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THIRTY PRISONERS FREED SATURDAY

Wholesale Distribution of Executive Clemency.

SEVERAL PAROLED FROM THIS COUNTY

Governor Blaise Takes One More Step Towards Emptying the State Penitentiary of Criminals—A Total of 317 Vote Pullers Given Pardon.

Thirty prisoners held in the South Carolina penitentiary and in the county jail received their liberty Saturday at the hands of the governor of South Carolina when a record for pardons and paroles was made.

Briefly stated, there were 11 lifetime prisoners freed. Nine of these prisoners were convicted on a charge of murder. One was convicted on the charge of burglary and larceny, and the other on a charge of arson. Seven were convicted on a charge of manslaughter, the sentences ranging from five to 20 years. Several had been convicted on minor charges, and one was pardoned to restored citizenship.

Viewing the act of the governor from an economic standpoint, and considering the pardon record for a day made possible by the constitution of the State, it means that this State was deprived of the service of convicts aggregating 239 years. This is for unexpired terms. The estimate is made upon an average of 20 years for a lifetime prisoner. The average length of service is probably longer. A liberal estimate of the value received by the State for the service of a convict for one year is \$100, which would make a total of \$23,900 lost in labor.

There was clemency granted in 30 cases. Legal statisticians have estimated that it costs about \$500 to convict a prisoner in this State. This would mean an additional \$15,000 court expenses incurred. Taking the sum total of the expenses and value to State, the governor expended \$38,900.

The governor of South Carolina assumed office on January 17, and since that time he has granted clemency in 317 cases, which are as follows:

Pardons 137
Paroles 180
Total 317

Taking the estimate of statisticians of \$500 for a conviction, this means that this feature of the clemency record has cost South Carolina \$158,500.

The following cases were passed on from Laurens county:

John Wesley Satterwhite, convicted in September, 1906, before Judge James Aldrich, of manslaughter and carrying concealed weapons and sentenced to 15 years in the penitentiary; paroled during good behavior.

Albert Boyd, convicted in June, 1909, before Judge Klugh, of murder with recommendation to mercy and sentenced to life imprisonment in the State penitentiary; paroled during good behavior.

Horace Sheppard, convicted in September, 1906, before Judge Aldrich of murder, with recommendation to mercy, and sentenced to life imprisonment in the State penitentiary; paroled during good behavior and on the condition that if he hereafter be convicted of any offense he be recommitted to the penitentiary to serve the remainder of sentence imposed.

Richard Suber, convicted in January, 1908, before Judge Gage, of manslaughter and sentenced to five years on the public works; paroled during good behavior.

Expects to Move.

The place which has been occupied the past year by Mr. J. H. Power, near Barksdale station, will be occupied next year by Mr. J. A. Todd. Mr. Power has not moved out yet, but he expects to do so within a few days and immediately after he leaves Mr. Todd will move in. This house is just on this side of Mr. W. P. Todd's new home this side of Barksdale.

Prominent Visitors.

Mr. L. A. Brenneke, a well known travelling salesman is in the city for a few hours. He has recently been appointed state agent for the Jacobs Ladder Benevolent and Burial Society. He is accompanied by his private secretary, Mr. G. Will Gardner, Jr.

SOCIAL AND PERSONAL.

A Surprise Marriage.

Sunday afternoon Miss Maggie Barksdale and Mr. C. M. Burgess, both of this city, surprised their many friends by going to the home of Mr. Burgess' brother, Mr. W. A. Burgess, and there being happily married by Rev. W. E. Thayer. Later in the evening they took the train for Spartanburg, where they are visiting a few days before returning to be at home with Mr. and Mrs. W. A. Burgess.

Mrs. Burgess is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. C. Downs Barksdale and is a handsome young lady, possessing numerous friends. By her charm of manner and happy disposition she has won and kept many close friends. Mr. Burgess is originally from Spartanburg but is now employed in a responsible position at the Laurens Cotton Mill office. He is very popular among a wide circle of friends.

Blake-Huff.

Wednesday afternoon at five o'clock, at the home of the bride on the outskirts of Ninety Six, Miss Catherine Blake was married to Mr. Ernest A. Huff, of Greenville. The wedding was a quiet home affair and only the relatives and immediate friends of the contracting parties were present. The ceremony was performed by Rev. L. P. McGee, of this city, assisted by the bride's own pastor. The bride is a member of a prominent family of Greenwood county and widely known for her charming personality. The groom is a son of Mr. A. Huff, of this city, and holds a responsible position in the city of Greenville. The party left on the evening train shortly after the ceremony for a bridal trip to Florida. Returning about the first of January they will be at home to their friends in Greenville.

Among those who attended the wedding from here were Rev. L. P. McGee, Miss Gladys Huff and Messrs. Phil and Otis Huff.

Webster-Kruse.

The following account of a Philadelphia wedding, taken from the Evening Bulletin, will be read with great interest here in Laurens county. The bride is a daughter of Mr. John F. Kruse, who together with his brother made this their home for many years and where they have hundreds of friends:

The marriage of Mr. Wallace Webster to Miss Helen M. Kruse, both of Overbrook was solemnized at 4:30 o'clock yesterday afternoon at the bride's home, 843 Highland avenue. The bride's uncle, the Rev. William T. Kruse, performed the ceremony, assisted by the Rev. H. E. Jones. The relatives of the immediate families were present. The bride was dressed in messaline covered with chiffon and carried lilies of the valley and bridal roses. Mr. and Mrs. Webster will be at home after January 1, at 843 Highland avenue, Overbrook.

High Power Bills Explained.

Mayor Babb has requested that those patrons of the city's power plant who have made complaint about the large power bills during the past several months, take into consideration the time that the lights have been burning and figure out for themselves the reason for it. At this season of the year it is a well known fact that more lights are being burned and the current is used longer than at any other season. Last year the total power bill for the month of September, according to the records in the city clerk's office, was \$562.01. Each successive month saw the total go higher until the total in January reached \$1,093.53 and then it began to decrease. It will be seen that the big power bills are of annual recurrence at this time of the year and unless it seems that an unreasonable charge has been made, suggesting that a mistake has occurred, the mayor requests that no kick be registered. At the same time, he said that each bill is accompanied by an itemized statement of the amount of current used and the figures by which the amounts are computed. It is therefore an easy matter for anybody to compute for themselves the bills of each month.

Will Address Sunbeams.

Gray Court, Dec. 25.—On Sunday morning after the exercises by the Sunbeam Society of the Rabun Baptist church the Rev. Earl V. Babb will make an address. The exercises begin at ten o'clock.

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.

Princeton, Dec. 23.—The following are at home from college spending the holidays: Misses Mary Dagwell and Mazie Knight of Greenville Female College; Miss Olive Knight of Winthrop; Mr. Ben Brandlett of Orangeburg College; and Mr. Henry Freeman of Clemson College.

Mrs. F. L. Bramlett has as her guest this week, Mr. and Mrs. W. J. Bramlett of Fountain Inn, Miss Mary Hill of Cross Hill and Miss Ethel French of Honea Path.

Miss Kiddie Arnold and Mr. James Arnold are spending the holidays here with their parents, Mr. and Mrs. B. E. Arnold.

Mr. John McCuen of Ware Shoals is spending the holidays at home.

Miss Emmie Lou Humbert is spending the holidays in Orangeburg with relatives.

Mr. O. D. Riddle of Greenville was a pleasant visitor here this week.

Prof. G. E. Welborn has gone to his home near Pickens to spend the holidays.

Mr. Milton Taylor from Greenville is at home for a few days.

We are glad to welcome Mr. J. Frank Davis and family into our midst. They have been living about a mile and a half from us but have recently moved into the house vacated by Mr. Will Woods and family, who have moved to Honea Path.

The many friends and relatives of Mr. Ed Mitchell will be sorry to hear of his death which occurred Sunday afternoon after a long and tedious illness. His remains will be brought to Princeton Baptist church of which he was a member, for interment Monday afternoon at three o'clock.

Dials, Dec. 26.—Here's to a joyous Christmas and a successful New Year for the Advertiser and its readers.

The play given by the pupils of the Shiloh school the 21st was quite a success and was enjoyed by all present.

Mr. Earl Gray, who has been spending the winter with relatives in Hazelhurst, Georgia, is at home now.

Miss Othello Henry of Belton, is the guest of Miss Nellie McCall this week.

Miss Lila Simmons of Greenwood, is spending the holidays with her parents.

Mr. Charlie McCall is still on the sick list.

Mrs. Isabelle Brooks is still in Columbia, where she has been for some time owing to the illness of her daughter, Mrs. Nabors.

Mr. Walter Gray from Hazelhurst, Ga., is at home for Christmas holidays.

Messrs. D. D. Brownlee and Haskell Gray were in Laurens Saturday.

Mr. and Mrs. Marvin Cheek of Belton were the guests of Mr. Z. N. Gray and family last week.

Mr. James Roberson, who has been in Honea Path for some time, is at home now.

The following students are at home for the holidays: Miss Cecil Owings from Chocora; Miss Nita Hunter, Columbia College; Messrs. John Simmons, Marvin Harris, Clemson; Miles Hunter, the Citadel; T. A. Willis, Spartanburg and Frank Gray, the North Greenville high school.

Mr. Clyde Curry, who is principal of the Johnston high school, came home for the Christmas holidays.

Miss Addie Curry and her sister, Mrs. Gillespie, of Greenville, spent a few days with hom folks last week.

TO MAKE FIGHT ON RURAL POLICE

Information Gathered Yesterday on the Streets.

TOWNSHIP CONSTABLES TO DO THE WORK

That is the Plan as Suggested by a Well Known Citizen of the County Yesterday and He Stated that an Actual Fight Would be Made on It.

A representative of The Advertiser, while talking yesterday to a well known citizen of the county and one who keeps up with county affairs, was informed that a fight would be made at the approaching session of the legislature against the county rural police. This gentleman did not state why it was going to be made nor who was going to start the ball rolling, but he stated that the effort was going to be made to do away with the rural police but further than that nothing else was said.

The first bill authorizing rural policemen for this county was passed in the session of 1910. At this time two policemen were authorized and Messrs. Lowe and Sullivan were appointed to the positions. At the past session of the legislature another bill was introduced and passed authorizing three more policemen. This time Messrs. Madden, Wright and Owens were appointed. There has been some little dissatisfaction at the work of the rural police, but, taken as a whole, the consensus of opinion is that they have worked wonderful results in keeping order over the county.

Since the rural police bill was passed for Laurens county, a number of other counties have followed the lead of this county and have inaugurated the system. Laurens county, however, was not the first to have rural police, but their usefulness here was brought out more prominently as an argument for having them elsewhere. Greenville county is considering having them.

No doubt the people of the county will take a deep interest in any fight that has to do with the rural police.

Entertainment at Rabun.

The B. Y. P. U. will give an entertainment at Rabun Creek Baptist church Thursday evening, Dec. 28 at 8 o'clock. The public is cordially invited.

The following officers were elected: Mr. John Watts, president; Mr. R. S. Owens, vice president, and Mr. John Mills, secretary and treasurer. We have boasted of the largest delegation of any county in the last few years, excepting Richland, and it is hoped that our banner will be held up, by each of us bringing back with us one man next year.

The football season being over we are turning our energy and interest, in the athletic line, to basket ball. Mr. W. L. Hannah of Charleston being the captain of the quintette and Mr. James G. Driver, athletic director, as coach we hope to get out a winning team. It is probable that games will be arranged with the following colleges: Newberry, Furman, Wofford, Davidson, (N. C.), and Wake Forest, (N. C.)

On last Monday afternoon a closely contested game of football was played between the classes of '13 and '14 to decide on the class championship. The teams battled to a 0 to 0 score and so the class championship cup will not be engraved as last year.

The Board of Trustees of the University met last week and among much other routine business they decided to ask the legislature again for our much needed chapel building. We are sorely in need of another dormitory. The growth of the institution demands it. It is hoped that our delegation of lawmakers will do all in their power to get an appropriation to meet these sore needs.

Mr. Alan Johnstone, Jr., senior law student and son of Senator Alan Johnstone of Newberry, gave an interesting Christmas address to the students at the regular Y. M. C. A. meeting last Wednesday evening. He spoke very interestingly as to how Christmas should be observed and what it means.

LOCAL AND PERSONAL MENTION.

Col. and Mrs. O. W. Babb are spending the holidays in the city.

Mr. J. W. Bailey, of Clinton, was a visitor in the city Wednesday.

Mr. Gus Simmons spent a few days in the city during the holidays.

Mr. Lamar Smith spent Christmas in Spartanburg with his parents.

Miss Irene Adair, of Clinton, was in the city shopping last Thursday.

Mr. Willie Parks, of Greenwood, attended the dance Monday evening.

Mr. Henry McKinney was in Greenwood with relatives during the holidays.

Mrs. Etta Dorroh of Gray Court spent Christmas in the city with relatives.

Mr. W. G. Lancaster spent the Christmas holidays with home folks in Pauline.

Dr. T. L. Timmerman and Mr. J. B. Timmerman spent Christmas day in Greenwood.

Mr. William McGowan and Miss Charlotte McGowan are at home for the holidays.

Mr. and Mrs. Ed Hart, of Oklahoma are spending the holidays in the city with relatives.

Mr. Yancy Gilkerson spent a few days here with his parents the early part of the week.

Mr. Geo. L. Pitts is spending a part of the Christmas holidays in the Rabun neighborhood.

Mr. and Mrs. S. R. Dorroh of Woodruff spent Christmas with his mother, Mrs. W. T. Dorroh.

Mr. Marvin Franks of Charleston was among the holiday visitors in Laurens this week.

Miss Anna Calhoun, of Ninety Six, is visiting at the home of Mr. and Mrs. P. P. McGowan.

Mr. and Mrs. S. M. Wright and children of Woodruff spent the week-end with relatives in the city.

Mr. J. M. Moorman spent a few days here during the holidays with his sister, Mrs. Virginia Catne.

Mr. Frank McCray is spending the Christmas holidays with his parents, Col. and Mrs. Geo. S. McCray.

Mrs. John M. Cannon left Thursday for Rock Hill where she will spend the holidays with her parents.

Mr. and Mrs. Julian Young, of James Island, have been in the city for the past few days visiting relatives.

Mr. Jas. H. Seigler, who held a position at the freight depot some time ago is in the city for a few days.

Miss Lillian Peterson, who is teaching at Townville, is spending the holidays in the city with her relatives.

Miss Gladys Huff is visiting during the holidays in Barnwell, where she is the guest of Miss Annie Lee Sims.

Mr. B. Peterson of Union, and Mr. Grover Peterson of Arlington, spent a part of the holidays in the city with relatives.

Mr. Sam Austin, who is now making his home in Anderson, is spending a part of the holidays in the city with his mother.

Mr. Gordon Garlington, business manager of The French Broad Hustler of Hendersonville, N. C., is visiting relatives in the city.

Mrs. J. P. Simpson and Misses Mary and Lucia Simpson are spending the Christmas holidays in Jacksonville with Dr. Knox Simpson.

Miss Julia Connor, of Greenwood, was in the city for the dance Monday evening and while here was the guest of Dr. and Mrs. W. H. Dial.

GOOD ROADS TRAIN COMING TUESDAY

Atlantic Coast Line Special to Be Here.

DEMONSTRATIONS GIVEN IN ROAD BUILDING

The Atlantic Coast Line Railroad is going to Large Expense in Sending This Train Around and a Large Crowd is Expected to be Present.

Next Tuesday morning the Atlantic Coast Line's special good roads train will be in Laurens. The train will probably arrive here Monday evening from Clinton and will spend the first half of Tuesday here. The train carries a complete equipment of road machinery and a full corps of government road experts. Stereopticon instruments are carried along too and views will be shown of good, bad and indifferent roads which have been made better, good and fine. The railroad has fitted out an expensive train and it is expected to prove intensely interesting.

This train has been on the road now for some time. It began the present tour in the city of Richmond and has been gradually working Southward. After leaving South Carolina it will go to Georgia and from there the tour will be continued to Florida. No territory which the Atlantic Coast Line or any of its tributaries touches will be missed. It will make a thorough and up-to-date canvas in the interest of good roads and doubtless its results will be far reaching.

Those who intend being present next Tuesday should make a point of being here before 9 o'clock in the morning for the demonstrations start promptly at that hour. Everybody who is at all interested in good roads, and that should mean everybody, is invited to be present. Let everybody be present to greet the road experts.

Negro Killed Near Clinton.

The only serious law breaking reported as a result of the holidays comes from near Lydia Mills, on the outskirts of Clinton. Although a complete account of the affair was not procurable when the paper went to press last night, it is learned that a negro named Johnson shot and wounded another negro and that the wounded negro died from the effects yesterday morning. Yesterday afternoon Deputy Sheriff Reid went down and arrested the murderer and placed him in jail.

Moved Into New Home.

Mr. W. P. Todd, of the vicinity of Barksdale, was in the city yesterday on business. Mr. Todd has recently moved into his nice new dwelling facing the public road on this side of Barksdale station. Heretofore Mr. Todd has been living some distance from the main thoroughfare. When he went to fix up a new home, he built it on the public highway so he could keep in closer touch with his friends and with his other business duties. In addition to his new home, Mr. Todd has built new barns and outhouses so that now he is surrounded with every convenience.

Friday, to spend Christmas with her parents.

Misses Mamie and Mary Bell Babb, who are teaching school in Anderson county, and Miss Sara Babb, who is teaching in the St. Matthews graded schools, are spending the holidays with their parents, Mr. and Mrs. Mosser Babb.

Misses Lida McAlister and Maud Hammond, of Greenville, have been the charming guests of Miss Mary Sullivan for the past few days and were present at the dance Monday evening. Miss Mary Sullivan will return with them to Greenville.

Mr. Henry S. Beeks of Ware Shoals was in Laurens last Thursday. Mr. Beeks is in the government service in Washington, being in the Census department and is spending a month's vacation with his family in this county.

Messrs. W. P. Childress and J. Warren Bolt have returned from a business trip to Atlanta. On the return trip the latter part of last week they were somewhat shaken up when the train on which they were riding flew the track. Neither of them, however, suffered any serious injury.