

## COUNTY NEWS AND HAPPENINGS

### NEWSY LETTERS BY REGULAR CORRESPONDENTS.

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

#### Latta.

Mrs. Deans Crumpler has returned from a visit to her parents in Columbia.

Mrs. J. H. Page of Sellers was in town this week.

Mr. and Mrs. Walter Pope spent a few days in Charleston last week.

Mrs. Mary Berry of Ellerbe celebrated her 75th birthday Sunday. Among the guests from Latta were...

Mr. Albert Manning left Thursday for Kentucky on a business trip.

Mr. and Mrs. J. J. Allen spent Sunday with Mr. and Mrs. David Manship.

Misses Turner and Patterson of Daleho were shopping in town Saturday.

Miss Bettie Allen of Wilmington is visiting her brother Dr. T. J. Allen.

Miss Smithy was called to her home in Philadelphia last week on account of the death of one of her friends.

Mr. Percy George was in town Saturday.

Rev. Mr. Smith of Statesville, N. C., preached at the Presbyterian church here Sunday.

Mr. A. B. White of Winston-Salem was a visitor here Sunday.

The Presbytery begins here Tuesday.

Mrs. Frank Mellette spent Tuesday with Mr. and Mrs. R. H. Manning of near Sellers.

Misses Garber, Lila McIntyre and Mary Fore of Dillon were in town Sunday.

Born to Mr. and Mrs. Gordon Veeren twins—boys.

Little Miss Charlotte Bethea is sick with measles.

#### Sellers.

Mr. Cash Ellerbe passed away on April 7th at a hospital in Baltimore, Md. He was buried at the family cemetery here on last Thursday. He was a member of the large and influential Ellerbe family of this community, he having had a brother who was elected governor of South Carolina and another brother who was congressman from this district. When it was proposed to build a Methodist church at this place, Mr. Ellerbe thought not a member of the church at the time, contributed most liberally himself and encouraged others to do the same. He had many friends in his boyhood home here who were deeply grieved to learn of his death.

Misses Elizabeth and Ruth Sellers of Columbia College spent Easter with the home folks.

Misses Elizabeth Page and Alma Watson of Winthrop spent the week end at home, the senior class having had the choice of a trip to Charleston or a trip home.

Mr. J. Y. McGill and little sons of Kingstree are visiting relatives here.

Mr. and Mrs. J. C. Sellers dined with Mrs. Mary E. Berry at Ellerbe Sunday. The occasion was Mrs. Berry's 75th birthday and she had a reunion of children, grand children, and intimate friends to the number of 65. Everybody, of course, had a delightful time. May Mrs. Berry live for many more years to bless the community in which she resides.

Mr. and Mrs. John D. Coleman were visitors at the Methodist church Sunday afternoon.

Mrs. Crosby and daughters were at the church services here on Sunday.

Miss Louise Baker and brother Graham visited friends in Sellers Sunday.

Mr. H. W. Ritch attended church services in Marion Sunday morning.

#### Lake View.

Dr. and Mrs. William Auld and little daughter, Venetia, who had come as we hoped to make their home in our town, left Sunday. Dr. Auld was druggist in the Lake View Drug Company's store.

Mr. T. Grimes of Columbia is visiting in the home of Mr. W. N. Goodyear.

Miss Lillian Leathe of Mullins spent the week end with the Misses Powell.

Mrs. L. C. Floyd and two children are visiting relatives in Ashboro. N. C.

Mr. Trases Ford is able to be out again.

The Baptist Young People's Union held a social on Friday night. Despite the rain quite a good crowd was present. Mr. McCormac sang several selections and there were readings by Misses J. Fant and Mason. Games were played in which old and young took part. Refreshments were served.

#### Honor Roll.

First Grade B—Edwards Harrelson, Nora Bullock, Alma Rogers, Cecil Johnson.

First Grade A—Ada Bailey, Joe Barnhill, Florence Elvington, Boyd Ford, Virginia Flowers, Leon Gaddy, Rutha Miller, Grover Miller, Viola Rogers.

2nd. Grade. Thelma Townsend, Naomi Spivey, Sibye Rogers, Reba

### A. J. MATHESON'S WILL UPHOLD BY THE COURT

Case Submitted to Probate Judge Without Argument—Appeal to Circuit Court Probable.

Pee Dee Advocate.

In a decision rendered yesterday afternoon, Judge Julian G. McLaurin upholds the will of the late Alexander J. Matheson, which has been contested by his son Julian J. Matheson.

Testimony was taken in the probate court several months ago on the question of the mental capacity of A. J. Matheson at the time he made his will. By request of the attorneys for J. J. Matheson, the decision was withheld till the testimony could be written out by the stenographer and argument made after securing written testimony. The testimony was filed by the stenographer a few weeks ago, and a day was appointed for the argument. Judge McLaurin was sick on the day appointed. Thereafter the attorneys agreed to submit the case to Judge McLaurin without argument.

Judge McLaurin holds that Mr. Matheson was of sound and disposing mind and capable of knowing what he was doing when he made his will.

J. J. Matheson will probably appeal to the circuit court for a trial by a jury.

One of the provisions of A. J. Matheson's will is that if any heir should contest the will, then the share bequeathed to that one should go to Thornwell orphanage.

#### Changes on County Board.

At a meeting of the County Board of Commissioners held Tuesday Mr. Jno. Hargrove tendered his resignation as a member of the Board and was succeeded by Mr. L. Cottingham. Mr. Hargrove has been serving as chairman of the Board, and Mr. P. A. George who succeeded Mr. W. C. Parham was elected chairman. Mr. Sam McLaurin was elected clerk, the position he held before going to the war. The newly organized board is composed of the following members: P. A. George, chairman; C. P. Hayes, L. Cottingham and J. C. Adams.

#### Reception for Bride-Elect.

Mr. and Mrs. John Hugh Stackhouse gave a beautiful reception at their residence on Wednesday night the 7th inst. for the members of the bridal party of Miss Bessie Stackhouse. About seventy five guests were present. Refreshments consisting of chicken salad, olives, pickles, salines, heart shaped biscuits, turkey and fruit cake were served by the following ladies: Mrs. Winnie Way, Mrs. W. S. Floyd, Miss Ruth Allen, Mrs. Annie Bransford and Mrs. J. H. Berry. The wedding cake which contained the ring, thimble, money and bachelor button was cut by each member of the bridal party. Miss Virginia Thompson cut the ring, Miss Florence Fass the thimble, Miss Louise Blizzard the money and Mr. Joe Stackhouse the bachelor button. Each member of the party was furnished a piece of dream cake daintily wrapped in tissue paper, and tied with the little green and white ribbon.

#### Miller.

3rd. Grade. Edna Earle, Arnette, James Bailey, Geneva Bryant.

4th. Grade. Helen Miller, J. D. Rogers, Sadie Spivey, Grace Page, Allie Mae Scott, Margaret Goodyear.

5th. Grade. Bessie Bowyer, Beulah Miller, Mack Hankins.

6th. Grade. Benny Rogers, Liela Mae Miller, Grace Goodyear, Sadie Temple, Charlie Ford.

7th Grade. Rankin Scott, Wade Townsend, Goram Ford, Layton Townsend.

8th. Grade. Maggie Ford.

9th. Grade. Eva Boyd Rogers.

#### Minturn.

The farmers have been delayed in planting on account of the numerous rains.

The Minturn base ball team played a very exciting game of ball with Latta April the sixth. Minturn winning by the handsome score of 17 to 7.

Mr. Leon Johnson of Parkton, N. C., spent Sunday with his brother, Mr. D. A. Johnson.

Mrs. C. McLaurin presented to the Reedy Creek Presbyterian church a handsome pipe organ which was very much appreciated by the congregation.

We are glad to know that Mrs. J. E. Norton is well after a brief illness.

The numerous race horses in the Minturn community are showing the effects of spring and big fair to bring back a large percentage of the prizes.

There will be an ice cream supper at the Minturn school building Friday night, April 16th, beginning at 8 o'clock. Music will be rendered by the Dunbar Synecopated Society Jazz Orchestra, assisted by B. E. Shields, the manager of the noted Davidson Glee Club. The public is cordially invited.

The Dunbar Jazz Orchestra will be at Minturn school house Friday night April 16th. The programme will begin at 8 o'clock. Refreshments will be served. The public is cordially invited. Admission, fifteen and twenty-five cents.

### EXPENSES EXCEED TOTAL REVENUE.

Government Runs Behind \$200,000,000 in Few Months.

Washington, April 4—Government expenditures have exceeded the revenues "from all sources" by more than \$200,000,000 during the first nine months of this fiscal year, and the reductions of \$700,000,000 in the floating debt last month is only a "temporary" condition, Representative Mondell Wyoming, Republican leader, declared today in a statement.

Economy alone, he said, could avert a "calamitous crisis." Immediately upon the "temporary reduction" in the floating debt, Mr. Mondell declared, the treasury was in the market for further loans and this month must dispose of a further large volume of temporary certificates.

Government financing by short term notes, he added, is such as "may bring a tremendous increase the very next day, week or month," after an apparent reduction for a comparative period.

Citing the \$2,500,000,000 war deficit as not covered by bonds or provided for by current revenues, the Republican leader said that such a sum to be carried by short term notes was "a serious menace at any time," and particularly when the country was trying to recover from the war.

"The increasing gravity of the difficulties arising out of this enormous volume of indebtedness that must be renewed from time to time," said Mr. Mondell, "is indicated by the fact were offered sold readily in the spring and summer of 1917 bearing an interest rate of 3 per cent, less than \$200,000,000 of a recent treasury offering of certificates at 4 1-2 per cent, were sold and the treasury will be in the market in the very near future for loans on short time certificates at 4 3-4 per cent, with the probabilities that the rate will have to be still further advanced and may go to six per cent, or twice the interest rate of three years ago."

Treasury officials the statement continued, "have handled a trying situation most admirably," but they "can not avert disaster unless we keep public expenditures within our income."

An actual reduction of public debt, Mr. Mondell added, is necessary during the next fiscal year, beginning July 1, "to sustain national credit."

Congress, Mr. Mondell predicted would grant appropriations for the next year of \$1,250,000,000 less than estimated by government departments which asked for approximately \$5,000,000,000 for all purposes.

"Further bond issues," concluded the statement, "could only be floated at greatly increased interest rates, at the cost of a considerable reduction in the market value of outstanding government securities with the grave danger of wrecking the specific basis of our currency, with the certainty of increasing the price of commodities and further enhancing the cost of living. Under these conditions a further bond issue is unthinkable."

#### COL. HAMER TO RETIRE.

Will Not Be a Candidate for Re-election as Clerk of Court.

Pee Dee Advocate.

Col. Hamer handed the following communication to the editor of The Advocate on Jan. 23, 1920, to be held till released for publication and it has been released for this week: Bennettsville, S. C., January 23, 1920.

Mr. R. L. Freeman, Editor Pee Dee Advocate, Bennettsville, S. C.

Dear Sir:—Today I am fifty two years old and naturally thinking of my past experiences, my present condition and future prospects. For one or two reasons I have come to the positive conclusion that I will not again offer for the position of clerk of court of the county. It is needless for me to say, or attempt, to express my very deep sense of appreciation for the many tokens of confidence shown through the years by "my fellow citizens." I can never forget them, and shall try to be a better and more helpful citizen in the future. God alone knows the genuine help your confidence and support gave me at a time most needed in my life. As your clerk of court my regard I leave with you. If it has been good you know; if not you know. I promised not to ask for a long time and I have lived up to that promise. When I have rested (for I have had no rest since I reached my majority) I may again ask you kind suffrage.

In closing I wish to say I am as much as ever interested in the education and uplift of my people. When I can serve you in any capacity, command me.

Thanking you from a grateful heart, I am, cordially as ever, your friend of my people.

Tom C. Hamer.

#### A Freak Pig on Exhibition

Florence Times.

T. B. Young, a prosperous farmer, living near Florence brought in the city Saturday a freak in the shape of a pig with one head and two distinct bodies. The pig was born Friday night and found Saturday morning. It was dead when found and whether it was born dead or alive is not known. The body of the pig has been put in a preserving solution. It is on exhibition at the Chamber of Commerce and is attracting considerable attention.

### LOUISIANA LOOMS ON SUFFRAGE SKY.

Bitter Fight Predicted When Assembly Meets.

New Orleans, April 4—A bitter fight in the Louisiana legislature over ed by authorities on state politics, particularly in the event that Louisiana is offered the chance to accept or reject the proposition to become the 36th state. The legislature meets May 10, the first scheduled assembly after that of Delaware.

In the first place woman suffragists themselves are divided on ratification. Mrs. Lydia Wickliffe Holmes, state chairman of the National Woman's party, is leading the fight for ratification.

Miss Kate Gordon and Mrs. Jean Gordon, ardent suffragists for many years and widely known as efficient organizers, have conducted an intensive campaign against suffrage by federal amendment. They seek suffrage only by state enactment, holding to the supremacy of state rights.

Governor Pleasant has consistently opposed any woman suffrage provisions granted in any way which would violate the doctrine of state rights and he is known to have many followers. Governor Pleasant however, will go out of office May 4 and will be succeeded by John M. Parker, avowed exponent of woman suffrage, which he urged in practically every speech he made during the recent gubernatorial campaign. He incidentally assisted in drafting the Progressive party's platform of 1916 in which woman suffrage was made an important plank. An advocate of state rights, he nevertheless has promised his support to the cause of national suffrage.

Although the attitude of the leaders of the New Orleans "organization" is not positively known at present, Mayor Behrman in the past has opposed suffrage. He is the recognized leader of the city "organization." Suffragists claim, however, that it has been strongly intimated to them that the "organization" will not actively oppose favorable action at this time.

The 1920 legislature will have about 75 new members, constituting the unknown quantity. The old members are estimated to be about equally divided on the question.

House members total 118 and senate 41.

#### MRS. SADIE STACKHOUSE HAWKINS DIES.

In Hospital Only Few Days and Pneumonia Follows Operation for Appendicitis.

Mrs. Luther McKay Hawkins, formerly Miss Sadie Stackhouse, died at a Columbia hospital Monday night, following an operation for appendicitis. The news of Mrs. Hawkins' death was a shock to her many friends throughout this section. Mrs. Hawkins was the only daughter of Mr. and Mrs. T. B. Stackhouse who formerly resided near Little Rock, but who have been living in Columbia for the past 15 years. As a young girl she was universally popular among a large circle of friends not only in Dillon but throughout the entire county.

The following account of her death is taken from Tuesday's State: "Mrs. Luther McKay Hawkins, formerly Miss Sadie Stackhouse, died at the Baptist hospital late last night after a very brief illness. She underwent an operation for appendicitis last Wednesday. Sunday night she developed pneumonia, which caused her death. Funeral arrangements have not been completed but will be held from the residence, 1511 Laurel street, some time tomorrow.

"Mrs. Hawkins was the only child of Mr. and Mrs. T. B. Stackhouse and was 32 years old. She was a graduate of Converse college and was married to Mr. Hawkins of Americus, Ga., eight years ago. After living in Americus a few years the couple moved to Columbia and were living with the parents. Besides her husband, she is survived by her parents, many relatives in the Pee Dee section of the state, and hosts of friends in Columbia who will be shocked and grieved to hear of her untimely death. She was a young woman of beautiful character and will be sadly missed in the community. She was a member of Washington Street Methodist church."

#### PEMBROKE BANK CASHIER HURT IN AUTO ACCIDENT.

Lumberton, April 10—R. H. Livermore, cashier of the Bank of Pembroke, and prominent business man was seriously hurt Thursday afternoon when an automobile which he was driving was struck by a freight train at Pates and demolished.

Mr. Livermore was brought to Lumberton on the freight train and carried to the Thompson hospital. He was severely cut about the face, head and arms. There is some hope of his recovery, it is said. He drove his car upon the track in front of the moving train, his view of the train being obstructed by box cars on a sidetrack adjacent to the road crossing.

#### Lightning Strikes Court House.

During the electric storm Monday night lightning struck the flag pole at the court house and shattered it into fragments. The lightning spread out on the copper roof and did no further damage to the building.

### PASSENGER TRAINS TURN AT RICHMOND.

Atlantic Coast Line Affected by Strikes on Other Lines Beyond Richmond.

News and Courier.

Because of conditions due to strikes beyond its own lines, the Atlantic Coast Line Railroad has found it necessary to turn its through trains at Richmond, instead of having them operated by way of the Pennsylvania Railroad into New York.

Tickets will be sold to points beyond Richmond only with the distinct understanding that the traveler accepts the danger of delay. As soon as it is practicable the Atlantic Coast Line will, of course, resume the full operation of its through trains.

Passengers leaving here Sunday afternoon on the first and second sections of train No. 82, the Palmetto Limited, fared badly beyond Richmond in spite of the Atlantic Coast Line's efforts to get them through. The two sections of this popular train rolled into Richmond without unusual incident, but were not operated beyond that city.

This serious break in through passenger service, due to the various strikes in the East, has come just when the returning tourist travel is about at its crest, and great inconvenience is being caused to many hundreds of people who are trying to return to their homes after a winter in the South.

Mr. Thomas E. Myers, district passenger agent for the Atlantic Coast Line, said yesterday that the Atlantic Coast Line regretted the inconvenience that is being caused, but that the railroad is without control over the circumstances that have arisen. Just as soon as it can the Atlantic Coast Line will restore its full service.

Not only is the passenger service seriously interferred with, but freight is suffering. It is reported that even perishable freight cannot be got through the strike-ridden lines. This means that freight bound this way, as well as freight billed for the East, will be halted.

#### YOUNG FLORENCE MEN ARRESTED IN BALTIMORE.

Florence Times.

Friends of Schaffer Leviner and Diederick Jeffords, who are reported by the Washington Star to have been arrested in Washington on a serious charge, were today without information additional to the dispatch printed in the State of Sunday but are confident that some mistake has been made and that the matter will be cleared up satisfactorily to them.

Following is the dispatch as it appeared in the State of yesterday from P. H. McGowan, the Washington correspondent of the newspaper: "The Washington Post today carried the following story: "Charged with having taken two Washington girls, 15 years old and 14 years old, to Baltimore, Dederick E. Jeffords and Snafer Leviner, both of Florence, were arrested yesterday. Police say that the two men met the girls in this city Thursday and took them to Baltimore. After spending the night in a hotel in that city, the men left the girls at the railroad station, saying they would return for them later. The men were later arrested and the District police notified. They in turn notified the parents of the girls who brought them back from Baltimore last night."

Shaffer Leviner and Diederick Jeffords said to have been arrested in Washington, are both about 21 years of age and are express messengers. They are boys of good reputation in the city.

#### BIG ADVANCE IN COTTON.

Anxiety Over Possibility of Short Crop Responsible.

New York, April 5—Growing anxiety over the possibility of a sixth short cotton crop was the cause of an excited advance in the future market here today. Local traders had been inclined to expect clearing weather conditions over the Easter holidays, but this morning's report indicated continuation of rain in the eastern and central sections and very low temperatures in the Southwest.

In consequence there was active covering as well as increasing trading and speculative demand which carried prices into new high ground for the season. The advance was led by the new crop positions, with October selling up to 35 cents late in the afternoon, or more than \$6 per bale above the closing price of last Thursday.

#### KISSED INTO LIGHT.

Baptist Courier.

The most charming single stanza of poetry I have ever seen, perfect in rhythm and exalted in conception, I append below. To tell you who wrote it might disqualify it: "An angel, robed in spotless white Bent down, and kissed the sleeping Night; Night woke to blush, the sprite was gone; Men saw the blush, and called it Dawn."

I have a good book about the great war, which I am willing to give to the reader of the Baptist Courier who first tells me on a card of the name of the author of this stanza.

C. C. Brown.

## IS RAILROAD STRIKE WORLD REVOLUTION?

### WASHINGTON SEES EVIDENCES OF I. W. W. ACTIVITIES.

Department of Justice Says May be Attempt to Bring About World-Wide Trouble.

There has been little improvement in the railroad situation in the last 24 hours. Traffic on the Pennsylvania railroad is tied up and the Atlantic Coast Line and other Southern roads which use the Pennsylvania into New York are refusing to sell tickets beyond their lines. Atlantic Coast Line and Seaboard Air Line passengers cannot go further than Richmond and Southern Railway passengers can go as far as Washington, the end of the Southern's lines.

The first effects of the strike in Dillon is felt in the sugar shortage. There is no sugar in town and it is impossible to get shipments. There is only a limited supply of coal and when this is exhausted the several manufacturing plants, including the electric light plant, will have to shut down.

A dispatch from Washington indicates I. W. W. activities behind the strike movement and the situation is looked upon as serious. The dispatch says: Washington, April 13—Evidence of the activity of Industrial Workers of the World toward inciting and maintaining the unauthorized railroad strike continues to accumulate at the Department of Justice and officials admitted tonight that they saw signs of an attempt to expand the rail strike into "one phase of a world revolution."

Reports from field agents of the department were not as yet complete enough to permit determination of the government's course in dealing with the situation. Attorney General Palmer said no announcement as to the government's plans was to be expressed before tomorrow at the earliest.

#### RACING NEWS.

There are about twenty race horses quartered at the Dillon County Fair Grounds and they are getting them ready for the first race of the year on May the 27th. There is more rivalry as to who has the fastest trotter than has ever been noticed in this section. Everybody that you see will tell you that his horse will win, but we will see on the 27th of May.

Clarence McLaurin and Tom Covington have a private track on Mr. McLaurin's fine farm near Minturn, and from all reports they will make the boys step some.

Don McQueen, one of the largest cotton planters in Marlboro county has his horse at the Fair Grounds. You can watch Mr. Don for he has some good horses.

Hon. E. R. Ellerbe has several in training at his private track at Latta and from all reports will make the boys set up and take notice.

John Moore has ten head in his stables, and he says that they are in good shape. He has the sensational 3 year old trotter of last year "North East" in his stable and he is looking fine, and looks as though he will be ready for the fray.

John Rogers has five head in his stables, and you know John always makes the boys step lively.

J. B. Gibson has a private stable and two good trotters. Judging from the way they are taking their work, you can keep your eyes on "Jimmie."

Sam Britt has three good trotters in his string, and from all reports will not have to eat any trotter's dust this summer.

Judge Joe Cabell Davis has a fast mare called "More Whiskey" and from her name you know that she is a strong favorite of the Judge's as well as his many friends.

Come to Dillon May the 27th X. Y. Z.

#### Child Falls 18 Feet.

The five year old son of Mr. and Mrs. B. H. Sapp fell from a back porch at the Dillon Hotel Sunday afternoon and sustained serious injuries. The distance from the porch to the ground is 18 feet and the child fell on its face. The little fellow was sitting on the banisters watching some boys at play in the back yard and lost his balance. His injuries are serious.

#### American Legion Banquet.

The Local Chapter of the Red Cross will give a banquet to the members of the John H. David, Jr., Post of The American Legion on Friday night April 16th at 7 p. m. All members of the Post are asked to be present.

#### Services at Methodist Church.

Main street Methodist church, Dr. Watson B. Duncan, pastor. Sunday school at 10 a. m. Mr. W. H. Muller, superintendent. Preaching at 11 a. m. and 8 p. m. by the pastor. Morning subject: "The Fullness of Christ." Evening subject: "Pitching Our Tents Toward Sodom." Prayer service on Wednesday at 8 p. m. Choir practice. Teachers' meeting on Saturday at 4:30 p. m. Public cordially invited to all services.