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AN INTERESTING EVENT.

Presentation of Jefferson Davis Portrait to the Graded School by Daughters of the Confederacy.

Editor Lancaster News:

A portrait of Jefferson Davis, only president of the Southern Confederacy, was given by the Lancaster Chapter U. D. C. to the graded school on Friday, Dec 18th, 1908. (centennial year) with appropriate and beautiful exercises in the chapel. "My Old Kentucky Home" was sweetly and touchingly sung by the school children, and after an impressive prayer by Rev. M. M. Brabham, of the Methodist church, Mr. John T. Green, of the Lancaster bar, by request of the Daughters of the Confederacy, presented the portrait in his usual eloquent manner, paying a glowing tribute to the South's much-loved chieftain, and holding President Davis up as a grand object lesson to all who heard it. Superintendent Bruce Craven received the picture for the school with patriotic words, all of which was most inspiring and educational to the youth of our land.

Miss Marie Craig then read in a graceful and charming style a poem, "The Southrons Farewell to Liberty," written by Rev. J. Lowrie Wilson, D. D. in 1865, and dedicated by him to the Daughters of the Confederacy, S. C. Division, Dec. 3rd, 1908.

The exercises were then closed by the children of the school singing with much enthusiasm, "The Bonny Blue Flag."

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Seminole's Troubles Deepen—Order Issued by Another Judge.

Columbia special in Monday's News and Courier: The cry is still they come.

Judge Prince has granted a temporary restraining order with a rule to show cause against the Seminole Securities Company and its officers, and the Southern Life Insurance Company, the Citizens Bank and the Seneca Bank on complaint of Campbell Courtney and others, of Oconee county, who are represented by Mr. R. T. Jaynes, of Walhalla. The plaintiffs are stockholders in the Seminole Company, and the purpose of the action is to restrain the two banks from paying the certificates of deposit given in exchange for the notes of the plaintiffs, which notes fall due on the 20th of December. Sunday being a legal holiday, these notes, like most, if not all the other notes given in payment for this stock, fall due tomorrow. The papers in this Seneca case will be served tomorrow on the Seminole officials in Columbia, and the order is returnable before Judge Prince at Anderson, on January 11. The complaint in this case is the warmest yet.

Merchant Found Dead

Spartanburg special in The State: Dennis E. Beason, a prominent merchant of Woodruff was found dead on a cot in a room over his store at that place early this afternoon. It was first reported that Beason had ended his own life. A telephone message from Woodruff tonight says the coroner's verdict was that the deceased came to his death from causes unknown to

School Improvement Prizes—Awards in Rural School Contest.

Columbia special in The News and Courier: Under the terms of the contest conducted by the School Improvement Association for 1908, the following schools have been awarded prizes of \$100 each:

Scranton, Williamsburg county; Richburg, Chester county; Providence, Saluda county; Sardis, Sumter county; Pinewood, Clarendon county.

SECOND PRIZES.

The following schools were awarded prizes of \$50 each: Pergamos, Williamsburg county; Snyder, Colleton county; Sardinia, Clarendon county; Lees Academy, Bamberg county; Ridgeville, Dorchester county; Oakville, Lexington county; Roberts, Anderson county; Prospect, Williamsburg county; Hercules, Barnwell county; Marlboro, Marlboro county; Indian Field, Dorchester county; Wedgefield, Sumter county; Simpsonville, Greenville county; Pauley, Horry county; Graves Station, Georgetown county; Edgemoor, Chester county; Olar, Bamberg county; Cope, Orangeburg county; Mauldin, Greenville county; Poplar Springs, Oconee county; Garnett, Hampton county; Fairview, Lexington county; Bethel, Richland county; St Charles, Sumter county; Elim, Florence county; Smith, Marlboro county; Excelsior, Newberry county; Wampee, Horry county; Chandler, Greenville county; Sunny South, Lexington county.

ADDITIONAL PRIZES.

The committee decided to give eight additional prizes of \$25 each to schools which received honorable mention for the \$50 prizes.

The schools receiving these prizes are as follows: Mill Creek, Richland county; Brown, Williamsburg county; Taylor, Greenville county; Yemassee, Hampton county; Picket Post, Oconee county; Shiloh, Laurens county; Julia Academy, Orangeburg county; Boiling Springs, Barnwell county.

Bouquet for Educator Banks.

Fort Mill Times: Citizens of this community who recall the splendid work of the Fort Mill Academy 20-odd years ago in promoting the educational interests of this section, read with pleasure some days ago of the success with which the old academy's superintendent, Prof. A. R. Banks, is meeting in the rejuvenated Hyatt Park school, near Columbia. There are scores of men and women in this community, and in various other sections of the state, who often refer with pride to the fact that they were pupils of Professor Banks. Naturally they all wish him the success which his ability as a teacher and director of educational affairs deserve.

Gov. Cotton Report.

Washington, Dec. 21.—The census bureau bulletin issued this morning shows 11,892,115 bales, counting round as half bales, ginned from the growth of 1908, to December 13, compared with 9,284,070 for 1907; 11,112,789 for 1906 and 9,297,819 for 1905.

Broker Shot in New York by a Tar Heel.

New York, Dec. 19.—Henry P. Suydam, a mining stock broker, member of the curb stock market and an Alderman of Plainfield, N. J., was shot and dangerously wounded in his office at No. 30 Broad street today by John C. Lumsden, an inventor, who claimed that Suydam refused to pay him money for an invention.

Lumsden was arrested after making a desperate struggle with a clerk employed by Suydam. Lumsden asserted that he fired the shot in self-defense.

Trading in the curb market was temporarily suspended as Lumsden was being taken from the building to police headquarters and a crowd gathered, threatening violence upon the inventor. They were avoided by the police, however. Lumsden told the police he was a native of Raleigh. Suydam has since died.

Another Member of Taft's Cabinet Chosen.

Augusta, Ga., Dec. 19.—William H. Taft, the president-elect of the United States, announced the appointment of United States Senator Philander C. Knox of Pennsylvania as secretary of state in his cabinet.

The announcement followed the receipt by Mr. Taft of a telegram which came late this afternoon, conveying the information from Mr. Knox that he would accept the premiership of the Taft cabinet. Mr. Taft without delay made the announcement that the matter was settled.

Georgia Town Shot Up by Young Men.

Waycross, Ga., December 19.—To wreak vengeance for the arrest of a companion on the charge of being drunk six young white men rode into the town of Beach, and fired five hundred shots, riddling buildings and terrorizing the town. Four young women who were walking on one of the streets were fired at and Maggie Taylor, the fourteen-year-old daughter of Leonard P. Taylor, was probably fatally wounded.

Citizens of this county are enraged, but desire that the law take its course. Six officers from Waycross went to Beach today and it is reported late tonight that the six alleged rioters are under arrest or have been arrested and released on bond. Citizens of Waycross are characterizing the men who shot up the town as "night riders".

After the first few volleys from the pistols of the young men, who rode into the town in three buggies, everybody in the town took to cover and left them to drive about and shoot at will. The charge of rioting appears on the warrants issued for the six men.

Misses Fannie and Lillian Stover, accompanied by Miss Fae Cook, will go to Rock Hill tonight to spend the holidays with the former's parents, Mr. and Mrs. D. B. Stover.

This is Worth Reading.

Leo F. Zelinski, of 68 Gibson St., Buffalo, N. Y., says: "I cured the most annoying cold sore I ever had, with Backlen's Arnica Salve. I applied this salve once a day for two days when every trace of the sore was gone. Heals all sores. Sold under guarantee at J. C. Co. and Funderburk's."

Night Riders' Trial—Col. Taylor Tells of Rankin Murder.

Union City, Tenn., Dec. 19.—Following his caution to the press yesterday not to print the testimony in the night-rider cases, Judge Jones today cautioned the ministers of the local churches not to refer to the cases in their sermons Sunday, since the jurors might be present.

The first witness was Col. H. Z. Taylor, who was companion of Captain Rankin.

Mr. Taylor is a veteran of the Confederate army and a wealthy man. Col. Taylor and Captain Rankin went to Reel Foot lake to lease some land to a carpenter. They drove over the proposed property on the night of October 19th and left orders for horses for another trip the day following, then they retired.

Colonel Taylor related the story of his experience the night Rankin was murdered. He said he and Rankin were taken from the hotel. Rankin was led under a tree when a rope was adjusted and thrown over the fork of the tree.

"Give him time to pray," said a night-rider.

"I have attended to that," was Rankin's quiet reply. Rankin then was raised from the ground until his toes scarcely touched the ground.

"You are choking me, gentlemen, I pray you let me down," said Rankin. Some one fired a shot, the witness said, which was instantly followed by a fusillade, most of the night riders firing into the air, however. Taylor told his captors he was tired and wanted to sit down. He crouched to his knees ready to spring and when the firing stopped he jumped into the waters of the slough. The firing was immediately renewed. Taylor dived but heard the bullets strike the water. He swam to a log and clung to it while the bullets struck it like a hail storm. When all sounds ceased he swam to the opposite side of the lake and took to the woods.

After telling of the hardships he endured during his wanderings, Colonel Taylor said he hid in a canebrake until thirst drove him out and into the arms of his friends.

Colonel Taylor suffered from delusions during his wanderings, seeing bands of masked men.

Just before the night riders killed Rankin, Colonel Taylor said, "Gentlemen, I am an old man. I cannot expect to live many years more. By killing me you will not be cheating me of much. But Captain Rankin is a younger man with many years before him. Do not kill him." The leader curtly replied: "Shut up."

Gen. Carwile's Successor.

The News and Courier: Confederate Veterans in all parts of South Carolina will be interested to know that orders have been received placing Gen. Zimmerman Davis, of this city, in command of the United Confederate Veterans in this State, succeeding Gen. Thomas Carwile, who died last week at Edgefield.

W. L. Smith and Charlie Moore were killed in a difficulty in Lee county last Saturday night at a Woodmen of the World

Two County Treasurers Removed, Shortages Being Charged.

Columbia State, Dec. 20 Comptroller General Jones has reported to Gov. Ansel the result of an examination of the books of the treasurer of Hampton and the treasurer of Edgefield counties and from the figures submitted it is charged that there a shortage of \$7,723.46 in the accounts of J. T. Pattison, treasurer of Edgefield county, and that there is a shortage of \$17,670.79 with J. C. Langford, the treasurer of Hampton county.

The report was submitted to Gov. Ansel yesterday and as a result both of these officials have been suspended, pending further action and investigation.

One of the marked features of the report is the fact that Pattison was reported in 1904 and was removed from office by Gov. Heyward, afterwards being reinstated when the shortage reported was paid up. A suit by the Farmers' bank of Edgefield is now pending for a settlement of this case. It is not thought by several who have looked over Mr. Patterson's books that he is dishonest, but that there is a lack of knowledge of keeping the books properly and as a result the shortage was caused by bad bookkeeping.

In the case of Hampton county a thorough investigation was made, and Mr. Giles L. Wilson, the bank examiner, was called upon by Comptroller General Jones to examine the affairs of the Hampton bank and report on certain checks that were given for deposit. The report goes into details of this examination and the explanation of the bank cashier.

The two cases given are those of a series made by Comptroller General Jones during the past six years and while there is much difficulty in making these annual settlements it seems that many of the grand jury committees on this work do not go into the details as they should.

What He "Said With His Mouth" Would Fill a Volume

The Monroe Enquirer

Some one, without the fear of the law before his eyes or regard for man in his heart, stole a turkey from the editor of The Lancaster News a few nights ago. The editor of The News said: "The consummate scoundrel who swiped the editor's only turkey is deserving a worse fate than those doomed to writhe and wriggle through the countless ages of eternity in the storm centre of hades." Now, that's what The News man said in his paper, but what he said with his mouth—oh, well, good as you are, gentle reader, you would say things too under such circumstances.

More Praise for The News.

From the Gaffney Ledger.

The Lancaster News comes to us enlarged to a six-column quarto. It is one of the best semi-weeklies in the State and Brothers Connors improves with each succeeding issue. He injects a great deal of pleasantries into his work, and each issue is a certain cure for the blues.

Mr. C. F. Tillman, now of Yorkville, is on a visit to Lan-

ANOTHER FIRE.

The Owens House South of Town, Occupied by Mr. S. F. Blackmon, Burned Saturday.—The Losses.—Fire Company's Fine Work.

Lancaster had another fire last Saturday, the alarm being given about 11.30 by the strenuous blowing of the Cotton Oil company's whistle, which led many to believe that the trouble was at the oil mill, but the fire proved to be at the home of Mr. S. T. Blackmon beyond the Southern limits of the town. There was a large crowd on the streets at the time and within less than fifteen minutes after the first alarm as many as 1000 or 1500 persons were gathered at the scene of the flames. Lancaster's new volunteer fire company rushed its reels to the fire as quickly as possible, but owing to the great distance to be traveled—nearly 1-4 of a mile beyond the corporate limits—the flames had made too much headway to save the building. Nevertheless, streams of water were played on the burning structure and in a very short time scarcely a spark was to be seen on the blackened and charred framing left standing. Effective work was also done by the firemen in saving neighboring buildings, particularly the residence of Mr. J. F. Nisbet north of the Blackmon home, which was in imminent danger of being burned also. Notwithstanding the fact that it was necessary to use 1000 feet of hose to reach the fire, the pressure was good, a bold stream of water being thrown.

The origin of the fire is not known, but it is thought that it was due to a defective stove flue. When first discovered the fire was between the ceiling of the cook room and the roof. Mr. Blackmon and part of his family were absent from home at the time, arriving on the scene while the building was being destroyed. Much of the household effects were saved, but the contents of two rooms in the second story were consumed, Mr. Blackmon's loss being at least \$200. He had no insurance. The building belonged to Mr. J. J. Owens, the well known painter, now living in Rock Hill, and his loss is fully \$1,500. So far as known here he had no insurance. He formerly had a policy on the property with the Moore & Williams agency, but he let it expire the first of last January.

Mr. Blackmon moved the furniture, etc., saved into one of his new cottages in the northern part of town.

Judge Purnell Dead.

Raleigh, Dec. 19.—Judge Thomas R. Purnell, of the United States court for the eastern district of North Carolina, died here today.

Miss Etta Skipper, student of Elizabeth College, Charlotte, has come home to spend Christmas with her parents, Capt. and Mrs. C. B. Skipper.

A recently married lady in Hartsville was assaulted by a black brute while alone at her