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Meeting of the R. L. C. Association of Lancaster County at Kershaw, S. C., September 2, 1907.

Mr. Editor: Kindly grant me the space in your valuable paper—"The Lancaster News"—in which to give a short sketch of the Association's trip to the beautiful town of Kershaw and of its meeting there.

On the morning of the 2nd, bright and early, the R. F. D. boys of the historic old town of Lancaster boarded the train for Kershaw and by 8 a. m. we had reached our destination. On the same train was the Hon. D. E. Finley, M. C., from Yorkville. Sometime ago Mr. Finley was importuned to meet with us and give the boys a treat in the way of one of his characteristic and delightfully interesting and instructive talks. Mr. Finley had kindly consented to favor us and we were anticipating the pleasure of listening to him.

Our meeting convened at 10:30 o'clock. The first thing on the program was the treat just mentioned. Time and space will not permit of going into the details of Mr. Finley's address. His subject, naturally, was the R. F. D. service. He gave a rapid sketch of this branch of the Postal Service from its infancy to the present time. He outlined briefly what had been accomplished and what is expected to be accomplished in this direction. He concluded with a few remarks on the Postal Service in general—its vast magnitude and importance. To say we enjoyed his talk would be putting it mildly. At the conclusion of his address the association took up its business in regular form and order. By 12:30 o'clock all work was finished and the time of next meeting agreed upon. It is to be held at Heath Springs, S. C., on the 22nd, February, 1908.

Following, immediately, the adjournment came the most important event of the day and that was to find some place where we could satisfy the intense longings of the inner man, who by that time was making his presence very evident. But such a place was not long in doubt, for ample provision had been made by our noble brother carriers of Kershaw—Messrs. D. R. Fletcher, A. T. Blackwell and M. B. Jones. This scribe, together with the Hon. D. E. Finley, E. D. Tillman and G. D. Ellis went to the hospitable home of Mr. and Mrs. D. F. Fletcher. Words are inadequate to express our feelings for the royal hospitality of our host and hostess. We were treated to such a spread as Epicurean could wish for—from the daintiest to the most substantial viands. Now Mr. Editor, if you will pardon me, I will refrain from enumerating the many good things set before us, but will consider you an honorary member of the association and insist that you meet with us

at Heath Springs and see for yourself how royally the carriers entertain one another—for you know the people of Heath Springs as well as Kershaw are proverbially known for their hospitality.

As for the other carriers who were entertained by Messrs. Jones and Blackwell, I will not attempt to repeat their praises of their hosts and hostesses. They were so hospitably received and feasted that they could talk of nothing else.

Later in the afternoon the writer, Mr. Williams and Mr. Tillman were taken by Mr. Fletcher in a handsome carriage for a drive through the city and several miles beyond the suburbs, seeing the sights, etc. A prettier town than Kershaw is not often, if ever, seen. Never by this writer.

The time passed quickly and ere we realized it, it was time for us to bring our pleasant stay to a close. We heard in the distance the whistle of the train which was to convey us to our respective homes. We bade adieu to our good friends and went away carrying with us a lasting remembrance of their hospitality and kindness. We will always hold them in grateful remembrance and hope when occasion presents itself to show them our deep appreciation of their reception and entertainment of us. With best wishes for our R. F. D. boys and for the R. F. D. Association in general,

I am fraternally yours,
"One of the Boys"

Killed Jumping off Train.

Danville, Va. special in yesterday's Charlotte Observer: W. A. Holt, aged about 21 years, a young farmer of Blanch, N. C., met a terrible death at that place at an early hour this morning by jumping from a Southern Railway passenger train, which was running at about 25 or 30 miles an hour. Holt, with a son of William Gillespie, also of Blanch, was in the city yesterday and last night left on the eastbound train for his home, buying a ticket for Blanch. He did not learn until after he got on the train that it did not stop at Blanch and upon reaching the station made a jump. His head was crushed and his neck broken.

Base Ball Player Breaks His Neck.

Savannah, Ga., Sept. 1.—Joseph L. Briskey, right fielder for Savannah's team in the South Atlantic league, broke his neck at Tybee Island this afternoon by diving into shallow water. Other bathers saw him as he lay dying on the bottom, but he had announced that he was going to make a long stay under water and they thought nothing of the matter until some minutes had passed. Then they drew him up to find him dead. Briskey leaves a widow and a three weeks-old baby in Houston, Tex.

Sad Case in Spartanburg-- Woman Disappears and Afterwards Found in Demented Condition.

Spartanburg special in The State: Mrs. Mamie McMahan, wife of Ibe McMahan of Mount Zion, who disappeared from her home last night was found in a demented condition in the woods about one mile from the residence late this afternoon after a search for her which had been in progress since 3 o'clock this morning.

When found the woman was seated beneath the trees in the woods in a state of abstraction. She did not seem to recognize any one, though she obeyed their request that she follow them to a buggy nearby and without resistance allowed herself to be driven to her home. Upon reaching the house she walked in but did not recognize her little children when they gathered about her skirts, appealing to their mother for a word of greeting.

Mrs. McMahan has been in ill health for some time and once before the question of having her enter an asylum was considered by her family. It is understood that she will be taken to the State institution in Columbia.

Mr. McMahan discovered the disappearance of his wife when he awakened about 2 o'clock this morning and from that hour until she was found this evening the entire Mount Zion community was engaged in the search for the missing woman.

Singular Accident--Explosion Follows Spanking of Son by Mother.

Cheboygan, Mich., Sept. 1st.—Mrs. Fred Williams, living at Bear Point on Crooked Lake, near this city, was severely injured and her seven-year old son probably fatally injured when a dynamite cap in the boy's hip pocket exploded while the mother was spanking him for some minor offence. The little boy had been out in the field where his father was using dynamite to blow up stumps and had slipped one of the percussion caps which Mr. Williams was using in his pocket. He later returned to the house, where his mother called him in to be punished for some childish misdemeanor. Mrs. Williams used a shingle as the instrument of punishment. The first blow from the shingle exploded the cap in the boy's pocket, and the explosion tore a large hole in his hip from which he is believed to be dying. The mother lost two fingers and received a number of minor cuts about her face and body.

—Abbeville special in yesterday's News and Courier says that Tillman Beck, a negro boy of 13 years of age, was committed to jail this morning, charged with rape. His victim is the six-year-old daughter of Dewitt Hall, a respectable farmer.

Pleasant Hill Items.

Mrs. Alice Grason and son of Kingstree, S. C., are visiting Mrs. Ella B. Mobley and relatives of this section.

Mr. Melvin Cauthen went to Lancaster Sunday to accept a position as clerk for J. B. Mackorell.

Miss Sadie Duncan, of Dixie section, is visiting Miss Emma Hunter.

Miss Lola Cauthen has been visiting relatives in Lancaster.

Coroner J. M. Caskey spent Monday in Lancaster.

Mr. E. M. Beckham, of Rock Hill, who has been visiting his parents, Mr. and Mrs. S. Beckham, Sr., returned home Monday.

Mrs. Belle Montgomery is visiting Mr. and Mrs. J. M. Caskey.

Mr. Albert Bailey and family, of Elgin, spent Sunday with Mr. and Mrs. I. B. Clontz.

Mr. John Shehane and Miss Hattie Mackey, of Rich Hill, were married Sunday by Coroner J. M. Caskey.

Mrs. Sallie Watson, of Kershaw, has been visiting her mother, Mrs. Mary Beckham.

Mr. Charlie Shehane, the hustling hunter of this section, went out coon hunting Saturday morning and killed one coon, and then went out after more and he and Mr. George Cauthen killed another one. He has also killed 27 minks and 18 opossums. I don't know how many rabbits—More than he could count, I guess.

News Reader.

Pleasant Hill, Sept. 2.

Man Having Tooth Extracted gets Busy and Beats Dentist.

Washington, September 1.—While under the influence of gas today preparatory to having a tooth extracted George W. Bowers, aged 28, rose from the chair and violently attacked Dr. R. B. Leonard, who was treating him, severely beating and knocking him down. The doctor's call for help brought Dr. W. H. Wunder, who was treated in similar fashion. Fearing that his life was in danger Dr. Wunder reached for a small hammer nearby, and used it freely on Bowers's head, causing a compound fracture of the skull. Bowers was taken to the emergency hospital, and Dr. Wunder was arrested. He was released on \$1,000 bail.

During the struggle between the three men Bowers's wife and a number of women patients were thrown into a panic and took flight. Bowers will recover.

Seven Killed in Wreck.

Charleston, W. Va., Sept. 2.—A Chesapeake & Ohio local passenger train, No. 6, was derailed a mile below Kanawha Falls to-night and as a result seven are dead and 17 injured.

News in Brief.

Richard Mansfield, the best known actor on the American stage, died last Friday. . . . Mrs. William Duncan, wife of the Rev. William Duncan, pastor of the First A. R. P. church of Charlotte, died a day or two ago. . . . Fifteen persons were killed and fifty injured in a trolley car collision near Charleston, Ill. . . . A four-year-old girl was run over and killed by an auto in Durham, N. C. . . . Nearly 100 persons were killed by the collapse of a bridge over St. Lawrence river. . . . The office of the Louisville Courier-Journal has been damaged \$200,000 by fire. . . . Editor Jones of the Albemarle, N. C., Chronicle was fined \$5 and the costs for beating his wife. . . . According to the New York Journal of Commerce's monthly report, the condition of cotton declined 3 3-10 points in August. . . . J. D. Kelley, Jr., a Charleston boy, stood first in the competitive examination for the West Point cadetship, appointment to which Senator Tillman is to make. . . . Mr. Robert H. Stringfellow, a former citizen of Chester, died in Florida a few days ago. . . . Jacksonville, Fla. special says that Edward Winner, clerk of the Duval Hotel and Misses Lillian and Bertha Ballam, employes of the same hotel, were drowned from a launch in St. John river. . . . Sunday, September 8 is to be observed by churches throughout the country as a day of special prayer for the public schools. The plan was suggested by the National Reform association and has been endorsed by the Presbyterian General Assembly and other church conventions. . . . The South Carolina Supreme court has rendered a decision declaring unconstitutional an act of the general assembly passed in 1903 which attempts to make a railroad liable for loss of or damage to goods shipped over its line whether or not the loss or damage occurred on its line or on a connecting line. . . . In Asheville, N. C., last Saturday, Hugh Postelle, aged 21, shot and killed his cousin, Edward Edwards, aged 26, in a bicycle shop, over family matters. . . . Senator Latimer is expected to return from Europe this week. . . . Last Saturday, Aug 31, was the 21st anniversary of the Charleston earthquake. . . . Anson county, N. C., went "dry" last Saturday, by a majority of 603 votes. Every precinct in the county was carried for prohibition. . . . An ex-convict has entered suit for \$25,000 against the state of New York for the loss of a hand while at work in prison.

The cloud formation known as "mares' tails" and "mackerel sky" are invariably three miles high. The highest clouds are ten miles high, and these are composed of minute particles of ice.