

The County Record

KINGSTREE, SOUTH CAROLINA, MARCH 9, 1905.

OF NEWS.

ENGINEER'S LEG CRUSHED AND ENGINEER SEVERELY BRUISED.

About 7 o'clock last Saturday evening an extra freight train, No. 347, ran into an open switch just below the Main street railroad crossing. The monster "copper head" engine and tender were derailed and overturned and nine cars out of the twenty-one comprising the train were completely wrecked. The debris of the wreck was piled fifteen or twenty feet high and the contents of the cars, consisting mainly of fertilizers and lumber, were scattered along both sides of the track. When the crash came Engineer Pearson says that he instinctively reversed his lever before being thrown out of the cab. Mr Pearson's lip was badly cut and his nose broken, but fortunately he suffered no serious injuries.

The worst off was the negro fireman, Pres Stevenson, whose leg was caught between the driving wheel of the locomotive and the tender and his foot and ankle crushed. Piteously calling for help the unfortunate fireman hung for three hours until the arrival of the wrecking train with appliances for moving the ponderous engine from his limb. There were several doctors present, however, and everything possible was done to relieve the pain of the man. When he was released, he was taken to the local railroad hospital where it was necessary to amputate just above the knee. The negro is now recovering very slowly.

The employe, who was taken into a hospital on the side of the wreck, and conjecture are that the road people, who believe confidently that the switch was so placed that some one out of the spirit of wanton mischief, the extra freight train was running on the time of the West India Limited Mail. Had this train been on time the imagination can scarcely picture the horrible loss of life that might have ensued. For a miscreant who would deliberately tamper with a switch with intent to wreck a passenger train, hanging is too good.

The local passenger, No. 50, had preceded the freight only about a half hour, so that if the switch were interfered with it was done within this period of time. The switch lock was found by the side of the track several feet away still locked.

All day long on Sunday a crowd of people thronged about the scene of the wreck curiously watching the railroad hands as they cleared away the wreckage. The first train to pass after the wreck was No 51, the local passenger, which went by toward Charleston at four o'clock, just five hours behind its scheduled time.

MULBERRY VS. NEGRO'S HEAD--THE LAKE CITY MERCANTILE CO.--A BATCH OF NEW MAGISTRATES.

LAKE CITY, March 6: Hon W H Wells of Florence was in town Thursday of last week.

Judge H P Baldwin went down to Kingstree Saturday on business.

Mr P G Gordin came up from Kingstree Tuesday night and with Mr J H V Gaskins checked up the dispensary here and at Scranton, after which they went down to Kingstree and investigated the affairs of the dispensary at that place. On account of serious illness in his family Mr Blackwell could not be with the other members of the board.

Editor Wolfe spent Saturday in town in the interest of his business.

Some of our lettuce growers tell us they will begin shipping in about ten days. On account of the excessive and continuous cold the plants are a little backward in maturing this season.

Sammie Godwin, the ten year-old son of Mr S T Godwin, met with a painful and serious accident one day last week. He was kicked by a pony which he and another boy, Clarence Hall, were "pranking" with. The pony's hoof landed on Sammie's mouth, cutting off the upper lip, breaking the upper jaw bone and knocking out three teeth. Drs Williams and DuRant sewed back the lip and dressed the wound, and the little fellow is now doing well.

A few weeks ago the writer stated that Scipio Singletary, who some days before had killed a mule, was himself killed by another mule, which kicked the top of his head off. The statement was made upon the personal information of two reliable men, who declared that the matter came to them direct and from a source that could not be doubted. If the writer had been in his usual health he hardly thinks he would have had the temerity to write that article even upon the declaration of a dozen reliable men; for while it is safer to stand under a pile of dynamite near the business end of a mule, this thing of breaking a nigger's head is something else. It is one of these things that "call for more talk;" and we want to humbly apologize to Scipio for being so rattle-brained as to suppose that his skull could be cracked by anything short of an eleven-inch Japanese gun charged with shintos. Mr J U Godwin tells us that Scipio is nothing like dead, but is getting well. However, there is no mistake about his killing the mule first referred to.

Mr Floyd Rodgers, who has been in Charleston for several months, is now in this town.

A charter has been issued by the Secretary of State to the Lake City Mercantile Co., of Lake City and Charleston. W A Ward is president and treasurer and Hyman Pearlstone vice-president and secretary. The authorized capital is \$2500.

W L Bass, Esq., has moved into his new offices in the new Bank of Lake City building, corner Acline avenue and McAlister street.

Mr J F Rickenbaker, who was seriously ill a number of days, is much improved and now able to be out.

The following recommendations for magistrates in Williamsburg have been made to Governor Heyward, to wit: H C Godwin, Lake City; L L Rodgers, Johnsonville; Geo B Nesmith, Morrisville; R R Jeffores, Greeleyville; A R Moseley, Salters; W B McCants, Trio; R K Wallace, Kingstree, was appointed a few weeks ago. Application for the appointment of a magistrate at Harpers was made, but as the law provides for only seven in the county, this appointment could not be made.

Messrs B Wallace and Arthur L and Misses Pansy and Beatrice Jones attended the inauguration of President Roosevelt Saturday, leaving here Friday night and returning Sunday night.

Messrs W E Severance, J Davis

Bring us your JOB WORTH

NEWS AT SCRANTON.

Farmers Discuss Fence Law--Personal and General News.

SCRANTON, March 6: The farmers of this community met here Saturday the 4th inst., to discuss the fence law and its obligations. They decided to leave the discussion to lawyers and the decision of "many men of many minds" to the judge of this district.

Mr Travis Baggett of Gourdin is here during the illness of Railroad Agent Geo Cusaac.

Mrs D P Spell was called to the bedside of her father, Mr Holt of Steadman N C., who is suffering from a stroke of paralysis.

Mr Holt Hill, the popular salesman for Mr Winslow Wright, is very ill. His parents of Timmonsville have come to be with him till he convalesces.

Miss Ada Gregg of Friendfield is visiting Mrs Winslow Wright.

Mrs Helen L Bullock, national organizer of "Women's Christian Temperance union," will lecture here at the Baptist church at 7.30 p m. Subject: "The Old and the New World." A large audience is desired. Everybody is welcome. Come, no matter what your creed, you may be benefited. Mrs Bullock is widely known all over the United States. She has been in the work seventeen years and has spoken to thousands of people in a single audience, and to hundreds of audiences in a single year. Though she is past seventy years, she still has a loving message for each hearer.—Florence Times, March 7th.

Mr Orvin is now acting agent, vice Mr Atkinson who is sick.

The Messrs Cash have completed the buildings for their foundry and machine shops and are now putting in the machinery, tools and fixtures.

Mr R C Gregg, who is well known here and in Kingstree, was in town Tuesday looking after insurance matters. W. L. B.

Graded School Department.

(Conducted by the pupils of the ninth and tenth grades.)

Lagrippe is still prevalent around town. A great many pupils have been absent for the past few days.

We are glad to report that several, who were absent last week, are able to resume their work.

We hope, as spring advances, every child will be able to be "at his best" and begin—if they have not begun already—work in earnest.

The teachers had occasion to be vexed a little on Monday. Owing to the show Friday and Saturday nights, and the excitement of the week, a great many children came with their lessons unprepared.

We are beginning to make preparations for our commencement exercises. Dr George B Cromer, ex-president of Newberry college, now mayor of Newberry, has consented to deliver the address.

As the pleasant days of spring approach, we are reminded of the fact that we have a limited supply of water for two hundred children. We are very grateful to the town for our handsome building and nice play-ground, but we would now appreciate a large stream of artesian water.

Several weeks ago, a kind friend in town presented a United States flag to the school. Each morning at 9 o'clock it is raised by some member of the 9th or 10th grades. At any time between the hours of nine and two, it may be seen floating silently and loyally over the building. Our work begins at nine and is supposed to be completed at two, but we always expect and do have some "additional."

Notice.

The County Board of Equalization will meet at the Auditor's office on Monday, March 20, to organize and attend to any other business coming before them. J. J. B. MONTGOMERY
C. A. W. C

A Card of Thanks.

EDITOR COUNTY RECORD:

Please allow us space to express our sincere thanks to the people of Kingstree for their sympathy and manifold kindnesses in our recent sorrow and affliction. Their attention will ever be remembered by us with grateful appreciation.

J. W. COWARD
and CHILDREN

LOCAL NEWS.

Mr S B Poston of Johnsonville was in town Tuesday.

Yesterday was Ash Wednesday, the beginning of Lent.

Mrs L Jacobs returned yesterday from a visit to Scranton.

A number of people in town are in the grip of the grip.

Mr W J Smiley of the Cades section was on our streets Tuesday.

Mr R J McKnight of Cades spent the day in town Monday.

Monday was salesday but there was no property to be sold.

Mr M S Buffkin of Cades was in Kingstree Monday a few hours.

Mr R W Spann, now of Timmonsville, visited Kingstree on Monday.

Mr George Hughes of Heinemann was noted in town yesterday.

Mr J P Gamble of Heinemann was among the visitors in town Monday.

Mr and Mrs W D Crooks of Harpers were visitors in town Monday.

Mr J H V Gaskins of Lake City spent Monday here on business.

Mr J W Poston of Harpers favored us with a pleasant visit yesterday.

Mr J P Haselden of Lambert was a welcome visitor at our office Monday.

Mr Manson Brown, of the Suttons section, was a county seat visitor Monday.

Hon J Davis Carter of Leo was in town Monday and favored us with a call.

Mr E H Sauls and Dr W J Haselden were in town Tuesday between trains.

Magistrate A R Moseley of Salters Depot was in town Saturday morning.

Mr Alex Spivey, of the vicinity of Salters, was in town Monday on business.

Messrs W J Dunlop and J L Blakeley of Oak Ridge spent Monday in town.

Mr N W Cook of Rosemary was an appreciated visitor at our office Tuesday.

Mr J W Kelley, from across Black river, called pleasantly to see us yesterday.

Messrs Monte Scott, Ed Brockinton and C W Wolfe visited Lake City Saturday.

We enjoyed a short visit Monday from our genial friend, Mr Simon Poston of Jay.

W F Clayton, Esq., of the Florence bar, was in Kingstree Saturday on business.

Mr J H Pierce of Cades is in the city for a few days.—Florence Times, March 4.

Messrs J M and J J Eaddy of Jay paid us an agreeable visit while in town Monday.

Hon W L Bass, our esteemed Lake City correspondent, was in town Monday on business.

Mr P I Coker, of the Cades section, was in town a few hours Monday and called to see us.

Mr J N Sauls of Johnsonville was in Kingstree Monday.

Mr W T Cameron of Johnsonville renewed his subscription to THE RECORD.

Misses Sue Stoll and Alice McCollough, of the vicinity of Taft, visited in town Saturday and Sunday.

Mr J J M Graham, of the Cades section, was in town yesterday exchanging greetings with his friends.

Edwin Hirsch, Esq., of Kingstree, was in the city a short while this morning.—Florence Times, March 6.

Rev P C DuBose, of the Columbia Theological Seminary, preached in the Presbyterian church Sunday morning.

The many friends of our popular supervisor, Mr J J Graham, are pleased to see him able to be out after his recent illness.

Messrs S M Bradshaw and E B Rhodus, two of Greeleyville's live and progressive business men, were noted in town Monday.

Mr W M McElveen, of the Cades section, was in town Tuesday and honored our sanctuary with a brief but pleasant call.

Mr T A Blakeley of Taft, one of Williamsburg's most enterprising and successful business men, spent a few hours in town Monday.

Mr O C Woodward, route agent for the Southern Express Co., was in town Monday looking after the interests of the local office of his company.

We are requested to state that there will be preaching at Central Presbyterian church next Sunday at 11 a. m., and at Union at 4:30 p. m. by Rev P C DuBose of Columbia.

Editor C W Wolfe, of the Kingstree Record, spent Saturday night in the city. He has recently made some extensive improvements on his paper.—Florence Times, March 6.

We were pleased to receive a visit Monday from our friend, Mr W Francis Kennedy, one of the progressive farmers near Lake City who have made money in truck and tobacco.

Our good friend, Col J P Epps, whose prevailing good humor and cheerful personality are a never failing antidote for the "blues," gave us the pleasure of his company a short while Monday.

Mr Eugene Stanley, the Weekly Mail's foreman for a year or longer, resigned last week to go to Hartsville. He has been succeeded by Mr J P Nelson, formerly foreman of THE RECORD office.

"Uncle" George Mitchum was in town Monday looking as young and cheerful as he did twenty years ago. If good humor and joviality be conducive to longevity Uncle George ought to live to be a hundred.

Postmaster Louis Jacobs went to Florence Tuesday to attend the United States court as a witness. He returned home Tuesday night, as the court adjourned without transacting any business on account of the prevalence of small-pox in Florence.

Capt G G Lynch, division superintendent of the Atlantic Coast Line and Mr C L Potter, his assistant, were here from Charleston Sunday personally directing the clearing away of the wreck and the re-building of the section of track that was destroyed.

The following visitors from Lake City were here Monday looking over the debris of the wreck that occurred the day before at the railroad crossing: Messrs R C Johnson, J P Matthews, Fred Rollins, Dr S B W Courtney, A D Gaskins, H C Godwin, S T Godwin, J W Barnes, Myers Carter, J B Cash.

of our subscribers have responded to the appeal we made last week and paid their subscriptions. For this we thank them kindly. There are others, however, who have not yet been heard from. Do not put it off longer, friends. The dollar you owe is a small matter to you, but it means a great deal to us.

We are requested to announce that the closing exercises of "Moss Grove" school will take place in the hall over Mr W Cooper's store at Cooper post-office on Friday evening, March 10, at 8.30 p m. A hot supper will be served for the benefit of Indiantown church immediately after the exercises. The public is cordially invited.

Mr Leon C Dove, who for several years filled most acceptably the position of station agent for the Atlantic Coast Line at this place, was in town Monday renewing acquaintance with his friends here, whose name is legion. Mr Dove lives in Darlington, being associated with Mr D W Oham in the clothing business.

Rev Thomas Leitch, a Methodist minister, began their mission in the Methodist church Sunday evening and since have been holding two services daily, at 3.30 and 8 p m respectively. The services are generally well attended and good deal of interest manifested. The meeting will probably be continued through next week.

The voting contest gotten up by the Bowman family, who held the boards in the court house last week advertising medicine, was won by Miss Nita Whitehead as the most popular young lady. Up to Saturday night the voting was spirited, the competition being sharp and exciting. The prize given was a handsome ring set with rubies and diamonds.

Senator B R Tillman having declined to deliver the Graded school commencement address on the plea of his poor health just at this time, an invitation was extended to Dr George B Cromer, formerly president of Newberry college, who has signified his acceptance to the trustees. We congratulate the trustees on having secured Dr Cromer and the friends of the school may look forward to an uncommonly fine address from this eloquent and scholarly gentleman.

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THE COUNTY RECORD and the Home and Farm, one year each \$1.25.

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