

A VOICE FROM OLD PICKENS.

Recollections of the Past Stirred by Visit to Historic Spot.

Old Pickens, July 29.—Editor Courier: Weary of the noise, heat and bustle of town, and longing for the scenes and associations of childhood, last week I visited the neighborhood where I first saw the light, and where my early days were spent in innocence and joy.

For several days I have been roaming up and down the crystal waters of Keowee river, boating, fishing, swimming and feasting on fresh fried fish, fried chicken, June apples, peaches, watermelons, cantaloupes and all kinds of vegetables. To me nothing is more delightful than the quiet solitude of country life, where, in sweet communion with nature, we can "look up through nature to nature's God" and appreciate the many blessings received by us from His loving hands.

I visited the historic site of Fort George, seven miles north of Old Pickens Court House, on the eastern bank of Keowee river, from which point, it is said, the Indian maiden Catechee performed her rough and perilous journey on foot to Ninety-Six in twenty-four hours—a distance of near one hundred miles—to inform the whites of an intended massacre, bearing in her raven tresses a written message to the whites which saved the garrison from destruction. On her way, it is said, she named the several streams in the order crossed by her—Mile Creek, Four Mile, Six Mile, Twelve Mile, Eighteen, Three and Twenty, and Six and Twenty. By these names they are known to-day, and correspond very nearly in distance named from the starting point.

Within a mile of the old fort, in the fork of Mile Creek and Keowee river, on the crest of a hill about three hundred yards from the confluence of the two streams, is the grave of John Gresham, a near relative of the late Col. W. S. Gresham, and his father, Rev. Joseph Gresham, natives of this county and relatives of the Brown family of Georgia, distinguished for its Governors, Judges, lawyers and statesmen.

John Gresham owned and cultivated a large plantation here, where he lived and died, respected in life and honored in death. On this place, and right where this grave yard now is, it is said, a bloody battle was fought between the Indians and whites. In proof of this the older people now living say that rifle-bullets, tomahawks made of stone, spear points, flint arrow heads, beads, trinkets and pottery have been frequently unearthed by the plow in the fields near by.

The Gresham plantation is now owned by some of the heirs of Elish M. Alexander, but the grave yard (one acre) is owned by the public, having been donated by Prior Alexander. Having heard that John Gresham was buried here, I felt a desire to visit his grave, but I had much difficulty in finding it, as it was covered with brush and trees, which had fallen or been cut upon it. The grave is marked by head and foot stones made of soapstone and on the head stone is engraved in large letters and figures, "J. G., Died June 22d, 1835." (Nothing more.)

Both stones have been broken by the falling of timber. By the side of this grave is another (supposed to be that of his wife, who was a Miss Coatsworth), but it was so covered with logs and brush I could not find whether it was marked or not.

In this same graveyard lie the remains of John Craig, a Revolutionary soldier, on whose tombstone is the following inscription, "His motto in life: Liberty, Free Trade, and Independence or Death." Other heroes lie here, too, who wore the gray and battled for the Southern cause—among them Coatsworth Craig, John Craig, William Craig, Arthur Craig, David Craig, E. B. Alexander, John Mauldin, Major Gibson and others, besides many private citizens.

Unless something is done in the way of cleaning off and marking the graves it will soon be impossible to locate many of them. From the earliest days the dust of the dead has been sacredly regarded and tenderly cared for by all people, and the sentiment which cherishes the memory of the dead and perpetuates the memory of their good deeds is not only beautiful, but most commendable.

The crops in the neighborhood are by no means good, owing to the extremely wet weather, which prevented proper cultivation. Most of those with whom I talked estimate the cotton crop at one-half, with favorable seasons from now on. Corn is not so bad, but inferior; and—something I have never known before—blackberries are almost a failure. The only consolation I see is, those who have corn, cotton and

BANK ROBBER SHOT FOUR.

After Looting the Bank Henry Paul Defied His Pursuers.

White Bear, Minn., Aug. 6.—Following a bold and partially successful attempted robbery of the First State Bank of this village to-day, Henry Paul, the robber, and Fred Lanners, one of the pursuing citizens' posse, were shot and killed, and William Butler, one of the posse, was shot through the abdomen and is said to be dying. John Christie received a wound in the thigh and Richard Doran was shot through the wrist.

The robber, who had been employed as a laborer on some building work at White Bear for the past three days, received his payment—a check for \$6—this morning, and went to the bank to get it cashed. Cashier Alfred Auger was the only man in the bank.

The man offered Auger the check, and while the cashier was examining it Paul drew a six-shooter. When Auger looked up he was told to hand out all the cash in the bank. As the man had the drop on him, Auger passed out all the currency in the office, amounting to \$750.

The robber fled down through the streets of the village in the direction of Bald Eagle lake, about a mile distant.

Auger gave the alarm and in a few minutes the entire population of the village, armed with revolvers and rifles, was in hot pursuit.

As his pursuers gained on him, the robber took refuge in a shanty in a yard on the edge of town, and when the self-constituted posse drew near opened fire.

Lanners, who was preceding the pursuers, went boldly toward the shanty. He dropped dead on the threshold with a bullet in his heart. This tragedy caused a halt among the pursuers, who dodged behind whatever shelter offered itself and opened fire with rifles and revolvers.

The fire was returned by the robber, but a few minutes later the robber fell, shot through the abdomen. When the attackers got inside the little building they found the robber dead on the floor, his revolver in his hand.

Locals from Long Creek.

Long Creek, Aug. 8.—Special: The health of this section is very bad at this writing.

Dr. Collins was here last Monday on business.

Master Louis Roach is very sick with fever, but we hope for his early recovery.

These rainy days are good for the farmers. They were beginning to be needed badly.

Mrs. P. K. Phillips and daughter, of Westminster, visited relatives here last week. They are always welcome in our community.

Lafayette Ramey, of Whetstone, visited his cousin, Andrew Ramey, last Friday.

Miss Tabitha McWhorter, of Due West, is teaching a prosperous school at Poplar Springs.

Miss Della Phillips is teaching school at Brasstown. She taught there last year and is quite a popular teacher.

The rural free delivery route which leaves Mountain Rest and comes down through here, is a great deal of help to this community and our people appreciate it.

Mrs. Dovie Davis, of Waihalla, has been spending a week with relatives and friends here.

Miss Genelle Ramey, of Anderson, will arrive soon, to the delight of her relatives and friends.

Miss Martha Blackwell and grandmother spent the day with their friends, Mrs. Thomas Ramey and daughter, Miss Dovie, last Thursday. T. D. M. R.

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Kansas City, Aug. 5.—A suit to break the will of Charles Schattner, a wealthy saloon keeper and politician, who died a few months ago, leaving \$117,000 to the local charities and about \$25,000 to negro employees, has been started here by Eugene Schattner, a brother. The estate was valued at \$200,000.

The petition alleges that the testator was addicted to the use of intoxicants, which impaired his mind and made him incapable of making a will when the instrument was drawn. He also alleges that Mary E. Yates, a negro housekeeper, whom the will gives \$10,000, exerted undue influence over his brother. A negro porter and a negro nurse were also beneficiaries under the will.

Other supplies to sell are sure of good prices, but it is disconsolation for the unfortunate fellow who has to buy, for he is sure to pay a high price for what could be made at home. N. B. Cary.

THE NEWS FROM BOUNTY LAND.

Interesting Local Items from "The Land of Plenty."

(Unavoidably Omitted Last Week.)
Bounty Land, Aug. 2.—Special: The heaviest rain of the season fell here yesterday afternoon.

Miss Lillian McDonald, whom we reported ill last week, is thought to be improving.

Mr. and Mrs. Sumter Fennell and little son, Clyde, were guests in the community last week.

Miss Bertie Smith spent a few days at Montreat recently.

Mr. and Mrs. Jay Gillison have moved into the cottage on the Anderson place.

Mr. and Mrs. Joe McDonald left Friday for an outing in the mountains.

Ernest Pickett, of Atlanta, is spending a few days with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. B. Pickett.

Mr. and Mrs. B. E. Bagwell visited their daughter, Mrs. W. A. Stephens, of Williamston, last week.

H. M. Pickett and little daughter, Frances, of Greenville, are guests at the home of his father, J. B. Pickett.

Mr. and Mrs. Frank Pickett, of Lockhart, and Mrs. Mack Milam, of Sandy Springs, are expected in a few days.

The news of the death of Mrs. Mary Johnson, although not unexpected, occasioned much sadness to many in this community to whom she was well and favorably known. Her bright, smiling face, even under the most trying circumstances and affliction, will long be remembered by the writer, and we deeply sympathize with the relatives in this sad dispensation of Providence.

Miss Vadie Orr and Charlie McCall, of the Mountain Rest section, were guests of the family of R. N. Rankin Saturday.

The meeting at Poplar closed last night. Five new converts were added to the church.

Mrs. Sallie Gillison left this morning for a visit to relatives in Hartwell.

Miss Helen Smith, of Newberry, is expected Thursday as a guest at the home of her uncle, J. L. Smith.

Frank Shirley and sister, Miss Lucy, are to be guests of Mrs. Julia Shanklin to-morrow.

Morris Shanklin is at home on a week's vacation.

Miss Annie McMahan will entertain a number of her friends next Thursday evening. The occasion is looked forward to with a great deal of pleasure.

S. A. Davis, of Winston-Salem, N. C., is expected Tuesday or Wednesday for a week's visit to homefolks.

Mr. and Mrs. Richard New and two children, of Savannah, Ga., will spend from Wednesday till Monday with their aunt, Mrs. J. L. Shanklin.

Mrs. Mary Myers and three pretty little daughters visited her uncle, J. J. Davis, from Tuesday until Saturday of last week.

We regret to learn that Mrs. W. H. Iughs, of Kichland, has been ill with fever for the past two weeks. Her friends are anxious for her early recovery. E. M. D.

South Carolinians Go Up Higher.
(Columbia State.)

Washington, Aug. 5.—In naming the committee assignments for the Sixty-first Congress to-day Speaker Cannon improved the standing of the South Carolina delegation. He promoted Representative Legare from the committee on industrial arts and exhibitions to foreign affairs. Mr. Patterson goes to the census committee and gives up irrigation and canals.

Representative Aiken changes his assignment on the pension committee to expenditures in the post office department.

The other members of the delegation receive their old assignments.

Vast Coal Fields Purchased.

Pennington Gap, Va., Aug. 6.—N. D. Beachman, Jr., of Bristol, general manager, and Paul Dilaney, of Washington, D. C., Wednesday consummated a deal by which the Black Mountain Corporation of Alexandria, Va., comes into possession of 7,000 acres of coal lands, adjoining extensive holdings of the company in Lee county, Virginia. The deal involves several hundred thousand dollars. This transaction practically gives the company complete control of the Little Black Mountain field, which is estimated to contain more than a billion tons of coal.

Disastrous Flood in Georgia.

Rome, Ga., Aug. 6.—Resulting from five days continuous rains, thousands of dollars in property damage was suffered in this section last Wednesday. Six trestles and bridges were washed out on Silver Creek. Railroad traffic was interfered with considerably. Late Wednesday afternoon the big concrete dam of the Massachusetts Cotton Mills, at Lindale, was examined in order to prevent possible inundation of the foundations of the mill.

NO JOBS FOR DEMOCRATS.

Negro Census Enumerators to Be Appointed in Some Counties.

(Washington Cor. News and Courier.)
Applicants for positions as supervisors of the census in South Carolina should apply to L. W. C. Blalock and J. G. Capers. For some time repeated efforts have been made to ascertain what line of policy Director Durand, of the census bureau, would follow with regard to the appointment of census supervisors in the South, especially in South Carolina. Mr. Durand has apparently been as much in the dark as any one else, but gradually, little by little, his plans are unfolding.

It is learned through one of the South Carolina members that Democrats are to fare very poorly when the appointments are made, if, indeed, any at all are recognized; that all applications, whether from Democrats or Republicans, must have the Blalock-Capers "OK" before they will be given consideration; and that, lastly, in counties like Beaufort and Charleston, where there is a large negro population, the latter are to be rewarded with appointments as enumerators in many of the sections where the negroes outnumber the whites.

Representative Patterson, who saw Director Durand about the matter, informed the director that it would not do to appoint negro enumerators, and he further informed him that so far as the white people of Beaufort and other counties in South Carolina are concerned, they would not stand for it. It was then practically decided that negroes should work only in negro sections and white men in white sections. It came out in the interview that Capers and Blalock would probably advise all applications before final action.

From all over South Carolina applications for these places are pouring in, but no appointments would be made, this correspondent was informed, before October 1.

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NICKEL A NECESSARY COIN.

Without It Many Small Articles Would Jump in Price.

(Milwaukee Sentinel.)

If the government should discontinue the coinage of nickels and call in those in circulation it would make it necessary to revolutionize the present car-fare system, the telephone-pay system and would make changes in the price of practically every small article.

The government could better afford to quit coining most any other coin than the nickel, according to Henry Kloes, cashier of the First National Bank. In the opinion of Mr. Kloes there are comparatively more nickles coined than any other piece, and the government could no more do away with them, than it could with dollar bills.

There are hundreds of thousands of five-cent pieces lost every year, he says, this being responsible for the unusually large coinage of this particular piece.

It has been said that if it were not for the street cars the nickel as a coin would soon become extinct. This is not so, says Mr. Kloes. The department stores take in nearly as many nickels during a day as the street car companies.

If the nickel were abolished a new system of car fare would have to be adopted. Nickel shoe-shining parlors would be put out of business, and the telephone companies would have to change the price of "city calls."

Beer, soda water, ice cream and other articles would immediately jump in price and the cost of living would be materially increased.

"There has practically been nothing done to diminish the need of the nickel," said Mr. Kloes, "except that slot machines are being abolished. They used many, but if every machine was wiped out the effect would be hardly noticeable. There is no danger that Uncle Sam will quit coining nickles."

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MARRIAGE OF MISS SHELOR.

Dr. Fisher, of Charlotte, Weds Former Cooness Young Lady.

Anderson, Aug. 5.—At 1 o'clock yesterday afternoon the marriage of Miss Carrie Shelor and Dr. Adams, Fisher, of Charlotte, occurred at the home of the bride's mother, Mrs. R. W. Shelor, on the Boulevard. When the near relatives and intimate friends of the young couple had gathered, the wedding march was played by Mrs. Clarence Prevost and the ceremony with the ring was performed by Rev. W. H. Fraser, of the First Presbyterian church. The bride wore a handsome gray tailor-made suit with hat and gloves to match. Immediately after the ceremony the guests were served with a luncheon. Mr. and Mrs. Fisher left soon after the ceremony for a trip North. Mrs. Fisher as Miss Shelor has made her home in Anderson for several years, and it will be with much regret that her many friends in Anderson see her make her home in Charlotte.

Mrs. Fisher is pleasantly remembered in Waihalla by many friends, she having frequently visited here. We extend congratulations and best wishes to the young couple for their every happiness and a full measure of prosperity.

Farmer Killed by Train.

Union, Aug. 1.—William Lawson, a white farmer of the West Springs section of this county, was instantly killed about 4 o'clock yesterday afternoon on a crossing one mile north of Union, where the highway leading to Buffalo and West Springs crosses the Southern Railroad, by the passenger train from Lockhart.



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