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IMPROVEMENT ON CEMETERY BEGINS

Civic League Doing a Great Work.

MATERIAL ORDERED

Handsome Stone Wall to be Erected Along North Harper Street. Net Wire Fence All Around.

The Laurens Civic League has taken up so actively and vigorously the task of improving conditions at the city cemetery that preliminary arrangements have been practically completed and in a very few days the actual work of enclosing and protecting and beautifying the graveyard will begin.

An enthusiastic meeting of the league committee of five, who are working with full authority from the trustees, was held Monday afternoon at the rooms of the Chamber of Commerce. At this meeting a general outline of the situation was carefully gone over; also a number of all-important details such as specifications (kindly drawn up by Mr. H. B. Humbert) covering the material and workmanship of the handsome four-foot rock wall which is to extend along the bottom of the embankment on the entire street front of about 900 feet.

Competitive bids will be asked for at once for constructing this wall; and it is probable that the contract therefor will contain a clause requiring an adequate bond for the satisfactory completion of the work within about 45 days from now.

Meanwhile the fencing and posts have been ordered, and ought to be here this week and all in place (with the gates swung and locked) in another week.

The league has deemed it proper to entirely separate all money donated for cemetery improvement from the organization's general fund; and, in pursuance of that plan, Mrs. H. K. Aiken has consented to act as special treasurer. All checks sent in payment of subscriptions to the cemetery fund should, therefore, be drawn to the order of Mrs. H. K. Aiken so as to avoid occasion for unnecessary endorsements.

The president of the Civic League particularly requests that each lady who has a subscription list will personally interview all the subscribers whose names appear thereon, to the end that when these lists are turned in to Mrs. Aiken at noon Friday, October 14th, as many as possible of the amounts subscribed may be properly marked "paid".

In order to save every one concerned as much trouble as possible, however, it is suggested that contributors not wait to be called on but that they mail their checks at once either to the members on whose lists their names appear on to the special treasurer direct.

It has not, of course, been possible in the limited time since this movement was launched to personally present the matter to anywhere near everybody in Laurens. Hence it is certain that very many who would naturally wish to subscribe have been quite unintentionally omitted. To all of these the Civic League desires particularly to make it known that every such omission has been purely inadvertent and accidental; and, further, that a check sent now to Mrs. Aiken will be duly appreciated.

Although the response to the call for donations has been so immediate and general that the success of the undertaking is already absolutely certain, such of the subscription lists as have been totaled up indicate that considerably more money must be raised right away if the initial work of enclosure is to be paid for as it is done. So, if any subscribers wish to increase the amounts of their contributions, they can rest assured that every cent of it will be used to the very best purpose in the world—namely, keeping clear of debt in commencing the performance of an important and sacred duty.

If it be found impracticable to individually acknowledge each contribution and thank each contributor by name, a consolidated letter of thanks, with the amount donated by each subscriber, will most probably be printed in the next issue of this paper.

It is the desire of the league that all possible contributions be actually paid in—either by check or in cash—within the next three days, and that all sub-

LAURENS LADIES TO HAVE BAZAAR

Ladies of the Methodist and Presbyterian Churches Making Preparations—Prizes to be Offered.

At a meeting held last Monday the ladies of the Methodist and Presbyterian churches decided to hold a bazaar sometime during the fall. It will probably take place on the 15th of November. Many handsome prizes are to be offered for the best scry-anthemums. These have not yet been selected but as soon as the committees are chosen for the purpose, a list will be made out and published.

RUSSEL ROPER SUCCEMBS.

Young Man Who Was Hurt in Railroad Accident in West Virginia.

The body of Mr. Russell Roper was brought to Laurens Monday from Welch, West Virginia, where his death occurred Saturday morning at a hospital as the result of injuries sustained about the first of September in a railroad accident. Yesterday the remains of the young man were taken out to Rabun Creek church for burial in the Roper family plot.

The deceased was only nineteen years of age and his untimely death is a great blow to his family and friends. He was a son of Mr. and Mrs. T. Mac Roper of this city whose friends deeply sympathize with them in their sorrow.

ENTERTAINMENT NEXT TUESDAY.

Given by the Ladies Aid Society in First Methodist Church.

Next Tuesday, October 18, the people of Laurens will have the pleasure of enjoying an evening of exceptionally fine music. Mrs. Chas. Spearman of Anderson and Mrs. Rug of Leesville have been secured by the Ladies Aid Society of the First Methodist church for an entertainment on that date. Mrs. Spearman, who is a niece of Mr. Wiley Willis, is well-known here where she has often delighted many with her wonderful playing of the organ. Her selections next Tuesday evening are anticipated with much pleasure by the music lovers of the city. Mrs. Rug, who will assist Mrs. Spearman, will give several vocal solos. Her fine voice, with its depth and cultivated tone has given her a wide reputation as a singer.

Besides selections from these two ladies there will be instrumental and vocal selections by local talent. There will be no admission fee but a free-will offering will be taken.

TO DISPOSE OF STOCK.

Brennecke & Co. to Sell Simmons' Stock in 14 Days.

The O. B. Simmons stock, which is now in the hands of Brennecke & Co., will be placed on the market next Friday morning at 10 o'clock. Mr. Brennecke says he is going to show the people of Laurens and surrounding country one of the greatest of mercantile events. The force of extra clerks are now arranging and marking the stock.

You will get an idea as to the value the company offers from the double page advertisement in this issue, which, by the way, appearing in red, makes it the most expensive and attractive ad that has ever before been published in a South Carolina weekly.

Arranging for the Fair.

Mr. John D. W. Watts, general superintendent of the State Fair association, goes to Columbia today to look after the final preparations for the annual fair, which opens October 31. Mr. Watts says that the prospects for a better and bigger fair than ever are good, and that exhibit room is now well high exhausted. He will carry down two car loads of exhibits and there will be an unusually large number of exhibitors from Laurens county this year. Mr. Watts will spend two days in Columbia this week.

Greenville Negro Hanged.

Bunk Sherard, the negro who killed Officer Waldrop at Piedmont some time ago, was hanged at Greenville last Friday. After killing the officer Sherard was hunted by a posse for a day and night, but was finally captured by the sheriff who sent the negro to Laurens for a few days, or until feeling against the murderer had subsided. The execution of Sherard was the first hanging in Greenville in seven years.

scription lists be completed and (in some event) delivered to Mrs. Aiken at noon of next Friday the fourteenth instant.

NEWS OF THE WEEK IN VERY LIVE TOWN

Improvement Work Goes Forward Steadily

TO HOLD FALL BAZAAR

One of the Coming Events is Unveiling of Confederate Monument, Probably Before Thanksgiving.

Clinton, October 11.—Miss Anne C. Burgess, who has been critically ill for over a month at the Thornwell Orphanage, was carried to a sanitarium in Sumter today for an operation. It is generally understood that the operation is a very serious one and the chances for her recovery are slight. Misses Sallie and Mammie Burgess and Miss Sallie Grant of Winthrop college and Messrs Joe and Plummer Burgess accompanied her.

Work is going on rapidly at the graded school building and there is every reason to expect that the addition will be completed early in December.

The contract has been given to a Charlotte architect for an alteration of the choir loft of the Presbyterian church. The change will be an improvement in appearance as well as convenience, the contract providing for cabinet finished wood-work to match the organ.

Mr. G. A. Ellis has rented his house to Mr. Koeck, an artist in the employ of Jacobs & Company.

Work will begin soon on the laying of sewer pipes in the Thornwell Orphanage grounds. This was provided for at the last meeting of the board.

Students continue to come to the Presbyterian college. A number have come during the past week.

Several fancy-work parties have been given the past week in preparation for the bazaar.

Some of the granite for the Confederate monument has been unloaded here.

The Daughters of the Revolution met with Mrs. Byrd Phillips last Thursday and elected Mrs. J. F. Jacobs to represent the Musgrove Mills chapter at Orangeburg. This chapter thanks to the exertions of its regent, Mrs. J. C. Davis, now has a "Real Daughter" on its roll, Mrs. Fannie Monroe of Goldville.

The downpour of rain last Friday prevented the Stephen D. Lee chapter U. D. C. from holding its regular meeting. This meeting was to have been a most important one.

The Thornwell Orphanage celebrated its birthday last Friday with a holiday and a picnic to "the River" for a number of the older pupils and teachers.

Miss Fronde Kennedy made a brief visit to Columbia last week.

The Ladies' Aid society of the First Presbyterian church met Monday afternoon to make final arrangements for the Bazaar. The dates set for this popular social occasion this year are the 9th and 10th of November. A strong effort will be made to make the chrysanthemum contest a strong feature again this year and the contest will be thrown open to all the ladies of Laurens county. Six prizes will be given for the best collection exhibited by one grower, for the best single specimen, for the largest number of blooms on a single stalk, for the handsomest white specimen, the handsomest pink and the handsomest yellow. Besides the chrysanthemums rooted bulbs and pot plants will be on sale at the bazaar.

Committees are already at work making pillows, bags, belts, handkerchiefs, fancy collars, baby clothes, doll dresses, and the other pretty things which are always for sale.

The usual turkey dinner and oyster suppers are being arranged for.

Besides the bazaar there will be two other festive occasions in Clinton this fall. The young people are interested in the tennis tournament and it will draw a number of visitors to the college set.

The unveiling of the Confederate monument will draw all classes and will be a red letter day in Clinton's history. The date has not been set for it yet but it is certain that it will be before Christmas, and probably before Thanksgiving. The monument will be about twenty-eight feet high, a plain shaft surmounted by a crown upholding a cannon ball. On the sides Confederate flags and suitable inscriptions will be placed. Four smaller cannon

THE BAPTISTS HOLD SESSION AT RABUN

Fourteenth Annual Association Last Week.

ATTENDANCE WAS LARGE

Many Excellent Addresses Heard and Interesting Papers Presented—Meets Next in Laurens.

The fourteenth annual meeting of the Laurens County Baptist association was held at Rabun Creek church last week, the sessions beginning Tuesday and continuing through Thursday. The association was organized for business with the election of Chas. B. Bobo, former clerk, as moderator; W. P. Culbertson, clerk, with B. L. Henderson, assistant; C. H. Roper, treasurer.

The introductory sermon was preached by Rev. A. T. Stougenfire of the Second Laurens church. Upon special invitation Rev. L. M. Roper of Spartanburg preached Tuesday night. The rest of the sessions was taken up with reports and the presentation of the different claims from the several departments under the control of the Baptists of the State.

Rev. A. T. Jamieson of Connie Maxwell orphanage addressed the body, as did Dr. Roper, representing the secretary of the State Mission board; Rev. T. J. Wat s, financial agent of the Baptist Theological Seminary, Louisville, and Rev. T. V. McCall of Clemson college who is trying to raise funds for a Baptist church at Clemson.

On Wednesday evening Rev. C. L. Fowler gave an illustrated lecture on his visit to the Holy Land.

The papers presented included the following:

Temperance—Rev. W. E. Thayer. Education—Rev. J. O. Martin. Home Missions—W. H. Drummond. Foreign Missions—Rev. J. A. Martin. Young People's Work—Rev. C. L. Fowler.

State Missions—Rev. B. P. Mitchell. Woman's Work—Prof. W. P. Culbertson.

Orphanage—Col. John H. Wharton. Aged Ministers—Thos. S. Langston. Sunday Schools—C. H. Roper. Twenty seven of the thirty churches embraced in the Laurens association were represented at this meeting and it is generally agreed that the sessions were the very best yet held by the association from every standpoint.

On invitation the association decided to meet next year with the First Baptist church of Laurens.

Annual Singing Convention.

The Holly Grove singing convention was held last Sunday, with a large crowd from the surrounding country in attendance. In addition to the song services, Rev. B. P. Mitchell preached an excellent sermon and altogether the day was one of the best the good people of that section have enjoyed lately. It might be mentioned that the features of the occasion were the solos by Miss Dora Roof of Leesville who is visiting her brother, Rev. D. R. Roof, and the fine singing of the Pea Ridge quartet. Dinner as usual was served on the grounds. A number from the city went out and joined in the celebration of the day.

Mr. Stobo Simpson Improving.

News yesterday from Mr. Stobo Simpson of Spartanburg who has been quite ill for the past week or so was to the effect that his condition was somewhat improved, which will be gratifying to his many Laurens friends.

Box Supper at Barksdale.

A box supper will be given Saturday night at the Barksdale school house for the benefit of the school. The public is invited.

Sheriff Owings Moves.

Sheriff John D. Owings now resides at the county jail, having moved in this week from his residence on South Harper street.

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balls will be placed on the corners of the pedestal. The cost will be \$1000, \$1000 of which is in hand or pledged. The Clinton Pharmacy is displaying these cannon balls in its windows and conducting a guessing contest, the proceeds to be devoted to the monument fund.

The Rev. C. L. Fowler conducted a series of meetings in the Baptist church last week.

NEGROES ENGAGE IN A GENERAL ROW

Bunch of Them Rounded up and Given Benefit of the Law—Other Mountville News.

Mountville, Oct. 11.—As a result of a general row at a negro frolic two weeks ago two miles below here, some have confessed to misdemeanor and paid fines imposed by Trial Justice Goodman; others have been bound over to court. Charges were made out against quite a number for gambling and shooting. Several shots were made during the engagement, one man making free use of a shot gun. Several wounds were inflicted but none very serious.

Mr. M. Workman and family who live four miles below Mountville, have the sympathy of the community in the affliction which has come to them through the critical sickness of a little son. He has a throat trouble which has necessitated surgical treatment at the hospital in Columbia, but his improvement is not sufficient to bring hopeful relief.

Several of our people attended the funeral of Mr. Sam Denny, which was held at Waterloo Sunday. Mr. Denny was a brother of Mrs. W. R. Crisp of this place and was well known here.

Mrs. J. L. Fellers and little granddaughter, Ruth Crisp have returned from a prolonged stay at Grover, N. C. and Richmond, Va. Mrs. Fellers spent several weeks with her daughter Mrs. Lucy Crisp, at Grover and some time with her son, Heber, at Richmond. Messrs M. B. Crisp and W. P. Culbertson attended the meeting of the Laurens association at Rabun last week and report a large gathering and a good meeting.

Mrs. J. C. Cook and daughter, Julia, have returned from several months' visit to relatives in Illinois.

MRS. MAGGIE L. PETERSON.

Passing of a Most Estimable Woman Mourned by All.

After an illness of a little more than a week, Mrs. Maggie Langston Peterson, passed away Sunday night at her home on South Harper street. Though her death had been expected for several days, the announcement of the final dissolution caused deep and general sorrow to her friends and relatives in the city and county, and there is much sympathy for those of her family left behind to mourn her departure.

On Monday afternoon the funeral was held at the First Methodist church, the simple service being conducted by the Rev. L. P. McGee, pastor, assisted by Rev. W. E. Thayer of the Baptist church. Interment was made in the city cemetery, there being present at both services a large assembly of friends and relatives of the family.

Mrs. Peterson was the widow of the late J. Wofford Peterson and a daughter of John Langston, a very prominent citizen of Laurens county in his day. She was 62 years old in September and is survived by the following children: Misses Maggie, Nannie, Mary and Lillian Peterson; Messrs Thos. E. and Grover Peterson of Mississippi, John H. Peterson, clerk of the city council, and B. G. Peterson, manager of the Union-Buttalo mills store at Union. Also surviving the deceased are two brothers, Messrs John T. Langston of Laurens and Lee A. Langston of Darlington, and one sister, Mrs. W. J. Donnan of the county.

GOES TO DARLINGTON.

Mr. W. J. Sloan Gives up Position at Laurens Cotton Mill.

Mr. William J. Sloan, for the past five years timekeeper at the Laurens cotton mills, leaves today for Darlington where he has accepted the position of bookkeeper for the Darlington Manufacturing company. Mr. Sloan is a capable and efficient office man besides being a very fine fiddler, genial and big hearted. His many friends in Laurens regret that his change of business means the removal from the city of himself and wife, for both are very popular here.

Most of his work at the Laurens mills will now devolve upon Mr. Clyde Martin the popular cloth room manager.

Call New Pastor.

Rev. J. L. Bazel of Inman has been called to the pastorate of Chestnut Ridge and Waterloo Baptist churches, and it is understood that the church committee has recommended that he be invited to the charge of Rabun Creek.

JIM DAVIS FOUND GUILTY OF MURDER

Convicted Yesterday in Special Session Court

DAVIS DIDN'T TESTIFY

Special Judge J. H. Marion of Chester Convened the Court Monday Morning.

Jim Davis, the negro charged with complicity in the murder of Ida McCoy Nelson, was yesterday found guilty, and unless his sentence is commuted or his attorneys get a new trial in which a different verdict is rendered, Davis will pay the death penalty for his crime. Sentence was not passed yesterday, pending notice of a motion for a new trial given by counsel for the defendant.

The case of Davis took up most of yesterday's session. He was represented by Messrs T. C. Turner and W. B. Knight, appointed by the court to conduct the defense. Davis was specifically charged in the indictment with the murder of Ida Nelson, though in the course of the trial it was brought out that he had repeatedly stated to different parties, including the sheriff, since the killing, that he was with Claude Ferguson on the night in March last when Ida McCoy Nelson, Tony Leaman and Alex Ray were shot to death. All parties were negroes and the wholesale killing occurred near Parks Station. Davis was "soured" of Ferguson, and after doing their deadly work at the Nelson woman's house, Leaman having been shot dead in her cabin, the two murderers, according to Davis' "confession", went directly to Alex Ray's house, a mile distant, called Ray to the door and poured a load of shot into him, Ferguson doing the "talking" and Jim Davis the shooting. But Davis was convicted of the murder of the Nelson woman. A number of witnesses were put up by the State and the trial was followed by a large crowd. The defendant was not placed on the witness stand, nor was there any evidence offered in his behalf.

Ferguson, the alleged arch conspirator and red-handed murderer, has never been apprehended.

The special term of the criminal court was convened Monday morning by Special Judge J. H. Marion of the Chester bar. The grand jury reported Monday and passed on the bills handed in by the solicitor, finishing the business in the afternoon. Stenographer Deal of Columbia is here in place of Mr. Aull of Newberry who had to be at Abbeville this week.

During the day several minor cases were heard. Will Hughes pleaded guilty to the charge of violating the dispensary law and was fined \$100 which he paid.

A case that attracted more than passing interest was that of Mack Money, a 14-year old white lad, who pleaded guilty to housebreaking and larceny. He had no counsel. Judge Marion sent him to the State reformatory until he becomes twenty one years of age. The law tender reporter of The Advertiser, after reports had been passed on him, that he was born in Greenville, Miss., and married in Atlanta where his mother was residing, his father being dead. The case he pleaded guilty of was committed at Remo in September.

Late yesterday afternoon a young Harrier, colored, was tried on charges of violating the dispensary laws of the State.

FOOTBALL FRIDAY.

Laurens School Team Will Clash With Greenwood.

The first gridiron battle of the season in Laurens will be played next Friday, the 14th, when the husky Laurens High school eleven intends to put a few kinks in the gritty Greenwood gang. Both teams have been hard at work since schools opened, punching the planks, tackling high and low and doing other stunts necessary to the football player.

The two teams are evenly matched in weight and experience and the game promises to be lively from the first trot of the referee's whistle to the end of the last quarter. The admission will be 15 and 25 cents. The game will begin at 2:30.

Mr. J. M. Smith of Waterloo was in the city Friday.