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Burglars in Westville.

R. L. Bell's Store Robbed of Fire-Arms, Shoes, etc.

Camden special to News and Courier, Dec. 9th:

The postoffice, express office and Mr. R. L. Bell's store, at Westville, was broken into Wednesday night. A couple of guns, one single and one doublebarrelled, was stolen, as well as some shoes, and underwear. Mr. Bell is the postmaster at Westville and he says he thinks the deed was done by two white tramps. He has offered a reward of \$25 for the capture of the guilty parties, in addition to the reward of \$50 for each conviction, which the United States Government will pay. Several years ago Mr. Bell had a similar experience and by quick and determined action, he succeeded in capturing the thieves and he will give these rascals a lively chase.

Associations Reorganizing

Officers of Some of the Clubs Recently Reorganized.

At the meeting last Thursday night of the Antioch Cotton Growers' Association Mr. J. T. Hance was elected president and Mr. W. A. Blakeney secretary and treasurer. The following delegates were elected to the County Association: C. L. McManus, W. A. Blakeney, J. A. West and J. L. Whitaker.

At its recent reorganization the Pleasant Valley association elected the following officers: President, D. O. Potts; secretary and treasurer, John O. Hall; delegate to County Association, John Harris.

The Belair Association reorganized by electing A. P. Spratt president, and John A. Kell secretary and treasurer. Mr. Kell was also elected delegate to the county meeting.

These associations have committees at work collecting the 3-cent a bale assessment.

Death of Geo. W. Kennington.

The Gallant Old Confederate Veteran Succumbs to an Attack of Pneumonia.

Mr. George W. Kennington, another of Lancaster's gallant old Confederate veterans, passed away Monday. His death occurred at his home here, and was caused by an attack of pneumonia. Mr. Kennington was 77 years of age the 14th of last February. He is survived by a widow and one daughter, Miss Fronie Kennington.

Mr. Kennington served throughout the war, making one of the bravest and best soldiers of the

Confederacy. He was the color-bearer of Col. James H. Rion's regiment, and on many a battlefield he displayed intrepid courage and marvelous daring, more than once planting the colors he bore on the enemy's breastworks. A few years before his death Col. Rion wrote a beautiful tribute to the dauntless courage and fidelity to duty of his gallant color-bearer. He said that no man ever made a better soldier than did George Kennington.

Mr. Kennington's remains were laid to rest yesterday afternoon in the new cemetery.

The Bank of Lancaster.

"The Old Reliable" Solicits Your Business—A Banking Institution with a Model Record.

It is with pleasure that we direct the attention of the public to the advertisement in today's paper of the Bank of Lancaster, "the old reliable," as it is most appropriately styled. Owing to its superb and wonderfully successful management ever since the institution was established, the Bank of Lancaster is as solid today as the Rock of Gibraltar. Its high standing in banking circles bears eloquent testimony to the faithfulness and efficiency of its trusted officers and is a record of which they should justly feel proud.

It is a remarkable fact that the Bank of Lancaster has never lost a dollar by bad investment or loan, and yet it is uniformly obliging and accommodating to its patrons and the public generally. Its rates of interest have always been reasonable. That it enjoys the unbounded confidence of the people is evidenced by its large deposit account—the largest within its history.

Attention, Cotton Growers!

Important Meeting of County Association to be Held Next Monday—Large Gathering Expected.

Owing to the inclemency of the weather, the County Cotton Growers' Association did not meet last Saturday, the day set for the purpose. The meeting, therefore, has been postponed until Monday, December 18th, when we hope to have a full representation from every township or local association in the county.

We also want the meeting to be a general gathering of farmers and others interested in the welfare of the agricultural classes.

In addition to reorganizing and electing officers for the ensuing year and electing delegates to the State Association, other matters of importance will come up before the meeting.

All clubs that have not already done so, are expected to come prepared to pay over all dues. And the committees now engaged in collecting the 3-cent a bale assessment are also expected to report at the county meeting.

G. W. Jones, Secy. T. J. Strait, Pres.

Milas Blackmon's Death

Shocking Fate of a Former Lancastrian—Head Split Open by Fragment of a Circular Saw—Tragedy Occurred in Lexington County.

From Columbia State, Dec. 9th:

Milas D. Blackmon of this city was killed in Lexington county yesterday morning about 11 o'clock by the bursting of a circular saw which he was operating sawing wood. The saw was running at its usual high rate of speed when for some unknown reason it flew into fragments and one of the pieces struck him full in the face, splitting open his head from chin to crown. Mr. Blackmon's son and others who were near ran quickly to his assistance and preparations were hurriedly made to bring the injured man to the Columbia hospital. He was placed in a vehicle and the start for this city was soon made but before they had proceeded two miles Mr. Blackmon breathed his last. He never regained consciousness after he was struck. The accident happened at the home of his son, about eight miles from the city on the old State road.

Mr. Blackmon lived in this city with his two daughters, Misses Maggie and Lela Blackmon, at 604 Gervais street. He has been working for his son, Edward Blackmon, at the place where he was killed for about two weeks. Yesterday morning they went to work as usual. Mr. Blackmon was running the saw which cuts the wood into the short lengths, when without an instant's warning it flew into several pieces. One of them struck him in the face, just on the right side of the nose, and sunk itself into the flesh and bone, laying open his face and cutting deep into the brain.

A doctor was near at hand and was soon called. He saw at once how desperate was the man's condition and knew that the only possible hope lay in getting him to the hospital. With all the rapidity of a faithful son's eager efforts, arrangements were soon made to bring him to this city but he was even then beyond human aid and before one fourth of the distance had been covered, he had succumbed to his frightful injuries.

His body was brought to the city and placed in the undertaking parlors of Funderburk & Matteson, where it was prepared for burial.

Coroner Walker of this county and the coroner of Lexington both declared that no inquest would be necessary.

Mr. Blackmon was 54 years of age and was born in Lancaster county, about nine miles east of the county seat, in the Flat Creek neighborhood. He has been a resident of Columbia for

15 years. He is survived by the one son, already mentioned, and the two daughters with whom he lived. He leaves also three brothers. Messrs. J. C. and Mint Blackmon of Lancaster county, Minor Blackmon of Florida and two sisters, Mrs. Belle Griffin and Mrs. Nancy Kennington, both of Lancaster county.

The remains of Mr. Blackmon will be taken to his former home in Lancaster for interment at 3.30 o'clock this afternoon. The funeral will take place on Sunday morning.

Attempted Assassination

A Well Known Farmer Called to His Door at Night by An Unknown White Man on Horseback and Twice Fired Upon with Shot Gun.

What appeared to be a dastardly attempt at assassination was made last Saturday night at the home of Mr. George F. Kennington, about 3½ miles north of Lancaster.

About 8 o'clock some one rode, on horseback, up to Mr. Kennington's front gate and hollered, "Hello." Mr. Kennington went to the door and opened it, and as he did so the party fired at him with a shot gun, the load striking the house just above Mr. Kennington's head. He turned back in the house to get his own weapon, when his unknown assailant discharged the other barrel of his gun at him, but fortunately missing him as in the first instance.

As quickly as possible Mr. Kennington and his son each secured a revolver and, running out into the yard, opened fire on the stranger, who galloped off down the road. They fired altogether seven shots at the man, one of which Mr. Kennington thinks struck the party's horse, as the animal was seem to stumble and then hobble along, just after one of the shots.

The stranger was shortly afterward met in the road by a colored man who says the horse was lame, and that the rider had a gun in one hand and a pistol in the other. Mr. Kennington is satisfied that his assailant is a white man.

Fuller Particulars of the Ellis-Hammon Nuptials.

Reported for The News.

Miss Mamie Hammond, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. S. B. Hammond, of Rich Hill, and Mr. Dixon Ellis, of Heath Springs, were happily married at Fork Hill Baptist church Thanksgiving day. When the organ pealed forth the strains of a beautiful wedding march, by Mrs. Dr. Bishop, the bridal party entered the church. The bride entered the left aisle with her sister, maid of honor, Miss

The Annual Conference

Of the A. M. E. Zion Church Meets in Lancaster Today --Bishop Lomax to Preside --Programme of Today's Exercises.

Lancaster will be filled this week with distinguished colored visitors—ministers and lay delegates to the Annual Conference of the A. M. E. Zion church, which meets here today, and will probably be in session several days.

The Conference Journal, of today, makes the following announcement as to the first day's programme:

The Fortieth Annual Session of the South Carolina Conference will convene in Mt. Zion Church December 13th, 1905, at noon. Bishop T. H. Lomax, of Charlotte, N. C., will preside over the sessions, associated by Bishop J. S. Caldwell, of Philadelphia, Pa.

The opening session will be impressive. A sermon will be preached and the holy communion administered. The organization will then be perfected, and a recess taken until the evening service.

The Annual Sermon will be preached at 7.30 p. m., after which the following programme will be carried out:

Welcome Addresses—Mayor R. E. Wylie, on behalf of the city.

Prof. A. R. Banks, on behalf of the Graded Schools.

Rev. Chalmers Fraser, on behalf of the white churches.

Rev. N. N. Gregg, on behalf of the colored churches.

Miss Lydia McIlwain, on behalf of Mt. Zion Church.

We invite our many friends both white and colored, to attend the Conference Session on the first night. There is in store for you a splendid treat.

—The municipal ticket nominated at last Friday night's mass meeting, as published in Saturday's issue of The News, was elected yesterday without opposition. The number of votes cast was 25.

—Merchants Clouds, Edwards, Clyburn and Robison have new announcements in today's paper, to which your attention is directed.

Carrie Hammond. The groom came up the right aisle with his brother, Mr. Willie Ellis, of Heath Springs. The bride and groom faced the large audience. Miss Carrie Hammond crossed over to the left and stood by the left of the bride, while Mr. Willie Ellis crossed to the right and stood by the side of the groom. Rev. R. J. Blackmon solemnly performed the marriage ceremony.

After the ceremony Mrs. Dr. Bishop still remained at the organ, playing the sweet notes of a wedding march, as the bridal party marched slowly down the left aisle. The bridal party was driven to the home of the groom, at Mr. and Mrs. George Ellis, where a bountiful reception was given them. We congratulate Mr. Ellis, on winning the hand of so fair a young lady as Miss Mamie, and wish for them a happy wedded life. Mr. Ellis is one of Heath Springs' most promising young men.

Attendant.