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COUNTRY NEWS LETTERS

SOME INTERESTING HAPPENINGS IN VARIOUS SECTIONS.

News Items Gathered All Around the County and Elsewhere.

Govan Letter.

Govan, Nov. 28.—It has been some time since your correspondent has given the news from this community, so will endeavor to give you a few items.

The Woodmen of the World of this lodge will unveil the tomb of Mr. Luther Lancaster the first Sunday in December at Georges Creek Baptist church at 9:30 o'clock. The ceremonies will be before preaching service. Saturday before and Sunday are the regular preaching service days. Everybody, through the courtesy of the Govan lodge, is extended a welcome to witness the ceremonies. Dr. Leighton Hartzog, of Olar, has been requested to make an address appropriate for the occasion. We hope not to be disappointed by not having him with us. Our lodge is progressing nicely. One new member was added to our number recently, and there are others desiring union with us, and we hope to accept them in the near future.

It is reported that the young man named Spire, of Orangeburg county, who was wounded on the excursion train coming from Augusta several weeks ago, received another wound inflicted by a negro Saturday. The wound was a knife cut, and it is said that the victim's abdomen was cut clear across, making an opening sufficient for the bowels to protrude. It is said that the young man supported his bowels with his hands until reaching a physician, when the wound was attended to. Suppose the wound was not so dangerous.

Mr. Howell McCormack will make his future home in the State of Georgia, near Guyton. There are several families in that community from around here, and all of them make good reports from that section. Sugar cane growing is a special industry over there, and the syrup produced is of very excellent quality. Farmers here want from 50 to 60 cents per gallon for syrup, and the Georgia syrup can be bought for 30 cents per gallon. Of course this is wholesale, but any one purchasing as much as 50 gallons can get it at that price, and it is not necessary that he be a merchant.

Mrs. Helen Hay is visiting her brother, Mr. W. A. Hay, of this place. She will make her future home in Arcadia, Texas, in the near future. Arcadia is a town twenty miles above Galveston, and is situated in the tropics. Large lumber plants are located there, also fig industries and orange groves. Mr. Arthur Hay, Mrs. Hay's son, who is engaged in the lumber business there, recently visited Galveston and sent her a picture of the new sea wall, which has been built since the great storm several years ago which destroyed that city. It is a stupendous structure, costing the government millions of dollars, and is an imposing sight viewed from the gulf.

For one who cast his vote for prohibition in the last election to behold such quantities of liquor shipped to this little town and a great deal of it consigned to strangers who live away from here, it is quite disappointing, and it is evidence of the corruption of our people. There was a barrel containing twelve gallons consigned to a party who does not live in this community. If the town was large enough to support a law and order league no doubt the conditions would be much better here.

Miss Leda Williams came home on a visit Thanksgiving and returned to her position near Blackstock this morning.

Mrs. W. S. Glover, of Johns Island, recently returned from an extended visit to her parents, Mr. and Mrs. U. M. Eaves.

Mr. Holland Kennedy made a hurried visit to friends and relatives in Georgia last week and reports a jolly time. He likes it so well over there that he says he wants to make it his home, but he can't get his wife to give her consent to go. So he says that does not alter the case a bit, that he can get a divorce over there and it will be recognized socially in that State. Disgrace to Georgia! H.

Some Quick Work.

At Nashville, Tenn., a new church building was constructed from the foundation painted and furniture installed in one day through the combined efforts of three Christian churches, and a service held in it that night. There were about 150 workers and the task was finished in ten hours.

LANGFORD FOUND DEAD.

Mysterious Murder of a White Man Near Brunson.

Brunson, Nov. 29.—J. R. Langford, a well known hotel and lumber man of this town was found dead about two miles from his home, tonight about 8 o'clock.

He left this morning about 8:30 to direct the preparing of a sawmill site, four miles from town. The hands left ahead of him and returned at noon, stating that Mr. Langford had not come to tell them what to do and they thought best to come home.

His family looked for him this afternoon for several hours, and when he could not be found a searching party left town at 7:30 p. m. to look for him. About half an hour later he was found in the woods, his horse hitched to a tree nearby. He had apparently been dead several hours.

The cause of his death at present is unknown, there being no wounds visible. Nothing definite will be known until the autopsy is performed.

Fairfax Fandees.

Fairfax, Nov. 28.—Thanksgiving here was enjoyed by the older ones as a day of rest—and reviewing the past they were grateful to the giver of All Good for His merciful care of them. The young folks were invited to dinings, etc. Mrs. Frank Young entertained on that day the new pastor of the Lutheran church and his family, Mr. and Mrs. Martin Lightsey and others. Mrs. Geneva Barber had with her all of last year's teachers, Prof. Riser, Miss Albright, Miss Goolsby and Miss Hagler. Mrs. Newton Loadholt entertained Miss Margaret Youmans, Misses Ziegler, Drummond, Lanham, and Messrs. G. D. Sanders, W. J. Speaks, and Dr. Ed. Kerrison. All report spending a charming day.

That evening the Methodists gave a festival in the school rooms, while a lecture by a gent, who had been among Indians, of Columbia, took place up stairs. He brought a fine piano with him and gave some weird music as the Indians like it. His talk and music both were good.

Mrs. Cammie Sanders Jenniss is spending some time with her mother, Mrs. Julia Sanders.

The festival given by the Methodists was quite a success and their pretty church will soon be much prettier. The pastor came from Hampton and assisted in many ways. Some of our citizens went to Columbia and heard Ben Hur. Of course they were delighted.

Both parsonages here will soon be occupied, as Rev. W. B. Aull and family begin to feel at home in their new abode, and Rev. J. D. Timmons will soon move his family into the Baptist parsonage.

Fruit cakes, etc., are being made all ready for the return of our college boys and girls at Christmas. The stork visited the home of Mr. and Mrs. Sam Rouse on the 25th, leaving a little one to be the life and light of their dwelling. It is a son, and a fine boy he is.

Mr. Arthur Youmans, lately of Pensacola, Fla., has returned to the old home at "Duck Branch" quite broken in health, but is being tenderly nursed by his step-mother.

Great Day at Colston.

Last Thursday morning there was a Thanksgiving picnic given at Colston church in behalf of the orphans and a very liberal collection was given to this cause. Also there were two very interesting speeches made by Prof. Davis, of South Carolina University, and Mr. Gunter, assistant State superintendent of education, for the purpose of joining Cuffie Creek and Colston school districts and forming a rural graded school. We sincerely hope the good people of Colston will continue the good work, as this will add greatly to the cause of education in that community. We are sure the wise heads of Colston are anxious to improve this great cause.

A FRIEND.

Fund for Lutheran Orphanage.

Ehrhardt, Nov. 25.—Observance of Thanksgiving was pleasingly in evidence here on yesterday and last night, notably at the two Lutheran churches of which the Rev. D. B. Groseclose is the pastor. Mount Pleasant Lutheran church, two miles out of town, held Thanksgiving service in the morning of yesterday, and the Lutheran church of Ehrhardt held Thanksgiving service last night. At the end of the service that first named church took up a collection, amounting to \$10.50, and the Ehrhardt church took up a collection last night amounting to \$23.20, a total of \$33.70 for the Lutheran Orphan Home, at Salem, Va.

IN THE PALMETTO STATE

SOME OCCURRENCES OF VARIOUS KINDS IN SOUTH CAROLINA.

State News Boiled Down for Quick Reading—Paragraphs About Men and Happenings.

The handsome home of Morgan E. Boylston, near Springfield, was destroyed by fire one night last week.

Governor Ansel has removed Magistrate Lee at Eutawville. The charge against this officer was that he charged delinquents an extra amount in collecting road tax.

E. P. Miller, superintendent of the graded school at Bennettsville, has resigned to accept the position of cashier of the Union Savings Bank of that town. M. C. Foster, first assistant, has been made superintendent.

After passing through a number of hands during the past year, the Hampton County News, published at Brunson, is now in charge of a stock company. W. M. Bishop is managing editor and J. W. Manuel associate editor.

The State Supreme court Tuesday denied a rehearing in the Carolina Glass Company case, and it is said the case will now be appealed to the United States Supreme Court. This is the case of the glass company against the State dispensary commission.

A meeting of the citizens of Hampton was held last Monday, at which it was decided to take steps to induce Broxton township, in Colleton, to annex itself to Hampton county. The people of Hampton seem very desirous of adding Broxton to their territory.

Willie Johnson, a boy under 18 years of age, is the champion corn grower of Greenville county, having produced 113 bushels to the acre, according to decisions rendered at the county corn contest held in that city last Wednesday. Mark Johnson took second prize with a record of 93 bushels.

Tuesday J. J. Langford was elected mayor of Newberry, defeating his opponent, P. F. Baxter, by a three to one vote. Governor-elect Blease is now mayor, but resigned because of his election as governor. Mr. Langford has heretofore served two terms as mayor, but was defeated by Blease at the last election.

Joe Freeman, the negro who shot and seriously wounded Dr. C. E. Kinsey some time ago, was tried at court in Walterboro last week and found guilty. He was given a sentence of ten years on the chain gang. It will be remembered that Freeman made his escape immediately after the shooting, and was captured in Aiken county only a few weeks ago.

Thanksgiving and Educational Rally.

Thursday, November 24th, 1910, there were Thanksgiving services held at Colston Branch Baptist church and was immediately followed by an educational rally.

The Thanksgiving services were conducted by Rev. S. P. Chisolm. The speakers for the educational rally were Prof. H. C. Davis, from the South Carolina University, and Mr. Gunter, the assistant State superintendent of education.

They both delivered eloquent speeches on consolidating these little one room schools into a graded school. I do wish that all the patrons of Cuffie Creek and Colston Branch school could have heard them.

Patrons of the two schools which I have just mentioned, a graded school is what we need. If each one of you knew the great disadvantages your children are receiving at these little one room schools and knew the great advantages they would receive at a graded school, you would immediately go to work and erect one in this community.

Patrons, do you not think that your children would be better prepared to launch into life after they have finished at a graded school, than they would be if they only finished at a little one room school? Of course they would be.

My dear patrons, an education is what your children need, and if you do not intend sending them to college, why not give them all the education you can at home, and by doing so a graded school is what you need for the purpose, and also if you intend sending them to college, a graded school will prepare them to enter.

So, now patrons of Cuffie Creek and Colston Branch schools, why can't we have a graded school in our community? We can if we will come together and say by the help of God we will have it. J. G. CLAYTON.

PAROLE GIVEN ALLEN.

Gov. Ansel Hands Thanksgiving to Greenville Man.

It is custom among governors to parole or pardon one prisoner or several on Thanksgiving day and Gov. Ansel yesterday followed this custom by giving Walter Allen his liberty, who is serving a life sentence in the penitentiary for murder from Greenville county, which is the home of Gov. Ansel. Allen came into the limelight where, in 1907, he, as a trusty, walked early one morning out of the prison and to Greenville to see his wife. Later he returned on his own accord. He was convicted in 1901 on the charge of killing Henry Trammell, a neighbor, who it is charged insulted the wife of Allen. Allen is known as a mountaineer, he having resided in the upper section of Greenville county.

Letters from the officials at the penitentiary to Gov. Ansel say that Allen has made a most excellent prisoner. He has on several previous occasions asked for a pardon, but was not successful.

Back in 1907 Allen grew homesick. He wanted to see his sick wife who had removed from the mountain home to the city of Greenville and was employed in one of the cotton mills of that city. He was a trusty, having gained the confidence of all officials at the penitentiary. Early one morning he walked away with another prisoner by the name of Sudduth. Sudduth has never been recaptured. When Allen's wife heard of his escape she wrote a letter to Gov. Ansel stating that when Allen came home that she would send him back to the penitentiary. He went to see his wife and then came back to Columbia. The newspapers familiar with the case have since then urged the parole. Allen is about 36 years of age.—Columbia State.

Letter from Clemson.

Dear Mr. Knight:—As there are thirteen boys here from Bamberg county, I take it that a letter from here would be of general interest to the folks at home in various parts of the county. We have three Seniors, three Juniors, one Sophomore, and six Freshmen. Mr. Walter Rice, from Denmark, joined our ranks as a freshman Friday.

Thanksgiving is over and the fellows are looking forward to Xmas with pleasure. But our exams come before Xmas, and it is up to each one of us to make the best of them.

We always enjoy reading The Herald, as it is very nearly like a letter from home.

I want to ask the readers of this item if any one has a copy of the following speeches: "Emmett's Vindication," "Hampton's Salutes," or "The Charge of Hagood's Brigade." If you have any of these declamations the writer will feel very thankful to you for a copy of either of these. I will send stamped envelope and paper to any one who lets me know.

I guess most of you are enjoying cane grindings and hog killings about now.

Mr. Knight, if we get Warren township into Bamberg county, we will get two mighty nice boys from down there as Bamberg county's representatives up here, S. M. Connor and F. W. Risher. Yours,

DAVID B. HILL.

Clemson College, Nov. 27.

Only a Drunken Quarrel.

Greenville, Nov. 28.—F. A. T. and J. W. Shell, who were cut and otherwise injured in a cutting affray at Taylors, and who were believed at one time to be dying from loss of blood, are reported entirely out of danger and rapidly improving. No move has been made to arrest Petty, the man implicated as having done the cutting. From all information obtainable, the affair appears to have been only a drunken quarrel.

Trains Pass Under River.

New York, Nov. 27.—For the first time in the history of transportation on this continent passengers for Washington and points to the South and West, walked into a station on Manhattan Island last night, stretched out in their berths and rode through without change under the Hudson river. The new Pennsylvania station was formally declared open at one minute past midnight and the first train—a local—rolled under the river one minute later. The Southern express followed it at 12:30 and the first incoming express pulled in at 12:50. Thereafter the full train schedule went into effect.

BODIES OF BOYS FOUND.

GUY ROGERS AND PRENTISS MOORE KILLED WITH GUN.

No One Knows Anything of Death of Two Bennettsville Youths, Missing Since Thanksgiving.

Bennettsville, Nov. 26.—The dead bodies of Guy Rogers and Prentiss Moore were found this morning about 10 o'clock.

As reported, these two boys left home Thursday morning on a hunting trip. They went to Gardner's Bluff, hitched their horse and buggy and nothing definite could be learned of their whereabouts until the bodies were found to-day.

Prentiss Moore, aged 11, the son of Mrs. Emily E. Moore, was found lying on the south side of a branch about five feet deep. His feet were toward the bottom of the branch and he clutched a briar between his fingers. Examination showed that the load from a shotgun had entered the side near the edge of the shoulder blade and ranged toward the middle of the chest, passing through the body. The entire load, shot and wad, was lying underneath his clothes in front of his chest.

The Other Body.

Guy Rogers, aged 15, a son of N. B. Rogers, county treasurer, was found in the bottom of the branch only a few feet from the body of little Moore. His face was turned to the ground; his body was nearly in a kneeling position, with his head in the edge of the water in a puddle of blood. He, too, was wounded with a shotgun, the load entering directly into the heart from the front, passing through the chest, shattering the ribs on the back side, some of the shot burying themselves in the skin in the back. One wad, that between the powder and shot, was found inside the shirt near the wound. The wound in young Rogers' body ranged slightly down from the front. A double barreled shotgun was found on the brink of the branch, the muzzle slightly elevated, pointing toward the ditch, one trigger cocked and in the breech was caught a small part of the shirt of young Rogers. One barrel, the one with the cocked trigger, was found empty; the second barrel contained an empty shell. Another empty shell was found within a few inches of the muzzle of the gun.

The branch runs through a broad field. An overgrown hedge covered the banks of the branch, which is about five feet deep and about six feet wide at the top. Within about 150 yards is a negro cabin. An old negro woman who lives there said that she saw the boys out there shooting, but that she paid no attention to them and knew nothing of their disappearance. Within half a mile away are three other houses. The point where the boys had hitched their horse was within a quarter of a mile of where their bodies were found.

Large Searching Party.

Thursday night and Friday morning searching parties were out looking for the boys. The party was increased largely last night and with lanterns the entire swamp on this side of the river was carefully searched.

A party was again formed this morning, many who had been out all night renewing the search, which was begun at the place where the boys were last seen, with the understanding that it was to spread gradually and take in every foot of the ground.

The portion of ground where the boys were found was assigned to a party among whom were Frank Crossland and W. C. Carlisle. Mr. Crossland was riding horseback up the branch when he saw the body of young Moore.

The bodies remained as they were found until the coroner empaneled his jury, when they were removed and an examination made by Dr. W. J. Crossland. The jury made a thorough examination and took the testimony of every one in the immediate vicinity.

Many think it practically impossible to harmonize the facts with the theory of accident, yet nothing has developed to point conclusively to the theory of murder.

The coroner's jury adjourned late this afternoon to meet again next Wednesday.

With the closing of the year everyone is winding up the business affairs of life, "balancing books." Do your books balance and do you owe an honest debt that you have made and do not expect to pay? If such be the case your credit will not suffer near as much as you do. This thing called "conscience" will do its work day or night and rightly it should.

THREE TO HANG.

Slayers of Ellhu Moye Found Guilty of Murder.

Florence, Nov. 28.—For the murder of Ellhu Moye, Willie Burroughs, Ellie Weldon and Clarence Ham were convicted here to-day and sentenced to be hanged on Friday, December 16. The usual motion for a new trial was overruled.

Five negroes were under arrest charged with the killing of Ellhu Moye several weeks ago. Of the five the solicitor held three and had no bill returned in the case of Henry Jones and Senior Askins. The negroes on trial were Clarence Ham, long a trusted employe and friend of Mr. Moye; Willie Burroughs and Ellie Weldon.

The court house and court yard were crowded long before the hour for trial by people from all over the county, who came to hear the case and see the negroes who had committed a crime that shocked the entire community.

Judge Brown's charge to the jury was brief, covering, as usual, the degrees in homicide cases, and on their duty to the country.

The solicitor wished to use Clarence Ham as a witness, so did not put him on trial with the other two. W. F. Clayton, E. S. Oliver and Claude Gasque were appointed by the court to represent the accused.

Deliberately Planned.

Clarence Ham was put on the stand first. He testified that he had met the other two and they told him that Mr. Moye had gone to Timmonsville and that there was money in the house and they must have it. He consented to watch in the road while they went to get it. He was to whistle in case any one approached and he did so when Mr. Moye drove in later. Mr. Moye went into the house and struck a match; the other negroes forced him to go up to the house. He heard one shot, then another, then saw some one stagger out of the door. He grabbed up the gun for his protection, but they led him away and offered him a drink and gave him \$3 and told him to say nothing about the affair. They offered him \$25 and to pay his way to Florence if he would say nothing about the affair.

Several witnesses were examined in the case, generally in corroboration of the evidence given by Ham as to the connection with the trio with the killing, and their efforts to cover their tracks.

The jury was allowed to go unguarded.

Found Guilty.

There was practically no testimony for the defense and though the counsel for the accused earnestly worked to prevent injustice or prejudice affecting the case, the jury, without difficulty, found both Weldon and Burroughs guilty.

The trial of Clarence Ham was then entered into. He acknowledged his guilt and in response to the usual question by the solicitor said that any method of trial would suit him. He was promptly convicted.

Before the close of court shortly after 7 o'clock all three negroes were sentenced to hang on Friday, December 16.

Mr. Clayton, on behalf of his clients, moved for a new trial on the ground that the evidence did not corroborate the confession of Clarence Ham and that the crowd and pressure of public opinion in the matter was an obstacle to unbiased opinion. Solicitor Wells replied that the jury was competent to judge the facts as presented and that there had not been the slightest success attendant on the efforts of the defense to disprove any of the statements and that the verdict ought to stand. Judge Brown complimented the crowd for its order and refused to grant the new trial.

BUSINESS LOCALS.

Christmas goods and toys have been received at The Herald Book Store.

Reduced prices on every article in our store. We bought too heavy this fall, and the stock must be sold. Don't buy anything in fancy china, cut glass, or any kind of Christmas or wedding presents until you get our Money Saving prices. HERALD BOOK STORE.

Highest prices paid for cotton seed, or I will give you a good exchange for C. S. meal. W. G. HUTTO at Copeland's store.

Walter H. Hunt, of Newberry, was elected president of the State Baptist convention which is in session at Laurens this week. Rev. A. J. S. Thomas, editor of the Baptist Courier, who has been president for so years, declined re-election.