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POSTAL SAVINGS BANK TO BE OPENED HERE

Laurens Post Office Designated by Department.

SMALL INTEREST RATES ALLOWED ON DEPOSITS

In Carrying out his Policy of Extending the Postal Banks System Over the United States Postmaster General Hitchcock has Ordered one Opened at Laurens.

While Postmaster Hicks, several members of the Chamber of Commerce and others were straining every nerve to get the city mail delivery, the new Post Office building and most anything else that was likely to be turned loose free up at Washington, Postmaster General Hitchcock took a running start and planked down a postal savings bank here right before everybody's eyes before anybody could say "Jack-frost." The move of the Postmaster General was what the expectant lover would term as "so sudden" that before the town could recover from its surprise it had already said "yes."

To be a little shorter Laurens is going to have a postal savings bank, something like that one at Newberry but a little more prosperous. Postmaster General Hitchcock has been trying out the plan on a large number of cities within the past year and he has considered them successful enough to locate them in many other places. Within the past few weeks a great many post offices have been so designated and judging from the rapidity with which they are still being distributed around they will soon be spread all over the country. No money goes with them however. One of the objects of the postal savings bank, as stated by the advocates of the system, is to bring out from secluded places that large horde of money which is kept by those skeptical people who will not trust the prevailing banks. In this way it is hoped to get this money into use so that it will be of some real service in developing the country's resources. The banks are especially provided for the foreign element, which seems suspicious of the nation's present banking system and which does not make use of the capital which they have laid aside. In other respects it will serve the usual purposes as the private banks. A small per cent interest is paid on deposits.

Postmaster Hicks went to Newberry Monday to look over the postal bank down there and to get on to the details of how to run it. In speaking of the new post office building, Mr. Hicks states that he has received a telegram calling for a few statistics as to the lot. The inquiry was couched in such terms as to lead him to believe that the architects are busy at work on the plans and that it will not now be long before the contract will be advertised.

Charence Reid Injured.

Deputy Sheriff Clarence Reid met with a painful, though not a serious accident Friday afternoon, when his pistol dropped out of his pocket and exploded, the bullet entering the calf of his left leg. Mr. Reid had just come out of the sheriff's office where he had been sitting down. His "artillery" must have slipped up considerably, for when he went to go out of the court house door it fell out, striking the stone steps. When the report was heard and Mr. Reid was seen to be wounded, a number of men who were standing near by rushed up and aided him. Medical assistance was rendered and he is now steadily improving. In several days he will probably be on the street again.

A Laurens Woman Honored.

Miss Lola Todd has just completed a two year training course at Roper Hospital. On account of her excellent services, splendid ability and high esteem in which she is held by the Trustees of Roper Hospital, she has been asked to accept a position there as night Superintendent. Miss Todd's many friends both in Laurens and Charleston will not be surprised to learn of her honored position, for she is known by her amiable disposition and splendid judgment. Her friends predict for her a brilliant future.

GRAND CHAPTER TO MEET HERE

Eastern Star to Hold Meeting Here Three Days During Week Beginning June 18th.

The Grand Chapter of the Eastern Star, State of South Carolina, will hold its annual meeting here beginning the 19th of June. It is expected that over a hundred delegates will be present. The members of the local chapter are already making preparations for this event and visiting delegates will be given a royal time.

In addition to the high ranking officers from this state, a number of officers "high up" in the constellation will be present.

WILLIAM J. BRYAN COMING.

Lecture Will be Given in School Auditorium Instead of Opera House.

The time is fast approaching when W. J. Bryan, "The Peerless Leader" will be here. He is coming Saturday night, June 17th and his lecture will be his most famous one, "The Prince of Peace."



W. J. Bryan.

Reserved seat tickets will be placed on sale this coming Saturday at the Palmetto Drug Store. As a large number of out-of-town people are expected, special provisions will be made to give prompt attention to mail orders.

Had His Arm Cut Off.

Cornell Hunter, colored, had a rather rude awakening Sunday morning about three o'clock; more than that he lost one of his arms, and thereby banked his tale of woe. Journeying homeward way after midnight by way of the railroad track of the C. & W. C., toward Watts Mills, Cornell, tired out from the day's work and more or less overcome by the night's excitement, etc., fell asleep on the track. Just how long he slumbered can not be stated with any degree of accuracy, but about three A. M., a locomotive, having occasion to pass in that direction, crashed into the man, cutting off an arm only a few inches from the shoulder. Dr. Hughes, local surgeon for the railroad, attended the injured man and made him as comfortable as possible.

Another Raid on Gamblers.

Cross Hill, S. C., June 5.—Rural Police Lowe and Madden, assisted by J. T. Watts and Willie Madden, on Saturday night, June 3rd about 12 o'clock ran into a bunch of gamblers in the public highway about 400 yards south of Tom Shaw's, and caught one negro. They captured one Davis & Roper coat, 20 cents in money, one deck of cards, one 1-2 pint of whiskey and got the names of six of the negroes. There was about ten in the bunch.

New Repair Shop.

Mr. E. C. F. Becker, a recent resident of Milledgeville, Ga., has moved to Laurens and opened up a general repair shop near Gray & Easterby's lumber yards. Mr. H. E. Gray, who was instrumental in having Mr. Becker move to Laurens in writing of him says that he is first class workman in every particular and has the tools and the knowledge to do any kind of repair work in the very best manner.

DR. G. C. ALBRIGHT CHOSEN PRESIDENT

After Election of Officers, Piedmont Dental Association Tendered Banquet.

The Piedmont Dental Association adjourned its quarterly meeting Wednesday night, following a business session in which the election of officers for the ensuing year was gone into and an enjoyable banquet tendered the visitors by the local dentists.

The following officers were elected: President, Dr. G. C. Albright, Laurens; vice president, Dr. Frank Ferguson, Greenville; secretary and treasurer, Dr. W. B. Simmons, Piedmont. The next place of meeting will be Spartanburg some time in the early fall.

A question of great importance to the dentists and one that is of most general interest to the public was discussed Wednesday afternoon, when the examination of school children's teeth was fully gone into. Drs. Chisolm and Ferguson lead in this discussion, and many interesting points were brought out showing the need of such examinations. No definite plan was settled upon, however, as to how this work should be taken up.

The crowning event of the session, from a social standpoint, came Wednesday night when the banquet to the visiting dentists was given at Bate's Dining Hall. Besides the dentists themselves, a number of local people had been invited, and the evening was pleasantly spent at the banquet board. Dr. J. P. Carlisle acted as toast master, and introduced the speakers as follows:

"The Supply Man," responded to by Mr. Stanbury, of Atlanta.

"The Useful Man," responded to by the Hon. R. A. Cooper, of Laurens.

"The Medicine Man," responded to by Dr. R. E. Hughes, of Laurens.

"The Hard Worked Man," responded to by Dr. F. W. Eubanks.

"The Help Meet of Man," by Dr. W. D. Ferguson, of Laurens.

"The Business Man," by Dr. H. K. Alken, of Laurens.

It was the general opinion of a number of the dentists that this was one of the most enjoyable as well as profitable meetings that the Association has yet held, the local dentists having spared no pains to make it a success. These meetings are proving of great benefit, professionally, besides furnishing an occasion when the men can get together in brotherly friendship and keep in direct touch with each other.

JUNE TERM CRIMINAL COURT.

Session Convenes Monday, June 19. With Judge Ernest Gary on the Bench.

The June term of General Sessions court for Laurens County will be convened Monday, June 19. The session will be held by Judge Ernest Gary. The docket at this time does not contain a single murder charge, a circumstance without a parallel in the recent history of the county, so far as the records show. However, there will be quite a number of indictments in minor cases for the court which will be in session only one week, provided there is enough business.

Because of a discovered irregularity in drawing the jurors for the term by the jury commissioners several days ago, a new venire was drawn Monday, June 5, as follows:

Laurens Township—J. E. Philpot, J. A. P. Moore, M. L. Nash, E. B. Tompkins, J. L. McClintock, J. A. Worford.

Dials—R. L. Gray, J. C. Smith, C. M. Wolff, Robt. C. Owings, Jno. P. Gray.

Youngs—Y. A. Edwards, John L. Jones, G. J. Lanford, W. W. Burdette, Scuffletown—L. F. Nabors.

Hunter—R. E. Copeland, R. J. McCrary, C. C. Bailey, J. A. Bailey, D. R. Crawford, J. Rhett Copeland, John H. Hipp, W. R. Crisp.

Jacks—W. L. Weir. Cross Hill—J. H. Dukes, R. W. Brown.

Waterloo—J. F. Burton, J. L. Anderson, B. M. Latimer, J. E. Martin. Sullivan—A. J. Traynham, J. H. Carlisle, J. M. Childress, R. E. Taylor, W. A. Traynham.

Meeting of D. A. R.

The daughters of the American Revolution will hold a meeting Friday afternoon at the home of Mrs. Perry Simpson. The meeting will be called to order at 5 o'clock, at which time all of the members are requested to be present.

FOUNTAIN INN CHARMED WITH "THE NAZARENE"

Beautiful Cantata Sung in the Border Town by Laurens Talent Before a Large and Appreciative Audience.

Quite a handsome battery of touring cars left the city last Friday afternoon from 5:30 p. m., at 3 minute intervals, carrying 49 persons. Of these, 26 were to sing the cantata, taking the following parts:

Director, Chas. H. Hicks. Accompanist, Mrs. C. H. Hicks. Sopranos.

Misses Annie Richey, Jennie Shealey, Mary Todd, Wallace, Mathews, Emmie Ming, Henry Wright, Mrs. R. A. Babb, Mrs. J. H. Teague.

Tenors.

Messrs. R. G. Franks, Ed. Hicks, J. N. Richardson, Jno. D. Childress, W. R. McCuen.

Altos.

Mesdames H. K. Aiken, W. P. Thomason, W. H. Anderson, Misses Nannie Bramblett, Addie Shealey.

Basses.

Messrs. E. H. Wilkes, J. N. Wright, Jno. Hicks, C. H. Gasque, Jack McCrary.

The time to Fountain Inn varied from 50 to 60 minutes for all the cars and road conditions were good.

The people of our prosperous neighboring town had spread an elegant supper on the lawn near their handsome school building and the tourists did full justice to the twilight picnic. The singers were never in better voice than on this occasion and the music-lovers of Fountain Inn were generous in their praises.

Quite a nice sum was realized from the door receipts, these being divided with the Ladies' Aid Society of the Methodist church there. Practice and hard work on the part of director and members of the caste has improved the work since this number was rendered here and they give a performance that is highly creditable. So successful and pleasant was this trip that similar jaunts to nearby points are being considered, the next in all probability, being Woodruff.

Laurens Boy Won.

J. Henry Simpson, of the Poplar Springs section of this county, won the "Improvement Medal" in the Philosophical Society of Furman University recently. This is a highly coveted honor and shows that this young Laurens county boy is doing well at Furman. He is also one of four members of Furman who will compete for the "Wharton Medal" given by Mr. W. Carl Wharton of this county, for the best declaimer. It is said that he stands a fine chance of winning this honor also.

THE GREAT CONTEST TO CLOSE TO-NIGHT

All Ballots Should be in the Post Office in Time to be Stamped Tonight.

The great contest, which has been conducted by the Augusta Chronicle and a number of weekly papers, this one included, will come to a close to-night in a great whirlwind of votes. Because the Contest Department did not have the votes in shape to publish yesterday, we cannot give them today.

Since today is the last chance of the contestants, it should not by any means be the least fruitful one. A number of contestants feel sure that they are already in a position to win one of the Chronicle prizes or one of the county prizes. They feel that they have got one of them "cinched," so to speak. As a matter of fact, they have no grounds for any such thought, for there is no telling how many votes another candidate may have. Do not allow one of those beautiful prizes to get away from you at the last moment just because you failed to work the last day. That very last subscription might turn the balance in your favor while if you failed to get that subscription you might fall to win a single prize. There is only one day left to work in. The chance is open to get a large number of subscriptions today. Don't give up the ship.

The Advertiser will notify the winning candidates by mail or telephone just as soon as the count is decided.

Real Estate Transfers.

Bishop & Wolf have just closed a deal by which four lots on Todd and Farley streets, formerly belonging to Capt. H. B. Humbert, were sold to Mr. L. W. Martin. The selling price is not stated.

MR. J. O. C. FLEMING CALLED TO HIS REWARD

Laurens Shocked Last Night by the News of His Death, Which was Unexpected.

Just as we are going to press the news reaches us of the death of Mr. J. O. C. Fleming, one of the city's and county's most prominent citizens. Mr. Fleming had been in declining health for several weeks and although it was thought that his condition was very serious, his death came as a distinct shock.

Mr. Fleming was about 67 years of age. He is survived by his wife, who was a Miss Todd, and three children, Charles, Jeannie and Caroline. Only about a year ago he was called to grieve the death of his eldest child, Samuel, who died suddenly at Davidson College.

It is impossible to say at this time when the funeral will be held.

INSPECTION MADE FOR FREE DELIVERY

Government Agent in the City to See if Requirements had Been Met With in the Numbering of Streets and Houses.

Mr. Geo. N. Brown, of Columbia, was in the city last week inspecting the city street signs, house numbers and other things for the Post Office Department in order to make a report as to the advisability of installing a free delivery in Laurens. Postmaster Hicks drove Mr. Brown over the city and showed him what had been done.

Mr. Brown found it necessary to visit a number of business houses in the city in order to get information on different matters. Although he has not made his report yet and did not have anything definite to say on the matter, it is generally understood that he will recommend that the system be put in and that at least two carries be employed. However, Postmaster Hicks thinks that the city really will find need for three and he will take up the matter further with the department and try to have three put on at the very first.

OPERA HOUSE CHANGES HANDS.

Mr. H. B. Grant, who has been conducting a Moving Picture Show, Transfers His Lease.

Mr. H. B. Grant, who has been conducting the Desland Theatre for several months, has sold out his interest to Mr. Charlie Amos, who has been assisting him since he has been here. The moving picture shows will continue as before.

The departure of Mr. Grant will be regretted by a large number of people here for he had made a great many friends. He was always very liberal in aiding any charitable cause by dividing receipts at different performances and although at times it might not have been convenient it can be safely said that he did not refuse a single request of this kind.

Mr. Charlie Amos, who will now take charge, has been running the machine since he has been here and is thoroughly in touch with the business and he will continue running the theatre in the same manner that it has been run before.

Parlor Car Service.

The C. & W. C. R. will put on a double daily parlor car service beginning the 21st of this month. During the summer months heretofore only a daily service has been run but the increased travel over this road calls for this extra service. This means that a parlor car will leave Augusta every day and one will leave Asheville every day making connections at Spartanburg for both points without the necessity of changing cars.

Mrs. Lucy Barksdale Evans.

After an illness of several weeks, Mrs. Lucy Barksdale Evans, wife of Prof. Frank Evans, superintendent of the Spartanburg graded schools, died at a Columbia hospital Monday. On Monday evening the body was brought to Laurens, accompanied by members of the family. At 10 o'clock yesterday morning the funeral and burial services, conducted by Rev. W. E. Thayer and Rev. C. F. Rankin, were held at the Barksdale burying grounds, two miles west of the city.

The deceased was the daughter of the late Dr. John A. Barksdale and Mrs. Mary Barksdale. She is survived by her husband and two children, besides four brothers of this city, Messrs. C. D., J. A., W. J. and A. D. Barksdale.

NEWS OF THE WEEK IN TOWN OF CLINTON

College Commencements Overshadow Everything.

PERSONAL PARAGRAPHS ON POPULAR PEOPLE

Rev. Dr. H. A. White Preached an Eloquent Sermon at the Presbyterian Church—Social Affairs of Much Interest to a Large Number of People.

Clinton, June 5.—College commencement is overshadowing everything else in town this week. The week's program is as follows.

Sunday, June 4, 11 a. m.—Baccalaureate sermon by Rev. Henry Alexander White, D. D., of Columbia; 8:30 p. m., sermon before Y. M. C. A. by Rev. J. M. Holladay, D. D., of Winnsboro.

Monday, June 5, 3 p. m.—Meeting of executive committee of board of trustees; 8:30 p. m., debaters' contest.

Tuesday, June 6, 10 a. m.—Meeting of Alumni association; 8:50 p. m., declaimers' contest.

Wednesday, June 7, 10 a. m.—Commencement exercises, address by Prof. Geo. A. Wauchope, Ph. D., of University of South Carolina.

The Presbyterian church was filled on Sunday morning to hear the Rev. Dr. H. A. White of Columbia. He chose as his text Paul's speech to King Agrippa: "I was not disobedient unto the heavenly vision." The sermon was a very able one. The College Glee club took the place of the regular church choir and the seats in the main body of the church were reserved for the student body.

On Sunday evening the Rev. J. M. Holladay of Winnsboro preached the annual sermon before the Y. M. C. A. on the life of Jesus. His text being, "Love one another."

Invitations were issued next week by the Rev. Dr. and Mrs. W. R. Hain to the marriage of their daughter, Katherine Louise, to Prof. Rowland Graham, Jr. The marriage will take place in the First Presbyterian church on the evening of June 11th at 8 o'clock and will be followed by a reception.

Several social affairs have already been given in honor of the bride-elect. Wednesday evening Miss Tallulah Neville entertained a dozen intimate friends for her at a lovely dinner Saturday afternoon. Miss Frances Kennedy entertained the Aetna Book club, the occasion taking the form of a "miscellaneous show" and some lovely gifts of honor. Miss Clara Duckett has issued invitations for a dinner party for the members of the bridal party next Tuesday evening.

The graded school closing exercises will be held in the new auditorium on Thursday and Friday evenings of this week. The graduating class is composed of the following: Misses Arle Shands, Virginia Owens, Leola Vahle, Davidson, Willie Austin, Julia Dancy, Thelma Johnson, Walter McEdden. These young people receive their certificates on Thursday evening. An old fashioned school entertainment will be given Friday evening.

Among the parties of the week were those given by Mrs. J. I. Copeland for the college seniors and by Miss Mollie Manson for the Orphanage seniors.

Misses Garvin entertained for their cousin, Miss Conyers, of Manning, who was to be their guest for commencement, but was hindered by illness from coming. The Misses Neville entertained on Saturday evening. Miss Tallulah Neville entertained the graded school teachers Tuesday evening.

Mrs. A. M. Copeland entertained the Friendly Dozen Tuesday afternoon. The German club has issued invitations for a dance for Wednesday evening.

Hollams-Richardson

The announcement has been made at Gray Court, which will be of interest to a large circle of friends of the young couple.

Mr. and Mrs. J. R. Hollams announced the approaching marriage of their daughter, Beulah, to Mr. Charles Thomson Richardson, of Pinewood, South Carolina, on Wednesday morning, June the fourteenth, nineteen hundred and eleven. "Mountain View", Gray Court, South Carolina.