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ELECTRIC CAR SERVICE.

Electric Motor Car Now Running Between Greenville and Anderson.

Greenville, S. C., July 30.—Electric motor car service without the use of trolley wires or third rail attachment is now being given on the line of the Southern Railway and the Blue Ridge Railway between Greenville and Anderson, the intermediate territory being perhaps the most thickly settled milling section in the South, including the important points, Piedmont, Pelzer, Williams-ton and Belton.

Only one motor car is now operated and two round trips a day are made. Though a large number of stops are made the car has no trouble in making the schedule time. The car now in use is the property of the General Electric Company and will be used until two cars being built by that company especially for the Southern Railway are delivered. The new cars will provide seats for 57 passengers.

The car is run by electricity generated by a gasoline engine. The powerful machinery is compactly placed in the forward end. It is easily manipulated and the car is handled with perfect ease. The greatest interest is felt throughout this section in the motor car and it is crowded every trip. The first day it was greeted by great crowds at every station. At one place a citizen was so anxious to get a view that he left the barber's chair running to the station with his face covered with lather.

The new service is in addition to the steam trains run between Greenville and Anderson and is expected to prove a great convenience. The operation of these cars, the first of their kind in the South, will be watched with great interest.

WRECK NEAR LAURENS.

Passenger Plunges Through Burning Trestle.

August, Ga., July 31.—Passenger train No. 2, on the Spartanburg division of the Charleston and Western Carolina, due to arrive in Augusta, from Spartanburg, at 5:15 p. m., ran into a burning trestle, about a mile and a half from Woodlawn, resulting in the total destruction of the train, the death of Engineer Hank Taylor, of Laurens, S. C., and Fireman Simon Dunbar, colored, of Augusta, and slight injury to sixteen passengers.

Every now and then an automobilist thinks of a possible arrest, and slows

DR. DANIEL TO COLUMBIANS.

SERMON LAST NIGHT PROVED RATHER DISAPPOINTING.

Eminent Methodist Devine Makes Reference to Alleged Conditions in Capital City, but Omits Portions of Sermon as Reported from Lexington on July 24—Lexington Reporter, Present Last Night, Makes Statement.

Columbia, July 31.—Those who went to hear Dr. J. Walter Daniel, presiding elder of the Columbia district, paint a lurid picture of the vices of this city were a bit disappointed tonight. On the other hand, Dr. Daniel drew beautiful lessons from life and appealed to those who listened to him to consider well the uplifting influences of the home and the dangers to the boy or girl breaking away from this potential influence.

Dr. Daniel did not hide the condition, though, as he painted it, that Columbia has its vices as has no other cities. "I am told," declared Dr. Daniel, "that there is in this city the most handsomely furnished house south of Philadelphia, but I do not know this to be a fact. I do not know where the houses are, but I am told that Columbia has its hundreds of residents of the demi-monde. Your city has its evil influences, as has every city." This, in brief, was Dr. Daniel's only reference to the reported statement that, in a sermon at Lexington, he had said "Columbia is the wickedest city south of Philadelphia."

"Sensationalism of the Newspapers." Several times in the course of his sermon Dr. Daniel referred to the "sensationalism of the newspapers." At the very opening of his sermon he told his hearers that if any had come to hear a sensational sermon they would be disappointed. Later in his remarks Dr. Daniel said: "Yes, I am going on preaching sensational sermons," and again he referred to the newspapers' sensations, saying that "only newspapers can create sensations." Using the lesson of the Prodigal Son, Dr. Daniel stated that the most potential influence is that of the home; that more young men are ruined by having "money put into their hands" rather than into their "heads and hearts" than in any other manner, was Dr. Daniel's statement.

He referred in this connection to the practice of fathers giving money to boys about to attain their majority, and to the evil influences encountered when these boys go into the world with their money.

"Money is life," said Dr. Daniel. "Back of every dollar there is so much energy. It is not right for one to have money who does not know the value of it." Dr. Daniel said that boys should be educated with the money instead of having it placed into their hands to spend and, therefore, when the latter came into money of their own they would know the value of it.

Scorns Bridge Parties.

Taking apparently another line in his sermon, Dr. Daniel unbraided mothers for spending so much time at "bridge parties." He was sorry to see that such influences were put before the boys and girls. He thought this time might be better taken up with making a better home. Dr. Daniel stressed the necessity of an uplifting home life, which the boys and girls might live in or return to. Dr. Daniel said that he had made the same sermon in this city last Sunday night, at Green Street Methodist church, and at Lexington last Sunday afternoon. He dismissed the matter of sensationalism with his statement with reference to the newspapers.

The Washington Street Methodist church was crowded this evening. It could easily be seen that there were many people present who were not members of the congregation. The statement published last week that Dr. Daniel had said that this city was the wickedest south of Philadelphia caused a number of people to go to the church tonight. Dr. Daniel spoke with great earnestness, and his sermon was a forceful lecture.

Lexington Correspondent Present.

An interesting feature of the affair is that Mr. D. R. Haltiwanger, who reported the Lexington sermon, was present in the audience tonight when Dr. Daniel delivered his sermon. Mr. Haltiwanger said that certain portions of the sermon made in Lexington were not repeated here. Mr. Haltiwanger has with him an affidavit, signed by a number of Lexington citizens, vouching for the correctness of the report to the effect that Dr. Daniels had said that "Columbia is the wickedest city south of Philadelphia." Some of those who signed the affidavit are: W. G. Dent, county auditor; Dr. R. B. Harmon, phar-

"HE'S AN INFAMOUS LIAR."

EXCITING INCIDENT AT STATE CAMPAIGN MEETING.

Before Florence Audience Lyon Brands Evans as Infamous Liar—Determined Action of Chairman J. Willard Ragsdale Probably Prevents Encounter—Bleese Issues Challenge—Lyon, McLeod, Ellerbe, Smith, Moore and Scarborough Win Warm Applause.

Florence, July 30.—It was a unique scene from a political standpoint, that was enacted in the State campaign meeting at Florence today. Unique, and with a peculiar interest to those who keep record of the trend of political events in South Carolina. A situation in which cheers for "Lyon and Ragsdale" are commingled, and when the Hon. Jas. E. Ellerbe rises in his seat and with the enthusiasm of his strenuous nature leads in a round of applause for J. Willard Ragsdale, is indeed tense and of peculiar significance. Lyon, Ragsdale and Ellerbe! The heated campaign of 1906 between Ragsdale and Lyon for the Attorney Generalship, when bitterness almost reached the acute stage and the lines were so clearly drawn, is fresh in the minds of the people. The yeomanry of the 6th district vividly recall the race for Congress two years ago, when Ellerbe and Ragsdale were pitted against each other; when every inch of ground was contested with a resolute-ness and vigor such as only these two combatants could inject into the campaign. Hence, when today in the Opera House at Florence this remarkable place, the savants nodded their heads (that is, after the excitement of the moment had subsided), and mentally pondered: "Verily, what hath the day brought forth."

The Lie is Passed.

In was somewhat in this wise: Attorney General Lyon flung into the teeth of his opponent, Barnard B. Evans, an accusation or charge calculated to precipitate trouble; the epithet "liar" was passed, "infamous liar" was applied to Barnard B. Evans of Columbia, candidate for Attorney General. The tense and exciting situation was not produced by an effort on the part of the accused to resent the charge; it was merely his effort to have a last word with the audience, and the audience would have none of him. They howled him down. For nearly two minutes Barnard B. Evans faced the audience of four hundred souls, endeavoring to have his say; each attempt met with rebuff on the part of County Chairman Ragsdale, whose hand, when raised in warning seemed to be the signal for the audience to break into wildest uproar, thus effectively accomplishing the utter crushing of all Evans' essays. Finally, and when he did it, the audience gave vent to terrific cheers, Chairman Ragsdale shoved Barnard B. Evans off the stage and behind the scenes at the side exits.

Then broke forth the wild yells: "Hurrah for Ragsdale," "Hurrah for Lyon," and then Congressman J. E. Ellerbe rose from his seat in the audience, not far from the stage, and emitted one of the heartiest, healthiest cheers that ever sprang forth from human throat. Ragsdale, Ellerbe and Lyon! The scene will not soon be forgot.

What produced the scene is by no means of secondary significance. For the first time during the campaign of 1910, the absolute and unqualified term "liar" has been used. Evans on previous occasions and again today has said: "I will not say he is a liar, for that would be unparliamentary; I will not say he is a thief, but

Salary and Fees.

Attorney General J. Fraser Lyon today said: "When he (Evans) says that I received \$20,000 in addition to my salary, he is an infamous liar." This was immediately at the conclusion of Evans' speech, who had the reply today. Before another word could be uttered Chairman Ragsdale was on his feet, his hands uplifted for order. Evans advanced to the front, endeavored to speak, but the audience was wild, and the deterring hand of the chairman was in his face, almost. Meanwhile, after applying the epithet, Lyon, arms akimbo and with that placid look no his face that so many South Carolina audiences know full well, was describing a semi-circle about Evans on the stage. He continued this until Evans

mailed; H. M. Wingard, merchant; B. D. Carke, coroner, and others. Because of the editorial comment in this and other States, there was unusual interest among Columbians as to just what Dr. Daniel would say here tonight.

was shoved off the stage. A few minutes later Evans re-entered the stage and quietly took a seat; Lyon sat in the right wing.

The loud cheers for Ragsdale were in appreciation of his calm, collected and determined manner of handling the situation. Many believed that he prevented a serious encounter; whether this or not, he won the warm commendation of the entire audience by his actions. Many of the candidates who followed complimented him, and the county for having selected such a chairman.

The meeting today was held in the Opera House, presided over by the Hon. J. Willard Ragsdale and opened with prayer by the Rev. Will B. Oliver, of the First Baptist Church. When the speaking began there were but a hundred people present, but the number swelled to four hundred before Attorney General Lyon concluded. Featuring the occasion was the Lyon-Evans episode, a challenge to the editor of the State by Cole L. Bleese, candidate for Governor, the ovations accorded Thos. G. McLeod, Attorney General Lyon and James E. Ellerbe, the enthusiastic reception given Charles A. Smith in his home county, and the bestowal of bouquets on three candidates who have hitherto not been thus favored, Bleese, Mahon and Duvall. O. C. Scarborough was loudly applauded and proved the favorite among the candidates for railroad commissioner.

After the Lyon-Evans incident the remainder of the meeting was rather tame and apparently of no great interest to the people. When the candidates for Governor spoke, the audience had thinned out perceptibly. All the candidates except Hampton were present.

The sturdy Florentines heard John T. Duncan "for his cause," but absolutely refused to applaud him. One might easily have heard a pin drop when the candidate from Columbia concluded. Duncan agrees with Dr. Daniel, about the wickedness of the State Capital, and is glad to find himself "in such good company."

Bleese Issues Challenge.

Mayor Bleese wants a debate between himself and the editor of the Columbia State, or at least with the author of that editorial squib in Saturday's issue of that paper, in reference to that utterance Mr. Bleese said:

"I notice in the editorial column of the State newspaper of this day, 'We shall in a day or two have something to say in regard to the candidacy of Candidate Bleese that will not be regarded as indorsement.'

"I believe that the people of South Carolina are in favor of fair play, and I now request and invite the man who wrote that article to come on the rostrum at Columbia at the State campaign meeting next Saturday, August 6, and have his 'something to say in regard to the candidacy of Candidate Bleese to my face, where I can and will have the opportunity to make reply; and if he declines this, then I demand that he name a time and place where he will agree to meet me face to face and make his statements."

Following this Mr. Bleese made a strong plea for economy in the State's affairs, particularly in the higher educational institutions. He says Furman, Wofford, Erskine and Newberry are running on one-third the money given State institutions, and are sending out just as brainy men and accomplishing just as much good.

Messrs. Hyatt and Richards made their usual speeches, each receiving applause, being several times interrupted therewith. It was an obvious fact that there were some strong State-wide prohibitionists in the audience, as well as local optionists; the latter, however, were in the majority. McLeod was easily the favorite, but as to who came out second best, it is debatable, all, except Duncan, being warmly applauded.

E. W. Duvall, for Lieutenant Governor, made his best speech today, and was loudly cheered. Mr. Smith spoke but a few moments.

Col. W. W. Moore seemed to be the favorite among the candidates for Adjutant General.

C. C. Featherstone made a particularly strong speech today, on which he drew forth considerable applause.

EX-SECRETARY CARLISLE DEAD.

Member of President Cleveland's Cabinet Passes Away.

New York, July 31.—John G. Carlisle, former Secretary of the Treasury, who had been critically ill for the past two days, died at his apartments in New York at 10:50 o'clock tonight of heart failure, accompanied by oedema of the lungs.

July brings both high temperature and half prices.

BUTCHERY OF NEGROES.

THE MOB IN WILDS OF TEXAS KILLS NEGROES WHERE FOUND.

Officer Returns From Blood-bath With Tales of Caused by White's of Negroes.

Palestine, Texas, July 31.—At least 15, and it may be 20 negroes, all of them probably unarmed, were hunted down and killed by a mob numbering perhaps 200 or 300 men, in the Slocum and Denison Springs neighborhood, near Palestine last night and yesterday, according to the opinion of Sheriff Black who returned early this morning from that district. The sheriff told of a fierce man-hunt in the woods, of riddled bodies found on lonely roads and of the terror almost indescribable among the inhabitants in the southeastern part of Anderson county.

"I found the greatest excitement prevailing throughout that section of the county," said Sheriff Black. "Men were going about and killing negroes as fast as they could find them, and so far as I have been able to ascertain, without any real cause at all. These negroes have never done anything that I could discover.

"I found 11 dead bodies, but from what I have heard, the dead must number 15 or 20. We came across four bodies in one house.

"I don't know how many there were in the mob, but think there must have been 200 or 300 altogether.

Found Few Guns.

"I sent two detectives out through that country to collect all the arms they could find in the houses of the negroes. They made a thorough search, but found only nine little single-barrelled shotguns.

"I believe the main trouble was due to a controversy over a promissory note. R. Alford, a white man who is a cripple, had gone on a negro's note. The note came due and he got after the negro to renew it or pay it. The negro would not do it and cursed him. The incident caused bad feeling. Then I think Mr. Spurges probably had a little trouble with them. At least they claimed that he had whipped one. Somebody saw this negro slipping up to Spurges' house.

"This negro was killed and then they went to killing them all over the country. I have been told that two were killed. I think the most of that crowd of men came from Houston county and according to what I am told, the shooting was still going on late yesterday evening. They were hunting the negroes down like sheep. We found two in the road that had been shot about 10 o'clock night before last.

"Everybody seemed to be almost scared to death. Everybody was armed with shotguns. They had the women and children all bunched up in places and were guarding them. The mob had been sending out scary reports that hundreds of negroes armed to the teeth were coming from Cherokee county. They telephoned me early yesterday morning that 200 negroes were at Denison Springs heavily armed, and when we got there we found just one negro and he was not armed."

Palestine tonight has very little more definite information about the troubles between the whites and the blacks between Anderson and Denison Springs than it had yesterday. Sunday has been characterized by the utter absence of news from there except the report which Sheriff Black made. District Judge H. E. Garner received a telephone message from Elkhart this afternoon to the effect that everything was quiet and that the troops would not be needed.

Judge Cain To Be.

It seems that Mr. S. D. Cain is not to be permitted to retire to private life, notwithstanding his refusal to offer for re-election to the office of Superintendent of Education. He has been nominated for Magistrate in the 4th Judicial District by "Citizens of Privateer," and in view of the general demand that he consent to serve which is said to exist in his district he will probably be forced to continue in the public service. Privateer will be fortunate in securing the services of Mr. Cain in the capacity of Magistrate, for there are not many better men in Sumter county.

"Newbern, N. C., gay in its own colors of black and white, etc." This old town is in half mourning, we presume, because it was not born in the same State where Andrew Jackson first saw the light.—News and Courier.

WENDLING'S IDENTITY, BUT PROTESTS INNOCENCE.

Long Search Alleged Murderer of Alma Kellner Found in San Francisco Lodging House—Dragged by Officers from Beneath Wash Room Sink—Arrest Due to Unfruitful Efforts of Louisville Detective.

San Francisco, Cal., July 30.—Dragged from beneath a sink in the wash room of a Third street lodging house, where he had been hiding for twenty-four hours, Joseph H. Wendling, accused of the murder of little 8-year-old Alma Kellner, in Louisville, Ky., the man who has baffled the police for four months, was arrested today by Detective Burke and Ryan, of the local police department. Wendling admitted his identity, but protested his innocence.

COTTON CROP SITUATION.

Deterioration in Texas and Oklahoma—Improvement Elsewhere.

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Reports are irregular. There are some that are indifferent and some that are exceedingly poor. The plant is generally small and is now beginning to bloom freely and make bolls. It will be cultivated much later than usual, and if the frost date is delayed and the August and September moisture supply is sufficient to enable the setting of bolls to continue late, there is yet hope for a fair or good crop. Without a late autumn reports indicate a very moderate outturn in the valley and Atlantic States.

Attempted Assaulter Lynched.

Cairo, Ga., July 31.—Screams of the young daughter of John Wade, who lives ten miles northeast of this place, during last night resulted in the capture and lynching of a negro who had entered her room and was discovered at her bedside.

The negro, entering through a window, made a noise in the room and the young girl awoke. She at once began to scream and the members of the family rushed into the room. The negro had no time to escape but dived under the bed and lay still in an effort to save himself. He was dragged out from his hiding place at once.

News of the capture was sent from house to house among the neighbors and a body of men quickly gathered. A conference was held and it was decided to punish the negro immediately. He was placed in a wagon and one end of a rope was tied about his neck and the other tied to a limb. The wagon was driven from under him and a volley of shots rang out. As there were no eye-witnesses the authorities did not investigate the death.

Cavalry Sent to Scene.

Austin, Tex., July 31.—The governor tonight ordered the Capital City cavalry company of this city, 40 strong, to proceed by special train to Slocum, Tex., to do police duty there until the trouble between the whites and negroes, which broke out yesterday, has subsided. The company is experienced in this detail work and it was thought that they will be sufficient to preserve order until the trouble is over.

Over in Paris they are talking of the hobble skirt bathing suit. This style will make good only if it is of sufficient latitude to allow its wearer to learn how to swim. A girl has to learn how to swim every time she takes to the surf.