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## TEN YEARS FOR BIGAMY

Was Longest Sentence Imposed at October Term of Court.

The October term of the court of general sessions closed here Tuesday afternoon after not quite two full days. Judge R. W. Memminger, of Charleston, presided, and the majority of cases before the court were for violations of the prohibition law. In most instances the defendants plead guilty and received small fines or light sentences with portions of one or both suspended.

Jeff Doby and Tom Burton plead guilty to a liquor charge and were sentenced to serve six months. Sentence being suspended upon good behavior on account of the age of the defendants.

M. R. Lee, white man, plead guilty to a charge of bigamy and received a sentence of ten years in the penitentiary. Lee is said to have traveled under several names, and evidence was gathered to show that he was married in 1909 at Dunn, N. C., his home, and has a wife and two children there. His next marriage was at Bennettsville, S. C., in 1921. From there he moved to Dillon, S. C., where he lived with a woman, but was not married. From there he is said to have returned to his first wife who bought an automobile for him. Lee soon tired of her again and drove off with the car and in July of this year stole a young girl from a respectable family residing near Chesterfield and came to Camden where he was married. The father of the girl had him arrested and he has been in the Kershaw county jail since August. He is 34 years of age and claims to be a mechanic. He married the first wife under the name of Monroe Lee, the second under the name of J. M. Lee and his last under the name of Arro Lee. His first and last wife were in court ready to testify as was the father of the last wife. Lee plead guilty and received a stern lecture from Judge Memminger when sentence was passed upon him. It is very likely that he will face a similar charge in Marlboro court at the expiration of his sentence.

George James, charged with burglary and housebreaking, plead guilty to the latter charge and received a sentence of three months.

Lee Freeman, young white man, from Dillon, charged with larceny and receiving stolen goods, and using auto without consent of owner, plead guilty and was sentenced to serve twelve months. Freeman stole a car from E. L. Moseley, of Camden, and was captured at Dillon.

Tom Cantey plead guilty to a charge of disposing of property under lien and drew three months sentence.

Ira Hinson, Tom Banks and Ed Gibson were charged with house breaking and larceny and receiving stolen goods. Gibson was absent. The other two were tried and found guilty. Banks was sentenced to serve two years. Hinson six months, and a sealed sentence left for Gibson.

Elijah Dixon and Florence Boan, alias Lillie Smith, were tried in their absence on a charge of living in adultery, and a sealed sentence was left for them.

Carson Langley, Man Langley, and Clotus Taylor, alias Flut Taylor plead guilty to violating prohibition law. Carson Taylor was sentenced to six months or fine of \$100, sentence suspended upon payment of \$50. Clotus Taylor three months or fine of \$100. Sentence suspended upon payment of \$50. Sealed sentence left for Man Langley.

Lawrence Blackwell plead guilty to a prohibition violation charge and was sentenced to six months and pay a fine of \$100. Sentence was suspended.

John Freeman plead guilty to a liquor charge and received a sentence of three months and to pay a fine of \$100. Sentence suspended upon payment of \$50.

William Kelley was tried on a liquor charge and was sentenced to serve twelve months. His attorney made motion for an appeal.

James L. Reed, Clarence Young and Thornton Ealey plead guilty to violating the prohibition law. Young was sentenced to serve six months and pay \$100. Sentence suspended. Ealey and Reed received a sentence of twelve months.

Dan Buchannon plead guilty to a liquor charge and received a sentence of twelve months.

Henry Outen plead guilty to prohibition violation and received sentence of three months and pay a fine of \$50.

## FIRST DONOR OF BRICKS

First Thousand Bricks Delivered to Colored Church Grounds.

In last week's issue of this paper there was published a letter from the Trinity Methodist Episcopal church, colored, of this city, asking for a donation of bricks from the merchants, bankers, and citizens of Camden.

This congregation finding it necessary soon to vacate the building that they now worship in because it has served its day for all practical purposes, and facing the big task of rebuilding, sent out an appeal for help in the form of bricks. Each of the stores and banks and as many of the generous hearted friends as were willing to give were asked to donate a thousand bricks.

The Mackey Mercantile Company was the first to respond, and on last Saturday delivered at Trinity Church on DeKalb street one thousand bricks. The sight of one thousand bricks piled on the church lot has created a large amount of interest among the Trinity congregation, and pastor and people are loud in their praises of the Mackey Mercantile Company.

The pastor takes this means of expressing the appreciation and thanks of himself and congregation for the ready and generous response. He hopes that others will likewise respond. B. F. Bradford, Pastor.

## Death of Little Boy.

On September 20th little Melford Trimmel, the three year old son of Mr. and Mrs. D. A. Trimmel, died after a lengthy illness. The little boy was held in fond affection by his family and friends and his death was quite a shock to them. The remains were interred in the Antioch cemetery after funeral services conducted by Rev. Williams, the pastor.

## Some Recent Marriages.

Mr. B. P. Cloninger, of Stanley, N. C., and Miss Stella Mae Clark, of Lugoff, were married in Camden on October 11th. Probate Judge McDowell officiated.

Mr. Jacob H. Koon of Charlotte, N. C., and Miss Mildred Shortt, of Gastonia, N. C., were married in this city on October 18th by Judge of Probate W. L. McDowell.

Mr. Harvey Norris and Miss Elizabeth Cameron, both of Camden, were married on October 18th by the Judge of Probate.

## Sentence suspended.

Bob Mungo was held on a liquor charge in his absence and a sealed sentence left for him.

Henry Bolden plead guilty to a charge of violating the prohibition law and received a sentence of three months.

Second week jurors who were to report for week beginning October 27th were notified by the clerk that they need not report for jury duty.

Grand Jury Presentment. To the Honorable R. Withers Memminger, presiding judge, for the fall term of court for Kershaw county:

"We beg to submit to you this our third presentment for the year A. D. 1924.

"We have passed on all bills handed us by the Solicitor.

"We have examined the court and jail and find them in good condition. The jail is well kept and the prisoners are well cared for.

"The roads throughout the county are in very good condition. The chain gang is in good condition and the prisoners are being well cared for.

"We recommend that a public accountant be secured to audit all county officers' books at an early date, as the Comptroller General's office has not audited the books this year, i. e., they have not completed the audit this year.

"We are informed that there is now in the hands of the sheriff of this county certain funds which were handed from the Huckabee fund to Sheriff Hough and Sheriff Hough in turn to Sheriff Welch; we recommend that the county attorney look into this matter and take such steps as are necessary to have this money disbursed to the proper ones.

"We recommend that a rail be put on all falls on the public highways of this county.

"We, the grand jurors, do most respectfully thank your honor, the presiding judge, and all the officers of the court for the courtesies shown us.

E. J. Lewis, Foreman. The following resolution was appended to the general presentment and signed by sixteen members of the grand jury:

"Resolved, that we, the grand jury of Kershaw county, in our judgment, think it necessary to employ an expert accountant to aid us in the examination and investigation of the accounts, books, papers, vouchers, and other accounts of the public officers of our county; the compensation of the said expert accountant to be the sum of five hundred dollars if so much be necessary."

## FAVORS HANGING

Judge DeVore Would Go Back To Old Method for Criminals.

Spartanburg, Oct. 20.—Pointing to ten cases of alleged murder cluttering the criminal docket, and urging that the practice of private execution in the electric chair be abandoned for the old method of public hanging as the best means for creating fear of the law in regard to homicide, Judge J. W. DeVore, of Edgefield, charged the Spartanburg county grand jury as to its duties at the opening sessions Monday morning.

While reversion to the old practice would be repugnant and infinitely more cruel, it would have a far reaching effect which would be felt in every nook and corner of the state, Judge DeVore predicted.

He urged that the executions be widely advertised and that they take place at the county jail or at the court-house in order that the horror might be felt by the throngs which would be attracted.

Should public electrocution at each county jail be found impossible, he favored erection of a scaffold, introduction of the gibbet, and employment of the hangman.

He declared that respect for law in regard to homicide has reached a low ebb and that radical steps are required to instill fear if not respect in the hearts of would-be murderers. He urged that some steps be taken to abolish the practice now in use and provide for public executions in each of the counties of the state.

Referring to the large number of robberies in the county during recent months, charged mainly to vagrants and members of the "floating population" which has followed the wave of prosperity into Spartanburg county, Judge DeVore laid particular stress upon the section of the criminal code providing for the arrest and punishment of persons guilty of vagrancy. He urged that the sheriff be instructed to conduct a campaign to clear the county of vagrants and see that every man earns a fair and honest living.

## A Halloween Carnival.

There will be a Halloween carnival at Pine Grove school house, given by the school improvement association on Friday night, October 31, beginning at seven o'clock. The proceeds to go to the association. The public is invited.

## Lenoir-Jackson.

Mr. Samuel Isaac Lenoir and Miss Sarah Emma Jackson, both of Horatio, S. C., were married on Wednesday afternoon last, the 22nd, by Probate Judge W. J. McDowell.

## BOYKIN NEWS NOTES.

Boykin, S. C., Oct. 22.—Finding themselves in need of athletic equipment the high school department of the Charlotte Thompson school decided to raise the necessary funds by a Halloween party and box supper last Friday evening. The boxes proved most attractive in outward appearance and inward contents and the bidding ran high. There were a number of other attractions and the party was a great financial as well as a social success.

After a long summer vacation the singers of Boykin are again gathering every Sunday evening at the hospitable and attractive home of Dr. and Mrs. J. T. Hay. Dr. and Mrs. Hay excel in all the accomplishments that should be found in the perfect host and hostess, as they apparently are never bored, regardless of what selections the singers choose, or how late they hold out. A large number of people were present last Sunday evening and although the leader, Mr. Douglas A. Boykin was unavoidably absent, his place was admirably filled by Mr. W. Ancrum Boykin.

Mrs. L. W. Boykin, Jr., left last week for Quincy, Fla., her former home. She will be away for several weeks and will visit Miami, Dade City and other points.

Mrs. Edward C. DuBose, who has been spending the summer at the MacDowell Colony in Peterborough, N. H., is at home again, and is the guest of Mr. and Mrs. Miller Boykin.

Mrs. Mortimer La Bruce is visiting her sister, Mrs. W. Ancrum Boykin. Mr. and Mrs. Charles V. Boykin of Charleston spent the past week-end with Mr. and Mrs. Allen J. Boykin.

Mr. L. Whitaker Boykin spent the week-end at home after a three weeks business trip to Georgia.

## FIFTY-FIVE MILES PER HOUR

Causes Death of One and Badly Cripples Another.

Sumter, Oct. 20.—Speed took toll of one more victim early Sunday morning when R. L. Cheatham was killed and Roy C. Langston was painfully injured when the former's car turned over several times as he attempted to make a sharp turn on the outskirts of the city. Both men were thrown through the top of the car and landed on the hard surfaced road. Cheatham's neck was broken and his skull crushed from the force of the impact. Langston has several severe bruises, but no bones were broken.

A negro living nearby heard the crash and reported the accident to the police, who immediately rushed Cheatham to the hospital, where he lived until 9 o'clock Sunday morning. Langston was able to leave the hospital today, but was walking on crutches and suffering from bruises and cuts. Langston stated that the car was going about 55 miles per hour and Cheatham failed to slow down when he warned him of the turn ahead. Cheatham was from Greenwood county, but had been living in Sumter about two years, where he was employed at a local filling station and serving as call foreman. His body was shipped to his parents at Epworth, Sunday night for interment. Cheatham was twenty-seven years of age and was unmarried.

## Found Dead in Bed.

Mr. William Bryant, who has been a resident of the Cassatt section for about twelve years, was found dead in his bed early Monday morning. He had gone to bed in apparently good health the evening before. The coroner was notified, but after viewing the body in company with the man's physician, did not hold an inquest. Mr. Bryant was 69 years of age the day he died. He is survived by his widow and two children. The funeral and burial was held at Beaver Dam church on Tuesday.

## Additional Managers Named.

By reference to the state and federal election notices published elsewhere in this paper today will be seen that additional precincts and managers have been named at several voting precincts throughout the county. This list as published last week was incomplete, and the corrections have been made in this paper this week.

## Dealing in Fruit.

Mr. Andrew Burnet has rented the new store recently erected on East DeKalb street by Mr. B. G. Sanders and has opened an exclusive fruit store where he is selling Virginia apples by wholesale and retail. He is representing the Ridgewood Orchards, incorporated, of Lynchburg, Va., and will later handle oranges and other fruits. This company has established agencies at Darlington, Hartsville, Florence, Charleston, Sumter and Georgetown and are extensive dealers.

## South Carolina News

Charles Martin, 37 son of Mr. and Mrs. J. W. Martin, was almost instantly killed Sunday when an uncle, John Harper, backed an automobile over him. The tragedy occurred in the yard of W. J. Harper, grandfather of the lad, four miles east of Anderson.

E. J. Huckabee, owner of the Lowndesville Oil Mill, was awarded \$1,800 in his damage suit, concluded at Abbeville Thursday against the Charleston and Western Carolina railway for loss sustained when a ginmery for the mill was damaged last February by fire, said to have been caused by a burning ear of the defendant being placed opposite the ginmery. Several residences in Lowndesville were burned at the same time. Suits in each case have been filed and will be heard this week, it was stated.

Robert Harley of North, was shot and killed Saturday about dark by his 18-year-old son, Joe Harley. Young Harley went to North and surrendered. Officer Reed took him to Orangeburg, where he was placed in jail. The tragedy occurred about four miles from North on the place of Mrs. Carrie Livingston, the weapon used being a shotgun. Magistrate H. M. Hydrick held an inquest and held the boy responsible for the killing. Robert Harley was the son of Mr. and Mrs. Joe Harley. The cause of the tragedy was said to be a general family row. Mr. Harley was buried at Salem Baptist church at 4 o'clock Sunday afternoon, the Rev. L. K. Simpson officiating. The tragedy is greatly deplored and great sympathy goes out to the aged parents of the slain man.

## DR. DANIEL SPEAKS

Excellent Address Featured Banquet Given Wednesday Evening.

The annual banquet of the chamber of commerce, held Wednesday night at the Masonic Temple, was a most enjoyable and successful event of this week. About two hundred of the friends and members of the chamber of commerce were gathered around the festive boards, and enjoyed the bounteous dinner served, and the program of the evening.

The meeting was presided over by M. H. Heyman, the president of the organization, and in opening the meeting the invocation was offered by Dr. Edwin Muller of the Presbyterian church. The mayor of Camden, Hon. H. G. Carrison, Jr., delivered greetings to the guests in behalf of the city. Rev. DeLacy Brayshaw was introduced and in well chosen words stressed the need of co-operation and fellowship in our business and social intercourse. Representing the women of Camden, Miss Louise Nettles made a short, but appropriate talk, pledging to the chamber of commerce the active support of our ladies.

The introduction of the speaker of the evening was fittingly made by Laurens T. Mills, who paid tribute to the ability of Dr. Daniel. The annual address by Dr. Daniel was a gem. Beginning with dozens of witty anecdotes Dr. Daniel had his audience in a happy frame of mind from the very beginning, and the launching into his wonderful talk, "The Forces that Build a Community," he held his hearers spell bound through every word. His address made many friends, both for himself and the local chamber of commerce, and the organization will always owe him a debt of gratitude.

The hall was beautifully decorated with Southern smilax and flowers under the supervision of Mrs. R. Y. Steedman, and music was furnished by the Camden band.

A real home cooked turkey dinner was served and the success of this feature was entirely due to the untiring efforts of Miss M. A. Clyburn and the ladies assisting her, and the secretary asks us to thank these ladies in the name of the chamber of commerce for their work.

At the business session many new members were enrolled in the chamber of commerce and with the support of the old members a successful year's work will be made possible.

## Captured Several Prizes.

Messrs. H. C. Singleton and J. D. Sinclair, proprietors of the Pine Creek Poultry Farm, had several entries of their Black Jersey Giant chicken on exhibition at the state fair in Columbia this week. The competition was strong but they were awarded first pen, first cock, first, second, third, fourth and fifth cockerel, second hen and third pullet. These are extra large fowls and have attracted attention wherever shown. This firm has stock and eggs for sale.

## Negro Killed at Kershaw.

Joe Truesdell, a negro, was shot and instantly killed on one of the side streets in the town of Kershaw Wednesday, by Albert Cunningham, a white man. Both parties are residents of Lancaster county but the killing occurred on the Kershaw county side of Kershaw. It is said the negro had threatened the life of Cunningham and when an examination was made of his body a pistol was found in his pocket. An inquest was held by Coroner Russell the same afternoon and Cunningham surrendered to the sheriff at Camden Thursday. There were a good many witnesses nearby but none could be found who would testify that they saw the actual shooting. Two shots were fired into the negro, one striking him in the arm and another going through his heart.

## Halloween Festival.

The Antioch high school will hold a Halloween festival on Friday evening, October 31st. A grand parade of all the ghosts, goblins and witches is to be held. Supper will be sold and a great time is promised to all who attend.

Senator Dial learns that Columbia people are divided on the question of extending the postoffice there. Some want another story added to the building. Others want the extension by utilizing additional acreage. The senator has informed the Federal budget commission he doesn't care what they do about it just so they do something quick.

McBeth Young of Union, was named presidential elector from the state at large at a meeting of the state Democratic executive committee in Columbia, Tuesday, in place of C. Frank Clyburn, of Kershaw, resigned. Meeting in the state library, the committee heard arguments of attorneys for R. A. Ellison and George N. Burnett, both of Greenwood, the former of whom asked a recount of the votes in the race for county treasurer, in which Mr. Burnett won. The state committee ordered the executive committee to recount the votes.

## BETHUNE NEWS NOTES.

Happenings of Interest As Told By Our Correspondent.

Bethune, S. C., Oct. 22.—Mr. W. J. Blackwell, residing several miles east of here, died Thursday after a long illness. Mr. Blackwell was 65 years of age, a prominent citizen and a prosperous farmer. He was twice married. His first wife being a Miss Newman, of McBee. His second wife who survives him, was Miss Margaret McDonald, of Bethune. The interment was held at Union Methodist church of which he was a member. Funeral services were conducted by his pastor, Rev. Mr. Rogers. Mr. Blackwell is survived by nineteen children, seventy grandchildren, and a number of great grand children.

The ladies of the Methodist church entertained a number of their friends Friday afternoon with a silver tea at the home of Mrs. W. H. Hearon. The house was decorated with beautiful pink roses and dahlias. A musical program was rendered by Misses Blakeley, McChesney and Bethune. Miss Ruth Watts gave an amusing reading. Little Misses Margaret Hearon and Margaret Truesdell received the offering, which amounted to about \$30.00. Block ice cream and cake were served.

A reception was given the members of the football team Friday evening at the home of Mr. W. E. Davis. Punch and wafers were served.

Miss Elaine Horton, of McBee, spent the week end with Miss Nancy Best.

Miss Louella Covington spent the week end with her parents in Clio.

Mr. and Mrs. L. S. King, of Hartsville were the week end guests of Mr. and Mrs. G. B. King.

Mrs. Kate McNaull and two sons, Eugene and Aughtry, of Columbia, spent Saturday and Sunday here with relatives.

Miss Carrie Yarbrough, of Chicora, spent the week end with her parents Mr. and Mrs. D. T. Yarbrough.

A rummage sale was given in the Town Hall Saturday under the auspices of the Presbyterian Auxiliary. A neat sum was realized.

The fall meeting of Congaree Presbytery will be held at the Bethune Presbyterian Church Monday night and Tuesday.

Mr. and Mrs. Ernest Austin, of Matthews, N. C., were the week end guests of Mrs. Austin's mother, Mrs. Maud Watts.

Mr. and Mrs. Durant, of Manning, spent Sunday at the home of Mr. and Mrs. LaFitte.

Mr. and Mrs. C. M. Wilson and little daughter, of Columbia, spent several days here last week with Mrs. Wilson's mother, Mrs. Louise Kelly, Mr. Wilson who is secretary and treasurer of the state board of education was here in the interest of his work.

Mrs. A. K. McLaurin spent several days in Columbia attending the fair. While there she was the guest of her sister, Mrs. C. M. Wilson.

Mr. and Mrs. Otto Hatfield, of Darlington, have moved here where Mr. Hatfield is associated with Mr. B. F. Bolton's meat market.

## Fourth Week Jurors.

W. M. Peach, Westville; F. N. Gay Kershaw; W. J. Rowell, Kershaw; Sam Irwin, Camden; J. R. Coats, Kershaw; F. S. Shirley, Camden; J. E. Baker, Bethune; B. T. Davis, Camden; S. H. Mickle, Camden; W. R. Nelson, Camden; Jim Braswell, Blaney; M. T. Hough, Cassatt; John Brantam, Lugoff; William Brannon, Camden; H. C. Croxton, Kershaw; J. N. Gay, Kershaw; James Knight, Kershaw; George Ray, Lugoff; J. M. Butler, Blaney; W. W. Horton, Cassatt; B. J. Truesdell, Westville; D. F. Owens, Westville; J. M. Hornsby, Blaney; Rufus Hinson, Lugoff; William Cauthen, Kershaw; R. K. Martin, Bethune; J. C. Kirkland, Kershaw; Roland McCoy, Camden; J. W. Holden, Kershaw; J. B. Catoe, Cassatt; D. C. West, Kershaw; W. D. Cook, Kershaw; Levi Stroud, Kershaw; L. C. Clyburn, Westville; R. C. Jones, Jr. Liberty Hill; J. W. Horton, Westville.

## Quake in the Piedmont.

Spartanburg, Oct. 20.—Thousands sleeping in Spartanburg and Greenville counties were awakened this morning by an earthquake whose tremors were distinctly felt in the city and at points within a radius of seventy-five miles from Spartanburg between 3:34 and 3:36 o'clock. The trembling of the earth was felt only slightly here.

Hundreds of Greenville County residents, awakened by the rattling of their window panes and toilet articles on their dressing tables, were agog with excitement over the first earthquake felt in this portion of the state since the famous Charleston earthquake forty years ago, the effect of which reached this far.

With an automobile spring twisted around his neck, the body of D. M. Rush, Gaffney insurance man, was found early Friday in Lake Lodge at Limestone college. A note found in his hat directed relatives to the body lying in shallow water. The coroner's jury returned a verdict of suicide.