

Personal Mention.

—Mr. J. G. Brabham, of Olar, was in the city Monday.

—Maj. Havelock Eaves spent the holidays in Bamberg.

—Mr. C. C. Ellzey, of Denmark, was in the city last Friday.

—Rev. J. B. Traywick, of Denmark, was in the city Tuesday.

—Mr. W. M. Cauthen, of Ninety-Six, spent last Friday in the city.

—Mr. and Mrs. J. C. Folk, Jr., of Ulmers, are visiting relatives in the city.

—Mr. P. K. Rhoad, of the Hunter's Chapel section, was in the city Tuesday.

—Mr. Geo. J. Hiers, of the Ehrhardt section, was in the city Tuesday.

—Mr. G. W. Miley, of the Farrell's Store section, was in the city last Thursday.

—Mr. Frank Riley, of Columbia, spent the holidays here with his father's family.

—Mr. E. F. McMillan, of the Hunter's Chapel section, was in the city Tuesday.

—Mrs. E. R. Walter, of Orangeburg, is visiting her sister, Mrs. W. W. Lightsey.

—Mr. and Mrs. Jno. F. Brickley, of Augusta, spent the holidays in the city with relatives.

—Mr. Thos. Black left Monday night for the West to buy a carload of horses and mules.

—Mr. T. M. Stokes, of Durham, N. C., visited the family of Mr. W. B. Smith last week.

—Mrs. Barney S. Harrison has been enjoying the holidays with her mother in Denmark.

—Mr. Joe Spann, from Wofford Fitting School, Spartanburg, spent the holidays at home.

—Dr. J. L. Copeland and his brother, Isaac D., of Ehrhardt, were in the city last Friday.

—Capt. D. H. Rice and Mr. W. S. Miley, of the Buford's Bridge section, were in the city Tuesday.

—Mrs. Albin Kirsch, of Plains, Ga., arrived in the city last Thursday night for a visit to relatives.

—Mr. J. W. Stokes left last Saturday night for the West to buy a carload of stock for G. Frank Bamberg.

—Mr. J. R. Owens made a trip to Charleston Saturday, where he took his final degrees in the lodge of Elks.

—Mr. and Mrs. J. R. Owens went to Denmark Monday, where they will assume the management of the Rice hotel.

—Mr. and Mrs. J. Norman Walker and little daughter, of Allendale, spent Christmas in the city with relatives.

—Mr. R. J. Jackson, of Oakfield, Ga., spent the holidays in this community with the family of Mr. J. A. J. Rice.

—Messrs. J. C. and J. J. O'Neal, of Savannah, spent the holidays here with their parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. T. O'Neal.

—Mr. and Mrs. J. C. Folk Jr., and children are visiting at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Samuel Harrison for a week or so.

—Mr. Miles B. McSweeney, Jr., of Hampton, spent several days in the city last week as the guest of Mr. F. M. Moye.

—Miss Bernie Counts, who has been on a visit to her mother, Mrs. M. L. Counts, at Sylvester, Texas, is at home again.

—Messrs. W. F. Johnson and P. B. Murphy, who are working in Augusta, spent Christmas with their relatives here.

—Mr. John Cooner's many friends will be glad to know that he is recovering from his illness and will be out again soon.

—Mr. Reuben McCartha, who is with the Bamberg Cotton Oil Co. this season, is at home for a few days.—Leesville News.

—Miss Mary Ellen Eaves, who is attending the Presbyterian College for women in Columbia, spent the holidays at home.

—Mr. and Mrs. Jno. R. Bellinger spent several days in Augusta last week on a visit to their daughter, Mrs. W. J. Faulkner.

—Mr. and Mrs. B. F. Morris, of Davisboro, Ga., returned home Monday, after spending the holidays in this community with relatives.

—Mr. J. B. Elkins and family left this week for Eastman, Ga., where they will live in future. The best wishes of their many friends go with them.

—Belton Hair, the little son of Dr. and Mrs. Geo. F. Hair, is still quite ill, but he is doing as well as could be expected, and improvement in his condition is looked for.

—Miss Emma and brother, Mr. J. C. Harrison, have been spending the holidays with Mr. Samuel Harrison and family in this city. The latter is studying mining and engineering at Clemson college.

—Mr. Oscar Rinehart, superintendent of the Denmark oil mill, passed through town Saturday on his way to visit his parents, Mr. and Mrs. V. P. Rinehart.—Leesville News.

Assails Roosevelt and Taft.

BOSTON, Dec. 30.—Bishop Alexander Walters, colored leader, of Jersey, in an address at the Twelfth Baptist church tonight, severely criticized Pres. Roosevelt and Sec'y Taft for their attitude in the Brownsville shooting. He advised all his people "to give their money, talent and time to defeat at the polls the election of any man or measure inimical to the best interests of the negroes."

Passenger Train Derailed.

COLUMBIA, Dec. 30.—The Southern railway train, No. 34, from Augusta to Columbia, was derailed in a peculiar manner near Vaulcluse this morning, and a serious wreck was narrowly averted.

The heavy rains of the morning had washed down sand on the track at the point where the dirt road crosses the railroad track at a sharp declivity, and the sand caused the wheels of the engine to leave the track. Every car of the long train, including the Pullmans, also left the rails and the train ran for two hundred yards on the cross-ties along a high embankment, on one side of which is the deep pond which furnishes water to the nearby cotton mill. The passengers were badly shaken up, and terribly frightened, but were thankful that their experience was no worse when they realized that had the cars turned over they might have been plunged into the pond on one side, or down the embankment on the other; no one was hurt.

The train from Aiken to Trenton was sent to Vaulcluse to get the passengers, and brought them on here this afternoon about four hours late.

Habitual Drunkards Kick.

CUMBERLAND, MD., December 30.—Some of the persons whose names have been posted on saloon walls as habitual drunkards, threaten to bring suit for damages against the individuals supposed to be responsible for the lists. It is asserted that when a saloon keeper is notified not to sell a person alleged to be a habitual drunkard, it is for his own information and not to be spread broadcast.

The head of the blacklist is a former prominent business man and a nephew of an admiral of the United States navy. It is feared by many that subsequent lists may appear and embarrass some prominent persons.

Foul Play Suspected.

BATESBURG, Dec. 29.—Speculation is still rife as to how Mr. J. E. Wertz came to his death on the evening of the 24th inst. It will be recalled that Mr. Wertz's body was found near the S. & K. junction with the skull fractured and otherwise bruised and mangled. The coroner's jury returned a verdict that he came to his death by being struck by a passing train. There are others, however, who believe that he was murdered and robbed and then his body was placed on the track. It was known that Mr. Wertz had considerable money about his person and the fact that he was found with one of his pants pockets turned wrong side out and that \$1.50 in change was found under his body lend support to this theory.

She Killed Her Father.

PURVIS, MISS., December 30.—Mrs. Lena Richardson Hartfield came 30 miles across country to surrender for killing her father, John Richardson, which, she asserts, she did in defense of herself and her mother.

Richardson had become enraged at his daughter when she married recently against his wishes. He compelled the girl to return home, and then, imbibing freely of Christmas liquor, began to abuse the girl and her mother, so the former says. Richardson went out in the yard to get a stick to beat the women, and upon his return his daughter met him at the door with a shotgun. He failed to heed a warning of a shot aimed at the floor, and as he advanced the girl fired again, the shot entering his stomach. He died the next morning. On the advice of friends, the young woman came here to surrender herself to the sheriff.

Richardson killed a man in this county several years ago, but was pardoned from the penitentiary by the governor.

Jealous Negro Kills Three.

ABBEVILLE, MISS., December 30.—Ernest Montgomery, a negro, in a fit of jealousy to-day killed his wife and two negro men. Montgomery killed the woman first with a shotgun and then stamped nearly all the negroes on the plantation, killing as he chased them. He was arrested.

Bank Bookkeeper Commits Suicide.

JACKSONVILLE, Dec. 30.—With a bullet hole in his temple the body of Otto Witschen, bookkeeper in the People's Bank and Trust Company, was found at 10 o'clock this morning. Witschen and his wife quarrelled Friday night, and she left home. It is the belief of the police that Witschen killed himself Saturday morning, as the body indicated that he had been dead for more than a day. His accounts at the bank were straight, and, while he left no note, it is believed that family troubles caused him to commit the rash act.

Knife Duel to the Death.

CHARLOTTE, Dec. 28.—A special to the Observer from Morganton, N. C., says news has been received there from Collettsville, Caldwell county, ten miles from Lenoir, N. C., of a fight to the death between four mountaineers, two brothers named Clark and the brothers Rader. Knives were the weapons used and the men fought for an hour without interference, with the result that both of the Clarks and one of the Rader brothers were killed and the other Rader badly slashed. Moonshine liquor is said to have inspired the battle, but details are not obtainable.

Country Correspondence.

The young folks from various colleges are returning home for the holidays. Miss Naomi Sandifer, of Limestone, Miss Minnie Ayer, of S. C. I., and Mr. Olar Ayer, of Wofford.

Miss Gertrude Oxner, who is teaching the Hampton school in our midst, is spending a few days with her sister, Mrs. W. H. Varn at Colston. From there she will visit her parents at Leesville and thence to Columbia during the holidays.

Miss Alma Sandifer, of Binnaker's school, is at home for Yuletide vacation.

Miss Gertrude Youmans, of Clear Pond school, will visit her parents, at Stafford.

Misses Lillian and Ethel Sandifer are visiting relatives in Spartanburg. A Christmas entertainment was given at Springton Sunday morning by the Sunday school pupils and friends.

The program was as follows; Song, "Joy to the World!" by the choir.

Scripture lesson, by Mr. Wilfred Free, Supt.

Prayer, by Joseph Gillam.

Song, "Let the Savior In," by the choir.

Recitation, "Nobody's Child," Miss Ethel Sandifer.

Reading, "An Old Preacher's Soliloquy," Miss Synie Free.

Song, "Will There be Any Stars in My Crown?"

Recitation, "How Prayer was Answered," Mr. Benjamin Hill.

Recitation, by Miss Lynn Walker, on Temperance.

Solo, "Come Home With Me Father," Miss Gertrude Oxner.

Reading, "Xmas," Miss Georgie Emma Jordan.

Song, "Jesus the Light of the World."

Recitation, "The Last Hymn," Miss Oxner.

Recitation, by Miss Deborah Zeigler, on Temperance.

Song, "Draw Nearer."

Address, by Prof. Chandler, of Govan.

Collection.

Benediction, by Mr. Joseph Gillam.

The collection was for the benefit of aged ministers, nnd amounted to about \$12.00

Shot by Crowd of Negroes.

WAYCROSS, GA., Dec. 24.—To-day, shortly before noon, Wallace Dyal, a woodsman employed by W. L. Hinson & Co. at a turpentine still about 18 miles from Waycross, was shot down by a crowd of negroes who were fighting among themselves. Before dying he shot and killed instantly two negroes.

A report reached Waycross with a request for the sheriff and deputies at 11 o'clock and since that time nothing further has been received though arrests are expected tonight.

The negroes, so it appears, were drinking and a fight started among them. Mr. Dyal was nearby and went to separate the fighters. They, or others around, did not like this interference and fired on him. He fell, but was able to use his pistol with telling effect.

Child Burned to Death.

ROCK HILL, Dec. 27.—William, the 4-year-old child of Capt. and Mrs. Wm. A. Graham, was fatally burned to-day about noon, dying in the hospital several hours after the dreadful accident.

None of the family was at home to-day except Mrs. Graham and little William. Mrs. Graham shut up the house and went to the home of her sister nearby, taking the child with her. He slipped out, went home and got into the house in some way and attempted to light a Roman candle at the fire when his clothing was ignited in some way. When found the little fellow was standing in the hall with his clothing burned from the waist up.

Railroad Work in South.

CHATTANOOGA, TENN., Dec. 29.—Several hundred miles of railroad have been constructed in the Southern States during 1907, and it is estimated that more than \$75,000,000 has been spent by the railroads of the South in improving the systems during the past 12 months.

The largest contract given during the year was in Southwestern Virginia where the Virginia and Southwestern railroad is being constructed. This work has been from different points and coal sections of Virginia and West Virginia via Bristol, to points in North Carolina where connections will be made the Seaboard and kindred lines. It is said to be a part of the great Tidewater system. When completed the line will be over 150 miles in length and will cost nearly \$100,000,000. It is through a very rough section and the 35 or 40 miles completed during 1907 aggregated a total cost of nearly \$15,000,000. The cost of one tunnel was in excess of \$2,000,000.

The Queen and Crescent has done double tracking to the extent of over \$15,000,000.

Work continues on the Southern's Lookout Mountain tunnel, but other improvements are suspended.

Thirty miles of the Savannah, Augusta & Northern have been graded.

The contract for construction from Savannah to Chattanooga are for \$12,000,000.

The Tidewater developments, the Flagler and other systems in Florida and numerous enterprises in Louisiana and Mississippi have been very active in the year just completed. There are numerous coal line and minor branch systems of different railroads which have been started and completed during 1907.

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G. W. GOOLSBY,
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