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## JOE S. CRESWELL WAS SLAIN BY HIS 17-YEAR-OLD SON

Tragedy Followed Dis-  
pute About Bale of  
Cotton.

Horace Uses Shotgun and Fires in  
Father's Face After Heated Dis-  
pute in Which Father is Said to  
Have Abused Wife.

J. S. Cresswell, better known as Joe Pitt Cresswell, was shot and killed by his 17-year-old son Horace, at his home about three miles west of Troy Thursday afternoon. Details of the tragedy have been hard to get, but the story of the killing, as reported here, is to the effect that Horace and his brothers were preparing to leave home with a bale of cotton for the market, when a dispute arose as to whether it should be hauled to McCormick or Troy. The father, the reports state, wanted the bale sold at one place and the boy and his mother at another. This led to a heated discussion when the elder Cresswell is said to have abused his wife. The son interceded in behalf of his mother, and the shooting followed. The weapon used was a shotgun. Cresswell was shot in the face and died instantly.

Mr. Cresswell was about 55 years of age and had lived in the Troy section all his life. He farmed and conducted a blacksmith shop near his home. His wife was Miss Fannie Tolbert.

The killing occurred in a portion of Abbeville county cut off into McCormick.

Mr. Cresswell was buried at Buffalo Baptist church Friday morning at 11 o'clock.

## COMMISSIONERS OF ELECTION ARE APPOINTED

New Boards Named By  
Governor Manning  
Last Wednesday

Governor Manning last week appointed entirely new boards of election for all except five counties in the State.

In Abbeville the following gentlemen were named by the governor to manage the general elections November 5:

State—J. S. Gibert, S. H. Cochran, W. A. Calvert, Federal—Dr. J. A. Anderson, D. M. Humphries, Game-well Huckabee.

## J. M. NICKLES SLIGHTLY HURT IN AUTO ACCIDENT

Other Occupants of the  
Car Were Badly  
Shaken Up.

While on their way to Calhoun Falls, Saturday morning, Hon. Wm. N. Graydon and Messrs. Wm. P. Greene and J. M. Nickles had what came near being a serious automobile accident. Mr. Graydon was driving his Overland touring car and in going down the hill just beyond the shops the right wheels slipped into a rut. In trying to steer the car out of the rut it was cut too far and ran into the ditch on the left side of the road.

The occupants were all thrown forward, Mr. Nickles, who was on the rear seat, being thrown from the machine. All were scratched up and bruised about the limbs. The car was considerably damaged, the fenders on the left and the running board being torn up and the front axle and the frame being bent. Mr. Nickles is still limping from a sprained knee.

Mrs. W. L. McCord has returned from a weeks visit to relatives in Greenville.

## MANY VALUABLE PRIZES WILL BE GIVEN EXHIBITORS

Ye Old-Time County  
Fair Date is Fast Ap-  
proaching.

Everything is in Readiness for the  
Opening of the Most Successful  
Fair in the History of Abbeville  
County.

Wednesday, Thursday and Friday, November 1, 2 and 3, are the annual "family reunion" days this year for the populace of Abbeville county. On these days thousands of pleasant acquaintances will be happily renewed and all will share the enjoyment of the old-time county fair, from the oldest citizen to the youngest school child.

The management of the fair association has spared no pains in arranging a program which includes fifteen of the most up-to-date attractions, ranging from the familiar merry-go-round to—oh, well—some of those funny-doing contraptions one usually sees at a place like Coney Island, including a big brass band and Bronco John's Shows, "The Last Days of the Old West." Yet every precaution has been taken to preserve this old-time community interest characteristic of the county fair. Thousands of people will be here each day from all sections of the county, very few of whom will be strangers to the others. It will be a big family reunion of three days—profit, amusement and genuine frolic on the midway for everybody, old and young. The midway will be open from early morning until midnight.

The program this year is unusually attractive and the premium list offers some very tempting cash prizes. The premium list is now in the hands of the printer and will be distributed in a few days.

The program, in part, follows:  
**Wednesday**  
Farmers' Day—Live stock show at the fair grounds after which a mammoth parade will assemble, including attractive floats representing the various products of the farm, marching through the square and principal streets of Abbeville. This parade will be followed by the boys' corn clubs and boys' pig clubs. Races at 2 p. m.

**Thursday**  
Trade Day—The various merchants and business houses of Abbeville will arrange attractive floats and parade the streets in the interest of the "come to Abbeville to buy" movement. Races at 2 p. m.

**Friday**  
Educational Day—Every school child in Abbeville county is expected here on educational day. The children will be admitted to the fair grounds free. The parade of the 4,000 school children of the county will be a feature of the fair. Races at 2 p. m.

The stores and business houses will be closed each day from 1:30 to 3 p. m., for the races.

This is your fair—arrange now to attend each day.

## MELVIN J. ASHLEY SUCCEEDS COUNTY CHRM'N GRAYDON

Mr. Graydon Resigned  
—Will Move to Col-  
umbia.

Members of the county Democratic executive committee were taken somewhat by surprise while in meeting Wednesday when Chairman W. N. Graydon tendered his resignation. Mr. Graydon stated to the committee that he expected to leave the city within the next few months, and insisted that his resignation be at once accepted as he would be very busy from now until election. The resignation was accepted and Dr. P. B. Carwile was made temporary chairman, after which the committee elected as permanent chairman, Melvin J. Ashley, who will serve until 1918.

Mr. Graydon and family will move to Columbia, it is learned.

## Abbeville Now Has Beautiful Public Park & Improvements Under Way at Power House

Abbeville has at last a public park, which is a credit to the spirit of progress which has of late years stimulated the town to beautify every available space in the city. The grounds surrounding the power house and the city water system are being beautified and are being used every day more and more as a public park.

The two reservoirs have been enclosed in close mesh wire with substantial railings around, which makes it safe for children, the hill-sides around the power house are covered with beautiful sward of well mowed grass and wide and convenient walks lead from the several summer houses which are prettily placed on the grounds. These summer houses which are covered with maderia vines and have comfortable seats and electric lights on the inside.

In front of the power house a lovely flower garden has been maintained all summer and just now is beautiful with its late blooming marigolds and the lovely old fashion primrose and the lovely old fashion primrose.

The city owns lands up to the Seaboard right of way and it is here that the greatest improvements have been made in the past few months. The undergrowth has been cleared out from the trees and walkways have been laid off around the hill-sides in three terraces. Along these walks seats have been placed, a large and comfortable swing has been erected and others will be before the summer season is over. Several old fashioned swings will be put up in the trees and plans are in hand for a jogging board or two in the flat near the roadway. The poles which have always been kept near the road will be removed and that part of the park will be cleaned up and a rustic bridge will be made across the

little stream which will afford an entrance to the park with steps leading to the three terraces. This hillside is covered with magnificent trees and it is hoped that in the early future the trees will be alive with pet squirrels as are those in the public parks in Richmond.

The city council has already signified its willingness to build a public swimming pool in the flat near the power house, which will be fifty feet long and twenty-five feet wide, with commodious dressing rooms attached. The pool will be of cement and will have a depth of three feet at one end and eight feet at the other and will be filled with filtered water. This will be ready for use in the early spring.

There are several handsome hedges already growing in the park and an order has been made recently for many handsome evergreens and flowering plants which will be set out soon.

In the afternoons, especially Sundays, the park is thronged with people and it will pay any one to make the trip and see the marked improvements that have been made recently and the beautiful place the city has provided for the pleasure of its people.

The progress made at the park this summer is due to the energy and the civic spirit of Dr. G. A. Neuffer, who is chairman of the Park committee of the council. It has been suggested by many that the park bear his name which would be a deserved compliment to his good works. To Mr. Anderson, who is an excellent landscape gardener, is due the beauty with which the park is laid out, and the progress made at the present city administration should be given its just measure of praise.

## COTTON MILL RAISES WAGES TEN PER CENT

Voluntary on Part of  
Local Mill Officials.  
Effective at Once.

Officials Realize the Increased Cost  
of Living Works Hardship on the  
Operatives.—Many Improvements  
in Local Mill Village.

The Abbeville Cotton Mill has posted notices that it will immediately increase the wages of its employees something like ten per cent on account of the increased cost in living due to war prices. The high cost of groceries, clothing and the other necessities of life work a great hardship against the wage earners of the country in that they have nothing to sell to secure the advance in prices of all commodities. Realizing this fact the officers of the cotton mill at this place have determined to give the increase of wages although it was not asked for by the employees.

It is spending a considerable sum of money in erecting a new school building, plans for which is now being drawn. It is installing a system of sewerage and of water which will be taken from deep wells. Lately Miss Thompson has come to the mill village to do community work among the operatives. She has made a fine impression upon the people of the mill village and they expect to profit greatly under her leadership. Miss Thompson and her sister have rooms in the house formerly occupied by Superintendent Putman. The entire lower floor of the building, however, is used for club rooms, reading rooms, etc. for the operatives.

## CELEBRATING THE 4th.

In honor of her fourth birthday, Sara DuPre entertained about thirty of her little friends at a birthday party last Friday afternoon. The afternoon was a delightful one for the children, who romped and played games of every kind. Ice cream and cake and candy were served at the close of the afternoon.

## ACKER BUILDING AND REPAIR CO. WILL DISSOLVE

Well-Known Contract-  
ing Company of Suc-  
cessful Career.

Have Done a Large Business in Ab-  
beville for More Than Ten Years.  
Messrs. S. A. Graves and James R.  
Thornton Principal Stockholders.

The corporation under the name of Acker Building and Repair Company, which has been in business in Abbeville for a number of years, will go into liquidation at an early date.

The owners of the stock in the company which is incorporated, are Messrs. S. A. Graves and James R. Thornton. They have done a large business in Abbeville for ten or twelve years, having engaged in the building as well as the lumber business. It is hoped that both of them will continue to live in Abbeville after the affairs of the present company are wound up.

## ANNUAL MEETING IN RICHMOND ON OCTOBER 10th

Expect Large Attend-  
ance of Individual  
Stockholders.

Richmond, Va., Sept. 30.—The twenty-third annual meeting of the stockholders of Southern Railway Company will be held in Richmond, at the principal office of the company, Times-Dispatch building, on Tuesday, October 10th, at 10 A. M.

Following the policy inaugurated by President Fairfax Harrison in 1914, the meeting will be open to the public and the report of the operations of the company for the fiscal year ended June 30th will be put before the meeting for discussion.

All the principal officers of the company will be present in order that questions asked by any stockholders may be answered and that any information desired concerning the affairs of the company or the territory it serves may be supplied. A large attendance of individual stockholders is expected.

## POSITIVELY THE LAST WEEK FOR YOU TO REGISTER

Board of Supervisors  
Will Be on Duty All  
This Week.

P. A. Cheatham, chairman of the board of supervisors of registration received an order from Gov. Manning authorizing him to keep the office open all of this week for the purpose of issuing registration certificates to those that desire them. You better look your old one up, and if you cannot find it better get a duplicate. Do this and don't put it off. The Board will be on duty all of this week in the office on the ground floor of the Court House.

It looks as if the Republican party will put out a candidate for Congress in every district and it behooves every Democrat to be prepared to vote for the regular nominees in all cases. It was stated that the board would be on duty only on Monday, but the order of the Governor changes this and you can register any day. Any certificate dated since 1908, is all right, and if you become of age by Nov. 7th, you can register. Attend to this now, delays are dangerous.

## MISS POTA PARTHEMOS.

Rev. Demetrios Petridis, a priest of the Greek Church, visited Mr. and Mrs. Steve Parthemos on Sabbath and Monday. While here he baptized their daughter, who was given the name, Pota.

## WAREHOUSE HEAD RECEDES FROM HIS PURPOSE TO QUIT

John L. McLaurin Will  
Not Resign Warehouse  
Commissioner.

Executive Board of State Warehouse  
Association Implores Him to Re-  
main in Office at the Columbia  
Meeting.

John L. McLaurin, State warehouse commissioner, told the executive committee of the State Warehouse association, when requested to come to their session Thursday night after they had taken action upon his contemplated resignation, that he would comply with their request and remain in the position which he holds. The committee met in Columbia last Thursday on the call of the secretary of the association, John K. Aull. Mr. Aull is private secretary to Mr. McLaurin.

The committee adopted the following resolution:

"That it is our candid judgment that the real producers of cotton, the patrons of the warehouse system and the friends of scientific marketing commend the administration of this office by Mr. McLaurin, and that they desire that he continue to discharge the duties of warehouse commissioner and devote himself to the development of the same."

J. Arthur Banks of St. Matthews, president, was not able to attend and was represented by G. A. Neuffer of Columbia. He wrote a letter, however, in which he said: "I felt that to lose Mr. McLaurin to this cause at this time on account of mere political considerations would be nothing but a loss to the State, and therefore he earnestly trusts that the committee might use all its power to prevail on him to reconsider his contemplated action." "It was the fire of his genius which kindled its light," he said; "his talent for organization and his enthusiastic devotion which has thus far brought it on its way." The sentiments expressed by President Banks were indorsed by the committee.

## GROSS REVENUES INCREASED OVER MILLION DOLLARS

Southern Railway Com-  
pares Figures With a  
Year Ago.

Washington, D. C., Sept. 30.—Results of operation of the Southern Railway company for the month of August 1916, and for the two months of 1916 ended August 31, compared with the same month and period in 1915 and 1914 exclusive of interest, rentals and other income charges, were announced today by Comptroller A. H. Plant as follows:

Gross revenue, August 1916, \$6,498,711, an increase as compared with 1915 of \$1,099,001 or 20.36 per cent, and as compared with 1914 of \$641,892 or 10.96 per cent.

Operating expenses, taxes and uncollectible railway revenue, August 1916 \$4,551,508, an increase as compared with 1915 of \$585,304 or 14.76 per cent and a decrease as compared with 1914 of \$149,650 or 3.18 per cent.

Corresponding results for the two months' periods are as follows:

Gross revenue, this year \$11,978,186, an increase as compared with 1915 of \$1,280,920 or 11.97 per cent, and as compared with 1914 of \$258,935 or 2.11 per cent.

Operating expenses, taxes and uncollectible railway revenues this year \$8,751,155, an increase as compared with 1915 of \$850,251 or 10.76 per cent, and a decrease as compared with 1914 of \$595,569 or 6.37 per cent.

## OFF TO TEACH SCHOOL.

Misses Annie and Sudie Keller left our city Saturday to teach school. Miss Annie will teach at Mullins and Miss Sudie will teach near Clinton.