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CHARGED WITH MURDER.

Joe Grant, the Negro Who Killed Durst in 1906, Brought Back to South Carolina.

Joe Grant, the negro who is wanted for the killing of a white man at Johnston in 1906, and who has been resisting extradition from Pennsylvania, was brought to Columbia last night under heavy guard and lodged in the State penitentiary. The negro arrived at 7:40 on a special passenger train which was running in the place of 31, the Augusta Special, which was in a wreck yesterday morning. Grant was brought from Pennsylvania to Columbia by Sheriff Swearingen of Edgefield county in 1906 and fled to Pennsylvania. A reward was offered for his capture and he was recognized by a detective while working in a barber shop in Philadelphia. After his arrest, he interposed every legal obstacle possible, and fought extradition to South Carolina. The then governor of Pennsylvania, Tenor, honored the requisition papers from the governor of South Carolina, but an appeal was taken to the courts, the case finally reaching the United States supreme court. That tribunal as all others upheld the requisition, and then the new governor of Pennsylvania suddenly announced that he would not honor requisition papers. The negro in his appeal to the United States supreme court made sensational charges to the effect that he could not get a fair trial in South Carolina owing to race prejudice.

Attorney General Peeples and Solicitor Timmerman made several trips to get the negro, and have used every effort to this end. Governor Manning took the matter up actively, and in a letter to Governor Brumbaugh set forth that Grant could get a fair trial in this State, and he called on the Pennsylvania governor in the name of justice to surrender the negro to the South Carolina authorities.

Nothing was known of the matter again until Grant was brought here last night. He was in the wreck of the Augusta Special in Virginia Friday night and his name as well as that of Sheriff Swearingen of Edgefield were sent out on press reports as among the number injured. Their injuries are said to have been only slight, however.

Grant was very talkative when being brought from the union station to the penitentiary and mentioned his trip and the wreck. He was well dressed, wore a neat looking brown suit, overcoat and hat with black shoes which were freshly polished. He wore gold spectacles and appeared to be in good health. He complained of being tired from his long trip.

The governor's office last night refused to make known anything regarding the Grant matter of what developments had taken place which resulted in bringing him back to this state. The governor of Pennsylvania certainly had to honor the requisition for the Sheriff of Edgefield to get the negro, but his reasons for doing so are not known.

Grant will be taken to Edgefield and tried on an indictment charging him with murder, the indictment having been returned against him several years ago. It is presumed that he will be kept in the penitentiary until court of general sessions convenes at Edgefield.—Columbia Record.

HELP YOUR LIVER—IT PAYS.

When your liver gets torpid and your stomach acts queer, take Dr. King's New Life Pills and you will find yourself feeling better. They purify the blood, give you freedom from constipation, biliousness, dizziness and indigestion. You feel fine—just like you want to feel. Clear the complexion too. 25c at all druggists.—1

TRENTON LETTER.

Many Social Functions During The Holidays. Asparagus Growers Meet and Elect Officers.

The Christmas holidays were given up to festivities and gayeties of all kinds for the young people, the older folks enjoying spend-the-day parties, which really meant family reunions, they within themselves meaning real joy to the participants. Possibly the largest and most elaborate party given this Christmas was that of Miss Sadie Long. These affairs have become annual. All the young people are united and they look forward to the next from the time the good-byes are said and peace and good will and Christmas cheer always predominate. Another very large and much enjoyed affair was the party given by Miss Ethel Harrison known as welcoming the new year. The evening was happily spent and 1916 was greeted with bells, songs and fireworks. Other parties that were not quite so large but very delightful, were those given by Miss Orrie Sabe Miller, Miss Ruth Salter, Misses Fannie and Sabe Miller.

At a recent meeting of the local asparagus growers association Mr. D. R. Day was elected president, Mr. J. M. Vann secretary and treasurer and Mr. Leslie Eidson general manager. The next meeting of the South Carolina asparagus growers association will meet at Williston the 10th of January and all who are interested are urged to attend.

Mrs. Clara Durisoe Shealy from Batesburg visited Mrs. Julia Holland during Christmas.

Mrs. Emily Manget and Mr. S. H. Manget went to Batesburg for a new year's dining, guests of Misses Lizzie and Lucile Cullum.

Mrs. Leslie Eidson spent the Christmas holidays with relatives in Anderson.

Mr. Preston Wright, Miss Kathleen Wright and Miss Miriam Holland from Winston-Salem, N. C., spent part of the past week with Mrs. Julia Holland. Their host of friends gave them a hearty welcome.

Mr. and Mrs. Will Walker, Miss Annie Laurie Walker and Mr. Geo. Walker, Jr., from North Augusta were guests of Mr. and Mrs. J. R. Moss on Sunday. Miss Walker will remain throughout the week.

Misses Marion and Corine Clark have returned home after a visit to Miss Matilda Ward at Bethune.

Mr. J. N. Fair of Horn's Creek entertained with an elegant six o'clock stag dinner on Saturday, his guests being his relatives and neighbors. Hospitality, refinement and a feeling of at home permeated the entire surroundings.

Among the college boys and girls who added sunshine and gladness to the social life of Trenton during the holidays were, Misses Fannie Miller, Helen Clark, Ethel Harrison, Mattie Lou Long, Lucile Smith, Marie and Debbie Mae Marsh, Eulis and Ruth Padgett, Messrs. William Booknight, Geo. Day, William Wise, Teague Hunter.

Miss Lola Hunter has returned to resume her school duties at Clyne after spending Christmas at home. Lola is a general favorite and therefore her home coming is always welcomed.

Mrs. Rudolph Swearingen was hostess at a lovely dinner party on Saturday entertaining about twenty-five of her friends and relatives.

Mr. and Mrs. D. R. Day have returned home after spending several days with Mr. and Mrs. Stevens at Belvedere.

Mrs. F. P. Bryan entertained a few friends at cards on Friday evening.

Miss Fannie Harrison who has made her home in Washington, D. C., for the past few years is visiting her sisters, Misses May and Carrie Harrison, and all of her friends are happy to see her.

Miss Mattie Harrison who is a wonder in music returned to Coker college on Monday to complete her course. She will return to us in June a full fledged graduate.

Mrs. Leila Leppard from Columbia was among the welcomed Christmas visitors.

Misses May and Carrie Harrison gave a beautiful dining during the holidays complimentary to their visiting sister, several outside friends enjoyed this delightful occasion.

FERTILIZER OUTLOOK.

Secretary Houston Issues a Statement. Nitrates Plentiful. Potash and Phosphate Very High.

Washington, January 3.—A gloomy view of prospects for fertilizing next year's crops is presented in a statement issued to-day by Secretary Houston, of the department of agriculture.

Relief measures undertaken by the department since the European war disrupted the American phosphate industry and cut off potash imports from Germany will help, the statement says, but they offer slim possibilities that the American farmer will get a small part of the fertilizing materials necessary for his needs. Nitrogenous fertilizers alone will be available in the quantities needed.

The Secretary takes up first the potash supply, long since exhausted in the United States by the German embargo on shipments. Investigation, says his statement, has shown four sources of supply in the country, but none immediately available. These are the help of the Pacific coast, alunite deposits in Utah, feldspar rocks in the East and the mud of Searles Lake, California.

Manufacture from feldspar has been found to be feasible, but the cost is high. Development of Searles Lake deposits presents technical difficulties and title to the property is involved. Manufacturers are experimenting now, the statement says, with alunite. Kelp is offered as the best material.

Three large concerns have begun manufacture from kelp and Government experts will be sent to the Pacific coast to aid in the experimental work.

Production will be slow for a long time, the Secretary points out, and demand for potash in other industries is so great that none manufactured in the United States will be available soon for agricultural purposes. His statement says:

"The prices offered under existing conditions by the manufacturers of articles will cause practically the entire output of these concerns to be diverted from the fertilizer industry. It would require ninety or more plants, costing approximately \$50,000, and having an operating capital of 25,000 each to produce the quantity needed for agriculture. This would involve the assumption that commercial phases of the problem were satisfactorily solved. The department is considering all phases of the situation."

The crippled state of the phosphate industry is attributed to the high price of sulphuric acid, much of which is being used now in the manufacture of war munitions. The price has jumped from \$5 to \$25 a ton. Demand for the acid is so heavy that abandoned plants are being refitted for its manufacture. The bureau of soils meanwhile is experimenting with the manufacture of phosphoric acid as a substitute for sulphuric.

Nitrite prices have advanced since the war began, but there is an abundant supply of nitrogenous fertilizing material and the department is endeavoring to find methods to cheapen the cost of manufacture. The Secretary concludes with a warning to farmers to conserve all fertilizing materials on the farm. He urges crop rotation, proper use of fertilizers and also use of lime to increase productivity of the soil.

A New Deputy Sheriff.

Mr. Homer Williams has resigned as deputy sheriff and Mr. D. D. Brunson has been appointed to succeed Mr. Williams. Sheriff Swearingen has had a faithful assistant in the person of Mr. Williams and Edgefield gives him up with keenest regret, he having decided to return to his farm in the Gilgal section. A better selection could not have been made than Mr. Brunson as Mr. Williams' successor. He is the eldest son of Mr. W. P. Brunson, a sober, steady young man of sterling qualities. Mr. Brunson is making his home with his uncle, Mr. N. L. Brunson.

ONE STAR STATE.

Heavy Rains in Texas. Prohibitionists at Work. Confederate Veterans' Camp Formed.

Editor The Advertiser: It has rained at last, being the first we have had since the 28th of May. It commenced to rain yesterday evening about one o'clock and it has been raining all last night and all day today. The land being so low, level and flat the whole earth looks like a lake of water about shoe deep. I tell you, Mr. Editor, we old widowers and old widows and old bachelors and old maids are having a hard time all shut up in doors just peeping out and asking if it is still raining, hoping that it may stop so we can get out calling to-morrow. But I think if they get out very far, they will mash a heap of mud for some of the ladies are large and fleshy 200 to 250 pounds. They make me think of two old men near Parkville. After their wives died I thought they were the nearest crazy men to get married again I ever saw. They ran a very school teacher and young girl from 17 years old up to death trying to court them. The men would tell the young girls they loved them and asked them to marry them rather than an old man. A young man's name was both of them had to be paid but mighty money. I thought if it had been a young man I don't think I could have married him if they can fool me.

Mr. Editor, I have joined the old soldiers' camp here. There are very few old soldiers here, only about 12. We are joining and making it lively. We met last Thursday and we had nine ladies with us. We took our Confederate flag and marched down to the art gallery and had our pictures taken in a group, the ladies were in it too. We went back to the hall and the ladies served refreshments. We had a fine time eating and talking to the ladies but Mr. Editor after all nothing like old Edgefield and the big and welcome dinners that those good ladies there give us every May. I never shall forget the pleasures and good dinners that I have had at old Edgefield with my old brother comrades.

I am glad and proud to see old Parkville coming up again to the front with her fairs. She had the same thing a few years ago and it seemed to be just fine.

Four of the best ladies of Sinton started out with a petition to get every voter to sign it asking for an election for prohibition. They say they will carry the whole county. I know they would if they would leave the Mexican out of it. They tell me a man can take a little whiskey and a dollar or two and vote them any way. But under the law you can't keep them out, or the negro either.

Mr. Editor, this Baptist church here has had a debt of \$300 hanging over it now for two years or more and my son being the pastor preached a sermon on indebtedness. His text was "Owe no man anything" and at the close he told the church that he now wanted the money to pay that debt and told the deacons to go around through the congregation and get every dollar they could raise. To my surprise they got \$280 and they said they would get the balance the next day, which they did and the debt is paid.

Court convened here yesterday the 13th and the ladies who had gone around with a petition asking for an election for prohibition took the petition in court and presented it to the judge and the judge had it put on file and ordered the election to come off on the 31st inst. So the fight starts to-night. A great prohibition rally will be held in town to-night. The good ladies are working hard to put a stop to the whiskey traffic in the town and not only the town but the county. They have the Baptist pastor and a host of good men at their backs, pushing it for all they are worth. The Mexican, negro and the rich men who are running this whiskey business are against them.

J. J. Garnett.

Sinton, Texas.

HARDY'S HAPPENING.

Happy and Joyous Holiday Season. Christmas Tree at School. Annual Moving Season On.

Christmas has come and gone for the year 1915. The day dawned beautifully bright, calm and pleasant, though there were some clouds floating around.

Christmas festivities began Thursday at Miss Mary Townes little school, called "Cemetery Hill." Miss Mary and her mother decorated the tree, and Santa Claus came and called the children up to receive the gifts which were very numerous and beautiful. The tree was beautiful with lovely ornaments, myriad lights and glittering tinsel. Miss Mary invited the other children of the neighborhood but from some cause we have not learned, only Mrs. Briggs and Howard, Mrs. S. V. Bunch and Mrs. Harry Bunch with her four children attended. Of course Mrs. Townes was already there and we forgot to say the older folks were invited to bring the children. The older ones were made happy to see how very happy the dear little children were as they went home laden down with good and pretty things. According to promise Mr. Harry Bunch's children had a tree, and I venture to say there never were four more fortunate children in Edgefield county than those are. They have 115 presents between the four of them. Mary and Emma were the happiest little girls in the world with their four dolls each to nurse and get to sleep. Veritable little mothers. Oh we do hope the little darlings may always be as happy for Christmas as they were on Monday. We were very disappointed by the rain coming which kept her from making her home folks a visit.

Mr. Herbert Bunch left 24th for Quitman, Ga., to spend the holidays with his cousins, the Ushers.

Mr. Walter Bunch came up from Charleston to visit his mother, Mrs. S. V. Bunch, and returned Sunday.

Mrs. Luta Raymond is visiting friends in Augusta.

Mrs. Silas Medlock and two boys, are visiting Mrs. Frances Townes for the holidays.

We are sorry to hear of Miss Carrie Ransom's extreme illness at her home in Augusta and hope for her a speedy recovery. She, it may be remembered, is an expert trained nurse. Nurses too, have to succumb sometimes to sickness.

Mr. Milton Barker we are glad to see has come to make our neighborhood his home.

We hope Miss Emmie Lanham's entertainment was a perfect success in every respect.

Mrs. Tom McKie and Miss Adilee McKie spent Christmas at the home of Mr. L. W. Reese. Mr. L. S. Reese came up from Beech Island to spend a few days at his father's, Mr. L. D. Reese, and we suspect to see some one else.

Miss Williams, the teacher of the Moore road school, left on the 20th to visit her brother.

Miss Barker of the Gardnerville school left on the 18th for her home in Tennessee, taking with her pretty, sweet little Beatrice Stevens to spend the holidays and have a good time, which we are sure she will have. But we do feel so sorry for one lonely heart left behind. We are afraid he has not had a joyous Christmas.

Mr. Ernest Cogburn we hear, moved last week up to the Floyd place on the Moore road.

The season is at hand for changes. Mr. Ivy DeLaughter we hear will move over to the pine woods, Mr. Adams' place, to try and dodge the chills. We also hear Mrs. Lilly DeLaughter will move back to her own place near the river over in "the corner." Mr. Bess Thurmond will move up in the Red Oak Grove section pretty soon.

We are glad to hear Mrs. McKie Scott is able to leave the hospital in Augusta and has come to Mr. Hugh Scott, Jr., in North Augusta and hope she may soon be well and strong.

Wishing every one a happy new year.

Hardy's.

JOHNSTON LETTER.

Beautiful Tribute to Mrs. J. H. Allen. Week of Prayer Observed. Golden Wedding Celebrations.

To those of us, her relatives and friends who knew and loved her, the death of Mrs. J. Horde Allen of Edgefield, is a keen sorrow and to the memory of this sweet sainted spirit, we would place a wreath of immortelles. The world is better for such a life, pure, sweet and guileless—a woman of character and gentle force, ruling always by love—she drew and held friends by the magnet of unselfish love. She embodied all, in the loving wife, the tender mother, the dutiful daughter and affectionate sister, the sincere Christian, the kind and sympathizing friend. In all her life she was never known to speak unkindly and her gentle influence will be missed by all, and beyond words in the home where she meant so much. "Many rise up to call her blessed." The mound of flowers that covered her grave, stood as a mute symbol of affection in which she was held. With boundless trust, faith, pure and clear, she now rests within the bosom of her Saviour whom she loved to serve. Her death has cast a heavy pall over the lives of her dear ones, but the memory of her life should be a comfort and as a sweet fragrance in their deep sorrow. God's ways are mysterious and we can never doubt His wisdom in taking our loved ones—perhaps it is to lead us along the dreary passage. She has passed on first.

"We should not dread the voyage which is to come. Some one of our loved ones has gone first has seen it—how it is, and is waiting nearby, loving, watching. To bring us home."

Those from Johnston who attended the burial of Mrs. J. H. Allen were Mesdames M. E. Walker, A. C. Mobley, P. N. Keesee, Ollie Hamilton, M. T. Turner and O. D. Black, Mr. and Mrs. J. Lucas Walker, Dr. and Mrs. G. D. Walker, Mr. Mims Walker, Misses Frances and Bessie Ford Turner, Zena Payne, Elberta Bland, Orlena Cartledge, Mrs. J. A. Lott, Mr. and Mrs. J. W. Mobley, Mr. and Mrs. Will Ready, Mr. J. C. Lewis, Mr. W. P. Cassells.

The women of the Baptist church are observing this week as a special week of prayer for foreign missions.

The Baptist choir will at an early date begin practicing a cantata which will be had in the church auditorium.

The town of Johnston is named for Capt. Johnston conductor of the train passing on this line when the town came into existence. A few weeks ago upon the death of Capt. Johnston's daughter, Mrs. Andrews, of North Carolina, it was found in her will that she had left \$500 to this town, this to be used for a drinking fountain, and her request was that South Carolina granite be used in the construction. The gift is greatly appreciated by the town and in accepting it, her wishes will be carried out as near as possible.

The first Sunday of the new year the Baptist Sunday school started out with 215 in attendance and a collection of \$7.12.

Christmas day was a very happy one for Mr. and Mrs. Owington S. Wertz, and others besides, for on this day they passed the fiftieth mile stone of their married life. They had with them on this occasion all of their children with their families. These were Mesdames Taylor Goodwyn of Greenwood, DeSassure Hogan of Congaree, and H. W. Crouch of this place; Messrs. Getsen, Claud and Wilber Wertz of Columbia, and Leroy Wertz of Belton. A picture of the entire family was taken. The day was brightly and merrily spent by this loving circle and all good wishes were for this couple. A regular ante-bellum wedding feast was served during the day.

Misses Bessie and Isabel Bean entertained last Wednesday evening and the younger set passed one of the pleasantest evenings of the Christmas tide. Delightful refreshments were served.

On last Wednesday Mr. Sumter Mitchel and Miss Eva Quattlebaum

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