

IN MEMORIAM.

A Complaint About Bad Roads.

THE CITADEL SCHOLARSHIP CONTEST.

THE TRIAL OF CZOLGOSZ.

Public Meeting Held as a Mark of Respect to President McKinley.

At noon last Thursday the bell of the City Hall began tolling the funeral knell of President McKinley over whose mortal remains the funeral services were being held in far distant Canton, Ohio, and all business was suspended in this city from that hour to 2 p. m.

At 12.15 between a thousand and twelve hundred of the people of Sumter had assembled in the Opera House to attend the memorial services in honor of the dead president.

The services begun with the "Hymn, 'Nearer My God to Thee,'" in the singing of which the entire audience joined.

Rev. N. W. Edmunds, D. D., of the Presbyterian Church, offered a feeling and touching prayer.

Gen. E. W. Moise made the opening address. He paid an eloquent tribute to McKinley as a man and a patriotic citizen who discharged his duty faithfully and justly in all stations that he filled from that of a private soldier to that of President of the United States.

Rev. J. A. Clifton, D. D., of the First Methodist Church spoke of the President's pure and noble personal character, his devotion to his wife and the elevating influence that his life has exerted upon all with whom he has come in contact.

Rev. H. C. Grossman, of the Lutheran Church, who served for four years in the Federal Army and was the pastor of a church in Columbus, Ohio, during the time that President McKinley was governor of that State, spoke of the dead president from a personal knowledge of the man. He also referred to the tribute that the South as represented by the meeting today, has paid to William McKinley, a man opposed to the South politically and one who forty years ago was serving in the army of the North against those who, today, had assembled in every town of the South to do honor to his memory.

He said that he spoke as a Northern man and as one who had worn the blue, but as one who had cast his lot with the South and loved that section of the country and its people, and he was glad and proud to record the fact that the South had had no part in any of the assassinations of the three Presidents who had met death in that way.

Rev. H. H. Covington, of the Episcopal Church, in his address said that this meeting and the others held this day throughout the country were in themselves the greatest possible tribute to President McKinley even though no word of praise or eulogy be spoken. No other president since Washington, could have brought out so general and spontaneous expressions of sorrow at his death, and the tribute was paid to the man as much as to the office he held. There is nothing perfunctory about meetings held as a mark of respect to the dead president, but they are, in the South especially, a sincere tribute to the memory of a pure patriotic and noble man. William McKinley will not live in history as a great man or brilliant statesman but he was a well rounded, symmetrical man, pure and noble, who had won the respect and good will of all of his fellow-citizens.

Rev. C. C. Brown, D. D., of the First Baptist Church, who made the last address, in paying his tribute to President McKinley emphasized the fact that his influence had been great in cementing and uniting the country, and that in God's providence the president's death may be the means of making this country more united, and demonstrating to the people of all sections of this great country that in feeling and sentiment they are one and the same.

The meeting was dismissed by Rev. James McDowell who pronounced the benediction.

The Second Regiment Band played several appropriate selections between the several addresses.

Compulsory Vaccination.

Superintendent S. H. Edmunds of the city schools has been notified by Health Officer Reardon to obtain the names of all scholars in the public schools who have not been successfully vaccinated within the past six (6) years and to require them to be vaccinated and present certificates of successful vaccination in order to attend school.

The health officer has also requested Dr. J. A. Mood, Surgeon of the S. M. A. and F. S. and Dr. Van Telburg-Hofman, Physician to St. Joseph Academy to enforce successful vaccination in those two institutions.

The Board of Health desires that all schools keep their facilities and scholars vaccinated and try also to keep the entire population of the city vaccinated as far as possible at all times as a precaution against small pox and that is the reason that small pox does not make any headway in Sumter whenever a stray case is found here from elsewhere as some time is likely to occur.

A Woman Killed by Accident.

The first authentic information concerning the killing of a negro woman at Smithville, referred to last week by our Pisgah correspondent was obtained Friday.

The woman killed was the daughter of Moses Green, and was about eighteen years old. She was killed accidentally while she was skylarking with Andrew Brisbane who had a gun in his hands. The woman struck the gun with a brush broom causing it to be discharged. The load struck her in the head producing almost instant death. The killing was clearly an accident according to the statement of those present and Brisbane will not be indicted for murder.

W. L. Wallace, M. D., of Kingstree, S. C., says: "In my practice I have used a lot of Kodol Dyspepsia Cure, the great remedy for indigestion and other stomach troubles and have had no failures but relief in almost all cases. This is the first time in 45 year's practice that I have ever had occasion to publicly advise all dyspeptics of a certain remedy in Kodol Dyspepsia Cure."—J. S. Hughton & Co.

Wedgefield, S. C., Sept. 20, 1901. Editor Daily Item: We have noticed Supervisor Seale's statement regarding the condition of roads, which seems to be an apology for the bad condition of roads in the county. We all know that Mr. Seale has had a hard year, owing to excessive rains; but his card, to say the least, seems to some of us superfluous and meaningless. We have labor enough—and we think our idea of the law is correct—to keep our roads in first class condition saying nothing about the chain gang; and speaking for Stateburg, Middleton and Privateer townships, our roads are in as bad fix as we have ever seen them—if not worse. Some places are really dangerous to drive over even in the day time, on account of gullies, holes and trees. To our personal knowledge, Mr. Seale's attention, has been called to some of these danger places, and he has not even replied to letter; and some places which have been very bad since early in the spring have grown worse with every rain.

Our hands have not been even warned on the roads for at least two years. The chain gang did go over one piece of road about last February, but it is a question whether even that piece of road is any better, taking it from one end to the other, than before the chain gang touched it. One piece of road leading from the road that the chain gang worked for a distance of one mile, in the suburbs of Wedgefield, was only five feet wide, and Mr. Seale did not only have his attention drawn to it, but he inspected it and saw that the road was being plowed into so that two vehicles could not pass without running over cotton and corn beds, and he did not take any action.

The condition of our roads are simply disgraceful. Whose fault it is, the writer is unable to say, but it is time that we taxpayers were getting decent roads, or at least safe roads. Any who think this statement exaggerated are invited to drive over the territory mentioned. We guarantee they will be treated courteously and have themselves and horses cared for free of charge. Even Mr. Seale himself would receive a cordial welcome.

We hope our citizens will complain and speak, and our law makers act till we get a law that will give us good roads and officers to execute the same.

Very respectfully,  
F. M. Dwight, M. D.

Dr. Dwight Declines the Position of Road Overseer.

Wedgefield, Sept. 24, 1901.

Dear Sir: I notice in your issue of 23d that I have been appointed Road Overseer for Wedgefield. Please inform the public that this is a mistake as the office has never been offered me, and if it was, under no circumstances could I serve. This is sarcasm probably meant to make Dr. Dwight keep silent on the subject of bad roads, but those responsible for the item of news may rest assured that it will not have the desired effect. Respectfully,  
F. M. Dwight, M. D.

To Re-organize the Alliance.

To the Allancemen of Sumter County: I have been requested by the State Committee to reorganize the Farmers' Alliance in Sumter County. This is too busy a season of the year for me to undertake a canvass of the county and correspondence is rather slow and tedious, therefore, I ask the former officers of the county and sub-alliances, and any other farmers who are interested to meet in Sumter on Friday, October 4th, for the purpose of taking steps to reorganize all the old subs, and others if the way be clear. 12 o'clock at the Court House. Yours truly,  
E. W. Dabbs.

Goodwill, S. C., Sept. 21, 1901.

ASHLAND NEWS ITEMS.

Lee County the Topic of Discussion--School Opening--Short Cotton Crop.

Ashland, S. C., Sept. 23.—Ashland is on the extreme northeastern borders of the proposed new County of Lee, and is the center of much discussion of the new county movement just now.

Many of those who fought the new county four years ago and who have been cut out this time by changes in the lines say they will present themselves on October 23d at the polls to cast their votes against the new county. They say they reside in Stokes Bridge township and are qualified electors of South Carolina and that their registration certificates call for them to vote at Ashland and that changing the lines does not debar them of their rights in voting.

On the other hand those who are advocates of the new county say the lines settle the question. They claim to have complied with all the requirements of the law. A survey has been made, the lines have been established, a petition of one-third of the qualified voters has been gotten and that petition, setting forth the boundary lines has been presented to Governor McSweeney and he has ordered the election for this special district and those who live out of its borders will have no chance to vote for or against the county.

The Ashland High School which is one of the best high schools in Darlington County, will open this session on October 6th. Prof. P. P. Bethea who has been principal for the past few years will again be in charge. He will be assisted by Miss Scarborough, of Summerton, Prof. S. F. Moore, of Ashland and Miss Maxie McLaurin, of Dillon. The latter will have charge of the music department.

Cotton is opening very slowly in this section and those who are in a position to know say the yield will be much shorter than in previous years. This is one of the finest cotton sections in Darlington County, yet the crop will only turn out 60 or 65 per cent.

Mack James is Dead.

Charleston, Sept. 23.—James Mack James, M. D., of Chesterfield county, this State, a well known pitcher of the Brooklyn baseball nine, died at an infirmary here today. Dr. Mack James was graduated at the South Carolina Medical college in this city and practiced his profession in Cheraw for a year, but last season returned to his old love, baseball.

County Board of Education Sustains the Action of Examining Committee.

The County Board of Education took up the contested Citadel scholarship at the meeting Friday and after a full consideration and careful re-examination of the papers of the applicants it was unanimously decided that the examining committee had properly graded the papers and had made no error in awarding the scholarship to Marion Scott. The following statement embodying the decision of the board was drawn up and signed by each of the members of the board:

"The matter of the award of the beneficiary cadetship for Sumter County in the South Carolina Military Academy having come before us on appeal from the decision of the committee of gentlemen appointed to hold the examination, we, the County Board of Education for said county hold that a re-examination of the papers submitted by contestant and contestee show no reason for disturbing the finding of said committee."

(Signed) W. P. Baskin,  
R. W. McCutchen,  
E. C. Haynsworth.  
Sumter, S. C., Sept. 20, 1901.

A Big Circus Coming.

The Great Wallace shows have completed all arrangements to exhibit in Sumter, Saturday, October 12.

The Wallace Show has advanced rapidly during recent years until it has reached the front rank of tented enterprises, and is one of the biggest on the road. It advertises a greater number of features than any other show, and, judging from the comments of the press, the commercial traveler and others who have seen it, the Wallace Show produces all it advertises. With the Wallace Shows from six to eight acts are to be seen at one time, in the three rings, hippodrome track, on the stage, and in mid-air. The management of a show the size of Wallace's does not expect the people to be able to watch all of the many features, but they arrange to have several acts of various kinds at the same time, so that the spectator may take his choice and enjoy those that he admires most. Since people's tastes differ, it is necessary for a circus the size of the Wallace Show to be cosmopolitan in character in order that all may be pleased, and those who have seen it know that it pleases and satisfies the most critical.

The Great Wallace Shows will positively appear in Sumter for one day only, giving two performances on Saturday, Oct. 12.

The October Ladies' Home Journal.

The Ladies' Home Journal for October is, perhaps, the best number of this magazine ever issued. The literary features include "How the Leopard Got His Spots," by Rudyard Kipling; "A Fifth Avenue Troubadour," by Ernest Seton-Thompson; the first instalment of "A Gentleman of the Blue Grass," by Laura Spencer Porter; the last of "Miss Alcott's Letters to Her 'Laurel,'" and the closing chapters of "Aileen," "Some things the President Does Not Do," a collection of anecdotes about Whistler, the artist, and Mr. Bok's advice to a young man about to marry are important features. The regular editorial departments are supplemented by nine new ones of great interest, among which Professor Edward Howard Griggs' talks on "The Education of a Child from Eleven to Eighteen," Professor Schmucker's "Seeing Things Outdoors," and Miss Withey's "Writing and Speaking Correctly" are noteworthy. The illustrations and art features are superb. By The Curtis Publishing Company, Philadelphia. One dollar a year; ten cents a number.

Emmanuel's Corner Stone Laid.

The cornerstone of Emmanuel Methodist Episcopal Church Sunday School was laid Sunday at 5 p. m., before a vast concourse of people by the Rev. R. L. Hickson, Presiding Elder of Spartanburg District, S. C. Conference. Rev. C. C. Jacobs delivered a fine address on the occasion. Appropriate music was furnished by the Sunday School choir and the pastor led in responsive readings.

The stone is the gift of Mr. G. E. Richardson of Richardson's Marble Works. It is of Vermont marble from the quarry of Senator Proctor.

Morning, afternoon and evening sermons were preached by Revs. Jacobs Hickson and Palmer.

The afternoon sermon was followed with a touching prayer by the Rev. J. C. Williams of Mt. Pisgah A. M. E. Church and a beautiful solo by Mr. Edgar Miller of the famous Claffin Quartette.

Due West Negroes Are Rapidly Killing Each Other.

The Abbeville Medium of this week has the following:  
"Paul McAdams, colored, died in Due West last Friday from the effects of a blow received at the hands of Henry Brownlee in a row at that place about two weeks ago. In this disturbance John Kennedy mortally wounded Henry Brownlee but not before Henry had fatally injured Paul McAdams. As a result of this row Henry Brownlee and Paul McAdams are dead, John Kennedy is a refugee from justice with a reward offered for him and William Brownlee is in jail charged with being concerned in the homicides. All the parties were colored."

Contrary to the popular belief, says the Cincinnati Enquirer, eight of the twelve jurymen who condemned Gitan, and who were the subjects of his bitter curse for their verdict, are still living, and are doing reasonably well in the world. "Mrs. Surratt," it is added, "innocently hanged, forgave her slayers, blessed and did not curse them. She died like a good woman, unjustly condemned. But the vengeance of Heaven fell upon nearly all who were chiefly responsible for her death."

The First Day of Trial Indicates No Defence Can be Made.

Buffalo, N. Y., September 23.—Leon F. Czolgosz was placed on trial this morning charged with the murder of President William McKinley. He entered a plea of "guilty," which was subsequently changed to "not guilty" by direction of the Court.

All the events of the day indicated that the trial will be short. The Court convened at 10 o'clock. Within two hours eight jurors had been obtained. Technicalities were not raised by examining counsel, but it was significant that every man who said he had not formed an opinion on the case was excused by the district attorney. Those who acknowledged they had formed an opinion or stated that they were prejudiced, but admitted that the opinion could be changed by evidence, were accepted by both sides.

Justice Truman C. White, one of the oldest and most experienced of the Supreme Court Judges, was on the bench. Immediately after the opening of the Court and after the prisoner had pleaded Justice Lewis, senior counsel for the defendant, announced that, together with his colleagues, former Justice Robert C. Titus and Mr. Carlton E. Ladd, they were ready to act in behalf of the prisoner.

WHAT PRISONER'S COUNSEL SAID.

"I thought it best," he said, "for my colleague and myself that I should say something regarding our presence here as attorneys for the defendant. At the time my name was suggested I was out of the city and knew nothing of what was transpiring here with reference to the selection of counsel for the defendant. When the circumstances of my selection were told to me I was extremely reluctant to accept. But the duty had been imposed and I considered it my duty, in all the circumstances, to defend this man."

"I ask that no evidence be presented here—that the Court will not permit the acceptance of any evidence unless it should be accepted at the trial of the most meagre criminal in the land."

A FAIR TRIAL PROMISED.

"I am familiar with these circumstances," said Justice White in reply, "and I wish to say I will give you every assurance that the prisoner will have a fair and impartial trial, and that during the progress of the trial he will receive such treatment as the law demands in any criminal case."

THE JURY QUICKLY FORMED.

The work of securing the jurors was then undertaken with a celerity that was amazing. Before the day was over the entire panel had been sworn, the jurors had listened to a description of the Temple of Music, where the crime occurred, had seen photographs of the interior of that structure, and had been told by three surgeons what caused the death of the President and the effect of the assassin's shot upon the various organs of the body. They also learned why the fatal bullet had not been located.

THE STATE'S CASE.

The presentation of the State's case began shortly before three o'clock, when Assistant District Attorney Haller began, with much deliberation, to address the jury. He spoke very briefly.

"We shall show," said he, "that, for some days prior to the shooting this defendant had premeditated the shooting of the President. He knew that on the 6th of September the President would receive the populace in the Temple of Music; that on that day he went to the Exposition, got into line with the people and approached the President extended his hand, and as the President extended his in friendly greeting he fired the fatal shot."

"He fired twice in fact. One of them took effect in the abdomen and caused the mortal wound which resulted in the President's death. That in brief is the story we shall show you. Witnesses will tell you this story and I am sure that when you have heard the evidence you will have no difficulty in reaching a verdict of murder in the first degree."

THE ASSASSIN CONVICTED.

Buffalo, Sept. 24.—Leon F. Czolgosz alias Fred Nieman was found guilty today of murder in the first degree by a jury in part 3 of the supreme court, in having on the 6th day of September shot President William McKinley, the wounds inflicted afterwards resulting in the death of the president.

The wheels of justice moved swiftly. The trial of the assassin consumed eight hours and 26 minutes and covered a period of only two days. Practically all of this time was occupied by the prosecution presenting a case so clear, so conclusive that even had the prisoner entered a plea of insanity it is doubtful if the jury would have returned a verdict different from the one rendered today.

The announcement made this afternoon by the attorneys for Czolgosz that the eminent alienists summoned by the Erie county bar association and by the district attorney to examine Czolgosz and to determine his exact mental condition had declared him to be perfectly sane, destroyed the only stage of a defense that Judges Lewis and Titus could have put together.

Before adjournment Justice White announced that he would pronounce sentence upon the prisoner on Thursday afternoon at 2 o'clock. He was taken at once through the tunnel under Delaware avenue, back to the jail. To all appearances he was in no way affected by the result of the trial.

The Anarchists Released.

Chicago, Sept. 23. The nine anarchists who have been under arrest here since the assassination of President McKinley were today given their freedom. Judge Chetlain so ordering after the prosecution had admitted that there was no legal evidence against them.

Emma Goldman was not a party to the proceedings. Her case is set for tomorrow before Magistrate Prindiville where she, as well as the nine men freed today, are charged with conspiracy to murder President McKinley.

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