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PRINCIPAL EVENTS OF WEEK IN CAROLINA'S CAPITAL CITY

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Columbia, Nov. 1.—The State fair opened Monday morning under favorable circumstances, the weather being clear and cold. To the casual observer the crowd does not seem to be as large as in former years. There are no attractions on the streets of Columbia and no preceptible decorations.

Thursday, the banner day of the fair, will be additionally attractive this year, on account of the Farmers' union meeting. It is estimated that there will be several hundred farmers at the fair Thursday.

Saturday the annual meeting of the directors of the South Atlantic Baseball league was held here in the Jerome hotel. W. R. Joyner, of Atlanta, was reelected president of the league. It was decided to increase the league next year to eight cities instead of six cities. Charleston and Albany, Ga., will be the two new members of the league.

Capt. John G. Capers convened his "lilly white" State Republican convention here Thursday, and not an ebony speck soiled its immaculateness. Capt. Capers claimed that the calling of the convention was for the purpose of putting a white Republican ticket in the field, and, as far as possible, to eliminate the negro and his avicious clutch from the Republican party in the State. One hundred and thirteen delegates attended the convention.

President Taft did not give his official sanction to the convention, and Postmaster General Hitchcock forbade any of the Federal officeholders of the State attending the convention. President Taft, knowing that his renomination by the national Republican party is not at all certain, would not recognize the convention, fearing that by so doing he would antagonize the negroes, thereby alienating many negro votes in the national convention in 1912. W. J. C.

"Coke" Dealer Arrested.

Mack Fraser is a Fort Mill negro who left this community several years ago for the community's good, after serving a sentence on the county chain-gang for stealing flour from a local merchant. Mack is opposed to manual labor and is not often caught doing any real work, though he did work his legs faster than usual getting out of Fort Mill Saturday afternoon. For some time Mack has been coming from Charlotte to Fort Mill regularly on Saturday morning. So regular had become his visits that Police Officer Potts suspected that he was engaged in some kind of get-rich-quick scheme. Saturday morning the officer arrested Mack and his suspicions were partly confirmed when he found upon the negro an eight-ounce bottle of cocaine. The cocaine was confiscated and Mack was locked up. But for want of witnesses to testify that Mack had been retailing the deadly drug, he was released from the station house Saturday afternoon and told to stay away from Fort Mill for two years.

Child Burned to Death.

The 6-year-old daughter of Wm. Baker, who lives near Taxahaw, in Lancaster county, was burned to death Saturday afternoon. The child, in company with her sister, was left at home by her mother for quite a while. Soon after the clothes of the child caught fire, Frank Craig, a neighbor, hearing the alarm, went to the rescue and arrived in time to tear off the yoke of the child's dress. The burns were so serious that death followed in a short time.

Goes to Houston Y. M. C. A.

Charlton P. Younts, whose old home was in Pineville, has moved from Columbia to Houston, Tex., to take a position as one of the secretaries of the Y. M. C. A. in that city. For several years Mr. Younts was secretary of the Columbia Y. M. C. A., but resigned last summer as a result of differences he had with some of the young men who roomed in the association building.

Fort Mill's Cotton Market.

Fort Mill has one of the best cotton markets in this section, although there is not as strong competition among the buyers here as is to be found on many markets. Farmers and others who bring their cotton to Fort Mill to dispose of it always receive "the top of the market." Friday morning 14 cents was the ruling price for the "fleece staple" in Fort Mill, while the best price obtainable on the Charlotte market was 13 3/4.

Nor is all the cotton sold on the Fort Mill market raised in this section, as an outsider who is acquainted with the fact that the farming area of the town is hemmed in on one side by the Catawba river and on the other by creeks marking the boundary between North and South Carolina might suspect. The knowledge that Fort Mill has a good cotton market has gone abroad, as was evidenced Saturday by the receipt of a load of cotton from the plantation of Mr. O. H. Bailes, a successful farmer of the Shopton neighborhood in Mecklenburg county. There were reasons of distance to be saved and the haul over macadam roads to induce Mr. Bailes to market his cotton in Charlotte, but he decided to sell it in Fort Mill, waiving the consideration that it is one mile farther to Fort Mill and that the roads are not so easily traveled.

Not Mrs. E. R. Patterson's Brother.

A story was printed in the Columbia Record a few days ago from an Ironton, Ohio, paper stating that a young man who gave his name as George Barber and his residence as Fort Lawn, Chester county, had just died in the Ohio city and that trouble was being experienced in locating his South Carolina relatives. Inquiry on the part of The Record elicited the information that George Barber was a son of Mrs. Elizabeth Barber, of Fort Lawn, and a brother of Clyde Barber, of Clio, and Mrs. Patterson, of Fort Mill. Mrs. E. R. Patterson, of Fort Mill, is a sister of Clyde Barber, who formerly lived in Fort Mill, but she had no brother named George Barber. Besides Clyde Barber, Mrs. Patterson has two brothers, Will and Jim Barber, living in Texas.

Thought Himself a Bullfrog.

The other day a fairly well dressed white man, apparently about 25 years of age, wandered into Sheriff Sear's office in Raleigh, N. C., and begun to unfold a choice bunch of yarns about his property. He gave his name as Bullfrog, and said he was married, and his wife was known as Mrs. Frog. It was soon seen that there was something radically wrong in "Mr. Frog's" belfry, and he was taken into custody. He was committed to jail under the name of "John Doe," and will be held pending an investigation as to his sanity. He could give no intelligible account of himself. His name was always "Bullfrog," and he didn't know from whence he came. He was apparently harmless, but for the protection of himself and the public it was considered best that he be locked up. The charge against him is vagrancy.

What the Farm Supplies.

When the world wants good cows, horses, sheep, hens and hogs it sends out to the farm and gets them.

When it wants good things to eat it writes a letter to the farmers and is never disappointed in getting just what it orders.

When it is looking for homes for the thousands in other lands who never knew what home really is, it sends to this great country of ours.

When the world feels the need of men to do great things, it reaches out its hand to the farm and says: "You have just the ones we want. Send them to us! It is a time of sore stress; do not fail us!"

And from the farms a steady stream of men goes to answer the call. You find them in offices, in the factories, in the stores of the great cities. They are doing much of the world's work today, and they will always be doing it.

OVER TWO HUNDRED DOLLARS LOST BY FORT MILL FARMER

Mr. W. H. Windle, one of Fort Mill township's well known farmers, had the misfortune Wednesday afternoon to lose from his pocket a roll of currency amounting to \$260, 13 20-dollar bills. All effort to locate the money has proved futile.

Wednesday afternoon Mr. Windle joined a friend at his (Mr. Windle's) home and the two drove in a buggy to the home of a neighbor, several hundred yards distant. Mr. Windle thinks the money slipped from his pocket and fell to the ground while he was in the buggy. He is confident that he had the money, wrapped in a piece of paper, in his trousers pocket when he left home.

After alighting from the buggy he missed the package and although a search of the road the buggy had traversed was made shortly after the loss was discovered, the money could not be found. Several wagons passed over the road meanwhile, however, and it is Mr. Windle's opinion that the money was found by an occupant of one of the wagons. The \$260 had been in Mr. Windle's possession only a few hours, being a part of an \$800 payment which he received at the Savings Bank of Fort Mill Wednesday morning for a lot of cotton he had sold on the local market.

Rock Hill's New Depot.

One of the most acceptable pieces of news announced in Rock Hill in many moons was that by Mayor Roddey Wednesday afternoon that all obstacles had been removed that have heretofore been in the way of the new depot and that the Southern railway authorities at Washington had stated that they are ready to proceed with the new building.

The plans call for a handsome double-decker to be placed about 150 feet farther north, on the same side of the main line, as the present depot, at the intersection of the main line and the Charleston division track. It will cost in the neighborhood of \$50,000.

Pee Dee Boy Breaks Corn Record.

A South Carolina boy, who resides in the Pee Dee section of the State, has broken the boys' world's record for corn production on one acre with a yield of 228 bushels and 3 pecks, thereby winning over \$500 in prizes and a free trip to Washington. The name of the boy has not yet been disclosed by the farm demonstration work of the national government, under whose auspices the corn was grown, but the statement is made that he is the son of a minister and that the record-breaking yield was grown on the parsonage land. The largest yield recorded for a South Carolina boy last year was 152 1-2 bushels.

The "Unloaded Gun."

Some people have a habit of pranking with unloaded guns. The man who pranks with the unloaded gun is similar in many respects to the fellow who rocks the boat, says the Dillon Herald. Both are dangerous individuals. Recently the papers have contained several accounts of accidents and tragedies from "unloaded guns." There is a way of punishing such people without confining them in an asylum. The statutes provide a penalty and the penalty should be enforced. Section 359 of the acts and joint resolutions of the General Assembly for 1910 contains the following:

"That from and after the approval of this act it shall be unlawful for any person to present or point at another person any loaded or unloaded firearm, and anyone, on conviction therefor, shall be punished by fine or imprisonment in the discretion of the court: Provided, That nothing contained herein shall be construed to abridge the right of self-defense or to apply to theatricals or like performances."

This law has been in force nearly a year but so far we have heard of no convictions for any violation of its provisions.

W. O. BAILES AGAIN ADVERTISES FORT MILL MARRIAGE BUREAU

There seems to be no such thing as suppressing Willard O. Bailes, the ex-notary public, of Fort Mill township, as a "professional nuptialist." He is again seeking business as the "greatest marrying specialist the South ever knew," notwithstanding the fact that he has been deprived of his commission of notary public. So reprehensible had the conduct of Bailes' "marriage bureau" become to the good people of this community and to the better element of the citizenship of Mecklenburg county, N. C., that in 1906 Governor Heyward was induced to revoke Bailes' commission. But the revocation of his commission seems to have had the effect of putting Bailes under restraint only temporarily. He is again advertising for business and as formerly is issuing a schedule of his marriage fees.

Until a few weeks ago, little had been heard of Bailes in Fort Mill since Governor Heyward sought to close up his "bureau" in 1906. He had been out of the State for some time, there being an indictment against him in the York county court for adultery. But a rather unexpected turn in Bailes' domestic affairs influenced Solicitor Henry to quash the indictment and he is again residing at his home in upper Fort Mill township, conducting the affairs of his farm and trying to induce love sick swains and lassies to come to him to be made husband and wife.

Bailes' latest scheme of advertising his "marriage bureau" is a neatly printed post card which he is circulating generously throughout the country. The face of the post card bears a likeness of Bailes, printed in blue ink, with the following wording underneath it: "Squire Bailes, the greatest marrying specialist the South ever knew. Residence, York county, S. C. Nearest post-office, Pineville, N. C. Railroad station one mile." On the reverse side of the post card is the schedule of marriage fees, concluding with five lines of doggerel about his ceremony and kind treatment.

Ed Caton Pardoned.

After serving ten months of an 18-months sentence on the public roads of Mecklenburg county, Ed Caton is a free man, by pardon of Governor Kitchin. Caton was convicted in the Mecklenburg superior court of disreputable conduct. The pardon was secured from Governor Kitchin upon the representation that the health of Caton would be impaired if he continued on the roads the full 18 months. Caton is not unknown to the York county courts, having been convicted here several years ago of transporting liquor in violation of the dispensary law, for which he served 30 days on the chain-gang.

School Trustees Meet.

A called meeting of the board of trustees of the Fort Mill graded school was held Saturday morning at which matters looking to the welfare of the school were considered. A petition signed by the teachers of the school requesting that action be taken in a matter of which they complained was acted upon favorably. A resolution was also adopted inviting bids for the old academy building, which is to be sold at auction within a few weeks.

South Carolina's Corn Crop.

Newberry Herald and News.

It is stated that the corn crop in South Carolina this year is one of the largest in the history of the State. Corn clubs have been formed in the several counties and the children of the public schools have been interested in growing small patches of corn by the offering of prizes for the largest yield and so on.

The corn exposition is to be held in Columbia during December covering several of the Southern States, at which at least \$10,000 in prizes will be offered, and, in fact, it is stated that the prize money offered in South Carolina will aggregate \$30,000.

The Partridge Season.

On November 15 the partridge season opens in South Carolina. Prior to that date the birds are protected by law. It is a misdemeanor, punishable by a fine of \$10 for each offense, to kill a partridge in this State during the close season. A further provision of the law is that no game is allowed to be kept in cold storage, except in a private residence. Non-residents are forbidden to hunt in this State, except upon the payment of the hunter's license of \$10.

For several years a law has been in force in Mecklenburg county, N. C., forbidding the killing of partridge in that county. As a consequence Fort Mill township has become the hunting ground of many Charlotte sportsmen, not a few of whom ignore the law with respect to the hunter's license. Local sportsmen are hopeful that the law against non-residents will be enforced in this section this year.

Pat Rogers' Case Settled.

The case of the State against Pat Rogers, Fort Mill clothes cleaner, who was charged with assault of a high and aggravated nature upon Truman Magill, 15-year-old son of Mr. C. B. Magill, has been settled out of court by Pat paying a fine of \$20. Some weeks ago Pat and young Magill got into a difficulty and Pat struck the boy with his coat, in which was an open pocket knife. The knife cut the boy slightly about the shoulders. The case was to have been heard at the term of court which opens on the 27th.

Negro to Hang in Gaffney.

For the second time in the history of Cherokee county a jury has returned a verdict of guilty without a recommendation to mercy in a murder case. This verdict was rendered Friday by the jury in the case against Bud Hames, colored, charged with the murder of his wife in the country near Gaffney some months ago. The jury deliberated 15 minutes.

TROLLEY LINE MUST PAY \$75 FOR FIVE CENTS WORTH OF ICE

The Augusta and Aiken trolley line will have to pay William McIntosh the sum of \$75 for refusing to carry him as a passenger in one of its cars when he had 5 cents worth of ice, wrapped in a sack, in his hand. McIntosh was carrying the ice to a sick friend, but the conductor of the car he attempted to board said the ice was leaking through the sack and would not allow McIntosh to ride.

The jury decided that the ice was wrapped so it couldn't leak and the supreme court said that this settled that end of the transaction. "We can not say as a matter of law," writes Justice Jones, "that a small piece of ice carried under the arm is not personal baggage." The court points out that there was a rule of the company that passengers would not be allowed to carry bulky or dangerous packages and that the conductors had been instructed to not accept passengers carrying ice unless the ice was wrapped so it would not leak. Inasmuch as this issue was settled by the jury the supreme court upholds the verdict for \$75 for the plaintiff.

Graded School Honor Roll.

The honor roll of the Fort Mill graded school for the month of October is as follows:

Eighth Grade—Lucy Merritt, Mae White, Ethel Armstrong, Seventh Grade—Clarence Link, Frances Smith.

Sixth Grade—Ocey Hood, Lilian Potts, Floyd Moser.

Fifth Grade—Agnes Link.

Fourth Grade—Marjorie Blankenship, Malcolm Link, Ruth McLaughlin, Mary Spratt, Eula Patterson.

Third Grade—Atmar Adcock, Stephen Epps, Sara White, Beatrice Parks, Harry Bradford, Sadie Rodgers, Sophie Link.

First Grade—Elma Bradford, Hallie Griggs, Fravor Kimbrell, Ruby Plyler.

Fort Mill, S. C., November 1, 1910.

My Dear Sweetheart:

You need not postpone our wedding on account of not having enough money to buy your trousseau. If you will go to Massey's store you will find some beautiful hats at almost half the price the other stores ask for them. They have some sample hats that you can buy for less than wholesale prices. Think of it, a navy blue broadcloth suit for \$7.50. They have a lot of new silver, and fancy china, and lots of pretty things, so let's send out lots of invitations so we will get lots of presents. They have some beautiful rugs and art squares and maybe somebody will give us one of them. The new Harrisburg shoes that they have been selling so long are better and prettier than ever, and you know they hardly ever wear out, but last until you are tired of them. Be sure and go to Massey's or your money will not hold out anywhere else. Don't fail to take a peep at the new watches and jewelry and pick out the wedding ring while you are there. Meet me at Massey's store tomorrow.

Your devoted

Harry.

School Building For Sale.

The trustees of the Fort Mill Graded School will sell at public auction to the highest bidder for cash the old Academy building and lot at 11 o'clock on Saturday, November 26, in front of the Savings Bank of Fort Mill.

R. F. GRIER, Chairman.