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SPECIAL SESSION COURT NEXT WEEK

Extra Two Weeks Term
Opens Monday Morning.

CRIMINAL BUSINESS

A Number of Important Cases on the Docket for Disposition—Will Have Special Judge.

A special term of the criminal court for Laurens county will be convened next Monday morning. A special judge will preside over the term which will be continued two weeks if necessary.

The criminal docket for this county has become somewhat congested and it was with the view of clearing up matters that caused Solicitor R. A. Cooper to ask for a special term at this time.

Among the important cases to come up at this session will be that of the State against J. W. Wise and Mit Tidwell, the two white men charged with the murder of Clarence White near Watts mills last winter. Another white defendant charged with murder is Jack Day of the Belfast section who it is alleged shot a negro a few weeks ago. In all there are many indictments on various charges to come up at this session.

Jurors for First Week.

Laurens township—J. D. Sexton, W. B. Blakely, B. A. Sullivan, J. C. Godfrey, Edgar Blakely, M. L. Roper, T. B. Brown, Z. R. Traynham, H. Terry, Scuffletown—R. L. Smith, Sam J. Todd, John T. Blakely.

Jacks—R. P. Neighbors, J. L. Simpson.

Hunter—M. A. Cannon, A. J. Johnson, H. M. Blakely.

Cross Hill—R. F. Wade, J. E. Spearman, J. L. Atchison.

Waterloo—H. C. Sims, W. B. Sims, J. F. Burton.

Sullivan—W. F. Tumbling, J. B. Davis.

Dials—J. E. Farrow, J. S. Babb, J. H. Curry, B. C. Burns.

Youngs—F. D. Clark, W. M. Hunter, G. M. Harlan, J. T. Edwards, W. M. Coker, L. B. Bailey, J. Parks Goodwin.

Second Week Jurors.

A. J. Owings, P. S. Pinson, E. R. Austin, A. M. Hill, S. M. Garrett, Jannie Roland, S. R. Gray, J. M. Ridgewood, Joe R. Adair, B. B. Gossett, L. S. McChray, C. W. Stone, D. M. Williams, W. M. Henderson, G. W. Davis, P. S. Bailey, D. M. Sanders, S. D. Childress, W. R. Redden, C. R. Workman, W. F. Coats, Cecil Madden, W. E. Gray, J. C. Langston, J. H. S. Hipp, W. D. Patterson, F. J. Owings, W. P. Harris, L. C. Dorroh, J. M. Gray, Carl Guderson, W. A. Baldwin, W. Sanford Knight, J. W. Thompson, J. H. Rudd, W. R. Crisp.

LEADER OF ESPERANTISTS.

Dr. Bean, of Presbyterian College, Secretary for South Carolina.

The Esperanto movement in South Carolina has recently been strengthened by the appointment of Dr. W. S. Bean, of the faculty of the Presbyterian college of South Carolina at Clinton, as secretary for South Carolina of the Esperanto Association of North America. Dr. Bean succeeds Dr. Stanhope Sams, of Columbia, who was obliged to resign on account of the press of business.

Dr. Bean is an accomplished linguist who has experienced by actual travel in Europe the difficulties that attend even the linguist when he steps outside the borders of the languages he knows. His recognition of the need of an international language and his adherence to the Esperanto movement grows directly out of this experience.

DELEGATES APPOINTED.

Pres. Byrd Selects Three to Attend Association in Chicago.

Mr. W. D. Byrd, president of the South Carolina Live Stock Association has appointed the following gentlemen as delegates to the American Creamery association—D. H. Rowe, chief of the Dairy Division, Washington, D. C., B. Harris, Pendleton, S. C., and Thomas Taylor, Jr., of Columbia. These men are all prominent in the live stock world, and, if they accept, will make good representatives.

In connection with the American Creamery association, there will be a meeting of the National Dairy show. They will be held in Chicago on Oct. 25, and the combination of the two will make this one of the most important events of the year.

O. B. SIMMONS & SON SELLS STOCK OF GOODS

Mr. L. A. Brennecke of Greenwood Now in the City Looking over Goods. Will Have a Sale.

Mr. L. A. Brennecke of Brennecke & Co. of Greenwood, has closed a deal for the stock of goods of O. B. Simmons & Son, and is in Laurens this week going through the stock making preparation for the beginning of the big sales next week. Mr. Brennecke is manager of the firm bearing his name which does a general business of buying and selling stocks.

Messrs. O. B. Simmons and his son Mr. Gus Simmons have decided to quit the mercantile business. This firm is one of the oldest in Laurens having been in business here for more than twenty years, and their decision to quit the mercantile business has caused general regret.

Their stock at present consists of a fine line of dry goods, notions and shoes and Mr. Brennecke expects to sell the entire stock at greatly reduced prices. A large force of clerks has been employed and will report for duty next Monday. The big sales begin at an early date.

TRAYNHAM GUARDS HOLD AN ELECTION

W. R. Richey Jr. Chosen Captain, Simpson and Irby First and Second Lieutenants.

As the result of an election of officers of Company D (Traynham Guards), National Guard of South Carolina, as ordered by the retiring captain, Oscar W. Babb, William R. Richey, Jr., was chosen as captain of the company; D. R. Simpson, first lieutenant; G. Pope Irby, second lieutenant. Capt. Richey, who is a graduate of the South Carolina Military college, has been first lieutenant of the company since its organization, while Lieut. Simpson was promoted from second to first lieutenant. He is a popular salesman here and has been connected with the military company for several years. Lieut. Irby is a son of the late United States Senator John L. M. Irby, and has been a member of the company for some time.

Two Vacancies Filled.

At a meeting last week of the trustees of the city cemetery, held at the home of Mr. W. W. Jones, two vacancies on the board, caused by the death of Col. Ball and Mrs. T. B. Crews, were filled by the selection of Mrs. Eliza Ball and Mr. N. B. Dial. The other trustees are Mr. J. O. C. Fleming, chairman; Col. T. B. Crews, secretary; Col. J. W. Ferguson, Mrs. Sue Adams, Mrs. W. W. Jones. Rev. J. D. Pitts was one of the original members of the board.

A committee consisting of J. O. C. Fleming, J. W. Ferguson and T. B. Crews was appointed to arrange with Supervisor Humbert to have the lands of the cemetery surveyed. Plats will be sold, as formerly, according to space.

At a subsequent meeting of the board the selection of five persons constituting the cemetery committee, as suggested by the Laurens Civic League, was approved. This committee consists of Mrs. Eliza Ball, Mrs. T. F. Simpson, Mrs. E. W. Martin, Miss Mayme Ferguson, Mrs. Sue Adams.

In this connection The Advertiser is requested by the president of the Civic League to announce that bids will be received for building a wall around the front of the cemetery. Information regarding this work can be had by applying to Mrs. J. S. Bennett, president of the Civic League.

The High School Football Team.

Football suits were donned by the Laurens High school boys on the fifteenth of September. Although four of the men who made last year's football season a good one for the High school have gone to college, prospects for this season are bright. Many new men are beginning to show up in good form.

Games have already been arranged with Greenwood and Sumter. The managers, Sam Bolt and Willie Drummond, are now trying to arrange game with Anderson, Shester and Clinton.

Notice!

All persons are forbidden to hire or otherwise employ one Zed Johnson, colored, who is under contract with me for the year 1910. Those failing to heed the above will be held liable for suit.
Oct. 4, 1910. C. W. McCravy,
10-11 Laurens, S. C.

TWO INQUESTS SAME DAY.

Coroner Hairston Called to Clinton and Tytersville Friday.

On Friday Coroner R. O. Hairston held two inquests. The first case was that of an old negro man, named Robert Williams, who committed suicide early Friday morning at the home of his daughter at Clinton. Williams used a razor cutting his throat from ear to ear. Death ensued within a short time after being discovered by his daughter. It is said that the old man had recently become somewhat demented.

The other case was that of Gener Jones, also colored, who died Friday as the result of a gun shot wound received about a week before at her home near Tytersville. The jury returned a verdict to the effect that she came to her death from gun shot wound, inflicted at the hands of one Ben Blakely. Immediately after her death Blakely, who lived in the same vicinity came to the city and delivered himself up to the sheriff and was locked up.

DEPUTY SHERIFF REID.

Former Police Chief of Clinton Returns to Laurens.

Former Chief of Police S. Clarence Reid of Clinton has accepted the position of deputy sheriff, the appointment having been made Friday by Sheriff Owings. Mr. Reid succeeds Mr. A. B. Culbertson, resigned. The new deputy has had much experience and is regarded as a most efficient and capable officer. He has entered upon his new duties. Several years ago Mr. Reid was engaged in business here and later was connected with the local police department. His return to Laurens is welcomed by his many friends.

GRIST MILL AT BOYD'S

Will be Operated by the Reedy River Power Company.

In connection with its electric power plant, the Reedy River Power company has installed and will operate a first class grist mill. New rocks were bought and the mill is now ready for operation. This will be a great convenience for the people of that section and in view of the large corn crop the new mill will be able to do a big business. Home raised corn and home made meal from a pure cereal will "cut out" the spread of pellagra or any disease attributable to the use of unsound grain. In this city Messrs. Rodgers & Crews have been running a flour and grist mill successfully for several months, and in other parts of the county other mills have been started during the past year.

Annual Singing Convention.

The annual singing convention will be held at Holly Grove church next Sunday. The celebrated Holly Grove church choir will be assisted by members of other church choirs of the city and county, and the occasion is anticipated as an event of interest. The public is cordially invited to attend the exercises.

Mrs. Peterson Very Ill.

Mrs. Maggie Langston Peterson, widow of the late Mr. J. Wofford Peterson, is critically ill at her home on South Harper street. Since Sunday afternoon her condition has been very serious, and members of her family who reside out of Laurens have been summoned.

Mr. J. D. W. Watts Improving.

The many friends of Mr. John D. W. Watts are pleased to know that he is rapidly recovering from a severe case of malarial fever. He has been confined at his home more than three weeks, and for several days his condition was regarded as quite critical. However, he is now much improved and will soon be able to be out again.

Mr. Russell Roper Improving.

Mr. Herbert Roper returned to the city Monday from a visit to his brother, Mr. Russell Roper, who is slowly recovering from serious injuries received a month ago at Welch, W. Va. Over a week ago Mr. T. Mac. Roper, father of the young man, received a telegram from the hospital authorities to the effect that his son was not doing well and that his recovery appeared doubtful. It was because of this unfavorable news that Mr. Herbert Roper hastened to his brother. However, he found that he had rallied and when he left him Sunday he seemed to be getting on more satisfactorily than at any time since going to the hospital.

MINISTERIAL UNION MET.

Held Its Regular Meeting Last Monday Some Inspiring Talks.

The Laurens Ministerial Union held its regular meeting at the Chamber of Commerce room Monday morning October 3rd at 10 o'clock. In the absence of the president, Rev. C. F. Rankin, W. E. Thayer was elected to preside over the session. Revs. Brock, Roof, Barre, Stoudenmire, Mitchell, Hammett and Thayer spoke encouragingly of their respective efforts, Rev. Thayer stating that he had baptized 30 during the year and collected for benevolence over \$6,000, which is the best that his church has ever done.

Rev. Mr. Haydock of Pelzer also gave an inspiring talk on conditions at his church at Pelzer. Mr. Haydock preached at the Baptist church here last Sunday evening.

The Union was dismissed with prayer by Rev. W. E. Barro to meet again on Monday after first Sunday in November next.

MR. BABB'S SUCCESSOR.

Albert E. Sloan Appointed as Deputy to Clerk of the Court.

Clerk of Court John E. Bolt has appointed Mr. Albert E. Sloan as his deputy to succeed Capt. O. W. Babb, resigned. Mr. Sloan is a native of Newberry county but has been living in Laurens for ten or twelve years. He is very popular and has filled with entire satisfaction for a good many years the position of section boss in the weaving department at the Laurens cotton mills. He is president of the Laurens mill Democratic club and is otherwise identified with the public life of the town.

DEATH OF W. H. CULBERTSON.

Clinton Citizen Succumbs to Typhoid Fever After Brief Illness.

Clinton, October 4.—After a short illness, lasting only one week, Mr. W. H. Culbertson, died here Saturday afternoon at 7 o'clock of typhoid fever. During the few years Mr. Culbertson has been in Clinton he has made many friends who learned with grief of his death. While here he held the position of engineer of the city water and light plant. The only member of his immediate family is a sister, Mrs. Ophelia Boyd, of this place.

Mr. Culbertson was an active member of the local Masonic and Woodmen lodges. The Masons of Campbell Lodge No. 44, A. F. M. of this place, had charge of his funeral, which took place Sunday afternoon at 4 o'clock at the local cemetery.

Mr. Culbertson was originally from Ekou; and was about 45 years of age.

HURT IN RUNAWAY ACCIDENT.

A. Dial Gray Injured Last Night at Railroad Crossing.

Mr. A. Dial Gray, a prominent young business man of the city, was very painfully injured last night at 7 o'clock in a runaway accident on South Harper street. He had started home in his buggy, and just as he was leaving the square his horse became frightened and made a wild dash toward the railroad crossing. As it happened, a shifting freight train had backed upon the crossing, the rear car almost closing the driveway when Mr. Gray's team reached the crossing. But this did not check the horse and he plunged across, with the result that the buggy was hurled against the car, throwing Mr. Gray underneath the trucks.

Some bystanders rushed to his rescue and dragged him from under the train. He was at once taken to the residence of Mr. C. A. Power, nearby, where he received medical attention. Later he was removed to the home of his father, Mr. W. L. Gray, on Main street.

The full extent of his injuries could not be stated last night, but he received a number of painful bruises and suffered much from shock.

Sunday School Class Picnic.

Prof. B. L. Parkinson's Sunday school class went out Saturday for a picnic trip to Thompson Springs, and all enjoyed the outing immensely. The class is composed of the following girls: Misses Lucy and Nell Childress, Amelia Todd, Kathleen Wilkes, Mary Wilkes, Margurite Dunlap, Hattie Simpson and Gussie Miller.

U. D. C. Meets Tuesday, 11th.

There will be a meeting of the U. D. C. Kershaw chapter, U. D. C. next Tuesday the 11th, in the rooms of the Chamber of Commerce, beginning at 4 o'clock. An important part of the meeting will be the election of officers for the coming year and on this account a full attendance is desired.

MR. THOMAS F. RAY EXPIRED SUNDAY A. M.

Found Cold in Death by Members of the Family—Paralysis Assigned As Cause.

Mr. Thomas F. Ray, a most highly esteemed citizen and for several years a popular traveling salesman, died at his home here early Sunday morning, in the 58th year of his age. Paralysis was assigned as the cause.

Mr. Ray spent Saturday in Spartanburg on business, returning home late in the afternoon. Early in the night he suffered an attack of acute indigestion, caused, he supposed, by eating some watermelon while in Spartanburg. After midnight he became easier and at 3 o'clock fell asleep, members of the family retiring from his room then. At 7 o'clock Mrs. Ray went to his room and found him still asleep apparently. She did not attempt to arouse him. Presently the daughter went in to call him to breakfast and discovered that he was cold in death.

Mr. Ray had been a resident of Laurens since 1886, moving here from Newberry county, near Whittemore, where he was reared, his father being William Ray of that county. He married Miss Minnie A. Phillips of Laurens county, who with one daughter, Miss Irene Ray, and two sons, Clyde K. Ray of Laurens and Thomas F. Ray Jr., of Charlotte, survive. He also leaves two sisters, Mrs. J. Wade Anderson of this city and Mrs. Sabelle T. Brown of Clinton.

After coming to Laurens Mr. Ray was continuously engaged with different business firms as salesman and several years ago he accepted a traveling position, first with Fuller & Darlington of Laurens, and later with wholesale houses outside of Laurens. He had just completed arrangements to go back on the road this week, having been off during the summer recuperating the somewhat impaired condition of his health. Mr. Ray was well liked by all; he was a good friend and neighbor and will be greatly missed by a large circle of close friends. For his family there is deep sympathy felt by all the people of Laurens, and wherever the deceased was known.

The funeral and burial services were held Monday morning at the city cemetery, the Rev. Chas. F. Rankin, pastor of the First Presbyterian church of which the deceased was a member, conducting the services.

REORGANIZATION OF RED MEN.

Messrs. Klettner and Blease of Newberry Assist Local Men.

Otto Klettner, great sachem of South Carolina Red Men, and Cole L. Blease, past great sachem, both of Newberry, came to Laurens Saturday night for the purpose of assisting in the reorganization of the local tribe of Red Men. The meeting was held in the new hall at Watts Mills. Before going into the work of effecting the organization, Mr. Klettner and Governor-elect Blease made appropriate address, there being present a large crowd of citizens, quite a number going out from the city.

The new tribe, number 74, starts life again with a membership of about 75 Red Men. The election of officers resulted in the selection of the following: Dr. R. R. Walker, sachem; L. E. Bishop, senior sagamore; D. L. Boulware, junior sagamore; W. M. Powell, prophet; Pierce Irby, keeper of wampum; R. H. Donaldson, keeper of records.

Messrs. Klettner and Blease were accompanied by Messrs. Cannon G. Blease and W. Smith Langford.

Repairing Store Rooms.

Carpenters and other workmen are engaged in repairing the double store rooms of Kennedy Bros., recently occupied by J. L. Hopkins, and the room in the Robinson block, formerly occupied by managers of the cafe. Both these places were recently gutted by fire.

Copeland School Opens.

The present term of Copeland school opened Monday with Miss Jessie Trotter again in charge as teacher.

New Deputy Sheriff Busy.

The first official business of Deputy Sheriff S. C. Reid carried him to Key-ville, Fla., where he went Saturday to bring a negro prisoner, Arthur Love, here to Laurens where he will be tried for assault and battery, it being charged that he shot another negro at the Laurens depot about two years ago. He escaped and was captured in the Florida town some days ago.

FINE ADDRESSES AT THE UNVEILING

Impressive Ceremonies Witnessed By Thousands.

FOUR FINE ADDRESSES

Laurens County Unveils Confederate Monument in the Presence of Nearly 4,000 People.

In the presence of fully three thousand people, including one hundred and twenty five veterans and six hundred school children, the Confederate monument erected to the memory of Laurens county soldiers was on Wednesday unveiled after being formally presented to the county of Laurens by Governor Martin F. Ainsel in behalf of the J. B. Kershaw chapter, Daughters of the Confederacy, under whose auspices the exercises were held.

The speech of acceptance was delivered by Hon. R. A. Cooper of this city, who in behalf of the people of Laurens pledged the care and protection of the shaft which fittingly commemorates the valor of Laurens county heroes of the Southern Confederacy.

Speakers of the Day.

The Hon. C. C. Featherstone acted as master of ceremonies and made the address of welcome dwelling sympathetically upon the unpopularity of the occasion. The oration of the day was delivered by Dr. Lee Davis Lodge, president of Limestone college, and one of the most accomplished public speakers in this state. The invocation was offered by Rev. W. E. Thayer of Laurens. Preceding the exercises the veterans were given a ride about the city in automobiles there being over twenty machines in the procession.

Promptly at ten o'clock the Daughters and veterans assembled at the opera house and from there marched to the stand near the monument headed by the Newberry band, ten thirteen girls selected to unveil the monument and joined in the line of march by the school children and their teachers. It was a most imposing and inspiring scene and one of the notable features of the day. The stand was decorated and from all the stores and other buildings on the square flags and bunting were displayed in honor of the occasion. All stores, banks and offices closed during the ceremonies.

The battle flag so proudly carried at the head of the parade was that of the Third regiment, Kershaw's brigade, and bore the marks of at least one shell and possibly 30 minie balls. W. G. Peterson was possibly the only one present who had ever been detailed to act as color bearer for that standard under which so many men had given their lives.

The Monument.

Two scores years and five after Appomattox a granite shaft is erected to the memory of the Laurens county men and boys, numbering in all about three thousand, who went to the front in '61 and on through the succeeding years of the struggle between the North and the South. The ashes of hundreds of them repose in the sod of other states, many rest in the Laurens cemetery, while in almost every graveyard of the county there are to be found tombs marking the grave of Confederate soldiers. To these and the brave survivors, numbering less than three hundred, the handsome monument formally unveiled Wednesday is lovingly dedicated as a memorial fitting and sublime.

Young "Rebels."

The little "rebel" ladies who unveiled the monument 13 in number, representing the 13 Confederate States, were—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.

In connection with the children who unveiled the shaft it is interesting to note that Beaufort Ball Copeland, youngest of the thirteen, is a granddaughter of the late Col. B. W. Ball and great granddaughter of W. D. Watts, one of the signers of the ordinance of secession. She also participated in unveiling the monument at Cross Hill erected by B. W. Ball Chapter, U. D. C., some time ago.

On behalf of the Daughters of the

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