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COURT OF COMMON PLEAS CONVENES HERE MAY 19.

Judge Ernest Gary, of Columbia, Will Preside—A Full Roster.

The regular May term of the Court of Common Pleas for Barnwell County will convene here Monday, May 19th, Judge Ernest Gary, of Columbia, presiding. As usual there is a very large number of cases on the roster and it is not at all probable that all of them will be tried.

For a number of years a special term of Court has been called to convene in May, but at the 1912 session of the General Assembly an Act was passed making it a regular term.

The petit jurors for the first week of the approaching term will be drawn next Monday.

CORN IS DISCUSSED AT ELLENTON CLUB

Agricultural Club at Ellenton Held Regular Meeting Saturday.

Ellenton, April 26.—The Agricultural club at Ellenton, in Aiken county, today held its regular monthly meeting. This club was organized in 1894 and has been holding regular meetings since that time for the discussion of agricultural subjects and the study of practical farming.

The subject for discussion at this meeting was the cultivation of corn, together with the use and application of fertilizers. Several members made interesting talks, giving their experience, and quite a number participated in the discussion, which was very instructive.

After the conclusion of the business of the club J. Whitner Reid, secretary of the State Farmers' Union, being present as a visitor, was called upon and made a short address on the subjects, aims and purposes of the Farmers' Educational and Cooperative Union of America, giving some account of its history and its work in this State and other parts of the country.

Then came a very important part of the proceedings, in the shape of a good dinner. The club owns a good two-story building, in which the upper part is used as a meeting place and the lower floor as a dining hall. They are well prepared for this important adjunct to the maintenance of a successful organization.

After dinner a local Farmers' Union was organized by Secretary Reid. It is understood that Ellenton local union will hold its meeting on the same day the agricultural club meets and will meet after dinner. H. M. Cassels was elected president and L. A. Bush was chosen secretary. The postoffice address of both is Ellenton.

This local union is composed of good workers and has in it the elements of strength and power. Its prospects are good for successful work.

BARNWELL BURBANK HAS THREE-LEGGED CHICKEN

Superintendent Horace J. Crouch has a Curious Freak of Nature.

Not content with growing asparagus that lies "flat on toast like a ribbon," Superintendent of Education Horace J. Crouch, the "Burbank of Barnwell County," has gone himself one better and now boasts of owning a three-legged chicken, having succeeded in making "two legs grow where only one grew before." Normal in other respects, the fowl has attached to its left side a short, imperfectly formed, extra "pedal appendage." Instead of the regulation number of toes the freak leg has only one. According to Mr. Crouch, the bird is now about "frying size," is perfectly healthy and apparently suffers no inconvenience from the extra leg.

Another Freak Chicken.

Mr. W. T. Gregory, who lives in West End, Union, has a chicken which was hatched recently that has no eyes. There is not a sign of an eyeball in the chicken's head. It is a vigorous, several days old chick but without eyes. We vouch for this startling story for the chick was exhibited to us in The Times office.—Union Times.

K. of P. Memorial Service.

In place of the usual service at one of the churches, with a sermon appropriate to the occasion, the local lodge of the Knights of Pythias has arranged to hold the annual memorial service at the Opera House next Sunday afternoon. The Hon. Mendel L. Smith has consented to deliver the address. Special music will be prepared for the occasion. The people are cordially invited to attend the service.

SOCIAL AND PERSONAL NEWS OF BLACKVILLE

Very Enjoyable Entertainments Marked Past Week in Sister Town.

Blackville, April 26.—Mrs. T. O. Boland was hostess to the Busy Bee Embroidery club on Tuesday afternoon.

On Tuesday evening Miss Lucile Matthews entertained the Social club. A very interesting address contest was the feature of the evening. The prizes were awarded to Miss Eva Rich and Clyde Boylston and Keys Sanders. A salad course and ice cream and cake was served.

A number of young people enjoyed a straw ride to Healing Springs on Wednesday evening.

The Priscilla Embroidery club was entertained by the Misses Rich on Thursday afternoon. Ice cream and cake were served.

Miss Sarah Hammet attended the reunion at Aiken. Miss Hammet will go to Chattanooga in May as sponsor to the general reunion.

Miss Marion Mack returned to her home in North last week.

Miss Hattie Rena Milhous is visiting her brother, Dr. Capers Milhous, of Barnwell.

Mrs. Isadore Brown and children spent several days in Barnwell this week.

Solomon Blatt of the University of South Carolina is spending this week with his parents.

ESCAPES FROM HAMPTON JAIL

Joe Cook, White, Cuts Through Brick Wall to Liberty.

Hampton, April 26.—Joe Cook, who has been for several weeks past confined in the county jail at this place, on the charge of house-breaking and grand larceny, broke out of his cell Friday morning early and up to this writing has not been apprehended. Cook is a young white man, who was tried here two years ago on the charge of house-breaking and larceny and was acquitted.

Recently, it is charged, Cook pleaded guilty to the charge at the preliminary examination, the young man entered the same house as was formerly entered by some one and took therefrom blankets, meat, a pistol and a number of personal belongings owned by the negro occupants of the house. He was arrested by the wide-awake policeman at Fairfax, wearing the alleged stolen clothing, and having in his possession a quantity of the stolen property, and on his plea of guilty he was incarcerated in the county jail to await trial at the June term of the local Court. With a small piece of wire which held the window of his cell, Cook cut away the three or four layers of brick that stood between him and liberty.

HELD ON A SERIOUS CHARGE

W. H. Haley, White, is Bound Over Charged With Criminal Assault.

Bamberg, April 28.—A preliminary examination was held here this morning before Magistrate H. D. Free in a case in which W. E. Haley of the eastern section of this county is charged with criminal assault. The prosecutrix was the only witness placed upon the stand to substantiate the charge. Her testimony was to the effect that the alleged crime took place at her home December 22, and that she was afraid to tell her husband about it at the time. When she did inform him December 30 the husband shot the defendant. The latter swore out a warrant against the witness' husband for assault and battery, but the matter was settled before the trial. The warrant in today's case was issued last Saturday. The defendant was bound over to the circuit court.

Brunson Items.

Brunson, April 26.—The town of Brunson can boast of five veterans of the war of the '60s. Four of these veterans went to the reunion in Aiken and have just returned home.

The affairs of the Bank of Brunson—closed two weeks ago—have not as yet been finally settled. The receiver, with counsel and stenographer, have spent much time and labor in adjusting the bank's business derangement. He will have to hasten, as within the last few days he has been placed, as receiver, in charge of the affair of a telephone company.

A series of meetings, day and night, during the past week have been held in the Methodist Church here by an evangelist, Mr. Yarbrough. Large congregations attended.

After a prolonged rainy season we have had two weeks of dry weather, and farmers are beginning to complain that the bedded surface soil has become too dry for cotton to come up.

The oat crop is falling far short of expectations of a month ago.

The Old Folks At Home.

"Don't go to the concert, theatre, or ball,
But stay in your room to night,
And deny yourself to friends that call,
And a good long letter write.
Write to the sad old folks at home,
With locks fast turning gray,
Who look and long for the absent one,
Just write them a letter today.

"Don't selfishly scribble 'Excuse my haste,
I have scarcely any time to write,' lest their
Drooping thoughts go wandering back to
Many a by-gone night, when they lost their
Needed sleep and rest, and every breath was
A prayer, that God might save their delicate
Babe, to their tender love and care.

"Don't let them feel that you have no more need
Of their counsel wise, for the heart grows
Strangely sensitive, when age has dimmed the
Eyes; it might be well to let them believe you
Never forgot them quite, and that you deem it a
Pleasure when far away, long letters home to write

"Don't think that the young and giddy friends,
Who make you past-time gay, have half the
Anxious thought for you, that the old folks have
Today. The duty of writing don't put off,
Let sleep or pleasure wait, lest the letters for
Which they look and long be a day or an hour too late.

"For the sad old folks at home,
With locks fast turning white,
Are longing to hear from the absent one,
Just write them a letter tonight."

—Columbia Record

PRISONER ESCAPES WHILE DEPUTY WAITS

James Johnson, Convicted Yeggman,
Walks from Governor's Office.

James Johnson, known to yeggmen as "Portland Ned," coolly walked from the office of Governor Blease on Saturday while a deputy United States Marshal waited in another room to re-arrest him. The Governor had paroled Johnson, who was serving a ten years' sentence for robbing the postoffice at Enoree, the day before and had had the yeggman brought to his office, in citizen's clothes, pending a reply to a message the Governor had sent to the Federal authorities asking if they had any further charges against the prisoner.

When Governor Blease stepped out into the outer office, leaving Johnson and a lady in his inner office, the paroled man coolly unlocked the door leading into the lobby of the State House and left. When the Governor returned he found that the man had escaped. He informed Marshal Senn, who was waiting in the outer office to arrest Johnson.

Governor Blease denied the report that he had ordered Rural Policeman Hipp, who had been deputized to serve a bench warrant on Johnson, out of his office when Hipp went to serve the warrant.

The cool way in which "Portland Ned" made his escape surprised everyone. He is said to be an old hand at the game of safe-cracking and has a noted career.

J. D. MILES ARRESTED ON A SERIOUS CHARGE

Was Carried to Orangeburg Monday to
Answer to Charge of Peonage.

Mr. J. D. Miles, who lives a few miles from Barnwell, was arrested Monday by United States Deputy Marshal John Kenner, and carried to Orangeburg to face the charge of peonage before the District Court of the United States, the preliminary hearing having been set for Tuesday. It was hard to get any details connected with the case, but it is alleged that Mr. Miles has been illegally detaining work hands on his place. He claims, it is said, that they were working for him under an agreement made with their parents.

A detective is said to have been working on the case for several weeks and it was on evidence collected by him that the arrest was made. The following men were carried to Orangeburg as witnesses: W. W. Harley, G. W. Croft, J. E. Lain, J. E. Owens, all white, and a negro named Harley.

At the preliminary hearing in Orangeburg Mr. Miles was bound over to the United States Court and put under a heavy bond for his appearance.

Walter Duncan Back.

Mr. Walter Duncan has returned to the city after an extended tour of Central America, during which time he underwent numerous interesting experiences and gathered a great deal of material for magazine articles and short stories.—Aiken Journal and Review.

BLACKVILLE REGRETS LOSS OF DR. J. D. PITTS

Beloved Pastor of Baptist Church Will
Go to Fountain Inn.

The following letter, published last week in the Baptist Courier, shows the universal respect and esteem in which Dr. J. D. Pitts is held by the members of his flock in Blackville. It is with great reluctance that they give him up, for he had endeared himself to all classes. The letter is as follows:

It is with genuine sorrow that we are about to give up our dearly beloved pastor, Dr. J. D. Pitts, and his most lovable and noble wife. He has been called to the pastorate of the first Baptist Church of Fountain Inn, and leaves us after the fourth Sunday of this month.

We feel that our inestimable loss is their abundant gain, and are only reconciled to this loss in the fact that our dear doctor feels that he is being led by the Lord in making this change. However reconciled we may be, I am afraid I shall always think of our Fountain Inn brothers and sisters with a feeling of righteous envy and jealousy. Dr. and Mrs. Pitts have been with us nearly six years, and in this time have so insinuated themselves into our lives and affections that it is indeed hard to part with them. They have not only endeared themselves to our own Church people, but to the town people in general—Jews and Gentiles alike love and admire the sweet couple. I can safely say that no other two people in our town could be so generally and so greatly missed. The whole town feels deeply the loss it is about to sustain in their moving from it.

We heartily congratulate the Fountain Inn people in securing the services of so goodly a man as our Dr. Pitts, and feel sure he will be a blessing to them as he has been to us.

A Member.

Pastor Says Goodbye.

Blackville, April 28.—The Rev. J. D. Pitts, D. D., preached his farewell sermon here yesterday morning to a large but sorrowful congregation. He took his text from the tenth verse of the fifth chapter of Second Corinthians: "For we must all appear before the judgment seat of Christ."

At the evening service he made a short and appropriate talk, and after the usual services the time was spent in bidding farewell to his flock, which was a touching scene.

The handshaking became so strenuous on account of the large attendance and short night, that finally the waving of parting hands and goodbyes had to be resorted to.

Dr. Pitts has been here for nearly six years, and has endeared himself not only to his own flock, but to all other denominations and the citizens generally. He also has a charming wife who is loved by all who come in contact with her.

Dr. Pitts has accepted a call at Fountain Inn.

The Rev. F. H. Funderburk, now preaching in Lexington, Miss., but a native of South Carolina, has accepted the pastorate here for next year.

"MISS FEARLESS & CO." MAKES HIT AT FAIRFAX

High School Girls Receive Applause.
U. D. C. Convention Meets.

Fairfax, April 26.—The play Friday evening brought quite a crowd of visitors here. In "Miss Fearless & Co.," our high school girls, no boys in it, did real well. The applause was great and Miss Harrison received her share of it when she entertained between the acts with sweet music.

Miss Hernigan and Herman Lightsey visited Mrs. Martin Lightsey recently.

Misses Lorina Brant and Willie Lou McMillan of Ulmer were recent guests here.

Mrs. Kenny, after spending some time here with her daughter, has returned to Johnston. She made many friends here.

Miss Grace Zimmerman, after spending some time with Miss Margaret Youmans, has returned to Cameron. Miss Zimmerman is quite a favorite here and received much social attention.

There will be a convention here on Tuesday of delegates from the different chapters of U. D. C. A very interesting programme has been prepared and the ladies of Fairfax chapter will welcome the visitors very cordially. Dinner will be served them at the Commercial hotel.

There was a fish fry and picnic Tuesday evening at Dutch branch. The chaperones seemed to have enjoyed it as well as all of our young folk.

The G. B. C. met at the Commercial hotel, Miss Margaret Folk hostess, Friday evening. It was a very enjoyable occasion to all present. Refreshments were served.

MEMORIAL ASSOCIATION MEETS THURSDAY, MAY 8

The Hon. Richard I. Manning Will Address Veterans at Rivers' Bridge.

The Rivers' Bridge Memorial Association will observe Thursday, May 8th, as memorial day. The Hon. Richard I. Manning, of Sumter, S. C., will deliver the memorial address. The public is cordially invited to attend and the ladies are earnestly requested to bring flowers. The following committees have been appointed:

On grounds and order of the day—J. D. Jenny, J. C. Kinard, J. A. Peters, H. W. Chitty, W. D. Sease, J. O. Kearse, W. H. Ritter.

On music—Rev. D. B. Groseclose, J. C. Kinard, J. F. Kearse.

Dr. N. F. Kirkland, J. W. Jenny, Secretary. President.

UNSEASONABLE WEATHER DAMAGED YOUNG COTTON

Cold Wave Will Cause Many Farmers to Replant Their Crops.

The cold weather that visited this section Sunday and Monday has done considerable damage to young cotton and a number of farmers will have to plant over. In many fields the young plants were just above the ground and the cold winds "made them look sick," as one farmer expressed it.

In town overcoats were in evidence and an open fire "looked good" to everyone who had been doing outdoor work.

News of Ellenton.

Ellenton, April 26.—Little Wallace Cassels, Jr., who has been quite ill with pneumonia for the past two weeks, is very much improved.

Mr. William Haynesworth, of Florence, spent Saturday and Sunday in Ellenton.

Evan E. Settle and W. B. Cassels motored to Augusta Friday and spent the day.

Those who attended the Confederate reunion at Aiken from this place were Mrs. C. J. Ashley, Joseph Ashley, Miss Annie Foreman, Mr. and Mrs. W. H. Jones, Mr. and Mrs. E. R. Buckingham, Harold Buckingham, Miss Ethel Danbar and Mary Foreman.

Born, Wednesday, April 23d, to W. P. Cassels and wife, a daughter, Grace Ellen.

Prof. H. H. Brunson was in Maysville Friday and Saturday.

F. M. Youngblood and wife and Ralph Dunbar, were in Aiken, this week on business.

Miss Nonie Dunbar, of Aiken, is the guest of Miss Tutt Youngblood.

Mrs. John W. Dunbar, of Aiken, wife of our clerk of the court, has been sick for some time at the home of F. M. Youngblood.

PEEPLER FOR REELECTION; NOT IN GOVERNOR'S RACE

Has Started Litigation Which He Desires to Finish, Is Reason Given.

Columbia, April 28.—Attorney General Thomas H. Peeples said today that he had determined not to run for governor in the campaign next summer.

Some time ago the attorney general gave out a statement to the Columbia correspondent of The News and Courier in which it was stated that he would be in the race. At that time General Peeples thought that in all probability he would enter the lists.

Since assuming the duties of attorney general, however, he has had occasion in the performance of his official duties to enter several suits of vital importance to the people of the State, some of them involving questions affecting not only the constitution of this State but the laws of the constitution of the United States. He feels that it is his duty to see these important suits to the end and he will probably be re-elected attorney general without opposition. His announced intention to be a candidate to succeed himself instead of running for governor has given general satisfaction. It was felt that he would be a strong candidate to succeed Governor Blease, but in administration circles and generally it is felt that the course determined upon by the attorney general is in the line of his duty and he is being congratulated upon it.

Attorney George R. Rembert, of Columbia, who was mentioned in the Atlanta Journal of Sunday as one of the two Blease candidates for governor (Attorney General Peeples being the other) said today that he felt that it was somewhat early to be giving out statements as to a candidacy in the campaign of 1914. Attorney General Peeples and Mr. Rembert were together when General Peeples gave out his statement in regard to his attitude. It is generally understood that Mr. Rembert will be in the race for governor.

SINNER HAS BETTER CHANCE FOR HEAVEN

At Least That is What One Barnwell Negro Thinks.—Quoted the Bible.

A Barnwell man recently heard a negro give a rather unique and unusual explanation as to why he is a sinner. The darkey in question was drinking and another member of his race was led to remonstrate with him and to attempt to turn him from the evil of his ways. The sinner, however, made the broad statement that he had a better chance of going to heaven than a righteous man, and to prove his assertion he quoted Scripture. "Why, niggah," he said, "don't yuh kno' dat dere is mo' joy in heben ovah one sinner dat repenteth dan dere is ovah ninety and nine jus' men?"

SCHOOL FOR NEGROES DESTROYED BY FIRE

Hardin Institution at Allendale Suffers Three Thousand Dollar Loss.

Allendale, April 26.—The Hardin Institute, a high school for the education of negroes, was destroyed last night by fire. The origin of the fire is unknown. The loss is estimated at about \$3,000, the loss is partially covered by insurance. The school was established about 20 years ago by an association of Presbyterians of Pennsylvania. This is the second total loss by fire experienced in its history.

Bamberg Socials.

Bamberg, April 26.—David G. Felder is visiting relatives here.

Philip B. Murphy of Charleston was in town on a short visit last week.

Frank Johnston of Augusta spent a few days here last week with relatives.

John J. Simmons of Holy Hill was a recent visitor here.

Mrs. H. J. Brabham and Mrs. Leroy Wilson of Allendale visited relatives here last week.

Mrs. R. W. Matheny and family have returned to their home in Ridgeville.

Mr. W. I. Johns of Baldock visited Bamberg last week.

Mrs. M. W. Brabham of Raleigh is visiting her parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. W. Stokes.

Mr. J. R. Owens and G. W. Garland attended the Confederate reunion at Aiken last week.

Miss Annie Lou Byrd entertained on Friday night in honor of her guest, Miss Priscilla Hart. After several games of rook refreshments was served.

Miss Addys Hays has returned from an extended visit to Atlanta.