

THE LANCASTER NEWS

LEDGER 1852

REVIEW 1878

ENTERPRISE 1891

VOL. 2. NO. 62. SEMI-WEEKLY.

LANCASTER, S. C., MAY 15, 1907

PRICE—FIVE CENTS PER COPY.

Franc Jones Surrenders.

The Defaulting Bank Officer Returns to Charlotte and Gives Himself Up--Released on Bond.

Charlotte Observer, of Sunday.

The expected happened yesterday morning when Mr. Franc H. Jones, the defaulting assistant cashier of the Charlotte National Bank, suddenly appeared in the city and voluntarily surrendered himself into the custody of the United States officers to answer the charge preferred against him, that of embezzlement. Mr. Jones arrived on Southern passenger train No. 44, which came in a few minutes before 6 o'clock. He was accompanied by his wife and his attorney, Mr. C. D. Bennett. Immediately upon their arrival, Mrs. Jones was driven home and Mr. Jones and Mr. Bennett called upon United States Commissioner J. W. Cobb. United States District Attorney A. E. Holton was summoned from Winston by 'phone and the preliminary hearing was held in Mr. Bennett's office in the Piedmont Building last night. Mr. Jones waived examination and was bound over on a \$10,000 bond. This bail he gave with the following named as sureties: Messrs B. D. Springs, F. H. Andrews, Jeremiah Goff and George W. White.

No positive information has yet been secured as to Mr. Jones' whereabouts since his disappearance from Charlotte. There are many who believe that he has never been a great distance from the city. Others hold that he has been all over the country and was heard from last month when he was in Los Angeles, Cal., and that he was met in Apalachicola, Florida, by his wife and his attorney the first of the past week.

Two Observer men called upon Mr. Bennett in the afternoon, seeking if possible to secure an interview with Mr. Jones. There were in the office Sheriff N. W. Wallace and one or two other gentlemen. Mr. Jones was looking hale and hearty and seemed to have taken life easy during the past several weeks. He had shaved off his mustache and his side whiskers and had had his hair cut rather short. He wore a light suit and a red tie. He was calm and collected and seemed quite at ease.

"The sum of money which Mr. Jones is reported to have carried away with him has been enormously exaggerated," declared Mr. C. D. Bennett, his attorney, yesterday. "Instead of taking from \$40,000 to \$50,000 as is said, he left with a very small sum. I am fully cognizant of all details and I am telling only the simple truth when I say that an error of judgment led him to take the first step. His first venture was not a successful one and the subsequent steps were nothing more than desperate efforts on his part to

recover and make good. As his attorney, I make no denial of the main fact of the wrong, but there are extenuating circumstances.

"Four days after Mr. Jones left here, he realized that he had sold his birthright for a mess of pottage and immediately began to make his plans to return. The only reason why he didn't hasten back at that moment was because he feared for his wife's health."

Young Lady Shocked by Lightning.

Union special in the News and Courier: Miss Leila Bailey, daughter of H. T. Bailey, of this city, was severely shocked by lightning early last night, during a heavy storm that passed over Union about 8 p. m. Miss Bailey was not dangerously hurt and soon regained consciousness, though she will probably suffer from the result of the shock for some time.

Crazy Carpenter Kills Six Persons.

San Francisco, May 12.—Walter Charley Davis, a carpenter in a fit of insanity today shot and killed six persons at 414 Plerres street, in this city. Davis and his victims all resided with the family of Orzon Bush, who conducted a boarding house. Davis' home was in Farmersville, near Visalia, this State, where he has a wife and six children. He had been working as a carpenter since the fire.

Lost Cow from Bite of Mad Dog.

Fort Mill Times: Mr. Z. T. Bailes, of the Pineville section, lost a fine cow a few days ago as a result of its being bit by a mad dog some weeks ago. The cow when attacked by the dog received a slight scratch on the jaw, but the little abrasion soon healed and no fear was apprehended as to the result. Later, however, it was noticed that the cow was acting strangely, and Mr. Bailes, after giving her careful attention, decided to have her shot. Mr. Bailes has three other cows that he is very anxious about as he fears they may have become affected by being in the same pasture with the one that had to be killed.

—The Fitzpatrick Brothers, who did a large and successful mercantile business in Lancaster for a number of years before their removal to Washington, Ga., some years ago, have converted their mercantile interests in Washington into an incorporated company, known as the Fitzpatrick Mercantile Company, of which Mr. T. M. Fitzpatrick is president. The capital stock is \$35,000.00.

If you want Jolly smiles put on your face, "buy" Jolly, you want to hear Mr. Jolly of Joliet.

Memorial Day.

The Impressive Services in Lancaster Last Friday Afternoon.

Memorial Day was observed last Friday afternoon, May 10th, at the Graded School Auditorium. Col. A. R. Banks acted as chief marshal and Prof. John A. Jenkins as assistant marshal. A large and appreciative crowd attended. The children of the two schools were marched in by their teachers, whilst the pianist, Miss Maud Moore, played a telling march. Col. and Mrs. A. R. Banks had superintended the decoration of the stage, which was imposing with its festoons of red and white bunting, Confederate flags, red and white flowers, evergreen wreaths and crosses clasped with handsome loops and streamers of red and white ribbon. Each child carried wreaths and other flower designs. The platform was occupied by the orators, the double quartette choir, the master of ceremony, Mayor R. E. Wylie, Col. Banks, and others. An interesting programme had been prepared by the president, Miss Annie Witherspoon, and the members of the U. D. C. Chapter. The exercises were opened by prayer by Rev. R. E. Turnipseed. "Dixie" was sung with a vim by the school, accompanied by Miss Moore on the piano. Then followed a fitting address by Rev. C. P. Carter, which was well received. Miss Hattie Taylor then sweetly sang "The Vacant Chair." Mr. Harry Hines followed with an appropriate address. Then came that most pathetic old song, "Tenting on the old Camp ground," by the choir and school and audience. In response to a cordial invitation from the master of ceremonies to the veterans present to make remarks, Mr. Wm. Long responded in a feeling and pleasing little reminiscence of the old days that are not. The choir, consisting of the following gifted vocalists: Mrs. W. T. Williams, Miss Bessie Harper, sopranos, Mrs. Chalmers Fraser, Mrs. G. B. Barron, altos, and Col. Banks, tenor, Mr. R. E. Craig, bass, Mayor R. E. Wylie, high tenor, and Mr. Edward Sistare, baritone, then sang delightfully: "Cover them over with Beautiful Flowers."

Prof. John A. Jenkins very clearly and solemnly called the roll, and last, to a stately march, the crowd slowly wended its way to the cemeteries, where the veterans' graves were truly and tenderly covered "over with Beautiful Flowers."

—The election ordered by Council to ratify ordinance granting electric light franchise to Messrs J. H. and M. S. Witherspoon and Mr. John T. Stevens was held yesterday, but the result was not known when The News went to press in the afternoon.

Pathetic Suicide of Mrs. Bina Patterson--Was a Member of the Distinguished Lingle Family.

Salisbury special in the Charlotte Observer: Persons from Mill Bridge this morning told the pathetic story of Mrs. Bina Patterson's suicide yesterday evening at her home ten miles from Salisbury. The stories vary in that some of them represented Mrs. Patterson as cutting her throat in a room and dying quietly, while the others declare that she was in the yard and, after slashing her throat, ran after her children, whom Mr. Patterson had told to give the alarm to the neighbors.

Laboring under the delusion that she had done some great theological wrong, she scrawled as she rapidly bled to death these words: "God has revealed to me the day that I have overthrown the kingdom of God."

Mrs. Patterson was Miss Bina Lingle, belonging to that brilliant Rowan family, whose sons and daughters have immortalized themselves. Her brother, Rev. Dr. Walter Lingle, of Atlanta, is one of the South's foremost Presbyterian ministers, and her brother, Rev. W. H. Lingle, is a missionary in China. Dr. Thomas Lingle is president of a Western university.

Sensational Affair in Sharon.

Yorkville New Era: The quiet little town of Sharon was treated to a real sensation Wednesday evening and those who know the particulars report the highly exciting affair about as follows:

A Chester young lady who has been visiting in the neighborhood had been treated in an offensive manner by a young man and the young lady very properly reported the matter to her father. He met his daughter in Rock Hill on her way home, and after hearing the story came on to Sharon, determined to punish the presumptive youth for his lack of proper discretion. The irate father soon arranged a conference with the young gentleman and after denouncing him for his reprehensible conduct, raised a buggy whip and told him to stand up and take his medicine. This occurred in the rear of one of Sharon's stores. The young man made an attempt to reach for a singletree near at hand, but the old gentleman pulled his pistol at this juncture of the proceedings and then applied the whip to his heart's content. He then quietly walked out and boarded an automobile for Rock Hill.

—Sunday and Monday mornings of this week were almost cold enough in this section for frost.

If you desire to experience a good hearty jolly remember Mr. Jolly of Joliet on "Jolly Side of Life" on Thursday night May 16.

The State Capital

Some Leading Features of the Reunion last Week--Lancaster was Well Represented.

Mr. Editor: The Reunion is over. The veterans and visitors have come and only a few are still in the city. Lancaster was well represented. We hope that COLUMBIA made LANCASTER have a good time. There were over 4,000 veterans besides many, many visitors, who came to Columbia to see their capital and to enjoy themselves. Did they? They seemed to. It was an impressive scene to see the old soldiers when on Tuesday night the Columbia Concert Band played that stirring air "Dixie." Many could not keep still and began to dance. Others waved their hats in the air and gave the Rebel yell. On Wednesday night Col. E. B. Clark gave a war drama, which he wrote especially for this occasion, entitled "For Her Country's Sake." The whole first floor was for veterans only. They came out in big numbers and seemed to enjoy it by giving their hearty cheers. The parade on Thursday afternoon was also impressive. Many veterans were in line, but a grand sight was to see the old veterans too old or cripple to march in line. They were drawn in the Fire Department wagons by students of the University. Our Lancaster boys at that institution were among those who pulled the gray haired men around. On Thursday night camp scenes were given in the Columbia Theatre and though many "vets" had gone home there was a goodly number out to see this entertainment. The Sponsors' ball and the Reunion ball were among the social events of the week for the young people.

We are sorry that we didn't see more of the Lancaster visitors. We will not attempt to give a list of them for that reason. All in all the vets seemed to have a good time. They enjoyed the camp life, and "Dixie Camp 1175" was among those who camped out on the State House grounds.

A small child aged three years old of a Syrian fruit dealer on main street was run over today by a buggy.

Another man has been arrested on suspicion for the Wescott murder.

There were other Lancastrians here this week besides the Reunion visitors.

Mr. Oliver C. Blackmon was in the city Tuesday on business. Col. T. Y. Williams paid a visit to Columbia this week.

Mrs. M. J. Perry was here on her return to Lancaster from the Federation of Woman's Clubs.

There is "nothing doing" since the Reunion. No baseball games and everything is quiet.

TALK LANCASTER!
BOOM LANCASTER!

Lancastrian.
Columbia S. C. May, 11, 1907.