

SHORT HISTORY OF FORT HILL

(Continued from Page 3) ment hereinafter provided, and the use of the land may permit.

In his will (item 5) Mr. Clemons left his granddaughter, Florida Isabella Lee, \$15,000, and other legacies of personal and sentimental value.

One year after writing his will, Mr. Clemons added a codicil in which he says: "Item 11. I desire to state here that my granddaughter, Florida Isabella Lee, has received the one-fourth part value of the original Fort Hill tract of land, the part which her mother under the will of Mrs. John C. Calhoun was entitled to, the same having been appraised and set off for her by the commission, appointed by Mrs. Clemons and by Gideon Lee, her father and guardian, and she has also received through Gideon Lee, her said guardian, her mother's share of the estate of my son, John C. Clemons. Notwithstanding, this fact, from a letter received by me sometime ago from Gideon Lee, I am led to believe that as guardian of my said granddaughter, he will make claim of my said estate of a large balance alleged by him to be due my said granddaughter by me.

"I therefore desire and direct my executor to examine closely into such claim if so made, and if he, my said executor, is satisfied that the claim so made is justly due by me to my said granddaughter, to pay the same. But on the other hand, if he is not satisfied that the said claim or claims are justly due by me, then he shall not pay it or them unless compelled by law to do so, in which case I hereby revoke such bequest of fifteen thousand dollars given in the fifth item of my said last will and testament to my said granddaughter may recover against my estate.

"Item 12. The desire to establish such a school or college as I have provided for in my said last will and testament, has exalted with me for many years past, and many years ago I determined to devote the bulk of my property to the establishment of an agricultural school or college. To accomplish this purpose is now the great desire of my life. I have not been un-

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mindful of the interest of my said granddaughter, nor have I acted in this matter through any prejudice to any one. It may be possible that the disposition of my property as herein made may not give satisfaction to my said granddaughter, or to Gideon Lee, her father and guardian, but I trust that neither the one or the other, \* \* \* will ever attempt to frustrate, or defeat the purposes which I have herein sought to accomplish, but will respect the settled desire of my life, as contained in this my will. But should my desire and request as herein expressed, be ignored, and should Gideon Lee, as guardian of my said granddaughter, or should my said granddaughter herself, \* \* \* attempt to contest my will, or attempt to invalidate it, or attempt to change or alter it in any particular whatever, then it is my will, and I do direct, that such attempt or attempts to contest, alter, change or invalidate my said last will and testament, or codicil hereof, shall, as soon as commenced, work an absolute revocation of my said last will and all my bequests to my said granddaughter, Florida Isabella Lee, as made in the fifth item of my said last will and testament, and then, in that case, my said granddaughter, Florida Isabella Lee, shall receive no part of my estate whatever, and the money and articles mentioned in the fifth item of my said last will and testament shall go to my executor and be held by him subject to the trusts and conditions contained in items 1, 2 and 3 of my said last will and testament; These items are quoted at length to show that Mr. Clemons foresaw the contest that was coming, and desired to avoid it if possible. Mrs. Andrew Calhoun, the lady recently referred to in the governor's message to the general assembly, is Miss Florine Isabel Lee, Mr. Clemons's granddaughter.) Mr. Clemons's will was bitterly contested in the state courts and finally went to the U. S. supreme court where its validity was upheld. The contention made by Mr. Gideon Lee, acting for his daughter, was that the Fort Hill place had never been legally possessed by Mr. Clemons, and therefore could not be given by him to the state. This claim was urged in spite of the fact that the estate had been willed him by his wife "absolutely fee simple" in 1875, and that he had been in continuous and undisputed possession from that time until his death in 1888. In spite of her contest the \$15,000 was paid to Miss Lee.

Having outlined the history of the property upon which the college is built, let us return to consider the part which South Carolina through its general assembly and in accepting the devise and bequest of Mr. Clemons, ment of "The Clemons Agricultural College," which acceptance led to the establishment of "The Clemons Scientific School or College," belonging to the seven life trustees, named in Mr. Clemons's will.

In November 1889, the general assembly passed acts authorizing the acceptance of the bequest. Three sections are quoted from the act.  
"Section 1300. The Honorable Thomas G. Clemons, having departed this life on the sixth day of April, A. D., 1888 leaving of force his last will and testament \* \* \* wherein he devised and bequeathed the Fort Hill plantation, as well as all his other property, both real and personal, except certain legacies in the said will mentioned and provided for, all in trust to convey to the state of South Carolina when the said state shall accept the same for the purpose of establishing and maintaining an Agricultural and Mechanical College upon terms and conditions of said will, the state of South Carolina, hereby expressly declares that it accepts the devise and bequest of Thomas G. Clemons subject to the terms and conditions set forth in his last will and testament, \* \* \*

"Section 1302. The said college shall under the management and control of a board of thirteen trustees composed of seven members nominated by said will and their successors and six members to be elected by the legislature in joint assembly.  
"Section 1304. That it shall require a two-thirds vote of said trustees to authorize the expenditure of any moneys appropriated to said college by the state, or to authorize the sale or transfer or reinvestment of any property or moneys arising from the sale of any property, under the provisions of this act."

Special attention is directed to the words in the first section "the state of South Carolina hereby expressly declares that it accepts the devise and bequest of Thomas G. Clemons subject to the terms and conditions set forth in his last will and testament."

Do these words accepting a valuable consideration and agreeing to certain conditions constitute a contract between the state of South Carolina and the dead Thomas G. Clemons? That is a question which only the courts can answer finally, but every layman is entitled to an opinion based on common sense and justice.

SPORTS

Table of sports results under various leagues: AMERICAN, National, FEDERAL LEAGUE, SOUTHERN LEAGUE, South Atlantic, American Association, International League, North Carolina League.

FEATURES OF YESTERDAY'S GAMES

Home Runs Did It. St. Louis, Mo., June 8.—A home run by Lenox in the sixth inning gave to Pittsburgh a lead that St. Louis could not overcome and the visitors won the game today.  
Fifteen Runs. Indianapolis, June 9.—Indianapolis found Baltimore's pitchers easy here today and scored fifteen runs on an many safe hits.  
A Tight Game. Chicago, June 8.—Chicago made it two straight from New York today, shutting out the visitors 1 to 0. The game was a great pitching duel between Russell and Fisher. The locals won in the eighth when Budie tripped and scored on Schank's hot single to Maisel.  
Won with Home Run. Boston, June 8.—Nichols's home run and singles by Ingraham and Clark in the ninth enabled Cincinnati to win with pitcher's bat from Boston, 3 to 2.  
Some Swatfest Here. Cleveland, June 8.—Boston walked and batted its way to a 11 to 8 victory over Cleveland today. Bedient was not in good form, but as the Red Sox managed to keep in the lead, he was allowed to finish. The Nap line up and batting order was changed in an effort to put the team on its feet.  
Nap Rucker Lost. Brooklyn, June 8.—Chicago entered the ninth inning a run behind today, but won from Brooklyn 3 to 2. After Sater had reached first on a fielder's choice and Zimmerman had singled, Corridon, who batted in place of Sater, scored Sater on a single. Smith's throw to the plate to catch Zimmerman on Sweeney's infield blow was too late.  
The Senators Lose One. St. Louis, June 8.—Wear's triple, with Leary on first base in the 10th inning today gave St. Louis a victory over Washington of 8 to 7. A sensational double play in the 9th inning, when Walker threw out Milan at the hotte plate, saved the game for the locals. Milan and manager Griffith protested the decision strenuously and were banished.

ORR MILL.

(From the Comian) The revival meeting at the Methodist church is being well attended and Rev. McCord of Georgia, is doing some good preaching. On last Sunday Rev. McCord gave an illustrated talk to the Sunday school which was enjoyed by all.  
Capt. Snelgrove, the outside overseer has his alfalfa cut and cured and reports 8100 pounds of good dry hay off two and one-half acres.

While the revival meeting is going on at the church there will be no skating at the hall.  
The baseball game a few Saturdays ago between Gluck and Orr was a victory for Orrville nine by the score of 7 to 4.  
The men's class of the Methodist Sunday school which meets in the afternoon at the church is doing some fine work. The class has already grown to about thirty-five in number. The young men of the village are invited to meet with this class every Sunday afternoon at 2:30.

Rev. Haydock of Belton will assist Preacher Stone in the meeting at the Baptist church, which is to begin the third Sunday in June.  
Mr. Anderson is very busy beautifying the yard around the mill and office these times and is already taking the lead on the looks of the mill yard.  
Dr. G. C. Franklin of Larkin, Fla., spent two days with his brother, G. A. Franklin last week.

Miss Mattie Whitten has been visiting in Greenville during the month.  
Mr. B. C. Young of the store attended court last week.  
The Sharpshooters report a fine time at the reunion last week.  
Messrs. Jess Craft, B. C. Young and E. G. Conwell and family attended the all day singing at Prospect Church the second Sunday in May.

Our night school enjoyed a visit to Clemson College May 16, saw the ball game and had supper with the college boys. Mr. S. W. Rabb who is the teacher of the class has been doing some fine work with the fellows this spring.

HONOR ROLL FOR SOUTH-SIDE SCHOOL.

First Grade—Eiferd Bartlett, Clarence Bartow, Ruby Brown, Willie Bryant, Clarence Carns, Horace Cole, Sue Ellen Cooper, Zora Huggens, Hester Johnson, Sallie May Johnson, Susie Johnson, Eunice King, Novie Langston, George Lipford, Neta Mayfield, Georgia McLaurin, Daisy Roper, Hoyt Sanders, Ansel Smith, Laura Jane Vickery, Dolly Whitten.  
Second Grade—Vera Childs, Iber Cole, Jim Fant, Lewis Roper, Alfonso Williams.  
Third Grade—Lewis Smith, Mary Fortune, Sarah Bartlett, Sadie Bryan, Hoyt Stanips, Lillie Belle Maret, Lois Cole, Johnnie Hayes.  
Fourth Grade—Alice Brisse, Jimmie Dobbs, Grady Fant, Dewitt Kay, Jesse McKee, George Price, May Rice, Maggie Grant, Naomi Scott, Daisy Todd, Jerry Whitten, Willie Whitten, Caro Lundkovsky, Claudia Childs, Lila Childs, Eunice Cooper, Corine Bryant.  
Fifth Grade—Vallie Cole, Roy Cooper, Pauline Hayes, Zadie Lundkovsky, Floyd Smith, Leon Smith.

Financial and Commercial

New York Cotton

New York, June 8.—The cotton market was less active today than at any time since the beginning of the recent advance, but prices ruled generally steady recovering an early loss and closing steady at a net advance of 3 to 7 points.  
The failure of the weather map to show any renewal of wet weather in the western belt over Sunday and the indifferent ruling of Liverpool, probably accounted for considerable selling.  
It seemed that the absence of any general rainfall in the eastern belt had a tendency to offset improved weather conditions west of the river. Cotton futures closed steady.

Spotted cotton quiet; middling uplands 13.65; gulf 13.90; no sales.

New Orleans Cotton

New Orleans, June 8.—After a recession of 6 to 8 points around the opening the cotton market did better today, chiefly because of aggressive bullish operations in the July position.  
The ring paid more attention to the gossip that spot people would take up cotton on July contract than to weather news. Drouth in the Atlantic balanced more favorable conditions in the west.  
Cotton futures closed steady.  
July 13.68; August 12.52; October 12.72; December 12.72; January 12.73; March 12.84. Spot cotton steady unchanged. Middling 13-16. Sales on the spot 760; to arrive none.

Liverpool Cotton

Liverpool, June 8.—Cotton spot steady; good middling 8.35; middling 7.73; low middling 7.25. Sales 4,000; speculation and export, 300. Receipts 7,000.  
Futures quiet and steady. June 7.36 1-2; July 7.19; August 7.19; September 7.06 1-2; October-November 6.76; December-January 6.67 1-2; February-March 6.67.

Cotton Seed Oil

New York, June 8.—Cottonseed oil was firmer today on the growing belief of shortage in the supplies becoming manifest before new crop oil is obtainable, coupled with local professional buying on the strength in hard. Final prices were 8 to 12 points net higher. Sales 19,800 barrels.

Cotton Goods

New York, June 8.—Cotton goods today; yarns quiet. Jobbers are buying more wash goods and white goods for quick sales. Serges are being sold more freely for capes. All textile raw material markets were strong.

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