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JEFFCOAT ARRESTED FOR AN ASSAULT

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Aiken, Sept. 13.—David M. Jeffcoat, white, charged with criminally assaulting an 8-year-old negro girl last May, was arrested yesterday and was brought to Aiken and placed in jail. Jeffcoat is a resident of Orangeburg, just over the line, but the crime with which he is charged was committed in this county. He was arrested by Sheriff Raborn and Deputies Busbee and Calk. When he was arrested Jeffcoat submitted quietly, though it was reported that he would resist arrest. It was rumored that he said he would kill any man who attempted his capture.

David M. Jeffcoat is a cousin of the desperado Jeffcoat, who created so much fear in this county some years ago and killed several men before he himself was killed in Alabama. Jeffcoat is a powerfully built man, about 47 years old, and has a wife and five sons, two married daughters and several grandchildren. He does not seem to think he is in a very serious predicament, but says he will be out and back at home soon, as he has a farm to work and a turpentine farm to gather. He owns some property on the Edisto river, but he spends most of his time hunting and fishing.

This crime that has been laid to his blame is alleged to be one of the most heinous in the history of Aiken county. It is said that he went to the house of a respectable man while he was at work in a nearby field, and committed an assault upon the colored man's little 8-year-old daughter, seriously injuring her. He was seen in the act by the girl's smaller brother, who reported the matter to his father. The man then went to the house and accosted Jeffcoat and attempted to rescue the girl from his clutches, but was threatened with his life. Afterward it is said Jeffcoat went around to the field where the man was working and waited at the end of the row where he was plowing and then shot him with a shotgun, seriously wounding him.

The Evening Record.

The Columbia Evening Record is rapidly coming to the front. Only a few days ago they installed the Hearst news service, the best in the country, and now this paper publishes all the interesting events of the world just as they occur.

Mr. T. L. Losse has been here for a couple of days in the interest of The Record and has secured a number of subscribers. The Record comes out from Columbia on the 5:30 o'clock train and is as eagerly looked for here as is the morning paper. Mr. Losse is a hustling newspaper representative and a gentleman of pleasing and charming personality.

Death of Mr. Glenn Kammer.

The announcement of the death at Hot Springs, Arkansas, of Mr. Glenn A. Kammer, which occurred on Saturday, will be read with genuine sorrow by the many friends of this highly esteemed gentleman, who reside in this county where he was so well known. Mr. Kammer had been in failing health for many months and at the request of friends went to Hot Springs, where it was hoped that he could be benefited if not permanently restored. For a time it seemed that the change was beneficial, so much in fact, that he was in the act of bidding friends good bye to return to his home when suddenly and seemingly without warning he was attacked with cholera morbus, from the effects of which he died. Mr. Kammer was a native of this county, having been born and reared near this place, where many of his relatives now reside. In young manhood he moved to Gadsden, in lower Richland county, where he at once became identified with the business interests of that place and was up to the time of his death one of the most prominent citizens of Richland county.

Mr. Kammer leaves besides a wife and four children, the following brothers, who are all well known in this county: George A. Kammer, Silas O., John J., and Lonnie. He also has one sister living in this county, Mrs. Al Calk.

Sheriff Corley Off for Texas.

Sheriff P. H. Corley left Monday for Fairmont, Texas, armed with requisition papers for Benton G. Turner, a young white man wanted in this county for seducing, under promise of marriage and violating that promise, Miss Ella Fraley, daughter of Mr. E. M. Fraley, of New Brookland. The alleged crime was committed about the first of May this year, and the young woman is now in a critical condition.

Sheriff Corley has been at work on the case since the alleged crime was committed, and had Turner under surveillance in Alabama at one time, but he fled to Texas before he could be arrested. Lexington's ever alert sheriff, however, did not let up on Turner until he located him at the above named place and had him arrested.

The requisition was stubbornly fought by Col. P. H. Nelson, of Columbia, attorney for the accused, but Solicitor Timmerman made a strong fight and Gov. Angel granted the request. Turner will be brought back to face the crime with which he has been charged at the November term of court. The case promises to be a sensational one.

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From Batesburg.

To the Editor of The Dispatch:

The Batesburg High school opened last week with the highest prospects the school has ever known, the enrollment the first day was 185, which has since been increased to 200, the enrollment of the High school being 25. A number of the patrons were present at the opening. Col. John Bell Towill and Dr. L. M. Mitchell, members of the board of trustees, made excellent talks along educational lines. Supt. H. A. Brunson also made a few remarks which were well received. Prof. Brunson is a graduate of the University of South Carolina and a teacher of several years experience and the trustees are to be congratulated on securing his services for the ensuing year. Prof. W. Ernest Black, of Davidson, N. C., the new principal, comes to us highly recommended as a scholar and will have charge of the English, latin and history of the high school department. The high school under the present management places it among the front rank of South Carolina's high school system.

Capt. Claude E. Sawyer, a leading member of the Aiken bar, was in town one day last week on professional business. He has been retained to defend the Fallaw brothers, who are in the Aiken jail charged with the murder of Mr. George Mabius, which occurred near here some months ago.

Barrett Jones, Esq., went to Lexington Tuesday on legal business.

Mrs. Jabez Ferris has returned from a visit to her daughter, Mrs. Henry C. Tillman, of Greenwood.

Mr. Henry L. Gardner, of Rocky Ford, Ga., has accepted a position with the Harris-Cain Drug Co.

Mr. John C. Crouch left last week for Clemson College, where he enters the Freshman class for this session.

Mr. John W. Frye, a leading contractor of Lexington, was here last Thursday, looking after business matters.

Mr. T. Halsey Fox is having the old drug store building on the corner torn down, and will begin immediately the erection of a two-story brick building. The first floor will be used as an up-to-date drug store and the second floor for office rooms.

The First National Bank will soon build a new banking house opposite the Fox building on the corner now used as a beef market and one of the best locations in the town.

Miss Ruby Holloway, of Newberry, a member of the faculty of the Aiken Institute, spent Saturday in town as the guest of Mrs. Sarah R. Shuler.

Mr. Alvin Ethredge, a leading business man of Saluda, was in town Thursday.

Miss Myra Glenn, a student of Osborne's Business College, Augusta, Ga., spent Sunday with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. W. B. Glenn.

Miss Ora Coleman, a young lady from Laurens, is spending a few days with her school friend, Miss Rosa Ridgell.

Col. E. F. Strother and mother have returned from an extended trip to the Jamestown Exposition, New York, Washington and other points North.

Dr. J. D. Timmons, who has been engaged in the drug business for several years in this town, moved to Newberry Monday, where he and family will reside in the future.

Mr. P. Cortez Cullum has accepted a position as teacher in a high school in North Carolina and left last week to take charge.

Mr. W. H. Sills, formerly of Batesburg, but now located at Lockhart, S. C., is spending a few days here with his family. Mr. Sills is one of the Southern Railway's most efficient engineers.

Mr. J. William Mitchell has returned from New York, where he had gone on business. Mr. Mitchell is interested in the Summerland hotel near this place, and he has spared neither trouble or expense in making the hotel one of the most delightful resorts in the State.

Mr. J. R. Unger, of Saluda county, has accepted the position of bookkeeper with the E. Jones Co.

Mrs. Albert C. Jones is visiting her parents at Marion.

Mrs. Henry C. Tillman, of Greenwood, is spending a few days with her mother, Mrs. Jabez Ferris.

Dr. and Mrs. J. A. Watson have

REMEMBER THE

"TRI-COUNTY FAIR"

At Batesburg, October 15th, 16th, 17th, and 18th.

The "Tri-County Fair" (Lexington, Aiken and Saluda Counties) will hold their First Annual Fair this year on the 15th, 16th, 17th and 18th of October. The promoters of this Association is made up of representative business men and farmers of different sections of these counties. During the last twelve months they have worked on the proposition with diligence with the view of bringing together in annual festivities and in generous rivalry, all the people of these sections, vying with each other in the production of the excellence of their horses, cattle, poultry, field crops, needle and fancy work and household products, and in its manufacturing industries. To this end the Association have erected on their beautiful ten acre lot in the heart of Batesburg on the prettiest ridge overlooking the city a large and commodious main fair building, one hundred cattle and horse stalls, a large and well arranged poultry house, stalls for hogs sheep and goats. The arena is being put in excellent condition for the proper exhibition of fine saddle and trotting horses. The grounds and buildings will have cost the Association something like forty-five hundred dollars. Suitable premium rewards will be paid to those who excel in the exhibits. Delightful brass band music will be rendered during the fair for the pleasure of the guests, and attractive opera house entertainments will be provided for the entertainment of the visitors during the evenings. Special railroad rates of one fare plus twenty five cents have been granted by the roads from Columbia and Augusta and Allendale and intermediate points. Those who contemplate making any kind of exhibit or who contemplate attending the fair will do well to send to Mr. J. Walter McCartha, the secretary, Batesburg, S. C., for a free copy of the premium list and general directory of the Fair.

25 Killed in Wreck.

White River Junction, Vt., Sept. 15.—Twenty-five people mostly excursionists, returning from the Canadian provinces, met death and many others were injured about daylight today in a fearful train wreck between a passenger train and a freight, due to a head-on collision, on the Concord division of the Boston and Maine railroad about four miles west of Canaan station. The badly injured numbered nearly thirty, some of whom it is feared, may not survive.

Death of Mrs. E. C. Leaphart.

The announcement of the death of Mrs. E. C. Leaphart last Thursday, while not unexpected, brought sorrow to many a heart who had loved and known this dear woman for many years. Mrs. Leaphart was 84 years of age and had twice been married. In 1843 she was married to Rev. Wm. Berley of the Lutheran church, and from this union one son, Mr. W. Q. M. Berley, of this town, survives her. In 1877 she was married to Hon. Godfrey Leaphart, who died in 1891.

Mrs. Leaphart was a woman of many beautiful traits of Christian character and endeared herself to all. Her remains were laid to rest in the Lutheran church yard Friday afternoon in the presence of a large crowd of mourning relatives and friends. The funeral service, which was conducted by her beloved pastor, the Rev. W. H. Hiller, was indeed impressive. The floral offerings were many and beautiful.

returned from the Exposition at Jamestown. During their stay abroad they visited Washington, New York, Niagara Falls, and different points in Canada. They were absent eleven days.

Dr. W. H. Timmerman spent Monday at his old home in the Phillippi section near Johnston.

Pond Branch Happenings.

To the Editor of The Dispatch:

Rain in abundance. Mr. John J. Koon, of Newberry, was on a visit to relatives here last week.

Mrs. Pierce Price returned from Newberry Friday where she spent last week with her mother.

Mrs. Etta Dorrity, of New Brookland, is spending awhile with relatives here.

Miss Iva Crout entered school at the Lewisdale academy Monday.

Mr. Malachi Smith is taking a course in bookkeeping at MacFeat's Business college in Columbia.

A move is on foot to vote a special school tax for this district. I earnestly hope the movement will be successful, for it is the only way of getting a good school, such as we need for this community.

Mrs. W. W. Koon has been quite sick, but at this writing she is able to be out again.

Rev. J. K. Inabinet happened with what might have been a serious accident Sunday evening. While crossing Pond Branch creek near Mr. Lawrence Smith's in his buggy a trace broke and the horse became frightened and in trying to stop it he received severe injuries to one of his hands and leg.

Mr. J. J. Crout went to Johnston Thursday on business.

Mr. Rufus Koon made a business trip to Columbia Monday.

Children's Day at Pond Branch church last Saturday was well attended. In connection with the exercises of the Sunday school addresses were made by Rev. B. D. Wessinger, Hon. W. H. Sharpe and Miss Ellen Hendrix. These addresses were inspiring and contained much substance for thought. Miss Hendrix's address on Home and Foreign Missions was one of the best that we have heard on this all important subject.

Gilbert, Sept. 16.

Swansea Items.

To the Editor of The Dispatch:

Mr. F. M. Hodge, Mr. and Mrs. Paul E. Hutto, Dr. W. T. and Miss Isabel Brooker were the Swanseaites who attended the Exposition this week. Mrs. Hutto will visit Baltimore before returning home.

Mr. B. E. Craft has returned to Swansea, after a year's absence, to take a position with the firm of Reynolds & Craft. We welcome Mr. Craft back and hope that Swansea will hereafter be his home.

Miss Isabel Brooker has gone to Batesburg to resume her work in the High school there.

Mr. W. R. Hilderbrand has decided that there is no place like one's home town and has returned from Greenwood and is now connected with the firm of Reeves & Witt.

Although our town is small, we have been entitled to Sunday mail for some time, but until recently we did not get a Sunday's mail. Now we have the convenience and satisfaction, through the efforts of some of our energetic townsmen, of receiving mail each day.

Miss Blanche Brooker will leave Monday for Greenville, where she will enter school at the Greenville Female College.

Miss Mattie Ellis and Mr. and Mrs. W. H. Johnson and little girl of Scotia, have visited the family of Mr. Kelt Johnson recently.

Mr. J. E. Yarborough, of Columbia, spent last week in town.

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We need the money due us, so please be kind enough to let us have it without delay.

Mrs. Blair Convicted of Manslaughter.

Mrs. Ethel W. Blair, the pretty young woman who, it is alleged, shot and killed her husband, Capt. McCulley W. Blair, a conductor of the C. N. and L. railway, on the 17th of last January, was found guilty of manslaughter with recommendation to mercy in the Richland county court Sunday morning, after the jury had considered the merits of the case for 14 hours.

When the verdict was announced Mrs. Blair, who had held up bravely all through the trial, fainted, and was removed from the room and placed on a couch at the request of Judge Johnstone.

As soon as the verdict was announced Col. P. H. Nelson, attorney for Mrs. Blair, gave notice of a motion for a new trial, which will be argued later in the week. It is said the jury stood nine for murder with recommendation to mercy, two for manslaughter and one for acquittal, the jury finally compromising on the above verdict.

The defendant was represented by Messrs. Nelson & Nelson, while the prosecution was conducted by Solicitor Timmerman, unassisted.

White Rock News.

To the Editor of The Dispatch: Quite an uncommon thing happened in our town last week. While decorating the church for Harvest service some one happened to look in the tower and discovered that two Barn owls had made the bell tower their nesting place. One was shot and the other captured, and is now in a cage at Mr. W. R. Eleazer's and is an object of curiosity. Its breast and head is as white as snow and its eyes are black. It is a very beautiful bird.

Little Helen Haigler is quite sick. After a severe and protracted illness, Mr. Walter Bundrick, of near here, died of heart disease, and was buried at Shady Grove church on last Saturday.

The White Rock Glee club is now making preparations to give a public entertainment in the school house at this place about the middle of October.

On last Sunday Dr. P. H. Shealy, of Lexington, visited his sister, Mrs. J. Ed. Shealy.

Mr. and Mrs. Frank Lowman, of the Selwood section, visited Mr. and Mrs. W. P. Crompton Sunday.

Mr. R. W. M. Eleazer and little son, Harry, of Peak, are visiting the home folks.

May Be End of County.

From the result of the meeting of the Calhoun county commissioners which was held in this city a day or two ago, it seems that that new county scheme has about fallen through. The meeting was called to be held in the morning but was postponed until late in the afternoon on account of the absence of a gentleman who is very much interested in the matter.

The surveyors who did the official surveying of the new county were present and made their report. From this it seems that the line of the new county passed through the incorporate limits of the town of Cameron, and for this reason, the matter was held up.

In order that they may be certain of this fact, a representative of the commission went to Columbia yesterday for the purpose of looking up the records of the establishment of the town of Cameron, and secured a copy of the petition for a charter. From this petition it seems that the holding of the Commissioners was correct.—Orangeburg Evening News, 14th.

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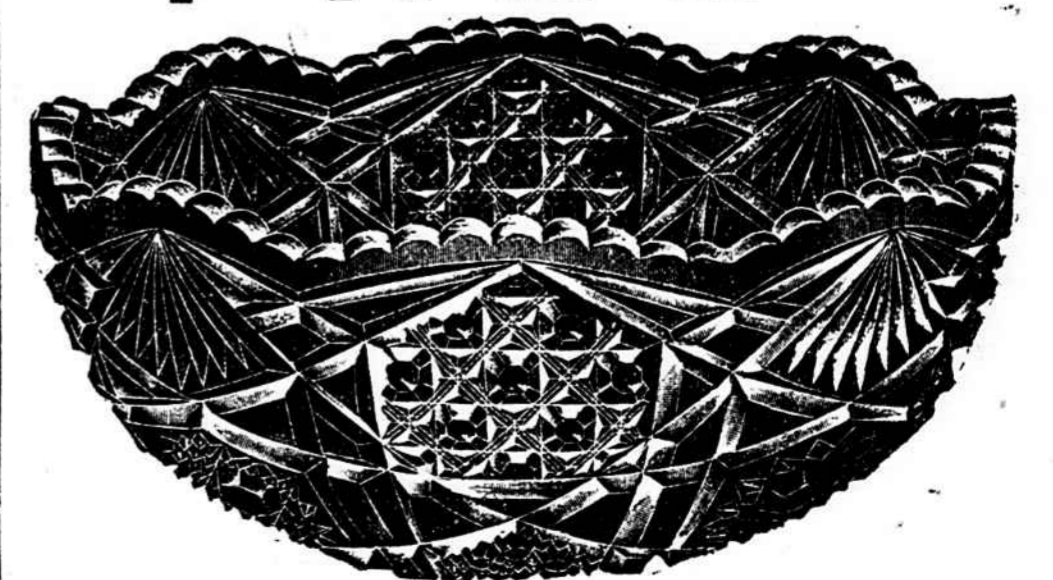
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