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ONE PERSON KILLED MANY INJURED.

REAR END COLLISION DURING FOG NEAR HANAHAN STATION.

Charleston, Dec. 9.—One man was fatally injured and a score of other persons were more or less seriously hurt when the second section of fast passenger train No. 30 on the Atlantic Coast Line railroad crashed into the rear end of local train No. 52, at Hanahan station, 12 miles from here, shortly after 7 o'clock this morning. I. R. Edwards, of Sumter, died in a local hospital several hours after the accident.

The injured were all rushed to Charleston and sent to local hospitals. It is said that the collision took place during a fog, apparently signals of train No. 52, which had stopped on account of a hot box, not being made out in time by the crew of No. 80.

A relief train was dispatched at once to the scene of the accident and doctors proceeded to Hanahan by automobile and prompt attention was given the injured. Only a few passengers are reported to be more seriously injured, and they were brought to this city on train No. 85 southbound. The others were brought to Charleston by the relief train and at the union station were conveyed on stretchers and trucks to waiting ambulances which rushed them to the hospitals.

Train No. 52 it is said, left Charleston at 6:35 o'clock on its regular run to Columbia and Greenville and is a local train. At Hanahan the train stopped, so that work might be done on a hot box. The train was then on the main line, at the station, and displayed a signal. The second section of No. 80 scheduled to leave Ashley Junction at 5:25 did not leave until 6:50, it is reported. It consisted only of baggage and express cars, the passenger section having left shortly after 5 o'clock. It is reported that section two was going about 40 miles an hour when coming into Hanahan, and that a heavy fog rendered the signal of the local train invisible until it was too late. The engineer of the fast train is reported to have jumped from the engine and was slightly injured.

The engine crashed into a steel pullman car on the rear of the local and this car in turn tore into the day coach next to it. The engine of the fast train was somewhat damaged, and the pullman car also and other cars, it is reported, were knocked off the tracks. The second section of train No. 80 does not come into this city, but continues its trip via Ashley Junction. No official statement has been issued as yet by the railroad authorities.

List of Injured.
I. R. Edwards, Sumter, S. C., died of internal injuries about 10:30 o'clock.
F. D. Putnam, Greenville, S. C., fractured skull.

R. J. Fallon, 3 Hempstead Square, Charleston, contusion left hip.

W. A. Williams, Florence, injuries to back and elbows.

W. S. Striggs, Travelers Rest, S. C., contusion of chest and back.

Samuel Whaley, Moncks Corner, S. C., left arm at shoulder, crushed.

J. E. Gambell, Manning, S. C., bruises.

J. W. Gerard, Charleston, S. C., discharged.

Miss Catherine Terrell, 48 Rutledge avenue, Charleston, slight injuries, discharged.

W. R. Willard, Charleston, painfully injured.

Mays Miller, Charleston, painful injuries.

Sam Pinckney, Charleston, painful injuries.

Richard Smalls, Moncks Corner, S. C., painful injuries.

Caesar Palmer, Banneaus, S. C., discharged.

Geo. Bethes, Charleston, discharged.

Rev. F. K. Bakerville, Charleston, discharged.

Robert Williams, Florence, S. C., discharged.

The following were brought in for examination, but it is not believed they are seriously hurt:

F. G. Dillon, 99 DeKalb avenue, New York City. T. C. Chinn, 52 Herberd avenue, North Cakbridge, Mass.

M. B. Washington, 2012-A Fulton street, Brooklyn, N. Y.

T. Sherman, 801 W. Forsyth street, Jacksonville.

M. J. Scriens, 1942 Johnson street, Jacksonville.

Salters Items.

Salters Depot, Dec. 12.—We are having some cool weather after the warm spell of the past week. We also had a shower of rain Saturday night which was of much benefit to small grain crops.

Mr. W. S. McCullough attended the Shriners meeting in Charleston last week.

Mr. and Mrs. J. M. Sires, Jr., are visiting relatives in Charleston.

Miss Leila Ferrell spent several days in Charleston last week with friends.

Mr. L. D. Nettles of Manning, spent Sunday night with relatives here.

Rev. W. H. Miley and singer, Mr. Betts, came Saturday and began a revival service at Union Presbyterian church. Dr. Miley is making a fine impression by his forceful sermons. Mr. Betts is a splendid leader of song, which is enjoyed by all. Come out and enjoy the meeting. Time of service, 11:30 o'clock a. m. and 7:30 p. m. The meeting will close on the 17th.

News From Earles.

Earles, Dec. 12.—We are very sorry to report that Mr. J. W. Parsons of this section is critically ill with pneumonia.

There was an educational rally held at the Earles school building last Wednesday night. Messrs. Baldwin, Epps and Clark of Kingstree, and Mr. L. E. Smith, principal of the Earles school, and Mr. G. W. Camlin of this section, gave very interesting talks to quite a number of the patrons and young folks of this school. We hope that much good will be accomplished by this campaign. We are very sorry that others had not been here.

Messrs. G. W., and Orris Camlin made a business trip to Kingstree, Sumter and Manning one day last week.

Among the ones who have had the flu are, Mr. C. F. McCants and family, Mr. C. S. Guerry and Mr. Edgar Camlin.

Mr. G. W. Camlin attended the educational rally at Kingstree last Saturday; also Mr. L. E. Smith and Misses Kennedy, Lawrence and Camlin.

The younger set of this community seem to be glad that Christmas is near. I wonder if they are looking for Santa Claus, or, the home-coming of some friend.

"Canary."

Play at Greelyville High School.

"Al Martin's Country Store" will be given at the school auditorium at Greelyville Wednesday evening, December 20th. This is a very interesting and humorous play.

In this play, Jerome Guess features as Al Martin, the country store-keeper. His natural wit makes him well-fitted for this part. Mary Clarkson is Marie Martin, the petted daughter of Al Martin. Willie Huggins, Edgar Heins and Charles Dukes feature as Sam Johnson, Tom Briggs and Buck Friend, respectively, village loafers. Isaac Hughes takes the part of Rube Hutchins, a horse trader who is rather hard of hearing. DeHon Clarkson and Ralph Bradshaw are a civil engineer and a railroad promoter, respectively. Edelyn Montgomery and Itie Oliver are Bess and Anna, chums of Marie. Carrie Player and Frances Lesne are Mrs. Blake and Mrs. Simons, washer-women, who add much merriment to the play by their gossips.

Helen Allen and Myrtle Mishoe take the parts of Mrs. Hawkins and Miss Simons, old ladies who are very hard to please in their purchases. Henry Montgomery and Robert Watkins are a hunter and a rather slow young man, respectively. Baxter Funderburk is a rather fast young man. Walter Harrington features as Jerry, a hungry always eating crackers. Fred Mishoe is Si Newcomb. Grier Montgomery is Ralph Miller, a school teacher. John F. Register takes the part of Rev. John Wesley Asbury, an elderly minister. Eugene Oliver takes the part of Otto Padretti, a traveling music teacher. John H. Hardy is Squire Holden, an old skinflint. George Browder is Jim, a ragged little colored boy, full of fun. Dorothy Boyd acts as Mandy Spriggs, an awkward, comical girl.

Numerous customers coming and going are: Evelyn Boyd, Eleanor Lesnes, Beulah Mae Butler, Edna Bradshaw, Hettie Belle Epps, Mary Clarkson, Janie Clary, Ed Hair, Gaynell Gamble, Lawrence Tisdale, Ira Player, Samuel Lesnes, Ernest Bradshaw, Eugene Allen, Florence Chewning.

FAVOR BOND ISSUE FOR GOOD ROADS

COMMITTEE TO PREPARE PLANS TO BE SUBMITTED TO LEGISLATURE.

Columbia, Dec. 11.—The good roads conference recently called by Governor Harvey, meeting here today, decided to ask the General Assembly to submit a bond issue to the people of the state, and preliminary to that, selected a committee to decide on the system, the amount of the issue and other details to be embraced in a bill it is to prepare and report back to the conference at a later date.

The committee, one member from each congressional district, with A. B. Langley of Columbia, a member of the State Highway Commission as ex-officio chairman, is as follows: First district, W. W. Smoak of Walterboro; second, Capt. W. D. Black of Williston; third, E. P. McCravy of Easley; fourth, B. H. Peace of Greenville; fifth, Col. T. B. Spratt of Fort Mill; sixth, Col. D. A. Spivey of Conway, and seventh, Claud N. Sapp of Columbia.

The conference was unanimous in the opinion that there should be a bond issue submitted to the people, but there was some doubt as to the feasibility of naming the amount, issues of all the way from \$25,000,000 to \$100,000,000 being suggested during the meeting. However, the amount was left to the committee, as was the composition of the road. It was the consensus that, preliminary to any election on bonds, which, to be successful, must have a majority of two-thirds of the votes cast, it will be necessary for the people to know just what roads the state system will embrace; and, further, it seemed to be the opinion that the expenditure of funds from the issue must be divorced entirely from politics, and to that end, it was suggested that the bill provide a commission of prominent and patriotic business men of the state under whose direction the proceeds be disbursed.

The conference was one of the most representative of the many such gatherings held at Columbia in recent years, and bespoke the intense interest the people are taking in the matter of permanent, improved highways. There were approximately 150 of the leading business and professional men and women of the state present from every county and practically all the cities.

Wilson-Nelson.

Manning, Dec. 9.—A wedding of rare beauty and simplicity was solemnized Wednesday evening, December 6, at the home of Mrs. Anne Plowden Nelson, when her daughter, Claree, was given in marriage to Mr. William Reece Wilson. As the wedding march sounded the bridal party entered in the following order: Mr. David W. DuRant and N. L. DuRant, ushers; Mr. George Nelson, brother of the bride, and Miss Cornelia Nelson, sister of the groom; Mr. Letcher McElveen and Miss Lillian Plowden; Miss Irene Plowden, maid of honor. The bridesmaids wore becoming dresses of pink crepe taffeta, while the maid of honor was exquisitely gowned in Nile green satin and silver lace. All carried pink Killarney roses. The groom, accompanied by the best man, Mr. Rembert Evans, then entered.

The lovely bride, her brunette beauty charmingly enhanced by a veil of tulle, caught by a becoming coronet of orange blossoms, and gowned in shimmering satin, was given in marriage by her brother, Mr. Edgar Nelson. Mr. Workman, who performed the ceremony, had conducted the same rite for the brides parents and the groom's. The bride is a young woman of beauty and charm, and the groom is a prosperous business man. Delightful refreshments were served and an elaborate display of beautiful gifts attested the popularity of the young couple. The out-of-town guests were: Dr. and Mrs. Wheeler, Mrs. Whiteford Smith Nelson and Miss Daisy Smith of Columbia. There were present four generations of the Nelson family. The marriage took place at the old Nelson home, one of the prettiest country homes of this section. The bride and groom, after the reception, left for Lake City, and will be at home to their friends there.—Charleston News and Courier.

FALL TERM COURT CLOSED FRIDAY

LAST CASE UNIQUE IN ITS CHARACTER, AMICABLY SETTLED.

The fall term of the Court of Common Pleas which convened here on the morning of the 4th and adjourned late Friday afternoon, was one of the most interesting terms of the civil court ever held in Williamsburg county, made so by the prominence of the litigants involved in the various actions. The very able and learned Judge, J. W. DeVore of Edgefield, presided during the term, and perhaps, more than ever before, endeared himself to the members of the bar, the jurors and the citizens of this section Friday, when through his clear conception of the law of his state, his kindly nature and his sense of justice he was able to settle to the satisfaction of the contestants and their counsel, one of the knottiest cases ever tried in this county. This case was in the matter of Mrs. Lillian Davis Brown against Sallie E. Davis and others for the recovery of lands of the estate of the late Geo. W. Davis of Williamsburg county. In 1877, as shown by the testimony, Geo. W. Davis married Miss Amanda Hanna, who resided with her mother in the neighborhood of Lake City, then in Williamsburg county. He took his bride to the home of his father, Dr. Davis where they lived together for six months as man and wife, then Mr. Davis returned his young and attractive wife to her mother and there left her. In October of that year a daughter, the plaintiff, in this unique suit was born; she grew into maturity, a beautiful woman, though her father never contributed to her welfare. Seven years after her birth her mother moved to Florida and took up a permanent abode in that state, and, in 1884, remarried there. About the same time, perhaps a year or so sooner or later, Mr. Davis went into Georgetown county and married a daughter of the late Captain Henry McDonald, whom he took to his old home near Johnsonville and there lived happily until his death in 1916. There was born to this marriage nine children, seven of whom with their mother, were defendants in this action, the other two being deceased. Testimony was adduced to prove beyond doubt the legality of the marriage of Mr. Davis to the mother of the plaintiff, Mrs. Brown, and according to the law of the state established her right, as heir to the lands of the estate of her father, notwithstanding his later marriage ceremony and the claim set up by the issues of that marriage. It was not proven that Mr. Davis or the mother of the plaintiff had ever obtained a divorce outside of this state. It was believed at the time of remarriage that they had, but records could not be found to substantiate this phase of the case. Captain Davis was a good and useful citizen, and the respect of all who knew him. He was elected to the legislature and served in that body with Judge DeVore. He was successively elected to the office of magistrate in this county for eighteen or twenty years. There is a large family connection on both sides, composed of the most prominent people of Williamsburg and Florence counties. The preponderance of evidence was clearly and unmistakably in favor of the plaintiff, but for the sake of family harmony and unity, and through his respect for an old friend and colleague in the legislature, Judge DeVore preferred to see the contention between the heirs of George W. Davis settled outside the jury room, and as soon as all the evidence was in and counsel on both sides rested, Judge DeVore called the parties at interest, with their counsel, into his private chamber and gave them such kindly and timely admonition as brought about what no one else had been able to do—a satisfactory settlement of their contentions. The settlement decreed to the plaintiff a one-half interest in the lands of the estate and an equal share to the defendants. A verdict was drawn and signed by the foreman of the jury, W. T. Wilkins, concurred in by the other members of the body. Judge DeVore was heartily congratulated by members of counsel on both sides, who throughout the long trial had fought tenaciously for every scintilla of right and justice as they saw it. The jurors were profoundly sincere

Mrs. Mary Cox M'Gee.

Mrs. Mary Cox McGee, wife of W. H. McGee of this place, died Friday afternoon at 2 o'clock at her late home on Nelson street. Mrs. McGee had been in declining health for several years from heart and kidney complication, but only recently had she been seriously ill. Three weeks ago she was able to take the train here and go to Charleston, where she was in hope she might find relief. Mrs. McGee was born in Charleston April 4, 1862, the daughter of Rudolph Cox. She was a cousin of the late Henry Timrod and is the last member of her family. Early in life when only 15 years of age, she married J. A. Hodge of Clarendon. Some time after the death of Mr. Hodge she married W. Horace McGee of this county and has been a resident of this community for over 25 years. Mrs. McGee was recognized throughout the community as a noble woman, always ready and willing to assist the unfortunate, administer to the sick and contribute to the needy. She was an exemplary Christian character and never failed to give of her means and her service to a worthy cause, whether public or private. She was a member of the Baptist church. The funeral took place at the residence at 3 o'clock Saturday afternoon, conducted by her pastor, the Rev. Frank P. Hawkins. Interment was in the Williamsburg cemetery. She is survived by her husband.

News Items From Trio.

Trio, Dec. 12.—Miss Mattie McCullough of Andrews, spent the weekend with her mother, Mrs. J. J. McCullough, near Trio.

Mr. A. R. Register, Mr. and Mrs. R. E. Register, and Robert Register of Lanes, spent Sunday with Mrs. J. W. Register.

Hon. W. T. Rowell spent last week in Kingstree attending court.

Mr. and Mrs. H. H. Hilton of Davis Station, spent a few days last week at the home of Mr. R. P. Hinnant.

Messrs. J. W., and W. Norwood Register went to Lanes last Saturday on a business trip.

Mr. Leon Register spent two days last week in Lanes.

Mr. and Mrs. E. L. Davis and their two little children from Manning, are visiting Mrs. Davis' father, Mr. R. P. Hinnant.

Mrs. J. A. Salters went to Lake City last Saturday afternoon to stay a few days with her sister, Mrs. Fred Horton, who has been quite sick with "flu."

Mr. and Mrs. Roland Scott and their three little children from Georgetown, spent Sunday with Mr. and Mrs. W. H. Harper.

Rev. and Mrs. G. T. Rhoad and family left Tuesday morning for their new home in Ruffin.

The new pastor, Rev. W. S. Heath, is expected on Thursday with his bride.

We are sorry to state that Mr. Eddie B. Cooper is quite sick.

Maj. James C. Dozier of Rock Hill has been elected secretary of the State Welfare Board. Maj. Dozier will take up his work at once. Maj. Dozier is possibly the best known South Carolina veteran of the World War. He was awarded the Congressional medal. Last summer he was a candidate for secretary of state. He has quite a number of friends in this section.

In their thanks and congratulations to Judge DeVore both for having so amicably settled such an important matter and for having relieved them of a duty entirely uncertain to its ultimate result. Mrs. Brown was represented by Mr. Henry Davis and Mr. Hardee of the firm of Wilcox & Wilcox, Florence, while the defendants were represented by Mr. LeRoy Lee of Lee & Shuler and by Mr. A. C. Hinds of the firm of Kelley & Hinds, both of the local bar.

When The County Record went to press last week the case of Gordon Drying Machine Co., of Providence R. I., and the Independent Redrying Tobacco company who had brought a counter action, had gone to the jury after a very able and comprehensive charge by Judge DeVore. During the morning session a verdict was returned in favor of the Independent Redrying corporation for something over \$1,300 and the machinery involved in the complaint of the Gordon company. A motion for a rehearing was asked by Mr. Hyde for his clients but was overruled by the court.

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REFUSES TO TAKE UP JEFFORD'S CASE

IRA HARRISON MAY GO BEFORE THE STATE SUPREME COURT.

Washington, Dec. 11.—The supreme court of the United States will not review the conviction of Frank M. Jeffords for the murder of J. C. Arnette at Columbia last spring, it was announced today by Chief Justice Taft.

Jesse B. Adams, a Washington attorney, presented to the chief justice in chambers last night a motion for a writ of error. Adams contended that Jeffords who is under sentence to die in the electric chair December 22, was not given a fair trial guaranteed under the state and federal constitutions.

The chief justice passed on the motion because he has jurisdiction over the circuit which embraces South Carolina. His refusal to grant the writ, which would have given Jeffords an opportunity to have the supreme court review his case, was made known during the day's session of the court.

Columbia, Dec. 11.—The South Carolina supreme court will again be asked to pass on the case of Ira Harrison, 21, convicted with Frank M. Jeffords and Glenn Treece, of the murder last spring of J. C. Arnette, Jeffords' business partner, it was announced here today by his attorneys. Harrison and Jeffords are under sentence to die in the electric chair on December 22, and Treece is serving a life sentence in prison.

Harrison was sentenced on Saturday while lying on a stretcher in the circuit court room here in an apparent state of coma. Attorneys for the defense asked commitment of Harrison to an insane hospital for observation but this was denied after three physicians testified that in their opinion Harrison was feigning unconsciousness.

Attorney Bernard B. Evans today said that he would appeal to the supreme court from the ruling of Judge Mauldin. This, it was said, would act as a stay of execution in Harrison's case.

Harrison today still was under observation in the death house at the penitentiary. Officials said he showed some signs yesterday of returning consciousness and once asked for water.

Attorneys for Jeffords, whose appeal to the United States supreme court was denied today by Chief Justice Taft, have not announced what steps they contemplated in further efforts to prevent or delay his execution. It was said here however, that the action of Judge Taft apparently left an appeal to the governor as the last resort.

JUDGE GARY DEAD.

Able Jurist Passed Away in Charleston Last Week.

Circuit Judge Frank Boyd Gary, of the Eighth judicial circuit of South Carolina, died in Charleston last Thursday evening at the residence of his sister, Mrs. Marie Gary Eason, after an illness of two months. He was in the sixty-second year of his age, having been born in Cokesbury, in Abbeville county, March 9, 1860. His widow and his only son, Frank Boyd Gary, Jr., were with him when the end came. Judge Gary was one of the leading jurists of the state and was widely known. He had been a judge since 1912, having been elected in January of that year. He had been a prominent figure in law and judicial circles in South Carolina since 1881.

Marion Westendorff has Passed Away

Mr. Marion F. Westendorff, for many years with the Kerrison Dry Goods Company, died last Sunday afternoon at the Baker Sanatorium in Charleston after a brief illness. Mr. Westendorff was fifty years of age. He was devoted to the Star Gospel Mission. His last service for the mission was at the services Thanksgiving in the county jail.

Mr. Westendorff has a large number of friends and acquaintances in Kingstree, who will regret to hear of his death. Mr. Westendorff, with several other religious workers from Charleston, conducted a series of meetings in the old Baptist church about eleven years ago.