

# The Laurens Advertiser.

VOLUME XXIII. LAURENS, SOUTH CAROLINA, WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 21, 1907.

## CLINTON ROBBERS BEHIND THE BARS.

### Arrested at Fort Lawn by Special Detective.

## MRS. GRIFFIN'S DEATH.

### The Illness of Mrs. Vance--Dr. Jacobs Preaches on the "Gift of Tongues."

Clinton, August 20.—Two of the robbers who broke into the stores of Bailey Brothers and Copeland & Brother here last week are under lock and key, caught with the stolen goods in their possession.

The merchants are breathing much freer since their arrest on Friday and Saturday. They were found by a detective in Fort Lawn and he turned them over to chief-of-police Reid at Chester.

Mr. Emma T. Griffin died at one o'clock last Wednesday afternoon after a painful illness. For ten days or more before her death, the end was constantly expected by those about her. Her sons came from their homes and were with her much of the last two weeks of her life. Mrs. Griffin was the widow of Major Richard Griffin, and a sister of Mr. Willie Jones of Laurens. She was an earnest consistent Christian, a member of the Clinton Baptist church. The funeral service was conducted by her nephew, the Rev. Alex Brunson of Columbia in the Baptist church at noon on Thursday and the interment was made in the Presbyterian cemetery.

A son of Mr. Frank Copeland, Adolphus, was kicked by a mule Saturday and severely injured. It was thought he would die at first, but he is doing well now.

Mrs. S. F. Vance is very ill. She had a fall which sprained or broke her ankle last week and as she was then in a weak state from illness it has had severe results.

The Rev. Dr. Jacobs preached a most able and convincing sermon Sunday morning on the "Gift of Tongues."

The tent meeting broke up Sunday night.

The regular union service was held in the Baptist church Sunday night, the Rev. Mr. Hodges preaching a strong gospel sermon. The interesting announcement was made that the Rev. Lewis Fowler, pastor, elect of the Baptist church, has sailed for America and will preach his first sermon Sunday night, September first.

There is nothing new to report along the building line this week.

Socially there has been dull. The usual dances on Monday and Thursday nights gave much pleasure to the society set. A party of young people picnicked at Musgroves mill Wednesday. The quiet was broken by a most delightful affair given by Mrs. Edgar Owens on Monday night in honor of Miss Julia Gilkerson of Laurens and Will Owens, Jr.

There are several visitors in town. Miss Jessie Bolt of Laurens has been the guest of the Misses Dillard's today. Miss Euphonia Young of Due West is visiting her brother, Dr. C. H. Young. Miss Alice Watts of Columbia and Mrs. Conyers and two children are visiting their sisters, Mrs. Burdett and Mrs. Gravis. Miss Julia Gilkerson is visiting Mrs. Edgar Owen's family. Miss Walker of Woodruff is the guest of Miss Margaret Parrott. Miss Austen of Monroe and Miss Plowden of Greenwood are visiting Dr. Woodford's family.

## Lisbon Locals.

Lisbon, Aug. 20.—The barbecue given by the ladies of Beavertam church last Friday was a success financially and socially. About a hundred dollars was realized which will be added to the church repairing fund and a very enjoyable day was spent by the crowd. Interesting and appropriate talks by the Rev. W. P. Turner and Mr. W. Carl Wharton were made in the afternoon.

## MASONIC PICNIC AT MOUNT BETHEL.

Dr. West Master of Ceremonies, Solicitor Cooper and Rev. J. H. Machen The Speakers.

Several hundred happy picnicers gathered at old Mt. Bethel last Saturday morning to celebrate with the Masons of that section a day of pleasure and feasting. There is no finer place in the county for a picnic and preparations had been made for the entertainment of the crowd expected. Everybody visited the "Big Spring" and drank and drank and then wanted to return and drink again.

The exercises of the day were in care of Dr. C. Q. West of Princeton and appropriate addresses were delivered by Solicitor Robt. A. Cooper of Laurens and the Rev. James H. Machen of Princeton.

Clemson Car at Gray Court.

Gray Court.—The Clemson Car Exhibit here on August 13th was well attended. Some interesting talks were made and the object lessons were very instructive. The farmers around Gray Court were complimented by the Clemson officials both on account of the unusually large attendance and on account of the evident advanced agricultural methods practiced in that vicinity.

Of course the methods laid down by Clemson cannot be pursued by the small farmers of our neighborhood, but there were some valuable lessons learned and some very useful suggestions that will be available.

Before you buy be sure to see our line of Knives and Forks. We can please both in quality and price. S. M. & E. H. Wilkes & Co.

### Wanted

25 Women and Girls at the Overall factory. Nice, pleasant work--good wages. Apply to T. K. HUDGENS, Manager.

## PERSONAL MENTION.

Col. H. Y. Simpson has gone to Baltimore, Aug. 22nd.

Remember the date, Thursday 4 p. m. Aug. 22nd.

Mr. and Mrs. J. C. Shell are visiting relatives at Lanford.

Mrs. Clifton Babb of Greenville is visiting in the city.

Mr. Butler Richardson of Mountville was in town yesterday.

Monday, September 1st, is salesday, Labor Day and a holiday.

Mr. and Mrs. E. B. Wright are visiting in Asheville for a week.

Mr. S. M. Pitts has gone to the northern markets on business.

Messrs. H. H. Mahon and William Stone of Rabun Creek were in the city yesterday.

Mr. W. M. Dendy of Laurens R. F. D. No. 1 left yesterday for a visit to the Exposition.

Mr. McPhail was in the city last week arranging to move to the city and begin work on his leg plant.

Mrs. Chas. E. Moody of Tampa, Fla., and Mr. J. W. Leake of Clinton were among the visitors at Laurens Tuesday.

It is important that the ladies of your family be present at the meeting of the Chamber of Commerce on Thursday afternoon.

Mr. and Mrs. E. D. Lomas and little son, William Douglas of Columbia have been on a visit to Mr. and Mrs. F. B. Martin of Youngs.

Mr. W. G. Wilson is visiting New York and other northern markets laying in a supply of dry good notions for the fall and winter.

Mr. and Mrs. Warren Bolt have had as their guests Mrs. Bolt's parents, Mr. and Mrs. F. M. Godbold, and her relatives, Mrs. A. Godbold and daughter, all of Marion.

Mr. R. E. Babb, member of the Spartanburg special investigating commission, is spending this week at home. The work of the commission has been in progress since May.

Mr. Chas. W. McCravy, who has been residing at Lanford for the past several years has about completed arrangements for his return to Laurens about the first of January.

Every member of the Chamber of Commerce is expected to meet in the Court House at 4 o'clock on Thursday evening Aug. 22nd. Ladies are earnestly requested to be present.

Capt. O. W. Babb, who is in Columbia under surgical treatment, is reported to be getting on very satisfactorily. His friends will be delighted to see him back at his post, in his accustomed good health at an early date.

## The Right Way to Do.

When we trust you we must have some assurance of your responsibility. When you trust us you have a right to a like protection—it's only fair. The McCaskey system we employ guarantees that, if you owe us \$8.00 and that is right, all right; but if you pay \$9.00, it is more than right. Just \$1.00 more. Our McCaskey accounts shown at your house and at our store are always right and must correspond. Try this system. You will like it.

## LESS ILICIT LIQUOR.

### Express Company Reports Decrease in Number of Shipments.

Charleston Evening Post.

Mayor Rhett has received a statement from the Southern Express company to the effect that for the past week or two there had been almost no illegal shipments of whiskey made into Charleston through the local express office.

It would appear that the vigilant watch maintained by the police on the movements of the express wagons has resulted in a decided decrease in the importation through the express company of illicit booze.

There is also the effect on the wholesalers who are afraid that their customers here will not receive the liquor shipped them. However it is, the mayor is gratified with the report of the express company, but will keep up the police surveillance.

## NO CHANGE FOR TIGERS.

### Carey-Cothran Law Rigidly Enforced at Spartanburg.

Spartanburg, August 15.—There is probably no city in South Carolina where the Carey-Cothran law is enforced as rigidly as it is in Spartanburg.

Blind tigers are given no quarter in Spartanburg and when a case is made out in the Police Court there is no whitewash method resorted to. Mayor Floyd makes a full investigation of the charge and upon conviction the defendant is given the limit, \$100 or thirty days on the chain gang.

There was a time when blind tigers sought to get a foothold here, but that day is past. Mayor Floyd fought them with gloves off and he and the police department are masters of the situation. Occasionally a negro will make bold to retail from a bottle carried around in his hip pocket, but he is detected in nine chances out of ten and for his folly he either serves thirty days on the public works or pays a fine of \$100.

We have just put in a line of Organs made of the best quality of material, beautifully-finished and we can save you money if you see our line before you buy. S. M. & E. H. Wilkes & Co.

## WOODMEN HOLD ANNUAL PICNIC.

### Myrtle Camp Celebrates Fifth Memorial Anniversary--Several Appropriate Addresses Delivered.

The fifth annual picnic was given and memorial day exercises held at Friendship church, Sullivan Township, last Friday by Myrtle Camp No. 206, Woodmen of the World.

The exercises of the day were opened by marching to the cemetery where the Woodmen decorated the graves of the deceased brethren, with appropriate ceremonies. This over the large crowd was assembled near the church and addressed by Mr. H. B. Humbert, Col. J. H. Wharton, Mr. J. F. Bolt and Mr. C. A. Power, all addressing themselves principally to "Woodcraft."

In the afternoon by special request Col. Wharton made a brief talk in the interest of the Farmers' Union.

The exercises of the day were in charge of Mr. R. W. Nash, past council commander of Myrtle Lodge. A beautiful picnic dinner was served on the grounds and all had a delightful day.

## SOME SUGGESTIONS.

### Possible Disadvantages of the High School Law.

To the Editor of The State:

As universally granted by your recent correspondents as to the compulsory educational law now impending, the success of our educational efforts is of the highest importance. It is, therefore, vitally important that no mistake just now should be made.

All readily admit that high schools are very desirable, but too few may possibly consider what disadvantages may result from too great an ambition and eagerness to establish them, and thereby secure a portion of that fund thrown out into the present free school system by the State like veritable apple of discord. Let us briefly enumerate some of these disadvantages:

First. These high schools impose additional taxation upon a people already too heavily taxed, in that special levies are to be made, both to erect special buildings and to pay higher salaries all without materially improving the possible advantages of the common free school system.

Second. They disrupt and depress the present free school system, overcrowding some schools, and depleting others.

Third. They crowd people into towns to the injury of country communities, thereby depreciating the value of real estate and educating our people to loaf around towns in idleness, trying to live by their "wits," which is an incalculable menace to honesty, prosperity and, we may add, white supremacy.

Fourth. Neither colleges nor common free schools, but mongrels, these high schools interfere with both, teaching our people on the one hand to be satisfied with brief superficial training, and on the other hand lowering the efficiency and grading of the common schools, no ambitious teacher caring to teach a merely primary school.

Fifth. They render inoperative the enactment of a compulsory educational law, now impending, the State having no right to force the people to patronize schools beyond walking distance, especially after having destroyed the schools at their doors.

Other disadvantages could be mentioned, but let us suffice for a warning "to make haste slowly."

The educational effort of the State should be:

First. To erect a good efficient school in every community, where it will be easily accessible to all.

Second. To make these schools meet all the needs as to primary and sub-collegiate training, which can be done.

Third. To adopt a compulsory educational law.

Fourth. And to leave collegiate training to her many State and private colleges already in existence, thus developing her present resources without oppressing present institutions, and without inflicting upon our people needless changes and unending taxation.

We have written briefly, but hope all will consider the subject well before voting unnecessary changes.

## Tent Meeting.

We are authorized to say that Rev. N. J. Holmes will begin a tent meeting in Laurens on Thursday, August 29th. Everybody is invited to attend.

Mr. Holmes is well known and has a great many admirers in and around Laurens who will be much pleased with this information.

## ANNOUNCEMENT

On September 1st we will open an up-to-date Dress-Making Department in our up-stairs rooms.

This Department will be in charge of Miss Amelia Drummond, whose reputation as an accomplished modiste is sufficient guarantee that only first-class work will be done.

Those desiring work done can have same engaged by seeing Miss Drummond.

Respectfully,

## J. E. Minter & Bro.

Wanted:—Several competent seamstresses. Apply at the store or to Miss Drummond.

## CROSS HILL NEWS.

### Much Building and Improvements Being Done. Many Coming and Going.

Cross Hill, August 19.—Mr. J. G. Guthrie and family are off on a visit to the Jamestown Exposition.

Miss Etta Walker of Augusta is visiting relatives here.

Mrs. Sallie Atchison, wife of Mr. James Atchison died last Thursday. Interment at Bathabara on Friday.

Miss Sallie Lovis of Greer, S. C., is visiting Miss Theresa Crisp.

The tink of the trowel and the saw and the hammer are heard on every side. Building, painting and other improvements going on.

There was a neighborhood barbecue last Thursday at the home of Mrs. Reeder near town. Persons in town who were invited, say they had a good time and a splendid dinner.

Mr. and Mrs. W. H. Leaman spent last Thursday and Friday in Clinton.

Misses Edith and Louise Austin of Clinton are visiting their uncle, Mr. W. T. Austin.

Rev. James Bradley has accepted a call to Jackson, Ga., and has asked the church here to unite with him in request to Presbytery to dissolve the pastoral relation.

Mr. Marshal Wasson of Washington city is at home on a vacation.

The B. W. Ball chapter of the Daughters of the Confederacy have most of the funds in hand to finish their monument. They are making efforts to get the balance needed and deserve the help and assistance of every one.

Mr. R. A. Austin's family are looking for him home this week. He has been at Hot Springs, N. C., for some weeks.

## IF JEFFERSON CAME.

### Somebody is Wondering What Jefferson Would do if he Came to America Now.

Washington Post.

Somebody has wondered what Thomas Jefferson would do if he came to America in 1907, and the answer is that he would have to make a political party before he could get into the political swing. Yet everybody, except Mr. Roosevelt, traces his politics back to Mr. Jefferson. Mr. Bryan will prove to you that Lincoln got his politics from Jefferson, though Mr. Lincoln recruited some millions of soldiers and shot to death on the field of battle the "Resolutions of '98," as perfect a Jeffersonian as the Sage of Monticelli ever delivered himself of.

Mr. Jefferson was the father of the Democratic party that lived 100 years and went out of the political business in 1896, just a century after Jefferson's first race for President. The Democratic party was created to combat paternalism in government, and the party of Jefferson was true to that doctrine all the days of its life.

The new Democracy, that is nothing if not paternal, like the devil quoting scripture, claims to hold its estate under the title coming down from Jefferson. If there was anything for which Jefferson distinctly stood, it was jealousy of Federal power; but this new Democracy, so far from that, seeks to augment Federal power to an extent that Alexander Hamilton never dreamed of. It would have the government go into the railroad business, increase the national debt by \$14,000,000,000, and create some millions additional public servants operate 250,000 miles of railroad. It is sacrilege to think that Jefferson would join such a party.

Jefferson held that the best government was that of the people, acting through their representatives; but this new Democracy teaches government by the people direct. They call it the initiative and referendum, and in effect it would work the abolition of the United States Senate, destroy the equality of the states and lodge a monopoly of power in the bigger and more powerful States.

We are satisfied that Mr. Jefferson would have to fetch his politics with him, if he came again to America, or keep out of politics altogether.

## WOODMEN PICNIC AT DIALS.

Holly Leaf Camp No. 242, Woodmen of the World, will give a picnic at Dials church on Friday, August 30th. Among the speakers for the occasion will be Congressman J. T. Johnson, Solicitor R. A. Cooper and Hon. O. P. Goodwin. Everybody is invited to come and bring the regulation picnic dinner basket.

## MR. B. HARRIS RAISES BEETS.

### Will Make Twenty Tons on one Acre of Land.

A special to the Augusta Chronicle from Anderson tells of a Pendleton farmer's success with beets this year. The farmer referred to is known in Laurens, having recently visited the city in connection with the Farmers' Union of which organization he is a prominent member. The special about his beets follows:

Mr. B. Harris, one of Anderson county's progressive farmers and also the president of the county fair association, was in the city today from Pendleton. He brought with him three beets of the golden tankard, white sugar and long red varieties. He brought them along to exhibit at the meeting of the Farmers' Union. In speaking of them to your correspondent, Mr. Harris said that the three he had with him weighed 12 pounds. He planted an acre of them and will harvest between 20 and 25 tons. These beets he feeds to hogs and cattle. He says the beets are the best kind of feed for rich milk and butter and that breeding sows are kept in excellent trim if beets are fed to them. He is very enthusiastic over beets as feed and his talk before the union today will probably result in the planting of many acres in the county next year. Mr. Harris also said that there was a board of directors of the county fair were completing arrangements for a bigger fair this year than usual. The premium lists will be off the press within a few days. The fair will be held Oct. 15, 16 and 17.

## OUR FORESTS PRINTED AWAY.

### Millions of Cords of Wood Made Into Paper Each Year and Amount Gradually Increasing.

Washington.—The Census Bureau issued to-day an interesting bulletin on the printing and publishing industry at the census of manufactures of 1905. It says:

"The total number of establishments in the industry in 1905 was 25,422, a number larger than was reported for any other industry. The increase reported from 1900 to 1905 forms a striking exception to the prevailing tendency toward consolidation, for it was proportionately greater than from 1890 to 1900.

"Photograph and photo-engraving have become the handmaidens of printing, and the liberal use of these two allied arts has brought extensive patronage from interests hitherto unresponsive. So great, indeed, is the cost of illustration employed by many large manufacturers and others in communicating their interests to the public that the mere printing—the cost of composition, presswork, paper and accessories—become a trifle in comparison.

"No increase in the industry has been more striking than that reported for the number of pounds of paper used. Of the total amount of paper manufactured in 1905 more than 900,000 tons were used solely for newspapers and periodicals, representing almost one-third of the entire output of the paper mills of the United States.

To make this paper required the services of nearly 15,000 men, and represented approximately \$9,000,000 in wages. These mills used as raw material 1,300,000 cords of spruce, pine and hemlock logs, representing the timber product of approximately 100,000 acres, exclusive of the logs imported from Canada. Thus every working day in the year the forests of New England and the Middle States, with scattered areas elsewhere in the North and Northwest, yielded approximately 1,765,000 feet of timber to be transformed into the newspapers and magazines required to supply the people of the United States.

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## FIRE DESTROYS COUNTRY HOME.

### T. J. Little Loses Dwelling and Almost All Household Furniture by an Early Morning Blaze.

Mr. Tom Jeff Little, a well known citizen residing near Langston Church, Sealetown Township, was 'wiped out of house and home' about 3 o'clock Monday morning by a fire that is supposed to have originated in the kitchen.

Mr. Little himself and his daughter, Miss Annie Lou, were in Clinton on a visit, leaving only two of the young men at home. Late Sunday night, owing to the indisposition of one of the brothers, it was necessary to use the stove, and it is presumed that a defect in the stove flue explains the origin of the blaze. The young men were occupying the same room and when aroused the flames had reached their apartment, burning toward the kitchen.

The Messrs. Little had only time to get out a few pieces of furniture, two beds, a trunk and a large portrait of their mother, the late Mrs. Little.

Many family relics and heirlooms were lost, including old silverware and jewelry. The loss is a very heavy one on Mr. Little and family, and they have the sympathy of all in their misfortune.

It is understood that there was a small amount of insurance on the dwelling, but wholly inadequate to cover the loss.

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We publish the call as a news item because we feel that the public are interested in what looks like another big cotton mill fight. We took occasion to inquire of Mr. Dial the reason for holding the meeting in the Court House. He stated that practically all the local shareholders were Laurens people and there were a large number of them and the Court House was the most suitable place. Besides he stated that there were numbers of people in Laurens who were interested in the causes which controlled his actions and it was due to them that he give them an opportunity to hear and all such were welcome to be present.

## THE NOTICE.

Stockholders of Ware Shoals Manufacturing Company. Gentlemen:

At the last annual meeting of the Directors of Ware Shoals Manufacturing Company the Northern directors, who constitute the majority, wanted to curtail my authority, limit my duties and place me on a nominal salary, all in violation of an agreement heretofore made with them, thereby forcing me to resign.

I desire to have a conference with all the minority stockholders (and have also invited the majority to be present), therefore a meeting is hereby called to be held in the Court House at Laurens, S. C., on Monday the 26th day of August, 1907, at 3:30 o'clock P. M. sharp. I desire to place before each and every stockholder all the information I have concerning the property and the people who now hold the majority of the stock, so that we can decide the best course to pursue.

We have about two hundred stockholders whose interests are identical, and I know personally all of you with a half dozen exceptions. I feel grateful to you for your subscriptions and am morally bound to protect them so far as I am in my power. I could have sold my stock but haven't done so, and whatever offer is made to me shall be at your disposal.

The mill is making money. I brought the question of dividends up at the last meeting and, in all probability, one will be paid next January. I consider our property one of the finest in the South, and, in all probability, it will continue to make handsome profits.

Parties holding a majority of the stock are engaged in the manufacture of bags and use a large portion of the output of the mill. It is a difficult matter to purchase from and sell to one's self when others are only interested in the buying or selling. We have asked these gentlemen to make us a proposition to buy our stock or to sell us theirs, and I trust, at the meeting there will be something definite to net upon. In case we do not get a satisfactory proposition there are various courses open to us. I want each one of you to feel at liberty to act as he deems best, after we have considered all of our rights. I trust the stockholders will not sacrifice their interests, at least for the present. The uncalculated action of the majority, no doubt, causes uneasiness on your part, but, in my opinion, we have remedied. I hope you will attend in person or have some one to represent you.

We have called the meeting at Laurens because it is more convenient to the largest number, etc.

Yours very truly,

N. B. DIAL.

Die. D.—L. Laurens, S. C., August 15th, 1907.

## HELD ANNUAL REUNION.

Survivors of Company F, 14th S. C. Volunteers, Met at Langston.