

Local News.

WEDNESDAY, JULY 5, 1899.

Court Proceedings.

When we closed our report of Court proceedings last Wednesday morning, M. R. Howard, charged with the murder of J. R. Bridges was being tried. The trial consumed nearly all of the day, and resulted in an acquittal of the defendant.

The Grand Jury submitted the following presentment that day and were discharged:

PRESENTMENT OF THE GRAND JURY.

To his Honor, Geo. W. Gage, Presiding Judge, June Term, 1899:

The grand jury beg leave to report as follows:

Since our last session, a special committee of our body has investigated the county offices and submitted its report to us, which we adopted and have made a part of this presentment. We are pleased to say that it shows a very satisfactory condition of the public affairs.

It is with a sense of pleasure and gratification that we report that this body has unanimously resolved that we recommend to your Honor that our courts be opened with an invocation to Almighty God that he grant wisdom and fidelity to every officer of the court in the responsible and solemn discharge of the high duty of administering justice between the people.

The presence of an annual quantity of insects that are harmful to the crops and whose ravages cause no small damage to every section, emphasizes the necessity for the law's providing penalties for killing any one of a great variety of our birds, or for destroying their nests or young, and the ever greater necessity for their rigid enforcement. We desire to call upon all officers of the law, and all thoughtful citizens to unite in enforcing these laws, and thereby protect those useful little creatures that have been aptly described as the "farmer's feathered police."

Every person who may have business in this court, and especially jurors and other officers whose duties compel them to remain here so long and continuously, doubtless appreciate the many comforts furnished by the new court house, but since our last term a sewerage system has been put in by the Supervisor and, hence the comforts and conveniences are increased, and the building thereby made a model in all its departments.

We renew our former recommendation that permanent roads be built as rapidly as the county's finances will permit, realizing the impossibility of constructing permanent dirt roads out of soil common to this county.

We renew our recommendation, as earnestly as we can make it, that new steel cells be immediately placed in the jail, it being made to appear to us that those now there are insufficient to hold the prisoners, necessitating the mixing of the races, and is being condemned by the board of health of the city and the jail physician because of the crowded condition frequently happening there, and the resulting unsanitary conditions.

We wish to extend our hearty thanks to your Honor for the courtesies extended to us during this term, and also to our able solicitor, and to all the other officers of the court for their uniform courtesy and attention.

We have considered and reported on all bills submitted to us by the solicitor, and considered all other matters laid before us by different persons and made such disposition of them as we thought best. All of which we respectfully submit.

L. E. CAMPBELL, Foreman Grand Jury, Anderson, S. C., June 28, 1899.

REPORT OF SPECIAL COMMITTEE.

To the Grand Jury:

Your special committee appointed at the last Court to examine and report on the condition of the several public county offices, beg leave to submit the following:

We employed Jno. K. Hood to assist us in our work, and we made a careful examination into the public affairs as the too limited time at our disposal would permit.

It is impossible in four days' time to make anything like a thorough investigation of the offices, for that much time would be necessary to make a complete examination of any one of the three or four of them, as the County Supervisor's, Treasurer's or Dispenser's, for instance. But we think the tests made would be likely to disclose any improper methods, unless a conspiracy existed between some of the officers to defraud the public, and then screen each other in so doing.

We speak thus only by way of illustration, for we haven't the slightest suspicion of any such thing, as will be shown later.

We found the Clerk of Court's office admirably kept and admirable in arrangement. The clerk is progressive with the age in keeping his office, and we wish to commend him for the zeal he shows in keeping his indexes lexicographically up to date as nearly as he can, even at the same extra expense to himself.

This office acts as pension agent for the county, and we find that he received for the pensioners last year \$7,027.20, for all of which he issued checks, but there remained in his hands \$276.00 uncalled for, which he will return to the State treasurer, as required by law.

When appointments were made to the school districts, the treasurer would give a certain district credit by one amount and the County Superintendent would give the same district credit by a different amount. 2d. Apparently the County Superintendent would draw a warrant against a certain district, when he intended to draw it against another.

Such errors have prevented the books of these two offices from balancing as to certain districts, and perhaps some districts have lost by reason thereof.

It is but fair to say that Mr. Ataway, the recent incumbent, claimed that some, at least, of these discrepancies were in existence when he entered the office, and so on back, we understand it is claimed.

We repeat that these seem to be merely clerical errors, but which, nevertheless, leave the books in an unsatisfactory condition.

The present incumbent in this office seems to be a careful and painstaking officer, and we have no doubt but that he will get these kinks straightened out.

The County Supervisor seems to continue to use commendable diligence in guarding his accounts against unreason-

able expansion, which, we think, saves the county considerable money during the course of the year.

The large sums of money which have to be paid on the warrants of this officer makes this office one of vast importance to the people, for laxity of administration here would fall heavily on the taxpayers.

We tested him on many accounts, first ascertaining the amounts claimed on them, then the amounts for which they were approved, and then compared them with the warrants drawn by the Supervisor. We found all we examined correct. These accounts were selected at random, taking some from each department, as in public highways, roads and bridges, magistrates, Poor House, &c., and in each case we found them correct. But, of course, out of the 1700 or 1800 accounts for each year, we could examine only a small per cent. of them.

We found the minutes well kept, and we note that all accounts approved are now recorded in the minutes, as recommended by the Grand Jury last year.

In this connection we desire to say that we visited the Poor House and inspected the rooms of the inmates, the barns and stables, the dairy and gardens and the farms.

There were nearly 70 inmates there, white and black, old and young, the blind and the diseased and the imbecile. Many are there who once lived in comfort and refinement, while many now doubtless have the best home they have ever had.

Owing to the crowded condition of the houses, a new house was being built, and none too early, if Anderson County wishes to treat her unfortunate poor decently and humanely.

The inmates seem much attached to the steward and his wife, who in turn exercise much patience and tact in dealing with them and in keeping them employed at such labor as they can perform, some working on the farm, in the garden, in the blacksmith shop, while others are engaged in raising chickens, making quilts and in nursing and waiting on the invalids and helpless, &c., &c.

New single iron bedsteads have been purchased, and such were needed for various reasons, as for cleanliness and sanitary conditions, for instance.

We unite in saying that the conditions here seem creditable to the County. It seemed to your committee that the Judge of Probate's office is in good condition. There having been a recent transfer of the affairs of this office from the retiring to the present incumbent, we feel safe in concluding that a very accurate and thorough account was had between the two, and therefore that the affairs pertaining thereto proved satisfactory to both.

The incumbent informs us that a complete transfer has not yet been made, but we presume that it will soon be done. The incumbent reported \$7,504.80 on hand the day we were in his office. We suggested to him that all amounts included in this, for which there are no claimants in immediate view, be paid over to the County Treasurer, as authorized by law.

We made a number of tests on the Dispenser's books, and found them correct. While we could by no means make a thorough examination of a year's work, we think it likely that a test of the kind made would justify us in concluding that the books are accurately and faithfully kept.

The general management of the dispensary seems to be good, and in accordance with the requirements of the law, and we understand that the breakage account is so small that this dispensary stands high on this record, as well as on others.

Owing to the fact that the retiring Treasurer is now in process of settlement with his successor, which settlement is required by law to be made in the presence of the Comptroller General, the County Auditor and the Foreman of the Grand Jury, we beg to defer our examination until that time, with the privilege of reporting thereon at the next term of Court.

All of which is respectfully submitted. L. E. CAMPBELL, JAS. R. ANDERSON, THOS. A. RATLIFF, JR.

The following cases were then tried in the order named:

State vs. Bub Green, Jim Green, Hayne Stephens, Geo. Dacus and Alex. Allums. Gambling. Not guilty.

State vs. Mrs. Ida Newell. Violation of the dispensary law. Not guilty.

State vs. J. A. Broom, sr., J. M. Broom and J. A. Broom, Jr. Murder. Not guilty.

State vs. Ed. Hawkins and Roland Anderson. Assault with intent to kill and carrying concealed weapons. Not guilty.

State vs. L. S. Tolleson. Forgery. Guilty, and sentenced to imprisonment for two years.

State vs. L. T. Watson. House-breaking. Not guilty.

The criminal business was finished Thursday, and Friday, Saturday and Monday were devoted to Equity business.

This was Judge Gage's first visit to Anderson, and our people, the members of the Bar especially, were much pleased with him.

Hurricane Creek Items.

The crops of our community are looking very promising.

The threshing is about over and wheat turned out well.

The health of the community is very good. Mr. Jones, who has been suffering with fever, is getting along very well at present. We hope soon to hear of his recovery.

Eating watermelons and going to protracted meetings will soon be the order of the day.

Mr. McAlister has been doing some good work on the roads.

A lawn party was given at the residence of Mr. W. D. Spearman last Saturday night. The night was calm and lovely and everybody seemed to enjoy it. Thanks to Mr. and Mrs. Spearman, who gave so much to the success of the evening.

Some of our young men have had their buggies repainted. Girls, you had better look out, they are looking for a partner, but that is alright, boys, we see where your heads are level. THOS. BACHELDOOR.

Dedication of New Prospect Church.

The house of worship at New Prospect is complete, and the committee have arranged to have it dedicated at 11 o'clock on the third Sabbath inst., and have invited Elder O. J. Copeland to preach the sermon and Elder J. R. Earle to take part in the exercises, and to preach the sermon if Bro. Copeland fails to be present. J. W. ESKEW, for Committee.

Death of Mrs. Jackson.

Last Wednesday morning at 2 o'clock Mrs. Elvira T. Jackson, relict of the late Alexander C. Jackson, died at her home at Storeville, in this County, and the announcement of her death was no shock to her intimate friends and neighbors, who knew that she was rapidly approaching death's door. She had been in feeble health for the past fourteen months, and about a year ago went to Baltimore, where an operation for an internal tumor was performed but without success. Though suffering great bodily pain during these long months, she bore her affliction with that patience characteristic of a devoted Christian and calmly awaited the summons of death.

Mrs. Jackson was a daughter of the late John Fielder, of Spartanburg County, where she was born and raised, and was in the 76th year of her age. About forty years ago she with her husband and family moved to this County and settled on the plantation where she died. By her marriage six children were born—four sons and two daughters. Her husband and two daughters preceded her to the grave. In her girlhood she joined the Nazareth Presbyterian Church, in Spartanburg County, and when she moved to Anderson County she transferred her membership to Varennes Church, where her remains were buried last Wednesday afternoon, the funeral services being conducted by her pastor, Rev. H. C. Fennel.

Mrs. Jackson was a woman of the old school. Hers was a rapidly passing type of womanhood. Home to her was a woman's sphere, and the duties of wife and mother she believed were best calculated to polish womanhood after the similitude of the palace. She was a woman of strong character, bright intellect and true affections. She was a faithful wife, a devoted mother, a kind and sympathetic neighbor. Above all she was an earnest and humble Christian. She lived to do good, and the world was made brighter and better by her living in it. She will be missed in her Church and her neighborhood. She lived to see her four sons grow up to be worthy, upright citizens, who were a joy and comfort to her in her declining years. In their sore bereavement they have the sympathies of a wide circle of friends.

Deuver Items.

Sickness still afflicts our community. The condition of our esteemed neighbor, Mrs. M. M. McElroy, has not improved since our last writing.

Miss Minnie Blackman is still in a very critical condition.

Mr. A. E. Browne is a little better than he was last week.

The many friends of Cadet Will Garrison will be glad to learn that he is now convalescent, and expects to soon be out visiting.

Miss Lillie Garrison left this week for a visit to friends and relatives in Seneca and Walhalla. Miss Lillie is a lovely girl, whose charming manners win many friends.

Miss Mattie Eskew is visiting friends and relatives near Prospect.

Miss Sue Wightman, of Pendleton, and little Wightman Watson are now the guests of Mr. J. W. Majors' family.

Miss Hattie McWhorter has returned from her visit to Leesville and Newberry, where she had the pleasure of meeting many old friends and making many new ones. She has resumed her duties as teacher in the school at Autun to the delight of her former patrons and pupils. Miss Hattie is devotedly popular as a teacher and a lady.

Mrs. John C. Watkins and children, of Anderson, visited relatives in Denver to-day.

Mrs. J. R. Garrison and children visited her sister, Mrs. Joe Douthit recently.

The celebration of Children's Day at Sandy Springs last Saturday was very much enjoyed by the large crowd present. They were a little disappointed at the non-appearance of some of the promised speakers, but were amply compensated by the fine address of Mr. R. S. Ligon, of Anderson, followed by one equally as good by the pastor, Rev. A. B. Watson. The part most enjoyed by the children was the abundant and elegant picnic dinner and the merry games afterward. As a rule children enjoy such that much better than the finest oratory.

Mr. Wm. Bolt, who lives near Portman Shoals, celebrated his 68th birthday by a family reunion and picnic at that place on the 30th June. His seven children, with their wives and husbands, a host of grandchildren, and two great-grandchildren with other relatives and friends met to honor the occasion and show their love and respect for this christian gentleman and patriarch. Mr. Bolt is a veteran of the "Lost Cause," having been a soldier in Orr's Regiment, S. C. V., during the war. Since then as a farmer, by industry and economy he has accumulated a competency, and now owns a lovely country home, where in his declining years he can rest and enjoy the fruit of his labors. He and his good wife (who was Miss Martha Clark) have raised a large family of noble sons and lovely daughters, who have all married well and now have families of their own. These all delighted in contributing to the elegant dinner which was laid on a long table under the spreading oaks. Everything that would tempt the appetite was there in the greatest profusion, even to fresh fish caught by Mr. Bolt himself. Fish, fesh and f. v. salads of all kinds, a dozen varieties of cake, good bread, coffee and iced lemonade, was part of the bill of fare. While feasting on these good things the happy company hoped that their host would live to see many more birthdays, and celebrate them all in this pleasant style. The young men connected with the power house contributed much to the pleasure of the day by their kind attentions in showing everything of interest and taking the ladies boat riding. These polite and intelligent young men never neglect their responsible duties, but manage in some way to make the time pass pleasantly to visitors. May they live long and be happy in the way of

Lebanon Items.

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A picked crowd of girls and boys went on a picnic excursion last Saturday afternoon. To say we had a gay time is useless, for if ever any of the crowd enjoyed anything better they won't own it. The boys furnished the wagon and team, and after going around to gather up their girls, rolled out for Jolley's Springs. After a rough but much enjoyed ride, we reached the place about 4 o'clock and stayed 'till 9 in the evening, when a delicious supper was served and we started for home. We yelled two favorable picnic yells, sang and had a good time in general until we got home about 11 o'clock that night. We want to return our thanks to the nice and gentle boys who made up the crowd, and say we would like to go on another one soon or a "straw ride."

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School will begin here next Monday morning. SEMPER IDEM.

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Lowndesville Items.

One more "tiger" has been captured. One day last week two constables came up from Abbeville and proceeded to business. They walked up on a "still" in full blast, and during the night it was brought to town and put on the depot platform, from whence it left next day for Abbeville.

Mr. and Mrs. Thompson and Mrs. and Miss Dorsey have been visiting Mrs. J. T. Latimer.

Misses Annie Liddell and Georgia Cunningham are visiting relatives at Latimer.

Several of our young people contemplate taking advantage of the low railroad rates to-morrow, and are going to Mount Carmel to attend the Fourth of July barbecue.

Mrs. Nichols and family, of Greenwood, have been visiting her sister, Mrs. E. W. Harper.

Miss Vera Allen, who has been visiting friends in Due West and Anderson, returned to-day, (Monday).

A very painful accident occurred yesterday to Mr. Paul Daniels, a respected farmer residing near here. He had mounted a mule to ride over his farm, when the animal suddenly became frightened and ran away, throwing Mr. Daniels and dragging him some distance. He was badly injured about the head, and Dr. Matthews is attending him.

Mrs. J. Hoyt Bell has been very ill for some time, and according to last reports is in a serious condition.

We are glad to hear that Mr. Floyd Armstrong is convalescing from the long attack of typhoid fever through which he has been passing.

Mr. McCalla went to Anderson one day last week "on business," he says.

Three saw mills are now running, getting out lumber for the oil mill, and a brick machine is at work also.

McD. HORTON.

Piedmont Association.

The Piedmont Association will hold its next annual session with the Mt. Airy Church, ten miles west of Greenville, C. H., in Anderson County, on August 2, 3 and 4 next, commencing at 10 a. m. Introductory sermon by L. T. Weldon; alternate, F. R. McClannahan.

The following standing committees will report at this meeting:

On Aged and Infirm Ministers, E. B. Richardson; on Home Missions, F. R. McClannahan; on Foreign Missions, W. F. C. Owen; on Woman's Missions, J. H. Browning; on Sunday Schools, E. F. Allgood; on Education, D. I. Spearman; on Periodicals, G. M. Rogers; on Connie Maxwell Orphanage, A. M. Guyton; on Nominations, E. S. Griffin; on State of Religion, C. C. Frix; on Obituaries, J. H. Bowen; on Temperance, L. L. Smith, B. Kay and J. H. Miller.

The Churches will please make full report of all finances, Sunday Schools, &c.

The Vice President of the J. Jameson Woman's Mission Society requests that one lady delegate be sent from each Church to assist her in encouraging the mission work in the bounds of the Piedmont Association.

J. JAMESON, Clerk.

The County Normal.

The Summer Normal for Anderson County began last Monday, the 3rd inst. Prof. Thos. C. Walton, of the Anderson graded School, and Miss Ella Thurston, of Columbia, are in charge. These teachers have had large experience in Normal work, and can do us good service. This is a splendid opportunity for our teachers to receive a free course of instruction. The teachers who attend will unquestionably have the advantage of those who stay away. The County Board insists that all teachers shall attend this Normal, and can renew certificates for no teacher who does not attend.

At the close of the Normal there will be an examination for teachers' certificates, held by the County Board and those who failed in the recent examination will have another opportunity to try for certificates.

Hon. J. J. McMahan, our State Superintendent of Education, will visit us during this school, and he is anxious to meet all the teachers in the County if possible.

Our teachers who are attending the State Normal at Rock Hill rank among the first there, and let us make the Normal here second to that of no other county. We cannot do it without your presence and therefore we expect you to come. R. E. NICHOLSON, Co. Supt. Ed.

Corner Creek Items.

We have been blessed with good rains recently, and our farmers have sown a great deal of their stubble land in peas.

Upland corn has been laid by. B. F. Cassaway has the largest and finest field of corn the writer has seen this year.

Miss Leila Carwile is spending a few days with relatives at Abbeville.

A. T. Robinson and sister, Miss Othella, of Calhoun, spent Saturday night in our midst with the family of Mr. Geo. A. Bigby.

Blackberries are scarce this year. Occasionally it is the fond pleasure of your correspondent to attend basket picnics. So bright and early last Saturday morning a gay young crowd of our boys and girls boarded a wagon and left this section, bound for "Sunny Slope," where there was to be a "nic pic." We arrived in due time—yes, a long time before dinner—and we spent many happy moments in social and lovely enjoyment of laughter and fun, and listening to the speaking. It is a beautiful spot for a picnic, and we are sure everybody had a delightful time, except those who had too much "chemically pure" in them, which made them a little "boozy" and caused one little fellow to stick his knife blade in another fellow. But our party had a jolly good time and had a safe and lovely return home.

Hugh Bigby, of Pelzer, spent Sunday here with his parents.

About two more weeks' work on the farm, and we'll be sitting back in the shade eating watermelon's, for they are getting ripe now. Call around, Mr. Editor, and partake with us.

Hon. Joshua W. Ashley has been invited to make an address in Greenwood county next Saturday. TYNO.

Pisgah Items.

As the broad acres are being well hidden and the farmers are doing their duty, we will all soon be resting in the shade.

We all enjoyed a lawn party at the home of Mr. W. D. Spearman Saturday night. When Mr. and Mrs. Spearman throw wide the doors of their home for the pleasure of the young folks we always have a nice time.

Miss Mand Prater, of Majors, S. C., is visiting her sister, Mrs. N. S. Reeves.

Several of our young people attended the singing at Friendship last Sunday and report a nice time.

Messrs. J. J. Callahan and W. L. Davis have returned home from their threshing work to assist in laying by the green fields.

Messrs. James and George Reeves, of Majors, visited in our burg recently. We are always glad to greet them, as they are old school boys of this place.

Mr. J. M. Davis and wife, of Piercetown, visited the family of Mr. J. N. Davis last third Sunday. Com again, friends, when you have longer to stay. COUNTRY CRACKER.

Country Cracker.

Powder magazines ought to be classified as flash literature.

Bicycle economy. The money you pay for a new wheel is sometimes only part of the price. The bicycle mender gets the rest. But if you buy a Viking or a Crescent Bicycle to begin with, from Sullivan Hardware Co., you need have only a bowing acquaintance with the wheel tinker.

Iron King Stoves are considered the best. Buy one. Osborne & Osborne Sole Agents.

If your Piano or Organ needs tuning or repairs, it will pay you to see Mr. Jas. A. Ruddle of The C. A. Reed Music House, who will guarantee perfect satisfaction to all.

Champion Mowers make less noise, waste less power and require fewer repairs than any Mower on the market. Sullivan Hardware Co. can easily demonstrate the truth of these statements.

Deering Ideal Ball Bearing Mowers are the best running on the market, and whenever tried will be always used. For sale by Brock Bros.

Belted and Mill and Gin Supplies for sale at Brock Bros. Hardware Store at very lowest market prices. See us before buying and get your money's worth.

Deering Ideal Ball Bearing Mowers, like ball bearing bicycles, are the lightest running machines made, and their equal is not to be found anywhere. For sale by Brock Bros., exclusive agents.

Sullivan Hardware Co. have connected with their Bicycle Repair Department a Machinist of many years experience, Mr. Jas. T. Rowland, of Donalds, S. C. If you want your Bicycle repaired by a Bicycle Machinist, who is the lightest running machine made, let us give him a trial.

Iron King Stoves are sold in Anderson only by Osborne & Osborne.

Have hot water pipes run from your stove to bath room. Try Osborne & Osborne.

C. F. JONES & CO.

At this season, when all the country papers as well as the great dailies are teeming with big closing out advertisements, we are at a loss to know how to reach the Public.

We always want our ads. to be attractive and trade-bringers, and are careful as to what we say lest something be misrepresented.

Without using "knock-down" and "drag-out" expressions we state that all—

Seasonable Goods

Are being offered at most—

Attractive Prices.

We feel that we must close out great quantities of them within the next thirty days. We don't expect to sell all of them, but we do hope to put out a great many things.

Our Stock was never fresher or cleaner at this season, so if you are hunting Bargains that will prove to be Bargains when you get them home and make them up, come this way.