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BUDGET OF INTERESTING

ITEMS FROM BLACKVILLE

Home Almost Destroyed by Fire is Being Remodeled and Enlarged.
Blackville, Feb. 18.—The home of Mrs. Daisy Walker and her father, Mr. L. F. Hair, which was almost entirely consumed by fire several months ago, is being remodeled and enlarged. Mr. Wilden Hair, a capable Blackville contractor, has been engaged to do the work.

The Blackville sheds, which have long been a "bone of contention" between the Southern Railway and the railroad commission, have at last been completed and add greatly to the comfort of travelers and to the appearance of the surroundings of the depot, even if they do look like they are turned upside down and a little "bob-tailed."

Friends of Mr. R. B. Fickling will be glad to learn that he is recovering from injuries sustained in an automobile wreck some time ago. Mrs. Fickling, who was quite ill at the time, is improving rapidly. They are both in the Baptist Hospital in Columbia.

Houses are in great demand in Blackville. New comers move in every week or two, but every house seems to be filled now.

About the time the airship "Shearwater" broke loose from her moorings during a storm, the smoke stack at Farrell's knitting mill happened to the same fate. However, the mill continued to run with a soot-tainted smoke stack until a few days ago, when a new one was erected.

The highway from Barnwell has entered the city and is being graded. Blackville is very proud of the honor of being "the mother of twin highways."

Mr. J. Arthur Wiggins, of Denmark, gave a very interesting talk at the Methodist Church a short time ago.

As the Blackville Methodist Church has services only twice a month by the regular pastor, the Rev. J. C. Atkinson, of Barnwell, the Presiding elder has promised to keep the vacant Sundays supplied, and he has sent some good speakers who have made a deep impression on their hearers. The Rev. Mr. Hook, of Denmark will fill the appointment next Sunday.

Recently a delegation from the Blackville Methodist Church "raided" the Methodist parsonage at Barnwell and gave Rev. Mr. Atkinson and his daughter, Miss Atkinson, a "good pounding." Mr. and Miss Atkinson, in their usual graceful manner, gave the delegation a hearty welcome and seemed to appreciate the pounding immensely. They served delightful refreshments and several hours were spent at the parsonage very pleasantly.

Much enthusiasm is felt here, in the Southern B. Y. P. U., which will meet in Blackville Friday, Saturday and Sunday. A large delegation is expected and everybody is invited to attend these interesting meetings.

Mr. Luther Still and children, of Blythe, Ga., visited relatives in Barnwell County recently.

Mr. and Mrs. Charlie Pender and children, of Charleston, were recent guests of Blackville relatives.

The measles epidemic here continues to be alarming. Little Bobby Stivender died Friday from a complication of measles and pneumonia.

Mrs. Carlisle Altman and children, of Allentown, Pa., are visiting her husband's parents, Mr. and Mrs. Willie Altman, of Blackville.

Mr. H. A. Ray, of Charleston, was a business visitor here Wednesday.

It will be of interest to a host of friends here and elsewhere to learn that Mr. Albert Blume is now a full-fledged chiropractor, having recently graduated in that profession. He was a visitor here several days ago and announced that he would probably locate in Blackville in the near future. Dr. Blume is a Blackville boy and has a countless number of friends in this city. He is a son of Mr. and Mrs. L. P. Blume.

MAYOR THOMAS P. STONEY TO SPEAK IN BARNWELL

Announcement is made that Mayor Thomas P. Stoney of Charleston will speak in Barnwell at an early date, announcement of which will be made in The People, probably next week. Mayor Stoney is regarded as one of the coming public men of South Carolina.

Mrs. Lizzie Cave has purchased a handsome Franklin sedan.

BARN AND CONTENTS LOST

IN FIRE LAST SATURDAY

G. M. Hogg Suffers Heavy Loss, Partially Covered by Insurance.
Mr. G. M. Hogg, who lives a few miles from Barnwell, suffered quite a loss Saturday afternoon, when a large barn on his place was totally destroyed by fire, together with its contents, which consisted of about 1,500 bales of fodder, a large quantity of corn and hay, a two-horse wagon, farm implements, etc. The fire started from burning grass, which got beyond control. Mr. Hogg stated Saturday night that the loss is partially covered by insurance. Fortunately he had moved a quantity of fertilizer from the building a few days before.

C. H. Dicks Elected Mayor.

Dunbarton, Feb. 18.—An increase in the number of cases of measles in the community made it necessary for the Dunbarton High School to remain closed this week. It is hoped that the school will be able to open next Monday.

Mrs. H. H. King is visiting her mother, Mrs. Sallie R. Ray, at Healing Springs.

Miss Jane Owens spent last Monday in Augusta.

At the town election held last Friday the following officers were elected for the coming year: Mayor, C. H. Dicks; Wardens, P. J. Hiers, H. H. King, W. H. Dicks and J. L. All. These officers served last year, and it is to their credit that the voters of the town saw no reason to make any change.

The farmers in this section are busy hauling their fertilizer for this crop. The amount of guano that is being bought points to a large acreage this year. It is believed that the farmers will stick to the diversified way of farming again this year, planting several money crops and plenty of feed stuffs. The weather for the past week has been fine, and people are taking advantage of it to prepare the soil for their crops.

Johnson-Farrance.

Snelling, Feb. 19.—The many friends of Mr. Carsie Farrance and Miss Bessie Johnson will be interested to learn of their marriage, which took place at the Baptist Parsonage in Barnwell Thursday, Feb. 14th. Miss Johnson has been teaching several years, having taught at Old Columbia this year. Mr. Farrance is a prosperous farmer of the Snelling section.

Mr. W. F. Sullivan, of Fairfax, spent the week-end with Mr. James Cook.

Miss Lucy Cook is much improved after a severe case of measles. Her many friends hope she will soon be out again.

Messrs. W. F. Sullivan, James Cook and George Cook attended services at Rosemary Sunday afternoon. They greatly enjoyed the selections rendered by the Williston choir and Mr. Kirby, who is teaching a vocal class in Williston.

Mr. Melvin Carter, of the Hercules section, was in Snelling yesterday afternoon.

Miss Annie Lou Hair had Mr. Geo. Cook as her guest Sunday afternoon.

Mr. Mitagy Birt was a visitor at Mr. H. W. Cook's Sunday morning.

Death of Bobby Stivender.

Blackville, Feb. 18.—Mr. and Mrs. Luther Stivender have the sympathy of many relatives and friends in the death of their little six-year old son, Bobby, who passed away Friday, after a painful illness of pneumonia and measles. In babyhood he accidentally swallowed lye and all of his life had been under the family's most tender care. At times his throat would close and he would have to be carried to the hospital for treatment. It is remarkable that during his last illness his throat was not affected.

Only a short time ago, little James Hammond, one of his class mates who lived only two doors away, died of the same ailment.

Besides his parents, Bobby is survived by a large family of brothers and sisters, who are heart broken with grief. He was the idol of them all. The little body was tenderly laid to rest Saturday afternoon in the Blackville cemetery, the funeral services being conducted at the home by the Rev. L. H. Miller.

Send your Job Work to The People.

SOCIAL AND PERSONAL

NEWS FROM WILLISTON.

Willis Irvin, of Augusta, to Draw Plans for New Church Building.
Williston, Feb. 18.—The contract for the plans, specifications and supervision of the new church building has been let to Mr. Willis Irvin, of Augusta, by the building committee of the Williston Baptist Church. It is thought that construction will begin early in the spring.

The regular monthly business meeting of Hart's Battery Chapter, U. D. C., was held with the President, Mrs. W. D. Black, on the afternoon of the 8th inst. Delightful refreshments, consisting of a salad course and coffee, were served by the hostess, assisted by little Miss Nancy Wroe Black and Agnes Latimer.

Mr. and Mrs. M. B. Self, Mr. and Mrs. Q. B. Johnson, Dr. J. G. Trotti, Mr. and Mrs. D. L. Merritt, Mr. and Mrs. O. N. Courtney, Dr. and Mrs. Willis Cone and Mr. George Cadden attended the Masonic banquet in Aiken last week. Mr. Self was on the program for an address.

Mrs. Walter Cheatham and daughter, Nancy Davis, of Blackstone, Va., are visiting her sister, Mrs. J. E. Kennedy.

Mrs. George Sadler is visiting Mrs. G. C. Matthews. Her husband and children are in Richmond. They expect to sail for the missionary field in Nigeria, Africa, this spring.

Mrs. Murray Garber, of Batesburg, is visiting Mrs. A. N. Garber.

Mr. T. B. Quattlebaum, of Graniteville, was a recent visitor here.

Mrs. A. M. Kennedy and Billy Patterson visited Columbia last week.

ADVISES PURCHASE OF

CALCIUM ARSENATE NOW

Warehouse Commissioner Says Situation Seems to Be Acute.

Columbia, Feb. 18.—Barnwell People, Barnwell, S. C.—Gentlemen: I wish space in your columns to announce to the farmers of Barnwell County that the Legislature has placed in the hands of the State Warehouse Commissioner a large sum of money as a revolving fund for the purpose of purchasing and distributing to the farmers of the state Calcium Arsenate and other boll-weevil poisons at the cost of procuring and handling same.

The Commissioner early in the season arranged with some large manufacturers of this material at a very cheap price, and is now able to deliver it to any point in the state in any quantities of fifty pounds or more at one third less than it was sold for last year. This material is handled very carefully and upon arrival is sampled and analyzed by the State Chemist before being sent out so as to insure its effectiveness in poisoning the Boll-Weevil.

The Calcium situation seems to be very acute and I am afraid that we will see prices a great deal higher later on; besides, the possibility of not being able to procure a sufficient quantity unless the people buy early so that the money can be used again when the real need comes. I am, therefore, in the face of this situation, advising all our farmers to purchase their requirements now while the price is reasonable and while it can be had. The cotton states to the west of us are the greatest users of Boll Weevil poisons and they never buy until late on account of having no place to care for it. When they come in the market for their requirements we may expect a sudden scarcity and a great advance in price.

I shall be glad to furnish any of our farmers with such information as I have on the subject. Just write or wire.

Yours very truly,
J. Clifton Rivers,
State Warehouse Commissioner.

A Valentine Party.

Mrs. Eugene Easterling and Miss Cornelia Betha entertained a number of friends Thursday afternoon with a Valentine party at the home of Mrs. R. L. Easterling. The rooms were prettily decorated in keeping with the spirit of the occasion.

Tables were arranged for bridge and rook, and after several games had been enjoyed, high score and consolation prizes were awarded. A delicious salad course was served.

Mr. T. A. Greene, of Dunbarton, was a business visitor here Monday.

NEW SCIENTIFIC WIZARD

IS NEGRO, ONCE A SLAVE

George Carver Has Worked Wonders With Peanuts and Sweet Potatoes.
Born a slave baby in a Missouri negro cabin, now a fellow in the Royal Society of England and a scientist of international reputation—such is the vast gulf that George Carver's life has spanned. Kidnapped by raiders in infancy and released in return for a \$300 race horse, his amazing discoveries promise to repay the slight investment millions of times over, through their addition to the world's wealth, and particularly to that of the South. Setting out without means making his own way unaided through the common schools and colleges, called to teach in Tuskegee institute and for years working in his laboratory, silently and unheralded, then leaping into fame over night as the greatest agricultural chemist of the age—such is the brief story. No novelist ever conceived a more improbable plot.

Putting Peanut on Map.

Professor Carver's fame rests popularly on the peanut, from which he has evolved 165 distinct products. These cover the widest range—milk of half a dozen kinds, butter, cheese, sherbet, breakfast food, flour, instant coffee (with cream and sugar, if you prefer), Worcester sauce, vinegar, pickles, salad oils, confections, soft drinks, soap, face powder, complexion cream, shampoo, dandruff cure, axle grease, stock food, stains, dyes, inks, what-not. The peanut seems to have been a sort of Aladdin's lamp, yielding whatever George Carver asked of it.

But this peanut series, astonishing as it is, only begins the story. The sweet potato has been made to yield more than 100 distinct products. We are not so much surprised at sweet potato flour, tapioca, breakfast food, molasses and other food products, though sweet potato coffee and chocolate and crystallized ginger and after dinner mints do stretch the imagination somewhat. But when we are introduced to 70 wonderful sweet potato dyes for silk and cotton goods, we think the limit has surely been reached.

Rubber From Sweet Potatoes.

Not so. There yet remains sweet potato rubber, to all appearances as good as ever came from the rubber tree. Professor Carver refuses to claim a great deal for his rubber until it has been further tested by time. However, Thomas A. Edison thought well enough of it to invite its discoverer to join his staff at a magnificent salary. It is characteristic of Professor Carver that he courteously declined the flattering offer, saying that he felt he owed his life and work to Tuskegee and to the South.

During the war samples of Carver's sweet potato bread were sent to officials of the food administration at Washington. They refused to believe it was made from potatoes till they sent for Carver himself and had him make and demonstrate his product before their eyes. Then the government adopted his formula and advertised it widely for food conservation. Federal agents have been experimenting also with his potato moccas.

The pecan was next attacked, analyzed and subjected to all sorts of mechanical and chemical processes, with the result that 78 more products have been developed—just a beginning, says the Wizard. Pecan shells alone have yielded 27 beautiful dyes. Okra, dandelions, shrubs, trees, onion skins, wood ashes are all gradually yielding up their secret, unearned values, chiefly in the form of dyes to the number of 300 or more. Some of the common grasses have been studied also and found to possess great possibilities as fiber plants.

Egypt's Secrets Rediscovered.

Alabama's abundant red clays attracted the scientist's attention. He began work with them. Behold, another inexhaustible source of wealth! From common, old field "mud" the wizard has extracted a wonderful array of pigments and paints and stains, 300 of them, the value of which may well prove to be fabulous. There are browns and reds and blues in every shade, as brilliant and apparently as permanent as those used by the ancient Egyptians to decorate Tut-ankh-Amen's tomb—perhaps made indeed from Egypt's King lost formula now newly discovered. One of the country's largest paint concerns sent two of its experts to Tuskegee to study Professor Carver's paints. He showed

DEPUTY COLLECTORS TO

VISIT BARNWELL COUNTY

Taxpayers of Barnwell to Be Given Assistance Feb. 29 and March 1.
Of interest to income taxpayers in Barnwell County is the announcement that deputy collectors will visit various towns in the county the latter part of the month, for the purpose of assisting them in making their returns. A collector will be in Barnwell on February 29th and March 1st. Blackville will be visited February 27 and Williston on February 28. Visits will be paid to other towns in this section as follows:

- Allendale, March 3 and 4.
- Bamberg, Feb. 21 and 22.
- Denmark, Feb. 25.
- Fairfax, March 5.
- Olar, March 6.

Col. Edgar A. Brown came down from Columbia Friday night to spend the week-end at home. He returned to his legislative duties Monday afternoon.

them the raw materials and the finished product and turned them loose in his laboratory to find out, if they could, the process between. They went away utterly baffled. Toilet powders, shoe dressing, complexion bleaches and dental cements are also among the clay products.

No Thought of Private Gain.

It is interesting to know what started Professor Carver on this long train of investigation. When the boll weevil began his ravages, Carver, like other theoretical agriculturists, began to preach crop diversification, with emphasis on the peanut. Somebody replied, "Very good, but what shall we do with our peanuts?" The scientist was "up a tree." If he were to make good on his advice, he must find new uses for the peanut. So he set to work without hope of personal gain, and with the sole motive of adding to the South's prosperity and the world's food supply.

Only after years would Professor Carver agree to the formation of a company to put his products on the market; and then only with the explicit reservation that all processes which do not require specialized skill or capital shall be freely given to the public. It is characteristic of the man, too, that when the company was organized he declined to receive any cash consideration until its success should be evident. Material reward meant nothing to George Carver. If the new company makes him rich, as perhaps it may, his share of the profits will be just that much added to the world's store of consecrated wealth, devoted in one way or another to the welfare of humanity.

"As a Little Child."

These facts would seem to indicate that George Carver's personality is as unique as his history. It is, he combines in the most surprising way the simplicity of a child, the humility of a devout faith, and the confidence of scientific certainty. His first words are likely to impress you as almost childish. Then you become conscious of an unfathomable vein of mysticism and faith. Finally, you yield to speechless wonder as he opens for you a few windows into the scientific maze where his feet are so much at home. A true negro, spare and thin, with a piping voice and a manner almost painfully modest, his clothing plain and none too new, a sprig of cedar in his button hole, he is a striking figure indeed, but not distinguished by any of the expected marks of genius.

Asked how he has made so many astonishing discoveries, he promptly tells you, "I didn't do it. God has only used me to reveal some of His wonderful providences." All his work has been done in that spirit. Chemistry is its physical basis, but faith is its inspiration, prayer its atmosphere, and service its motive. To George Carver there is no conflict between science and religion.

Not least of the contributions which Professor Carver is making to his generation is the fact that he inspires a new respect for the possibilities of his race in all who hear his story. "Of late he has spoken frequently at big summer assemblies, before business groups and in Southern colleges. He never fails to make a profound impression. He constitutes an unanswerable evidence of the worthwhileness of his race, and of the fact that its humblest child may possess possibilities of limitless service, awaiting only a chance for development.—Robert B. Eleazer in The State.

CRIMINAL COURT ENDS

AFTER SHORT SESSION

Term Scheduled to Last Two Weeks Adjoins After Only Two Days
The February term of the Court of General Sessions, which was scheduled to last for two weeks, Judge T. S. Sease presiding, adjourned sine die shortly after noon Tuesday. Quite a number of cases were disposed of during the brief session, however, and Clerk of Court Robt. L. Bronson states that a comparatively small number remains on the docket.

True Bills.

The Grand Jury returned the following True Bills:
Sherman Galloway, alias Peter Busbee, violation of the prohibition law.
Martin Renew, violation of the prohibition law.
Golie Bush, violation of the prohibition law.
H. D. Drawdy and Mut Harley, violation of the prohibition law.
Steve Bates, violation of the prohibition law.

Benjamin Brabham, murder.

Herman Cook, violation of the prohibition law.

Hamp Trotti, disposing of property under lien.

Cases Disposed of.

The following cases were disposed of:
Lawton Smalls, assault and battery with intent to kill, directed verdict of not guilty.
Sherman Galloway pleaded guilty to the charge of violating the prohibition law and was sentenced to pay a fine of \$500 and serve three months at hard labor.

Sam Edwards pleaded guilty to violating the prohibition law and was sentenced to pay \$500 or serve six months; on service of 30 days, beginning July 15th, balance of sentence to be suspended during good behavior.
Steve Bates entered a like plea to the same charge and was sentenced to pay \$500 and serve six months; on service of 40 days, balance of sentence to be suspended during good behavior.

Golie Bush also pleaded guilty to violating the prohibition law and received a sentence of \$500 or six months; on service of 50 days, balance of sentence to be suspended during good behavior.

Martin Renew pleaded guilty to violating the prohibition law and was sentenced to pay \$1,000 or serve eight months; on payment of \$50, balance of sentence to be suspended during good behavior.

Several cases were not pressed.

The Grand Jury made the usual presentment, which will be published next week.

Notice is being sent to the second week jurors not to report for duty next Monday.

Completes Work in County.

Mrs. Henrietta Ablard has completed her work in Barnwell County. On Tuesday afternoon, Feb. 12th, a meeting of all colored midwives in the county was held at the Second Colored Baptist Church in Barnwell, about fifty being present. The Rev. J. C. Atkinson, pastor of the Barnwell Methodist Church, made a short talk, after which refreshments were served by the members of the Associated Charities.

A New Department.

Last week The People added a new department—a radio section. Radio fans and those who contemplate joining the vast army of "listeners in" will find this a most entertaining feature. This is just another evidence of the efforts of this paper to give its readers the best paper published in this section.

The People's good friend, Mr. T. W. Scott, of Williston, was in the city Monday and called at this office to renew his subscription.

LARGE STILL CAPTURED IN COUNTY YESTERDAY

In a raid in the Patterson's Old Mill section, several miles from Barnwell, yesterday (Wednesday), county and state officers captured a large still and 10,000 gallons of beer. The equipment consisted of the following: 17 fermenters, 120-gallon capacity still, 120-gallon condenser, 160-gallon steam boiler, 2 copper condensers, worm and copper complete.

Sherman Galloway was arrested by the officers who made the raid.