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COUNTY NEWS AND HAPPENINGS

News Items of Interest to Herald Readers Ebb and Flow of the Human Tide.

Oak Grove.
The Oak Grove school resumed work again last Monday morning after closing down for a about ten days as a precautionary measure against the flu. There seems to be very little sickness in this community at present.

Rev. C. S. Folder preached an able sermon here last Sunday in the building now occupied by the school. He has made a fine impression upon the people of this section.

Mr. and Mrs. W. Hudson Fore spent several days last week visiting at Mrs. Fore's former home at Richburg.

Plans are moving along favorably for the rebuilding of Bethesda church. Many generous contributions have been made by people around here and in other communities toward this work.

Good weather now prevails and the plow man is making use of it.

Loyd, the six months old infant son of Mr. and Mrs. P. A. George, died at their home last Wednesday morning after an illness of about ten days of pneumonia. The little one was laid to rest at the old Union cemetery last Thursday morning, the funeral services being conducted by Rev. Jno. G. Graves of Latta.

Mr. and Mrs. George have a host of friends who sympathize with them in their bereavement.

Fork.
Rev. H. C. Carmichael of Burlington visited his mother, Mrs. Annie Carmichael last week.

Mr. and Mrs. F. M. Edwards and children of Marion spent Sunday here with relatives.

Miss Lucile Bethea has returned to Greensboro to resume her studies in the high school.

William Adams of Dillon spent several days with Mr. and Mrs. Maxey Adams last week.

Oscar Rogers of Florence spent Sunday at home with Mr. and Mrs. J. O. Rogers.

Latta.
Mr. Martin Covington of Red Springs is visiting his brother Cary Covington.

Miss Frances Allen who has been teaching in Maxton is visiting relatives in town.

Mr. and Mrs. E. B. Berry are at home again after some time in Tampa, Fla.

Miss Annie McMillan who is teaching at Little Rock is visiting Mrs. Isla Crumpler her school being suspended on account of flu.

Rev. J. C. Foster has returned from Florida where he has been in the interest of his orange groves.

Mrs. J. D. Gibson of Red Springs is the guest of Mrs. Clara Manning.

Miss Daisy Brown of Marion is visiting Mrs. W. T. Walker.

Mrs. M. H. Blum has returned from northern markets where she has been purchasing spring goods.

Mr. S. A. McMillan is back from northern markets and Miss Edora Cox has arrived to take charge of the M. H. Blum millinery department.

Mr. and Mrs. J. J. Tolar visited in Fayetteville last week.

Mr. E. A. Bethea and E. B. Berry Jr., spent Monday in Bennettsville.

Mr. M. H. Cox has returned from Florida.

Mr. and Mrs. E. J. Brown and Miss Velma Robertson motored to Mullins Sunday afternoon.

Lake View.
Mr. D. Verner spent the week end in Charleston.

Mr. and Mrs. D. L. McCormac have returned after having spent several weeks with Mrs. McCormac's mother who is a resident of Fountain Inn.

The quarantine has been lifted and school started Monday. The attendance was small.

Mr. H. Moscow spent last Tuesday in Latta.

The new milliner, Miss Nelson of New Church, Va., has arrived to take charge of the millinery department at the Ford Brothers store.

Messrs. Monroe Ford and Charles Bullock spent a few days in Baltimore, Md., the past week.

Mrs. R. F. Elvington and children and Miss Grace Mason spent Wednesday in Clio, S. C.

Dr. E. P. Smith has moved in his new home and Mr. W. R. Britt has moved in the house formerly occupied by Dr. Smith.

Dr. Rufus Ford preached at the Baptist church Sunday a. m. and Mr. A. Finch, Baptist pastor at Kemper, preached at the night service. Dr. Ford announced the regular preaching services, in the absence of a regular pastor, until one is procured.

The Baptist Young Peoples Union will meet every Sunday night at 7 o'clock, as usual.

Mr. Sam Danni of Fairmont was in town Monday.

Mr. and Mrs. D. C. McMillan and children are visiting relatives in Sumter, S. C.

News has been received here announcing the safe arrival of Rev. E. T. Mason and family at their new home, Sycamore, S. C.

Miss Ellen White returned Sunday after spending several weeks at her home in Dillon.

Mr. Gordon Flowers and Mr. Ringland Smith are able to be out once more after having rather bad cases of influenza.

Mrs. Kemper Horn who has also been on the influenza sick list is able

WRECK AT SEABOARD.

An early morning Seaboard Air Line freight train going toward Hamlet came to grief at the junction Sunday when the engine was derailed and turned over. An Atlantic Coast Line train was passing and the junction was closed. The Seaboard freight was approaching the junction at a snail's pace, and it is claimed that the engineer was watching the Coast Line train and failed to see or think about the open switch. The engine struck the switch and after running about 30 feet turned over on its side. It was a complete wreck and no one was hurt except the engineer who sprained his ankle. A train hand was asleep on the fireman's box, but before the engine could turn over he awoke, pitched through the opening between the engine and tender and hitting the ground on all feet ran about 50 yards before he stopped. The engineer and fireman stuck to their posts and crawled out of the wrecked locomotive after it had settled. Wrecking crews came over from Andrews and Hamlet and cleared the track.

COUNTY FAIR MEETING.

There will be a meeting of the stockholders of the Dillon County Fair Association at the office of the undersigned on Friday afternoon, March 12th at 3 o'clock p. m. Every person in the county who is interested in Dillon County having a fair next fall should be present at this meeting. The purpose of the meeting is to elect officers and to raise additional money by sale of stock for the purpose of erecting the buildings for the fair.

Last year a charter was secured from the Secretary of State for The Dillon County Fair Association, having an authorized capital of \$10,000.00. Only \$4200.00 of this stock has been subscribed. With this amount, we bought a little over fourteen acres of land for which we paid \$2700; a fence was erected around the property at a cost of nearly \$2000; a grandstand was erected at a cost of over \$1500; stables were built at around a cost of \$1000 and fixing the track and other improvements cost over \$500, making a total expenditure of \$7700.00 and we wound up the year without owing anything. In other words with \$4200 capital paid in we spent \$7700.00 or around \$3500 more, than was paid in, in addition to paying the stockholders a 20 per cent dividend on the capital stock paid in of \$4200.00. This was made from races we had last summer. During the latter part of December we purchased from Mr. J. P. McLaurin 5 1-2 acres more of land at \$400 per acre and this is all that we owe for at the present time. Our purpose is to sell all the remainder of the stock to people all over the county and pay Mr. McLaurin for the additional amount of land and use the remainder in erecting the buildings for the fair. The stock is \$10 per share, and we want to distribute this stock all over the county. A few men will take all of this stock, in fact two have asked for \$500 worth of stock each but we want to distribute the stock over as wide an area as possible. The 20 acres of land that the association owns is worth in itself the entire capital stock of the association, not taking into consideration the buildings and other improvements on the property.

This is not only a good business proposition but Dillon County must have a fair and every one should come in and endeavor to make it a success. I therefore earnestly ask that everyone interested in this county wide enterprise be at the meeting on next Friday afternoon at three o'clock.

A. P. Bethea, Secretary.

Civic Improvement Association Notice.

The Civic Improvement Association will meet this Friday afternoon at the Ladies' Rest at 4:30 o'clock. This is not the regular afternoon for the meeting but as we have been unable to hold a meeting for sometime on account of the quarantine and have some important business to transact, meeting will be held this week.

The Coker Glee Club of Hartsville will come to Dillon the 2nd, of April under the auspices of the Civic Improvement Association. A musical treat is in store for the people of Dillon as this is considered the finest Glee Club in the South. It consists of twenty-six talented young ladies under the direction of Professor Allan Bennett Lambdin, director of music at Coker College.

Moonlight School Closes.

The New Holly Moonlight School closed last Friday night. A number of the pupils and others interested were in attendance. Prizes for the best reading were awarded to the following: First class—Mr. Ellis Daniels; Second class—Manning Hyatt; Advanced class—Robert Hodges. Mr. Ellis Daniels and Miss Colie Register received the prize for the greatest improvement in writing in the first and second classes respectively. For the spelling contest of the advanced class Robert Hodges was given the prize. Rowland Hinson was awarded the prize for the most faithful in attendance.

to be out again.

Quite a few from here attended the spring openings at Dillon Friday and Saturday.

CO-OPERATION SAVES FARMERS OVER \$200,000

Palmetto Farmers Saved Over \$200,000 Last Year by Co-operative Buying and Home Mixing.

Clemson College, March 5—Some interesting figures in regard to the purchase and use of fertilizers in 1919 appear in the annual report of the Extension Service. A total of 14,000 farmers were advised by county agents in the proper use of fertilizers, and 367 farmers conducted fertilizer demonstrations under the direction of the agents, using a total of 1663 tons for this purpose.

One hundred and one communities were influenced to buy fertilizers co-operatively. The experience of these communities is a good illustration of what co-operation will do in dollars and cents. The quantity of fertilizers bought co-operatively was 20,935 tons, the value of which (actual price paid by co-operative purchasers) was \$789,101. The saving accomplished by these co-operative purchasers was \$126,244.

Home mixing of fertilizers is one of the most important phases of extension work in regard to fertilizers. The number of farmers advised and aided in the home mixing of fertilizers was 5,818, the estimated saving per ton being \$13.80, making a total saving of \$80,288.40 over the purchase price of mixed fertilizers.

Another interesting item of the fertilizer report is that 8,488 farmers were influenced to use fertilizers as a top dressing in order to get more effective results.

The figures given in this report are not in any sense complete. Doubtless many other farmers unaided by county agents bought co-operatively or home-mixed their fertilizers and saved money thereby.

BUYS COMMERCIAL HOTEL.

C. L. Wheeler has purchased from Jas. M. Carmichael the Commercial Hotel property at the corner of Railroad avenue and Harrison street. The property has been in litigation for the past 10 or 12 years and was sold last fall under order of court, and passed into Mr. Carmichael's hands. Mr. Carmichael was renting it as an apartment house and the hotel has been closed since the first of the year. Mr. Wheeler has not as yet announced his plans, but it is understood that he intends to greatly enlarge the hotel and make such other improvements as will provide Dillon with a hotel large enough to accommodate the transient trade. Mr. Wheeler is purchasing material and hopes to have the building ready for the opening of the tobacco season.

A Post Card Shower for Winthrop College.

It is not customary for one to ask for a "post card shower", but Winthrop College wishes her 6000 daughters to give her such a "shower" on Monday, March 15th. Will each one write a card, giving (1) her home address; (2) teaching or business address; (3) maiden name as well as married name, if married; and (4) date and years of attendance at the college. Give any other information of interest; for example—if one has a daughter at Winthrop now, or has had, tell it.

Address Miss Leila A. Russell, Alumnae Secretary, Winthrop College, Rock Hill, S. C.

The Winthrop Weekly News will state which class sends in the greatest number and percentage of responses.

ENTERTAINMENT AT PLEASANT HILL.

The following program was rendered by the students of Pleasant Hill School last Friday night: Prayer.

23rd Psalm recited by school.

"The Reapers" sung by the school.

Reading—Cassette, Fred Cook.

Recitation—"The Tempest," Nellie Watts.

Reading—"Bread," Mrs. Katie Lee.

Recitation—"Sleep Baby, Sleep," Mary Brigman.

Reading—"Which One Are You," Maggie McDonald.

Recitation—"All's Well That Ends Well," Bob Cook.

"Love Left Me," by the school.

Awarding of prizes.

Spelling, Miss Maggie McDonald.

Arithmetic, Miss Nellie Watts.

Writing, Miss Emma Watts.

CLASS I.

Reading, Miss Katie Lee.

Writing, Miss Ida Hyatt.

Spelling, Miss Mary Brigman.

"Let the Lower Light be Burning," by the school.

The short address was made by the teacher, basing her talk on "The Lights Along the Shore," for as you know education is the light that gives us the power to see the beauties of life as we look through the windows of the world.

The prizes were offered by the mill. The School Improvement Association very kindly furnished the refreshments served. Miss Lee McDonald and Mrs. Lee played the accompaniments. The school gratefully appreciated the courtesies and continued interest of the superintendent, Mr. W. D. Donald.

Owing to the influenza situation there will be no jury cases next week. The jurors have not been summoned. There will be equity court, beginning Monday and lasting several days. Judge Jno. S. Wilson will preside.

LEGISLATIVE WORK BROUGHT TO CLOSE.

Permanent Roads, Better Schools and Public Health Receive Much Aid.

The State.

The second session of the seventy-third general assembly of South Carolina was concluded at 7:45 o'clock yesterday morning and the majority of the members caught the early trains for their respective homes. The clocks in the two houses were stopped at 11:55 Saturday night.

The free conference report on the appropriation bill was received in the two houses around 7 o'clock. The report was adopted immediately without discussion. By 7:30 the bill had been ratified and signed by the governor. A few minutes thereafter final adjournment was taken. Total appropriations amount to \$6,091,241.39 for which a levy of 12 1-2 mills will be required.

The general appropriation bill as first passed by the house carried \$5,800,000, which did not include \$200,000 it had appropriated by statute for the Citadel. An appropriation of \$50,000 for a heating plant for the State House was also made in a resolution passed by the house. A number of other amounts thus favored by the house were put in by the senate. When all these had been added to the appropriation bill in the senate and the senate's own increases put in the total carried by the bill was \$6,731,000. The free conference took off about \$672,000 by distributing the appropriations over two years, providing for loans and by reductions, thus bringing the bill to approximately what it was when it left the house.

Generous for Roads.

While many of the legislators were somewhat disappointed in the volume of constructive legislation enacted, and although many desirable measures went into the discard, much was done toward laying a solid basis for future growth and development. This can not be better emphasized than the response to the universal desire throughout the state for good roads and the generous manner in which county delegations voted bond issues for their counties. A statewide levy of two mills was also put on for permanent road building, the amount each county raises to be spent in that particular county. Bond issues for roads and bridges in the different counties approximate \$13,000,000.

Appropriations for public schools are the most liberal ever made. The amount appropriated for 1919 was \$704,337.83. The amount carried this year is \$931,090.

Public health activities are to be encouraged rather than neglected. The amount last year for this department was \$102,241.83. This year the appropriation is \$220,394.14.

State Colleges Helped.

Permanent improvements at state institutions are to go forward in keeping with the spirit of progress. In running down the appropriation bill the free conference committee distributed the amounts for new buildings over two years, instead of providing the full amount this year. In some instances provision is made for borrowing the necessary funds. This latter provision applies to the University of South Carolina, the trustees being authorized to borrow \$75,000 for the erection of nine homes for professors. An appropriation of \$200,000 is carried by the bill for the new plant for the Citadel, the \$600,000 appropriated for this purpose being distributed through three annual installments. The old plant is to be sold to repay the amounts appropriated.

Other constructive work was the passage of a statewide dog law, which increases the tax from 50 cents to 75 cents and requires the dog to wear a collar, with the license tag attached. This should mean much toward encouraging the sheep raising industry, particularly in some of the coastal counties where farmers attempted this venture have been greatly handicapped because of the great number of sheep killing dogs running at large. This measure was pressed through by Dr. Barnwell, representative from Charleston, whose zeal was unflagging to get such a statute on the books.

The resolution by Senator Christensen for a joint committee from the two houses to study the state tax problems and needed legislation and to report back next session with recommended measures was passed after considerable debate in the house Saturday. Expenses are limited to \$10,000. The president of the senate appointed on this committee: Senator Christensen of Beaufort, Senator Laney of Chesterfield and Senator Marion of Chester. House members are: Berry of Orangeburg, J. B. Atkinson of Spartanburg, Lide of Marion and Buckingham of Aiken. The following are the provisions of the Christensen resolution:

"Whereas, it has been found necessary, in order to meet the legitimate needs of the state under present economic conditions, largely to increase the tax levy for general purposes, and in addition thereto to levy a special tax for road purposes; and

"Whereas, these increases tend to accentuate and aggravate existing inequalities in the assessment of property for taxation as between individuals, thereby adding heavily to the burdens of the honest taxpayers; and

Some Escaping Taxation.

"Whereas, it is a matter of common knowledge that a considerable proportion of the taxable property of the state is now escaping taxation and

FATAL WRECK NEAR WILSON.

Fast train No. 86, which passed through Dillon about noon Friday was wrecked one mile this side of Luconna, between Fayetteville and Wilson.

The engine, together with the mail, express and baggage cars, was a complete wreck, it is understood. Engineer Bob Wilson was taken from beneath the wreckage in what was said to be a dying condition.

The fireman was killed outright. Express Messenger Rutledge and Baggage Master Peele had not been found. In so far as could be ascertained no passengers were killed, but many had received a severe shaking up.

Bob Wilson was a splendid and popular gentleman. He lived in Dillon for almost a year several years ago and had charge of a shifting engine which was doing extra work on this section of the road. He made many friends here and never lost an opportunity of stepping off his engine as opportunity permitted when passing through Dillon and chatting with his old friends. For several years he has been on the fast trains through here and was regarded as one of the very best of the employees of the Atlantic Coast Line. Mrs. Wilson was with him when they lived in Dillon. They have since made their home in Rocky Mount.

Pee Dee Advocate.

On Sunday night, Mrs. Julius Ammons died at her home on Fletcher street from influenza pneumonia. She leaves a husband and one adopted child to mourn her loss. Mrs. Ammons was about 38 years old. Born in Dillon county where, as Julia Stricklin, she lived for years; lived in Laurinburg for many years and was a member of the Laurinburg Baptist church. She died trusting in her Saviour. Rev. Geo. L. Mullis conducted the funeral service in a most appropriate and touching manner.

FLUE QUARANTINE LIFTED.

The influenza quarantine which has been in force for the past several weeks was raised yesterday. Schools reopened yesterday and the usual Sunday services will be resumed at the churches. The moving picture theatre opened last night and the stores which have been closing at 7:30 o'clock are observing the usual opening and closing hours.

There are very few cases of flu in town and the quarantine regulations were lifted at a joint meeting of the health authorities and the physicians Monday afternoon.

that methods and sources of raising revenue now generally resorted to by other states are not in use in this state; and,

"Whereas, it is believed that wisely considered changes in our laws that would tend to rectify these conditions are of vital importance to the people of this state; therefore,

"Be it further resolved, That a joint committee, composed of three members of the senate, to be designated by the president of the senate, and four members of the house of representatives to be designated by the speaker of the house, be appointed for the purpose of making a thorough investigation and study of the subject of taxation in South Carolina and of suggesting and recommending for the consideration of the general assembly at its next session such changes in laws and such legislative measures as in the judgment of said committee will best serve to correct existing evils and to equalize and lighten the burdens of taxation in this state.

"Be it further resolved, That said committee be authorized and directed to call in consultation the members of the tax commission of South Carolina and that said tax commission be and is hereby authorized and directed to place at the disposal of said committee the records and data of said commissioner's office and to cooperate with and assist committee in the performance of its duties.

"Resolved, further, That the report of said joint committee be published and mailed to each member of the general assembly 30 days in advance of the next meeting of the general assembly. The expenses incurred by this committee shall be paid out of the state contingent fund and shall include actual expenses of the members of the committee while engaged in the performance of the duties of their investigations and such stenographic work and other expenses as may be by this committee deemed necessary thereto."

Just prior to adjournment yesterday Governor Cooper sent the following message to the two houses, in which he thanked the members for their cooperation in the legislative program, his gratification over the character of legislation enacted and extended his best wishes for happiness and success at home:

"I have the honor to inform you that I have signed the general appropriation act and I have no further messages for your honorable bodies.

"In this final communication to the general assembly of 1920, permit me to express my gratification at the character of legislation enacted by you. The numerous educational acts, increases in the pay of county superintendents of education in various counties, the roads legislation and measures of other nature indicate state progress of the most wholesome kind. You have engaged in constructive labor and the result is such that the session now closing will be long and favorably remembered.

"For each of you I wish much success and happiness."

"TERRIBLE LOSS OF LIFE."

Doctors and Nurses Have Narrow Escape as Turks Attack American Hospital.

Adana, Asia Minor, Sunday, Feb. 29—(By Associated Press)—Since the siege of Peking, foreigners have undergone no more nerve racking experience than seventeen relief workers of the American committee for relief in the Near East, shut up for twenty-two days without outside communication in a mission compound at Marash. They were under a constant rain of lead, while French troops, aided by Armenians, battled with Turkish Nationalists for possession of the city. More than half of the town was burned during the engagement and there was terrible loss of life.

The story is told in the diary of the Rev. C. T. S. Crathren, a Boston Y. M. C. A. secretary, who went through and arrived at Adana on February 15. Mr. Crathren reports Algerian troops were engaged in a skirmish with Turkish bandits when the American automobile appeared and drew fire from the Turks. Mr. Crathren's diary says on January 21 he found Marash with its bazars and shops closed and the Turks engaged in talking in small groups throughout the city.

Shots Were Heard.

At noon shots were heard by the relief workers indicating that the long threatened clash in the city had started. French officials arrested several important Turkish officials, which, it was thought precipitated a clash at Aros. Shooting soon began in all parts of the city. A French sentinel guarding an American hospital was killed and another French soldier was wounded.

Sniping continued throughout the night and the Americans were awakened on the 22nd day by the sound of guns and flashes from exploding shells. An attack was made on the American hospital, the doctors and nurses having a narrow escape.

Fighting continued on the 23rd and through his field glasses Mr. Crathren said he could see Armenians fleeing through the streets before the Turks, who shot them down, while Turkish snipers on the hills about the city shot at Armenians attempting to leave Marash. The diary says:

"It was pitiful to see them throw up their hands and scream while attempting to escape. We watched them fleeing over the hills until they reached our compound, some dropping wounded, and others staggering into the mission grounds with wild eyes and purple faces, telling of the awful massacre just beginning."

THIRTY THREE PERSONS KILLED

El Paso, Texas, March 7—Francisco Villa commanded the bandits who held up and robbed the northbound Mexico City passenger train near Corralties last Thursday, when thirty three persons were killed and several held for ransom, including one American, according to passengers who reached Chihuahua City today.

According to passengers the train was stopped by an explosive placed on the track, which derailed the locomotive. A pitched battle ensued between fifty Yaqui soldiers of the train guard and Villa followers to the number of 300, commanded by Francisco Villa in person. Nineteen soldiers, four civilians and ten bandits were killed when the fighting ended with the retirement of a sub-lieutenant and six Yaquis, all of the train guard who remained un wounded.

Villa then herded the passengers to a nearby hill, threatening them with death. Apolinar Ruvalcaba, train conductor and Jesse Garcia, pullman conductor, were killed, the latter by a shot from Villa's pistol.

An American, Joseph Williams, an employe of the American Smelting and Refining Company, and Mr. Nasar, an Arabian passenger, were held for ransom, while another American, R. W. Black, was not detained.

After vainly attempting to open the express car safe, the bandits set fire to the train. Before leaving Villa parangued the passengers, telling them he was not a bandit but that he was fighting for civil liberty and to avenge the death of Gen. Felipe Angeles. In the course of his talk he said trains would not be permitted to run.

The passengers walked twenty-four kilometers north where they were picked up by a train from Jimenez.

It is reported a number of passengers hidden in the cars were burned to death, when the train was destroyed, but this is not confirmed.

At the El Paso office of the American Smelting and Refining Company, it was said that no report of the capture of Williams had been received.

Military officials in Juarez said they had no official report of the train. They explained the interruption of train service for the last few days as being due to shortage of equipment caused by northbound trains being caught behind bridges burned by rebels near Chihuahua.

Corralties is about 100 miles south of El Paso.

G. W. COVINGTON.

Clio, March 7—G. W. Covington, who has been in declining health for the past three months, died at his home in Heburn yesterday afternoon.

The deceased was about 30 years of age and was a prosperous young man. His family consists of wife, one child, his father, one brother and two sisters.