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DISTRICT SCHOOL BOARD REMOVED

Unusual Condition at the Long Branch School.

COUNTY BOARD ACTS.

The Teacher, Miss Lane, It is Alleged, Devoted Time to Teaching the "Unknown Tongue."

Acting on a complaint, embodied in a formal petition filed with the county superintendent of education and his board by certain patrons of Long Branch school, located in Scuffletown township, the board Saturday, after giving both sides to the controversy a full hearing, removed the district school trustees and immediately named their successors, to whom County Superintendent of Education Geo. L. Pitts at once issued commissions. The board of trustees removed consisted of Messrs. M. A. Sumerel, W. A. Poole and L. T. Benjamin, three of the leading citizens of their community and all well known as progressive and substantial farmers as the county affords. The new board likewise is composed of representative men. They are Messrs. J. Wilson Blakeley, George W. Cunningham and Sam J. Todd.

This unusual and in some respects rather sensational proceeding was brought about by the employment last fall of Miss Nellie Lane, formerly of Georgia, to teach the Long Branch school for the current session. At the time the trustees had up for consideration the employment of a teacher early last fall, it is said that objection to Miss Lane was made by some of the patrons on the ground that she was identified with and a conspicuous leader and teacher of the so-called "Unknown Tongue" religious creed. Furthermore, it was known that Miss Lane had no teacher's certificate or a college diploma, as required by the public school law of this state. This was another serious objection. Nevertheless Miss Lane was given the school, though there were several qualified applicants for the position. To Miss Lane's credit, it is stated, that she frankly informed the trustees before accepting the school that she had had no experience as a teacher and held no credentials as such.

The board of trustees, of which Mr. Sumerel was chairman, insisted, it is said, that she had the essential qualification—as they say regarded it the "power" to interpret and teach the doctrine of the new sect. She was promised $40 the month for her services, and the school opened about the first of last November. At first practically all the patrons patronized the school as usual. Soon, however, reports from the schoolroom indicated that the teacher was giving over practically all her time to instructions in the Bible and the new creed of religion, to the disregard of other instruction. This caused some of the patrons to stop their children and informal complaints were made to the superintendent of education, Mr. R. W. Nash, who, on January was succeeded by Mr. Pitts.

Mr. Nash investigated the matter and informed the trustees that he could not approve the pay warrant of Miss Lane and indicated to the dissatisfied patrons a remedy and form of procedure. No steps were taken in the matter, however, until after Mr. Pitts assumed the duties of the superintendent's office and a vacancy on the county board of education was filled, which was done a few days ago by the appointment of Mr. R. E. Babb, vice Prof. R.A. Dobson, resigned, who now resides at Gaffney.

The petition of complaint was therefore prepared and presented, signed by some half dozen patrons of the school. The complaint set out substantially the conditions under which Miss Lane was employed and her unusual methods of instruction as principal of Long Branch school, as recited above. At the hearing, which was held in the office of the county superintendent Saturday, and continued until a late hour in the afternoon, the chairman of the old board of trustees and other members, together with a number of patrons and pupils, representing both sides, were examined. In addition, Chairman Sumerel of the now extinct board made a talk of nearly two hours in defence of the conduct of the board in engaging Miss Lane and her management of the school, which, he said, had his unqualified indorsement as well as that of the other members of the board and a majority of the patrons of Long Branch school.

It devoloped that for some time 26 pupils represented the total attendance, or about two-thirds of the strength of the school.

Out of the 26 "faithful pupils all but two, it is claimed, have made a profession of Miss Lane's doctrine. This fact evidently gave rise to Mr. Sumerel's characterization on Saturday of what he considered "excellent progress of the school under Miss Lane's directions."

It is understood that the new board will proceed at once to select a new teacher, and it is likely the school exercises at Long Branch, so abruptly discontinued, will be resumed with in a week longer or such matter.

Miss Lane, as stated, is from Georgia, and was last year in attendance upon the Altamont Bible institute, located a few miles above Greenville city, and conducted by Rev. N. J. Holmes and others.

Superintendent of Education Pitts, followng the law and carrying out the purpose of his predecessor in this matter, states that he will decline to approve Miss Lane's pay warrant, which amounts to something like $140.

Mrs. Jno. W. Clarke, Mrs. C. E. Gray and son, Clarke, leave next month for a visit to Cuba.

SENATOR WHARTON INTRODUCES BILL.

Amendment to the Carey-Cothran Law Which Will Facilitate Disposal of Stocks of Dispensaries.

Senator John H. Wharton, whom The Advertiser wired last week regarding the effort to re-open the dispensary here, has introduced an amendment to the Carey-Cothran law, which will make it easier for the County Board to dispose of the stock of goods on hand at wholesale.

Regarding his plans, Senator Wharton writes The Advertiser as follows:

"As you will see, I have offered a bill to amend Sect. 35 of the Carey-Cothran Act. In order that you may understand the provisions of my bill, I will give you the object of the bill and then its provisions. I am informed that there is $35,000 worth of whiskey in the dispensary at Laurens; this statement was made to me by Dispensary Auditor West. Sect. 35 of the Act provides that when a dispensary is closed that the Board shall sell the stock for cash and apply the funds as the Act provides. I understand from Hon. R. D. Boyd that Mr. Nash claims that he can't sell the stock as all the dispensaries buy on ninety days time and have no cash on hand to buy with, therefore they can't sell the stock. They do not want to purchase the stock from disestablished dispensaries as Mr. Nash was only offered forty per cent. for such whiskey as they wanted causing a loss of sixty per cent. My amendment provides that the Board can sell out the stock to other dispensaries on ninety days' time; that will remove that excuse for not buying the stock. The amendment further provides that the dispensary Auditor shall require dispensaries now in operation to buy their stock from disestablished dispensaries, provided that their bid is the lowest offered and as the Board is familiar with the prices of whiskey they can sell the stock at a small loss."

LAURENS HOTEL LEASED.

Mr. J. P. Strobel of Enoree Will Re-Open the Hostelry.

Dr. B. F. Posey, owner of the Laurens hotel property on South Harper street has granted a lease to Mr. J. P. Strobel of Enoree, who will open the hotel for the reception of guests the first of next week. Mr. Strobel has had years of experience in the hotel business, he being at present engaged in that business at Enoree. He expects to move his family and household effects to Laurens this week and be ready for business next week.

Preparatory to the re-opening of this old hostelry, considerable improvement on the interior of the building are now in process.

U. D. C. to Give Play.

The Daughters of the Confederacy have about decided to present an ameteur theatrical called "The Union Depot" on Feb. 5th, or thereabouts.

P. RODGERS LEAVES LAURENS.

Newberry Man Opens Tailor Shop, Secures Some Cash and Departs.

Peter Rodgers, claiming to be connected with a Newberry merchant tailoring establishment and representing himself as an experienced tailor, came to Laurens about the first of January and opened a tailoring shop, employed help and, incidentall, made a number of small bills. Meantime young Murrell Harris, son of Mrs. Juno Harris, desiring to learn the trade, engaged in the business with Rodgers, the understanding being, so it appears, that Mr. Harris immediately furnish $75 which was to be used in buying material for the shop. This amount was therefore supplied by the mother of Mr. Harris and the business was apparently going along all right.

Some ten days ago Rodgers, without stating any reason or giving his destination, left Laurens, carrying with him most if not all of his outfit and leaving behind numerous unsettled bills and nothing in the way of the ordered materials for which he claimed Mrs. Harris' money was used in buying. Nothing definite has been heard of him, though it is reported here that he had been arrested in Columbia, charged with larceny. Yesterday Mr. Harris closed up the shop. Of couse it is possible that Rodgers will return and explain his conduct and satisfy those who trusted him.

Rev. S. R. Bock to Preach.

Rev. S. R. Bock of Clinton will preach to the Mt. Gallagher congregation at 11 o'clock next Sunday morning, instead of Rev. E. C. Watson, who was to have conducted the service. Mr. Watson is taking a month's vacation in the hope of recovering entirely from a throat trouble.

Laurens Doctors Meet.

Monday afternoon in Gray's hotel was held the regular monthly meeting of the Laurens County Medical association. There was a full attendance, and the papers and discussions were of entertaining and instructive nature.

Deafness Cannot be Cured

by local applications, as they cannot reach the diseased portion of the ear. There is only one way to cure deafness, and that is by constitutional remedies. Deafness is caused by an inflamed condition of the mucous lining of the Eustachian Tube. When this tube is inflamed you have a rumbling sound or imperfect hearing, and when it is entirely closed, Deafness is the result, and unless the inflamation can be taken out and this tube restored to its normal condition, hearing will be destroyed forever; nine cases out of ten are caused by Catarrh, which is nothing but an inflamed condition of the mucous surfaces.

We will give One Hundred Dollars for any case of Deafness (caused by catarrh) that cannot be cured by Hall's Catarrh Cure. Send for circulars, free.

F. J. CHENEY & CO., Toledo, O.
Sold by Druggists, 75c.
Take Hall's Family Pills for constipation.

Oxide of Zinc—What is it?

Its the wearing quality of the L. & M. Paint while white lead is the elastic quality of L. & M. Paint. Wears fully fifteen years on outside of house. Costs ready for use about $1.20 per gallon.

J. H. & M. L. Nash, Laurens.
Clinton Pharmacy, Clinton.
25&26 L. & M. Paint Agents.

LICENSE FOR HAWKERS AND PEDDLERS.

State of South Carolina,
County of Laurens.

By virtue of an Act of the General Assembly of the State of South Carolina, therefor providing, the County Board of Commissioners for Laurens County, State aforesaid, do hereby fix the following License Fees to be paid by hawkers and peddlers doing business in said County for and during the year A. D. 1909, to wit:

For Foot Peddlers, Fifteen Dollars; for Peddelrs in one-horse wagon, Forty Dollars; Peddlers in two-horse wagon, Sixty Dollars; Peddlers of Stoves and Ranges, the first wagon Sixty Dollar, and for each additional wagon Forty Dollars; Peddlers of Clocks, for the first wagon Thirty Dollars; Peddlers of Lightning Rods, for the first wagon Twenty Dollars, and for each additional wagon Ten Dollars; Peddlers of Spectacles on foot Ten Dollars; Peddlers of Spectacles in vehicle Fiften Dollars; Peddlers of Sewing Machines for the first wagon Fifty Dollars, and for each additional wagon Thirty Dollars; Peddlers of Pianos or Organs, for each one horse wagon Eighty Dollars, and for each two horse wagon One Hundred and Twenty Dollars.

All licences to be issued by the Clerk of Court and to be of force until the 31st day of December, A. D. 1909, as provided by law.

Done in regular annual session at Laurens, S. C. this 7th day of January, A. D. 1909. (SEAL)

Attest: H. B. HUMBERT,
MESSER BABB, Co. Supervisor
25-4t. Co. Clerk.

CHAMBER OF COMMERCE TO MEET

Secretary McCuen Serves Call for a Meeting on Tuesday Night.

Secretary W. R. McCuen of the Chamber of Commerce has issued a call for a business meeting of that body on Tuesday evening of next week.

The following is the card:

You are hereby urged to be present at a meeting of the Chamber of Commerce, to be held in their rooms in the Enterprise Bank Building, on Tuesday evening, February 2, 1909, at 8 o'clock. Business of importance will be brought up and discussed.

Refreshments will be served after the business session is over.

Society and Personal.

A delightful whist party was given Friday evening by Mr. and Mrs. W. H. Anderson in honor of Mr. and Mrs. A. H. Sanders. Nine games were played of which Miss Annie Gilkerson was the winner of eight, consequently receiving the prize, a box of Huyler's candy, which she presented to Mrs. Sanders. A similar prize was awarded Mrs. S. E. Boney. At the conclusion of the playing a delicious salad course with coffee and marshmallow sandwiches were served, Mrs. Anderson being assisted in serving by Mrs. R. E. Copeland and Miss Lila Hart.

Monday evening at Fowler's hall the young people of the city enjoyed the most delightful dance of the season. It chanced that a wandering band of Italian musicians were in the city and their services were secured for the occasion. The attendance at this dance was the largest in months, and unquestionably it was the most enjoyable event of recent date. Among the out-of-town guests were Misses Annie Wheeler of Greenville, Mary Sartor of Union and Eloise Brown and Estelle Turner of Cross Hill.

On Thursday afternoon Mrs. D. S. Aiken was the charming hostess to the members of the Fortnightly Social club. Mrs. Aiken was assisted in receiving and serving by Mrs. R. Eleazer Jones and Miss Lila Hart. The guests were received in the hall and conducted to the parlors, where six games of nations were played, after while a delicious salad course and coffee were served.

Dr. and Mrs. P. E. Hughes entertained a few friends Wednesday evening at a most delightful tea. For genuine hospitality there are few equals to be found anywhere to Dr. and Mrs. Hughes; and an invitation to their home is assurance of a most delightful time. The affair on Wednesday evening, while informal, was none the less enjoyable.

In most appropriate and pleasing manner was the birthday of Gen. Robert Edward Lee observed by the John B. Kershaw chapter, United Daughters of the Confederacy, on Tuesday afternoon, when the members of the chapter were hospitably received by Mrs. H. K. Aiken at her home on west Main street. The occasion was a joint celebration of the birthday of both Gens. Lee and Jackson; appropriate papers were read concerning the lives of these great Southern generals, together with poetry that commemorated their greatness and valor; these in addition to a beautiful masical programme.

Miss Annie Gilkerson left Saturday for Chester where she is visiting Mrs. L. C. Croft.

Miss Lillian Hellams of Gray Court visited Mrs. R. E. Babb on Sunday.

Mrs. E. C. Watson and mother, Mrs. M. M. Holcombe, left Monday for Conway to attend the marriage of Mrs. Watson's cousin, Mr. B. W. Watt. Mrs. Watson will also visit relatives in Lake City.

Miss Mary Sartor of Union is the guest of Miss Lucile Martin.

Miss Annie Wheeler of Greenville is visiting Miss Josie Sullivan.

Mr. John E. Bolt was the genial host to a number of friends last Friday evening at a good old fashioned 'possum supper. The absence of President-elect Taft in no wise detracted from the enjoyment of the occasion, for together we gathered in one of the jolliest crowds of "stay-at-homes" in the country at a home where hospitality is surpassed by none.

Mrs. P. B. Bailey, her daughter, Miss Lyl Mae Bailey, and Miss Elizabeth Barkett, teacher of the Oak Grove school, spent Saturday afternoon in the city.

Rev. S. R. Brock, a well known Baptist minister of Clinton, was in the city Saturday.

Mr. J. M. Wood was in the city Friday from Princeton.

Mr. Frank Dunnon of Asheville is visiting relative in the Tylersville section.

Mr. and Mrs. Brooks Nash of Merna spent the week with Mr. and Mrs. J. A. Armstrong.

Miss Janie Ballew has returned from a visit to Mrs. Mary Robinson in Cross Hill.

Mrs. J. D. Watts attended the meeting of the Woman's Missionary Union of Enoree Presbytery at Woodruff last week.

Miss Charlotte Gray of Eden spent Monday in the city.

Mr. and Mrs. J. A. Piper have left the city for Greenville, where Mr. Piper is engaged in some roofing work similar to that done here at Laurens Mills and the graded school.

Mrs. R. E. Copeland and Mrs. A. H. Sanders spent Wednesday in Clinton.

FORMER TREASURER WAS $5,057.10 SHORT.

After Complete Examination by Experts, Shortage of Former Treasurer Copeland Declared.

Comptroller-general A. W. Jones in his annual report to the General Assembly, touches upon the alleged shortage of Former Treasurer J. H. Copeland of Laurens county, noted some time ago in The Advertiser. Following is the item:

"In my report for 1907, I mentioned that a partial investigation made of the county treasurer's office for Laurens county, there was an apparent discrepancy of funds on hand, but that on account of the death of the former treasurer, Mr. J. H. Copeland, a further investigation was necessary to determine the liability as between his estate and the present occupant of the office.

"I had such an investigation made by Messrs. D. H. Wise, auditor of Aiken county, an expert accountant and Mr. E. P. Wilson, chief clerk of this office. They found that the books were not correctly nor well kept, as evidenced by the fact that there were a number of errors and omissions, among them being an item of $5,000 borrowed August 10, 1906, by the county supervisor and county treasurer from the People's Loan and Exchange bank for school purposes, no entry of which was made on the books and it does not appear in his monthly report to this office. After correcting all errors and omissions it was found that a deficiency of $5,057.10 in each of the county treasurer, J. H. Copeland, existed at the time of his death and that his estate and official bond are liable therefor."

Dr. J. H. Donald Dead.

Mr. Frank E. Donald of this city was called home last week on account of the serious illness and subsequent death on Friday of his father, Dr. J. H. Donald at his home in Fishdam. Dr. Donald was one of the most prominent physicians in the state.

General Assembly Notes.

Representative Troy has introduced two bills in the House; the first a bill relating to the sale of unclaimed dispensary seized by sheriff, and the second an act authorizing the governor and B. B. to expend an Act entitled "An Act to regulate the employment of children in cotton, wool, silk and manufacturing establishments in this state."

Hon. Jared G. Sullivan has introduced a bill to authorize the county board of commissioners of Laurens county to pay $400 per annum for rent of Armory for Dreadnaught Guard.

By his vote, it seems that Senator Wharton was opposed to the raising the Governor's salary to $7,000 in the Senate on Tuesday.

Senator Wharton's bill to extend time, from 10 years to 20, for which Graded Labor may pay in will unfavorably reported by committee, hence lost.

Senator Wharton has introduced bill to amend Sec. 35, of the Carey-Cothran law. He has introduced a bill to incorporate the Graded College, of which he is trustee.

Senator Wharton has introduced bill entitled "An Act to amend an Act entitled "An Act to incorporate the board of visitors of the Textile industrial institute and to define its duties, powers and liabilities." Its prescribe penalties for a failure to perform certain duties.

Mr. Wharton has introduced a bill to authorize the treasurer of Laurens county to remit certain taxes to the Enoree River Power Company.

Mr. J. M. Golden of Waterloo was in the city Tuesday on business.

Mr. J. L. F. Sumerel was in Laurens Tuesday on business.

Messrs. S. H. and M. G. Johnson, hardware and merchandise of the Princeton section of Southern Laurens, have rented out their farms and sold their mercantile business to Mr. Cox of Anderson.

Dr. C. S. Poole carried Mrs. N. N. Parks of Parks station to Greenville yesterday for surgical treatment at the Madeline hospital.

Mr. Jame Bowen has returned to his home in Raleigh after a visit to his mother, Mrs. Mary C. Bowen.

Messrs. C. D. Watts, J. M. Cunningham and H. K. Allen spent Monday in Columbia.

Mr. Edwin Laird, of Wednesday, spent Sunday at home.

Mr. E. K. Phillips of Youngstown, Ohio, was in the city Saturday afternoon.

Mrs. M. G. McCuen of Princeton visited her son, Mr. W. R. McCuen and family during the past week.

WORKMAN CLOSES THE CLINTON HOTEL

Alleged Boycott by Traveling Men the Cause.

PECULIAR SITUATION.

Proprietor Workman Put Ban on Card Playing in the Hotel Lobby by His Guests.

Clinton, Jan. 26.—The Clinton Hotel of which Mr. W. H. Workman is the owner was closed Saturday night. Mr. Workman and his family will continue to occupy it as a residence until it is sold. It is on the market. This action of Mr. and Mrs. Workman in closing the hotel is due to what they have felt was an unfair boycott against them by the Travelers' Protective Association and the United Commercial Travelers, two organizations which comprise in their membership and in their former patrons. Mr. Workman is a man of independent means and will doubtless stick to his determination not to reopen the hotel during the year. The traveling public are placed in an awkward predicament as the only other hotel open to transient guests, the King hotel, is quite small.

Mr. Workman states that no complaint of any sort has passed between him and the two associations whom he holds responsible for the trouble, and his knowledge of the situation comes from the information of his friends. He is not conscious of any fault on his part, and he believes that the case was really made because he made card playing in the lobby of his hotel a misdemeanor.

A Society Event in Clinton.

Laurens, Jan. 26.—Mrs. J. H. Young entertained delightfully on Wednesday afternoon in honor of Miss Annie Lou Young, of Mrs. George Young, Mrs. R. E. Copeland and Mrs. A. H. Sanders of Laurens. The elegant rooms and decorations made this a charming occasion.

Simpson—Chisholm.

Laurens, Jan. 26.—Miss Marie Simpson and Mr. Francois Chisholm were married Tuesday afternoon at the home of Mrs. Henri Wilson. The ceremony was performed by the Rev. Dr. Boyd, the bride's pastor, in the presence of a small number of intimate friends. Mr. and Mrs. Chisholm will take their home with Mrs. Wilson.

CONSTITUTIONAL INSPECTOR HERE.

Walter Brockett of Prohibition Department Visited Laurens Last Week.

A chief constitutional inspector for the Prohibition department, Mr. Walter Brockett of Washington, was in the city Thursday and Friday of last week on official business. He offered no comment on the situation, but it is understood that he was here on one or two former occasions during the bills previously.

A decision will be reached in the case of the Seminole troubles, it is understood, as soon as the Indian Commissioner of this city receives a letter from Mr. J. G. A. Carlington, in charge of the tract of land, possibly 20 or 25 thousand acres in Jackson county, which Mr. Jno. Y. Garlington, president of the Seminole Development company.

Notice to Agents.—All persons, as H. F. Sullivan agents, collectors, peddlers, Lightning rod agents, are hereby forbidden under penalty of arrest and prosecution upon my premises in any manner whatever. W. D. Byrd.

For Rent.—Four room cottage on Main Ave. L. A. Langston place, convenient to square and South Harper st. Water in house. Apply to John H. Peterson, Laurens. 27-1t

Office in Gaffney and vacinity.

Judge Jones Succeeds Pope.

Columbia, Jan. 26.—Associate Justice R. B. Jones, W. Y. Gray elected by the legislature to the supreme court of South Carolina, was his only opponent. Associate Justice Eugene B. Gary, of Aiken, was elected by the joint assembly to serve session at Chief Justice Pope, recently retired, on motion to take effect in April.

Certificates Levels Attached.

Certificates of the Seminole troubles, it is understood, have been served on Mr. John G. Carlington in this city by Mr. J. G. A. Carlington, in charge of the tract of land, possibly 20 or 25 thousand acres in Jackson county, which Mr. Jno. Y. Garlington, president of the Seminole Development company.

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