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ADDITIONAL COURT CASES.

Frank Mackey to Spend His Life in Prison For Murder of Brother.

Court of general sessions closed here last Friday with the following additional cases disposed of:

James Truesdell and Vernon Wolst, charged with stealing cowhides and carrying them to Columbia for sale. The case of Truesdell was not prosessed. Wolst was found guilty and sentenced to pay a fine of \$100 or serve thirty days. He took the days.

Mattie and Annie Thompson charged with murdering their eleven year old step brother were acquitted.

G. R. Cook who was sentenced by Magistrate Nicholson to pay a fine of \$40 for assault and battery, appealed to the higher court and the court sustained the Magistrate in his fine.

T. S. Small and Oscar Small also appealed from a sentence imposed upon them of \$100 each by Magistrate R. F. Roberts on a charge of assault and battery and carrying concealed weapons, respectively. The upper court also sustained this magistrate.

The case against Edgar Wilkes charged with larceny of a bicycle was not prosessed.

Ernest Salmon, charged with rape upon the person of a negro woman, was acquitted. He was immediately recommitted to jail upon a similar charge.

Frank Mackey, the negro from Cassatt, who was charged with slaying his brother several months ago, was found guilty with recommendation to mercy and was sentenced to serve the remainder of his life in the penitentiary.

Henry Patterson a negro, plead guilty to a charge of assault with intent to rape and was sentenced to serve five years in the penitentiary.

Died Very Suddenly.

Mrs. Carrie Belle Baxley, wife of Mr. William Baxley of this city died very suddenly at her home on Broad street Wednesday afternoon. Although she had been in bad health for a number of years her death came as a distinct shock to her relatives and friends. She had only a short while before finished the evening meal when she was taken with a hemorrhage and died very quickly.

Before her marriage to Mr. Baxley ten years ago she was Miss Carrie Bell Morris, of Columbia, and was in her twenty-eighth year. She is survived by her husband, two little children; one brother, Henry Morris, of Manning, S. C., and one sister, Mrs. K. Thompson, of Aikou, S. C.

The funeral of the young woman will be held from her late residence at eleven o'clock this morning and the burial will be in the Camden cemetery.

Remember The Canning Days

At Camden on Monday, July 26th and Kershaw, Tuesday, July 27th. Bring a well filled basket for a picnic dinner on the high school grounds. The Canning Club members must be on time for the demonstration at 10 o'clock.

All housekeepers should hear Mrs. Walker's demonstration at 3 o'clock and learn to save food, time and labor.

Blanche Tarant,
Home Dem. Agt.

The Boy Was Not There.

A South Carolinian making an automobile trip through Georgia and Alabama writing to his home paper tells of his visit to the famous Georgia Oil & Gas Co., which may be of interest to some of our local people:

"Friday, July 9, left Augusta at 10 o'clock for Sandersville, Ga., 125 miles. Crops not so good as in South Carolina.

Left early for Macon, passed the Georgia Oil & Gas Co., went to see it; found one man with two more helping to fix some little pipe. They have here a 30 horsepower boiler, 25 horsepower engine and a large well drill; man they had or hadn't gone 600 feet deep, expected to go 3,500 feet. Asked where was the place you could stick a stick in the ground, and stick a match to it and it would burn. Said the boy that could show us was not there. Stayed there about 30 minutes, didn't see anything interesting. You ask me if I think they will ever get any oil. Of course I do not know, but looks like putting money in a hole in the ground. I wouldn't give \$100 for all they have under the ground."

Norman Hucklebee and Albert Goodale will leave Sunday morning for a two weeks trip to the mountains of North Carolina. They will visit Charlotte, High Point and Winston-Salem.

THE MEETING AT KERSHAW.

Several Hundred Farmers Heard Addresses by Lever and Others.

Kershaw, July 17.—An enthusiastic and well attended farmers meeting was held here today there being between 400 and 500 representative farmers from Lancaster and Kershaw counties. The meeting was addressed by Asbury F. Lever, member farm loan board; A. A. McKeown, division extension agent department of agriculture Clemson College and L. I. Gulon, executive committee man of the American Cotton association. J. S. Wannamaker, president of the American Cotton association was scheduled to make an address, but was not present on account of illness. J. A. Evans, director of farm extension work in the South, was also unable to get here.

The first speaker was L. I. Gulon who in a short address impressed upon the farmers the need of organization and co-operation and warned them of conditions concerning them this fall.

The next speaker was A. A. McKeown, who urged upon the farmers the necessity of having cotton grading done by competent and conscientious graders. The need of warehouses was touched upon and the grading of cotton explained. At the completion of his talk the following committees were appointed: Cotton grading, E. J. Bailey, chairman; warehousing, C. K. Blackmon, chairman; membership, J. W. Hamel, chairman.

As Mr. Lever was delayed in reaching here advantage was taken of the time in getting new members for the association. L. W. Boykin, of Kershaw county outlined a plan how to get sufficient funds to employ the services of a competent cotton grader.

Mr. Lever then addressed the farmers who had patiently awaited his arrival and they were not disappointed. Mr. Lever said he was feeling good and his address showed him at his best. In a forceful and earnest talk he pleaded with the farmers to realize the value of organization and cooperation. He commented on the smallness of the crowd at Orangeburg yesterday and compared the size it would have had it been a political meeting and the relative value to the farmers' interest. He had to make a 500 mile trip to get here and it was for the farmer's and not his interest. He criticized the farmer for lack of interest in this movement. He stressed the importance of farmers owning their own homes and having modern improvements and contrasted the percentage of farm women classed as manual laborers in South Carolina and Iowa. He showed that this movement concerned the business and professional man as well as the farmer and deplored the suspicion of farmers for business men, saying that the problem was too big for any one class to solve, and the solution could only be found by the concerted action of all classes. He paid a tribute to J. S. Wannamaker as farmer, banker and business man. The farmer was a good producer, but poor salesman. He told them how the federal banking law and the national warehousing law had put the solution in their own hands and that they were to blame if they did not get a fair price for their cotton. He showed the money loss by improper grading and gave a graphic picture of the average country home and said that he was against the back to the farm movement until the living conditions were as good as they were in the cities and blamed the apathy of the farmers if these conditions continued. He concluded his address with an earnest appeal to all classes to further this movement for the betterment of the marketing of the Southern grain crop.

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Automotive Association Formed.

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One of the first moves and a very good one on the part of the Association was to announce that on and after August first they would go on a cash basis, and to this end we are publishing a half page advertisement this week signed by the largest dealers calling attention to this rule.

They also state in this advertisement that adopting a cash system they will be able to sell gasoline at 34 cents per gallon, the prevailing price in other cities of South Carolina, whereas, heretofore they have been charging 35 cents in Camden.

Death of an Infant.

Wilson Ingram Ogburn, infant son of Mr. and Mrs. W. F. Ogburn, died at their home on East Marion street Friday, July 9, 1920, aged four and one-half months, after a protracted illness. The remains were taken to Jefferson for burial.—Kershaw Era.

Edley Martin, of Gaffney, was convicted of manslaughter last week and sentenced to serve two years. Martin ran over and killed the little four year old child of Mr. and Mrs. Robert Scruggs of the Battle Ground section.

HUGE WAGE INCREASE.

Means Immediate Increase in Freight and Passenger Rates.

Chicago, July 20.—Whether the spectre of a nationwide railway strike has been laid by the \$600,000,000 wage increase granted today to more than 1,800,000 railroad employes tonight remained undecided.

Brotherhood officials, after all day conferences, made no attempt to conceal their disappointment that they did not get all of the billion dollar increase they asked. The belief grew, however, in the absence of any talk of an immediate strike that the union officials would submit the award, probably without recommendation to a referendum of the men. A decision on this point was promised tomorrow by W. G. Lee, of Cleveland, grand president of the Brotherhood of Railway Trainmen.

Railroad representatives accepted the award philosophically and immediately go about plans for passing the \$600,000,000 addition to their wage budget along to the ultimate consumer—in this case the man who pays the freight. Armed with reliable advance knowledge as to what the award would provide the railroads had their figures ready.

Judge R. M. Barton, chairman of the United States Railway Labor Board, had hardly handed down his decision when E. T. Whiter, representing the more than 400 railroads involved, announced that the roads would need an increase of 18 per cent in freight rates to meet the wage boost. The Interstate Commerce Commission will be asked to spread the increase over both freight and passenger rates.

The \$600,000,000 award represents a 21 per cent increase in the pay of the railroad men. For the first time in history the road's payrolls this year will pass the three billion mark. Mr. Whiter estimated the 1920 payrolls at \$3,944,000,000, more than double the \$1,468,574,394 paid in 1916.

The board's award was made retroactive to May 1, with provision that back pay for three months falls due August 1, when \$150,000,000 is to be distributed in addition to the regular pay. Yard service engineers, firemen and helpers who receive an hourly increase of 18 cents, will get the biggest back pay checks, their three months award totalling \$110.16. In its decision the board followed the board general policy laid down by the Lane commission, appointed in 1913, that the man who received the least should get the most.

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BISHOPVILLE NEWS NOTES

Happenings of Interest as Told by The Vindicator

Mr. and Mrs. B. J. Blackwell have the sympathy of their many friends here in the loss of their sweet little baby while away on their vacation in the mountains. The little fellow took sick and died very suddenly. Mr. Blackwell was granted a vacation to recuperate his health after his severe spell of grippe and pneumonia. They got back last week and he says he has gained a good many pounds.

Miss Ethel Atkinson, of Camden, is the guest of Miss Gouldie Atkinson this week.

Mr. J. E. Barfield got back from a trip over in Orangeburg. He says they had a fine rain over there last Friday and crops are looking fine. He has a son living in Bamberg who told him that the boll weevil is playing havoc already with the cotton over there. Another gentleman, who was over in Barnwell said in some sections in that county, the farmers were plowing up cotton and putting in corn.

Miss Helen McLeod has returned to Augusta, and after a short stay at home, will go to Nutley, N. J., to visit friends and will join the Camp Fire girls for a months tramp in the mountains of New Hampshire.

Mr. Press Lyles brought to our office last Thursday a lot of cotton forms or squares that he had picked up in his field. He also had a weevil found in one of the squares, which was pronounced a genuine weevil by the farm demonstration agent for Lee County. Mr. Lyles says that they are only in spots in the field, but are gradually spreading, but are worse in Mr. Treck Atkinson's cotton. If they are spreading during this hot dry weather what will they do when rain sets in? It is alarming to think that they have started so early. The effects of their ravages will be felt by all of us.

CAMDEN MAN AN AUTHOR.

"The Lion's Whelp" by W. H. Kirkbride, Gets Friendly Reception.

The Stamford (Conn. Advocate of July 10th, tells of the reception given the initial performance of "The Lion's Whelp" a comedy drama in four acts written by Mr. William H. Kirkbride, who makes Camden his winter home but who is spending the summer at Dublin, New Hampshire.

"Mr. Kirkbride's comedy-drama was given a favorable reception last night in the Stamford theatre at its first presentation to the public. Unfortunately, from the box office viewpoint, a heavy storm broke about opening time, and the attendance was not so large as the production merited.

"It is the story of a young Canadian girl, who obdurate to the allurements of a British coronet, succumbs subsequently to the ancestral cave man methods of the owner of the coronet.

"The scenes are laid in a country house in one of the shires of England and in the Canadian Northwest. Although an American born, the author, Mr. W. H. Kirkbride, has spent a goodly part of his life in the countries he has chosen for his play and he writes with full understanding of their peoples."

JOACHIM KILLS HIMSELF

Youngest Son of Former Emperor William of Germany.

Berlin, July 18.—Prince Joachim of Hohenzollern, youngest son of former Emperor William, committed suicide today in Potsdam.

Joachim is believed to have been in financial straits. He recently was divorced.

Prince Joachim was born December 17, 1890, in Berlin. He served in the late war on both the western and eastern fronts. In the first year of the war he was wounded in the fighting in France, and for a long time it was feared that he would not recover. When he did recover he was transferred to the Russian front, where he had several narrow escapes from capture, and afterwards suffered a serious illness.

Joachim was married in 1916 to Princess Marie Augustine, of Anhalt, who then was just seventeen years old. A dispatch from Paris early in the present year said Joachim had brought suit for divorce.

The Prince during the war was ranked as a popular hero in Germany. Since the end of the war little has been heard of him. One report was to the effect that he hoped to come to the United States after the peace treaty was signed.

"DOC" SHEORN'S FAME SPREADS

Columbians Come to Cassatt to Take The Castor Cure.

(From Wednesday's State)

Strange stories of remarkable "cures" effected by an unlettered farmer living near Cassatt, Kershaw county, about 11 miles from Camden, have been circulating in Columbia during the past few days and have attracted considerable attention.

The farmer is named Sheorn, according to stories in circulation in Columbia, and so widespread has his fame become that automobiles, bearing the merely curious and the afflicted, fill his yard and lot on Sundays, people being attracted from miles around.

Columbians who visited Sheorn last Sunday report that they had great difficulty in getting access to him, having been warned repeatedly before arriving at his home that he was not to be seen. Men with whom the Columbians talked said threats had been made against Sheorn, and that he himself feared that his property was in danger of destruction by fire if he continued his "treatments" so rather than run the risk of loss of property and perhaps of life, the "healer" was denying himself to all callers in order not to arouse still further the hostility of some people who were said to be opposed to his activities.

After considerable difficulty, Sheorn was located by Columbians, who were visiting him in the interest of a friend, who is ill. Sheorn told them that he had been threatened and that "preachers" were attempting to stir up the people against him, and for that reason he had left his home for the day. After further colloquy, Sheorn was informed of the illness of the friend and told his visitors what to do for him.

Contrary to the usual practice in so-called "miracle men," Sheorn uses medicine, and from stories in circulation on the streets his mainstay is so plebeian a remedy as castor oil, which he administers internally as well as externally, though "rubbing" is also recommended in some cases. Sheorn is described as a man of about 50 years of age of rather sturdy build and of ordinary appearance, there being nothing particularly striking about him. When the Columbians saw Sheorn, he was in a rather dark room and as night was falling, it was difficult to see him clearly. Except for his eyes, which were deep set and inflamed as from lack of sleep, he was a farmer of ordinary appearance. After talking with Sheorn for some time, the party of Columbians left him, he having given them suggestions as to the treatment of their friend.

Many stories are told of "cures" brought about by Sheorn, and "he is creating a furor in his community," said one of the Columbians, who went to see him. Names and addresses of persons benefited are given. Some say that a private car stopped on the railroad near Sheorn's home some days ago and that he treated a patient which it carried, and others tell of the large number of automobiles which visit his home weekly. All say that Sheorn refuses money for his services.

The stories have attracted considerable attention. No statements from persons treated by Sheorn have been received by newspaper men, the stories coming from others who have heard of him and who have learned of what he is doing.

BARBECUE AT LUGOFF.

Cotton Association Men Talk to Large Gathering.

Lugoff, July 20.—A meeting was held here today, under the auspices of the American Cotton Association and the extension division of Clemson College, under the leadership of James Team, L. I. Gulon, N. P. Gettys and others. A fine barbecue had been prepared and the citizens of West Wateree, with visitors from Camden and other parts of Kershaw county, made up a crowd of some 600 people. L. W. Boykin, F. H. Hyatt and the Rev. J. A. J. Brock spoke in behalf of the American Cotton Association; W. S. Mills on warehousing, and A. A. McKeown on grading. These speeches were all well received. Immediately afterwards committees which had been appointed went to work to secure new members for the American Cotton Association, a cotton grader for Kershaw county and additional warehouse space. The barbecue was abundant for all and very well cooked.

Mr. W. R. Hough is spending a while at White Sulphur Springs, West Virginia.

ROBERT JOHNSON KILLED.

Former Camden Man Dead From Gunshot Wound at Army Camp.

A message to relatives in Camden yesterday announced the death of Mr. Robert Q. Johnson at Fort Benjamin Harrison, Indiana, Wednesday afternoon from a gunshot wound. Details as to how he met his death have not been received. The message simply stated that he had succumbed to the effects of a gunshot wound and the army authorities were asking what disposition should be made of his body.

For a number of years Mr. Johnson has been in the regular army and has been stationed at the Indiana post for some time. He is a son of the late Robert O. Johnson, of this city, and is survived by one brother, Mr. W. E. (Pete) Johnson, and three sisters, Mrs. C. P. DuBose and Mrs. Dan M. Jones, of Camden, and Mrs. Alex Clarkson, of Boykin. He is also survived by his aged mother.

Nothing has been learned as to the funeral arrangements but it is expected the remains will be sent immediately to Camden.

To Go To Spartanburg.

Mr. H. Stoner Moore, who for the past year has been a partner in the firm of Lewis & Christmas, grocers, has sold his interest in that firm and is leaving Camden this week to go with the wholesale firm of Young & Germany at Spartanburg. Mr. Moore was for a number of years traveling salesman for this firm and is known as a hustler. This is one of the largest wholesale concerns in this state—the main house being located in Columbia with branches at Florence and Spartanburg. Mr. Moore has purchased an interest in the firm. He is offering his property in Camden for sale.

Hermitage Was The Winner.

Last Wednesday afternoon, the Hermitage baseball club had arranged a game with a team which was unable to play, and at the request of the Hermitage team, the Camden boys rapidly got together a team composed of local players. The resulting game was unusually interesting from start to finish, the score finally resulting in four to two in favor of Hermitage, and except for the fact that the Camden boys were out of practice and had not before played together, the crack Hermitage team would have found themselves with at least a tie score and perhaps an actual defeat. The line up for the game was as follows:

Hermitage	Camden
Hartin	P
Dodgin	C
Croft	1st
Jordan	2nd
Hartzell	SS
Woodward	3rd
Guy	R.F.
Munn	C.F.
Sullivan	L.F.

Munn is a member of the Hermitage second team, but played star ball and promises to make good for Hermitage's 1921 team.

Average \$300 Per Acre.

The Rock Hill Herald says: Pat Major states that his sale of the part of the Cherry farm that he bought was a big success from every standpoint, the price averaging around \$300 per acre. He also sold his Stewart dairy farm. All of this property is to be turned over to the buyers on January 1st, next.

Barn Struck By Lightning.

A barn on the place of Mr. L. J. Jordan, of the Westville section, was struck by lightning one afternoon last week and completely destroyed by fire. The contents, including one hog, was also destroyed entailing a loss of around \$600.

Picnic at Cantey Hill.

There will be a basket picnic at Cantey Hill on Wednesday, July 28th. Everybody is invited and requested to bring well filled baskets.

Charged With Grand Larceny.

James and John Knox, who have been employed as draymen by Mr. B. C. Zemp, were arrested and placed in jail this week on a charge of grand larceny. James Knox was charged with having broken into a warehouse and stolen about eight pairs of shoes. He was offering them for sale in the Wateree Mill village, when a Mr. Player detained him until the police could be notified. He confessed to the theft and implicates his brother. A preliminary hearing has been set for Tuesday before Magistrate Nicholson.