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INTERESTING ITEMS FROM THE COUNTY

News Letters From Many Sections.

CORRESPONDENTS GIVE LOCAL NEWS

Happenings of Interest to Many People all over the County and to Those Who Have Left the Family Hearthstone and gone to Other States.

Mountville, Aug. 14.—We were glad to see at Harris Springs a few days ago Prof. Glenn Parrott of Cross Hill. He is using his summer vacation as a profitable way as bookkeeper for the Springs Company. In September he will move to Whitesburg, Ga., where he will have charge of a splendid Graded School. Mr. Parrott has been at Cross Hill for two years and has done a good work there.

Last Wednesday a light hasty rain accompanied by wind and hail visited a small section here. The hail fell in large blocks but slowly. No damage was done save the beating off of some foliage from the growing crops.

Mr. Claud Goodman had his motorcycle badly wrecked near Laurens one day last week. He had been to the city and was starting home, when the machine exploded. He himself escaped any hurt.

Miss Mary Wilkes of Laurens recently spent several days here as a pleasant guest of Miss Edith Teague.

Miss Marie Teague has returned from a very pleasant visit to friends at Greenwood.

Mr. B. R. Fuller of the firm of Rasor & Fuller left Sunday for a trip to Baltimore and other places of interest.

The largest watermelon we have ever seen was raised this year by Mr. Frank Walker near Ekorn. Mr. Walker lives on Mr. A. B. Culbertson's farm on which the melon was grown. We did not learn the variety of the melon, but by measurement we found it 2 feet, 3 inches in length and 2 feet 8 inches in circumference at the middle. It weighs 56 pounds. Hoke Smith has but little of which he can boast his 58 pounder grown by a Georgia farmer.

Messrs. Frank Vaughan and Johnson of Union county are visiting their friends, Charley and Robert Thornton.

Rev. Mr. Grier, a young minister of Due West, preached at Head Springs, A. R. P. church Sunday morning and at Mountville Presbyterian church Sunday evening.

Mrs. Lucy Crisp and little Ruth of Grover, N. C., are here with parents and other relatives.

Cross Hill, Aug. 15.—Two persons in town last Tuesday seemed to be strangers. They appeared to be white people. Upon enquiry, it was learned that they were mother and daughter. The mother was a white woman and the daughter an octoroon. The husband and father is a mulatto. They belong to a family of white people who intermarried with negroes before the law forbidding such marriages was passed. The younger woman, though at least an octoroon could pass for a white person. They live several miles west of here.

One of the lady teachers elected to teach in the school here has declined and Miss Wilma Ramey of this place was unanimously elected to the place. Miss Ramey is a graduate of the Columbia Female College and is well qualified for the position.

Miss Rhidora Owens has accepted a position to teach the Vaughnville school and Miss Kate Austin has been elected to a position in the High school at McCormick, S. C. Miss Sara Beeks has been elected teacher in the Johnston High School and Miss Blanche Ineson will teach again at Youngs.

Messrs. C. D. Nance, Lambert Nance and J. O. Dendy spent a few days in Atlanta last week making the trip by automobile.

Dr. and Mrs. R. C. Davenport of Augusta are with relatives in town.

Master Eldridge McSwain of Newberry is with his grandmother, Mrs. Janie McSwain.

Mrs. J. D. Beeks and children are visiting relatives in Abbeville.

There will be an election for cotton

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VACATION DAYS ARE ALMOST OVER

Prof. B. L. Jones Announces that School Will Open on the Eleventh Day of September.

Not quite a month now remains before the school children will again be enjoying the pleasures (?) of study. Supt. B. L. Jones was in the city Saturday and announced that the Laurens City Schools would be open for business at the same old stand on Monday the eleventh day of September. This will certainly be glad news to the children. Indeed.

The coming session promises to be a very profitable one. The trustees have selected a very able corps of teachers, a large number of whom were with the school last year. With the nucleus of these old (?) teachers to work with and with the other teachers which Supt. Jones thinks are very able ones, the school will doubtless do very fine work.

The Graded School Lyceum, which proved such an attraction and which was such a financial success will be run in the same high order as last year. Mr. Jones confidently hopes to have the best series of attractions that he has yet had. Several of the most popular attractions of last season have been procured for the coming season. Among them is the Skovgaard, (pronounced incorrectly Skovgard) Concert Party, which drew and pleased a packed house last year.

DAM VIEW INN.

Campers Having a Big Time at Boyds Mill Boating, Swimming, Riding and Courting.

According to the latest bulletins received from Boyds Mill, the campers there have put into practice the most perfectly organized system of court-ing ever known in these parts. From all accounts Cupid seems to be having the biggest time of anybody in the whole crowd. Of course the party is doing some boating, swimming, horse-back and automobile riding, but all of these pleasures are secondary to the main idea already suggested.

The camp has been given a very appropriate name and a piece of paste board tacked up on the side of a tree to register names of visitors. Dam View Inn is the name of the camping place and up until Sunday afternoon, almost forty guests had registered their names. Some of these are camping at the Inn while others are only transient guests. Here is the roll call as found on the register:
Copeland Henderson, Jess Wolff, Mr. and Mrs. E. D. Langston, Mr. and Mrs. C. H. Hicks, Mr. and Mrs. H. D. Gray, Mrs. A. H. Sanders, Miss Katherine Hicks, Miss Allene Franks, J. E. Hicks, Dr. R. E. Hughes, Dr. W. D. Ferguson, E. S. Hudgens, Earle Wilson, Dick Childress, Clarence Nelson, Tom Lake, Grover Richey, Guy Elledge, W. J. Elledge, J. N. Elledge, Mrs. J. H. Teague, E. E. Watkins, Mr. Baldwin, Donalds, S. C., Boyce E. Wolf, Washington, D. C., Mrs. S. H. Johnson, St. George, S. C., Olin Barre, John Graham Avie Mahaffey, S. E. Elledge, Mrs. M. L. Roper, Hesse McCarterly, Hatton Wilson, Mrs. Jno. A. Franks, Chas. B. Franks, Martha Franks, Jack McCravy, Harvey Johnson, Spartanburg, S. C.

Elected Vice President.

Postmaster Chas. H. Hicks has returned from Glenn Springs where he attended the South Carolina Postmasters Convention. Mr. Hicks took a prominent part in the convention and when the time for election of officers came, he took down the office of Second Vice President. This was the first convention that Mr. Hicks has attended, his election to this office thus coming as quite a complement to him.

Dr. Schayer Returned.

Dr. Isadore Schayer, who has been taking a special course in the hospitals in New York, has returned home. Dr. Schayer says that on account of the fact that he has just returned from a long stay in the North he will be unable to avail himself of Gov. Bleasdale's kind invitation to be a member of the South Carolina delegation to the Convention of Military Surgeons, which is to be held at Indianapolis at an early date.

Off to the Northern Markets.

Mr. W. G. Wilson will leave today for the North, making special stops in Baltimore and New York to buy his line of fall goods. Mr. Wilson will be gone about two weeks.



Laurens County's Remodeled Court House. —Courtesy of The State.

With the beginning of the destruction Monday morning of a few portions of the building that will not be a part of the new, Laurens county began the expenditure of \$41,000 on the remodeling of its old Court House. The old building as it stood, though greatly scarred by use and the elements, was a handsome and well-proportioned edifice and the sum that the county has given for its improvement will make it one of the most attractive in the state. Messrs. Mashburn and Rounds who are in charge of the work are well known contractors of Augusta, with the reputation of possessing the "know-how" and the energy to handle the job in the right way. Mr. Rounds and his two sons will remain in Laurens to oversee the work.

There will not be a very great change in the general outline of the old model. The main change will be the two wings added to the east and the west sides. These wings will extend about twelve feet out from the old walls and will be twenty one feet in width, rising to a height of two stories. There will be several changes of importance on the interior. The auditors office will consist of the room now occupied by him and also the room next to his in the east wing. The new room from the south west wing will be added to the clerk of courts present suite and they will be occupied by that officer. The sheriff will have his old room plus the room in the south west wing. In like manner the north west wing will be added to the suite now occupied by the Judge of Probate. Supervisor Humbert will occupy the room formerly used by the Superintendent of Education together with a portion of the building now used by the sheriff. Supt. Pitts will be heaved across the hallway into what is now the treasurers office and part of the probates office. There will be a few changes on the second floor, being mostly in the way of overhauling the walls and ceilings. Both the upper and lower floors will be of re-inforced concrete covered by oak flooring.

Where to Find the Officials Now.

Supervisor Humbert has scattered the county officials around the square and fitted them up in pretty good shape for their temporary stay. The location of the different officials is as follows:

Probate Judge—upper floor of Loan and Exchange Bank building in the rear; Sheriff—second story Barksdale building; Treasurer and Auditor—first floor Barksdale building; Supt. of Education and Supervisor—second floor Dial-Gray building; Clerk of Court—basement of the Enterprise Bank building.

GEN. WALKER COMMANDS.

Succeeds to the Command of the Southern Confederate Veterans Made Vacant by Gen. Gordon's Death

Charleston, S. C., Aug. 12.—General C. Irvine Walker, has received copies of the official orders, issued by Adjutant General and Chief of Staff Wm. E. Mickle, making announcement of the death of the late commander in chief George W. Gordon, of the United Confederate Veterans, of the succession of General Walker as commanding officer and of the appointment of Major General Robert White of the West Virginia division as the commanding officer of department of Northern Virginia, made vacant by the promotion of General Walker.

As the text of the order states, General Walker will command the old soldiers as lieutenant general, it being reserved for the next annual convention of the organization to actually elect him as the commander in chief.

Off to the Mountains.

The first party to leave Laurens this season to camp in the mountains, left yesterday in wagons for Caesars Head, Hendersonville, Lake Toxaway and other points. The party is carrying a driver and a cook or so along to help them over the hard places. The wagons have been outfitted especially for mountain traveling with brakes and that other most important adjunct, a chicken coop. Tents are being carried along so that genuine camping life may be enjoyed. The party is composed of Misses Clara Switzer, Nan, Willie and Roberta Dorroh, Ruth Langston, Messrs. Tom Diver, William Byrd.

If the rains do not interfere, the campers are expecting to have a jolly time of it. They will be gone about two weeks.

Laurens Mill Again Running.

The Laurens Cotton Mill, which has shut down during the past week, began operations again Monday morning. The mill is now running on full time.

SOME GOOD BASE BALL THIS WEEK

The Fast Team from Gray Court-Owings Will Play a Picked Team from Laurens and near-Laurens.

Whoop em up! Laurens again enters base ball. This week, Wednesday, Thursday and Friday, that bunch of Gray Court-Owings horsehide specialists will mix sticks with one of the fastest aggregations that was ever scraped together to represent Laurens. The visiting team is known over the entire Piedmont belt for having the art of playing base ball down to the pink of perfection and as for that home team—well suffice it to say that they would make a team of Ty Cobbs do some tallumping. They are the pick of the county and noted far and near for their ability to smash the small pellet and for scooping em up in any old style.

The Laurens team will be picked from the following artists—Byrd, Barksdale (Greenwood) Hollis and Bobo (Cross Anchor) Loung (Clinton-Pope Irby, Tae Irby, Watts, John Mills, Ozell Mills (Laurens) and a few others.

The games will begin promptly at 5 o'clock and will take place on Garlington's Pasture which is being overhauled for the occasion. Ladies will be admitted free and the management extends a special invitation to them as well as to the men and boys, who will be allowed to enter for the very small sum of 25 cents per.

LAURENS VETERANS TO ELECT COLONEL

Death of Col. Robert N. Cunningham Makes Vacancy in the Office of the Commander of the Regiment.

On account of the vacancy, caused by the death of Col. Robert N. Cunningham, the veterans composing the Laurens Regiment, U. C. V., have been called upon to elect another commander for the regiment. Orders have been sent out for the election, which is to be held in different company headquarters, on August 19th. Although it cannot be said that there are any candidates, for the colonelcy, Judge O. G. Thompson has been mentioned by a large number as the probable future commander. Judge Thompson has always taken a great deal of interest in the affairs of the veterans and doubtless his name will be offered in nomination.

The following orders have been issued by Brig. Gen. Creech, of the 2nd Brigade:

Headquarters Second Brigade, United Confederate Veterans.

Barnwell, S. C., Aug. 8. To the Camps composing the Laurens County Regiment, U. C. V.:

You will please take notice that in the death of our lamented comrade, Col. Robert N. Cunningham, a vacancy has occurred in the Regiment of U. C. V. of your county.

Therefore, you are commanded to meet at your respective places of meeting on August 19th, 1911, and select by ballot one of your number to fill the vacancy caused by the death of Col. Cunningham, and report the result at the earliest possible time.

By command of your comrade,
Frank H. Creech,

Brig. Gen. Com. 2d Brig. U. C. V. Camp Garlington has also been officially ordered to meet for the purpose of holding the election. The following is the text of the order by Vice Commander John M. Hudgens:

Attention Camp Garlington.

Pursuant to an order of General Frang H. Creech, commanding the 2d Brigade, United Confederate Veterans, this camp will assemble at the office of the Probate Judge on Saturday, August 19th at 10 o'clock for the purpose of holding an election to fill the vacancy caused by the death of Colonel Robert N. Cunningham.

By order of Jno. M. Hudgens, Aug. 15, 1911. Vice Commander.

Mrs. Nannie E. Bramlett.

The funeral services over the body of Mrs. Nannie E. Bramlett, who died Wednesday night, were held Thursday afternoon in the city cemetery. Rev. J. L. McLin conducted the services. Mrs. Bramlett was the widow of the late Mr. A. W. Bramlett and before her marriage was a Miss Nannie. Her husband and several daughters survive her. Mrs. Bramlett was a lady of many estimable qualities and was greatly beloved by those who knew her.

A WAVE OF CRIME OVER THE COUNTY

Nothing of Serious Nature However.

LAWRENCE HUGHES SHOT EARLY SUNDAY

Sheriff's Officers Have Had a Busy Time Within the Past Few Days Catching up with the Wrong Doers. City Officers Take in a Few to Balance Matters.

Boyce Hughes, a member of a well known family of Youngs township, this county, is in jail charged with shooting Lawrence Hughes. The two Hughes are not related. As to the cause of the difficulty neither will say anything, Boyce Hughes only saying that he "had it to do." No steps have been taken to have a preliminary hearing or to apply for bail, as it is not yet known how serious the wounds of Lawrence Hughes will prove.

According to the story as gathered from relatives and others, Boyce Hughes and Lawrence Hughes left their homes Saturday night, both of them leaving their wives at the home of Lawrence Hughes. Going to some fraternal meeting, they returned early Sunday morning about four o'clock and passed by Lawrence Hughes' house and continued to Boyce's house. Here the shooting took place, a shot gun being used. Boyce Hughes then put the wounded man in his buggy and carried him to Lawrence Hughes' father, Mr. Jeff Hughes, where he still remains. He then returned to the home of Lawrence Hughes and told what he had done and took his wife and returned to his home. Sunday afternoon Sheriff Owings went out after him in his buggy and brought him back to Laurens, no resistance being offered.

Boyce Hughes is about 22 years of age and Lawrence Hughes is about 30 years of age. The affair is greatly deplored by the relatives and friends of the two men and their families.

Some Thief.

A negro giving his name as Henry Davis and admitting several aliases, one of which is Henry Smith, was arrested Monday night between here and Clinton by Deputy Sheriff Reid and Rural Policeman Sullivan with a quantity of clothing and shoes which he admits having stolen. In the bag which he had when he was arrested he had eight pairs of "Stretcher" shoes, four suits of clothes and an extra coat, three khaki shirts and had just disposed of two other suits according to his own story. Although he says that he stole the things from the transfer platform at Portsmouth, Va., the officers suspect that he got them nearer here and have sent out enquiries to find out about him. He admits that at one time he lived in Fairfield county and worked on the place of Mr. Will or Henry Springs, leaving there January of last year.

He is a ginger colored negro, with a small moustache. He is about 26 or 30 years old, weighs 150-160 pounds, is about 5 feet 9 inches tall, has a scar on the lower part of his throat and several on his right leg.

Monday afternoon the officers heard that a suspicious negro was hanging around Clinton selling clothes and shoes at ridiculously low prices and that he was headed for Watts Mill. They got in their buggy and went to one of the cross roads a few miles from Laurens and waited for the negro to make his appearance as he had to do to reach Watts Mill. Several travelers were stopped but finally a buggy came up with three negroes in it and this negro was found to be among them. He was taken out and, with all of his goods, brought to the county jail where he now rests.

Sheriff Owings is desirous of hearing from anyone who might give some clue as to the true identity of the negro. It is thought that the goods were taken from some point on the railroad before delivery was ever made.

Carved a Woman.

Jim Johnson, colored, who is reported to be quite a church member, was a couple of negroes and no one struck out for Monday night. He was arrested by Sheriff Owings as he camped near the jail. He was greatly beloved by those who knew her.