

GRAY COURT NEWS

We are glad to report that the sick are slowly improving.

Mr. and Mrs. Grady Holland moved to their home in North Carolina last week.

Mr. Wells, of Greenwood, spent the week-end with his son, J. W. Wells.

Mr. Jeff Willis, of Greenville, spent Friday and Saturday with Mr. and Mrs. J. W. Wells.

Miss Cora Holland, of Spartanburg, and Mr. Joel Babb and family, of Dials, visited Mr. and Mrs. Bill Holland Sunday.

Mrs. Smith Martin and children, and Mrs. Dick Owings spent Wednesday with Mrs. Florence League.

Mr. Gus Owings and family spent Sunday with Mr. John Owings and family.

Mr. Dennis Owens, Mr. T. F. Babb and Miss Alice Babb spent Sunday with Mr. Houston Babb and family.

Mr. Archie Owings and daughters visited in Laurens Friday.

Rev. Gypsy Smith, the evangelist, and Mr. Allen, his choir leader, dined with Mr. and Mrs. Bob Gray Sunday after conducting service here.

Mr. and Mrs. Fertis Curry visited Mr. and Mrs. Collier Curry Sunday.

Mrs. Dick Owings and Miss Emma Dial visited Mr. Dock Henderson of Barksdale Saturday.

Miss Sue Gray, of Eden section spent Sunday with Mrs. Belton Owens.

Mr. Towns Willis and wife attended commencement at Spartanburg last week.

Mr. and Mrs. James Stoddard, of Owings, spent Saturday night with Mr. and Mrs. Dick Owings.

RIDDLE'S OLD FIELD NEWS

Riddles Old Field, June 14.—Wednesday morning at 5 o'clock the sweet spirit of Mrs. W. L. Garrett was carried home to rest. She had been in declining health for several months, but endured her illness without a murmur. Her body was laid to rest in the Warrior Creek cemetery on the following day. We thank her pastor, Mr. Sexton, for those gentle, kind words he gave for comfort at her funeral.

Mrs. W. C. Holcombe, of Easley, and Mrs. J. D. Williams, of Gray Court, were at the bedside of their mother, Mrs. Garrett, last week.

Mrs. Matt Howard, of Fountain Inn, visited Mrs. Lizzie Howard and children recently.

Mrs. T. Mack Wilson and sister, of Lake City, spent the week end at the home of Mr. J. B. Rhodes.

Several from this community went to Gray Court Sunday morning to hear Gypsy Smith.

The Service Flag was lifted Sunday morning at Warrior Creek. All the soldiers were present and answered to the roll call except two.

Mrs. Edgar Martin, of Laurens, has been at the bedside of her aunt, Mrs. Garrett, recently.

E. H. Garrett and family visited Miss Eunie May Donnan Sunday. We are sorry to hear of Miss Donnan's illness.

FRIENDSHIP NEWS

A number of people of this community attended services at Gray Court Sunday.

Mr. J. C. Cheek and family visited Mr. and Mrs. S. W. Cook Saturday night.

W. T. Putnam and family, Mr. and Mrs. Ralph Copeland, of Clinton, and Mr. J. W. Riddle of Woodruff visited Mr. and Mrs. S. E. Riddle Sunday.

Miss Pearly Johnson and sister, of Cross Anchor, are visiting Mrs. W. T. Grumbles.

Mr. and Mrs. Lawrence Cook visited Mrs. Cook's mother Sunday.

Mrs. G. J. Woolen of Charlotte, N. C., visited relatives in this community last week.

Little Mildred Grumbles spent Saturday with a Kithleen Riddle.

Miss Leona Grumbles, who was a student at Winthrop college this year, returned home several days ago.

Henry Riddle, who has been sick, is much improved at this writing.

Card of Thanks

We wish to express our thanks to our relatives, friends, and neighbors, for their kindness and sympathy at the death of our dear wife and mother, Mrs. Susie Nabors, and for the many beautiful flowers. May the Lord bless each and every one.

George M. Nabors and Children.
Clinton, S. C., June 14, 1920.

Special sale 1500 yard wide Sea Island (worth 25c.) Sale price, 19c. J. C. Burns Co., at both stores.

DEATH MYSTERY IN NEW YORK CITY

Did Joseph Bowne Elwell Commit Suicide or Was He Murdered? Baffling Case.

New York, June 11.—Mystery deepened tonight in the death of Joseph Bowne Elwell, internationally known as an authority on whist, and owner of a racing stable, who was found unconscious in his West Seventieth street home early today with a bullet wound in his head. He died four hours later in a hospital.

The police admitted tonight it was one of the most baffling mysteries with which they have had to deal in a long time. In an effort to determine whether Mr. Elwell was murdered or committed suicide his associates in the social and club life of the city were closely questioned by the police, who declined to reveal the result of their investigation. The mystery was intensified by failure of the police to find the weapon with which Mr. Elwell had been shot.

It became known tonight that Mr. Elwell dined on the Ritz Carlton roof Thursday night with a party of friends who included Mr. and Mrs. Kraus, Mrs. Lewisohn's sister. There were four others in this party. Leaving the hotel the party went to a midnight theatrical performance and about 2 o'clock this morning Mr. Elwell bade good-bye to the Lewisohns at Broadway and Forty-second street. They drove to their Fifth avenue home and Elwell strolled in the direction of Eighth avenue. Nothing more is known of his movements until his housekeeper, Mrs. Marie Larson, found him in the living room of his home at 8:30 this morning, seated in an arm chair facing the street window. A postman delivered mail at 7:30 a. m., which the police say was taken by Mr. Elwell. The circumstances indicate the shooting took place in the period that elapsed between the mail delivery and the arrival of his housekeeper.

The police are convinced robbery was not the motive for the crime, as Mr. Elwell's money and jewelry were found undisturbed. There were no signs of a struggle. The housekeeper said the doors were locked and the windows bore no signs of having been forced.

Mr. Elwell was alone in the fourteen-room house. His bed had not been touched and his evening dress clothes had been folded and placed on the back of a chair after he had taken them off. An empty cartridge was found on the floor. The bullet, after passing through his head, imbedded itself in the wall.

There were no powder marks on his face.

Edward Rhodes, who had been Mr. Elwell's chauffeur for years, told the police many women had keys to his employer's home. He said Mr. Elwell returned from Palm Beach two weeks ago.

Mrs. Lewisohn and Miss Kraus went to the Elwell home about noon, when informed of the tragedy. Mr. Lewisohn arrived soon afterward.

With the housekeeper and William Barnes, the dead man's valet and steward of the studio club, all were questioned by the police for three hours. The Lewisohns were accompanied by their attorney, Lytleton Fox, who made known their identities. Mr. Fox said they knew nothing of Mr. Elwell's movements after they parted in front of the theater. The valet said he had never known Mr. Elwell to have a revolver in his possession.

BURLESON REPLIES TO REPUBLICANS

Postmaster General Issues Statement Declaring Arraignment Falls Harmless. Attacks Increase in Salary Measure.

Washington, June 13.—Postmaster General Burleson issued a statement today, declaring that "in the light of the truth" the "arraignment of the postal authorities" by the Republican party platform adopted at Chicago "falls harmless at their feet."

Replying to the declaration in the platform that the present administration destroyed "the efficiency of the telephone and telegraph service when controlled by the government," Mr. Burleson quotes from statements of the late Theodore N. Vail, president of the American Telephone and Telegraph Company, President Carlton, of the Western Union Telegraph Company and others to show that the wire properties were successfully administered by the government and returned in good condition.

Mr. Burleson says the Republican organization in a tentative draft of its platform made a "sinister insinuation" that during government control the wires were used for purposes of "political patronage" and "political espionage." He declared that of the four new places created for the wire administration three were filled with

Republicans, and challenges the Republican organization to prove there was "even an attempt at political espionage."

This charge is not made without a purpose, he declared, adding: "Watch the amount of a certain contribution to the Republican campaign fund and it will be disclosed that a certain interest, which having failed to control or even influence a Republican congress by slimy falsehoods, because both sides could be heard, temporarily got in its work on where the truth could not be heard and apparently was not desired."

Taking up the platform's declaration commending the Republican congress for increasing the pay of postal employees, Mr. Burleson says that instead of adopting his plan "which would have resulted in an increase of salaries of postoffice clerks and city letter carriers to a maximum basis of \$2,062 yearly, and like increases to those in the other lines of postal activity" congress granted "a horizontal increase, which gives some an increase not deserved and denies to thousands of faithful and efficient employes increases commensurate with their work and to which they are faithfully entitled."

Referring to the statement in the proposed first platform plank made public at Chicago that the Republican congress reduced postage costs Mr. Burleson says the congress not only did not make any such reduc-

tions, but failed to take favorable action on his recommendation that the postage on drop, or city letters be made one cent instead of two "after an acknowledgement that it should be done."

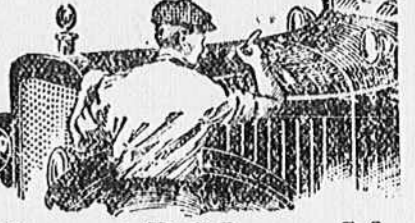
Executive Committee Meeting

A meeting of the County Executive committee of the Democratic party of Laurens County has been called by C. A. Power, County Chairman, to meet at the Court House, on Friday evening at 8 o'clock. At this meeting the itinerary for the County Campaign, the assessment of candidates as well as other business will be considered. It is important that a full attendance be had at this meeting as practically all arrangements will be made for carrying out the rules as prescribed for the election to be held in August.

Elected Director

Mr. M. B. Hanna, local manager of the Davis Realty Company, was elected a director of the company at the annual meeting held at the home office in Greenwood last week. The report of the officers showed a healthy state of affairs with prospects for the future very bright. A. J. Davis, of Greenwood, is president of the company.

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