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NEWS OF THE COUNTY

NEWSY LETTERS FROM DIFFERENT SECTIONS OF THE COUNTY

COMING AND GOING OF PEOPLE

Little Rock Locals.

Mr. and Mrs. L. A. Manning and daughter, with Quince Berry, are sojourning at Glen Springs. From there they go to Hendersonville.

Mr. and Mrs. J. T. Rogers, of Blenheim, are visiting at the home of Mrs. Rogers' parents, Mr. and Mrs. Neill.

Quite an enjoyable affair was a surprise party by the young men of the town at Mr. J. W. Hamer's handsome country home, complimentary to the visiting young ladies, Miss Berch, of Florence, and Miss Lewis, who are the charming guests of Miss Mamie Young, on Romance avenue.

Mrs. Hood and children are back from a visit to Sumter.

Mr. and Mrs. Diebler are back home, after a delightful visit to relatives in Pennsylvania.

Mrs. Neill Berry has as her guest this week Mrs. Virginia Caine and children, of Lamar.

The surprise party was well attended by Dillon's young.

Mrs. and Mrs. N. A. Berry and family are back a delightful auto trip through Columbia to Orangeburg, passing through the famous Peterkin plantation at Ft. Motte. Crops were fine and the trip was made with little or no trouble.

Mr. and Mrs. W. C. Owen are at Southport for a month, Mr. Owen's church having given him a month's vacation.

Good rains have put the crops in a flourishing condition.

Little Rock continues to grow. New houses and improvements to old ones going on. We have one of the best towns in the State; small but still growing.

Quite a lot of the folks are off for their summer outings.

If this gets into print we will come again.

One of the Boys.

Carolina Items.

The meeting carried on for the last week by Rev. Mr. Atwood, of Kentucky, closed Sunday. Much interest was manifested.

Mrs. D. J. Alford left for Highsmith's Hospital Saturday for medical treatment.

John D. Gillespie, of Dillon, spent the week with friends in this community.

Mrs. W. J. Stone, of Clio, and sister, Mrs. J. T. Easterling, and children, of Dillon, spent several days last week at the home of their brother, Mr. M. J. McDonald.

Miss Carrie Mae Smith, of Hillside, N. C., visited friends in this community last week.

Miss Mattie Easterling, of Tatum, is visiting at the home of Mr. D. J. Alford.

Miss Mary McQueen, of Dunbar, spent several days last week with Misses Berta and Maggie McInnis. Misses Ruth and Geneva Morrison, of McColl, are visiting their aunt, Mrs. D. B. McInnis.

Mrs. Jesse Norton and children, of Little Rock, who have been visiting at the home of her aunt, Mrs. Rachel McInnis, returned home Sunday.

Miss Attie Alford, of Alfordville, is spending a few days at the home of her brother, Mr. D. J. Alford.

Archie Smith, of Rowland, is spending a few days with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. E. Smith.

Mrs. H. G. White, of Hayman, N. C., and Mrs. Della Walters, of Mullins, and Miss Gertrude McInnis, of Dillon, spent the week end at the home of Mrs. Rachel McInnis.

Misses Annie and Isla Weatherly, of Reedy Creek, visited their cousin, Miss Leola Smith last week.

Mr. and Mrs. J. A. Alford, of Dillon, spent the week end at the home of her parents, Mr. and Mrs. D. J. Alford.

Mrs. Will McInnis and children of Dillon, spent a few days last week with her brother, Mr. M. J. McDonald.

Miss Loretta McColl, of Tatum, was the guest of Miss Lizzie McColl last week.

Miss Ola McGregor and brother, Mr. Rupert McGregor, of Reedy Creek, were visitors in this community Thursday.

Mr. and Mrs. John McInnis, of Clio, spent Friday at the home of his mothers, Mrs. C. M. McInnis.

Miss Alexia Alford, of Alfordville, spent the week end with her cousin, Miss Jesse Alford.

Mrs. Neill McKinnon and children, of Maxton, were the guests of Mr. and Mrs. Jim McQueen last Wednesday.

Chums.

Bermuda Briefs.

Hot weather has prevailed in this community now for the past two or three days. The rain has held back and the farmers are killing grass.

Rev. S. B. Wilson filled his appointment at this place Sunday and Saturday and preached to large and attentive congregations.

E. V. Moody and David Miller, of Pleasant Hill section, were in this section on business last Monday.

Miss Gauss Harrelson, of Dillon, spent last week in this section visiting at the home of Mr. S. W.

TWO DROWN AT BEACH

YOUNG MAN AND YOUNG WOMAN OF CONWAY DEAD

LOSES HIS LIFE IN THE SURF

Exhausted in Attempt to Save Third Member of Party — Bodies Recovered.

Conway, July 20. — Special: A gloom was cast over Myrtle Beach and Conway this morning by the drowning of Richard Nichols, the 18-year-old son of Mr. and Mrs. Robert Nichols, and Miss Annie Sessions, the 12-year-old daughter of Mrs. G. Robert Sessions, both of Conway. Two sisters of Mr. Nichols, both younger than himself, were rescued from the surf by him, and in his efforts to save little Miss Sessions both were drowned. The drowned bodies were found within a short distance of the scene.

The sad tragedy occurred about 9 o'clock this morning. Quite a crowd of people were in bathing, not more than waist deep when a swell came in and knocked over the three Nichols children and Miss Sessions. Being unable to swim and unaccustomed to the surf bathing, it is thought that when the wave passed over them they lost control of themselves and became strangled. Young Mr. Nichols, seeing the condition of the girls, rushed to the hill with his little sister and went back in an heroic effort to save their companions, but being himself exhausted and tightly grasped by the young lady, together they went down.

One of the young ladies rescued suffered only from slight strangling, while it required a great deal of effort to revive the other. Young Mr. Nichols was cold when found, and several hours' work on young Miss Sessions failed to bring her to life.

News of the occurrence reached Conway only a short time after the arrival of the morning train here from Myrtle Beach. A physician was rushed to the scene by auto, and a short while following, a special train was run to the beach, which carried other physicians and a large number of townpeople. The two bodies were brought to Conway on the noon train and will be interred at Lakeside Cemetery tomorrow.

Young Mr. Nichols was the eldest son of the family and since the close of school here has been working with his uncle, W. Boyd Jones. He came into town yesterday afternoon to join his parents on a trip to the beach. His mother and other members were at the beach at the time of the tragedy.

His father had left him only about an hour, having come over on the morning train. Miss Sessions, widowed mother was also at the beach with her children.

JASPER COUNTY CARRIED 12 TO 1.

Will Be Forty-Fourth in State if Ousted.

Ridgeland, July 18. — Jasper county was placed on the map of South Carolina by a vote of 283 to 24, or 12 to 1, in today's election. In the race for the county seat Ridgeland won over Gillisonville by a vote of 235 to 61. The election passed off quietly, and without any disorder.

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Section 634 of the civil code of South Carolina outlining the duty of the General Assembly in the formation of new counties, provided that after the returns of an election on a new county have been canvassed by the commissioners of election and certified the result of the Secretary of State "the General Assembly at its next session shall create such new county if two-thirds of the qualified electors voting at such election shall vote in favor of such new county, and if all the constitutional requirements for the formation of new counties have been complied with of all which such general assembly must judge."

If the requirements have been met and the next legislature creates Jasper county, it will be the 44th county in South Carolina. — State.

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That which men call misfortune is but the shadow of a good.—Geo. MacDonald.

Steps.

Mr. B. A. Moody and family spent last Sunday night at the home of Mr. N. E. McQueen, of Calvary section, returning home Monday.

Mr. W. R. McCormick and family, of Calvary, spent Sunday in this section visiting friends and relatives.

It looks now as though the people of this section are going to lose their blacksmith. W. C. McKenzie is talking of quitting the job.

No marriages to report yet. Bye, Bye.

REUNION OF RED SHIRTS

THIRD ANNUAL CELEBRATION OF VICTORY OF 1877

A LARGE REUNION EXPECTED

John G. Mobley Accepts, in Behalf of Organization, Columbia's Invitation Extended by the Mayor.

The Red Shirt organization of South Carolina has accepted the invitation extended by W. H. Gibbes, mayor, to hold their next reunion in Columbia, and August 9 and 10 has been set as the dates. Two celebrations have been held by this organization in honor of the great Democratic victory of 1876 and the freeing of the people of this State from misrule, one at Anderson and one at Spartanburg.

As Columbia was the scene of much of the trouble of '76 and is the capital of the State it is extremely fitting that the third meeting should be held here. The officers of the organization will cooperate with the city of Columbia, and every endeavor will be put forth to make this the greatest celebration yet held and to make it such a success that Columbia will be the permanent place for the Red Shirts to gather.

Not only will the men who endured the hard times and wore the Red Shirts under the leadership of Hampton, Butler, Haskell, Gary and others be present but the descendants of the patriots, who suffered will also be asked to come and take an active part.

John G. Mobley, of Winnsboro, is commander-in-chief of the Red Shirts, and his letter of acceptance addressed to W. H. Gibbes follows:

"Dear Sir: On receipt of your invitation to have the next reunion of the Red Shirts of '76 in your city I communicated with prominent members throughout the State and have delayed this acknowledgement, waiting for responses to my communications. They have come, and I am pleased to state that with one accord they express the opinion that Columbia is the place to assemble to celebrate the patriotism that gave our State white supremacy and good government. To honor the memory of the great men who were our leaders, and to commemorate the endurance and devotion to our State of her sons. An epoch in our history that should never be forgotten. Two reunions since that eventful period have been held in Anderson and at Spartanburg. Both were well attended and full of patriotic sentiment, but the indications now are favorable for a great celebration at our capital that will surpass any gathering there in many years. In sending you this acceptance of your invitation, I appoint August 9 and 10, 1911, and I desire to express the appreciation of the organization. I have the honor to command of the kind and cordial manner in which it is expressed and for the pleasant references you make to me personally. With assurances of personal regard to you."

Letter to Mayor Gibbes.

In writing Mr. Mobley and asking the Red Shirts to meet in Columbia, Mayor Gibbes wrote a beautiful letter, speaking of the times endured by the people of the old Palmetto State. It is given in full below:

"John G. Mobley, Commander-in-Chief Red Shirts Organization. Dear Sir: It gave the citizens of Columbia much pleasure to note that at the meeting of your organization in Spartanburg you were elected to the office indicated by the above title. In the trying days of '76 men made history and boys were conscripted for duty as they were during the war. Even this writer who was then in his 15th year wore a red shirt, rode a mule and carried a torch in the procession, and had his derring-do ready for use in case of necessity. In those dark days this city, being the capital of the State, was a martyr and a sufferer. Our people remember with deep emotion those stirring days and the splendid bloodless victory which was fought and won under the leadership and direction of Hampton, Haskell, Butler, Gary and other hosts of compatriots. Therefore it would be especially pleasing to them if your organization could arrange to hold the next reunion in this city at such a period of the year as would be most suitable to your command and assure the largest possible attendance."

CROP CONDITIONS NEAR CLIO.

Rains Greatly Improve Situation—Lands Valuable at High Level.

Clio, July 23. — Special: The crop conditions in this vicinity have improved wonderfully in the past thirty days. Fine rains without down-pours or wind are falling with pleasing regularity. The corn crop is exceedingly fine. With no disaster from now on there can be safely estimated 75 per cent of cotton crop.

Land values remain at the top notch in this county. About two weeks ago a man in this town paid \$150 per acre for twenty acres about two miles from town in the Hebron section, and a few days ago resold the tract for \$200 per acre, both deals being spot cash. Numbers of people from here are buying lands in North Carolina, it being almost impossible to buy any hereabouts.

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A BOUNTIFUL HARVEST

THE PEE DEE PARTICULARLY BLESSED SAYS NEWS AND COURIER

THE BEST CROPS IN YEARS

News and Courier's Correspondent Visits the Pee Dee Section and Tells of Some Wonderful Crops.

Florence, July 23. — Special: Estimating crops is one of the most difficult tasks that men set for themselves; the results of these estimates quite often prove their uselessness. To declare at this time of year just how many bales of cotton and how many bushels of corn will be harvested from the present crop is uncertain business. But a peep at the growing crops, taken on an eighty mile automobile trip gives in a measure some idea of what may be expected from the lands viewed; conversation with representative farmers from many sections of the State also affords another means of, in a measure, determining what the results of this year's harvest will be. And while this correspondent does not essay to give estimates (for he has not consulted the cotton authority of the State) with the information gathered from many sources, it is not hazardous to state that the fields this year will yield one of the greatest harvests ever gathered by the farmers of the Pee Dee section of South Carolina.

A Bounteous Harvest.

The statement, however, should be qualified to some degree for it is certain that some sections of this country that have very poor crops — those sections where there was too much rain at one time and that were later hurt by the long drought. Then, too, late corn and cotton are very far below what is expected from the early plantings; besides, cotton, that was replanted will make but a poor showing. But taken as a whole the yields will be bounteous this year, and the crop will be a record-breaker. With some of the farmers in this country it will mean the pulling down of the old barns and the building of new ones, for the old will burst with the glorious fruits of the harvest.

That the farmers of the Pee Dee are expecting a fine crop may also be learned from the manner in which they themselves regard the situation. They say very little, and that is a significant attitude. All who know readily agree that the farmer himself is the most conservative of all who attempt to estimate growing crops; he fears to trust himself in the venture, he fears disaster and from the business standpoint, because of its effect on the market, he will not, as a usual thing, give utterance to his hopes. But on the other hand it he is convinced that there will be but poor harvest, there is never any doubt as to where he stands. This year the farmers are saying very little, but it is apparent that their hopes are high. And in these hopes a whole people join most heartily.

Cotton Crop.

In Florence county, on the road from the county seat to Olanta, are to be seen some of the finest fields of cotton to be found anywhere. The stalks are large and well-colored, and the fruitage is splendid. There are very few fields that have been drowned out or burned up in the drought; old cotton is healthy in appearance and wealthy in fruit. True, there are spots that are most discouraging, but they are rare, and then from Olanta on the road toward Timmonsville are still more fine fields. It was noticeable, however, that in the very southernmost part of Darlington county, skirted by the road taken, the crops were not so good, and in that immediate section of Florence county the same condition prevailed. Out from Timmonsville a mile or so there were also some fields that were not so good. But taken in the whole, the cotton crop seen on that eighty-mile jaunt is hard to beat.

Corn.

Corn is something beautiful to look at. Great fine stalks in broad fields present a most pleasing sight, and each of the stalks has its allotted ear of fruit. There are many prize acres of corn in the county, possibly more than sixty, and the planters are expecting great things from these acres. Jerry Moore had better look to his laurels or his fine record of last year will be equalled or outstripped by some one in this neck of the woods. There were seen also many fields of corn planted on the Williamson plan. The writer had the idea that his plan was not pursued so generally in this immediate section, but the trip Saturday convinced him not only of its general acceptance but of its obvious merit. The fields planted according to Williamson's method were among the very finest seen and the yield will be for these among the very best.

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A SERIES OF FIST FIGHTS

SPIRIT OF LAWLESSNESS ABROAD IN COLLETON COUNTY

THE RUFFIANS ATTACK EDITOR

The Ziegler Family Intimidates Court, Tries to Lick Editor, Raises a Rousing House and Gets a Good Whipping.

"If the case of the State vs. Louis Ziegler, charged with disorderly conduct in breaking up a religious service near Walterboro, is called for trial again in this town, somebody will certainly be killed and there may be all kinds of trouble." Such was the remark made on the street at Walterboro by a prominent citizen of that town.

It was in the course of a discussion before Magistrate Chaplin on Monday, which resulted in a near riot, several fistfights having occurred among the witnesses, the defendant and the editor of the Press and Standard. Mr. W. W. Smoak, being included among the list of belingerents. Later the foreman of the Press and Standard and Louis Ziegler had a mix-up.

The magistrate decided that he had no jurisdiction and refused to try the case. The correspondent of The News and Courier says the proceedings before the magistrate on Monday furnished something in the way of a sensation, which considerably jarred the unusually quiet days of the peaceful town of Walterboro.

The beginning of all the trouble finds its origin in the fact that the Rev. Mr. Williams, pastor of the Adventist church, about five miles from Walterboro, performed the marriage ceremony for young "Bill" Ziegler, some time ago, against the wishes of his father, and for which the elder Ziegler never granted forgiveness. Some days later a religious service was in progress at the Seventh Day Adventist church, conducted by the Rev. Mr. Williams.

The charge is that Ziegler went to the church to horse-whip or otherwise roughly deal with the object of his wrath. But the church people saw him first and the doors of the church were promptly barred against his entrance. He did not succeed in horsewhipping the preacher, but he did succeed in breaking up service that day, and that was the cause of all the trouble and fistfights at Walterboro.

When the case was called by the magistrate, two or three members of the church where the row originated, who were present as witnesses were not able to withhold their wrath, and proceeded with an attempt to give the defendant, who had just been brought into court, a thorough thrashing. Some say that Ziegler applied a vile epithet to S. H. Hlott, one of the prosecution's witnesses, and that Hott forthwith resented the insult via the fist route.

The noise of battle was too much for some of the brethren and they responded to its resistless call. Wounded feelings, disfigured countenances and general boost to fighting impulses were the results of this skirmish. Reports have it that the scene was pretty lively; that some prominent citizens of the community so far forgot their dignity as to seek exit through windows and other than the usual routes. The lawyers in the case escaped unhurt, his Honor was considerably spared, and even the innocent bystander miraculously lives to tell of the affair.

The hard feeling seemed to exist principally among the people of the Beach section of the county, the scene of the original trouble, the community in which stands the Adventist church, of which the Rev. J. J. Williams is under-shepherd. The folks here seem to think that Ziegler has about as many friends as the Rev. Mr. Williams out in that community and feeling is strongly partisan. There were at least one hundred persons from that section of the county in town for the trial Monday, and if the case is again called there will be a general outpouring.

What is feared should the prosecution be continued is that a large percentage of the visitors will come accompanied with numerous and various implements of warfare, and that would be objectionable. Louis Ziegler, the casus belli of all that has happened is accused of having been somewhat under the influence of scrap-inspiring liquids on Monday, else he would not have been so day, else he would not have been so inclined to precipitate unpleasantness.

The story goes that after the hearing had been concluded, Ziegler declared war against the editor of the Press and Standard, and proceeded to institute a search for the offending representative of a free and untrammelled press, W. W. Smoak, the object of his quest, was soon located nearby and another fight which occurred at one of the principal corners in the business section of town. In the encounter Ziegler was worsted.

The fighting spirit was in the air, and there was more to follow. It appears from general comment that while Mr. Smoak was there with the genuine pugilistic goods, he was not, after all, the real fighting editor of the Press and Standard. Mr. Claude Graves, also of the Press and Standard, missed the beginning of the rucus, but he finished it in great style according to all accounts. It appears that Mr. Graves just let

BLUE AND GRAY MEET

FEDERALS AND CONFEDERATES MEET AGAIN AT MANASSAS

THE ROUT OF THE FEDERALS

Fifty Years Ago Lee and Longstreet Led Confederate Forces to Victory at This Historic Spot.

Manassas, Va., July 21. — The Blue and the Gray marched across the fields of Manassas to meet each other again to-day. This incident, unique in history, the meeting of Federal and Confederate veterans on the field where they fought a mighty battle just fifty years ago, attracted as witnesses the President of the United States, the Governor of Virginia, the home of the Confederate capital, and visitors from many States.

It was the crowning feature of the Manassas peace jubilee and reunion which began last Sunday with a sermon on the court house lawn by Rev. H. N. Couden, chaplain of the House of Representatives