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Court.

When we went to press last week the trial was in progress in the case against Geo. W. Nobles for the murder of Wash Nickles, colored, at Steadman, S. C. After remaining out three hours the jury returned a verdict of not guilty. Nobles admitted having the pistol and the shooting, but plead self defense. The Solicitor did not ask for a verdict for concealed weapons, although virtually admitted.

On Thursday morning the Judge called the famous Brookland election fraud case against G. B. McCombs, ex-Mayor; T. D. Mitchell, ex-chief of police, and M. L. Fox, the specific charge being "conspiracy in town elections." Mr. T. C. Sturkie appeared for McCombs, Mr. A. D. Martin for Fox, and Mitchell plead his own case. A good jury with Mr. W. B. Raast of Swanesa, as foreman, was soon selected. A lengthy trial ensued, and the court room was well filled with Brookland people.

On Friday morning the jury rendered a verdict of guilty asking for mercy, and Judge Gary gave each \$75 or four months. McCombs paid up, Fox gave notice of appeal and bond was allowed him in the sum of \$200 which was given yesterday with M. P. Gunter and A. D. Martin as sureties, and was released pending the appeal. Mitchell is in jail.

The last trial was against Henry Planter, colored, of Columbia, charged with the murder of his wife, by drowning her in Broad river, on the Lexington side, near the bridge. Messrs. Sturkie and Martin represented the defendant. Five witnesses were sworn for the state, and none for the defense. The jury found him guilty and sentence was five years on the gang.

This is the only prisoner for the chain gang this term.

The criminal court came to an end Friday afternoon.

Presentment of Grand Jury.

State of South Carolina,
County of Lexington.
In General Sessions.

To the Honorable Grand Jury for said County and State:

We, Isaac Edwards, D. L. Koon and D. H. Craft, the committee appointed by your honorable body to investigate and inspect the various institutions and offices for this county and report to your honorable body the condition and management of the same, beg leave to say that we have not actually investigated the affairs of the same owing to the lamented illness of the County Treasurer, Mr. Frank W. Shealy, who has been sick for some time and is still unable to attend to his official business. This business we will attend to between now and the next November term of court.

While we have not made any personal or actual investigation of the condition of the various offices and the bonds of the office holders, still

we have been very vigilant in the matter and feel that there is nothing that needs immediate attention.

We thank the grand jury at large for their kind consideration shown us. Isaac Edwards,
For the Committee.

To the Honorable Ernest Gary, Judge presiding at the August term of court for 1905, in and for said County and State:

The undersigned in behalf of the grand jury beg leave to make the following report and presentment:

We have passed upon all bills handed us by the Solicitor and endorsed our findings thereon.

At the last session of the court we appointed the committee hereinabove mentioned with T. C. Sturkie, Esq., as expert to investigate the condition of the various county offices and the bond of the county officers, which committee has reported as above to us, which report we heartily concur in.

We have visited the county jail and find a new pump dug which is needed, and also that the roof of the jail needs repair. We recommend that the pump, which is to be used for drinking water, be paid for by the County Commissioners, as also the repairs of the jail. We suggest that a proper amount to be paid for the pump is \$34.48. The jail repairs to be paid for as amount required.

We further recommend that the County Commissioners have erected around the public square of the court house a substantial and neat iron fence for the protection of the county's property, with as many openings and gates as to them may seem fit and proper.

We further recommend that the County Commissioners urge and require the road overseers of the various sections of the public highways to open up the public roads out and to the full extent as is required by law. We do this for the reason that it is for the public convenience, and as also some litigation has been commenced along this line.

We recommend that the magistrate's constables be required to give bonds as is required by law, which bonds are to be approved by the County Commissioners.

We return thanks to the court, Solicitor and the county officers for their kindness shown us.

All of which is respectfully submitted.
Isaac Edwards,
Foreman.

The Court of Common Pleas convened Monday morning promptly at 10 o'clock, but Judge Gary was powerless to get a case for trial. After allowing the attorneys present ample time to State why they were not ready, he adjourned the court until 3 p. m.

Out of the eighty jury cases on the docket, thirty-three were continued, and the great trial was secured when the case of Perry J. Shumpert vs. the Southern Railway Company, a fire damage case on the Carolina Division

of the Southern, brought by Messrs. Graham and Crawford. Division Counsel Thomson was assisted by W. H. Sharpe, Esq. It is a lengthy trial with about forty witnesses. The case has consumed three days and as we go to press is still in progress.

Peak News.

Mrs. George Douglas and children after a two weeks visit here among relatives, returned to their home in Whitmire last Friday.

Miss Eunice Eargle is visiting her brother, Mr. Adam Eargle, for a few days.

Misses Nannie and Minnie Lindler, of near Columbia, are visiting Mr. H. B. Lindler.

Misses Evelyn and Lila Sarratt, are visiting relatives and friends in town.

Mrs. Mac D. Bushardt is visiting friends at Carlisle.

Miss Mary Swygert, after a two month's visit to Buffalo, Waynesville, Asheville and other places, returned last Monday much improved.

Mr. Edgar Hendrix, of Concord, N. C., paid quite a pleasant little visit to friends in town.

Mr. Charles Counts, of Savannah, Ga., was also a visitor in town last week.

Miss Cora Lorick is visiting relatives here.

Capt. J. C. Swygert is convalescent after a few days indisposition.

The Ladies' and Children's Missionary societies will give an ice cream festival in the school house here Friday night. Different methods of entertainment will be afforded for amusement. Music will be furnished by Counts-Stoudemire band and delicious refreshments will be served during the evening. Public is most cordially invited to attend.

Mr. and Mrs. James H. Hope, of Buffalo, are visiting relatives here.

Mrs. Vinnie Eleazer, of Spring Hill, is visiting her son, Mr. Walter Eleazer, in Peak.

Quite a crowd of "Peakites" spent Friday at Capers picnicing.

Our little town was visited by some of Little Mountain's young folks last week, but 'twas merely a "fox call."

Mr. B. E. Wilson, of White Oak, accompanied by his charming little bride, stopped over for a few days with friends here en route to Newberry, Asheville and other places. His many friends bestow their best wishes upon them as they travel life's voyage together.

Our free ferry is by no means a failure for important steps are being taken toward its establishment this week. Remember that "in union there's strength." Let's have a free ferry.

Rev. Mr. Dukes of Swanesa, is holding a protracted meeting here at Pelion. He is assisted by Rev. Marion Dukes of the Orangeburg circuit.

Rishton Twitterings.

We are now having some fall like weather.

Fodder pulling is now in full blast, but on account of so much rain they are having a bad time.

Crops are better than at one time supposed they would be, although they will not average up with the one last year.

Cotton is beginning to shed and the boll is popping.

Mrs. Simon Lucas and two children, who have been on a visit to her parents in this vicinity, has returned to her home in the "Land of Flowers."

We are glad to say that Mr. Marshall Berry has fully recovered from an attack of fever.

Readers, do you like the dispensary, or do you not?

Mr. Olin Kyzer has bought a new top buggy. Look out, girls, you will ride home now!

The Smith Branch Sunday school is progressing nicely with Mr. D. E. Smith Superintendent.

Mrs. Carrie Fallaw and children spent Sunday with her brother, Mr. L. L. Gantt.

Mr. Davis Gantt has gone to Lexington today.

Mr. Joe Harman, the rider of the mail from Lexington to Seivern, arrives on due time.

Wishing all the readers a happy time, I am
Bungo.
August 19, 1905

Leesville Happenings.

Mrs. Victoria Shealy left Tuesday for a visit to her son's family at Santuc.

The Reunion of Newberry College at Delmar last week was a success. The speeches made by Dr. Scherer and Mr. Jason Oxner were excellent. The most amusement of the occasion was the young people's part. About thirty or more couples from here attended all in one large wagon drawn by four oxen. They made the trip in less than five hours and report a jolly time.

Mr. Lee Etheredge and wife have returned to Augusta after several weeks rest here. Mr. Etheredge is a popular shoe salesman and has a host of friends.

Mr. Hipp and sister, Miss Hattie, of Newberry, are visiting Rev. Groselove's family.

Delmar Locals.

Practically no rain during the week and farm work progressed nicely.

Mr. W. H. Hare had a severe bilious attack last week.

Mr. J. O. Eargle, of Leesville, attended services at Mt. Hebron yesterday and spent last night with his sister, Mrs. Lite.

Miss Iva Crout, of the Etheredge section, spent last night with her friends, Misses Ethel and Iva Eargle.

Mr. and Mrs. A. L. Eargle visited relatives and friends in Summit and Leesville last week.

Mr. John W. Ballentine, of New-

berry, is spending a few days with his mother, Mrs. W. M. Shealy.

Misses Jessie and Daisy Oxner, of Brookland, returned home yesterday after spending a couple weeks with relatives here and in the Dupler section.

Mr. T. C. Moore is preparing to build a large new residence.

Mr. H. E. Eargle will build two additional rooms to his dwelling in the near future.

The protracted services commenced at Mt. Hebron yesterday. Rev. Shealy, the pastor, preached in the morning and Rev. Lindler in the afternoon. Rev. Cromer and Mr. J. B. Harman, of the Lutheran Theological Seminary, are expected to preach today and tomorrow.

Lloyd.

August 21, 1905.

Should a Law be Abolished

Because Some of Its Administrative Officers Do Wrong?

Some time since graft and corruption was discovered in the Post-office Department at Washington. In consequence of it has any body demanded that we vote out the Post office Department and have none.

Recently corruption of the gravest character was discovered in the Agricultural department at Washington. As a result of that discovery has any lover of the good name of his country contend that we should have no Agricultural department?

A short time since a United States Senator was charged and convicted of corrupt conduct in office. Has any one thought to urge upon the people of this country the grave necessity of abolishing the United States Senate?

Gov. Folk of Missouri, while district attorney made the charge and proved it, that many members of the Legislature and other officers of that State were guilty of corruption, many of them a set of grafters. With a full knowledge of that state of affairs has any advocate of public virtue announced himself in favor of abolishing the Legislature or the government of the State of Missouri?

Only a few weeks ago the newspapers of the State were filled, with accounts of stealing, graft and corruption in the office of Supervisor of Greenville county. We all know of it, but where is the man in South Carolina who has advised the abolition of the office of Supervisor?

Not long since it came to public notice that "John Smith" had said, that "John Jones" had said, that "Bill Brown" had said that he had heard that others had said that there was corruption among Dispensary officers, and grant that the investigation has found some irregularities and corruption in certain localities, therefore, contrary to all precedents in cases of corruption, it is demanded, not that the irregularities and corruption shall be stopped and punished as in all other cases, but that

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the dispensary law shall be abolished. Let us be consistent and apply to the dispensary law the same remedy we apply to the violation of other laws: Let the law stand and punish the violators. E. G. T.

Pelion Dots.

At this writing we are having fine weather and the farmers are very busy.

Miss Julia Shealy from New Brookland, is spending some time with relatives at Pelion.

Miss Rena Zenker is spending a few weeks with relatives here.

Miss Lula Wyse and her mother returned to their home in Columbia this morning after spending a few days with relatives.

Mr. W. F. Best is going this week to North Carolina to spend some time with his father and mother. We wish him a glorious time.

Rev. L. S. Shealy and wife boarded the train Saturday for Columbia to meet his regular appointment there Sunday.

Some new cotton has passed by Pelion and indications are that some of our farmers will soon market some here.

I think the new county question is a "goner," not to my surprise.

Mrs. Kate Reed of New Brookland, is spending some time with her brothers here at Pelion.

Well, I am still single, my girl has not said yes, but I am in good hopes.

With many good wishes and success to the Dispatch and its host of readers, I am
The Boy.

Aug. 20, 1905.

Union county has voted out the lawful sale of liquor for blind tigers and drug store bar rooms. The story of Marlborough, Cherokee, Pickens and Greenwood will be repeated—the illegal sale of whiskey without paying a license. This is free trade with a vengeance.

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