LOCAL ITEMS OF INTEREST

AFFAIRS CAUGHT BY OUR LOCAL REPORTER AND NOTED.

Written in Condensed Form and Printed in Like Manner for the Sake of Our Busy Readers

Mr David Rush of Elloree spent Sunday in town.

Capt J F Scott of Centr l was noted in town Monday.

Capt Jno A Kelley visited Georgetown last week.

Have you paid your town taxes? The time expires May 1.

Mr R F Brown of Leo was in town Saturday and favored us with a call.

Mr J B Clarkson of Gourdins was in town this morning between trains.

Mr J A Marshall was a welcome visitor of our offi e Friday of last week.

When money talks to the most of us it the other end of a long-distance 'phone.

Mr and Mrs S Marcus and children visited relatives in Manning Sunday.

F B Rogers of Lake City was in the city a few hours last night. —Florence Times, April 26.

Mr S E McDonald of Lane was in town Tuesday and paid his respects to THE RECORD.

When a married man laughs in his sleep his wife imagines he is dreaming that he is a bachelor.

J F Scott of Kingstree passed through the city last night reeurning from Cheraw.—Florence Times. April 26.

Mrs H Foxworth of Cades is visiting her sister, Mrs C E Wheeler, in the city.—Florence Times, April 24.

Mr B E Clarkson, THE RECORD'S wideawake Greelyville correspondent, while in town Saturday called pleasantly to see us.

The quarterly statement of the Bank of Lake City, which is published this week, shows that institution to be in a flourishing condition.

Rev W P Gause of Scranton paid us a pleasant call while passing through town Monday on the way home from one of his charges.

Mr Winslow Wright, Scranton's biggest merchant and one of the leading business men of the county, was in Kingstree Tuesday on business.

Mr and Mrs L Stackley went to Florence Tuesday to attend the funeral of their little niece, Mildred Stackley, whose death occurred the previous day.

Rev A L Johnson, of the Columbia Theological seminary, preached an interesting sermon to a good congregation Sunday afternoon in the Presbyterian church.

The editor returns his appreciative thanks to Mr G L Sauls of Cades for a nice lot of the largest and finest strawberries we have ever seen grown in Williamsburg county.

Little Miss Claudia Durant Jones, aged six years, returned yesterday from a visit to her mother in Georgia. She made the trip from Savannah, Ga., to Kingstree all by herself.

The sight of a real live automobile "astonished the natives" Monday. Dr W L McCutchen and Mr Huger of Sumter stopped over awhile in town on the way to Georgetown, traveling by auto.

The town council is putting up a belfry on top of the engine house, wherein will hang the town bell. The new bell-tower bears a striking resemblance to the excrescence that has for many years adorned the roof of the old academy building.

The entertainment for the Pee Dee Historical society will be given in the Graded school auditorium Tuesday evening, May 2, commencing at 8:30 p m. This is an effort to raise money for a good cause and deserves to be well patronized.

Easter services were held in the Methodist church Sunday morning. A large congregation was out and the music rendered by the organ, violin and cornet was exceptionally fine. Rev Mr Justus preached an impressive sermon appropriate to the occasion.

Mrs R W Humphries and two children, who have been visit- the former's parents, Mr and Mrs J B Chandler at Benson, passed through town Thursday of last week returning to her home at Saluda.

M D Nesmith who has recently graduated in dentistry and pharmacy at Atlanta, Ga., passed through the city last night going to Cades. Mr Nesmith will locate at Lake City for the practice of his profession.—Florence Times, April 26.

A DAREDEVIL RIDE

often ends in a sad accident. To heal accidental injuries, use Bucklen's Arnica Salve. "A deep wound in my foot, from an accident," writes Theodore Schuele, of Columbus, O., "caused me great pain. Physicians were helpless, but Bucklen's Arnica Salve quickly healed it." Soothes and heals burns like magic. 25c at Dr W V Brockington's drug store.

We are grateful to our esteemed friend, Mrs J M Sturgeon, the gracious and hospitable hostess of the Sturgeon House, for a present of Lake City strawberries, which we long for every week after reading the "copy" of Mr Bass' letters describing the luscious and toothsome berry which has made Lake City famous.

FRIGHTFUL SUFFERING RELIEVED.

Suffering frightfully from the virulent poisons of undigested food, C G Grayson, of Lula, Miss., took Dr King's New Life Pills, "with the result," he writes, "that I was cured." All stomach and bowel disorders give way to their tonic. laxative properties. 25c at Dr W V Brockington's drug store, guaranted.

We sent out statements last week to all of our out-of-the county subscribers who are in arrears. We give notice to those who have not responded that after waiting another week we will discontinue sending them the paper and place their accounts in the hands of a collection agency.

CHEATED DEATH.

Kidney trouble often ends fatally but by choosing the right medicine, E H Wolfe, of Bear Grove, Iowa, cheated death. He says: "Two years ago I had kidney trouble, which caused me great pain, suffering and anxiety, but I took Electric Bitters, which effected a complete cure. I have also found them of great benefit in general debility and nerve trouble, and keep them constantly on hand, since, as I find, they have no equal." Dr W V Brockinton, druggist, guarantees them at 50c.

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A Short Lived Fortune.

Some Washington statesmen were foregathering, and the talk turned on personal experiences, according to the Troy Times. "I have been in public life for fifty years," said Senator Cullom of Illinois, "and never have been rich but once. It was last summer. I had a tontine insurance policy that I had been paying on for a long time. It came due. They offered me several plans of settlement, but I decided to take all the cash they would give me. That was a little more than $3,400, and it was more money than I had ever seen all at one time. I was rich for three or four months, and then I became poor again, for I spent it all."

Togo's Way.

Admiral Togo is a small man, turning gray, with a short cropped naval beard and a face that shows little emotion. Most polite in manner, he paid us every attention. The great man had a peculiar way of standing with both hands spread out on his hips and his arms akimbo. I took a sketch of him in this position, and then I found a most amusing coincidence. His officers, from the chief of staff down to the middies, all aped their beloved chief and stood with their arms and hands in the same attitude.—Frederick Villier's "Port Arthur."

HABITUAL CRIMINALS.

All Are Superstitious and Believe In Signs and Omens.

Habitual criminals are very superstitious. No pickpocket would dream of "working" unless he had in his pocket or somewhere about his person either a small piece of coal, chalk or "lucky stone" as a talisman against misfortune, according to an English writer. Even if the amulet fails them and they are captured with it in their possession they account for the fact by remembering that they have disregarded some other warning that was given them earlier in the day. For instance, should a thief be riding on top of an omnibus and the horse slip, he regards it as a warning that he must do no work that day. All habitual criminals regard the Bible with awe. To a man almost they will lie without motive, but when in the witness box they will do anything to evade kissing the book. A common mode of getting out of the difficulty is to kiss the thumb that is helping to hold the Bible instead of the actual book.

Should a pickpocket steal a purse containing foreign money he regards it as certain that before the year is out he will have traveled in strange lands. To find gold in a purse stolen at a wedding is a sure sign of good luck, while it is equally bad to "work" at a funeral. By every class of criminals funerals are regarded as tokens of ill luck. To meet one while on the way to a house where a burglary is to be carried out means that death or imprisonment awaits the attempt. There is an old man named Cowper, now in an English prison serving his twenty-eighth term of imprisonment, who is a perfect encyclopedia on criminals' superstitions. He firmly believes that he can never be sentenced again after his present term has expired, because twenty-eight has always been a lucky number with him.

If a burglar meets a sleeping dog, he regards it as a sure sign that he will be lucky for a long time. To see a flag flying over a private house is taken as an invitation "to crack the crib." Women who squint are immune from the attentions of the criminal classes. No burglar would break into a house if he knew that a maidservant who squinted was kept there. Similarly a pickpocket would have nothing to do with the possessions of a woman with a cast in her eye. A man in the habit of passing counterfeit coin will never attempt to get rid of any to a woman who squints.

True French Politeness.

"I congratulated a Frenchman one evening on the good manners of his nation, and he was very much pleased," said an American who had visited France. "He told me an anecdote illustrative of French politeness.

"He said that during the revolution a noble was on the way to the guillotine. As he rumbled in the cart along the boulevards howls and jeers from a half drunken crowd were rained upon him, and finally a young woman, as she ran along beside the tumbrel, cried:

"'You tall villain! You will soon be shorter by a head!'

"'Does that please you, madam?' said the doomed noble civilly.

"'Yes, it does,' she answered.

"'Then,' said he, 'I do not die in vain.'"

Hereditary Childlessness.

The proper bringing up of children was being rigorously and wisely discussed in a New York woman's club at one of its meetings, when one of the members remarked that women who had no children were not competent to talk on the subject, although they always seemed to be the most willing to do so.

"Oh, of course," said another member, "we all admit that it is a great misfortune to be childless and that parents who have never had children are much to be pitied."

The snicker that followed this remarkable statement was drowned by a roar of laughter when still another member remarked that she had noticed that childlessness was hereditary in some families in America

Taking No Risks.

"Now, Johnnie, go and kiss your little sweetheart and make it up," said Johnnie's mother.

"No, I won't."

"Go and tell her how much you love her and how sorry you are."

"No, I won't. Pa says he got into a breach of promise case by telling a girl that and had to marry the old thing. I won't run any risks, I won't."—London Telegraph.

An Accommodating Artist.

An artist, celebrated in his day as a successful painter of portraits, while making a counterfeit presentment of a lady perceived that when he came to draw the mouth she tried to render it smaller by contracting her lips. "Pray do not trouble yourself so much, madam," he exclaimed. "If you like, I will draw your face without any mouth at all."

A Mile Down.

The deepest shafts in the world are the famous copper mines of Lake Superior. They penetrate seven furlongs into the earth. A mile down has more than once been aimed at, but the attempt has as yet been doomed to utter failure, and the principal debarring influence is the alarming increase of temperature when nearing that immense depth. The temperature increases a degree for every 110 feet down.

FOR THE LITTLE ONES.

A Soap Bubble Party Furnishes Lots of Amusement.

For little folks a soap bubble party is always a great success, provided plenty of big gingham aprons are at hand to prevent injury to the best frocks and Sunday go to meeting neckties. At a soap bubble party a bowl of suds and a clay pipe are given to each child, and the contest begins by each child in turn blowing a bubble. The child who blows the largest bubble of all the greatest number of times out of fifteen trials wins the prize.

The art of bubble blowing lies principally in blowing steadily and surely, but not too hard, and then gently detaching the bubble from the pipe, and toward the end of the trial, as the children grow to understand better how to handle the pipes, beautiful balls of rainbow hue are the result.

A plain yellow soap is the best, and a few drops of glycerin added to the suds will add to the brilliancy and beauty of the prismatic tint.

A Pretty Hanging Basket.

Did you ever take a good sized carrot, turn it upside down and scrape a little well out from the root end to make a hanging basket? Fill the well with water and keep it filled. Let the carrot hang where the sun can shine on it, and in a few weeks it will sprout out leaves that will be green and feathery. It will keep on growing until you have a little living green basket.

Another plant that will grow in water is the nasturtium, and pretty soon you can get a tiny plant and watch for the blooms to appear early in the spring.

Making Rubies.

Artificial rubies are produced in France by reducing small natural rubies into a very fine powder, which is melted in an electric furnace, cooled rapidly and crystallized. The product obtained from what was of little worth on account of minuteness possesses a comparatively high value. The main difficulty encountered is to prevent cavities and fissures in the crystals. The new process cannot be employed with emeralds and sapphires, as they become discolored by the action of the heat.

Riddles.

Which constellation resembles an empty fireplace? The Great Bear (grate bare).

Which is the most ill tempered work for ladies? Cross stitch.

What is the difference between a girl and a nightcap? One is born to wed, and the other is worn to bed.

Why is a young lady curling her hair like a house breaker? Because she finger's the locks.

What two letters give the name of an English count? S. X.

Jumbled Words.

Here are some sentences that it is fun to try to repeat quickly:

She sells seashells by the seashore.

Seven selfish shellfish shoved some shrimp sideways.

Prudently peel prime potatoes.

Royal rulers rarely really read riddles.

Faint flames frequently feed fierce fires.

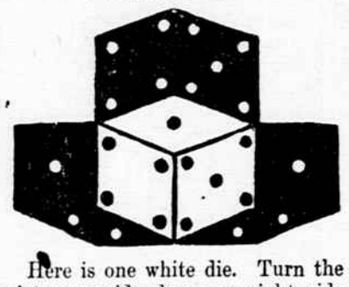
Truly rural.

Distorted Animals.

The following animals are sadly distorted. Can you make them look natural? In other words, they are jumbled. Can you straighten them out?

1. Shore.	6. Sinob.
2. Soom gone.	7. Kats Rum.
3. Tassy cup.	8. Chowdouck.
4. Areb.	9. Padrole.
5. Kendoy.	10. Allam.

An Optical Illusion.



Here is one white die. Turn the picture upside down or right side up, and you will see there are three dice, each with one side white.—Comic Cuts.

The Busy Mother.

Mother Nature is busy as busy can be,
And if you could just take one peep
You would see that she's working as hard as she can
To get all her babies to sleep.

In their tiny brown cradles some swing from the trees,
Soft wrapped in their blankets of down,
And others rest snug as a bug in a rug
Far down in the earth warm and brown.

Not a bit do they care for the wily Jack Frost,
Who'd nip every baby in sight,
For their mother has made them the warmest of beds
And tucked them in cozy and tight.

And so sweetly they'll sleep, while the cloud fairies lay
Above them a blanket of snow,
Until bluebirds call softly, when spring days have come,
"Awake, little babies, and grow."

When He Sees a Doctor.

Senator Pettus of Alabama is eighty-four years old and has never been known to take medicine since going to Washington. "How do you keep so well?" asked Sergeant at Arms Ransdell, who has a little apothecary shop for the benefit of senators. "Don't you ever see a doctor?" "Oh, yes, I see a doctor," Senator Pettus said. "I go and talk with my physician frequently. He gives me prescriptions, and I never have 'em filled, and consequently I always feel good."

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A Bit of French Politics.

"Party politics in France is full of geniality," says a writer. "In the recent contest for the presidency of the chamber M. Doumer defeated M. Brisson by a small majority. How did M. Brisson's friends account for this? Very simply. A friend of M. Doumer went about betting a thousand francs against his election. He laid this wager with fifteen of M. Brisson's supporters. They could not bear the idea of losing the money, so they popped into the voting urn tickets for M. Doumer. Their votes turned the scale."

His Best Assistant.

A physician lost a case, as the saying goes, not long since, and he had the customary excuse for his failure to cure the patient:

"Well, we can only assist nature."

This was all right, for we are all human and are often defeated after our best endeavors, but when the doctor later on was boasting of his success in restoring a man to health a satirical friend checked his vainglorious remarks with the question:

"How much did Mother Nature help you this time?"

Then silence, like a poultice, came to heal the blows of sound.—Boston Budget.

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