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WALHALLA, S. C.:

WEDNESDAY, APRIL 2, 1913.

WE MUST HAVE IT.

The question of a suitable auditorium in connection with the Walhalla High School Building is one that is receiving no little thought and earnest consideration, and we believe it will be satisfactorily and speedily settled.

Certain it is that this district cannot afford to consider for a moment a small room as a substitute for an auditorium. We might as well look the situation squarely in the face. If a chapel or small assembly room is built now we will still be confronted with the necessity for an auditorium. The former cannot take the place of the latter, and to spend \$5,000 for the assembly room would but weaken our chances for an auditorium.

Let us have an ample, commodious and creditable auditorium, and let every citizen of Walhalla School District stand ready to assist the trustees in getting it.

The district is big enough to need it; let the citizens of the district prove themselves broad enough and patriotic enough to see that we get it, even if we have to raise additional money to do so. There are not a few men familiar with the cost of building who believe that the building, adequate to meet all demands, can be had for the money now in hand. But let us hold ourselves in readiness to each do a part should there be a call for additional funds.

Whatever is done, let it be done right; or let us defer the work for the moment that it may be properly done when the time comes to do it.

J. PIERPONT MORGAN.

America has lost a great man in the death of J. Pierpont Morgan. We have become accustomed to cry out against the "malefactors of great wealth." It is a soft of American second-nature to do so, and probably no man more than Mr. Morgan was the target for such assaults that come to the very rich. Yet J. Pierpont Morgan was a man as big in his brain and soul as he was in body. Faults he had doubtless, as we all have, but they were magnified by the prominence of the man and the mightiness of his millions. Few of us doubtless, should we have been so fortunate as to possess his financial powers, would have measured up to his standard of manhood. With all the fearful power he held, controlling men and able to dictate to nations, he was at last a man of simplicity in many things, magnanimous in hundreds of instances and in ways of which many of us shall never know. "Malefactor" he may have been where he threw his great weight and prestige against the opposing forces of other great financial powers, but long before the name of J. Pierpont Morgan shall have ceased to be familiar we will, we believe, learn that his influence was beneficial a hundred times where it proved baleful once.

The Chinese government, in an endeavor to suppress the use of opium in the Celestial Empire, has ordered the destruction of the poppy plants, the growing of which is a national industry. In commercial America such drastic measures would doubtless be called "poppy-cock."

Dispatches state that a drug concern in New York has offered Dr. Friedmann \$2,000,000 for the secrets of his "cure for consumption." If all accounts be true, it is pretty certain that the physicians of that city would be willing to pay double that amount for the doctor's scalp.

As the weather opens there will be much "spring cleaning" done about premises in Walhalla. We would suggest that citizens take time to think a moment as they do this work. For instance, don't clean your premises at the expense of the town, or to the inconvenience of citizens of the town, by dumping trash into the streets, drainways or on sidewalks or side streets. This is a most abominable practice and a flagrant violation of the local ordinances. Clean up by all means, but let us do so in the right way. The burning of trash in the back yards of premises is the quickest and most sanitary manner of disposing of accumulations of refuse.

The latest piece of automobile paraphernalia consists of a combination foot-stool and lunch basket.

FATHER AND SON MEET DEATH.

Allens Electrocuted—Case Continued Sensational to End.

Richmond, Va., March 28.—Mumbling a prayer and crying, half audibly, that he was ready to go, Floyd Allen, whose refusal to accept a short prison term for a minor offense led to the wholesale court murder in Hillsville one year ago, limped to the death chair in the State penitentiary to-day 11 minutes ahead of Claude Swanson Allen, his son.

The sentence of the court, held up for six hours while desperate and dramatic efforts were being made to save the condemned men by eleventh hour appeals to the Lieutenant Governor, was speedily ordered to proceed when Governor Mann hastened back to Virginia soil to take charge of a situation which was sensational and exciting to a degree. The prison superintendent, acting entirely within the law, agreed at 2 o'clock this morning to defer the execution, giving Attorney General Williams an opportunity meanwhile to pass upon the constitutional right of Lieutenant Governor Ellyson to interfere.

Governor Hurried Back.

But the young son of Governor Mann reached his father in Philadelphia by phone less than an hour after the delay had been ordered, and by 8 o'clock to-day the Governor was again on Virginia soil. Incensed, as it afterwards appeared, by the unexpected effort to take advantage of his temporary absence, when he had repeatedly refused clemency, the Governor boarded an early morning train, arriving in Richmond at 11:30 o'clock. On the way he telegraphed the Secretary of the Commonwealth that he would be in Virginia by 8 o'clock, this information suddenly checking the plan of Allen sympathizers in further urging the Lieutenant Governor to intercede.

While every proceeding had halted, pending the Governor's arrival, word reached police headquarters that a crowd had assembled at the station. Patrolmen, detectives and plain clothes men were hurried there to prevent any demonstration. When the Governor stepped on the platform he was quickly surrounded by officers, who escorted him to a taxicab, which took him quickly to the capitol.

In his office at the State prison, Superintendent Wood was pacing the floor, nervously awaiting developments. The situation there had become more tense. Precisely at noon the superintendent was called to the telephone.

"The Governor of Virginia is at his desk," was the message he received from the capitol and instantly preparations were made to obey the mandate of the court. The witnesses who had assembled at 7 o'clock, the hour announced for the execution, had left the prison with instructions to return at 1 o'clock.

Just after sunrise the Allens practically collapsed when informed that a half-day respite had been granted by a combination of legal technicalities as strange as ever presented to a court of justice. Claude Allen, who had retained his nerve throughout the trying ordeal in his behalf, gasped and trembled, but he regained his composure as he noted the hopeless and dejected appearance of his aged father in the cell across the corridor. As the morning hours passed they sat with their spiritual advisers, but they nerved themselves again for the end when they heard that Governor Mann had returned to Virginia. Men prominent in official circles of the State who waited in the capitol for a final plea to the Governor were turned away, as his secretary handed out this statement from the Executive:

Would Not Interfere.

"Hearing at five minutes to 3 o'clock this morning of the action taken in the Allen case after I left the city, I considered it my duty to hurry back. I simply desire to repeat that after the most careful examination of the evidence in this case, I have not the slightest doubt of the guilt of Floyd and Claude Allen, and I will not interfere. The law must take its course."

What brought forth the greatest indignation from the Governor was the reported fact that the plan to appeal to the Lieutenant Governor was agreed upon a week ago. While there was no intimation from Lieutenant Governor Ellyson that he would interfere, his willingness last night to await a written opinion from the attorney general, who had already ruled verbally that he was without authority, was accepted outside to mean that the life of Claude Allen might be spared.

The jury, which under the law is required to witness all executions, assembled outside the penitentiary gates shortly before 1 o'clock, mingling there with the crowd. The program as originally announced was carried out without change.

While two ministers who have been unflinching in their loyalty to the condemned men were telling them good-bye, the prison superintendent stepped into the corridor which separated the cells of father and son, and read the death warrant. Floyd Allen, still limping from the wounds he received in the Hillsville court battle, said the last tearful farewell to his boy and went with the prison guards to the death chamber. A groan escaped him as he sat in the chair while the straps and electrodes were being fastened about him. The current was turned on at 1:22 o'clock, and in four minutes the surgeon motioned to the superintendent that he was dead. The body was speedily removed.

Nerve Was Great.

Again the chair was tested while Claude Swanson Allen, namesake of a United States Senator, was being led through the corridor to the chamber door. Though a trifle pale, he marched with measured stride, his head held high, his wonderful nerve with him to the end. As he took his seat he moved his arms to assist the guards who were adjusting the straps, and, like his father, he went silently and unafraid. When the autopsy had been performed the bodies were given over to Victor Allen, Floyd's son, by whom they were taken to the mountains of Southwest Virginia for burial.

The Allens' Crime.

On the morning of March 14, 1912, Floyd Allen stood before the bar of the Carroll county court house at Hillsville, to receive sentence for his part in aiding the escape of another mountaineer from the custody of the sheriff. A crowd packed the little court room, for the character of the prisoner was well known. Members of the Allen family were known to be in court and trouble was thought imminent.

The jury having announced a verdict of guilty, Judge Thornton L. Massie sentenced the prisoner to one year at hard labor. With the last word of the sentence, a crash of firearms broke from the spectators' benches. Floyd Allen, the prisoner, with a smoking revolver in his hand, leaped from the prisoner's dock and joined the rush of the gang toward the door.

When the court room was cleared the body of Judge Massie, riddled with bullets, was found lying over his desk; Commonwealth Attorney Wm. M. Foster and Sheriff L. F. Webb lay dead on the floor; Augustus Fowler, a juror, and Elizabeth Ayres, a spectator, were bleeding from wounds which proved fatal the next day, and Dexter Goad, clerk of the court, was shot through the neck. Goad was one of the principal witnesses for the State at the conviction of the prisoners.

When the court room was examined later it was found that more than 200 shots had been fired. Twenty-seven shots took effect upon those killed or wounded.

An army of detectives and newspaper correspondents soon was scouring the muddy roads of the mountains in search for the prisoners. Floyd Allen, the cause of the shooting, who had been wounded by Sheriff Webb in the court room, was taken the day of the crime, together with his son, Victor Allen, and his nephew, Bird Marion.

Sidna Edwards, a nephew of the Allen brothers, was captured in a hut in the mountains March 22. Edwards, who is lame, had eaten nothing for several days and was very weak when found. Claude Swanson Allen, another son of Floyd Allen, walked up to a posse in the mountains and surrendered himself on March 28th. The next day Friel Allen, youngest member of the gang, was taken at his father's home.

Floyd Allen, charged specifically with the killing of Commonwealth Attorney Foster, was found guilty of first degree murder May 17th, and sentenced to death. Claude Allen, his son, was tried on a charge of killing Judge Massie and convicted of murder in the second degree. The jury recommended a sentence of 15 years in the penitentiary. The State demanded a new trial and a verdict of guilty in the first degree was returned on July 27th and he was sentenced to death.

Friel Allen pleaded guilty of murder in the second degree, and August 14 was sentenced to 18 years in prison. Three days later Sidna Edwards pleaded guilty to a like charge and was given a sentence of 15 years. Victor Allen was acquitted on a charge of having participated in the murders.

Sidna Allen, brother of Floyd Allen, and recognized leader of the clan, and his nephew, Wesley Edwards, eluded pursuit for many weeks, and eventually escaped out of the Virginia mountains and made their way West. They were captured at Des Moines, Iowa, September 14th, as the result of a love affair of young Edwards. A letter from him was lost by Maude Iroler, of Mount Airy, N. C., and detectives followed his information and captured the two men.

FROM THE NEW HOPE SECTION.

Interesting Personal Paragraphs—Preparing Program.

New Hope, April 1.—Special: Our Sunday school observed missionary day last Sunday, but owing to rain and the fact that several of our number attended the union meeting at Coneross, the collection wasn't what it ought to have been. However, on next Sunday those who did not contribute will have another chance, and it is earnestly desired by the superintendent that all members be present, and with what we have on hand the collection will amount to at least \$10. Our Sunday school can well afford to give this amount to foreign and home missions just now, so let every one remember to bring something for the collection next Sunday.

The many friends of Mrs. Henry Glazener, who has been very ill with grip the past two weeks, are glad to know she is much better.

Miss Julia Boggs, who is taking a business course at the Draughon school in Greenville, has been taking a two weeks' vacation at home, to the delight of her many friends. She will return to Greenville to-day. We wish her much success.

Friends of Mrs. D. H. Kennemur, of Liberty, are glad to know she will soon visit her parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. A. Kelley, for a few days.

Owing to so much wet weather very little farming is being done and some are feeling a little blue. But if it is clear for a week or two now they will forget very soon the rain and get some real farming done.

Mrs. R. E. Tollison, who has been with relatives here some time, has gone to Pelzer to visit her daughter.

Will Holden, of Pickens, was a welcome visitor in our community recently.

On the second Sunday in April the Woman's Missionary Society will have a program arranged in connection with our regular service, and the collection will be divided between the society and church. Public cordially invited to attend.

Jerry Alexander, of Oklahoma, who has been here on a visit for some time, returned last week, accompanied by one of our former boys, Crayton Hubbard, who has been working with Knox & Barron, of Seneca, the past year. Their many friends wish for them much success in their adopted home.

Those who attended the union meeting enjoyed being there very much. The good Coneross people know just how to make people enjoy such an occasion.

Several from the Keowee Graded School will attend the track meet at Seneca next Saturday.

Howie Seaborn, of Pickens, visited his cousin, Paul Miller, recently.

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NOTICE TO DEBTORS AND CREDITORS.

All persons indebted to the Estate of J. B. TARRANT, deceased, are hereby notified to make payment to the undersigned, and all persons having claims against said Estate will present the same, duly attested, within the time prescribed by law or be barred.

F. S. HOLLEMAN, Administrator.
April 2, 1913. 14-17

NOTICE TO DEBTORS AND CREDITORS.

All persons indebted to the Estate of Claudius A. Burton, deceased, are hereby notified to make payment to the undersigned, and all persons having claims against said estate will present the same duly attested within the time prescribed by law or be barred.

J. ROBERT BURTON, Administrator.
April 2, 1913. 14-17

NOTICE OF FINAL SETTLEMENT AND DISCHARGE.

Notice is hereby given that the undersigned will make application to V. F. Martin, Judge of Probate for Oconee County, in the State of South Carolina, at his office at Walhalla Court House, on Saturday, the 3d day of May, 1913, at 11 o'clock in the forenoon, or as soon thereafter as said application can be heard, for leave to make final settlement of the Estate of Claudius A. Burton, deceased, and obtain final discharge as Administrator of said estate.

J. ROBERT BURTON, Administrator.
April 2, 1913. 14-17

SALE OF LAND BY JUDGE OF PROBATE.

State of South Carolina,
County of Oconee.

(In Court of Probate.)

Pursuant to an order of the aforesaid Court, I will offer for sale, to the highest bidder, (in aid of assets) on MONDAY, MAY 5th, 1913, (salesday), in front of the Court House door, in Walhalla, S. C., within the legal hours of sale, the property described below, to wit:

All that certain piece, parcel or tract of land, situate, lying and being in the County of Oconee and State of South Carolina, in Wagener Township, bounded by lands of M. G. Holland, Jacob H. Chapman, Wm. F. Moody and Miss M. E. Cantrell, containing seventy-one (71) acres, more or less, being the tract of land purchased by S. H. Y. Owens, now deceased, from C. W. & J. E. Banknight, and known as the home place of Christian Schluter.

Terms of Sale—CASH.
V. F. MARTIN,
Judge of Probate.
March 21, 1913. 13-18

MASTER'S SALES.

STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA,
COUNTY OF OCONEE.

In Court of Common Pleas.

Pursuant to decrees of the aforesaid Court, in the cases named below, I will offer for sale, to the highest bidder, in front of the Court House door, at Walhalla, S. C., on Monday, the 7th day of APRIL, 1913, between the legal hours of sale, the lots and tracts of land below described.

C. H. Miller, Plaintiff,
against
J. W. Smith, Defendant.

All those certain lots of land situate, lying and being in the Town of Westminter, Oconee County, State of South Carolina, being Lots Numbers eight (8), nine (9) and ten (10) in Block Four (4), as shown by plat of Eastminter, made by W. B. Trogdon, Jr., dated May 20, 1910, said lots fronting on Piedmont Street fifty feet each, running back each one hundred and sixty feet. Deeded to J. W. Smith this day by C. H. Miller.

Terms of Sale: CASH. That in event of failure of the purchaser, or purchasers, to comply with the terms of sale within five days from day of sale, the Master do re-advertise and resell said premises on the following salesday, or some convenient salesday thereafter, at the same place and on the same terms as heretofore set out, at the risk of former purchaser, or purchasers, and that he do continue so to do until he has found a purchaser, or purchasers, who comply with the terms of sale. Purchaser to pay extra for papers.

W. O. WHITE,
Master for Oconee County, S. C.
March 19, 1913.

Boone R. Moss, Plaintiff,
against
J. L. Staley et al, Defendants.

All that piece, parcel or tract of land situate, lying and being in the Town of Walhalla, County of Oconee, State of South Carolina, adjoining lands of John Moss, J. S. Colley, B. R. Moss and tract next below described, and the two acre tract below described and North Broad Street, being part of farm No. 15, as shown by plan of the Town of Walhalla, and being Tract No. 3 as shown on plat of I. H. Harrison, Surveyor, dated February 6th, 1911, and containing ten and one-quarter acres, more or less.

ALSO.

All that piece, parcel or tract of land, situate, lying and being in the Town of Walhalla, County of Oconee, State of South Carolina, adjoining lands of B. R. Moss, Mrs.

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FERTILIZERS.

Adalena Oelkers, Robert Miller and tract next described (No. 6) and the above described tract (No. 3) and containing ten and one-tenth (10 1/10) acres, more or less, being Tract No. 4, on plat of I. H. Harrison, Surveyor, dated February 6th, 1911.

ALSO,

All that piece, parcel or tract of land, situate, lying and being in Town of Walhalla, County of Oconee, State of South Carolina, adjoining lands of Robert Miller and North Broad Street, and Lots Nos. 3 and 4, being Tract No. 6, as shown on plat of I. H. Harrison, Surveyor, dated February 6th, 1911, containing two acres, more or less.

Terms of Sale: Cash on day of sale. That in event of the failure of the purchaser, or purchasers, to comply with the terms of sale promptly on day of sale, the Master do resell said premises on the same salesday or some convenient salesday thereafter, at the same place and on the same terms as heretofore set out, at the risk of former purchaser, or purchasers, and that he do continue so to do until he has found a purchaser, or purchasers, who shall comply with the terms of sale. Purchaser to pay extra for papers.

W. O. WHITE,
Master for Oconee County, S. C.
March 19, 1913.

James L. Alexander, Plaintiff,
against
Nancy M. Keese et al., Defendants.

All that certain piece, parcel or tract of land, situate, lying and being in the County of Oconee, of the State of South Carolina, on both sides of Cane Creek, waters of Tugaloo River, adjoining lands of E. C. Marrett, Benjamin Whitfield and T. A. Waldrop, containing three hundred and thirty-five acres, more or less, same being more fully represented by plat of survey thereof by C. C. Myers, Surveyor, of date August 29, 1904, and known as the homestead place of Thomas B. Keese, late of Oconee County, in said State.

Terms of Sale: Cash. That in event of failure of the purchaser, or purchasers, to comply with the terms of sale within five days from day of sale, the Master do re-advertise and resell said premises on the following salesday, or some convenient salesday thereafter, at the same place and on the same terms as heretofore set out, at the risk of the former purchaser, or purchasers, and that he do continue so to do until he has found a purchaser, or purchasers, who comply with the terms of sale. Purchaser to pay extra for papers.

W. O. WHITE,
Master for Oconee County, S. C.
March 19, 1913. 12-14