



"TO THINE OWN SELF BE TRUE, AND IT MUST FOLLOW AS THE NIGHT THE DAY: THOU CANST NOT THEN BE FALSE TO ANY MAN."

By STECK, SHELOR & SCHRODER.

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Just A Few Left.

We have only a few of those good Horses and Mules left, and they will go this week.

These Horses and Mules are some of that last car load that I received, and they are beauties.

Remember, only a few left—Cash or Credit.

C. W. & J. E. Bauknight,

Walhalla.

CONGRESS NOW IN SESSION.

Both Houses Held Brief Session Monday—Awaited Taft's Message.

Washington, Dec. 6.—Congress convened at noon to-day. There were no unusual incidents or ceremonies in either house, and after the appointment of committees to notify the President that Congress was in session and ready to receive any message from him, both houses adjourned until to-morrow.

The beginning of the session is regarded always with much interest, but there have been few sessions in recent years for which there has been so little planning among members. Ordinarily Speaker Cannon and Senator Aldrich, who speaks for the majority of the Senate, have a program at the beginning of the session, but this year they had none, or, if they have, they are not talking about it. They are awaiting the President. By common consent, apparently, all are holding back until the Presidential recommendations can be received.

That all his suggestions will be acted upon is too much to say. But there is a disposition to accommodate him as far as can be done, and there is a determination to hear his recommendations before entering upon any effort at legislation along lines upon which he has intimated a desire to be heard.

\$732,223,075 for Government.

Washington, Dec. 6.—That there has been a careful scrutiny of the estimates of appropriations for the fiscal year ending June 30, 1911, is shown by the figures submitted to the House of Representatives to-day by Secretary of the Treasury MacVeagh. The grand total of estimates for 1911 is \$732,223,075, which is \$103,370,303 less than the appropriations for the current fiscal year, and \$123,066,493 under the estimates submitted a year ago for 1910. A general cut has been made wherever possible and new work authorized only where regarded as absolutely necessary.

If you are suffering from biliousness, constipation, indigestion, chronic headache, invest one cent in a postal card, send to Chamberlain's Medicine Co., Des Moines, Iowa, with your name and address plainly on the back, and they will forward you a free sample of Chamberlain's Stomach and Liver Tablets. Sold by The Seneca Pharmacy; L. C. Martin, Clemson College.

NEWS FROM WESTMINSTER.

Local Items and Happenings in Our Sister Town.

Westminster, Dec. 7.—Special: Rev. and Mrs. R. L. Duffie and daughter, Miss Nellie, have moved from Lancaster to their former home here in Eastminster. We welcome these estimable people on their return to our town.

Mr. Gaylord, special salesman for J. & S. Carter, left Tuesday for Wilkesbarre, Pa.

Miss Laura Smithson entertained several couples of young people very delightfully Tuesday evening.

Rev. and Mrs. F. T. Lavender are attending the State Baptist Convention, which convenes in Anderson today.

J. B. McJunkin, of South Union, was in town Monday.

Miss Mamie Davis, of Hopewell, is visiting her uncle, Calloway Davis.

Dr. and Mrs. H. E. Rosser and two children left last week for Texas for a Christmas visit to relatives in the Lone Star State.

Mrs. D. I. Mulkey is spending the week in Atlanta with her sister, Mrs. J. E. Mauldin.

J. H. Pressley, of Newry, visited his daughter, Mrs. Geo. Adams, recently.

John Merck, of Toccoa, and Miss Dora Farrow, of near Westminster, were married Saturday evening, F. M. Cross, notary public, officiating.

Rev. Wm. Wyly and two children, of Georgetown, are visiting his parents, Mr. and Mrs. James Wyly.

Joe White, of Greenville, son of R. F. White, a former resident of this place, is employed at the Southern Railway office here.

Lieut. S. L. Stribbling is in Greenville this week.

David Conger, of Lavonia, Ga., is here on professional business.

Mr. and Mrs. Ailes, of Massachusetts, were here Saturday on their wedding trip through the South.

The ladies of the Presbyterian church will have a bazaar in the hotel parlors on December 14th and 15th. Dressed dolls and other articles suitable for Christmas will be on sale. Oysters will be sold at night. The ladies who are to donate for this bazaar will please send their donations to the hotel Monday.

Laurant, the magician, entertained a full house in the school auditorium Friday evening. He is a gifted man and his sleight of hand tricks were marvelous. His program was in four series and each seemed more wonderful than his previous exhibition of skill. He puzzled and delighted the audience with his unique feats in magic. Much praise has been given the performance from beginning to end. His tricks were performed with bewildering ease and success. We congratulate our lycium committee on securing so splendid an attraction.

The Robley Male Quartet will give a concert in the school auditorium on Monday evening, December 20th. Their program will probably consist of songs, quartets, duets, solos. Mr. Robley, the manager, recites amusing selections and does clever impersonating.

Rev. F. T. Lavender preached a very impressive sermon Sunday morning. The text was II Samuel 24:24.

Miss Myrtle Zimmerman entertained several couples at a delightful six o'clock dinner Friday evening.

R. M. Cain, of South Union, has purchased Rev. R. L. Duffie's property in Eastminster and will move here soon.

The Ladies' Missionary meeting at Return church last week was quite a success. The following from here attended: Mesdames O. K. Breazeale, F. T. Lavender, J. A. Watkins, I. S. Pitts, M. Dillard, Wilton Mason, Whitaker, Miss Anna Maret, etc.

Mrs. Burgess, sister of A. N. Gilreath, and Miss Lee Burgess, a teacher in the Greenville Graded Schools, have returned to their home in Greenville after a pleasant visit here.

Frank Anderson, who is attending the Presbyterian College at Clinton, spent the Thanksgiving holidays here with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. W. P. Anderson.

George Pitts, of Deercourt, was in town last week.

Joyce Bearden, of Oakway, visited Mr. and Mrs. J. O. Baley last week.

Miss Raser, of the Walhalla Graded School faculty, spent the week-end here with her cousin, Miss Eva Martin.

Miss Kate Russell and Alice Meslesky spent the holidays with their aunt, Mrs. T. M. Lowery, of Seneca.

Misses Hattie and Nannie Stewart and Eleanor West, of Greenville, were recent guests of their cousins, Mr. and Mrs. W. P. Anderson.

M. D. Stribbling, of Fair Play, came here from Anderson Monday in a touring car with Wm. McClure and Jesse Simpson, of that city.

DeWitt and Hoyt VanDiver spent several days recently in Fair Play with relatives.

Have you been to the closing out sale of E. C. Maret & Son, Fair Play? Now is the time to visit their store for the great bargains they are offering to the public. A complete line of everything going cheaper than you will have an opportunity of getting them again. Sale will last until the 20th of this month.

LOCAL MATTERS ABOUT SENECA

Local Politics Warming Up—Civic Work Has Dragged.

Seneca, Dec. 7.—Special: We advise the merchants to open their Christmas goods early so that our women can join the "Do your shopping early" club, and save the rush.

Mrs. J. C. Cary and son, Whitner, of Greenville, are visiting in Seneca.

Miss Stella Fincannon spent the past week-end with friends at Richmond.

Miss Louise Reid, from Augusta, has been visiting Miss Maud Hopkins.

Hon. E. E. Verner and daughter, Miss Lynn, spent Sunday here.

Mrs. L. R. VanDyvere, of Savannah, spent last Thursday with Mrs. C. V. McCarey.

Judge D. A. Smith, of Walhalla, was circulating among Seneca friends last Sunday.

At a conference last Sunday at the Baptist church, it was decided to retain the pastor, Rev. C. S. Blackburn, for all his time. This is continuing the step of progress begun by this church some months ago, and one that is most heartily commended.

Miss Emma Stribbling left Saturday for a visit to the home of Dr. G. W. Gardner, at Greenwood.

Mrs. Rusklin Anderson entertained a few friends at an elegant six o'clock dinner last Friday evening.

A congregational meeting was held at the Presbyterian church last Sabbath for the purpose of electing deacons. The following were elected: J. W. Byrd, C. N. Gignilliat and W. K. Livingston.

Rev. M. R. Kirkpatrick is in Columbia this week in attendance upon the meeting of the Home Mission Board of the Synod of South Carolina.

Mesdames C. W. Bauknight and J. W. Bell, of Walhalla, were shopping in Seneca yesterday.

Seneca is having a heavy rain, the first in weeks.

The park and streets presented the most unkempt appearance last Sabbath, which your correspondent is unable to account for. The council is generally alert to these matters, but strangers in town last Sunday would not be favorably impressed with the appearance of the place. We are still of the opinion that the council should take stringent steps toward regulating the use and abuse of bill boards. When old bills are torn from the boards they should be burned, and it would not be amiss to post the park as to lunch boxes, papers and other debris. Now that the new depot is about done, improvements and regulations along these lines would be most opportune.

The municipal political ball is already rolling, and while the election is yet some months off, things are already warming up. We call attention again to the fact that South Seneca has never given (in our knowledge) so much as a candidate for mayor, and it is time we were waking up to our privileges!

Work on straightening the lines on Townville street, was done last week upon petition to council from a majority of property owners on that street. This step brings up more talk, and the old and new surveys on Fair Play street, which conflict over the true establishment of the street lines, bobs up again. There have been occasions when the council has done indiscriminate and reckless slaughter to trees, and in case new lines are made on the aforesaid street we fear for the safety of some of our old landmarks which have grown very precious to us. We believe in progress, and would not for the world deter its march, but if progress means the sacrifice of our trees, we would none of it. These are matters that Seneca's Civic Association should interest itself in.

What has become of the semi-annual meeting of the Civic Association? Outside of the work done by the cemetery committee the past year has been signalled as one of less activity in civics than any since the organization of the association. What report will the school grounds and park committees make at the next meeting of the association?

Mr. and Mrs. Frank Hopkins are happy over the arrival of a little daughter at their home.

Mr. and Mrs. W. E. Nimmons spent last Sunday here.

Prayer meetings will be held hereafter at 7:30 p. m. for the purpose of giving our business men a chance to attend. Sunday night services will continue at 7 o'clock.

M. V. S.

They are closing out a complete line of merchandise. If you want bargains go to the closing out sale of E. C. Maret & Son, Fair Play. It will pay you to put yourself to some trouble to get there. Sale will last until the 20th.

Rich Men's Gifts Are Poor

beside this: "I want to go on record as saying that I regard Electric Bitters as one of the greatest gifts that God has made to woman," writes Mrs. O. Rhinevault, of Vestal Center, N. Y. "I can never forget what it has done for me." This glorious medicine gives a woman buoyant spirits, vigor of body and jubilant health. It quickly cures nervousness, sleeplessness, melancholy, headache, backache, fainting and Dizzy Spells; soon builds up the weak, ailing and sickly. Try them. 50c. at all druggists.

ROCHESTER SEEKS CLEMENCY.

He is the Man Who Killed Walter Mills Near Phinney's.

(The State, 5th.) Application has been made to Governor Ansel for a pardon for Earle Rochester, convicted in Oconee county of the murder of Walter Mills in the latter part of March, 1904, with a recommendation to mercy, and now serving a life sentence in the penitentiary. Upon the first trial of the case a verdict of guilty with recommendation to mercy was rendered, and Rochester appealed to the Supreme Court on exceptions taken to certain charges made and refused to be made by Special Judge Jas. A. McCullough, who heard the case. The Supreme Court reversed the rulings of the Circuit Judge and remanded the case for a new trial.

At the second trial the same verdict was rendered as before, and the Presiding Judge sentenced Rochester to imprisonment for life.

Rochester and Mills lived in the same neighborhood, and had been neighbors for years, both as young men, and after their marriages. They had "run" together as boon companions and had been close friends. Each had married and they were living on farms, if not adjacent, close together.

On the Sunday prior to the killing some cattle belonging to Mills had got on Rochester's land, and tramped over his cotton. Mills went after them, and Rochester, meeting him, began to indulge in some very violent and abusive language, interspersed with threats. Hot words passed between them, and each left the other in a heat of passion. The quarrel became known in the vicinity and Rochester made repeated threats as to what he would do if Mills was caught on his land again.

The following Thursday Mills started across the Rochester place, walking in a path that had long been used by the public. Rochester met him. A few words passed between them when Rochester shot and Mills fell dead.

Self-defense was the plea at both trials, the defense alleging that Mills drew or was about to draw a pistol when Rochester, to save himself, drew and fired.

As a matter of fact, Mills was unarmed. It came out at the trial that Mills was carrying a bunch of cabbage plants; that he had no gun, none was found on him, and when Rochester fired, Mills threw up both hands, in which he had his plants, to his head, fell and died at once.

Two juries repudiated the self-defense theory, and it is said they regarded the killing as one of the most unprovoked, cold-blooded murders ever committed in that section of the State. It is said that a majority of both juries long held out for a plain verdict of guilty, giving in only to those who wanted to recommend mercy, to save a mistrial.

Rochester is a hale, vigorous young man and has served less than five years of the life sentence that was the result of a verdict found by 12 men, sworn to return a verdict according to the law and the evidence.

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Items from Tugaloo—A Riddle.

Tugaloo, Dec. 6.—Special: We are having the most delightful weather that I have ever known at this season of the year. In fact, this has been the most remarkable year I ever witnessed, and one of the most unfavorable ones for making a crop, especially on bottom land. There was hardly an average of half a cotton crop, and yet the farmers in a general way are better off financially than they have been for a number of years, owing to the good price obtained for the cotton he sold. Now is not that evidence that if he will curtail the acreage, plant less cotton, increase fertility and cultivation, he will come out in the fall with more profit than to plant more and not fertilize and cultivate sufficiently?

It really looks now as if prosperity was just a little ahead of the rural community. We see signs of it quite frequently in visiting through the county. Where people are building, they are putting up better buildings than they did a few years ago.

Our enterprising merchant, Col. W. L. Thomas, has enlarged his store house and has it filled with merchandise. He has also made great improvements on his residence. It is now one of the finest in the county.

Christmas will soon be here, and we wish for the good old Courier a perfectly happy, merry time—the whole shooting match—editor, printers and even the devil.

P. S.—Why is the proprietor of a newspaper like a man on whom Christ performed a miracle?

The greatest danger of influenza is of its resulting in pneumonia. This can be obviated by using Chamberlain's Cough Remedy, as it not only cures influenza, but counteracts any tendency of the disease towards pneumonia. Sold by J. W. Bell, Walhalla; C. W. Wickliffe, West Union.

ENGINE SPARK CAUSES FIRE.

Mr. McMahan Loses Heavily, But Has Not Lost Heart.

We are requested to publish the following explanation from J. R. McMahan in regard to his recent loss by fire:

Seneca, R. F. D. No. 1, Dec. 1.—I write this to give you an accurate account of my misfortune in getting my mill house burned last night. It is so easy for false reports to get out that I want to give this statement absolutely correct. On the evening of November 30 I was sawing shingles, and, not satisfied with my day's work, I decided to saw until bed time and had a light of pine to saw by. When I quit I told the negro boy to bring water and we put out the fire—every bit of it, I thought—after I was ready to go to the house. I went back and looked to see if there were any sparks left. I could not see any and went to the house satisfied. I went to bed, waking up at daylight and discovered a light in the direction of the mill. Going to see, I found the entire mill house, corn mill, shingle mill, saw mill, wagon tools—in fact, everything I had, outside of dwelling house—burned up, including a lot of new lumber to finish my house; a lot of picker sticks for the Courtenay Manufacturing Company; a large lot of bolted hickory to make picker sticks out of, about 30 bushels of corn, a lot of roughness, 2 bushels of cane seed, one hundred dollars worth of belting, a lot of shingles to use in finishing my mill house. Everything was completely ruined, except the water wheel, and it was under water. The corn mill was a total loss, the rocks being cracked. Some parts of the other machines may be saved. Total loss at least \$700, without a dollar of insurance.

I was just completing the dream of my life. I always wanted a water power and farm in connection. My bright hopes of a few days are gone, and I am now left without means or tools to rebuild, but my motto is: "Never give up; try again."

I am satisfied that the fire originated from a spark from the engine.

J. R. McMahan.

Double Marriage at South Union.

South Union, Dec. 6.—Special: Yesterday, December 5, J. B. Maret, Esq., performed, at his residence, near South Union, the ceremony which made William Sims, of Oconee, and Miss Roxie Dyer, of Franklin county, Georgia, man and wife. Also, at the same time and place, Miles McDonald and Miss Lula Harbin, of Oconee, were married. The friends of these young people extend congratulations and best wishes for a long and happy life.

Cor.

Okway Sunbeam Mission Day.

Following is the program for Mission day at Okway:

Address of welcome.
Song—"Little Lights," by A. B. C. class.
Flags of other lands.
A bag of wishes.
Song—"Little Sunbeam Hymn."
Missionary recitation, by six girls.
A plea for the heathen.
Song—"Over the Ocean."
The Red, White and Blue Flag.
Pleading Children in Heathen Lands.

Song—"Do You Hear Them?"
Morning address.
Recitation—Chink, Chink, Chink.

T. O. Lawton has had to call in his date with us, but Hon. Julius E. Boggs, of Pickens, will speak, and probably Rev. F. G. Lavender, of New Westminster. Everybody is invited to come, and to come early, bringing with them their well-filled purses and baskets. Exercises will begin promptly at 10 o'clock. G.

A sprained ankle will usually disable the injured person for three or four weeks. This is due to lack of proper treatment. When Chamberlain's Liniment is applied a cure may be effected in three or four days. This liniment is one of the best and most remarkable preparations in use. Sold by J. W. Bell, Walhalla; C. W. Wickliffe, West Union.

Madison Local News.

Madison, Dec. 6.—Special: Rev. Mr. Lavender, of Westminster, filled the pulpit of Rev. J. H. Ayers at the Baptist church Sunday.

Misses Annie Johnson and Hattie Frasier were in Toccoa for a short while last week.

Mesdames L. A. Cleland and W. A. Watt visited in Toccoa recently.

One of the most enjoyable affairs of the past season was the reception of the Baptist Young People's Union, given at the home of Mr. and Mrs. P. P. Sullivan last Friday night. Several games were played, after which delicious gelatine with whipped cream and cake were served. A word contest followed. Mrs. P. P. Sullivan and Annie Johnson guessed the most words correctly and drew straws for the prize, a box of chocolate candy. Miss Johnson won the prize. About thirty-five guests were present, and all reported a splendid time.

There has been quite a lot of moving done in our little town recently.

P. M.

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