

TELLS QUEER STORY

NEGRO CLAIMS HE SAW MEN IN A BOAT WITH BODY.

A Sensational Statement Was Made In this City About the Death of Young Shirer.

The mystery which surrounds the death of Rob. C. Shirer, the Southern railway baggage master, who was found dead in the Savannah river, below the railway trestle at Augusta Wednesday morning, takes on additional color from a statement made in this city by a negro who came to this city from Augusta on Thursday the same day Mr. Shirer's body reached here for interment. The negro's statement revives the original theory that the young man was murdered and his body thrown into the river, though the manner of his death varies widely from what was at first supposed.

The negro's story, if true, gives a startling clue in the clearing of the mystery which surrounds the manner of Shirer's death. The negro stated that he saw two men in a boat rowing down the Savannah river Tuesday night with the body of a man in the boat. The men pulled up below the trestle and dumped the body of a man overboard. The police here have been looking for the negro who told the story, but could not find him. No doubt the negro fears that he may be mixed up with the matter and is keeping himself very close.

It is possible that this negro can throw a great deal of light on the subject. It is not only possible, but it is plausible that murder was committed. The fact that Shirer left all valuables on his bureau before he went out rather indicated that he expected trouble and however the trouble came, it seems to have terminated much as the young man thought. Mr. T. Drayton Shirer, the dead man's brother is firm in the belief that suicide was not probable. It is not impossible that Shirer did go towards the Southern railway trestle. It is possible that he was going there for a purpose. The banks of the river may have been the scene of a violent altercation which resulted in the gruesome find of Wednesday morning.

The Augusta Herald says for several days after Shirer's death difficulty was experienced in locating the man's movements after he left his friends in their rooms, at 310 Washington street. After diligent search Chief Elliot brought to light the fact that a friend had seen Shirer on the corner of Mills street and Washington walking rapidly toward broad street before day break Tuesday morning. He called to Shirer, but no response to his calls. After watching him walk out Washington as far as Reynolds, the friend walked on. The conclusion was that Shirer had walked out on the bridge and lost his footing.

If the story of the negro is to be believed a stranger mystery than was first thought of, surrounds the death of the baggage master. C. V. Kilsel and J. H. Cunningham are mystified at the entire lack of details surrounding the whereabouts of Shirer all day Tuesday. Shirer saw his two roommates at 12:20 Tuesday morning and for some time they were the only two persons who could be found who saw him from that time until Wednesday morning when he was found floating face downward in the water.

There is just one detail of Shirer's appearance, when he was found that lends still more weight to the murder theory. A drowning man invariably floats face downward, his arms swinging downward. If Shirer had fallen from the bridge it seems only reasonable that his arms would have been extended or even swinging, but for the fact that the water was not sufficiently deep to permit of it. The arms, however, were folded beneath him, almost as carefully as if his body had been prepared for burial. That would have seemed as if he had been dead some time before being placed in the water. The fact that there was no water in his lungs adds more weight to it.

If the local police are successful in locating the negro who claims to have seen the boatman and their load, he may be the means of unraveling what seems to be one of the foulest murders ever committed in Augusta. He will be diligently sought, and then found will be taken to Augusta. It may be the story of an irresponsible negro, but on the other hand it may not be. The negro's disappearance may have been caused through a fear of being implicated in the case.

The Times and Democrat. The Times and Democrat is over forty-two years old, and is proud of the liberal patronage bestowed on it both in the way of advertising and subscriptions. The paper has long since passed the experimental stage, and is now one of the fixtures of Orangeburg. It is Democratic at all times and tries to uphold pure Democratic doctrine, regardless of the sneers and jeers of time-servers and apologists. It has implicit and abiding faith in the people, and believes that they can and should be trusted with the fullest political power. There is no part of Orangeburg county where it does not circulate, having over double the circulation of any other newspaper published in this section. On this Booster Trip The Times and Democrat greets you.

True Hospitality. When a gentleman in Kentucky sets out his decanter and a glass and then turns his back on his visitor while he samples the contents of the decanter, it is admitted that a generous hospitality has been extended. That is all right, but the hospitality that Orangeburg offers has that beat all to pieces. It offers nothing to drink, but plenty of good things to eat and a hearty welcome.

VALUE OF COTTON CROP.

Will be Great This Year if Put on the Market Slowly.

According to the government's official report the condition of the cotton crop on July 25, averaged 89.1 per cent of normal. From this, and basing it on the estimate increased acreage, experts figure that the growing crop will total 14,741,631 bales, the largest ever produced.

But as the Augusta Herald says, "there's many a slip 'twixt the cup and the lip." Assuming that the deductions of the experts are entirely correct, based on the condition of the crop at this time, there is no assurance that this condition will hold good to the end. No crop is more susceptible to unfavorable weather conditions than cotton just in its present stage. The brightest prospect may be blighted in a few days and the promised yield enormously reduced.

Should weather conditions remain favorable throughout the remainder of the season and a bumper crop be produced, it does not follow that the price must be materially lower. The cotton consumption of the world is continually increasing. To meet its requirements now calls for more than 17,000,000 bales a year. Even a bumper crop in our country would not exceed this amount, and so there is no reason why a fourteen million bale crop of American cotton should depress the price by exceeding in supply the demand.

For the past two years the world has been in an almost continuous state of semi-famine in regard to cotton. It will require a large crop to ease this condition, without depressing a normal demand. Besides there has been a great improvement in marketing cotton by the farmers, owing to their generally improved financial conditions and their more methodic selling. Hence no great slump in price should be apprehended.

A crop as now estimated and sold at present prices would bring over one thousand million dollars, exclusive of the cotton seed. There will be something doing in the cotton belt when the present growing cotton crop shall be picked and sold.

PROPOSED SCHEDULE.

Where and When the Booster Trip Will Stop.

The following schedule for the Automobile Booster Trip has been announced by the committee in charge of it, consisting of Messrs. A. H. Marchant, H. C. Wannamaker, and W. L. Moseley.

We feel sure that the towns visited will cordially welcome the boosters, and everything will be done to make their stay a profitable and pleasant one. The following is the schedule:

First day, Tuesday, August, 8th—Leave Orangeburg 7 a. m.; Norway, 8:30; Springfield, 10; Salley 10:30; Neeses, 12; Livingston, 12:45; North 1:30 to 3:00 (dinner); Woodford, 3:30; Swanes, 4:30; Arrive Orangeburg 6 p. m.

Second day, Wednesday, August 9th—Leave Orangeburg, 7 a. m.; Bowman; 8:30; Holly Hill, 10:15; Connors, 10:45; Eutawville, 11:30; Vance, 12:15; Parlers, 1:00; Ellore, (dinner), 3; Cameron, 4; St. Matthew, 6; Arrive Orangeburg 7 p. m.

Third day, Thursday, August 10—Leave Orangeburg 7 a. m.; Branchville, 9; Bamberg, 11; Denmark, 12; Blackville (dinner), 2; Barnwell, 3; Cope, 5:30; Cordova 6; Arrive Orangeburg 7 to 8 p. m.

WORK THEIR WAY THROUGH.

A Plan by Which All Boys Can Go to Clemson College.

In order to enable some young men who could not otherwise go through college and obtain a scientific knowledge of agriculture, the trustees of Clemson College have decided to begin what will be called the work-boy course. Beginning next term twenty boys will be taken, and divided into two squads. One will work every other week while the other is at classes. The members of the squad will be paid from 75 cents to \$1.00 per day.

In this way skillful farm labor will be secured for the college and at the same time some worthy boys will be enabled to prepare themselves for farming. Only boys who have had experience on the farm and intend to become farmers will be allowed this privilege. A knowledge of reading, writing and arithmetic is the only scholastic requirement necessary. Any boy interested in this plan write to President Riggs, Clemson College, S. C.

Favors Arbitration.

Germany has been generally credited with blocking the movement for international disarmament and arbitration. Color has been given to this view by Germany's interference in various international matters, prominent among which has been her support of Turkey, her aggressive attitude towards Russia at the time Austria annexed Herzegovina and Bosnia, and her present action as to Morocco. It is therefore all the more welcome to learn that she regards favorably the proposal on the part of the United States as to arbitration treaties.

Jerry Jackson Caught.

Constable S. J. Reed, of North, brought Jerry Jackson to the city yesterday and lodged him in jail. Jerry and his brother, Alfred, who was arrested several weeks ago, are charged with the murder of Annison Taylor on July 17 last in a gambling row at Antioch church on the place of the late J. Dempsey Jones, in the Fork. Mr. Reed arrested Jackson near Johnson on Sunday, and turned him in at once. All the parties to the row were negroes.

BOOSTERS LEAVE TODAY

SIXTEEN CARS WILL MAKE TRIP OF THREE DAYS.

Promptly at Seven O'clock Chief Fisher Will Fire Pistol Starting Booster Campaign.

At seven o'clock this morning the booster trip of the Chamber of Commerce will begin. At that time, answering to the pistol shot of Chief of Police August Fisher, about sixteen cars will leave Orangeburg for the first day's trip. The cars will be headed by the Chamber of Commerce car, and will follow regularly.

No car will be permitted to overtake or pass another; the order of the cars that leave will be maintained throughout the journey. At the edge of each town the entire company will gather together and move into the town in a body. The first day's trip will take in: Norway, Springfield, Salley, Neeses, Livingston, North, Woodford and Swanesa.

On the following day the schedule reaches the following towns: Bowman, Holly Hill, Connors, Eutawville, Vance, Parlers, Ellore, Cameron, and St. Matthews.

The third day: Branchville, Rowesville, Bamberg, Denmark, Blackville, Barnwell, Cope and Cordova.

Every member of the party will wear a ribbon, inscribed "Meet me in Orangeburg." From what could be gathered yesterday afternoon it was stated that a barbecue would be given the boosters at North, but no confirmation was at hand.

Following we give the names of the owners of the cars and the party in each as near as could be learned: Ziegler and Dibble Car: George Ziegler, T. O. S. Dibble, M. O. Dantzier, and J. W. Ziegler.

W. F. Faircy car: Ray Faircy, W. F. Faircy and three members of the band.

Robt. Bruner Car: Robert Bruner and Lewis Wannamaker.

L. Bennett & Co. Car: G. E. Salley, R. Lewis Berry, James Izlar Sims and one member of band.

W. W. Taylor car: Richie McMichael and three members of the band.

J. E. Glover Car: Elliot Glover, J. E. Glover, Belton Gardner, W. L. Moseley and Mortimer Glover.

Culler and Salley car: Norman Salley, C. A. Renneker, Henry R. Sims, and J. A. Craig.

Marchant Music Company car: D. H. Marchant and one member band. Livingston and Co. car: D. F. Livingston, Herbert Glaze, D. H. Marchant, Jr., and John Blanche.

Wannamaker Smoak and Co. car: H. C. Wannamaker, Fred Wannamaker, John T. Wse, and one member band.

J. W. Smoak car: J. W. Smoak, J. L. Dukes, Bertrain Kahnweiler and one member of band.

Jennings and Smoak car: P. M. Smoak, and Robert Lide.

W. C. Crum car—party not known.

Chamber of Commerce car: R. Fulton Dukes, and A. H. Marchant.

J. A. Salley car—party not known.

S. H. Archer car—party not known.

C. W. Culler and John Whisenhunt may join trip with their cars and parties.

THE BOOSTER EDITION.

3,500 Copies of Today's Paper Will Be Circulated.

Today the Booster Edition of The Times and Democrat comes out. From the expressions of a few who have gotten a preliminary glimpse at parts of it, we feel sure that it will be interesting reading to every person who gets a copy of it. The demand for them has been heavy. Originally intending to guarantee a circulation of 5,000, we have now published an edition of 3,500. The advertising space was taken up promptly. To the merchants whose patronage has enabled us to publish this edition, we thank them. To the various people who have aided in any way to make the edition successful, we thank them. To the people who read it through and then conclude to visit Orangeburg, we thank them. We believe we could have easily gotten out a larger paper, but we did not attempt to go beyond eight pages.

ORANGEBURG SOCIETY.

Recent Happenings of a Social Nature in This City.

Misses Bowman were hostesses at the regular August meeting of the Winthrop daughters Friday afternoon. After the business session a delightful social hour was spent. Miss Ethel Hoffman and little Miss Lois Bowman rendered vocal selections and Miss Minnie Bowman played an instrumental solo. A humorous piece was read by Miss Warner Hare. Miss Alma Davis was winner of the prize in the educational game which was played and the guests were then invited into the dining room which was tastefully draped in Winthrop colors and the menu cards very pretty and unique. Those present were Misses Meta Kortjohn, Emily Dantzier, Marion Salley, Lila Connor, Lurline Crum, Minnie and Ruth Dibble, Alma Davis, Lella Bryant, Merle Smoak, Reba Sanders, Ethel Hoffman, Warner Hare, May Felder, Sallie Wannamaker, Mesdames R. D. and C. B. McMichael, J. W. Culler, James Albergott, and B. B. Owens.

The young friends of Master Reddick Bowman gave him a surprise party Friday night. They played until late in the evening and delightful refreshments were served. Those present were Misses Jeanette Ligon, Lois and Julia Wannamaker, Willie Dean Andrews, Gussie Copes, Inez Verdery, Minnie Glass Whitaker, Lucile Dibble, Elizabeth and Lois Bowman. Masters Linton Whitaker, George Inabnet of Limestone, George Salley, Dwight Moseley, Hamond Bowman and Reddick Bowman.

This morning Mrs. L. S. Wolfe will entertain a few friends in honor of Mrs. Webb, of Columbia, who is visiting Mrs. E. J. Wannamaker, on Glover Street. Bridge will be played and a hot course luncheon will be served. The following ladies have been invited: Mesdames Norman Bull, Ligon, Peter Brunson, Sease, Webb, Raysor, E. J. Wannamaker and E. N. Scortille.

Mrs. E. J. Wannamaker was hostess at a Dutch card party Saturday morning complimenting her house guest, Mrs. Webb, of Columbia. Bridge was played and beer, cheese and olive sandwiches were the refreshments. Those playing were: Mesdames L. S. Wolfe, Lanning, Fred and Harry Wannamaker, Sease, Norman Bull, Webb, and Miss Mazie Slater.

LIUT. DOYLE TAKES CHARGE.

Assigned to Command Torpedo Boat Destroyer Paulding.

The Washington correspondent of The State says Lieut. Stafford H. R. Doyle, N. S. N., of Orangeburg, is to be detached from duty as assistant inspector of engineering material with headquarters at Philadelphia, and assigned to the command of the torpedo boat destroyer Paulding, flagship of the eighth division of the Atlantic torpedo flotilla now operating with the battleship fleet.

The fact that the lieutenant succeeds in this important command Lieut. Commander Yates Stirling, U. S. N., an officer of many years his senior in rank, shows what unusual confidence the navy department reposes in the South Carolinian. Lieutenant Doyle recently completed the advanced course in steam engineering at his graduate school in Annapolis, Md., having finished the regular four years naval academy course in 1900.

It is more than noteworthy that this officer put in seven years straight away on the battleship Kentucky, joining her as a midshipman on probation and leaving her a full-fledged lieutenant and chief engineer. Subsequently he was for two years chief engineer of the scout cruiser Birmingham and it is a matter of common knowledge at the department and a source of distinct pleasure to his many friends that the Birmingham's excellent steaming records are largely due to Lieut. Doyle's ability and indefatigable energy.

PICNIC AT ELLOREE.

Woodmen Circle to Have a Big Time On the 17th.

The annual picnic of the Ellore Woodmen Circle will be held at Jerusalem church, near Ellore, on Thursday, the seventeenth. This affair is always largely attended and it is safe to say that a large crowd will be present on that day. The public is invited to attend.

As usual with all picnics there must be some speaking to engage the attention of the crowd. Several prominent men have been invited to invited to speak. Among them Senator Tillman, Governor Blease, Hon. Thomas M. Raysor, Hon. Robert Lide and Dr. A. W. Browning.

Will Protect the Birds.

There went into effect August 1 in New Jersey one of the severest laws ever enacted for the protection of birds. Any person wearing a single feather of a bird protected by the statute is liable to arrest and to a fine of \$20 for each offense. The law applies to the plumage of birds coming from other states as well as to those native to New Jersey. The New York Herald says a law confined to a single state cannot be thoroughly effective, but it can and doubtless will serve as a model for other states. Game laws become generally beneficial as soon as the possession of game out of season was made punishable. So it will be for the protection of birds of beautiful plumage. A long campaign of education has been maintained. Now we are seeing the law that can do it. It is to be hoped New Jersey will enforce it vigorously.

LOCAL NEWS ITEMS

PICKED UP ALL OVER TOWN BY OUR REPORTERS.

What Is Happening Here and There. Local Items of Personal Interest to Our Readers.

20,000 by 1920. Get the Orangeburg spirit. We hope no accident will happen on the Booster Trip.

Read every advertisement in this issue, and give the advertisers a call at the first opportunity. The strings of all the latches to the doors of the houses in Orangeburg hang on the outside.

We wish to thank Secretary Marchant of the Chamber of Commerce for his valuable aid in preparing data for the Booster Edition.

On the return home in the afternoon from the different Booster Trips there should be no racing of automobiles along the highway. Let everything be done decently and in order.

Mr. A. R. McCown of Cameron, has been appointed a beneficiary student at Clemson College at large to fill vacancies allotted to counties in which none of the competitors were eligible to receive scholarships.

This Booster Edition of The Times and Democrat is the largest edition ever printed by an Orangeburg newspaper. The number of copies printed is 8,500. The whole edition will be sent to subscribers and distributed on the different booster trips.

Mr. and Mrs. W. L. Moseley, accompanied by their little son, and Miss Besie Felder leaves Thursday morning for New York and other northern markets. Mr Moseley goes to look out for the latest creations for his store.

The Times and Democrat is represented on the booster trip today by Messrs. James Izlar Sims, Manager, and Henry R. Sims, local reporter Tomorrow Messrs. Hugo S. Sims and Henry R. Sims will be along to give The Times and Democrat a place in the picture. This newspaper will also be represented on Thursday's trip.

Miss Mamie O' Cain will leave Wednesday for an extended vacation covering Niagara Falls, parts of Canada and other northern points. She will be in New York for several days where she will join the staff of buyers of the Kohn store and assist in the fall buying. Her many friends and customers will be delighted to hear of this.

CANDIDATES CARDS.

To the Voters of the City of Orangeburg.—I hereby respectfully announce myself a candidate for the office of Mayor of the city of Orangeburg at the approaching municipal election, and will appreciate the endorsement of my candidacy. Very truly yours, W. W. Wannamaker.

To the Voters of the City of Orangeburg.

At the earnest solicitation of many friends I hereby announce myself a candidate for the office of Mayor of Orangeburg in the approaching municipal election. I realize fully the importance and honor of the position I ask at your hands, and I believe I can fill the office to the complete satisfaction of the entire citizenship, and I respectfully request your favourable consideration of my candidacy. If you elect me, I shall assume the duties and responsibilities of the office, determined to devote my best energies to the advancement of our city. Yours truly, O. K. Wilson.

For Alderman.

I announce myself a candidate for Alderman for the City of Orangeburg at the election to be held Sept. 12, 1911, Respectfully, D. H. Marchant.

I hereby announce myself a candidate for alderman at the ensuing municipal election.

T. A. FAIREY.

I hereby announce myself a candidate for alderman in the coming election.

Julian A. Salley.

Opening Books of Subscription.

Notice is hereby given that pursuant to a commission issued by Hon. R. M. McCown, Secretary of State, July 7th, 1911, books of subscription for capital stock of the Orangeburg Lumber and Supply Company will be opened at the offices of Wolfe and Berry, No. 5 Court House Square, Orangeburg, S. C., at 11 o'clock A. M., Saturday, August 12, 1911. The authorized capital is \$10,000.00, divided into shares of the par value of \$100.00 each. The object of the corporation is manufacture, buy and sell lumber and building material, etc., and its principal office will be in Orangeburg, S. C.

Opening of Books of Subscription.

Pursuant to a commission issued by the Secretary of State, bearing date the 31st day of July, 1911, the undersigned will open books of subscription to the capital stock of the Rowesville Oil company at the office of Dr. A. C. Dukes, Russell Street, Orangeburg, S. C., on Friday, the 11th day of August at 11 o'clock A. M., the capital stock of said corporation will be forty-five thousand (\$45,000) dollars, divided into nine hundred (900) shares of fifty dollars each.

Warren C. Faircy, A. C. Dukes, Geo. V. Ziegler, E. N. Chisholm, Incorporators.

OUR ADVERTISERS

Below we give a small summary of what the various merchants are advertising in the Booster Edition. As this space is naturally limited, you had better see their ad to see all the bargains.

- Bolen Bros. Moseley's. Craig's Pure Food Store. Star Theatre. Orangeburg Bank. Edisto Savings Bank. Wannamaker Smoak and Co. Von Oshen and Smoak. Faircy and Weeks. J. E. Glover. Livingston and Co. McNamara Hardware. Boswell Shoe Co. Dixie Lumber Co. George Zeigler. Dantzier and Funderburk. Farmers' Union Bank and Trust Co. Orangeburg College. Dodenhoff Electric Co. Edisto Dry Goods Co. Culler and Salley. The Times and Democrat. Merchant Music Co. Ziegler and Dibble. J. C. Ransdale. Wannamaker Drug Co. As usual gives you some good hard sensible talk. Mr. Moseley leaves tomorrow for New York to get the latest styles. Craig's is Doctor Wylie's chum store in Orangeburg. They believe in selling only the best. Jeweler and Optician. Without sight you would be in a bad fix. See Wise now. R. C. King. Anything in the furniture line. Foster's Ideal cribs. Columbia Graphophone and Records. M. O. Dantzier. Headquarters for the very best in the hardware line. See him before buying. F. F. Malpass. Supplies the need of honest people at the lowest price permissible with good stock. R. Lewis Berry and Co. R. Lewis Berry and Co. are known for their especially good business stationery. They also publish the Evening News, daily except Sunday. Stiles R. Mellichamp. As representative of old line millinaire companies Mr. Mellichamp is fully prepared to take care of fire insurance. Orangeburg Repair Shops. Will take care of all your horse-shoeing, painting, and general repairs of all kinds. John H. Schacte. Asks that you let him supply you with groceries awhile, and you do the rest. L. Bennett and Co. Advertisers Buick and Oaklands—the cars that deliver the goods all the time. Orangeburg Steam Bakery. Try their bread, cakes and rolls—all up to the usual high Orangeburg standard. H. W. Stoudenmire. Repairs bicycles and everything else in that line. A full line of bicycles for sale. S. A. Blackmon. Hardware merchant, advertises the Cameron Steel Range and The Richmond Co's line of stoves. Orangeburg Furniture Co. Mr Grady has a fine line of furniture, which he wants to sell to the buying public. R. J. Greene. For anything in the meat line see Green the meat man. Fresh fish always on hand. Atkinson Furniture Co. Has just started, but the men at the head know their business. You can trust them. E. E. Culler. Carries a full line of buggies, wagons, harness. See him for anything along that line. E. N. Seoville. Wants everybody to quit darnin' and wear hpie-proof, guaranteed hose. Ayers and Williams. Wants everybody with a house to build to see them first. Also have fine seeds for sale. H Spahr and Son. Make a specialty of selling good goods for good money in the line of jewelry, etc. Orangeburg Lumber and Supply Co. A new firm but wants the opportunity of showing you that they are here. House of McNamara. Announces a larger and higher grade stock than they have ever carried before. Theodore Kohn. Tells you who are choosing new fall goods in the Northern markets for the Kohn Store. Home Fertilizer Co. Gives some very good reasons why you should buy their special high grade mixtures. People's Bank of Ellore. Welcomes the Booster Trip and calls attention to their fine equipment for business. Liles and Liles. Two hustlers in the insurance line. See what they have to offer you.