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ESTABLISHED 1844

COMMENCEMENT OF HIGH SCHOOL WAS A GREAT SUCCESS

Opera House Filled to Overflowing-- Graduates Acquit Themselves Well -- Many Presents and Flowers Bestowed.

PROGRAM

Invocation--Rev. Louis Bristow.
Salutatory--Lou Ellen McFall.
Class History--Clara Adams.
Class Prophecy--Mary Bradley.
Class Will--Lena Ferguson.
"The Death Bed of Benedict Arnold"--James Cothran.
Duet, "Qui Vive"--Marguerite Sondley and Etta Dorn.
DECLARATION FOR MEDALS.
Lou Ellen McFall--"Ben Hur's Chariot Race."
Mary Lou Bowie--"The Ride of Jennie McNeal."
Lizzie Edmonds--"Zingarella."
Trio, Polish Dance--Mary Bradley, Lou Ellen McFall and Antoinette Thompson.
Delivery of Diplomas--Judge F. B. Gary.
Delivery of Medal--Hon. J. Moore Mars.
Valedictory--Mary Lou Bowie.

That the people of Abbeville are deeply interested in their public school system was sufficiently attested last Thursday evening, May 23, when the theatre, in which the graduating exercises were held, was packed beyond its capacity by a crowd of interested spectators.

The bright colored background of the stage settings, around which were grouped the members of the graduating class--the young ladies in their simple white dresses and with their smiling faces--the masses of fragrant flowers, made up a scene of beauty long to be remembered.

The exercises were enjoyed by all present, the program being carried out in a manner to reflect credit upon teachers and pupils.

The musical part of the program, consisting of a duet and a trio, were especially enjoyable. The young ladies taking part in this portion of the entertainment displayed rare skill in their rendition and earned the well-merited applause which the audience so generously bestowed upon them.

The class papers were all bright and were enjoyed by the audience.

Mr. James Cothran's rendition of "The Death Bed of Benedict Arnold" showed a fine stage presence and rare ability as a declaimer on the part of this young man.

The contestants for the declaimers' medal were Miss Lou Ellen McFall, who recited "Ben Hur's Chariot Race"; Miss Mary Lou Bowie, who rendered "The Ride of Jennie McNeal"; Miss Lizzie Edmonds, who recited "Zingarella."

Each and every one of these young ladies acquitted themselves with great credit. The medal was awarded to Miss Lizzie Edmonds by a unanimous decision of the committee, who awarded her a mark of 100 for her spirited rendition of this difficult declamation. The applause which greeted Miss Edmonds at the conclusion of her recital attested the fact that the audience was in full sympathy with the judges. The committee which awarded this medal was composed of D. H. Hill, Esq., J. Frank Clinkscales, Esq., and Mr. J. M. Lawton. At the conclusion of the exercises the medal was presented to the winner by Hon. J. Moore Mars.

The winning of the medal by so high a mark is a signal honor for this talented young lady and is a source of gratification to her friends.

Judge F. B. Gary presented the diplomas to the graduating class.

Prof. W. R. Bradley presided over the exercises.

The session of the High School just closed has been a most successful one and a large class has been sent out from the school.

The Honor Roll.

The honor roll of the high school for the past session is as follows:

FIRST HONOR (95 to 100.)
7th Grade--Neil Sweetenberg.
8th Grade--Nellie Harden and Marion Cason.

SECOND HONOR.
7th Grade--Julia McAllister, Sallie Mae Patterson, Susie Mabry, Kathleen Richey, Lela Belle Richey.
8th Grade--Ruth Calvert, Rebecca Jones, Rosa McFall, Cora Raines, Bayard Sweetenberg, Lucy Syfan.

9th Grade--Lizzie Clinkscales, Marion Mabry, Ruth Syfan, Margaret Williams.

THOSE NEITHER ABSENT NOR TARDY FOR THE YEAR.
7th Grade--Kathleen Richey, Lela Belle Richey, Neil Sweetenberg.
8th Grade--Wyatt Aiken.
9th Grade--None.

THOSE NOT ABSENT.
7th Grade--Billy Bradley, Kathleen Richey, Lela Belle Richey, Neil Sweetenberg.
8th Grade--Clyde Graves.
9th Grade--None.

THOSE NOT TARDY FOR THE YEAR.
7th Grade--Edgar Harden, Allen Harden, Susie Mabry, Julia McAllister, Kate McFall, William Puckett, Kathleen Richey, Lela Belle Richey, Neil Sweetenberg.
8th Grade--Elizabeth Barksdale, Nellie Harden, Rosa McFall, Dorothy Miller, Jeanette Nance, Bayard Sweetenberg.
9th Grade--Margaret Williams, Walter Mars, Russel Thomson.

ASSEMBLY CLOSSES AFTER STRUGGLE.

Presbyterians End Annual Sessions at Bristol.

THE ENTIRE COMMITTEE RESIGNS.

This, With Decision Against Anti-Romanist Fight, Marks Final Day. South Carolinians Honored.

Bristol, Tenn., May 23.--The dissolution of the 52nd assembly of the Southern Presbyterian church in this city today was marked by a parliamentary struggle to have the body reconsider its action in divesting the benevolent committee of its power. This was precipitated by the simultaneous resignation of the majority of the members of this committee this morning. Dr. R. C. Reed of Columbia, S. C., acting moderator, disposed of the matter by holding that a resolution to reconsider was out of order because the matter had been previously adjudicated.

Immediately after the committee was shorn of its power, Dr. W. R. Dobyns, of St. Joseph communicated with all members, including those present and at their homes, and obtained authority to sign the names of nearly all to the letter of resignation.

REASON FOR RESIGNING.

The complaint is because the assembly took from the committee the power to name executive secretaries in the members of the four executive committees, which have the entire management of the church's affairs. The members resigning were W. R. Dobyns, Missouri; Thomas S. Cloyce, Texas; John Stiles, Kentucky; J. S. Munce, Virginia; H. E. Ravenel, South Carolina, and Oscar Newton, Jr., Mississippi. The assembly adopted a motion to instruct the alternate committees to fill all vacancies caused by resignations. The refusal of the assembly to adopt the majority report of the committee on Romanism, urging an attack on the Catholic church and recommending the creation of a foundation to support converts; the adoption of a resolution declaring that the only way the church would meet the menace of Romanism was by faithfully and earnestly preaching the gospel and by the dissemination of literature, the selection of representatives to the Pan-Presbyterian assembly at Aberdeen, Scotland, next year and the refusal of the assembly to make a judicial deliverance on the subject of whether the courts of the church can constitutionally endorse proposed legislative enactments were the principal happenings of the last day.

The several hundred delegates left the city this afternoon and tonight.

REJECTS MAJORITY REPORT.

The general assembly this morning refused to adopt the majority report of the committee on Romanism, submitted yesterday, which urges a comprehensive plan of attack on Catholicism, among the evangelical churches of the United States and Canada and the establishment of a foundation to support converts from among the priests, monks and nuns of the churches of Rome until "they can learn gainful occupations."

A minority report, submitted by Judge Allen G. Hall of Nashville, was withdrawn in favor of a resolution by Dr. R. C. Reed of Columbia, S. C., unanimously adopted by the assembly and expressing its ideas on the subject. It follows:

"That in meeting the menace of Romanism, this assembly would recommend no other means than the dissemination of knowledge and the faithful, earnest, preaching of the gospel of Christ, that the assembly instruct the executive committee on education to publish the first two divisions of the ad interim commission's report in pamphlet form for the information of our people."

The matter referred to is an attack on the Roman Catholic church prepared by Thomas G. Johnson of Richmond and others.

OPPOSED TO POLITICS.

After the disposal of the Sinnott case from Alabama yesterday, Dr. E. M. Green of Kentucky presented a resolution intended to cover the point involved in the Alabama case but not passed upon. His resolution was to the effect that no court of the church could constitutionally take a political stand. It was referred to a special committee and majority and minority reports were made on it. The majority report was to the effect that no church could recommend political measures for adoption by the legislature or attempt to control the votes of the citizens.

The minority report referred the inquiry to previous judicial deliverances of the assembly on the subject and it was adopted. This was the question in the Alabama case as Dr. W. L. Sinnott challenged the right of his presbytery to inquire prohibition and appealed to the assembly, but his complaint was refused and he was harshly criticised.

DELEGATES NAMED.

The assembly named the following delegation to represent the church at the Pan-Presbyterian council at Aberdeen, Scotland, next year: Alabama, Dr. J. Waldon; Arkansas, Dr. M. M. McKay; Florida, Dr. J. C. Times; Georgia, Dr. I. S. McElroy; Kentucky, Dr. D. M. Sweets; Louisiana, Dr. George Summy; Mississippi, Dr. J. V. Hutton; North Carolina, W. J. Martin; Oklahoma, Dr. J. M. Clark; South Carolina, M. F. Ansel; Tennessee, Dr. T. S. Cloyce;

Space in Your Local Newspaper is Valuable if Used Correctly

Buying a farm doesn't make a man a farmer. Buying space in your local newspaper doesn't make you an advertiser. In both cases, cultivation counts. After you have bought a fine farm you must immediately begin to give it attention, to hold it to its present state of production and in order to increase its producing value. When you take space in your local newspaper, you should begin to give it serious attention. Think how you can give the best values in the space you have bought. Think how you can

present those values in the most attractive manner in the space you have bought. Study the advertisements of the most successful stores in your lines in the larger cities. Note how they present their goods in the most highly interesting manner.

No class of publication is more closely read than the local newspaper. It is a platform upon which you can speak directly to all the people. With a little practice you can soon find the most effective way, to tell in type, your message to them so that they will listen and accept your propositions.

COTTON PLAYING HIDE AND SEEK

Has Alternately Risen and Fallen During Week.

THE UNDERTONE HAS BEEN FIRM

Generally, News Factors Have Been Bullish, With Weather News Main Feature.

New York, May 17.--Cotton has alternately declined and advanced. Much of the time the undertone has been firm. The floods, new breaks in the Mississippi levees, persistent wet weather over much of the belt and the belief that the government report on the condition of the crop and the acreage, if issued June 4, will be decidedly bullish, have emboldened big interests to buy and led many of the shorts to cover. But insist that if the government report comes anywhere near the facts it has got to be decidedly bullish, especially as regards the condition of the crop. They insist that the belated season has led to retarded planting and germination. They insist that the chances are very much against a crop of a size commensurate with the demands of the trade being raised. Meanwhile, a large consumption is expected in this country and also in other parts of the world. Crop advices from Texas, Oklahoma and even from parts in Alabama, Georgia and South Carolina have been favorable. In Texas, especially, the outlook is described as distinctly good and as pointing to a very large crop not impossible to be the largest ever known. The price is so high, too, in the estimation of some, that every effort will be made to plant a good size crop. Bears don't cease to urge that a rise of \$15 a bale since January 1 discounts a good deal. They think that a week or ten days of good, warm, dry weather would put a different face on the whole situation. Some of the old bulls have been selling. Waldorf Astoria interests, recently very bullish, have lately sold heavily and Memphis has also. Some Wall street houses have also been selling. But powerful interests in Wall street are bullish as also are well-known spot people. The spot situation has continued pretty firm, even if there is less activity. The week-end statistics have recently favored the bulls. The opinion is widespread and deep-seated that it will take extraordinarily favorable conditions from now on to produce a crop of needed size.

GOES TO HOSPITAL.

Mr. Joe Edmunds Returns to Chester for Operation.

Friends of Mr. Joe Edmunds will regret to learn that he has been compelled to return to the Chester hospital to undergo an operation. This will make the third operation which Mr. Edmunds has undergone recently, and his friends hope that this last one will fully restore his health.

MARRIAGE LICENSES

Judge Miller has issued only two marriage licenses since the 9th of May and both of them were issued last Thursday. He issued one to Mr. W. H. Thomas, and Miss Iva Blanchett, both of Abbeville. One to Marshall Cole, colored, and Minnie Thompson, both of Mt. Carmel.

SMALLPOX AT LANDO.

Rigid Quarantine Probably Will be Instituted.

Chester, May 27.--The smallpox situation at Lando shows no improvement. Instead, new cases are developing from day to day. In all probability a rigid quarantine will be instituted to keep the malady from spreading to other sections of the country. The cases that have so far developed are said to be of the mild type.

Virginia, Judge T. T. Janney.
At large: Dr. T. W. Sloan, Greenville; Dr. R. C. Reed, Columbia; Thomas B. Gresham, Baltimore; S. L. Morris, Atlanta; Dr. W. N. Scott, Staunton, Va.; Dr. T. H. Rice, Richmond; R. H. Fleming, Baltimore; Henry A. White, Columbia; J. N. Fell, F. R. Graves, Dr. F. S. Reed, O. H. Fry and J. H. Miller.

MAYOR GRACE MAKES STARTLING STATEMENT

Through His Paper, Attacks State Convention.

HE NO LONGER SUPPORTS GOVERNOR

Charges That Charleston Sent Money to Columbia to Purchase Freedom.

Columbia--In the first issue of his paper, "Common Sense," since the state convention, Mayor John P. Grace, of Charleston, has created a big political stir. A front page article, which gives an account of the contest before the credentials committee, which refused to seat the Grace delegation from Charleston, but seated the Barnwell delegation instead, refers to "the local freedom of Charleston being purchased for money" and "of a part of this money going to Columbia," taken there by "a member of the Barnwell faction."

The article also declares that Mr. Grace is not a Bleese man, which, it is said, is his first public declaration to that effect. The article, which appeared under the headlines, "Steam Roller at Work; State Convention a Farce," has been copied by a number of county papers and is creating no end of talk. The part of the article which is causing the stir is as follows:

"Up to this time, although Mr. Grace's intimate friends have known that he has no intention whatever of supporting Governor Bleese in the coming election, he has for good and sufficient reasons not seen fit to make any public virtue of the fact. He has been sincere in his attitude not because he has ever had or ever could have had any honest admiration for Governor Bleese, but because as bad as Bleese is, he has nevertheless granted to Charleston a degree of local freedom which it has not enjoyed for many years.

"The only thing which has made Grace utterly shrink from a proper appreciation of this boon to his constituency is his knowledge that it is a freedom purchased for money and his sincere conviction that at least a portion of such miserable money goes to Columbia.

"The man who takes it there was a delegate of the Barnwell delegation. What do the good people of Charleston think of that anomaly? The long and short of it is that we are authorized by Mr. Grace now and for the first time publicly to declare that he is not a Bleese man. But whether or not he can take any part for Judge Jones remains to be seen."

THUNDERSTORM MONDAY

Heavy Rainfall and Sharp Lightning Flashes--Damage.

Abbeville was visited Monday afternoon and evening by a rain storm of considerable force, accompanied by an electrical display of more than ordinary severity. During the early afternoon there were several intermittent showers, accompanied by sharp lightning. The hardest down-pour occurred about 7:30, when, for a half hour the rain came in torrents and the lightning was frequent and vivid. At the telephone exchange the lightning arrester for the long distance lines was burned out, interrupting all communication with outside points, though the local service is intact. A small blaze broke out in the exchange, but it was soon extinguished. The damage was small and will soon be repaired.

Lightning also struck the home of Mr. A. F. Calvert, causing considerable damage. The rain was welcomed by those who have growing gardens.

GRAND LODGE, K. of P.

Abbeville Delegates Now in Attendance at Meeting in Spartanburg.

Messrs. W. R. Bradley, Roy Power and C. D. Brown, delegates to the grand lodge, Knights of Pythias, from Abbeville lodge, No. 64, are now in attendance upon the sessions of that body, which are being held in Spartanburg. Mr. Brown is the efficient Grand Keeper of Records and Seal of this body.

If you will use DeVoe's Lead and Zinc Paint and pure lincseed oil, which you can get at Speed's Drug Store, you won't make a mistake.

THE UNITED STATES WILL NOT INTERVENE

President Declares That He Has No Such Idea.

NEGRO REVOLT IS SERIOUS.

Rebels Have Captured El Caney--Preparing for Even-tualities.

Washington, May 25.--The State department has taken up with the navy department the matter of concentrating several battleships at Key West so as to have a naval force in proximity to Cuba in the event American property should become jeopardized and the Cuban government or American troops be inadequate to give protection. The number of warships to rendezvous at Key West will be left to navy department discretion.

Washington, May 25.--Private dispatches to the state department agree that a negro revolutionary movement in Cuba is hourly growing more serious.

The Washington government, it can be stated, is preparing for eventualities but it will wait a day or so before sending any more troops to the island. Plans for increasing armed forces of the United States in Cuba do not contemplate intervention, President Taft, it is said, being much averse to intervention or any move that could be interpreted as such.

Havana, May 25.--Reports received during the day from Oriente province and emanating from other than government sources leave no room for doubt that the insurrectionary movement in the eastern end of the island, the main theater of the insurgents is growing with alarming rapidity.

These reports apparently receive confirmation in the extraordinary reticence of the government in its increase of the severity of the telegraph censorship, its activity in enrolling volunteers and the determination to displace Major General Montenegro to take supreme command of the troops operating in Oriente.

EL CANEY CAPTURED

Conflicting Reports Come from Cuba. El Caney Captured and Sacked.

Santiago, Cuba, May 24.--A band of negro insurgents captured El Caney del Sitio last night, ransacking the town and committing many outrages. A body of regular troops left San Lelus last night for El Caney, but reached there too late to prevent sacking but will pursue and attack rebels today.

Havana, May 24.--The Cuban government declares it has received no further news from Oriente province and reports from other sections of the island indicate complete tranquility prevails.

Negroes Fire Cane Fields

Cantiago, Cuba, May 24.--A body of 700 negroes under the leadership of General Estonez set fire today to the cane fields in the Esperanza, Santa Rosa and Cervantes plantations, owned by Spaniards.

The rural guards remained inactive as they were unable to control the situation. A detachment of soldiers attacked a band of rebels at La Cubana today. The insurgents dispersed.

SHOOTING THURSDAY CAUSED EXCITEMENT

Demented Man Uses Pistol on Abbeville Streets.

SEVERELY WOUNDS AN AGED NEGRO.

Took Deliberate Aim But Missed Horse--Committed to Hospital for Insane.

Will Perry, who lives about four miles from town, in a fit of temporary aberration last Thursday, pulled his pistol and began shooting at the streets promiscuously. In all he fired seven shots and snapped one cartridge before his arrest by Chief Riley. Starting the trouble in the store of Pete Horn, on west Main Street, where he severely wounded Alfred Eakin, an old colored man, he came up the street, shooting as he went. In front of Kerr's store he unbreached and reloaded his gun. Just beyond the corner of Main and Greenville streets he leveled his pistol at a loose horse, but the shot failed to take effect.

By the time he had arrived just in front of Cheatham's store Chief Riley, in a very cool and unconcerned manner, took him in tow.

MR. JOE THORNTON ACCIDENTLY KILLED

Was Car Inspector for Seacoast Railroad.

BODY OF DEAD MAN BADLY MANGLED

Funeral Held Sunday at Sharon Church--Deceased Was Very Popular.

The people of Abbeville were terribly shocked on fast Sunday morning to learn that an esteemed fellow citizen had lost his life while in the performance of his duty. Mr. Joe Thornton, than whom the Seacoast Railroad had no more efficient and faithful servant, who for some years has been connected with the road, first as master of wrecking train and latterly as car inspector, was suddenly killed about 12 o'clock midnight on Saturday night, May 25, 1912, aged 43.

There were two trains at the shops when the awful accident happened, though it was not discovered until both trains had gone. Train No. 25 was on the sidetrack waiting for 21 to go and the last seen of Mr. Thornton he had finished inspecting train 21 and together with Jas. White, who is also an inspector, had gone to inspect number 25. Mr. White taking one side and Mr. Thornton the other. Just how he was killed probably no one will ever know.

The body was terribly mangled, almost beyond recognition. It was found by call boy Ferguson only a few feet from the spot where Mr. Hill's horse was killed several years ago. There are many suppositions as to how Mr. Thornton was killed, but the supposition of the reader is just as likely to be correct as are others. No one knows.

The body was laid to rest in the Sharon church yard by the side of an infant of the deceased. Rev. J. B. Hillhouse, assisted by Rev. E. B. Kennedy and Rev. Jas. Lawson, preached the funeral. The grave was wrapped in floral offerings of friends, of whom the deceased had a host. The Sharon church was filled to its capacity by the concourse of friends and relatives who were present to witness the last sad rites.

Mr. Thornton is survived by a wife, who was Miss Ella Andrews, two children, an aged mother and two brothers: Mr. James R. Thornton and Mr. Chas. N. Thornton. The wife and mother were so prostrated by grief and terrible shock that they attended the funeral under the care of a physician and trained nurse, Dr. G. A. Neuffer and Miss Ada Wham.

Mr. Thornton moved to Abbeville about 10 years ago from the Bethes neighborhood and congregation. It was the church of his infancy and from it he had never moved his membership.

Many of the railway employees went out to Sharon Sunday evening to pay respect to their dead comrade.

In one of the prayers offered at the funeral divine grace and protection was invoked for those whose lives are spent in dangerous pursuits.

We have said before and we reiterate it, that for manhood, sterling worth, good citizenship the men who run our railroads stand high, and Abbeville's quota head the list.

Again the railroad has taken its toll of human life. Let us hope that it may be the last.

BAND THE SHADE TREES NOW

State Entomologist of Indiana Warns Against the Deadly Ravages of the Red Spider.

C. H. Baldwin, state entomologist of Indiana, says that by taking advantage of the tree situation early this year, Indiana apple owners of shade trees may be able to prevent much of the annual destruction due to insects.

"As soon as the earth begins to warm," Mr. Baldwin said, "the tree owner should 'band' his trees with some sticky material. This will arrest the upward movement of the red spider, one of the worst enemies of the shade tree, particularly the elm, oak, linden and like trees. The spider hibernates during the winter in the earth at the roots of the trees, and as soon as warm weather sets in emerges and starts up the tree, there to live all summer. The sticky band will prevent his early spring journey.

"Of course there will be some red spiders in the trees, because of eggs laid there last summer, but the 'banding' will do a lot toward saving the trees.

"The 'banding' will remain on the boles of the trees during the summer, and will be valuable in preventing the caterpillar, the bag worm moth and the tussock moth from ascending the trees and eating the leaves. Of course there are many cocoons of these moths in the trees now, but the banding will go a long way toward preserving the foliage and saving the trees. By removing the cocoons in the trees, the moths can virtually be eradicated, if the 'banding' is done. The tussock moth is especially dangerous to trees in Indiana, because of the great number of the insects here."

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TO RESTORE CLAIMS

Overman Files Report Calling For Payment War Damages

Special to The State.

Washington, May 27.--Senator Overman of North Carolina, for the minority members of the senate committee on claims, today filed a report in which he says that a vigorous fight will be made to have all items in the omnibus claims bill knocked out last week by the Republican members, but back. Items aggregating thousands of dollars were killed by the committee. Senator Overman says that those persons, lodges, associations and churches in the South which suffered loss by actions of Federal troops during the war, should be paid without further notice.

NEWS BRIEFS.

Presbyterian General Assembly discusses infant election question. Committee submits report urging war on Catholicism, which the assembly refused to adopt.

Relief work proceeds in Mississippi flood district.

Ohio primaries go for Roosevelt, Republican. Harmon, Democrat.

Virginia sends unstructured delegation to Democratic National Convention.

Seal of Confederacy returned to Richmond.

Anderson, Felder and Bountree, Atlanta lawyers, will receive \$100,000 fee for representing Chas. W. Morse, the New York banker.

Germany launch Imperator, largest passenger boat in the world. Complete equipment of life boats and continuous wireless service are features.

United States orders 500 marines to Cuba on account of negro uprising. President Taft denies intention of annexation.

Kentucky goes for Champ Clark.

Judge J. E. Lizar, of Orangeburg, lawyer, jurist, former congressman, died at his home.

Dispensary "graft" cases on trial in Columbia.

P. A. B. Widener, Philadelphia multi-millionaire gives \$4,000,000 to a home for cripples, as a memorial to his son, who was lost on the Titanic.

Great suffering in Mississippi flood districts.

Speed's for cut glass.

The best candy--Huylers--at Speed's drug store.

The place to get what you want--Speed's drug store.

Why suffer with corns when Russian corns only costs 10c per bottle at Speed's?