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BETHUNE NEWS NOTES.

Chronicle of Happenings From Our Regular Correspondent.

Bethune, June 8.—The annual election for officers of the town of Bethune was held on Tuesday, the 6th following were elected: E. Brann, incumbent; A. B. McLaurin, C. Gardner, J. M. Clyburn and B. W. St. Warden.

Miss Saffie Stokes, of route 1, and Robt. A. Reynolds, rural carrier route 1 at Lucknow, were married at Bishopville last Saturday. Our best wishes are extended them.

Mr. John Watkins, of route 1, Bethune, and Miss Viola Roberts, of Hopville R. F. D., were married last Friday, June 4th. Mr. Smith, of the plant section, performing the ceremony.

Samie, the little three-year-old son of Mr. and Mrs. H. C. Brown, who several miles below here, died last Friday, after a few days' illness was buried at St. Matthews Methodist church that afternoon.

Messrs. B. W. Brannon and H. O. Donald left Tuesday night for the Columbia hospital, where they both undergo an operation.

The Bethune baseball team began their practice this week and are now ready to play with any teams who are to tackle them.

Miss Addie Mae Kelly, of the Columbia college, and Messrs. Loring Davis, college, and Messrs. Kelly and McCall, of Clinton college, and Mrs. Tiller, of Coker college, have vacated home for the summer.

Henry Corbett, a young woman lived below McLee in Chesterfield county, dropped dead last Friday and was buried on Saturday at Bethune Methodist church.

Mrs. A. M. Gardner and two sons spending some time with relatives in Chesterfield.

Mrs. J. E. Copeland, Mrs. J. G. Gainer, Jim Horton, Mrs. J. H. T. and Mr. C. C. Gardner spent Friday in Columbia.

We learn that the old teachers of Bethune high school, except the principal, have been re-elected, but one has accepted so far.

A regular meeting of Thurod W. O. W. held last Saturday and several candidates for membership were initiated into the mysteries of Woodcraft.

Mrs. J. F. Bateman, C. B. Spradling and W. H. Catoe, of Live Oak and of Camden, came out and assisted in the goat riding ceremonies.

Rev. J. L. Lawson, the new pastor of the Bethune Baptist church, will preach next Sunday morning at 10 o'clock.

It has been reported that some of the negroes who are employed by the Johnson Lumber Co. in Lynchburg swamp almost daily are engaged in gambling, shooting and loud cursing near the automobile highway. Things should be stopped right here.

The first good rain in several months here on Tuesday night, which will do great benefit to crops and garden in this section.

The following are the hours of services at the different churches in Bethune:

Episcopal church, Rev. J. C. Lawson, services every 2nd and 4th days at 11 o'clock.

Methodist church, Rev. A. M. Gardner, services every 3rd Sunday at 11 o'clock a. m., and every 1st and 3rd Sunday nights at 8:15 o'clock.

Sydney church, Rev. J. M. Forbush, services every 1st Sunday morning at 11 o'clock, and every 2nd and 4th Sunday nights at 8:15 o'clock.

The Big Spring has not yet been opened for the season, although lines are made nearly every day as the resort will be opened for the benefit of the public. We learn the property has been offered for sale.

During the thunder and wind storm on Tuesday night the colored Methodist church was partly blown off, the chimney of Mr. J. Askey's residence was struck by lightning, partly demolishing it.

W. S. Padgett, who has been employed by the DuPont Powder Co. at Petersburg Va., for some time, returned yesterday.

J. E. Bixley, of Route 3, was in town yesterday.

Hugh Gardner, who is farming below town, lost his only mule last Sunday night. Mr. Gardner's wife and five little children depend on him and the death of the mule makes his loss a peculiarly heavy one.

Cleve Watts, of the Sandy Grove plantation, is quite sick at present. He is thought to have appendicitis.

Mr. and Mrs. J. S. Gardner, of Hopville Route 4, spent Sunday in Bethune. Mr. Gardner says he will sell his farm and move to the next fall.

To Draw Jury.

Mrs. W. F. Russell, D. M. McCasland and Jas. H. Clyburn, jury commissioners, will meet at the court on Tuesday, June 13th, for the purpose of drawing the first week jury for the summer term of court meets in July.

Former Camden Man to Wed.

Democrat of the LaJunta, Colorado, his office announced the engagement of Mr. E. F. York to Miss Frank Johnson of that city. Mr. York was in Camden for several years and was employed at the store of Bros. & Co., as a salesman. He is pleasantly remembered by our people.

DAMAGE BY HAIL.

Crops Destroyed and Church Blown Down Saturday Afternoon.

A heavy hail storm did severe damage to a section of country five miles north of Camden Saturday afternoon. It took in quite a large path and seemed to follow the Sander's Creek section and beyond. At the Beattie farm of nearly two hundred acres it is said to have ruined all growing crops. A few miles further north it struck the Lortick section and did a great deal of damage to crops.

Mrs. B. R. Truesdel brought to our office several branches from plum trees from their place, which seemed to indicate that they were in the severest part of the storm. Their entire crop was beaten to the ground, fruit was beaten from the trees and in many places tough pine burs were beaten off. Where windows were not protected on the side of the house all window panes were broken out, and many chickens were killed. The limbs from the trees looked as if they had been beaten by rocks.

Other farms in that section no doubt suffered but we have not heard from other sections. Mr. and Mrs. Truesdel did not carry hail insurance and the loss falls very heavy upon them.

The Sweet Home, colored, church, located about five miles east of Camden was blown down Saturday. About two years ago this church was struck by lightning and destroyed, and the loss falls heavily upon the colored people. Crops were slightly damaged by hail in this section also.

Messrs. I. J. McKenzie and Jesse Brannon, of the Malvern Hill section, had about twenty acres each destroyed and will have to replant.

Registration Books Open.

The new enrollment books for the Democratic voters of the state opened Tuesday in all Democratic clubs and will remain open until the last Tuesday in July, as provided in the rules of the party.

The books were furnished by the State Democratic executive committee. The secretary has recently sent to each of the 45 county chairmen in the state a sufficient number of books for the enrollment of all voters in their respective counties. Those books, which reached their destination Friday, have since gone out to the secretaries of the various clubs or to the enrollment committee of that club.

An applicant for enrollment on the Democratic rolls, in order to have a vote in the state primary or primaries this year, must be a male 21 years of age and a white Democrat; he must have resided in the state two years and in the county six months prior to the succeeding general election and in the club district 60 days prior to the first primary following his offer to enroll.

KILLS WIFE AND SELF.

Rash Act of a Lancaster County Negro.

Lancaster, S. C., June 5.—This afternoon at 3 o'clock, three miles north of this place, Dave Short, a well-known negro farmer of the county, shot and killed his wife, while working in a field near the house, because she refused to obey him in some trivial matter, it is said.

After leaving her dead, about 45 minutes later killed himself with the same gun, which he managed to discharge by pressing a forked stick against the trigger of the gun, the muzzle of which he held against his heart.

An inquest held this evening over both bodies by Magistrate John L. Caskey, acting coroner, was to the effect that Mag. Short, the wife, came to her death by gunshot wounds in the hands of Dave Short, her husband, and that Dave Short committed suicide.

Flowing Well on His Place.

Striking water at a depth of about seventy feet, Mr. L. O. Funderburk, who resides a few miles this side of Cassatt, now has an excellent flowing well on his farm. Mr. Clarence Pitts has been boring there for some time and on Monday struck water, which at first came out at the rate of fourteen gallons per minute. One day later the flow decreased to eight gallons per minute and has remained at that since. It is excellent water and very cold. Mr. Funderburk will have the water run to his dwelling by means of a ram. While boring for this well a piece of piping over forty feet in length got away from the workmen and went down, and it has remained a mystery to Mr. Funderburk as to where it went to. They have made repeated efforts with pipes and drills to connect onto it, but so far have been unable to touch it. Mr. Funderburk says that the only explanation he can give of its disappearance is that probably the sand around the pipe gave away and it sank to such a depth that it could not reach it. There are others, however, in that section, who believe that the pipe has gone on down and is now around where the pig-eyed Chinamen are holding funeral obsequies over Yuan Shi Kai. So far as we can learn this is the only flowing well in this county. It will prove a great convenience to Mr. Funderburk, and no doubt others will attempt wells of this kind on their farms.

City Property Sold.

Kennedy and Workman, real estate agents, report the sale of the Tillman Myers property on Lyttleton street to Mrs. M. A. Smyrl, of this city. Mrs. Smyrl will move into this residence.

KITCHENER DROWNED.

England's Foremost Soldier on Board Lost Cruiser.

London, June 6.—Earl Kitchener, British minister of war, and his staff were on board the British cruiser Hampshire which was sunk by a mine or torpedo off the Orkneys. It is feared that all are lost.

Admiral Jellicoe, commander of the British grand fleet, has reported to the admiralty that the British cruiser Hampshire with Earl Kitchener and his staff aboard has been lost off the West Orkneys.

Earl Kitchener was on his way to Russia. Admiral Jellicoe reports there is little hope that there were any survivors.

Four boats were seen to leave the Hampshire, but a heavy sea was running. Only a capsized boat and some bodies have been found.

Admiral Jellicoe's report to the admiralty follows:

"I have to report with deep regret that His Majesty's ship Hampshire, Capt. Herbert J. Saylor, R. N., with Lord Kitchener and his staff on board, was sunk last night at about 8 p. m. to the west of the Orkneys, either by a mine or torpedo.

"Four boats were seen by observers on shore to leave the ship. The wind was north-northwest and heavy seas were running. Patrol vessels and destroyers at once proceeded to the spot and a party was sent along the coast to search, but only some bodies and a capsized boat have been found up to the present. As the whole shore has been searched from seaward, I greatly fear that there is little hope of there being any survivors.

"No report has yet been received from the searching party on shore.

"H. M. S. Hampshire was on her way to Russia."

As soon as the news of Earl Kitchener's death was circulated in special editions of newspapers crowds started towards Whitehall, hoping the first reports were exaggerated. They found no comfort.

Every blind of the big block which houses the war office was drawn and the flag at half mast.

The crowds grew so rapidly that it was necessary to call out police reserves. The news was received with even greater evidence of regret than was the first report of last week's naval battle.

In Fleet street newspapers were almost torn from newsboys' hands by surging crowds and the incredulous wonder with which the first report was received changed to consternation when it became known that it was no rumor, but an official report which left no doubt as to the misfortune which had befallen the country.

The Orkney Islands, off which the Hampshire went down are off the north coast of Scotland. The Hampshire was on her way into the Atlantic and around the northern end of the Scandinavian peninsula into the White sea. Earl Kitchener probably intended to debark at Archangel.

The Hampshire was one of the Devonshire class of six cruisers. She was built in 1904 and normally carried 655 men. She displaced 10,850 tons, and drew 25 1/2 feet. She was armed with four 7.5-inch, six 6-inch, two 12-pounders and twenty 3-pound guns, and two torpedo tubes. She cost \$4,250,000.

The Hampshire has been in use as a scout boat and for carrying officials on various missions, having ample accommodations for the latter purpose. She was too old to take a piece on the fighting line. When the war started she was in the far East, and was reported to have been worsted in a fight with Germans in the South China sea. She was one of the British squadron sent to this country for the Jamestown exposition in 1907.

Horatio Herbert Kitchener, England's foremost soldier, was born in Kerry county, Ireland in 1850. He was educated at the Royal Military Academy Woolrich. He did distinguished service in Egypt, India and South Africa and was commended for the Kharatoum expedition in 1898. He was given the thanks of Parliament, raised to the peerage and granted 30,000 pounds. He was chief in South Africa successively from 1899 to 1902, promoted to Lieutenant General and received the Viscountcy.

Lord Kitchener was made Minister of War at the beginning of the present conflict.

Long Trip in Old Car.

Mr. and Mrs. David Oberlich, of Katoonah, New York, stopped over in Camden Friday night on their way to Gainesville, Fla. They were making the long trip in a single cylinder Cadillac car of the 1906 model, and Mr. Oberlich says that the little old car attracted a great deal of attention all along the way and motorists passing him gave him the merry ha! ha! but he kept going. He left his home in Katoonah on May 24th, and when he reaches his Florida destination he will have traveled 880 miles. The longest distance covered in one day—nine hours running time—was 135 miles. Asked as to how he managed to keep the little machine in running order all these years he replied that it depended altogether upon what kind of care was taken of a car. They left Saturday morning and said they were scheduled to reach Augusta that afternoon.

Brandels Takes Oath of Office.

Washington, June 5.—Louis D. Brandels, the first Jew to sit on the Supreme Court bench, took the oath of office at noon today. Chief Justice White administered it.

Judge Brandels sat through the regular session. His wife and daughter and his brother, Alfred, of Louisville, Ky., also were present.

SLAVS BEGIN DRIVE.

Petrograd and Vienna Report Russians Active Along 250-Mile Front.

The long expected general offensive of the Russians against the Teutonic allies seemingly has begun. From both Petrograd and Vienna come reports that the Russians are actively engaged over a front from the Pripiet River, east of Brest-Litovsk, to the Roumanian frontier—a distance of about 250 miles.

The Russians everywhere are using large numbers of guns and men, and, according to Petrograd, have achieved successes on many important sectors, taking 13,000 prisoners and a number of guns and destroying or capturing Teuton positions.

Along the Bessarabian front, in the Dubester region, along the lower Stripa and in Volhynia the Russian attacks have been particularly violent. In the region of Olyka, in the zone of the Volhynian fortress triangle the Russian guns have already shelled a front of more than fifteen miles in length held by the Austrian Archduke, Joseph Ferdinand.

Around Verdun bad weather had set in, and as a result the infantry of both sides have kept to their trenches and only bombardments have taken place. No new changes in position are recorded. Around Vaux and Dambloup, northeast of Verdun, the bombardment on both sides has continued with considerable intensity; while to the west of the Meuse the shelling has been only intermittent.

On the remainder of the front in France, except around Ypres, the situation is reported quiet. About Ypres, however, the Germans and Canadians are continuing the violent fighting that has been in progress since last week, when the Germans under a terrific rain of shells captured Canadian positions, which later were retaken in hand-to-hand and bombing encounters.

Returning to the attack Sunday, the Germans again forced the Canadians to relinquish the bulk of the captured ground, but the Canadians are disputing strenuously the efforts of the Teutons to oust them from the remainder of the positions.

Vienna reports that notwithstanding the sturdy resistance of the Italians, the Austrians have made a further advance into Italy in the Senigo zone, near Astago. The town of Celsana and 5,000 Italian prisoners, three cannon and eleven machine guns and 126 bomb-throwers were captured by the Austrians.

Rome admits the retirement of the Italians in the Cengo zone, but says that in the Dalgone Valley, the Lagarina Valley and on the Posina front Austrian attacks were repulsed with heavy losses.

In Southern Albania, in the region of Avlona, the Austrians have dispersed with their artillery Italian detachments operating in that vicinity.

Wednesday's War Summary.

From the Pripiet River southward to the Roumanian frontier the Russians, according to Petrograd, are continuing to develop successes against the Germans and Austrians. In the fights along this front of some 250 miles, the Russians already have made prisoners of 480 officers and more than 25,000 men and captured twenty-seven guns and more than fifty machine guns.

In this offensive, which is declared to be a carefully co-ordinated movement, the Russians are said to have a plentiful supply of ammunition and men, and with the roads now in good condition their manoeuvres are expected to develop swiftly. The number of Teutonic allies facing the Russians is reported to amount to about 600,000 men.

Since the repulse of two German infantry attacks between Fort Vaux and Dambloup Monday night, the fighting in the Verdun region has again developed into artillery duels, with the Fort Vaux-Dambloup sector the centre of the greatest violence. No material gains for either side are reported.

The Austrians are still being held from further advances and with heavy losses, by the Italians, according to Rome. In the Valdarsa and Pasubio sectors and on the front between the Posina and Astico rivers various Austrian attacks have been put down, and the Italians have even gained some ground against the Austrians on the western slopes of Monte Cengio.

The Turks in Asia Minor, near Bandurd and Erzincan, have again attempted an offensive against the Russians, but Petrograd says their efforts failed. A successful raid has been made by the Russians against the Turks in the vicinity of Khanikin, near the Persian border northeast of Bagdad.

Kershaw Car in Accident.

Miss Mabel Blum, of Reading, Pa., who is visiting the family of J. E. Upp at Shandon Annex, was struck by an automobile driven by S. L. Blackmon, of Kershaw, yesterday afternoon and slightly injured. Miss Blum was alighting from a street car at the corner of Main and Washington streets, and was heading for the National Loan and Exchange Bank, when the fender of Mr. Blackmon's machine hit her. Mr. Blackmon had been going south, and had just turned to proceed north on Main street. Frank W. Shenley stood bond for Mr. Blackmon to appear Wednesday morning in case he is required to answer charges.—Friday's Columbia Star.

Shot Her Brother-in-Law.

Alken, June 7.—An unfortunate shooting affair occurred in this city last night about 10 o'clock, as a result of which D. Chester Boyd lies desperately wounded at the sanitarium of Dr. Harry H. Wyman, with a pistol bullet through his intestines and one through his lungs. The shooting occurred at the home of Mr. Boyd on Newberry street. It is reported that his little sister-in-law, Miss Inez Berry, is held responsible for the shooting, but the one that is generally believed is that there was a family fuss, and Miss Berry took the part of her sister, Mrs. Boyd.

Miss Berry is said to have secured Mr. Boyd's pistol and fired at him a number of times. Two shots took effect, one in the breast and one in the side. An operation was performed on the wounded man this morning, and it was found that his intestines were punctured in two places, and one shot penetrated the lungs. There are grave fears expressed for his recovery.

Filbert Picnic August 3.

York, June 3.—W. L. Pursley, chairman, has announced that the annual Filbert picnic will be held this year on Thursday, August 3. Among the speakers expected to be present are: Governor Manning, former Governor Blease, the Hon. R. A. Cooper, former Senator John L. McLaurin, Congressman Finley, the Hon. W. F. Stevenson and probably others.

BRITAIN REMAINS SUPREME.

On The Seas Says Winston Churchill in Interview on Battle.

London, June 7.—Great Britain still holds undisputed supremacy of the seas, in the judgment of Winston Churchill, recently First Lord of the Admiralty, who now has resumed his parliamentary duties after service with his regiment at the front and whose opinion on naval matters are still eagerly sought in England. Col. Churchill gave the Associated Press the following statement today:

"I have had an opportunity of examining the reports of the admirals and of considering the information in the possession of the Admiralty. The following facts seem to me to be established:

"The naval supremacy of the British fleet in capital ships depends upon the superdreadnaughts armed with 13.5 inch and 15 inch guns, and these are sufficient by themselves to maintain control of the seas. Of these vital units of the first rank, we have only lost one—the Queen Mary. There appears to be no doubt that the Germans have lost at least one comparable ship. If this should be the Lut-zow or the Derfflinger that vessel is a heavier loss to them actually and relatively than the Queen Mary is to us.

"Coming to the vessels of the second order, we have lost the Indefatigable and the Invincible. These are an entirely different class from the superdreadnaughts, and, valuable vessels as they are, do not rank as primary units at the present time. A dreadnaught battleship of the Westfalen type would be a loss comparable to either.

"The armored cruisers Black Prince, Defence, and Warrior belong to the third order of ships, of which we possess a very large superiority. The sinking of the two brand new German light cruisers, Wiesbaden and Edding is, in fact, a more grievous loss to the enemy.

"In all these vessels, the most serious feature is the loss of their splendid and irreplaceable crews.

"The destroyer casualties appear to be about equal. On these terms, we, being the stronger, are the gainers. Our flotillas have long sought superior opportunities. Our margin of superiority is in no way impaired. The disparity of troops to the continent should continue with the utmost freedom, the battered condition of the German fleet being an additional security to us.

"The hazy weather, the fall of night and the retreat of the enemy, alone frustrated persevering efforts of our brilliant commanders, Sir John Jellicoe and Sir David Beatty to force a decision. Although it was not possible to compel the German main fleet to accept battle, the conclusions reached are of extreme importance. All classes of vessels on both sides have now met, and we know that there are no surprises or unforeseen features. An accurate measure can be taken of the strength of the enemy, and his definite inferiority is freed from any element of uncertainty. The fast division of the Queen Elizabeth's seems to have vindicated all the hopes reposed in them."

BICKETT NAMED GOVERNOR

Of North Carolina in Primary Held Last Saturday.

Raleigh, June 4.—Scattering returns today make no change in the results previously given concerning the North Carolina legalized primary of Saturday. Congressman Claude Kitchener carried every county in his district and his majority is now estimated as in excess of 7,000. Bertie, the home county of his opponent, Clingman W. Mitchell gave Kitchener about 200 majority. On incomplete returns from the sixth district, indicate that Congressman H. L. Godwin will enter a second primary with Q. K. Nimocks, of Cumberland. In the seventh district, Lee D. Robinson, of Anson, leads with U. L. Spencer, of Moore, claiming second place for a second primary. In the tenth Zebulon V. Weaver, is nominated. All these are Democrats. In the ninth district Jake Newell, of Mecklenburg, Republican, is nominated in the only contest in the state among Republicans.

Attorney General Bickett's majority for the Democratic nomination for Governor over Lieut. Gov. E. L. Doughtridge is now estimated at above 25,000 on figures from 62 out of 100 counties. The returns now in hand show a second primary for Secretary of State between the incumbent J. Bryan Grimes and J. A. Hartness, of Iredell, also for Commissioner of Agriculture between the incumbent W. A. Graham and A. J. McKinnon, of Robeson. All the other incumbents are re-nominated.

Funeral Services of Cooper Griffin Held at Greenwood Thursday.

The following is taken from the Greenwood Daily Journal of Thursday last:

His friends in Greenwood were grieved to learn of the death last night at 11 o'clock of Mr. Cooper Griffin at Ninety Six. Mr. Griffin had been living in Camden for the past several years and recently moved to Ninety Six, with the hope that the change would be beneficial, but he gradually grew worse. Death was caused by typhoid fever.

The interment will be made at the City Cemetery in Greenwood this afternoon at 6 o'clock. The services will be conducted at the home of Dr. R. R. Calhoun, in Ninety Six, at 4 o'clock by Rev. W. H. Hamilton, of Seneca.

Mr. Griffin was 28 years of age. He leaves his wife, who was Miss Hattie Calhoun, one son, aged three years, one brother, Mr. William W. Griffin, and the following sisters: Mrs. John Barr, of Ninety Six; Miss Mary Sue Griffin, of Greenwood; Mrs. William Harris, of Anderson; and Miss Aileen Griffin, of Ninety Six. He was a nephew of Mrs. S. O. Harvey, of this city.

Mr. Griffin was a classmate of several Greenwood young men at Furman University, where he was a popular student. He was a member of the Presbyterian church.

Placing Wires Underground.

The Southern Bell Telephone Co. is having the wires on Main street placed underground. Quite a force of laborers are engaged in digging the mains and laying the cables. As soon as the work is completed the poles will be removed from Main street, which will add greatly to the looks of this main thoroughfare.

Claim Was Not Paid.

At the regular monthly meeting of the county board of commissioners held Monday a claim amounting to \$1,400, presented by C. C. Wilson, of Columbia, was turned down by the commissioners. The bill was for money said to be due for work on the Wateree river bridge.

Mr. Newman Suggested for Magistrate.

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KERSHAW NEWS NOTES.

Interesting Happenings Gathered From The Era of That Place.

Rev. and Mrs. J. P. Tucker and the latter's sister, Miss Ross Renfro, left Monday for a few days stay at Ridge Crest, N. C. During his stay there Mr. Tucker will have charge of the Athletic department of the Southern Students' Missonary conference.

Mrs. G. E. Bateman and two children, Gussie Belle and Susie Mae, of Camden, are spending several weeks in Kershaw with Mrs. Bateman's sisters, Misses Gussie and Lois Hough.

Prof. A. L. Humphries and Mr. W. Y. Dillard attended the commencement exercises at Wofford college last week. Both are graduates of that institution.

E. C. Craikhouse, H. C. Reeves and R. B. Gregory, acting as detectives under state authority, made a trip to Westville last week to apprehend the alleged liquor sellers in that community. Our information is that the officers worked up several cases. There has been a great deal of complaint for several years that liquor was being sold freely in that community, but if any special effort has heretofore been made to establish the fact officialy we failed to hear of it.

Mary Bell, colored, who lived on R. L. Sovell's place in the Buffalo section, died Tuesday of last week, aged one hundred years or more. She was brought from Virginia as a slave by General Blair of Kershaw county, and following his death she became the property of Major Blair. There are some who claim that she was 120 years old. While that is hardly probable, there is good reason to believe that she was fully 100.

H. G. Carrison, Jr., and L. J. Whitaker, of Camden, were business visitors in Kershaw last Friday.

Mr. Samuel Belk died at his home near Jefferson Sunday, May 28th, after an illness lasting only a few days, and was buried at the Bethel churchyard the following day, with honors of the Jr. O. U. A. M., after funeral services by his pastor, Rev. H. W. Catoe. Mr. Belk was 40 years of age.

C. C. Catoe, aged about 61 years, died at the State hospital in Columbia, where he had been since last January, last Friday and his remains were brought to Oakhurst on the Friday evening train for interment at Laurel Hill burying ground on Saturday. The funeral services were conducted by Rev. J. F. Hammond, Mr. Catoe left three daughters and one son.

All the necessary sub-committees to arrange details for Kershaw's Greater 4th of July celebration have been appointed, and are now busy completing arrangements to make July 4, 1916, the Banner Day of the existence of the town of Kershaw.

Mrs. Nancy Gay, wife of Rev. Isaac Gay, died last Thursday