



"TO THINE OWN SELF BE TRUE, AND IT MUST FOLLOW AS THE NIGHT THE DAY: THOU CANST NOT THEN BE FALSE TO ANY MAN."

By Stock, Shelor Hughs & Shelor.

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New Spring Goods.

Our Spring Goods are now arriving. Come in and look them over. The prices are right.

C. W. & J. E. Bauknight,
WALHALLA, S. C.

IT PAYS TO BUY FOR CASH.

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Extract from an editorial in the Bulletin of the United States Potash Producers' Association.

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NOTICE OF ELECTION.

The State of South Carolina, County of Oconee. To the Qualified Electors and Registered Freeholders of Legal Voting Age in Madison School District, No. 75: PLEASE TAKE NOTICE, That an Election will be held at Madison School House on WEDNESDAY, the 13th day of APRIL, 1921, for the purpose of voting upon the question of levying a Special Tax of Four Mills on all taxable property of said District, to be used for school purposes in said District, in accordance with Section 1742, Civil Code of South Carolina, 1912.

Respectfully,
A. P. DUKE,
J. P. ARVE,
J. P. KNECHT,
Trustees.

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NOTICE OF ELECTION.

State of South Carolina, County of Oconee. To the Qualified Electors and Registered Freeholders of Legal Voting Age in Chauga School District, No. 23: PLEASE TAKE NOTICE: That an Election will be held at Chauga School House on WEDNESDAY, the 13th day of APRIL, 1921, for the purpose of voting upon the question of levying a Special Tax of Seven Mills on all taxable property of said District, to be used for building purposes in said District, in accordance with Section 1742, Civil Code of South Carolina, 1912.

Respectfully,
W. N. SULLIVAN,
W. M. COLLINS,
ALBERT SMITH,
Trustees.

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NOTICE OF ELECTION.

State of South Carolina, County of Oconee. To the Qualified Electors and Registered Freeholders of Legal Voting Age in Cleveland School District, No. 12: PLEASE TAKE NOTICE: That an Election will be held at Cleveland School House on WEDNESDAY, the 13th day of APRIL, 1921, for the purpose of voting upon the question of levying a Special Tax of Six Mills on all taxable property of said District, to be used for building purposes in said District, in accordance with Section 1742, Civil Code of South Carolina, 1912.

Respectfully,
J. A. JONES,
J. C. MOORE,
JAMES SPENCER,
Trustees.

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BIGHAM IS GUILTY OF MURDER.

Jury Renders Verdict in Two Hours and Ten Minutes.

Florence, March 28.—Edmund D. Bigham, charged with killing his brother and four others, was found guilty of the murder of his brother here to-day and was sentenced to die April 8th. The case was given to the jury at 1.15 o'clock this afternoon, and at 3.25, following a recess to 3 o'clock, and after a wait of some minutes to bring the prisoner into court, the jury's verdict of guilty of murder was read to a court room crowded with spectators.

Convicted Man Talks.

Then, after a painful wait of minutes while the clerk of the court searched for the ceremonial of the arraignment for sentence, and an harangue by the prisoner in response to Judge Memminger's question if he had anything to say in his own behalf, the death sentence was pronounced and Bigham knew that he was to die on Friday, April 8th, unless the Supreme Court grants a reversal of the verdict on the appeal which Attorney A. L. King announced his intention to make.

Bigham's stolid indifference to everything around him, his apparent inability to grasp the solemnity of the proceedings or of the seriousness of his own position, his readiness to respond with a smile on less than no provocation all passed when the prisoner came into court to hear the verdict. He resumed in part his role of injured innocence when he sat in the dock for final arraignment. For a time he leaned forward, his head resting on his hand as if he prayed for strength to go through the ordeal he had been called upon to pass. He listened with no special interest as his attorney moved for a new trial, and while Judge Memminger, in refusing it, alluded with much feeling to the fact that Bigham's father had while State Senator from Florence county cast his vote in favor of putting Judge Memminger on the bench.

The shocking part of the whole thing seemed to reach him slowly, but as its realization progressed by degrees the ashen pallor that had shown in his face all day became more marked, the aid of bravado passed into a pitiable weakness that caused the man to look here and there about the audience with the expression of a hunted animal surrounded by men who sought his life. The old Bigham had passed and did not show again until Judge Memminger asked him what he had to say why sentence should not be pronounced against him. Then, leaning forward on the railing of the prisoner's dock, and in a voice that was calm and unshaken, the prisoner spoke as follows: "I have nothing to say except that I am innocent. I know nothing of how that crime was committed. That is the truth, so help me, God. That's all I have to say. I wish my mother could come down and tell how the thing happened. I wish that little boy had lived when I asked Dr. Poston to save his life. He would have told the same things I and my wife told. Judge, I hope you will give me time, so some of the people who testified here against me may have a chance to come forward and tell the truth, and not come too late, like Judas making his offering of the thirty pieces of silver. I do want to say something more. I hope you will take no exception to it. As far as you are concerned I have had a fair trial. But if people had had time to think things over, consider and take it up with their God, they would have testified differently."

When asked to explain the finding of his pistol in his brother's hand, Bigham said: "I left that pistol in my bureau drawer, and it has been testified that the door was found broken open. That is the only way Smiley could have got it. If I am guilty I hope I may be petrified in front of this court house, just as I was that day or as I am now. I am as innocent as a new-born baby."

Shotgun Duel Near Barnwell.

Barnwell, S. C., March 27.—In a shotgun duel which took place about five miles from Barnwell this morning, Leonard Miles, white, was seriously wounded, and Charlie Morris, also white, was painfully injured. Miles was shot in the chest, the ball passing through his lung and coming out of his back. Morris was shot in his feet. It is said that the shooting was the culmination of long-standing ill feeling between the two men, who live on adjoining farms. Each claims that the other shot first. The attending physician said that Miles had an even chance of recovery.

Tom Marshall Gets Appointment.

Washington, March 26.—Former Vice President Thos. R. Marshall and former Senator Nathan B. Scott, of West Virginia, were appointed as members of the Lincoln Memorial Commission to-day by President W. G. Harding.

The United States had 75 post-offices in 1790. Sunflower seeds yield a drying oil nearly equal to that of linseed.

FOR A GENERAL CLEAN UP.

Friday, April 1st, Will be Clean-Up Day in Walhalla.

Every citizen of the town of Walhalla is called upon to join in a Clean-up Day, and I most earnestly ask that everybody join in with the city officials and the Civic League in this much-needed work. Rake and burn all the old papers and other trash or rubbish that will burn, then get together all the old tin cans, bottles or broken crockery into piles where the wagons can get it, and early on Friday morning, April 1st, the wagons will be in every ward of the town for the purpose of gathering up and hauling out of town all such rubbish as cannot be safely burned.

The Civic League will join in this work, and committees will be appointed to see that every part of town is thoroughly cared for and cleaned.

I cannot stress too much the importance of this work, for it is a well recognized fact that filth and rubbish are the incubators for flies and other carriers of disease germs, and therefore should not be allowed to accumulate in our back yards and on our premises.

The age-old question may be asked, "Am I my brother's keeper?" and the answer is, "We cannot live unto ourselves." Every one is a part of the great whole and must, therefore, assist in the betterment of the living conditions of the town or community in which his or her lot is cast.

I therefore call upon every one, white and colored, to do his or her part in the matter of cleaning up and beautifying the naturally beautiful town of Walhalla.

W. M. Brown,

ITEMS OF SENECA LOCAL NEWS.

Class Rivalry Brings Into the Sunday School Many New Members.

Seneca, March 29.—Special: Miss Nancy Hines, a member of the music faculty at Winthrop College, was at home for the Easter holidays.

Friends of Mrs. L. David Wyly, of Fayetteville, N. C., will be pleased to know that she and her four-year-old son, David, Jr., arrived Tuesday night on a visit to her parents, Mr. and Mrs. W. P. Reid.

Mrs. Singleton Verner and her two boys, Oliver and James, left Saturday for the "Gate City," where they expect to spend the month of April. After a pleasant visit of several weeks with Mr. and Mrs. B. A. Lowery, Rev. and Mrs. M. R. Kirkpatrick left last Wednesday morning for their former home on Wadmalaw Island.

Rev. D. J. Fant will preach in the Baptist church at the morning hour for services next Sunday, and Rev. J. W. McGlothlin, president of Furman University, will fill the pulpit at the evening hour. A cordial invitation is extended to the public to attend these services.

The monthly meeting of the Parent-Teacher Association will be held Tuesday afternoon, April 5th. A full attendance is desired.

The beginners' department of the Presbyterian church were given an Easter egg hunt Friday afternoon in the church yard by Mrs. W. F. Austin, superintendent, and Mesdames H. P. Hölleman and Claude Hopkins, teachers in this department. The little tots had a happy time and the hours were all too short for them. Ice cream was served, and that, too, was enjoyed by the children.

E. O. Todd, of Greenville, spent several days the past week with his homefolks. He is recuperating from the after-effects caused from having his tonsils removed.

Miss Mary Stribling has returned to Greenville, after a pleasant visit to Miss Rebecca Todd and other friends.

The sale of aprons and pies which was given Saturday under the auspices of the Christian Endeavor Society was a pronounced success. The aprons and pies were sold as rapidly as the proverbial "hot cakes," which is very gratifying to those who had the sale in charge.

Dr. and Mrs. E. A. Hines had as their guest for the Easter season their relative, Adj.-Gen. W. W. Moore, of Columbia. Although the clouds were heavy and threatening, there was a large number of the Once-a-Week Club members who attended the meeting last week when Mrs. Clinton Marett charmingly entertained at her home in Newry. At the conclusion of the program the hostess served a tempting salad course, with ice cream and cake.

Horses - Mules

— I HAVE ABOUT —

35 Head of Good Young Horses and Mules to Sell

and they are worth the money. Will sell for Cash or Good Paper. These are all real work stock—just the kind you will need for the heavy spring work. Also have Buggies, Wagons and Harness, Oliver Plows and Repairs, Chattanooga Plows and Repairs—all to go at right prices. Milk Cows and Beef Cattle. Come and see me.

W. M. Brown,
WALHALLA, S. C.

BOYS' ORATORICAL CONTEST.

The Occasion will Take Place Friday Night of This Week.

The boys' oratorical contest will be held Friday of this week in the auditorium of the Walhalla High School, beginning at 8 o'clock.

Five schools have given notice of entering the contest and have sent the names of their representatives. These are as follows:

1. Seneca. (Name of representative and subject not designated.)
2. Norton. (Representative and subject not given.)
3. Walhalla. Louis Seaborn, representative; subject, "Christopher Columbus."
4. Richland. Kenneth Hughs, representative; subject, "Results of Work."
5. Westminster. David Stribling, representative; subject, "Declaration of Independence."

A contest of unusual merit is anticipated, for the local contests by which these representatives have been chosen have been of a high order. It is hoped that the auditorium will be filled on Friday night.

In order to meet the necessary expenses incident to the contest an admission fee of 25 cents will be charged.

EXHUME BODIES OF NEGROES

Murdered in Georgia—Eleven Are Reported to Have Been Killed.

Atlanta, March 26.—Agents of the Department of Justice, led by Clyde Manning, a negro, who confessed to having aided in killing eleven negroes on the plantation of John Williams, in Jasper county, Georgia, today dug up the bodies of three negroes in a pasture a short distance from the Williams home. The search was continued for three more bodies, which the negro is said to have confessed to having helped get rid of.

John Williams, owner of the plantation, is being held in the Fulton county tower on a warrant charging murder, and his three sons, Julius, Hayler and Marvin Williams, also were arrested to-day on State warrants charging murder. Charges of peonage in connection with the operation of the Williams' farms are being investigated by the Federal officers.

All-Day Singing at Cross Roads.

There will be an all-day singing at Cross Roads No. 2 Baptist church on the first (next) Sunday in April, the 3d. All lovers of music, and especially the singers, are invited. Bring well-filled baskets and let's have a day of singing and praise.

J. R. Suttles.

Bradberry as captains of their respective sides, no time was lost, as it was known that the defeated side would be called on to honor the successful contestants in a social gathering. The class rapidly grew from one dozen girls to three dozen and a half. There was a most enjoyable get-together of this large class Friday evening at the Palmetto Hotel. The hostesses for the evening were Mrs. Renfro, the teacher; Mrs. John Brock, Jr., Mrs. T. M. Lowery, Mrs. Walter Kelley and Miss Winnifred Adams. Animated conversation and lively contests and games afforded a pleasant pastime for an hour or more. Then the guests were invited into the dining room, where a delicious chicken salad course was served. The parlors and dining room were profusely decorated with beautiful spring flowers appropriate to the Easter season. The place cards were little yellow chickens, suggestive of the season, and in all details there were similar suggestions. Delightful punch was served throughout the evening. It will be well for other Sunday school classes to fall in step with the Fidelis class and bring others in.

SCENES OF TERROR ARE CAUSED

By Flames—Whole City of Tokio Threatened by Great Fire.

Tokio, Japan, March 27.—The entire city of Tokio was imperilled last night by the greatest fire with which it has been visited in a decade. The conflagration destroyed a thousand houses in the Yotsuya district, in the northwestern part of the city, involving a loss estimated at 25,000,000 yen (normally about \$12,500,000). Thousands of persons were made homeless, and 133 persons were injured. The burned buildings included three hospitals, a bank and several large business houses.

For four hours during the night a violent, biting wind drove the flames in the direction of the heart of the city, causing a panic among the population over a wide area. Four thousand troops aided the firemen in combating the blaze, but it was only when the force of the wind let down notably that their efforts to control the fire were rewarded with any degree of success.

Scenes of Terror.

Scenes of terror were witnessed in many sections as the course of the flames threatened widespread destruction. The streets were clogged with masses of despairing refugees from the districts already stricken, accompanied by carts loaded with furniture, the confusion being added to by the flocking in of sightseers from other sections. Many of the half-frozen fugitives strapped to their backs. Mounted police had great difficulty in restraining incipient panics. As a measure of relief the Imperial Gardens were opened to the sufferers.

The fire burned with such intense brightness and so fiercely that the skies were illumined by a fiery halo which was visible for hundreds of miles as it hung over the city. The fire, which was in session when the blaze started, adjourned when its threatening nature was reported.

BOY HELPED HIS MOTHER CLUB

Father to Death—Carted Body Away to Railroad in Toy Wagon.

Grand Rapids, Mich., March 26.—Caspar Didia, 14 years old, confessed to-day, according to the police, that he helped his mother club to death his step-father, Jos. Scalbius, last night. Then, according to the confession, he and his brother, James, nine years old, placed the body in a toy wagon and carted it to the railroad yards, where they left it. The body was found early to-day by a switching crew.

Caspar declares that he was during the night awakened by a quarrel between his mother and step-father. "I struck him with an axe and a shovel, and my mother hit him with a stick," the police quote him as saying. "Then my brother and I carried the body in the cart."

Mrs. Scalbius and the two boys were taken into custody shortly after the body was found.

Nervous Influenza Now.

London, March 26.—Nervous influenza is the latest form malady that has visited London, according to Dr. Bernard Hollander, an eminent Harley street physician, who says that, although the new form of "flu" is not prevalent to any alarming extent, there are undoubtedly many cases of it in London. Dr. Hollander remarked a similar form of influenza thirty years ago and believes that the present attack cannot be prevented with drugs, the only chance of escape being by keeping fit.

Large stocks of vaccine are being held in readiness for distribution throughout the country in case the necessity arises.

Yokohama was only a small fishing village 65 years ago.