

CROP MOVEMENT TO BE DISCUSSED

McAdoo Calls on Bankers for Conference.

FOUR ARE INVITED FROM THIS STATE

Charleston, Columbia, Spartanburg and Greenville Clearing House Men Are To Take Part In The Conference of Fifty Nine Bankers To Be Held Some Time In August To Discuss Distribution of \$50,000,000.

Washington, Aug. 4.—Representative bankers of 59 large cities in the agricultural regions of the South, Middle West and Pacific coast today were invited by Secretary McAdoo to come to Washington to confer with the treasury department regarding the distribution of the \$50,000,000.00 of government funds about to be deposited in national banks of those districts to facilitate the marketing and movement of the crops.

This unprecedented step, which will call to Washington bankers from the centers that will finance the handling of the great crops soon to be harvested, is designed to give the secretary first hand information and advice as to the specific and relative needs of each of the farming districts. It has been decided to place the deposits in the 59 cities to be represented at the conference. Invitations were sent by telegraph to the presidents of the clearing house associations in each of the cities asking them to send representatives or committees to Washington to discuss arrangements for depositing the big sum.

Southerners Come First. The conference with the representatives from the Southern cities will be held at the treasury department Thursday, August 7, with those from the West Friday, August 8, and with those from the Pacific Thursday, August 14.

These cities have been invited to be represented: Birmingham, Mobile, Montgomery, Ala.; Little Rock Ark.; Los Angeles, San Francisco, Cal.; Denver, Col.; Tampa, Jacksonville, Fla.; Atlanta, Savannah, Ga.; Chicago, Evansville, Port Wayne, Indianapolis, Ind.; Des Moines, Sioux City, Iowa; Kansas City, Wichita, Kan.; Louisville, Ky.; New Orleans, La.; Baltimore, Md.; Vicksburg, Meridian, Miss.; St. Louis, Kansas City, Mo.; Minneapolis, St. Paul, Min.; Detroit, Mich.; Charlotte, Wilmington, Raleigh, N. C.; Omaha, Neb.; Oklahoma City, Muckogee, Okla.; Portland, Ore.; Cincinnati, Cleveland, Columbus, Ohio; Charleston, Columbia, Spartanburg, Greenville, S. C.; Chattanooga, Knoxville, Memphis, Nashville, Tenn.; Dallas, Galveston, Houston, San Antonio, Texas; Richmond, Norfolk, Roanoke, Lynchburg, Va.; Wheeling, W. Va.; Seattle, Spokane, Wash.; Milwaukee, Wis.

Secretary McAdoo announced that it was not practicable to increase the number of cities and that he believed those selected were thoroughly representative of the agricultural sections.

Treasury officials declared the entire \$50,000,000 will be deposited if the situation demands it. It was explained that care will be taken to prevent any undue inflation of the circulating volume of money and that the government would deposit only what was needed to assist in moving the crops, with the stipulation that it must be returned to the treasury as soon as that need shall have passed. At the conference with the bankers Secretary McAdoo will discuss the amount needed and the dates to be named for the gradual return of the money to the government.

The treasury department expects to begin making the deposits before the close of August and gradually to feed the money into the selected centers as the demand grows through the crop moving period.

Reunion of Co. F. The annual reunion of Co. F., 14th Regiment, S. C. V., will be held at Langston church Tuesday, Aug. 19th. Several speakers will be present to entertain the crowd and dinner will be served by the ladies. As many of the old soldiers as can possibly make the trip are expected to be present.

MANY WERE ENROLLED IN HIGH SCHOOL

Percentage of Enrollment in City High School Largely Exceeds Average for the United States.

Superintendent B. L. Jones, of the Laurens City Schools, has received from State Supt. J. E. Swearingen an acknowledgment of his annual report on the schools of Laurens. The letter of Mr. Swearingen is very complimentary to the high school department here, the Laurens schools showing a percentage of 17 per cent of total enrollment in the high school, whereas the percentage of high school boys and girls over the entire country is but 8 per cent. The following are several paragraphs from the letter of Mr. Swearingen:

"Accept my congratulations on your fine high school enrollment. The percentage of high school boys and girls in Laurens is 17 per cent; for the United States as a whole it is only 8 per cent. Will you be good enough to write me what causes contribute to bring about this condition?"

"Laurens county has a large excess negro enrollment. Is your report of the city negro school accurate in this particular? The reported negro enrollment is far below the figures for whites."

The high percentage of high school boys and girls in the city schools can be partly accounted for by the fact that there are no local colleges or preparatory schools to draw the scholars away before finishing the regular school course. Other than that, there are hardly no other reasons for this except a desire on the part of the scholars and their parents for better preparation before entering college. It is possible, however, that the high school department here includes lower grades than are included over other parts of the country. It can be safely said, though, that there is a tendency in Laurens toward better preparation before ending college or before entering business.

The excess of white children over negro children in the city schools can be explained by the fact that there are two largely attended private negro schools in the city.

WATTS THE LOSER.

Enoree Gets Lead in First and Keeps It Without Trouble.

Watts Mills, the "champeens" of the C. N. & L. League were defeated on the home grounds last Saturday by Enoree. The game was lost in the initial round, when a scorching single to centre scored three Enoree men. Another scored in the same inning. In the fifth the visitors scored another through errors. Watts succeeded in pushing only one across the platter. Byrd, formerly of Louisville worked in the box for Watts and Betself, signed a few days ago with Detroit, shot 'em across for Enoree. Both had the proper goods. In the hit column Byrd had a shade the better standing, though the bunched hits and errors in the first lost him the advantage.

Burglars at Red Iron Racket.

Saturday night or early Sunday morning, a burglar or burglars entered the store of J. C. Burns & Company from one of the rear windows and stole a considerable quantity of goods including watches, shoes, dry goods and other things. An entrance was made through one of the windows on the main floor, about fifteen feet from the ground. The intruder climbed to this window by means of a ladder brought from the negro church being built a few hundred yards in the rear of the store. Mr. Burns is uncertain as to the value of the goods stolen, though he thinks that the burglars made rather healthy haul. This is the third time that the store has been robbed. Just a few months ago a thief entered the store from one of the lower windows in the rear and carried off sugar and other articles.

Children Day at Mt. Pleasant.

There will be Children's Day at Mount Pleasant on Wednesday, August 13th. The exercises will begin about 10 o'clock in the morning. There will also be memorial services in the evening in honour of our Confederate dead. The speaker for the afternoon will be one of Laurens' native sons, Mr. J. Q. Manaffey, now a prominent lawyer of Texarkana, Tex. The public is cordially invited to be present at both the morning and afternoon exercises.

How Mexican Rebels Burn Railroads In Fight on Huerta

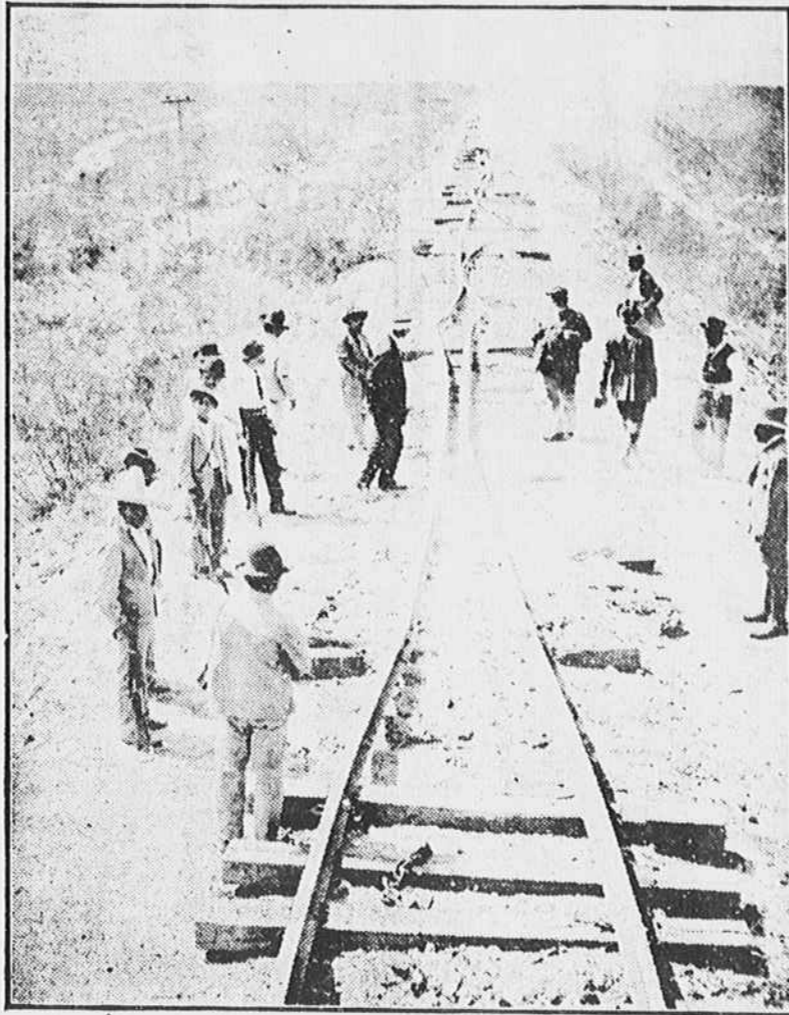


Photo by American Press Association.

They have learned the art of destroying railroads in Mexico down to a fine point. This picture proves it. It shows what happened to a one track branch line before the Constitutionalists got through with it. They set fire to the ties and twisted the hot rails out of shape. Just as the boys in blue used to bend rails in the south into the initials "U. S." during Sherman's march to the sea. By this method of putting the railroads out of business the revolutionists in Mexico have caused the federals much trouble and have been able to block advances and cut off communication. Many thought Huerta would not hold his power long.

F. J. NELSON TO LEAVE.

Promoted to Soliciting Freight Agent With Headquarters in Anderson.

Mr. Fred J. Nelson, of the union ticket office has been promoted to soliciting freight agent and will leave Laurens the latter part of this week for Anderson where he will make his headquarters. Mr. Nelson has handed out tickets at the union station for years, having occupied that position when the freight and passenger departments were first separated. He has always been considered by the officials "higher up" as one of the most efficient men in the employ of the road and consequently the promotion that he has deservingly won does not come as a surprise to the hundreds of friends that he has made in his home town and over the road.

Mr. Nelson will be succeeded by Mr. M. S. Simpson, a Laurens boy who has been located at Goldville for about two years. He has had many years' experience in the railroad business and is fully competent in every way.

BARBECUE AT EKOM.

Governor Blease has Accepted the Invitation and will be at Ekom August 14th.

The ladies of Willow Grove Woodman Circle will give a barbecue at Ekom on August 14th. Gov. Blease, Hon. Josh Ashley, Col. John M. Cannon, Col. Sam J. Nichols, Quincy Mahaffey, of Texas, and Head Consul Commander C. A. Power will make addresses. The public is cordially invited to attend the barbecue.

When School Opens.

Superintendent B. L. Jones, who has been in the city for several days looking after some business matters of the schools and attending to other affairs, stated several days ago that he was happy to announce to the children that school would "take up" this year on Monday, the eighth of September. Doubtless this is pleasant news to the school children (?). No action has yet been taken toward the movement to add another grade to the high school department and it is hardly probable that it will be added this year. The trustees hope to take this step some time in the future.

DEATH OF L. A. McCORD.

One of the City's Staunchest Citizens Passed Away Last Wednesday.

Last Wednesday morning the many friends of Mr. Luther A. McCord were pained to hear of his death which occurred during the early morning hours of that day. Mr. McCord had been in ill health for a number of months, so his death, while not expected so soon, was not a surprise.

The funeral services were held at his residence Thursday morning at ten o'clock, the Rev. L. P. McGee, his pastor, conducting them. The body was then carried to the Laurens cemetery where it was interred with Masonic honors. Numerous beautiful floral tributes from friends in Laurens and elsewhere were strewn on the grave attributing to the high esteem in which the deceased was held. The pall bearers were Messrs. C. H. Roper, R. E. Babb, R. A. Cooper, H. Terry, J. P. Bolt, and Dr. Clifton Jones.

Mr. McCord was a native of Abbeville county, having come to Laurens about twenty seven years ago where he entered business as a clerk. He later went into the mercantile business for himself and successfully continued this for a number of years. During the later years of his life he has been conducting a photograph gallery and selling musical instruments.

Mr. McCord was 56 years of age. He is survived by his wife who was Miss Cora Holroyd, and two little girls. A sister, Mrs. J. M. Hampton, also survives him as does two half brothers and a half-sister.

Mr. McCord took a great deal of interest in fraternal affairs and was a member of Palmetto Lodge No. 19, A. F. M., W. O. W., and K. of P. He was a quiet and unassuming gentleman who took a great deal of interest in his town and his friends. His death is a source of great sorrow to numerous friends both in the city and county.

Meeting at Poplar Spring.

A series of meetings will begin at Poplar Springs on second Sunday. The pastor will be assisted by Rev. M. L. Lawson of Laurens.

SOCIAL AND PERSONAL ITEMS IN CLINTON

Entertainments of the Past Week and Personal Mention of Travelers.

Clinton, Aug 5.—On Friday morning the Cecilian Music club enjoyed a delightful luncheon given by Miss Essie Young.

Friday night Miss Amy Copeland entertained quite a number of the young people in honor of a house party she is entertaining this week. Those enjoying the week with her are all Clinton girls: Misses Julia and Virginia Owens, Nancy Owens, Mary King, Evie and Kate Shands.

On Tuesday afternoon Miss Jane Kennedy was hostess to the young ladies embroidery club and visitors.

Mrs. J. R. Copeland entertained some young people Tuesday night.

The Baraca and Philathia classes left on Tuesday morning for a camping trip about twelve miles from Clinton. They will be gone all this week.

The many friends of Mr. Thomas Watts now of Columbia, will be interested in knowing that his engagement to Miss Agnes DuPre has been announced. The wedding will be this month.

Miss Mary Bean has returned from summer school in Rock Hill.

Dr. and Mrs. Benn returned Friday from Asheville, N. C.

Mrs. D. J. Brimm returned Thursday from Columbia, where she has been for the past month.

Miss Pearle Hays came home Friday from Summerton where she has been the guest of Miss Scarborough.

Miss Mittie Young has returned after a visit to relatives in Anderson.

Miss Elliza Horton left Saturday for Abbeville where she will visit her sister, Mrs. Philson.

Miss Mary Bean left Tuesday for Greenville to visit friends there.

Miss Mary Cartright left Monday for her home in Yorkville, after spending some time with friends here.

Miss J. L. Copeland and daughters have returned from Anderson.

Miss Lullie Parrott is the guest of Mrs. Fouché this week.

Miss Drucie Cromer of Newberry, is the guest of Mrs. E. C. Briggs.

Misses Mary and Lewis Hopkins of Columbia, have been visiting relatives in Clinton this week.

Miss Annie Burkhead of Raleigh, N. C., is the guest of Mrs. J. W. Smith. Mr. and Mrs. A. J. Spiroles of Greenwood are visiting their daughter, Mrs. F. M. Boland.

Mrs. McConnell of Chester, is the guest of Mrs. D. M. Douglas.

Miss Lottie Abell has returned to her home in Lowryville, after a visit to her sister, Mrs. J. L. Young.

Rev. and Mrs. Hooten have returned from a month's visit in Georgia.

Mrs. J. R. Little has returned to her home in Laurens, after spending a few days here with Mrs. G. W. Bailey.

Mr. Hugh C. Leaman was in Clinton Sunday.

Mrs. James Sprunt of Dillon spent the week-end in Clinton.

Miss Marie Yeager, of Baltimore, who taught here in the graded school during 1911-12 has accepted a position in the school here for next year.

CAUGHT IN THE ACT.

Jack Bomar, a Negro, Arrested for Enticing Labor from this State to Another.

Monday morning, Deputy Sheriff Reid arrested one Jack Bomar on the charge of enticing laborers from this state into Virginia. Jack had succeeded in persuading three colored brethren that Virginia was a better place to live and had boarded the C. & W. C. train for Spartanburg with his cargo for Virginia. Deputy Reid had heard that Jack was "in our midst" and was at the depot on the lookout. He boarded the same train with the suspected negro and caught him redhanded paying the railroad fare of the three negroes. All four were taken in charge by Deputy Reid alone and taken off the train at Watts Mills. They were placed in the jail here.

All Day Singing at Watts.

An all-day singing will be held at Watts Mills church next Sunday, the 10th of August. A large number of singers from the surrounding country are expected and an enjoyable time is assured to all who are present. The public is invited to come and to bring books and "well filled baskets" as dinner will be served on the grounds.

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.

Mountville, Aug. 4.—Mr. and Mrs. Brooks Goodman returned last week from their wedding tour, having visited Denver, Pueblo, Chicago and other points of interest in the west, and are now at home to their friends in the Culbertson house, which Mr. Goodman recently purchased.

Large and appreciative congregation heard Rev. G. M. Hollingsworth last Sunday at the Presbyterian church. Mr. Hollingsworth was formerly pastor of this church, and his old congregation was delighted to hear him again.

Mr. and Mrs. Sydney Crisp, of Grayser, N. C., are on a visit to Mrs. Crisp's mother, Mrs. M. R. Fellers.

Mr. Rufus O. Bryson, of Atlanta, is at home on a visit to his parents, Mr. and Mrs. W. C. Bryson.

Mr. J. L. Boyd returned Saturday from a trip to Baltimore and Washington.

Mr. J. M. Simons and family attended the Universalist conference in Saluda county last week.

Mr. and Mrs. C. M. Fuller are now occupying their new home in the suburbs of the town.

Contractor Pinson is laying down the material for the erection of a dwelling for Mr. W. E. Crisp.

Eugene Crisp, of Hawkinsville, Ga., is visiting his father and other relatives in town.

Alsie Bryson is at home for a few days from Columbia, where he is attending a business college.

Tylersville, Aug. 4.—Quite a number from this community attended services at Bethany Sunday morning.

Misses Nina Poole, Eva Cannon, Mr. Bobo Burnett, of Spartanburg, and Mr. Fred Ballenger, of Inman were the guests of Mr. and Mrs. T. P. Poole and family Sunday.

Miss Lillie Peterson is visiting her sister, Mrs. T. M. Gross, near Greer.

Mr. James Burnett, of Spartanburg, is visiting Mr. and Mrs. T. P. Poole and family.

Mr. and Mrs. Arthur Little and Mr. George Bailey, of Clinton, attended services at Bethany Sunday morning.

Messrs. J. S. Craig and W. C. Winters spent Sunday with Mr. T. P. Poole.

Mr. Niles Clark of Clinton, spent Sunday with his mother, Mrs. M. O. Clark.

Rev. and Mrs. J. E. Jacobs and Mr. Tom Scott, of Clinton, spent Sunday with Mr. and Mrs. T. P. Poole and family.

Mr. Foster Cromer of Clinton spent Sunday with friends in this community.

Messrs. B. W. Blakely and Marvin Sanders were business visitors in Clinton Saturday.

Mr. George Little visited relatives here last week.

Miss Emma Blakely, of Columbia, is visiting friends in this community.

Misses Grace and Mattie Bobo Poole and Mary Price Donnan were in Laurens Thursday.

Madden, Aug. 4.—The protracted meeting that has been in progress for the past week, closed with the Saturday service. Rev. R. G. Lee, of Fort Mill, did the preaching. He made an excellent impression on his hearers and was especially liked by the younger part of his congregation. He is a young preacher, consecrated and full of love for the cause. There is a bright future before him in his chosen work for God and humanity.

Mrs. Clyde Martin, of Greenville, and Mrs. Frank Martin, of Laurens, were among those who came back to worship at the old home church again.

Mrs. Maggie Pibley Martin, who has been for the past months, a visitor to her brother, Mr. Jno. R. Pibley, and other relatives here, left for her home in Egan, Texas, last week. Her