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KERSHAW NEWS NOTES.

Interesting Happenings Gathered From The Era of That Place.

Miss Bertha Abney school will fall session of Monday morning, and the next Monday will be taught by Miss Crouch, who was in charge of the school.

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GEORGIA ENDORSES WILSON.

Despite Tom Watson Democrats Stand For Administration.

Macon, Sept. 28.—The Democratic State Convention here to-day endorsed the administration of President Wilson in face of a fight made by Tom Watson; formally nominated Hugh M. Dorsey as Governor; named three judges of the Court of Appeals out of a field of fourteen, and approved the balance of a State ticket voted upon at the primary two weeks ago. The convention failed to nominate a candidate for the Supreme Court vacancy caused by the death of Justice Lumpkin.

Thomas E. Watson, of Thomson, Ga., a Dorsey supporter, had expressed opposition through his publications to endorsement of the national administration and circulars credited to him were distributed to convention delegates urging that no action be taken on such an endorsement.

The Court of Appeals judgeship fight was one of the principal features of the convention. Judge W. F. George, of Vienna; Roscoe Luke, of Thomasville, and W. F. Jenkins, of Eatonton, were named. O. H. P. Bloodworth, who led the ticket before the people, with 174 convention votes on the first ballot today, and Alex. Stephens, of Atlanta, second man in the race, failed to land a place.

The platform was not adopted until after Dorsey had been nominated, Dorsey in accepting remarked: "I regret that the Georgia delegation in the upper halls of Congress have not given President Wilson the cooperation and support that he deserves."

In endorsing President Wilson the resolution reads:

"The importance of this unqualified endorsement is emphasized by the fact that for the first time in many years the opposition has struck a keynote of sectional animosity, and is making an appeal to sectional prejudice unworthy of the spirit of national fraternity."

Another paragraph reads: "We deplore and condemn the tendency to outside interference with such authority of the State, as by law, custom and tradition belong to the State and especially to we condemn as dangerous and threatening to the liberties of the citizens any usurpation of authority that would take from the jurisdiction of the laws within the States to any citizen of this or any other State. Such a policy is un-American and inquisitorial and is subversive of a fundamental constitutional right guaranteed to every citizen of the United States."

Some such resolution, it had been said, would be adopted with reference to an intention credited to the Attorney General of the United States to seek to indict and try in some State other than Georgia, Thomas E. Watson, of Thomson, Ga., for alleged violations of postal laws in connection with articles appearing in his publication. Watson has twice been indicted in Federal courts in Georgia on similar charges. The first indictment was quashed. The second case resulted in a mistrial.

Another plank in the platform adopted endorses the Neill County unit measure passed by both houses and vetoed by the Governor and "we instruct the new executive committee to call all primary elections under its terms."

Under the Neill system run-offs would be provided in cases that may arise similar to that of the Court of Appeals race.

A vistorial board to care for dependents and defectives is urged in another plank of the platform.

Death of Mrs. Neal.

Mrs. Essie Neal, who was Miss Essie Spears, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. T. A. Spears, of this county, died at her home near Heath Springs, Wednesday morning after a short illness. The funeral took place at the Baptist Church at Kershaw Wednesday afternoon and was conducted by the pastor, Rev. Hammond. A large number of friends and relatives attended the services.

MR. FRED. E. MATHIS DEAD.

Passed Away at Home in Camden After Long Period of Illness.

Mr. Frederick Evans Mathis died at his home on LaFayette avenue in this city Saturday night after a long period of illness. Mr. Mathis was born at Smithville, in Sumter county, January 17, 1854, and came to Camden when a young man. He began business here as a salesman, and later took over a well established shoe business which he conducted for a number of years. Later he removed to Greenville where he opened a branch store and remained there for ten years, where he was very successful. He returned to Camden several years ago and sold out and retired from business.

Mr. Mathis married Miss Cora Shaw Thomson of this city, who together with the following children survive: Miss Corrie B. Mathis, of Camden; Mrs. J. H. Wiggins, of New Haven, Conn.; Andrew B. Mathis, of Charlotte, N. C.; Henry H. Mathis, of New Haven, Conn.; and Waddy T. Mathis, of Camden. He is also survived by one sister, Mrs. E. J. Lewis, of Camden.

The funeral services were conducted Monday at the Camden Baptist church by Rev. John A. Davidson, and the burial was at the Quaker cemetery. The following named gentlemen acted as pallbearers: Honorary—Dr. W. R. Clyburn, A. L. Hinson, David Dixon, J. K. Lang; active—W. G. Wilson, Dr. S. F. Brasington, G. C. Bruce, John Nettles, S. W. vanLandingham, J. S. Rhame.

Supt. Griffith to Retire.

Columbia, Sept. 28.—It was learned today that Capt. D. J. Griffith will not ask for reelection as superintendent of the State Penitentiary. He will retire at the end of his present term and his successor will be named by the General Assembly in January. A. K. Sanders, member of the House from Sumter county, who was in Columbia today announced that he would be a candidate to succeed Capt. Griffith. Capt. Griffith has served for many years as head of the prison and has made an excellent record.

Made in 1832.

Richmond, Va., Sept. 26.—Mrs. Martha Harper, aged 104, of Trevillian Station, Louisa county, Virginia, widow of the Rev. George H. Harper, who served as a private in Capt. James Rampley's company, of Maryland militia in the war of 1812, today notified the State fair management that she intends to enter for exhibit "a very fine bed spread," which she made in 1832. Mrs. Harper says she is the only surviving woman pensioner of the war of 1812.

IMPORTANT CITY SURRENDERS.

Combes Captured by French and British After Heavy Fighting.

Combes, the pivotal point in the German line guarding the approach to Bapaume, on the north, and Peronne on the south of the Somme front, has fallen before the terrific attacks of the French and British. The Germans fighting to the death or surrendering when there was no longer hope.

French and British troops swept in from three sides after their capture of Morval and Fregcourt, broke through the German defenses, overran the town and carried all before them. This place, with its marvelous subterranean passages and powerful protections, had been caught in the grip of the Entente Allies, who, coming from the north and the south, had already advanced far beyond it and cut off communication with the rear except a narrow strip, which was covered by the allied guns.

At the end of the fighting the town was filled with the bodies of Germans who had fallen fighting, the French official statement says.

Prior to the loss of Combes, the effect of the victories of the French and British armies, in the capture of important strategic points on the previous day, was reflected in the official communication issued by the German war office, which, after describing briefly the great artillery bombardment of the Entente Allies, lasting four days, and the attack between the Ancre and the Somme, admits that "the conquest of the villages on the line of Guudecourt must be recognized," and adds, "but before all, we must think of our heroic troops, who faced the United Anglo-French principal forces and the massed employment of material of the whole world's war industries, prepared during many months."

Both Thiepval, at the northwest end of the British line, and the fortified town of Guudecourt, northwest of Les Boeufs, also have fallen into the hands of the British. Around the former place many hard battles have been fought since the inception of the great Entente offensive on July 1, Gen. Sir Douglas Haig's men, after capturing Thiepval, drove on eastward and took the Zollern redoubt, a strongly fortified position, which lies between Thiepval and the bend in the British line at Courcellette.

The French, likewise, advanced beyond Fregcourt and captured the wood between that village and Morval and the greater part of the German road to the western portion of the St. Yvange, stopping of another portion of the German line of communication to the south from Bapaume.

The German casualties in the fighting were declared by Paris to have been heavy, and in addition during two days fighting more than 1,200 Germans were made prisoners by the French, while the British took in excess of 1,500. Large quantities of booty, including machine guns, were taken by the Entente Allies.

While Petrograd continues silent with regard to the operations on the eastern front, both Berlin and Vienna tell of the repulse of strong Russian attacks in Volhynia, Galicia, and the Carpathian mountain region.

On the Rumanian front the Austrians and Germans have been compelled to evacuate the Vulcan and Szurdok passes of the Transylvanian Alps, in order to avoid an extensive encircling movement started by the Rumanians.

Sofia reports the capture of the Amzrech-Pervels line in Dobruja from the Russians and Rumanians, who retired northward.

Raid by aircraft of the Teutonic Allies since Saturday night have resulted in the deaths of 130 persons—seventy-four in England and sixty-five in Bucharest, Rumania. A large number of persons also were injured in both regions by the explosion of bombs dropped from Zeppelins and aeroplanes.

The situation in Greece is still tense. Premier Venizelos is on his way to the island of Crete, supposedly to take charge of an insurrectionary movement that has as its object the forcing of the King and the government to agree to Greece's entry into the war on the side of the Entente Allies.

Unofficial advices say that the belief is expressed in Athens in circles very close to the King that he will declare war immediately.

MANY BATTLES IN AIR.

Two Zeppelins and Other Air Craft Destroyed Last Saturday.

Aerial activity in which two Zeppelins were brought down and more than two score of German, French and British aeroplanes met with disaster in fights in the air, forms the chief news features of the war, there having been no land battles of great proportions or startling results in any of the various war theatres.

The Zeppelins met their fate at the hands of the British anti-aircraft gunners on the eastern coast of England in Essex, after a fleet of 12 airships had visited London and other points Saturday night, dropping bombs. One of the machines, with its entire crew, was burned in mid-air. The other was brought down damaged and its crew taken prisoner.

In the metropolitan district of London 28 men, women and children were killed and 60 wounded. Outside of London two persons met death and 11 were injured. Considerable material damage was done by bombs in London and the outlying districts.

Paris reports that French airmen in engagements with the Germans in France have accounted for 26 aeroplanes while Berlin records the bringing down of 24 entente allied machines, 20 of them on the Somme front. Five German machines were destroyed by the British Saturday and two others driven down while five British airmen are missing. On the battle front in France aside from the repulse of local attacks by both the entente allies and the Germans, violent artillery duels have predominated.

In Galicia a Russian attack on the upper reaches of the Dulester resulted in a general engagement. North of Zborow the attackers succeeded in entering the trenches of the Teutonic allies, but later, according to both Berlin and Vienna, were driven out, suffering sanguinary losses and leaving behind them 700 prisoners and seven machine guns. Petrograd, however, says that in this region the Russians took prisoner 1,500 Austrians and Germans. In the Carpathian positions captured recently have been retaken by the Teutonic allies.

In Roumania the fighting had died somewhat in Dobruja region, while on the Transylvania front an attack by Rumanians on the Vulcan pass, which was repulsed, is the only engagement reported.

British troops fighting along the Struma have crossed the river at three points and taken the town of Jemina from the Bulgarians, while the Serbs have made additional progress north west of Kamaikalan and the French to the northwest of Florina. Sofia reports the capture by the Bulgarians of a mountain crest south of the village of Popla.

The artillery bombardment infantry engagements have taken place on the Austro-Italian front.

Violent Austrian attacks in the Carso region failed, according to Rome, but the Italian war office admits the blowing up of a part of Mount Cimone by an Austrian mine and the relinquishment of the position by the Italians.

BETHUNE NEWS NOTES.

A Chronicle of Happenings From Our Regular Correspondent.

Bethune, Sept. 28.—Rev. J. M. Forbis, the pastor, is conducting a revival meeting at the Cassat Presbyterian church this week.

Mr. Robert Bethune, who recently got up from a severe case of typhoid fever was carried to the Columbia hospital last Monday, where he will undergo an operation.

There will be a call meeting of Red Oak Camp, No. 737, W. O. W., at Timrod next Saturday night, the 30th for the purpose of inflating several new candidates into the mysteries of wood craft.

The public road at Tiller's Ferry from the Mecklenburg road to the bridge is being cayed this week.

Mr. L. F. Peebles, of Bishopville, was in town Monday.

Mrs. S. E. Blackmon, of Hartsville, spent last Thursday night with the family of Mr. S. B. Padgett and left Friday morning for Norfolk, Va., where she will spend some time with her daughter Mrs. T. E. Padgett.

Messrs. Swille Fletcher and Laurie Outlaw, of Westville, spent Saturday and Sunday in this vicinity. Mr. Outlaw, who has been living near Westville this year, expects to move back to Bethune this week.

Mrs. J. E. Caskey returned home last Saturday, after a week's visit to relatives at Heath Springs.

Mrs. L. D. Vaughn is spending this week in and near Bishopville.

Born to Mr. and Mrs. L. M. Waters on Friday night, a daughter.

The baby of Mr. and Mrs. J. D. Robertson is quite sick at present.

Miss Betsy Horton, from near Kershaw, was a visitor in town last Saturday.

Mrs. J. J. Horton is spending some time with her daughter, Mrs. W. B. Brown, at Hamlet.

Mr. Gilliam Brauman has sold his store house here to Mr. H. D. McQuage.

Mr. J. J. Horton spent Sunday with his daughter, Mrs. E. T. McManus, near Middendorf.

Miss Vonsel Folsom, of the Turkey Creek section, is attending the Bethune high school and is boarding at the home of Mr. H. E. Hyatt.

Miss Katie Mays, has been quite sick with tonsillitis for several days.

Very little interest was taken in the primary election here on Tuesday, only about one-third of the votes were cast.

CITY SCHOOLS OPEN.

Enrollment Shows Increase Over That of Last Year.

Camden city schools opened on Monday morning, September 14th, at 8 o'clock. The enrollment during the first week is as follows:

- 1—Boys 32, girls 30.
- 2—Boys 25, girls 22.
- 3—Boys 38, girls 28.
- 4—Boys 25, girls 24.
- 5—Boys 21, girls 20.
- 6—Boys 24, girls 22.
- 7—Boys 24, girls 19.
- 8—Boys 24, girls 18.
- 9—Boys 9, girls 10.
- 10—Boys 1, girls 11.
- 11—Boys 1, girls 4.
- 12—Boys 230, girls 208.

Enrollment is considerably in excess of last year at beginning of last year and altogether the prospects are bright for a successful term.

Teachers with their respective assignments are given below:

- 1—Miss Mary Hayes
- 2—Miss Ada Phelps
- 3—Miss Virginia Taylor
- 4—Mrs. G. E. Taylor
- 5—Miss Lizzie Richards
- 6—Miss Josie Sullivan
- 7—Miss Margaret Burnet

High School.

- 1—Miss Agnes Corbett
- 2—Miss Kate Lenoir
- 3—Miss Nora Davis

Normal School.

- 1—Mr. R. J. Syfan

Malvern Hill.

- 1—Miss Brown, Miss Catherine

Merchants' Bottling Plant.

The plant has been commissioned with a stock of \$2,000, the petitioners are T. Smith, J. P. Lewis and J. P. Lewis. They propose to bottle soft drinks.

Laurel Will Hold Job.

Sept. 28.—State Warehouse Commissioner McLaurin tonight to the executive committee of the Warehouse Association, requested to come to their session and take action upon their resignation, that he comply with their request and accept the position which he holds.

Association To Meet.

Kershaw Association will meet at the Baptist Church, beginning Wednesday before the 3rd of October, at 11 o'clock a. m. Expecting to come by rail and meet at Cassatt. Train going at 7:17 a. m. Train going at 10:45 a. m. Parties expecting to attend may notify Mr. A. A. Cassatt, S. C.

GOVERNOR OFFERS REWARD.

For Man Accused of Killing Marlboro Rural Policeman.

Columbia, Sept. 21.—Gov. Manning this afternoon offered \$200 reward for the apprehension of Henry Lewis, a negro who is alleged to have killed E. J. Alsobrooks, a rural policeman of Marlboro county, on September 18. Alsobrooks, while attempting to arrest the negro, was shot by Lewis, it is said, dying soon afterward. The negro made good his escape.

Lewis's description is as follows: Color, dark ginger cake. Age about 23. Height about 5 feet 8. Weight about 175. Wears No. 9 shoe; 15 1-2 collar. Well built. Little stoop-shouldered. Quick, sharp eye and slow of motion. Side of face and neck shows bushy when shaven. Small mustache. Nose shaped like white person. Good teeth, small mouth. Good expression. High forehead. Hair little low in centre. Scar across one of large toe-nails. Dark spot under collar on side of neck. When last seen was wearing small silver ring on small finger of left hand. Other rings on right hand. Dark green checked cap, black button shoes, comparatively new.

This negro is said to have relatives in Mullins, Marion and Dillon, S. C., and Chadbourne, N. C.

Dr. Gregory Here.

Dr. H. L. Gregory, of Kershaw, who has made a study of the diseases of all animals, has located in Camden and is ready to answer all calls promptly. For the present he will be located at Mr. W. H. Hough's.

DEATH OF MR. TURNER.

Another Aged Confederate Veteran Has Passed Away.

Mr. John F. Turner, an aged citizen of the Mt. Zion neighborhood, died at his home in that section about four o'clock Monday morning. Mr. Turner was 76 years of age, an honored veteran of the War Between the Sections, having served the full four years, enlisting as a member of Co. D, 15th South Carolina Volunteers. He always took a great interest in the annual reunions and always attended up to a few years ago.

Mr. Turner's wife predeceased him some fifteen years ago, and he left no children surviving. He is survived by two sisters—Mrs. Sarah Moseley and Mrs. Caroline Marshall, both of this county.

The funeral and burial occurred at Mt. Zion church Monday afternoon, services being conducted by Rev. S. B. Hatfield.

Improving Boarding Home.

Capt. W. G. Adams has the contract for making considerable improvements in the old A. A. Moore place on North Broad street. This place is at present occupied by Mrs. K. G. Whistler, who is using it as a boarding house. During the winter months Mrs. Whistler has quite a number of northern tourists down for the winter. New rooms, baths and a sun parlor will be added. The front porch will be replaced by another. Brick coping has been placed in front of the residence and the pavement built up.

Albert Logan Acquitted.

State vs. Albert Logan, murder of J. J. Barfield, was called Tuesday and consumed nearly all day and half of Wednesday. Kelly & Levy were counsel for defense. This case caused much interest as both parties were prominent in that section. The solicitor was assisted by Mr. T. H. Tatum and both sides made good arguments. The jury went to the room about one o'clock and after deliberating four hours returned a verdict of not guilty.—Bishopville Leader and Visindicator.

CONVENTION CALLED.

Blaise Faction Wants a Great Meeting Held in Columbia Oct. 18th.

Columbia, Sept. 28.—After consultation with prominent members of the reform faction in Columbia today, Col. W. A. James, of Bishopville, one of the leaders of the reform party in Lee county, today issued the following call for a convention of the reform faction to be held in Columbia on Tuesday, Oct. 18.

To the Public:

"I hereby call for a convention of the reform faction on Tuesday, October 18 in Columbia. During the campaign just passed, appeals were made to 'save civilization,' as was done in 1876 when negro domination was the issue. Men have been heard to justify questionable methods at the ballot box upon the same grounds as when dealing with negroes in 1876, and now it is up to us, and is our duty, to hold a great convention and demonstrate that we are as good white men as are those who contemptuously stigmatize the bone and sinew of this state as 'Blaiseites,' and for the further purpose of increasing our faith in and consecrating our efforts to the continuance of the struggle for the principles upon which we stand."

"I suggest that each Democratic club send one true and tried reformer as a delegate to this convention."

"All newspapers who have any of the kind of people as subscribers, please publish one time."

(Signed) W. A. James.

Spent Several Weeks in New York.

Dr. A. W. Burnet, of Camden, and Dr. E. Z. Truesdel, of Bethune, returned last week from several weeks spent in New York City, where they went to take special courses in surgery. While in New York the two physicians made the rounds of the various hospitals and had the privilege of examining hundreds of cases of infantile paralysis, so prevalent in that city.

Tom Wilson Injured.

Mr. Tom Wilson, the well known painter about Camden, fell from a moving freight car near the Hampton Cotton Mill siding last Saturday afternoon and sustained serious injuries to one of his feet. He attempted to board a car that had been "kicked in" the siding and fell, the wheels passing over his foot and severing two of the toes and otherwise badly mashing his instep. Members of the train crew gave him first aid, and he was carried to the Camden Hospital where his wounds were dressed, and it is thought the leg can be saved.

RETAINS COMMISSION PLAN.

Columbia, Sept. 26.—By a vote of slightly more than four to one, the voters of Columbia today decided to retain the commission plan of city government. In the election held here on the question of abolishing the present plan the vote stood, for commission government, 1,099; against 258.

HONOR FOR CAMDEN BANKER.

Mr. Shannon on Trip to Kansas City as Representative of Carolina Bankers.

Mr. Chas. J. Shannon, president of the First National Bank of Camden left Friday night for Kansas City, Mo., where he is attending a meeting of the American Bankers Association, as a member of the executive council of this association, and also as the representative of the South Carolina Bankers. He has been elected for a period of three years on this council as a member from this state.

Mr. Shannon was at one time president of the South Carolina Bankers Association. Besides being president of the First National Bank, he is a member of the firm of Springs and Shannon of this city, and has other large business interests throughout the state. His friends are glad of the honor bestowed upon him.

NOT A MATTER OF CHOICE, BUT NECESSITY.

The great advance in the cost of paper and other printing materials has caused the newspapers to suffer heavily. Nearly every commodity has been affected that is needed by the printer. Newspapers all over the nation have taken steps to meet the situation. News print paper is costing a little more than double what it did a year or more ago. It has now reached the point where publishers have no choice but to discontinue all delinquents and raise the price of subscription. The Chronicle has been doing its utmost to keep from doing so until we are compelled advertising rates, and we are not going to do so until we are compelled to. If you are in arrears on your subscription account and you fall to get a copy of the paper next week you can only blame yourself. We will have to discontinue sending you the paper in order to protect ourselves. While you are paying the old account it might be wise for you to pay up for a year or more at the new dollar rate, as we have no guarantee that the subscription price will remain at one dollar for any length of time. We hope our readers fully understand us in this matter and will pay up so we will not have to discontinue any names from our list. It is not a matter of choice but necessity with us.