

SHOOTING AFFRAY BETWEEN FARMERS

M. W. Oxner is Wounded by Luther Boozar at Former's Gin House Near Kinards

Two Laurens county farmers had a difficulty Saturday just across the line in Newberry county, in which Mr. M. W. Oxner was shot twice, and seriously though not fatally injured.

Newberry, December 19.—Special: Mr. M. W. Oxner, of Kinards was shot twice this morning and seriously, though not fatally injured, by Mr. D. Luther Boozar, who lived just beyond the Newberry line, in Laurens County.

Reports differ widely as to how the shooting occurred. Mr. and Mrs. Boozar had driven from their home to Kinards, Mr. Boozar intending to take the early morning train for Newberry.

It seems that for some time past Mr. Boozar and Mr. Oxner have been having trouble in regard to some negro laborers, and this is believed to have been the cause of the difficulty.

A gentleman who lives in Newberry this morning, who lives at Kinards, stated that he personally knew nothing of the immediate difficulty, but that before leaving home, heard that when Mr. Boozar drove up and hitched, Mr. Oxner was present, and that words ensued, whereupon Mr. Boozar drew his pistol and fired at Mr. Oxner twice; that when Mr. Oxner told Mr. Boozar he was unarmed, whereupon Mr. Boozar told Mr. Oxner to arm himself, and Oxner went to his gin house, about 25 yards distant, and that as Oxner was standing in the door of the gin house, facing Boozar, Boozar fired at him three times, making five shots in all.

Another report is to the effect that when Mr. Boozar hitched his mule to words ensued, whereupon Oxner put his hand to his hip pocket and Boozar shot at him, hitting him in the foot; that Oxner continued to advance and Boozar fired again, hitting Oxner in the thigh; that Boozar then told Oxner if he advanced another step he would kill him, and Mrs. Boozar stepped between them.

Mr. Boozar was in Newberry this morning, and was seen in the office of his regular attorneys, Messrs. Bloss & Dominick. Mr. Boozar's attorney, stated that Mr. Boozar had no statement to give out in regard to the matter.

No warrant has so far been sworn out.

Messrs. Boozar and Oxner both live in Laurens county. The shooting, however, occurred in this county. Both the participants are prominent planters.

Carnival Here This Week

The Napier Carnival Company has arrived in the city and will open on the 24th, Thursday, with their numerous attractions. The carnival will continue until Saturday night. There are several free exhibitions, together with the many tent shows, ring-throwing booths, palm-reading, in fact all the attractions of an up-to-date carnival company.

SOCIAL AND PERSONAL

Among the Laurens people who are attending the Harris-Martin wedding at Gray Court today are: Mr. and Mrs. W. L. Gray, Mr. and Mrs. J. F. Tolbert, Mr. and Mrs. Dial Gray, Misses Hannah Tolbert, Jessie Bolt, Wilton Gray, and Marguerite Tolbert.

Rev. J. D. Crout of the First Methodist church will perform the ceremony; Mr. Crout left for Gray Court Tuesday.

The following invitations have been received in Laurens and will be of interest to the readers of The Advertiser and to many friends throughout the State:

Mr. A. C. Shaffer and Mrs. D. H. Terry request the honour of your presence at the marriage of their ward, Emily Bellinger and

Mr. Samuel Elmore Honey, on Tuesday the 5th of January nineteen hundred and nine at noon at their residence, Walterboro, South Carolina

Miss Willie Jones entertained at cards to the ladies of the Fort-nightly club Tuesday afternoon of this week, at her home on North Harper street

A CHINESE DENTIST.

His Simple Way of Patching a Gap in a Patient's Teeth.

How crude is the dentistry of the lumber inhabitants of modern China is disclosed by the Rev. John MacGowan in the following bit of description published in the North China Daily News: "Right in front of us on the street doctor's table is a small heap of teeth, not manufactured by any cunning workman, but by the subtle alchemy of nature. They are of all sizes and conditions. There are huge molars that have done yeoman service in the past and even teeth strong and determined looking and worn, as though they had fallen in the battle of life and led some here to end their days. They were all marked and discolored with the signs and symbols of the wear and tear they had gone through. They were a grewsome sight to look upon, and I wondered much how such a curious collection could have been gathered together. 'Where did you get these from?' I asked the doctor, pointing to the heap, which, however, I was careful not to touch.

"Oh, I bought them!" he replied. "When a man has to part with a tooth," he continued, "he does not throw it away. He brings it to me, and I buy it for a few cash, for he knows that in my profession it will come in handy some time or other." Just as he was speaking a patient came up to him. On being asked what he wanted he replied simply by opening his mouth to the very widest extent. It was a huge cavern and reminded one of the entrance to the Thames tunnel. It was seen that his four upper front teeth were wanting, having been knocked out by a fall from a wall, and he was anxious to know if the doctor could supply their places with new ones.

"Of course I can," he promptly replied, and, measuring the cavity in the jaw, he carefully and with practiced eye selected from the heap the four teeth that would exactly fill it. He then drilled a hole in them longitudinally and inserted a bit of coarse iron wire to bind them to each other. The ends of the wire were next inserted in holes that were carefully drilled into the teeth on each side of the cavity, and at once the chasm disappeared, and the crowd that had been looking on with critical eyes declared that his mouth looked as natural as though the new ones were those with which kind nature had originally supplied him."

His Mother Was First.

Several years ago while at Newport News, Va., the writer was in the cus tom house, conversing with Captain J. E. B. Stuart, son of the intrepid Confederate cavalry leader. There was also present the captain of a coast-wise steamer transacting business with Captain Stuart, who was collector of the port, when a messenger came in and said:

"Your mother telephones from Norfolk, Captain Stuart, requesting you to come to the phone."

"Excuse me, gentlemen," said Captain Stuart as he hastily arose from his official position.

"I have no time to wait here," gruffly and impatiently exclaimed the captain of the steamer.

"My mother is calling me," quietly said Captain Stuart as he half turned around.

"But I am here on business, and it is your official business to attend to me, and attend to me now," was the loud and angry reply.

"I can resign my official position in a minute," replied Captain Stuart, "but I can never resign my mother. My mother is calling me, and she shall not wait nor call in vain."—Los Angeles Times.

McLaurin Property Sold.

The McLaurin property on West Main street, until recently occupied by Mrs. C. M. Clarke, has been bought by Mr. Bandrick, a travelling salesman. This property was owned by Mr. C. S. McLaurin of McColl, S. C.

Quarterly Conference at Gray Court. Gray Court, Dec. 22.—Rev. W. M. Duncan conducted quarterly conference meeting here Saturday, preaching at the Methodist church Sunday morning at 11 o'clock, and again at 7:30 o'clock Sunday night, to large and appreciative audiences at both services.

Among the ladies who are at home from college for the Christmas holidays are: Misses Laurie Gray, Ethel Willis and Bessie Cannon from Lander college; Miss Lucy Peden from Chiconia; and Miss Allen Willis from the Woodruff High school.

Christmas is about on and the people are trading pretty freely getting ready to have Santa Claus at every home.

Mr. E. Archie Willis, principal of Gray Court-Owings Institute, announces an entertainment for Tuesday night by the school which will be free to the patrons of the school. Mr. Willis is making fine progress with the school, and giving the people some excellent entertainments.

Personal Mention.

On the 31st of December the six rural letter carriers from the Laurens office will have traveled, approximately, forty-five thousand miles during the year and handled something like three hundred and sixty thousand pieces of mail matter.

Mrs. M. J. Blackwell is visiting her daughter, Mrs. A. T. Willis, in Union during the holidays.

Rev. Sam P. McCarty, pastor in charge of the Laurens circuit, filled his first appointment with Sandy Springs church last Sunday.

LOCAL AND PERSONAL MENTION.

Miss Margaret Hudgens has returned to her home in Honea Path after visiting Miss Emmie Meng.

Mrs. Sam Saxon, of Clinton, spent Friday in the city.

Mr. G. L. Pitts spent Sunday in Clinton.

Messrs Jim Babb and Paul Gray, of Babbtown, spent Friday in the city.

Miss Willie Jones has returned from a visit to Newberry.

Mr. C. Brooks Sullivan is at home for the holidays.

Miss Lynn Smith, who has for some time held the position of stenographer in the State office, has resigned and will on the first of January return to her home in Union. Miss Elsie Brock of One West, who is to succeed her has already arrived in the city and is now familiarizing herself with the office work.

Mr. N. K. Dandy of Seneca was in the city Monday visiting his friend, Mr. J. N. Hudgens. Mr. Dandy's grandfather was a native of Laurens.

Rev. R. M. Duhose, together with Mrs. Duhose and children, was in the city Monday doing Christmas shopping.

Prof. Charles E. Brooks, principal of the Allendale schools, arrived in the city Sunday to spend the holidays here and at his mother's home at Gray Court.

Mr. Clyde Fowler of Furman university arrived in the city Monday to spend the Christmas holidays at his father's home here.

Mr. Gus Platt, a student at Carolina, came home Sunday for the holidays. Mr. J. M. Dyer of Hot Springs, Ark., is visiting his old home, during the Christmas holidays.

Mr. Edwin Latus of the Wofford Printing school, arrives home today for Christmas.

Dr. E. S. Latus arrived in the city Saturday from Chester to spend a while with relatives here.

Mr. W. C. Bath of Fountain Gap was in the city Monday. Mr. Bath is just now able to be out after a ten week's illness of typhoid fever, and his many friends were delighted to see him.



Here's an Every Day Picture

It occurs all around us—a sudden blaze—a family shelterless! And the staggering fire brought home to the father of the family that the toll of years is lost, and a new home mighty hard to get again. How to prevent? The only way. A policy for

FIRE INSURANCE

placed upon your home—written by us in the strongest of companies—a small annual premium paid! Why hesitate? Act today. Send or call, and we'll at once look after your interests without charge.

E. H. WILKES & SON COMPANY, STOCKS, BONDS 4 Law Range Laurens, S. C.

Sullivan's STORE Laurens, S. C.

CHRISTMAS GREETING

To Our Customers!

We thank you for your trade during the past year and especially you who paid cash or paid your accounts promptly when due, and are ever ready to thank you who still owe us when settle up, which we hope will be at an early day.

J. H. SULLIVAN, J. G. SULLIVAN, J. L. LANGSTON, S. Y. CULBERTSON.

Misses Fronde and Janie Kennedy and Miss Green of Clinton were in the city Monday.

Monday was the shortest day of the year, the sun rising at 7:26 and setting at 5:19.

Mrs. W. E. Meng and children of Sumter are visiting in the city.

Mrs. R. C. Richardson and children of Pinecroft will arrive in the city Thursday to spend Christmas with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. H. Sullivan.

Miss Ora Dell Hunter of Ora spent Friday in the city.

Mrs. J. C. Philpot returned to Columbia Saturday after spending a few days in the city.

Mr. C. H. Babb is visiting his brother, C. L. Babb, in Greenville.

Mr. Dick Childress is at home from Atlanta to spend the holidays.

Misses Toccoa Caine, Annie Huff, Wessie Lee Dial, of Converse college, arrived in the city Saturday.

Miss Helen Crisp is visiting Mrs. Preston B. Wells in Anderson.

The Laurens girls who are attending Winthrop college will arrive at home today for the holidays.

Filling Christmas Orders



With all kinds of Table Delicacies, Choice Fruits, Cakes and Nuts is what we are busy at just now. Get your Xmas order in early for Plum Pudding, Mince Meat, Baking Supplies and Nuts, Raisins, Fruits, Imported and Domestic Cheese and we will fill them promptly in spite of the Xmas rush at Bennett's. Try our Coffee and Teas—they are the best in the city.

J. S. Bennett.

Miss Lucia Wolf of Limestone college is spending the holidays with her parents Mr. and Mrs. John Wolf of Aids.

Clemens, Gladys, Lloyd Langston and David Haulward are at home for Christmas, arriving in the city last night.

Miss Elsie Strickland returned yesterday from Lancaster, where she is teaching school.

Miss John Sullivan left Tuesday for Columbia to spend until Thursday.

Miss Willie Rice will spend Christmas at her home in Coronach.

Mrs. R. S. Thompson and children and Miss Anna Hooper arrived in the city Thursday to make their home this winter with Mrs. J. R. Little.

The rural delivery carriers will make their regular rounds Christmas day.

Mrs. J. C. Gandy and children have come to Spartanburg to spend Christmas.

Mr. John M. Cannon made a professional visit to Augusta and Albia last of the week.

Miss Lucia and Annie Simpson are at home from Converse for the holiday vacation.

CHRISTMAS EDIBLES

Seedless Raisins, Currants, Citron, Shredded Almonds, Figs, Spices, Extracts, etc. for the cake—Cluster Raisins, Cranberry Sauce, or Fresh Cranberries, Grape Fruit, Oranges, Apples, Bananas, Pineapple, Malaga Grapes, all kinds of Nuts, Fresh Celery. Chocolates and other Confectioneries for the Stockings. Also Fire Crackers, Roman Candles, etc.

Kennedy Bros.

OUR SPECIAL NOTICES.

We furnish seats for teachers, and teachers for schools. We also supply clerks, stenographers and general help. Let us know what you need. Address, Clinton Teachers and Business Agency, Clinton, S. C. If you want a good one horse farm, 3 miles west of Laurens, known as Poon place. Apply to C. C. Featherstone. 21-11

Special Notice to Merchants—We have received today one car Fancy (high quality) apples from New York state and one car Florida Oranges, all sizes. Home your orders—This is the finest fruit we have and all sound and light—suitable for Christmas trade. Call Home and Grain Co. 21-11

\$25 Reward for return of 38 S. & W. 1st St. pearl handle No. 107288, stolen from name, an additional \$5 for conviction thereof. M. W. Dandy, Laurens, S. C. 21-21

Lost—Red Delta Cigar, named Delta. Strayed from Davis farm on Monday. Reward information to J. H. Landon, Laurens, S. C. 21-11

Holiday Goods

Give us a call for anything in the Christmas line. We have a complete, up-to-date line of Toys, Games, Toilet Sets, Manicure Sets, Books, Dolls and Albums. Also beautiful line of Cut Glass, and Gold Encrusted Clocks, Stationery, a splendid Line of Perfumery. We will be glad to have you call and see our line, and you will be assured of first-class goods at low prices. Also a complete line of Deign and Drug Sundries. We have just installed a hot Soda Fountain and can serve you the latest drinks in first class style.

Posey's

Large advertisement for Anderson & Blakely featuring an AUCTION SALE of 4 Tracts of Farming Land (40 to 60 Acres in a Tract). The ad includes details about the location (within 1-4 to 1-2 mile of good school), convenience to churches, and terms of sale (one third cash, balance to suit purchaser at 8 per cent. interest). The ad is framed with a decorative border.