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LARGE AMOUNT IN DIVIDENDS PAYED OUT

Different Laurens County Corporations Pay Out Handsome Sum to Their Various Stockholders.

A good deal of money was handed out last Thursday in dividends among stockholders in the various corporations, the following having declared semi-annual dividends as follows:

- Peoples Loan and Exchange Bank, 8 per cent on capital stock of \$100,000—\$8,000.
- Palmetto Bank, 3 1/2 per cent on capital stock of \$50,000—\$1,750.
- Enterprise Bank, 3 1/2 per cent on capital stock of \$100,000—\$3,500.
- Bank of Laurens, 4 per cent on capital stock of \$50,000—\$2,000.
- Laurens Cotton Mill, 4 per cent on capital stock of \$250,000—\$10,000.
- Laurens Trust Company, 4 per cent on capital stock of \$25,000—\$1,000.
- First National Bank of Clinton, 4 per cent on capital stock of \$50,000—\$2,000.
- Clinton Cotton Mill, 4 per cent on capital stock of \$200,000—\$8,000.
- Lydia Cotton Mill, 2 per cent on capital stock of \$50,000—\$1,000.
- Bank of Cross Hill, 4 per cent on capital stock of \$25,000—\$1,000.

The following paid the usual annual dividend:

- Laurens Bonded Warehouse, 12 per cent on capital stock of \$10,000—\$1,200.

Mercantile and Farmers' Bonded Warehouse will yet declare a ten or twelve per cent annual dividend.

Watts Mill, on account of large improvements, will suspend their semi-annual dividend.

The Bride From Laurens County.

Mr. Stanmore Langford, of Newberry, and Miss Mozelle Wright of Laurens, were married at 6:30 on Monday evening, at the O'Neal Street church parsonage, the ceremony being performed by Rev. W. C. Kelley. The bridal pair left on the 7:25 train on the Coast Line for a short wedding trip.—Newberry Observer, July 2.

WATERLOO PERSONAL MENTION.

Rev. A. B. Langston Preaches at the Baptist Church.

Waterloo, S. C., July 3.—Mr. and Mrs. C. M. Fuller and children of Mountville were guests this week of Mr. J. M. Pearce and family.

Prof. and Mrs. Joseph H. Shaeley of Townsville are visiting Mrs. Shaeley's parents, Mr. and Mrs. Henry Wharton. Mrs. Eugene P. Walker, after a visit of several weeks to her father, Mr. D. C. Smith, returned last week to her home in Atlanta.

Mrs. C. H. Pettus is visiting her parents and other relatives in Delaware.

Mrs. J. C. Smith is visiting friends in Greensboro and Asheville.

Mr. J. Frank Anderson has gone to Greenville on a business trip.

Mrs. George F. Anderson is on a visit to Mr. Glenn Fuller and family in Laurens.

Mr. L. D. Henderson has returned from a business trip to Greenville.

Mr. Eugene McCollough of Honca Path is in Waterloo this week on business interests.

Dr. J. Q. Wilbur and J. L. Fennel spent Monday in Laurens and while there attended a meeting of the Laurens County Medical Society.

Mr. A. G. Wain spent a day or two this week in Greenwood.

Scholar J. H. Wharton is at home from the Confederate reunion in Chester.

Miss Mary Smith is at home from a visit to Mr. Fleming Smith and family in Laurens.

Miss Kate Hendrix has returned from a visit to Mr. Henry Razor and family in Cross Hill.

Dr. A. B. Langston, a recent graduate of the Louisville Baptist Seminary, was the guest this week of Mr. W. C. Wharton and family. Sunday night Dr. Langston filled the pulpit of the Baptist church. In a few weeks he will sail for Brazil where he will teach.

By Way of Explanation.

An error occurred in the educational issue of The Advertiser some weeks ago in the omission of the name of one of the teachers in the colored schools of the city. Prof. Sanders in naming the present force of teachers with him was made to omit the name of Mattie Duckett, whereas in his copy that name was given. The fault was in the office, and the omission was not by Prof. Sanders, and he would like to be clear.

LOCAL AND PERSONAL MENTION.

Miss Marie Gray has just returned from a most delightful visit to her most attractive friend, Miss Mary Davenport of Cold Point.

Mr. James Smith of Clinton spent the 4th with Capt. J. R. Minter.

Mrs. J. S. Wolf of Anna is visiting her daughter, Mrs. W. T. Crews.

Mr. W. G. Lancaster has returned from a visit to Glenn's.

Miss Mamie Armstrong, accomplished in the fine art of millinery returned last week from Baltimore.

Sunday afternoon, at 5 o'clock, Rev. C. F. Rankin, at the Presbyterian manse, performed the marriage ceremony for a young Clinton couple—Mr. Clarence Whitley and Miss Martha Brown.

Mr. J. E. Johnson of Gray Court was in the city Sunday on his way to Rock Hill to attend the State Rural Letter Carriers' association which was in annual session Monday and Tuesday. Mr. Johnson is one of the letter carriers from Gray Court and has been the treasurer of the State association since its organization several years ago.

Mrs. D. H. Counts and children, Mildred and Richard, visited friends in Landrum last week.

The Mountville High School district is asking for a two-mill high school levy.

J. H. Boyd & Co. Get Contract.

Mr. Ed. Sitgreaves, who is having eleven cottages erected in the city, has awarded J. H. Boyd & Co., electrical and plumbing contractors, the contract for putting in water, sewerage, and light connections. This is a good sized contract, and it speaks well for Laurens enterprise in that it was awarded to a home concern in competition with outside contractors.

THE EDUCATIONAL CAMPAIGN.

Some of the Objects Sought to Be Accomplished by It.

Following are some of the objects to be accomplished by the educational campaign that is to be made in South Carolina in August:

- Better school houses and better equipment.
- Consolidation of small schools.
- Better teachers and better salaries.
- Fewer changes in teachers.
- Better attendance, more pupils and more regular compulsory attendance.
- Longer school terms—nine months.
- United community school support of school and the teachers.
- More teachers and more courses in the high school.
- More funds and local taxation.
- Need of an educational commission—the certification of teachers.
- Business men on the farm.
- The school as a social centre.
- State scholarships and college standards.

Diversified Happiness.

J. E. Passmore will be able this winter to live in comfort near Denison, Texas. He lives just southwest of the city, and cultivates 69 acres of land. According to the Dallas News his crop results this year are as follows:

- One acre in peach trees, sweet potatoes planted between the rows.
 - One acre in pears, cotten between the rows.
 - One acre in peach trees, strawberries between the rows.
 - One acre in peach trees, peanuts between the rows.
 - Half acre in peach trees, cabbage and tomatoes between the rows.
 - Five acres in peanuts.
 - Twenty-five acres in corn.
 - Two acres in watermelons.
 - Three and a half acres in Irish potatoes.
 - Eleven and a half acres in cotton.
 - Three acres in peanuts and cane.
 - Four acres in sweet potatoes.
 - Two acres in cane.
- That is living at home to perfection. It will make no material difference to Mr. Passmore what price cotton will command for the next few months. In his case cotton will be velvet.

What Every Baby Knows.

That he isn't responsible for being here.

That germs milk is a great trial.

That he hates company.

That his mother is a weak-minded individual who gives in on every occasion and the slightest provocation.

That his father is a strange being who has no other place in the scheme of things than to be rough and awkward.

That the average park consists of one policeman, almost entirely surrounded by trees.—LIFE.

COURT OF COMMON PLEAS.

Summer Term Will be Held Third Week in July.

The summer term of common pleas court for Laurens county will be convened Monday, July 19, with Judge Jas. W. Devore of Edgefield, presiding. The jury commissioners met Wednesday and drew the jurymen for the term, as follows:

- Laurens township—G. L. Davis, Jas. W. Martin, J. D. Chaney.
- Scuffletown—W. M. Meyers, O. L. Hunter, Walter Glenn, L. S. Machray, J. H. Cunningham.
- Hunter—J. B. T. Seott, J. Isaac Copeland.
- Cross Hill—J. H. Rudd, Jas. S. Hill, J. W. Hanna, C. R. Jones.
- Waterloo—H. L. Henderson, T. C. McDaniel, S. E. Williams, J. O. Teague, W. H. Williams.
- Sullivan—W. S. Bolt, W. E. Pitts, Hugh H. Mahon, W. M. Caldwell, W. C. Ballentine.
- Dials—D. E. Todd, Paul T. Gray, G. A. Fuller, John F. Gray, Joe C. Holcombe, R. C. Owens.
- Youngs—L. J. White, E. Homer Garrett, J. H. Abernethy, C. R. Wallace, Jacks—E. F. Ray, W. J. Jacks.

Will Preach Sunday.

Rev. J. D. Croft who with Mrs. Croft is visiting at Stacia, Anderson county, requests The Advertiser to announce that owing to Mrs. Croft's indisposition he could not come here last Sunday for his regular appointment, but he expects to be here next Sunday and will conduct both of Sunday's services.

Our Supervisor is Right There.

Mr. Herman Wright and Mr. Moran tell a good story on our supervisor who went with them to Greenwood. They say that when they got stuck in the mud at Island Ford a negro man came along and proffered his assistance and while they were at work the negro said that they occasionally saw the supervisor of Laurens county in that neighborhood but that this particular road was in Newberry county and they had never seen the Newberry supervisor up there, and in fact he had heard that Newberry did not have any supervisor at all. The Newberry supervisor did not make his identity known. It may be that the negro was telling too much truth to suit him. At any rate they do say that it was hardly any road at all. I mean telling the truth as to the Newberry supervisor not being seen in that section.—The Idler in Newberry Herald and News.

Fund is Now \$196.00.

Dr. J. H. Miller of Cross Hill has sent in his check for \$2.00 to be added to the monument fund. This makes a total for Laurens of \$196.00. The \$200 is very near.

The Telephone Girl.

The telephone girl sits in her chair and listens to voices everywhere. She hears all the gossip, she hears all the news, she knows who is happy and who has the blues; she knows all our sorrows, she knows all our joys, she knows every girl who is chasing the boys; she knows of our troubles, she knows of our strife; she knows every man who talks man to his wife; she knows every time we are out with "the boys", she hears the excuses each fellow employs; she knows every woman who has a dark past, she knows every man who is inclined to be "fast"; in fact, there is a great secret beneath each saucy curl of that plump, demure-looking telephone girl. If the telephone girl told all that she knows, it would turn half our friends into bitterest foes; she could sow a small wind that would soon be a gale, could us in trouble and land us in jail; she could let go a story which, fading in a row, would cause her own wives to sue for divorce; she could get all our churches mixed up in a fight and turn all our days into sorrowing night; in fact, she could keep the whole town in a stew, if she'd tell a tenth part of the things that she knew. Oh, brother, now doesn't it make your head whirl, when you think what you owe to the telephone girl?

Don't lose your head and get in a mad whirl, if you have to ring several times to get loose from the telephone girl; she may be as busy as a bee, don't give her "old Ned", she might lose her head and divulge a few secrets to Tom, Dick and Ed, then you'd better be your best friend.—EX.

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MARRIAGE AT CLINTON.

Nuptials of Prof. Cunningham and Miss Hipp—Boyd-Davis Wedding.

Clinton, July 5.—On Wednesday at half past one, as was announced last week Miss Marie Hipp and Mr. Gus Watts Cunningham were married in the Carolina Memorial chapel. Dr. Jacobs performed the ceremony. The only attendants were the bride's sister, Miss Rosa Hipp, and the groom's best man, the Rev. Dr. A. B. Langston of Madden. The decorations were ferns, palms, and begonias, massed about the platform. The wedding march was played by Miss Julia Linsen of the Thornwell Orphanage. The bride was beautifully dressed in a blue travelling suit with hat to match. They left at half past two for Charleston.

Last Thursday afternoon at the residence of the bride's mother, Mrs. Fannie Davis, near Belfast in Newberry county, Miss Ollie Davis was married to Mr. Jesse W. Boyd of Spartanburg. The Rev. John Speaks of Spartanburg performed the ceremony, which was witnessed by a large gathering of relatives and intimate friends. The bride was attended by Miss Ethel Duncan of Newberry and the groom's brother, Dr. W. W. Loyd of Mountville, was best man. Mr. and Mrs. Boyd drove to Clinton after the ceremony and left over the northbound vestibule for a tour of northern cities and points of interest. Mr. and Mrs. B. H. Boyd of this town witnessed the marriage. Mr. Boyd is a brother of the groom.

The past ten days have been marked by the social activity which always accompanies the presence in a town of popular visitors. Miss Gladys Barksdale of Greenwood has been the guest of Miss Clara Duckett for some time and has been the honoree at several pretty affairs. Mrs. J. F. Jacobs gave a large and brilliant reception for her Friday night of last week and Mrs. W. J. Bailey entertained the young society crowd most charmingly in her honor the past Friday night. Miss Barksdale was one of the guests of honor at Mrs. M. J. McFadden's reception last Monday night.

Mrs. McFadden has had as her guests for the past week Misses Helen and Hattie of Chester and the Misses Dunlap from Port Lawn. To introduce these young ladies to Clinton society Mrs. McFadden gave a reception on Monday night which was among the most delightful ever given here. This was the last large affair at which Mrs. McFadden has been hostess since she came as a bride last November, and she bore her honors with grace and distinction.

Kick Him.

Don't let any intermeddling son of a crocheted person position into you about road work. Kick him, and if necessary, call for help.—Alliworth Press and Banner.

The Clinton Baptists.

Here are some statistics from The Good Templar:

"Is there a task or enemy in the whole South where the Baptists are not growing?"

"Baptists are at the throng of these United States."

"This nation is destined to become a great Baptist empire."

Our only comment on the above is to rejoice at such an exhibition of enthusiasm and to express the wish that the denomination may never be less devoted to Christ than today. Baptists as a rule place Christ as above mere form. We wish they were all so. In this connection we take great pleasure in saying that the Baptist Church of Clinton is a very earnest and vigorous body of Christians. Just now their zeal is growing into a noble church edifice that will be a help to the cause of Christ and will give an impetus to Christian effort in the city. We earnestly hope that they may all be able to see in the future as in the past, that there are no enemies and that Christ is a conquering army in Whirlwind Power in this world of sin and Satan. S. M. & E. H. Wilkes & Co.

SOCIAL AND PERSONAL.

On Saturday morning Miss Willie Mae Caldwell entertained the mysterious Twenty-two club in honor of Miss Jessie Scott, of Claxton, Ga. The spacious porch of Miss Caldwell's home was most artistically decorated with the national colors, red, white and blue. The score cards were daintily arranged with little silk flags, and the napkins used were of soft tissue interwoven with the bright 4th of July decorations. A most delightful morning was spent playing bridge.

Miss Childress was assisted in receiving by her sister, Mrs. Wells Clardy, and Miss Annie Gilkerson. After the games had been played Misses Anna Belle and Bessie Childress served a delicious salad course and ice tea.

Those invited to meet Miss Scott were: Miss Annie Savage of Walterboro, Miss Elma Mayes of Mayesville, Miss Marjorie Golder of New York, Miss Christine Frazier of Ninety Six, Misses Edna and Anna Sitgreaves, Julia Gilkerson, Olyntha Jones, Elizabeth Shell, Josephine Puller, Mary Todd, Jessie Sullivan, Lala Mae Dial, Annie and Elizabeth Richey, Daisy Sullivan, Mary Belle Babb, Lucille Martin, Rosalie Franks, Zelene Gray, Grace Simmons, Ina Little, and Mrs. S. E. Poney.

Mrs. H. B. Gritton and Miss May Campbell of New York were the guests of honor at a delightful reception to the members of the Fortnightly Social Club tendered Wednesday afternoon by Mrs. A. Dial Gray. Mrs. Gritton is at her old home here for a few weeks, and Miss Campbell, who is Miss Helen Gould's private secretary, is her guest during the visit. The opportunity to meet these ladies at Mrs. Gray's was of especial pleasure to the large number of club members and a few of their friends.

Those who met Mrs. Gritton and Miss Campbell were: Messames W. L. Gray, J. E. Clary, Brooks Sweeney, B. L. Clardy, T. D. Darlington, D. W. Cochran, J. N. Hudsons, Carlisle Nottingham, J. A. Adams, M. L. Copeland, W. H. Anderson, A. C. Todd, W. R. Richey, Jr., C. C. Featherstone, R. E. Copeland, R. F. Jones, R. T. Dunlap and Misses Lila Hart, Annie Gilkerson and Willow Boyd.

Among the most brilliant social events of the season was the reception tendered on Wednesday evening by Mrs. E. Perrin Minter to her attractive guests, Misses Marjorie Golder of New York and Christine Frazier of Ninety Six. Miss Golder, a sister of Mrs. Minter, has visited Laurens on several occasions and has many friends who were charmed to meet her on Wednesday evening. Miss Frazier, by her natural charm of manner and many winning virtues, has won many ardent admirers during her short visit here. Mrs. Minter's guests numbered about eighty.

The guests were received by Miss Jessie Sullivan, Mrs. J. H. Tenge and Mrs. R. Edgar Babb, and ushered into the parlors, where they met Misses Frazier and Golder.

Nations was the game of the evening. There were eighteen tables of players, and well did they enjoy the pastime. The scores were presented by Master John Switzer. After nations, the guests were served refreshments, which consisted of fruit and white or kind ice cream, sherry with nuts.

In honor of Miss Jessie Scott, of Claxton, Ga., Miss Josephine Sullivan charmingly entertained a number of friends at bridge on Tuesday evening of this week. There were three tables of the players and the games furnished delightful amusement for the evening hours. After bridge, a delicious salad course was served by Miss Sullivan, assisted by her sister, Miss Sadie Sullivan.

SCHOOLSHIP EXAMINATIONS.

Large Number of Applicants for the Two Popular State Colleges.

The Board of Education of this county, in cooperation with the other members of the county board of education, conducted the regular examinations held here last Friday for scholarships and entrance to the different institutions of higher learning in the state. With three scholarship vacancies at Winthrop for Laurens, there were 28 young lady applicants before the board of examiners; some of these, however, only took the entrance examination. Clemson college comes next with 15 young men who desire to capture the one scholarship open to this county this year. The tuition scholarships offered by the University of South Carolina and the College of Charleston were applied for by one young man for the former and two for the latter institution.

All the notices will be forwarded by the county authorities who will make a report on them soon.

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CLINTON OBSERVED NATIONAL HOLIDAY

Townpeople Take Great Pride in the Marked Improvements to be Seen on Every Side.

Clinton, July 5.—Today is being observed as "The Glorious Fourth" in Clinton. All stores are closed, and a great many people are out of town on pleasure trips. No special celebration was held here and no drunkenness or rowdyism marred the day.

It affords an excellent opportunity for the usually busy man to take a look around town. Until waterworks were put in Clinton lawns were neglected but now it would be safe to say that no town in the state has more pretty lawns than this. Another thing that strikes the observer is the number of small improvements, such as the addition of a bay window, a room, or a porch, a change in the shape of a roof, the extension of a front lawn, the planting of trees and shrubs, the building of rustic seats, fresh paint, and such things. These all indicate the growth of civic pride and increased prosperity, and no street lacks some such improvements.

Besides the minor improvements, some new buildings are going up. Mrs. Tom Anderson is remodeling and rebuilding the house on North Main street destroyed in the winter by fire. Mrs. McFadden is erecting a dwelling on Owens hill. The Clinton Cotton mill authorities have just secured permits to erect fifty-five new houses.

Dr. Jack H. Young and Mr. A. B. Blakely are installing the machinery for their ice factory. This will fill a long felt want in Clinton. Once or twice each summer through some mistake in shipping or trains being off schedule people here have suffered from ice famine.

During the past month a new deep well pump, a new dynamo, and a new engine, were installed at the power house at a cost of between six and seven thousand dollars. These improvements treble the power furnished heretofore.

That Terrapin Tale.

Capt. S. E. Evans says he is not particularly anxious to have a brush with Roosevelt on the question of nature fishing, but he is willing to stand for a pretty big terrapin tale which he brought home the other day from Cross Hill.

While he was in Cross Hill a few days ago he saw a group of citizens apparently much interested in something and asked what was the attraction. He was told that they had a terrapin there over 60 years old. He didn't believe it, but went to investigate. The facts are as gathered then, that in 1849 Mr. David Whitford, an aged citizen of Cross Hill, caught a terrapin, what is generally called a "cooter", or "land cooter" in those parts. Mr. Whitford cut his initials, "D. W.", on the terrapin's back and on the under side he cut the year "1849". Mr. Whitford is now in his 90th year, but he remembers the transaction with the cooter very well. Three years ago, in 1906, Mr. Whitford saw a terrapin, and on picking him up he saw it was the identical cooter he had captured in 1849, for there were the initials "D. W." on his back and the year "1849" on the under side of his shell. Now, mirabile dictu, the place where he caught him in 1906 was not 100 yards from the place where he caught him in 1849, or about 45 years before. He put the cooter in an iron box, intending to take him to Cross Hill, but he didn't get to the point, so the cooter was not taken to the house. A few days ago Mr. D. B. Fitts, a well-known citizen of Cross Hill, caught the same cooter not 100 yards from the place where he was first found. Mr. B. A. Wharton now has the cooter and he will see to it that he does not get away.—Greenwood Tribune.

Mr. Dial in New York.

Col. N. B. Dial has returned from New York where he attended the semi-annual meeting of the directors of the Wise Shoals Manufacturing Co., of which meeting the regular dividends were declared. The directors decided on a 2 per cent dividend on the \$1,000,000 common stock, or \$20,000, and 5 1/2 per cent on the \$500,000 preferred stock, or \$27,500. Mr. Dial made a strenuous effort to reduce the 2 per cent on common stock to 1 1/2, but failed. He was the only 200,000,000 director present. Mr. Dial also wanted to do away with the office of secretary in the board of directors, which would be a saving of \$5,000 a year. This failed, as did his motion to reduce Dr. E. C. Taylor's salary to \$1,000 a year. Mr. Dial is a member of the board of directors of the New York State Milk and Cream Co., and is a member of the New York State Veterinary Board.