



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

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GOTHAM'S FOUNDATIONS SHAKE.

Ten are Killed and at Least 125 Injured by Explosion.

New York, Dec. 19.—The terrific explosion of illuminating gas in the auxiliary power house in the Grand Central Station, which tore at the heart of and sent a tremor along the entire rock backbone of Manhattan this morning, caused the death of 10 persons, two of them women, the injury of 125 others and property damage estimated to night at \$2,000,000 to \$3,000,000. Fire broke out in the shattered ruins of the house again late to-night, but a great corps of police, searchers and firemen on the scene, the blaze was kept from spreading. It was a weird scene in fact, but the station as the night wore on. No additional bodies were found, but in a hospital Gunther Johnson succumbed to terrible injuries, bringing the death toll to 10.

Four workmen, who are missing, are believed to have perished, and of 125 injured 98 were removed to hospitals. Of those eight may die. An investigation by the police, the district attorney's office and the coroner's office is under way.

Traffic on the New York Central railroad ceased entirely for some time and was disorganized for the remainder of the day, but the new station itself, now in process of construction, was not damaged.

The injured included laborers and other employees of the railroad, pedestrians, bystanders and others in the vicinity of the accident.

Car Hurlled Upon Auto.
A passing surface car, carrying seven passengers, was lifted from its tracks and hurled upon an automobile running alongside. Four of the seven passengers were killed outright, but the chauffeur of the motor car was only bruised.

Air and Gas the Cause.
For some hours it was believed that dynamite alone could have wrought such instantaneous and pulverizing havoc, but late in the afternoon Fire Chief Coker said he was convinced that the whole explosion was due to a mixture of air and illuminating gas, used in lighting rail cars, touched off by an electric spark.

The gas had accumulated in the auxiliary power house from a broken pipe, snapped off by a run-away passenger car.

The force of the explosion ran north and south from one to two miles along the rocky ridge that is the backbone of the island, and east and west laterally for a mile. Foundations were jarred, walls were shaken out of plumb, windows were blown in by the thousands, ceilings came crashing down on the heads of the occupants and the pavements were littered with a crisp, tinkling fall of pulverized glass that coated the shoe soles.

Killed His Younger Brother.

Gainesville, Ga., Dec. 17.—In a shotgun duel near here Friday night, E. S. Worley, aged 25, was shot and killed by his brother, Leonard Worley, aged 30. The two men had been drinking and engaged in a fist-cuff at a dance earlier in the evening. Returning home each secured guns and met in front of the younger brother's home. Two shots were fired without effect at a distance of 30 feet, the participants calmly loading their guns and firing twice again. At the last shot the younger brother fell dead. Worley was captured after a night's chase.

Children Cry FOR FLETCHER'S CASTORIA

LOCAL MATTERS FROM SENECA.

Kirkpatrick-Lowry Wedding—Lady Injured in Runaway—Locals.

Seneca, Dec. 20.—Special: This evening at the Presbyterian church at 6 o'clock the wedding of Miss Ethel Kirkpatrick and B. A. Lowry will occur. The decorations will be in Christmas colors and the wedding march will be played by Mrs. C. E. Smith. The attendants will be Misses May Hamilton, Carrie Hunter, Sue Gignilliat and the Misses Craig, of Blackstock. Mrs. Hamilton, the sister of the bride, who was recently married, will act as dame, wearing her beautiful wedding dress. The groomsmen will be Messrs Ulen Lowry, Grady Ballenger, Eustace Hopkins, T. B. Jones and Wales Lowry. Immediately after the ceremony the young couple will leave on the Southern for a wedding journey.

Last evening Miss Sue Gignilliat entertained the Kirkpatrick-Lowry wedding party at an elegant 6 o'clock dinner. This completed the list of beautiful affairs given in honor of the young bride, and proved a most fitting climax. Immediately after the dinner the rehearsal took place, after which the party repaired to the home of the bride, where the wedding cake was cut and distributed to the guests in boxes containing the ring, dime, etc., which were drawn for and were found by the following members of the wedding guests: R. Wales Lowry, the ring; Miss Sudee Craig, the thimble, and T. B. Jones the button.

Christmas promises to be quiet in Seneca except for the fact that rumor promises another wedding!

Miss Nan Osborne passed through Seneca Saturday on her way home in Anderson to spend the holidays. She is a student of Brenau.

Mrs. J. W. Stribling returned from a week's visit to Anderson last Saturday.

Miss Nellie Hines will open the Christmas festivities with a party next Friday night.

The young set enjoyed a surprise party at Mrs. Luke Verner's last Friday night.

The graded school will close for the holidays on Wednesday.

Mrs. Randolph Kirkpatrick, of North Carolina, is here for the Kirkpatrick-Lowry wedding.

Miss Margaret Morrison will spend the holidays with her homefolks at Clemson.

Mr. and Mrs. Frank Alexander are the proud parents of a new arrival at their home, the young man having arrived early this week.

Major and Mrs. B. F. Sloan will spend the holidays in Greenville.

Mrs. R. Moorman, of Atlanta, will spend Christmas with Mrs. C. V. McCarey.

C. H. Mayhew and family have moved into the Dendy house on First South street.

Mrs. C. S. Blackburn and children left Monday for Columbia, where they will spend the holidays.

Wilton Earle is in Seneca en route to his home at Beaverdam. He is now teaching in the School of Pharmacy in Atlanta.

Charley Harper is at home from Washington, D. C., where he has been connected with the census department.

Miss Edna Wood will reach home Friday, Jan. 7, on Winthrop for the holidays.

Thelma, Mrs. of Miss Paris Dillard are suffering with her in having suffered the misfortune of having a limb broken last week and in being confined to her room for the holidays. She is in a buggy and the horse began running. In attempting to jump she fell from the buggy. Her friends hope for her a speedy recovery.

The friends of Col. R. A. Thompson here and elsewhere will watch with interest for the article which he has promised on the Secession Convention. Truly the venerable citizen is a prophet with honor both among his own people and abroad, who will unite in wishing for him continued usefulness in the declining days of a well spent life.

The Once-a-Week Club was entertained by Mrs. W. P. Reid last week, which was truly a delightful occasion. The hostess, inasmuch as it was to be the last meeting the bride-to-be, Miss Kirkpatrick, would attend, arranged a program pertinent to the occasion, which was arranged and carried out in charming detail. A booklet in the shape of a lady's slipper was passed to the guests with the request that they inscribe a suggestion for managing a husband. These were afterward read to the club by the fair honoree, which caused a deal of merriment. Decorations in red and green were used, pot plants and Christmas bells being effectively used. At the close of the meeting the hostess served a dainty salad course with delicious hot coffee.

Miss Ivor Brown's friends will be pleased to know that she will spend the holidays in Seneca.

Miss Hortense Jones, the teacher for this term at Bounty Land, spent the week-end with friends here.

Miss Bessie Pentross, who is pleasantly remembered by many friends here, will spend Christmas with Mrs. Wm. Neill.

Our very best wishes for The Courier and its readers for a happy Christmas and prosperous New Year!

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CONGRATULATIONS.

"New York, Dec. 20, 1910.—Col. Robt. A. Thompson, Walhalla, S. C.: Heartiest congratulations. May you see many more anniversaries of the day."
"Laurens T. Parry."

The above dispatch was received by Col. Thompson, the sole survivor of the Secession Convention, yesterday morning, and is highly prized by him. Mr. Parry is a member of an old South Carolina family, but has resided in New York for a number of years. He never forgets to hold in mind his old friend, Col. Thompson, each year on this memorable date, the 20th of December. Mr. Parry is now connected with the New York World as telegraph editor.

We join most heartily in the spirit of the above telegram of congratulation. May the years of this venerable old gentleman be yet many, and may they be full of peace, happiness and continued prosperity.

Secession's Anniversary Day.

(Editorial New York World.)
To-day is the fiftieth anniversary of the adoption of the Ordinance of Secession by the South Carolina Convention.

That convention, consisting of the same number of delegates as there were members of the Legislature, was elected to take action withdrawing the Palmetto State from the Union. Of the nearly 150 men who composed it, only one, Col. Robert A. Thompson, of Walhalla, S. C., is alive to-day.

Many persons have supposed that the convention was composed of youthful hot-heads. It was not. Col. Thompson says he never sat in a meeting of men where there were so many "gray-heads." He was past 30 and next to the youngest member.

The news of the action of South Carolina was received quietly in Congress, which heard of it within fifteen minutes. The outcome no man clearly foresaw. That outcome was the Civil War, which cost hundreds of thousands of lives and thousands of millions of dollars. In pensions it is still costing the country more than a hundred and fifty million dollars a year.

Such a war might be supposed to leave behind wounds that even time could not heal, but time has wonderful curative qualities. All the war disabilities have been removed. To-day a Confederate soldier is the Chief Justice of the United States. The statue of the great chief of the Southern armies, wearing the uniform of the Confederacy, stands in the Capitol of the United States. It may be that the next President of the United States will be a man born south of Mason and Dixon's line. The house that was divided against itself is no longer divided.

This day marks the beginning of a long series of semi-centennials. They will revive no animosities, create no ill-feelings. The Republic is "one and inseparable."

OPPORTUNITY FOR FARMERS.

Clemson College Offers Short Course in Agriculture.

Clemson College will offer a short course in agriculture, beginning January 4th, 1911, and continuing six weeks.

The aim will be to give good, practical instruction on soils, fertilizers, tillage, farm implements, cotton and corn breeding, corn judging, cotton grading, stock feeding, judging live stock, dairy cattle, dairying and horticultural subjects. Other topics will be discussed in special lectures. The expense will be \$10 per month for board, each individual furnishing his own sheets, pillows and blankets.

For particulars write to W. R. Perkins, Director Agricultural Department, Clemson College, S. C.

Marine Burned to Death.

Beaufort, S. C., Dec. 19.—Private Charles Carroll, aged 24, a marine, stationed at the Paris Island Naval Station, was burned to death in a fire which destroyed the town lock-up and hose reel house at Port Royal last night. Carroll enlisted in Dallas, Texas, November 20, and gave as next of kin Miss Bridge Carroll, No. 1128 South West street, St. Louis, Mo. He had been locked up on a charge of being drunk and disorderly on the street. The origin of the fire is not known.

Pugilist Died of Injuries.

Philadelphia, Dec. 17.—Edward (Kid) Gardner, aged 21, a local lightweight pugilist, died in a hospital here this afternoon from injuries received last night in a bout with John Kain, aged 22, at the Nonpareil Athletic Club. Gardner never regained consciousness after being sent to the floor for the final count. He died from a fracture of the skull. Kain was refused bail.

WESTMINSTER'S LOCAL NEWS.

Fire Destroys Lumber Kiln—Local Notes—Death of Capt. Francis.

Westminster, Dec. 20.—Special: Capt. Francis, the oldest conductor on the Southern Railway, died this morning on his train (No. 43) between Easley and Seneca. Acute indigestion was the cause of his death. He had a number of friends here, who regretted exceedingly to hear of his death.

J. B. Vandiver and family left today for Malvern, Ark., where they expect to make their home. Their many friends regret very much to give them up.

Mr. and Mrs. Bryant Eskew and two sons, Reid and L. T., were the guests of Mr. and Mrs. J. B. Vandiver last week.

Mrs. Alex. Richardson, of Anderson, has been visiting her father, J. N. Whitaker, for the past few days.

W. C. Hughs, Esq., of Walhalla, was in town Monday on professional business.

Miss Pearl Maretz was in Atlanta several days last week.

Miss Jodie Haley, who is teaching at Copwens, S. C., this winter, returned home Saturday to spend the Christmas holidays.

Miss Myrl Pitts, of Chicora College, has returned for the holidays.

J. H. Taylor, of Greenville, was in town one day this week.

Miss Ada Simpson, who is attending the Greenville Female College this year, returned home last Friday to spend the Christmas holidays.

J. H. Carter was in Atlanta for a short while last week.

Miss Blanche White spent last Saturday and Sunday among friends in Seneca.

The high school will close next Thursday for the Christmas holidays. They are going to have a ten days' vacation.

Eugene Mitchell, formerly of Anderson county, moved into the Mason house, on Walhalla street, last Saturday.

A. S. Kilburn and family, of Oakway, moved into the Vandiver house, on Maretz street, last Tuesday.

Mrs. W. O. Alexander, of Coneross, was the guest of Mrs. E. C. Maretz Monday.

H. L. Miller's lumber kiln was burned Friday morning at 5 o'clock. It is supposed that it caught from a defective flue. He had about 3,000 or 4,000 feet of ceiling in it, and had no insurance.

F. H. Shirley spent Sunday and Monday in Toccoa.

The death of Dr. Sam P. Smith, of Cornelia, Ga., was a great shock to his many friends here. Dr. Smith once lived here, and will be remembered by all who knew him.

Mrs. A. M. Alexander, Mrs. S. L. Brownlee, Miss Eloise Harris, J. M. Bruner and H. C. Dresser were visitors in Anderson last week.

Mrs. J. M. Bruner and son James returned Sunday, after a few weeks' visit to homefolks in Alabama.

TRIPLE MURDER NEAR DURHAM.

Negro Assaults White Girl, Kills Father and Niece, Fires House.

Charlotte, N. C., Dec. 20.—A series of the blackest crimes ever committed in this State was unrolled this morning at the home of J. L. Sanders, in Granville county, when a supposed criminal assault on a young girl, a triple murder, the destruction of the home of the victim, together with their bodies, were discovered by neighbors.

Nathan Montague, a negro, charged with the crimes, is lodged in the jail at Durham, after a long and exciting cross-country chase by the sheriff to escape a mob. Intense excitement prevails throughout the section of the Sanders home and in Durham as well, and trouble may develop any minute.

When neighbors, attracted by the sight of a burning house, rushed to the Sanders home last night a gruesome picture met their gaze. On the ground were traces of a struggle, parts of a girl's hair and clothing, and pools of blood. When the fire died down the charred bodies of Miss Mary Sanders, her father, J. L. Sanders, and his 2-year-old granddaughter were found in the embers.

Nearby was a bloody knife, the instrument of crime, and a neighbor instantly recognized it as one he had seen Montague helping kill hogs with the day before. He conveyed it at once to the sheriff, and when the latter arrived at Montague's home he found the negro trembling, and spattered with blood with hair sticking in it.

Keeping the presence of the negro a secret in Granville county, the sheriff rushed with him at once to Durham.

Saved from Awful Death.

How an appalling calamity in his family was prevented is told by A. D. McDonald, of Fayetteville, N. C., R. F. D. No. 3: "My sister had consumption," he writes. "She was very thin and pale, had no appetite and seemed to grow weaker every day, and all remedies failed, till Dr. King's New Discovery was tried, and so completely cured her, that she has not been troubled with a cough since. It is the best medicine I ever saw or heard of." For coughs, colds, la grippe, asthma, croup, hemorrhages, all bronchial troubles, it has no equal. 50c. and \$1. Trial bottle free. Guaranteed by all druggists.

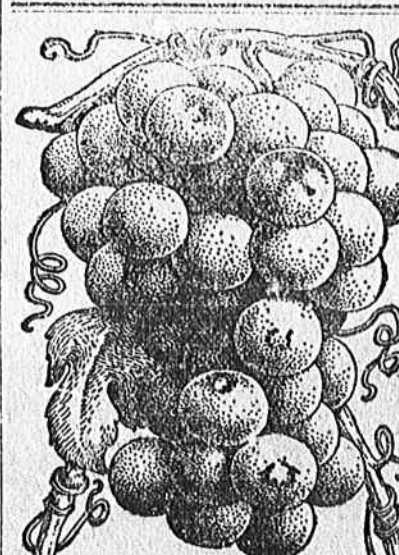
GOOD ROADS MEETING.

A meeting in the interest of good roads legislation will be held at Walhalla on Tuesday, January 3d, 1911, at 11 a. m. The members of the General Assembly, County Supervisor, County Commissioners and County Commissioners-elect, one from each township appointed by the Good Roads Convention, a representative from boards of trade of Walhalla, Seneca and Westminster, are expected to attend, and all others who desire.

Bluford C. Burns Dead.

Laurens, Dec. 17.—The funeral of Bluford C. Burns, a prominent citizen, business man and farmer, who died Tuesday night at his home at Barksdale, this county, was held at Highland Home church. Mr. Burns had been ill for the past three months. He was about 55 years of age and is survived by his wife, who was before marriage a Miss Monroe, of near Clinton, and several children, including Mrs. Reeder Workman and Mrs. Geo. A. Browning, of Goldville.

Mr. Burns had a number of relatives in Oconee who will be grieved to learn of his death.



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