

RAPID GROWTH

INCREASE OF POSTOFFICE BUSINESS IN TEN YEARS.

Figures That Should Entitle Orangeburg to a Handsome and Commodious Public Building.

We had something to say in our last issue in support of the effort to get an appropriation from Congress to build a Government building here for the use of the postoffice. Below we present some figures of the rapid increase in the business of the Orangeburg postoffice, which will show how badly we need a building to transact the business of the postal department at this place. The following are the gross receipts each year at the Orangeburg postoffice for the past ten years:

Table with 2 columns: Year (June 30, 1898-1908) and Amount (\$5,423.30 to \$13,000.00)

In the past ten years the gross receipts have nearly tripled, and in the next decade will show a much greater proportionate increase.

This office having been made a transfer office for the three railway offices entering Orangeburg the registry business has quadrupled in the past ten years.

The money order business is now six times greater than it was ten years ago. During the past year there were issued money orders to the amount of \$44,414.54 and \$51,257.27 money orders were paid, making a total of \$95,671.81 worth of orders issued and paid during the past year.

Up to June 1, 1907, the following were the dimensions of the building now used as a postoffice: breadth, twenty feet; length fifty-four feet. For this building the Government paid an annual rental of \$468. On the above date the Postoffice Department inaugurated a city delivery, which necessitated an addition of twelve feet to the building at an additional rental cost to the Government of \$110.

In this building, which is conceded by all to be entirely too contracted for the work of the postoffice, are employed seventeen men, distributed as follows: six in the office proper, four city carriers, five rural free delivery carriers, one special delivery messenger and one mail messenger.

The great increase in this respect can be appreciated when it is stated that ten years ago there was only \$350 allowed for clerk hire in this office. The growth of the business at the post-office shows how the city of Orangeburg has grown in the past ten years, as the growth of the city has kept pace with the growth of the postoffice. This showing certainly ought to get us a Government building.

County Medical Association. The Orangeburg County Medical Association met here Tuesday, a good number of physicians being in attendance. The following delegates were elected to the State Medical Association, which meets in Anderson: Drs. J. K. Fairley and C. I. Green; alternates, Drs. A. R. Able and D. D. Salley. Upon motion of Dr. W. R. Lowman, a committee composed of Drs. L. C. Sheut, C. I. Green and D. D. Salley, was appointed to confer with the Civic League of this city, with a view to commencing an anti-tubercular movement. At an early date the Association contemplates extending an invitation to Dr. Dawson, of Charleston to come here and deliver an address of interest to the profession and the public generally.

Deserved Compliment. We clip the following from the Baptist Courier of this week. "We were glad to see in The Courier office last week, Prof. S. R. Mellichamp, of Orangeburg. He was at one time a resident of Greenville and a teacher in Furman University, and his friends in Greenville were delighted to see him again. He is a candidate for State Superintendent of Education and the people could not elect a better man. At present he is county superintendent of Orangeburg County, which position he has filled a number of years."

Improved Telephone System. It is understood that the Bell Telephone Company is considering the matter of enlarging and improving the exchange in this city. Mr. L. Jack Oliver, superintendent of this division, was in the city the other day, accompanied by one of the electrical engineers of the company. It has not been stated what conclusion, if any, has been arrived at, but the people hope that improvements will be inaugurated in the near future.

Judge Memminger Here. Judge R. W. Memminger spent several hours Monday in the city, signing orders and hearing equity matters. This was the regular time for holding the Court of Common Pleas, but on account of a question as to the legality of the grand jury, some of whom reside in Calhoun County, the term was called off, which action will, no doubt, have the effect of congesting the docket for the next term.

Runaway on Main Street. Great excitement was caused for a few minutes Tuesday morning by a runaway horse on Main street. The horse was hitched to a wagon and the sight of the animal and vehicle dashing down the street made everybody seek cover. There was no damage except to several other vehicles with which he managed to come in contact.

WELL HANDLED FIRE.

Store on Amelia Street Partially Burned Wednesday Morning.

The alarm of fire Wednesday morning was caused by the partial burning of a store on Amelia Street near Mr. L. E. Riley's shops. When the fire department arrived the building was in full blaze, and it looked as if the building in which the fire originated, and possibly others, were doomed to destruction, but thanks to the good work of the fire department it proved otherwise. Soon five streams were on the fire and it was confined to the building in which it originated, which was only partially burned.

There were other wooden buildings near the nearest being only six feet from the burning building, but none of them caught. The fire had its origin in the rear of the building and after an examination it is the opinion of the Fire Chief that the cause was due to the work of an incendiary.

The building was the property of J. M. Culler, colored, and was valued at \$2,500 on which there was \$1,000 insurance. Culler had a stock of goods in the store amounting to the value of \$5,000 on which \$1,000 insurance was carried. A portion of the building was also occupied by Dr. H. D. Rowe, colored, whose stock of drugs was estimated to be worth \$1,500 and on this there was no insurance.

STILES R. MELLICHAMP.

What an Up Country Newspaper Says About Him.

The Greenwood Journal says: "Mr. Stiles R. Mellichamp who is a candidate for State superintendent of education spent several days at the Oregon hotel in this city, leaving for Greenville on Monday morning. While here he addressed the schools on Saturday last in the auditorium of the Magnolia street school. His address was very much appreciated."

Mr. Mellichamp is a Christian gentleman in the fullest sense of that term, and his election would be a good thing for the schools of the State as in addition to his high character he has wide experience in school management. He is a graduate of the College of Charleston; served in the Confederate Army through the war; taught; the Marine School of Charleston, private and graded schools of Orangeburg, and the Preparatory Department of Furman University; Superintendent of Education of Orangeburg County (1880-88 and 1904-08) twelve years in all to expiration of his present term; teaching and school supervision his life work.

"While in Greenwood Mr. Mellichamp met a number of our people and we are quite sure that he made a most favorable impression upon them."

AT THE THEATRE.

"We Are King" Will Appear Here This Evening.

Unquestionably one of the dramatic events of the season is Mr. William Clifford in a complete production of Mr. Walker Whiteside's greatest comedy success, "We Are King," by Lieut. Goreon Kean, King, of "The Magic Melody." Mr. Clifford and company will appear in this city on Friday night March 20th and the company selected for him by Manager A. W. Cross is said to be a most capable one. "We Are King" is replete with clever dialogue. That the scenic arrangements, costuming, rehearsals and all preliminary details received Mr. Whiteside's personal attention in New York, is a guarantee of their perfection. Both the press and public have received the production most cordially. Mr. Clifford has been greeted with crowded houses wherever he has made his appearance.

Opened Again.

The dispensaries in Calhoun County were closed on Monday by order of Governor Ansel, who took the position that there is no provision of law for their operation as dispensaries in Calhoun County, and in the absence of any express authorization for their continuance Governor Ansel takes the position that they should be closed and he so notified the Orangeburg County board. The matter was taken before the Supreme Court who ordered the dispensaries opened, and they are running full blast until the matter can be settled.

Use Plenty of Lime.

Get lime as soon as you can and sprinkle it everywhere, it will mean fewer flies and less sickness this summer. It will not do to put it off too late, use before the first crop of flies is born, and you will have fewer crops to contend with. It takes trouble, but it will save trouble, you can use the same energy that you would have to use fighting flies in the summer to get something accomplished that would add to your wealth or happiness.

Killed by Lead Pencil.

James Foster, a young white boy of Cherokee Springs, Spartanburg county died last week from blood poisoning caused by the point of a lead pencil. He was running around with a lead pencil in his mouth, and in falling the point of the lead stuck in his mouth. Parents should warn children about putting lead pencils in their mouths.

Unveil Monument.

On Sunday, March 29th, at 10:30 o'clock, A. M., at Hebron M. E. Church, near Livingston, the North Camp Wodmen of the World, will unveil a monument erected by the order over the grave of the late David J. Carson. These exercises are very impressive and are public, and it is expected that there will be a large gathering. W. D. Jeffcoat, Consul Commander.

ONLY A FEW DAYS MORE

And Then the New Postal Regulation Goes Into Effect.

April 1, 1908, is the time set by the postal authorities for the new regulations in regard to second class mail matter to go into effect. According to the provisions of this new rule we cannot send The Times and Democrat to any person who is nine months or more in arrears after the above date. If we should do so we would have to pay a heavy penalty on each paper sent out. It is the purpose of The Times and Democrat to comply strictly with this rule. So on April 1 we shall drop from our subscription list the names of all subscribers who have not paid to within less than nine months of April first. Due notice of this has been given all subscribers and they are urged to give the matter their prompt attention.

We do not want to lose a single subscriber because of this new regulation. So we urge all to look after this important matter. We would impress upon them that there remain only about ten days in which this can be attended to. Under the law we are allowed nine months in which to get subscribers to renew. So if our subscribers who are in arrears will pay us up to Jan. 1, 1908, we can carry them to Jan. 1, 1908, and by that time money will be easier. This is the very best we can do.

THE STATE LEAGUE.

Organized at Sumter Tuesday Night With Four Clubs.

At Sumter the South Carolina State League perfected final organization Tuesday night with Sumter, Orangeburg, Chester and Rock Hill composing it. Camden had a representative present and is ready to come in, but as there was no off-setting town offering, its admission will depend on such other town being secured. May 11 was set for the season to open, and 72 games to be played. Salary limit fixed at \$900, with a minimum individual salary limit of \$40; no club to carry over twelve men, including manager. Provisions were made for division of gate receipts between playing teams playing off deferred games, general admission price, ladies day, umpires, etc. The probability is that two other towns will come in.

The Orphanage Children.

The Thornwell Orphanage, Clinton, S. C., has recently completed a cottage, the funds for which were presented by Dr. J. C. Stillman, of Palestine, Texas, as a memorial to his father, Dr. James Monroe Stillman formerly of York County, South Carolina. The building is a granite structure. All the granite was donated by Dr. N. G. Long of the Long Blue Granite Quarries of Elberton, Ga. The house is complete with all modern improvements and is filling up with a family of little orphan girls under the age of ten. This building increases the number of orphan children actually under the shelter of the Thornwell Orphanage to 250. The care and education of this number of children, is of course, a heavy draft on the Presbyterians of South Carolina, Georgia and Florida, who unite in its support, but the work is a noble one and is returning both to the State and to the Church a splendid body of young people that would have otherwise grown up in ignorance. The Thornwell Orphanage was founded in 1875, being opened for the reception of children on the 1st day of October of that year. It has been wonderfully enlarged since then, till now there are 22 stone and brick buildings. Nevertheless the demands on it are much greater than ever before. It does not confine its benefits to Presbyterian children, but considers only the fact that the child is a needy and deserving orphan. Its schools are on a high grade, both literary and manual and its pupils when they leave are thoroughly able to take care of themselves. It deserves the helping hand of all generous people in this great work that it is doing so well.

Waived Preliminary.

Fletcher Hutto, for whom a warrant was sworn out some weeks back by Mrs. Julia A. Robinson for assault and various charges, has waived his preliminary hearing and has furnished bond in the sum of \$500. An effort will be made to settle the matter outside the courts, it is reported.

Reward Offered.

A reward of twenty-five dollars is offered by the City Council of Orangeburg for the apprehension and conviction of the person or persons who maliciously mutilated fire alarm box No. 31, on the night of the 13th instant, and turned in an alarm therefrom.

Safe Tampered With.

The safe in Judge Brunson's office was tampered with Tuesday night, but the would-be thieves failed to get in where there was \$200 cash and many valuable papers. It was hardly the work of professional safe crackers.

This is Election Year

This is election year and you should by all means have The Times and Democrat. So if you are in arrears, pay up before April 1, so that you will continue to get it. Or if you are a not subscribed now is the best time to become one.

Dentist Notice.

Dr. J. H. Perryclear, Dentist, will be in North, S. C., Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday, March 24, 25 and 26. Office, Plunket's Hotel.

Personal.

Miss Anabel Towers, of Anderson, S. C., is visiting at the home of Mrs. A. W. Summers, on Amelia Street.

WILL BE HUNG.

THE SUPREME COURT DECIDES AGAINST PINK FRANKLIN.

The Murderer of Constable Valentine and He Will Be Resentenced and Executed.

The State Supreme Court has sustained the lower Court in the case of Pink Franklin, the Orangeburg negro, who was convicted of the killing of H. E. Valentine, white, and sentenced to be hanged on October 25th, 1907. The case now goes down to the trial Court for Franklin to be resentenced unless his colored lawyers take an appeal to the United States Supreme Court, which, it is said, they will do.

The killing of Mr. Valentine caused quite a sensation at the time and there was fear of violence. Mr. Valentine, a constable, went to the house of Franklin to serve a warrant on July 29, 1907. The warrant charged Pink Franklin with breaking an agricultural contract, which had been made under the law since declared unconstitutional by the State Courts.

When Valentine approached the house of Franklin, the negro went inside the house and Valentine knocked on the steps. Soon afterwards a shot was fired and Valentine fell mortally wounded. The man who accompanied him, W. M. Garter, was also shot from inside the house. Franklin was also wounded and he claimed that Valentine burst into the house and fired at him before he fired at Valentine.

Franklin was represented by Jacob Moorer, of Orangeburg, and John Adams, of Columbia, both colored, and they raised much the same points that Moorer has used in contesting the election of Democratic Congressmen in this State. To-wit, that the laws of the State discriminate against negroes. Of course, there is absolutely nothing in their contentions, but the points serve to prolong the life of Franklin. Sooner or later Franklin will be hung.

SORROW IN SPRINGFIELD.

Death of Capt. W. K. Smith Brings Sadness to Many.

News of the sad death of Capt. W. K. Smith of Leesville Sunday caused genuine sorrow in many homes of this county. Capt. Smith moved to Springfield from Edgefield county in 1878, and lived there for more than 20 years. A few years ago he moved back to a point near his boyhood home where he peacefully died on Sunday in his 74th year.

Capt. Warren K. Smith was born in Edgefield county 74 years ago. His first wife, whom he married at an early age, was Miss Elizabeth DeLoach, and by her he had two sons, Milledge and Mike, both living. After the death of his first wife, Capt. Smith married Miss Frances Bodie, who with the following children survive him; James C., Joseph B., Mrs. Lula Martin, Mrs. Bettie Kirkland, Mrs. Della Kirkland, Butler Smith, Mrs. Clara Still, Mrs. Lillian Walsh, Mrs. Carrie Grady, Charlie Smith, Mrs. Hastings, Ayers, Mrs. Kate Austin.

E. M. Smith, one of his sons, and a prominent business man of Springfield, died there last summer. Capt. Smith went immediately to the front at the beginning of the war, and with Maxey Gregg and Sterling Price followed the fortunes of war through the West. He was badly wounded at the battle of Murphreesboro, Tenn.

In '76 he was with Hampton and Butler and Gary in Edgefield. Coming to Orangeburg in 1878, he immediately took up the fight and with Gen. James F. Izlar and Capt. Samuel Dibble made war on the renegades until this country was swung into the white column. At an early age Capt. Smith united himself with the Baptist church, and lived a devoted Christian life.

He was a Mason of high degree. Capt. Smith accumulated a large estate, and leaves his large family well provided for. His hand was always open to the needy and he was a friend to the poor and oppressed.

Death of Mr. D. Brady.

Mr. Derrill Brady died Sunday night at his home, about eight miles north of St. Matthew's, near the Congaree River. He has not been strong for some time, but was always up and about, and no one had heard anything of any special indisposition. Mr. Brady fought bravely throughout the civil war and the mention of that unpleasantness always brought into bold relief his strong Southern feelings. He married a Miss Bynum, of Richland County who survives him, with four sons. He was 70 years old and lived all his life in this section. He was not only a successful farmer, but took great interest in the Baptist church, of which he was a consistent member. He was a man of few words, but was the soul of honor, and enjoyed the unlimited confidence of everyone who knew him. This community regrets to lose so excellent a citizen.

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