

THE MORTON-DEAL TROUBLE.

Mr. Morton Requests Statement in Regard to the Matter.

George Morton, who is one of the principals in the unfortunate affair of which we gave an account last week, asks The Courier to give him space to set at right some of the rumors that have been circulated as to the occurrences that led up to the unfortunate affair of ten days ago.

"I know," said Mr. Morton, "how hard it is to get at the facts in such cases, and I am sure that The Courier had no intention of doing me an injustice through the statements as given were not fair to me. I do not want to go into details here, for this is no place to do so, but I do ask that you publish the following statement:

"In the first place, there are no small grain crops where the cows had gone when they got to Mr. Deal's field, nor does Mr. Deal live on this place, which he has rented out, he himself living on another place some considerable distance away.

"My cows were not allowed to trespass. The fact is that this occurrence was a mere accident that might happen at any time. I have several cows, and we milk regularly at 5.20 every evening. It was just about 5 o'clock when this unfortunate occurrence took place, and the cows had been turned out to go to a branch before being taken up to milk. They grazed along as they went to the branch, and two of them got slightly over on the Deal place, which is rented to Mr. Kerr. Seeing that the cows had gotten over the line, my wife sent the children to drive them back. It was a cool evening and the cows were 'lively' and could not be gotten back on our land at once, and Mrs. Morton went to the children's assistance. I was at work in a field near by, but hoped that the cows would be gotten up without my going over. I plowed to the end of my row and noticed that Mr. Deal had come to the scene. In driving the two cows that were over the line toward the barn on his Kerr place, he got the others excited and they, too, went over the line. I called to him and asked him not to put the cows up; that if there was any damage I was ready to pay for it. But he seemed determined to put up the cattle, and made threats to me, still following the cows toward the Kerr house on his place. When we got to the Kerr house I again asked Mr. Deal not to put the cows up, but his orders were again to put them up, and he turned without speaking to me, making a motion that to me seemed to indicate an intention of doing me harm. It was then that I made my attack.

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"I think a reasonable man in George Morton's position should have a right to a fair trial in the courts." —

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CHRISTMAS MORNING.

(Charles Campbell Jones, in The Housewife.)

There's the patter, patter, patter, of three pairs of little feet
Falling like a Summer shower on the dimly lighted stair;
There's magic in the morning, and a thrill with joy replete [bear,
In the chirping sounds and rustlings and the promise that they

There's a scurrying half mouselike o'er the polished hard-wood
floor,
And a hush that's all expectant in the early Christmas dawn;
There's a shining face and anxious at the open-waiting door;
And a trembling, pulsing body with a crumpled nightie on.

There's a start, a leap, a scramble, and a happy little shout
As the quick delighted fingers newer wonders still disclose;
There's a tousled head that's turning like an owl's all about,
And a world of pleasure tingling in ten pink and wriggling toes.

There's a time for lightest laughter, there's a time for mirth apart,
There's a time for little pleasures, though the world be passing
gray;
But it is not Christmas morning, when the thankful, swelling heart
Makes an honest holy service to the high and holy day.

And I know beyond all doubting and against all skeptic laws,
What the rarest, fairest hour in the coming life must be;
'Tis the hour Faith reigns over; and I know that Santa Claus
Is a living breathing spirit—for he blesses mine and me!

SOME CHRISTMAS THOUGHTS

Editor Keowee Courier: Will you please allow me space in your paper for a word of encouragement to Mrs. W. H. Butler on Christmas thoughts?

I greatly enjoyed reading her article in the Courier in regard to how some people celebrate our Lord's birthday. It is only too true that some men will spend in questionable ways the money that the Lord has given them, and use it to bring sorrow in their homes; and, besides, it will sink them down to eternal we. Men, awake to the sense of your duty and don't spend your money foolishly.

As we will have a dry State on the first day of January, 1916, I do hope that every depot and bar-room will be closed against whiskey on that day, and that our rural police officers will do their full duty.

There are numbers of children in our State who are suffering for the want of food and clothing on account of intoxicating drink. Men, awake to a full sense of your duty! Remember, our longest days are but few; the harvest great and the laborers few; and we will all soon be ushered into the judgment, before the Great Judge to give an account of our stewardship.

These are many church members who will stand behind the door and take their drink, and give each member, church members.

Let your life be a living sacrifice, a Holy Gospel you profess."

Then comes along the Christmas dawn with which to celebrate our Lord's birthday. " whatsoever you do, do it to the glory of God." I can't see how any one can glorify God by dancing.

Here are seven rules for a Christian's daily life:

1. Never neglect secret prayer.
2. Never neglect Bible study.
3. Never imitate Christians, but Christ.
4. Never violate conscience.
5. Never neglect personal service.
6. Never obey sinful desires.
7. Do all that you do in the name of Jesus.

Oh, dram-drinker, be careful how you spend Christmas! It may be the last one before you are ushered into eternity, and your doom will be fixed forever. "May the lost be found," is my prayer.

(Miss) Lillie M. Keown.
Tamassee, R. F. D., Dec. 18.

Card of Thanks.

We wish to take this opportunity, through the kindness of The Courier, to express our appreciation and thanks to the many friends in town for their helpfulness and interest in our coming and comfort. The generous gifts to our pantry have been gratefully received. The various services rendered and the warm welcome given us make us conscious of your abiding hospitality.

We will be pleased to serve you in any way and at any time within our ability and as opportunity affords. That is the purpose of our coming—to serve.

W. B. Aull.

McCormick Woman Attempts Suicide
McCormick, Dec. 17.—Mrs. Tom Holly, of this place, attempted suicide yesterday by jumping into a well. After sending her husband to do some errands about the barn and her cook to a store to make some purchases, she climbed upon the well and slid down through a small opening in the top. The well is on the back porch of the house and is about 55 feet deep and is walled on the inside with rocks. The cook on returning to the house missed her mistress, and after calling several times was answered from the bottom of the well. After a stay of nearly half an hour she was drawn to the top, having suffered no broken bones, but some severe bruises. Mrs. Holly had been suffering from pellagra for some time.

Trooper Arrested for Murder.
Chattanooga, Tenn., Dec. 18.—W. F. Moore, former member of the United States Eleventh Cavalry, stationed at Fort Oglethorpe, but now member of the Fifth United States Cavalry, was arrested at Fort Meyer, Va., to-day on the charge of killing Charles Livingston, a mounted police officer of Chattanooga, who was murdered August 12, 1912. Moore was indicted by the Hamilton county grand jury a few days ago and his arrest ordered.

JOS. C. GARRISON DEAD.

Passed Away at Home of His Daughter in Anderson County.

Last week we noted the serious illness of Joseph C. Garrison, of Walhalla, at the home of his daughter, Mrs. John M. Knox, in Anderson county. Mr. Garrison had recently suffered two strokes of paralysis, and he succumbed to the last stroke on Friday of last week. His body was brought to Walhalla and was taken from here to the Pleasant Ridge church, in the cemetery of which the remains were interred at 12 o'clock M., Saturday last. The news of his death came as a shock and source of grief to his friends here, who, while many knew that his condition was serious, still felt hopeful of his recovery.

Mr. Garrison was a native of Greenville county, having been born in the Golden Grove section of Greenville on August 20, 1851, he being in his 65th year. On December 21, 1872, he was happily married to Miss Mary Lipscomb, of Greenville, who, with four children, survives him. The children are Messrs. Ivan L. and J. H. Garrison, of Walhalla; Mrs. John M. Knox, of Anderson county, and Mrs. Jas. H. A. Beatty, of Walhalla. He is also survived by one brother, J. B. Garrison, of Greenville, and three sisters, Mrs. E. B. Lipscomb and Mrs. J. A. Garrison, of Greenville, S. C., and Mrs. John Tell, of Walhalla, S. C.

Many years ago Mr. Garrison moved to Oconee and had since resided here, engaging in the occupation of a farmer most of the time. He later took an interest in the government rural mail service, being instrumental in the establishment of Rural Route No. 1, of which he was the first carrier. He later gave up the mail service and became identified with the internal revenue service. It was only a few months ago that he received an appointment as a deputy marshal with headquarters in Greenville. He made a capable and efficient officer.

In early life he became identified with the Baptist church, joining Bethel Baptist church, in Greenville county, and in 1897 moved his membership to the Pleasant Ridge church in this county, where he held membership at the time of his death. Funeral services were conducted by Rev. L. M. Lyda, of Walhalla.

The Courier joins, with many other friends of the family in extending to them sincere sympathy in their sorrow.

Brave and Successful Leap.
Central Village, Conn., Dec. 19.—To rescue his 5-year-old daughter, Hazel, from drowning in the Moosup river, Frank Edgerton, of this place, leaped 40 feet from a railroad bridge into the deep, swift stream here to-day, and after a desperate struggle reached the child and brought her ashore. Neither father nor daughter suffered greatly from the adventure. The child had made a misstep and slipped through the bridge.

Lusitania Settlement Delayed.
Washington, Dec. 21.—Full settlement of the Lusitania case, including reparation for the lives of the American victims, which it became known to-day, recently was near, has been postponed by the dismissal of the German naval and military attaches and the American demands on Austria-Hungary as a result of the sinking of the Ancona.

Consideration of the state of public opinion in Germany because of these two acts of the American government, according to reliable information received here, has caused officials in Berlin to decide that such settlement as might be satisfactory to the United States would not now meet with popular approval in Germany.

Russian Forces Massing.
London, Dec. 21.—Arrival of a Russian expedition off the Bulgarian coast is reported by the Athens correspondent of the Exchange Telegraph Company. He says: "A Russian cruiser and two destroyers which are convoying 16 transports filled with troops have arrived off the Bulgarian coast, and are bombarding Varna vigorously."

Socialists Want Peace.
London, Dec. 18.—German Socialists will make an appeal to French Socialists to aid them to end the war, according to Amsterdam reports. The report says that each will work with its own government.

MRS. M. M. BRUNER DEAD.

Had Been Ill for Years—Shuttle Works Burned—Man Killed.

Westminster, Dec. 20.—Special Mrs. M. M. Bruner died at the home of her son J. M. Bruner, Saturday morning at 5 o'clock. She had been very ill for some time and gradually grew weaker until the end came. She had been a great sufferer for several years, but had borne her affliction with Christian fortitude, and ever had a smile and pleasant word for those with whom she met. She will be sadly missed in her home and by her many friends. The remains were taken to the old home in Alabama for interment. The bereaved family has the sympathy of many friends.

Mr. and Mrs. S. Mize, of Toocoo, Ga., are visiting their daughter, Mrs. Paul Turner.

Miss Kate McClanahan visited relatives at Beltham last week.

The pulpit at Westminster Baptist church was filled at both morning and evening hours yesterday by Rev. J. M. Owen, evangelistic worker for the mountain schools, under the home mission board. Rev. Owen says he has preached on an average of twice a day for the last three years. He preached a most able and forceful sermon Sunday morning, especially for the new class of young men.

A very pleasant affair of last week was a banquet tendered the teachers of the Westminster High School, by several young men of the town, at the Gaston house. The teachers were also entertained by Mr. and Mrs. W. L. England Friday evening.

Mr. and Mrs. W. J. Stribling and Miss Grace Stribling left Saturday for Auburn, Fla. They will spend the winter months there.

Mrs. H. Stonecipher left Monday for Gower, Ga., to spend the holidays with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. D. P. Stone.

Last Friday evening during a down-pour of rain an alarm of fire was given, and it was found that the shuttle works was on fire. Despite the fact that people flocked to the scene, bringing some assistance, but the flames were beyond control and the building was doomed. We felt quite sure of our shuttle works, as there was only one other in the South, and the loss falls quite heavy on the owners. The plant was owned by Mr. Brown and Dr. C. M. Walker. The business gave employment to eight men.

Miss Alta Pritchard, of Atlanta, arrived the latter part of last week and will spend the holiday season with her father and mother, Mr. and Mrs. W. A. Pritchard.

Miss Maude Simpson, of Gaffney, is the guest of her father and mother, Mr. and Mrs. C. C. Simpson.

Our college girls and boys will be coming to this week—from Winthrop, Misses Maude and Annie Belle Watkins, Belle Mulkey and Emily Stribling; from Shorter, Miss Gladys Carter; from Clemson, J. M. and Higginbotham.

Miss Nettie Martin is very ill. Her friends hope for her speedy recovery.

School closes for the holiday season next Wednesday and the teachers expect to spend Christmas with their families.

An unknown man was run down and killed by a train some time Sunday night a short distance from the cotton mill. There was nothing about his person to identify him. S. H. Maret, Esq., held the inquest Monday morning.

I. O. B. Haley is quite sick at this writing. We hope for his early recovery.

Notes from Bounty Land.

Bounty Land, Dec. 20.—Special: Misses Irene and Izelle Stone entertained a number of their friends Tuesday evening. A delicious salad course was served.

Mrs. R. H. Smithson, of Westminster, was a week-end guest of her mother, Mrs. J. M. Gillison.

Bounty Land school is to be congratulated on winning one of the State prizes awarded for improved condition of school building, equipment, advanced enrollment, etc. The prize is \$25 cash. Our next step in the way of advancement should be to secure compulsory school attendance. We know of no district where this law is more needed than our own. There are boys—we might say young men—in our community who are totally indifferent to educational advancement, and whose parents are just as satisfied with their ignorant condition as they are, and make no effort whatever to grasp the opportunities within their reach to procure the mental development of their children. We believe the compulsory attendance law should be adopted from a religious as well as a moral and social standpoint. In Hosea 4:6 we read: "My people are destroyed for lack of knowledge," etc. How can a knowledge of God's Word be obtained by those whose understanding is blurred by illiteracy?

Mrs. O. C. Kinner, of Augusta, Ga., is spending this week with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. D. A. Perrett. Her sisters, Mrs. A. S. Rollins, of Charleston, and Miss Lura Perrett, of Winthrop College, are expected Thursday to spend the holidays.

O. H. Doyle, of Columbia, and Miss Cary Doyle, who is teaching at Norton, are expected home for the holidays.

Our school will have a Christmas tree in the school building on Friday afternoon about 3 o'clock. The children and many of the parents anticipate a joyful occasion.

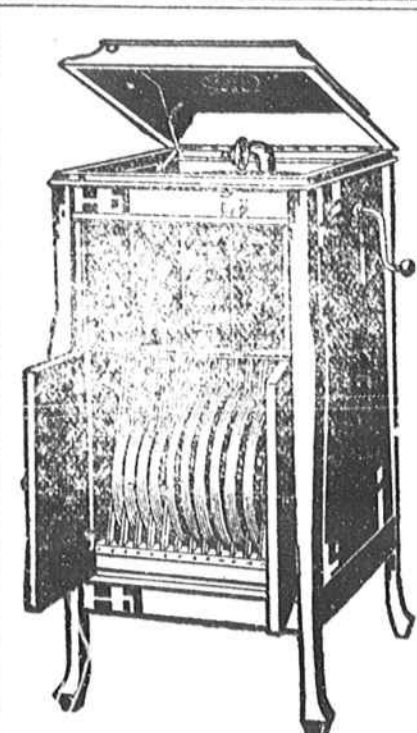
Happy Christmas to The Courier and its readers!

Seed Crushing Falling Off.

Washington, Dec. 17.—Cotton seed crushed from the 1915 crop to December 1 amounted to 1,981,140 tons against 2,473,931 tons December 1 last, the census bureau to-day announced.

Linters obtained to December 1 amounted to 381,927 bales, against 341,142 bales last year to December 1st.

South Carolina crushing amounted to 160,179 tons, with linters to the amount of 26,749 bales.



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TRUSTEE'S SALE OF REAL ESTATE.

The United States of America, The State of South Carolina.

In the District Court of the United States, for the Western District of South Carolina.

In the matter of

RUSKIN ANDERSON, Bankrupt.

In Bankruptcy.

In pursuance to an order to me directed, I will sell, to the highest bidder, at public auction, in front of the Walhalla Court House door, on MONDAY, the 3d day of JANUARY, 1916, within the legal hours of sale, certain real estate belonging to the estate of Ruskin Anderson, Bankrupt, as follows, to wit:

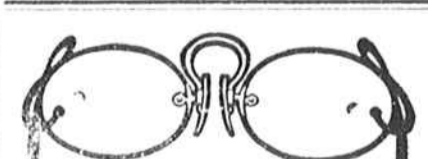
Tract No. 1.—All that certain piece, parcel or tract of land situate, lying and being in Seneca Township, Oconee County, South Carolina, on the west side of the right of way of the Blue Ridge Railway Company, adjoining lands of B. Bagwell, Dr. W. H. Doyle, and others, containing ninety-one and 9/10 acres, more or less, and being the tract of land conveyed to Ruskin Anderson by J. Reese Holland by deed bearing date the 25th day of February, 1913, and recorded in Clerk's office—Oconee County, S. C., on the 2d day of November, 1914, in book TT page 19.

Tract No. 2.—All that certain piece, parcel or lot of land situate, lying and being in Seneca Township, Oconee County, South Carolina, at or near Courtesay Station, adjoining right-of-way of the Southern Railway Company, and lands of Lillie Morgan and others, containing four and one-half acres, more or less, and being the lot conveyed to Ruskin Anderson by Mrs. Savannah E. Kelley by deed bearing date the 19th day of June, 1914, and recorded in Clerk's office on the 20th day of June, 1914, in book TT, page 45.

Tract No. 3.—All those two certain pieces, parcels or lots of land situate, lying and being in the Town of Seneca, of the County of Oconee, State of South Carolina, fronting on the right of way of the Southern Railway Company 26 1/8 feet and running back 100 feet to 35-foot alley, and being two of the eight lots conveyed to Ruskin Anderson by A. W. Thompson and others, by deed bearing date the 25th day of April, 1909, and recorded in Clerk's office, Oconee County, S. C., in deed book KK, page 190, on the 17th day of November, 1909, and being designated as Lots Numbers 683 and 684 on plat of survey of certain lots in the Town of Seneca by J. W. Harper, Surveyor, in 1909.

Terms: CASH.
Purchaser to pay extra for papers and stamp.

M. STOKES STRIBLING,
Trustee.
Dec. 15, 1915. 50-52



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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 Thursday, January 20th, 1915, 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 J. R. Hughes, deceased, and obtain final discharge as Executrix of said estate.

(MRS.) NANNIE B. HUGHES,
Executrix of the Estate of J. R. Hughes, Deceased.
Dec. 8, 1915. 49-52

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MRS. SUSAN L. MORGAN,
Executrix of the Estate of Mrs. M. A. Denny, deceased.
Nov. 24, 1915. 47-50

NOTICE OF MUNICIPAL ELECTION

Notice is hereby given that on TUESDAY, JANUARY 11, 1916, an Election will be held in Walhalla, South Carolina, for the election of Municipal Officers for the said town for a term of two years. The officers to be elected are: Mayor, six Aldermen and four Members of the Board of Health.

Polls will be open at the usual voting place at Walhalla Court House continuously from 8 o'clock a. m. until 4 o'clock p. m.

The following have been appointed Managers to conduct said election: T. A. Grant, J. R. Tribble, Fed. White, W. M. BROWN, Mayor.
JAS. M. MOSS, Clerk Council.
Dec. 11, 1915. 50-4

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G. A. KELLELY,
Administrator of the Estate of Mrs. Vellina G. Kelley, Deceased.
Dec. 8, 1915. 49-50

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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 Monday, the 17th day of January, 1916, 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 Miss Louisa Prater, deceased, and obtain final discharge as Administrator of said estate.

JOHN C. BOGGS,
Administrator of the Estate of Miss Louisa Prater, Deceased.
Dec. 15, 1915. 50-1

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 Monday, the 10th day of January, 1916, 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 Thomas J. Dalton, deceased, and obtain final discharge as Administrator of said estate.

(MRS.) JULIA DALTON,
Administratrix of the Estate of Thos. J. Dalton, Deceased.
Dec. 8, 1915. 49-52

NOTICE OF FINAL SETTLEMENT AND DISCHARGE.

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(MRS.) JULIA DALTON,
Administratrix of the Estate of Thos. J. Dalton, Deceased.
Dec. 8, 1915. 49-52

MASTER'S SALE.

STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA, COUNTY OF OCONEE.

In Court of Common Pleas.

Pursuant to a decree of the aforesaid Court, in the case named below, I will offer for sale, to the highest bidder