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## THE GREGORY-HOOD BUILDING.

Something About the Handsome Brick Structure that now Adorns the Corner of Gay and Catawba Streets.

We have more than once had something to say about the handsome new building of the Gregory-Hood Live Stock company, at the corner of Gay and Catawba streets, but a structure so highly creditable to the community as well as its enterprising and progressive owners is eminently deserving of still further mention.

It will be recalled that the old buildings which stood on the lot now occupied by the new block were destroyed by the memorable fire on the night of the last anniversary of Washington's birthday—February 22—which also destroyed the Methodist church, Dr. J. F. Mackey's residence and other buildings, and in which perished many fine horses and mules belonging to the Gregory-Hood company, whose total loss by the disastrous flames approximated thirty thousand dollars.

As soon as practicable after the fire Messrs Gregory & Hood began planning to rebuild, but on a larger and more extensive scale, first securing temporary quarters for their stock, vehicles, etc., in the livery stable on French street, which they continued to use until recently, when they moved into the new building, though it is still not quite finished.

Instead of rebuilding by contract, Messrs Gregory and Hood decided to have the work done themselves. They accordingly employed a Charlotte architect, Mr. McMichael, to draw the plans and specifications for the kind of structure they wanted, then purchased with great care all the necessary material—brick, lumber, cement, etc., and secured the services of an experienced New York mechanic, Mr. Harbin, to supervise the entire work of construction.

As heretofore published, the building is an immense two-story brick structure, the dimensions being 100x153 feet, the front of handsome pressed brick. The offices, both public and private, reception room, etc., are in the southwest portion on the first floor, the general or main office being in the extreme corner, in which there is a vault as large and secure as those to be found in first-class banking establishments. The furniture, fixtures and appointments generally are complete and up-to-date. The walls are of wood fibre, which is rapidly supplanting the ordinary plastering of lime and mortar. The entire building is wired preparatory to the use of electric lights, and it is also equipped with its own water-works system. There are two large and spacious carriage repositories, one on the first and the other on the second floor, the two being connected by means of an elevator of sufficient capacity for carrying vehicles. The two floors are also connected by broad stairways. On the second floor a compartment of considerable dimensions has been fitted up for the manufacture of harness, saddles, bridles, etc., and such work is now being done on a large scale under the direction of that skilled harnessmaker,

Mr. Stoll, who has been with Messrs Gregory & Hood for a number of years. On the second floor also is an immense hall—just suited for a skating rink, but which will be converted into numerous rooms, to be rented for professional and other offices.

The stock pens and stalls are located on the ground floor on the north side of the building, and are most conveniently and systematically arranged, being patterned largely after the great modern barns in St. Louis. The system for handling, exhibiting, feeding and watering stock appears to be well-nigh perfect. The arrangements are such that the danger usually incident to the handling of unbroken and unruly animals is entirely eliminated.

In addition to the offices and other departments mentioned on the first floor are four large store rooms, all fronting on Gay street. At least two of these rooms when fitted up will most likely be rented for mercantile purposes.

Everything considered we doubt if there is a handsomer or more conveniently arranged building of the kind in the State, though the proprietors themselves, who are no doubt the largest stock dealers in South Carolina, have large and well appointed establishments of a similar character elsewhere, namely, at Columbia, Timmonsville, Bishopville and Hartsville.

While the big Lancaster building was going up this summer Mr. J. M. Hood, of the Gregory-Hood company, was also having a lot of building done on his own account, as previously noted in these columns. He had as many as eight nice cottages erected on his lots in the northern part of town, several of them costing over two thousand dollars each. And so rapidly is Lancaster's population increasing that Mr. Hood is having no trouble in renting his residential properties.

## The Volunteer Fire Company--Meeting Wednesday Night.

All members of the Lancaster Volunteer Fire Company and all others interested in this movement are requested to meet at the Court House at 7.30 p. m. Wednesday night, Dec. 2nd, for the purpose of enlisting members, adopting by-laws, etc.

This is a matter of importance to every citizen of Lancaster and it is hoped all will co-operate with these working for its success.

H. Hines,  
Temporary Chairman.

## Tragedy at Kershaw--Sad Ending of Boys' Hunt.

A distressing tragedy occurred at Kershaw last Saturday. While several boys were out hunting one of the number, Master Frank Hilton, about 13 years old, son of Mr. B. A. Hilton, was accidentally shot by a young companion, Master Caville Jordan, son of Mr. L. J. Jordan, death resulting from the wound about 8 o'clock Saturday night. It appears that the unfortunate lad was in the act of throwing a rock at a rabbit, when young Jordan fired at the animal, the lead striking young Hilton in the arm. Before aid could reach the boy he was so exhausted from the loss of blood that he never rallied.

The remains of young Hilton were buried at Kershaw Monday.

## METHODIST CONFERENCE.

Appointments for the New Year--Changes at Lancaster and in the County.

The South Carolina Methodist Conference, which convened in annual session at Laurens a week ago, adjourned Monday, after the reading of the assignment of ministers for the ensuing year. The appointments for the Rock Hill and Sumter districts are as follows:

Rock Hill District—R. E. Stackhouse, presiding elder; Blackstock, H. B. Hardy; Chester, D. M. McLeod; Chester Circuit, A. E. Holler; East Chester, F. E. Hodges; East Lancaster, W. A. Beckham; Fort Mill, S. J. Bethea; Hickory Grove, S. D. Bailey; Lancaster, M. M. Brabham; Lancaster Circuit, H. L. Singleton; North Rock Hill, W. M. Owings; Richburg, W. S. Martin; Rock Hill, St. John's, H. R. Mills; Laurel Street, J. M. Rogers; Rock Hill Circuit, W. H. Ariall; Van Wyck, C. P. Carter; Winnsboro, D. Arthur Phillips; Yorkville, O. M. Abney, S. A. Weber, supernumerary; York Circuit, B. G. Vaughan; Missionary evangelist, E. K. Hardin; Student Vanderbilt university, J. H. Brown.

Sumter District—W. T. Duncan, presiding elder; Bethany, O. D. Spire; Bishopville, P. A. Murray; Camden, B. G. Murphy; Elmore, A. S. Lesley; Fort Motte, L. T. Phillips; Heath Springs, R. E. Sharp; Kershaw, J. H. Noland; Lynehburg, J. S. Beasley; Manning, F. H. Shuler; Oswego, D. Hucks; Pine-wood, T. W. Munnerlyn; Providence, F. G. Whitlock; Richland, J. P. Wingham; St. John's and Remberts, J. E. Strickland; St. Matthews, J. H. Thacker; Sumter, First church, M. W. Hook, W. S. Stokes, supernumerary; Broad Street, J. B. Wilson; Wateree, J. V. Davis.

It will be observed that one minister less is sent to this county, Grace church being added to the Lancaster Circuit and Zion church to East Lancaster.

Rev. W. A. Fairy, at Lancaster this year, goes to Kingstree; Rev. E. M. Mc Kissick, from East Lancaster, to Cades, in Kingstree District.

## Sudden Death of Mr. Broadus Hinson, Prominent Young Citizen of Primus.

The many friends throughout the county of Mr. Broadus Hinson will be shocked to hear of his death, which occurred suddenly yesterday morning about 3 o'clock, at his home at Primus. He had been sick only day or two, and died of heart failure, having been a victim of heart trouble for a number of years—in fact, since he was 16 years old.

Mr. Hinson was a son of the late O. C. Hinson and was about 30 years of age. He leaves a widow, Mrs. Ada Hinson, daughter of the late Robert Kirk. He is also survived by the following brothers and sisters: Dr. F. C. Hinson and Mr. M. L. Hinson, of Primus; Mr. Elmore Hinson, of Camden; Mr. E. O. Hinson, of Lancaster; Mrs. J. F. Jenkins, of Charlotte; Mrs. John Blackmon, of Rich Hill, and Miss Dora Hinson, of Primus. The remains will be buried at Fork Hill today.

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## Robber Caught by His Girl Victim, who Waited for Weeks Get to Him.

Chicago, Nov. 28—Acting as her own detective, Miss Amelia Ernstein last night captured a hold-up man who six weeks ago robbed her of \$125 and a gold watch. The prisoner, who gave the name of Edward Kelley, confessed to the police that he was one of the thieves. He refused to reveal the identity of his companion in crime.

Miss Ernstein has been in America only one year, having come from Germany. She is twenty five years old. One night in the early part of October she attended a five-cent theater. On coming out of the theater she was confused and asked two young men to direct her to her residence. They volunteered to escort her.

Being a stranger in the country and believing everybody honest, the girl did not suspect that the two were bent on robbing her. She was taken in the general direction of her dwelling place and was led into Washington park, where the two men strangled her and robbed her of a bag of money that she wore around her waist. During the resistance she made to save the money her clothing was torn to shreds. The robbers beat her and left her unconscious.

On reaching the home of her employer early in the morning, a doctor was called to attend her. Her condition was serious. Detectives worked on the case several days without result.

For the last month Miss Ernstein has nightly visited the five-cent theaters in State street in hope of catching the men who robbed her. Last night her efforts were rewarded. She recognized Kelley as he came out of a five-cent show house and followed him until she came to Policemen Powers and Downing.

"Arrest that man," she exclaimed. "He robbed me six weeks ago."

## Tornado in New Role--Acted as Peacemaker.

St. Louis, Mo.—The tail end of a tornado brought about a reconciliation between Thompson Boyle, an aged farmer of St. Clair county, Illinois, and his wife Thursday. Boyle and his wife have been separated for a long time. He built for her another house on the farm in which she and two children lived. The husband lived alone in a big two-story frame house. The tornado blew the old man's house away just as he stepped inside to find shelter. Forgetting her trouble with her husband, she went to his assistance, and with the aid of her two sons, dragged him out of the debris.

They both agreed that the tornado was a peacemaker.

## Night Riders Fire On Troops.

Memphis, Tenn., November 28.—A dispatch from Union City, Tenn. to the News-Scimitar late today confirms reports of an attack on a detail of militiamen by a band of men, presumably night riders, at the Gleason saw mill, near Samaburg, last night. According to the dispatch one of the soldiers was slightly wounded and fifty shots were exchanged between the military and the attacking party.

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## TRAGEDY IN SUMTER.

Suicide of W. A. McIlwain, a Native of Lancaster County.

Mr. W. A. McIlwain, who as a lad removed from this county to Sumter many years ago with his father, the late Capt. James D. McIlwain, died by his own hand in Sumter on Thanksgiving day, dependency on account of bad health being the cause of the rash act. A Sumter special in the Charleston Sunday News gives the following particulars of the unfortunate suicide:

The community was much shocked this morning when it was found that Mr. W. A. McIlwain had shot and killed himself with a pistol yesterday some time between the hours of 11 and 12 o'clock a. m. The body was found this morning in an out-building adjoining the store of O'Donnell & Co. of which company the deceased was a stockholder and the manager of its dry goods department. The store being closed yesterday on account of Thanksgiving, the body was not found till this morning, although search for Mr. McIlwain had been started upon his not returning home yesterday at the usual hour.

The deceased was about 45 years of age. He was a man of sterling integrity and had a large number of friends. He had been in poor health for some time, and dependency over his condition, imagined or real, was without doubt the cause of the deplorable act. He leaves a wife and one child. The funeral services will be held at the residence tomorrow at 4 o'clock.

## A Former Lancastrian Prospering in a Growing Town in Alabama.

We are indebted to Mr. J. H. Craig, a former Lancastrian residing in Jasper, Alabama, for a copy of one of his county papers containing much valuable information about the home of his adoption. Unfortunately for us however, the paper was removed from our desk by some one before we had an opportunity of reading it carefully. Mr. Craig is a son of Mr. Harper Craig, of New Cut, and his numerous friends in this county will be pleased to learn that he is doing well in Alabama. He has an interest in both the largest mercantile firm and bank in Jasper.

In a letter received from Mr. Craig a few days ago he says: "I have just finished reading a copy of your paper. My wife, though an Alabama lady, has learned to look for The Lancaster News and welcomes its visit twice a week to our home."

## North Carolina's Official Vote.

Raleigh, N. C., Nov. 28.—The official vote of North Carolina for president announced today, was:

Bryan 136,927 and Taft 114,084, a majority for Bryan of 22,834. J. A. Transon, Socialist candidate for governor, received 310 votes.

## Father and Children Drown.

Jacksonville, Fla., Nov. 28.—News reached here today from Dania, a small station on the east coast of Florida, of the accidental drowning of Mr. Dyke and his son and daughter, which occurred while they were in surf bathing Friday afternoon.