

NEWS GATHERED AROUND CLINTON

Death of Fine Man and a Good Physician.

COLLEGE BALL TEAM

Dr. Jas. Y. Fair of Savannah to Preach Commencement Sermon of the Thornwell Orphanage.

Clinton, April 28.—Dr. Thomas W. Weir died at his home in this county Saturday night and was buried at Duncan's Creek church, of which he had been a ruling elder, yesterday. Dr. Weir was seventy-eight years old and had been a practicing physician in his neighborhood since his early manhood. Twenty-eight years ago he was married to Miss Lula Buchanan, of Abbeville county. She and six sons survive him. For some time Dr. Weir had been in declining health. The immediate cause of his death was heart failure. The funeral services were conducted by the Rev. Dr. Bean, pastor of the deceased.

A large number of the college students and their friends attended the inter-collegiate oratorical contest at Greenwood Friday night. Mr. R. S. Owens represented the Presbyterian college and acquitted himself very creditably. Mr. Owens' friends sympathized with him in the strain he underwent. His father, Mr. W. E. Owens, was attacked with severe illness Thursday evening and the anxiety consequent on that handicapped the son seriously. Fortunately Mr. Owens' condition has improved greatly.

The college ball team went to Columbia on Saturday to play the University team. They played Saturday afternoon, losing by a score of three to two, and again Monday afternoon, losing by a score of five to one. They play Newberry in Newberry today, Tuesday, and Carolina in Clinton Thursday. A Laurens boy, Charles Simpson, is to pitch the Carolina game here. The college boys played two games with the Greer team last week, on Wednesday gaining by a score of five to four in a ten-inning game, and losing Thursday by a score of four to eight. Tough luck!

Little Lucy Eloise Bailey, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. C. M. Bailey, is critically ill as a result of measles.

Miss Pearlie Hayes entertained the Cecilia Music Club and the college baseball team on Thursday evening very pleasantly. Miss Frenchie Kennedy gave a croquet party Friday afternoon.

Mrs. A. E. Spence entertained the Friendly Dozen Club this afternoon. The young men gave a pleasant informal dance last Tuesday night in Copeland's hall.

A mad dog scare has struck Clinton. "Billie" Kennedy, a well-known dog, was poisoned last Wednesday and was chloroformed Thursday night by his owners. On Sunday morning Mr. Geo. Ellis shot his valuable bird because he showed symptoms of hydrophobia.

A movement is on foot to invite the Interdenominational Sunday School Association to meet in Clinton in May.

Mrs. W. C. Copeland visited in Newberry a day or two recently.

Miss Nell Miller and Agnes Adams visited in Clinton over Sunday.

Mr. Walter Winn, of Due West, is visiting on the college campus.

A number of Clintonians are going to the Music Festival. Among them are Mrs. W. J. Bailey, Miss Sallie Wright and Miss Emma Adams.

Miss Katherine Jones visited Mrs. John Robertson last week.

Mr. Tom Robertson, of the senior class at Clemson, visited his parents Friday on his way to Greenwood.

Mrs. McKellar and Miss Alice McKellar went to Greenwood Friday.

Dr. Jacobs has announced that the Rev. Dr. James Y. Fair, of Savannah, will preach the baccalaureate sermon at the Thornwell Orphanage commencement and Mr. James H. Thornwell, of Winstboro, will deliver the address.

STATE WILL BORROW MONEY.

After Pensions Are Paid There Will be Nothing for Ordinary Expenses.

The list of pensioners who will receive their share of the State appropriation this year is being rapidly completed and will be ready for the various county boards shortly. As a result it will be necessary for the State to borrow about \$300,000. There is at present enough in the treasury or due from the franchise tax collections to pay the pension appropriation, amounting to \$250,000, but the ordinary expenses of the State amount to about \$60,000 per month and on July 1 there is the semi-annual interest on the public debt, amounting to about \$86,000, to be paid out. This will make a loan necessary and until taxes are sent in during the fall months the State will have very little to pay the ordinary running expenses. A large loan will give a lower rate of interest and it is probable that it will be about \$300,000 this time.

Chamberlain's Has the Preference.

Mr. Fred C. Hanrahan, a prominent druggist of Portsmouth, Va., says: "For the past six years I have sold and recommended Chamberlain's Colic, Cholera and Diarrhoea Remedy. It is a great remedy and one of the best patent medicines on the market. I handle some others for the same purposes that pay me a larger profit, but this remedy is so sure to effect a cure, and my customer so certain to appreciate my recommending it to him, that I give it the preference." For sale by Laurens Drug Co.

LOCAL OBSERVATIONS.

Visit The Hub Thursday morning.

Mr. Frank McCravy went to Greenwood last week to the music festival.

Mr. J. W. Abram, of the county, was in the city on business Saturday.

Mr. L. S. Bolt, of Rfd 5 section, was in town Saturday.

Mr. M. W. Hill, of Mt. Olive, was in town Saturday.

Miss Mary Frontis, of Abbeville county, is visiting Miss Annie Childress.

Miss Susie Gray went to Greenwood Friday for the contest dance.

Mr. N. P. Hellams, of Shiloh, was in the city Saturday on business.

Hon. W. R. Richey spent Friday night at Greenwood, and attended the college men's contest.

County Supt. of Education, R. W. Nash, attended the oratorical contest at Greenwood.

Mr. T. C. Turner, of Greenwood, spent last Sunday with Mr. T. C. Turner, Jr., of this city.

Col. Jas. H. Traynham returned home Saturday after a visit to several cities of the North.

Judge Geo. W. Gage arrived in Laurens Sunday; court convened Monday morning.

Mr. W. H. Shands, of Clinton, spent Sunday with his brother-in-law, Dr. G. C. Albright.

Mr. and Mrs. S. H. McGhee, of Greenwood, passed through the city Friday en route home.

Messrs. I. B. Magness and Y. S. Gilchrist attended the dance in Greenwood Friday night.

Rev. Geo. M. Sexton, of Princeton, visited his father, Capt. F. M. Sexton, during the past week.

Mr. E. M. Babb, a prominent young planter of Gray Court rfd 4, was in the city on business Friday.

Misses Annie and Elizabeth Richey and Nell Miller went to the annual contest dance in Greenwood last Friday.

Hon. John M. Cannon went to the oratorical contest in Greenwood last Friday.

Miss Lola McPhail, of this city, is visiting Mrs. J. B. Levere at Starr, Anderson county.

Mr. L. G. Balle returned Friday from Columbia, where he attended a meeting of the Knights of Honor of the State.

Messrs. H. S. Blackwell, T. C. Turner, Jr., and J. S. Young went to Greenwood Friday to the oratorical contest and for the annual "contest dance."

Hon. Sam J. Nichols, who was one of the D. O. K. K. team from Spartanburg, spent Friday here, leaving at noon for Greenwood.

Capt. J. R. Noland, formerly the railroad agent for both roads in Laurens, but now chief dispatcher in Jacksonville, arrived in the city Sunday.

Miss Annie Jamieson and mother, Mrs. W. A. Jamieson, of Union, are visiting at the home of Mrs. E. H. Wilkes.

Mrs. C. C. Featherstone and Mrs. T. P. Darlington attended a meeting of the central committee of Woman's Clubs in Greenville last week.

Mr. L. D. Elledge, principal of the Trinity-Ridge school, and Mr. Glen A. Fuller, principal of the Greenwood Friday night for the annual oratorical contest.

Mrs. C. C. Featherstone, Mrs. Coleman and Miss Mayme Ferguson left yesterday for their home in Laurens after spending the week with Mr. and Mrs. Edward Gage, on North street—Greenville News.

Dr. Clifton Jones, of this city, and a prominent member of the J. O. U. A. Mechanics, made one of the addresses in response to the welcome speeches at the Sumter convention last week.

Among those who attended the Greenville for the festival on Laurens were: Messdames M. L. Copeland, Geo. S. McCravy, C. C. Featherstone, R. B. Bell and T. D. Darlington; and Misses Nan Bramlett and Mayme Ferguson.

Laurens Alumni to Have Banquet.

The Furman Alumni and former Furman students of Laurens county will give a banquet here on the evening of June the tenth. Arrangements are now being made to have a great reunion of the old Furman men, and it is hoped that every Laurens county man who ever attended the University will be present on that occasion. A number of distinguished speakers will be present and respond to various toasts. Among these are Dr. Edwin M. Poter, President of Furman; Dr. Lewis M. Roper of Spartanburg; and a native of Laurens; and Hon. H. H. Watkins of Anderson, also a native of this county. There will be several other visitors of distinction whose names have not yet been secured. It is proposed to make this one of the finest gatherings of Furman men ever held in this State.

Mr. C. A. Power of this city is acting as secretary of the committee on arrangement, and it is hoped that all the old Laurens county men will at once communicate with him regarding their attendance.

Winthrop College Scholarship and Entrance Examination.

The examination for the award of vacant Scholarships in Winthrop College and for the admission of new students will be held at the County Court House on FRIDAY, JULY 3, at 9 a. m. Applicants must not be less than fifteen years of age. When scholarships are vacant after July 3, they will be awarded to those making the highest average at this examination, provided they meet the conditions governing the award. Applicants for scholarships should write to President Johnson before the examination for Scholarship examination blanks.

Scholarships are worth \$100 and free tuition. The next session will open September 16, 1908. For further information and catalogue, address

President D. B. JOHNSON, 39-41 Rock Hill, S. C.

Meeting of Farmers' Union.

The County Farmers' Union will meet at Laurens on Friday, May 1st, at 11 o'clock, a. m. Local Unions will please send delegations.

C. R. WALLACE, Secretary.

W. A. BALDWIN, President.

MR. R. ABERCROMBIE DIED FRIDAY LAST.

"Brother Bob," as He Was Known Over the County, is Summoned Hence. Citizen and Patriot.

Mr. Robert Abercrombie died at his home in Dials township last Friday evening after an illness of about a year. Saturday afternoon the funeral service, conducted by the Rev. G. H. Waddell, was held at Green Pond church, the interment in the church cemetery following.

The deceased was 64 years old and survived by his wife, who was Miss Mary Taylor, of Dials, and three children, Mrs. Paul J. Roper, Mrs. D. Broadus Roper and Mr. Robt. Abercrombie, all of Dials. Mr. Louis Abercrombie, of the same section, is a surviving brother.

In the death of Robert Abercrombie Laurens county has lost one of its best and most prominent citizens. He was a fine type of the self made man, which means that he was a success. He was a good farmer and business man, devoted to his family and friends, and in religion a loyal Methodist and Sunday school worker. While he did not figure very prominently in public affairs he was nevertheless always keenly interested in all questions affecting the common good of the country. For years he was regarded as one of the leaders in the advocacy of county and State prohibition and his writings and speeches on this question attracted the attention and thought of many.

He stood for right principles and could not tolerate anything small or questionable.

He wrote over the non-de-plume of "Brother Bob" and his contributions to THE ADVERTISER were eagerly read and frequently widely copied in other newspapers. He was a staunch friend of this paper and his death is keenly regretted.

KNIGHTS OF KHORASSAN.

Spartanburg Knights Visit Laurens to Initiate Tyros.

Fifty members of Altair Temple, No. 102, Dramatic Order Knights of Khorassan, came down from Spartanburg Thursday afternoon for the purpose of initiating a bunch of Laurens tyros into the mysteries of the popular order.

The ceremonies were opened at 8 o'clock in the new Masonic Temple over the Enterprise Bank and the work of initiation begun.

At the conclusion of this ceremonial adjournment was taken for the banquet, which was served at Hotel Gray, where covers had been laid for eighty banquets. Following this the jolly crowd reassembled in the hall and put on the "work" of the evening, the following tyros being carried over the hot sands of the desert in proper form: J. E. Medlock, T. C. Turner, Jr., John M. Cannon, O. W. Babb, S. J. Craig, E. D. Langston, C. E. Bramlett, W. R. Richey, Jr., A. Schayer, E. P. Minter, T. E. Babb, W. E. and J. W. Dillard, R. B. White, G. D. Grier, W. T. Denison, Wm. G. Simpson, E. D. Barksdale, Dick Owings, J. B. Brooks, J. J. Adams, Dr. C. Jones, Earle Wilson, R. L. Simpson, Dr. J. H. Teagur, R. E. Copeland, G. C. Page, A. B. Galloway, T. G. Traynham, W. O. Barksdale and George D. Jeffries, a total of thirty-one. With these additions Altair now has a membership of 416.

Passion Play Thursday.

Manager Moses Roman, of the Laurens Theatrical, announces today that he will give the famous Passion Play in moving pictures tomorrow, Thursday, 30th. On this day and evening there will be only four shows owing to the time consumed in showing the great films, which consists of five reels over a mile and a half long, and which will take an hour and forty-five minutes to display. The first show begins promptly at 3:30 o'clock, p. m.; the second, at 5:30; the third, at 7:30; and the fourth, at 9:30. These hours will be strictly observed.

The Passion Play is a history in pictures of the life of Christ, and should be seen by every man, woman and child in Laurens. The work on these pictures took long and hard work and it is by far Pathé's masterpiece.

Mr. Roman is striving to give the people here something good and they should appreciate it by going out on Thursday. The same prices obtain.

Mr. G. T. Cook's Barn Burned.

Monday night about 9 o'clock the barn of Magistrate G. T. Cook, of Youngs township, was destroyed by fire, together with most of its contents, all live stock being saved. Loss \$250, with \$100 insurance in the State Mutual Fire Insurance Co. Origin of fire unknown.

MOUNTVILLE MATTERS.

Mr. M. C. Langston, Esteemed Citizen, Dies Quite Suddenly.

Mountville, April 27.—Mr. A. P. Fuller is making some improvements on his dwelling and lot. Two new rooms and a piazza to the dwelling and a nice fence around the lot adds materially to the appearance as well as to the comfort and convenience.

Mr. Hassell Bryson, who is in Columbia taking a business course, spent Saturday and Sunday with his home folks. Mrs. Nell Crisp and little son, Cecil, of Headmont, Ga., are here for a few days visiting relatives.

Mrs. Wm. Wertz is on a month's visit to her people at Prosperity and other places in Newberry county. In her absence her daughter, Mrs. Mathews, of Ninety-Six, is in charge of her household.

Quite a number of our people attended the oratorical contest at Greenwood last Friday evening.

A very sad and sudden death occurred here Friday morning. Mr. Calley Langston, who moved to this community last winter, died suddenly about 10 o'clock. Up to a few minutes before his death Mr. Langston had been up but had been feeling a little unwell for a day or two, suffering slightly from a pain in the right side. His sudden death was a surprise and shock to the community. His remains were carried Saturday to a family burying ground in Jacks township, where they were tenderly laid to rest.

Mr. Langston was a quiet and useful citizen and an honest Christian gentleman. He leaves a wife and large family of children, together with an extensive connection over the county. He was 61 years of age and apparently in good health up to a few days ago.

Some of the young men here are speaking of organizing a literary society. This is a wise step and we hope the idea will materialize.

Heavy rains fell here Sunday afternoon and night, accompanied by thunder, wind and hail. We have heard of no serious damage.

Mr. LaFayette Crisp and family, of Whitmore, were here Sunday with their parents.

Prohibition Leaders in Laurens.

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I hereby announce myself a candidate for re-election as County Commissioner for Laurens County, subject to rules of the Democratic primary.

M. W. GRAY.

TRAIN JUMPS TRACK.

Cross Hill Personal Mention and Notes for the Week.

Cross Hill, April 27.—The southbound train due here at 3:20 last Thursday jumped the track just beyond the Mudlic trestle. No very serious damage was done and no one seriously hurt. Trains were delayed about three hours.

Misses Kate and Anne Austin of the Presbyterian College at Clinton attended the contest at Greenwood and stopped over here Friday night, and were with home folks until Monday.

Rev. Mr. Woodworth of the Presbyterian College at Clinton, will preach at the Presbyterian church here next Sabbath in Mr. Hollingsworth's place.

The school here is practicing for an entertainment at commencement which will be about the eighth of May.

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Mr. Chiple of Greenwood had an automobile on exhibition here for several days last week, in charge of Mr. Waldrop. Two autos have been purchased by parties here, and others are thinking of buying.

Some cotton is up ready to work. The majority of farmers are about half finished planting.

Heavy rains fell here yesterday and some hail. There was a roaring in the clouds and we fear a heavy storm near us.

Last Lyceum Attraction, May 5th.

The last attraction to be given by the local lyceum management during the present season will be the Parland-Newhall Company. This entertainment will be a male quartet, brass quartet and bell ringers all in one. Audiences all over the country have been entertained and delighted by these entertainers and they are regarded without question as the most versatile four-people combination now before the American Lyceum public.

This attraction will be in Laurens on next Tuesday evening, May 5th. Tickets will be on sale and reserved at the Laurens Drug Company, Monday morning, May 4th, at ten o'clock. General admission 60 and 25 cents. Don't miss this attraction—the best that has come to Laurens during the season.

The Confederate Infirmary.

Columbia, April 20.—The Confederate Infirmary commission met here today and organized. All the members were present as follows:

Messrs. J. Q. Marshall, Willie Jones and D. Cardwell, of Columbia; J. W. Reed, of Chester, and E. B. Canteley, of Camden. Col. Marshall was elected chairman, Col. Cardwell secretary, and Gen. Jones treasurer, all of the officers being residents of Columbia so as to save expense. The members serve without compensation. The commission inspected the Bellevue farm, belonging to the State, on which the Infirmary is to be located. Improvements will be made to the house and it will be some time before the Infirmary is ready for occupancy. City water will be put in the house, which is not far from the city limits. No election of superintendent was had and the commission will meet again in a few weeks.

The Evidence in the Case.

33 years use is evidence—Millions of consumers is evidence—sales made by 16,000 agents is evidence. You buy 4 gallons L. & M. Paint and 3 gallons Pure Lined Oil (at 60 cents) mix them and make 7 gallons best paint ready for use cost only \$1.20 per gallon—Done in 2 minutes.

L. & M. Paint Agencies: J. H. & M. L. Nash, Laurens, S. C.

Clinton Pharmacy, Clinton, 30-21

TRAGIC DEATH OF CROSS HILL MAN.

Young Edwin Hill Dragged by Runaway Mule and His Body Horribly Mangled.

Cross Hill, April 25th.—Mr. Edwin Hill, a young man of this section, was killed yesterday afternoon in a field some distance from his father's home, and it is presumed he unhitched his mule from the plow, mounted it and rode toward a spring for water. The mule ran away with the young man, throwing him and dragging him all around the field and through the woods. The tracks in the vicinity show that the animal was headed toward the spring and also that the body of Mr. Hill was dragged for a considerable distance.

The mule went to the house about dark and, of course, caused fears on the part of the family. A party went out in search of young Hill and at 11 o'clock found him in an unconscious state near the field where he had been plowing. His body was horribly cut and mangled, beaten almost to pieces against the trees and rocks. He never regained consciousness and died last night at 2 o'clock.

Mr. Hill was a hard working, industrious young man, 18 years of age. He was a son of Mr. J. C. Hill of Cross Hill, and a member of one of the largest families in the county.

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LOCAL AND PERSONAL MENTION.

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Miss Sue Dean spent the week end in Newberry.

Mr. and Mrs. James Dillard of Clinton spent Thursday in the city.

Miss Nellie Harris attended the Festival in Greenville.

Mr. M. W. Gray is a candidate for re-election as county commissioner.

Misses Agnes Adams and Nell Miller spent the week-end in Clinton.

Mr. Clyde Fowler of Furman spent Sunday in the city.

Mr. R. D. Blowers of Spartanburg, was in the city Friday.

Mr. W. F. Medlock of Fountain Inn was in the city Tuesday.

Mr. G. T. Cook was in the city yesterday.

Chief of Police Bagwell made a visit to Augusta first of the week.

Mr. W. Christie Benet, of the Columbia bar, is in the city this week.

Mr. W. D. Pyles, of Mountville, was here Saturday.

Mr. T. H. Henderson, of Barksdale, was in the city Saturday.

Messrs. C. D. Miller and W. H. Lykes, of Columbia, were in the city Monday.

Mr. A. J. Martin, one of the best farmers of Young's township, was in the city Monday attending court.

Mr. E. A. Hamilton, of the county, was a pleasant caller at this office Monday.

Mr. W. O. Barksdale, telegraph operator at the Laurens depot, attended Federal court in Greenville last week.

The Passion Play on Thursday will be the best attraction yet offered at the Opera House.

Miss Blanche Clardy has returned to Greenwood after a visit to her parents Mr. and Mrs. J. A. Clardy.

Messrs. F. K. Spratt and E. L. Hertzog went to Greenwood Friday afternoon to attend the dance there Friday evening.

The hour of closing the stores here, beginning Friday, May 1st, will be 6 o'clock instead of 6:30, as announced last week.

Misses Dorcas Calmes, Emmie Meng Agnes Adams, Laura Barksdale, Margaret Hudgens and Bessie Todd will attend the May Festival in Spartanburg.

Dr. Hare and the Rev. Mr. Harley were shown over the city Friday afternoon by Mr. C. C. Featherstone and Rev. W. E. Thayer.

United States Marshall J. D. Adams has been elected one of the delegates from this Congressional district to the National Republican convention at Chicago, Ill.

Mr. T. C. Steadman, an enterprising traveling salesman, is in the city this week with his excellent line of dictionaries, encyclopedias, etc. Read his advertisement in another column.

Mr. T. H. Nelson has returned from Baltimore much improved. She was accompanied by her son, Mr. Thomas Nelson, who has been in Baltimore for sometime, being connected with a large wholesale house there.

At the annual meeting at Sumter last week of the State Council, Junior Order United American Mechanics, Mr. H. Terry, of this city, was appointed representative to the Grand Council, which meets this year at Detroit, Mich.

Mr. E. C. Elmore, a candidate for State Superintendent of Education, was among those who came down from Spartanburg last Thursday for the D. O. K. K. ceremonies. Mr. Elmore is making an active campaign for this responsible office and feels much encouraged at the complexion of things so far.

MR. GEORGE F. LITTLE.

His Death Occurred in Columbia Hospital. Burial in Laurens.

Mr. Geo. F. Little, a well known citizen of Laurens, died last Wednesday in a Columbia hospital, where he had been under surgical treatment for about two weeks. He had stood the operation finely and was considered to be recovering satisfactorily when the death summons came suddenly Wednesday morning.

Mr. Little was 61 years old, an ex-Confederate soldier and a highly