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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.**

**Cross Hill, Dec. 18.**—Mr. E. R. Austin and family have moved to their new home recently purchased from Mr. J. D. Becks.

Mr. N. I. Williams and Miss Lizie Carter went over to Greenwood last Wednesday and returned Thursday.

Since cotton dropped below 9c trade is dull here.

Post Master R. G. Crisp has been quite sick for several days.

Mr. Hayne Bryson of Rockport, Ga., has been with relatives here for a visit. Mrs. Bryson, his mother went home with him Saturday.

Dr. and Mrs. J. F. McGowan of Eucler, Ga., is visiting Mr. W. T. Madden and other relatives here. Besides attending to his practice of medicine, the doctor owns and runs a big farm. His many friends are glad to see him.

It is beginning to look like Christmas was very near. The decorations at Rasor, Anderson and Denny's are fine and the other stores are in line. Saturday was a big day in town. A big clearance sale is going on at Rasor, Anderson and Denny with three times their usual number of clerks. Simmons big furniture sale is on, Luther Martin and Jno. W. Hanna are selling at cost and all the merchants are selling low down to get rid of the big stock of goods bought last summer expecting 12c cotton.

"Observer" in last week's Advertiser seems to think no one who is holding cotton can have a "clean sheet" with the bank and the merchants. Who is he anyhow?  
Misses Barr and Aiken, teachers of Pine Grove and Wade schools respectively were Cross Hill visitors Saturday.  
The Lexington County School Trustees Association is in favor of devising the fertilizer tax between Clemson and the rural schools. I believe something of the kind ought to be done. I would not want Clemson crippled at all, but don't believe in giving them "money to burn."  
Miss Lizzie Bryson is at home from the Greenville Female College for a visit.

Mr. and Mrs. Clarence Brooks have moved to town. They occupy part of Mr. J. R. Wilcut's residence.  
George, Luellie and Mary, children of Rev. G. M. Hollingsworth left last Friday for Lithonia, Ga., to visit their grandmother. Mr. Hollingsworth preached his farewell sermon here Sunday. He and Mrs. Hollingsworth will go on to Lithonia and stop with homefolks a few days before going on to his work in Oklahoma.

**Waterloo, Dec. 18.**—Mr. and Mrs. Wade H. Culbertson have issued invitations to the marriage of their daughter, Maude Gene, to Mr. George Calhoun Anderson of Spartanburg. This happy event will occur at the bride's home December 26th at 7:30 o'clock in the evening.  
Miss Ida Mae Wharton, who has been ill several weeks, was carried to the Knowlton Infirmary in Columbia last week for treatment.  
Mr. H. C. Sims is building a neat cottage on one of his lots on Wharton Ave., just back of the school building.  
Mr. Merrell J. Pearce expects soon to build a house on his farm above Waterloo.  
Mr. and Mrs. E. P. Walker leave this week for Appleton to spend the holidays with relatives.  
Rev. J. T. Miller has gone to Washington, D. C., on a brief visit.

**Eden, Dec. 18.**—Rev. H. L. Baggot spent Sunday night with Mr. L. R. Brooks and family.  
Mr. Carl Reeves has returned home to spend the holidays with his mother and relatives.  
Mr. I. V. Hipp is remodeling his dwelling house.  
Mrs. L. R. Brooks is still with her

## URGES INCREASED FIRE CAUTION

**Insurance Commissioner Asks Fire Chief to Warn People Against Carelessness During Christmas Holidays.**

Insurance Commissioner F. H. McMaster has addressed a circular letter to all the cities and towns of the state urging them to take care during the Christmas season that all precautions against fire be used. He urges that the merchants and house keepers do not let up in their vigilance along these lines but that extra precaution be taken that waste is not allowed to accumulate. Fire Chief Crews received the letter in this city and it is as follows:

Columbia, S. C.,  
December 14, 1911.  
Chief of Fire Department,  
Laurens, S. C.

Dear Sir:  
If you will refer to the papers of last December, you will be struck by the great number of fires, which occurred from about December 15th to December 31st. This is the usual occurrence for this season of the year.

Therefore, this is to ask you most earnestly to have made an inspection of all premises in your town, so that waste accumulations, which might be set fire by careless handling of fire, be removed.

I most respectfully urge that due precautions be taken to eliminate the use of fire works during the Christmas holidays.

After the strain of business incident to Christmas trade, there seems to be a letting down among the people, and a greater number of fires occur from neglect than usual.

Your co-operation is respectfully asked to the end that fire waste may be reduced, and that fire insurance may be ultimately made less.

F. H. McMaster,  
Insurance Commissioner.

## PHILADELPHIA OPERA COMPANY.

**Attraction at the School House Friday Evening—Best Thing of the Lyceum Season.**

Supt. B. L. Jones has requested that the people of the city be informed of the fact that The Philadelphia Opera and Concert Company, which is to be here Friday evening at the School Auditorium, is the best attraction of the whole course. The company has been in this section for several weeks and everywhere that they have gone they have received an ovation. The Newberry people are said to have been charmed with the program and the way it was rendered and other towns have been equally well pleased. Clinton was more than pleased with the concert.

Mr. Jones has been very insistent on the Advertiser making a big splurge about this attraction this time. He is so sure that it is going to be the best yet that he does not want anybody to miss it. It would be well then for everybody who cares for music at all to go to the school house Friday evening to hear these artists.  
The program is in two parts. The first is composed of selections from a number of composers. The second part of the program is a rendition of a part of The Mikado. This opera will be sung in costumes, which by the way are said to be extremely beautiful, and doubtless will be greatly enjoyed.

The single ticket admission will be 75 cents. The concert will begin at 8 o'clock sharp.

## Medical Meeting Postponed.

Monday is the appointed day for the regular monthly meeting of the County Medical Society. On account of the fact that it will be Christmas day, the meeting has been postponed until Friday following. A number of interesting questions are expected to come up for discussion. In addition to this the officers for the coming year are to be elected.

## Episcopal Church Services.

Next Wednesday morning the 27th., there will be services in the Episcopal church. The Rev. A. E. Cornish will be here and will preach, the services beginning at 10 o'clock.

## daughter in Columbia.

Mr. R. W. Nash who has been visiting in Friendship and Eden community returned to his home in Greenville Friday.

Mrs. J. W. Benson is suffering very much with rheumatism at this writing. A merry and happy Christmas to the editor.

## IS THERE A SANTA CLAUS?

New York Sun.

We take pleasure in answering at once and thus prominently the communication below, expressing at the same time our great gratification that its faithful author is numbered among the friends of The Sun:

"Dear Editor—I am eight years old. Some of my little friends say there is no Santa Claus. Papa says 'If you see it in The Sun it's so.' Please tell me the truth, is there a Santa Claus?"

"VIRGINIA O'HANLON.

"115 West Ninety-fifth street."  
Virginia, your little friends are wrong. They have been affected by the skepticism of a skeptical age. They do not believe except they see. They think that nothing can be which is not comprehensible by their minds. All minds, Virginia, whether they be man's or children's, are little. In this great universe of ours man is a mere insect, an ant in his intellect, as compared with the boundless world about him, as measured by the intelligence capable of grasping the whole of truth and knowledge.

Yes, Virginia, there is a Santa Claus. He exists as certainly as love and generosity and devotion exist, and you know that they abound and give to your life its highest beauty and joy. Alas! How dreary would be the world if there were no Santa Claus? It would be as dreary as if there were no Virginias. There would be no child-like faith then, no poetry, no romance to make tolerable this existence. We should have no enjoyment, except in sense and sight. The eternal light with which childhood fills the world would be extinguished.

Not believe in Santa Claus! You might as well not believe in fairies! You might get your papa to hire men to watch in all the chimneys on Christmas eve to catch Santa Claus, but even if they did not see Santa Claus coming down, what would that prove? Nobody sees Santa Claus, that is no sign that there is no Santa Claus. The most real things in the world are those that neither children nor men can see. Did you ever see fairies dancing on the lawn? Of course not, but that's no proof that they are not there. Nobody can conceive or imagine all the wonders there are unseen and unseeable in the world.

You may tear apart the baby's rattle and see what makes the noise inside, but there is a veil covering the unseen world, which not the strongest man, nor even the united strength of all the strongest men that ever lived, could tear apart. Only faith, fancy, poetry, love, romance can push aside that curtain and view and picture the supernal beauty and glory beyond. Is it all real? Ah, Virginia, in all this world there is nothing else real and abiding.

No Santa Claus! Thank God, He lives and He lives forever. A thousand years from now, Virginia—nay, ten times ten thousand years from now—He will continue to make glad the hearts of childhood.

## YOUNG MAN COMMITS SUICIDE. UNIQUE ADVERTISING ANALYSIS.

**John H. Price Shoots Himself at the Home of His Father a Few Miles from Town.**

John H. Price, the son of Mr. Henry T. Price who lives about four miles north of the city, committed suicide Friday morning by putting a load of bird shot through his head. The young man had been despondent for some time and Thursday evening, locked himself up in his room failing to come to supper or to breakfast the next morning. About eight o'clock Friday morning the members of the family were startled by the sound of a gun shot in the young man's room. They rushed in to find that he had placed the barrel of the gun against his head and caused it to explode.

The coroner empanelled a jury and found a verdict in accordance with the above facts.

The young man was carried to his former home near Madden Station Saturday where the funeral services were held.

## DR. PINSON CONTINUES SICK.

**Popular Physician of Cross Hill Not Improving as Fast as His Friends Would Wish.**

The many friends in the county and elsewhere of Dr. E. W. Pinson, of Cross Hill, regret to hear of his continued illness at his home. The doctor was stricken with something like paralysis some time ago and does not show a material improvement. A number of physicians have been to see him, among them being Drs. Knowlton of Columbia, Neuffer of Abbeville, Pryor of Chester, Neel, Turner, Harper and Epling of Greenwood, Teague, Ferguson and Hughes of Laurens, Fennell of Waterloo, Austin of Clinton besides all of his fellow doctors of Cross Hill and possibly others.

Dr. Pinson, besides attending to a large practice, runs a drug store at Cross Hill, is a surgeon of the Seaboard railroad and always takes an active part in his medical society. His continued illness is a source of much anxiety to his many friends in and out of his profession.

## Magistrate W. T. Crews.

Mr. W. T. Crews, up until a few months ago editor of the Laurensville Herald and now editor of The News-Semeter, of Greenwood, has been appointed by Gov. Blease to fill out the unexpired term of the late Capt. John M. Hudgens as judicial magistrate. It is understood that there were several other applicants for the place. Mr. Crews states that the acceptance of this office will not interfere with his duties at Greenwood.

## CAPT. J. M. HUDGENS GOES TO HIS REWARD

**After a Lingerin Illness of Several Months he Died at a Columbia Hospital Sunday at about Noon.**

Capt. John M. Hudgens, one of the county's well known citizens and a judicial magistrate at this place, died at one of the Columbia hospitals Sunday. Capt. Hudgens had been in ill health for some months, but only recently had his case become serious enough to cause his friends and family much anxiety. Though Capt. Hudgens had been ill for some time his death was immediately due to an attack of pneumonia.

The burial services were held yesterday afternoon at Chestnut Ridge church, of which Capt. Hudgens was a member before he moved to Laurens. The services were conducted by Rev. W. E. Thayer, assisted by Rev. E. C. Watson. A large number of sorrowing friends and relatives followed the body to its last resting place.

The pall bearers were Mr. C. D. Boho, Dr. L. S. Fuller, Dr. A. J. Christopher, Mr. John Franks, Mr. R. A. Cooper, Mr. C. H. Roper, Mr. H. D. Mahaffey and Mr. J. S. Bennett.

Capt. Hudgens was 73 years of age and is survived by his wife, one brother, two sisters, three sons and four daughters. Mr. R. H. Hudgens is his only brother; Mrs. Dr. J. S. Wolff and Mrs. John Moore are his surviving sisters; his sons are Messrs. W. P. Hudgens, Ambrose and John; his daughters are Mrs. Eugene Teague, of Arkansas, Mrs. Alice Teague, Mrs. R. Guy Smith, Mrs. Ross Power, and Mrs. Broadus Hill.

Capt. Hudgens, at the outbreak of hostilities in 1861 was among the first to enlist. He served gallantly through the war as a member of Company A of the Third S. C. Regiment, commonly called the State Guards. After the war he returned to his home to assist in rebuilding his state and in improving his surroundings. In 1900 he moved to Laurens and continuously since then he filled the office he occupied at the time of his death. He was a consistent member of his church and for many years was deacon of the church of this city. Capt. Hudgens was a man of sterling worth and his death is a distinct loss to the county.

## GARLINGTON AND YOUNG GRANTED A HEARING

**Before Governor Blease today when it is Possible that They might Tell Something Heretofore Kept Secret.**

The News and Courier carried the following story in its columns yesterday:

Columbia, December 18.—John Y. Garlington and James Stobo Young, now serving sentences of three years and one year respectively, in the penitentiary for breach of trust in connection with the defunct Semole Securities Company, will have a personal hearing before Governor Blease on Wednesday, December 20, at 11 o'clock. The hearing was granted by the Governor on the request of Mr. Christie Benet, attorney for the two prisoners, who stated in a letter to the governor that his clients were extremely anxious for a personal audience.

It is an unusual thing to grant prisoners a personal audience with the Governor, for petitions for clemency are usually made by written communications and through petitions by friends. However, the Governor says, "I have never been averse to hearing the personal appeals to me for clemency in the exercise of my duties as Governor, or to shut off any avenue to those confined in the penitentiary to appeal to me for mercy in the enforcement of the laws of the State or in the exercise of the powers of my office." The Governor will allow them to come before him and be heard in person, and sets the 20th of this month as the date and 11 o'clock A. M. as the time for the hearing.

## Doing Much Better.

Misses Lidie and Mattie Blakeley and Mrs. Rebecca Boho, of Clinton, visited at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Alex Bramlett last week where they could be with Miss Nannie Franks who was so painfully hurt a few weeks ago. Miss Franks, who is suffering from a broken hip caused from being knocked down by a boy on the streets, has endured a few weeks of intense pain but her many friends will be glad to know that she hopes to be able to get up in a short time. Miss Lidie Blakeley has been attending her and has given the case faithful care.

## NEWS OF THE WEEK IN TOWN OF CLINTON

### Signs of the Holidays on Every Hand.

### PERSONAL PARAGRAPHS ON POPULAR PEOPLE

**The Rev. C. E. Hodgkin, Who has been Called by the Presbyterian Church Preaches a Fine Sermon Before a Congregation Composed of Members of All Generations.**

Clinton, Dec. 18.—The Rev. C. E. Hodgkin, pastor of the Westminster Presbyterian church of Greensboro, N. C., who has been recently called to the First Presbyterian church here, preached to the congregation on Sunday at the morning and evening services. As it happened the Baptist and Methodist church were closed and so a large congregation, representative of the town, heard him. Words of praise are to be heard on all sides. Mr. Hodgkin preached to the Thorwell Memorial congregation in the afternoon. While in town he was entertained by Mr. and Mrs. J. F. Jacobs. Mr. Hodgkin still has the Clinton call under consideration. It is hoped he will decide to accept it.

The Thorwell Orphanages schools have closed for the Christmas holidays to resume work the first.

The graded school holidays begin Thursday. On Wednesday evening the little people of the primary department will give a little play, "Rebellion in Toyland", at popular prices, the profits to be used to buy some much-needed equipment in the first grade room. The youngsters will afford great pleasure to their friends as dolls, teddy bears, jumping jacks, and so forth.

Final examinations are going on at the college and the students will drift away for visits home as they finish. The last examination will be held Friday. Exercises will be resumed on January 4th.

On Wednesday afternoon, Secession Day will be observed by the Stephen D. Lee chapter at the home of Mrs. P. McD. Kennedy. The members of the chapter and the veterans of Camp R. S. Owens are expected to be present and crosses of honor will be bestowed on several veterans.

### Entertainment at Rabun.

The B. Y. P. E. of Rabun Creek church will give an entertainment Friday night, December 22nd, beginning at eight o'clock. Everybody is invited to attend.

### Elected Senior Grand Warden.

At the meeting of the Grand Lodge of Masons, held in Charleston last week, Hon. R. A. Cooper of this city, was elected Senior Grand Warden. This is one of the highest offices in the order and one greatly coveted by Masons. Mr. Cooper also made the presentation address when the oil portrait of the late Col. B. W. Ball was presented to the Grade Lodge. A number of Masons went to Charleston from here to be present at the meeting.

### Mrs. Sarah D. Terry.

Mrs. Sarah D. Terry, a native of this county and a sister of Mr. Y. C. Hellams of this city, died at her home in Fairview township, Greenville county, Sunday the 17th. The funeral services were held Monday afternoon at Pisgah church, Rev. Mr. Blackman conducting the services. Mrs. Terry was the wife of the late John M. Terry and has one living son, Mr. J. Russell Terry. She was a sister of Mr. Y. C. Hellams, Miss Mattie Hellams of Laurens and Mrs. Nannie Truman of Texas. She was greatly beloved by a wide circle of friends and her death is a source of bereavement to many sorrowing friends and relatives.

### Blake-Huff.

The announcement of the approaching wedding of Miss Katherine Blake, of Ninety Six, and Mr. Ernest Huff, of Greenville, has been received here with much interest. Mr. Huff being the son of Mr. A. Huff of this city and quite well known here. Miss Blake is a member of a prominent Greenwood county family and is a young lady of many charms. She is a graduate of the Clemson College and it was there that she met Mr. Huff.