

TELLS WHAT HE KNOWS

MAN AFRY STED FOR MURDER OF SHIRER TALKS.

He Flatly Denies Any Connection With Shirer's Death or Knowledge of How He Died.

The Augusta Chronicle says that J. R. Cunningham arrested on suspicion, derides any knowledge of the death of Shirer, other than that brought out at the coroner's inquest. That connection was nothing more than a statement as to the time of Shirer's arrival at the boarding house at 310 Washington street, and Shirer's preparations to leave the house.

To a representative of the Chronicle Cunningham stoutly maintained his innocence not only of participation in the supposed murder of Shirer, but he denied that he had even been with him in the boarding house where they both had rooms. He stated, that on Monday night, the night Shirer was last seen, he (Cunningham) went to bed at a little after 10 o'clock, and about midnight Shirer came in. Shirer, he said, had had a drink, or two, and was feeling good and as was his custom, "woke abut everybody in the house" by his loud jolly of those about him.

Kisiel, he stated, had occupied a room with Shirer for about two years, but on that night Kisiel came into his, Cunningham's room, and went to sleep on the bed with him.

When Shirer came in, he asked Kisiel to get him a cigarette from Cunningham, and Cunningham asked why Shirer didn't ask him direct for it as he knew he would be glad to give him one. Shirer and Kisiel had then gone across into their own room, where they stayed a short while, and Cunningham says he "fell off asleep," and was awakened by hearing Shirer say he was going out of the house, but did not hear him say he was going to any special place. Cunningham could not say what time it was when Shirer went out but it was some time after midnight.

Kisiel then came back and went to bed with Cunningham; so Cunningham "fell off asleep," Cunningham again "fell off asleep," he says and was awakened again by Kisiel saying he was going down to take a bath. He states that Kisiel was in his underclothes when he left the room.

Cunningham again fell off asleep, and states that he did not know when Kisiel came back and got into the bed with him, but when an alarm clock in the house went off at four o'clock in the morning he was awakened and Kisiel was in bed with him and got up to go to work.

He denied all knowledge of the haunts of Shirer, and said he had never been on Broad street with Shirer, so far as he could remember. Kisiel, he stated had known him for a long time and roomed with him for about two years. He had never heard of any difficulty of any kind that Shirer and Kisiel had ever had, and stated that he had never had any difficulty or fuss with him, himself.

Cunningham stated that he had been at the Kisiel boarding house about three weeks. He said he came there from the arsenal where he had stayed a week or more, as he was thinking of reenlisting in the army. He said he had been honorably discharged at New Orleans from an enlistment in the army, where he had been a non-commissioned officer, and after visiting other points, came to Augusta where he had been for several weeks.

He stated that he had not done any work since he had been in Augusta, except for part of one day; that he had a little money from his discharge when he got there. A friend he stated, introduced him to Kisiel, and told him that Cunningham was all right, and got Kisiel to let Cunningham board with him until Cunningham got work, and then be able to pay. He had been at the Kisiel house about three weeks, he stated and owed some board there.

Cunningham is not an unattractive looking young man, of the shrewd, sharp countenance of the much-traveled, well-employed young man. He stated that he had been work and was a bill poster, and had several other trades.

Escape Attempt Failed.

Brunchville, August 11.—The timely arrival of Constable Byrd at the guard house here this morning prevented the escape of Isaac Brown, a negro, charged with breaking into a freight car on Wednesday night. The prisoner had piled all his bedding against the door of his cell, the only wooden part of the building within reach, and set same on fire. Constable Byrd went to the guard house to take Brown to the jail at Orangeburg and it is probable that had he been half an hour later his prisoner would have been gone.

Several Want Scholarships.

A competitive examination was held at the court house for the scholarship to the Citadel. Those who took the examination were: Gordon Hutgerpillar, Cameron; W. H. Koopman, Eutawville; W. D. Steedley, Branchville; Dibble Rickenbacker, J. H. Terdery, James Byers, Robert J. Smith, Orangeburg; Furman Riley, Carerion; J. C. Wiggins, Eutawville; Pin-kney Way, Holly Hill; O. K. Shuler, Vance; and Cornelius Boche, Elloree.

New Business Here.

A wholesale and retail fruit store will be launched in this city in a short time. The new business is to be established by L. Adelson, who has been in a similar business at Florence. The store adjoining that of M. O. Dantzer hardware store is now being fitted up for the fruit business. Mr. Adelson will be heartily welcomed.

GOOD FOR SPRINGFIELD.

Work Commenced for Electric Light and Power Plant.

Springfield, August 11th.—Special: Work is now under full way on the Springfield Electric Light and Power Company plant at Dean Swamp, two miles west of Springfield. Notwithstanding the unprecedented scarcity of rain during the past year no appreciable decrease can be noticed in the volume of water in the stream.

There is not a prettier driveway in the State than from this place up to these historic old mills built more than one hundred and twenty-five years ago by John Jordan Combee, and sold by him to Major Jack Pender, who in turn sold them to Capt. Jacob Stroman, whose family still own the surrounding lands. The mills proper having been sold to the present owners, the Springfield Electric Light and Power Company. This plant is being erected by Mr. Brodie, the owner and builder of the Leesville plant that gets its power from Quattebaum Falls, near the head waters of the North Edisto River.

Mr. Brodie stated to your correspondent that he considers this the best stream of water he has ever seen, and promises an abundant power for all purposes here for many years to come. It is the intention of the promoters of this enterprise that has plenty of good honest home money behind it, to foster small manufacturing industries. From the confines of the town to and beyond the mills for three miles in almost one continuous cotton field.

It is not a violation of any known law for this correspondent to state that he has never seen as much good cotton in one body as he did yesterday to the extensive farm of Col. J. B. Stroman, just beyond the mills, where we found four hundred acres of cotton planted individually by the general Colonel, who, according to the best judges of the community will make five hundred bales of cotton on this farm, aside from the share crops and rented farms.

It is an inspiring sight to stand in plain view of this immense sea of waving green standing from three to four feet high in four feet rows, close lapped from end to end, and heavily loaded with matured fruit, just beginning to open. Beyond, and nearer the river we found the two hundred acre corn field of Col. Stroman. This corn is very fine and will all be needed, as the Colonel has more than 250 hogs to fatten.

News from Livingston.

Mr. W. A. Fogle and brother have just completed the handsome little store in which they are expecting to move in next week.

Mr. E. W. Burnett is going to open a store in the building now occupied by W. A. Fogle and Brother.

Cotton crop in and around this place are fine and the farmers will soon have to begin to gather as it is opening fast.

Mr. W. J. Wolfe, of Charleston, is visiting friends in and around here.

We are very sorry to hear of the sickness they are having at the home of Mr. O. V. Fogle's.

Mrs. H. A. Odom of Salters, is visiting friends in and around here.

Mr. Harvey Williams of Pellon is visiting his uncle, Mr. E. W. Burnett here.

Mr. E. P. Hutto and family of Florida has recently moved here in which they will make their future home. He and his brother, Mr. J. T. Hutto, is expecting to open up business here in a short while.

Mrs. W. J. Newman, of Charleston, has recently returned home after having spent some time with her brother, Mr. C. L. Glover.

Was Grand Success.

The open air song service held on the public square Sunday night was a grand success. It was attended by a very large number of people. Colonel Mortimer Glover announced the songs, introduced the speakers and incidentally made two or three splendid little talks. Rev. Geo. E. Davis made a short talk, which was plain and pointed. He did not mince words, but attacked the vices of people in high as well as low places. The music by the band was delightful, so was the songs sung, especially solos by Mrs. Gilbert and Miss Simmie McMichael. Revs. J. L. McLees and D. M. Foreman assisted in the services. The best of order prevailed and every one present seemed interested in the services.

Happily Married.

The Dorchester Eagle says Mr. Frank E. Cope of Cope, Orangeburg county, and Miss Irene Rumph, formerly of St. George, were married there at 6 o'clock Wednesday afternoon. The ceremony took place at the home of Mrs. Daisy Connor in the presence of a few invited guests and the immediate family. The ceremony was performed by the Rev. L. E. Wiggins, of Orangeburg county. Those in attendance from away were Mrs. C. E. Cope, the groom's mother; Misses Julia and St. Clair Cope and Mr. Walter Cope of Cope, and Miss Hattie Brunson, of Orangeburg. After receiving congratulations of friends the happy young couple took the train for the up country.

Country Schools United.

A new school district to be known as South Goodland, No. 37, has been formed by the consolidation of districts Nos. 37 and 84. The new district will erect a handsome, modern school building, which will be ready for use by the beginning of the next school term. The trustees of this district met recently at the office of Superintendent of Education Livingston and secured titles to three acres of ground upon which to locate the new building. They also adopted plans for the new building, which is to cost about \$1,500. The trustees made application for State aid in the sum of \$700.

MAKES GOOD SHOWING

ORANGEBURG COUNTY SCHOOLS IN FINE SHAPE.

The People Are More Generously Interested in Good Schools Than at Any Previous Time.

The following figures are taken from the annual report of County Superintendent of Education Livingston to the State Superintendent for the year 1910-11. The people generally are becoming more interested in education—they seem to realize that it takes money to run the schools correctly. They are thinking, talking and helping along all broad educational lines.

From the great interest around, and the funds that have been raised to help build better and larger schools, it can readily be seen that the people of the county are awakening to the fact that a good school education is one of the first requisites of life. The trustees are becoming more alive to the situation. They are paying a higher price for teachers and consequently getting better service.

Many of the schools are organizing Rural Improvement Associations and in this way encourage better education for their children. South Goodland, Four Holes, and East Orange have each raised about \$150 for various improvements.

Out of seventy-five districts, forty-six carry special taxes for school purposes. During the past year the following districts increased their special tax: East Goodland 4 mills, Eutawville 3 mills, Holly Hill 4 mills, East Orange 2 mills, North 3 mills, South Goodland 1 mill, Pine Hill 3 mills, Neeses 3 mills, Bryan Academy 2 mills, Goodwill (No. 84) 3 mills, West Hebron 3 mills.

The receipts for educational purposes during the year 1910-11 in part are as follows: Balance on hand, 1909-10, \$8,322.59; poll tax, \$8,188.3 mill tax, \$29,172; dog tax, \$1,910; executions, \$591.87; special tax, \$21,980.69; total aid from County and State, \$9,555.57; total fund for educational purposes, \$79,730.72; total expenditures, \$71,575.45; balance on hand for 1911-12, \$8,155.27.

The enrollment of white pupils during the past year amounted to 5,247, while the negro enrollment was 9,263. The average attendance of white pupils was 3,646; negroes, 6,093. The value of school property in Orangeburg county totals \$149,505. There are 159 white teachers in the schools of this county and 117 negro teachers.

Ten new school buildings were commenced during the year. Four of these have been completed and the other six will be ready by October. The following are the new school buildings and cost: Oak Ridge, \$1,100; Eutawville, \$1,475; East Orange, \$1,700; Limestone, \$1,050; South Goodland, \$1,400. Two Mile Swamp, \$1,650; North Willow, \$1,550; South Providence, \$720; South Branchville, \$1,350; Cordova, \$1,850; total cost of new buildings equipped, \$13,845.

Doves Can Be Shot.

Huntsmen who confine their appetite to the smaller species of game will be pleased to know that within a few days they may sally forth into the fields and bang away to their heart's content—but only at one kind of bird, the modest dove. The statutes of the State of South Carolina prohibit these birds being hunted between March 1st and August 15th, so after the middle of this month hunters may go gunning for these denizens of the field. The season for hunting doves opens before the season for hunting any other kind of game.

Bids Wanted.

Proposals will be received until 12 o'clock, A. M. August 19th, 1911 by J. W. Smoak, or T. R. McCants, Building Committee of the Orangeburg Fair Association for the Erection and completion of the Main Exhibition building.

Plans and specifications on file at the office of architect Henry H. Johnson, Wednesday August 16th, from 4 to 7 p. m., and Thursday from 9 to 12 a. m. And can be received by depositing five dollars. Committee reserves the right to reject any and all bids.

Young Hero Rewarded.

Mr. Albert Appleby, of the Holly Hill section has just received the bronze medal awarded him by the Carnegie Hero commission for having saved the life of Mrs. R. M. Harbison about a year ago. Young Appleby, at the risk of his own life, sprang in front of an engine which was almost upon Mrs. Harbison, who was deaf, and rescued her from a horrible death. Mr. Appleby was awarded the bronze medal and \$2,000 to be used for educational purposes.

Cotton Picking Time.

Cotton is said to be opening very freely and gathering the staple will soon be in full blast all over the county. It may not become general for a couple of weeks yet, but in a very short time new cotton will be on the market in fair quantities. The opinion is expressed by some that the early maturing of cotton is not indicative of a very large crop, but the general impression is that this county will gather a large crop.

Will Be Sent Free.

The State says the necessary equipment for the distribution of the bacterium for inoculation against typhoid fever has arrived at the laboratory of the state board of health, and quite an amount of the bacterium prepared at the laboratory has been sent out over the State. There has been quite a demand for it already, showing that physicians of South Carolina are immediately adopting the new treatment and preventive.

VERY BADLY MIXED CASE.

The Peculiar Dilemma of an Orangeburg County Negro.

The Orangeburg correspondent of The State says a negro of this community in order to come into possession of a valuable tract of land, must plead guilty to either adultery or bigamy, laying himself open to a big fine or a term in the penitentiary. Such a case is now in litigation in Orangeburg county and the outcome is being watched with interest.

The negro was married in 1871. Shortly after this marriage the contracting parties concluded that they could not live together and agreed to separate. The man was married again as was also the woman. The husband and wife of the parties died and they again took unto themselves a husband and wife. The parties were married three times. There were many children. The wife came into possession of a valuable tract of land and a short time ago died.

Her husband of 1871 now lays claim to the land. Whether he was married to the woman is the question now raised. If he was married he is guilty of bigamy, and if he was not married he is guilty of adultery. If the negro answers not guilty to the charges of bigamy or adultery he loses claim to the property and it goes to the heirs of the woman.

SPRINGFIELD VICTORIOUS.

Defeats Her Old Enemy Blackville on the Base Ball Field

Springfield has forestalled Columbia by playing off the championship game of the season with Blackville, her old time enemy on the diamond, and the victory belongs to Mike Gleaton and his boys who licked the visitors here yesterday. "Just like we used to do," and the score was 7-1 in favor of the local boys. It was strictly a pitchers battle, and the Springfield pitcher put the ball over to the Blackville boys failed to find it, leaving even twenty of them at the home plate with a distressed look on their physiognomy. Batteries, Springfield, "Cash" Fallow and Bill Felder. Blackville, Dewitt and Odum.

Blackville sent a large contingent of her splendid men and women to see her noble boys "lick" the "countrymen" at Springfield. They came in splendid style, large touring cars, elegantly attired; but alas for their expectations, blasted in the beginning and like that concourse of people more than fifty years ago crossed the long bridge at Washington to see the "blue coats" lick the sons of the South on that sanguinary battlefield known as "Bodis Run" their return to their own habitation was with the unmistakable signs written across their "beforetimes smiling faces," "we've been licked." Springfield is "it" today.

"Boosters" and Baseball.

Holly Hill, August 10th.—Special: The Orangeburg "Boosters" enlightened our town for awhile today. The cars came in about mid-day and made quite a good showing. There were about fourteen cars with four or five men to each car. These gentlemen were served with watermelon and cool drinks and seemed to enjoy their stay with us nearly as much as we enjoyed having them. Come again boosters, and be sure to bring that inspiring music with you.

This afternoon a ball game was pulled off between Elloree and Holly Hill. The game was an interesting one and was witnessed by a large crowd. Brilliant playing was indulged in by both sides. The score was 8 to 3 in favor of Holly Hill. Batteries: Elloree, Baxter and Blair; Holly Hill, Bull, Russell and Bull.

Booster Trip Edition.

The Dorchester Eagle says: "The Booster Trip Edition of the Orangeburg Times and Democrat on Tuesday of this week is a creditable piece of work on the part of the management. The issue contains much interesting and useful information concerning Orangeburg and Orangeburg county. In this same issue appears a large advertisement containing the announcement that any business enterprise of \$5,000 or over will be exempt from all city taxation for a period of five years. This is quite a contrast between Orangeburg and some other towns. Orangeburg is wide awake."

Made a Good Talk.

Prof. J. C. Guilds, Headmaster of the Carlisle Fitting School at Bamberg, talked to the young people of St. Paul's Methodist Church on Sunday morning. Every young man and young woman in this community should have heard this talented and eloquent young man. Such a man as Prof. Guilds is a positive force for good in the lives of the young people with whom he comes in contact. We would like to see such a man as he is at the head of every graded school in the State.

Edisto River Very Low.

The oldest inhabitant never saw the Edisto river with less water in it than at present. The government engineers making the survey of the river are experiencing as low water in the Edisto as has ever been known. It is practically certain that the river will never be lower than it has generally been this summer, but Orangeburg is expecting a favorable report by the engineers as to the feasibility of opening the river for navigation.

To Get Latest Books.

The "six best sellers" will be at the Dixie Library every month from now on. This was decided at a recent meeting of the Dixie Club and a standing order has been placed with a library association for these books. At the last meeting of the club, which was held with Miss May Riggs, it was decided to hold their second annual carnival sometime the first of October.

LOCAL NEWS ITEMS

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All the rich folks will leave for the mountains tomorrow.

Mr. Bennie King is again in the city.

If Orangeburg is not known now by the towns where the booster trip stopped, she never will be.

The next booster trip can count on the hearty cooperation of the Times and Democrat.

The weather bureau says the temperature will fall this week. Let her fall, say we.

Mr. Julien Melchers of Charleston is spending his vacation with Mr. Hubert Josey.

Mr. Jack Bryant, who has been in Charleston for some time is visiting in the city.

The booster trip should become a permanent thing at least once a year. Possibly different routes each year would be a good thing.

Miss Ruth Holman has resigned as one of the teachers in the graded school. Her place will be filled by Miss Ruth Boliver.

Mrs. Georgia Motte and daughter, Vita, of Florence county, are on a few weeks visit to friends and relatives in the Fork section.

Yesterday afternoon the Boosters took their trip to St. Matthews, and this closes the booster campaign via automobiles.

Miss Elizabeth Houser, of Fort Valley, Ga., is the guest of her cousin, Miss Annie Lou Banks, at St. Matthews.

Capt. Sam D. Dantzer, of Autaugaville, Ala., is visiting his many relatives and friends in Orangeburg County.

Merchants all over the county are laying in heavy stocks of goods in anticipation of a big fall and winter trade.

Mr. and Mrs. A. H. Marchant left Saturday afternoon for Milledgeville, Ga., where they are called on account of the death of Mrs. Marchant's father, Dr. J. M. Whitaker.

Misses Annie Lou Banks and Madeline Spigner and Mr. Marion Banks, of St. Matthews, have returned from an extensive tour of Missouri, Kentucky and other States.

Mr. Lewis Shuler, formerly of the Bowman section, but of late a resident of Autaugaville, Ala., is spending some days with relatives near Bowman.

Mr. C. K. Shuler, who has been spending some time at Autaugaville, Ala., returned to Bowman recently. He speaks of having had a very pleasant trip.

We positively cannot publish articles unless signed by the writer. Your name will not be published, but your contribution must be signed to get in.

The Booster Edition of The Times and Democrat was nearly nine thousand copies. It was the best and cheapest single advertising proposition that has ever been offered the business men of Orangeburg County.

Only two cotton fields were seen on the booster trip where the boils had opened and the cotton was showing its whiteness. One was near Elloree and the other around Cope somewhere.

The Walterboro Press and Standard recently issued a Trade and Industrial edition that reflects credit on that enterprising journal. It was a twenty-four page edition, full of interesting matter about Colleton County and the town of Walterboro.

We feel grateful for the many compliments paid The Times and Democrat Booster Edition. One gentleman speaking of it said he always noticed that The Times and Democrat was short on "promises" but long on "performance."

Dr. Asbury H. Williams, of Lake City, was in the city yesterday on business. Dr. Williams was a student of the Sheridan Classical School several years ago and has many friends and relatives here who were glad to see him again. He says Orangeburg has grown wonderfully since he was here last.

To our patrons and friend in Orangeburg and adjacent counties:

We desire to express our sincere appreciation for the hearty welcome extended to us by you when we visited your community along with the "Boosters from Orangeburg," during the week just passed. The cordial handshake of hundreds of satisfied policy holders and friends was extremely gratifying and the splendid additional business secured on our trip shows that our efforts to induce our people to protect their homes and their estates in strong and reliable companies such as we represent has not been in vain. Again thanking you, always remember that when in the market for insurance of any kind that Zeigler and Dibble will give you commands prompt and personal attention. Sincerely yours, Zeigler and Dibble. Insurance only. Did you see our ad in The Booster Edition?

Under New Management.

The People's Restaurant, at 15 and 17 Church Street is now under new management. Mrs. A. G. Gleaton is now the proprietress of this popular restaurant and will be glad to serve her friends and the general public. Meals served at any time for 25c. Open to-day.

For Alderman.

I hereby announce myself a candidate for re-election as alderman in the ensuing election. J. X. Weeks.

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It is not economy to take your child to a cheap and inefficient teacher when an experienced and well trained one may be secured for a slightly greater fee. If you must have a cheap teacher, it would be better to reserve the cheap teacher for some later period, as the most important period of all is when your child is commencing the study of Music. A poor teacher has wrecked many a promising career. The best of all economy is the economy of securing the best. If you put up with cheap things at the start, you will find that you will go through all your musical life, seeking for bargains,—bargains that are far more expensive than you have any means of determining. Music tuition in the North and West is far in excess of that in the South. In the South, it runs from six to ten dollars per month for first class instruction.

Prof. T. L. Tinsley and Mrs. Della Gilbert, who will have charge of the Departments of Piano and Voice, respectively, in Orangeburg College during the coming year, have both studied with some of the very best American as well as European trained teachers, and have had wide experience in their profession. Students from the city and surrounding country solicited. Students from the city taken in the afternoons from three to five. Rates \$5 per calendar month. Session opens September 20th. Send applications to President W. S. Peterson, Orangeburg, S. C.

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