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OFFICER WALKER'S FIDELITY TO DUTY.

Honored With Token of Esteem for Heroic Act.

HERO FUND IS DIVIDED.

Mortgage on Mrs. Stone's Cottage Cancelled and Presented to Her by the Committee.

At 12 o'clock Saturday morning in the Mayor's office was enacted a very impressive and touching scene. It was the occasion selected by the committee in charge to present Private W. Frank Walker of the Laurens police force with a token of the esteem and affection for his fidelity to duty on the night of January 28, in the deadly conflict when Private McDuffie Stone was shot to death by an unknown yegman, who was in turn killed by Private Walker when the latter came to the rescue.

The committee in charge of the funds, acting upon the suggestion of Mr. Jos. Norwood of Columbia, who inaugurated the fund in the State, purchased a handsome solid gold watch and chain, with this inscription: "Presented to Private W. F. Walker by the citizens of South Carolina for fidelity to duty, Laurens, S. C., January, 1909." In addition to the watch and chain Mr. Walker was given a purse of \$210.

In the Mayor's office were gathered a number of representative citizens who had been notified of the event, the nature of which, however, was unknown to Mr. Walker. Dr. H. K. Aiken introduced Rev. W. E. Thayer of the First Baptist church, who made the presentation speech in a most pleasing and appropriate way. Mr. Walker responded, expressing his heartfelt thanks for the beautiful token and for the esteem for which it stood. It was touching when Mr. Walker referred to his friend Stone. It is recalled that on the night of the tragedy Stone called to Walker, and this morning Mr. Walker said that while he was happy in receiving the token of esteem given him by his fellow citizens, it was an occasion of sadness for him. For, as he expressed it, "I can hear my partner calling to me so often."

For the benefit of the people of the State some figures are here given as to the amount of the fund raised and the disposition of it. The total amount was \$1,297.35, of which \$1,022.35 was expended in clearing the house and lot belonging to Mrs. Stone of the mortgage held by the building and loan association. It may be stated that it was just last summer that Mr. Stone purchased a lot on Garlington street and with the assistance of the loan association built a neat little home. This is now clear of debt and belongs to Mr. Stone's widow. The papers were given her Friday. And in this connection Mrs. Stone requests The Advertiser to thank the people of South Carolina for the gift. She is deeply appreciative of the kindness and sympathy which prompted the deed. Of the remaining funds, \$65 was expended in purchasing the watch and chain for Mr. Walker, this leaving a balance of \$219 cash, which was on Saturday morning presented to Mr. Walker with the watch and chain. The funds received from The State amounted to \$682.69 instead of \$645.69 as reported by that paper. The error occurred in counting a check of \$44 as \$4.

It is the desire of all the people of Laurens, together with Mrs. Stone and Mr. Walker, to thank all who in any way assisted in raising these funds, The State, Mr. Norwood, all who collected subscriptions and all who gave.

Mr. Featherstone at Abbeville.

Hon. C. C. Featherstone, appointed by Governor Ansel to preside over the session of civil court at Abbeville, spent Sunday in the city. Mr. Featherstone returned to Abbeville on Monday to begin the second week's work; he will in all likelihood be there the greater part of the week.

A Pleasant Physic.

When you want a pleasant physic give Chamberlain's Stomach and Liver Tablets a trial. They are mild and gentle in their action and always produce a pleasant cathartic effect. Call at Laurens Drug Co. for a free sample.

AN EFFORT TO SAVE ANDERSON'S NECK.

Attorney Blackwell Will Petition to Governor Ansel to Commute the Sentence.

Attorney H. S. Blackwell, who together with Attorney W. R. Richey, Jr. was appointed to defend John Henry Anderson in the recent general sessions court, has circulated a petition in an effort to save the negro from hanging. The petition is signed by a number of prominent people of the city and also of Waterloo, the scene of the murder of which Anderson was convicted; it was presented to Governor Ansel Tuesday.

Anderson was convicted on Wednesday, the 19th, of murder in the first degree, and sentenced by Judge Prince to hang on Friday, April 23.

Attorney Blackwell will do all in his power to save the negro's neck, for which he is receiving no remuneration at all. Mr. Blackwell firmly believes the negro is crazy, or subject to crazy fits, and will so plead with the Governor. Solicitor Cooper stated last week that with the present lights before him he would not sign a petition for commutation to life imprisonment in the penitentiary. However, the Solicitor desires an examination of the negro by competent physicians, and will act on their recommendation in the matter; for, as he said, "I don't want a crazy man hanged!"

Sacred Concert Monday After Easter.

Under the direction of the Ladies' Aid Society of the First Methodist church, a sacred concert will be given in the auditorium of that church on Monday evening, April 12th, the Monday after Easter Sunday, at 8:30 o'clock. The program will consist of vocal and instrumental solos, quartets and choruses. Miss Jessie Bolt, of the Columbia college will be at home and assist in the entertainment; with her will be Miss McKell of Orangeburg, who possesses a beautiful soprano voice, and who will give several selections. A number of male and mixed quartettes together with a chorus of Mrs. Devereux Turner's class will also have places on the program. No admission is to be charged, but a free-will offering will be taken.

MONUMENT FUND IN LAURENS

Laurens county should give \$200.00 to the fund for the erection of a monument in Columbia to the women of the Confederacy; she should not stop with less than that amount, and if possible ought to go beyond it. The State of South Carolina has responded heartily to a call from Laurens, and it will become the honor of the county to fail to respond to this call from the State.

Thus far \$49.59 is the amount of the contribution from Laurens county. The donations of Dr. Aiken, Mr. Davis and Col. Simpson have been sent direct to the Columbia State, while the remaining is in the hands of The Advertiser.

H. K. Aiken	5.00
R. C. Davis, Clinton	5.00
T. D. Darlington	5.00
W. D. Ferguson	1.00
S. P. Babb	1.00
R. A. Babb	1.00
S. P. Jacobs, Clinton	1.00
E. B. Boney	1.00
D. A. Davis	1.00
C. W. Taylor	1.00
R. A. Babb	1.00
W. E. Thayer	1.00
Jno. F. Bolt	1.00
C. M. Babb	1.00
A. Shayer	1.00
W. H. Washington	1.00
R. E. Hughes	1.00
J. D. Watts	1.00
O. B. Simmons	1.00
E. M. Smith	1.00
S. M. Wilkes	1.00
H. Y. Simpson	5.00
J. W. Todd	1.00
P. A. Simpson	1.00
W. A. Watts	1.00
W. H. Dial	1.00
Cash	.50
T. D. Lake	1.00
L. S. Fuller	1.00
Jno. B. Brooks	1.00
W. C. Wharton, Waterloo	1.00
M. L. Copeland	1.00
W. L. Taylor	1.00
W. H. Anderson	1.00
J. S. Machen	1.00
Total	\$49.59

Miss Nina Poole has returned to her home at Tyersville after a few weeks' visit in the city.

GRUESOME DISCOVERY AT CLINTON TUESDAY

Body of White Man, Who Was Later Identified as Will G. Martin, Found Buried Under Cotton Seed in Oil Company's Seed House.

News of a ghastly find at Clinton Tuesday morning was received by the Advertiser at noon yesterday. A negro drayman in the employ of the Clinton Oil Mill Co. while hauling seed from the company's seed house at the ginney to the oil plant, found buried beneath the cotton seed the body of a white man, badly decomposed. The features of the man are past recognition, but the long straight hair indicates that he is white. On his person were found a ten dollar gold piece, ten dollars in currency, a little silver, a pistol and a shot gun, both loaded.

The seed house of the Oil mill is located in the southern section of the city of Clinton; it has not been cleaned out since last fall, some time in October. The supposition is that the man, a tramp possibly, went into the house to sleep, scratched under the seed, and while asleep the seed fell in an avalanche and smothered him; or, of course it is possible that he might have frozen. Coroner Hairston has been notified and an inquest will be held as soon as practicable. There seems no possibility of ever establishing the identity of the man.

The negro who made the ghastly find states that the body was six or seven feet under the seed.

A telephone message at six o'clock yesterday afternoon from Clinton states that at the coroner's inquest, just completed at that hour, the body

of the dead man was identified as that of Will G. Martin, who was until recently night watchman at the Goldville cotton mills.

The verdict of the inquest jury was that the deceased was one Will G. Martin, and that he came to his death by causes unknown to the jury. Martin's mother, Mrs. Mattie Martin, who now lives at the Clinton Cotton mills, without seeing the body described exactly the kind of clothing worn by her son when he left home, also that he had a flannel on his chest, a coin around his neck, and the watch that he carried. A young man Brown stated that he had met Martin some six or seven weeks ago, as the latter was making his way toward Clinton from Goldville and had asked him where he was going, receiving the reply: "I don't know." Mr. Brown stated also that Martin showed him some gun shells that he had in his shot gun, with the rims cut with a knife; and that these tallied with those found in the man's gun. A brother of Martin identified the gun positively, also the exact amount of money he had when he left home.

It seems that Martin was run away from home for insulting his brother's wife and was heavily armed, fearing a mob attack, or possibly apprehension by the county officers, who had been notified of his conduct.

Martin was thirty-eight years of age; he had been dead at least six weeks when his body was found yesterday.

THE PRESBYTERIAN LAYMEN.

The Convention is Invited to Meet at Clinton in May.

Clinton, Mar. 30.—Perhaps the most interesting religious gathering ever held in this town is in prospect for May, when the Presbyterian Laymen's Convention of South Carolina will be invited to hold its first meeting here. A committee of gentlemen visited Clinton last week and suggested that if Clinton wanted this convention she would have only to invite it. Sunday morning a congregational meeting was called by the Presbyterian congregation at the close of service and much enthusiasm was manifested in securing this gathering. Such eminent men as Dr. Alexander White, Ex-Governor Glenn, the Rev. D. Clay Lilly, and Governor Ansel, will be among the speakers. A fund of four hundred dollars was raised to meet the expenses of the meeting. The congregation voted to ask the other denominations to assist in the entertainment of the visitors, who will in all probability number between two hundred and fifty and three hundred men.

The Baptists have raised a fund of \$10,000 to build their new church and the materials are being piled up. The old church building will be torn down and the lumber used in the new building.

Mrs. Dietrich, president of the State Woman's Christian Temperance Union, spoke to the ladies here on Monday afternoon and again to a general congregation for a few minutes Monday night, urging the cause of temperance. She was the guest of the Rev. and Mrs. Mahaffey. The Methodist church has supported this temperance movement since its introduction into Clinton, and the Clinton branch was organized and holds its meetings in the Methodist church.

Saluda Negro Arrested.

Sheriff B. F. Sample of Saluda spent Sunday night in Laurens and on Monday carried back one Clarence Hollaway, colored, who is wanted in that county on the charge of assault and battery with intent to kill. Sheriff Owling had the negro arrested near Clinton and held him for the Saluda authorities.

New Plumber Firm Here.

Through the efforts of one of Laurens' most public spirited citizens, a firm of plumbers is now in the city, ready for business. Daak & McKeehan is the name, and their headquarters are at the Laurens hotel, for the present. These men are experts in the profession and are able to do anything in the plumbing line. They came to Laurens from Camden.

NEW SCHOOL DESKS WILL BE INSTALLED.

Trustees of Graded School Purchase Seats for Class Rooms and Auditorium of New Building.

After receiving and considering a number of bids, the trustees of the Laurens Graded schools have finally awarded the contract for furnishing and installing seats in the new school building to the firm of Sheridan and Hart, of Greenwood, representatives of the American Seating Company of Grand Rapids, Michigan.

As is known, the new school building is nearing completion, and for all but the seats will be ready for occupancy about April 15th. The contract for these modern seats does not stipulate a special time for delivery, but requires that they be installed at the earliest possible date. Hence, it is expected that the work will be completed by at least May 1st. The trustees have purchased the best, most modernly designed, single class room seats made by the Grand Rapids company. The order calls for 468 of these desks, with 74 rows and fronts, making a seating capacity of about 550. For the auditorium, 78 recitation benches, as they are called, have been ordered; these are 8 feet long, and arranged along side each other will make the seating capacity of the auditorium about 500.

When completed, this city school plant will be worth about \$50,000. It is one of the neatest, best built, most conveniently appointed school buildings in the State, and is located on a lot and in a part of the city that could not be improved.

Has Sold \$10,000 Worth of Stock.

Special Commissioner M. L. Nash has just completed a shipment of the Laurens dispensary stock to the Abbeville dispensary, and has another order from the same board of control which will be filled at once. The two orders amount to \$10,000.

Mr. Power's New Position.

As will be noted in another part of this issue, Mr. C. A. Power, formerly county auditor, is now connected with the Laurens Trust company of this city as manager of the real estate department. His office is in the Todd building.

SOCIAL AND PERSONAL.

Misses Mary Todd, Josie Sullivan and Lalla Mae Dial, and Messrs. Yancy S. Gilkerson and Albert Dial attended the dance in Newberry Friday evening. The young men returned Saturday, the young ladies prolonging their visit to Monday.

Mrs. W. H. Washington delightfully entertained the Fortnightly club on Thursday afternoon. Nations was the game played, and after several skillful and interesting games had been scored delicious strawberry ice cream and cake were served. Mrs. Washington was assisted in receiving by her sister, Miss Willie Jones. The pleasure of the afternoon was greatly added to by the presence of a number of out-of-town visitors, among whom were: Mrs. Hosen, Dean of Nashville, Tenn.; Miss Elsie Strickler and Miss Gwyneth of Richmond; Mrs. J. P. Marion and Miss Hood of Sumter. The other guests were: Madames H. K. Allen, M. L. Copeland, W. H. Anderson, R. E. Copeland, T. D. Darlington, R. P. Jones, C. E. Rankin, A. C. Todd, B. L. Clardy, A. D. Gray and C. C. Featherstone and Misses Wilbur Boyd, Annie Gilkerson, Willie and Olyveth Jones, Eudie Mott and Lila Hart.

On Thursday evening of last week Mr. and Mrs. W. H. Anderson entertained a few friends at their hospitable home in South Laurens. An enjoyable feature of the evening was the singing by Mr. and Mrs. H. K. Aiken, Mr. and Mrs. J. H. Teague and Miss Annie Richey. The refreshment served were tea and cake.

Friday was celebrated by Mr. and Mrs. W. R. Richey, Jr. as the second anniversary of their wedding when they entertained a number of their relatives at dinner; only the near relatives were invited, but the occasion proved quite a happy one for all present, and many were the well-wishings extended the young couple. Those who enjoyed the evening with Mr. and Mrs. Richey were Mr. and Mrs. W. R. Richey, Sr., Mr. and Mrs. Jno. F. Bolt, Mr. and Mrs. Q. W. Bolt, Miss Corrie Hart and Col. T. B. Crews.

Miss Lucy Stephenson, of Richmond, Va. will arrive in the city Friday to visit Mrs. R. E. Hughes.

Where there's a will there's a way—Cynthia Wells, in Broadway Magazine. "The woman who deliberates is won."

TRAYNHAM GUARDS HOLD ANNUAL DRILL

The Winners of the Four Company Medals.

U. S. FLAG PRESENTED.

Gift of Col. Traynham, in Whose Honor the Company is Named.

The seating capacity of the armory was taxed to its capacity Thursday night by the unusually large crowd that gathered to witness the annual competitive drill of the members of Traynham Guards. The wall of the armory were tastefully decorated for the occasion; a blending of the Confederate and National colors being the scheme; this work was done by Mr. Gary Eichelberger of the Davis-Roper company.

Preceding the drills, Col. Thomas E. Crews, a distinguished veteran of the late war, in a very appropriate and fitting address, presented the Guards a handsome United States flag, the gift of Col. J. H. Traynham, from whom the company gets its name. In a few appropriate words, Lieutenant Richey accepted the flag in behalf of the company; as he did so, Captain Babb faced the company, unfurled the flag and received the salute of the militia, while the people cheered. Col. Crews spoke in the most complimentary terms of the local company, congratulating them upon the excellent name which they have won for themselves in the State; he impressed upon them the meaning of the words "duty" and "obedience."

The drill contest was entered into by four squads of six each, and as there are four medals for "the four best drilled men in the company," the best one in each squad was selected as a winner. The decision of the judges resulted as follows:

1st Squad, Sergeant Gary A. Eichelberger.
2nd Squad, Corporal T. Rex Simpson.
3rd Squad, Private Luther A. Bragg.
4th Squad, Corporal Robert M. Eichelberger. It may be of interest to state that this is the second successive medal won by Mr. R. M. Eichelberger.

The medals were pinned upon the coat lapels of the winners by Col. Crews. The four medals given are donated by the following: Wilkes Brothers, H. Terry, T. D. Darlington, and W. H. Washington.

The judges of the contest were Capt. J. Adger Smyth, formerly captain of the Pelzer company; Mr. R. E. Babb, a graduate of the Citadel; and Mr. Thos. L. Swygert, formerly lieutenant in the Union, S. C. company; the honorary judges were: Dr. L. Schlayer, 1st Lieut. Asst. Surgeon 1st N. G. S. C.; J. N. Richardson, 2nd Lieut. Quartermaster and Commissary, 1st N. G. S. C.

MR. WORKMAN LEASES HOTEL.

Mr. A. B. Henry of Greenville Will Take Charge of Clinton Hostelry.

Clinton, Mar. 29.—Mr. W. H. Workman has leased the Clinton hotel to Mr. A. B. Henry of Greenville and he will take possession next Friday. Mr. and Mrs. Workman have owned and managed the hotel for the past seven years, and have made many warm friends among the traveling public, who will regret their retirement. Mr. Workman has now made any definite plans for the future yet. He will probably devote his time to the grocery which he and Mr. Fowler own.

SERIOUS CHARGE AGAINST JERRY

Young Farmer Again in the Tails of the Law, Gives Bond.

Charged with a breach of peace and carrying concealed weapons, John C. Jerry, a young farmer who lives near the city, was yesterday placed under a bond of \$500 for his appearance at the next term of the Criminal Court. Several prominent citizens are named as witnesses for the State. About eighteen months ago Jerry was tried in the Laurens court on a charge of murder and carrying concealed weapons. He was acquitted on the first count but found guilty on the latter. Upon his taking an oath to open court that he would never again carry about his person a concealed weapon, a fine of one dollar was imposed by the Court and Jerry was released.