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PERSONAL

Mrs. D. P. Kelley returned to the city Thursday evening from Brevard, N. C., where she has been on a visit to her sister.

visiting her daughter, Mrs. C. W. Mc-

Miss Shuyler Cooper is spending a few days in St. Matthews with her brother, G. C. Cooper.

Miss Lee Gregg is spending the week-end with her parents. Mr. and Mrs. W. E. D. Gregg, in Florence.

Miss Fla Mayers, of Savannah Ga., who has been visiting her aunt, Mrs. Reid Ard, has returned home.

Hon, Ira B. Jones spent a short time in the city Friday night between when it struck a snag and someone trains, en route from Darlington to Elloree. His coming was unannounceed and few of his friends in the city had opportunity to greet him.

Miss Mary Haynsworth went Florence Saturday.

Mrs. A. G. Warren, of Greenwood, is visiting Mr. and Mrs. R. M. War-

Mrs. J. M. Parker returned to Scranton this morning after a short visit to Mrs. R. M. Warren.

Mr. and Mrs. W. C. Stradley, Hendersonville, are visiting Mr. and Mrs. R. M. Warren.

Miss Lucile DeLorme, of Columbia, spent the week-end in the city.

Mr. B. K. DeLorme is at home from Furman Fitting school, Greenville. Mr. A. V. Snell went to Darlington Friday night where he made a speech

Mr. Clinton Walsh has returned from Charlotte, where he has been attending a business college.

before the T P. Association.

Mr. M. J. Michaux left Sunday afternoon to attend the Re-union Confederate Veterans at Macon, Cla.

TITANIC NEWS NOT HELD UP.

Message to White Star Liner Promptly Postal Company, Delivered by According to Officials,

New York, May 4.-Charles Adams, vice president of the Postal terday. Telegraph Cable company, whose department in the operating department today made the following statement in regard to the Wireless message from the Committee announcing the sinking of the White Star Liner Titopic dated april 15, but not actually delivered in New York until April 17.

The Postal ompany received this message at its main operating room in New York city on April 17 at 8.58 a. m., by direct wire from Montreal and delivered it from its branch office at the Produce exchange to the White Star office within 30 minutes from the time the message reached our lines. The telegraph department of the Canadian Pacific railway, which sent us the message from Montreal at 8.58 a. m. on April 17 informs us they received the message from the Wireless company at Hallfax, N. S., at 8,26 a. m. on the same morning, April 17.

FREE OLYMPIC SEAMEN.

Magistrates at Portsmouth Allow Accused Sailors to Go.

Portsmouth, England, May 4,-? he seamen of the White Star liner Olympic, who quit that vessel after the strike by the firemen, were allowed to go today by the magistrate sitting in the police court here, where the men were tried on a charge of mutiny. The magistrate decided that the charges were proved against the 54 mutineers, but expressed the opinion that it would be inexpedient to imprison or fine the defendants under the circum-

The magistrate discharged the defendants with the hope they would return to duty.

Marriage License Record.

Two marriage licenses were issued Saturday, both to colored couples, Mitchell Allen, Wedgefield, and Tance. Wells, Concord, and Moses Blair and Meta Riley of Sumter were the contracting parties.

To Represent Sumter Club.

The Civic Club at this place will be represented at Abbeville this week at the State Federation of Women's Clubs by Mrs. R. S. Hood and Miss Armida Moses , who left this morning to attend the convention as delegates from Sumter.

Charles, was in town yesterday.

Fifty-two Years, To-day, Since Drowning of Twenty-four in Boykin's Pound.

Camden, May 5 .- Today, Sunday, May 5, is the 52d anniversary of the most awful tragedy that ever was recorded in the annals of Kershaw county and which took place at Boykin's Mill Pond, eight miles below Mrs. Eli Jackson. of Elloree, 's Camden, when twenty-four young ladies and young men were drowned.

Swift Creek held a union picnic there on that day, and it was a most joyous occasion for all who attended until the afternoon, when someone proposed that they take a ride on an old flat boat then on the pond. In a short time, more than sixty persons were on the boat, and it started off from the shore in sight of the large crowd on the banks of the pond. It had not gone more than one hundred feet plode the many "gas bag" promises of raised a cry that "the boat was sink-

Someone jumped towards the shore with others following rapidly. Even those who did not want to go were pushed off by the frightened ones behind them, so that in less than a minute there was a writhing mass of human beings in the water, which was twelve feet deep at that point.

Many good swimmers were pliled down by those who could not swim, while others managed to get back on the boat and assisted in pulling to it many of those who were in reach. thus saving the lives of many who were in the water when the rush was made by the crowd towards shore.

Efforts were immediately made to recover the bodies of the drowned persons. Some were taken from the water in a few minutes, but not one of them who was unconscious when brought out was resuscitated. It was a sad day in and around Camden. There was mourning on all sides for relatives and friends who had been drowned and on Sunday there was a joint funeral from the Methodist church, when services were conducted at one time over eleven bodies.

There are several persons still living in Camden who were present and witnessed the scene, and although more than half a century has elapsed since the event the scenes and incidents connected with it are as fresh almost as if it had occurred only yes

FIRE AT ALLENDALE.

Four Stores Burned in Business Section of Town-Loss Partly Covered.

Allendale, May 4.-At 5 o'clock this morning fire consumed the four wood stores owned by B. R. Myrick, situated between H. Wolff and Co.'s new brick structure and in the Southern railroad, in the centre of the business section. The cause of the fire is not known, but began in the building occupied by Louis Hepner, from which it spread in both directions. But for the favorable condition of the air currents and the fire wall of H. Wolff and Co., the fire would have probably wiped out the greater par of the business section. One of the buildings was used as the grocery department of H. Wolff and Co., who succeeded in removing the greater portion of their goods, sustaining loss of about \$400, with no insurance.

TO CALL COTTON CONGRESS.

Efforts Will be Made to Put "Rock Itill Plan" on Permanent Basis,

Rock Hill, May 5 .- Following a conference a few days ago in Columbia between President E. J. Watson, of the Southern Cotton Congress, and J. G. Anderson, or Rock Hill, originator of the "Rock Hill Plan." for reduction of cotton acreage, Col. Watson will shortly arranged for meeting of the Congress in Atlanta probably next month, with a view to putting the Congress on a permanent hasis, adequately financed and soundly organized, to keep up the fight through all seasons for better cotton market conditions.

Representatives of the cotton mills and others interested in the problem so vitally effecting all classes of business in the South will be urged to attend and lend their assistance .

The principal object of the conference will be to lay the foundation for permanent effort in the direction of broadening the market for finished goods, and the possibilities of the opening of the Panama Canal will receive special attention.

Talbert's Platform.

The Hon, J. W. Talbert, candidate for the United States senate in this Magistrate W. M. Reld, of St. summary of his platform. He is,

Mr. L. O. Connor Does Not Expect to Win, but Will Tell Some Things About Politicians.

Bowman, May 4 .-- Much speculation has been aroused in this section, as well as elsewhere, in regard to Ex-Senator Connor's candidacy for Governor of South Carolina. As soon as the announcement was made in one of the local county papers, The News and Courier correspondent made ef-The Sunday schols of Camden and forts to see Mr. Connor but failed to find him at home until yesterday afternoon. Asked as to his candidacy for Governor, his reply was that he never made any direct statement to any one in regard to his being a candidate for Governor, but said he would like, if his voice and strength permitted, to be in the race, not that he had any expectation of winning, but that he would be pleased to exa number of politicians who parade before the public proclaiming what they would do if elected. Says he would put out some "hot shot" stuff, hewing to the line, regardless of where it hit.

He is already receiving letters of encouragement with promise of substantial aid from friends who can be counted upon.

Mr. Connor held the position of Senator from this county some years ago, which office he filled with much credit. He cannot be termed an orator, but as to his business qualifications his peer is hard to find. His watchword is economy and his labor saving inventions in connection with his farm work are truly remarkable and worthy of example by others, His large farm is in a fine state of cultivation and produces splendid crops from year to year. His farm is about eight miles from Bowman, near the celebrated Four Holes Swamp, and about thirteen miles from Orangeburg.

WESTMINISTER WON.

Scored Highest Number of Points & Track Meeting.

The State high school track meet closed in a downpour of rain yesterday afternoon, but the events were pulled off in schedule order. The day opened with promise of being all that could be desired, and in the morning the preliminary events went without a hitch, but the clouds that had been gathering all day were not so kind in the afternoon, the rain coming down in torrents, seriously interfering with the meet for a short time and keeping many away.

To Westminster goes the honor of scoring the highest number of points hence they win the handsome trophy cup given by Sylvan Bros. Yorkville won second place.

This closes the third of the high school athletic meets and the last of the strictly athletic meets for next year there will be an oratorical contest in connection with the athletic fetaure, no team being allowed to compete which is not represented in both branch s of the meet. number of men present at the meet this year exceeds the number present at any former meeting, and it is anticipated that another year the number will be still greater.

STIFF FIGHT AGAINST BLEASE,

Governor in Newberry To-day-Espects to be Elected Delegate,

left this afternoon for Newberry to attend the meeting of the County Convention there tomorrow. He is confident of being elected a delegate to the State Convention and of having a delegation in complete sympathy

The Governor states that the action the lists of delegates, although he in Newberry county. He assured his friends of controlling the Newberry County Convention. However, the opponents of the Governor are expected to put up a stiff fight against him tomorrow in his home Conven-

For Miss Aimee Moore. Columbia State.

rying out a pretty color scheme of

KERSHAW'S GREATEST TRAGEDY WILL "POUR SOME HOT SHOT." JUDGE JONES IN ORANGEBURG

Delivers Educational Address in County-Makes Favorable Impres-

Elloree, May 4.-For the first time in the history of his public life, Judge Ira B. Jones, candidate for Governor, delivered a public adress to an Orargeburg County audience this morning, estimated at four hundred people at North Providence, a country school about seven miles below here Judge Jones came over from Sumter last night, driving through the country from Creston, and was the guest of W. M. Fair. Early in the morning he was taken in charge by a committee, Dr. A. W. Browning, Col. A. B. Shuler, J. D. Gates, and others, and the hand-shaking began long before the ride to North Providence. He made a strong impression on everybody who had the pleasure of forming his acquaintance, and it has been hinted that he has made several conversions, although he talked little politics, his visit being more in the nature of a social one.

At North Providence Judge Jones was introduced as the speaker of the day by the Hon. John S. Browning. of Orangeburg. His address was high toned and was delivered in a cool, dignified manner, and he received the utmost attention. He spoke along educational lines.

Only in a broad way did he touch upon the political situation, the most specific reference being the use of the pardoning power, without referring or even calling direct attention to its misuse.

It is difficult to say just what effect Judge Jones' visit in a political way has had on this community, as the meeting was at the instance of the closing of the North Providence school, and was devoid of any display whatsoever, but it can be safely said that, as a man, an accomplished and high-toned citizen, posessing all of the requirements for filling the Gubernatorial chair, Judge Jones made an impression that is lasting, and when the time for casting ballots comes he will be liberally remembered by the voters of this section.

After Judge Jones' speech a big barbecue was served, and North Providence maintained

A Good Thing in Bishopville.

Sometime ago the young men of

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Bishopville. Several young men be- R. A. Bradham, T. N. Smith, E. M. tween the age of eighteen and twenty- Hall, W. J. Archer, F. D. Knight, W. five got together and by some good R. Wells, C. B. Hogan, L. W. Jenkins thinking they organized a club known H. C. Haynsworth, J. W. Turner, as the "Phi-Alpha" which means friends to all, and any intend to be friends to all. They meet once a week Chandler, Horace Harby, L. D. Jen to talk over matters which might nings, B. C. Wallace, L. I. Parrott, I. bring the young people close togeth- C. Strauss, W. B. Boyle, W. F. Shaw, er and see what they can do for the R. O. Purdy, J. R. Sumter, C. L. Cuttown. Now this is not a place where tine, R. F. Haynsworth, H. G. Osteen, they meet to have a big time as you G. L. Ricker, R. D. Lee, R. B. Belser, might express it, but is a place where R. Dozier Lee, C. G. Rowland, J. P. they meet to have a nice time, where Marion, Louis Lyons, Thos Wilson, decent debate is discussed and plan- G. A. Lemmon, Geo. F. Epperson, J. ning for the future in a business way. B. Raffield, R. J. Bland, alternates, The club is a small scale of the Cham- Geo. D. Levy. W. S. Jones, D. R. Mcber of Commerce, which is no doubt Callum, Jr., Geo. Warren, J. R. Clack. the best thing born in Bish pville J. F. Glenn, Cecil Wilson, Guy Warthus far. The material which this ren, C. C. Beck, W. H. Scott. ciub consists of is the very best procurable and you mothers and fathers need not fear that your boys will be Moses, T. E. Richardson, W. S. Din-Columbia, May 5.—Governor Blease in a place that will lead them the kins, J. P. Booth, J. D. Blanding, E. wrong way, but will teach them busi- W. Hurst; alternates, S. R. Smoak, ness methods and the way to treat Julian Raffield, Richard Parker, J. D. their fellowman. Now for the older Graham, R. H. Keels and H. G. Hill. ores, we will not call on you for help financially but we do need and want Club because of the absence of the your good words in behalf of us. We club roll all the delegates to the counwe are a little later when we get our and President C. M. Hurst was emof Ward 3 in leaving his name out of ducks in a row. Now brethren help powered to appoint additional deleour boys to become men among men gates when the proper number was was subsequently elected a delegate and there is no better way to do so ascertained. Mr. Hurst has appointed

work which they are planning,

There is not likely to be an election on the dispensary question in this county this year, if our information is correct. We are informed that the petition contains a little less than 500 names, if this is correct, by the Mrs. L. B. Owens was the hostess time disqualified names come off it at a charming card party given Tues- will reduce the number below the E. H. Rhame, Arthur H. Wilder, day afternoon at her home on Laurel one-fourth as required by law. The Thos, V. Walsh, Patrick Gallagher street in compliment to her guest, petition was given to parties who Miss Aimee Moore of Sumter. In ear- agreed to circulate it in their respective communities, but they did rooms and the white score cards were was willingly signed, but like everywere given to Mrs. Sadler Gillespie the voters of the county an oppor-Reunion of Veterans at Macon. Vet- ropes of the race, the Johnston Dems an ice, was served by Misses Edith what we say with regard to it was

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THE COUNTY CONVENTION.

Representatives of Sumter County Democracy Will Meet Monday.

From The Daily Item. May 4.

The Sumter County Democratic Convention will convene in the Court Heuse at 12 o'clock, noon, Monday May 6th. The convention will be called to order by County Chairman, J H. Clifton promptly at the hour appointed and all delegates should be in their seats to answer to the roll call. As soon as the preliminary organization has been perfected the convention will get down to business and it is hoped that the session will be a short one and harmonious throughout all its proceedings. The most important matters of regular business to be transacted are:

The election of eight delegates to the State convention.

The election of the member of the State Executive Committee.

The election of the chairman and secretary and treasurer of the County Executive Committee.

Other matters of importance may be brought before the convention for consideration and it is this contingent possibility that makes it vitally important that each and every delegate elected by the precinct clubs be present. Some issue may be raised that would materially affect the party policy and if there is not a full representation of the clubs present, action contrary to the wishes of the majority of the voters of the county might be taken by snap judgment by a minority representation.

A list of delegates elected from a her former majority of the clubs has been pubstandards in supplying the inner man. lished in this paper, only a few clubs having failed to report the result of the club elections. The delegates elected to represent the four ward clubs are as follows:

Ward 1.

Bishopville decided that they wanted R. I. Manning, H. L. Scarborough, to organize an institution that would R. D. Epps, R. S. Hood, Bernard help the young men and the town of Manning, Willie Shaw, B. D. Mitchell,

Ward 2.

J. A. Warren, J. H. Clifton, J. H.

C. M. Hurst, R. L. Wright, H. A At the recent meeting of Ward 3

intend to show you more fully what ty convention Monday were not elected from the Mill Club, strengthened him than encourage them in their good as follows: Spurgeon Cherry, J. C. Cooper, J. E. Brunson, W. J. Crowson, J. M. Chandler, D. P. Kelly, J. W. No Election on The Liquor Question. Jackson, J. A. Mood, F. C. Manning. approval. Every one was of the H. P. Moses, E. S. Miller and L. L.

Ward 4.

Geo, W. Dick, R. K. Wilder, W. Percy Smith, S. M. Pringle, E. 1. Reardon, George W. Hutchinson, continues to grow in number and to John W. McKiever, R. E. Wilder. Charles Thames, George A. Brown. A. L. Culveyhouse,

Delegates Should Notify.

Delegates to the county convenwhite and green, quantities of wild not do so except in a few cases, tion Monday should notify the pres- ball were played at the Y. M. C. A. roses and fern were used in all the wherever the petition was presented it idents of their clubs whether they will Friday night, the Alligators being the hand-painted in green four-leaf thing else where those in charge were elected, but these alternates will Scorpions coming out ahead in the clovers. Bridge was played and the have no personal interest the time not know to be on hand unless nohead prizes, two of the latest novels, was allowed to pass without giving tifled, and the presidents of the larger week's Chronicle, publishes a full and Miss Alma Large, Mrs. Theodore tunity to say whether they wanted to fore the meting. Therefore the deleclubs cannot see all their delegates be- zards 3; Turtles 0, Scorpions 1, M. DuBose, Jr., cutting the consola return to a legalized sale or permit gates should tell the presidents among other things, for national im- tion, a large bunch of white carna- the present conditions to continue, whether or not they will attend, so school baseball team by the score of

NEGRO SHOT W. W. ALL.

Negro Said to Have Fired Four Times as Mr. All Approached Him.

Branchville, May 4.-W. W. All, a well-known young merchant of Branchville, was shot and perhaps fatally wounded by Noon Evans, a negro, tonight at 9 o'clock. The shooting occurred almost directly in front of Mr. Evans' store. The negro is said to have fired four shots, the last taking effect. The bullet entered the left breast just below the heart, lodging under the flesh of the back.

Evans made his escape, disappearing in the darkness in the direction of the negro settlement in the eastern part of the town.

New York Cotton Market. New York, May 6

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| May | 10.23 | 11.46-48 |
| July | 11.30 | 11.58-60 |
| Aug | 11.37 | 11.60-62 |
| Oct | 11.50 | 11.7075 |
| Dec., | 11.58 | 11.79-83 |
| Closed strong. | | |
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Liverpool Market.

| Liverpool, 1 | May | 6. | |
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| June-July | | | 629 14 |
| July-Xug | | | |
| Aug-Sep | | | |
| Closed firm. | | | |

Local Market. Basis middling, 11 cents.

Boys' Bible Class Organized at Y. M. U. A.

There was a very enthusiastic meet-

English DesChamps, President. Hugh Brown, Vice President, Allen Creighton, Secretary.

Aubreth Bradham, Treasurer. Mr. P. G. Bowman, Teacher. This class of boys begins its work

under most auspicious conditions, The class will meet for regular Bible study at 6.30 each Friday, and will take up a study of "Men Who Dared" being a series of 18 lessons on prominent Old Testament characters. Every boy in the city within the ages indicated is urged to attend this class.

Bishopville To Build.

What has been a dream in the minds, and a deep desire in the hearts, of the good people of Bisnopville for a number of years is about to assume the form of the plans of an architect and soon we believe the development of one of the handsomest Methodist churches of the South Carolina Conference, and a Sunday school auditorium and teaching rooms to accommodate the present necessity and probable future needs of a rapidly developing com-

Yesterday, Sunday, the 14th of April, after the regular morning services, a layman announced that the time was now at hand, in his opinion, when the new church should be built. Then followed perhaps a score of hearty concurring speeches and hundreds of smiles and nods of same mind, the time is now at hand for the tearing down of the dear old church, and the erection of a modern building.

The Bishopville Sunday school increase in enthusiasm. - W. W. Watson, in Southern Christian Ad-

Two Good Games.

Two good games of in-door baseattend or not. In each club alternates victors in the first contest and the

The scores were: Alligators 4; Liz-

The Sumter high school baseball will leave Monday for the General provement of public highways. Ap tions. A salad course, followed by We have not seen the petition and each club can be fully represented. eight to three Friday afternoon at the erans E. W. Stuckey and T. J. Mc- ocratic Club at a recent meeting en- and Elizabeth Wodson. Ermine from information given by a gentles was t. M. Perker, of September of there were few features and in which Lenden expect to leave Thursday dorsed Senator Tillman for re-cless Lachleotte, Louise Owens and Jessi man who has seen it - Manager and Jessi the visitors were outclassed by the !-