

UNFORTUNATE PATRICIDE OCCURS IN WEST WATEREE

MERRAE KIRKLAND IS SHOT AND INSTANTLY KILLED BY WILLIE KIRKLAND.

Willie Kirkland, a white man in the Kershaw county jail charged with the killing of his father, Merrae Kirkland, on Monday last.

The tragedy took place in West Waterree near Doby's Mill and from the evidence at the Coroner's inquest held that night it was stated that the older Kirkland had gotten angered at his wife and children on Sunday, and struck his wife several blows with a whip. She and her several children left their home and went to the home of Mr. J. N. Dunn. The following day the father followed them and in his effort to make the mother return home the son shot him in the head with a 38 Colt's revolver. Mr. Kirkland had succeeded in getting his wife in the buggy and when shot fell to the ground and expired immediately.

The elder Kirkland was regarded as a dangerous man when angered; was about 60 years of age, and a man of powerful build.

When the remains of the dead man were viewed by the Coroner a bottle of strychnine and two large knives were found in his pockets.

The jury empaneled to hold an inquest, with Mr. Wynne as foreman, brought in the following verdict: "That Merrae Kirkland came to his death by a revolver shot in the hands of Willie Kirkland, his son."

Mr. Kirkland accompanied Corporal G. L. Dixon to Camden and surrendered to Sheriff Trantham Tuesday. When seen at the jail by a Chronicle man Mr. Kirkland was asked for a statement, but would not talk of the affair.

AGRICULTURAL TRAIN

Spent Yesterday in Camden.—The Lectures and Exhibits Good.

The Clemson Winthrop demonstration train in its stop in Camden yesterday has shown a great many valuable things to those that visit the cars, not the least valuable of which is the spirit in which the work is carried on. There is no idea of making the train an exhibit of which the colleges are doing, but to give to the rural districts some real educational demonstrations. Only such apparatus is carried as will accrue to this end.

The whole is pitched on an intensely practical scale.

The live stock experts on the car show the cattle, pointing out in lectures the good and bad points of the animals at hand. One of the cars is given over to the stock; there are three types of cattle, the dairy, beef and dual purpose stock. The Jersey and Holstein for milk and beef, which is the cow for the average small farmer. The specimens on the car are particularly fine. The pair of Purcheron mares, weighing 1,650 and 1,710 lbs, are intended to show the type best for the rearing of good farm mules.

Dr. D. N. Barrow is in charge of the train. This is the first of its kind ever run in the South, for instead of making 4 or five stops a day, it stays a whole 12 hours at one place and really teaches. Associated with Dr. Barrow are Prof. Archibald Smith, head of division of animal industry; Mr. T. F. Jackson who is loaned from the cotton seed crushers' association; Dr. E. Barnett, veterinarian of the Experiment Station, and Prof. A. F. Conrad, who lectures on insects.

Miss Hyde, in charge of the Winthrop exhibit, is trying with her two assistants, graduates of Winthrop, to do for the women what Prof. Barrow is for the men. Easier methods of housework, more system as lightening the daily load, economy in labor and in material things—the brightening of the home by removing all that is unnecessary is the purpose of the Winthrop demonstration. Utensils are shown and used before the eyes of the audience; the most improved methods of cooking, etc., are dwelt on in talks by Miss Hyde.

Dr. Barrow is genuine in his praise of the railroads that have so much aided in the work. They have afforded cars and crews and special transportation—the Southern crew has been with the train now

BLANEY NEWS NOTES.

Correspondent Tells of Improvements and Other Matters of Interest in His Burg.

Blaney, S. C., July 6.—The farmers over here are suffering very much for water. Since our last communication to The Chronicle we have had a tremendous shower of lice and bugs which has proven very disastrous to the cotton crop. However we are proud to note that they are disappearing now.

Mrs. Milton Peake, who went to the hospital at Columbia some days ago for an operation, died on the 3rd inst. Her funeral was preached and her remains interred in the Pine Grove cemetery on the 4th inst. Mrs. Peake was an affectionate wife and a devoted mother.

She leaves a husband and six children, together with a host of relatives and friends to mourn her loss. The deceased was a daughter of Mr. W. Branham, of the Rabon's Cross Roads.

The Blaney Hub and Buggy Co., is contemplating erecting a concrete building on Main street for the purpose of doing a general wholesale business in groceries, hardware, crockeryware, bagging, ties, etc.

We are getting along nicely on the new well on Church Street. Hope to get a plenty of good water there soon.

Capt. Earl H. Bowen is contemplating putting up an industry at this place consisting of a cotton gin and grist mill. Capt. Bowen is a fellow who knows no failure.

Rev. A. E. C. Pittman is preaching this week for the people in the vicinity of Ridgeway and Blythe-wood.

Rev. T. J. Cupstid and family are visiting relatives and friends in Georgia and Florida.

Mrs. Meares is visiting relatives and friends in North Carolina.

Farmers to Receive Weather Reports by Phone.

Through an arrangement perfected between the United States Weather Bureau and the Southern Bell Telephone Company, more than 25,000 Southern farmers will receive the daily weather reports by telephone beginning soon.

The daily weather reports will be furnished the Telephone Company by the Weather Bureau, and the report will be read to the farmers by telephone operators. At a given hour each day a general alarm will be sounded, calling every farmer to the telephone. When they are all assembled the report will be read. Any farmer who is not able to answer the signal and hear the report has the privilege of calling the operator and securing the information.

Almost every farmer's telephone line connected with the Bell System has six or more subscribers, and by reading the report to each line the work can be speedily accomplished.

This is the first comprehensive and systematic effort to furnish this information without cost to the farmers of the South. The spread of the telephone in the rural districts in the past few years has made it possible to reach such a large number of farmers through the Bell System, and the dissemination of weather news by telephone is one of the many practical uses for the telephone on the farm.

The territory of the Southern Bell Company covers the states of North and South Carolina, Georgia, Florida, Alabama, Virginia and the southern half of West Virginia.

Heath Springs Man Gets Good Position in Columbia.

Mr. J. A. Stoddard, of Heath Springs, is here to become chief clerk in the office of the State superintendent of Education, vice Mr. Lueco Gunter, resigned. Mr. Stoddard has been principal of Heath Springs public school for four years.—Columbia Record, July 4th.

Gent's Furnishing Store.

Baruch-Nettles Co., are cleaning up and remodeling the store formerly occupied by the Camden Millinery Co., preparatory to opening one of the finest gent's furnishing establishments in this section. When they open for business they say it will be no trouble for men to fit themselves from head to foot.

for two weeks and Dr. Barrow can not say too much to their credit as making the work possible.

GENERAL PROGRAMME OF MANASSAS JUBILEE

BLUES AND THE GRAYS WILL MEET AGAIN ON OLD BATTLE GROUNDS.

The Chronicle is in receipt of a copy of the Manassas Journal, of Manassas, Va., a neatly printed paper containing illustrations of interesting war time scenes, and a programme of the Manassas National Jubilee, the chief event to be held on July 21 of this year. Among the notables and interesting events on this day will be shown in the following programme:

"All surviving veterans of the Great War of 1861 and 1865 are invited to assemble on Henry Hill on the morning of July 21, 1911, at 9 o'clock. The Henry House yard will be reserved for the veterans who will be welcomed at 10 o'clock by Colonel Edmund Berkeley, of the Eighth Virginia, and by Senator Thomas S. Martin. General John E. Gilman, Commander in chief of the Grand Army of the Republic, and Gen. Geo. W. Gordon, Commander in chief of the United Confederate Veterans, have accepted invitations to be present and have been asked to speak. Members of the Senate and House Military Committees, who served in the war, have also been invited. These include Senators Henry A. DuPont, Francis A. Warren and Joseph Forney Johnston, and Representative Thomas W. Bradley. General Julian S. Carr and Major D. R. Lowell have been invited to represent the organization known as "The Blue and the Gray and their Sons."

"Colonel Robert M. Thompson, of New York, has signified his intention to present every veteran with a souvenir badge, and is expected to accompany his generous gifts with appropriate remarks. The time will be taken up with five and ten minute talks from veterans until noon. Then the veterans will be asked to form in two lines and to march to Henry Hill, 200 yards distant and each will clasp the hand of his former foe. Such a scene has never been witnessed in the history of the world and the committee is arranging to reproduce it into a living picture by the best photographic art. The state will be represented by its finest militia companies and the United States army by two troops of cavalry.

"There will be a general picnic and love feast. The Daughters of the Confederacy and other ladies will serve coffee and other refreshments.

"Between 2 and 4 o'clock the veterans and their friends are asked to return to the town of Manassas, where a stand and seats have been provided under the shade of the trees. Here the veterans will be met by forty-eight young ladies, each representing a state in the Union, standing with hand clasped in hand, forming a circle representing the Re-United States, and singing the Manassas National Anthem known as the "New America."

"Addresses will be made by the Governor of Virginia and by the President of the United States and the proceedings of the great day of the Jubilee will come to a close at 6 o'clock."

Negro Died Suddenly.
Marcus Durant, a negro in the employ of the Sumter Coffin and Casket Co., died suddenly Saturday at the factory. He was at work during the forenoon, but feeling unwell stopped work and laid down on a pile of boards. Shortly afterwards he rolled off the boards and when some of the other workmen went to his assistance he was unconscious. Coroner Flowers who was summoned to make an investigation stated that the man died of apoplexy. The body of Durant was sent to Camden for burial. He was 62 years old and was a quiet and hard working negro.—Sumter Daily Item.

Shutford-Powe.
What was possibly the last marriage in Kershaw county without a license took place at the residence of Mr. J. L. Guy, of Camden, on Friday night last, June 30th, when Mr. Jacob L. Shutford, of Blahopville, and Miss Florence M. Powe, of Cheraw, were married by Rev. H. B. Brown, pastor of the Lyttleton Street Methodist Church. The bride is a sister of Mrs. J. L. Guy.

PARTY SPENDS PLEASANT DAY AT THE STATE FARM

GLOWING DESCRIPTION OF MR. AND MRS. GARDNER'S HOSPITALITY.

We were among a number of fortunate ones invited to spend the Fourth with the family of Mr. W. R. Gardner, the manager of the State Farm, and the day proved a most enjoyable one in every particular.

The weather, though warm, was in a happy mood, as was our party, as we boarded the 10:05 train for our ride, and when we drew up at the station, a short while later, we found Mr. Gardner and his trusty driver, Sheppard, already waiting for us with a capacious carriage and splendid horses. A delightful drive, over a perfect roadway, carried us straight through the promising crops of the State Farm, and brought us to the hospitable home of our host. Our approach afforded a beautiful view of the buildings of the Farm, gleaming white through the rich green foliage of the trees. On our arrival we were delivered unto the tender mercies of Mrs. Gardner, and her lovely daughters, who proceeded to make the day an ideal one.

There are many things to interest one at the State Farm—beginning with Miss Eva's French poodle and ranging on up through the Chinese geese and pea fowls, to the blood hounds in the pen and the prisoners in the stockade, to the splendid growing crops. The farm is kept in the most perfect condition, a proof of Mr. Gardner's thrift. While we sat upon the portico enjoying some fine fruit, as far as the eye could reach were green fields of cotton and corn. Mr. Gardner cultivates twelve hundred acres of land, and this year has thirty-eight mules and seventy hands.

The Governor has recently pardon ed some of the convicts at the Farm, and His Excellency's clemency has removed the very good cook that served Mrs. Gardner, for nine years, but on the occasion of our visit a most efficient substitute was found, as our senses attested at the noon hour. We have heard of tables that groaned under their burdens of good things to eat, and now we have seen one. Everything used on the table was home produced.

The afternoon passed all two speedily away with music and laughter and pleasant conversation and as the train hour drew near Mr. and Mrs. Gardner again showed themselves the ideal host and hostess by "speeding the parting" as they had "welcomed the coming guest," and five minutes of train time found us at the station, thanking Mr. Gardner for a day of thorough enjoyment.

Oh, ye, to whom an invitation to visit the State Farm may some time be extended, remember that you are asked to be the guest of Mr. and Mrs. W. R. Gardner and their charming trio of daughters, and hasten to accept.

UNION RE-ORGANIZED.

Farmers Meet and Elect Officers. Delegates Appointed.

On Saturday last at the Court House in Camden the Farmers' Union for Kershaw County was re-organized by the election of the following officers:

President—Newton Kelly.
Vice-Pres.—W. W. Croxton.
Sec. and Treas.—J. S. Brown.
Mr. J. W. Reed, State Secretary, was present and made an address.

It was moved and carried that one man from each township be appointed to work up interest in the Union. In accordance therewith Mr. Newton Kelly was appointed for West Waterree; Mr. P. T. Bruce for DeKalb; Mr. W. W. Croxton for Flat Rock and Mr. D. M. Kirkley for Buffalo.

Messrs. Newton Kelly and S. H. Mickle were elected delegates to the State Union which meets in Columbia on the 26th of July.

The election of a Business Agent and Chaplain was postponed until the next meeting which will be on the first Saturday in August.

Annual Picnic.

The annual picnic of the Liberty Hill Rifles will be held at Liberty Hill on Saturday, July 15. All are cordially invited to attend.

LIBERTY HILL NOTES.

Interesting Communication From Our Correspondent in Northwest Kershaw.

Liberty Hill, S. C., July 6.—As it has been some time since we have seen any Liberty Hill news, perhaps a few dots will be appreciated.

The crops in this community are needing rain pretty badly.

Misses Lizzie and Annie Richards have returned home after a visit to their uncle, Rev. C. M. Richards, of Davidson, N. C.

Mrs. Ruth Bell, Mr. and Mrs. L. A. Detwiler and little son, of Florida, are visiting Mrs. Bell's sister, Miss Laura Matheson.

Miss Mary Adams, who has been visiting Miss Sadie Richards, of this place, has returned home.

Mr. D. N. Matheson, of Winnsboro, is spending some time with his aunt, Miss Laura Matheson.

Mr. Matheson is just recovering from an attack of typhoid fever.

Mrs. G. R. Clements and little daughter, Frances are visiting relatives in Camden.

Misses Mabel Halle and Marie Cunningham are at home again.

Miss Cunningham has been visiting relatives in Chester and Miss Halle has been visiting Miss Gladys Twitty, at Heath Springs.

The young people of this place enjoyed a party given by Miss Lou Perry in honor of the birthday of her brother, Mr. Clyburn Perry, on last Wednesday night. Delightful refreshments were served at ten o'clock and again as the party disbanded. Those present were Misses Louise Jones, Clara Johnston, Rena Clements, Sadie Richards, Beattie Floyd, Callie Jones, Dot Matheson, Jessie Clements, Lou Perry, Louise Johnston, Mary Adams, Eva Perry and Messrs. Edward Halle, John Clements, Steve Perry, Prileau Richards, Ed. Clements, Belton Cureton, Stephen Richards, Lewis Perry, Walter Cunningham and Clyburn Perry.

The annual picnic of the Liberty Hill Rifles will be at Liberty Hill on July 15th. Everyone is invited. So come and bring well filled baskets.

Miss Nannie Floyd, of Frederick, Md., is visiting her parents, Gen. and Mrs. J. W. Floyd.

Mr. Willie Floyd, of Columbia, came over Saturday to spend some time with his parents, Gen. and Mrs. Floyd.

FIRST MARRIAGE LICENSE

Granted to Joshua Bartley, of Florida, and Celia E. Williams, of West Waterree.

The first marriage license in Kershaw County was issued on Tuesday last. The applicants were Joshua L. Bartley, of Pottsburg, Fla., and Celia E. Williams, of West Waterree, both colored.

Not being familiar with the law, Bartley made application without his prospective bride, and when told that she too must appear he was greatly disconcerted as his bride was fully fifteen miles away and all preparations had been made for the nuptials at 1 o'clock the next day and to make the trip to her home, back to town and back to her home again in time would be almost an impossibility. But when told that the law must be complied with Bartley got busy and before dark had his bride in the Probate office, where they both took the necessary oath and the license was forthwith issued, upon the payment by the groom of the \$1 fee.

They left smiling and happy with every prospect of meeting the important engagement.

How to Enter the Office.
Advance to the inner door and give three raps. The devil will attend to the alarm. You will give your name, postoffice address and number of years you owe for the paper. You will be admitted into the sanctum and will advance to the center of the room, where you will address the editor with the following countersign: Hold the right hand about two feet from the body with the thumb and fingers clasping a ten-dollar bill, which you will drop into the editor's hand, saying, "Were you waiting for me?" The editor will grasp your hand and the bill, pressing it, and will say, "You bet!"—Thayer (Mo.) District.

5 or 6 doses "666" will cure any case of Chills and Fever. Price 25c

COTTON CROP CONDITION OF SOUTH LOOKS GOOD

INDICATIONS ARE THAT CROP WILL BE OF 14,425,000 BALES.—INCREASE.

Washington, July 3.—The condition of cotton on June 25 was estimated by the Department of Agriculture at 88.2 per cent. of normal, compared with 87.8 May 25, 80.7 last year and 80 the 10-year average.

By states the condition is: Virginia 98; North Carolina 89; South Carolina 84; Georgia 94; Florida 96.

Dr. N. A. Murray, acting chief of the crop reporting board of the department of agriculture, made the following statement subsequent to the issuance of the cotton crop report.

"The report shows the condition of the crop higher than on any corresponding date in the last ten years. A month ago the general condition was 8.5 per cent above the ten year average. Today it is 10.3 per cent above the ten year average. The acreage of cotton this year is about 35,000,000, allowing for the average amount of abandonment, about 1,000,000 acres. Indications are that approximately 34,000,000 acres of cotton will be harvested."

The condition indicates a probable yield of 202.8 pounds per acre, which on 34,000,000 acres, would mean 6,895,000,000 pounds or about 14,425,000 bales.

"This calculation allows for the average depreciation. The critical period in cotton growth is in August and September, so any estimate at this time must be taken with some allowance.

"The largest previous production of cotton in this country was in 1904 when it aggregated 13,679,954 bales of five hundred pounds each."

Improving Our Plant.

Mr. J. D. McFadden, the clever and popular salesman for the Keystone Type Foundry, was here on Wednesday. The Chronicle placed a large order for handsome job faces, rules, borders, etc., which will make this one of the completest job establishments in this section. Mr. McFadden is an artist in his line, being a great help to printers in selecting the most attractive and labor-saving appliances, and is very popular with the printer men.

An Appreciated Compliment.

The Camden Chronicle has discarded the patent outside it has been running so long, added a Junid Rintype to its plant and has all at once become a first class county paper. We desire to congratulate Editor McDowell on the remarkable improvement The Chronicle is showing editorially as well as mechanically and to offer him the benefit of our belief that the people of Camden and Kershaw county will certainly measure up to every requirement of the new situation. The Chronicle now deserves more support than any Camden paper has ever deserved within the recollection of this writer and it will get what is coming to it.—Yorkville Enquirer.

Our hats are off to you! We appreciate the above—especially as it comes from the publishers of a paper which has long been known as the best semi-weekly in the state, if not in the South.

Mrs. Corbett Entertains.

One of the most pleasant social functions of last week was the bridge party on Friday morning, with Mrs. Jno. W. Corbett as hostess and Mrs. Hughes, of Charleston as honor guest. Mrs. Corbett is well versed in the art of entertaining, and this occasion was not an exception. A delightful salad course was served, followed by cake and ice. Mrs. LeRoy Davidson was the fortunate winner of the score prize—a pair of silk hose. The guests' prize was also a pair of silk hose. Those who enjoyed Mrs. Corbett's hospitality were Messdames Hughes, of Charleston, E. F. Boykin, Atlanta, Wm. Shannon, Ida Heath, Lucy Boykin, D. A. Boykin, C. C. Whitaker, Douglas Richardson, B. O. Boykin, LeRoy Davidson, Miller Boykin, L. T. Mills, J. W. Cantey, Jno. Cantey, J. T. Hay, W. L. DePae, Burton DeLoache and Miss Mary Burnett.