

MONUMENT DESIGN AT LAST SELECTED

Memorial to the Confederate Soldiers.

MORE FUNDS NEEDED

Laurens County Confederate Monument Will Be Erected By September—Contract Awarded.

At last the dream of the Daughters of the Confederacy is about to be realized, and the heart's desire of many of the old veterans is about to be gratified. The Confederate monument has been selected, bought, and will be erected by September of this year. So long have the ladies labored and toiled and begged that the success of their plans is "almost too good to be true;" but it is true all the same.

Last Wednesday afternoon, the committee appointed some time ago, consisting of Dr. H. K. Aiken, Col. H. Y. Simpson, Mrs. R. B. Bell, Mrs. J. A. Copeland, Mrs. J. O. C. Fleming, Mrs. J. H. Teague, Mrs. Brooks Smygert and Miss Bessie Roland met in the chamber of commerce rooms and had a conference with Mr. E. M. Visquaney of the National Marble and Granite Co. of Marietta, Ga. Mr. Visquaney submitted a number of designs that somewhat bewildered the committee at first, so pretty and appropriate were they all. However, at last there seemed to be a general centering upon a certain design that had been drawn specially for the Laurens county monument, and all agreed that "it was just the thing." So the order was given and the work on the monument will begin at once. It may be of interest to the people to learn that the granite to be used will be from the famous Winnsboro quarry in this state, the finest in the world.

The committee have ordered the monument although the funds now in hand are not sufficient to pay for it. They do this with the assurance that the people of the county will at once come to their aid and contribute the necessary amounts. About \$400 is the amount yet to be raised and all those who have pledged any amounts are earnestly requested to redeem their pledge at once; others are urged to contribute. The ladies are very desirous of having the full amount in hand when the monument is completed and to pay cash for the work. In order to do this the people must aid them.

The Advertiser will gladly receive any contributions; if desired, they may be sent direct to Mrs. R. B. Bell.

A full description of the monument will be printed in The Advertiser at a later date, together with a picture of it. However, it may be said that the entire monument will be about thirty feet in height, is surmounted with the figure of a Confederate soldier, and is to be inscribed with memorials that will be decided upon later.

U. D. C. Meeting On Monday.

Mrs. R. B. Bell requests the announcement that the J. B. Kershaw chapter, Daughters of the Confederacy will meet next Monday afternoon, at 8:30 o'clock at the residence of Mrs. C. M. Clarke on West Main street. All the members are requested to attend as there are matters of vital importance in connection with the proposed monument that will be considered.

CONTRIBUTIONS TO MISSIONS.

Error in Statement of Offerings Made By Episcopal Church.

In the last issue of The Advertiser, in the article in reference to the contributions made by the various churches to the cause of foreign missions, an error unintentionally occurred in the statement regarding the offerings made by the Episcopal church of this city.

It was stated that the church which has a membership of 20 gave \$50 to the cause. The amount should have been \$150, which sum is the average yearly amount. As a matter of fact though, the church has already given during 9 months of the current Episcopal year, which has yet three months \$153.30, and with the amounts that will be given during this remaining time, the total will reach \$200.

The contributions to foreign mission averages more per member than in any other church in the city, although those from the First Baptist average only a few cents less, being a very close second.

DAVIS CASE DECIDED BY SUPREME COURT

Appeal of Fletcher Davis, Convicted of Soliciting Whiskey, Orders In Laurens is Dismissed.

Columbia, Jan. 25.—A decision involving the right of an agent to solicit orders for whiskey in this state when an agent is an agent was handed down today in the supreme court when the court decided that the judgment of the circuit court of Laurens county was affirmed in the case of the state against Fletcher Davis convicted on the charge of unlawfully conducting the business of a liquor drummer. It was charged that he solicited the orders by handing out letters to several people of Laurens county. The opinion is by Eugene D. Gary, associate justice.

"The practical question raised by the exceptions" says the decision "is whether the statute under which the defendant was indicted and found guilty by the jury, is unconstitutional, on the ground that it is in violation of Article I, Section 8, of the United States constitution which provides, that congress shall have power to regulate commerce among the several states."

"The first question," says the decision, "that will be considered is whether the defendant comes within the meaning of the word 'drummer' as in the said statute. Our interpretation of the word, as thus used, is, that it denotes a traveling agent, who, personally, solicits orders to be forwarded to his principal, residing beyond the limits of the state."

"His honor the presiding judge charged the jury that a person can, by delivering a letter, solicit orders for whiskey, just as well verbally."

"It is for him to do so by word of mouth."

"There was no exception to this charge, but even if it had been assigned as an error, there is no question, that a traveling agent, can not solicit orders by letter, personally delivered by him, when it would be in no violation of the law, for him to solicit verbally in similar law."

"When he delivered the letters signed by his principal, together with the price lists containing blank orders, he adopted this mode of soliciting orders, as fully as if the letters had been signed by him and thereby became a drummer within the meaning of the statute."

"A contrary ruling would, practically defeat the end which the statute had in view."

Several authorities and cases are quoted in substantiation of this position and the decision ends by stating that the judgment of the circuit court is affirmed. Davis was represented by the firm of Cannon & Blackwell. Solicitor Cooper appeared for the state.

First Snow of The Season.

The first snow of the winter in this section fell Friday night, following heavy rains during the day. Because of the condition of the ground, the snow melted as it fell for sometime; later the storm increased and by ten o'clock a mantle of white to the depth of half an inch covered the earth. By noon Saturday practically all of it had disappeared.

W. H. GILKERSON MADE TRUSTEE.

Reference In Bankruptcy For Affairs of The Eureka Company.

On last Thursday afternoon a meeting of the creditors of the Eureka Foundry & Supply company was held and Mr. W. H. Gilkerson, Sr., appointed trustee to wind up the affairs of the company. Referee in Bankruptcy, John J. Earle was present at the meeting. The plant of the Eureka Co. was closed down on Thursday.

The creditors of the concern are represented by a number of local attorneys while the company is represented by Richey & Richey. Another meeting will be held at some time in the near future. In the meantime Trustee Gilkerson is empowered to make private sales and settle as many of the claims as possible. It is stated by the attorneys for the company that the indebtedness of the concern amounts to about \$10,000 less than the assets.

It is recalled that some of the properties of the Eureka company were advertised for sale by the sheriff but were forestalled by an order forcing the company into bankruptcy.

Rev. F. G. Whitlock to Preach.

Rev. F. G. Whitlock will preach at Beverdam church next Sunday afternoon at 3 o'clock. The members are urged to be present.

NEW TRUST COMPANY FORMED.

The Home Trust Company Secures Commission—\$50,000 Capital.

The directors of the Enterprise bank of this city have secured a commission to open books of subscription for the Home Trust company which is to be operated in connection with the bank. The Trust company will take over the real estate department of the bank, and is one of the steps on the part of the directors to nationalize the institution.

At present there is no national bank in Laurens and it is the purpose of the directors to make a national bank of the Enterprise. There are a number of changes that will have to be made, taking quite a while to perfect them. It is the hope, however, that during this year all the conditions will be complied with. National banks cannot deal in real estate, except under the management of a trust company, and it is the intention of the directors to have the Home Trust company take over the real estate business now being carried by the bank. The capital stock of the company is to be \$50,000.

Benjamin Spearman.

On Sunday afternoon, January 30, 1910 at the residence of J. A. Martin as Cross Hill, Miss Emma J. Benjamin of Mountville and Mr. W. T. Spearman of Cross Hill were married by Rev. J. A. Martin. Miss Emma is the youngest daughter of Mr. and Mrs. J. R. Benjamin of Mountville and a sister of Mrs. B. B. Huggins of Spartanburg, S. C., and Mrs. W. H. Coleman of Omaha, Texas.

TRUST COMPANY ENLARGES.

Increase Capital Stock From \$25,000 to \$75,000—Dividend.

At a called meeting of the Laurens Trust company on Monday morning it was decided and so ordered to increase the capital stock from \$25,000 to \$75,000. The new stock is to be sold at \$125, and stock dividends of 25 per cent were declared on the old stock.

The Trust company is in a flourishing condition, the condition of its affairs being pleasing to the stockholders. R. A. Cooper is president; C. W. Tune, secretary and treasurer; J. F. Tolbert, manager of the insurance department, and C. A. Power, manager of the real estate department.

QUARTERLY CONFERENCE.

Presiding Elder Duncan Will Be In Laurens Friday and Sunday.

Regular quarterly conference will be held at the First Methodist church of this city on next Friday night, according to an announcement from Rev. L. P. McGee, pastor. The service on both evenings begins at 7:30 o'clock, Friday evening being devoted to the business of the conference and on Sunday evening, Presiding Elder Duncan will preach.

Enumerator's Examination.

Next Saturday morning at 10 o'clock Postmaster McCravy will hold an examination for applicants desiring to be appointed as census enumerators in Laurens county.

Ministerial Union to Meet.

Secretary Stoudenmire of the Laurens Ministerial union announces the regular monthly meeting of the union for 11 o'clock next Monday morning in the chamber of commerce rooms. A full attendance is desired.

MOTION PICTURE SHOWS.

New Management Offers Excellent Attractions at Theaterium.

As stated in The Advertiser last week, the new management of the motion picture show opened up for business at the city opera house. Since that time large crowds have patronized the shows and from the interest manifested, it is conclusive that excellent pictures are being shown.

In addition to the pictures there are fine illustrated songs. Mr. C. Douglas Danford, known as the "man behind the voice," has been secured for an engagement, singing as each performance. Mr. Danford has an exceptionally good baritone voice, and his selections are most pleasing.

The pictures are fine, and the songs still better. Altogether the shows are "just the thing" and deserve good patronage. Mr. H. H. Heith, the manager intends to stay in Laurens and he wants the people to help him make the motion picture shows a permanent thing. The prices are 5 and 10 cents. Matinees at 3:30 and two shows in the evening beginning at 7:30.

AN ECHO OF REVIVAL MEETING.

Prof. G. A. Fisher Writes Letter To Advertiser Editor.

In a private letter to the editor of The Advertiser, written from Fredericksburg, Virginia, Prof. G. A. Fisher, who is so well remembered here as the musical director at the Thacker revival meetings at the First Presbyterian church, says:

"I am sending you a scrap from a letter which came to me in reply for one of your papers, published during the meeting in your city. It seems that he also knows a 'good thing when he sees it' and I think it only fair that you should know it. We certainly did appreciate the splendid work of your paper; copies of it are still being sent out." By way of explanation it may be stated that several hundred extra copies of the issue of The Advertiser on the day the meetings came to a close were printed and taken by Prof. Fisher and Dr. Thacker and sent all over the country.

The part of the letter that Prof. Fisher enclosed is as follows: "I certainly do appreciate the paper you sent me from Laurens, S. C. The editorial is wonderful. If more of our newspapers would come out with such editorials as that it would not be long before the papers themselves would start a revival." The reference is to the editorial article entitled "Religion."

OPENING SERVICES POSTPONED.

Clinton Baptists Will Occupy New Church on Second Sunday.

It had been hoped by the congregation of the First Baptist church of Clinton to occupy their new church on the first Sunday in this month, but unforeseen conditions will prevent, according to a telephone message from the pastor, Rev. C. Lewis Fowler. The opening services are postponed until the second Sunday, February 13th.

On that date there will be two services, one at 11 o'clock in the morning and the other at 7:30 in the evening. Pastor Fowler expects among other visiting ministers, the Rev. A. J. S. Thomas, editor of the Baptist Courier and president of the South Carolina Baptist convention. The opening services of the new church will be events of great interest to the people of Clinton.

CHAMBER OF COMMERCE MEETING.

Several Matters of More or Less Importance Considered and Acted Upon.

At a meeting of the Laurens chamber of commerce, held Wednesday afternoon, one of the questions discussed and acted upon was that of the desirability and possibility of interesting the Greenville-Spartanburg & Anderson traction company, recently organized, in the scheme of extending one of its lines from Greenville via Laurens to Clinton. To this end, a committee, consisting of W. L. Gray, W. H. Dial and J. Adger Smyth, Jr., was appointed to confer with the officials after finding out what inducements Laurens and intermediate points along the proposed route have to offer.

Other matters considered included the passenger station proposition, the Laurens Federal post office building and Senator Wharton's bill providing for an appropriation for the improvement of the court house. As to the first matter, the new station is going to be built—just when the chamber did not definitely determine. Relative to the postoffice building, Congressman Johnson has written President Aiken explaining that, owing to very large amount of this class of work now being prosecuted by the government it had been impracticable to take up the work at this point. Senator Wharton's court house bill was submitted by the courtesy of the Senator himself, and the chamber approved and recommended its enactment.

FOR THE LAURENS CIRCUIT.

Quarterly Conference Will Be Held at Sandy Springs Church.

Presiding Elder W. M. Duncan will hold regular quarterly conference for the Laurens circuit at Sandy Springs church in the county on next Saturday afternoon at 3:30 o'clock, at which the regular business of the four churches in that circuit will be transacted.

Mr. Duncan will preach at Sandy Springs church on Sunday morning at 11 o'clock, and at Holmes street church on Sunday afternoon at 3:30 o'clock. The members of these congregations will take notice of these announcements.

BIGHAM-AVANT CASE AGAIN BEFORE PUBLIC

Attorney J. W. Ragsdale Brings Habeas-Corpus Proceedings For Release of W. B. Avant.

Columbia, January 27.—What will prove a test case as to whether or not G. C. Bigham, the Murrell Inlet man, convicted of complicity in the killing of his wife, can be arrested, came up today when habeas-corpus proceedings were instituted by Attorney Ragsdale for the release of W. B. Avant, who is now in the penitentiary. Solicitor Wells was granted five days in which to file his answer to the writ.

The position taken by the attorneys for Avant is that Avant should not be in prison because, as claimed since, Judge Watts issued the order admitting the prisoner to bail and Solicitor Wells was in court, and therefore, accepted the notice of appeal.

Solicitor Wells' position is that he did not waive the filing of formal notice of appeal in the case, and that since the appeal has not been perfected Avant is rightly in jail and Bigham is subject to arrest.

It will be recalled that when Avant was arrested and Dr. Bigham left Georgetown the impression was that Bigham had fled. It is true he did remove himself from the danger of immediate arrest, but if the Avant habeas-corpus proceedings should fail he will now be subject to arrest. There was some doubt before that he could be legally arrested. If Avant is freed under the habeas corpus proceeding then either the appeal will be formally dismissed or the case will be heard on its merits in the supreme court.

The young wife of G. C. Bigham was killed last September by a shot from a gun in the hands of W. B. Avant. The two men were found guilty of manslaughter, and each was sentenced to serve three years and six months in the penitentiary. The killing was never fully explained, and while many people took the view that it was a cold blooded murder the jury believed that no malice had been shown. There was some misunderstanding as to the formality of the appeal and ever since the case has caused trouble. When the habeas corpus proceedings are decided the exact status of the men in the courts will be known.

DR. BAILEY APPOINTS COMMITTEE.

Laurens County Doctors Will Fight Tuberculosis.

Clinton, Jan. 31.—Dr. T. L. W. Bailey chairman Laurens county tuberculosis committee, has appointed the following special committee of five to help in the tuberculosis exhibition campaign in this part of the state:

Dr. J. L. Fennell, Waterloo; Dr. Jesse H. Teague, Laurens; Dr. Edgar Taylor, Renno; Dr. Theo. J. Peake, Cross Hill; Dr. J. Lee Young, Clinton.

Some work has already been done in this county. A paper read to the Civic league, asking for their co-operation, was met with cordial reception. Printed matter was distributed and Dr. Bailey is seeking for more to use.

Choral Practice Again Thursday.

The choral society met at the residence of Mrs. Chas. F. Rankin last Thursday night, with a good attendance and resulted in some good work. The rehearsal was preceded by a short lesson in rudimentary music and sight singing. During the intermission several violin solos were given by Prof. Barnwell accompanied by Mrs. Rankin at the piano. The plan of the last meeting will be followed up in the future and another practice will be held tomorrow night at the same hour. All the members are urged to attend.

J. C. SHELL & COMPANY.

New Grocery Concern Buys Stock of J. W. Payne & Company.

Mr. J. C. Shell has purchased the interest in the J. W. Payne & Co. grocery business formerly owned by Mr. J. W. Payne, and he with Dr. A. J. Christopher, under the firm name of J. C. Shell & Co. will conduct a general grocery business at the old stand, the corner store in the Dial-Gray block. The firm will handle all the best lines usually carried in an up-to-date fancy and heavy grocery.

Mr. Shell who will have the management of the store in hand, is a young man of more than ordinary business ability, is accommodating, and thoroughly acquainted with the grocery business. For thirteen years he has been a salesman at Bennett's one of the leading grocery stores in the city. Mr. Shell has many friends who will wish him well in his new business.

CLARENCE L. WHITE SERIOUSLY INJURED

The Victim of a Very Peculiar Accident.

LAY IN DITCH ALL NIGHT

Missed His Footing and Plunged Down 10-Foot Railroad Fill—Recovery Problematical.

As the result of injuries sustained by falling down a forty foot railroad fill or embankment, and the subsequent exposure endured, apparently unconsciously for more than twelve hours, the life of Clarence L. White, son of Mr. Virgil A. White of Owings, this county, has been in the balance since Sunday night. Late yesterday afternoon he was removed from the private office of Mayor Babb where he had been under the constant attention of physicians since Monday morning, to the home of Mrs. C. C. Cooper, his landlady. At a late hour last night he was reported to be resting very well, though in a very critical condition. He is suffering from spinal and internal injuries which have produced partial paralysis and, though he has had several rallying periods, he has in the main continued in an unconscious condition.

At an early hour Monday morning it was reported to the authorities that a man was in a ditch at the foot of the steep railroad fill on the Spartanburg division of the C. & W. C. road, about one mile above the city. Mayor Babb and Chief Bagwell went at once to the place and found a young white man stretched on his back in a four-foot drain ditch, more dead than alive. The officers did not recognize him then, but set about to have him brought to the city, which was done within a short time. Medical attention was given the young fellow; indeed heroic work was done in the effort to revive him, but it was several hours before he gave any evidence of rallying.

Soon after reaching the city friends of the young man recognized him, and immediately his parents and other relatives were notified. Mr. and Mrs. White came as soon as they could get here and both have remained about the son's couch constantly since, without sleep or rest. It is a pitiable case, one that appeals to every one here, and friends have offered sympathy and service without restraint.

Mr. White's accident is supposed to have occurred early Sunday night, for it is known that he left the Watts mills village just at nightfall, coming in the direction of the city and walking the railway track. He was alone, and the general supposition is that, in order to get out of the way of a passing train, he stepped off the cross-ties and missing his footing on the narrow by-path, ran or stumbled down the steep embankment, landing in the bottom of a deep ditch. This, as stated, probably happened before 8 o'clock, though no one saw him fall, so far as is known or discovered his plight until next morning when a negro man espied him and reported the matter. There has been no suggestion that he was the victim of foul play.

Mr. White is 23 years of age, is the oldest son of Mr. and Mrs. V. A. White, attended Clemson college two years, afterward going to Augusta where he engaged in railroad work. Later he had some important runs as baggage master on the different roads, and in December came to the Greenville & Laurens road in the same capacity. He is popular with the railroad people and well liked by all who have the pleasure of his acquaintance and friendship.

DIED AT GAINSVILLE, GA.

Mr. Willie T. Cooper Who was Reared in Laurens County.

Mr. Willie T. Cooper, a native of Laurens county, the son of the late James Cooper of the Mt. Pleasant section died at Gainsville, Ga., on Sunday, Jan. 23, after an illness of about three months. He was about twenty-five years of age and is survived by his wife and one child, two sisters, Miss Emma Cooper of Laurens and Miss Lillie Cooper of Gainsville and a brother, Mr. Ernest Cooper, also of Gainsville. For a time after going to the state of Georgia, Mr. Cooper was postmaster at New Holland, subsequently engaging in the merchantile business in the moved to Gainsville and was there connected with an insurance office until his health failed.