

SELECTS AN ARCHITECT.

COURT HOUSE COMMISSION HELD BUSY SESSION MONDAY.

W. A. EDWARDS TO DRAW PLANS

The Court House Commission Selects W. A. Edwards, of Atlanta, to Submit Plans for Court House and Jail.

The court house commission got in some real work Monday. A morning and afternoon session were held, the commission was divided into sub-committees and it is expected that the work will go forward easily now until the public buildings are completed.

At the morning session a number of architects from several different states appeared before the commission and Mr. W. A. Edwards, of Atlanta, was employed from among the number to consult with the commission in regard to the preparation of the plans for the public building. Mr. Edwards is a Carolinian, having formerly lived in Columbia, and is an architect of experience and ability.

A sub-committee has been appointed to visit other county seats and inspect the court houses built by Mr. Edwards before the plans are finally submitted. However, this does not mean that Dillon will duplicate the plans of these buildings. The visits are made merely to get an idea of what is really needed in Dillon county but it is proposed to erect a court house in this county that will be entirely different from anything anywhere else.

It is the purpose of the commission to erect a court house and jail that will cost in the neighborhood of \$90,000. This amount will erect and equip one of the handsomest court houses in the State. The building will be equipped with water works, sewerage and steam heat.

Miscellaneous Shower.

On Monday afternoon, January 2nd, Mrs. John C. Hayes entertained quite a number of friends at a miscellaneous shower given in honor of the bride-elect, Miss Lela Berry. The home was artistically decorated in the season's evergreen, holly, mistletoe and potted plants.

As soon as the guests had all looked over and admired the many useful gifts showered on the bride they were invited to the beautifully decorated dining room where they enjoyed a delightful repast of cake, ambrosia and coffee.

BOY ACCIDENTALLY KILLED.

Kenneth Erskine Slain by Discharge of Gun Which He Was Playing With.

Kianth, the 8-year-old son of W. P. Erskine, who live on Lewis street, Belton, was instantly killed by the accidental discharge of a gun he was playing with while on a visit to his grandparents, David Cox, some four or five miles south of Belton, recently.

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MORGAN A BUCCANEER.

Hailed 24 Hours Ago As Saviour of Three Banks—Now Charged That He Wrecked Them Deliberately.

New York, Jan. 10.—While J. P. Morgan was hailed 24 hours ago as the saviour of three New York banks, sober reflection on the part of various financial leaders not in the Morgan camp to-day led them to renew his appellation of "financial buccaneer."

Following revelations that if the Carnegie Trust Company had been given 24 hours longer it would have been able to continue its financial operations, Wall street dealers declare that Morgan had manipulated cleverly to force a merger of the \$20,000,000 Madison Trust Company with his \$35,000,000 Equitable Trust Company.

According to a report current in the financial district Mr. Morgan had forced the hands of his opponents and practically bagged three new banks in so doing; the three being the Madison Trust, the Twelfth and Nineteenth ward banks. The Madison Trust Company is now Morgan's but how far his ascendancy goes over the other two institutions has not been made public.

The Madison Trust Company and the Twelfth ward and Nineteenth ward banks opened their doors at the usual hour to-day. There was a slight run on the savings department of the Nineteenth ward institution. About 50 persons, most of them women, were waiting to make withdrawals when the savings department was opened. They were paid promptly.

In the check department of the Nineteenth ward bank there were more persons waiting to make deposits than withdrawals. Superintendent of Banks Cheney said to-day that the financial situation had cleared up entirely and added: "I give you my word that not another bank or trust company under the jurisdiction of our department is under the least suspicion."

Just before 11 o'clock to-day \$1,600,000 in bills, packed in three suit cases, arrived at the Nineteenth ward bank from the offices of J. P. Morgan & Co. The money was taken there by three men, who rode in a taxicab.

DILLON R. A. MASONS MEET.

Installation of Officers and Initiation of New Members.

Dillon R. A. M. Chapter, No. 46, met on Wednesday, January 4, for the purpose of installing officers and conferring degrees upon nine candidates for which a dispensation had been received. This class included some of the best material in the county.

The officers who were elected on December 19 last were installed, after the candidates were disposed of on Wednesday night, and are as follows: Dr. J. R. Rogers, H. P. A. C. Gentry, K.; C. S. Brown, Scribe; J. W. Rowland, Treasurer; J. F. Thompson, Secretary; A. K. Parham, C. H.; W. E. King, P. S.; M. Fass, R. A. C.; Jas. A. Galloway, M. F. V. and J. O.; C. C. Bridges, M. S. V. and S. O.; W. S. Ivey, M. T. V. and M. O.; Monroe Miller, Sentry.

Mr. J. L. Michie, of Darlington, P. S. W. M., of Grand Lodge, and a high official of Grand Chapter, with Senator J. M. McCowan, of Florence, and D. D. G. M. J. C. Sellers were present to aid in receiving the class of new members.

The Woman's Club had its first meeting of the year with Mrs. A. J. Evans in her pretty home on Main street Monday afternoon. Seven members were present and worked industriously on pretty articles of fancy work.

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BERRY TO BE PAROLED.

BOARD OF PARDONS ACTS FAVORABLY ON PETITION.

PRISONER BROKEN IN HEALTH

G. Raymond Berry, Convicted of Embezzling School Funds, May Be Released in a Few Days.

The Board of Pardons has acted favorably on the petition for the pardon of G. Raymond Berry and the chances are that Berry will be paroled in a few days. Berry has served about three years of the six-year sentence for the embezzlement of school funds. When Berry was arraigned on the charge of embezzlement he entered a plea of guilty with the understanding that his sentence would not be more than one year in the penitentiary.

The petition recalls one of most famous cases in the history of Marion. Berry was school superintendent of education and it was while serving his second term, having been re-elected by a very large majority, that a shortage was discovered in his accounts.

It is said that Berry is broken in health and spirit and that he is scarcely able to perform the light duties placed upon him at the penitentiary. It was not known what his intentions are after he is released from the penitentiary.

First Intendent of Mullins.

Mrs. Lillian Vampill Carlisle, of Lumberton, N. C., visited Mullins last week after 30 years absence.

She left Mullins when quite a child, and could recognize but little of the Mullins she left. She is a daughter of the late Dr. R. Vampill, who once lived at Little Rock, and then Mullins, and was county treasurer of Marion county and later professor of Modern Languages at the University of South Carolina.

Mrs. Carlisle had in the automobile with her seven children, the eldest, Rudolph, much like his grandfather, Dr. Vampill. The wife of Dr. Vampill was a Miss A. Jane Hergrave of the Little Rock section, and one of the best women who ever lived in Mullins and one of the most sympathetic and intelligent. Dr. Vampill was a man of superior intellectual qualities and intelligence and was a Poland.

NEW COUNSEL IN THE STATE.

Fred Wilcox, Henry Davis and L. W. McLeMore With Coast Line.

Official announcement comes from headquarters of the Atlantic Coast Line Railway system at Wilmington, N. C., that, effective on January 1, there was a change in the official force of the legal family of that system.

A number of new divisions in this State were created with a legal counsel for each division, and the attorneys so appointed are Messrs. Fred L. Wilcox, Henry E. Davis and L. W. McLeMore, all of Florence.

Mr. Fred L. Wilcox, the senior member of the law firm of Wilcox & Wilcox, of Florence, has been retained as head counsel for the State of South Carolina, as was expected, and Florence will be headquarters for all these.

Mr. Fred L. Wilcox, the junior member of the firm of Wilcox & Wilcox has been made division counsel, his territory covering the counties of Darlington, Florence, Chesterfield, Marlboro, Dillon and Horry.

Mr. L. W. McLeMore has been made division counsel, his territory embracing the counties of Marion, Williamsburg, Lee, Calhoun and Orangeburg. Messrs. Mordecai & Gadsden, Messrs. Rutledge and Hagood, and Mr. W. T. Fitzsimon retain their old divisions respectively with headquarters at Charleston.

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CAUSE FOREVER A MYSTERY.

International Aviators Unable to Account for Moisant's Accident.

New York, Jan. 8.—Four of the international aviators, who were with Moisant in New Orleans when he fell to his death, have sent to the Associated Press signed statements of their findings in an examination of his machine, made on the spot immediately after the accident.

Rene Simon, Rene Barrier, Garros and Audemars all declare that the evidence shows that Moisant had shut off the power, that every stay and control was intact, and that nobody will ever know why his "wonderful and admired airmanship" met defeat. But on one thing they are emphatic, that Moisant's mechanics, Gerspach and Filoux, had taken every precaution and that his death was in no way due to omission of theirs.

Albert Filoux's statement, published here, that Moisant's Bleriot had too often been broken and repaired and that it was overweighted with gasoline when he went up for the Michelin prize, they deny as an unfounded imputation of neglect. Filoux was the mechanic who made the Paris-London flight with Moisant, and in a personal letter to a New York newspaper man, received here to-night, Garros writes as follows, supplementing the statement to the Associated Press in part as follows:

"An incrimination of carelessness causing death is a professional dishonor for these boys who are known in France among the best men who ever worked on aviation fields. What was printed about them made them so sorry that they cried when they talked to us about it. They deserved Moisant's for the way they prepared his machine, spending a whole day's time, changing every bolt and every wire of the controls for new ones."

Coincidentally with the arrival of Garros's letter the Aero Club of America made known to-night that it had given up all hope that Grabame-White, the English aviator, will withdraw his protest against the award to Moisant of Thomas Ryan's \$10,000 prize for the Statue of Liberty flight.

A hearing on the protest is to come before the Federation Aeronatique International in Paris day after to-morrow, but it had been thought that, in view of Moisant's unfortunate death at New Orleans, the protest might be withdrawn. No word of such intention has been received at the eleventh hour. The Aero Club gave out the resume of its position and of the belief which it will submit to the international arbitrators. In a word, the club believes it was perfectly justifiable to award the prize to Moisant at the close of the international meet here, and it will fight to the end for his memory and estate and for the good name of American sport.

MARION BANK OFFICERS.

Board of Directors Meet. W. J. Montgomery Re-Elected President.

Marion, Jan. 7.—Special: The annual meeting of the stockholders of the Farmers' and Merchants' Bank was held in the office of the bank president, W. J. Montgomery, this morning. The following board of directors were elected for the year 1911: H. C. Graham, W. M. Monroe, Will Stackhouse, B. F. Davis, Jas. W. Johnson, W. S. Foxworth, J. C. Mace, W. J. Montgomery, W. H. Cross, L. W. Temple, G. J. Holiday, D. M. Dew.

After the stockholders' meeting there was a meeting of the directors, who re-elected the officers of the bank as follows: President, W. J. Montgomery; vice-presidents, W. M. Monroe and H. C. Graham; cashier, W. H. Cross; assistant cashier at Latta branch, H. A. Bethea; bookkeeper, Frank Watson.

To Open Business at Latta.

Florence Times. Mr. S. E. Brunson left this morning for Latta where he will open up a furniture and undertaking business. Mr. Brunson has been a citizen of Florence all of his life, for several years a merchant and was connected with the Phoenix Ice Co., for quite a while. He has a large number of friends who wish him well in Latta. Mr. Brunson has taken a course in the undertaking business in Augusta and has procured his license to do business in this State.

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WAS JEFFRIES "DOPED,"

NOT NERVOUS COLLAPSE IN FIGHT WITH JOHNSON.

ARTICLE FROM CHAMPION

Jeffries' Physical Condition For Weeks After Fight Described. Details of Alleged Drugging Withheld for Present.

Los Angeles, Cal. January 7.—That James J. Jeffries entered the ring with Jack Johnson, at Reno, July 4, a drugged man and not a man suffering from nervous collapse is the pith a signed article by Barney Oldfield, which will be published here to-morrow and which has been authorized by the defeated champion.

Jeffries, however, will not allow the alleged drugging to be published at this time, Oldfield says.

According to Oldfield, Jeffries took him into his confidence during a recent hunting trip in the Sierras. Oldfield's statement is in part as follows:

"Mental or nervous collapse, Jeff explained, would not have affected him physically for weeks after the fight. The poison which was given him affected his stomach afterward, and for a month he could scarcely retain his food. His favorite dishes did not possess any charm of taste and his whole body seemed as if stricken with rheumatism. When he began to get over the effects of the 'dope' he felt like a convalescent. He was positive it was no temporary mental or nervous trouble. I begged him to let me give to the world all the information he possessed, but he said that he would rather have it come out from another source. He is firm in the belief that the details will all come out within a year or so.

Pledged to Secrecy.

"Jeffries pledged me to secrecy about the details of the treachery about which I had been able to learn. He told me I was the only man who knew as much as I told you. I promised to aid him in getting some information he cannot himself. Jeffries' story to me absolved the members of his training camp of any blame—that much I must say in justice to the men who helped him with all their heart.

"It was after Jeffries told me this story that I began to marvel at his present physical condition. For the ten days we were in the mountains he performed stunts in endurance that I did not think possible for any man. Never once did he fail and refuse the opportunity to scale difficult peaks. To any man who has ever had a bit of experience in professional athletics, Jeffries' condition, as he proved it day after day, must come as a revelation."

THE DEATH OF A CZAR.

Dramatic Story of the Way Nicholas I. Omy'ed Suicide.

There are various stories of the death of the Czar Nicholas I. Here is one which the great singer Mario Sammartini, a from a doctor of the court and which is told in "The Romance of a Great Singer." "When the Russian army was meeting with reverse after reverse in the Crimean war the czar sent for his doctor and demanded to know which was the quickest and most painless poison that he knew of, bluntly telling the startled physician that he had resolved to commit suicide. He further warned the doctor in the stern manner which was his characteristic that if he were not obeyed the doctor's life would be worthless. He sharply silenced the man's nervous remonstrances and commanded him to bring the poison. The doctor not dare to refuse and a few minutes later brought a small vial containing the poison, which he assured the czar would deprive any one of existence in a few minutes. To be sure that he had been obeyed and that the doctor was speaking the truth the czar obliged him to remain in the room warning him that if the poison failed his life should answer for it. The czar took the poison without the least tremor or the movement of a muscle, and, although twice told by the doctor, who held his watch in his hand, that there was time to save him by an antidote should he alter his mind, the czar refused, answering the second entreaty by simply waiting the man away, he by that time being unable to speak. It was given out that the czar had died from the effects of a severe chill, but those who knew the facts also knew that he had committed suicide rather than face defeat of his army."

Death of Mrs. Rebecca Schafer.

Mrs. Rebecca Schafer, wife of Mr. A. Schafer, of Little Rock, passed away Friday morning after an illness of several months. Mrs. Schafer had been a resident of Little Rock for a number of years. Shortly after her death, Mrs. Schafer's remains were taken to Little Rock, and although strangers before they had become thoroughly identified with the community, Mrs. Schafer was a loving, kind mother and in addition managing her own personal affairs with a great assistance to her husband in his early struggles in the mercantile world, and together they amassed quite a comfortable estate.

Mrs. Schafer was a daughter of Isaac Iseman, who in his day was a well known and highly respected business man of Darlington, mother, now 92 years of age, lives here and still resides at Little Rock. Her surviving brothers are: Manuel Iseman, of Chicago; Meyer Iseman and Benjamin Iseman, of Little Rock, and Isaac Iseman, of Darlington. Her children are: Sam Schafer, Rock; Mrs. I. Blum, of Darlington; Kornblut, of Latta, and Miss Annie Schafer, an unmarried daughter who resides at the Little Rock home.

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NEBRASKA UNIVERSITY STUDENT FUNDISHES IT IN TRANSFUSION OPERATION.

HIS BLOOD AT \$100 A QUART.

Mrs. L. C. Keck, the wife of a business man of Lincoln, Neb., owes her life to John Goodnough, a university student, whose home is in Chadron. Mrs. Keck was suffering from an acute attack of blood poisoning and her life was despaired of. As a last resort Goodnough consented to give the woman a quart of his blood. Goodnough was in need of money with which to continue his university work, and received \$100 for his blood.

The operation was performed and the woman is now on the road to recovery. The operation was performed and the woman is now on the road to recovery.

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