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NEWS OF THE WEEK IN TOWN OF CLINTON

J. F. Jacobs Buys Hotel Property for Office Site

PERSONAL PARAGRAPHS ON POPULAR PEOPLE

Expected that Free City Delivery will soon be Secured. Musgrove Street being improved by Remodeling of Store Fronts. High School Declaimers Contest.

Clinton, March 25.—Every now and again this town is brought up against a week filled with interesting events and this one happens to be of that sort. For the business community, the college and graded school sets, the club women, and socially inclined people generally, there is something doing.

A recent deal that mean a good deal for the appearance of the town was Mr. J. F. Jacobs' purchase of what has come to be known as "the new hotel" property on Phinney avenue. Mr. Jacobs will not build it as a hotel but as a modern office building, for which it is well situated.

The Chamber of Commerce will entertain as its honored guest next Friday night Mr. John Wood of Spartanburg whose success in his line of work will command for him an interested hearing here. The entertainment will take the form of a "smoker" in the city council chamber and all the business men of the town whether members of the Chamber of Commerce or not will be invited.

Postoffice Facts. For some time Clinton has been saying, "Soon we shall be entitled to free mail delivery." Yesterday the "soon" became "now" when the postal receipts passed the \$10,000 mark. The town has its part yet to do in the matter of naming streets and numbering houses. Arrangements have already been made for paving and curbing which will weigh with the department in securing an early order to install the service.

From the number of bids one hears, Uncle Sam will have no trouble locating a postoffice here.

Town Improvements. A great improvement in the looks of Clinton will be brought about when the block of stores on the Musgrove side of the square shall have been made uniform in appearance. Plate glass display windows are now being put in and it is said that when this is finished the whole side will be painted white. This will be a very great improvement, giving the appearance of size and dignity to the entire block.

A bronze drinking fountain for man and beast has been erected on Musgrove street near the postoffice by the city authorities. The pipes feeding it pass through a deep disused well, and thus cool drinking water for the hot days is assured.

Duckett-Johnson Wedding. At four o'clock Wednesday afternoon Miss Eleanor Duckett, daughter of Capt. and Mrs. T. J. Duckett, will be married to Mr. Duncan Johnson of Newberry. About seventy-five relatives and intimate friends will be present at the ceremony which will be performed by the bride's brother-in-law, the Rev. J. F. Jacobs. There will be no attendants. However, preceding the ceremony, Mrs. Eugene Fouche, Miss Mittie Young and Mr. William Jacobs will sing, Miss Maud Sumner playing the accompaniments. Mr. John Townsend of Anderson, a nephew of the bride, will play the wedding march. The wedding will be celebrated at the home of the bride's sister, Mrs. J. F. Jacobs, and elaborate decorations of white and green will be used. The bride will wear white brocaded charmeuse. Her veil will be caught with orange blossoms and her bouquet will be bride roses.

If the roads permit Mr. and Mrs. Johnson will go to their future home in Newberry by automobile.

Entertainments for Miss Duckett. Mrs. George Ellis entertained sixteen friends of Miss Eleanor Duckett at a linen shower on Monday afternoon, the affair being beautifully carried out in every detail. Some beau-

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OFFICERS ELECTED BY CITY COUNCIL

All Officers Re-elected with the Exception of City Clerk.

The new city council held a meeting in the council chamber Thursday night and went into the election of officers to fill the different places made vacant incident upon the inauguration of the new mayor and aldermen. The election was by secret ballot, the vote of the mayor and aldermen not being made known to each other or to the outside world. No record of how the different men voted was made in the minutes and it was agreed in the meeting before adjournment, according to one of the aldermen, that no one would make their vote public.

The interest in the election centered around the selection of a clerk and a metre reader. City Clerk Roland, who has held the office for several years and against whom no charges of incompetence or failure to discharge his duties were brought, was defeated for re-election and C. W. Kitchens, until recently of Spartanburg, was elected in his place. In the election of metre reader, J. E. Philpot, who now holds the position, was re-elected over Hanse Crews, the other applicant. R. E. Babb was re-elected city attorney.

Chief of Police W. S. Bagwell and Assistant Chief Langston and Privates W. H. Dason, Don Irvin, Rhett Reid and James Powers were re-elected. John H. Henderson was re-elected superintendent of streets, H. L. Blount, superintendent of the power house and James Davenport manager of the fire department team.

The salaries attached to these offices are as follows: mayor \$75 per month; chief of police \$75 per month; city clerk \$75; five other policemen at \$50; metre reader \$60; superintendent of streets \$55; manager of fire department team \$40; superintendent of power house \$3.00 per day. In addition to these there are three negroes employed on the water and light department, one at \$1.35 per day and the others at \$1.00 per day. H. L. Blount is contracted for by the week and the others, except the negroes, are contracted for by the month.

Joe Smith Elected.

At a meeting of the Traynham Guards held last Thursday First Sergeant Joe Smith was elected a lieutenant to fill the place made vacant by the resignation of Mr. Pope Irby. Lieut. Smith has been with the company for years and his high efficiency as an officer and his popularity make the election a much deserved one. With Capt. Richey, Lieutenants Simpson and Smith as the commissioned officers the company is sure of retaining its present high standing in the state militia.

MOVING PICTURES AT SCHOOL FAIR

Mr. D. R. Lavender has Completed Arrangements, Pictures of Auto Parade, School Children and Prominent Views.

Mr. D. R. Lavender, manager of the motion picture show has completed all arrangements for having one thousand feet of moving picture films taken in Laurens during the county school fair. Pictures will be taken of the graded school, the graded school children, the parade of the school children from all parts of the county, all the automobiles in the county that are here for the day, and pictures of the more prominent views around the city.

Mr. Lavender is particularly anxious to have a large and striking picture of the autos taken. He wishes to have every single auto in Laurens county in the parade if possible. He also states that the cleaner the machine the better the picture and the better the result when it comes to advertising the county to others when the views are shown in other towns. The use of motion pictures as advertisers for cities and counties has proved popular and it is hoped that much interest will be shown in Laurens first chance to be "tut".

Box Supper at Fleming School.

There will be a box supper at Fleming school Friday night, March 28th, to which the public is invited. An interesting program, including a speech by Solicitor R. A. Cooper, has been arranged. There will also be music by the Childress String Band.

HUGH AIKEN WON ORATOR'S MEDAL

Will Represent Laurens High School at Greenville and Randolph Little at the County Contest.

Hugh Aiken won first place and Randolph Little second place in the preliminary oratorical contest held at the graded school auditorium Friday evening for the purpose of selecting a representative from the Laurens high school to compete in the oratorical contests of the county oratorical association on April 18th and in the Piedmont Oratorical association to be held in Greenville April 11th. By winning first place Hugh Aiken secured the honor of representing the Laurens school at Greenville and in addition won the medal offered for the best orator in the school. Randolph Little, who came second, will be the speaker at the county contest. In making known the decision of the judges, Mr. H. S. Blackwell stated that the marks of the two leading contestants had been very close, Hugh Aiken having been selected by a margin of one point, and that the other young men had done splendidly.

In marking the contestants, 60 points were allowed for general effect, 10 points for articulation, 10 points for gesticulation, 10 points for memory and 10 points for selection. The average of each contestant was taken by the judges and the honor awarded to the one having the highest total score.

The young men who took part in the contest were as follows:

Hugh Aiken—"Sergeant Prentiss First Plea."

James Holmes—"Nobility of Labor."

Paul Lake—"Commerce."

Randolph Little—"The New South."

Farris Martin—"The Secret of Murder."

James McCravy—"Not Guilty."

Laurens Philpot—"Citizenship."

Hayne Taylor—"Heroes of Dixie."

During the intermission a delightful musical program was rendered upon the Victrola owned by the school.

Flag Raising.

Those of you who were fortunate enough to be in the immediate vicinity of the new P. O. last Wednesday and not being familiar with the cause probably wondered at the large and enthusiastic gathering which spread itself along Main street at that point. For the information of those not knowing, it might be well to state that there was some flag-raising on the federal building. Cheered on by the plaudits of an admiring throng, Mr. C. E. Parker, the U. S. Government superintendent, mounted to the roof and tied Old Glory to the halyards and the flag-raising was on.

The silken banner, which was not as large as first expected, flew proudly to the breeze for about five minutes and then hid itself behind the ropes. The inspiring sight held the crowd spellbound and when Mr. Parker descended to the ground it was with difficulty that he made his way through the throng. It was a notable event.

The flag remained on high for a day and now lies locked in the desk of the government superintendent. It is probably the largest flag ever flown on a federal building in Laurens, its dimension being 9 inches by 14 inches. A careful estimate of those present resulted in a disagreement between the two spectators as to whether there were three or two onlookers. In this connection the silken flag will be introduced in the first act of that heart-rending drama "Down by the Sea" to be played Friday night in the Opera House by local talent. Admission 25, 35 and 50 cents.

Services at Mountville.

Low Sunday, March 30th, will be observed at the Church of Eternal Hope, Mountville, by preaching and song service. The service will be at 8 o'clock p. m. The music will be directed by Mrs. Mae T. Cluck, the sermon by Rev. Geo. Studen DeJano, D. D.

Campfire Jokes and Stories.

"Uncle Doc" Owen, of Greenwood, S. C. has had published a little book entitled "Campfire Jokes and War Stories"—price 25 cents. Sent to any address upon receipt of price. The old vet is 79 years old and is dependent on the sale of the little book for his sustenance.

NEGRO MAN KILLED IN CENTER OF CITY

Tom Hunter Shot Down by Sam Price as He Crossed the Threshold of his Own Home.

Tom Hunter, a lawabiding and hard-working negro of the city, was shot down Saturday night as he was about to enter his own home by Sam Price, another negro man. The bullet entered the abdomen of the negro in front, raging downward and to the left, lodging just underneath the skin in the rear. He lived until Sunday about 2 o'clock, when he died. Before his death he made a statement of the affair and made disposition of two insurance policies which he carried on his life, changing the beneficiary from his wife to his mother. The trouble arose over the wife of the deceased, who was being shown attentions by Sam Price.

The ante-mortem statement of the dead negro is as follows:

"Went home from market Saturday night. Didn't see any light in house. Went round to back door to get key where my wife always leaves the key and I heard somebody speak and run. Went on round to the other back door and met Sam Price and he shot me, I says to Sam 'Taint no use in that' and Sam shot me.

"When I got home the front door was locked and I couldn't get in front door, so went round to back door to get key where my wife always leaves it and met Sam. My wife was in the house with Sam Price.

"I realize that it is probable that I may die from this wound and this is my dying statement.

"There was nothing immediately between Sam and myself but had been a week or so ago. Sam said he had heard that I was carrying a pistol for him, but we had shook hands and made up.

"I desire to state that I want to change the provision of my will as to my policies in Carolina Insurance Co. (Hill) and in the Knights of Pythias, Laurens Lodge No. 30—that is, I desire that the beneficiary of my will be my mother, Laura Hunter, instead of my wife, Carrie Hunter.

Tom Hunter, W. T. Crews, J. R. Reid, Magistrate, G. B. Franklin.

The full story of the tragedy is contained in the short statement of the deceased. There were no other eye witnesses of the shooting, except Sam Price, himself, and so far he has eluded arrest. Carrie Hunter, the wife of the dead man, who was in the house when her husband arrived, testified that she ran to the front door when she heard Tom go around to the back and ran out when the shot was fired. Several other negro men and women testified to seeing Sam Price in the vicinity and on the premises just preceding the shooting but none of them were witnesses to the affair. Others testified that Carrie Hunter first denied any knowledge of the crime and tried to persuade other of her neighbors to aid her in escaping any connection with it. However, at the inquest she gave in and told her connection with the case and admitted that Sam Price did the shooting.

The coroner's jury, of which Mr. Geo. S. McCravy was foreman, rendered the following verdict: The said Tom Hunter came to his death by a gun-shot wound inflicted by Sam Price on the 22nd day of March, 1913, to wit, a pistol.

Tom Hunter had been employed in the meat market of Mr. S. G. McDaniel for a number of years and was considered a faithful, humble and hardworking negro. Sam Price is a bricklayer and plaster and has been before the mayor for unlawful conduct on another occasion.

Letters and notices have been sent out describing the escaped negro and the sheriff is making every effort to apprehend him. He is a yellowish looking negro, about 25 or 24 years of age and weighs about 165 pounds. His teeth protrude somewhat and he has a coarse voice. When last seen, he was wearing a brown suit, tan shoes and white hat, with the hat turned up in front.

Meeting of U. D. C.

The Joseph B. Kershaw chapter, U. D. C. will meet Friday afternoon at 4 o'clock, with Miss Mayme Ferguson. The members are requested to telephone the hostess whether or not they will be present.

N. B. DIAL TO OFFER FOR U. S. SENATE

N. B. Dial to Offer For U. S. Senate. Announces in Washington that He Will be in the Race Next Year.

A special dispatch to the Greenville News Saturday carried the announcement that Mr. N. B. Dial, of this city, would be in the race for the United States senate in 1914. Mr. Dial was a candidate in the race against Sen. Tillman and Col. Talbert in 1912. The dispatch to the News was as follows:

N. B. Dial of Laurens, has been spending several days in Washington on his way home from New York. While here he has been spending a good deal of his time in the company of Attorney General McReynolds and Representative Underwood who were his classmates at Vanderbilt university.

Mr. Dial stated to the Greenville News correspondent this afternoon that he is not an applicant for any position in the gift of the administration, but would be a candidate for the United States senate next year. One of the leading planks in his platform will be a demand for a government system of warehouses for storing cotton and other farm products. He says he has worked out a scheme which he thinks will be practicable and will also be constitutional. While here he has been getting data on the subject and will be prepared to present it to the people during the next campaign.

GOING TO FOUNTAIN INN.

Rev. J. D. Pitts, who was Pastor of the First Baptist Church Here for Many Years, Resigns Charge at Blackville.

Rev. J. D. Pitts, who has been pastor of the Baptist church at Blackville for several years and who was for a long time pastor of the First Baptist church here, has resigned his pastorate at Blackville to accept a call to the Baptist church at Fountain Inn. Mr. Pitts will take up the work in his new field during the first week of April.

In the special correspondence to The State from Blackville is contained the following about his resignation:

Mr. Pitts' announcement, coming at the close of an eloquent sermon, which was the climax of the Easter services, proved a great surprise to his people. Mr. Pitts and his wife, who came here from Laurens in 1907, have made a host of friends, who will regret to see them go. During his incumbency of the pastorate Mr. Pitts has labored well and faithfully for the upbuilding of the church here.

H. Y. SIMMONS DEAD.

Prominent and Greatly Beloved Citizen of Dials Township Passed Away Monday Night.

Mr. H. Y. Simons, one of the best known and most highly regarded citizens of the county, died at his home near Gray Court Monday night of pneumonia, having been sick for about eight days. The funeral services were held yesterday afternoon at Dials Methodist church, of which he was a member and steward, Rev. Mr. Munnerlyn, assisted by Rev. J. K. McCain, conducting the services. A large number of people attended the funeral, quite a number from Laurens going up to be present at the obsequies.

Mr. Simmons was a man of the highest honor and of inflexible integrity. He was a Christian gentleman and greatly beloved by all who knew him. He took an active and prominent part in the affairs of Dials church, teaching a class of over fifty men, each of whom fled by his grave yesterday afternoon and dropped a wreath of flowers thereon. He was held in the highest estimation by all who knew him and his death is considered a distinct loss not only to his family but to his community and county.

He was a few months more than sixty years of age. He is survived by his wife, who was Miss Sallie Hellams, the daughter of William Hellams, and a number of sons and daughters.

MEDICOS TO MEET HERE THURSDAY

Third District Medical Association of Four Counties.

TO HOLD MEETING AT COUNTY HOSPITAL

Regular Spring Meeting of the Third District Medical Association to be Held at the Laurens County Hospital Thursday, the Sessions to Open at 11:30 o'clock.

The quarterly meeting of the Third District Medical association will be held in this city Thursday, the sessions to be held in the assembly hall of the county hospital. It is expected that a large number of physicians from the four counties of the association will be present. An attractive program has been arranged for the meeting and a very enjoyable session is anticipated.

The association is composed of physicians from the four counties of Newberry, Greenwood, Abbeville and Laurens. The president of the association is Dr. T. L. W. Bailey, of Clinton, the vice president is Dr. R. B. Epling, of Greenwood, and the secretary is Dr. G. P. Neel, of Greenwood. The association is composed of a very able and enthusiastic body of men.

The visiting members will be tendered a dinner-banquet in the dining room of the hospital by the local members of the association. This is expected to be a very enjoyable affair.

The program of the business session will be as follows:

Called to order.
Divine Invocation.
Welcome: Rolfe E. Hughes, M. D., Laurens Medical Society.
Luncheon 2:30 p. m.

Papers and Discussions.

1. Tetanus Prophylaxis. G. A. Neuffer, M. D., Abbeville.
2. The Era of Preventative Medicine. John H. Miller, M. D., Cross Hill.
3. Observations as a Factor in Advancing the Science of Medicine. O. B. Mayer, M. D., Newberry.
4. Irrigation in Entero-Colitis. Isadore Schayer, M. D., Laurens.
5. Jaundice. C. C. Gambrell, M. D., Abbeville.
6. Management of Puerperal Eclampsia. Jesse H. Teague, M. D., Laurens.
7. Eclampsia. W. Lawrence Bailey, M. D., Coronaca.
8. The Discovery of Cancer in Plants. Hugh K. Aiken, M. D., Laurens.
9. Anodynes. J. D. Austin, M. D., Clinton.
10. Appendicitis. G. P. Neel, M. D., Greenwood.
11. Ante-Partem and Post partem douche, and the repair of cervical and perineal lacerations. J. L. Fennel, M. D., Waterloo.
12. Subject unannounced. W. P. Turner, M. D., Greenwood.
13. Physical Diagnosis Pre-eminant; Discussion opened by R. B. Epling, M. D., Greenwood.
14. Subject unannounced. J. Lee Young, M. D., Clinton.
15. Gunshot Wounds of Abdomen. Operative, Series of Cases. S. W. Page, M. D., Greenwood.
16. Salvarsan. John Lyon, M. D., Greenwood.
17. Volunteer Papers and Clinics.
18. Business.

Makes a Record Mark.

Chief Clerk Metts, of the Atlanta Division of Railway Mail Clerks, was in the city several days ago to give a "South Carolina to Routes" examination to Mr. Jack McCravy, at the local post office. The examination given to Mr. McCravy was one of the regular routine examinations given to clerks in the post offices at odd intervals and usually do not attract wide attention. This one, however, was unusual because of the high mark made by Mr. McCravy. After completing the examination in 31 minutes, this being exceptionally fast time, Mr. Metts marked up 100 alongside of Mr. McCravy's name, stating at the same time that not only is it very seldom but that is is only occasional that such a fine mark as this is made in the mail service. Mr. Metts considers "Jack" one of the best men in his division.