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GREGORY GUILTY OF MANSLAUGHTER

Slayer of Cal Furr Given Two Years Term.

NEGRO RESENTENCED

John Henry Anderson, Convicted Murderer of Old Josh Carter, Will Swing Feb. '10.

After overruling a motion for a new trial in the case of the State against West T. Gregory, white, who was on Friday found guilty of manslaughter, with recommendation to mercy, in the killing of Cal Furr, also white, Judge John S. Wilson Saturday afternoon, in the court of general sessions for Laurens county, imposed a sentence of two years on the Clinton man, the lightest sentence under the law. Gregory accepted this and left Tuesday for Columbia to take up his burden in the State penitentiary.

Following the disposition of this case, Judge Wilson sentenced Nig Williams to a term of two years on the public works of Laurens for house breaking and larceny; Dewell Frady, white, to eighteen months in the same institution, for a like offense; Marlon Wilson one year for assault of a high and aggravated nature.

Upon the completion of this duty, Solicitor Cooper stated to the court that there was another matter which must be disposed of, referring to the case of the State vs John Henry Anderson, the convicted negro murderer whose case had run its course in the courts and remanded for final disposition. Arguments were then made by Messrs Richey and Blackwell, the young attorneys who had, upon the appointment of the court at the first trial, conducted the defense, asking that Anderson be granted a new trial. They set forth several affidavits to the effect that Anderson was of unsound mind and made a strong appeal in the negro's behalf. The solicitor resisted the motion, but stated that he did not want Anderson hanged if insane; the law does not permit the execution of crazy people, their place being in the asylum. Judge Wilson refused a new trial, but announced that he would fix the date of execution far enough in advance to allow the taking of the proper steps to establish Anderson's alleged insanity. He then commanded the negro to stand up and asked him if he had anything to say. Anderson responded and launched into a lengthy harangue about the governor having pardoned him before the first trial and so on. Judge Wilson named the 10th day of February, 1911 as the day of his execution, this being the second time Anderson has passed through this ordeal. He killed old Josh Carter, his father-in-law, near Waterloo, at the burial of one of Anderson's children. This was in the fall of 1908. In March, 1909, the negro was tried and convicted of murder.

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MRS. TALLULAH JONES DIED ON SATURDAY

She Expired Suddenly from an Attack of Apoplexy—Funeral Service Held Sunday.

Mrs. Tallulah Irby Jones, widow of the late Mr. J. Willie Jones, passed away at her home on South Harper street last Saturday morning, in the sixty-fifth year of her age.

The summons came almost suddenly and the announcement of her demise caused much regret and surprise. It seems that she had just returned to the house with the morning's mail when she complained to the servant, the only other person present at the time, that she was feeling very weak and asked the woman to call her sister, Mrs. Rosa I. Caine, on the phone and tell her to come over at once. Mrs. Jones then took a seat on the back porch. Noticing that she had apparently fallen into a stupor the servant rushed to a neighbor's and gave the alarm. When Mrs. Albright and other neighbors and a physician reached the house the spirit of Mrs. Jones had taken its flight.

The funeral service conducted by the Rev. C. F. Raakin was held Sunday afternoon at the city cemetery, with a large assembly of friends and relatives present.

Mrs. Jones was a daughter of Col. James H. Irby, one of the most prominent men of Laurens in his day, and a sister of the late United States Senator John L. M. Irby, Mr. William C. Irby and Mrs. Rosa Irby Caine of the city.

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DEATH OF MRS DELIA BENJAMIN.

A Highly Esteemed Resident of Mountville Passed Away Saturday.

Mountville, Sept. 19.—The Mountville school opened the present session Monday morning, 12th inst., under favorable circumstances and prospects of a good year. The attendance was fairly good and the teachers in cheerful mood. A number of patrons and friends attended the opening exercises. After the usual devotions, and some remarks by the principal relative to the work, Messrs M. B. Crips and B. R. Fuller spoke in behalf of the trustees, referring to the improvement on school building, and congratulating the school on its advancement. They were especially pleased with the corps of teachers. Messrs J. C. Miller and J. H. Motes spoke in behalf of the patrons, expressing pleasure at present prospects. Charles C. Thornton, who finished here last session, was called on and responded with some very timely advice to the pupils. At the close of these exercises the several grades were turned over to their respective teacher and the organization of classes was soon complete and work begun.

Our college students left last week and this for their respective places. Clarence Jones and Miss Louise Richardson go to Erskine. William Fellers to South Carolina university. Ellis and Fred Fuller to Clinton. Grady Culbertson to Furman. Charles C. Thornton to Clemson. Misses Ruth Stokes and Eliza May Sullivan to Winthrop. Eugene Stokes to Clemson.

The funeral of Mrs. Delia Benjamin, who died Saturday, was held at Beavertown church Sunday afternoon, conducted by Rev. J. A. Martin of Cross Hill. Mrs. Benjamin was a sister of Mrs. Amanda Fuller of this place. She was held in high esteem as a devoted, though modest, christian lady by all who knew her. She had passed her three score and ten years and is survived by her husband, Mr. Robert Benjamin with whom she had lived for more than fifty years, several children and other relatives, all of whom have the sympathy of many friends in their loss.

Rev. J. L. Harley of Spartanburg delivered an address here on the second Sunday evening on the subject of temperance which was well attended and heartily received.

Cotton here is opening rapidly and ginning and selling have begun in earnest. If the present prices of cotton and seed continue to prevail the probability is that the bulk of the crop will be marketed as fast as gathered.

Mrs. Alice Miller, Mrs. Eliza Watts, and Mr. Hewlett Sullivan are right rick.

Mrs. Fannie Pyles has returned from Greens and will remain here some time looking after her farming interests.

J. HENRY KENNEDY SUSTAINS BIG LOSS

Barn and Seven Head of Stock Destroyed by Fire Sunday Night. Partially Insured.

Just before twelve o'clock Sunday night, the stock barn of Mr. J. Henry Kennedy was destroyed by fire, together with seven head of stock—six mules and his splendid saddle horse—and a quantity of oats, fodder and other feed-stuff. The origin of the fire is not known.

Mr. Kennedy's loss is a heavy one, for it is understood that his property was only partially insured. He is one of the most successful farmers in the county and lives on the road just above the Watts mills village.

Will Spend Winter in New York.

Miss Rosa Lee Bailey left Sunday for New York city where she will study art this winter. She was joined at Columbia by Miss Mattie Tarrant of Springfield, S. C. Misses Willow Gray and Madge Harris left for New York last week. The party will be joined in New York by Miss Willie Daniel of Columbia college and the Misses Smith of Easley, S. C.

An Appreciated Act.

Dr. and Mrs. Rolfe E. Hughes, together with their many Laurens friends appreciate the respect that was shown by the Newberry people, at the instance of Mayor Cole L. Bleare who was a passenger on the same train that bore the remains of little Nancy Hughes from Columbia to Laurens last Wednesday evening. The incident is related in another part of today's issue of The Advertiser as reproduced from the Newberry Observer. It was a thoughtful act on the part of the governor-elect and Dr. and Mrs. Hughes will never forget the incident.

FROM CHESTNUT RIDGE.

Several Boys and Girls Off to College. Personal Mention.

Chestnut Ridge, Sept. 19.—Cotton picking is the order of the day in this community.

Rev. Mr. DuBose filled his regular appointment Sunday at Trinity church, quite a large congregation present.

Trinity Ridge school began Monday morning with the same teachers, Misses Bess Hudgens, Macie McCarley, and Nellie Willette. We hope they will have a successful term.

Quite a number of our young people have left for college this month.

Misses Lucile Wofford, Ella Langston went to Linwood, N. C. Miss Maude Langston to the Orangeburg Collegiate institute, Messrs C. D. Boyd and Alfred Barksdale to Furman and Mr. J. C. Barksdale to Clemson.

Mr. Tom Irvin who has been confined to his bed for some time is improving.

Mr. Erette Jacks visited the Messrs Langston Saturday and Sunday.

This community is in sympathy with Mr. Davis and family on account of the illness of Mrs. Davis and daughter, Sarah. We are glad to report they are improving.

The Woman's Missionary society meets at Mrs. Marion Caines Thursday.

Mr. Nathan Culbertson and sister, Miss Jessie of Fountain Inn visited Mr. R. Dunk Boyd and family last week.

Mr. Robert Barnette visited Mr. Estine Hemery Sunday.

The next meeting of the Royal Ambassadors will be at the home of Mr. and Mrs. John Knights.

Miss Nettie Medlock left last week for Fountain Inn.

Little Nancy Hughes.

Profound sympathy for Dr. and Mrs. Rolfe E. Hughes in the loss of their dear little girl, Nancy, has been felt and expressed by their legion of friends in Laurens and elsewhere in the State. The little one, not quite four years of age, passed away in Columbia Wednesday afternoon, September 14, having been carried to the capital city for special treatment on the day of her death. The remains were brought back to Laurens and on Thursday tenderly laid to rest in the city cemetery.

HAVE COMPLETED OFFICIAL AUDIT

Special Accountants Spent Sixty Days Going Over Records in Treasurer's Office.

Capt. Edmund Bacon of Columbia and Mr. J. B. Haltiwanger of Greenwood, who were appointed by the governor as special accountants to audit the books of the treasurer's office, have completed their work. A detailed report of their findings will be forwarded to Governor Ansel at once.

The affairs of the county treasurer's office have been in a muddled condition for several years, and it was for the purpose of adjusting the books that the last session of the general assembly a special act was passed providing for an official audit.

Messrs Bacon and Haltiwanger were appointed and entered upon their work July 20, just sixty days ago. The audit had to do with the administrations beginning in 1898 and continuing through the fiscal year ending July 1, 1907. The investigation was necessarily slow and tedious, but it is understood that it has been very thoroughly completed.

Capt. Bacon and Mr. Haltiwanger are most excellent gentlemen and both are very accomplished accountants. Though exceedingly busy from day to day, they incidentally made many friends during their two months' stay in Laurens and both express themselves as having found everything very pleasant here and are appreciative of the many kindnesses shown them by the Laurens people.

Russel Roper Improves.

Mr. T. Mc. Roper returned to the city on Sunday from Welch, West Virginia where he has been at the bedside of his son, Russel Roper at the local hospital for more than two weeks. Mr. Roper, it will be remembered, suffered a very serious accident September 2, losing one of his arms and having both legs broken by being run over by a construction train with which he was working at the time. The father states that his son, while not yet able to be up any, is doing as well as could be hoped for under the circumstances. The people of Welch were especially kind and attentive and he hopes that his son will soon be able to come home.

BRIEF NEWS ITEMS FROM CLINTON

Hotel Changes Hands—Third Bank Opens For Business—Drinking Cups in Schools.

Clinton, Sept. 19.—Mr. D. R. Tribble has sold the new hotel in process of erection on Phinney avenue to Messrs G. A. J. R., and T. D. Copeland. They will push its completion.

The firm of Dillard and Boland has been changed to Dillard and Dillard. Mr. F. N. Boland having sold his share in the business to Mr. Will Dillard.

W. B. Farr has been conducting a big sale of crockery, chinaware, and pictures for the past two weeks with the intention of confining his business to the sale of furniture and stoves in the future.

The Stephen D. Lee chapter, U. D. C. looks forward to the erection of a handsome granite shaft to the memory of the Confederate dead within the next few weeks. The monument will stand in the center of the square known as the public square, at the meeting of Main and Musgrove streets and adjoining the depot plaza.

A curbing has been built around the selected spot and grass planted in it.

The Commercial Bank of Clinton has opened its doors for business. In Mr. R. L. Wright's block on Main street. Mr. J. D. Bell is president and Mr. H. D. Henry, cashier. This is the third bank in Clinton.

Miss Anne C. Burgess is critically ill at the Thornwell Orphanage where she teaches music. Her brothers, Prof. James Burgess of Clemson College and Mr. Plumer Burgess of Summerton are here.

Elliott, the little son of Prof. and Mrs. E. H. Hall, has diphtheria. Every effort has been made to check the disease and his symptoms are most favorable. The trustees of the graded school have issued instructions to the teachers to require the use of individual drinking cups. This is one of a number of sporadic cases of this dread disease which have manifested themselves in the last few months. With one exception they have yielded to treatment.

Mrs. W. M. Mason is still quite sick. Mrs. Emma L. Glenn of Spartanburg has been visiting Mr. Mason's family for some time.

Mr. L. D. McCraw who fell and injured his leg in the spring is again able to attend to business, but has to go on crutches.

Mrs. Annie Dyer Phillips had as her guests until today Mr. and Mrs. Chas. Akerman and Miss Emma Snyder of Macon, Georgia.

Miss Xenia Kerr is with Mrs. Phillips for the winter.

Miss Katherine Bean left last Friday for Hampden Sidney Virginia, where she is secretary to the president of the college.

Mrs. W. S. Bean left on Friday for Charlottesville to enter the medical school of the University of Virginia.

Mr. John H. Henry left last week for Lexington Virginia to enter the law school of Washington and Lee.

CALL MEETING.

The Ladies of the J. B. Kershaw Chapter, U. D. C. Will Meet Thursday.

There will be a call meeting of the John B. Kershaw Chapter, U. D. C. Thursday the 22nd, at four o'clock. The meeting will be held in hall of the Chamber of Commerce. The object is to make final arrangements for the unveiling exercises.

In Charge of New Store.

Mr. A. J. Taylor, who has been with O. B. Shannon & Son during the past year, has accepted a position with Davis Roper company and has been placed in charge of "The Cut Price Store" located in the Dial-Gray block and formerly occupied by Mr. Sparks, Davis Roper company having recently purchased the Sparks' stock which was sold under bankruptcy proceedings.

Paid Premium Promptly.

Messrs C. A. Power and J. Lee Langston, consul commander and clerk, respectively, of Laurens camp No. 98, W. O. W. on Monday afternoon delivered to Mrs. Henry Wright a check for \$1,125, in payment of policy on the life of the late Mr. Henry Wright, the young railroad section master whose death occurred only nineteen days ago. Mr. Wright was a member of Laurens camp.

MONUMENT WILL BE UNVEILED SEPT 28

Dr. Lee Davis Lodge Will Make Address.

GOV. ANSEL TO BE HERE

The Exercises Will Begin at 10:30, Following a "Joy Ride" for The Veterans.

The exercises, celebrating the unveiling of the Confederate monument will take place next Wednesday morning, September 28th. The ladies in charge of arranging a program have succeeded in preparing an interesting series of exercises, all of which will take place on the square around the monument. The exercises proper will begin promptly at 10:30 with a few introductory remarks by Hon. C. C. Featherstone, the master of ceremonies. Then the following program will be carried out:

Opening prayer—Rev. W. E. Thayer, Music

Address of Welcome—Hon. C. C. Featherstone.

Music

Presentation Speech—Gov. M. F. Ansel Unveiling—By R. Littlefield.

Song, Dixie—The Graded School.

Speech of Acceptance—Dr. Lee Davis Lodge.

Song, Bonnie Blue Flag—The Graded School.

The following little girls, thirteen in number, representing the thirteen Confederate States, will unveil the monument—Misses Sarah Bolt, Hattie Sullivan, Lucy Darlington, Lucia Featherstone, Carrie Fleming, Beaufort Copeland, Flora Bennett, Virginia Simpson, Rebecca Clarke, Margaret Dial, Alpha Bolt, Louise Dandy and Emmie Lou Washington.

The ladies who have had in charge the preparation of the program are as follows—Messdames J. S. Bennett, J. H. Tenge, Brooks, Swygert, C. G. Featherstone, M. L. Copeland, H. K. Aiken, C. M. Clark and Robert B. Bell.

"Joy Ride" for the Veterans.

At 9:30 in the morning the veterans are all requested to "stack arms" on the court house square preparatory to taking part in a joy ride. Every veteran in the county is expected to be on hand promptly at the appointed hour, and after being given seats in autos and carriages, the joy riders will be treated to a delightful spin over the town and probably a short distance into the country.

The ladies of the John B. Kershaw Chapter, U. D. C., who are in charge of the exercises and who have been mainly instrumental in raising the funds for the monument are particularly anxious to make the day a grand success and to this end everybody in Laurens county is cordially invited to be present to witness the exercises.

The children from all over the county, many of whom have materially aided in purchasing the memorial, and the veterans are especially urged to be present.

To The Merchants.

The ladies who have the honor in charge request that all of the merchants close their stores during the time the unveiling exercises take place. Beginning at 10:30 the whole program will be gone through with by 4 p. m. at the latest. This means only a little over two hours' rest and since it will add so much to the success of the day they should consent.

Monument Fund.

The following list gives the amount subscribed to the Confederate monument fund since the list was last published:

J. W. Todd, \$15.00
E. P. McGowan, 1.00
T. E. Babb, 1.00
C. K. Templeton, 1.00
L. E. Burns, 5.00
Dr. and Mrs. W. H. Dial, 5.00

Atlanta's Gain.

Miss Ida C. Turner, a former teacher of this county, for years, has accepted a position in one of the public schools of Atlanta. After taking the regular examination for teachers, her unusually fine papers secured her an appointment without having to do supernumerary work for a year, as is the custom there.

We regret the loss of a good teacher, but hope the change will prove to be both pleasant and profitable.