

LEXINGTON'S NIGHT PREACHER.

Rev. W. B. Aull Has Heard Major Perry, the Sleeping Preacher.

In Lexington county, not far from Leesville, there lives one of the antebellum darkies. He is about 75 years of age and has the appearance of having a tinge of Indian blood. He is modest and retiring and shirks from publicity. He has no education—not enough to write his name. He has a large family of children. Since his wife died he works a "little patch" along with part of his family.

According to his statement in his sermons he has been preaching every night, with the exception of a few months, since 1880. There is not any "fake" about this sleeping preacher. He was at the theater in Columbia on one occasion, but the "experimenters" handled him so roughly in attempting to arouse him from his comatose state that he refused to appear any more on exhibition. He becomes rigid in body at times during his discourse and has to be shaken in order to cause him to proceed.

In his waking moments he cannot repeat any of the texts he quotes and yet he always quotes them correctly, and no one seems to remember that he ever uses a text more than once. This is all the more remarkable when we remember he has preached 37 years and 365 times a year and occasionally an "extra" sermon each night. In other words he has preached in that time over 135,000 sermons. Psychologists from different parts of the country have studied him, but have no satisfactory solution.

I will repeat, as best I can recall, the sermon I heard him preach last Friday night, November 16, and give it to The Courier for publication in next week's issue. So if space is found it may appear in print.

I can say also that the doctrine he preaches is Scriptural and the language good for one who has never "learned letters."

It was an impressive discourse and was received with marked attention by the assembly that filled the school auditorium at Pomaria.

W. B. Aull.

Walhalla, Nov. 20.

Large Distillery Destroyed.

Easley, Nov. 17.—Probably the largest distilling plant seen in Pickens county in ten years was destroyed yesterday morning by Rural Policemen J. T. McKinney and B. B. Laboon. Twenty-five hundred gallons of beer and a modern steam distillery were destroyed and two men, Dover Hinkle and Will Albertson were captured.

The plant was located on Keowee river just below the junction of Whitewater and Toxaway rivers and was in full operation when discovered. The quantity of mash destroyed was enough to have turned out at least 100 gallons of whiskey. The plant was being run day and night, and coca-cola bottles full of kerosene oil and fitted with large rope for wicks were found around the plant. The men were brought to Pickens, but were later released on bond. The penalty for this offense is rather heavy now owing to the new law, which prohibits the manufacture of foodstuffs into alcoholic beverages.

School at Blue Ridge Opens.

Walhalla, Rt. 1.—Nov. 20.—Special: On November 19 the Blue Ridge Graded School was opened. Marshall Stribling, of Westminster, one of Oconee's veteran educators, conducted chapel and afterward gave to the large number of patrons present a great talk on "Progressiveness." Following Mr. Stribling, Miss Ruth E. Berry, county home demonstration agent, made an eloquent plea for domestic science in our public schools. Miss Lura Perritt, principal, in her gentle, winning way, earnestly begged for that which it is her right to command—the hearty co-operation of the patrons with the teachers. The primary grades are jubilant over the advent of Miss M. Watkins, of Westminster, who, in conformity with the most improved Winthrop methods, has made the primary room irresistibly attractive to the small folks. Teachers, pupils and patrons are agreed to accomplish capacity work this term.

On Friday afternoon, November 23d, at 3 o'clock, at the school building, there will be a joint meeting of the S. I. A., the Woman's Home Demonstration and the Parent-Teacher clubs. All interested are urged to attend.

Hon. R. A. Cooper Weds.

Laurens, Nov. 17.—Hon. Robert A. Cooper and Miss Dorcas Ray Calmes, whose engagement was announced several weeks ago, were married Thursday morning at 11 o'clock, the wedding taking place at Brooksville, Miss., at the home of Mr. Calmes, an uncle of the bride. Following the ceremony a reception was given, after which Mr. and Mrs. Cooper left for a visit to several points of interest before returning to Laurens. This marriage announcement is of cordial interest throughout the State, because Mr. Cooper is one of the most prominent public men in the State to-day, and his bride enjoys social prominence, and for several years has been connected with the teaching corps in the city schools at Columbia and Laurens, her native town. She is a graduate of Winthrop College.

Mrs. Wiley Gets Bond.

Washington, Nov. 19.—Mrs. Harvey W. Wiley, wife of the pure food expert, sentenced to the district jail last Friday for picketing the White House, was released on bond to-day pending appeal of her case. Mrs. I. H. Short, of Minneapolis, sent to the district work house at Occoquan, Va., last Wednesday for picketing, paid her fine to-day and was released.

More Men for Army Service.

The District Board has certified the following list of men as selected for military duty:

Glenn Powell, Westminster.
Christopher S. Talley, Salem.
John James, Newry.

Local Board Makes Selection.

The Local Board for Oconee County has certified the following to the District Board as having been selected for service:

Odes E. Deaton, Walhalla, Rt. 2.
Geo. David Smalley, Newry.
Manuel Skelton, Westminster, Rt. 5

The board makes this note: We wish the two first to be exempted until the first day of December, and the last one until the first day of January, 1918.

List of Exempted.

The local board has exempted the following:

D. C. Rholetter, Long Creek.
Priestly Henderson, Townville.

Grain Campaign.

Columbia, Nov. 20, 1917.

R. T. Jaynes, Walhalla, S. C.: As emergency national measure it is absolutely necessary that wheat crop in South Carolina this winter be increased. Please throw strength of County Council of Defense back of campaign for greater production about to be launched by South Carolina. Congressmen and demonstration agents are arranging for meetings in your county as per explanation to follow. Make strong appeal to all farmers to join movement.

D. R. Coker, Chairman.

Every farmer in Oconee county should sow at least two acres in wheat to the plow.

R. T. Jaynes, Chairman.

\$12,000 Verdict for Injury.

Columbia, Nov. 17.—E. N. Johnson a former employee of the Granby mill, was awarded a verdict of \$12,000 last night by a jury in the Federal Court. He was on an elevator at the mill on the morning of October 6, 1916, when the cable broke and the car dropped about 45 feet. This was one of the largest suits for damages ever brought in Richland county. The suit was for \$50,000. Johnson was a second hand in the spool room. He was seriously injured by the falling of the car. The jury was out 30 minutes.

Jim Alexander to Newry.

(Anderson Mail.)

Jim Alexander, former superintendent of Pelzer mills, and recently employed by the Ware Shoals mills, has been made superintendent of the Courtenay mills at Newry.

(Mr. Alexander is a brother of County Treasurer R. H. Alexander, and we extend to him and his most cordial welcome to Oconee. Mr. Smith, the former superintendent at Newry, has, we understand, moved to Charlotte, N. C., where he becomes general manager of a large ball-bearing manufacturing concern.)

Villa Again at Work.

Presidio, Texas, Nov. 18.—Wearing his campaign costume of hip boots, high panama hat and flannel shirt, Francisco Villa is again in the saddle in Mexico at the head of a new revolutionary movement which he calls El Partido de la Convencion. His headquarters have been in Ojinaga, opposite here, since his troops captured the town from the Federals Tuesday night.

Villa now wears a black beard, a relic of his recent trip through Mexico to confer with his chieftains and heads of other movements who he claims to have correlated under his leadership for the first time in more than a year.

Meeting Place Wanted.

The fourth division of the W. M. U. of Beaverdam Association has no place to hold its quarterly meeting. Will be glad to get in touch with any church which would like to have it meet with them.

Mrs. J. H. Brown, Div. Pres.
Westminster, R. F. D.

American Soldier Faced Firing Squad
Washington, Nov. 19.—An American soldier of Gen. Pershing's forces, found guilty by court-martial of the assaulting and murdering of a French woman, has been executed by a firing squad. All details of this, the first death penalty imposed since the troops landed in Europe, are being withheld by the War Department.

Destroyer Sunk in Collision.

Washington, Nov. 20.—The sinking of the American destroyer Chauncey, in a collision in the war zone early yesterday, with the probable loss of 21 lives, was announced to-day by the Navy Department. There were no further details in the brief report from Admiral Sims. The Chauncey was an old type of boat of only 420 tons.

Lucy Marsh Not Guilty.

Camden, Nov. 18.—Lucy Marsh, the white woman charged with the murder of Mrs. Estelle Baker, a few weeks ago, was acquitted here late Friday evening. This was one of the most sensational cases heard in this county in many years, and the courtroom was packed all day with spectators. Much of the testimony was sordid and sensational. The State attempted to prove that Estelle Baker was murdered through jealousy on the part of Lucy Marsh. "Doctor" G. J. Baker was the main witness and the alleged originator of the crime. Baker was subjected to the most scathing denunciation by defendants attorneys. The jury was out only about 40 minutes before bringing in a verdict of not guilty.

Coneross Local News.

Coneross, Nov. 19.—Special: The days for preaching services at Coneross have been changed from the first and third Sundays to the second and fourth Sundays. There will be no services on the new preaching dates until after the first of January.

The Blue Ridge school opened this morning with two teachers—Misses Maida Watkins, of Westminster, and Lura Perritt, of Bounty Land.

Mr. and Mrs. W. O. Alexander and family, of Greenville, were recent visitors in the community. They attended a birthday dining in honor of their father, T. D. Alexander.

Miss Bewley Hunsinger, one of the teachers at Long Creek Academy, attended the State Convention at Laurens, and visited homefolks here on her return.

Miss Jessie Barker, one of our young ladies, is back at Pulaski to take up her work at that place as a teacher.

Mrs. H. J. Hesse is on a business trip to Georgia. She was accompanied by her brother and sister—Thomas Smith and Mrs. Maggie I. Robins.

Brunis Alexander is another Ford owner of the community.

Bounty Land Local Notes.

Bounty Land, Nov. 19.—Special: Miss Connie Thackston, of Newry, was a week-end guest of Mrs. Rob Hubbard.

Miss Lura Perritt opened school at Blue Ridge to-day, she having accepted the position as principal of that school.

Mrs. E. P. Addis, of West Union, spent a few days last week with her daughter, Mrs. J. B. Sanders.

Miss Bertha Sanders, who is attending the West Union school, spent the week-end with homefolks here.

Miss Susan Doyle, of Augusta, Ga., arrived at her home here Friday for a few days' visit. She left to-day for Greenville to see her brother, O. H. Doyle, of Camp Sevier. Miss Doyle will return to Augusta Tuesday to resume her work in the University Hospital, where she is taking her senior year in training as nurse.

Mrs. J. C. Sanders visited friends in Toccoa last Sunday.

Misses Sallie and Julia Davis and Cary Doyle went to Atlanta Friday, Miss Doyle returning this morning. Miss Ferol Acker spent the week-end with relatives in Walhalla.

Mr. and Mrs. D. S. Abbott, of Liberty, have been visiting in the community since Friday.

Mrs. Julia D. Shanklin returned last week from the Westminster Sanatorium very much improved, which is delightful news to her many friends here.

R. E. Bagvich has purchased a house and lot in Seneca and will move to town in a short time. Ed. Woolbright, who bought Mr. Bagvich's farm, will move into the community as soon as the house is vacant, and will receive a hearty welcome from the people here.

Famous British General Dead.

London, Nov. 19.—Gen. Maude, British commander in Mesopotamia, died yesterday evening after a brief illness. He was the captor of Bagdad, and was rated one of the most brilliant commanders of the war. After a series of British defeats in Mesopotamia, Gen. Maude was placed in command late last year and won an unbroken series of successes. Advancing from the Babylonian plains, he captured Kit-el-Amara, where Gen. Townshend's army had been compelled to surrender. He continued his drive up the Tigris, advancing 90 miles in two weeks, and last March captured Bagdad. With the opening of the new campaign this fall he pushed up the Tigris more than 100 miles beyond Bagdad, his operations being designed primarily to defeat the expected effort of the Turks and Germans to recapture the city.

Gen. Maude was 53 years old. He had a distinguished military record before the war. He took part in the Sudan campaign of 1885 and received the medal with clasp and the khedive's star. He served with distinction in the South African war, where he won the distinguished service order and the Queen's medal.

Prior to taking command in Mesopotamia Gen. Maude saw service in France, where he was wounded.

Ten Deaths at Wheeler.

Macon, Ga., Nov. 18.—Ten more deaths from pneumonia among the soldiers of the Thirty-first division at Camp Wheeler were reported after 6 o'clock last night and 16-day according to an announcement to-night by the military authorities.

Eight deaths from pneumonia were reported at the camp last week. There are said to be about 25 cases in the hospital.

Members of the Rockefeller Institute, New York, have arrived at the camp to make a study of the types of pneumonia most prevalent among the men. It was learned to-night.

NOTICE OF REGISTRATION.

Notice is hereby given that the Books of Registration for Municipal Election for Town of Walhalla, S. C., are now open for the registration of qualified electors in said municipality. It is necessary to present county registration certificate and evidence of the payment of all taxes due before a municipal registration certificate can be issued; residence in the State for two years and within the corporate limits of the Town of Walhalla for a period of four months prior to the election are also necessary qualifications. Books of Registration are now open and will remain open until Saturday, the 8th day of December, 1917. Supervisor's office is in the Enterprise Bank.
GEORGE SEABORN,
Supervisor of Registration.

DEMANDS UNITY OF CONTROL.

President Wilson Makes Plain the Position of the U. S.

London, Nov. 18.—Col. Edward M. House, head of the American mission, has received a cablegram from President Wilson stating emphatically that the United States government considers that unity of plan and control between all the allies and the United States is essential in order to achieve a just and permanent peace.

President Wilson emphasizes the fact that this unity must be accomplished if the great resources of the United States are to be used to the best advantage, and he requests Col. House to confer with the heads of the allied governments with a view to achieving the closest possible co-operation.

President Wilson has asked Col. House to attend the first meeting of the supreme war council with Gen. Tasker H. Bliss as military adviser.

It is hoped that the meeting will take place in Paris before the end of the month.

What is LAX-FOS

LAX-FOS IS AN IMPROVED CASCARA
A Digestive Liquid Laxative, Cathartic and Liver Tonic. Contains Cascara Bark, Blue Flag Root, Rhubarb Root, Black Root, May Apple Root, Senna Leaves and Peppin. Combines strength with palatable aromatic taste. Does not gripe. 50c

The soldiers at Camp Jackson will be given a dinner of 150,000 pounds of turkey on Thanksgiving Day.

Auction Sale!

Household Furniture and Farm Implements.

FAIR PLAY, S. C.

Wednesday, Nov. 28, 1917.

On the above date I will sell at auction, to the highest bidder, for Cash, all of my Household and Kitchen Furniture, consisting of 7 bedsteads, good as new; 7 dressers, 7 rockers, 1 porch swing, 2 dozen plain chairs, china closet, dining room table, sewing machine, Majestic range, and several small center tables. Also, 2-horse wagon, 1-horse wagon, good buggy, Cole combination cotton and corn planter, guano distributor, etc.

75 bushels of Corn, 800 bundles Fodder, lot of Out Straw, 1 Cow, 1 Yearling.

Sale will begin at 10 o'clock and continue till everything is sold.

THOMAS ISBELL,
Fair Play, S. C.

NOTICE TO DEBTORS AND CREDITORS

All persons indebted to the Estate of J. A. F. HUTCHINS, 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.

(MRS.) F. S. HUTCHINS,
Administratrix of the Estate of J. A. F. HUTCHINS, deceased.
Nov. 21, 1917. 47-50

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, the 27th day of December, 1917, 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. A. F. HUTCHINS, deceased, and obtain final discharge as Administratrix of said estate.

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(MRS.) META C. BRANDT,
Executrix of the Estate of H. L. BRANDT, deceased.
Nov. 14, 1917. 46-49

CITATION NOTICE.

The State of South Carolina, County of Oconee.—(In Court of Probate.)—By V. F. Martin, Judge of Probate.—Whereas, A. C. Smith has made suit to me to grant him Letters of Administration of the Estate of and Effects of Mrs. Lucinda Alexander, deceased—

These are, therefore, to cite and admonish all and singular the kindred and creditors of the said Mrs. Lucinda Alexander, deceased, that they be and appear before me, in the Court of Probate, to be held at Walhalla Court House, South Carolina, on FRIDAY, the 30th day of November, 1917, after publication hereof, at 11 o'clock in the forenoon, to show cause, if any they have, why the said administration should not be granted.

Given under my hand and seal this 10th day of November, A. D. 1917.
(Seal.) V. F. MARTIN,
Judge of Probate for Oconee County, South Carolina.

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Nov. 14, 1917. 46-47

More New Arrivals in Women's and Misses' New Fall Suits and Coats



RIGHT from the Center of Fashion come these Beautiful Creations which we now offer to you for inspection and selection. Added to numbers of earlier arrivals, they make our stocks as complete and as varied as you would care to choose from. Their neatness has not prevented us from listing them at these unusually attractive prices.

GROUP 1
In All-Wool Serges
\$11.85

GROUP 2
In All-Wool Poptins
\$14.35

GROUP 3
In Extra Fine Materials, Made up Very Neatly, and Trimmed in Fur, at
\$22.50 to \$27.50
\$30.00 and \$35.00 Values.

PRICES RANGE ON LONG COATS
\$5.00 \$6.00 \$9.00 \$12.50
The Very Best Values That Money Can Buy.

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Samples!

DON'T MISS SEEING A SHIPMENT OF
Ladies' Fine Coats

Sent us to-day from one of the big Sales Rooms in New York. One of a kind in all colors and were sold early in the season at \$18.00 to \$20.00. We are going to sell this lot, in order to handle them all, at **\$15.00**

They have the big fur collars, large enough to cover the shoulders, which is all the craze now, and all are first class in every respect. You can't get this chance often. We know they are cheap.

NEW SUITS ADDED WEEKLY!

W. S. HUNTER,
SENECA, S. C.

Mules! .: Mares!

Just received carload Tennessee Mules and Mares—all broke and ready for work. It will pay you to see them. Can save you money.

R. K. NIMMONS, Seneca.

NOTICE OF FINAL SETTLEMENT AND DISCHARGE.
18th, 1917, 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 Mrs. Ellen L. Sloan, deceased, and obtain final discharge as Administratrix of said estate.
H. T. POE,
Administratrix of the Estate of Mrs. Ellen L. Sloan, deceased.
Nov. 14, 1917. 48-49