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FINE RECORD MADE IN SESSIONS COURT

Thirty One Cases Disposed of During Week.

A LIFE TERM FOR SAM PRICE

Court Adjourned Saturday Afternoon After One of the Busiest Weeks on Record. Business Dispatched with Precision and Rapidity.

The general sessions court adjourned Saturday afternoon after a record breaking week of work. Thirty-one cases were tried in addition to six appeal cases. Fourteen prisoners were sent to the county chain gang for a total of eighteen years and fines amounting to \$485 were either collected or arranged for. In addition to the total of eighteen years of chain gang work, one prisoner, Sam Price, has a life term sentence for murder and recommendation to mercy, but his attorneys have filed a notice of appeal to the supreme court and it will be some time before it will be known whether or not he will have to serve the sentence.

Following the disposal of several appeal cases from the lower courts, the court of general sessions adjourned Saturday afternoon after a very busy session. The court was occupied with the cases of George Lark, for violation of the dispensary law, when this paper last went to press. George Lark was convicted on two of three different counts and given a sentence of eight months or \$250.

Jim Burnside was convicted of an assault and battery of a high and aggravated nature with recommendation to mercy. He was given three months or \$50.

John Vance was acquitted of assault and battery with intent to kill.

R. H. Smith, white, was tried for assault and battery with intent to kill, the prosecuting witness being a negro. The jury remained out until late Thursday night without reaching a verdict. The judge ordered a mistrial. James Wilson, charged with the same crime, was given \$100 or three months.

The court disposed of two murder cases during the Thursday session. In the morning the court took up the case of Sam Price, charged with the murder of Tom Hunter, the killing having taken place in "Possum Hollow" near one of the negro churches in this city. The killing grew out of jealousy on the part of Tom Hunter and occurred on the night of March 22nd, when Tom Hunter discovered Sam Price at the former's house, in company with his wife. Price claimed on the stand that he had merely stopped there to find out of Tom's wife why Tom had threatened to kill him and that Tom's wife had called him into the house for fear of public criticism if they should be seen in the yard. Price admitted firing the fatal shot but claimed that he shot to protect himself when Tom Hunter advanced upon him in a threatening manner. Price was found guilty with recommendation to mercy. The court over-ruled a motion for a new trial and the negro was later given a life term sentence.

Thursday afternoon John Allen, who killed Will Looney in the southern portion of the city on the 27th of August, was tried for murder and convicted of manslaughter with recommendation to mercy. The lawyers for the defense and state agreed to recommend this verdict and the jury rendered its decision without leaving the room. Allen was sentenced to two years in the penitentiary or on the public works of the county. He claimed that the shot which caused the death of Will Loopy was caused by an accidental discharge of a pistol when he and Will Loopy were playing with it. No evidence materialized to contradict this testimony so the verdict of manslaughter was rendered.

The court Thursday also disposed of Jim Dendy, charged with assault and battery with intent to kill. He was acquitted.

In the case of the State vs Jesse Reeder, charged with assault and battery with intent to kill, Reeder was convicted and given a sentence of \$200 or 9 months.

The jury handed up a sealed ver-

dict in the case of Jack Bowman, charged with soliciting emigrants.

The entire day Friday was taken up with the case of the State vs Jos. G. Sullivan, charged with obtaining a bill of lumber from Hudgens & Roper, of Laurens, upon false pretenses. The jurors went to their room Friday evening and remained out until Saturday morning about 11 o'clock, when Judge Shipp ordered a mistrial.

The Grand Jury.

The grand jury made its last presentation of the year Wednesday afternoon, as follows:

To the Presiding Judge:

The grand jury of Laurens county makes this, its last presentation, at this term:

We have passed on all bills handed in by the solicitor.

We commend that the supervisor employ competent architects to make plans and estimates of cost of erecting a new jail and also of repairing and putting in good condition the present jail.

We recommend that the supervisor secure estimates of cost of beautifying the court house grounds and putting same in first class condition.

We recommend that a door be cut in the partition between room at back of judge's stand in court house and the toilet room.

We recommend that suitable carpets or floor covering be placed in aisles of court room and on judge's stand.

It has been reported that Laurens Cotton Mill has been depositing trash and refuse matter at head of a stream near C. B. Adam's store and that such is detrimental to the health of the community. These conditions have been examined into by a committee from this body and it has been found that trash and refuse matter is deposited at the point to such an extent that it amounts to a nuisance. Wagons of the Laurens Cotton mill were at the point when the committee was there and trash was unloaded therefrom.

We recommend that the said mill be required to move such trash and refuse matter from said point to some point where it will not amount to a public nuisance at once and in the event it fails to do so that it be presented for maintaining a nuisance.

We recommend that the telegraph poles and wires along the Columbia, Newberry and Laurens railroad, between the Decatur Simpson place and George Copeland crossing be removed from the public highway by the owners thereof and that in the event such owners should fail to remove same from the highways that they be presented for obstructing the highway.

In conclusion we thank Your Honor and the Court officials for courtesies shown us.

John A. Franks,
Foreman.

Sept. 10, 1913.

The following are the six "hold-over" jurors for next year: J. C. McMillan, Jim Wade Hill, J. E. Philpot, J. Ben Hunter, J. D. King, W. B. Sims.

Lecture at Rock Bridge.

Mr. Frank Whitlow, of Columbia, will give his lecture "The Burning of Columbia" at the Rock Bridge school, Friday night, beginning promptly at half-past seven. All lovers of South Carolina history should hear this instructive lecture, given by an eye witness to the scene. After the lecture there will be a box supper for the benefit of the school. Come and bring well filled boxes.

Fine Hunting Trip.

Mr. John D. W. Watts, Mr. John Bolt and Mr. George Martin returned Saturday from Berkeley county, where they had spent the past week or so hunting fox and deer. They report splendid luck and much fun. Mr. Bolt killed the first deer of his career, the first one that he had ever shot at in his life. In all, they killed two deer, a half dozen foxes and some smaller game.

Coming from a Distance.

Mr. S. G. McDaniel, who has recently opened up one of the new industries of the town, the McDaniel Ginery, states that he is getting cotton from quite a distance now that he has made it possible for more cotton to be ginned in Laurens. Seed cotton has come to him from as far as the Cross Anchor country, from near Ora and even as far as Ware Shoals. The town needs more small enterprises such as this to draw the people here from a distance as every new concern like this attracts new business.

CHORAL SOCIETY TO WIDEN SCOPE

Laurens High School Choral Society to Attempt and Accomplish Greater Things this Year.

The Laurens High School Choral Society, which gave a very successful concert last year is now making preparation to present a program far in advance of that rendered last year. This year the society will be strengthened by the best voices in Laurens, who will aid the pupils. In addition to this, the accompaniments will be played by three very capable musicians, Mrs. W. E. Lucas, Miss Caroline Roper, and Miss Francis Davis. Taken all together the prospects for a successful concert are very bright.

The Choral Society was organized for the purpose of cultivating a taste for good music. To this end, a rather comprehensive program has been arranged. There will be lighter selections from such composers as Whiting, Wilson, and Piniotti. Among the lighter numbers Wilson's "Carmena" will be given. There will also be classical numbers from the works of the following composers: Schumann, Grieg, Handel, Schubert, Raff, Mascagni, and Gounod. In this group Schubert's "Erl King" and Grieg's "Olaf Trygvason" will hold prominent places. The crowning feature of the program will be the selections from the opera "Patience," "Martha," "Der Freischutz," "Il Trovatore," and "Faust." Judging from these selections, one is easily convinced that the society is fulfilling its purpose.

In order to perfect an organization and to discuss the plans for the coming year, a meeting will be held in the school auditorium Thursday evening September 18th, at eight o'clock. The director cordially invites to this meeting every person who likes to sing and is willing to work faithfully to learn the music selected. He feels that those who join the chorus will not only help it but will also improve themselves. He is very desirous to have the cooperation of all the musicians of Laurens, for he feels that, with this cooperation, he will be able to accomplish that of which the entire town will justly be proud.

DEATH OF MRS. DAVIDSON.

Estimable and Much Beloved Lady of Clinton.

Clinton, Sept. 16.—Mrs. George Davidson died Saturday morning, after suffering for two months from a stroke of paralysis. Mrs. Davidson was 77 years of age and has lived in Clinton all her life and leaves a host of friends. She leaves six children: Mr. L. H. Davidson, G. B. Davidson, G. R. Davidson and Mrs. T. R. Owens all of Clinton and Mrs. J. C. McMillan and Mrs. B. S. Copeland of Renno, S. C.

The funeral services were held Sunday afternoon at four o'clock in the First Presbyterian church and were conducted by the Rev. W. P. Jacobs.

Appreciated Minstrel.

The minstrel show staged at the opera house Friday evening under the direction of Mrs. Devereux Turner, for the benefit of the county hospital, drew a large audience which listened with interest to the black face comedians, both male and female. Quite a number of late songs and new jokes were pulled out. A neat little sum was realized from the performance.

ANNUAL BAZAAR NOV. 6TH.

Ladies begin to Make Preparations for the Annual Event.

Announcement has been made by the secretary, that the annual bazaar, held by the aid societies of the Methodist and Presbyterian churches, will be held this year Nov. 6th. As is the usual custom, dinner will be served at noon and oysters in the evening. As formerly, the varied line of needle and hand work will be displayed for sale.

Spartanburg Openings.

In another part of this issue of the Advertiser will be found an advertisement setting forth the dates for the fall openings in Spartanburg. The dates selected for special displays of the merchants in that city are Sept. 22, 23 and 24, the first three days of next week. The merchants of Spartanburg have made special preparations for these three big days.

VETERANS IN BLUE HOLD REUNION

Chattanooga is Scene of Reunion of Those Who Fought for the Union in the 60's—Day Spent in Sightseeing.

Chattanooga, Tenn., Sept. 15.—The formal opening today of the Grand Army of the Republic's 47th annual encampment was occupied chiefly with sightseeing tours to historic battlefields. A drizzling rain, which lasted until nightfall, did not deter thousands of veterans from making pilgrimages to Lookout Mountain, Chickamauga Park and Missionary Ridge. About 35,000 are in attendance, including visitors who are not veterans.

Today was officially designated as "Lookout Mountain Day" for this reason a majority of the veterans visited the scene of the struggles fifty years ago of Confederate forces under Generals Bragg and Longstreet and Union troops commanded by Generals Grant and "Pap" Thomas.

The veterans were divided into groups, upon reaching the mountain and special guides explained the maneuvers of the competing forces and told thrilling stories of many sharp encounters. Although these guides learned the facts of their stories from what are considered authoritative sources, they were frequently interrupted by veterans who participated in the struggle, and who volunteered corrections.

Interest of the veterans already is being manifested in the election of a commander in chief of the G. A. R. to succeed Gen. Alfred B. Bess.

Representatives from three cities have entered the contest for the forty eighth annual encampment. Delegations from Mobile, Houston and Detroit are seeking this honor.

THE OLDE TYME COAT.

An Old Negro Appears on the Streets with Suit Made in 1879.

Bedecked in a handsome gray suit, Lewd Henderson, an old negro, created quite a little stir last Saturday when he appeared on the streets here and incidentally mentioned the fact that his new fall suit was made in 1879. He looked spry and span in the new fall styles of thirty-four years ago, the suit still being in good shape, without a patch and of the latest form-fitting model. Lewd says that the suit he had on Saturday was just his everyday clothes and that he had a Sunday-go-to-meeting suit at home erected about the same time that was the real thing. Lewd is a fine type of the old southern darkey, and is proud of having gone through the entire four years of war as the bodyguard of Veteran Wade Henderson of this county.

Wanted in North Carolina.

James Christopher, wanted in Haywood county, N. C., on a charge of murder, was arrested in Greenwood several days ago by Deputy Johns, of Lydia Mills, and turned over to the North Carolina authorities here Sunday afternoon. Christopher and a woman who was accompanying him were both carried to Haywood county Sunday afternoon. The arrest came about after Christopher had been spotted at the Lydia Mills by Deputy Johns. Before an arrest could be made, however, Christopher left for Greenwood, where the Lydia deputy arrested him.

Bulbs Have Come.

The Advertiser has been asked to announce that the bulbs for the bazaar have arrived and those who desire them can get them by applying to Miss Elizabeth Richey, the chairman of the committee. By notifying her any number will be promptly delivered.

More Dispensary Fund.

The State Superintendent of Education has made announced distribution of the dispensary fund now in his hands. Laurens county comes in for a share of this, \$1,256.02 being allotted to this county.

New Graded School Teacher.

To meet the needs of a larger attendance at the graded school, Miss Mary Bell Babb, of this city, has been elected as an additional teacher. Miss Babb has been teaching school for several years and is a most capable teacher.

E. W. COPELAND LEAVES.

Opens Office in Greenville where He Will Deal in Cotton.

Mr. Elbert W. Copeland, who has been buying cotton on the local market for a number of years, left last week for Greenville, where he will open up a cotton brokerage business, buying and selling cotton all over this section of the state. Mr. Copeland went to Greenville to be nearer the larger cotton mills and where he could be in touch with the New York markets.

In view of the impression abroad that the Laurens cotton market is not as good as the markets in nearby towns, and since Mr. Copeland could not now possibly be interested in or biased as to the Laurens cotton market, he was asked his candid opinion as to the relative marketing advantages of the Laurens market and other markets. Mr. Copeland stated unequivocally that the market at Laurens was equally as good as any of the markets surrounding it and that at times the agents of the different cotton firms nearly got their quotations from the Laurens agents. Taken the year round, he said, the Laurens market is as good as any and that, on many occasions, he has been told by the cotton factors that cotton could be bought cheaper elsewhere. As an instance of this, Mr. Copeland stated that the Saturday before he left Laurens, cotton was bringing 12 cents in Clinton and 12-1-4 in Laurens. This is not always the case, he stated, but only goes to show that at times the Laurens market is above other markets and that as a general thing it is equal to any of them.

If there is an impression that the Laurens cotton market is low, he said, then the impression is wrong.

LECTURE ON PANAMA.

Prof. H. J. McGee Will Give Lecture with Lantern Slides Friday, Sept. 26th.

Supt. B. L. Jones, of the city schools has succeeded in securing Prof. H. J. McGee to give a lecture on "The Panama Canal" in the school auditorium Friday afternoon and night, Sept. 26. The lecture will be illustrated with lantern slides, the pictures being the same ones used by the Panama Canal Commission representing the government. Prof. McGee has a thorough knowledge of the big canal and will no doubt give a very interesting and instructive account of the great project. There will be a matinee in the afternoon given especially for the children. The prices for the matinee will be 10 cents for children and 15 cents for grown-ups. The admission to the night performance will be 15c for children and 25 cents for grown-ups. The proceeds will go to the school fund.

THE PRIZE WINNERS.

The Parcels Post Page Has Attracted Great Attention Over the County.

The Parcels Post editor of The Advertiser has had his hands full opening and judging the many letters sent in answering the questions on the parcels post page. Letters have come in from all over the county and the job of looking them over hasn't been easy. The letters so far have been remarkably good and The Advertiser is sorry that it cannot give everyone the one-dollar prize. So far two sets of questions have appeared and the following two young ladies have been judged as the prize winners: first week, Miss Mattie Bolo Poole; second week, Miss Nellie Holcomb.

The contest will continue for two more weeks and every reader of this paper is invited to make a try for the prize. The question and conditions will be found on the Parcels Post page in this issue.

Adds Savings Department.

Beginning on the first of next month, October, the Peoples Loan and Exchange Bank of this city will have a savings department in connection with their other banking business. This department like the rest will be under the same efficient management as the bank, and savings deposited will pay the usual rate of interest, four per cent. The Peoples Bank has been in business for 26 years and has proven to be one of the strongest institutions in the upper part of the state. The savings department will undoubtedly prove a valuable asset.

NEWS OF THE WEEK IN TOWN OF CLINTON

The Schools Open With Large Enrollment.

PERSONAL PARAGRAPHS ON POPULAR PEOPLE

Presbyterian College will Open Thursday Morning with the Largest Enrollment in its Existence. Shower in Honor of Miss Ora Bess Little.

Clinton, Sept. 16.—On Tuesday evening the members of the young ladies embroidery club gave the most attractive shower to Miss Orrah Bess Little who leaves the 25th of this month for Phoenix. Each member of the club gave some piece of silver or some useful gift for the work bag or sewing purpose and it was a most complete outfit of lovely articles. A book containing pictures of each member of the club and some verse about them was also presented Miss Little. During the afternoon each person present wrote a letter for her to open at some certain time during her journey. Miss Ora Young was hostess for this occasion and her lovely home was beautiful with ferns and pink roses. A delicious salad and sweet course was served.

Monday morning the graded school opened with an enrollment of 500 children. The teachers for the year are: Miss Essie Young, Miss Pearle Hays, Miss Bera Bailey of Clinton, Miss Edith McCutcheon of Bishopville, Miss Marie Yeager of Baltimore, Md., Miss Frances Burgess of Crawfordsville, Ga., Miss Leora Hook from Ermo, S. C., Miss Annie Radcliffe, from Abbeville and Miss Pearle Collier from Aiken, S. C.

College will open Thursday morning with the brightest prospect it has ever had and the boys are here ready for work.

Mr. Daniel J. Brimm left Monday for Bishopville, where he will take up his work as principal of the graded school there.

Miss Sara Copeland left Saturday for Marion, N. C., to take up her work in the school there.

Miss Mary Dillard left last week for Lake City, where she teaches this session.

Miss Irene Dillard left Monday for Lynchburg, Va., where she has accepted a position in Randolph Macon college.

Miss Edith Austin left for Winthrop college this week. She has accepted a position in the preparatory department for this session.

Misses Virginia Owens, Evie Shands, Nancy Owens, Emma Chandler, Louise Austin, Lena Adair, Hattie Finney, Hattie Delaney, Marguerite and Carrie Young left on Tuesday for Winthrop.

Misses Emmie Robertson and Mittie Young spent the week-end with Mrs. Duncan Johnson in Newberry.

Misses Louise and Roena Jones returned from Georgia this week, where they have been spending the summer.

Miss Clayte Bailey left Tuesday for Greenville where she will enter G. F. C.

Miss Laurrie Aull has returned from a trip to Virginia.

Dr. and Mrs. Nelson returned last week from Minnesota, where they have been for the summer.

Prof. and Mrs. Woodworth returned from Virginia Tuesday.

Prof. A. V. Martin returned from Atlanta Tuesday.

Dr. W. S. Bean, Jr., left for Virginia last week.

Mrs. A. B. Galloway has returned from Darlington and Manning.

Mrs. S. O. Cantey, who has been ill for some time was taken to Columbia hospital last week.

Mr. and Mrs. H. L. Bell of Greenville visited Mrs. R. Z. White this week.

Mr. P. L. White spent Sunday in Columbia with relatives.

Dr. W. H. C. C. and his family are spending the week-end with Mr. and Mrs. C. C. C.

Trains at Carl Game.

John Thompson, colored, was indicted in the county jail Sunday charged with shooting another negro, James Wilson, Saturday night, the shooting having taken place when the negroes fell out over a gambling game.