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ANNUAL COUNTY FAIR ON OCTOBER 17TH

Officials Met and Set Date
Saturday

BIGGER THAN EVER
BETTER THAN EVER

Date Arranged so as not to Conflict with the State Fair which is to be Held Two Weeks Later. Executive Committee to Meet at an Early Date. The big wheels were set in motion Saturday to turn the machinery of the annual county fair. The officials of the fair association met in the office of Clerk of Court Power and discussed the time and place of holding it. At the meeting were Pres. Byrd, Secretary Power and Superintendent John D. W. Watts. Friday, October 17th, was decided upon as the date for holding the fair and it is understood that it will be held in the same place as heretofore, in Garlington's meadow.

A meeting of the county fair executive committee will be called at an early date when the details of the exhibition will be worked out. Although but little has been decided upon, one thing the officers are determined upon and that is that the fair this year is to be bigger than ever and better than ever. With the splendid crop prospects and the already bountiful past, the officials are very optimistic. They expect the fair of 1913 to eclipse anything ever held here before.

The fair of 1913 will be the third since the present organization was perfected. The first seeds of the organization were sown in the summer of 1911 when Mr. W. D. Byrd wrote an article to The Advertiser calling on the people of the county to bestir themselves and to hold a fair where its products and resources might be exhibited for mutual benefit and enjoyment. Soon after this a meeting of some of the most wide-awake and progressive farmers and business men of the county was held in the county court house. Out of this meeting grew the fair association. Officers were elected and executive committees were appointed from each township. The officers and executive committee worked faithfully and harmoniously together until the day of the first fair. It so far exceeded the expectations of the most sanguine that a vote was taken on the grounds to repeat it again the following year. The same officials were re-elected for the fair of 1912, with the exception of several executive committees who dropped out. In spite of the depression and the low spirits of the people following a small crop, the fair was again a great success, but hardly what it would have been had the crops been more favorable. So, with two splendid examples of achievement behind it and with every prospect of a bumper crop, the officers of the association are enthusiastic over the prospects for this year's exhibition.

Mr. McGee Leaves.

Mr. T. H. McGee, who has been clerk at the King Hotel for several years, has accepted a position as head clerk at the Finch Hotel in Spartanburg and leaves today with his family to take up his new duties. Since coming to Laurens Mr. McGee has made numerous friends who regret to see him leave. He is known elsewhere as one of the most competent and obliging hotel men in the state and the selection of him to fill this responsible position is a recognition of his ability. It is not yet known who will be his successor here.

FAIRVIEW STOCK SHOW.

Program has been issued for this Annual Event in the Lower Part of Greenville County.

The Advertiser is in receipt of the premium list of the Fairview Stock Show, which is to be held September 26th. The usually attractive list of prizes are to be given and a very successful day is expected.

Those desiring further information can secure it from Jas. G. Goodside, Fountain Inn, S. C., R. F. D. 3.

NEGRO FESTIVAL ONE CASUALTY

John Allen Kills Willie Loopy in Negro Settlement on Southern Side of the City.

John Allen, colored, was landed in the county jail Wednesday afternoon of last week charged with the murder of Willie Loopy, also colored, the killing having taken place about nine o'clock the night before. The homicide took place at a "festival" then in progress at the home of a negro woman in that part of the city known as Jersey. A small black negro, who escaped immediately following the tragedy, is charged with aiding and abetting in the deed. He is still at large.

Coroner Hairston held an inquest over the body of the dead negro Thursday morning and the jury rendered a verdict to the effect that he came to his death from gun-shot wounds, the gun being in the hands of John Allen.

According to the evidence at the inquest and to other facts gathered by the sheriff's office, the killing was the result of a premeditated plot between John Allen and the little black negro whose identity is not yet known. John Allen, who is said to be married and has a wife in Atlanta, had been paying some attentions to Sallie Forgy, a young negro girl. Willie Loopy, it seems, had been captivated by the same charms. At the festival Sallie Forgy was presiding over the watermelon and soda water stands, with Willie Loopy paying court. John Allen entered the house, closely followed by the little black negro, and without much ado pointed a pistol at Sallie Forgy and then turned it on Willie Loopy, firing with deadly effect. The bullet entered the chest of the negro a little to the left, causing death shortly afterwards. John Allen denies this version of the story, declaring that he and the little black negro were playing with the pistol when it accidentally exploded. It is said that the pistol belonged to the black negro and that he handed it to John Allen just before the killing suggesting that "it will do the work."

Both negroes escaped after the killing and the strange one hasn't been apprehended yet. Soon after the occurrence a search was begun for them. No trace could be found of either of them until some time Thursday afternoon, when a clue was picked up as to the whereabouts of John Allen. The negro had sent to town for a pack of cigarettes and these were to be delivered to him at a negro woman's house on the southern edge of the city. The sheriff, accompanied by Deputy Sheriff Reid, Chief Bagwell and James Davenport, started on a hunt. Reaching the house in question and not finding any trace of the negro, they began a search of the outlying territory. Deputy Sheriff Reid, followed up some tracks which he thought might lead him to his man, came upon the negro asleep in a thicket of grass and underbrush. The deputy sheriff took a "bead" on the fugitive and ordered him to get up. The others of the posse were called and the negro was then brought to the county jail.

MINSTREL FOR HOSPITAL.

Aggregation of Black Face Comedians and Comedienne on September 12th.

Mrs. Devereux Turner arrived in the city several days ago and will take up at once the work of training a company of young gentlemen and ladies to present a minstrel on Friday night, September 12th. The musical numbers and jokes have already been selected and rehearsing will commence at once, so that there will be no delay. It will be pleasantly remembered that Mrs. Turner trained a company of young people last year to give a like performance in Laurens and this was a great success. With the experience gained last year, it is thought that the "show" this year will be even better. The minstrel is being given for the benefit of the county hospital. Mrs. Turner being allotted a portion of the receipts for the work that she will put into it.

In addition to the regular minstrel performance, Mrs. Turner and several other musicians of the city will give special selections between the acts. In all, the performance promises to be a great success.

KNIGHTS OF PYTHIAS WILL MEET HERE

District Conference Invited to Laurens For Fall Session on October 8th.

The district conference of the Knights of Pythias will be held in Laurens on Wednesday, October 8th. The Knights were invited to hold their session here when they met in Landrum last fall, but the exact date of the meeting was not decided until Monday night when the Laurens Lodge at their regular meeting selected the 8th of October as the most suitable time for entertaining them.

The district in which Laurens is located, is composed of Spartanburg, Union, Greenwood and Laurens counties. There will be three delegates from each of the lodges in these counties, making a total of about 45 knights. In all probability there will be a full attendance.

Preparations are already under way to give the visiting knights a most royal time during their short visit. The local lodge has appointed a committee of five to prepare a program for the entertainments. They are determined to make this meeting one of the most interesting and enjoyable of any yet held. Prominent Pythian speakers will be invited to address the conference, and degrees will be conferred by the local lodge.

FIRST BALE OF COTTON.

Z. R. Traynham Brought in the First Bale Wednesday and it Brought 17 1/2 Cents per Pound.

Mr. Z. R. Traynham, who lives on the main highway between here and Barksdale Station, took off the laurels for the first bale of cotton this year. Mr. Traynham hauled a load of seed cotton to the gin of the Southern Cotton Oil Company Wednesday morning, had it ginned and brought back to the public square to be put up for sale. R. G. Franks, buying for Cooper & Griffin of Greenville, put in a complimentary bid of 13 cents per pound, something like one cent over the market, and bought it in. Before this, however, a committee composed of John A. Franks, B. L. Clardy and A. H. Sanders, had made a canvass of the city for a bonus to be given for the first bale sold on the local market. The committee collected \$16.25 and this also was won by Mr. Traynham. With the amount he received from R. G. Franks and the bonus of \$16.25, Mr. Traynham netted 17 1/2 cents per pound on the first bale.

The following were the contributors to the bonus:

J. A. Franks \$1.00, Owings & Bobo, 50c, Scopas & Co. 25c, Kennedy Bros. 50c, Mahaffey & Babb, 50c, Laurens Bakery, 50c, Hymen Larey, 50c, Switzer Co. 50c, Wilkes & Co. 50c, Minter & Co. 50c, Bramlett's Shop 50c, Red Iron Racket 50c, Moseley & Roland 50c, W. Solomon 25c, Sanders Bottling Works 50c, Powe Drug Co. 50c, Clardy & Wilson 50c, Laurens Drug Co. 50c, Leverett Furniture Co. 50c, J. C. Shell & Co. 50c, Advertiser 50c, W. G. Wilson 50c, Davis, Roper Co. 50c, R. W. Willis 50c, Brooks Hardware Co. 50c, Laurens Hardware Co. 50c, Palace of Sweets 50c, Hunter & Co. 50c, Owens & Owings 50c, J. H. Sullivan 50c, Bennett & Owens 50c, R. C. Gray & Co. 50c, Eichelberger Bros. 25c; total \$16.25.

That Mr. Traynham gives some study to the question of an early cotton plant and that his first bale is not a matter of luck is shown by the fact that he brought the first bale to Laurens several seasons ago. He states that every year he takes the seed from his first bale and saves them for planting the next year, so as to secure an early strain of cotton. He does not take the very first bale, for some reasons which he did not state, but he takes the next bales after the first. He plants the early King variety and by selecting the first seed he has succeeded in making it a still earlier crop.

SENDING OUT DIVIDENDS.

Ware Shoals Corporations Pass Out Money.

Ware Shoals, Sept. 1.—Dividend checks aggregating \$32,500 are being sent out by Ware Shoals corporations today as follows:

The Ware Shoals Manufacturing Co. is paying a special dividend of 2 per cent on outstanding common stock of \$1,000,000 amounting to \$20,000, in addition to the regular semi-annual dividend of 3-1-2 per cent on preferred stock of \$300,000, amounting to \$10,500. The Bank of Ware Shoals is paying the usual semi-annual dividend of 4 per cent on its capital of \$50,000.

ANNUAL REUNION OF COUNTY VETERANS

Several Prominent Speakers have been Invited to Make Addresses Before the Veterans.

The annual reunion of the Confederate veterans of Laurens county will be held in the city Saturday, the exercises to be held in the court house beginning about 10 o'clock in the forenoon. The meeting will be presided over by Capt. W. A. McClintock, Capt. W. P. Coker will be at his desk as secretary of the association. A large number of the veterans from the county are expected to gather on this annual occasion.

Besides the customary program carried out on these occasions, the veterans will be addressed by several prominent speakers, Hon. R. A. Cooper, Col. J. M. Cannon and Hon. F. P. McGowan have accepted invitations to be present and make addresses. It is probable that several of the old war horses themselves will have a few remarks to make, reminiscents of the war.

This annual gathering of the old veterans is looked forward to with a great deal of pleasure by the old soldiers as it gives them the opportunity to renew old acquaintances and recount and hear recounted the brave deeds done in the sixties. On that day the city will be given over to the soldiers to do with it as they will.

COURT CONVENES SEPTEMBER EIGHTH

Over Twenty Prisoners in Jail and Others out on Bond, so Busy Week Expected.

The court of general sessions will convene next Monday morning with Judge S. W. G. Shipp, of Florence, on the bench. There were twenty-two prisoners in the county jail several days ago and others were out on bond, so it is expected that the court will have its hands full to clear the docket. This term is scheduled to last but one week.

There are four murder cases on the docket for this term, all the parties being negroes. It is hardly probable that all of them will be reached. Sam Price, who killed Tom Humbert at the door of his own home near the colored Methodist church in this city, and John Allen, who killed Willie Loopy last Wednesday night, are both in the county jail. Manuel McMorris, who killed Phil Randall near Watts Mills some time ago, and Charlie Darby, who killed Ernest Taylor near Goldville, are both out on bond.

SCHOOL OPENS MONDAY.

New Scholars Intending to Enter Higher Grades Expected Thursday and Friday of This Week.

As will be seen by a notice in another part of this paper, the city schools will open at 9 o'clock Monday morning, the 8th of September. All the children are expected to be promptly in their places.

Thursday and Friday of this week, Mr. Jones will be at the school building at nine o'clock in the morning for the purpose of classifying scholars coming from other schools and for holding examinations for those who have been studying for advancement during the summer months.

There are two new teachers this year, Miss Kittle Richards, of Liberty Hill, and Miss Florida Harper, of Kingstree. These teachers are to complete the faculty reduced by the resignation of Miss Annie Davis and Miss Florence Brown.

Mayor Babb has had a force of hands at work for several days cleaning off the grounds and putting them in shape for the children to enjoy their games. The entire premises now present a very pretty appearance.

To Clean Off Cemetery.

All those who are interested in the cemetery at Highland Home church are requested to be present or send aid tomorrow, the fourth of September, for the purpose of cleaning off the plots and paths. It is suggested that each person or family bring dinner with them and eat it upon the grounds.

A Good Fellow.

Mr. Fred J. Nelson, who was sent here by the C. & W. C. road, has been promoted already to a place in Charleston. Anderson is a good stepping stone.—Anderson Daily Mail.

PENSION BOARD ELECTED MONDAY

W. P. Coker Elected Chairman and Commissioner and W. A. McClintock Secretary.

A meeting of the Confederate veteran representatives from each township in the county was held in the court house Monday morning, when the election of the county board of pension was gone into. Capt. W. P. Coker was elected chairman and commissioner of the county board, Capt. W. A. McClintock was elected secretary and Veterans Pat H. Murphy and Lowndes Ferguson were elected as 4 1/2 additional members. Dr. W. D. Ferguson, of this city, was elected physician.

As commissioner of the board, Capt. W. P. Coker will be in the court house the first Monday in each month to attend to the business of the board. Veterans will find him there on those days.

Notice to School Children.

The ensuing session of the school begins Monday morning, September 8th, at 9 o'clock. It is essential that every child who expects to attend the school this year be present promptly on that date. Pupils are requested to see to it that their children cause no delay.

The school books have not arrived but are expected here the latter part of the week and will be found at the Palmetto Drug Company. Children or parents can secure printed lists of the books required for each grade at that store and may then secure the books immediately upon their arrival and thus avoid a rush during the early days of next week.

The superintendent will be in his office Thursday and Friday of this week at nine o'clock for the purpose of classifying new pupils from other schools and for giving examinations to those who have been studying during the summer, expecting to make the next higher grade.

R. L. Jones, Supt.

Assault and Battery.

Deputy Sheriff Reid and Rural Policeman Sullivan arrested Acie Young, colored, near Barksdale station Sunday afternoon and brought him to the county jail and preferred against him charges of assault and battery with intent to kill and house breaking and larceny. The arrest was made as a result of an attack which Acie Young made on John Davenport, also colored, Sunday afternoon when John Davenport called on Acie to repay him for articles which Acie Young had stolen from his house some time before. Young attacked Davenport with a rock and injured him considerably though not seriously.

COUNTY S. S. CONVENTION.

Will Hold Its Regular Annual Meeting Today and Tomorrow.

The Laurens County Interdenominational Sunday School Convention will hold its regular annual session today and tomorrow. The meeting this year will be held at Bramblets church, Mrs. R. E. Babb, the secretary, has been busy for several weeks arranging the program and states that this year's session promises to be a most interesting and beneficial one. Many prominent Sunday school workers from over the state have accepted invitations to address the meeting. Among them is Miss VanHyer, whose work as a leader in the Sunday schools of the state is well-known to everyone. She will be present throughout the entire meeting.

Mr. Colwell Will Not Return.

The many friends in Laurens of Mr. and Mrs. A. W. Colwell will regret to learn that they will not spend this winter in Laurens. Mr. Colwell who represents Sprunt & Co., the big cotton firm, will be located in Monroe, N. C., during the coming season. He will be succeeded here by Mr. S. B. Lapsley, of Aniston, Ala.

Stole Bicycle.

Jim Tompkins, colored, was reported near Tylersville Sunday morning on the charge of stealing a bicycle from the store of the Farmer's Mercantile Company at Clinton. The theft of the bicycle took place some days ago. Deputy Sheriff Reid and Rural Policeman Sullivan went out and made the arrest after they had secured a clue as to the negro's whereabouts.

CONTROVERSY ENDED BY FINANCIAL BOARD

Funds Borrowed to Run the Government

PALMETTO BANK
MAKES THE LOAN

After Several Weeks of Squabbling Between the Governor and Other Members of the Financial Board, Money is Borrowed with which to Meet Claims.

Columbia S. C. Sept. 1.—Financial board of South Carolina yesterday announced that the bid of the Palmetto National bank for a loan of \$300,000 for current expenses of the government had been accepted. Five notes, one for \$100,000 and four for \$50,000, have been signed by the governor, the State treasurer and the comptroller general, members of the financial board, and have been turned over to the bank. The money, it was said yesterday, will be available this morning to meet the demands of the State government.

For the past 15 days the State treasury has been depleted and all bills for warrants, presented at the comptroller general's office, have been turned down.

Four banks—National Union bank of Rock Hill, the People's bank of Columbia, the People's National bank of Rock Hill and the Palmetto National bank of Columbia—submitted bids for the loan.

Statement by Carter.

"It would appear on the face of the bids that the People's bank of Columbia offered the lowest rate, which was 4-1/2 per cent, but as a matter of fact the Palmetto National bank's bid amounted to \$503.88 less interest than the People's bank, and was \$22,928 less than the People's National bank rate. The calculations were made by myself and Comptroller General Jones and two disinterested bankers and they found that the interest charged by the various banks would be as follows: National Union bank of Rock Hill, between \$5,000 and \$6,000 (the condition stipulated by this bank was such that it had to be estimated); People's bank of Columbia, \$1,969.17; People's National bank of Rock Hill, \$4,690.57; and the Palmetto National bank, \$4,465.29." This statement was made by S. T. Carter, State treasurer and secretary of the financial board, when asked yesterday as to the loan.

Call for Bids.

On August 25, S. T. Carter, State treasurer and secretary of the financial board, addressed the following letter to 16 banks in South Carolina:

"It is expected that the officers authorized to borrow for the use of the State will hold a meeting at the State house at 12 o'clock noon Friday, August 29, 1913, for the purpose of considering the matter of a State loan. If you feel disposed to handle the loan we shall be glad to have you submit a sealed proposal at that time on a basis of \$300,000 to be available at once, and one on a basis of delivering the money as the demands require: Say, \$100,000 to be available September 1; \$50,000, September 15; \$50,000, October 1; \$50,000, October 15; and \$50,000, November 15, notes to be payable \$100,000, January 5; \$100,000, January 16, and \$100,000, January 15, 1914.

"It is understood that the money will be deposited with the bank handling the loan, and will be drawn out in the general course of business.

"If you should decide to submit a proposition please have a representative present at the meeting if you can."

Awarded Bid.

The following bid was submitted by J. P. Matthews, cashier of the Palmetto National bank, Columbia:

"Referring to your request for a rate on a loan to the State of South Carolina, amounting to \$300,000, we beg to say that our rate has already been pretty well discussed by your committee and by the public generally. Under the condition of the money market, we do not see any good reason why we should change the rate.

"If the State will deliver to us at

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