

A. W. EAGLE DIES SUDDENLY.

Chief Engineer of Sumter Lighting Company Found Dead Saturday Night.

A. W. Eagle, chief engineer of the Sumter Lighting company was found dead at about 11.30 o'clock Saturday night by one of his firemen when the latter went into the oil room of the plant to get something. There were no marks on Mr. Eagle's body and it is supposed that death came from cardiac trouble.

While it is not known just when he died, it is supposed that Mr. Eagle was stricken sometime between 10 and 11 o'clock, and he had been dead something over an hour when his body was found. He made his usual 10 o'clock records, but no 11 o'clock records were made. The body was discovered at about 11.30. The coroner and physicians were summoned, but the inquest was delayed until morning.

At the inquest Sunday morning it was found necessary for an autopsy and this was performed by Dr. W. E. Mills and W. J. Bristow, with other physicians in attendance. The report of the physicians as given in their statement was: "We have examined the body of A. W. Eagle externally and internally and have found no signs of organic disease. In our opinion death was caused by cardiac paralysis," signed W. J. Bristow and W. E. Mills. It was stated at the Sumter Lighting Company plant that Mr. Eagle had been complaining somewhat of rheumatism, but otherwise had not been sick, so far as known. The jury returned a verdict that death came from unknown causes.

Mr. Moses, manager of the Sumter Lighting Company, stated this morning that Mr. Eagle had been with the plant for about nine years and had been found to be an honest, efficient and hardworking man during all of that time and that the company had lost an excellent man in his death. Mr. Eagle was thirty-nine and a half years of age and is survived by his widow and five children. He was originally from Newberry county, to which place the body was taken this morning for burial.

S. I. I. INSPECTED.

Company I Makes Creditable Showing to United States Army Officer. The Sumter Light Infantry, Company I, National Guard of South Carolina, yesterday made a very creditable showing when it was given its annual inspection by Capt. J. Malcolm Graham of the United States army. Heretofore the United States army officer and the adjutant and inspector's office have made their inspections at the same time. This year, however, the inspections are separate. The inspection by Adjutant and Inspector General Moore will probably be given in the spring.

Capt. Graham arrived here yesterday morning and went over the equipment of the company. He found the conditions of the equipment good and comparatively little of it missing. This has been located and will be recovered. Last night the company was inspected. Capt. Graham was pleased with the condition and care of the rifles on the whole and the drills by the company in extended order and close order formation which were made on the street were good. While the company did not have all of its men present, it made a very creditable showing in this regard also.

ATTEMPT TO BREAK JAIL.

Negroes Saw Partly Through Bars With Hack Saw.

An attempt to break jail was made Thursday night, but resulted in failure when Jailer Owens got wind of the fact that some of the negro prisoners had a hack saw with which they were endeavoring to saw through the steel bars. The prisoners are now kept under especially close watch and will be until after court convenes, as Sheriff Bradford does not intend for any of them to escape before that time. There are quite a number of prisoners in jail awaiting trial at the approaching term of court, which convenes next Monday.

Children of Confederacy Organize.

The monthly meeting of the Children of the Confederacy was held in the Y. M. C. A. building Thursday afternoon. About twenty children were present.

The object of the meeting was to name the chapter and elect officers.

Miss Dorita Moise was made president, and Miss Marion Knight, treasurer.

The name decided on was the Alexander McQueen Chapter, C. of C. Miss Priscilla Shaw was appointed to tell something at the next meeting about Lieut. McQueen and why the chapter should be named for him.

Miss Caroline Dick had been elected secretary at the previous meeting. The children sang songs and the meeting adjourned until the first Thursday in March.

Ruth Lyon, Reporter.

CRIMINAL COURT CONVENES.

Judge DeVore Stresses Importance of Grand Jurors Fulfilling Their Duties.

Criminal court convened this morning with Judge J. W. DeVore of Edgefield presiding, Solicitor P. H. Stoll in charge of the prosecutions for the State and Stenographer Wood on hand. There were also the usual number of attendants and spectators on hand for the sessions court and the usual delay in getting court started.

The feature of the morning's session was the stress Judge DeVore laid in his charge to the grand jury, upon the members of that body performing their duty. He pointed out cases where grand jurors had neglected their duty, and stated that he hoped the ones now on the grand jury would not be amiss. Mr. Neill O'Donnell was chosen foreman of the jury.

In his charge, Judge DeVore pointed out the duties of the members of the grand jury, in that they must investigate and bring in indictments against all persons committing crimes or misdemeanors which came under their notice, making no exceptions for friends, or bringing in indictments for spite. In their examination of the county offices, he stated that the jury must report what it found, no matter what it was. If the books were so kept that the committees examining them could not tell whether they were properly kept or not, the jury must so state; or if there was anything irregular, the jury must so state; if everything was as it should be, the jury must state. The presentment was for the information of the taxpayers, who had a right to know, not for him, and if there was anything irregular and the officer was re-elected, it was the fault of the voters. However, if the grand jury failed to report any irregularity, if they found it, and the officer was re-elected, it was the fault of the grand jury. He stressed the necessity of the committees finding out what the law said that the officer must do before they examined his office, as if they did not know the law, they could not tell whether the office was run according to law or not. He stated that their duties began with the convening of court, when they were sworn in and continued until their successors were sworn in, not only during the term of court, as grand jurors very often thought.

Another matter brought out and stressed by Judge DeVore was the fact that the criminal court was not a place to collect debts. He stated that very often warrants were taken out for persons for giving false mortgages or disposing of property under lien or mortgage and then, when the amount due was paid the case was dropped. He stated that the magistrates very often allowed this to be done, but it was not lawful. If a warrant was taken out for a violation of the law, the cause should be sent out for trial. However, if the warrant was taken out merely for the purpose of collecting a debt, and the grand jury so found or so decided, the bill should be thrown out, as it was a wrong usage of the court. He stated that the committees in their investigations should see that all funds appropriated for county uses, should be used for those purposes, for which the appropriation was made and not for other uses. The schools also were under the supervision of the grand jury, as was everything in the county which was run entirely or partly by expenditure of the public money, and the grand jury should see that the schools had competent teachers and were doing efficient work. It was better, he said, to have competent teachers, even if they had to be paid more, in poor school houses, than to have fine school houses, and incompetent teachers in them. The money was spent for the school children and not for the teachers, as some trustees seemed to think.

In regard to the wave of public opinion for law enforcement which, Judge DeVore stated, was sweeping the country, he thought that the law ought to be enforced. Then if the law was enforced, regardless of whether it was good or bad, it would bring about a repeal of bad laws and further enforcement, if the laws were good. He charged the grand jury on a number of bills, which were turned over to them for their investigation. Only one case was taken up in court and this will probably last all day. Charley Davis, charged with burglary, was indicted by the grand jury and his trial at once commenced. Davis is the negro who is accused of having entered the home of Mrs. Mellette on South Harvin Street on the night of New Year's day.

WASHINGTON, Feb. 7.—Secretary Daniels admits that extra guards were placed on the Manhattan and Brooklyn bridges, New York, to prevent bombs being thrown on the cruiser Washington while it proceeded up the East river. Secretary Daniels said the action was taken as the result of letters of warning.

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NIGHT SCHOOL NEWS.

These are Now Being Organized—One is at the Y. M. C. A., Being Taught by Messrs. C. M. Hurst and P. G. Bowman.

Since the meeting of the County Trustees' Association early in January, at which meeting Miss Will Lou Gray of Laurens spoke so interestingly on the night school work done in her county last year, a decided effort has been made to establish night schools in Sumter county.

Upon the advice of Miss Gray, the work has not been undertaken on a large scale to begin with. The teachers in four rural schools have offered their time and service to this work, and now in the Bethel, Concord, Providence and Reid schools the work has already begun, in such a manner too as to be very encouraging to all interested.

In the city, connected with the Y. M. C. A., and in that building, the work has been going on for some time. At first Mr. C. M. Hurst was the only teacher, but as the school has grown and several classes have been formed, Mr. P. G. Bowman, has kindly accepted the place as the second member of the faculty.

Any person who does not attend a day school is invited to come to the night school. In most cases this causes the night school to consist of three classes or sections.

The first section comprises the very beginners, the second those who have had a little more opportunity, while the third or graduating section may take up literary or community work or both as it sees fit. The graduates will be allowed to take up post-graduate work next year, while the other classes will be advanced.

All who foster education and thereby the uplift of our people will readily become interested in the night school plan, for by it can be worked out the illiteracy problem, and the further advancement of numbers of folk who have been denied full educational advantages.

As the work progresses more will be told about it in the papers. We shall not limit the work to the four rural schools mentioned, but shall be glad to render any aid possible to as many schools as practicable for the first year.

J. H. Haysworth, County Supt. of Education.

MEDICAL ASSOCIATION MEETING.

Doctors Plan to Hold Better Babies Conference.

A well attended and interesting meeting of the Sumter County Medical Association was held in Dr. Wilson's office on Thursday afternoon. One of the chief subjects discussed was the plan to hold a series of meetings in March to teach the parents concerning the care of their babies.

The movement is nation-wide and is known as the "Better Babies" movement. In this county the Graduate Nurses' Association and the Civic League are cooperating with the Medical Association to put on the conference here in order that the doctrines of the movement may be imparted and preventative measures taken in order to lessen the mortality rate among infant children. The movement was discussed and it was decided to have a "Better Babies Week" in March, plans for the program being left to Miss Antonio Gibson.

Dr. Wilson read a paper on "Foreign Bodies in the Eye." Dr. Sophia Brunson was admitted as a member of the association, which passed resolutions of sympathy for Dr. Holman, at the death of his father. A number of clinical cases were discussed.

PRUSSIAN LOSS TWO MILLION.

Casualties Said to Number Total of 2,337,000—Whole Regiment Reported Missing.

London, Feb. 4.—A dispatch to The Daily Mail from Copenhagen says:

"The Prussian casualty lists for January contain 36,500 names, bringing the total Prussian losses to 2,337,000.

"The January lists include the names of 24 airmen killed, 11 wounded and 20 made prisoners.

"The lists also contain the names of five generals killed and two wounded. The missing include the entire Fourteenth Jaeger regiment."

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THE B. Y. P. U. CONVENTION.

Some of Plans and Speakers for Meeting Here This Month.

Thomas J. Watts, general secretary for the Baptist Young Peoples' Union, which holds its annual convention at Grace Church, Sumter, February 15, 16 and 17, writes in the Baptist Courier of January 2:

Attention, Delegates to State B. Y. P. U. Convention.

Please send your name to Mrs. E. J. Wechner, Sumter, S. C., at once. Mrs. Wechner is chairman of the hospitality committee. By sending your name promptly you will make her work much easier and enable the good people of Sumter to suitably provide for your comfort. Please do not neglect to do this.

Concerning Traveling Expense.

No reduced fares have been offered by the railroads. The delegation this year ought to be sufficient to justify the railroads in offering the reduction, but in view of the fact that conventions in previous years have not had as many as 200 out of town delegates who traveled by rail there was no sufficient evidence which could be offered as a basis for the request. I very much hope that the attendance in Sumter will be such that in the future we can secure a low rate for our convention. Of course all pastors will be able to secure a rate of two cents per mile each way and parties of ten can secure tickets at a considerable reduction. The distance from points in South Carolina to Sumter is not great and the rate need not hinder any worker from going. Let the Union arrange to defray the expenses of one or more delegates and let many others come on their own charges.

Demonstration Work—A Convention Feature.

Several Unions will bring teams and demonstrate the conduct of the various types of meetings. This will be a leading feature of the Convention. Thus a large number of our young men and women will take part in the work of the convention.

Dr. A. Davison, Dr. David M. Ramsey, Dr. W. T. Derieux and a number of others.

We are to be favored with addresses by Dr. E. V. Baldy, Dr. Jno. A. Davison, Dr. David M. Ramsey, Dr. W. T. Derieux and a number of others. The program will be replete with bright and helpful discussion. Much opportunity will be given for the Unioners to say what they think.

The Banner Convention.

This will be our banner convention. Our slogan adopted last February is "One Hundred Unions by February, 1916, and delegates from 100 Unions and from 100 Churches having no Union." Come and help us to realize this aim. Complete program soon.

The Coming of a B. Y. P. U. Expert.

Mr. Frank H. Leavell, B. Y. P. U. secretary for Georgia, is to be with us the entire time of the convention. Mr. Leavell is a young man and has no superior as a B. Y. P. U. leader. He has led in the organization of more than 300 new Unions in Georgia during the past two years. He will teach the B. Y. P. U. Manual each morning and afternoon and also speak on various phases of young people's work. This affords every worker an opportunity to secure information and suggestions for improving the work of his or her Union.

Thos. J. Watts, General Secretary.

NO SEARCH OF APPAM.

Collector of Customs Declines to Comment on Washington Dispatches.

Norfolk, Va., Feb. 6.—Collector of customs Hamilton today declined to comment on Washington dispatches of last night in which it was intimated that the former British liner Appam, brought into Hampton Roads as a German prize, had been searched and that some form of legal process was served by the collector to procure discharge of persons aboard the vessel, in conflict with the Prussian American treaty of 1828. However, it was learned that the Appam has not been searched either upon the authority or with the knowledge of Collector Hamilton and also that the collector served no unauthorized process to procure the release of those aboard the steamer.

All persons whom Collector Hamilton was instructed by Washington officials had a right to depart from the ship were released by Commander Berg after the collector's second verbal interview with the German commander on the subject of the release of those aboard the vessel.

ANOTHER STEEL TRUST.

Philadelphia, Feb. 7.—A great steel merger was effected today when the Midvale Steel and Ordnance Company bought the Cambria Steel Co., stock for \$81 share. The deal was consummated by William E. Corey, E. T. Stotesbury and William H. Doner.

PENSIONS FOR CLERGY.

Episcopal Church Formulates Plan to Care for Aged and Disabled Ministers.

Columbia, Feb. 6.—In his sermon today at Church of the Good Shepherd, the Right Reverend William Alexander Guerry, D. D., Bishop of South Carolina, said in part:

The Episcopal Church has determined to undertake the largest single enterprise in its history, namely, to institute a system of pensions for its retired clergy.

Before entering upon this policy the Church did two things: (1) Made a careful census of the salaries now paid to clergymen, and (2) Held calculations made by expert actuaries of the cost of maintaining a system the permanent success of which there could be no doubt.

The census of salaries, now completed, shows the following principal facts:

There are 4,420 men in the active service of the Episcopal Church in the United States. Their average salary is \$1,200 a year. This is not all cash, but includes the value of a house, when provided. More than 2,500 of these ministers, over one-half the total number, receive less than \$1,500 a year. Only 237 including the 125 Bishops—receive \$4,000 or over.

More than 700 men are paid less than \$1,000 and many of these 700 are the older clergy, with very hard tasks. The Church now is virtually carrying out a scheme of retirement at the expense of its older men.

These meagre salaries are paid to clergymen serving what is often asserted to be the richest church membership in America. Those men are expected to have a good education, to dress well, to live and move among people where rents are high, keep open house, always appear cheerful, and preserve their physical vigor. They are men of devotion, who often exercise leadership in their communities, and who must support themselves, their wives and their children on the salaries paid them, with little or no thought of outside interests.

The ministers do not complain. But the Church itself must be efficient. Efficiency consists, partly, in being equipped to fight at the top-notch of enthusiasm and vigor. The minister cannot do this if, with all his sacrifices, cheerfully made, while he is active, he has no assurance of a competence in his old age.

Railroad companies seek efficiency and enthusiasm from their men through promise of a pension. It is in the broadest interest of society that every church should do the same.

The Episcopal Church has passed the exact vital statistics of the whole body of her clergy through the laboratory of the best actuaries and has adopted a pension system which is modern and sound.

It is a Contributory System whereby upon the payment by the parish each year of an additional seven per cent, speaking roughly of the minister's salary, he will receive on retiring at 68, a pension, equal to one-half his average salary during his active service. At death, his widow and minor children will receive annual pensions; if disabled in active service, a pension follows.

Thus in the full life of active service he can throw himself into his work with the complete abandonment of an officer who knows that whatever happens to him, his dear ones will be cared for, and he, if living to old age, will go to his grave with dignity and self-respect.

In order to take care of those who should be pensioned immediately, and to give the contributory plan time to move permanently on its own wheels, an initial sum of \$5,000,000 is to be raised.

To direct the task of obtaining this reserve fund, Bishop Lawrence of Massachusetts will, during 1916, suspend active work in his own diocese, and devote himself wholly to this great enterprise.

The co-operation of leading life insurance officers and business men has been obtained to establish the scheme. Local committees will be appointed throughout the United States. To get this splendid undertaking on its feet will be the supreme task of the Episcopal Church in 1916.

MAY PRACTICE LAW.

Columbia, Feb. 4.—The supreme court signed an order yesterday restoring John T. Duncan of Columbia to the practice of law in South Carolina. The order was signed by Associate Justices Hydrick, Watts and Gage. Chief Justice Gary and Associate Justice Fraser were not present, both being reported as indisposed.

The order of the court follows: "On hearing the petition herein and certificates and affidavits attached, it appearing to the satisfaction of the court that the petitioner, John T. Duncan, since his disbarment has reformed, now upon consideration of his petition that he be now allowed to practice law, it is the judgment of the court that he be restored to the practice of law and that the clerk of the court do issue to him a license for this purpose."

PERSONAL MENTION.

Returned to Sumter after a pleasant visit here to relatives.—Marion

Benjamin M. Powell, of Sumter, is on a visit to friends and relatives in the county. Mr. Powell has a record as a Confederate soldier of war, and one should be proud. He was in the front as a member of the 4th S. C. regiment, 5th S. C. regiment, and he was transferred to the 10th S. C. regiment. He has now reached the 76th mile post. Mr. Powell always welcomed back to Lancaster News.

A. B. Glascock left today for Sumter and Columbia.—Lancaster News.

Lula Atkinson has returned from New York.

O. C. Scarborough of Sumter, is very ill in a Florence hospital. He would share the solitude of his admirer Mr. Scarborough for his estimable qualities.—Manning

W. M. Scott and daughter are visiting in Sumter.—Bishopville Leader and Vindicator.

T. E. Fraser has been prosecuted from attending court in Columbia this week on account of an attack of the grip.

James Saunders and Walter Bagwood were in the city Friday.

James McCutchen of Indian Wells was a visitor in the city Friday.

W. H. Best of the Bishopville News was in the city Saturday.

James Boyce of the DuRant edition was a visitor in the city Saturday.

A. H. Sanders of Hagood, one of Sumter county's representatives in the general assembly, was in town Sunday.

Cornie Brohun of Wedgefield was in town Sunday.

S. F. McLeson spent several days in the city today on his way down to Orangeburg, where he begins a protracted meeting.

"Mac" is looking well, considering the hard work he has been doing.

H. H. H. who went to several weeks ago and returned with the Charleston Motor Company, has returned to his position.

Atlantic Coast Line Railroad

T. S. Trumble has gone to Columbia, where he will conduct a meeting during the week.

A. A. Rhame of Lynchburg was a visitor to the city Monday.

Mr. and Mrs. W. M. Folson have gone North to purchase goods for the Folson Book Store Company.

Osban Lucius.

Beautiful in its simplicity was the marriage of Miss Mable Collier to Charles Lucius on Thursday afternoon at 1:30 o'clock at the home of the bride's parents, Mr. and Mrs. David V. Phillips. The ceremony was performed by the Rev. F. P. Hudson of the Methodist church.

Immediately after the ceremony the bridal party was served with dinner, after which the young couple left for an extended trip to Florida.

The bride is one of the most popular young women of Springfield society, and of this section of the state. The groom is a large planter of Elliotts.

The out of town guests were: Mr. and Mrs. Henry Lucius, Miss Elizabeth Lucius, John Lucius of Columbia, Miss Carrie Lou Able of Leesville, Mrs. Green of Elliotts, Miss Mable Waters of Johnston, Henry Lucius, Jr., of Elliotts.

Funeral of Capt. Holman.

The funeral services over the body of the late Capt. E. H. Holman were held Friday morning at 11 o'clock at the residence of his daughter, Mrs. T. H. Clarke on Church street, being conducted by Rev. J. P. Marion of the Presbyterian Church. The interment took place at the Sumter Cemetery.

Capt. Holman's body arrived Thursday night from Abbeville, where he passed away at the residence of his daughter Wednesday night.

Death of Mrs. Wilson.

Mrs. Elizabeth B. Wilson, mother of Mr. Edwin Wilson, and one of the oldest members of Mt. Zion church, died last week at her home at St. Charles, and was buried at Mt. Zion, funeral conducted by Rev. H. C. Hammond. She was about 85 years old.—Bishopville Leader and Vindicator.

At its regular meetings, week the Calhoun Literary of the Calhoun school elected officers for the third quarter, as follows: President, Miss Sara Edmunds; Vice President, Jimmie Dick; Treasurer, Raymond Blandin; Critic, Ralph Flowers. A very interesting meeting was held.