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PERSONAL NEWS.

Miss Fannie Livingston, of Omaha, Neb., is visiting Mrs. Abe Ryttenberg. Mrs. C. Lang of Omaha, is visiting her sister, Mrs. Abe Ryttenberg. Mr. J. E. DuPre, of Pisgah, was in the city Saturday. Mr. and Mrs. E. E. Rembert, of Rembert, spent Friday in the city. Mr. J. L. Irby, of Boykin, was in the city Saturday. Mr. C. W. Chandler, of Rembert, spent Saturday in the city. Judge I. W. Bowman will be the guest of Mr. and Mrs. T. E. White during his stay in the city. Mr. Ward, a lumber man of Lamar, was in the city Monday.

FAMOUS FISHING GROUNDS.

Title to Martin's Lake Involved in Clarendon County Suit.
Manning, Feb. 6.—A case exciting a great deal of local interest was decided in common pleas court here this week. This was the suit of Mitchell Epps against Messrs. Van Metre of Columbia and Joseph Dickson of Alcolu, involving the ownership of Martin lake, on Black river. For over one hundred years noted for its fishing, Martin lake has been annually visited by fishermen from Columbia and other parts of the State. A few years ago Mr. Van Metre and his son-in-law purchased the property with a view to making it a fishing resort. The public, never before denied access to this body of water, was excluded under the new ownership. Many people, accustomed all their lives to fish in this lake, are therefore interested to know that the jury awarded Mr. Epps a verdict. If this decision stands, Messrs. Van Metre and Dickson can control the fishing only from their side of the river.

PRODUCES OLD GRANT.

Paper in Clarendon Court Bears Date of 1736.

Manning, Feb. 6.—Court of common pleas convened here Monday and adjourned Thursday sine die, with a number of cases of more or less importance tried. Judge I. W. Bowman presided. In the case of Dickson and Van Metre vs. Epps and Epps, which was a land case, the plaintiffs produced a paper chain of title back to King George II—the original grant dated in December, 1736, being produced in court. Besides being in itself quite an interesting old document, there was to the document one of the large wax seals used in those old days, which was about a quarter of an inch thick and as large as the top of an ordinary cup. The verdict of the jury was for the defendants, and an appeal has been taken to the supreme court. In dismissing the jury, Judge Bowman thanked the members for their services and told them that their services had been entirely satisfactory. The judge will open court in Sumter next Monday.

VALUABLE LAND IN LEE.

European War Falls to Depress Real Estate.

Bishopville, Feb. 6.—The European war has had its effects on general business here as it has in other places, but as has often been said the foundation on which Bishopville is built is Lee county and Lee county is a big field of valuable farm lands. To prove this and show how even with the depression incident to the war still on that the lands hold true to value the following real estate transactions which have been recently closed will show better than anything else. All the land is situated out in the country, is strictly farming land, with only ordinary improvements; three tracts at \$150 per acre, \$90 per acre and \$75 per acre, respectively. These are the prices that have obtained on these lands for several years past. In the same localities there are quantities of farm lands which are taken up immediately at the above price and in some cases bring as much as \$250 per acre. Their owner usually thinks too much of them to sell even at these prices.

Free Tobacco Seed.

The Chamber of Commerce has received the last consignment of tobacco seed for free distribution. No more seed will be ordered and farmers who wish to obtain tobacco seed should apply at the Chamber of Commerce at once.

Real Estate Transfers.

W. E. Brunson to the Sumter Trust Company, 72 acres in county, \$5 and other considerations. Master to L. D. Jennings, 58 1/4 acres in county, \$1,000.

CAR OF POTATO SEED ORDERED.

Another Meeting of Sumter County Potato Growers' Association Called for Next Saturday.

At the meeting of the Sumter County Potato Growers' Association Saturday it was decided to order a carload of the Northwestern Rose potatoes for seed. The seed will be ordered through W. H. Mixon Seed Co., although it was an understanding that this did not pledge the Sumter County Association to sell through the Mixon Company. It was further decided to hold another meeting of the association on next Saturday when the by-laws would be adopted. At present there are between seventy-five and one hundred acres of potatoes pledged for Sumter county and those interested in the matter are confident that the association will get at least a hundred acres or more.

DR. CURRELL TO SPEAK HERE.

President of University of South Carolina to Address Sumter County Teachers.

Dr. William Spencer Currell, president of the University of South Carolina, will be heard here for the first time on Saturday, when he makes an address before the Sumter County Teachers' Association. The regular monthly meeting will be held at the Hampton School building at noon on Saturday. Dr. Currell was elected last year as the head of the South Carolina State Institution and recently was inaugurated on Founders' Day. He has made quite a reputation for himself as a speaker during his short stay in the State and the Sumter county teachers are fortunate to secure him to make the address, which it is assured will be an interesting and instructive one. Besides Dr. Currell's address there will be other numbers on the program for the occasion which will please those present. A full attendance of teachers is urged.

LEE COUNTY FAIR ASSOCIATION.

Organization Formed With Capital Stock of \$15,000.

The secretary of State has issued a commission to the Lee County Agricultural and Mechanical Fair association of Bishopville, with a capital stock of \$15,000. The petitioners are: H. W. Woodward, W. A. Stuckey, W. W. McCutchen, W. P. Baskin, W. A. Gardner, G. M. Houck, W. J. DuBose, Edwin Wilson, R. M. Cooper, Jr., and J. A. Rhame. The association proposes to hold an annual agricultural and mechanical fair.

LARGE WAREHOUSE BURNS.

Milling & Williams' Tobacco Building in Darlington Destroyed by Flames.
Darlington, Feb. 6.—The old Carolina warehouse, belonging to the Milling & Williams tobacco firm, was completely destroyed by fire last night at 11 o'clock.

The fire had gained such headway before it was discovered that the alarm was not turned in until the building was practically destroyed, and there was little or nothing that the fire department could do but protect adjacent buildings.

This was one of the largest warehouses in this section, and the firm of Milling & Williams for a number of years has been doing a very large and profitable business.

The origin of the fire is not known, though there have been several theories advanced. The loss was covered partially by insurance and the managers propose to rebuild at an early date.

Honor Roll for Providence School.

First Grade.

Alvia Hodge, Gaynell Davis.

Second Grade.

Celeste Ard, Pinckney Osteen, Wylie Davis.

Third Grade.

Susie Mae Hodge.

Sixth Grade.

Grace Hodge, Lucille Hodge, Retha Hodge, Alma Osteen.

Ninth Grade.

Lucille Pierson.

Tenth Grade.

Sudie Hodge, Mae Belle Pierson.

Real Estate Transfers.

Charles J. Lemmon to Bernard Manning, lot on Church street, \$1,500. Master to Lou Tate, lot on Harvin Street, \$50. O. C. Moses, et al., to E. H. Rhame, Jr., lot in city, \$500. O. C. Moses, et al., to E. H. Rhame, Jr., lot on Purdy street, \$500. Lucius Tyler to Bartow Walsh and Alfred Scarborough, lot in city on Salem avenue, \$150. E. M. McElveen to L. C. Tisdale, half interest in tract of 320 acres in county, \$1 and assumption of half of mortgage on land.

CRIMINAL COURT CONVENES.

Judge Bowman Makes Impressive Charge to Grand Jury on Law Enforcement and Schools.

From The Daily Item, Feb. 8. The Court of General Sessions for Sumter county convened this morning with Judge I. W. Bowman of Orangeburg presiding. The feature of the day was the impressive charge made by Judge Bowman to the grand jury emphasizing upon them the importance of their duties and the importance of the public school work in Sumter county. There was considerable delay in getting court started, owing to the absence of witnesses and the late arrival of a member of the grand jury. Judge Bowman declining to commence court without all of the members of the grand jury present.

Judge Bowman in making his charge stated that he was especially glad to hold court in this county, which had the reputation all over the State of being a progressive and prosperous county, whose citizens had respect for the law. He stressed upon the members of the grand jury the importance of their office, as upon them depended in a large measure the enforcement of the law, as they must not only pass upon all bills, but must examine all of the county offices and see that they were being conducted properly. He told them that it was as important for them to bring in a "no bill," if evidence did not show a prima facie case, as it was to bring in a "true bill," if the evidence showed a prima facie case against the person charged. He stated that it was proper for the members of the grand jury to visit the public schools and make presentments of anything that they saw which was not as it should be, such as the lack of the proper working apparatus for the school, inefficient teaching, or anything else which prevented the school from giving the patrons and pupils good service, for the type of future citizens depended upon the manner in which the schools were conducted, and the state depended upon its men and women, who secured their training in the schools.

Several cases were called and set for different times and bills were given the grand jury to return.

The grand jury organized with J. C. Dunbar, who was foreman during the past year, as foreman again.

T. P. Sanders, Jr., and T. V. Walsh were excused from jury duty. The following cases were disposed of: Jim Dixon and W. I. Johns, rule to show cause; Willie Hopkins and W. I. Johns, rule to show cause; Catherine Hopkins and W. I. Johns, rule to show cause; these parties failed to appear for trial in a magistrate's court and the rule to show cause was issued same to be dismissed when the parties appeared in the magistrate's court.

Susan Barno and Ellen Barno pleaded guilty to resisting an officer and were given sentences of \$40 or 30 days each.

Charley Wells, murder, continued. E. W. Dabbs, assault and battery with intent to kill, continued.

Luke Wactor, larceny of live stock, continued with rule to show cause. Alma Washington, murder, case set for Tuesday.

John White, larceny of live stock, continued.

W. S. Jones, assault and battery with intent to kill, not pressed.

Mose Deas was charged with murder of Crummie Allison and pleaded guilty to the charge of manslaughter and was given a sentence of two years. He also pleaded guilty to the murder of his wife, Nephelia Deas, and was sentenced to serve three years, the beginning of the sentence to start with the expiration of the former sentence. Deas, it will be remembered, shot and killed his wife and the other negro when he found them in a room together.

Fanny Singleton pleaded guilty to violation of the dispensary law and was sentenced to pay a fine of \$100 or serve three months in jail, the rest of the sentence being suspended during good behavior upon the payment of \$40.

The case of John Tucker, charged with larceny of live stock, was in progress when court took recess for dinner.

Judge Bowman told the members of the grand and petty juries that if they were not worth two dollars a day to the county, or words to that effect that he would excuse them from jury duty, as the county needed business men on the juries and if a man was not worth two dollars a day to the county he was not wanted. He made this statement in telling the jurors that he was glad that so few of them had tried to excuse themselves from jury duty, saying that the Sumter county grand jury compared favorably with any grand jury which he had seen in the State.

Columbia, Feb. 5.—Gov. Richard I. Manning, acting upon the recommendation of C. S. Lake, general superintendent, and in accordance with the law, has named B. H. Pace and J. T. Myers, both of Columbia, as special agents for the Seaboard Air Line railway.

SOCIAL NEWS OF MAYESVILLE.

Rook Club Entertained by Mrs. H. C. Bland—Book Club Elects Officers for Year.

Mayesville, Feb. 4.—The Rook and Embroidery club held its meeting this week on Wednesday afternoon with Mrs. H. C. Bland at her beautiful home on West La Fayette street. Mrs. Bland as usual made a charming hostess and the afternoon was a most pleasant one. There was a good attendance of the members and the ever popular game of progressive rook was indulged in, Mrs. M. C. Mayes scoring the highest. Delicious refreshments of snow pudding and cake were served. The next session of this newly organized club will be held with Mrs. W. S. Chandler on next Wednesday afternoon.

The Tuesday Afternoon Book club held its annual business meeting this week. The following were elected officers for the ensuing year: Mrs. J. W. Thomas, president; Mrs. E. W. Mayes, vice president; Mrs. Robert A. Chandler, secretary; Miss Mary S. Anderson, treasurer. Ms. C. E. Mayes and Miss Sadie Mayes were received as new members. From the titles and characters of the books selected for this year's reading, the club members will have an exceptionally interesting and profitable amount of reading. The next meeting of the club will be with Mrs. Robert A. Chandler on Tuesday afternoon, the 16th.

ONE-CROP SYSTEM ABANDONED.

Farmers of Mayesville Plant Large Acreage in Grain and Go in for Tobacco and Stock.

Mayesville, Feb. 4.—From all indications, the farmers hereabouts will not confine their planting to cotton. Many of them have planted quite large acreages in grain, some of them having sowed wheat for the first time. If this year is as good as the past one for all grain crops, the planters in this vicinity will be in a better condition next fall than in several years. Of course, there will be a plenty of cotton, but nothing like the large acreage planted in this section in former years. Tobacco will receive much attention too and it is hoped to reopen the market here if the acreage is sufficiently large in this immediate territory to warrant the running of the warehouse here. Quite a number of the larger farmers are going in for stock raising too, both cattle and horses. There is no doubt but that the planters are alive to the conditions of things in general and that diversified farming shall receive a great impetus on account of the present depression on all sides.

Dr. W. F. Yates, who opened a dental office here last fall, will return within a few days to his former home at Chadbourne, N. C. He says that he is compelled to move on account of business reasons and not because he does not like the town and the people. The citizens are sorry to see him leave.

SHRINERS' CLUB ELECTIONS.

Organize for Year by Choosing Officers and Holding Banquet.

The Sumter Shrine Club, organized for the year at a meeting on Wednesday night by the election of officers and holding a banquet in the cafe of the Sumter club. The following officers were chosen to serve for the year: President, I. C. Strauss; vice-president, L. I. Parrott; secretary and treasurer, G. E. Haynsworth; executive committee, chairman, E. R. Wilson, Abe Ryttenberg, O. H. Folley, G. D. Levy, E. S. Booth.

The business meeting was held in the Chamber of Commerce rooms, matters of interest being discussed after the election. The club then adjourned to the sixth floor of the City National Bank building where they were served a most delightful supper.

Reception to Miss French.

A reception was given to Miss E. B. French, a returned missionary from China, on Friday evening at the Presbyterian Sunday school room. The reception lasted from 7 to 9 o'clock and was attended by about a hundred and fifty persons, who came to meet Miss French or renew the acquaintance made with her eight years ago when she visited here. Music was rendered by Misses Brunson, Mamie Edmunds, Claude Fraser, Pauline Haynsworth and Mrs. H. M. Stuckey. The guests were received by Rev. J. P. Marion and Mr. H. L. Scarborough upon their arrival. Light refreshments were served during the evening.

Marriage License Record.

License to marry has been granted to Martin Amerson, Bishopville and Miss Mamie W. Bradley, Sumter; licenses have also been issued to the following colored couples: Robert Hunter, Claremont, and Ebbie Thompson, Stateburg; Solomon Wright, Privateer, and Minnie Jackson, Sumter; James Keels and Arzelia Counts, Sumter; H. T. Francis and Mary Frierison, Mayesville.

DR. HERRING'S REPORT ENDORSED.

Sumter, Lee and Clarendon County Medical Societies Adopt Resolutions Approving Plans Outlined.

Sumter, S. C., Feb. 5, 1915. To The Daily Item: The regular monthly meeting of the Sumter County Medical Association was held yesterday afternoon, and, besides a large attendance of the members of the local association, there were present, as invited guests, the members of the Clarendon and Lee County Medical Societies.

A number of interesting clinical cases were reported and discussed by the physicians present. One subject which elicited considerable interest was the report of Dr. Herring upon his investigation of the State Hospital for the Insane at Columbia; and, growing out of this, the following resolutions were unanimously adopted:

Resolutions:
We, the members of the Sumter County Medical Association, in joint meeting with the members of the Clarendon and Lee County Medical Societies and other visiting physicians, have read with interest and approval the report by Dr. A. P. Herring of Baltimore, upon his recent investigation of the State Hospital for the Insane at Columbia.

We do heartily endorse the plans therein outlined for the remodeling of the buildings, and placing them in an up-to-date and sanitary condition. We also approve of the plan to increase the attendant staff, and to have the choice of the superintendent of the hospital vested in the Board of Regents, and of all other steps looking to the removal of the affairs of the institution from the realm of partisan politics.

Now, therefore, be it resolved by the physicians here assembled: That we petition the General Assembly, now in session in Columbia, to enact such legislation as will promote the speedy carrying out of Dr. Herring's suggestion;

That the secretary of the Association be instructed to forward a copy of these resolutions to the Governor, to the presiding officers of the two houses of the General Assembly, and to such committees of that body as will have the matter specially in charge.

Following this, Dr. C. J. Lemmon read a paper upon "The Importance of Thorough Postmortem Examinations, With Dissections, at Coroner's Inquest." Dr. Carl B. Epps read one upon "Tetanus: Its Prevalence; Experience With Antitetanic Serum in its Treatment." A paper was read by Dr. S. C. Baker upon "Inflammatory Rheumatism (?), Its Nature, Cause, and Sequelae. The Modern Treatment." All these papers elicited lively discussion.

At the end of the meeting, a buffet lunch was served, and the society adjourned to meet on the first Thursday in March.

S. C. BAKER, Secty.

Aunt Jane's Niece's Club.

Friday afternoon Miss Elizabeth Osteen entertained her club at her home on Hampton Avenue. After all of the members had arrived the hostess led them to tables arranged for card playing. "Hearts" was the game of the afternoon and much laughter and keen disappointment was caused when luck changed. Miss Mary Eland was the lucky winner and was presented by the charming hostess with a lovely book. Congratulations were extended to the winner, then Miss Osteen served ice cream and cake which was carried out in the color scheme of pink. When the guests were assembled again the hostess presented each with a card with initials of one of the girls present printed on it. Then the girls gave each other compliments.

After this rhymes appropriate to St. Valentine's day were composed, after that the guests left to meet next time with Miss Vermelle Pitts. Those present for the enjoyable afternoon were: Misses Elizabeth Osteen, Tora Bagnel, Marion Bynum, Constance Bultman, Mary Bland, Mary Knight, Vermelle Pitts and Winifred Alexander.

Correspondent.

Marriage License Record.

Licenses to marry have been granted to H. M. Dykes and Rosa Sanders, Sumter; and Ed. Cooper and Emma Lewis, Mayesville.

Needs of City Nurse.

The Civic League wishes to call to the attention of the public the fact that the city nurse is badly in need of sheets just at this time and requests that any who can make a donation of these articles bring or send them to the city nurse at her office in the basement of the court house any day between 5 and 6 o'clock in the afternoon. The city nurse is doing a great work among the poor of the city and those who can do so should aid in this charitable work.

A VISIT TO LANCASTER.

W. S. Thompson Quite Sick—Folks Go to Columbia to See Play.

We will not say it was many years since we were up in Lancaster lest some one will say "Hagood is aging." Nature is unconventional enough to blurt it right out, and in more ways than one. A sassy old rascal he is to just stand on your toes and tell you to your face "You are aging." And Father Time, relentless Time, cruelly so, notes our years with creases, wrinkles and gray hairs. Some of us call him an old liar and try to prove it with massage, hair dye, etc., for which we get paid in creaks, twitches, rheumatics and failing sight. Although we step nimbly, appear supple, with erect carriage, it is abroad "He is aging." It is a half insult for one to speak of you as old Jackson, and you attribute it to lack of culture, etc., and so on. You are in the humor to lay it on. A capital piece of linguistic labasting. No doubt you are in just the right humor to excel in that. Who claps you on the shoulder and says "Young man, you are looking splendid," or "You are looking better than ten years ago," is agreeable, companionable. But, "Many a year is in its grave. Since I crossed this restless wave, And the evening, fair as ever, Shines on ruined rock and river."

That is what I felt as I passed up into Lancaster the other day, and oh, the changes that had come in one or another form. Very few of the people that I knew were in their old beats, many having gone "the way of all the earth." Lancaster is a place of downright grit and in wet weather red, sticky mud abounds in abundance. Did you ever note how queerly shaped it is, especially the northwestern part. I have it from ancient citizens that the surveyor loved the "tickler" and ran that part of the line from one grocery to another, that finally for want of a chain which he had pawned to replenish the tickler, he finished the survey with a grapevine. While speaking of Van Wyck in the presence of a young lady she said "Why, that is the jumping off place to nowhere" when I remarked that it was nearly the birth place of one of America's great men "Old Hickory," the "Sharp Knife," which the Indians called him, with which illuminating remark the discussion closed.

Once, in 1882 I think, there was a riot in Lancaster.

The negroes were out in great shape and force, but Lancaster's grit quelled it in short order. Old man John Bailey was on the jury trying a case in the court house with Mackey on the bench. When the shooting began he grabbed his hat, rushed for the door, replying to the judge, who told him to come back, "Oh, my boys are out there." In a few minutes the court room was empty, and in a few more the town was clear of negroes.

Lancasterians are a clever, great-hearted people, whom one is pleased to know.

The whole country from Camden to the North Carolina line has developed wonderfully. But I must stop else some one will call me old.

Rainy weather has operated against church and Sabbath school work as well as against other things, but yesterday Spont. Pastings Freeman was in his place at Bethesda church with a fair attendance of the Sunday school.

We learn that our good neighbor, Mr. W. S. Thompson, is quite sick. We hope he will come around all right in a few days.

Messrs. J. L. and C. J. Jackson, R. M. Hildebrand, B. F. and Percy Myers, J. R. Atkinson and wife, and Dr. M. S. Kirke ran over to Columbia Wednesday, January 27th, to see the play, "The Shepherd of the Hills."

Mr. and Mrs. Russell Atkinson and family dined with Miss Caroline Dinkins on Sunday, January 31.

Messrs. R. E. Atkinson and Charles Dunlap spent Saturday, January 30, in your city.

"Hagood."

STRUCK MAN WITH LAMP.

Hopkin Seale Tried to Burn up Rival at Dance.

From The Daily Item, Feb. 5. Last night at a dance which was being enjoyed by some of the colored folks of the town, Hopkin Seale struck Sam Jackson with a lighted lamp, the latter having excited his ire, setting Sam on fire and severely burning him. Today Seale was arrested by Deputy Sheriff Epperson and Rural Policeman Newman and lodged in jail. The charge was assault and battery with intent to kill. The kerosene from the lamp spread over Jackson's body and he was badly burned.

Death of Mrs. Gena Montgomery.
From the Daily Item, Feb. 6.

Mrs. Gena Montgomery, widow of the late John Montgomery, died at her home near Wisacky today. Funeral services tomorrow at 3 o'clock, Mt. Zion Church.