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Bank of Waihalla,
Waihalla, S. C.

JAMES SMITH SUICIDES.

Hung Himself by Wire from Rafters of Shuck Pen.

James Smith, single, about 30 years of age, was found at his place near Prather's Bridge, last Sunday morning, his body suspended from the rafters of his shuck pen by a wire. Shortly after eating his breakfast he left the house and went out into the lot and was not seen again. When found his body was dangling in the shuck pen at the end of a wire taken from a bale of hay. No cause is known for the deed, as he was in fair circumstances, a hard-working, honest and upright farmer. About two weeks ago, however, it is said that he attempted to kill himself, but was prevented from doing so. No inquest was held. A telegram was sent, it is said, to the coroner, but this lay in the telegraph office at Seneca almost a day before being delivered to Coroner J. W. Holleman. James Smith was a son of William Smith, of the Prather Bridge section of Oconee. His body was buried at Unity Tuesday.

New Advertisements this Week.

Attention is directed to the new advertisements of the following merchants this week:
Bank of Waihalla.
Moss & Ansel, Waihalla.
W. M. Brown, Waihalla.
C. W. & J. E. Bauknight, Waihalla.
J. H. Adams, Seneca.
Ruskin Anderson, Seneca.
W. S. Hunter & Co., Seneca.
T. M. Lowery, Seneca-Westminster.
M. S. Stribling, Westminster.
Notice of Final Settlement.
Watch the advertising columns of The Courier each week and keep posted. The live merchants of the county advertise in The Courier because it reaches the people.

Captured Malloyd in Charlotte.

Sheriff W. M. Kay returned Monday night from Charlotte, N. C., where he went in search of Will Malloyd, colored, who was wanted on the charge of murder. On July 4, 1904, in a base ball row at Westminster, Malloyd killed Luther Ferguson, cutting his throat with a razor. He escaped then, and since that time has been at large. He says he has been working in New York, New Orleans and St. Louis since his escape, and only recently went to Charlotte, where he was in the employ of a coal company. At the time of his arrest he was driving a coal wagon, when Sheriff Kay and a Charlotte policeman recognized him, and Malloyd's labors suddenly ceased. He is about 20 years of age. There was a fair reward offered for his capture by the father of young Ferguson, his victim. Malloyd is at last safely behind the bars of Oconee's jail to await his trial.

House and Three Children Burned.

Last Wednesday night the house of Elias Davis, colored, who lives in the Poplar section, was destroyed by fire and three of his children were burned to death. Davis had left the house in charge of his four children, the oldest only ten years. It seems that the children went to the kitchen to close a window, and it being dark they carried a torch, and some cotton hanging in the loft of the kitchen caught fire from it. The children were panic-stricken, and in place of trying to make their escape they tried to extinguish the flames. The second child, a boy, made his escape through a window, and told his sister to hand him the baby, but he says he never saw or heard any more of her, and that the fire was getting so hot he had to leave the building. One girl, aged about ten, one about four, and the baby were burned. The mother of the children died during last Christmas week. Davis is a well-to-do and respectable negro, and in his loss has the sympathy of all who know him.

Crosses of Honor.

Confederate soldiers wishing crosses of honor should apply (a stamp enclosed) at once to Miss Marye R. Shelor, R. F. D. No. 1, Box 15, Westminster, S. C. As soon as you send your name the application blank will be sent. Fill it out, going strictly by the directions, and return it the next day, as Memorial Day is fast coming, when crosses will be given out.

It is hoped the Oconee schools will observe Memorial Day. The children should be taught to love and honor the soldiers while living, and to decorate their graves with flowers when dead.

Got Second Grade Certificate.

Several weeks ago The Courier published a list of teachers granted certificates by the County Board of Education. The name of Miss Ada Wyly appeared as one of those receiving a third grade certificate, though, as a matter of fact, she was entitled to and received a second grade. The list was made hurriedly by the Superintendent of Education, and the unintentional error crept into the list handed in to The Courier.

Do You Want Fish?

The Courier is in receipt of the following from Congressman Wyatt Aiken:

Washington, March 23.—Mr. Editor: Please announce in your next issue that parties wishing fish for ponds or streams should write me at Luce at Washington. I hope to put over half million good fish in the Third District as soon as possible. Yours very truly,
Wyatt Aiken.

Big Verdicts at Florence.

Florence, March 21.—The biggest verdicts ever awarded by a Florence county jury were rendered in the cases of Mrs. Maude Laughlin, and her little son, Lawrence Laughlin, both of whom were terribly burned by an electric wire in this city last August, against the Florence Electric Light and Power Company, and the Southern Public Service Corporation. Mrs. Laughlin, who asked \$50,000 damages, was awarded \$17,000, and Lawrence Laughlin, whose suit was for \$25,000 damages, obtained a verdict for \$8,000. The case will be appealed to the Supreme Court.

Prof. Bailey to Sue Canon Ladies.

(Toccoa Record.)
It is announced that Professor Bailey, who was recently cowhided by some ladies in Canon, has moved to Chattanooga, Tenn., and has employed Sidney C. Tapp, of Atlanta, to bring suit for \$20,000 damages in the United States Court against the ladies involved in the recent cowhiding. It is stated that the complaint will be salty. Bailey's wife, who was one of the prettiest and loveliest of Elbert county girls, is now suing him for divorce.

Good for Everybody.

Norman R. Coulter, a prominent architect, in the Delbert Building, San Francisco, says: "I fully endorse all that has been said of Electric Bitters as a tonic medicine. It is good for everybody. It corrects stomach, liver and kidney disorders in a prompt and efficient manner and builds up the system." Electric Bitters is the best spring medicine ever sold over a druggist's counter; as a blood purifier it is unequalled. 50c. at all druggists.

IMPROVE THE SCHOOLS.

Superintendent of Education Wants Rural Schools to Compete.

Below is given a letter from Miss Mary Nance, president of the Rural School Improvement Association for South Carolina. Look around your school buildings and see if there is any work really needed on the house or grounds, and if you find that your school houses and grounds can be improved, do it and let us try for the prizes.

I have been in nearly all the school houses of the county, and nearly every district has a nice frame, one-room building, well-furnished with patent desks. I can think of but two or three school houses in the county that are not called. We have several two and three-room county school houses. I think we are doing fairly well, even if the School Improvement Association is inclined to criticize people who are doing the best they can.

I think one of the best, if not really the best, way of improving the schools is to improve the teachers. This I have tried to do ever since I came into this office. A good school house with a poor teacher is worth very little to the community.

I like flowers in the yards, pictures on the walls and a good school house, but what are they worth without sweet-spirited, competent teachers? So the teacher, as well as the houses, are essential to a good school system. The man who wrote the hymn that contains the words, "Sweet birds and sweet prospects, sweet flowers, have all lost their sweetness to me when Jesus no longer I see," thought that in the absence of Jesus there was no real joy. It matters not how much beauty and comfort there may be about a school house, there is no real blessedness and progress unless the teachers are running over with kindness and efficiency.

C. L. Craig.

Thirty-Five Prizes Offered.

The South Carolina School Improvement Association offers thirty-five prizes to the schools of the State for the most decided material improvement made during a given length of time. Five of the prizes are to be \$100 each, and thirty are to be \$50 each. Regulations concerning the thirty-five prizes that are to be awarded by this association are as follows:

1. Improvements must be made between November 1, 1907, and December 10, 1908.
2. Prizes will be awarded to schools where the most decided material improvements have been made during the time mentioned.
3. Under material improvements are included local taxation, consolidation, new buildings, repairing and painting old ones, libraries, reading rooms or tables, interior decorations, beautifying yards, and better general equipment.

4. No school can compete for any of these prizes unless it is a rural school. No town with more than 500 population shall be eligible to the contest.

5. All who wish to enter the contest must send names and descriptions of schools, before improvements are made, to the president prior to October 1st.

6. All descriptions, photographs and other evidences showing improvements must be sent to the president before December 15th, 1908. The chairman of the board of trustees of any school competing for a prize must approve all descriptions before and after improvements are made.
7. Prizes will be awarded in checks at the annual meeting of the South Carolina School Improvement Association December 31st, 1908. The prizes are to be used for further improvements in the schools receiving them.

Mary T. Nance, President.
Columbia, S. C.

No Use to Die.

"I have found out that there is no use to die of lung trouble as long as you can get Dr. King's New Discovery," says Mrs. J. P. White, of Rushboro, Pa. "I would not be alive today only for that wonderful medicine. It loosens up a cough quicker than anything else, and cures lung disease even after the case is pronounced hopeless." This most reliable remedy for coughs and colds, la grippe, asthma, bronchitis and hoarseness, is sold under guarantee by all druggists. 50c. and \$1. Trial bottle free.

Greenville Gets Annual Reunion.

The annual reunion of the South Carolina division United Confederate Veterans will be held in Greenville on August 12 and 13. The dates were changed by those in charge. Heretofore the gatherings have been held in May, but it was thought that this would interfere with many of the members of the organization who were busy with farm work at that season. During the month of August there is a lot up in the work for a few days, and this will be better for the veterans. The last General Assembly continued the appropriation of \$3,500 for the reunion and the citizens of Greenville will contribute liberally for the cause.

Shirts! Shirts!

We have now open a great line of Men's Shirts for Spring.

For 50 cents we offer a line of Madras and Percales in stripes, neat figures and solid colors that cannot be excelled. These colors are absolutely fast.

For \$1 we will give you a strictly high-class, beautifully made Shirt, with the new soft attached collar, or without, as you wish. This is the Shirt that city dealers sell for \$1.50.

See our line of Four-in-Hands for 25 cents.

Men's White Vests at \$1.25, \$2 and \$2.50.

W. S. HUNTER & CO.,
SENECA, S. C.

DIES OF AUTO ACCIDENT.

Representative of Automobile Factory Charged With Manslaughter.

Savannah, Ga., March 23.—Police-man H. H. Stra's died Sunday of injuries sustained Saturday when he was run down by an automobile.

E. W. Gans, of Canton, Ohio, representing a Cleveland automobile factory, is under bond of \$2,000, having been arrested on a charge of involuntary manslaughter following the death of Stra. Gans was driving the machine that collided with Stra, who was mounted on a bicycle at the time of the accident. Gans was here for the recent automobile races. He is an uncle of Lieutenant Lalm, U. S. A., the balloon expert.

Will Take Off Two More Trains.

(Greenville News.)

Two more passenger trains on the Southern Railway main line are to be taken off. On Sunday next the changed schedule will go into effect and from that date on there will be no No. 11 and No. 40 between Charlotte and Greenville. These trains will have Greenville as their terminus, however, and will continue to run between this city and Atlanta.

Motter Kills Self and Two Children.

Fall River, Mass., March 23.—Mrs. Florida Terrien, aged 25, and her two children, Mary aged 10, and Joseph, aged two months, were found dead in their kitchen yesterday by the woman's husband. Mrs. Terrien held a crucifix in her hand and a rosary about her neck. The coroner said it was suicide.

Throat Coughs

Ask your doctor about these throat coughs. He will tell you how deceptive they are. A tickling in the throat often means serious trouble ahead. Better explain your case carefully to your doctor, and ask him about your taking Ayer's Cherry Pectoral.

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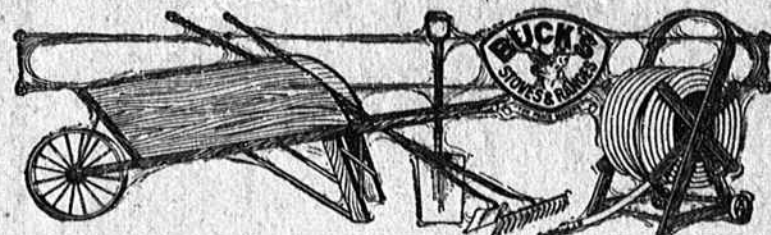
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IN THE LOWERY, BYRD BUILDING.

RUSKIN ANDERSON, SENECA, S. C.



Did you ever stand before your mirror just before you went out to make a call and feel ashamed because you knew you would meet people better clothed than yourself? If so, you know how it feels.

We have in our store many, many things it would make you feel proud to wear. It is drawing close to May-day now. Is this not the very latest date on which you should appear in your New Spring Garments? If you get them now they can be worn just that much longer, and you will have just that many more times to feel proud when standing before the mirror. We do not believe you can resist wishing some of these temptations.

See my line of Silks, Linens, White Goods, Lawns, Dimities, Piques and Wool Dress Goods.

Special values in White Lawns at 8c., 10c., 12 1-2c. and up. All new goods just received.

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Ruskin Anderson, Seneca.