

ELECTRIC CITY SPARKLETS
Items of Interest and Personal Mention Caught Over the Wireless on the Streets of Anderson

Crowd Collected For Pathetic Sight

Every negro within a radius of four miles of Anderson was present yesterday afternoon when the Blue Ridge train for Columbia pulled out for Columbia. The explanation of the gathering lay in the fact that Officer Triskell and Chief Jackson were taking three insane negroes, two men and a woman, to the asylum at Columbia and were leaving on that train. The sight was pathetic but one that no negro would possibly miss and the attendance yesterday afternoon ranged from little negroes scarcely unable to walk to older gray-haired ones, likewise almost unable to walk.

Education in Anderson County

There can be no gainsaying the fact that the people of Anderson county are anxious to the needs of education and are meeting these needs in a splendid manner. It may surprise some local people to learn that this county has now 26 rural graded schools, each with two or more teachers. Many of them have 4 teachers and some have as many as 5 and without exception they are all doing splendid work. It should be understood that these schools will compare favorably with the similar institutions in the smaller towns of the state. Mr. Felton said yesterday that the amount of money due these schools alone from the state aid fund would reach approximately \$6,100.

Local Five To Honen Path

The girls basketball team of the Anderson high schools will journey to Honen Path Saturday afternoon where it will proceed to demonstrate to the five young ladies representing that school the fine points of the game. The local team is confident of victory, although by no means anticipate a walk-over. This is the second game between these two aggregations, the first having been won by the local representatives. The game will be called promptly at 4 o'clock and in all probability there will be a number of "rooters" to accompany the Anderson girls.

Farm Men Are At Work

J. W. Rothrock, United States farm demonstrator for Anderson county and P. H. Calvin, who works with the department of agriculture in connection with Clemson College, spent yesterday in Belton where they went in the live stock interests. For the next three days they will visit other portions of Anderson county and endeavor to lend as much assistance as possible to the farmers who care to take their advice. Mr. Rothrock said yesterday before he left that all those farmers who cared to place an order with Mr. Watt for breeding stock might send their names to him at Anderson and he would see to it that the orders are telegraphed on to Mr. Watt in the western markets. It is expected that a number of additional orders will probably be received today.

Cars Will Soon Be In Operation

It is confidently expected now, according to the officials of the Piedmont and Northern lines, that the new interurban extension from Greenville via Greer to Spartanburg will be used for the first time for regular passenger service beginning March 15. The railroad schedule, running time, departure and arrival, has been decided upon, but will not be given out officially for publication for another week. The same fare will be charged on the Greenville and Spartanburg and about the same running time will be maintained. New cars will be used for the Spartanburg-Greenville through service.

Ordinance Is To Be Enforced

It was understood yesterday, following the fire of Tuesday night, that the ordinance relative to automobiles and other vehicles following closely behind the fire department when it answers a call will hereafter be strictly enforced. It is said that this custom has been practiced in Anderson for a long time. Not only is it a great inconvenience to the fire department, but it is also dangerous to the drivers of the vehicles as well. The chairman of the fire department yesterday made the statement that he intended to have this particular ordinance strictly enforced from this time on.

Anderson Is Making Progress

That Anderson is progressing faster than any other city in South Carolina is a well known fact but in just what certain directions many local people may be unable to say. As an evidence of what is being done in different quarters might be cited the activities of the local land companies. In the College View section the work of laying 6,000 feet of sewer pipes was yesterday completed and later in the day the work of laying paved sidewalks on several of the most prominent streets was taken up. Progress is being made on every side in Anderson and for business and business activity this is the town.

Wall Boxes Were Painted

Can a leopard change its spots? That is a little uncertain but that the city mail boxes of Anderson can change their color was seen yesterday when painters made an onslaught on them and instead of the bright red which they heretofore prevailed the majority of the boxes are now green. Most of them had been painted and scratched to some considerable extent and the painting made a change this year than had been anticipated.

Have Occupied Old Home Place

Mr. and Mrs. L. H. Seel, who have been living on Earle street, have moved into the old home place on South Main street. They have made a number of improvements on the place, having the house remodeled and it is now quite attractive. They will probably rent part of the place at a later date.

Miss Garlington Is Now Improving

The news that Miss Mattie Garlington, supervisor of rural schools for Anderson county, is rapidly improving will be welcomed by her many friends in the city and all parts of the county. Miss Garlington has been confined to her room for the past few days with a severe attack of la grippe and was forced to cancel her engagements with a number of rural schools for this week. However, she hopes to be able to return to her office and resume her duties one day during the last of the week.

Mr. Shelor Is Fast Recovering

A telegram received in the city yesterday stated that George Shelor, one of the well known and efficient clerks in The Farmers & Merchant Bank of Anderson, has undergone a successful operation in a Baltimore hospital and is now doing well. This will be welcome news in Anderson as the young man is very popular here.

Physicians Held Monthly Meeting

The Anderson county medical society met in the rooms of the chamber of commerce yesterday, at which time the association heard several splendid papers on topics of vital interest to medical people. These papers were all prepared and read by local physicians. Nothing out of the ordinary occurred during the meeting.

Pension Board Finished Labors

The Anderson county pension board held its last session yesterday and wound up all of its affairs for this year. As announced in a previous issue of The Intelligencer, this is the last meeting that the board will hold, and with the completion of the work yesterday the board laid down its labors until February of next year, when it will again convene. One more day was necessary to conclude the work this year than it had been anticipated.

Public Schools Are Consolidated

As a result of the plan of consolidating schools, the people of Anderson county who are patrons of the Pickens county school and the people of Pickens county who are interested in the Cherry school will next year have a blinker and better school where they can send their children than was possessed by either before. E. C. McCants and J. B. Felton of Anderson met with Superintendent Smith of Oconee and Prof. Sease of Clemson College at Wall-halla Tuesday and completed all the plans for consolidating the two schools mentioned both of which are located on the line between the two counties. The people of the community in which these schools are located say that they will next summer begin the construction of a splendid school building to take the place of the two inadequate structures now in use. There is a four mill tax levy in force in both the districts at the present time.

Negro Was Granted Bail

Magistrate Bonner's constable from Pelzer arrived in the city yesterday and took into custody a negro named John Gantt, wanted at Pelzer on a charge of false representation. The negro was arrested at the rope factory but was taken before Magistrate Broadwell where he secured bond in the sum of \$200. His case was set for trial on March 10.

Meeting Called For Friday Night

Notice was yesterday sent to every member of the Anderson chamber of commerce informing them that a general meeting of the association will take place next Friday night at 8 p. m. The notice was issued by Chairman J. D. Hammett and Secretary Porter A. Whaley and urged that every member endeavor to be present. The purpose of this meeting is to select five men to act as directors for the ensuing year, this action being necessary on account of the five old members having tendered their resignations. It is expected that the attendance at Friday night's meeting will include all of the more prominent members of the organization.

State Press To Meet Here

The annual convention of the state press association will be held at Chick Springs this summer, and in accordance with an agreement made with the Anderson delegates last summer the newspaper gang will spend one day in Anderson. The executive committee meets at Columbia Friday night to map out the program and Anderson will make its day spent here be one long to be taken by the pencil pushers.

Directors Of The Y. M. C. A.

The board of directors of the Y. M. C. A. will meet tonight in the parlor of the Hotel Chateaux for conferences in regard to important phases of the work. It is urged that every member be present promptly at 7 o'clock and Mr. Burnett emphasizes the "every."

Gambler Held Without Bail

St. Louis, Mo., Mar. 4.—Henry Zang, who yesterday shot and killed (Red) Simon, three hours after the latter was

put on trial for the murder of another gangster, today was bound over to the grand jury by the coroner's jury which heard Zang's own story of the shooting. Before the inquest was opened 350 of the spectators were searched for weapons by policemen. Zang will be held without bail, pending the action of the grand jury.

IS GATHERING DATA OF MEXICAN MURDERS

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leged kidnapping and killing of Vergara.

Colquitt's Action Much Discussed. The request by Governor Colquitt, of Texas, on the federal government of Nuevo Leon for the extradition of those responsible for the kidnapping of Vergara caused much discussion in official circles here. The Texas governor had asked the state department to tell him what it considered the legally constituted government in northern Mexico for the special treaty with Mexico, extradition proceedings can be carried on between governments in adjacent border states without the references to the state department.

Secretary Bryan suggested to Governor Colquitt that he might ask for the extradition of the offenders from the governor of Nuevo Leon, leaving it to the Texas governor to determine who that individual was. The extradition has been asked for on the charge of horsestealing. State department officials say that, if extradited, the offenders could not be tried for murder, because Vergara was slain on Mexican soil.

Asked about the status of the commission of American and British representatives who were to have examined Benton's body, Secretary Bryan said that the matter was "in status quo." He added that confirmation had been received by the state department from American Consul Simplich of the appointment of General Carranza of special commission to proceed to Chihuahua to investigate Benton's death. It is considered probable that the commission will await the outcome of the new inquiry.

WILL REVIEW FINDINGS

El Paso, Tex., March 4.—A Mexican commission appointed by General Carranza, to examine into the death of William S. Benton, arrived here tonight and will review the findings of the alleged court-martial independently of the Anglo-American commission, the work of which has been retarded by diplomatic technicalities.

They expect to begin work tomorrow to ascertain whether the arrest and conviction of Benton were according to due form of law and justice. Unless a flaw in the proceedings is discovered they are not expected to exonerate the Briton's body. The commission of foreigners meanwhile is awaiting instructions from Washington.

Dealers who come to the markets find styles so varied and confusing that they prefer to operate in a small way on many different lines and repeat their orders alter on.

BIJOU B... THEATRE TODAY'S PROGRAM

FROM FATHER TO SON—Rex. 3 reel drama dealing with high finance and the New York stock market, one that appeals to everyone. Featuring Bob Lenard and Betty Shads. WHEN BILLY PROPOSED—Nestor. Comedy with Ramona Langley. Fourth Reel to be Selected. Coming tomorrow—"Absinthe," that 4 reel special Universal feature with King Baggot and Leah Baird that has set the whole moving picture world talking. The greatest lesson on drink ever produced.

ELECTRIC B... THEATRE TODAY'S PROGRAM

TRUE WESTERN HEARTS—American Western Drama. SALLY'S ELOPEMENT—Beauty. Comedy. RIOT IN RUBEVILLE—Majestic. Comedy. 4th Reel to be Selected. Coming Friday—Florence Lawrence in "The False Bride." 3-reel Special Feature.

4 REELS—10c. Mutual Movies Make Time Fly.

PALMETTO THEATRE TODAY'S PROGRAM

THE DOOM OF THE OCEAN—In 3 reels; natural color; drama. HEARTS AND FLAMES—Essany. Drama. Broncho Billy coming Saturday. 4 Big Reels—10c. See THE MAN THAT PUT THE MOVE IN MOVIES.

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WON'T SACRIFICE CLEMENT FOR GIRL "We Will Hew to the Line and Let the Chips Fall Where They May."

Spartanburg, March 3d.—More than one reputation hitherto unswayed yesterday was blasted, it was learned yesterday if certain evidence bearing on the case of Clyde C. Clement and Miss Laura Fleda Pendleton, charged with the murder of the baby found in the White mill-pond January 31st, is secured in such a manner as to make it presentable in court when the young couple are placed on trial next month. Detectives employed by friends of young Clement, it may be authoritatively stated, are hot on the trail of sensational clues, and if witnesses are willing to swear to what has been intimated, the case may have a different aspect after the testimony is all in.

Samuel J. Nicholls, chief counsel for Clement, would not comment on these reports when questioned regarding them yesterday, other than to say the young man's lawyers "would hew to the line and let the chips fall where they may."

One Month Ago Today. The 27th day of the month ago today that Clement and Miss Pendleton were arrested, and the 19-year-old girl declared to Solicitor Albert E. Hill that Clement threw the baby into Lawson's Fork, after he had prevailed upon her to consent by promising to marry her if she would agree and threatening to desert her if she should not consent to the drowning of the baby. In the meantime there are certain things which are said to have come to light which make the case far more complicated than at first appeared and which promise to make it the most "tartling" to be tried in Spartanburg county court since Mrs. Fannie Carson, Page and Green were convicted of the murder of Van Carson nearly twenty years ago.

Mr. Nicholls, in speaking of the case yesterday, declared he had never reflected upon Miss Pendleton's character and added that he sympathized with the young woman, but at the same time said that if Miss Pendleton's reputation should be smirched by testimony showing that Clement was innocent of the crime, he could not let that fact deter him from introducing the testimony.

No Reflection Intended. "When I stated some time back that the possibilities are that men higher up might be involved in the case," I did not reflect on the girl's character and there was nothing in my interview reflecting on her. But it seems that the general public and those who know her best seem to think that her character needs defending.

"I am free to say that in the preparation of this case any light can be thrown on it by evidence against her character, it certainly will be injected into the trial.

"No stone will be left unturned to give Clement the benefit of an honest trial, regardless of who might be affected, and while Miss Pendleton has the sympathy of Clement's attorneys, if she should prove to be the guilty party, we cannot see him sacrificed in order to protect her.

Has Good Reputation. "Numbers of citizens from the community in which Clement lived have called at my office and assured me that no other young man in the community has ever borne a better reputation than he has, and we will be able to show these facts in the trial of the case.

"ABSINTHE" A MIRACLE OF REALISM King Baggot and Leah Baird Only American Players in the Big Cast.

There is a great human interest story behind the production of "Absinthe," the four-reel Universal feature depicting the great drug curse of France, which will be seen in Anderson on Friday at the Bijou.

King Baggot and Leah Baird went to Paris and visited the Parisian cafes and restaurants of the underworld in order to familiarize themselves with the atmosphere and types which they were to represent. After they had spent some time in this work the picture was produced in Paris, where Baggot and Miss Baird, the only two Americans in the big cast, worked with French actors, actresses and supernas. They achieved a result which is said to be a miracle of realism, as it depicts actual scenes and conditions as they exist today in the great French capital.

The settings are delightful, many of them along the Seine revealing the director's instinctive love of the beautiful, and affording the needed contrast and relief in such a recital. Particularly enjoyable are the views of Paris streets during the chase. There is a chase and one involving some reckless driving and struggle on the part of Baggot and Miss Baird. The young artist, at an acute period of his decadence, attempts to destroy the woman he has loved in primitive fashion, and he barely escapes for a last desperate attempt at redemption. The pursuit is shown in some of the most prominent avenues of the French capital.

COUNTY BOARD OF ASSESSORS WILL MEET TO ORGANIZE NEXT TUESDAY NOON.

Important Meeting and Auditor Smith Urges the 75 Members to Be Present—Mr. Ramsey on Board.

Mr. Winston Smith, auditor for Anderson county, yesterday issued a call for a meeting of the county board of assessors to be held in the court house next Tuesday, March 10, at 12 o'clock. The board is comprised of about 75 members, being the various township tax assessors. Mr. Smith stated yesterday that it is highly important that all members of the board be present, because at this meeting the returns for taxes will be distributed, and the board will determine the percentage for assessing.

Mr. Smith announced that Mr. E. P. Vandiver, cashier of the Farmers and Merchants bank, had resigned as a member of the board of assessors for Anderson township, and that he had appointed Mr. W. S. Ramsey of the Anderson Cash Grocery company in his stead. Mr. Vandiver some time ago said that he did not have sufficient time to devote to the position, and for this reason he would ask to be relieved. The board for Anderson township is now composed of Mr. E. D. Browale, chairman; Mr. W. W. Robinson and Mr. W. S. Ramsey.

Flat Rock Church. There will be preaching at Flat Rock Baptist church Saturday before the third Sunday in March at 3 o'clock by the pastor, after which the church will meet by conference for the purpose of calling the roll and reading the church covenant and rules of the church and any other business. We urge each member to be present.

THIS STATE IS AT THE BOTTOM Foot of the Ladder Goes to South Carolina in Educating Her Children.

South Carolina's standing among the States regarding the expenditure per child is found in the new Russell Sage bulletin on the public school systems of the various states. The standing of South Carolina is shown by the following comparative statement:

Table with 2 columns: State and Expenditure per child. Includes Washington, California, New York, Massachusetts, Nevada, Colorado, Illinois, Ohio, Connecticut, New Jersey, North Dakota, Arizona, Vermont, Oregon, Rhode Island, Wyoming, Utah, Minnesota, Idaho, New Hampshire, South Dakota, Iowa, Indiana, Michigan, Pennsylvania, Nebraska, Maine, Kansas, Wisconsin, Missouri, Oklahoma, West Virginia, Delaware, Maryland, Florida, New Mexico, Louisiana, Texas, Kentucky, Virginia, Arkansas, Tennessee, Georgia, Mississippi, Alabama, North Carolina, South Carolina.

WITNESS AGAINST FRANK RETRACTS Testified to Untruths at Belton of Atlanta City Detectives.

Atlanta, Ga., March 4.—Allegations that he testified falsely as a state witness in the trial of Leo M. Frank for the murder of Mary Phagan are contained in an affidavit by George Epps, a 15-year-old newspaper boy, made public here today. The affidavit was given out by attorneys for Frank, who is under sentence of death for the murder. It alleges that Epps testified to untruths at the behest of city detectives.

The testimony given by Epps, and repudiated by his affidavit today, concerned chiefly the movements of the 14-year-old factory girl on the day of her murder, April 27, 1913. He testified that he had accompanied her on a street car to a point near the National Pencil factory, where she was murdered, and that she had started from that point toward the factory a few minutes before the time the state contended her murder occurred. On this trip he further testified she had told him of certain alleged advances previously said to have been made towards her by Frank. None of these statements, Epps says in his affidavit, were according to fact.

George W. Epps, father of the newspaper boy, declared that his son's affidavit was not in accord with the facts. "He told me the story he told on the stand," Mrs. John B. Cleveland, Spartanburg, March 4.—Mrs. John B. Cleveland, wife of John B. Cleveland of this city, president of the Charleston & Western Carolina and other enterprises, died at a hospital in Baltimore, Monday morning, following an operation performed there two weeks ago. The funeral services will be held from the church of the Advent tomorrow morning at 11 o'clock.

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the Rev. W. H. K. Pendleton, officiating. Mrs. Georgia A. Cleveland was the daughter of Robert M. and Fannie Leonard Cleveland. She was born at Laurensville, Ga., December 5, 1854. She is survived by her husband and seven children as follows: Mrs. Jas. Screven, Mrs. A. A. Towers, Mrs. W. M. Reynolds, Mrs. Margaret Cleveland, Jesse Cleveland, Henry Cleveland and Vanny Cleveland.

TRUCK CROPS DAMAGED. But Farmers Should Not Despair, According to W. McEl, Frampton. That the truck crops of the county have been severely damaged by the freezing weather of the first of the week, but that the planters will come out just as well financially as they would if a full crop had been made, is the opinion of W. McEl, Frampton, agricultural manager of the Chamber of Commerce and county demonstration agent. In viewing truck crops in the vicinity of Charleston, Mr. Frampton stated that the best cabbage, lettuce, and green peas looked very badly indeed, and particularly the lettuce and green peas. The freeze will certainly reduce production, he states, and this will cause a corresponding rise in price, so that the farmers will come out just about as well as if they had made a full crop, which would have meant overproduction and falling prices. Maryland legislators are considering the matter of abolishing horse racing in that state or of controlling it by means of a commission. Senator Williams has been actively opposed to the race track at Havre de Grace.