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NEWS OF THE WEEK IN TOWN OF CLINTON

Sale of the Clinton Hotel Property.

PERSONAL PARAGRAPHS ON POPULAR PEOPLE

Several Real Estate Deals Going on and a Number of Improvements Noted—Orphanage Children going to Atlanta in a Body—Social and Personal Items.

Clinton, Oct. 30.—A most important real estate transaction was the sale of the Clinton hotel last week to Mr. John Young, one of the three builders and first proprietors. The purchase price it is understood was \$25,000. The hotel was built by Messrs. John H. and N. A. Young and A. B. Blakely. Mr. Hugh Workman, who sold it, has owned it for about six years, having rented it to Mr. B. L. King, the past two years. Mr. Young plans to make a thoroughly first-class, up-to-date hotel out of it and will begin soon to remodel and add to it.

Another very important sale was that by which Mr. J. H. Wham sold his valuable property on the edge of town to Mr. E. R. Aycock of Jonesville. Mr. Aycock and his family will occupy the house. Mr. Wham plans to return to his place, known as the Decatur Simpson place, where he lived before removing to town.

Mr. W. B. Farr's attractive home just opposite the First Presbyterian church is ready for occupancy. It is among the prettiest and most conveniently arranged houses in town.

Mr. W. H. Shands and Mrs. Myrtle Hunter will probably be able to spend Christmas in their new homes, the work on both progressing now very rapidly.

Mr. and Mrs. Fuller's friends sympathize with them on account of Mrs. Fuller's severe illness. They had hoped to have their new home finished by the beginning of winter.

Clubs and Parties.

Among the clubs holding their social meetings for October last week were three book clubs. Mrs. G. C. Pitts entertained the Actaeon Book club on Thursday. On Thursday also, Mrs. Jack H. Davis entertained the Haley book club. On Saturday Miss Orrah Bess Little entertained the Junior Book club.

Miss Julia Neville entertained the Tattlers on Wednesday.

On Friday Mrs. Will B. Owens entertained the Cecilia Music club.

Mrs. W. J. Bailey was hostess on Thursday at the meeting of Musgrove Mills chapter, D. A. R.

On Thursday Mrs. Jack Davis entertained a dozen friends at a beautiful luncheon.

Orphanage News.

About 200 of the pupils of the Thornwell Orphanage are going next Saturday week, November 11th, to Atlanta where they will be guests of the Presbyterian churches of that city until Monday. They are to take part in a great rally to be held by the Presbyterians of Atlanta on the 12th.

On account of the Atlanta trip and the fact that whooping cough is prevalent among the younger pupils whose presence was especially desired by the hosts, Dr. Jacobs declined the invitation to the State fair this year.

Personal Items.

Byron King, the celebrated lecturer, delivered an address at the Methodist Church Sunday morning, which was the occasion of drawing an unusually large congregation. He made a good impression.

Miss Tallulah Neville went on Monday evening's vestibule to Norfolk, where she will visit relatives until Wednesday. Then she will go by boat to New York where she will enjoy a week of sight-seeing with relatives. From there she will go to Boston where she will spend the winter visiting an old friend and seeing the many historic points of New England.

Miss Lillian Anderson of Greenville visited Miss Laurie Aull the past weekend.

Miss Roberta Aldrich of Columbia, a College for Women student, visited Misses Marion and Emmie McCrary over Sunday.

Miss Elizabeth Bean visited Miss Eliza Horton in Columbia last week. Mrs. R. C. Philson, after a pleasant visit in Clinton, went to Columbia

DAY OF THANKS APPOINTED BY TAFT

In Accordance with the Usual Custom the President of the United States Sets apart a Day of Thanksgiving.

Chicago, Oct. 30.—President Taft today issued his annual Thanksgiving proclamation, calling upon citizens of the United States to celebrate Thursday, the 30th of November, next, as a day of thanksgiving and prayer. The proclamation reads as follows:

"The people of this land, having by long sanction and practice set apart, toward the close of each passing year, a day on which to cease from their labors and assemble for the purpose of giving praise to Him who is the author of the blessings they have enjoyed, it is my duty as chief executive to designate at this time the day for the fulfillment of this devout purpose.

Blessings.

"Our country has been signally favored in many ways. The round of the seasons has brought rich harvest. Our industries have thriven far beyond our domestic needs, the products of our labor are daily finding enlarged markets abroad. We have been free from the curses of pestilence, of famine and of war. Our national counsels have furthered the cause of peace in other lands and the spirit of benevolence has brought us into closer touch with other peoples, to the strengthening of the bonds of fellowship and good will that link us to the comrades in the universal brotherhood of nations. Strong in the sense of our own right and inspired by as strong a sense of the rights of others, we live in peace and harmony with the world. Rich in the priceless possessions and abundant resources wherewith the unstinted bounty of God has endowed us, we are unselfishly glad when other peoples pass onward to prosperity and peace. That the great privilege we enjoy may continue and that each coming year may see our country more firmly established in the regard and esteem of our fellow nations is the prayer that should arise in every thankful heart.

"Wherefore, I, William Howard Taft, president of the United States of America, designate Thursday, the 30th of November, next, as a day of thanksgiving and prayer and I earnestly call upon my countrymen and upon all that dwell under the flag of our beloved country then to meet in their accustomed places of worship to join in offering praise to Almighty God and devout thanks for the loving mercies he has given to us.

"In witness thereof, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the seal of the United States to be affixed.

"Done at the city of Chicago this 30th day of October in the year of our Lord one thousand nine hundred and eleven and of the independence of the United States of America the one hundred and thirty-sixth.

"By the president:
"P. C. Knox,
"Secretary of State."

Fine Citron Vine.

Mrs. Bettie Nash, of Babbtown settlement in Doals Township, has a number of citrons that should have been shown at the county fair. Mrs. Nash had one vine to nurture 22 citrons on it, each of them weighing from 11 to 46 pounds. The total weight of all of them was 553 pounds, every bit of it coming, it is to be remembered, from one vine. Although there were several large citrons at the fair weighing perhaps more than the largest one of this collection, it is doubtful whether as much as 553 pounds were grown on a single vine anywhere else in the county.

last Wednesday.

Mrs. J. I. Copeland and Hazel Scaife were elected to represent the Stephen D. Lee chapter, U. D. C., at Greenwood, with Mrs. J. Q. Phillips and Miss Fronde Kennedy alternates.

Mrs. John C. Davis and Mrs. J. Q. Phillips will represent the Musgrove Mills chapter, D. A. R., at the Chester convention.

Mrs. Martha Calvert is spending the winter with her daughter, Mrs. A. E. Spencer.

Mrs. A. V. Martia and children are visiting in Atlanta.

Mr. and Mrs. Douglass and Miss Elizabeth are gone on a two weeks' visit to Baltimore.

The Ladies' Aid society of the First Presbyterian church are preparing for their annual bazaar to be held next week.

IN A NEW ROLE.

County Officers act as Arbiters of Justice in Church Affairs and Preserve Order at Election of Pastor.

Rural Policeman Sullivan and Deputy Sheriff Reid were called on to play a new role when they acted as protectors of the peace and director of ceremonies at St. Pauls Baptist church, colored, Monday night. It seems that a stormy meeting was expected and, in fact, materialized later on. The meeting was called on account of a desired change in pastoral relations, the Rev. J. H. Walker not being wanted by a majority of the church members. As some difficulty was expected in de-throning Rev. Walker, the officers of the law were called on to preserve the peace. The two officers went down at the appointed hour and first took seats in the rear of the hall. They were at once escorted to the front to have seats where the view was better. Here they sat down facing the congregation and awaited developments.

Things began to happen thick and fast and the officers were forced to call order several times. A motion was made to elect Rev. Walker moderator of the meeting. This was taken as the "red flag of defiance". The battle was on and the outcome of the whole meeting seemed to rest on the outcome of the strife at this point. Rev. Walker lost out and in his place Rev. Rucker was elected moderator. This was a victory for the better element but the battle was not over. The real battle came when the minutes of the meeting were to be read in which Rev. Walker was elected pastor of the church. The intention of the anti-Walkers was to have that clause stricken out where Walker was elected to the pastorate. When the time came to read them another conflict was on, the question being as to who was to read the minutes. Pandemonium reigned for many minutes and at last Mr. Reid was called on to act as reader. Mr. Reid refused to act and the minutes were finally read by someone else. Here again the anti-Walkers won a victory and the clause was stricken out and an election was declared in order. Thereupon Rev. Rucker was elected pastor of the church.

With the election over, things quieted down and soon the meeting was over. The officers stayed on the spot until all was "quiet on the Potomac" and then returned to their homes.

Hit in High Places.

Chief Bagwell and Officer Langston ran in on a bunch of gamblers Saturday night over in Jersey that broke all records for speed in escaping. When the two officers first made their appearance on the scene the "shooters" had already sniffed danger in the wind and were on the verge of eloping. When the officers made a dive for the gamblers they made a dive for the windows and according to the story told yesterday the little cabin was left almost a wreck by the fugitives. In jumping from windows, doors, cracks and other openings notice was not taken of obstructions with the result that glass and window sills were scattered in every direction. Sunday other officers of the law visited the scene just to see how much damage had been done.

BIG AUCTION SALE.

Oakland Heights Realty Company will Hold Big Land Sale Saturday.

The Big Four Hundred Annex will be the scene of one of the biggest sales held near Laurens in a long time. Next Saturday, Nov. 4th, at one o'clock, the Oakland Heights Realty Company will put on sale 75 choice lots. The sale will be strictly for colored people and with the easy terms offered they will have an excellent opportunity for owning some good lots. Among the attractions will be a speech by Rev. Richard Carrol, the well known colored educator of Columbia. Besides this there will be free prizes and a brass band.

Old Time Corn Shucking.

An old time corn shucking is something unusual these days, but Mr. J. E. Nash was the host at one of these fine old gatherings one day last week. About twenty four people were present and they shucked all of Mr. Nash's corn and placed it in the crib and at the same time were not too busy to do honor to a bountiful dinner. The day was a very pleasant one and enjoyed immensely by all who were present.

PREMIUM LIST CHANGES.

Several Entries in the County Fair did not Get Due Credit for Their Part in It.

As was expected by Secretary Power, of the County Fair, several entries in the different classes were not given due credit on the books and in the papers. These entries were those made in the rush at the last moment and consequently were not given proper register when made. A number of people picked up entry tags and placed them on their exhibits without turning in their duplicates to the secretary and in this way some confusion took place. For this reason a number of the awards were made from memory rather than from the records and it is very easily seen how mistakes could creep in.

The following are some of those who should have been given proper credit on the books:

Mr. S. C. Power on the prize offered by Moseley & Roland for the best mule colt under one year of age.

Mr. Moore Sullivan won second place in the standard bred colt class.

Mrs. M. J. Pearce won first prize, offered by Fleming Bros. in the ladies driving contest, and Miss Lucy Peden came second.

Mr. G. E. Godfrey, who had a splendid display of different kinds of cane, won first place in sorghum cane class.

Mr. John M. Wood won several prizes on his fine cattle that were not placed to his credit on the books.

"THE HALL OF FAME."

The Subject of a Special Series of Sermons by Rev. W. E. Thayer.

Rev. W. E. Thayer of the First Baptist Church, has announced that he will give a special series of morning sermons, the subject of the series being "The Hall of Fame." The first of these will be given next Sunday morning. These sermons will consist of special studies of the lives of Bible heroes and with Mr. Thayer's excellent powers of description and narration are certain to be very interesting. The first of these sermons will be a study of the life of Abraham.

Laurens Horses at the Fair.

Laurens horses will be among the crack racers on the track at Columbia this week. The first race of the meet will see Linda, the little brown sorrell owned by Mr. Pope Irby in front of the wire. The race is a 2.15 pace and is for a purse of \$300. Linda has been making some fine records of late and will probably make a fine showing. Another horse in yesterday's races was Raggs, owned by Mr. W. J. Barksdale. This is a 2.20 trot with a purse of \$300 attached. Several other Laurens horses are in Columbia.

Had Sister Here.

Mr. W. Preston Hix, an announcement of whose death was given in our issue of last week, had one living sister, Mrs. Sue Adams, who is residing in Laurens at the home of Col. H. Y. Simpson. The lateness of securing the news of Mr. Hix's death prevented a fuller account of the life of this well-known and honored native of Laurens. Besides his two children and one sister, Mrs. Adams, he leaves many relatives in and around Laurens.

U. D. C. Meeting.

The John B. Kershaw Chapter United Daughter of the Confederacy will hold their regular meeting Monday, Nov. 6th, at the home of Mrs. W. H. Washington. The hour for the meeting will be 4 o'clock.

SECOND WEEK JURORS.

The following are the second week jurors.

Laurens—P. Conway Martin, W. B. Motte, A. L. Mahaffey, John M. Moore, A. B. Culbertson.

Dials—L. C. Owens, F. M. Curry, Effie Owens, John H. Wolff, D. D. Stoddard, W. B. Poole, W. C. Gray.

Youngs Samuel M. Thompson, S. D. Martin.

Jacks—I. O. Ray, Fred Johnson.

Hunter—C. M. Bailey, T. D. Copeland, J. I. Chandler, H. L. Todd, J. C. Cluck, F. C. Smith.

Cross Hill—J. H. Wasson, W. H. Austin, J. W. Simmons, M. A. Leaman, S. D. Jones.

Waterloo—Gary M. Fowler, M. E. McDaniel, Sr., J. E. Henderson, J. W. Saxon.

Sullivan—R. O. Carlisle, J. R. Elledge, H. H. Mahon, John A. Mahon, W. E. Wilson.

MR. LEWIS MENG DIED YESTERDAY

A Staunch Citizen and a High Toned Gentleman—Held in the Highest Regard by Many Friends.

With sincerest regret the people of this city learned early yesterday morning of the death of Mr. Lewis Meng, which had occurred in the early morning hours of the night before. Mr. Meng had been in failing health for a number of years, but only in the last few months had his sickness become serious. He had suffered with kidney trouble for a number of years and intermittently for the last few months he had been confined to his bed. Though his death was known to be only a matter of time, it came as quite a shock to his large circle of friends.

Mr. Meng came to Laurens when the Laurens Mill was being built and had been a resident of the city since that time. Though born and reared in Union county, he came here from Spartanburg. Though not taking any active part in the life of the community, he was well and favorably known all over the city and was highly regarded as one who attended to his own affairs with promptness and zeal. He was not one to meddle in the affairs of others, but always took great interest in his friends and co-workers and was faithful to them in all things. He was a quiet, unassuming man, one to be deeply appreciated when thoroughly known.

At the time of his death Mr. Meng was 68 years old. He is survived by his wife, who is a daughter of the late Mr. Harrison Martin of this county, and one son, Mr. William E. Meng, and a daughter, Miss Emily Meng.

The funeral services were held at the Laurens Cemetery yesterday afternoon, Rev. L. P. McGee officiating, assisted by Rev. W. E. Thayer, where a large concourse of friends and relatives gathered to pay a last tribute.

The active pall bearers were Messrs B. L. Jones, M. L. Smith, Thos. Swygert, Eugene Hudgens, A. W. Teague, R. P. Fleming, L. G. Balle, Jr., James Dunklin, S. M. Wilkes and R. V. Irby.

The honorary pall bearers were Messrs. H. B. Barnett, H. S. Kennedy, J. D. Watts, Dr. R. E. Hughes, Dr. Isadore Schayer, R. H. Hudgens, T. D. Lake, J. D. Childress, F. M. Smith, Dr. L. S. Fuller, Dr. H. K. Aiken, N. B. Dial, W. S. Montgomery, M. L. Copeland, J. W. Anderson, T. F. Simpson, John M. Hudgens and C. H. Roper.

New Superintendent.

Mr. H. W. Lockwood, recently with the Birmingham branch of the Metropolitan Life Insurance Company, has moved to the city to take the place made vacant by the transfer of Mr. DeMoss to other territory. Mr. Lockwood is now staying at the Gilkerson house with his mother until he can rent a house when he will bring the remaining members of his family here. Mr. DeMoss has made a number of friends here who will regret to see him leave, but at the same time Mr. Lockwood will be welcomed among the people of the city.

SALE OF FINE FARM.

The Plantation of the Late B. M. Henry, near Clinton will be Sold November 6th.

Among the more important land sales to take place on Nov. 6th, will be the sale of the plantation of the late B. M. Henry. This land is ideally located and has always been considered among the best farming land in this county. It is situated near Clinton, lying on the Sandy Fork public road which leads out north from Clinton. It is divided into eight well balanced tracts and offers excellent opportunities for persons desiring to make a good investment in farm lands.

The Carnival Affair.

Unless the carnival company, with which the City Council signed a contract, changes its mind and decides not to come here it will most probably commence pitching tents next Monday, the 6th of November. At its last meeting the Council refused to cancel the contract which it has with the carnival company and put it up to the Chamber of Commerce to write the company and let the sentiment of the town be known to them. What action the carnival company will take is not known. According to the contract the city is to furnish a site, license and a specified number of incandescent lights for the different tents for the sum of \$250.

INTERESTING ITEMS FROM THE COUNTY

News Letters From Many Sections.

CORRESPONDENTS GIVE LOCAL NEWS

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

Jones, Oct. 28.—One of the noblest entertainments of the season was a "Surprise dance" given at the hospitable home of Dr. Townes Jones, Wednesday evening, 25th inst.

The evening was spent in bridge playing, and dancing.

Music was furnished by Maddens string band. In addition to this Mr. and Mrs. Clower added very much to the occasion by rendering a choice selection of instrumental and vocal solos.

Those present were Misses Lillian, Belle, Mary and Lala Jones, Daisy, Annie and Lala Maye Hughes, Lyl and Hazel Cobb, Haskell Henderson and Emma Castleberry, Messrs. J. Frank Anderson, Coleman Davis, Newton Graham, Jesse O'dell, H. B. Bradley, J. C. Nickles, Bennett and Stepp Beeks, Oscar and Floyd Henderson, Walter, Adams, and George Jones, Mr. and Mrs. G. L. Grayham. The out-of-town guests were Messrs. Rob Agnew and Furman Vermillion of Due West, Mr. and Mrs. Forest Clower of New York.

Rabun, Oct. 30.—Mr. and Mrs. T. F. Babb and Mr. H. H. Mahon attended the union meeting at Chestnut Ridge Sunday.

Mrs. Rebecca Owens and Mrs. Markus Owens and children spent last Tuesday with Mr. and Mrs. Boardie Owens of Eden.

Mr. and Mrs. Stewart Mahon visited Mr. Tom Mahon and family Sunday.

Miss Vivian Owens gave a singing at her home last Thursday night and was very much enjoyed.

Mrs. Jane Bolt and Mr. Ludie Abercrombie spent Sunday night at the home of Mr. W. A. Baldwin.

Mr. Paul Willis of Shiloh visited Mrs. Melvina Abercrombie Sunday.

Mountville, Oct. 30.—Mr. William Fellers, a student in the South Carolina University, came home Sunday, 22nd inst. quite sick. In a few days it was found that his illness had developed into a case of typhoid fever. He is doing very well now under the treatment of Dr. Peak of Cross Hill.

Miss Jessie May Bryson, daughter of Mr. Cal Bryson, was taken severely sick last week of appendicitis. She was carried to the Laurens Hospital Friday morning where a successful operation was performed. Her sister, Mrs. Wasson, is with her. Mr. and Mrs. Bryson were up to see her Sunday and brought favorable impressions of her recovery.

Last Sunday morning at the Methodist church the young people organized an Epworth League. Quite a number enlisted and the work has a favorable beginning.

Several of our people are intending to visit the State Fair this week.

The Bazaar a Success.

The ladies had a very successful bazaar last week, a large number of visitors coming into town from the surrounding country. The sales of fancy work and of the dinners amounted to about \$100. The ladies were very much pleased with its successful termination.

Rural Policeman in Trouble.

Last Wednesday, in the magistrate's court at Mountville, Rural Policeman J. H. Madden was tried and found guilty of disposing of a pistol which belonged to the county. He was sentenced to pay a fine of \$20 or serve 30 days on the gang. Through his attorney, T. C. Turner, Esq., he gave notice of an appeal for a new trial.

O'possum Supper.

O'possum will be on the board at Mountville Friday night when the ladies of the Mountville Methodist church will serve a supper for the benefit of the building fund. A number of other good things to eat will be served and a large crowd is expected to come and enjoy the evening together.