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NEWS AMONG THE TOURISTS

Several Delightful Affairs Held During The Past Week.

Inauguration Day was observed by appropriately at the Kirkwood by playing at frequent intervals by the Orchestra of the National anthem, and at dinner the menu cards bore a striking picture of the New Executive. Delighted were the guests of the hotel that they sent a copy on to resident handling with the best wishes and compliments of the Kirkwood.

The Court Inn has among the many interesting people now registered there Mr. and Mrs. George W. LaBranche, of Alhambra Manor, New York. Mr. LaBranche is a famous fisherman, being numbered among trout fly experts.

Mr. and Mrs. Frank K. Bull are entertaining Miss Jean Halliday, of New York, at their home, Holly Hedge.

After several weeks stay at Hobkirk Inn, Mrs. Ralph Monnell, of Staten Island, is now visiting Mrs. A. Dalton Kennedy at Bloomsbury.

A large party of young people went to horse back and by motor out to Mount Hill on Friday where they lunched and picnicked in the woods the very balmy day being ideal for such an outing.

Mr. and Mrs. Frank Prosbury, who are among Camden's annual winter guests have arrived from New York and are at the Court Inn for a visit of several weeks.

As a result of the team match between the Sarsfield and Camden Country Club held on Wednesday on the Country Club links, the Caswell team remains with Sarsfield another year. To be retained permanently it must be won for three consecutive seasons. Sarsfield has not held it for two years.

An open tournament is now in progress on the links of the Country Club. There have been a large number of entries, and much interest is being manifested in the contest which will last throughout the week.

Match games of polo are being played every Saturday on the Big Field and twice a week on the Race Track field. The game Saturday was quite interesting, and excitement ran high when a spill occurred. Fred Haserick and Earl Shaw were unseated, but neither was seriously hurt.

Mr. and Mrs. Robert W. Pomeroy entertained the members of the college colony with a buffet supper on Tuesday evening. The attractive interior of their handsome home, with its wide porches and spacious rooms, made an ideal gathering place for the formal affair, which was greatly enjoyed by the guests, most of whom entertained afterwards to the Kirkwood for dancing. Among those present were: Mr. and Mrs. David R. Williams and their house guest, Mrs. Frank Baldwin, of Baltimore. Mr. and Mrs. Samuel von Treskow, Dr. and Mrs. James Proctor, Mr. and Mrs. T. Edmund Krumholz and Miss Krumholz, Mr. and Mrs. Clarence Morgan, Mrs. Frederick Robinson, Mr. and Mrs. Stephen Robinson, Mrs. William Lake, Mr. and Mrs. John R. Todd, Mrs. Whitledge, Mr. and Mrs. S. V. Corrick, Mr. and Mrs. Newton Boynton, Mr. Louis Sledge, Mr. and Mrs. Philip Ellis, Mr. and Mrs. Robert Law and others.

Mrs. Kingman Brewster and Mr. and Mrs. D. E. Burbank, of Springfield, Mass. have joined Mr. and Mrs. L. W. Sasse who are spending the winter at Hobkirk Inn.

Colonel Edward M. House and Mrs. House are guests of Mr. and Mrs. Philip N. Ellis at their home on Jumel Hill.

Mrs. David Rogerson Williams, of Ellery, entertained with a small party on Tuesday for Mr. Williams' niece, Frank Baldwin of Baltimore, who is visiting them for ten days. The party included: Miss Gillet, Mrs. Emma Johnston, Mrs. Randolph, Mr. and Mrs. Stuart Janney, Mrs. Montgomery Box, Miss Townsend, Mr. A. S. Rowley, and Mr. Malcolm Greenough. Mr. Clarence Woolley who has leased a new Treskow cottage near the Kirkwood is expected from New York tomorrow, and will remain in Camden until the first of May.

Hotel Arrivals.
Court Inn: Mr. and Mrs. H. L. Gomburg, New Haven; Mr. and Mrs. Lester A. Lyon, Waynesboro, Ga.; Mrs. Margaret Pitkin, Boston; Mrs. Bert Hager Jr., N. Y.; B. R. Camp, Franklin Pa.; Mrs. Cass Gilbert, Mrs. Morgan Post, New York; Mr. and Mrs. W. LaBranche, Pelham Manor; Mr. and Mrs. John M. Donaldson, Detroit; and Mrs. Robert Struthers, Jr., Boston Ct.; Mr. and Mrs. John F. Walsh and Mrs. Chas. W. Caiken, N. Y.

REDUCTION IS ONLY HOPE

Drastic Cut in Cotton Acreage Advised at Meeting in Columbia.

Columbia, March 7.—That the only hope for the salvation of the state from financial ruin lies in a drastic cut in the cotton acreage this year was the unanimous opinion of the conference held here last Wednesday at which were present representatives of the South Carolina Bankers Association, the South Carolina Division of the American Cotton Association, the South Carolina Development Board, the South Carolina Press Association, the South Carolina Commercial Secretaries Association, and the South Carolina Automotive Trade Association.

The conference was called by the South Carolina Division of the American Cotton Association and Governor Cooper presided until the selection of a chairman, Mr. Bright Williamson was chosen as chairman.

Speakers included Governor Cooper, Governor Manning, R. C. Hamer, R. B. Stackhouse, J. Skottowe Wannamaker and others. The one theme of the meeting was that unless the acreage in cotton in the state is cut to a point where only one-third of the cultivated lands of the state are planted in cotton that the state is facing the most distressing financial period in its history. The speakers pointed out that there is absolutely no hope for a fair price for cotton unless only one half of a crop is raised this year. The production of over a half crop this year would mean that cotton would bring only about five cents a pound next fall. It was declared by some of the speakers that too gloomy a picture of present conditions could not be painted.

Reports at the meeting were not very favorable as to the prospects for a reduction in this state. It was brought out that while some farmers are planning to reduce others are not. The situation was threshed out from every angle and it was decided that the bankers alone could enforce an acreage by refusing to extend loans to those who do not reduce.

Married

Mr. George Lowman Henderson, of Philadelphia, Pa., and Miss Mertie Hawkins, of Bethune, S. C., were married on March 3rd, in Camden, S. C., Judge of Probate, officiating.

Missionary Meeting.

The Woman's Missionary Society of the Camden Baptist church will hold their regular monthly meeting on Tuesday afternoon, March 15th, at 4 o'clock, at the home of Mrs. J. S. Trantham. Visitors are cordially invited.

Robert K. Wents, Phila.; Mr and Mrs H. Perry, Miss Perry, Southport, Ct.; Mr and Mrs Charles H. Thompson, Southport William Chalmers Agnew, Jr. Duluth; Chas. B. Fritz, Jr. Phila.; Mr and Mrs C. A. Kiler, Champaigne, Ill.; Mrs W. L. Marge, Baltimore, Mrs Charles H. Flood, Brookline, Mrs John Coleman, William C. Coleman Baltimore; Mr and Mrs Frank Presbury New York; Dr and Mrs Arthur Perry Boston; Dr and Mrs W. C. Wartenberg New Haven, E. P. Currier, Dr and Mrs George E. Street, N. Y.; Mr and Mrs Audley Clarke Brooklyn.

Hobkirk Inn: H. E. Clifford Boston; Mr and Mrs C. F. Rolfe, Swampscott, Mass.; Mrs C. F. Coniere, Mrs Raymond Bunker, Mr and Mrs Glen Wright, New York, Dr and Mrs H. D. Prescott, New Bedford, Mass.; B. H. Netherly Shelton Ct.; Mr and Mrs O. C. Owen, Chicago; Mrs D. E. Burbank, Mrs Kingman Brewster, Springfield Mass.; Robert C. Norton Cleveland.

Kirkwood Hotel: Frank S. Dodge Whiteford, N. H.; Mrs Lee S. Clymer Miss Valleria S. Clymer, Riegelsburg Pa.; Mr and Mrs Blair S. Williams N. Y.; Mr and Mrs Lewis B. Hughes, Wyoming N. J.; Mr and Mrs E. C. Hammond, New London; George Leask, J. C. Mahlan, L. Cowens, L. F. Bridges, C. Cooledge, N. Y.; Fred W. Lang, Brooklyn, D. O. Hastings, Miss Hastings Wilmington, Delaware; Clifford Henry D. Mills, Buffalo; Mr and Mrs John W. Howell, Newark, Julian T. Leonard, Boston; James' Ranlett, Phila.; Miss H. G. Phillips, Chicago; Mr and Mrs Clarence Smith, Chas. C. Tough, J. W. Craighead, N. Y.; Mr and Mrs Joseph R. Ensign, Miss Ensign, Gainsburg Ct.; C. R. Lyle, Pitts.; Mr and Mrs R. S. Newcombe, Flushing; Jared M. B. Rels New Castle, Pa.; Mrs E. C. Ramage, Pittsburg; Malcolm W. Greenough, Jr., Boston; Mr and Mrs W. I. Keep, Lockport; Mr and Mrs Austin G. Fox, James A. Robinson, Miss Pieper, N. J.

GRIFFIN MEETS FATE CALMLY.

Negro Who Killed Archie Sox Electrocutted Friday.

(Friday's Columbia Record.)
Adam Griffin a chocolate brown African with coarse brutal features who killed Archie Sox, of New Brookland, a white guard at the state farm in Sumter county last year, was electrocuted at the state penitentiary in Columbia Friday morning. The current was applied at 11:18. One shock was sufficient. He was dead in about four minutes.

The negro convict met his fate with a fair amount of equanimity. As the time approached for his plunge into the unknown he was brought from the death cell and walked with steady step to the ghastly chair that awaited him. He took his seat in a subdued manner and was strapped in.

Captain M. R. Day, the penitentiary official in charge began questioning the negro as to the usual custom and informed him that now was the time to make his last statement. In reply the negro said:

"Yessir, Cap'n I'm guilty, but before God in Heaven I didn't kill him myself."

Asked if Joe Watson, who escaped from the chain gang at the same time was guilty Griffin said:

"Yessir, Cap'n Joe Watson is guilty with me."

Captain Day then asked him about Mose Bryant, a third negro who escaped Griffin's reply was:

"No sir, Cap'n he's not guilty, Cap'n."

"This is your last statement, Griffin Captain Day told the negro.

"Yessir, that's true, Cap'n," he replied.

And so it was for the electrodes were then adjusted on the negro's legs and head and the current applied shortly thereafter.

More spectators than could be admitted to the death room were present at the penitentiary, some in official capacity, some from morbid curiosity. One man fainted. Two negroes were present. P. I. Sox, of Brookland, a brother of the murdered chain gang guard attended the execution, Archie Sox for whose murder Griffin paid the death penalty was a former resident of New Brookland.

Adam Griffin was serving a sentence on the chain gang at the state farm in Sumter county when he committed his crime. Archie Sox had turned his back for a moment. According to evidence Joe Watson also a convict, struck the gun from Mr. Sox's hand and Griffin then hit him over the head with a shovel which resulted in the guard's death. Both Watson and Griffin escaped as did Mose Bryant, a third convict who thought it a ripe moment to get away. Griffin was caught within a few days and also Mose Bryant. Joe Watson is still at large. Mose Bryant was cleared of participation in the crime and returned to the gang. Joe Watson will be brought to trial at some future date and it is expected that he also will receive the death sentence as necessary to the crime.

Special Sermon Attracting Attention.

Possibly one of the most discussed subjects during the past week has been the special sermon at the Camden Baptist Church on next Sunday night. It will be recalled that in the issue of the Chronicle last week announcement was made that Rev. M. M. Benson, pastor of the Camden Baptist Church would preach a special sermon on "Camden—The City with a Soul" Sunday night, March 13th. In view of the fact that the sermon is in keeping with the slogan of Our Chamber of Commerce, it has caused no little comment, and it is expected that a very large crowd will attend this service. One feature connected with this service is that the directors of our Chamber of Commerce, together with their families, will attend and occupy reserved seats. Another feature is that the choir will arrange a special musical program, so it is advisable that everyone attending this service should go early in order to get a seat, as assurances have been received that the auditorium will be well filled long before the time for the service to start.

How an Editor Got Rich

A man tells of an editor who started poor 20 years ago and has retired with the comfortable fortune of \$50,000. This money was acquired through industry, economy, conscientious efforts to give full value, indomitable perseverance, and death of an uncle who left the editor \$48,000.50.

NEWS OF THE COURT

Judge Directs Verdict of Not Guilty In Moody Hough Case.

The Court of General Sessions which convened on Monday morning, with Judge H. F. Rice, of Aiken, presiding, is wading through one of the heaviest dockets in recent years. The court got down to work promptly Monday morning. Hon. M. L. Smith acted as Solicitor Monday and Tuesday, in the absence of Solicitor Spigner, who was unavoidably detained. Solicitor Spigner reached Camden Wednesday morning.

The grand jury was organized with Mr. J. J. Goodale as foreman, and Judge Rice delivered a strong charge both as to the specific bills of indictment handed out by the Solicitor and as to the general duties of the grand jury.

George Washington, colored, pleaded guilty to stealing a hog and was given a sentence of one year on the chain gang.

Amelia Truesdell, an aged negro woman, plead guilty to stealing a dress and certain other articles and was sentenced to serve one year in the state penitentiary.

Amelia Kennedy, colored, was tried in her absence for receiving stolen goods and was convicted. She appeared in court Wednesday morning and was sentenced to serve six months. The sentence to be suspended upon the payment of \$100.

James Gaskins, colored, was convicted of stealing a hog from Mr. J. D. Sinclair, and was sentenced to serve one year on the county chain gang.

James Howard, colored, was convicted of stealing three boxes of tobacco, of the value of \$30, from H. L. Schlossburg and was given eight months on the county chain gang.

James Caldwell, colored, was convicted of snatching \$55 from the pocket of a negro in Camden and was given two years on the county gang.

Alex Robertson, colored, was convicted of making whiskey in a home made still, at the house in which he lived in a yard in Camden. He was given six months on the county chain gang.

Ashby Blanding, a young negro boy, was convicted of petty larceny, and was sentenced to pay a fine of \$100 or to serve thirty days. Sentence being suspended during good behavior. According to the statement of his mother, the little negro was only thirteen years of age.

Upon his plea of guilty to the charge of violating the prohibition law, Lewis Whitaker, colored, was sentenced to pay a fine of \$150 or serve five months.

G. G. Haile, a white man, was tried on a charge of stealing a suit case containing certain wearing apparel and was acquitted.

In the case of Joseph Mickle, white, and Ella Mickle, colored, charged with fornication, the jury failed to agree and a mistrial was ordered on Wednesday morning.

George Ballard, a young negro boy, was convicted of highway robbery. The charge being that he and another negro assaulted another negro on one of the streets of Camden and took one dollar from him. He was sentenced to three years in the state reformatory.

The case against R. D. Nobles, white, charged with murder was continued on motion of the defense.

Moses W. Hough was acquitted of the charge of murder on Wednesday afternoon, a verdict of not guilty being directed by Judge Rice. Mr. Hough killed a negro, Claud Williams, on the streets of Camden, on November 8th of last year. Judge Rice held that the evidence failed to make out a case upon which the jury could convict. Solicitor Spigner did not oppose the motion made by Attorney M. L. Smith for the directed verdict. Mr. Hough's plea of self defense having been made out by the uncontradicted evidence before the court. Mr. Hough was represented by Attorneys M. L. Smith and M. M. Johnson.

On Wednesday afternoon Abner Cautchen and Captain Cautchen, both colored, were placed on trial, charged with arson. The allegation of the indictment was that they set fire to a barn belonging to a negro John Dye, in the Kershaw section of the county.

These negroes were represented by Attorney G. G. Alexander. The case was given to the jury on Thursday morning and the jury in a short while returned a verdict of not guilty.

Robert Thompson, colored, was tried on a charge of grand larceny, the state contending that he stole a buggy. The defendant contended that he had traded the buggy for two cars, which did not come up to the guarantee

NOTHING TO THE ROBBERY

Three Men Held in City Prison Were Given Their Freedom Yesterday.

Three well dressed white men, giving their names as Joe Hallor, Max

Green and Eli Finn, were arrested here today and are being held in the City prison awaiting further evidence against them. They are charged with having played the role of pickpockets on passengers on the early morning Seaboard between Columbia and Cheraw. Getting off the train at Cheraw they doubled back to Camden and robbed other passengers on the way down. Joe Hallor and Max Green were arrested in Camden, but Finn had gotten a transfer and was making his way to Columbia when Chief Whitaker overtook him about nine miles from Camden. They were kept in the city prison until Thursday when it was learned that they had not robbed anyone. The story came about by the men being card "sharks" and it is said they became engaged in a card game with a passenger from North Carolina and it is said they admit working a skin game on the man and fleeced him out of a sum of money. The passenger became sore and their arrest followed. No one came to Camden to testify against them and the police released the three men.

The wild stories going the rounds about the Seaboard being held up proved untrue, but not until it had caused quite a good deal of excitement both in Camden and Columbia. At Columbia the sheriff's office had several squads of men out looking for the supposed robbers.

and that he had the right under the agreement to take the buggy back. Both parties were negroes. Thompson was found guilty with recommendation to mercy, and was sentenced to serve four months.

Sergeant Leroy R. Franklin and Privates Sam Stearn and Joseph T. Dorrity, of Camp Jackson, plead guilty to a charge of highway robbery and larceny, and assault and battery with intent to kill. These are the soldiers who assaulted Mr. H. U. Earl some several miles from Camden a few nights ago while Mr. Earle was driving them from Columbia to Camden. Mr. Earle is a student at the University of South Carolina, and was driving an Apperson car to make some extra money. The soldiers admitted that they assaulted Mr. Earle and took his car and watch, but denied taking his money. They said they had government property with them in the shape of field glasses and pistols, and said they were going home A. W. O. L. (absent without leave) the Sergeant stating that he was coming to Camden to catch the through train going east. One of the privates said he was going to Buffalo. The private called attention to the fact that they had served in France during the war. Mr. Earle's home is in Waltham. The soldiers were sentenced to serve five years each on the county chain gang.

The court will very likely be engaged next week in the trial of Butler Gay for the killing of Leroy Faulkner, a young boy in the Flat Rock section some time ago. Another murder case likely to come up next week will be that of Tolbert for the killing of Mr. McKinnon when he ran over him at his home near Bethune several months ago. Attorneys Smith and Blakeney will represent Gay, and the same attorneys will assist in the prosecution of Tolbert.

The grand jury with Mr. John J. Goodale as foreman, submitted their report to the court Thursday afternoon and it reads as follows:

Presentment of Grand Jury.

To His Honor Judge H. F. Rice, Presiding Judge at the Spring Term of Court for Kershaw County, A. D. 1921.

We desire to say that we have passed on all bills handed us by the Solicitor.

A committee visited the jail and would recommend that the Sheriff be authorized to have a shower bath placed in the jail and water pipes repaired and bill for same be sent to the County Commissioners for payment otherwise the jail and premises were in very good condition.

The Court House was inspected by a committee and found that there was a bad leak on the roof, and that two rooms on the lower floor needed cleaning. We call attention of same to the Board of Commissioners.

We have been informed that Poor House together with land have been rented, but paupers and all needy persons are being provided for in the way of rations, etc., monthly by the Board of County Commissioners.

Reports coming from all sections of the County state the roads in bad condition. A committee visited the

ALLIES INVADE GERMANY

Reparations to be Collected by Means of Military Occupation.

France, Belgian and British troops started into Germany Monday for the purpose of occupying the most industrial and mining districts with a view to compelling the payments of the reparations bill that has been demanded by the Allies and refused by the Germans.

When the Germans made their counter proposal to the Allied premier last Thursday, they were told that the proposal could not be entertained because it was entirely inadequate, and then they were given until noon yesterday to accept the terms that had been proposed.

On the reassembling of the conference, Dr. Simons, the spokesman for Germany undertook to offer to enter into an agreement to begin payment of the installments demanded on two very important conditions. One was that Upper Silesia should be allowed to vote on the question of the reunion with Germany, and the other was that if after five years it should be found that Germany could not meet the obligations imposed, there should be a readjustment. Entering upon the undertaking was conditioned on the Germans being allowed to raise a large part of the money by means of an international loan, and the German representatives undertook to stipulate that they should be free to engage in international trade unimpeded by the proposed 12 per cent tax on their imports, the equivalent of which tax they would undertake to make up by other means.

The German proposition was promptly turned down. For one thing the Allies reasoned Upper Silesia might not agree to join Germany. For another thing, conditions after five years might be such as might seem to warrant the idea of accepting for the first installment money secured by a mortgage on the future installments was not satisfactory.

The German delegation left London very much discouraged, and the Allied military authorities immediately issued orders that sent their respective forces into Germany in accordance with plans previously prepared in anticipation of such a development.

The meaning of it all is that the Allies intend to occupy such key positions and areas of Germany as may seem best calculated to further their ends, and settle down on the country until the people will be willing to agree to anything to get rid of them.

In the meantime Germany has appealed to the League of Nations against the Allied Action.

Victor Cheshire Dead.

Anderson, March 5.—Victor B. Cheshire, editor of the Daily Tribune, was found dead in his bed about 6 o'clock this afternoon. He had been unwell for several days and went to sleep about 1 o'clock and was found dead a few hours later. He was thirty nine years of age and had been in the newspaper business for more than twenty years.

His newspaper work was largely of a sensational character, which made for him many enemies, while he had many warm friends. He was one of former Governor Bleasor's staunchest supporters, but during Bleasor's last race for Senate he turned his paper against him. His newspaper work was fearless, intrepid and his career was replete with many personal encounters whom he offended by his writings.

Board of County Commissioners and the said board stated that they were doing everything possible to have roads worked and put in good condition.

The chain gang being located about twenty miles from the City of Camden we did not visit and inspect camp at this time. A committee has been appointed to do so.

We strongly recommend again that a phone be placed at once at the Waterloo Bridge, as we deem it absolutely necessary.

We have been informed by the County attorney that the State, through the Comptroller General's office, will in the near future have expert accountants audit all books of the County officials.

We are informed that the Treasurer of Kershaw County has not been appointed to that office since the election in 1918, and that in consequence thereof he is holding over in the office, and his bond is the same bond that was given for his previous term, and that several of the bondsmen on that bond are dead. We recommend that the Treasurer's appointment be at once properly made, and that he give a new bond promptly as required by law.

We thank you the Judge, Solicitor and other County officials for all courtesies shown us; all of which we respectfully submit.

J. J. GOODALE

Foreman.