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POPULARITY CONTEST A GREAT SUCCESS.

MISS BESSIE ARMSTRONG WINS THE FINE KINGSBURY PIANO

LARGE RETURNS LAST DAY

DIAMOND RINGS WON BY MISSES DELK AND HIERS.

The Number of Votes Polled and the Prizes Won by All the Contestants.

The Herald's popularity contest came to a most successful and exciting close last Saturday afternoon at 4 o'clock, after a duration of only two months and two days.

To say that it was a success is but to reiterate the unsolicited thanks of the contestants and their friends and the business public of Bamberg, for many have been the expressions of kindness and good will during its progress. For all of this and much more The Herald is grateful. We can say neither more nor less and to those who have endorsed our methods by that greatest of all proofs—a dive into their pocketbook, we wish to add that if a paper loyal to the interests of Bamberg will prove any return to them, always and forever The Herald will fly the banner of Bamberg at its masthead.

The first prize, the \$350.00 Kingsbury piano, purchased from the Cable Piano Co., Charleston, S. C., was won by Miss Bessie Armstrong, of Bamberg, with a total of 396,000 votes.

The district prizes, consisting of two beautiful diamond rings, personally selected by Mr. Allan, of the firm of James Allan & Co., Charleston, S. C., were captured by Miss Pearl Delk, District No. 1, and Miss Ida Lou Hiers, District No. 2.

The fourth prize, a handsome suite of furniture, purchased from G. O. Simmons, Bamberg, was won by Miss Estelle Lancaster, of Govan.

The cut glass bottle of Hudnut's perfume, furnished by the Peoples Drug Co., went to Miss Evelyn Brabham, Olar, and the barrel of "Ben Hur" flour from the Planters Mercantile Co., of Bamberg, went to Miss Leda Ritter, of Olar.

Miss Mary Matheny, Miss Camille Price and Miss Louise Felder each came in for a pair of shoes furnished by C. R. Brabham's Sons and the Planters Mercantile Co.

The Monogram coffee, given by Mr. Miles J. Black, salesman for F. W. Wagener & Co., was divided among the remaining contestants, so that each and every contestant in the race received something.

There are some interesting facts in connection with the contest which demonstrates the loyalty of the people of this community to their friends in a matter of this kind. There are a number of subscriptions on The Herald's books paid as far ahead as 1919. This displays confidence in the paper's future. A still larger number of subscriptions are paid ahead as far as 1916, while a great quantity are paid anywhere from one to five years in advance.

The circulation of The Herald is nearly doubled, thus affording to advertisers double the value that we were able to offer them two months ago.

When the proposition to put on a contest was presented to the publisher of The Herald the sole idea in carrying it to a successful conclusion was to increase circulation for the benefit of advertisers, not as a money-making scheme for the paper. We were confident from the very beginning that the circulation would be increased to some extent, but we are frank to say that when the small territory to which we cater was taken into consideration we did not anticipate near the result which panned out in the end.

During the closing hours last Saturday afternoon The Herald office was a veritable beehive and the subscriptions were literally poured in. It was anybody's race until the very last minute and until the votes were counted the leading contestants appeared to be neck and neck. The only thing that we are sorry for now is that we did not have a piano to give to every girl in the race, for so faithful were they, their work deserved all that they got and more too.

Now then, in conclusion, we turn our faces to the future offering to the business public a paper that will car-

ry their message to every home in the county and then some. If The Herald, through its columns, can make a success of a proposition like the contest, then, too, it can make a success of your business.

Another feature of the contest that speaks well for the attractions of Bamberg and its people is the fact that it will possibly add another citizen to our community, as our contest manager will probably locate in Bamberg provided he can adjust his affairs to remain.

Contest a Great Success.

The Herald's great popularity contest, which closed last Saturday afternoon at four o'clock, was the most interesting event of recent years in Bamberg, and the interest and enthusiasm shown by the young ladies and their friends was great. We hereby express our thanks to all the young ladies. They worked hard, and every one deserved the grand prize for their noble efforts, and our only regret is that we did not have a piano for every one. The final count of votes stood as follows:

Miss Bessie Armstrong.....	396,500
Miss Pearl Delk.....	338,000
Miss Ida Lou Hiers.....	245,500
Miss Estelle Lancaster.....	156,500
Miss Evelyn Brabham.....	136,500
Miss Leda Ritter.....	81,000
Miss Mary Matheny.....	62,000
Miss Louise Felder.....	55,000
Miss Camille Price.....	38,000
Miss Katie Carter.....	25,000
Miss Lucile Lightsey.....	12,500
Miss Zelma Herndon.....	7,000

There were no changes in the votes of the other contestants from that last published, so they are not given here. Most of the prizes have already been delivered.

MISTRIAL IN KENNEDY CASE.

An Interesting Trial at Barnwell for the Murder of Ussery.

Last Thursday a trial of much interest to Bamberg people was begun in the sessions court at Barnwell. J. Chester Kennedy was tried for the murder of W. Perry Ussery.

It will be remembered that Quitman Johnson and Ferdinand Grubbs, both negroes, were tried at the last term of court for the murder of W. Perry Ussery, who was assassinated on the carnival ground in the town of Barnwell during last November. They were convicted, and after their conviction Johnson confessed that he was the man who did the shooting and that he was assisted by Ferdinand Grubbs; that he and Grubbs were paid by J. Chester Kennedy, a white man of good standing in the county, to do the work.

Johnson was convicted of murder, and Grubbs also, but with recommendation to mercy. Neither was sentenced at the time, so as to admit of their serving as witnesses against Kennedy.

At the trial of Kennedy, Johnson stuck unequivocally to his statement that he had been hired by Kennedy to kill Holland, but by mistake he had killed Ussery, the wrong man.

On Friday Kennedy, the defendant, was put on the stand. He denied all the statements made by the two negroes; denied positively that he had ever known the defendant Johnson, though, perhaps, he might have seen him at his cousin's saw mill as much as one time. He denied that Johnson and Grubbs came to his house on the Monday night after the killing, as they both testified, saying that he was sick in bed with his mother, father, sister and a man nurse attending him; that he had not recovered from the shots which Holland had inflicted upon him some time before that.

Kennedy, although he made a fair witness at times, appeared a little nervous, but stuck to his story throughout.

James Killingsworth, a young white man, testified that he was with Kennedy all the day at Walker's sale, some days before the shooting, the day that the State charges that the agreement to kill Holland was perfected between Kennedy and the negroes, and he said that Kennedy never talked to any negro during the day unless it was to pass the day.

After a deliberation of twelve hours, the jury fled into the court room and announced to Judge Gary that there was no possible chance of an agreement being reached.

Buried Alive.

Elloree, July 19.—Three negroes employes of the Atlantic Coast Line railroad were killed at Creston at 10 o'clock this morning while excavating sand from an embankment along the railroad right of way.

The negroes were at work under a steep embankment when it gave away, burying them alive. Two of them were dead when removed and the other lived only a short while. The names of the negroes could not be learned this afternoon.

NEGRO CHURCH IN TURMOIL.

Sheriff Foils Plan of Brethren to Horsewhip Pastor.

Greenville, July 18.—Three negroes, J. Kilgore, Addison McCraey and J. C. Byrd, are in the local county jail, charged with disturbing public worship. This morning news was brought to the sheriff that some trouble was brewing at Lyons Hill church, about three miles from the city, and Deputy Huntsinger, Mr. C. M. Wing and Fred Cooper went to the scene of the trouble in automobiles. Three negroes who were at the bottom of the trouble were arrested and brought to the local jail amid much excitement, and, for a while, it was thought that trouble would come from the arrest.

It is said that the congregation at "Buzards Creek" church, at Lyons Hill became displeased with the preaching of their pastor, Jim Allen, who had built the church and is well thought of in the city. A caucus was held, plans were laid to oust him, after the meeting this morning, and it is also said that the committee appointed was going to apply the buggy whip to the pastor. Preacher Allen got wind of the affair and sent for the sheriff. He started preaching this morning and kept it up until the officers arrived so that the whipping could not take place. He denounced his accusers from the pulpit and said that they had risen against him and that he was going to have it out with them. He accused them severely and with the full power of his oratory for "disturbing the worship of the Lord." One after another of the committee who had been working for ousting the preacher in charge arose in the meeting and replied to the preacher, but he kept on and succeeded in keeping all of them in their seats until the officers arrived, and the arrests were made.

Much excitement prevailed in the city when the men were first brought in, as it was rumored that the negroes at the church had risen against the white people. Groups congregated on street corners and interest was intense until it was learned that it was only a "family row," and then the interest abated. The negro church is a large one and Allen the pastor, who was in disfavor, was the cause of its being built. The negroes will be prosecuted, it is understood, and an attempt will be made by Allen to hold his place at the "head of his flock."

Kearse Dots.

Kearse, July 19.—The Timrod Literary Society met and held its regular meeting at White Point school house last Friday evening, July 16th, but as so many were absent the program was dispensed with and the only important business that was transacted was the election of new officers.

The following were elected: President, Miss Cressida Breland; vice president, Mr. Horace Kearse; critic, Miss Sudy Ritter; secretary, Miss Ettie Kearse; censor, Miss Evelyn Brabham; treasurer, Miss Edna Chitry.

The public is invited to attend our next public meeting, which will be held on the evening of July 30th. The play, "Miss Topsy Turvy," will be presented, while the program will also consist of a few recitations, songs, etc.

Miss Annie Halford, of Blackville, is the guest of Miss Cressida Breland.

We were glad to see so many out at Sunday-school last Sunday afternoon. Come again; we are glad to have you. It is very encouraging to our superintendent as well as the scholars to have the older folks attend.

Mr. Hugh Kearse, of Olar, was in our midst last Sunday.

Miss Annabel Boyton, of Ulmers, spent a few days with Miss Cressida Breland last week, returning home Sunday afternoon.

The old soldiers' reunion and picnic was held at Rivers' Bridge memorial grounds last Wednesday. The crowd was small, but the day was pleasantly spent. A most excellent address was made to the old soldiers by the Lutheran minister, Rev. D. B. Groseclose, of Ehrhardt.

Mr. Gracie Boynton, of Ulmers, was among our visitors last Sunday.

Mr. Willie Ritter is off on a visit to Pennsylvania, New York, and other Northern States.

Kearse and Colston crossed bats in a game of base ball on Colston grounds last Saturday. The score stood 21 to 3 in favor of Kearse.

Miss Mell Kearse is spending some time in Bamberg with her sister, Mrs. W. P. Jones.

Miss Eloise Brabham is with her sister, Mrs. Johnson, at Ellenton.

York Jury Convicts Windle.

Yorkville, July 16.—At 3 o'clock this afternoon, after having been out two hours, the jury in the case of W. H. Windle, charged with assault and battery with intent to kill, returned with a verdict of assault and battery of a high and aggravated nature, with a recommendation to the mercy of the court, and Judge Memminger imposed a sentence of six months on the chain gang or in the State penitentiary, or a fine of \$500. The prosecution grew out of Windle's attack on Editor W. D. Grist in the office of the clerk of court on August 27, last.

COUNTRY NEWS LETTERS

SOME INTERESTING HAPPENINGS IN VARIOUS SECTIONS.

News Items Gathered All Around the County and Elsewhere.

Ehrhardt Etchings.

Ehrhardt, July 19.—Mesdames E. P. Copeland, Addie B. Hartz, Misses Ned and Edrie Ehrhardt went to Charleston on Thursday last and will return on Monday's noon train.

Mr. E. P. Copeland went to Charleston on Friday morning over the Southern and returned Saturday. He went on business.

Quite a crowd of our town folks went to St. John's church Sunday to attend preaching. They say the preacher threw stones at the boys and young men about cigarette smoking and taking on strong drink.

It is reported that a young man called on a young lady one Sunday night not long since, and when he left for home he broke up the young lady's guinea nest which she had been counting on and looking forward with the best of hopes for a new lot of little guineas for another year. You know she will be tough to him when he calls again, and will not meet him at the door with a smile.

Our farmers and town folks are talking of having a prohibition picnic in the near future. Most every one is going into the prohibition business like they mean it. I hope they will succeed this time in putting the whiskey traffic out of business. While I know there are some that will order and drink it, there are others that cannot get it when they want it, and will spend their money for something that will do them more good. The simple argument that people drink whiskey if the law is passed anyway, and therefore they will not vote for a law that can't be enforced, is no argument against prohibition. There is a law against murder, and every day murder is done. But none of us would have the law repealed because it can't be enforced to the letter. Our growing young men demand the removing of the temptation as much so as we can. So, when the time comes, let all of us do our duty and cut it out.

Mrs. Willie Moore returned from Hendersonville, S. C., where she has been visiting relatives, on Friday.

Rev. W. H. Ariail spent a few days with his brother, Rev. J. W. Ariail last week. Was glad to see him and shake his hand again. He is somewhat grayer, but he is as lively as ever.

Drummers are plentiful now. Can't hardly rest these hot days for them, offering their special bargains.

From general reports, the cotton crop in this State will be short this year. Too much rain, could not cultivate it, and General Green took possession of quite a large area in some counties.

Messrs. J. M. and E. D. Dannelly lost a fine horse last week. JEE.

Fairfax Fancies.

Fairfax, July 19.—Dear "Aunt Mary" Bryan, as she was affectionately called by so many here, died last week, and was funeralized at Bethlehem church by her pastor, Rev. Chas. Turner. A number of relatives from a distance were at the funeral.

A young infant of Mr. and Mrs. J. Knopf died a few days ago.

Mr. G. W. Barber, accompanied by Miss Lila Barber, visited their old home last Sunday (about eight miles off) and helped much with the music at church services.

Miss Annie Cleeland visited friends here (this being her old home) recently, and the youths sigh since her departure.

The Brunson Amateurs gave an entertainment here last week, "The Country Kid," being the play. They did real well and a nice crowd greeted them.

Fairfax's funny man, Mr. Anderson, did the best acting in the play, and brought down the house with laughter.

Quite a number of our folks anticipate going to Charleston this week on the excursion.

Mrs. Lillie Myrick has just returned from a week's visit near Barnwell.

Miss Bates, of Barnwell, is the guest of Miss Lena Carter.

Mr. W. C. Creech, of Barnwell, who has been working at Orange Lake, Fla., for some years, visited Mr. Geo. Sanders on his way home for a short holiday.

Mr. Francis Boynton, of Florida, is home with his mother for a rest.

Mrs. Weekley is visiting her sister, Mrs. F. M. Young.

TWO LITTLE LADS DROWN

JOHN AND JESSE CHALK MEET DEATH IN BRUSHY CREEK.

Little Known of the Pitiful Tragedy as No Witness Was Near Except Possibly Another Small Boy.

Chester, July 20.—One of the saddest tragedies ever recorded in Chester county was enacted in the waters of Brushy creek near Chalkville yesterday afternoon when Jesse, aged 10 years, and John, aged 12 years, the two little sons of Mr. and Mrs. Geo. M. Chalk, were drowned.

The two little fellows, accompanied by Perry Woods, the little son of Mr. and Mrs. Frank Woods, left their home yesterday afternoon at about 2 o'clock and strolled down to a lake on Brushy Fork creek in Mr. Mills's pasture. By and by little Perry Woods returned alone; the afternoon wore away, and still the two other little boys didn't come home. The parents naturally became alarmed, and the Woods boy was questioned as to where they were. No satisfactory information could be obtained from him, however, and Messrs. Eli Wilks, J. B. Carter and others organized a party and proceeded to the swimming place to look for them, fears being had from the first that some accident had befallen them on the creek.

Their clothes were found on the bank of the lake, which is about 150 feet long and several feet deep in places and the search began. All of the party were good swimmers, and but little difficulty was experienced in finding the bodies and bringing them to the shore.

The two boys were found about four feet apart. One little body was rigid, while the other was not. When Messrs. Eli Wilks and J. B. Carter reached the city this morning in quest of coffins no statement had been obtained from Perry Woods as to the details of the tragedy. It is supposed, though, that he was along when the two little Chalk boys were drowned. Neither of the victims could swim, and it is likely that they ventured in beyond their depth and were engulfed in the water, which is deep at places.

The funeral services were held at Brushy Fork church this afternoon and the bodies laid to rest in Brushy Fork cemetery. A great deal of sympathy is felt for Mr. and Mrs. Chalk in their double bereavement. The two little boys who were drowned were bright, manly little fellows, and their sad and sudden taking off has almost distracted their parents, as well as cast a general gloom over the neighborhood.

THE FARMERS UNION.

Will Meet in State Convention Wednesday of Next Week.

The Columbia State says the State headquarters of the Farmers' Union of South Carolina is busy preparing for the next state convention, which meets in that city on the 28th instant. State Secretary Reed informs the State that all the counties in South Carolina with the exception of a few will be represented at this next annual meeting of the State Union. Should the delegates who have been elected attend, there will be at least 175 present. Those who come as delegates from their respective counties are among the representative and most intelligent farmers of the State.

The convention will have before it for consideration many matters of great interest, not alone to the farmers but to all others whose prosperity is bound up with that of the farming class. It is planned that the sessions of the convention shall hold for about three days. The railroads will give reduced rates, and as the convention comes off at a time when farming operations are not so pressing, the State officers have reason to expect full delegations from the 30 or more counties entitled to representation.

Said Mr. Reed: "The farmers of South Carolina were never so well organized as at present. The State Farmers' Union is gaining strength and efficiency every day. The farmers, more alive to their interests and needs than ever before, have been stimulated through the agency of the Farmers' Union to better methods of farming and to better ways of conserving their interests. It is this practical work of the Union that is attracting the attention of the farming class all over the State, the effect of which has been and is a great increase of membership. Nearly every county in the State has a strong county union made up of local unions of which there are about 500 in the State."

Negro Lynched in Georgia.

Eastman, Ga., July 20.—King Green, a negro, was lynched and his body riddled with bullets at Gum Branch this morning.

The Misses Nicholson, daughters of Sam Nicholson, one of Eastman's prominent citizens, while four miles out from Eastman, were met in the road by the negro, who caught their horse by the rein and told them to get out, that it was his horse and he was going to have it.

The young ladies whipped up their horse and tried to get away from him, but he held on until frightened by their screams. Dogs were sent from the county convict camp and placed on his trail, and after a run of several hours the negro was captured.

The sheriff and his deputies, while on their way to town, were met at Gum Swamp by a posse of 175 men, who took him away from the officers and strung him up to a sapling, after which the crowd quietly dispersed.

PROHIBITION NEWS.

Letters on the Situation from Orangeburg and Barnwell Counties.

The following letters were handed to us by the prohibition committee of this county for publication, as they show what the prohibitionists of Orangeburg and Barnwell counties are doing:

Orangeburg, S. C., July 15th, 1909. Mr. W. D. Rhoad, Chairman Anti-Saloon League of Bamberg County, Bamberg, S. C.

My Dear Sir: As Chairman of the Anti-Saloon League for Orangeburg county, S. C., I wish to inform you of what we are doing and the prospects for prohibition at the ensuing election, on August 17th, next.

We have organized a committee of good men for each township, whose business it will be to look chiefly after the interests in their respective townships. A meeting has been called at this place of the executive committee, as well as of the various township committees, for the purpose of consultation and mapping out fully the work in each township and at each voting precinct.

Our campaign meetings have been appointed, at which will be speeches from men of intelligence and integrity. We realize that the adversary is working hard, and he is sparing no effort to canvass the county and, if possible, to retain the dispensary. We do not underrate his strength, but expect to overcome him. Our people are awake to their best interests, and indications now are that our county will go "dry" by a good majority. Of course, the cry is raised by the dispensary folks that Orangeburg will go for prohibition, but Bamberg and the adjoining counties will go for whiskey, thereby greatly injuring us in the loss of business, increase of liquor consumed, and increase of taxes. This same objection has been urged from the beginning but there is nothing in the objection for several reasons, one of which is that the adjoining counties are going to vote for prohibition also.

Please let us know what are the prospects for your county going "dry." We are interested in you, and stand ready to aid you in any way possible.

Yours very truly,
A. W. SUMMERS.

Barnwell, S. C., July 19th, 1909. Mr. Thomas Black, Chairman, Bamberg, S. C.

Dear Sir: In reply to yours of the 16th to hand and in reply will say: That there can be no doubt as to the result of the election in Barnwell county. We are well organized, and a spirit of enthusiasm exists throughout the county, backed by the influential business men of the county, that could not fail. It will be only a question of what the majority will be. Some put it two to one, while others seem to think it will be still larger.

The people as a whole are sick of the liquor traffic, and justly so. Wishing the baby county may grow to full manhood on the 17th, and so declare for the betterment of her people socially, morally, intellectually, and spiritually, and, above all, for her noble women and children that have suffered long enough, and with best wishes for your success, I am,
Your co-worker,
FRANK H. CRECH,
Chairman of Executive Committee.

Mob Lynchs Negro.

Paducah, Ky., July 20.—Without firing a shot, a mob took Albert Lawson, the negro who shot Sheriff R. M. Compton, at Paris, Tenn., Sunday, from the Paris jail at 2:30 o'clock to-night and hanged him to a mulberry tree a few yards from the prison. About 30 minutes later the body was cut down.

An attempt was made early this afternoon to lynch the negro. He was taken into the court yard where a rope was placed around his neck, but as the negro pleaded more conservative men and the county officials succeeded in getting the leaders to let the law take its course. He was again locked up.

Later Sheriff Compton issued a poster over his own signature, requesting the people to let the law take its course as he was much better. The town began to fill up with countrymen and at 8 o'clock a large mob with the rope used earlier in the afternoon went to the little prison, battered down the door and lynched Lawson. Several hundred men near by paid little attention to the execution. Lawson was captured early today. He had had but one meal since the shooting.

Young Horse Thief.

Prosperity, July 19.—Last night about 9 o'clock Dr. Dominick, of this city returned from a patient and, hitching his horse in the yard, went into the house. He returned in a few minutes and was astonished to find that his horse and buggy had disappeared. Search was begun, but not until this morning did he find which way the thieves had gone. It was found that they had been seen going towards Saluda river. Parties in autos and buggies left at once, and upon information received along the road, one of the cars was able to follow the thieves, who were driving hard.

About three miles from Leesville Messrs. J. B. Harmon and Jas. Hunt caught up with the thieves. They were captured and brought back to Prosperity, and it developed that one of the thieves was a little negro of this town about 12 years of age, and his companion was a negro picked up on the road.

Sheriff Buford came down and carried both to Newberry, and gave out the information that the little negro was wanted for breaking out of jail, and also for stealing a watch and a bicycle.