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A RUINOUS HAIL STORM.

Reports of Heavy Damage to Crops. Great Holes Made Even in Tin Roofs.

News and Courier.

Lane's, Williamsburg County, June 19.—The section of country traversed by the hail storm of yesterday afternoon has been heard from. Shingles on the house tops were split off and great holes made in the roofs. Even roofs covered with tin by the large stones coming down with such rapidity and force. Window blinds and sashes were also shattered on the north side of the houses.

Quantities of chickens were killed and all fruit stripped from the trees. The bark was knocked off of pine, oak and other trees, where the hail stones struck them. Corn and cotton is badly beaten down, and nothing but the stalks, with an occasional leaf, is visible, though it is thought these will put out and yet make a half crop or more.

This morning at 9 o'clock there were still a good many hail stones in secluded spots, measuring two inches in diameter, notwithstanding the warmth of the night. The path of the storm is very perceptible, having a dead, hazy appearance, on account of the thinness of the tree branches. Only those who witnessed the downpour of ice could appreciate its magnitude and it is to be hoped this section will not have another such visitation soon.

HAIL AND RAIN IN ORANGEBURG.

Orangeburg, June 19.—Reports are that the hail storm was especially severe in the St. Matthew's and Middle St. Matthew's sections. Several tobacco farms are said to have been practically ruined, and corn and cotton badly damaged. Numbers of farmers sustained severe losses from hail.

FLORENCE FARMERS BADLY HURT.

Florence, June 18.—This town and county was visited by a terrible rain, hail and electric storm last night till after 4 o'clock this morning doing considerable damage to electric light wires, telegraph and telephone instruments, and unnerving a large number of people. It was one of the worst storms of its kind ever known here.

The hail did great damage to growing crops, especially to tobacco, corn and cotton. A number of farmers have reported heavy damage.

NARROW SWATH IN SPARTANBURG.

Spartanburg, June 19.—A hail storm swept over the farms of Mrs. David Cobb, George Frey and Ellis Collins last night about 9 o'clock. It was very narrow, but quite destructive.

STRUCK ST. STEPHEN'S HEAVY.

St. Stephen's, Berkeley County, June 19.—A terrific hail storm passed over this section of the county last night, playing havoc with the crops.

Cotton and corn are badly injured, and tobacco nearly entirely ruined.

Gov. Chamberlain Knows.

Richmond News Leader.

We do not go quite so far as Mr. Chamberlain. We do not think the negro should be left absolutely at the mercy and to the treatment of the Southern white people. We white people the world over are likely to fall into tyrannical and aggressive habits in our dealings with some other race, unless there is some check upon us of outside criticism and observation. Nevertheless, Mr. Chamberlain in his general notions is absolutely correct. He has learned practical sense and knowledge from practical experience, hardest but surest of all schools. Probably he has looked into the mouths of more revolvers than any man now living, and he has learned that the white man is strong and fierce and remorseless when his way is disputed and will be master wherever he is, so long as there is breath in his body or blood in his veins.

The Fair Association will soon begin work in improving the buildings on the Fair Grounds in Columbia.

STATE TEACHERS' ASSOCIATION.

Dr. George B. Cromer, President, Delivers Annual Address—Meeting at White Stone.

The first meeting of the State Teachers' Association, which convened in annual session at White Stone Lithia Springs last week, was held on Wednesday night, when the annual address was delivered by Dr. George B. Cromer, president of the Association. The following in regard to the address is from the correspondent of the State:

DR. CROMER'S ADDRESS.

The address was timely, forcible and eloquent—just such a speech as would be expected from this brilliant young orator and educator. He took the statistics given showing 18 per cent. of population over 10 years of age unable to read and write. He claimed that our duty as teachers is not so much with the 18 per cent. of illiteracy, but with the 82 per cent. of literacy—the people who realize that something ought to be done and are best prepared to do something. The speaker next discussed the teacher as a citizen, showing it to be his duty, not only to teach but to be a citizen—to take part in the affairs of his community, to lead in every effort to upbuild the industries, to purify the politics, and to improve the social conditions of the country. The teacher must contribute his share toward the social conditions of the country. The teacher must contribute his share toward the social salvation of his State. Examinations and other mere mechanical tests fail to reach the pupil. The teacher must be clean, pure and upright, and so come in contact with his pupils that he impresses his own personality upon that of the student.

President Cromer's address was earnest, eloquent and inspiring. He is an ornament to the calling and a power in the profession of teaching in this State.

COLLEGE MEN INTEREST.

One noticeable feature of this meeting is the very large attendance of college men. In the past they have stood aloof somewhat, and this attitude seemed to make a breach between the common school and the college which injured both and worked to the detriment of the common school students. There seems now to be the beginning of the unifying and co-ordinating of the educational forces of the State, which augurs good for all.

IMPORTANT DISPENSARY DECISION.

The Seizure of Vehicles in Which Illegal Liquors Is Being Transported.

Columbia cor. News and Courier.

The Supreme Court has rendered an opinion of much importance in connection with the seizure of liquor by constables. It was a case from Spartanburg entitled *Mattie Moore vs Ben W. Embanks*. The constable had seized a vehicle alleged to have been used in unlawfully transporting liquor and, according to the usual custom, confiscated it. An action of claim and delivery was instituted in the Circuit Court, which decided that such action could not be taken, but that if the property was recovered at all it would have to be through the Governor or State Board of Control, which had been the procedure in such cases.

An appeal was taken to the Supreme Court, which holds that an action of claim and delivery might be brought to test whether the seizure of liquors by dispensary constables was in accordance with law or not, no other remedy for an alleged seizure being provided in the dispensary law.

This upsets the whole procedure heretofore and is likely that many cases will arise on the contention that vehicles and liquor had been illegally seized. There is a case of that sort in Columbia now.

Mr. P. B. Mitchell, who lived near Belton, ended his life with a shotgun last Monday. He was mentally unbalanced and had been in the State Hospital. He leaves a wife.

THE MARCUM MURDER TRIAL.

But For One Juror Jett Would Have Been Convicted—Change of Venue To Cynthiana.

Jackson, Ky., June 19.—But for one juror Curtis Jett would have been convicted here to-day for the murder of J. B. Marcum, and a majority of the jury also favored the conviction Thomas White. Both are tonight almost 100 miles from home in jail, at Lexington, and their next trial will be at Cynthiana, more than 100 miles from Jackson, away from the mountains and the Blue Grass region, under very different conditions from those existing in Breathitt County.

The interest in the change of venue today was second only to the verdict. When Judge Redwine refused to hear arguments on the change of location it was stated by many in the Court House that the presiding Judge had heard from Governor Beckham, who is generally believed to have had something to do with the change of venue to Harrison County, which is in the 18th judicial district of Kentucky, where J. J. Osborne is the Circuit Judge, L. P. Fryer is the Commonwealth's attorney, and the sheriff and other Court officers are also favorably known. With such general confidence in the surroundings of the next trial there is a general belief here that "Everything is for the best after all." If the verdict had been one of conviction the residents here feel that violence would have followed and that it would have extended to others than witnesses, jurors and those who had taken part in the prosecution. Col Williams is at Frankfort tonight conferring with the Governor regarding the withdrawal of the troops. It is understood that he has advised the Governor that no number of troops can stop the lurking fire bugs or hidden assassins, but that at least one company should be kept in Jackson as long as Provost Marshal Longmire is kept in charge of the town.

There is a feeling of relief here tonight so far as old scores are concerned, but there is still a reign of terror believed that "others" had been "killed."

THE STATE PRESS ASSOCIATION

The Coming Annual Meeting at White Stone Springs and the Great Western Trip.

Special to The State.

Spartanburg, June 20.—President E. H. Aull of the State Press Association spent Wednesday in the city on his way to White Stone Springs, where he went to confer with Proprietor Jas. T. Harris of that watering place in regard to the approaching meeting of the association at that place. All plans and arrangements were placed into detail looking toward the pleasure and convenience of the newspaper men when they visit White Stone. After the end of the meeting those of the association who desire can take the trip to Denver, Col., which has been admirably planned by Mr. Aull. The party will leave Columbia in a private car on July 21 at 7 a. m., taking the route via Spartanburg and Asheville and Knoxville to Louisville, where the first stop will be made. Louisville will be reached at 8 a. m., and the day will be spent in that city. At 8 p. m. the party will leave for St. Louis, in which city the grounds of the Louisiana Purchase exposition will be visited. The officers of the exposition have invited the members of the association to visit the grounds under their escort.

After a day in this city, the party will leave at night for Kansas City, where the next day will be spent. They will proceed thence to Colorado Springs and visit Pike's Peak and the Garden of the Gods. From Colorado Springs they go to Denver, where several days will be spent in sight seeing. On returning the trip will be the same as far as St. Louis. From there the route taken will be via Martin, Tenn., Nashville and Chattanooga and Atlanta, from the latter city to Columbia. Stops will be made at Nashville and Chattanooga.

SOUTH CAROLINA NEWS.

Items of More or Less Interest Condensed in the State.

In a thunder storm in Marion county last week a barn belonging to J. W. Holliday, at Gallivant's Ferry, was struck by lightning and burned to the ground, fifteen mules and a horse and cow perishing in the flames, the loss being about \$8,000, without insurance.

The C. & W. C. trestle over Little River near Lowndesville was set on fire by a passenger train and burned on Thursday.

The Adjutant General's department has finished its inspection of the State militia. An excellent condition of the troops is reported.

Johnson Smith, a negro living near Jonesville, while on his way from a harvest field Thursday riding a mule and carrying a scythe, was thrown from his mule and fell on the scythe, cutting off his right hand.

"Shug" Calhoun, colored, was shot and killed near Greets Thursday morning by Mary Dent, a negress whom he was pursuing after running her out of a room where she was fighting another negress friend of Calhoun's. Calhoun fired at the fleeing woman, when she returned his fire with deadly effect.

The Supreme Court has dismissed the appeal in the case from Hampton of H. G. Box, convicted of manslaughter, and Box, a farmer of some standing in Hampton, will serve his sentence in the Penitentiary for the killing of J. H. McCreary.

THE POSTOFFICE SCANDALS.

Mr. Roosevelt will Endeavor to Counteract their Effect on his Campaign.

Washington, D. C., June 20.—When the pending investigation of the affairs of the postoffice department shall have been completed a full report of it will be made to President Roosevelt by the Postmaster General. It is understood to be the present intention of the President to make the report public, accompanying it with a statement of his own, reviewing the proceedings, and making such comments upon it as he may deem advisable.

MORE INVESTIGATIONS.

Washington, June 20.—An investigation will be made of the money order bureau and the dead letter office. Both of these bureaus handle considerable money, and the investigation is a measure of precaution. There are no specific charges. Counsel for the two competing bidders for the contract for printing the money order forms, the bids, which led to Superintendent Metcalf's dismissal, have been asked to submit their briefs to the department as soon as possible in order to enable early action on the contract. Postmaster General Payne said today that he had made no final decision on Mr. Metcalf's appeal for the reopening of his case.

Funeral of an Ex-Slave.

Columbia cor. News and Courier.

A very striking illustration of the feeling of Southern white people towards former slaves and of their respect for those colored people who deserve it occurred in this city Thursday. A negro woman, 56 years old, named Amelia Davis, who had been the faithful servant of Mrs. Edmund Davis, died on Richland street. The funeral was held and Mrs. Davis showed her regard for the constancy and devotion of the negress in death, as she had done during her life. A white preacher conducted the services, prominent white business men were the pallbearers and the body was interred in Elmwood Cemetery, the burying ground of the white people of the city. Not only that, but the store of E. P. & F. A. Davis was closed during the funeral. The Rev. Marl. L. Carlisle, of the Washington Street Methodist Church, conducted the funeral exercises and the pallbearers were: E. P., F. A. and P. B. Davis, P. H. Lachicotte, J. M. Green and C. M. Tew.

GENERAL NEWS NOTES.

Items of More or Less Interest Condensed Outside the State.

The Czar of Russia has officially welcomed King Peter as Sovereign of Serbia, but in his welcome insisted that he proceed to investigate the "abominable misdeed" which made his election possible—the murder of the former rulers—and that he "meted out rigorous punishment to those traitorous criminals" who committed the foul deed.

Booker T. Washington has called upon President Roosevelt to consult with him concerning an invitation which Washington has received from Lord Gray, of the British South African Co., to visit Africa and make a study of racial conditions in British territory. It is not thought Washington will go.

The postoffice department will resume the establishment of new rural mail delivery routes after the first of July. The matter was held up for a time on account of a deficiency in the appropriation for this branch of the service.

Fourteen men were killed and thirteen injured in London Thursday by an explosion in the Lyddite factory at the Woolwich Arsenal. The explosion is attributed to the bursting of a shell.

The rate of discount of the Bank of England has been reduced from 3½ to 3, the strength of the bank's reserve being regarded as fully justifying the reduction.

An Illinois Central passenger train collided with a freight near Raymond, Illinois, Thursday night, killing ten people, including both engineers and firemen and a mail clerk.

Count Cassini, the Russian ambassador to the United States, has given out an interview in which he says that he is gratified that a more reasonable view now prevails in this country in regard to the Kishineff massacre. The prompt and energetic measures taken by his government, he says, conclusively proves that it did not connive at the slaughter.

Another attachment has been granted by the Supreme Court of New York against Frank A. Umsted of Worcester, Mass., for a \$50,000 note of John L. McLaurin's, which Umsted endorsed.

Since the accession of King Peter to the throne of Serbia the United States and England have practically broken diplomatic relations with that country.

Ernest Chemic and Miss Jennie Brennan, two young people engaged to be married, committed suicide at Scranton, Pa., on Sunday, because another woman had sought to hold Chemic to an alleged engagement. The girl took poison, the man shot himself.

George Marvin was mortally injured by an accidental explosion while preparing to blow up a safe in Jolietville, Ind.

Health reports from Cuba indicate that small pox and yellow fever have disappeared, but that consumption is on the increase.

The great cotton mill strike at Lowell, Mass., has been called off by the Textile Union. The strike began on March 30th and involved about 17,000 operatives. It has cost in wages about \$1,300,000.

A Federal Judge in Alabama has held that the statue permitting poonang as the result of a conviction for crime is contrary to the United States Constitution, and has instructed the grand jury to bring in indictments where the law has been violated.

Fine Liquor.

A South Dakota editor has two subscribers who frequently get full, and every time they get in that condition they come and pay a year's subscription in advance. One of them is credited to 1941. The distiller who makes that brand can get his advertisements on easy terms in all the country papers.—Memphis News.

THE TESTIMONY

In the Case of Wm. Conkle, for Attempt to Assault, Published by Request of Young Woman's Relatives.

Following is the testimony in the case of the State vs. Wm. Conkle, attempt to assault, taken at the preliminary hearing before Magistrate Chappell, and which is here published at the request of relatives of Miss Mamie Bobb, daughter of Wm. Bobb, the young woman upon whom the alleged assault was made near her home in No. 10 Township, on the 9th day of May. Conkle was bound over to the circuit court by Magistrate Chappell and released on a bond of \$300. The young woman's relatives state that they believe their family was done an injustice by Magistrate Chappell's talk in giving his reasons for holding Conkle, which was printed in *The Herald and News*, and for this reason they request the testimony be printed. It is as follows:

THE TESTIMONY.

William Conkle pleaded "not guilty."

MISS MAMIE BOBB.

sworn, said on direct examination by Mr. Dominick: Live in Newberry County with my father. On the 9th day of this month had been over to Aunt Mary's, about half hour by sun. Was by myself. On way back saw Will Conkle behind me going in same direction. Had shot gun in his hand. Caught up. Heard something behind me. Looked back it was him. Asked me to stop, he wanted to see me. Told him to see me right here. Took me by the arm and said if I didn't go he would hurt me. Go into the pines with me. Grabbed me on arm. Half way drug me off. Threw me down. Kept on scuffling. Finally turned me loose because I kept crying and told him if he didn't let me loose he better had. Was about half mile from home. When got home didn't do anything. Mother is dead. Father living. Didn't tell him because he has heart trouble and knew it would kill him. First person was Miss Mary Griffin next morning. All this happened in Newberry County.

On cross examination by Mr. Blease: Was at my father's house. Was at Miss Mary Griffin's when come home. Conkle knew I was there because he saw me when I went over to Aunt Carrie's. Went from there back to Aunt Mary's. Next time saw Conkle was down at the scuffle. Saw Conkle first behind me. He called me. That was what first attracted my attention. Fuss did not attract. But that time had seen Conkle at Cousin Carrie's. He wasn't doing anything. I never done nothing. Don't remember seeing him sharpening razor. Didn't go in the room where he was to see a picture. Do you remember on one occasion when Conkle was in yard at John Crosson's? Didn't see him fixing bicycle. Have never sat on Conkle's lap. Don't remember seeing him at Crosson's fixing bicycle. Have been at John Crosson's not many times—a couple. Didn't know Conkle was there. Saw him there once or twice. Nothing wrong between me and Will as I know of. He has not been coming to see me. Do not remember an occasion when he was passing along in front of Mr. Griffin's house and had conversation with him about 100 yards from the house. Deny that. Haven't been knowing Conkle a year. Have been knowing him about 10 months. Don't know how long he has been living at John Crosson's. Don't know where he was living when I first knew him. Don't know where Conkle was when I left the house on the 9th. Am certain he did not get his gun and leave the house before I did. A few words passed between us in the house. Made excuse for his bare feet. Carrie Crosson and Dick Crosson were present. Didn't tell him what time I would leave. No other conversation at all. Didn't see Conkle get his gun and leave the house. About one and one-fourth miles from Crosson's to where I live. Was by myself. Sun was about three-fourths of an hour high when I left. Was looking for nobody. First thing attracted my attention was Conkle calling. Did not expect it. Nothing had been said at the house. Said he wanted to see me a little bit. Then took me by left arm with his left hand. Not very far from the pines then—about one-half mile from Crosson's, half mile from home. Nearest house wasn't half mile. Was in dark place. Was only patch of pines between our house and Mrs. Griffin's. He told me if I didn't go he would

hurt me. Didn't ask any questions. Just said he wanted to see me a little. Then made me go in pines not so far. * * * Didn't attempt to strangle or shoot. Didn't do anything to make me insensible. Knew all the time what he was doing. Turned me loose because I kept crying and told him he better had. Let me loose of his own accord and I went on home. He didn't say anything. I didn't say anything. Didn't kiss him goodbye. Father was at home when I got there. Didn't say anything about it till next day. Know J. W. Bobb. First told Aunt Mary. Isn't it a fact that J. W. Bobb and some one else examined tracks? Yes, sir. I was going to Aunt Mary's to tell her when they were down there, but didn't know they were there. They were there examining tracks before I told them. They did not come to me and make me tell. Have four brothers, grown men. They know Will Conkle and I told them about this matter.

MRS. MARY GRIFFIN.

who is an aunt of Miss Mamie Bobb, sworn, said: Live in Newberry County. Know Mamie Bobb, my niece. She lives about a mile from my house. Very often visits me. Was at my house on 9th of June, left half hour by sun. Conkle was not there. Saw him going down road right behind Mamie. Was walking past right after her with gun in his hand. Never heard anything about alleged assault till she came and told me about it. In consequence of what I was told, I went down the road to the place of the scuffle. Oscar Bobb, her brother, was with me. Saw signs of a terrible scuffle in the pines.

Cross examination by Mr. Blease: Never looked along for tracks. Went right for place. * * *

G. P. GRIFFIN.

sworn, said: On 9th of June was at home. Saw Mamie Bobb just after she got in big road in front of my house about half or three-quarter of an hour by sun. Didn't see Conkle. First heard about it next morning between 10 and 11. Mamie Bobb told be. Went there and examined. * * *

L. A. BOBB.

a brother of Miss Mamie Bobb, sworn, said: First heard about alleged crime next morning about 10 o'clock. Sister, Mamie Bobb, told me. Examined ground. Broke pretty bad, signs of struggle. Afternoon before saw Conkle go in front of my house about half hour by sun. My house is back off from the road. Conkle was going the way my sister was going. In reply to questions by Magistrate: Examination of tracks took place after Uncle George came down and seen them. Her tracks were in front. Examination took place while she was going up to Aunt Mary's to tell it. Mr. Dominick stated he had other testimony but it was merely commulative.

THE KENTUCKY FEUDS.

Case of Jett at White Having been Removed to Another County, Talk of Prosecutions for Bribery and Perjury

Jackson, Ky., June 20.—Since the removal of Jett and White to Lexington and the prospect of another trial in another county beyond the scene of the feud influence there is considerable talk here of prosecutions for perjury and bribery. It is said that a move is on foot to swear out warrants at once for the arrest of men in high places for bribery, perjury and being accessory to the Marcum murder before the fact. The situation is still one of apprehension. The foreman of the grand jury that indicted Jett and White has been threatened, and the soldiers were stationed around his house last night as well as around that of Haddix, who testified to seeing Crawford and Tarpe, teamsters for the Hargis brothers, coming from the Ewen Hotel just before the fire was discovered. Anxiety is felt for other witnesses and jurors, and the provost marshal will continue holding Jackson under martial law.

A young man by the name of Strickland was shot from ambush near Page's Mills a few days ago and slightly wounded. It is thought the shooting was the result of an old feud and that murder will result.

The board of regents of the State Hospital for the Insane have decided to commence work at once on a new building for white women. The building will be called the Talley, for Dr. A. N. Talley.