

SEPTEMBER TERM

COURT OF GENERAL SESSIONS WILL SOON CONVENE.

The List of Jurors for the Two Weeks Drawn.—List of Cases Left Over for Trial.

The jurors to serve in the coming sessions of court were drawn Thursday. At the same time summons were served upon the grand jury, which is composed of new men.

The following jurors were drawn to serve the first week: T. F. Riley, M. C. Livingston, T. D. A. Livingston, C. W. Dannelly, H. H. Ayers, of Middle Township; J. C. Fairley, H. W. Stoudenmire, Geo. V. Zeigler, J. C. Ransdale, H. B. Gardner, A. C. Watson, S. A. Dantzer and J. W. Stroman, of City; J. L. Cleckley, M. T. Glover, S. P. Corbett, J. C. Williams, D. W. Gerrick, of Willow; F. F. Bellinger, W. E. Connelly, of Branchville; B. P. Sanders, of Zion; A. C. Felder, of Parler; W. D. Gilmore, J. L. Wiggins of Holly Hill; J. J. Mack of North; S. B. Smoak, J. J. Edgeman, John Demery, of Edisto; D. E. Bean, Springfield; D. H. Weathers, of Bowman; J. C. Cooper, Rocky Grove; W. D. Fanning, Goodland; L. P. Bookhardt, V. Y. Evans, Elloree, Sam Knight, Edisto.

The following jurors were drawn for the second week:

R. R. Ayers, R. A. Sims, J. W. Caddin, H. Von Oshan, Jr., G. E. Rhodes, City; J. W. Carn, Bowman; J. F. Carr, J. A. Irick, Elloree; C. J. Sharp, O. H. Senn, D. S. Livingston, H. Bokes, Elizabeth; H. A. Jamison, L. B. Way, Liberty; J. H. Orger, J. J. Riley, E. F. Dukes, Orange; E. P. Winter, J. J. Tate, E. S. Phillips, Providence; C. S. Phillips, D. T. Tarraat, Goodland; J. V. Porter, Middle; J. D. Stroman, Willow; W. F. Murphy, L. N. Metts Edisto; M. E. Baldwin, Zion; J. W. Inabinet, W. W. Culler, N. J. Robinson, Limestone; F. E. Gibson, Norway; E. B. Workman, Neeses; E. A. Hughes, M. K. Livingston, Heb on; H. C. Thompson, Branchville, R. W. Hart, Vance.

The grand jury will be composed of the following gentlemen: A. M. Tyler, E. J. Buss, J. P. Pearson, J. H. Clark, W. L. Young and C. T. Dowling of Willow; W. O. Westbury, Orange; D. B. Wolfe, Limestone; E. B. Martin, O. L. Eklund and E. C. Slater, City; L. T. Connor, Edisto; C. E. Kennerly, Zion; J. S. Ulmer, Sumter Salley and J. H. Woodbury, Elizabeth; A. J. Fanning and B. C. Fanning, Goodland.

This session of court will be interesting. There are three persons to be tried for murder, whose cases were left over from last term. They are Jerome Harley and Victor Phillips, charged with murder; and R. Chestnut, with the same charge against him. It will be recalled that Mr. Chestnut shot W. R. Sabin just before the last session of court, and this case was continued.

Another case of general interest is that of J. F. and H. H. Leysath and R. L. Poole, charged with house burning and arson. A large number of witnesses will be called in this case and it will no doubt be attended by a crowded court house.

Other cases brought over from last term are:

- The State vs. Gabe Wagener.
The State vs. Dave Burns.
The State vs. Randolph Johnson.
The State vs. Henderson Shuler.
The State vs. Arthur Darby.
The State vs. George Chisolm.
The State vs. Wm. Isaac.
The State vs. R. Chestnut, murder.
The State vs. Jerome Harley and Victor Phillips, murder.
The State vs. John Mobley and John Glover, arson.
The State vs. Jasper Jeffcoat, pointing firearms at another.
The State vs. Arthur Martin, assault and battery with intent to kill.
The State vs. J. F. Leysath, house burning.
The State vs. H. H. Leysath and R. L. Poole, arson.
The State vs. Alma Duncan, arson.
The State vs. Clifford Slater, pointing fire arms at another.
The State vs. Thos. Jamison, resisting an officer, carrying concealed weapons, and assault and battery with intent to kill.
The State vs. J. F. Leysath, H. H. Leysath and R. L. Poole, house burning and accessory.
The State vs. Henry Ancrum, alias Henry Acker, house breaking and larceny.
The State vs. Fletcher Smoak.
The State vs. Henry Hanton.

County Crop Reports.

The following reports on the condition of the cotton crop in this county will be read with interest:

Orangeburg; farmers report 65 per cent average—some nearly normal—some 40 per cent—other sections report where one bale of cotton has been harvested in previous years per acre it will require five to six acres this season to harvest a bale. Rain partial and too late to benefit crop. Deteriation still going on.

W. S. Barton, Jr.

Reports from nearly all sections of the county indicate falling off in condition of from 20 to 25 per cent. Some sections have had no rain in six weeks and conditions there not over 60 per cent. Only one or two sections report conditions good. Crop will not be over 75 per cent. Rain now would be very little benefit to cotton, except in a few sections. J. H. Claffy.

ORANGEBURG COUNTY FAIR.

Executive Committee Makes Statement to the Public.

Our attention has been called to the fact that there is a rumor in circulation in some sections of the county, and in adjoining counties, to the effect that the Orangeburg County Fair has been postponed until next year. We wish to correct this statement by saying that the directors of the Fair Association have bought twenty-two acres of land within the corporate limits of the city, have given out contracts for the erection of suitable buildings for half mile race track, and barns, stables, etc. They have also given out contract for premium list, containing something like eight hundred premiums for exhibits covering all departments of an Agricultural and Mechanical Fair.

The dates of the fair will be from November 14th to 16th for the white people, and the 17th and 18th for the colored people.

With the exception of the boys corn club, and the girls tomato club, the premium list is open for competition for Orangeburg, and all adjoining counties, namely Alkon, Bamberg, Berkeley, Dorchester and Lexington. The premium list, when ready will be distributed, and any person wishing one, can have it mailed to them by sending in their application.

There is still some stock for sale at \$10 per share, and application for same can be made to either of the undersigned.

J. H. Claffy, T. R. McCants, J. W. Smoak, Executive Committee. J. M. Hughes, Secretary.

FIFTY MILLION MORTGAGE.

Recorded by Clerk of Court Salley—Another Big One.

Several days ago Clerk of Court Salley recorded a mortgage for \$50,000,000. The mortgage was given by the Southern Bell Telephone Co. to the Bankers' Trust Co., of New York. The mortgage will cover the improvements made in the Southern Bell system recently. As this mortgage has to be recorded in every county where the telephone company does business at a cost of about \$60, it can easily be seen that the Southern Bell Telephone Co., must spend an immense amount in having the mortgage recorded alone.

Speaking of this mortgage, which is of course, unusually large, caused Clerk of Court Salley to look back in his books and it was found that a \$200,000,000 mortgage was filed in the latter part of 1909. It was given by the Atlantic Coast Line Railway Co. to the United States Trust Co., and is the largest mortgage ever filed in Orangeburg county.

SECRETARY HAMBY SPOKE.

Discussed the National Corn Exposition in Columbia.

Wednesday night Secretary Hamby of the Columbia Chamber of Commerce addressed the business men of the city in the Court House. Mr. Hamby in opening complimented this city, and then went on to point out that the advantage of the corn show would be derived by the whole state, and that this is not a boasting scheme for Columbia.

Now, to get this exposition Columbia has had to guarantee \$40,000, and Secretary Hamby wants the business men of Orangeburg to help. His plan is this. He wants different men to sign guarantee bonds, and with these having been signed the Columbia Chamber of Commerce will secure the necessary money. Then if the Corn Exposition come out squarely, these bonds will not be called for, but if there is a deficit the amount will be drawn for pro rata the bonds signed. These bonds are for distribution at the offices of Messrs. J. C. Cart, Atticus Marchant and J. H. Claffy.

Pinder Boiling at Cope.

Cope, Aug. 24th, Special.—Mr. Gwynn E. Griffith gave a pinder-boiling last night to his many friends at the hospitable home of Mr. and Mrs. J. C. Gray, where he boards. It was a most enjoyable affair to all who attended. Many were the fair damsels, who graced this occasion, and the evening was most pleasantly spent in playing games, with sweet music interspersed. Those present were: Misses Geraldine Bruce, Louise Risber and Mary Livingston of Bamberg, Marion Fairley of Branchville, Lella and Edna Anley, Nellie and Willie Leon Hayley, Flossie and Jamie Griffith and May Kittrell, and Messrs Gleuz Cope of Spartanburg, Herbert, Claud and Otis Hayden, Monie Sandifer, Charles Henery, Herbert and Ashton Grifith, Winfield Clark, and Dan Grifith. Cupid was also in attendance, but whether he landed a game or not time will tell.

Lyceum for Branchville.

The Branchville Lyceum Association has been formed and a contract signed with the Alkabeth Association to furnish five attractions during the coming season. The following officers were chosen to preside over the association: Professor Norman Byrd, manager; Steedman Weathersbee, secretary; J. W. Black, Marion Byrd, P. P. Betha and the officers make the executive committee.

Meeting of Farmer's Union.

A special meeting of the Orangeburg County Farmers Union has been called for Tuesday, August 29, at 11 o'clock, a. m. at the Court House, by the President. Every member of the Union, whether a delegate or not is urged to attend this meeting, as there are several matters of the greatest importance to be considered.

DROUGHT WAS GENERAL

RAINFALL WAS DEFICIENT IN NEARLY ALL STATES.

South Carolina and Kansas Had the Biggest Decrease in Rainfall During the Year.

Frederick J. Haskins, who discusses most intelligently and entertainingly various subjects in many newspapers says although copious rains in the past few weeks have restored the parched vegetation of the farms of the United States, the summer of 1911 will be long remembered as a season of widespread and unprecedented drought. In other years there have been more severe droughts in certain sections of the country, but this year the rainfall was far below normal in the early summer in nearly all of the states. The rainfall in 1910 was generally below normal also, and the resultant shortage in the stock of moisture caused the drought to be even more injurious to crops than usual.

It is a remarkable feature of the American agricultural resources that even a general drought, following a period of low rainfall in previous years, has not brought a threat of famine. The greatest damage has been to garden truck, potatoes and other vegetables requiring a great deal of rain. The grain crops, other than corn, escaped because the drought came too late to hurt them, and the rains came again in time to save the greater part of the corn crop. Nevertheless, many localities have suffered great loss and the cost of living will be influenced by the shortage.

For some reason, which has not yet been ascertained by any scientist, the average rainfall throughout the whole country has been diminishing during the past ten years. Whether or not this decrease is likely to be permanent no one can tell. At various times, since the existence of the United States weather bureau, the amount of rainfall has increased or decreased in different parts of the country, causing the chart indicating it to present a wavelike appearance. There is twelve inches difference between the maximum rainfall of the country as recorded and that of 1910, and according to the present indications this year will increase the difference of precipitation which is already greatly below any previous record.

Former droughts have, in most cases, been confined to one or two sections of the country, but this year it prevailed throughout the entire United States, with the exception of a few isolated localities where the rainfall has been a little about normal.

The greatest droughts on record this summer, as measured by the decrease in rainfall, are in South Carolina and Kansas, where during June and July the precipitation has been 32 to 38 per cent. below normal. The normal rainfall throughout the country has been estimated by the United States weather bureau at 29 inches, and the area is divided in this respect into the following classifications: Deserts or arid lands, 10 inches per year; semi-arid or light rains, 20 to 25 inches; moderate, 25 to 50 inches; copious, 50 to 75 inches, and excessive, about 75 inches.

A rainfall of less than 18 inches precludes ordinary agriculture excepting by the aid of irrigation. In some localities the dry farming of certain crops overcomes the difficulty of scant moisture to a large extent. Dry farming is really "good farming" in the highest possible utilization of every natural advantage. This is one of the means by which the department of agriculture expects to keep up the standards of crops throughout the country, even though the rainfall should continue to decrease as it has during the past decade.

According to the latest record the United States has less than six per cent. of its area in the excessive rainfall class, exceeding 75 inches annually. Sixteen per cent ranges from 50 to 75 inches, 25 per cent from 25 to 50 inches, 30 per cent from 16 to 25 inches and 20 per cent less than 10 inches. It is upon these figures that the normal average of 29 inches per annum is based.

The measuring of rainfall throughout the United States is made by means of careful tests at each of the 200 observation stations of the weather bureau. Carefully constructed rain gauges are supplied by which the rain is collected continually and measured and estimated for the surface of that particular locality. In speaking of the rainfall of the country the signification is that the amount of water which falls would, if collected, at once, reach the number of inches shown during the year.

Irrigation is advancing to a degree which indicates that in some sections of the country the farmer will be absolutely independent of seasonal rainfalls, although at present it is not depended upon to any appreciable degree for the most essential crops. In the sections where irrigation prevails, there has been no scarcity of water this year, despite the decrease in rainfalls because it happens that the heavy snowfalls last winter provided a sufficient amount of water for this season. If such a drought as is now prevailing throughout the country should follow upon a winter in which the snowfall had been light, there might be a scarcity of water for supplying the irrigation plants even where they are well established.

A Narrow Escape.

Little Robbie Smith, son of Mr. and Mrs. J. H. Smith, had what might have been a very serious accident Thursday night. He was running on the sidewalk on Middleton street and fell through the skylight of the Edisto Savings Bank—a fall of about ten feet. Fortunately the little fellow was not hurt seriously.

JULIA ACADEMY LOCALS.

Revival Service—Death—Marriage—Other News.

The Julia Academy Literary Society will hold its regular meeting on the afternoon of Aug. 26th. There will be election of officers and business of importance transacted. The ladies of the Improvement Association will serve ice cream. The public is cordially invited.

For two weeks past our neighborhood has been greatly blessed with protracted meetings, one at Salem, the Baptist church and one at the old Methodist church Ebenezer. Both met with much success, and our country has been greatly benefited.

The Rev. J. K. Inabinet, of Swansea, assisted Rev. Mr. Quick, with our meeting, he being an old pastor of Ebenezer.

Mr. J. W. Jackson, a very promising young man of our neighborhood was killed last Monday by a train in Union Georgia. The body was brought home and interment made at his old church, Ebenezer.

Miss Texas Williamson, one of Julia Academy's former pupils and Mr. Charlie Davis of the Hopewell section, were married on the 13th by Rev. Quick, at the home of the brides parents.

Miss Mary Ann Morgan, of Springfield, and Miss Addie Fanning, of Berlin, visited relatives in this section last week.

Mr. and Mrs. William Fogle of Hopewell neighborhood spent Thursday with Prof. and Mrs. W. D. Schoenberg.

Miss Kate Fanning having accepted the position as book-keeper for the J. C. Witt Supply Co., of North, left for that place last Tuesday.

Our community is now rejoicing because of the phone connecting with the long distance at North.

The trustees of Julia Academy have been very fortunate in securing Miss Martha McCleave, of McConellsville, S. C. as teacher for another term, she taught here very successfully last year. X.P.Z.

DOINGS OF SOCIETY.

What is Happening in the Social Realm of Orangeburg.

The house party of which Miss Pet Brunson has been hostess for the past week ended yesterday morning. Those who enjoyed the week were: Misses Jennie and Fannie McLoughlin, of Fayetteville, N. C., Ethel Hoffman, Alma Salley, Georgia Perreyclear and Messrs. Robert Smith, Newton Brunson, Mellichamp Brunson, Clarence Stroman, Warren Scoville, Willie Marchant, Hyde Smith, Dr. Cole Blease Gibson.

Thursday afternoon was the date set for an afternoon picnic by the Winthrop daughters. Each member was privileged to invite a young lady friend, and quite a delightful time was in anticipation, but the threatening weather prevented the outdoor feature of the meeting from being realized. As it was the Society had a very enjoyable occasion at the home of Mrs. J. W. Culler. Heart dice were played.

The Dixie Library has been presented with a number of valuable volumes by Dr. Albert Butler of Charleston. Among the books is a complete set of the "World's Best Literature" and some of Poe's works. Dr. Butler is an old Orangeburg boy who has made good in the pharmaceutical world, having a large and successful establishment in the "City by the Sea."

Mrs. L. S. Wolfe entertained on Thursday afternoon at cards in honor of her nieces Misses Annie Simmlins and Coy Bowman of Rowesville, and Miss Marjorie Simmons of Charleston. Miss Coy Bowman was awarded the guest prize, and Miss Teble Wannamaker won the first prize.

Tuesday afternoon the Elwell Club was entertained by Mrs. Fred Wannamaker. The members were present.

Mrs. Wm. Robinson will be hostess this afternoon at a bridge party at her residence on Broughton street.

Fly Song.

Ten little flies All in a line; One got a swat! Then there were nine.

Nine little flies Grimly sedate, Licking their chops— Swat! There were eight.

Eight little flies Raising some more— Swat! Swat! Swat! Swat! Then there were four.

Four little flies Colored green-blue; Swat! (Ain't it easy) Then there were two.

Two little flies Dodged the civilian— Early next day There were a million.

A Very Sad Death.

News was received in this city on yesterday of the death of Mrs. Mary M. Berry, mother of Judge Daniel B. Berry, of Bowman. She died Thursday night, and will be buried this morning at the family burying ground at Shiloh Church. Mrs. Berry was 80 years of age, and leaves two sons and a large number of daughters to regret her death. For years she was a regular attendant of the Cattle Creek camp meetings and her home was a centre of hospitality.

Gave Big Results.

We have had two or three business men to tell us voluntarily how much good the advertising in the Booster Edition did for them. Advertising always pays, but more so when in the right medium.

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. Miss Henry has returned to her home in Georgia.

Mr. Wendell Tiller, of Rowesville, was in the city Thursday.

Miss Josephine Hollaman is visiting her aunt, Mrs. Herbert L. Gambatt.

Mr. Wallace Whetsell, of the Bowman section was in the city this week week.

Dr. J. A. Clifton, Eye, Ear, Nose and throat specialist, has located in Spartanburg.

Miss Earl Brunson left Thursday for an extended visit in Charleston and the Island.

Mr. Wilson Van Orsdel was in the city last week. He is now editing the Timmonsville Enterprise.

Mr. Arthur Ayers, who has been at Creston during the summer, was in the city for a day recently.

The Orangeburg Military Band gave one of their delightful open-air concerts last evening. A large crowd were out.

Mr. William H. Smith has returned to the city to spend the remainder of his vacation with his father, Rev. C. B. Smith.

The Mullins Enterprise says: "Messrs. John Adden and John T. Harrington spent the week end in Orangeburg."

Mr. and Mrs. R. E. Wannamaker, accompanied by Misses Willie Lou, Lois and Harriet, are spending some time on the Island.

Orangeburg will certainly have a Fair this Fall. We call attention to a statement issued by the Directors denying the rumors that there would be no fair.

The Edisto lumber mill, located several miles from Branchville may be re-opened for business in a few days. The mill has been inactive for two years.

A good attraction for the county fair would be aeroplane flights. Few people in this town have ever seen a real aeroplane much less one in the act of flying.

Postmaster Webster has called attention to the fact that there is a post office in this state by the name of Hendersonville. All persons sending their mail to relatives to Hendersonville, N. C., will be careful and get the state correct.

Mrs. Estelle Bolen, wife of Rev. Paul A. Bolen, died at her home Thursday, Aug. 17th. She was only twenty-one years old and was married only about a year ago. Her body was laid to rest at George's Creek Church, at Govan, to which she was a faithful member. She leaves a little child and husband to mourn her death.

WHAT FREE MEALS DID.

Story of Their Success With School Children in England.

Philanthropists and others who have been identified with the project to provide food for those school children, who through force of circumstances, might otherwise often go hungry, will read with interest of the success that has greeted a similar movement to feed the children of the poor in England. Not only were free meals provided in cases of school children actually needing food, but records were kept to determine how much good the extra feeding was doing.

The report shows that the first gain an ill-fed child makes of being properly fed is often in height. There was also a satisfactory increase in weight, although this increase was not in proportion to the increase in height. The youngsters, after being properly fed for a week or so, became better scholars. They seemed to take more interest in their lessons and they gave the teachers far less trouble than formerly.

In dealing with the report the Lancet says that encouragement should be given to the plan of the feeding of ill-fed school children, since there has already been proof that such feeding results in a rapid gain in height and a gain in weight.

Tampered With Water Supply.

The St. Matthews correspondent of The State says: "This place came near being found with a water famine on hand Monday. Some time Sunday night, some person opened a valve at the power house and about one-half of the reserve supply of water had escaped before the leak was detected by Superintendent M. H. Banks. Fortunately no demand for an extra supply of water was made while the supply was curtailed, and as the deficit was promptly made up by immediate pumping. Nobody knew of how close they came to being wanting for water. Every effort will be made to find the culprit who thus played with the people's safety, and when found will be severely dealt with."

Depends On Circumstances.

Lawyers are useful men. They are eligible both by calling and aptitude for high public station. They have served well in diplomacy, in civil station, and military life, their profession is one of the foremost in all enlightened lands. Orangeburg is proud of her lawyers, who are as sharp and shrewd as any. But, as an exchange says, even lawyers some times meet their match in witnesses. "Which way did the stairs run," asked a lawyer of a witness. "That depends on circumstances Colonel, if you are at the bottom they run up; if you are at the top they run down."

Kohn's Theodor Kahn's Attractions Are Quality And Moderate Price Russell Street, Orangeburg, S. C.

15 & 20c Buys Silky Crepe for Dainty Frocks and Kimonos. This is a special article for girls that are going to school. Why, a kimono is indispensable. And you know it can be made to make you look as pretty as a peach. There are women who can take the simplest fabric, fashion it into gowns that excite their neighbor's envy. At 15c the yard it is in range of any woman. Yes, this dainty silk and cotton crepe Mildred. The accommodating range of color provides for many uses as it comes in pinks, delft blues, pale greens, rose and raspberry, crimson and creamy white. And these are not all the shades. Ask to See the Two-Piece Models. But for a special large purchase we would sell this at 35c a yard. While it lasts 15c and 20c yard. KOHN'S

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