

# The Lancaster News.

VOL. 5. NO 71. SEMI-WEEKLY.

LANCASTER, S. C., JUNE 8, 1910.

\$1.50 PER YEAR

## AMONG THE METHODISTS.

### Presiding Elder O'Dell's Report of Recent Trips to Lancaster and East Lancaster.

Rock Hill District Bulletin for June: East Lancaster—Through the kindness of Brother McFarlane, our big-hearted Scotchman, we had the pleasure of a ride of eight miles from Elgin to Hope-well, the seat of the conference, Saturday, May 7, and found a good congregation and a splendid representation of officials present. These good brethren are to be commended on their fidelity to their church and pastor. Bro. White, the pastor, was present, of course, with good reports. Missions in full and general state of church encouraging. He evidently fares well, tipping the scales at something less than three hundred. Stewards reported as follows for support of pastor: Bethlehem, \$24.76; Hope-well, \$57; Tabernacle, \$75.75; Zion, \$40. Add it up and see if this is not enough to make a preacher smile. Dinner was served in the vestibule of the church, and was of such a character as to tempt the appetite of the most fastidious, but as none of us came under that head, we did ample justice to the fried chicken and country ham, as well as to pies, cakes, etc., too numerous to mention. We spent a most pleasant afternoon and night in the home of Bro. J. E. Porter, who lives near the church. The rain (much needed) on Sunday morning prevented the people from going to church and it fell to the lot of our good Brother Porter to entertain us until the afternoon and to send us to Lancaster, where we had an engagement to preach at night. "Uncle Bob," an old antebellum colored man, carried us, and we enjoyed his company very much, as he talked about the "Ole 'oman" and his family in general, especially his "old Miss" and "Young Master" with whom he spent nine months in the war. May the Lord bless "Uncle Bob" and all like him, who remained faithful to his "Ole Miss" during all that fearful struggle when his freedom was in the balance. The following were elected delegates to the District Conference: H. C. Steele, N. A. Funderburk, J. D. Flynn, J. M. Cook.

Lancaster Station—This was not a Quarterly Conference, but a protracted meeting. The pastor, Rev. M. M. Brabham, had invited us to assist him in a few days of revival services, and we gladly accepted his invitation. We enjoyed very much the stay of four days with the good people of Lancaster and trust that our efforts were of spiritual benefit to them. The people say if the General Conference should do away with the time circuit, they expect to keep their pastor right on ad-infinitum. Well, they couldn't do better, and he does not want to be among a better people. He could not. (The time limit was not abolished, and our Lancaster friends will have to divide a good thing with others after two more years.—Editor.)

### Frank Bell Pleaded Guilty.

Chester Reporter: Frank Bell, the negro who was captured in Lancaster county by Sheriff Hunter and brought back here Thursday evening by Deputy Sheriff Dye, was tried Friday before Magistrate J. R. P. Gibson. He pleaded guilty to carrying a pistol and violating the dispensary law, and was fined \$125.

## KILLED HER HUSBAND.

### He Was Going to Funeral and Because He Wouldn't Let Her Go She Shot Him.

Honea Path special in Columbia State of Sunday: Report reached here this afternoon that S. B. Wright was shot and seriously wounded by his wife. She used a shotgun, the load breaking his arm and taking effect in his side. They live several miles from here and particulars are hard to obtain. A negro who came for the doctor says that Mr. Wright was going to a funeral and didn't want his wife to go, and that she said if she couldn't go he should not either, and took the gun and fired the load, taking effect as above stated. Dr. Shirley has just returned from the scene of the shooting and says the wound is fatal. The woman gives as excuse for the shooting that she was mad.

### Storm Causes Much Damage. Thousands of Dollars in Property Loss and Practical Destruction of Wheat Crops.

Bristol, Tenn., June 4.—Thousands of dollars in property damage and the practical destruction of the wheat crop in this section resulted tonight from the worst hail and wind storm ever known in Bristol and surrounding districts. The smokestacks of Bristol's largest factories were blown down, windows were smashed in all parts of the city and untold damage was done vegetation and orchards.

### Taft Views With Alarm Growth of Socialism.

Jackson, Mich., June 4.—President Taft today proclaimed Socialism as the great problem that confronts the American people, the issue that is soon to come and that must be successfully met. By its history, he declared, the Republican party had shown itself capable of dealing with the great question effectively and wisely, and he predicted that the American people must soon determine whether it shall trust the same party with the solution of "that problem than which we have had no greater in the history of the country."

### Pleasant Hill Items.

Miss Nanna Perry, of Lancaster, returned home Wednesday last from a visit to Mr. and Mrs. M. L. Beckham. Estelle Beckham accompanied her home to spend a few days.

Mrs. Jane Caskey visited Ex-Coroner and Mrs. J. M. Caskey the past week.

Mr. Andrew Adams of Rock Hill spent one day the past week with Mr. Jim Robertson.

Mr. L. F. Robinson has purchased a reaper and binder, which he is operating, cutting grain.

Mr. Jim Robinson reported Friday the 3rd. instant that he had squares on his cotton.

Guess who has been lying up on the house reading the news papers. That's getting up high some, don't you think.

Mr. and Mrs. F. A. Magill of Stoneboro visited the latter's parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. M. Caskey.

Fine rain fell throughout this section recently and General Green is looking green and hearty.

News Reader.

Pleasant Hill, June 6.

## IN SOCIAL CIRCLES.

### Fuller Reports of Charming Functions the Past Week.

Lancaster special in the Charleston Sunday News: Perhaps the most brilliant event of the season was the "Bon Voyage" dinner given on Tuesday evening by Mrs. Ira B. Jones in honor of Mrs. T. Y. Williams, who sails in a few days for an extended trip abroad. The evening was ideal and the gathering of friends with this accomplished hostess was an occasion of unusual beauty and enjoyment. Mrs. Jones received her guests wearing an elegant and becoming gown of black silk, Mrs. Williams, a lovely gown of pale blue messaline elaborately trimmed in rich lace, Mrs. C. D. Jones, who gracefully assisted in receiving, a simple but becoming gown of apricot messaline. The dinner itself was pleasurable informal. Covers were laid for sixteen, and the menu comprised five courses, with wine of the rarest vintage. Dozens of pink roses filled the handsome cut glass vase in the centre of the table. Silver candle sticks held pink tapers, and the bon bons in silver compartments carried out the color scheme of pink. The place cards of panel design were appropriate with tiny yachts, to each a bouquet of sweet peas were tied with a bow of pink ribbon. Most effectively magnificent ferns were arranged throughout the dining room. A distinctive feature from the usual dinner was the beautiful toast by Mrs. Jones, to which Mrs. Williams with accustomed dignity and grace responded most fittingly. Later in the evening Mrs. Jones, with facile and natural ease, presented the honor guest with a note book, requesting that it accompany her during her daily travels as a pleasant reminder of the friends left behind. This leave taking entertainment was a beautiful compliment to Mrs. Williams, one of Lancaster's most accomplished and forceful women and the much loved president of the Friday Afternoon Book Club. Mrs. Jones's guests were Mrs. Ernest Moore, Mrs. R. E. Wylie, Mrs. R. L. Robinson, Mrs. Belle Nance, Mrs. R. L. Crawford, Mrs. C. D. Jones, Mrs. John Crawford, Mrs. M. J. Perry, Mrs. J. P. Hunter, Mrs. L. C. Payseur, Mrs. C. T. Connors, Mrs. W. McD. Brown, Miss Addie Pinckney, Mrs. W. T. Williams and Mrs. Jones's beautiful grandchildren, Mary Heath and Rebecca Jones.

For the Friday Afternoon Book Club Mrs. John P. Hunter, the club's original and talented secretary, was hostess. These meetings are always delightful literary events and the papers read by Mrs. Williams and Mrs. J. H. Witherspoon, the subject of which was "Some Masterpieces of Greek Art," were exceptionally fine. At the conclusion of the usual programme several matters of business were transacted, the election of officers for the ensuing year, the selection of a theme of study and the election of Mrs. Ira B. Jones as a member of the club. In the choice of officers for the coming year there were no changes, Mrs. T. Y. Williams being elected president, and Mrs. J. P. Hunter, secretary. After much deliberation it was decided to have no special programme for the year's work, each member to contribute a subject of her own selection. After adjournment Mrs. Hunter invited the members into the dining room, where an elaborate repast in three courses was served. Sweet peas and roses were the effective table decorations. So pleasant was this meeting the members very reluctantly said good-bye to this always charming hostess.

### Sale of Fort Lawn Property.

Chester Reporter: The J. A. Garrison property at Fort Lawn, consisting of a house and lot, also a vacant lot adjoining the above property, was sold in the court house yard this morning by Clerk of Court Cornwell, at the suit of W. Harris Williams vs. V. Lillian Garrison, and was purchased by C. L. Dunlap and W. L. Abernathy for \$2,600.

## HORRIBLE DEATH OF UNKNOWN MAN

### Who Attempted to Commit Suicide. Brains Beaten Out Against Rock in a Cut While Train Porter Tried to Prevent Desperate Leap to Death.

Greenville, S. C., special in yesterday's Charlotte Observer: An unknown white man, in trying to jump from Southern train No. 30 north of Toccoa, Ga., was killed tonight. His brains were beaten out by the rocks in a cut as the porter held his legs to keep him from jumping out of the train window.

Passengers on the train noticed the peculiar actions of the traveler for some time before the accident. Finally he went into the rear of the coach. After a while the porter, fearing that some trouble was brewing, followed the stranger. He arrived just in time to see him jump out of the window. The porter caught his legs but the body of the traveler was out of the window and as the train passed through a deep cut the body of the man struck the projecting rocks and his brains were battered out against the bank. The body was taken back to Toccoa. The man carried a ticket reading from Augusta to New York but there was no other means of identification.

### Visiting Motorist Badly Treated by Columbia Policeman.

Columbia Record: The case of Mr. R. L. Bell of Kershaw, whose wife and the ladies with her were left tearfully embarrassed on Main street Friday at noon, while Policeman Jackson dragged Mr. Bell off to headquarters in the "black maria," when the policeman saw a revolver drop from Mr. Bell's pocket, was dismissed Friday afternoon, after a thorough investigation of the matter by Chief Cathcart, who returned Mr. Bell his \$20 bail and told him to "try and forget it."

The methods employed in making the arrest and the manner in which Mr. Bell was conveyed to headquarters, in the face of his tender of his automobile for the trip, caused criticism of the officer on the streets, particularly among automobilists. Chief Cathcart said there was no rule or custom of the department requiring the use of the patrol wagon for conveyance of prisoners to the station house. "If the prisoner offers to furnish without delay any other vehicle, even a street car, the officer should yield to his preference in the matter. Of course it is different when the prisoner is drunk or refuses to go quietly."

### Mother Dies While Daughter is Being Buried.

Denmark special in the News and Courier, June 5: The hearse, bearing the remains of Miss Maggie C. Rice to the cemetery, yesterday afternoon, had not more than amply distanced the long procession of vehicles when the aged mother, Mrs. W. D. Rice, breathed her last. She never rallied from the shock the news of the death of her daughter brought to her.

Mrs. Rice had reached the mature age of seventy-odd years. She was the wife of the late Dr. W. D. Rice, a distinguished divine of the Baptist denomination.

Mr. and Mrs. L. C. Payseur returned Monday from a visit to Charlotte, making the trip in their automobile. They spent Sunday night in the Blair section with Mr. J. G. Howie.

## SENATE PASSES RAILROAD BILL

### Only 12 Votes Against Measure and They were Cast by Democrats.

Washington, D. C., June 4.—The senate passed the administration railroad bill at 9:55 o'clock tonight. It had been under consideration for more than twelve weeks and practically no other business except appropriation bills were considered in that long period.

Only twelve votes, all of those by Democrats, were recorded against the bill. The practical unanimity with which the measure was passed was due to the radical changes made in the measure from the form in which it was drafted by Attorney General Wickersham following numerous conferences at the white house on the subject of amending inter-state commerce laws.

### "WATCH HOW I CAN DIVE."

### Young Prestwood Jumped into Pond and was Drowned.

Spartanburg special in Charleston Sunday News: Saying to his companions on the bank, "watch how I can dive," C. B. Prestwood, a young man eighteen years of age, of the Whitney Mill village, jumped into Whitney Mill pond this afternoon, about 4 o'clock and was drowned. The pond was dragged and his body recovered an hour later. Coroner Turner was notified and went at once to hold the inquest.

Prestwood was a young man from North Carolina. He went to Whitney Mill to work about ten days ago. The place where he was drowned in the pond is the same spot where Joe Searcey was drowned last year.

### Youth Ducks Brother and Both Lose Lives.

Tampa, Fla., June 5.—While bathing in the Hillsborough river near here this morning, Victor Fabler, aged 19, and his brother, Henry Fabler, 16 years old, lost their lives. Victor was teaching his younger brother how to swim and the latter had lost the wings with which he was attempting to swim. Laughingly declaring that he would teach Henry how to swim, the older brother ducked the younger one, who clutched him in a death grip so tight as not to permit either party's release. A number of people were gathered on the shore of the river but the drowning occurred so quickly as to preclude possibility of rescue.

### Two Darlington Families Fight with Winchesters. Bystander Killed.

Darlington special in Sunday's State:—A general shooting affair took place on yesterday in the Lydia section of this county between two families, Northcutt and Caston, with the result that one man, Scarborough Stevens, a negro, is dead.

The two families have had differences, it is said, for some time, but nobody seems to know the immediate cause of the recent difficulty. The shooting took place in the edge of a small strip of woods, one family being in the field, the other just in the woods, and the negro, Stevens, at the other point of the triangle between the two groups.

Winchesters were the weapons used by all the parties. All of the defendants gave bond for appearance at the approaching term of court.

## REV. ALBERT A. JAMES DEAD.

### Oldest Presbyterian Minister in this State Has Passed Away. Was the Father of Mrs. A. C. Williamson of Lancaster.

Mrs. A. C. Williamson of this vicinity has the profound sympathy of her numerous friends in her present sore bereavement, the loss of her aged father, the Rev. A. A. James, one of the leading Presbyterian ministers of this State, whose death occurred at his home in Pacolet last Friday night. Mrs. Williamson was with her father when he passed away, having gone to his bedside some days previously. A Spartanburg special in the Charleston Sunday News gives the following account of Mr. James' life and death: The Rev. Albert A. James, the oldest Presbyterian minister in South Carolina, and one of the best known preachers of the South, died at his home in Pacolet last night at 11 o'clock, in the 86th year of his age. Death came after a protracted illness of several months. The funeral and interment will be held Monday at 12.30 p. m., at the Presbyterian church, at Union. The members of the board of trade and the city council of Pacolet will act as pallbearers, and escort the body from the home to the train as a distinct mark of respect.

Mr. James served in the active work of the ministry for 59 years. His first charge was Fair Forest church, in connection with the Spartanburg church. During his long career he served in practically all of the Presbyterian churches of Spartanburg county. When the civil war came on Mr. James was elected chaplain of the 18th South Carolina volunteers and served with this regiment throughout the war. For the past several years he was looked upon as the dean of the Confederate chaplains.

Spartanburg county has never had a more distinguished citizen or more saintly Christian. Mr. James was universally known and loved. He was a forceful preacher, giving his people the pure Gospel. He had many offers to enter broader fields as the world regards a man's work, but he preferred to continue serving the churches in Spartanburg county, of which he was pastor. He was loved and honored as few men are, and his death has caused the deepest regret.

Albert Allison James was born July 26, 1824, in Yorkville, S. C., and united with the Church while a pupil of and under the ministry of Dr. Ferdinand Jacobs, in 1843. He was graduated from Davidson College in 1848 at the head of his class. He then entered the Theological Seminary at Columbia, from which he was graduated in 1851. In the same year he was licensed by Bethel Presbytery. His first charge was Fair Forest church, Spartanburg county. For five years he served Salem church in Union in connection with his work at Fair Forest church. He is survived by a wife, three sons and one daughter. Mr. James was elected school commissioner of Union county in Republican days by 1,200 majority and organized the public schools of that county, as did the Rev. R. H. Reid in Spartanburg county.

Lame shoulder is almost invariably caused by rheumatism of the muscles and yields quickly to the free application of Chamberlain's Liniment. This liniment is not only prompt and effective, but is so easy to use. Sold by J. F. Mackey Co. Lancaster Pharmacy.