

DEATH CHAIR READY.

First Execution to Take Place Next Monday.

At the last session of the general assembly a measure was passed substituting electrocution for hanging in South Carolina in capital cases. The measure provides that all prisoners under sentence of death must pay the penalty at the state penitentiary. After several months' work the death house has been completed at the state prison and the electric chair has been installed. According to an order from the governor the first prisoner to be electrocuted will be William Reed. The electrocution will be held on August 5. Reed was to have been electrocuted in July. The building was not completed, so the governor, upon request of Capt. D. J. Griffith, the superintendent of the penitentiary, reprimed several prisoners until August. Other prisoners under sentence of death are: Isaiah Butler, August 14; John Cole, August 22; Ernest Mulwee, August 30. The execution of Sam Hyde, the Anderson county man, who was convicted for killing his wife, has been set for September 3. A commission of physicians was appointed to examine Hyde and make a report on his sanity. Should the report be favorable the governor will be urged to commute the sentence to life imprisonment.

The electrocution building was erected under the supervision of the board of directors of the state penitentiary and Capt. Griffith. The plant as completed cost about \$8,000. The new building which is 60 by 40 feet is located near the main building and is of brick. The work on the building commenced early in June and everything has been completed.

It was erected under the supervision of A. W. Todd, the Charleston architect. The structure is of red brick, one story high, with a white inside finish. A score of large oblong windows, just below the edge of the roof give plenty of light to all sections.

The detention cells, six in number, are found to the right of the entrance. Each cell is well lighted, roomy and contains a toilet arrangement. Heavy iron bars are placed across the front of the cell. There is a space about two feet between the bars and a steel network. This network is placed on the outside to prevent the giving of any instrument or poison with which a prisoner condemned to death might commit suicide. All visitors to the detention ward will be accompanied by a guard.

Under the terms of the electrocution law all prisoners condemned to death must be brought to the state penitentiary not more than 20 days nor less than two days before the date assigned for execution. The prisoners will be placed in the detention cells. At present there are four prisoners at the penitentiary awaiting execution. They are confined to the old prison building and will be transferred to the new building in a few days. The detention cells will be comfortably furnished. No provision has been made for heating the building. A large oil stove will probably be used in the corridors adjacent to the cells. The building and cells are so strongly and securely constructed that a guard will not be necessary. One of the guard towers is located on the front wall of the penitentiary near the new building. A full view of the death house can be had from the guard tower.

A hallway leads from the entrance through the building, the detention cells being on the right and the death warrant room on the left. The first door to the left leads to a small room about 6 by 6. Here a condemned prisoner will be brought and the superintendent of the penitentiary will read the death warrant, after which the prisoner will be led to the electrocution chamber by two guards. The electrocution chamber is about 20 by 10 feet and contains only the electric chair. The control of the electric power is placed in an opening in the wall to the rear of the chair.

The electric chair is made of oak and copper. The chair is about the size of an ordinary rocker. The arms of the prisoner will be strapped to the chair and a helmet of

THOUGHT LIFE IN DANGER

And Candidate for Woodmen Degree Shoots Team Leader.

Anderson, July 27.—Mistaking that part of the initiation where firearms are flourished and blank cartridges are exploded as meaning to do him bodily harm, Furman Bagwell, aged 21, a candidate being initiated into the mysteries of the Woodmen of the World, rushed from the lodge room and snatched his pistol from his coat hanging in the ante room, hurried back into the lodge room and fired three shots in rapid succession at Milton Taylor, aged 26, who was leading the degree team in the initiation.

The first shot hit Taylor in the abdomen, fearfully tearing the intestines. The bullet hid itself in the spinal column. The second bullet hit Taylor on the right hip and buried itself in the hip bone. The last shot struck Taylor on the back of the neck and glanced off.

This occurred in the Friendship Lodge room, three miles northeast of Honea Path.

Taylor was able to tell of the shooting after he came from under the influence of an anaesthetic. He says that he and Bagwell were warm friends; that Bagwell became excited and in the heat of excitement lost his head and rushed for his pistol, evidently thinking that he (Taylor) meant to do him serious bodily harm.

Belton, July 29.—Milton Taylor, the young man who was shot by Furman Bagwell, while Bagwell was being initiated into the order of the Woodmen of the World at Friendship, near Honea Path, last Friday night, died at the hospital at Anderson last night.

Lime For The Soil.

Washington, July 26.—An investigation made by President Finley, of the Southern Railway system has shown that experts in the chemistry of soils are unanimously of the opinion that lime in some form will benefit many of the soils of the southeastern states by correcting their acidity and improving their mechanical condition.

President Finley has secured the opinions of experts throughout the southeastern states and also in the eastern and middle states, in some of which experiments with the use of lime have been carried on for a long series of years. These opinions have been published in an illustrated folder which is being widely distributed among the farmers in the territory traversed by the lines of the Southern Railway system.

Farmers and others interested in this subject may obtain copies of this folder by addressing W. W. Finley, president, Southern Railway Co., Washington, D. C.

In Ambush.

"Slow down chauffeur. I see some curious red ferns."

"Better lemme keep going sir. I think those are the local constable's red whiskers."

copper will be placed over the head. The wire is tapped to the helmet. A copper band will be securely fastened to the right ankle. This band will connect with a wire that carries the current from the body to the ground. This equipment provides for 2,000 volts to be sent through the body. The lever will be turned around to the 2,000-volt amrk for 15 seconds and then reversed to the 200 mark. Should the prisoner show signs of life a second charge of 2,000 volts will be given. The electrocution room is well lighted by three large windows about 10 feet from the floor. There are also two lights above the chair. Before each execution the current will be turned on and a board covered with electric bulbs will tell whether the apparatus is working well.

Just whom will apply the current has not been decided upon. The electrocution is under the direction of the superintendent of the state penitentiary. Capt. Griffith has this matter under consideration. It is very likely that an expert electrician will be employed to turn the current.

Adjoining the electrocution room is the autopsy room where the executed prisoners will be examined by physicians.—The State.

FORMER CAMDEN BOY

Married Last Thursday to Columbia Young Lady.

Thursday evening at 6 o'clock Miss Helen Gertrude Young was given in marriage to Armfield Fant Brown at her father's residence on Barwell street.

On account of recent bereavement in both families, it was a quiet home wedding, but its exclusiveness is nowise detracted from its beauty. Great bunches of white asters and elder blossoms were banked in profusion on piano, mantel, and in every nook and corner transforming the place into a veritable bower of beauty. The stairway was twined in English ivy contrasting with the white background.

At the strains of the bridal chorus from Lohengrin rendered by Miss Marie Monckton, Miss Mamie Young, a sister of the bride, came down the stairway followed by the bride with her father. As they came under the arch dividing the parlors, the bride-groom advanced from a side door, and together the young couple stood before Rev. Dr. E. O. Watson, who made them man and wife according to the service of the Methodist church.

After the ceremony, delicious cake and wine were served in the dining room. The table cloth used at the bride's table was over 100 years old and has figured in several notable weddings. While Miss Edna Kronenburg rendered several beautiful piano selections the young couple left for their wedding trip. They will travel through Canada. The bride was attired in a gossamer gown of handsome dark blue silk. Miss Mamie Young, the maid of honor, was gowned in an imported embroidered blue lingerie and carried a huge bunch of pink carnations.

The bride is the elder daughter of Mr. and Mrs. J. E. Young of this city. She is a Converse girl and a young woman of many excellent qualities and attractions. The groom is the only child of Mrs. Nancy Keen Brown, the authoress, and is a promising young business man. Both parties enjoy the esteem and confidence of scores of friends.—Sunday's Columbia Star.

Mr. Brown is the son of Mrs. Scot Brown, who formerly conducted the LaFayette Hall here, and is well remembered by his Camden friends.

Dr. Robert M. Muldrow.

Mayesville, July 22.—Dr. Robert M. Muldrow died this morning at 8 o'clock at his residence, about four miles from here. He has been in failing health for the past year, and quite ill for the last week. He was 80 years of age, and a confederate veteran. He was at one time one of the prominent physicians of Sumter county, but had retired from practice for several years. The deceased was a man of most amiable qualities and ever popularly known all over the county.

The funeral services were held at Salem church, Tuesday afternoon at four o'clock.

Mr. Henry Thompson Dead.

Mr. Henry J. Thompson, one of Lancaster county's most prominent citizens and well known farmers, son of the late Ludwig P. Thompson, died suddenly Thursday afternoon at his home in the Dwight section. He was about 65 years of age. He was a gallant soldier of the Confederate army in which he served with bravery and distinction until the surrender at Appomattox. His wife before her marriage was Miss Mary Hinson, daughter of the late Daniel Hinson, and besides her, he leaves surviving him the following sons and daughters: Rev. E. A. Thompson, of Bethune; Rev. E. O. and Vernon Thompson, of Pageland; Charles Thompson, Mason Thompson, Henry Thompson, Otis Thompson, Miss Mabel Thompson, Mrs. T. A. Dabney and Mrs. Jane Riley. His remains were interred Friday afternoon at four o'clock in the Upper Camp burying ground.—Pageland Journal.

FOR SALE.

A limited supply of pears for preserving or pickling can be had at 1417 Broad street. Price 25c. per peck. Phone 119

HAVING FINE TIME.

Letter From Camden Boys in Camp at Anniston.

"Camp Pettus," Anniston, Ala., July 28.—Kershaw Guards Co. "A" sends greetings and many thanks to The Chronicle for the papers sent and can assure you they were appreciated and greedily read by all of our men. We have had no sickness and no trouble at all since arriving in camp. Were detailed to guard duty first day and had lots of work to do, but not a single man kicked on doing double sentry duty. Have had no opportunity to do any field work yet but will go out Monday morning. Had church at seven-thirty and all men are excused for the balance of the day. Some few have been granted leave to go to Birmingham, but most seem contented to stay in camp. We have an army canteen in two hundred yards of company street—can get all kinds of soft drinks, hot lunches and little extras for personal tent use. Since we have been in camp we have not seen one single drunk soldier. Capt. McMaster, of the Regular army, is detailed with our Regiment, and as he is an old Columbia man, find it very pleasant. With many thanks for the pleasant surprise in the shape of bundle of papers.

Thanks Those Who Helped.

The Civic League wishes to thank the citizens of the town, both white and colored for their hearty cooperation in the Clean Up week contest, to thank the Mayor and his splendid officers, Mr. W. D. Whitaker and Mr. John Wilson and the efficient, tireless and impartial judges who aided them so faithfully, also Messrs. Mathis and McDowell, Shannon Kirkland and Baxter, who so public spiritedly loaned the opera house and furnished the lights for the lecture given by Dr. Hayne. And to Miss Emma Haile for services as stenographer and typewriter.

The awards in the contest will be published next week, after a meeting of judges. The following rules governed the contest:

Size of lot to count, also permanent condition of lot.

Condition of stables, gardens and compost heap and pig pen to count.

No premises with pig pen, no matter how clean or large, to count except with negroes.

If difficult to decide between two places, the one with most sanitary, out houses, screened compost heaps, lime, etc., position of wells and out houses, to be given the preference.

Well mown grass plots to be considered sanitary, not necessarily bare ground, but no weeds or undergrowth.

No tin cans or other vessels, dead vegetation or stagnant water to be allowed in count.

All trash or garbage neatly piled up not to be counted against the owner of premises.

Two Houses Burned.

Fire Monday night destroyed two four room houses on east York St. near the old Southern depot, belonging to Attorney L. A. Wittkowsky. One of the buildings was occupied by Mr. Teasley and family, the other being unoccupied. The fire department responded, but owing to the distance of the nearest hydrant were unable to render any assistance except by buckets. Insurance on the buildings amounted to \$750, valued at \$1,000.

The citizens living in this section are without fire protection and are completely at the mercy of the flames, with the exception of the bucket brigades.

Colored Marriage.

On Tuesday morning last, Ben L. Taylor, of Boykin, S. C., and Anna Fields, of Camden, were married by the Probate Judge of Kershaw county. The groom is 21 years of age and the bride is 20 and have started life right by being joined in the holy bonds of matrimony. After receiving congratulations by their attendants the couple left to spend a few hours at the home of the bride before taking in the afternoon train over the Southern for their home at Boykins.

MR. JAMES M. KIRKLEY

An Old Citizen Dies at His Home in Kershaw.

After a long and lingering illness, Mr. James M. Kirkley died at his home in Kershaw last Friday afternoon in the 82nd year of his age.

Mr. Kirkley was born October 17, 1830, and died July 26, 1912. He has been a life-long resident of Kershaw county, having been born near where he died.

On November 25, 1852, he married Miss Martha E. Cauthen. Besides his widow he leaves five children—Mr. Thomas R., Prof. Lewis E., and Mr. Daniel M. Kirkley, and Mrs. Nannie Tompkins, of Rock Hill, and Mrs. Ella Cauthen, of Kershaw.

For nearly two years he has been confined to his home and for seven months has been confined to his bed. During all this time he bore his sickness with great fortitude.

Mr. Kirkley joined the Methodist church 53 years ago, and at the time of his death was a steward in the Methodist church at Kershaw. The burial took place at Shiloh Methodist church in the Abney section, which church Mr. Kirkley built.

In the death of Mr. Kirkley Kershaw county loses one of her best citizens. He was a devoted husband, an indulgent father and a good neighbor.

He was a gentleman in the true sense of the word—always gentle, courteous, respectful and considerate. In business he was faithful to duty and honorable. No better, no more thorough, no more practical farmer could be found in Kershaw county than Mr. Kirkley. He was a success in business. His was an ideal home. In him were the traditions and customs of the old time hospitable, generous southern gentleman. His influence will live. He will be missed. He was a good man and his children and children's children will rise up and call him blessed.

Girls Wearing Socks.

St. Louis, July 20.—St. Louis society girls are wearing men's silk socks and using men's garters to hold them up, just because the weather is warm. Anyhow, that's the excuse they give here for the latest fad.

They didn't confine themselves to black and gray and brown, according to inside information, but some of the most riotous colors in the rainbow are most in demand. No protests have been heard.

One girl, who was among the earliest this summer to buy socks instead of stockings, was asked by a curious visitor to whom she had confided her new scheme to keep cool how she kept them up.

"It's a funny thing, but I find I don't need to use any garters," she said. "They stay up themselves."

She admitted that most of her sisters had to use the masculine style of garter.

New Drug Company.

A commission has been issued to the Sawyer Drug Co., of this city, capitalized at \$5,000., the petitioners being F. H. Sawyer and L. M. Sawyer.

The new drug firm will occupy the store now occupied by Mr. C. Whitaker as a shoe store. Hand-some drug store fixtures, soda fount, etc., have been ordered and the new enterprise expects to begin business by August 15th.

Mr. Whitaker will move to the store now occupied by Mr. Blackwell as a grocery store.

Canteen Dots.

Canteen, S. C., July 30.—We are expectin to hold a series of meetings here beginning on the third Sunday in August, and hope to have the greatest revival ever held. It is hoped that the public will turn out in large crowds.

Miss Lilla V. Rose has returned from Richmond, and other points, where she has been visiting for the past six weeks.

We are glad to learn that Miss Etta Watts and Mrs. J. D. Huckabee and two children are improving after being confined with typhoid fever.

Mr. Clyde Watts will return to his home in Florida soon.

Is For Jones.

Bethune, July 30.—The crops of this section are generally good but are suffering at present for lack of rain.

It seems that the governor's race is getting lively. If Nichols gets drunk how can the people of the state depend upon his word. And Judge Jones is a farmer—his biggest interest is in farming. The governor has saved at the spigot and shown himself willing to waste enormously at the bung by countermarching a proposal to enlarge the state house at a cost of \$900,000 or more. Give us Judge Jones for governor of the Palmetto state. The weakness of Blease is shown by such men as Mahon, and others deserting his lines.

Judge Jones is gaining votes every day.

Blease may rip and rare, But Jones is a hard man to scare. Blease may rap and rattle, But Jones will win the battle. Blease might as well sidetrack, for Jones, the progressive, is on the main line. R. H.

JUNIOR ORDER RALLY

Speechmaking, Dinner and Dancing Enjoyed at Shamrock.

Bethune, S. C., July 31.—In response to the poetic invitation of the sage of Shamrock, about one thousand people journeyed to that place on the July 25th to attend the Junior Order rally and picnic.

The Council and the people of the community generally had determined that this should be a memorable occasion and the verdict of those who attended was that they had succeeded admirably.

State Councillor Thos. B. Butler, was the orator of the day and he made a ringing speech on the principles of the Junior Order. Hon. W. P. Pollock, candidate for congress, and all of the candidates for county offices were present and addressed the audience. At noon a recess was taken and the crowd forgetting politics and oratory for the time being, gathered under the oaks and satisfied the cravings of the inner man, and it might be well to say that had there been two thousand instead of one thousand mouths to feed there would have been plenty and to spare.

After all of the candidates had spoken, Mr. Ross Williams played the fiddle while some of the more nimble ones tripped the light fantastic to the immense delight of the spectators.

During the day the good ladies of the community served ice cream and lemonade for the benefit of the church, realizing quite a sum from the sales.

Councillor J. F. Baker wishes to publicly thank the surrounding Councils in behalf of Shamrock Council for their contribution to the success of the picnic.

NEW COUNTY TALK

Proposes to Take Slice of Kershaw With McBee as Capital.

A special to the State from McBee, dated July 28, says:

"The business men of McBee held a meeting Thursday for two important purposes. The most important object of the meeting was to plan for a new county with McBee as the county seat. It was suggested that the county be formed with part of three counties, Chesterfield, Darlington and Kershaw. Those present were satisfied that all requirements of the state law can be complied with as to population, taxable property, etc.

"The next consideration of the meeting was a discussion of ways and means to secure the capital to capital highway for McBee. By adopting this route the trip from Camden to Cheraw will be shortened by some 30 miles. The business men of McBee are proceeding in a business like way and expect to see results come from their efforts. Arrangements have been completed to have the road from Cheraw to Camden in 30 days.

"An organization was effected at the meeting Thursday and committees appointed to push both projects.

"The meeting Thursday was called to order by E. P. Minter, who was made chairman. L. A. Kerr, was chosen secretary."

THIS IS THE GUY WHO PATRONIZED THE MAIL ORDER ESTABLISHMENTS

