

The Court.

TUESDAY.

The Court convened at the usual hour and the case against Joel F. Ehrbridge was proceeded with. After the witnesses pro and con were examined, and arguments made by counsel, the jury rendered a verdict of not guilty.

The grand jury returned true bills against the following parties: John W. Fell—obtaining money under false pretences. Wesley Hearst and Nelson Jordan—grand larceny. David Gilliam and James Gilliam—assault and battery, with intent to kill. Jesse W. Hall—disposing of property under false lien. Jerry Zimmerman—larceny of live stock. Howard H. Morgan, abducting a maid under sixteen years of age.

A bill was found in the case of Fred T. Hodges, charged with malicious injury to property.

The case of the State vs. Wiley Gray, for stealing grain from the field, was then taken up. F. B. Gary, Esq., appeared for the defence. Mr. G. W. Cromer was the prosecutor, and after hearing the testimony the jury returned a verdict of guilty.

After recess, the case of Granville Martin, Hampton Martin, and Lyman Pinckney, Jr., for resisting an officer, was taken up, and the jury found a verdict of guilty. Messrs. Benet, Gary and Graydon, attorneys for the prisoners, gave notice of a motion in arrest of judgment and for a new trial, on the grounds that there is no such offence known to the laws of this State, and that if offence it was, the indictment, according to the facts, should have been for an escape. The court then adjourned.

WEDNESDAY.

On the opening of the court the grand jury made their presentment and were discharged.

The case of the State vs. Tyler Logan, Mary Logan, and Gus Logan, for assault and battery with intent to kill, and assault and battery of a high and aggravated nature, was then taken up. The parties were all white, and were defended by Ellis G. Graydon, Esq. The jury found a verdict of guilty on the second count as to Tyler and Mary Logan, with a recommendation to mercy, and not guilty as to Gus Logan. The defendants were sentenced to two months imprisonment in the county jail.

Ida Hunter, charged with larceny from the field, was found not guilty, and she was sent on her way rejoicing. Henrietta Harris, charged with assault and battery with intent to kill, appeared in court without a lawyer, and was convicted upon facts as proved.

THURSDAY.

Messrs. David and James Gilliam were put upon trial for assault and battery with intent to kill, and after the witnesses were examined the Solicitor consented to a verdict of not guilty.

Dock Jones pleaded guilty of obtaining goods under false pretences, and asked the mercy of the court.

The case of the State vs. Charlie Williams and Lawrence Williams, for larceny of live stock, was sent back to Trial Justice Blake for trial.

Granville Martin and Hampton Martin were again before the court, and were found guilty of selling property under false lien, and the defendants' attorneys gave notice of a motion for a new trial.

Jerry Zimmerman was acquitted by the jury upon a charge of larceny of live stock.

Edmund Kennedy was next upon trial for grand larceny. He conducted his own defence, and afforded much amusement to the court. He was of course found guilty.

The court then adjourned until next morning.

FRIDAY.

The case against John W. Fell for obtaining goods under false pretences was taken up. Messrs. Benet and Smith appeared for the defendant. After hearing the testimony and arguments the jury retired and failed to agree upon a verdict, when the Judge ordered a mistrial to be entered.

Howard H. Morgan was next put upon his trial for abducting a maid under sixteen years of age, and although Mr. L. W. Smith defended him vigorously, the jury found him guilty. Mr. Smith gave notice of a motion for a new trial, which was heard and overruled.

The petit jurors were then discharged. Messrs. Benet, Gary and Graydon then argued their motion in arrest of judgment in the case of the Martins, for resisting an officer. The Judge overruled the motion.

The court then adjourned till next day.

SATURDAY.

The only thing which was left for the Court this morning was the sentencing of the prisoners, which was as follows: Edmund Kennedy, two years in State penitentiary.

Wiley Gray, six months in penitentiary.

Howard H. Morgan, two years in penitentiary, or pay a fine of one hundred dollars.

Honrietta Harris, one year in penitentiary.

Granville Martin and Hampton Martin, for resisting an officer, three months in penitentiary; and for disposing of property under lien, nine months each in the penitentiary.

Lyman Pinckney, two months in County jail.

Dock Jones, six months in penitentiary.

John Wells, one year in penitentiary.

Tyler Logan and Mary Logan, two months in County jail, or pay a fine of fifty dollars.

The Court of General Session was then adjourned *sine die*, and the Court of Common Pleas opened.

An End to Bone Scrapings.

Edward Shepherd, of Harrisburg, Ill., says: "Having received so much benefit from Electric Bitters, I feel it my duty to let suffering humanity know it. Have had a running sore on my leg for eight years; my doctors told me I would have to have the bone scraped or leg amputated. I used, instead, three bottles of Electric Bitters and seven boxes Bucklen's Electric Balm, and my leg is now sound and well."

Electric Bitters are sold fifty cent a bottle, and Bucklen's Electric Balm at 25c. per box by Drug Store.

Almost a Fire.

On Saturday evening an alarm of fire was given from the building in which the bank is situated. Investigation showed that the window-facing in one of the rooms above the bank, occupied as a library for the Literary Club, was on fire. A crowd soon gathered and fortunately the flames had not made headway enough to be unquenchable. Some damage was done to the door of the room and the facing of the window. The fire started from the stove in the drug store of Dr. W. T. Penney. The walls do not seem to be solid and the fire was communicated through a flue. Its being discovered in the day time prevented a serious conflagration.

MESSAGES.

Solicitor Orr returned home on Friday last.

A good many persons were in town on yesterday.

The grand jury this year is composed entirely of white men.

An unusual amount of horse-trading took place on yesterday.

We regret to chronicle the death of Mrs. W. K. Blake, of Greenwood.

Mr. A. J. Woodhurst has laid the foundation for Mr. T. P. Cochran's house.

Very few public sales were made on yesterday. Property as a general thing brought low prices.

Dave Steifer, the colored porter of the New Hotel, died on last Saturday after a short illness.

The case of Brownlee vs. Martin was up in the Court of Common Pleas on yesterday.

Our railroad is still booming. See notice of stockholders' meeting in another column.

The advertisements of the School Commission will appear hereafter in the MESSENGER.

Mr. and Mrs. W. C. McGowan are now domiciled in the Bacheam house, on Wardlaw street.

Gen. Bonham acted as Solicitor in the last three cases that were tried in the Court of General Sessions.

We acknowledge the receipt of an invitation to attend a calico ball on the 14th inst., at Mt. Carmel.

The magazines and periodicals of the Literary Club were sold at public auction on yesterday. They brought \$22.15.

Mr. W. H. Gilterson, one of the most substantial merchants of Laurens, was in Abbeville yesterday on legal business.

We had a pleasant call one day last week from Mr. S. P. Marshall, of Phenix. He is one of the most substantial men of that section.

The Governor has reappointed Dr. Wileman Supervisor of Registration, and Mr. Norris as Trial Justice for Cokesbury township.

Mrs. S. M. Calhoun and Mrs. Rucker expect to leave to-morrow for Charleston, where they will spend some time with Mrs. Andrew Simonds.

Mr. R. S. Galloway, our enterprising and interesting correspondent from Due West, honored Abbeville with his presence on Monday last.

There are three droves of mules and horses in town. As "competition is the life of trade," we suppose business in this line is pretty lively hereabouts.

Married, February 6th, 1887, by Trial Justice C. V. Martin, Mr. Samuel B. Buford, of Troy, S. C., and Miss Sarah Jane Stewart, of Donaldville, S. C.

One of the young employees at the depot recently fixed him a trap for birds, &c. He succeeded in trapping two of Mr. Hammond's chickens. We do not know what he did with them.

Mr. W. E. Shumate, the polite book-keeper and salesman of Messrs. R. M. Haddon & Co., has been quite indisposed for the past week. His many friends will be glad to see him out again.

Very considerable complaint is being made against the mail rider between here and Edgefield. It is said that he does not carry the mail more than half the time. This matter should be looked into.

Dr. W. L. Pressley, the beloved pastor of the Associated Reformed Presbyterian church, at Due West, preached two very acceptable sermons to the Presbyterians of this place on last Sunday.

We were glad to see Capt. G. M. Mattison upon the streets on yesterday. The Captain is showing the effects of his recent illness, but hopes soon to be all right again, and in this his many friends join him.

The Literary Club will positively meet on next Friday night at the residence of Maj. A. B. Wardlaw. All of the members of the club are requested to be present, as business of importance is to be transacted.

We congratulate the colleges at Due West upon obtaining the Rev. Charles A. Stakeley, of Charleston, to preach the baccalaureate sermon for them at the next commencement. This eminent young divine has a wide reputation for his eloquence and his earnestness.

Mr. T. B. Clinkscales, of Lowndesville, one of the most progressive young farmers of that section, was in town yesterday. He had for sale a fine young mule of his own raising. It is a wonder to us that so progressive a young man as Mr. Clinkscales should be yet lacking in the one thing needful—a wife.

Mr. John Allen Martin, an old and highly respectable citizen of Lowndesville, died on last Friday in the eightieth year of his age. He was buried at the family burying ground on the Power place. His aged wife is also very sick, and it is thought she will not survive him long.

Saved His Life.

Mr. D. L. Wilcoxson, of Horse Cave, Ky., says he was for many years, badly afflicted with Pthiasis, also Diabetes; the pains were almost unendurable and would sometimes almost throw him into convulsions. He tried Electric Bitters and got relief from that bottle and after taking six bottles, was entirely cured, and had gained in flesh eighteen pounds. Says he positively believes he would have died had it not been for the relief afforded by Electric Bitters. Sold at fifty cent a bottle by Drug Store.

Due West Dots.

Four young ladies entered the Female College this week.

Messrs. Western Sadler, of Cooke's Station, and Willie Hill of Abbeville, matriculated in Erskine last week.

The Literary Club held a meeting at Mr. H. P. McGee's last Friday night.

The institutions here are getting along finely. Nearly every week brings new pupils.

We think the new management of the MESSENGER has energy and fire about it.

Mr. J. O. Bell, of Charlotte, was summoned last week to the bedside of his mother, Mrs. Noble Bell, who died on last Thursday, and was buried at Little River on Friday. An excellent woman, full of energy and good deeds has gone.

We note with pleasure the death of some of our colored people. George Lawhorn, known as "Long George," has bought him a few acres of ground and erected a neat and commodious frame dwelling upon it. We think he ought to get out a patent on his porch. Had Solomon seen it he would have taken back one of his famous declarations.

On last Friday Mrs. W. D. Stone and Miss Jennie White received a telegram announcing the serious illness of their mother, Mrs. White, of Chester, and asking them to come home immediately. This was a sad and sudden surprise.

Our friend and fellow-citizen, Dr. McDavid, speaks of going to Texas. We hope he will decide not to go.

The young men of Erskine have been fortunate in their selection of Rev. C. A. Stakeley to preach the Baccalaureate for Commencement Sabbath.

Mr. A. D. Kennedy traded with a horse-drover for two horses. They proved to be unsound, after being guaranteed. He overhauled him at Anderson, and after having three of the drover's horses looted upon by the Sheriff, he succeeded in getting back his own stock.

Mr. J. P. Harkness is getting to be a champion rider as well as base ball player. He rode sixty miles in a day and night last week.

Through the kindness of Mr. J. P. Knox we enjoyed the pleasure of reading a copy of the *Charlotte Chronicle*.

The Ephebian Semi-Annual Celebration comes off next Friday night. We extend a cordial invitation to the editor of the MESSENGER to be there.

Let the MESSENGER call on our representatives individually for their stewardship. We have heard of those who say they will embrace such an opportunity to tell just how the thing is. One man should not be more powerful in appointments than five.

The warm weather reveals the fact that oats are about killed out, and our farmers will have to sow over or do without.

The little people had a most enjoyable pound party at Mr. John F. Calhoun's last Friday night.

Mr. John F. Calhoun has the most forward garden we have seen.

Mr. Edwin Calhoun, one of the most worthy and leading citizens of Monterey, has been visiting his brother, Mr. John E. Calhoun.

We learn that Rev. Calvin Pressley has a large and flourishing school at Generosities. It numbers some sixty odd scholars. Miss Lula Sherard is his accomplished assistant.

The friends of Mr. Pringle Cook will be glad to know that he is the efficient and energetic depot agent at Cooke's Station on the Savannah Valley Railroad.

A worthy and courteous old colored man, Isaac Winestock, died at Professor Hood's last week of pneumonia. He was a faithful old man and we pay him this humble tribute.

Mrs. R. P. Blake of Greenwood, has been spending some time in the sweet society of her bereaved sister, Mrs. Dr. Williams.

The Literary Club enjoyed quite a treat at their last meeting. Mr. H. P. McGee treated the club to a variety of refreshments, which were much enjoyed. Some of the delinquent members regretted their absence. R. S. G.

Lowndesville Locals.

Mr. D. L. Barnes has just treated himself to a nice pair of horses. He bought them of Mr. J. S. Fowler, of Anderson.

Quite a number of hands are now rebuilding the depot here. They are pushing the work forward rapidly.

An unusually large flock of wild geese passed over this place last Tuesday evening about sunset, heading northeast.

What was the matter with the MESSENGER this week? It did not reach here until yesterday (Thursday).

During Mr. J. B. Frank's absence in Abbeville, Dr. B. A. Henry filled his place. As teacher, I mean. The Dr. likes to teach very much—"over the left."

Quite a number of drummers here since my last. If they all effect sales, this part of the country will be well supplied with almost everything needed.

This week so far has been warm and rainy, so much so as to cause the plants to think about planting corn, the good women to commence gardening, and the lizards to seek the sunny side of a fence-rail.

Last night a number of our young people went to the Methodist church, and had a "singing." A step in the right direction.

Mrs. Eulah Brown, of Anderson C. H., with her children, has just spent a week at her father's, Mr. J. P. Young, in the Fork.

The first quarterly Conference for Smyrna church for this year will commence here on to-morrow. Rev. R. D. Smart, the presiding elder, is expected to be present.

There are some bad cases of measles hereabouts. Many of those who have had it once are now getting another benefit. Rather "too much of a good thing."

In some places, particularly on sandy

land, the fall oats are badly killed. The last few warm days have started the wheat to growing rapidly.

Miss Willie Tribble, of Honea Path, has removed to her son's, J. W. Huckabee's.

Some of our folk were somewhat startled on last Monday, about 12 o'clock, by the ringing of the church bell in the Methodist church. Investigation showed that Rev. W. S. Martin was altering "the hanging" of it, so as to better its "ringing."

Mrs. J. F. Clinkscales and her daughter Miss Mollie Clinkscales, have moved to Mr. L. C. Clinkscales'. Miss Mollie has quite a flourishing school in that neighborhood.

"Hir um ahie," Mr. Editor, until our officials are forced to explain. We believe in "talking" things almost "till" "forbearance ceases to be a virtue." It is now about time to "unload." If some of our leaders do not "explain" they need not expect to be their own successors.

Mrs. Slough, of North Carolina, was to town a day or two this week consulting "us" as to the advisability of opening a millinery here. Cannot report the conclusion. TROTT.

Ninety-Six News.

If you think you have heart disease, look after your stomach and be cured.

Miss Genie Orchard, our Southern artist, of Columbia, is a guest of her sister, Mrs. T. C. Lipscomb.

Mr. John A. Moore was on a trip to Augusta last week with cattle. He returned with four Texas ponies, a light heart, doubtful conscience, and a full purse.

Miss Genie Orchard presented the Painted Guards of Columbia with an oil painting of her studio, Gen. R. E. Lee. The execution of the portrait is as well done as the way in which the great general led his brave Southern soldiers to victory.

James Steifer, of Bradley, our friend of "old," was in town last week, but stayed too short a time to pay us a visit, as we desired.

One or some miscreants on Friday night last threw a railroad spike against one of the large door-glass panes of Dr. Wenck's drug store and broke it to atoms. If anyone has a spite at him, let him come up square, but not do or hire a body to do such a mean job. We hope the Town Council will look into the matter, as it has happened now often enough.

The following persons have express in our express office, J. S. Wilson, agent: W. B. Lowery, Miss M. Harris, Mrs. J. H. Brooks, Dursk & Andrews, R. A. Whitley, W. H. Frazier, Wade Adams, and H. R. Dean.

The property of Mr. W. Y. Sherard has been newly fenced in of late, and new steps and a jewel of a well cover graces the enclosed ground. The work was done by W. R. Littleton, and is done well.

The boys had a big show and bigger laugh on our public square at an equestrian who tried one of the little docile Texan ponies of Mr. John A. Moore. If large things would always conquer smaller ones, then a cow would soon overtake a rabbit.

The last number of the *Deutsche Zeitung* of Charleston brought a piece of poetry headed "The Hero of Ninety-Six," in the German language. The prose of this interesting piece of history runs thus: At old Ninety-Six, behind the firm walls of the fort (Starfort), the British under Pringle tried to hold the fort, while Gen. Greene did all he could to capture the enclosed Englishmen. An American girl in the camp of General Greene had a lover in the fort, an enemy to her country, but the jewel of her heart. She overheard the plan of the staff of General Greene to take at a certain hour of a certain day the fort by the bayonet. This intelligence she wrote on paper and gave it to a youth who wooed in vain for her heart's affection. Still she promises him the best she had, if he would dare to bring the letter inside the enemy's fort. He promises, he succeeds, but is slain, is killed in the attempt, and falls a victim to his love. The names of the principal actors in this drama are not given. VASMER.

Long Cane Locals.

Miss Anna Agnew, one of Abbeville's fair young teachers, has been visiting relatives in this neighborhood.

The young people met at Mrs. Stevenson's on the 1st inst., and spent a delightful evening in singing.

Rev. W. R. Buchanan will preach at Shiloh the first Sunday in each month.

The gentlemen in this neighborhood have organized a Young Men's Christian Association, and meet every Sunday afternoon at the Rock Spring school-house. It is in a very prosperous condition and growing rapidly.

Capt. G. N. Nickles, one of our most substantial citizens, is having his dwelling built at Due West preparatory to moving there next fall. He desires to get nearer the college, to educate his children. Capt. Nickles is a man who realizes the great advantages of an education. A good example.

We went possum hunting a few nights ago and caught a 'possum. One little boy who was along wanted to know if wool was made from the hair of the 'possum.

Mr. Robert Bowie, of Santuc, is now employed at Alewine's mill.

Several cases of measles are reported in the neighborhood. The man who takes advantage of his neighbor by ridiculing him in his absence is a coward.

We received some hemp seed from China a few days ago. If some friend will tell us how to cultivate it we will give him some of the seed.

Mittie, a little seven-year-old daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Robert H. Cochran, is unusually bright for a child of her age. She is now studying "Swinton's Condensed History," and stands among the first in the dictionary class, which has

seventeen. Mr. and Mrs. Cochran have reason to be proud of this little wonder.

The man that don't take his county paper cannot keep up with the times. Money is never thrown away when a man subscribes for a good newspaper.

It is reported that Samuel O. Batts is getting tired of bachelor-dom, and will soon load one of Abbeville's fair daughters to the hymenial altar.

The boy who has not read the life of Benjamin Franklin and the adventures of "Robinson Crusoe" will never have cause to regret spending a few idle hours reading them.

The man who habitually uses such expressions as this: "I don't say it boastingly, or attempt to make it appear that I am better than anyone else, etc.," can be brightly considered a first-class egotist.

Miss Mary Mabry has a flourishing school near her home. She is a good teacher and has the confidence of her patrons.

Mr. and Mrs. John Gilmer had the misfortune to lose an infant last Saturday, the 5th inst. This is the second child they have lost almost within a year.

"Ere sin could blight a flower fade,
Death came with friend, y' care;
The opening buds to heaven conveyed,
And bade them blossom there."

DIXIE.

Level Land Locals.

Measles are still on the increase.

Dr. Robinson is kept busy practicing his profession, as there is considerable sickness.

Mr. John A. Hagan has moved upon the old homestead of John F. Clinkscales. We welcome him.

We are having very warm weather for the season. Look out for cyclones and submersions.

Constable L. H. Shannon has been scouring Level Land generally, looking up old guano debts.

Henry Brooks has erected a handsome cottage or two upon his plantation for the convenience of tenants.

Trial Justice Robinson, we learn, has erected a calaboose for the safe-keeping of prisoners convicted before his court.

Farm work has commenced at last and there is much to do, as much time has been lost owing to bad weather.

It is with profound regret that we have this week to chronicle the death of Mrs. Noble Bell, consort of Mr. Noble Bell, who departed this life on Feb. 3, 1887. She was a most estimable lady and was ever foremost in all the Christian enterprises of her community. We extend to the bereaved family our heartfelt sympathies. CINDERELLA.

Piedmont Air-Line.

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IN EFFECT DECEMBER 19, 1886.

(Trains run on 75th Meridian time.)

Southbound.	No. 52.
Leave Wallbala.....	8 55 a m
Seneca.....	9 17 a m
Spartanburg.....	11 30 a m
Abbeville.....	10 45 a m
Laurens.....	8 20 a m
Greenville.....	4 40 a m
Greenwood.....	12 50 p m
Ninety-Six.....	1 41 p m
Newberry.....	3 07 p m
Arrive Columbia.....	5 15 p m
Augusta.....	9 20 p m

Northbound.	No. 53.
Leave Columbia.....	11 00 a m
Newberry.....	1 03 p m
Ninety-Six.....	2 30 p m
Greenville.....	2 52 p m
Arrive Greenville.....	5 53 p m
Laurens.....	5 55 p m
Abbeville.....	4 35 p m
Spartanburg.....	3 30 p m
Seneca.....	6 02 p m
Wallbala.....	6 35 p m
Atlanta.....	10 40 p m

No. 53 makes close connection for Atlanta.

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