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First Section

FINE PROGRAM FOR THE FAIR NEXT WEEK

The race track is now ready for the boys to begin driving. We have spent a great deal of money getting the track in first class condition and we hope the boys in the county will take advantage of it.

The committee has arranged decidedly the fastest race program ever staged in Abbeville county. The people seem to enjoy good racing so we have offered \$1,000 in race purses and have the promise of some of the best horses in the country.

WEDNESDAY, NOV. 1.—Purse. Country owned (green race) \$50.00
2:25 Trot or pace \$200.00

THURSDAY, NOV. 2.—Purse.
2:20 Trot \$200.00
2:15 Race \$200.00

FRIDAY, NOV. 3.—Purse.
Tri-county, Trot or pace \$150.00
Free for all \$200.00

Buy a season ticket and see it all. Music each day by Pelzer Concert Band.

2 Big Free Attractions Signed for Fair.

King William, the only high diving goat in the world. This goat climbs and dives from a ladder forty feet high. Also, the highest diving dog in the world. This dog climbs a ladder fifty feet high and dives into a net.

Prince Leo, the world's greatest educated pony, will do stunts before the grand stand.

This is absolutely the best free attraction to be had and should please both young and old.

The management is making every effort to secure such attractions as will entertain and at the same time have no unwholesome moral effect. To do this, costs money, and we hope the people of the county will co-operate with us and make the fair a success financially.

C. E. Williamson, Sec.

BIG FOOT BALL GAME

At Fair on Friday—Erskine vs. B. M. I.

Possibly the most exciting attraction at the fair next week will be the foot ball game between Erskine College and Bailey Military Institute. Both teams are working hard and we are promised the best game ever played at the Fair Grounds.

The game will be called 11:30 on Friday, Nov. 3. Don't miss it.

THE BOOK CLUB.

The book club was pleasantly entertained at the home of Mrs. Stark last Wednesday morning. Several visitors were present and all enjoyed the talk of the books and of the current news. Mrs. W. O. Cromer, the newly elected president of the Library, was present and made a talk, telling of her plan of work for the coming year. Mrs. Miller asked the club to give the Library a shower of books, which will probably be done in the future. At the close of the morning a salad course was served.

FORCEFUL CHARGE BY JUDGE FRANK B. GARY

Seldom has it fallen to the lot of a grand jury of Dorchester County to listen to a more timely and lucid charge than that delivered by Judge Gary. He touched upon every phase of such matters as should come before the body, and made it plain that not only the financial condition of the county should get their attention, but, oftentimes, legislation tending to advance the educational and social development of the State generally was the result of agitation and recommendations upon the part of the grand jury. He gives one the impression that he is determined to enforce the laws, regardless of what others think or do, and in his initial visit to St. George as a member of the judiciary was looked upon with favor by those whose desire it is to see a decrease in crime and lawlessness.—St. George correspondent to News and Courier.

THE ANTREVILLE FAIR

Held on Last Friday Was a Big Success Despite the Threatening Weather.

The Antreville Community Fair, held on last Friday, was a success in every way despite the threatening weather, and rain. The crowd was estimated at 1200 to 1500, and people were there from all sections of the county as well as adjoining counties. This was the first Fair of the Community, and if it is an indication of the future Fairs it will not be long before it will equal many of the County Fairs. It is hoped the exhibitors will bring their exhibits to the County Fair.

An interesting feature of the Fair was the address of Col. F. N. K. Bailey on "Preparedness to Live." Mr. Bailey has been teaching for more than a quarter of a century and feels capable of giving the parents some advice on rearing their children. He was given close attention by a large crowd.

Antreville has one of the most modern school buildings in the State. The auditorium is fitted with latest improved seats, and each class room is modern in every respect.

Much of the success of the Fair is due to Dr. J. A. Anderson, President; and Mrs. E. N. McCarter, Secretary, who were aided by a large number of others in charge of the various departments.

There were a number of mule and horse colts, hogs, cows and chickens on exhibit. The exhibits of the women in fancy work, cooking, canning and flower departments were unusually good and speak well for the progressiveness of the people of the community.

NEW PRESIDENT FOR THE LIBRARY

At the regular meeting of the library association, which was also the annual meeting, Mrs. W. O. Cromer was elected President of the Association, and will enter upon the discharge of her duties with energy and intelligence. She hopes to do much for the Library in the way of getting new books and in making it one of the most popular institutions of the city.

THE STUDY CLUB.

Mrs. E. C. Horton as chairman of the literary committee of the civic club, has reorganized the study club, which the members have enjoyed for the past several years. This fall the study will be along the lines of the drama and a study of Shakespeare and his plays. This part of the study will be under the direction of Miss Helen Smith and the question box and the current events will be under the direction of Mrs. Horton. This circle as conducted by the club has been a most enjoyable and profitable affair and the members have entered with zest upon the course for the winter.

DEATH OF MRS. JOHN SMITH.

Mrs. John Smith died at her home in the Mill Village last Thursday morning at 10 o'clock. Funeral services were held on Friday at 3:30 at the M. E. Mill church, and the body was laid to rest at Long Cane cemetery in the presence of many friends and relatives.

Mrs. Smith had been a sufferer for many months and bore it very patiently and was fully resigned to make the change. She is survived by a husband and two small children. Sympathy of our community is extended to the family.

DEATH OF MRS. A. S. THOMAS.

Mrs. Arthur S. Thomas died suddenly at her home on Magazine street last Friday morning, Oct. 20, at half past eleven o'clock. Her friends were shocked, and sorrow with her family at her untimely end.

Mrs. Thomas had only lived in Abbeville for the past year but in this time she made many friends and took an active part in the social life of the city. She was of a bright and vivacious disposition. She was generous in her charities and was a kind and helpful neighbor.

Her remains were taken to her home in Lowell, Mass., for burial, the party leaving Abbeville at eight o'clock Friday night over the Seaboard. Mr. Thomas was accompanied as far as New York by Mr. J. Foster Barnwell and Mr. J. C. Ellis.

ANTHONY CRAWFORD, A NEGRO OF WEALTH, LYNCHED SATURDAY

Anthony P. Crawford, Abbeville county's wealthiest negro, was lynched in Abbeville Saturday afternoon by a mob estimated at 300 to 400 people, who overpowered the jail officials and took the negro from a cell in the county jail, where he had been placed earlier in the day by Sheriff R. M. Burts, following a difficulty between Crawford and a crowd of white men in which McKinney Cann received a severe blow on the head at the hands of the negro.

The trouble started about 11 o'clock Saturday morning when Crawford cursed W. D. Barksdale, who had made an offer to buy a load of cotton seed from the negro. When Crawford saw there was trouble in store for him he called for the police and was taken to police headquarters by Policeman T. H. Botts, where he later gave bond and again walked out in the street. By this time a crowd had gathered in front of the city hall and attempted to seize the negro and give him a whipping when after being chased to the boiler room of Long's gin house, he struck McKinney Cann on the head with a sledge hammer, inflicting what appeared for a time to be a fatal wound, Mr. Cann remaining unconscious for several hours.

At the gin house Crawford was badly beaten up by the crowd and would have been lynched then only for the efforts of Sheriff Burts, who managed to temporarily pacify the mob, which had grown to about 200 by this time, and placed the negro in the county jail.

About 3 o'clock Saturday afternoon a report was circulated that the sheriff had planned to take the negro to Greenwood at 5 o'clock. Within a few minutes a crowd of 300 to 400 appeared in front of the county jail and suddenly rushed in on the officials, seized the keys and dragged Crawford out into the street where a rope was placed about his neck. After dragging the negro through the street a hundred yards or more, the crowd met a negro with a wagon load of lumber. The negro, whose name could not be learned, quickly abandoned his wagon at the sight of the mob. Crawford, who was believed by some to have been dead by this time, was placed on the wagon and carried to a pine tree about a hundred yards beyond the fair grounds, where his body was swung up. Death was made sure for Crawford here when several shots were fired into his body which was left hanging to a limb until after the coroner's inquest, which was held about 6 o'clock.

Coroner's Inquest. Coroner Nance held an inquest over the negro's body at 6 o'clock, the verdict being that Anthony P. Crawford came to his death at the hands of parties unknown to the jury.

Sheriff's Statement. "Last Saturday morning Anthony Crawford had a dispute with Mr. W. D. Barksdale over the purchase of some cotton seed. The negro used some offensive language at the time, and this aroused several of the citizens of Abbeville. A crowd of them quickly gathered and began looking for the negro. They chased him down a back street and hemmed him up near the ginney. Crawford picked up a sledge hammer and struck one of the members of the party, McKinney Cann, in the head and inflicted what seemed fatal injuries. The crowd then closed upon the negro and gave him a very severe beating.

"I got hold of the negro as quickly as I could and carried him to jail, after some difficulty in persuading the mob. As he was beaten up rather severely and perhaps seriously, I called medical assistance. About 3 o'clock a crowd of some 300 or 400 people came to the jail and expressed their determination to take the negro from me. I did all in my power to prevent them getting their hands on him, but I was helpless in the face of the crowd.

"The mob took the negro forcibly from the jail and started with him toward the Fair Grounds, about one-half mile from town, where they strung him up and riddled his body with bullets. The negro was about dead at the time the mob took him from the jail, and I doubt seriously if he was alive when they strung him up. The negro was beaten up very severely by the crowd that got hold of him in the forenoon, and I believe that if he had been left alone in jail he would have died before night."

ABBEVILLE IN THE PICTURE

The Columbia Record got out a most excellent edition last Sunday devoted to the Mills interests of the State. Abbeville has a place in the picture in that there is a good write-up of the Abbeville Mill in which particular stress is laid on the welfare work which has recently been inaugurated there and which is proving so successful. There are several cuts of the mill which shows the people to be both prosperous and happy.

The Record has made a fine showing for the mill enterprise of the state.

DEATH OF MRS. J. P. BILLINGS

After a lingering illness, Mrs. John Preston Billings died at her home here Tuesday afternoon, Oct. 24. Funeral services are being held this morning at 10 o'clock, at the Presbyterian church, conducted by Rev. H. W. Pratt, and interment will be made at Long Cane cemetery.

Mrs. Billings has been a sufferer for many months, having had to go to Dr. Pryor's hospital in May and remained there up until about two weeks ago, when it was found twas beyond all skillful aid.

Mrs. Billings came to Abbeville twenty-five years ago from Peebles, Ohio, and has endeared herself to a host of Abbeville people by her kindness of heart and was known for her good works and charitable deeds and was a consistent member of the Presbyterian church of which she had been a life-long member. A disconsolate husband and one young son, Kempton Billings, have the sympathy of the entire people.

Mr. and Mrs. A. K. Billings of Atlanta, are here for the funeral.

A woman's inconsistency may be the greatest of her many charms.

CROWTHER-WRIGHT.

Sweet and beautiful in its simplicity was the wedding of Miss Claudia Crowther and Mr. Herman Eugene Wright, which was solemnized last Tuesday morning, Oct. 17, at 10 o'clock, at the residence of the bride's parents in Antreville. Only a few relatives and most intimate friends witnessed the ceremony, which was impressively performed by Rev. H. C. Fennel, pastor of the bride.

The color scheme in the parlor, where the ceremony was performed, was pink and green. One corner of which was a background of palms and ferns. To the strains of Mendelssohn's wedding march rendered by Miss Allie Mae Power, entered Miss Ruth Crowther, sister of the bride, and Miss Marie Shrimp, who were lovely in dainty dresses of pink and white. Then came the bride on the arm of the groom, who was becomingly attired in a traveling suit of French blue serge with accessories to match. "Visions of Love" was softly played during the ceremony, after which the guests followed the bridal party into the dining room, where a most tempting salad course was served. The color scheme here being yellow and green.

The happy couple then left for Anderson, where they boarded the train for Pine Ridge, South Dakota.

Miss Crowther is a young woman of rare personal charm and character, endearing herself to every one by her sweet disposition and gentle ways, and has scores of friends throughout the county and State who wish for her much happiness. The groom is a native of Conneaut Lake, Penn., but has for the past six years been an employer of the civil service on the Indian reservation at Pine Ridge, South Dakota, where they will make their home.

The optimist generates a lot of hope that never comes out.

HONOR ROLL

Of the City Schools for the First Month.

HIGH SCHOOL.

10th Grade. Miss Magill Teacher: Edna Bradley, Fannie DuPre, Mattie Eakin, Elizabeth Faulkner, Mary Graydon, Sam Hill.

9th Grade. Miss Brooks, Teacher: None.

8th Grade. Miss Perrin, Teacher: Helen Eakin, Mary Greene, Victoria Howie, Margaret Swetenberg, Bruce Fant, Ralph Lyon.

7th Grade. Miss Swetenberg, Teacher: Helen Milford, Comer Phillips, Janie Bowie, Mary White, Teoflo Bradley, Arthur Klugh, Hal Moore.

6th and 7th Grades. Miss Plaxco, Teacher: Margaret Dawson, Elizabeth Gambrell, Willie Eakin, Thelma Seal.

5th Grade. Miss Brice, Teacher: Annie Mabry, Willie Bowie, Bernard Roche, Donald Harris, Raymond Swetenberg.

4th Grade. Miss Dial, Teacher: Grace Milford, Floyd Hawthorne.

PRIMARY SCHOOL.

4th Grade. Miss Britt, Teacher: Frances Gilliam, Kathleen Lomax, Jeanie White, Ralph Bauknicht.

3rd Grade. Miss Edwards, Teacher: Sara Edwards, Judith Hill, Frances Rose, Anthony Tennant, Raymond McMillan, Foster Barnwell.

2nd Grade. Miss Hebertson, Teacher: Rose Anderson, Ida Calhoun, Edna Dawson, Rachel Minshall, Harriet Swope, Tom Howie, William Greene, Willie Harrison, James McComb, Henry Simpson.

1st Grade. Miss Lander, Miss Allen, Miss Thomson, Teachers: No roll first month.

Mention is made of following grades for having no tardies: Misses Epting, Robertson, Britt, Dial, Tennant, Plaxco and Swetenberg.

Special mention is made of Miss Plaxco's grade for having neither a tardy nor an absentee during the month.

STATISTICS. Average scholarships: Boys, 85; Girls, 87. Average attendance: Boys, 96; Girls, 96. Visits: By Board, 62; Casual, 47; Superintendent, 226.

The schools opened with a large enrollment, so large in the primary grades that the board has found it necessary to enlarge two rooms in the graded school building. All rooms in each building are now occupied with classes. The library has been fitted up for the Science Laboratory. This leaves no room for the eleventh grade, which conditions make next session.

The new rule which requires children who miss their lessons or misbehave to return to school building for study from three o'clock to five, has been heartily endorsed by practically all the parents and is fruitful of good. Other pupils may return for study who wish or need this extra help by the teacher. Several pupils have voluntarily returned for the two hours study.

The teachers are voluntarily doing this extra teaching from three to five and are getting no compensation for it except the gratitude of most of parents.

So far, the work has moved along nicely with a very loyal support from the patronage. The new teachers and pupils are adjusting themselves to conditions in such a way that we are expecting a fine year's work.

Parents are cordially invited to visit the schools.

R. B. CHEATHAM, Supt.

HONORED AT EDGEFIELD.

This Thursday night, editor J. L. Mims will give an elaborate and delightful dining in honor of Special Judge W. P. Greene, of Abbeville, and several of the local bar will be present.—Edgefield Chronicle.

MONDAY'S MOB FORCED NEGROES TO CLOSE SHOPS

Following a meeting held in the county court house Monday afternoon at 1 o'clock, attended by several hundred people from the northern section of the county, in which it was voted unanimously to order the immediate family of Anthony Crawford to wind up their business affairs and leave the State by November 15, 1916, and in which a strong sentiment was expressed to force the family of negroes to leave without notice, a portion of those who came here to attend the meeting were apparently not satisfied with the result and proceeded to close up all of the negro establishments in Abbeville.

About 100 people participated in the shop-closing propaganda, which started immediately after the meeting in the court house and ended when the last negro shop in town had been closed an hour later.

The negroes were told by members of the mob to keep their shops closed indefinitely. At the meeting Monday everybody seemed to be satisfied with the result and especially the Cann brothers and their kindred. The rioting after the meeting came as a complete surprise.

No one was hurt in the trouble Monday.

KENNEDY-MOSELEY.

A beautiful wedding of the early fall was that of Miss Julia Kennedy, of Due West, and Dr. C. L. Moseley of Ninety Six, which took place last Thursday afternoon at 5:30 o'clock in the A. R. F. church in Due West. The ceremony was performed by Rev. J. P. Pressly and was witnessed by a large number of relatives and friends. The church was tastefully decorated, the rostrum being banded with potted plants and pink and white chrysanthemums, forming an aisle for the bridal party.

The bridal party entered as follows: Dr. Coleman, Dr. Fouché, Mr. Wertz, and Mr. Phillips, the ushers, coming first. The bridesmaids wearing dainty white organdie dresses with pink sashes, carrying gorgeous pink and white chrysanthemums, were: Misses Sadie Magill, Pearl Wardlaw, Christine Tribble and Mary Boyce. The dame of honor, Mrs. Crawford Clinkscales, was handsome in a gown of pink georgette crepe over satin. The maid of honor, Miss Lucille Kennedy, sister of the bride, wore a beautiful pink taffeta dress and carried chrysanthemums. The ring bearer, little Elizabeth Sullivan, niece of the groom, was daintily dressed in white and brought the ring in on a big white chrysanthemum.

The groom with his best man, Mr. Allen Watson, entered from the pastor's study and at the altar met the bride, who came in with the maid of honor, and here the impressive ceremony was solemnized.

The bride was becomingly gowned in a georgette crepe over satin, made bodice. Her veil was cape effect, being caught to her dark hair with sprays of orange blossoms. The party entered to the strains of Mendelssohn's and Lohengrin's wedding marches, beautifully rendered by Miss Agnes Devlin, and during the ceremony "To a Wild Rose" was softly rendered.

Dr. and Mrs. Moseley left on the 6:20 train for a short wedding trip, and upon their return will make their home in Ninety Six. The bride's going away gown was of brown broadcloth with fur trimmings and accessories to match.

The bride is the second daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Arch Kenedy and is a graduate of Due West College and is a young woman of unusual attractiveness, and her friends while regretting her departure, send their good wishes with her to her new home.

A rehearsal and brilliant reception for the bridal party was given at the bride's home on Wednesday night before the ceremony. The wedding presents were displayed in the lower parlors and hall, which made up a handsome collection.

And a lot of good resolutions are manufactured the morning after.