and waltzes succeeded each other until three a. m., when the notes of Haydn's masterwork told all that one more enjoyable social event had passed.

A great many people were the guests of the club during the evening. A large part of these were from other towns and cities. Some of these are: Miss Cooke, Richmond, Va., Miss Cohen, Washington, Miss Peters, Atlanta, Miss Welch, Florence, Mrs. Robinson, Georgia, Miss Wilson, Manning, Mr. Boykin, Boykins, Mr. Atkinson, Columbia.

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Having severed my connection with the Sumter Oil Mill Co., I am now prepared to pay the highest cash price for cotton seed at the old C. S. N. depot. I am also handling meal and hulls. See me before selling or exchanging your seed.

Died in Jail.

Gillie Cook, of Mechanicsville, an insane negro who was committed to jail about a week ago awaiting transfer to the Asylum died yesterday. He was quite sick with dropsy and jaundice when committed to jail, but under the rules he could not be received into the Asylum until he had been successfully vaccinated.

Volcanic Eruptions.

Are grand, but Skin Eruptions rob life of joy. Bucklen's Arnica Salve cures them; also Old Running and Fever Sores, Ulcers, Boils, Felons, Corns, Warts, Cuts, Bruises, Burns, Scalds, Chapped Hands, Chilblains. Best File Cure on earth. Drives out Pains and Aches. Only 25 cts. a box. Cure guaranteed. Sold by J. F. W. DeLorme, Druggist.

Suspected of Cattle Stealing

Sam Evans, colored, who claims to live near McKee's Mill, drove a fine bull into town this morning and sold it to Mr. Perry Moses. He did not give a satisfactory account of himself and was arrested and committed to the guard house. He claims to be a son of old Jesse Evans of the McKee's Mill neighborhood, but several well known citizens of that section, who are in town do not know him, and he has been unable to establish his own identity and right to sell the bull.

Harmony Presbyterian.

This body met, pursuant to adjournment, in Sumter, S. C., on the 14th instant. At its meeting in Manning last month, certain rumors were reported to it injurious to the character of Rev. J. E. Donlop, and although nothing was brought forward that could prove them, yet Presbytery appointed a commission to visit the place where they originated, take testimony, and report back to it.

At the late meeting in Sumter, Presbytery received the report of this commission, and heard all of the testimony read, and then by a vote of 27 to 3 adopted a paper containing a preamble and 5 resolutions, the two last of which are as follows:

Resolved 4th. That the confidence which Presbytery has, and has always had, in the integrity and piety of this brother, would in itself, and especially in the face of his solemn oath of innocence, lead them to believe that a satisfactory explanation did exist even though it could not be given; but in addition to this, they feel convinced that the explanations that have been given by him, are conclusive, not only in removing all presumption of guilt, but also in producing the strongest conviction of innocence.

Resolved 5th. That in view of the convictions thus arrived at, Presbytery sees no cause to pursue the investigation farther, but rather to congratulate our brother in his ability to thus vindicate himself, and to commend him to the renewed confidence and fellowship of all, whose faith in him, may have been affected for the time by these rumors.

Thus has this noble and faithful servant of God been exonerated from an overwhelming majority, every one of his ministerial brethren, and most of the ruling elders present voting for the resolutions, while only three elders voted against them. Presbytery by its vote, even congratulated him, on his vindication. Manning, S. C., Nov. 20, 1899.

The Thanksgiving Holiday.

We agree to close our places of business on Thanksgiving day, Nov. 23, 1899: O'Donnell & Co., C. F. McFaddin, Schwartz Bros., Crosswell & Co., S. Segal, W. H. Yates, Knight Bros., Corinne Miller, Frank B. Grier, L. W. Polson, John Reid, W. B. Buros, Bultmann & Bro., L. E. LeGrand, A. A. Strauss & Co., Bartow Walsh, L. B. Durant, J. D. Chandler, Ducker & Bultman, B. J. Barrett, M. Green, L. W. Jore, Cash Grocery Store, J. W. Durant, R. F. Hoyt, Sumter Dry Goods Co., Stubbs Bros & Cattino, Pate's Music House, Mrs. Levy & Moses, Diamond Racket Store, Mrs. L. Atkinson, Ernest A. Bultman, Arthur Beitzer, Miss McDonald, Levi Bros., M. E. Kennedy, Witherspoon Bros & Co., M. M. Jenkins, J. D. Craig Furniture Co., T. C. Scaffa, H. G. Osteen & Co.

They Don't Know Nerves.

Those who know the Chinese best have been particularly struck with their absence of nerves. The foreigner fidgets, the native sits still; balmy sleep, especially in hot weather, will resist the foreigner's sweetest wooing, while to the native lying on a heap of stones or across the bars of a wheelbarrow she comes as a matter of course; we need constant change and variety, they would find contentment and rest on the treadmill.

"It would be easy," says Mr. Smith, "to raise in China an army of 1,000,000 men—nay, 10,000,000—tested by competitive examination as to their capacity to go to sleep across three wheelbarrows, with heads downward, like a spider, their mouths wide open and a fly inside!"

From which it is evident, says The North China Herald, that in a crusade against noise we can hope for no assistance from our native fellow townsmen, but instead a great amount of vis inertiae, if not positive opposition.

Santo Domingo, Wednesday, Nov. 15.—For political reasons, Senor Jiminez, the president-elect, entered upon the government of Santo Domingo today and named a cabinet. The event has caused great animation, though the country is quiet. The political prisoners are in jail awaiting trial. There has been much rain, which has prevented the commencement of grinding. Business, however is improving, and more gold is circulating.

Jacksonville, Fla., Nov. 18.—Fire here at 5 o'clock this morning destroyed the wholesale grocery house of the Baker & Holmes company; E. C. Painter & Co's fertilizer warehouse and an immense lumber deck containing millions of feet of lumber. Four schooners at the docks were towed away just in time to prevent their burning. The total loss is \$94,500; insurance, \$87,600. The origin of the fire is unknown.

The Philippine Campaign.

Chief City on Second Island of Philippines Occupied.

Manila, Nov. 20, 8 55 a. m.—Only fragmentary reports reach Manila of the operations acrib, which, when the story is known, will prove to have been the most remarkable campaigning the Philippine war has known. Gen. Lawton's division is spread thinly over the territory beyond San Jose, where the telegraph ends. Gen. Young's two regiments of cavalry are continuing their rapid sweep into the new towns, and the infantry is being shoved forward to hold the towns the cavalry take, all in a country whose natural difficulties are increased indescribably by tropical rains making rivers out of creeks and swamps of fields. Wagon transportation is supposed to have been practically abandoned, the American troops living on captured supplies and the little produce the insurgent levies have left.

Maj. Samuel M. Swiger's squadron of the Third cavalry is reported to be engaging a greatly superior force at Pozzo Rubio, northeast of Dagupan. These troops have fought three engagements and are now holding their position, waiting for reinforcements. It is believed at headquarters this Filipino force is covering the retreat of the insurgent leaders to the Binguet mountains, that the insurgents planned to retreat northeast, along the Tayug road, which is stocked with storehouses, which the Americans have secured, to draw upon en route, and that only the insurgent advance force had passed Tayug before the American occupation, the main body of Aguinaldo's army being within our lines. The majority of these insurgents may disorganize and pose as amigos when the Americans overtake them.

10.30 p. m. Thirty insurgents, under a major, escaped from Bayambang yesterday about ten minutes before the Americans entered. Others, it is said, threw their guns into the river and now play the role of amigos. Many Spanish prisoners escaped from the Filipinos, and are at Bayambang, among them the former governor of the provinces of Tarlac and Zambales. There is also quiet a large colony of former insurgent officers connected at that point, including Maj. Ortiz, who acted as interpreter for the Filipino commission, headed by Alejandro who visited Manila in September. Ortiz had donned the amigo clothing and announces that he has abandoned the insurrection.

The Spaniards say that a new insurgent capital is Benguet, and that the American prisoners are at Camitin. They reported having seen Lieut. Gilmore and his party in the north.

Gen. MacArthur's reconnaissance entered Dagupan this afternoon. The Americans found that no insurgents had been there for four days. The Thirty-third infantry was probably in Dagupan yesterday leaving last night. No insurgents have been seen anywhere near the railroad and it is believed that the only armed force of any size is in the mountains in the province of Zambales, to the west, although there are reports of insurgents concentrating at San Miguel de Camiling west of Panique, and at Magatrom (or Magalaron) west of Bayambang. Gen. MacArthur is prepared for the attack, his forces being disposed between Darban, province of Tarlac and Dagupan. The Twelfth infantry, a battalion of the Seventeenth infantry, and two troops of cavalry, are with Gen. MacArthur below Dagupan.

Self pronouncing Teachers' Bibles, full concordance, maps and helps, for sale by R. G. Osteen & Co. Cheaper than ever before in consequence of the fight between Bible publishers.

RELIEF CAME.

Mrs. E. C. COLYER of Salubrit, Ga., Aug. 8th, 1898, writes: Benedicta has certainly been a blessing to my sixteen year old daughter. She was in wretched health and had missed four months.

Two bottles of Benedicta have entirely restored her health. The monthly periods have returned and are now painless and regular.

Do you suffer from Painful, Irregular or Suppressed Menstruation? Benedicta has cured many suffering women and will cure you in the privacy of your home, without the necessity of physician's examinations. Its marvelous action on the distinctly feminine organs, heals and strengthens them so that the monthly periods may be regular and painless. Headache, Dizziness, Nervousness, that dragging sensation and those terrible pains in the back, hips and abdomen quickly disappear.

Sold by all Druggists or sent post paid for \$1.00 in Monthly Resolving Pills to use in conjunction, is with each bottle.

LADIES BLUE BOOK sent free to any address. A sample box of "Monthly Resolving Pills" sent for 10c. In stamps, address: Woman's Department, New Spencer Medicine Co., Chattanooga, Tenn. Mention Watchman.

Sold by Hughson-Ligon Co.

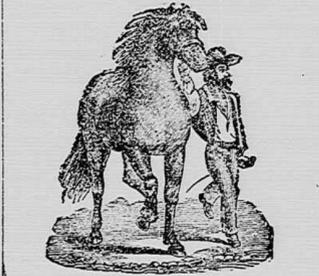
Designing Man.

"Did you ever notice," he asked, "that it is always the homely woman who wants a pug dog? The pug is so hideous that it makes her seem good looking by comparison. Still, the ruse is so well known now that the possession of a pug is sufficient."

"Who's going to buy a pug?" she asked. "Who ever thought of getting out?"

"Why, no one, of course, my dear," he answered, for he was too wise a man to admit that he had heard her telling a neighbor that she thought she'd get one.—Chicago Post.

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Modoc

Will Stand the Season in Sumter

Boyle's Stables.

Chestnut Stallion, foaled May 1892; bred by Maj. Campbell Brown, Ewell Stock Farm, Tennessee.

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Buy now while you can buy that you actually have to have at prices that mean big savings to you.

You know who we are, and that every article of goods sold by us has to be as represented or your money is here for you. In other words if you can't come yourself send your child and if things are not as we represent them you can get your money back, every cent of it.

Our Dressmaking Department is conducted by Mrs. M. J. Brunson and daughters, whose reputation has long been established. A trial will convince you of their perfect knowledge of the art of making dresses.

Every stock is a complete store in itself.

In our Clothing Department you will find everything for man or boy. Prices the same as when cotton was 5c

Last but not least, is our Grocery Department, which is a separate store in itself. There you will find a complete line of fancy and staple groceries, at prices which invite comparison.

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North-Eastern R. R. of S. C.

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*Daily. †Daily except Sunday. No. 52 runs through to Columbia via Central R. R. of S. C.

Trains Nos. 78 and 82 run via Wilson and Fayetteville—Short Line—and make close connection for all points North.

Trains on C. & D. R. Leave Florence daily except Sunday 9 50 a. m., arrive Darlington 10 15 a. m., Hartsville 9 15 a. m., Cheraw 11 30 a. m., Wadesboro 2 25 p. m., arrive Florence daily except Sunday 7 55 p. m., arrive Darlington 8 20 p. m., Bennettsville 9 17 p. m., Gibson 9 45 p. m., Leave Florence Sunday only 9 30 a. m., arrive Darlington 10 05 a. m.

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