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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.

Waterloo, Sept. 23.—Mr. Ben Anderson, Jr., who has been unwell for some time became worse last week and it was found necessary to carry him to the hospital for surgical treatment. His father accompanied him to Spartanburg where an operation was performed and it is thought he will soon recover.

Our two other patients, Mr. John H. Wharton, Jr., and Mrs. Katie Pearce, who have been off for treatment some time, are improving and are expected home in a few days.

The new brick store erected by Mr. W. Y. McNeal has been completed and a stock of general merchandise placed in the same. Mr. McNeal has just returned from New York where he selected and purchased some additional stock for the fall and winter trade. Mr. Arthur Lockwood is manager of this new enterprise and would be glad to have a proportionate share of the public trade.

Mr. W. Carl Wharton of Greenville was here last Friday attending to business affairs and shaking hands with his many friends.

To her many relatives and friends of Waterloo the death of Mrs. William R. Crisp of Mountville, was a surprise and great sorrow. Quite a number from here attended the funeral exercises at Mountville Friday afternoon. We have known Mrs. Crisp for a number of years and take this opportunity of expressing our deepest sympathy to the bereaved husband and children. Death can bring no greater affliction to a home than to claim, without warning, the wife and mother. That void produced in the heart by the departure of a wife or mother, with all her love and tender care, can never more be filled, and can be consoled and satisfied only by divine grace.

The Baptist Sunday school here observed last Saturday as Orphanage Work Day. When the children brought together Sunday morning the result of their efforts they had over eleven dollars which will be given to Connie Maxwell Orphanage.

Cross Hill, Sept. 23.—Mrs. E. P. Harrison of Greenwood visited Mrs. A. B. French last week.

This correspondent failed to mention the name of Prof. J. Pierce Coats the efficient teacher at Trinity-Ridge in the list of teachers from here last week.

Mr. R. A. Austin is having material placed on the ground to build a large brick store on his lot near the Racket store.

Mr. J. T. Matthews has been in Asheville during the summer to recuperate his health. He came home last week and is still quite unwell.

Mrs. G. M. Hanna is still quite ill and her friends are apprehensive about her condition.

Mrs. N. E. Boyce returned Saturday from a visit to her people near Clinton.

Miss Irene Dillard went over to Clinton Friday and returned Saturday. We have had only a few light showers since July, and now it looks like the gale was upon us and the rain is pouring down since early last night.

Just before leaving for Philadelphia last week Miss Kate Austin received a scholarship in Dr. White's Bible Training school, New York, and after spending a few days in Philadelphia with friends she will go on to New York.

Mountville, Sept. 23.—On the morning of Sept. 20th, the spirit of Mrs. Corrie Crisp passed from this life into the next. The hearts of all in this community are saddened at the loss of this dear woman but they bow in submission and in reverence to the will of the great Father, realizing that the hand that shapes the destinies is unerring.

Before her marriage she was a Miss Dendy, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Marcus Dendy. She was fifty-nine years old, a member of the Mountville Baptist church and a sincere Christian

woman. As a wife and mother she was devoted and faithful. Within the sacred precinct of her home she led a noble and Godly life, ever pointing her friends and loved ones to a higher and truer life. Although her gentle spirit has fled, her influence shall abide.

Loving hands laid the body to rest in the Presbyterian cemetery of this place, the service being conducted by her pastor, Rev. J. A. Martin. Mrs. Crisp is survived by a husband and five children: Mrs. W. C. Hipp, Miss Ida May, Messrs. S. N. and Hugh Crisp of this place, and Mr. B. B. Crisp of Leesburg, Fla., and several sisters and brothers.

The hearts of all her former acquaintances go out in love and sympathy to the bereaved family.

Mr. W. D. Pyles is visiting in town. Miss Ruth Stokes left Friday for Denmark where she will teach.

Mr. Henry Fellers has returned to Mountville from Columbia where he has been engaged in business for some time.

Prof. W. P. Culbertson was in town Saturday on business. Mrs. Eugenia Teague and Miss Edith Teague have gone to Camphill, Ala.

The last college students to return to their work were Miss Ethel Jones for Due West Woman's college, Miss Ina Coleman for Winthrop, Messrs. William Fellers, Roy and Milton Mitchell for the University of S. C., and Mr. Watts Hudgens for The Citadel.

Harmony, Sept. 21.—This community was saddened very much yesterday when it was made known that Mrs. Amanda Mitchell, widow of the late E. G. Mitchell, had died some time during Thursday night at the home of her brother, Mr. Jas. C. Cork, near Ware Shoals. Her body was brought today to Mt. Bethel and the funeral conducted by her pastor, Rev. Mr. DuBose, after which her body was laid to rest in the cemetery at that place by the side of her husband who preceded her to the grave, a little over four years. A good woman is gone.

Prof. Cork and Mr. Walter Cork and wife, of Rock Hill, Mrs. Lillian Arnold, of Greenwood and Miss Ora Mitchell, of Chester, attended the burial of Mrs. Mitchell.

Mr. and Mrs. A. K. Hughes are visiting relatives in Pickens.

Dials, Sept. 23.—The past two weeks have witnessed the exodus of our boys and girls, to their respective schools and colleges. The following are Dials' representatives at the different institutions: Misses Cecil Owings and Nita Hunter, Chicora; Misses Marie and Kate Curry, Lander; Messrs. Fred Armstrong, Clemson; Frank Gray, the North Greenville high school. Marvin Harris will leave Oct. 1st for the medical college at Charleston.

Miss Emma Harris has returned from a pleasant visit with friends in Fountain Inn.

Miss Fannie Brownlee spent several days last week, visiting friends in Greenville.

Mr. Ernest Harris was the weekend guest of Mr. Casper Fowler, of Fountain Inn, last week.

Messrs. John Simmons and Marvin Harris attended the opening exercises of Clemson college.

Mr. and Mrs. John Harris and children of Greenville, spent Saturday night with Mr. D. D. Harris and family.

Miss Ruth Curry entertained a number of her young friends with a lawn party recently. The occasion was greatly enjoyed by all who attended.

Mrs. Jim Cook and daughter, Sue, spent Wednesday with Mrs. Hattie Willis and family.

Misses Willie Mae and Annie Belle Caldwell spent several days last week with Mrs. J. S. Brooks and family.

The following attended the burial of Mr. John B. Brooks at Laurens, last Tuesday: Mr. and Mrs. D. D. Harris, Messrs. John Holder, David Brownlee, and M. V. Holder and son.

A traveling show stayed several days the past week at Woodville, showing different moving picture films each night, interspersed with vaudeville acts. Taken as a whole the show seemed to be all right.

Rev. J. K. McCain will preach the 1st Sunday in October at Dials. The service beginning at 11 o'clock.

Buys New Machine.

Mr. J. C. Sheppard has just purchased a new Ford touring car to be used in his auto hack service. Mr. Sheppard has made quite a success in this line and on account of the increase in business was obliged to add another car to his equipment.

## LAURENS LOSES ON FIRST VOTE

Pee Dee Presbytery Voted Against Moving Chicora College to Laurens.

With about a third of the delegates to the Presbytery not voting, the Pee Dee Presbytery, meeting at Dillon, Thursday voted against the removal of Chicora college to Laurens. A committee of Laurens citizens went down to present this city's interests and Greenville had representatives to argue for the retention of the college in that city. The vote stood 13 to 11 against the removal, about a dozen delegates not voting because they were not familiar enough with the situation to express an opinion.

The resolution passed by the Presbytery is as follows:

"The Presbytery of Pee Dee, having heard the representatives of the board of trustees of Chicora college and the citizens of Laurens and Greenville and fully appreciating the generous proposition of the Laurens brethren and the strong inducements they offer, nevertheless do not, at the present time, with the lights before them, see our way clear, at this time, to authorize the removal of the college from the city of Greenville."

The committee from Laurens were placed at a disadvantage in Dillon, because they were unable to get their literature before the body in time for the delegates to read it and calmly reach a decision. As the subject was given only an hour and a half for discussion, the time was not sufficient to go into it at length, nor were the delegates willing to take such a big step as moving a college on such short notice.

The South Carolina and Piedmont Presbyteries are meeting today and the question will come up in them also. A committee of Laurens citizens is at each meeting to represent this city's interests.

There are seven presbyteries in the state and Laurens will have to carry five of them to get the college. Greenville will have to get two more before she will be able to retain it.

## PORCH CLIMBER CAUGHT.

Negro, Thought to have been the Same One Who has been Found on the Premises of Different People, Finally Caught.

Richard Puckett, a young negro about twenty four years old, was arrested by Chief Bagwell Monday afternoon charged with secreting himself upon the porch of Mr. W. R. Richey, Sr., supposedly for the purpose of robbery or for spying upon the inmates of the house. The negro was found lying upon the piazza Sunday evening about 8:30 o'clock and when discovered made a dash for liberty. Mr. Richey, with the assistance of the police and neighbors made a thorough search of the premises for clues and finally found a pair of shoes and a rain-coat that the negro had placed underneath the steps. Acting upon the supposition, that the negro would return for these things, Messrs. Gover Richey and Ran Little secreted themselves on the piazza and awaited his return. They were soon rewarded by sounds of the negro returning. He was seen to approach in the dark and as he reached the steps, Mr. Gover Richey made a spring at him to catch him. The negro ran and Mr. Richey "let loose" with his pistol at close range, but for some reason his aim was not as sure as he had some time previously thought it would be. The negro escaped, but left his coat and shoes.

A thorough search of the entire neighborhood was made that night and next morning Chief Bagwell went on a still hunt for his man. Late Monday afternoon he was rewarded, when Richard Puckett was caught and later confessed. Puckett has been in the employ of Owings and Owings for some years as a driver of a delivery wagon. He has hitherto borne a fair reputation.

He was carried before Mayor Babb yesterday and he bounl him over to the higher court. This is not the first instance of porch climbing which has occurred in Laurens recently. Several other residents of the city have been awakened in the night to find trespassers, either on the porches or inside the houses. While it is possible that this same negro has been operating all over town, he stoutly denies it, declaring that he only went into Mr. Richey's house to get out of the rain. His capture, however, is a great relief to those who have been troubled before.

## BIG IMPROVEMENTS ON KINGS HOTEL

Sixteen More Rooms to be Added, Present Rooms Improved Upon and a New Front Put In.

The march of progress continues in Laurens. As fast as one plan is gotten well under way another one is begun and the town is putting on airs as never before. The King Hotel is the next building to be put under the care of the contractors. Dr. H. K. Aiken, one of the owners, yesterday authorized a statement to the effect that the hotel would be remodeled at once. The C. L. Rounds Construction company has been employed to draw up plans to be submitted as soon as finished and these plans will be followed by actual construction.

Although the owners of the property have definitely decided to make the improvements, they have not decided exactly the nature of them. It is certain, however, that at least sixteen new rooms with baths will be added, those rooms that are large enough now will have baths added, the metal front will be taken down and a new fashioned brick put in and the whole property improved generally. Whether the rooms will be added in the rear or whether another story will be put on has not yet been decided. This decision will necessarily rest upon the examination of the building by the architects and contractors.

The work upon the new building on the southeast corner of this block, which was recently bought by the Bank of Laurens, will begin in a few weeks. H. Terry is now moving out of this building to make way for the contractors. He is moving into the store room two doors above, which has been handsomely fitted up for him by Mr. Earl Wilson, the owner.

## GEO. YEARGIN LOSES ARM.

Popular Gray Court Young Man Injured in Ginnery and has to Leave Left Arm Amputated.

A peculiarly distressing accident occurred at Gray Court Thursday, when young Mr. Geo. Yeargin, one of the best known and most popular young men of the county, had the misfortune to get his left arm caught in the saws of the Gray Court Oil & Fertilizer company's ginnery. The wound proved so serious that it was found necessary to amputate the limb yesterday afternoon at the county hospital, Dr. Hughes performing the operation, assisted by Drs. Ferguson and Schayer. At the last report he was getting along as well as could be expected. The arm was amputated just below the elbow joint.

George Yeargin is known all over the state and in many parts of the south as the star backstop of the Clemson base ball team. In his freshman year last year he was a leader among the team mates and barely missed getting named upon Heisman's All-Southern team, only his age and size being against him. He intended entering college again later in the year and prospects were bright for a brilliant career.

His many friends in this county and elsewhere will hear of the accident with the greatest sorrow for he was universally liked wherever known.

## Death of Young Lady.

Miss Devne McClintock, daughter of Capt. W. A. McClintock, of Ora, died at the home of her father Monday morning. She had been in ill health since childhood, so death came as a relief to her. The funeral services were held at Old Fields church yesterday morning, Rev. I. N. Kennedy conducting them. A large number of people gathered to pay her a last tribute. The pall bearers were Messrs. J. D. Mills, W. B. Blakeley, W. M. Bryson, William Hunter, R. H. Fleming and J. H. Hembree.

## BASEBALL TOMORROW.

St. Louis Nationals will Tackle New York Nationals, Real League Teams.

The St. Louis National League ball team will cross bats here tomorrow with the New York Nationals. They will play both afternoon and night and the admission will be only five and ten cents. These games however, will be played in the Opera House, being a part of this week's Pathe Weekly. Besides this section of the weekly there will be several other very interesting pictures of daily events, among them the attempt to break the pole vault record of the world and the funeral of Wilbur Wright of aviation fame. Three or four other good scenes. Besides the weekly many other good pictures are scheduled for this week.

## BIG BUNCH BAGGED.

Sheriff, Deputy Sheriff and Rural Police-men Coop a Good Many Sinners.

Saturday, Sunday and Monday were busy days in Sheriff Owing's office, where a running reception was given in honor of the visiting sinners, who had been thusly honored for several and sundry reasons. From Saturday night till Monday morning a total of twelve evil-doers were escorted to the jail, all of these being members of the dark tribe except one. The reception started Saturday night when a few ordinary arrests were made and reached the climax Sunday night when Sheriff Owings and Deputy Reid and Rural Policeman Sullivan were requested to pay a visit to White Plains church. They did. Result—nine negroes, all drunk and about to break up the singing services. The following were the guests invited to Laurens on that auspicious occasion: Bob Brooks, Pierce Irby, Geo. Mangum, Will Boyd, William Nance, Guy Leaman, John Washington, Stuart Cunningham, and Jerry Cunningham. There is a warrant out for John Bryson, a member of the same club.

Deputy Reid and Policeman Sullivan arrested C. B. Brewington of Trinity Ridge Saturday night.

Rural Policeman Columbus Owens fetched one Henry Martin into rest Monday. He is up for assault and battery with intent to kill.

Rural Policeman Wright reports "all quiet along the Saluda", though he states that he has discovered a negro in Sullivan township who has not paid his road tax.

## SCHOOL OPENINGS.

Both Friendship and Oak Grove Will Open on the 7th of October.

The trustees of Friendship school have announced that the opening of the 1912-13 session will take place on the 7th of October. Miss Minnie Wallace, who has been the efficient teacher for the past three years has been employed again for the coming session. Everyone who is interested is invited to be present at the opening exercises.

## Oak Grove.

The Oak Grove school will also open for this session on the same day, Oct. 7th. The school this year will be in charge of Miss Lyda Sloan, a fine teacher, and leader. The trustees, parents, and all others interested will be welcomed to the exercises at the opening.

## Partnership Dissolved.

The law firm of Cannon and Blackwell has been dissolved and in the future these two young Laurens attorneys will be found in their separate offices. Mr. Blackwell has rented an office in the Barksdale building in the room that was occupied by Sheriff Owings during the remodeling of the court house. Mr. Cannon will remain in the rooms formerly occupied by the old firm.

## COMPLIMENTS MR. PITTS.

W. K. Tate, Supervisor of Rural Schools Commends Supt. Pitt's Letter.

The article in last week's Advertiser by Supt. of Education Geo. L. Pitts has brought many compliments to the writer. Teachers over the county and leading educators from other counties have made many complimentary remarks upon the excellence of Mr. Pitt's article. The Advertiser managed to get hold of the following letter much against Mr. Pitt's desire:

Department of Education.

Columbia, S. C.

Sept. 19, 1912.

Supt. Geo. L. Pitts,

Laurens, S. C.

My Dear Mr. Pitts:

I happened today to see a copy of the Laurens Advertiser and read in it your most excellent letter. It is one of the best communications to trustees, patrons and teachers which I have ever read. Have you sent a copy of the letter to the other county superintendents? If you have not, would you please ask The Advertiser to send me forty-four copies with their bill for the same? I want to send them to the other county superintendents.

By the way, when you do something of this kind again, please put me on your mailing list. You perhaps got a letter from me yesterday. It is just such material as this that I want to give suggestions to the other men.

Very sincerely,

W. K. Tate.

## NEWS OF THE WEEK IN TOWN OF CLINTON

Fine Opening of the Presbyterian College.

## PERSONAL PARAGRAPHS ON POPULAR PEOPLE

Other Items of Interest to People in and Outside of Clinton. Improvements Contemplated at the Passenger Depot. Clinton Wants a Federal Building.

Clinton, Sept. 24.—The Presbyterian college opened last Thursday with nearly 150 students. An excellent tone seems to animate the student body and the prospect of a successful year's work cheers the faculty and the friends of the institution.

The Rev. Frank D. Jones, pastor of the First Presbyterian church, entertains all of the faculty and students at a reception this evening.

The faculty forbade all "hazing", but this was not intended to stop the innocent foolishness and harmless pranks which have become established customs. One custom which is generally enjoyed is the "rat parade" when the new men are blacked and escorted to the doors of some of the young ladies in town, to the skating rink, and other places of amusement, winding up with "treats" followed by a chase back to the dormitory. This festivity took place Friday night.

## A Sad Death.

An employe of Mr. A. B. Blakeley, C. H. Gray, fell dead in the shop last Thursday afternoon and was buried Friday.

He had been in Clinton about a year. He was a skilled mechanic and was liked in the shop.

He was very quiet and so far as was known had broken off all connection with relatives and friends. He left no papers that identified him in any way.

## County Medical Association.

The County Medical association held its regular monthly meeting here this afternoon. The weather prevented a full attendance. Dr. Neuffer of Abbeville was a guest.

## Improvements Planned.

The Chamber of Commerce expects as its guest this week Mr. John F. Livingston of Columbia, president of the C. N. & L. railway. The matter of improving the railway station will be taken up. It has been clear for some time that the present arrangements are inadequate.

The Chamber of Commerce will also make efforts to obtain a federal building for Clinton. The postoffice here can present, it is said, all the qualifications except the population of the town that would entitle it to a handsome building and a first class rating.

The Civic League, which during the long and serious illness of its president, Mrs. R. Z. Wright, fell into inactivity, will resume work with the coming on of fall.

## Personal Items.

The Rev. Dr. Jacobs is visiting on Edisto Island.

Miss Annie Copeland leaves this week for Columbia, where she will attend the College for Women.

Miss Iva Mahaffey will return to Columbia to attend the Methodist College for Women.

Mrs. Boozer has accepted a position at Hollins Institute in Virginia.

Prof. and Mrs. L. N. T. Nelson of the Presbyterian college will make their home with Mrs. W. G. Neville for a time.

Mrs. George McCrary reached home Friday after a most delightful visit to the family of her son, Mr. George Elbert McCrary in Beverly, Mass.

Mrs. W. E. Owens has returned from a month's pleasure trip in New York city.

Miss Marie Smith of Glenn Springs is the popular guest of Misses Ellens McCaslan and Sallie Wright.

Miss Zee Wright came home Friday after a series of most enjoyable visits to former college mates in Virginia and North Carolina.

R. Z. Wright, Jr. has returned to Charleston to resume his studies in Porter Military Academy.

R. S. Owens and J. H. Phinney have returned to Columbia to attend the university.

Mrs. R. Z. Wright, Miss Sallie Wright, and Mr. R. Z. Wright, Jr. made

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