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CAPT. J. O. MEREDITH IS CLAIMED BY DEATH

He Had a Long and Varying Experience in Railroading—Esteemed Citizen of This City.

After a long and wasting illness, Capt. J. O. Meredith, one of the oldest citizens of this section, died Wednesday night at eight o'clock at the home of his daughter, Mrs. Dorroh D. Peden, on Laurel street. The body was taken at 2 o'clock Thursday afternoon to Newberry, the former residence of the deceased, for interment in the old family burying ground, where rest the wife and daughter of Mr. Meredith.

For almost a year Mr. Meredith had been in feeble health and the end was not unexpected. Death was due to the natural infirmities of age, and heart failure.

Practically all the life work of the deceased has been on railroads, in which profession Capt. Meredith attained considerable distinction. There are events in the railroad history of this state, dating far back in the years before the war, that he was directly connected with, and in which he played an important part. Among these is the survey of the old Columbia road, which now terminates in Laurens, but in the survey made by Mr. Meredith was intended to run from Clinton, via Glenn Springs to Spartanburg.

The long trestle over Little river near the Laurens depot was built by him; he was the engineer on a passenger train from Greenville to Columbia which went through the Saluda river trestle in one of the most disastrous wrecks in the early history of that road, and in which he, himself, was all but killed.

Capt. Meredith was engineer on the last train that ran out of Columbia during the famous Sherman raid which resulted in the burning of that city. He was not in the war, being at the time in the railroad service and thereby exempt. When the railroad shops of the old Columbia road were located at Helena, just a little north of Newberry, Capt. Meredith was in charge of them, his residence at that time in Newberry. Later he was superintendent of the old Richmond and Danville road, before it went into the hands of a receiver and was bought by the Southern. For years he was an engineer on the Greenville and Columbia branch of the Southern.

James Osgood Meredith was born in the city of Augusta on January 28th, 1835, and at the time of his death was a little over 74 years of age. Early in his childhood his parents moved to Charleston, where they resided for several years. Shortly before the Civil war Mr. Meredith moved to the up-country near Newberry, where he was engaged in railroad work and where later he became superintendent of the railroad shops.

He moved to Greenville and it was there that on April 11, 1868, he was married to Miss Amanda Bishop, the Rev. James C. Furman, the then president of Furman university, performing the ceremony. Of this union, eight children were born, all of whom survive except Miss Flora Jones Meredith, who died in June of 1907, and whose body now rests in the family burying ground at Newberry. Mrs. Meredith died in the summer of 1901.

The surviving children are: Mrs. D. D. Peden and Miss Beta Meredith of this city; Mr. James O. Meredith of Greenville; Mr. William Benjamin Meredith, of Clemson College; Mr. Robert McCockran Meredith, of Norfolk, Va.; and Mr. Wm. Connor Meredith, of Macon, Ga. All of these were at the bedside of their father when death came.

Capt. Meredith was popular in Laurens; everybody liked him and his death is mourned not merely by his family and relatives but by hundreds of friends. His stories of railroad life were extremely interesting, more so because of his remarkable memory of facts and his ability in telling them; he was an exponent of early railroading in South Carolina.

Prof. Thomas' Lecture.

As announced in last issue of the Advertiser, Prof. Roy Z. Thomas of Newberry college will lecture in the city opera house on Friday evening of March 5th on the subject of Edgar Allen Poe and his poetry. The proceeds from the venture will be for the benefit of the city school library and every body in Laurens should attend. An interesting program will be rendered. Prof. Thomas will be accompanied by his wife, who will give some numbers in voice and piano.

GRAND AND PETIT JURORS ARE DRAWN

Judge Prince of Anderson Will Preside Over the Spring Term of the General Sessions Court.

The change made last year in the time of holding courts in this the Eighth circuit causes the first term of General Sessions for Laurens county to be held in March instead of January as heretofore. The time fixed for this term is the second Monday, March 8, and it will be presided over by Judge George E. Prince of Anderson.

Thursday at noon the jury commissioners met and drew the twelve grand jurors who will serve during the year with the six hold-over members, and the petit venire for the first week of the approaching session.

Following is the list of grand jurors—the first six being the hold-over members of the body: B. W. Hellams, R. F. Jones, H. F. Tumblin, V. A. White, Duff C. Martin, W. N. Austin, W. G. Boazman, R. G. Wallace, S. C. Hill, W. W. Adair, J. D. Woods, T. F. Moore, W. C. Curry, D. M. Williams, G. L. Willis, S. R. Moore, W. C. Mitchell, W. F. Lawson.

Petit jurors for the first week:

Laurens township—J. Wister Martin, W. D. Franks, J. J. Glenn, W. M. Armstrong, Nathan Wallace, W. S. Benjamin, J. L. Finley, John A. Martin, Jared D. Sullivan.

Hunter—McD. Hipp, W. E. Bell.

Jacks—Frank Adair.

Scuffletown—Will J. Adair, John T. Blakely.

Waterloo—R. E. Boyd.

Sullivan—John W. Taylor, Sam C. Cook, John W. Simpson, James W. Simpson, John W. Beeks, James T. Machen, Jesse A. Wood, J. L. Traynham.

Dials—W. H. Barksdale, D. D. Brownlee, Joe Avery, R. J. Stoddard, R. A. Stoddard, H. T. Babb, John R. Brownlee, M. P. Vaughn.

Youngs—E. W. Patton, O. F. Cox.

Cross Hill—S. L. Crisp, R .S. Turner, J. D. Beeks.

LOCAL AND PERSONAL MENTION.

Miss Mattie May Neville has returned to Clinton after a visit to Mrs. H. K. Aiken.

Mrs. Edward Gage, Misses Willma and Polly Prentiss have returned to Greenville after a visit to Mrs. W. H. Garrett.

Miss Kate Glenn spent a few days in Chester with her parents.

Misses Annie Huff and Toce Caine of Converse College spent a few days in the city.

Mr. Carlos Mosley of Wafford college espent the week-end in the city.

Mrs. Blond Hammond left Friday for Greenville after a visit to Mrs. W. R. Richey Jr.

Mr. and Mrs. R. E. Copeland spent Sunday in Clinton.

Mr. E. P. Minter has gone to New York.

Miss Ethel Simmons of Columbia College spent a few days in the city with her parents Mr. and Mrs. Simmons.

Miss Annie Hellams of Goldville spent Monday in the city.

Mr. E. A. Huff of Greenville was in the city Sunday visiting his father, Mr. A. Huff.

Mr. W. G. Lancaster spent Sunday at his home near Glenn Springs.

The moving picture shows these days are a much welcomed pleasure.

Mr. R. W. Tribble of Anderson arrived in the city Monday with his family; they are occupying the old Featherstone residence on West Main street.

Hon. C. C. Featherstone and Mr. J. F. Telbert of this city attended the State Interdenominational Sunday school convention at Orangeburg last week.

Dr. S. P. Blakely, who has been practicing medicine for a number of years in the Ora neighborhood, has decided to locate in Spartanburg where he will continue in his profession.

The Tribble Clothing Store.

Mr. R. W. Tribble has arrived in the city and began the week of preparation for the opening of his Clothing store in the old Hub stand. The stock of goods will begin arriving this week, and by March 10th the store will be open for customers. Mr. Tribble promises an excellent and full line of men's furnishings.

Mr. Nichols at Home.

Mr. R. W. Nichols has returned to the city from the Columbia hospital where he was under special treatment for several weeks. All are delighted to have him back home again.

LAURENS DOCTORS MEET.

Regular Meeting Held Monday—President Blakely Resigns.

The Laurens County Medical association met Monday afternoon in the office of Dr. R. E. Hughes, with a fairly good number of its members in attendance. President S. F. Blakely of Ora presided at the meeting, stating at the opening that because of his intention to move to Spartanburg in the near future he would be compelled to resign his position. The announcement was received with much regret by the members; action was deferred until the next meeting to be held March 22.

The feature of the doctors' meeting on Monday was the paper read by Dr. J. L. Fennel on the subject; "The Increased Frequency of Heart Disease." Dr. Fennel was highly complimented on this excellent paper.

For the March meeting of the association. Drs. Hughes and Franklin were appointed to read papers. By special request Dr. Hughes will prepare a treatise of the subject; "Fake Medicine Advertisements and the Religious News papers," which will doubtless prove unusually interesting.

THE NEWS AT MOUNTVILLE.

Heavy Rains Swell Streams—Death of an Infant.

Mountville, Feb. 22.—Heavy thunder and rain storms passed through this section Sunday afternoon and night, and it is still raining this morning. The land is thoroughly wet and small streams are swollen.

Mr. R. Lee Davis and family of Greenville are visiting their parents here, Mr. and Mrs. King.

An infant child of Mr. and Mrs. Sam Bryson died last Wednesday of whooping cough. It was only a few weeks old and its suffering was intense. The remains were laid to rest at Liberty Springs cemetery.

Mrs. Rosa Motes and children are in Sumter visiting relatives.

Miss Julia Fellers is making an extended visit to her sister, Mrs. Lucy Crisp, of Concord, N. C.

Mr. M. B. Crisp went over to Whitmire Saturday to see his son Fayette.

Mr. F. Conway Smith is having his house repainted. Henry Whitlock & Son, our skilled workmen, are doing the work.

Mr. Robert Whitlock has recently added to his shop building. He has a roomy house now, well equipped, and is doing a good business.

Personal Items from Ekom.

Ekom, Feb. 22.—Miss Frankie Culbertson who has been sick for sometime is now better.

Mr. W. W. Culbertson is on the sick list this week.

Mr. Harrison Pinson and Fanny Pinson visited Mr. Jim Martin Sunday.

Mr. T. C. McDaniel and family spent Sunday with Mr. J. P. Elledge, near Ware Shoals.

Mrs. L. C. Burts visited her son, Edgar, at Center Point last week.

Mr. John Tumblin who mysteriously disappeared from his home in this section about forty years ago, has made his appearance around here again. He is living near Macon, Ga.

There will be an oyster supper at Mr. L. C. McDaniel's Friday evening the 26th; given by the School Improvement Association. Everybody is cordially invited to attend.

Mr. L. C. Culbertson and family visited Mr. Ben Coley Sunday.

Mr. Bee Culbertson of Madden spent Sunday with relatives in this section.

Mr. Y. A. Godfrey of Ware Shoals passed through Ekom Saturday.

AT THE THEATRE

On March 2nd at the city theatre Burgner and Alton Stock company will present "On the Frontier." This company carries both band and orchestra and will amuse the theatre lovers.

The Furman Glee Club and Quartette will appear at the opera house on Saturday night of this week in an excellent musical program.

J. Y. Wallace & Co. have arranged to have the Bobby Quartette also the Atterbein Male Quartette and Bell Ringers. Both attractions are playing the largest cities of the North, but by efforts the management has been successful in securing dates for this city with these two famed quartettes.

FURMAN GLEE CLUB COMING.

Will Give Entertainment in Opera House on Saturday Evening.

On Saturday evening at the city opera house the Furman Glee club and Quartette will give an entertainment, beginning at the usual hour and charging the usual prices of admission. The club has an excellent musical program, consisting of the latest and best songs, medleys ect., together with a number of pleasing quartettes. The entertainment will be of the highest order and is looked forward to with much pleasure.

For a number of years Furman has had fine glee clubs and the newspapers say that this year's is by far the best in the history of the university. The opera house should be crowded on Saturday evening.

Lien Law is Repealed.

After a decisive vote by the Senate on Friday the lien law of South Carolina is repealed, the House having already voted against it. However, the "mortgage" clause has not been touched, and the legislature's action counts for but little.

DISPUTE OVER DIME RESULTS IN KILLING

Will Goodman, White, Shot Colored "Crap Shooter" to Death in Cross Hill Township.

Will Goodman, a young white man of Cross Hill township, was lodged in jail late Monday night, charged with the murder of one Ben Partlow, a negro of the same section of the county. The killing occurred Sunday afternoon, six miles below the town of Cross Hill, on S. T. Vaughn's place, and is said to have been the result of a dispute over a game of "craps." The inquest was held by Magistrate Cuthertson.

The sheriff's office was notified of the murder early Monday morning when two officers were sent at once to the scene. Goodman made no effort to get away and was found and arrested at the home of his brother.

It seems that the white man, together with a party of negroes were in the woods Sunday afternoon engaged in a game of craps. Having won a stake of ten cents, Partlow picked up the coin over the protest of Goodman. When demanded by Goodman to lay the money down, Partlow began a retreat, whereupon, according to the several eye witnesses, Goodman drew his pistol and shot the negro through the body, killing him.

Solicitor Sease Popular Here.

The people of Laurens are much gratified to learn of the honor conferred by the general assembly upon Hon. T. S. Sease of Spartanburg, by his election to Judgeship. Solicitor Sease was popular here during the time that Laurens was in the seventh circuit, and when Mr. Sease was its prosecuting officer.

The New Minister at Mountville.

Editor The Advertiser: The first issue of your paper just received and perused with pleasure.

I am at present acquainted with but very few people in the county, but I hope by the help of your paper to get acquainted with many more.

I came to Mountville last December from Newberry.

I am here especially that my boys may have the advantage of the school here. Of course there are other fine schools but there is only one Mountville and but one W. P. Culbertson so far as I know. Prof. Culbertson is interested in the moral and spiritual training of his pupils.

Yes I singing with Geo. C. E. Watson and the parents of your city. I lived in Newberry, a city noted for its kind people, and many of whom I love dearly, but it has its evils especially for the young. So I moved out. I might some sacrifice to do so, but I did it for the sake of my boys. Mountville has no pool rooms or skating rinks or gambling places (as I know) in her peaceful walls. I have found her citizens kind and hospitable to an unlimited degree.

I have not written this to flatter Mountville or to denounce other places, nor to cause a rush for this place, because if it should become a city we might have to move. But I will take the liberty to say that room might be made for a limited number of good families.

As to my administrative work Mountville is the only church I have in the county. The rest is in Newberry county.

Money has to be raised here in very much improve conditions and lectures. A handsome with fine up to date will be put in.

A nice hall house and a couple of the front. Then the village paint it outside and inside. The people here seem to be willing workers.

Others besides the Baptists helped in the contribution of funds to do the work for which we are very thankful.

SIX YEAR OLD LAD KILLED BY COUSIN

While Playing With Pistol Hursel Giles Accidentally Shot and Killed Foster Turner.

At the home of J. A. Giles in the Laurens mill village last Friday morning, Hursel, the six year old son of Mr. Giles, while playing wih a pistol shot his cousin, Foster Turner, through the head, death resulting 30 minutes later. The deceased was about the same age of his cousin and was a son of Mrs. C. C. Turner.

Coroner R. O. Hairston came up and held the inquest about noon of the same day. According to the evidence adducible it appears that Giles, whose wife died in January, had as usual left Hursel at the home of Mrs. Turner until the cook came to prepare breakfast while he himself and the other children went to their work in the mill at six. About 8 the colored woman arrived when Hursel, together with Foster Turner and his older brother went across to the Giles cottage. The little boys were alone in the front room. In a certain bureau drawer were three pistols. One of these was secured by Hursel "just to play with awhile." While pointing it at Foster who was standing near the door, the weapon was discharged and the little fellow fell fatally shot. The verdict of the coroner's jury was in accordance with these facts.

Three New Deacons Elected.

Immediately upon the conclusion of the regular service at the First Baptist church morning, a congregational meeting was held for the purpose of electing three additional deacons, Mr. John A. Franks, Mr. Robt. A. Cooper and Dr. A. J. Christopher being elected. The election of these new officers increased the membership of the board of deacons from six to nine. The present board is composed of Messrs C. B. Bobo, C. H. Roper, John M. Hudgens, J. S. Bennett and Dr. L. S. Fuller. The deacon-elect will be ordained on the first Sunday in March.

SOCIAL AND PERSONAL.

About forty little girls were made happy yesterday when they celebrated Katherine and Marian Bolt's birthday and George Washington's.

A pretty cherry tree was arranged so that the little girls could chop the cherries off with the hatchets given them. Little Miss Mildred Counts was given the prize for getting the most, which was a pretty picture of the twins.

Jelly and cream with cherries were served as refreshments.

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Mrs. A. C. Todd will entertain the Fortnightly club at her home on West Main street this afternoon.

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Miss Gladys Hull entertained Friday evening in honor of her guest, Miss May Kinloch, of Charleston.

Several interesting games of progressive whist were played after which a delicious sliad course with coffee was served.

Those present to meet Miss Kinloch were: Misses Lalla Mae Dial, Josephine Sullivan, Mary J. Todd, and Jane Colvin; Messrs. Gus Simmons, Albert Dial, Jim Franklin, Henry Counts, J. M. Cannon, H. S. Blackwell and W. G. Lancaster.

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Miss Annie Gilkerson leaves this week for Washington to be gone until after the Taft inaugural ceremonies. Miss Gilkerson will be accompanied by Miss Julia Lee of Greenwood.

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Miss Cunille of Spartanburg was the guest of Miss Bessie Crews on last Sunday.

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Miss Marine Crews of Winthrop col spent Sunday and Monday at the home of her parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. T. Crews.

Goes to Health Resort.

Postmaster Geo. S. McCrary accompanied by his son Mr. Frank McCrary, left Monday for a few weeks' sojourn at Tryon, N. C. and vicinity. This visit to the mountains of this state by Col. McCrary is made with the hope of benefitting his health which has not been very good for several months. His Laurens friends trust that his expectations will be amply realized right specdily.

Mended Secretaries' Meeting.

Mr. R. E. Boney, representing the Laurens Chamber of Commerce, went yesterday to Greenville in attendance upon the association of Chamber of commerce secretaries of North and South Carolina.

You can always find here the largest and best assortment of Glassware from which you can select any article you may want.

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TO ESTABLSIH HIGH SCHOOL OR COLLEGE

Prof. Peterson of Orangeburg Has Leased Harris Springs Hotel Property for this Purpose.

According to a statement made to The Advertiser, Laurens county is to have a high school, or institute for boys and girls, to be opened in the fall of the present year. Prof. W. S. Peterson, now president of the Orangeburg Collegiate Institute has leased the Harris Springs hotel property, and he as president of the proposed institution with a large and able faculty will have charge of the school. Mr. Peterson is the son of Mr. W. G. Peterson, a native of this county, who now lives in Newberry. Prof. Peterson is a prominent figure in the educational life of the State and his coming to this county is heartily welcomed.

In his letter, Prof. Peterson stated that the managment of the Springs will spend several thousand dollars in the improvement of the property, refitting and furnishing the rooms, and installing a system of steam heat for the buildings. The purpose is to found a school of high grade, somewhat the nature of the Orangeburg school, with a curriculum equal to that school, conforming to the high school requirements. The faculty has already been engaged, among its numbers being some of the teachers now employed in the Orangeburg school. Prof. Peterson seems sanguine of the success of the enterprise, being assured of support from numerous quarters, and intending to make the school worthy the support and patronage of the Laurens county people.

Mr. Peterson states that he will come to this county at an early date this summer and locate at the Harris Springs, it being his intention to open the hotel for patronage this season; he has leased the entire hotel property and will be prepared to accomodate guests at the opening of the season as usual.

YOUNG MAN ACCIDENTALLY SHOT.

Eugene Rowland Wounded by Discharge of Pistol in Brother's Hand.

Sunday morning last, out at the home of their mother, near Gray Court, Mr. Eugene Rowland was accidentally shot through the thigh while attempting to disarm his younger brother, Mr. Ernest Rowland who had an hour earlier in the day fired several shots at Ben Johnson, a colored hand on the place because of a quarrel over a set of buggy harness.

The negro escaped unhurt and soon succeeded in getting out of the way of Mr. Rowland, who, it seems followed up the negro after shooting at him. Upon his return to the house Eugene met his brother in the yard and undertook to disarm him. In the scuffle for the possession of the pistol the weapon was discharged with the result as stated above.

Mr. Rowland's wound, while very painful, is not regarded at all dangerous.

MR. AND MRS. OWENS BEREAVED.

Clinton College Literary Societies Debate Interesting Subject.

Clinton, Feb. 23.—Warren Edgar Owens, three months old baby of Mr. and Mrs. W. H. Owens, died Saturday afternoon and was buried at 4 o'clock Sunday afternoon in the Presbyterian cemetery, the Rev. Dr. Jacobs conducting the short and simple burial service. The cause of death was a complication of measles and whooping cough. The child was critically ill for some weeks before its death. The bereaved parents have the deep sympathy of the whole community in their sorrow.

Mr. J. P. Dillard is very ill at his home for a week.

Mr. Will Gilkerson and Miss Gilkerson were in Clinton Sunday to attend the funeral of little Warren Owens, their cousin.

The literary societies of the college held a joint debate Monday night on the query: Resolved that the United States should have a navy for revenue only. The Columbian society was represented by M. E. Pressley and W. A. Hunt, and the Euphradian society by Messrs. [illegible] and [illegible]. The college glee club [illegible] Richard [illegible] on [illegible].

Dr. Brown Locates Here.

Dr. F. J. Brown, eye specialist of Spartanburg, will on the first of March locate in Laurens with offices in the Enterprise Bank building.