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BARNIE PARROTT WON CONTEST PRIZE

The Cross Hill High School
Comes Out Victorious.

EIGHT BOYS DECLAIMED

First Annual Inter-High School Declaimers' Contest Was Held Friday Evening—Fine Success.

Master Bernie Parrott, representing the Cross Hill High school, was last Friday awarded the prize, a handsome gold medal, in the first annual inter-high school declaimers' contest for Laurens county. Seven other young men, who had the distinction of representing the other high schools of the county, participated in the contest and all reflected great credit on these advanced institutions of learning.

The contest was in every respect a splendid success, and its promoters, chief of whom is County Superintendent of Education Geo. L. Pitts, are enthusiastic over the result and have determined to make it a permanent institution.

The exercises were held in the spacious graded school auditorium, with fully seven hundred interested auditors present, there being in attendance large delegations from each of the rival schools. Supt. Pitts presided, and the exercises were opened with prayer by the Rev. J. L. McLin, of Laurens. Interspersed with music the program was as follows:

"Wowan Triumphant"—Jesse Wolf, of Shiloh.

"The Boston Massacre"—Ferdinand Jacobs, of Clinton.

"A Task for the Body Politic"—Phil Huff, of Laurens.

"The Trial of Mr. White"—Bernie Parrott, of Cross Hill.

"Under the Southern Flag and the New South"—Clyde Curry, of Green Pond.

"The Speech That Made History"—Charles Garrison, of Gray Court.

"The Fallen South"—Robert Thornton, of Mountville.

"The New South"—Langdon Long, of Waterloo.

The committee of judges consisted of Rev. J. B. Green of Greenwood, Rev. R. H. Grier, of Ora; Prof. H. B. Dominick, of Fountain Inn; Dr. H. K. Aiken, and Mr. R. A. Cooper, of Laurens. In a felicitous little speech the Rev. Mr. Green announced the decision of the judges and awarded the medal to Mr. Parrott.

The winner in this first annual oratorical contest is the youngest son of the late Rev. and Mrs. J. B. Parrott, and is fifteen years of age. He is a pupil of the Cross Hill High school, his brother, Prof. Glenn Parrott being the principal.

The medal was the gift of the business men of this city.

REV. J. D. MAHON DEAD.

He Was Born in Laurens County in the Year 1835.

Union, April 22.—Rev. J. D. Mahon, a well known Baptist minister in South Carolina, died in Union Wednesday at the home of his brother-in-law, Capt. E. L. Clark. Mr. Mahon had been in bad health for some time though nothing immediate was apprehended so the end was not expected. He was for many years pastor of different Baptist churches in Fairfield and Chester counties, having served for 20 years as the faithful minister of the Salem church at Santuck, this county, and also served a short pastorate at the First Baptist church in Union.

Mr. Mahon was a man of exemplary Christian character, faithful and true to all his charges and was much beloved by his congregations. He was born in Laurens county, March 1835, and is a graduate of Furman university. He was twice married, first to Mrs. Durham of which union three children were born, and second to Miss Gemma Crosby of Anderson county. The funeral services were conducted this afternoon at 3 o'clock from the First Baptist church by Rev. K. W. Kaxton assisted by Rev. John F. Vines the interment being made in the old Presbyterian cemetery.

Picnic at Dials.

The friends and patrons of Dials school will give a basket picnic at Dials April 29th. The public are cordially invited to attend.

DAUGHTERS PREPARE FOR MEMORIAL DAY

Rev. C. F. Rankin Will Deliver Annual Address—Mrs. Bell Names the Different Committees.

Under the auspices of J. B. Kershaw chapter, Daughters of the Confederacy, Memorial day will be observed in Laurens Tuesday, May 10. Mrs. Bell, president of the chapter, announces that the annual address will be delivered by the Rev. Chas. F. Rankin, pastor of the First Presbyterian church, and in addition there will be an appropriate musical programme arranged.

Mrs. Bell also announces the appointment of the following ladies on the different committees for this occasion:

Table Committee.

Mesdames C. M. Clarke, H. K. Aiken, J. O. C. Fleming, W. H. Dial, Warren Bolt, J. A. Copeland, W. D. Byrd, Brooks Swygert, B. W. Ball, Capers Hellams, J. S. Bennet, Lucy Boyd, J. H. Teague, W. H. Gilkerson, J. F. Bolt, R. E. Babb, J. H. Sullivan, W. R. Richey, Sr., S. K. Dendy, J. G. Sullivan, W. E. Lucas, J. R. Little, Arrah Sullivan, T. F. Simpson, J. J. Pluss, R. B. Bell, Miss Ella Bell Copeland.

Coffee Committee.

Mesdames T. D. Darlington, C. E. Gray, C. C. Featherstone, M. L. Copeland, Joe Watts; Misses Mayme Ferguson, Minnie Babb, Beulah Balle, Nannie Babb, Bettie Watts, Laura Barksdale, Lola Angerson.

Decoration.

Mesdames Dunk Watts, W. D. Ferguson, R. E. Copeland, W. R. Richey, Jr., W. H. Washington, Hunter Morrisett; Misses Bessie Roland, Julia Gilkerson.

MARK TWAIN DIED THURSDAY.

World-Famed Humorist and Author Passes Away.

Redding, Conn., April 21.—Samuel Langhorne Clemens, "Mark Twain," died peacefully at 6:30 o'clock tonight of angina pectoris. He lapsed into coma at 3 o'clock this afternoon and never regained consciousness. It was the end of a man outworn by grief and acute pain of body. Yesterday was a bad day for the little knot of anxious watchers at the bedside. For long hours the gray, aquiline features lay moulded in the inertia of death, while the pulse sank lower and lower, but late at night Mark Twain passed from stupor into the first natural sleep he had known since returning from Bermuda, and this morning he woke refreshed, even faintly cheerful, and in full possession of all his faculties.

He recognized his daughter Clara, Mrs. Ossip Gabrilowitch, spoke a word or two and feeling himself unequal to conversation wrote out in pen: "His Last Words."

They were his last words. Laying them aside he sank first into reverie and later into final unconsciousness.

Traynham Guards Inspection.

The annual official inspection of the Traynham Guards will take place tomorrow afternoon. The inspection will be made by Major W. T. Brock, assistant adjutant general of South Carolina.

Sullivan-Babb.

Dr. H. M. Babb and Miss Marion Sullivan were married this evening at nine o'clock at the home of the bride's parents on West Greer street, the ceremony being performed by Rev. S. W. Henry, pastor of the Methodist church. Only the intimate friends and a few relatives of the happy couple were present to witness the ceremony. The groom is a native of Laurens county but located here several years ago and enjoys a lucrative practice. The bride is a daughter of Mr. and Mrs. P. W. Sullivan and is one of the favorites of the Honea Path social set. Immediately after the ceremony a reception was tendered the bridal party by Mr. and Mrs. Sullivan—Honea Path Chronicle.

School Lyceum Closes.

The concluding number of the Laurens school lyceum lecture course was given by Dr. L. G. Herbert Monday night at the school auditorium. The lecture by Dr. Herbert was one of the best things put on for this season, greatly pleasing the large audience.

Fountain Inn "Notions."

Laurens is only waiting a chance to attach Fountain Inn as a suburb, says Dr. Aiken. Fountain Inn, however, is pushing out toward the south, and Laurens is herself not too big to become a suburb.—News and Notions.

FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH MEETING.

Rev. Mr. Wakefield Took Charge of Services Sunday Morning.

The series of special services which began Sunday, April 17, at the First Baptist church are daily growing in interest. On Sunday the meeting was turned over to Evangelist W. D. Wakefield of Nashville, and twice each day he is greeted by large and interested congregations.

Mr. Wakefield has already demonstrated his ability and power as a great preacher and revivalist, and the meetings are bound to result in the accomplishment of great things for the church and town.

During the past week Pastor Thayer carried the meetings forward, holding two services daily which were well attended and in which there was manifested much concern and interest. Mr. Wakefield arrived Saturday afternoon from Gaffney where he had been in a meeting for three weeks, and on Sunday morning the Laurens meeting was turned over to him. Services are held at 4 P. M. and 8 P. M. The meeting will continue through the week, if not longer.

CENTENNIAL CELEBRATION.

One Hundredth Anniversary of Warrior Creek Church Observed.

It is estimated that fully 1,000 people attended the centennial celebration held at Warrior Creek Baptist church, in Youngs township, last Sunday. Quite a number from the city went out, and there were representatives from many sections of this as well as other counties.

The day marked the one hundredth anniversary of Warrior Creek church which, according to the records was organized in 1810 with 118 members, many of whom were from the old Upper Duncan Creek church.

The centennial sermon was preached at 11 o'clock by the Rev. Thos. M. Bailey of Greenville. In the afternoon addresses were made by Rev. B. H. Grier of Ora, Rev. S. R. Bass of McCormick and Mr. Austin M. Robertson of Anderson county. Mr. Robertson is a son of the Rev. Toliver Robertson who was pastor of Warrior for forty years and widely known throughout this section as one of the leading preachers in his denomination.

In his historical sketch, presented by Mr. Bass, a former member of the old church, it was shown that the church at first occupied a log school house. Later a comfortable brick building was erected. In time this was supplanted by a large frame building which from time to time has been improved and today, with a membership of more than 300 it is one of the largest and most influential churches in the county.

Some other noted preachers in their day who served old Warrior were the Rev. Silas Knight and the Rev. A. C. Stepp.

The present pastor is the Rev. A. T. Stoudemire of this city.

Off to Mobile Reunion.

Col. Thos. B. Crews and several other veterans of the county left Monday for the Confederate reunion now being held at Mobile. Calvin Harper, colored, accompanied Col. Crews. Harper went to the front in '61 with the late Gen. Hugh L. Farley, one of the officers of Company G, or the Laurens "Briars." Later Harper was taken by Henry Farley, the dashing cavalry officer and daring scout, to Gen Stuart's headquarters where he had the care of the horses belonging to the different officers. Col. is 70 years old and this is the first reunion he has ever attended. He has always voted with the Democrats and is a negro generally respected.

DEATH OF A YOUNG LADY.

Miss Myrtle Yeargin Passes Away After Long Illness.

After a lingering illness, Miss Myrtle Yeargin died Tuesday afternoon, April 19, at the home of her brother, Mr. Eugene Yeargin who lives a few miles east of Gray Court. The deceased was a daughter of the late Mr. and Mrs. R. H. Yeargin, and until a few years ago she had resided in Laurens since childhood. She was twenty-nine years of age, and is survived by one sister, Mrs. Columbus Owens, and three brothers.

Wednesday afternoon the funeral and burial services of Miss Yeargin were held in Laurens at the city cemetery, the Rev. R. M. DuBoise of Gray Court, officiating.

CIVIL COURT CONVENE MONDAY.

Mr. Featherstone Presiding as Special Judge at This Term.

The court of common pleas for Laurens county convened on Monday, Special Judge C. C. Featherstone presiding, in the absence of Judge Dantzler who is still confined to his home by sickness.

It is a splendid evidence of the confidence of the bar in Special Judge Featherstone's ability that he has been called upon twice in so short a time to hold court in his home town.

All of Monday and a part of Tuesday morning were taken up in the trial of the case of Mrs. Rosalie Sullivan vs Mrs. Lidie Machen for possession of certain lands which have been conveyed to Mrs. Machen through a chain of title coming down from Mrs. Alice P. Grier, to whom the lands were conveyed by Mrs. Sullivan. The land involved is situated about two miles from the city and this tract and other lands involved in the suit contain about 250 acres. The deed from Mrs. Sullivan to Mrs. Grier did not contain the word "heirs" in the habendum clause, and with the omission of this word conveyed a life estate. Upon the death of Mrs. Grier, Mrs. Sullivan brought suit for the land. The contention of the defendant was that it was the intention of the parties to convey an absolute title and they asked that the deed be reformed. The jury found for the defendant. This being an equity case, it will come before Judge Featherstone for decision, the matter being submitted to the jury by him simply to aid him in making that decision.

The case has been to the supreme court once. The plaintiff was represented by Mr. F. B. Grier of Greenwood and Messrs Richey & Richey of Laurens; the defendant by Messrs Simpson, Cooper & Babb.

The next case tried was that of R. D. Armstrong vs City of Laurens for \$500 alleged damage for overflow of bottom lands by reason of the dam placed by the city in Reedy Fork creek in connection with the city's water plant. The case was submitted to the jury yesterday afternoon and a verdict for the city was returned. Messrs. Cannon & Blackwell represented the plaintiff, Messrs Simpson, Cooper & Babb the defendant.

LAURENS MAN SHOT BY NEGRO.

Waller Bryson, Native of Cross Hill, Victim of Thugs.

Atlanta, Ga., April 23.—At the end of the Druid Hill's street car line—a lonely spot in the outlying section of one of Atlanta's residential suburbs—three negro highwaymen tonight shot and instantly killed Motorman S. T. Brown and after robbing Conductor W. H. Bryson of \$25 fatally shot him in the back and made their escape into the nearby woods.

Motorman Brown was shot down as he started to reenter his car, and with revolvers leveled at the conductor's head he was ordered to throw up his hands. On complying, one of the men relieved him of all the cash he had on his person and then he was told to "hit the grit." He was shot in the back by one of the men after he had run about 50 yards and fell in his tracks. Two shots penetrated his liver. The injured conductor was rushed to a hospital, where it was stated that there was no possible chance of his recovery.

Native of Cross Hill.

Waller H. Bryson, who was shot by negro highwaymen in Atlanta Saturday night is a son of the late Hillary Bryson of Cross Hill this county, where he lived until about 10 years ago.

He married a daughter of Mr. John Brooks of Vaughnville, also of this county. His mother still resides at Cross Hill.

Operation Performed.

An operation was performed Sunday morning on Conductor Bryson and it is announced that there is a slight chance that he will recover.

A Miscellaneous Sale.

There will be a sale of all kinds of articles for the household at Todd, Simpson & Co.'s store windows Thursday. This sale is held by the Aid society of the First Presbyterian church and will consist of fancy hand made articles, collars, belts, centerpieces, aprons, etc., as well as pickles, preserves and other household luxuries and necessities. The articles are attractive and well made, done by some of the best needle artists and housekeepers in the city.

CROSS HILL BUDGET FOR THE PAST WEEK

Barnie Parrott, Winner of the Oratorical Contest, Given Ovation by Townspeople Saturday.

Cross Hill, April 25.—The Town Council is having some good work done on the sidewalk leading toward the Presbyterian church.

Mr. Henry Miller of Whitmire was with his parents here last Thursday. He has been attending the meeting of the South Carolina Presbytery at Morris church as delegate from his church.

Mr. W. A. McSwain, another Cross Hill boy, was a delegate from the church at Newberry.

Mr. Madison Workman took his little boy to Columbia last Friday to be tested for some throat trouble. The little fellow seems to be well but cannot speak above a whisper.

Mrs. W. T. Austin spent the weekend with relatives at Clinton.

Quite a number of persons from here attended the oratorical contest at Laurens last Friday evening. Prof. Parrott and Miss West, two of our teachers, attended. Young Parrott received quite an ovation when he arrived in Cross Hill Saturday. Miss West, his teacher is very jubilant. Indeed all our people feel interested in his success. He was met by a number of students, citizens, and trustees. Barnie is in the eighth grade and we think it quite an honor for him to win the medal.

Mr. and Mrs. S. H. Goggans entertained a number of friends at dinner last Thursday at their elegant suburban home. Those present from Cross Hill were Rev. and Mrs. J. A. Martin, Mr. and Mrs. R. A. Austin, Mesdames W. C. Razor, A. M. Hill and E. M. Pinson.

Supervisor Humbert is making some plans to grade the road leading toward Chappells, which will cut out some ugly hills. If people on the road will give him their support he will give them a good road. There seems to be some lively kicking just now.

Mrs. Hagood and Mrs. Coleman of Greenwood spent several days last week with Mr. and Mrs. W. A. Leaman.

Rev. G. W. Hollingsworth was called to Conyers, Ga. again last week. This time to the bed side of a sister who died last Thursday. The family is sorely afflicted.

Dr. J. E. Goddard was here Saturday to see Mr. W. C. Hill who is critically ill. Mr. Hill has been in poor health some weeks and has been seriously ill the past week.

APRIL COLD WAVE DOES GREAT DAMAGE IN THE SOUTH.

Every Southern State, with the exception of Florida, was held in the grip of a cold wave, accompanied by flurries of snow, from Sunday afternoon until Tuesday morning. Monday the temperature fell below freezing in a greater part of Mississippi, Louisiana, Alabama, Texas, and throughout the greater part of the South there was a fall of snow or sleet during the day. In Laurens and other points of the county little flurries of snow and sleet fell in the afternoon, and in Greenville and Anderson snow was reported.

The extent of damage wrought by the cold wave in this immediate section can not be determined just now, but garden truck and fruit have no doubt been more or less seriously injured.

Heavy Financial Setback.

Atlanta, April 25.—With millions of acres of young cotton destroyed by the cold weather which today overspread the entire cotton belt, with the unusual April accompaniment in many sections of snow and sleet, the South has suffered its most disastrous financial setback perhaps since the Civil War. Besides cotton, young vegetables of every description suffered from the freezing temperatures and fruit was more or less damaged in every Southern State except Florida.

Pension Money Here.

Clerk of Court Bolt has received the pension money, and The Advertiser is requested to state that when pensioners cannot come for their money, send written order for same.

DOCTORS' MEETING CLOSED THURSDAY

Laurens Sessions Best in Society's History.

CHARLESTON NEXT YEAR

Large Number of Highly Instructive Papers Read and Discussed—Some Noted Visitors.

Shortly before one o'clock Thursday the annual convention of the State Medical association adjourned, to meet next year in the city of Charleston. During the afternoon many of the visitors left for home. However, quite a number remained for the banquet, which was tendered Thursday evening in honor of the convention visitors by the Laurens Medical association. This occasion proved most delightful in every way and was a fitting close of a most excellent programme of entertainment provided by the people of Laurens for the special guests of the week.

The Laurens convention goes on record as the largest and one of the most successful in the history of the society, the register showing an attendance of 210 physicians for the session.

Just before adjournment, President Dawson invited to the chair Dr. Melntosh, the new president, who thanked the association for the honor conferred.

The convention adopted the following resolutions of thanks, offered by Dr. W. J. Burdell of Lugoff: Resolved, That this association, by a rising vote, express its thanks for the hospitality shown by the Laurens County Medical society and the people of Laurens in so generously entertaining the State association.

The scientific sessions of the State association began Wednesday morning at 10:30 o'clock in Masonic hall, with about 150 members present, all the county societies in the State being represented. Prayer was offered by Rev. W. E. Thayer, pastor of the First Baptist church. In graceful speeches, Dr. H. K. Aiken for the city, and Dr. R. E. Hughes for the Laurens Medical society, expressed a hearty welcome to the State association. To these President Dawson responded briefly for the convention, and then proceeded with the delivery of his annual address which was a plan for the education of the profession.

Dr. Dawson's Address.

After saying that he owed his education to the former students, whom he had taught in the medical college in Charleston, Dr. Dawson contrasted the lack of preliminary education on the part of many students of today as compared with the trained young men whose theses, some in foreign language, are preserved in the archives of the college and who graduated in the institution's earlier days. "Nowadays," he said, "the young men graduate too early, they study medicine to make a living only, and if this state of things shall continue medicine will cease to be a profession and become a trade."

"The old doctor," Dr. Dawson said, "was a man of all around cultivation, a man of wide reading, a delightful raconteur, familiar with good literature, and a centre of intellectual education in his community. Is the average medical student in the State today the possessor of even an average education from the high school or small college? He is not, and I speak it to your shame."

The man who would train his son to a profession should begin the training in the lad's early years. The average of general education, he intimated, was higher in the legal than in the medical profession which ought not be. "Our modern tendencies are too realistic and we are letting go the ideal."

The medical colleges in the South dependent on tuition fees for support could not remedy the prevailing conditions, the work of professors now being chiefly a labor of love. The remedy should be applied by the medical examiners.

"Why not demand of each applicant for license not having a B. A. degree from a college, that he write an impromptu essay on some subject to show that he can at least write his own language grammatically?" The medical student as a rule does hard work in the lecture room or the laboratory.

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