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CROSS HILL W. O. W. UNVEIL MONUMENT

Exercises to Be Held on August Sixth.

JULY 4 OBSERVED.

Presbyterians Pledge Pastor--Children Given Delightful Party--Rev. Hollingsworth and Family Arrive.

Cross Hill, July 7.--Woodmen of the World Camp 168, Sylvania, Cross Hill, S. C., will unveil on Aug. 6th the monument of Sovereign Duke Crisp. Sovereigns J. J. McSwain and R. A. Cooper are speakers for the occasion. Sovereign W. T. Slaughter, State organizer, is expected to be present and make an address. Three years ago this camp had only nine members, but the camp now has ninety members. They hope to consolidate with Waterloo and Mountville and when that is done it will have the largest W. O. W. camp in Laurens county. All W. O. W. camps are invited to be present at the unveiling of Sovereign Crisp's monument. The public is also invited. Services will begin at 11 o'clock.

The Fourth passed off very pleasantly here. A large crowd witnessed a fine game of ball between Ninety-Six and Cross Hill at 9 a. m. and again at 4 p. m. The first game resulted in a tie--1 to 1--and the second game Ninety-Six beat our boys pretty badly by a score of 11 to 4. Most of the merchants closed their stores and gave their clerks the holiday.

Mrs. R. A. Austin gave a party to the children of the Presbyterian Sunday school last Thursday afternoon. Fruit and other refreshments were served. The little folks certainly had a fine time.

The Presbyterians here pounded their preacher last Tuesday. The Methodists and Baptists also took a hand and the preacher caught it on every side. The preacher said he did not object, but he really thanked the people and said he not only was prepared to live better but could take boards.

Mrs. M. E. Hart, of Miami, Florida, is spending the summer here with her daughter, Mrs. B. A. Wharton.

Mr. Albert Lott, of Johnston, S. C., is visiting his brother-in-law, Mr. J. C. Workman.

The Presbyterians here were glad to welcome Mrs. Hollingsworth and children, family of Rev. Mr. Hollingsworth, here last Wednesday. Mr. Hollingsworth had preceded them and had his home in readiness for them.

CAMPAIGN OPENING ONE WEEK EARLIER.

County Executive Committee Decides to Move Date Up One Week on Account of Confederate Re-union.

Hon. R. A. Cooper, county chairman, after conference with the members of the executive committee, announces that the date of the campaign opening will be moved up one week in order not to interfere with the Confederate re-union to be held in Greenville on the first three days of the week beginning with August 10th. Then one week will be skipped and the dates resumed as published.

As revised the opening day will be August 4th at Langston church. Wednesday, August 5th, at Sardis, Jacks township.

Wednesday night, August 5th, at Clinton Cotton Mills.

Thursday, August 6th, at Clinton.

Thursday night, August 6th, at Lydia Mills.

Friday, August 7th, at Hopewell, Hunter township.

Saturday, August 8th, at Cross Hill.

Then the week is skipped and the campaign resumed at Moore's, Waterloo township, on Monday, the 17th, and the dates carried out as previously published.

Death of a Child.

Little George, aged 1 year, 1 month and 25 days, son of Mr. and Mrs. Wm. A. Moore, died Friday morning at 1.30 o'clock and was buried in the City Cemetery Saturday morning, July 4th, at 10 o'clock.

Both Pumpkin and Squash.

Mr. R. G. Wallace, of the southern section of the county, exhibited in this office Tuesday a curiosity in the way of a vegetable. It was half yellow pumpkin and the other half white squash. The seed from which the vine sprang was secured from Mr. W. P. Turner, who got them from Texas. All the fruit of the vine is similar.

STATE CONVENTION OF R. F. D. CARRIERS.

The Fifth Annual Meeting of the Association Was Held in the City of Aiken.

The annual session of the South Carolina Rural Letter Carriers' Association was held last Friday and Saturday in the city of Aiken. Twenty county associations were represented, about fifty delegates being in attendance. The convention was presided over by Mr. W. G. Peterson, of Newberry, vice-president, the State president, Mr. S. G. McDaniel, of Laurens, having retired from the service since the last annual meeting.

On Friday morning the convention was addressed by Congressmen A. P. Lever and J. O. Patterson, both speeches being largely devoted to the benefits of Rural Delivery throughout the country. At the afternoon session the association was treated to a very excellent and practical address on good and bad roads by Mr. Thos. E. Wicker, delegate from Newberry. Mr. Wicker is an enthusiast on the subject of improving the public roads. He wants the system of working the roads abolished as now obtains in most of the counties and urges that each county delegation to the next General Assembly be impressed with the importance of securing a change in the road law whereby sufficient funds can be raised for road improvement and the taxation for this purpose be made just and equitable. Mr. Wicker, as has been stated, is greatly interested in this subject and he has evidently given it much thought and study.

Mr. Brown, of the postoffice department, as the personal representative of the Hon. D. G. McGraw, fourth assistant postmaster general, was the guest of the association and added much to the interest of the proceedings in the way of practical talks and suggestions. On Saturday the convention heard the various committee reports, elected officers for another year and delegates to the National convention and adjourned at noon to meet next year at Rock Hill July 6th and 7th.

Mr. Peterson, of Newberry, was elected president by acclamation, as was Mr. Comer, of Rock Hill, for vice-president. Mr. Ernest Brown, of Aiken, was chosen as secretary while Mr. J. E. Johnson, of Gray Court, was re-elected treasurer. Mr. Wicker was selected as delegate to the National convention which meets in Omaha, Neb., next October. Mr. Clark, of Rock Hill, is the alternate.

Mr. S. G. McDaniel, the retiring president, attended the Aiken convention and as a mark of its high esteem the association unanimously elected him as an honorary member.

DEATH OF A YOUNG MAN.

Mr. Luther Abercrombie, of Rabun, Succumb to Typhoid Fever.

A very sad death occurred in this county Monday night when Mr. Luther Abercrombie, an excellent young man of only twenty-nine years died of typhoid fever. Mr. Abercrombie lived near Hickory Tavern, in the Rabun Creek neighborhood. He had been ill for some time. The funeral services were held Tuesday afternoon by the Rev. E. C. Watson, pastor of Rabun Creek Baptist church, of which Mr. Abercrombie was a member. The death of this young man is peculiarly sad. Just seventeen months ago his young wife died, and it was but seventeen months previous to that time that the couple were married.

Mr. Abercrombie was the son of Mr. Anderson Abercrombie, one of the most highly respected citizens of the county. One sister, Mrs. W. A. Baldwin, and three brothers, Wellie, Ludie and Evan, survive the deceased.

Canning Factory at Sedalia.

The following item from The Union Times is of interest in Laurens: "Mr. J. E. Minter has opened up a canning factory at Sedalia. This is a move in the right direction. It should mean the keeping of thousands of dollars in the county that have heretofore gone elsewhere. We sincerely hope this enterprise will be a success."

Two Teachers Elected.

Miss Kate Glenn, of Chester, S. C., was elected Monday afternoon to the position of assistant teacher in the High School in place of Miss Maggie Hudgens, resigned.

Miss Daisy Brockington, of Wainboro, S. C., was elected teacher of the seventh grade in place of Miss Mamie Connor, who died some days ago of typhoid fever at her home in Branchville, S. C.

Both these ladies have had considerable experience, Miss Glenn in the Chester schools and Miss Brockington in Johnston schools.

FURMAN MEN GATHER AT BANQUET BOARD.

Laurens Alumni and Former Students of the University Hold Re-union With About Fifty Men in Attendance--Event Great Success.

The re-union of the Laurens county Furman men and the banquet at Gray's hotel last night was in every respect a success and thoroughly enjoyed by all who attended. About fifty men sat down together, revived the memories of past days, heard with pleasure the several speeches delivered and partook with relish of the refreshments provided. Some of the fifty who were present were not Laurens men, but invited guests; they received a hearty welcome from the men of Laurens and evidently were pleased with the opportunity to meet with their fellows of a neighborhood. Among these guests were: C. F. Haynesworth Esq. of Greenville, a recent law graduate of Harvard university; Mr. Allison P. Hickson of Gaffney; Rev. E. P. Easterling of the executive staff of Furman; and Dr. E. M. Potent, president of Furman university.

The evening was most pleasantly spent, all seeming to have a good time, and every man coming away impressed with the greatness of the work being done by his Alma Mater, and his sympathies more with the institution.

The committees, of which Mr. C. A. Power was chairman, deserve credit for their efforts in bringing together such a body of men and for their success in providing for the entertainment.

After the address of welcome by Dr. H. K. Aiken, president of the Chamber of Commerce, and the response by Prof. C. B. Martin, of Furman university, the following menu was served:

Cold Virginia Ham	Sliced Tomatoes	
Chicken Salad	Saratoga Chips	
Mixed Pickles	Olives	
Cheese Straws	Snowflake Crackers	
Nut Sandwiches	Salted Almonds	
	Peach Cream	
	Cake	
Ice Tea	Cigars	Coffee

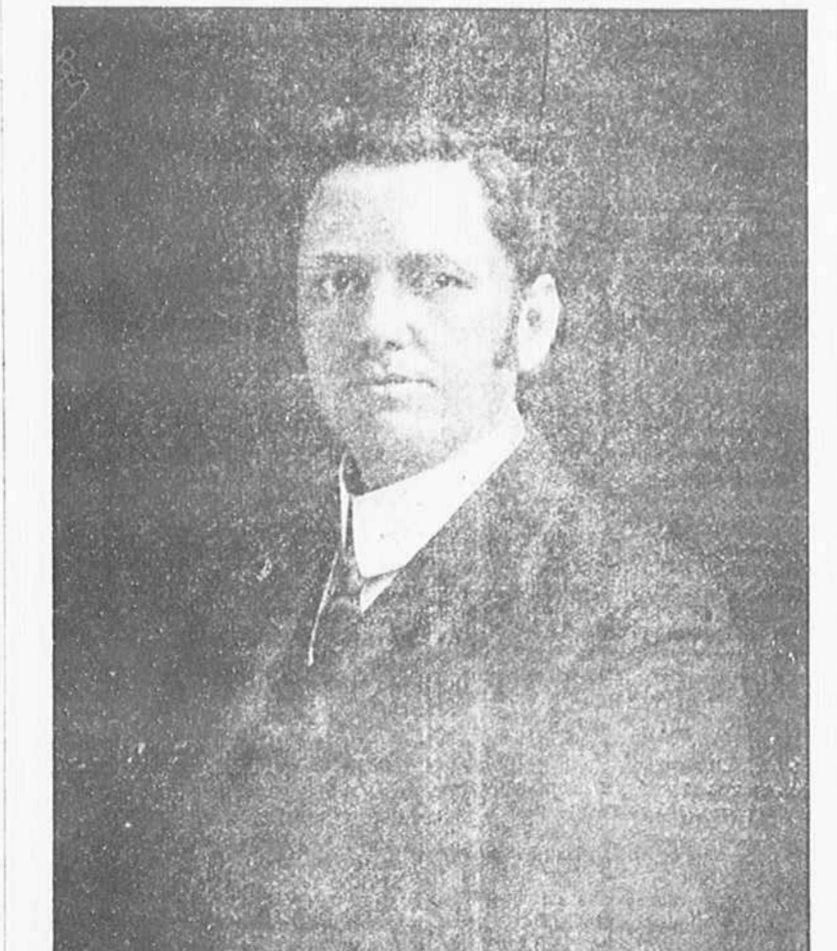
The responses to the various toasts were the pleasing and entertaining

"At the commencement in June, 1907, an alumnus who had not visited the institution for a number of years said: 'Things do not look as they did when I was a student here.' Then he proceeded to remark, 'We had only this old building and the boys lived in boarding houses off the campus.'"

"At the end of the Civil War Captain Patrick taught a preparatory department in the large room under the laboratory, and Dr. Furman and his three or four professors taught the college classes in the other rooms of the main building. They could not foresee the development of the succeeding forty years. Indeed there was almost no expansion until 1885, when by the successful agency of R. H. Griffith a considerable endowment fund was raised. In 1888 the first additional building (Judson Cottage) was put up, and a short while after this Griffith Hall, which for several years was the home of the Fitting School boarding students. Today there are sixteen buildings on the campus, including several small cottages, and nine of these are in constant use in the work of the university. Since 1897 five important buildings have been erected, and two of these in the last year, viz., the Library building and the new Fitting School dormitory.

SOME OF THE DISTINGUISHED ALUMNI.

"This extended enlargement of the material equipment does not necessarily ensure better work than was done in the earlier days. A glance at the list of the alumni will show that from the beginning Furman University has maintained an exalted ideal of scholarship. The very first class to graduate gave to Southern Baptists their veteran hero missionary, Rev. J. B. Hartwell, and to the South Carolina brotherhood the incomparable John G. Williams. It will not be considered invidious to name these men, or others who from the earlier days by their achievements and general worth have added to the luster of Furman's name. The class of 1856 gave to us Col. R. B. Watson, of Ridge Spring, S. C., the apostle of sunshine, and the pioneer peach grower of South Carolina, Jas. H. Nash, attorney and teacher, of Atlanta, Ga., and W. H. Perry, who represented his district in Congress. Space will not allow us to



President Edwin M. Potent, D. D.

feature of the evening. They were as follows:

The City of Laurens--Hon. C. C. Featherstone; The Citizen's Attitude toward Education--Hon. R. A. Cooper; The Ministry's Relation to Education--Rev. E. P. Easterling; The Function of the Small College--Prof. G. W. Cunningham; The Alumni Alive--Prof. C. F. Haynesworth; Our Alma Mater--Prof. R. A. Dohson; Furman University--Dr. Edwin M. Potent.

Mr. S. E. Boney, editor of the Laurens Advertiser, acted as Master of Ceremonies.

All the responses were thoroughly enjoyed. President Potent talked at length concerning the work of Furman and her progress during the years since the war between the states. Following is the text of his address with many of the pleasing and entertaining incidents omitted:

comment upon the classes year by year, but it will be news to many among us to know that Furman University has furnished professors to Cornell, Rutgers, Chicago University, Johns Hopkins University, Richmond College, Wake Forest College, Clemson College, the State Normal School of Washington, Mercer University (including its president), Judson College (its president), Howard College, Liberty College (its president), Baylor University and the Southern Baptist Theological Seminary. Probably the foremost living Sanskrit scholar is an alumnus of Furman University, Maurice Bloomfield, of Johns Hopkins University; while another alumnus, John M. Manly, of Chicago University, stands at the head of English scholarship in the United States. Editors, lawyers, physicians, missionaries, teachers, preachers, legislators, civil engineers, merchants and planters--the time would fail us to ap-

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MR. CROUT PREACHES DOCTRINAL SERMON.

Pastor of the First Methodist Church Makes His Position Clear on Sale of Alcoholic Liquors.

Last Sunday morning at the First Methodist church of this city the pastor, Rev. John D. Crout, preached his annual doctrinal sermon, which, it might be stated by way of parenthesis, was prepared some time ago, but because of numbers of circumstances was not delivered until the Sunday morning past. The sermon without doubt was of force, revealing the fact that the Methodist church of this city will hew strictly to the line in matters of private and public conduct, if the membership follow the leadership of the able Christian man who is their pastor. Mr. Crout, of course dealt with all the rules governing the conduct of the church members, in both their private and public lives. The part of the sermon, however, that demanded so much attention from the congregation and that has attracted such wide spread comment was the stand taken by the minister on the whiskey question, both as to its sale and its drinking.

As well might be judged, considering that he is a conscientious Christian man and minister, Mr. Crout is opposed to both the sale and drinking of any alcoholic liquors. In his sermon it was made plain that either was not only a violation of the spirit of the Methodist church rules but contrary to the written law. The inference therefore was that Mr. Crout holds it against the rules of the Methodist church for any member of that church to authorize the sale of whiskey by casting a ballot for an institution organized for that purpose. Here is an extract from Sunday morning's discourse that will give a fair insight to the position held by the Reverend Mr. Crout:

"There is only one position that a Christian can take on the question of whiskey drinking and any thought to the contrary is preposterous. The Word tells us that no drunkard shall enter the kingdom of God. If I were a drunkard going to the judgment from Laurens county I would appeal to God whether or not I had wrecked my life according to law. I would tell him that the influence and support of the members of the church was behind the law by which my life was ruined."

While the minister did not employ words directly applying to the dispensary in Laurens, it is obvious that his reference to the law providing for the sale of whiskey was the county dispensary law. The sermon Sunday morning was both a call and a challenge; it called upon the Methodists to be faithful to the rules and regulations of the church, and it challenged their right to support an institution that might possibly cause the downfall of a fellow-man. It was clear that Mr. Crout takes the position that a Christian cannot consistently uphold a law that is so ruinous in its effects as the dispensary law.

The sermon, as stated, was forceful and in altogether unequivocal terms; the people of Laurens know where the Methodist minister stands on the vital question of the day here, and his attitude as regards the conduct of his members will be watched with much interest and concern.

Rev. Richard Carroll to Speak.

Rev. Richard Carroll, the negro lecturer and editor of Columbia, will make an address in the court house Thursday night, July 9th, his subject being "The Opportunity of the Negro in the South." Concerning the Reverend Carroll the Sumter Item says:

"He has the rare gift of entertaining and amusing a crowd while he teaches. He is earnest, humorous, eloquent and forcible and a clear and lucid talker, with a well developed appreciation of the dramatic."

No admission will be charged Thursday night and the people of both races are cordially invited.

Union Delegates Elected.

The Farmers' Executive Committee Operative Union held an interesting meeting on Friday with R. D. Boyd acting president and C. A. Power secretary. There were representatives from twelve sub-unions. The usual routine of business was transacted and the following delegates were elected to attend the State Union, which convenes at Columbia fourth Wednesday in this month: R. D. Boyd, J. H. Wharton and H. J. G. Curry. A call meeting will be held July 17th to consider a question that is of much importance to the members of sub-unions and they are earnestly requested to send a full delegation to same.

REORGANIZATION OF BAILEY'S BANK

Will Become the People's Bank of Clinton.

JULY DIVIDENDS PAID

Celebration of the Fourth--Death of Mrs. W. M. Sumerel--Sad Event of the Week.

Clinton, July 7. The first of July was signalized by the payment of a 4 per cent, semi-annual dividend by the Clinton Cotton Mills on a capital of \$300,000 and a semi-annual dividend of 33 per cent on \$50,000 by the First National Bank. Both these concerns are doing well.

There is a movement on foot to reorganize Bailey's Bank into the People's Bank of Clinton. This bank is the property of Mr. M. S. Bailey and Mr. W. J. Bailey and they have announced their intention of winding it up in order to devote all their time to their large cotton mill interests. The shares of the new bank will be \$100 each and no one holder will be allowed more than twenty. The probability is that Mr. Butler H. Boyd will be president. Several names have been prominently mentioned for the position of cashier. Subscriptions are coming in well and it is the plan to open up for business the first of October.

A sad funeral held here on Saturday afternoon in the worst part of a heavy rain storm was that of Mrs. Rosa Tyndale Sumerel, wife of Mr. W. M. Sumerel. The service was held in the Baptist church, of which Mrs. Sumerel was a prominent member, a member of the choir and a teacher in the Sunday school. The pastor, the Rev. C. Lewis Fowler, conducted the sad service and the interment was made in the Presbyterian cemetery.

Mrs. Sumerel had been critically ill for several weeks, the physicians pronouncing her disease gastritis. There were some complications which rendered her recovery doubtful from the first.

Her father, Mr. L. R. Tyndale, of Atlanta, and her three brothers, Mr. Ollie Tyndale and Mr. Levi Tyndale, of Atlanta, and Dr. Eugene F. Tyndale, of Indiana, were with her at the end, as was also her sister, Mrs. John Ferguson, of Clinton.

The Fourth of July is always observed in Clinton and this year was no exception to the rule. Although it was Saturday all business suspended until 6 o'clock. People celebrated the day in various ways, such as fishing, hunting, picnics, barbecues, skating, and so forth. A large crowd attended the Lydia Mills celebration.

The skating rink here has been exceedingly popular and everyone stands a good chance of meeting his or her best friends at it.

Mrs. J. D. Jacobs entertained the little folks in honor of Mrs. B. F. Townsend's children, of Anderson, last week.

Miss B. Copeland entertained her little friends one afternoon recently.

Mrs. J. A. Bailey entertained the Friendly Dozen last week.

There are still a number of visitors in town.

FOURTH OF JULY AT WATTS MILLS.

Junior Order United American Mechanics Raise Flag and Present School With Bible.

Although the Fourth of July was a very rainy, disagreeable day, it was celebrated in some manner at a number of places in this county. There were no exercises of any kind in the city of Laurens, but a very interesting and entertaining program was carried out at Watts Mills, in the suburbs, the chief feature of which was the flag-raising by the Junior Order of American Mechanics, accompanied by the speech of the Hon. R. A. Cooper. Mr. Cooper delivered a very appropriate, well-timed address and presented the Watts Mills school a bible, the usual form and custom of the Mechanics on such occasions. The bible was accepted in a speech delivered by Mr. R. W. Nash, in behalf of the school. A barbecue dinner was served and two games of base ball helped to make up the day's entertainment.

The ball games were between Clinton and Watts Mills. In the first contest Clinton Mill was victorious by a score of 6 to 1, while in the afternoon the Watts Mills boys took the game, shutting out the Clinton team, the score being 6 to 0. A large crowd of people spent the day at the mill village, and from reports it was an all-around enjoyable occasion.

Death of a Young Woman.

News was received here yesterday of the death of Mrs. Lula Coleman Reddick, wife of Dr. M. E. Reddick, at Fountain Inn Sunday night. Mrs. Reddick had been ill for several weeks. The body was interred in the cemetery at Beulah church Monday afternoon.