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THE ORANGEBURG NEWS HAS A LARGER CIRCULATION THAN ANY OTHER PAPER IN THE COUNTY.

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Our editor, finding his professional, official and editorial duties, rather too much for one man during this warm weather, "vacates," editorially, for two or three weeks.

His place will be more than filled by a friend who is already well and favorably known to the readers of the NEWS.

Vote for T. C. Andrews next Wednesday.

[COMMUNICATED.] Reminiscences of Orangeburg Forty Years Ago.

BY AMICALORAH.

Orangeburg had her two Churches also, Methodist and Baptist. These were plain, old-fashioned, modest looking, little structures with rough walls, bare benches and pine pulpits; but their unbecomingness and inconvenience did not prevent the little band of devout worshippers from flocking thither Sunday after Sunday. Here they came in all kinds of weather, not only the residents of the village but from the surrounding country also, these last in gigs, carts, queer-looking old carriages, and some on horseback. These were the days of good old-fashioned religion when the heart could worship God kneeling upon the bare floor with the sunlight or rain as it might chance to be, coming through the great openings in the roof, with a deep, honest fervor we fear is almost unknown in these latter times of carpeted floors and cushioned pews. Then "our girls" were not ashamed of their homespun dresses, checked aprons, sunbonnets, cotton shawls and cuffs and rough home-made shoes. Or what cared they if their rustic escort was clad in a suit of clumsy jeans much too short at wrist and ankle, which plainly showed the check shirt beneath, or coarse brogans below? or what minded she of his awkward ungainly movements as he assisted her to alight, and then walked with her up to the "medlin-house" door, casting "sheep's eyes" around all the time to see if any body "was-a-lookin'?" These were the days when flattery and coquetry were unknown in our humble, little Parish.

Orangeburg too had her hotel then, or rather "public house" as it was called. This was a long, low, roomy, wooden building, one story in height, and was kept by Mr. Wainwright. The well-spread table and comfortable sleeping apartments to be found here by the weary traveler, and the smiling face of the landlady, ever ready to welcome them, were full proof of the popularity, and esteem in which "the host" was held. At this place the line of coaches which were then being run between Charleston and Columbia, "pulled up." By this route, the mail bags too were brought, whose contents were then carried to the store of Mr. William Posser which then served as a post office, and were there left for distribution. Not yet had the "snort of the iron horse" penetrated this quiet little village.

On one of the principal streets, near where Mr. Riggs now carries on his carriage manufactory, there stood a rough looking little shed known as "the market." On top of this was placed a bell, and inside were found blocks for cutting up meat, and the necessary scales for weighing. This was placed here for accommodation of such countrymen as would bring in beef, pork, mutton and other fresh meat. On reaching the village they would make their way here, and ringing the bell would thus notify the villagers that they were ready to serve them with meat. These would flock hither with baskets and the bargaining would commence in good earnest.

Then there was the Orangeburg cavalry, which for a short time was commanded by Capt. Fitzpatrick, if we are not mistaken. On "parade days" the gallant captain rode forth all booted and spurred and with drawn sword in hand at the head of his men, who "faced about," "forward marched" and "charged" in quite an appropriate military style. They were both the envy and admiration of the little urchins about the place, who, followed by a pack of dogs, ran close in the wake of the horses' heels as the cavalry paraded the streets. Ah! how boyish hearts swelled with ardor and enthusiasm as they, too, longed to be a "gallant soldier."

In the days of which we are writing the laws of South Carolina were exceedingly severe, and were generally enforced to their fullest extent. The stealing of a slave was then considered to be one of the most criminal of offenses and was punished with hanging. About this time there came to Orangeburg a Spaniard by the name of La Crew. Said La Crew was of a wild, roving disposition, and addicted to frequent drinking. He formed an intimacy while here with a negro named Edmund, belonging to Thomas Cross, an intimacy which afterwards cost La Crew his life. He was charged with attempting to steal this Edmund and sufficient proof having been found against him he was tried, convicted and sentenced to be hung. Popular feeling ran high in his favor, and it may be remembered by some now living how up to the very last La Crew protested his innocence, and declared that the time would soon come when they would find that he spoke truly. In corroboration of this statement in after years, it is said that Edmund upon his death bed called his master to him and then told him of the conspiracy that had been formed against the unfortunate La Crew. The facts of the case as he is supposed to have told them are as follows:

It seemed that LaCrew in some way had incurred the anger and jealousy of two prominent characters of the village and they determined to rid themselves of his presence. They hired this Edmund to go to LaCrew and tell him that there was a person across the river, who wanted to see him on such a night at a certain hour, and offer to conduct him thither. They then, acting on the other part of the plot, informed the authorities that they had heard that on a certain night, naming the one, LaCrew was going with Edmund on foot to Charleston where he was to sell him and divide the profits. The authorities set a watch. The night having arrived the unscrupulous LaCrew set out with Edmund for the purpose of having an interview with this person, as he supposed, but in fact walking right into the very trap that had been set for him. They were overtaken just this side of the river bridge and LaCrew being found in the company of Edmund was sufficient proof of his being guilty of stealing a slave, never mind how much he protested to the contrary. He was brought back, tried for his life, and condemned to be hung. This is the story it is said Edmund told his master, and it may be remembered by some of the oldest citizens of Orangeburg who were present at the hanging, how upon the gallows LaCrew himself declared he was the victim of a conspiracy. But circumstantial evidence was strong against him, and whether guilty or not, the unfortunate man was condemned to suffer death by hanging.

The day of the execution having arrived LaCrew was brought out of the jail and placed in a cart sitting upon his coffin. All the way to the gallows he kept talking incessantly saying he would die cheerfully if only allowed his freedom long enough to kill his two enemies who had been his bitterest accusers. He begged one of the men, who was serving as marshal, to give him a sword, and set him free for only two minutes. On arriving at the spot, an old field down near the banks of the Edisto, he was taken out and placed upon the gallows. This consisted of two rough posts standing some six feet apart, with a beam at the top extending across, to which a rope was attached. The plank upon which the doomed man stood was placed upon brackets nailed to each post. On being asked if he had any thing to say he replied: "Yes, there are two men standing in this crowd who know that I am innocent. Though they may exult now in their hearts over my downfall, yet the time is coming when a worse fate than mine will overtake them. To one of them, Mr. — I wish to say this: You sir will be a vagabond upon the face of the earth, shunned of men, and detested by all who know you. To the other: You sir will die the death of a dog, and the buzzards will pick your eyes out." Turning to the Sheriff he exclaimed: "Mark my prediction and see if it does not come true." Then to the people he said: "I am far from my native land, friendless and among strangers, yet I can die as becomes a man." He then announced his readiness, when the Sheriff proceeded to adjust the knot, but being somewhat inexperienced, was rather slow, seeing which, LaCrew jerked it out of his hand and knotted it around his own neck. Then with the words: "I'm ready, and here I go!" upon his lips LaCrew stepped off the plank of his own accord, and his soul was hurried into eternity.

How well the prediction of the murdered man was in after years verified, some already know. The two men who as he declared had conspired against him, one of them became a wanderer in a distant State, and the other died in a drunken bout. For a long while after the hanging of LaCrew numerous were the stories set afloat by the superstitious affirming that the ghost of the Spaniard might often be seen haunting a lonely spot; on the river road near a venerable oak that stood in the center of the street, near the residence of Mr. Jacob Rickenbaker. A number of negroes and little children about the place fully believed all this and had sometimes declared they themselves had seen "the spirit." Quite an amusing story is told in connection with those on one of the jurymen who served at that time. Old "Uncle Johnnie" as he was more familiarly known, was a queer eccentric character, not only a great lover of his drink, but highly superstitious also. On sale and election days and at numerous other times, he might be seen on a venerable looking gray horse riding about the village, where he would remain until a late hour, drinking, too tipsy to return home. One night "Uncle Johnnie" was taking his usual drink at one of the little doggeries. A number of persons being present the conversation turned upon the late hanging and the stories that had been set afloat. With a sly wink at "Uncle Johnnie" which the set understood, one waggyish young fellow went to giving awful blood and dog stories of the ghostly visitant. "Uncle Johnnie" listened terror stricken, so greatly frightened that his knees shook together. This oak at which the ghost was said to make its appearance, lay directly on his road home, and the more he thought of it the more his courage sank, and he kept delaying his time of departure. Unobserved by him one or two of the young fellows stole out, and securing the services of a ventriloquist who was then passing through the place, proceeded to this huge oak, and there made an effigy of LaCrew. Stretching a rope across from the tree to the fence by means of a ring fastened around the effigy's neck they could at any moment swing it out into the center of the road. Hiding in the fence corner they awaited old "Uncle Johnnie's" approach. It was at quite a late hour in the night when, having screwed up his courage to its highest pitch, he sallied forth for his home.

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J. Bolton Hutton, Capt. 2d Nine. R. O. 12. L. H. Wannamaker, 1. 3. Hohann, 2. 1. G. Walker, 2. 0. Dantzier, 1. 3. Simmons, 0. 2. Dan Cannon, 2. 1. Bettison, 1. 1. Edwards, 2. 1.

NOTICE. OFFICE CO. SCHOOL COMMISSIONER, ORANGEBURG, S. C., August 1st 1873.

TO SCHOOL TRUSTEES. The attention of School Trustees is hereby directed to the following Extract from Chapter Sec. 6 Gen. Stat. S. C. "They shall make or cause to be made, once in two years in each School Dist. by the first day of September, enumeration of all the children within the ages of 6 and 16 years, resident within such School Dist., distinguishing whatever male and female, white and colored, and the Clerk of the Board of Trustees shall return to the County School Commissioner a duplicate copy of the same."

The State of South Carolina. ORANGEBURG COUNTY. IN THE COURT OF PROBATE. By AUGUSTUS B. KNOWLTON, Esq., Judge of Probate in said County. WHEREAS, Olin L. Strook has applied to me for Letters of Administration on the Estate of Gabriel Strook, late of Orangeburg County, deceased.

NOTICE. Notice is hereby given that from and after TUESDAY, THE FIRST DAY OF JULY, 1873, to WEDNESDAY THE 20th DAY OF AUGUST, the Office will be OPEN to receive the RETURNS OF REAL and PERSONAL PROPERTY of this County. Tax-payers are requested to have a Correct List of the different Classes of lands as follows:

WHAT PLEASES THE LADIES. WHEELER & WILSON SEWING MACHINES. They can be had by calling at Mrs. O'Brien's Millinery Establishment. J. T. SIMMONS, Contracting Agent, Orangeburg, S. C.

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NOTICE. STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA. To the Commissioners of Elections for Orangeburg County. Whereas Hon. James L. Jamison who at the General Election held in October 1872 for the Election district of Orangeburg County to serve for the term of four years, has since said election deceased; and;

Whereas the Constitution of the State of South Carolina directs that in such case a writ of election shall be issued by the President of the Senate for the purpose of filling the vacancy thus occasioned for the remainder of the term for which the member so deceased was elected to serve.

Now therefore you and each of you are hereby required after the advertisement and with strict regard to all the Provisions of the Constitution and laws of said State touching your duty in such case to hold an election for a member for the Senate for the election district aforesaid to serve for the remainder of the term for which the said Hon. James L. Jamison was elected, the polls to be opened at the various polling places of election in the said district, on Wednesday the thirteenth day of August, A. D. 1873, by the various sets of Managers for those places; and the counting of the votes cast and the declaration of the result of the election to be in accordance with the provision of Sections 2 and 3 of Act of the General Assembly entitled "an act to amend an act entitled, an act providing for the General Elections and the manner of conducting the same" approved March 12th, 1872 (page 181 A. A. 1872-73).

Office of Commissioners of Election. STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA. ORANGEBURG COUNTY ORANGEBURG, S. C. July 26th, 1873.

NOTICE. Notice is hereby given to the voters of Orangeburg County that in pursuance of an act of the General Assembly approved March 12, 1872, entitled "an act providing for the general election and the manner of conducting the same amended by an act approved March 12, 1872, an election will be held in the County of Orangeburg at the usual Polling precincts mentioned below on Wednesday, the 13th day of August, for the following State Legislative office, to wit: One Senator to serve for the remainder of the term for which the said Hon. Jamison was elected, to wit:

NOTICE. The Firm of WATT & CROSSWELL has dissolved. All debts due the firm must be paid, and all claims against the firm must be presented, to J. L. RAST, Trial Justice, August 2 1873.

THE STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA, COUNTY OF ORANGEBURG. In the Common Pleas. The State—Ex-Relatone Bill The Solicitor of the South—vs Perpetuate vs Circuit. Estomyony. E. A. Thomas,) Application to prove) E. A. Thomas,) Lost Deed.

ESTATE NOTICE.—All Persons having demands against the Estate of the late John R. Milhouse, deceased, are requested to present the same, properly attested, to the undersigned, the Plaintiff, within the time herein specified, the Plaintiff will apply to the Court for the relief demanded in the complaint. AUG. B. KNOWLTON, Plffs. Atty. Orangeburg, C. H., S. C.

Patent. DR. PATRICK'S COTTON PRESS. The undersigned Agent for Orangeburg County begs leave to call the attention of COTTON PLANTERS to the same, and would advise every one in need of a COTTON PRESS to purchase a patent at once. FOR CHEAPNESS, SIMPLICITY, and POWER, it has no equal.

Head Quarters Union Republican Party S. C. ROOMS STATE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE. COLUMBIA S. C. July 6th 1873. T. C. Andrews Esq., Orangeburg S. C. Sir—You are hereby appointed Chairman of the Republican Party in and for the County of Orangeburg to fill the vacancy created by the death of our lamented friend and fellow citizen Hon. James L. Jamison.

J. Wallace Cannon. IS HAPPY TO STATE TO HIS FRIENDS and customers that he has just returned from Charleston, after having purchased a large stock of, Fresh Groceries WHICH HE WILL SELL AT VERY LOW prices for cash. Also on hand a full stock of LIQUORS, CIGARS, TOBACCO, &c.,

Eureka Chapter, No. 13, R. A. M. THE REGULAR CONVOCATION of the above CHAPTER will be held on Friday, August 8th 1873, at 6 o'clock P. M. By order of M. E. H. P. THEODORE KOHN, Secretary

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DR. C. R. TABER. LEWISVILLE, S. C., (ST. MATTHEWS P. O.) June 6 1873. Bricks! Bricks!! BRICKS!!! THE UNDERSIGNED RESPECTFULLY informs the public that he is now prepared to furnish BRICKS in any quantity. All orders will meet prompt attention. J. C. EDWARDS, June 5 1873

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