

## JOHN BELL TOWILL KILLED BY TRAIN

Prominent Citizen of Batesburg  
Met Tragic Death Last  
Friday Evening.

Special to The Dispatch-News.

Batesburg, April 11.—Col. John Bell Towill, while attempting to board the train at the railway station last Friday evening, fell between the car wheels and had both feet crushed. He was rushed to the Leesville hospital but died from the effects of his injuries early Saturday morning. He had purchased a ticket to Aiken, where he had started to attend to some business matters. The death of Col. Towill was a shock to our town and community, where he was well and favorably known to all classes of people. He was born and reared in this community and educated in the Batesburg High school and Patrick's Military Institute at Anderson, from which he graduated. For a number of years he taught school but gave up teaching school to take up newspaper work in 1900. In 1901 he was elected to the legislature and re-elected the following year. Before finishing the second term he was elected a member of the Dispensary Board of Control, which position he held for two years. Since retiring from public life he has held various social positions of honor and at the time of his death was principal of the Monetta High school. He is survived by a twin sister, Mrs. Walter J. McCarthy of Batesburg. He was married to Miss Daisy Pearce of Kershaw, who with four children survive him. The remains were laid to rest in the town cemetery on Sunday afternoon with Masonic honors in the presence of one of the largest crowds perhaps that ever assembled in Batesburg which showed the esteem and respect in which the deceased was held. The funeral was largely attended by persons from the neighboring towns. Among those in attendance from Lexington were: Mr. and Mrs. C. M. Efrid, D. F. Efrid, former senator, George Bell Timmerman, H. L. Harmon, D. E. Amick, W. D. Dent, E. L. Wingard, A. D. Martin, J. D. Carroll, S. J. Miller, S. J. Leaphart and C. E. Leaphart, and others whose names could not be obtained. Mr. Towill was appointed on the staff of Governor Heyward in 1902 with the rank of colonel.

Dr. R. H. Timmermah returned Friday from Clemson college, where he attended a meeting of the board of trustees, of which he is a member. Henry Caughman of Columbia, special agent of the Southern Railway Company, was here on business Saturday.

The annual reception given by the students of Summerland College Monday night was largely attended. Refreshments were served and the reception was greatly enjoyed by all present.

Miss Louise Ridgell has returned from an extended visit to her brother, D. E. Ridgell, at Jacksonville, Fla. Lowry S. Cavin, a well known business man of Columbia, was in town Wednesday of last week attending to matters of business. While in town he was the guest of his sister, Mrs. D. B. Rawl.

Morgan P. Bodie of Lexington spent several days in town last week and while here visited his father, Hon. W. E. Bodie, at his home near Providence church.

J. H. Orander, formerly of Saluda county, but now a resident of Georgia, was in town Monday.

Miss Clara Harrigal of Aiken was the guest of relatives in Batesburg Sunday.

Mrs. Della Van Fosson of Rocky Mount, N. C., is visiting her sister, Mrs. Z. T. Cook.

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### TAYLOR—WAITS.

Miss Baybell Taylor and Mr. David Waites, a popular young couple of the Red Bank section, were married Sunday afternoon, April 10, by the Rev. C. J. Sox.

### BON HEUR CLUB.

The Bon Heur Club will meet Friday afternoon at 4 o'clock with Mrs. Chas. E. Taylor.

## HEBER R. DREHER TAKES OWN LIFE

Lexington was shocked Monday morning when the news came of the death of Heber R. Dreher, well known citizen of the Fork, who has many relatives and friends here.

The following special to The State gives a full account of the unfortunate affair:

Irmo, April 11.—Heber R. Dreher, prominent Lexington county farmer, took his own life at his home, a few miles from Irmo, early this morning, cutting his throat with a razor while his brothers living with him were asleep. Temporary mental derangement, brought on by despondency occasioned by the loss of his home and recent financial conditions, is thought to be the reason for his act.

"The first change in Mr. Dreher's condition was noticed last January when the Dreher homestead, in which he had been reared and had lived all his life, was destroyed by fire. Mr. Dreher was awakened at 10 o'clock at night to find the state-ly residence in flames, the fire having even then passed beyond control. The shock of the loss of his home transformed him from a man of buoyant spirits, leaving him depressed, melancholy. The period of financial depression followed, serving to add weight to his despondency. Mr. Dreher, although in very comfortable circumstances himself, was keenly sensitive to the sufferings of his neighbors, his tenants, their problems becoming almost an obsession with him.

**Brought on by Worry.**  
"Growing markedly worse his family planned to relieve him of his duties and worries, arrangements being made to put the plan in action today. Sunday night he retired as usual and Monday morning his body was found. Some time during the night he had gone into the dining room adjoining his bedroom and had there taken his life.

Mr. Dreher would have been 55 years old his next birthday, July 25, and had never married. A man of broad interests and unselfish almost to a fault, Mr. Dreher had made himself during his many years' residence at the home, where he had spent his entire life as a farmer, almost indispensable to every man in the section. Essentially a life of service was his. Ever ready and always willing in case of trouble to proffer his service and assistance, he numbered his friends by his acquaintances. All who knew him, these were his friends.

### Five Brothers Survive.

"Surviving him are six brothers: Julius D. Dreher, for 25 years president of Roanoke college and now United States consul at Colon, Panama; Ernest S. Dreher, formerly superintendent of the Columbia city schools; W. C. Dreher, representative of the New York Tribune in Berlin, Germany; Edward L. Dreher and Charles B. Dreher both of Irmo, and Bachman L. Dreher of Branchville. Ernest S. Dreher was his twin brother. Many other relatives throughout South Carolina also survive him.

"The funeral will be held at 4 o'clock Tuesday at St. Michael's Lutheran church, of which Mr. Dreher had been a consistent and self-sacrificing member since childhood. The funeral services will be conducted by the Rev. R. S. Sowers, pastor of St. Michael's church, assisted by the Rev. H. A. McCullough, pastor of St. Paul's Lutheran church, Columbia. Interment will be in the churchyard, where others of the family now lie buried.

"Pallbearers will be: "Honorary: D. F. Efrid, S. E. Lowman, John E. Dreher, D. F. Lorick, T. M. Watts, R. B. Barr, John A. Dreher, Dr. J. W. Wessinger, Gustaf Sylvan, Dr. J. L. Shuler, D. T. Weed, E. W. Parker.

"Active: J. K. Swygert, J. Frank Shealy, C. B. Lindler, John J. Lowman, E. A. Ballentine, James Bickley, Grady Shuler, C. West Caughman, S. F. Bouknight and Vermer Bickley."

### FAULK'S SCHOOL HOUSE.

There will be a moving picture show at Faulk's school house Thursday night, April 14, beginning at 8:30 o'clock. Remember we have a Fatty Arbuckle and other famous comedy star plays, also other good pictures.

## COUNTY CLAIMANTS ARE BEING PAID

The new board of county commissioners was sworn into office Monday of this week and immediately assumed the duties of office. The board consists of W. H. Witt, Swansea; J. A. Hiller, Chapin; James M. Barr, Leesville, and R. H. Barre, Lexington.

Col. J. E. Wingard was reelected clerk and attorney, and he and Supervisor Steele are busily engaged in writing warrants for claims passed by the board Monday. They hope to have all warrants ready within the next few days and will mail those which are not delivered in person.

Arrangements having been completed through the National Bank of Leesville and the First National Bank of Batesburg for a loan to the county of \$95,000 and the money having been turned over to County Treasurer Leaphart, funds will be available for the payment of the warrants. It will be good news to many claimants that funds are on hand to settle their claims, many of which have been standing since some time in 1920.

The approval of the claims, it is understood, occupied the entire time of the board Monday and no other business was transacted. At a later meeting the board expects to map out its work for the coming year and lay down the policies which will guide it throughout 1921.

### Road Work.

Work on the Augusta road is progressing very well. The road has been completed from Lexington to Columbia with the exception of the hill just beyond Twelve Mile Creek, where it was necessary to blast from the roadbed a bed of granite, which has proved rather troublesome. With this exception the road is in fine shape now, being a regular turnpike—a constant joy to the motorist.

Considerable progress has been made on the stretch from Lexington towards Batesburg. Considerable difficulty was experienced at first in securing a supply of clay, but Mr. Roscoe Caughman came to the aid of the authorities in a patriotic manner and since then the work has progressed at a rapid rate. If good weather prevails no difficulty ought to be experienced in finishing the road in contract time. Supervisor Steele is of the opinion that the work can be brought within the available funds.

The chaingang is still at work on that portion of the Charleston road within Lexington county, running from Swansea by Pelion to Columbia and, in all probability, will be there for some time to come. This road is being put in fine condition.

### CHIEF KELSO MADE A REP IN FLORIDA METROPOLIS.

Chief Kelso returned from Florida last week, full of honors—and fish. According to the Jacksonville Metropolis, the "Chief" rescued A. J. Roberts, assistant chief of police of Jacksonville, from what might have been a watery grave when he prevented him from falling overboard from a fishing vessel on which a party was having the time of their lives catching the big drum fish with which the waters adjacent to Jacksonville abound.

As a fisherman the "Chief" also achieved some reputation, his party coming back to Jacksonville with a catch of 300 pounds of drum fish, a picture of which was printed in The Metropolis.

Evidently this is no "bull" about those fish, because "Chief" actually brought back a picture of the catch—leastwise, he is proudly displaying a snapshot of a string of mammoth specimens of the finny tribe, in which snapshot his own smiling physiognomy is "present and accounted for." "Chief" is strong for Florida and says he was greatly benefited by the trip.

### LINGTON POST AMERICAN LEGION TO HAVE CLUB

The Lexington post of the American Legion has secured rooms over the law offices of Efrid & Carroll, which will be used for the social gatherings of the club. The rooms are being thoroughly renovated, and as soon as they are completed and the furniture installed a formal opening will be held. Notice of which will be published when the date is decided on.

## LEAGUE OF NATIONS IS REPUDIATED

Washington, April 11.—The 67th congress convened today with few departures from precedent. The first day saw a flood of bills introduced—something more than a thousand.

Organization of both branches is under the Republicans, their party having a large majority in both houses. Congressman Gillett was reelected speaker, while Claud Kitchen of North Carolina was chosen Democratic leader.

The emergency tariff measure, passed at the last session, but vetoed by President Wilson, will be taken up and passed at once. Other important legislation will include tariff and tax revision, soldier bonus and the establishment of peace.

### Repudiates League.

President Harding, in his address to congress, delivered in person on Tuesday, repudiates the League of Nations, in the following language: "In the existing league of nations, world governing, with its super-powers, this republic will have no part." It is only fair to say to our associates in war in particular, that the league covenant can have no sanction by us."

### PENALTY ON UNPAID TAXES INCREASES AFTER MAY 1.

All who have not paid their taxes should do so before May 1, when the penalty will be 7 per cent, between then and May 15, after which executions will be placed in the hands of the sheriff. The penalty which will be charged delinquents between now and May 1 is 3 per cent, but after May 1 an additional penalty of 4 per cent, will be added, making a total penalty of 7 per cent.

Up to last week there remained unpaid a total of about 28 per cent. of the taxes due and unpaid. Unless those who are behind come forward quickly the additional penalty will net the county a considerable sum. C. E. Leaphart, county treasurer, hopes that all who are behind in meeting their tax obligations will make an effort to meet their payments before the first day of the month and not wait until the last minute, as he will not be able to handle all of them.

Some districts are worse behind in their payments than others, which is the reason why some teachers have been unable to get their money for several months, but with the final date for paying taxes rapidly approaching this ought to be obviated.

### MR. COKER SHEALY'S CHILD KILLED BY MULE.

James Luther Shealy, eight months old child of Mr. Coker Shealy, who lives near Macedonia church, was killed by a runaway mule while in the yard of its parents' home. The mule became frightened and ran into Mr. Shealy's four children, who were playing in the yard. The little one was knocked from the arms of his oldest sister and so badly injured by the runaway animal that it died in a short while. The body was buried Tuesday at Piney Woods church, the accident occurring Monday. Mr. and Mrs. Shealy have the profound sympathy of a large circle of friends.

### ENTERTAINMENT NETS GOOD SUM FOR SCHOOLS

The school entertainment given by the pupils of Sand Mountain school on April 8 was largely attended by friends and patrons and the neat sum of \$63.25 was realized. The money collected will be used for school improvements.

### J. C. SWYGERT GRANTED BAIL BY JUSTICE WATTS

Bail in the sum of \$6,000 was granted by Justice Watts of the supreme court Tuesday to J. C. Swygert, charged with killing Dr. J. C. Nicholson at Leesville, Sunday, April 3. Solicitor Callison appeared in opposition to the motion for bail. Bond was arranged by Mr. Swygert's friends Wednesday morning and he returned to his home in Leesville.

**MRS. JOANNA AREHART SICK.**  
The relatives and friends of Mrs. Joanna Archardt, Columbia, who has been quite feeble for some time, will regret to learn that she is very ill at this writing.

## CHAUTAQUA TO BE HERE NEXT WEEK

The Radcliffe Chautauqua, which comes to Lexington for a three-day engagement Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday of next week, April 19, 20, and 21, will for the first time since it began coming here be given entirely free. The high school auditorium, where the entertainments will be held, has a seating capacity of about 500, and it is believed that it will be filled to capacity at each entertainment. Those who contemplate coming are therefore urged to come on time in order that they be accommodated. The merchants of Lexington have agreed to take over the Chautauqua and meet the entire expense, thus giving everybody an opportunity to attend without cost. No tickets will be required, but everybody who comes will be admitted to the auditorium without charge.

The programme this year is replete with good selections and should please everybody. On the musical side it is said to be especially good, while the lectures will no doubt be well worth hearing.

The afternoon entertainments will begin promptly at 4 o'clock, while the evening entertainment will begin at 8 o'clock.

### The Program.

**TUESDAY, APRIL 19**  
Afternoon  
The Kraft Concert Company. Concert  
Prof. Frederick D. Losey...Lecture  
"THE VALUE OF THE INDIVIDUAL"  
Evening  
Prof. Frederick D. Losey...Lecture  
"AMERICA'S POLITICAL IDEAL"  
The Kraft Concert Company. Concert

**WEDNESDAY, APRIL 20**  
Afternoon

The Chautauqua Director...Lecture  
"A COMMUNITY PROGRAM"  
Losey's Russian Quartette...Concert  
Miss Daphne Carraway—In a Program of Stories for Young and Old.  
The Opening of the Junior Citizenship Campaign.  
Miss Daphne Carraway—Organization of "Young America" Club.  
Evening  
The Chautauqua Director...Lecture  
"AMERICA'S SOCIAL IDEAL"  
Losey's Russian Quartette...Concert

**THURSDAY, APRIL 21**  
Afternoon

"Americans-All" Detachment...  
...Concert and Entertainment  
(From The Recruit Educational Centers of the U. S. Army)  
Mr. Ernest Dudos...Concert Pianist  
Mr. Guy M. Bingham...Lecture  
COMMUNITY CO-OPERATION  
Evening  
Mr. Guy M. Bingham...Lecture  
"AMERICA'S INDUSTRIAL IDEAL"  
"Americans-All" Detachment...  
...Concert and Entertainment  
(From The Recruit Educational Centers of the U. S. Army)  
Mr. Ernest Dudos...Concert Pianist

### ST. STEPHEN'S EVANGELICAL LUTHERAN CHURCH

Arthur B. Obenschain, pastor.  
Mr. B. Heber Barre, superintendent of Sunday school.  
Divine services at 11:00 A. M. and 8:00 p. m. Sunday school at 10:00 a. m.

The morning theme on Sunday, April the 17th, will be: "The Attitude of a Christian Towards His Church, Fellowship, and State." The evening theme will be: "The Courageous Stand of the Hero of Protestantism." The evening service will be in commemoration of the Four Hundredth Anniversary of The Diet of Worms. To all of these services the public is very cordially invited.

ARTHUR B. OBENSCHAIN,  
Pastor.

### St. Matthew's Evangelical Lutheran Church.

There will be Sunday school on Sunday, April the 17th, at 1:00 p. m. Divine services at 3:00 p. m. The Rev. Arthur B. Obenschain will preach. Theme: "Being in Agreement With God's Plan." The Lord's Supper will be administered at this service.

Doorn, Holland, April 11.—Former Empress Augusta Victoria of Germany died here at 6 o'clock this morning. The former emperor and Prince Adelbert were at her side.

## FINAL APPEAL TO REDUCE ACREAGE

Columbia, April 11—A final appeal to the farmers of South Carolina to reduce their cotton acreage this year was issued today by the South Carolina Division of the American Cotton Association.

"We have given you the facts regarding the world surplus of cotton and we now leave the cause for you," says a statement issued by the association. "If you go ahead and plant another full crop when there is already enough cotton on hand to supply the world for a year and a half you will be making your own bed and you will have to lie on it. We have done everything that we could possible do to warn you and you will be walking into the trap with your eyes wide open.

"At the conferences held in Washington last week regarding the cotton situation it was the consensus of opinion that the only hope for the future of the South lies in a heavy reduction of the acreage. The New York bankers, the administration at Washington and the cotton experts all agreed that another large crop of cotton would mean financial ruin for the South.

"A heavy reduction in the acreage might result in our getting a much better price than now prevails for the cotton still on hand. A large crop means that the price will go much lower than it now is.

"If you can grow cotton at 6 cents a pound and make money at it, go to it. If you can't you had better plant food and feedstuffs this year."

### COUNTY AGENT ATTENDS COOPERATIVE MARKETING MEETING AT SUMTER.

County Demonstration Agent James W. Shealy, has returned from Sumter, where he attended one of the regional meetings that are being held in various parts of the state in the interest of cooperative marketing. These meetings are being held under the auspices of the extension service of Clemson College, with the view of stimulating interest among farmers and others in cooperative marketing for farm products. The more our farmers attempt to get away from the one-crop system the more apparent becomes the need for practical cooperation in disposing of any surplus of other crops which they may have to dispose of. No topic is receiving more thought at present than cooperative marketing.

### SUCCESSFUL REVIVAL CLOSURE AT RED BANK CHURCH.

Rev. H. A. Whitten, pastor of the Lexington Circuit, M. E. Church, South, closed a very successful revival meeting Sunday night at Red Bank. The meeting lasted for twelve days and was the means of 14 accessions to the church. Mr. Whitten preached strong sermons which stirred the community to its depths and will no doubt leave a lasting impression on the community. He scored the evils of drunkenness, gambling and other vices and lures of the world, and did not mince words in his arraignment of present-day evils. Great interest was manifested in the meetings.

### CLOSING EXERCISE OF PINE VIEW SCHOOL

The primary and intermediate grades of Pine View school will give their closing exercise on Friday night, April 22nd. The advanced grades will present a play the following Wednesday night, April 27th. The exercise will begin promptly at 8 o'clock on both nights. A small admission fee will be charged for the benefit of the school. Come all and enjoy the occasions.

### LINGTON CIRCUIT.

Services Sunday, April 17th, 1921: Shiloh—Sunday school at 10 a. m. Preaching at 11 o'clock. Hebron—Sunday school at 3 p. m. R. N. Senn, superintendent. Preaching at 4 o'clock.

Lexington—Sunday school at 10 a. m. W. D. Dent, superintendent. Preaching at 8 p. m. You will find a cordial welcome at all these services.

H. A. Whitten, Pastor