

WOULD LIKE TO KNOW

ORANGEBURG MEDDLING IN CALHOUN AFFAIRS?

Dr. T. E. Dreher Says One's Name Was Mentioned in Connection With Courthouse and Jail.

The following communication from Dr. T. H. Dreher, the St. Matthews correspondent of The News and Courier, to the Calhoun Advance, will be read with interest. He says:

"As local correspondent of the News and Courier, I sent a report of the first day's recent court proceedings, and, among other things commented on the judge's reflections about an expensive court house and jail; and that the preceding judges had done the same thing one of whom had confessed that he was urged to do so.

For this he severely rapped the correspondent, in open court, next morning and vigorously proclaimed his own innocence. I was out of town that day but as soon as I was informed about it I sought the judge at Cain's hotel. He admitted that he had discussed the court house and jail proposition with the hotel proprietor but that he (the proprietor) had not requested him to mention it anywhere.

He (the judge) made no reference to court house and jail in his first charge to the grand jury but did do it when the grand jury returned from their room into open court. During the interval, he confessed that his memory had been "jogged" by some one. He didn't exactly say who did the "jogging" but admitted that "jogging" was done. Now, why should anybody have "jogged" his memory, if there had not been some previous understanding?

"During my interview with him, the name of a gentleman from Orangeburg was suspiciously mentioned in connection with the St. Matthews court house and jail, but he was not sufficiently specific to justify publication. I have good reasons, however, for believing that a part of the program was enacted in that city.

"Before we parted, the learned judge straightened up and said, with great emphasis: 'I was determined that you should not destroy the influence of my words on the grand jury.' In my second report I made a brief reply in the News and Courier, in order that he might make denial of my statements before he left, if he cared to do so.

"A judge, in his sovereign robes of office, has no more moral right to take advantage of his position, to humiliate a correspondent in open court and 'destroy his influence' in the community than the reporter has to destroy that of a judge—more especially when I had strong evidence against him, and he had none against me.

"I have done no more to Caesar than he shall do to Brutus."

"T. H. Dreher. Local Cor. N. and C."

We do not see why any Orangeburg man should mix up in this purely Calhoun county matter, and we think that Dr. Dreher will find that his suspicions are groundless if he will investigate the case fully.

EUTAWVILLE SCHOOL

Citizen's Meeting Decided to Build Modern Building.

A very enthusiastic citizens meeting was held at the old school building in Eutawville on Thursday p. m. The meeting was called to order by Mr. T. S. Gelzer and Mrs. J. D. Wiggins was chosen secretary. Supt. L. W. Livingston was present and stated in a few words the importance of good school in that community. At this meeting it was unanimously decided to erect at once a new and modern three-room school building. About two hundred dollars was subscribed in short order and a committee was appointed to increase this cash subscription to six hundred dollars so that six hundred dollars may be gotten from the state and county together to aid in the construction of this new building.

It is estimated that the present value of the school property and equipments is about \$800. Thus when the new building is completed and equipped it will be worth at least \$2,000. If the present plan is carried out every dollar of the cost of improvement will be paid for when the new building is completed. These good people are also at work preparing to vote on a special tax so that they may have sufficient funds to run their public school with three competent teachers for eight months each year.

Edisto River Survey.

The engineers who are to make the survey of the Edisto river for the purpose of ascertaining whether or not it can be made navigable will begin their work in about two weeks. Mr. W. L. Glover, who is at the head of the local committee, has been notified by the officials at Washington that the work is soon to begin and that the necessary material and outfit will be purchased at an early date. The mules and other things needed for the trip will be purchased in this city. Specifications as to what kind of mules the government will purchase have been received in the city and the local live stock dealers are now sending in bids for the sale of the mules.

Before the Commission.

A Columbia dispatch says the railroad commission Wednesday received plans and suggestions from the city of Orangeburg as to the improvements on the Southern Railway passenger station and the yard at the same place. The matter was taken up with the Southern.

CIVIL CASES TRIED LAST WEEK.

Calhoun County's Court of Common Pleas Finishes.

The Calhoun Advance says on Wednesday of last week the entire day was taken up with the case of Watson Holman vs. Banks and Wimberly Co. Holman sued for \$1,000 damages for the wrongful and willful holding of a mule taken under mortgage by the said company. The case went to a jury who returned a verdict in favor of the company.

A case which attracted considerable interest was Eliza and Collin Robinson vs. Pink Whaley, who was sued for \$5000 damages for roughly handling Eliza Robinson, and tearing down and taking up post which Whaley claimed was on his property, but that the Robinson's claim were on theirs. The jury being unable to agree the Judge ordered a mistrial entered.

J. H. Smoak sued the Santee River Cypress Lumber Company for \$2000 damages for injuries received while in the employ of Mr. Hodge, who it is claimed, was getting out swamp timber for the company. Last summer, while Mr. Smoak was marking certain timbers on the lumber yard, a log rolling down an incline caught him, rolling over him and considerably bruising Mr. Smoak who set up the claim of permanent injury. The company set up the claim that they had not hired Mr. Smoak, but instead, had entered into a contract with Hodge who in turn had hired Smoak and was therefore responsible for all damages, etc. Counsel for the company asked the Judge to instruct the jury as to verdict of not guilty, which he did.

In the appeal cases that came up for trial the case appealed from acting Mayor Walter Spigener in which he fined Betty Jackson \$60 for selling whiskey. The Judge held that he would sustain the mayor in his judgment, but under the circumstances, Betty being a woman he'd reduce the fine to \$30.00 until she was again convicted for a similar offense.

In the appeal coming up from Magistrate Keller, of Cameron, the decision of the Magistrate was reversed. There was two appeals that went up from Magistrate J. B. Prickett, one being the case of Jno. McClain, Jr., vs. F. S. Paulding in a claim and delivery for a horse, and one in the case of Beckham vs. Henry Francke, for obstructing public road. The Magistrate's decision in both the above cases were sustained. The appeal of Jim Buyck, convicted about two years ago of transporting whisky not having been perfected the Judge issued an order that Buyck serve his sentence of 6 months in the penitentiary.

ORANGEBURG COLLEGE CLOSING.

Fine Class of Young Men and Women Graduate This Year.

The commencement exercises of Orangeburg College ended Wednesday night with the graduating exercises, which were held at the Academy of Music. The annual address to the graduating class was delivered by the Rev. John A. Brunson, of St. Matthews. The class prophecy was read by Miss Ruth Chapman and the class history by Miss Aline Riddle.

The first and second honor medals were delivered by Prof. Stiles R. Mellichamp, professor of English. The first was won by Mr. E. M. Staley and the second by Miss Aline Riddle. The medals for the highest scholarship in the freshman, sophomore classes was won by Miss Maude Padgett, of Colleton County, and was delivered by the Rev. J. H. Wilson, D. D., pastor of the Orangeburg Lutheran Church.

The following young men and women received diplomas from the several departments: Mr. E. M. Staley, of Calhoun, and Mr. C. L. Knight, of Dorchester; Misses Aline Riddle, of Lexington; Ruth Chapman, of Spartanburg; Modena Truett, of Florence; Ena Brailsford, of Orangeburg; Cora Thompson, of Kershaw; Nora Battle, of Marion; Eunice Williams, of Lee; Annie Williams, of Lee; Mamie Bivens, of Charleston; Jessie Radcliffe, of Kershaw; Margaret Radcliffe, of Kershaw; Bessie Evans, of Orangeburg; Ammie Garrison, of York; Lizzie McKenzie, of Florence.

The commencement exercises were largely attended, there being visitors from all sections of the State. This ends the seventh year that President Peterson has been connected with the College. Prospects for the future are bright, and never in the history of the College has it had so many friends at home and abroad as it now has. An efficient faculty has been engaged for the coming session and it is expected to be the most prosperous yet.

Attentive Firemen, Citizens!

To the public:— Commencing Monday, May 29th, the fire alarm will be tested at twelve o'clock M. each day, instead of ringing in twelve taps on the bell, one of the fire alarm boxes will be rung in. This will be continued from day to day until all the boxes have been examined.

The City has recently installed two additional boxes: No. 21—South Middleton Street, opposite Opera House. No. 43—East Sellers Avenue, opposite Graded School.

I would suggest that citizens having Fire Cards write these numbers on their cards. T. O. S. Dibble, Chief, Orangeburg Fire Department.

Death of a Little Child.

Hampton, Dukes Rhodes, the three-year-old son of Mr. and Mrs. G. E. Rhodes, died Thursday morning at an early hour, after a long lingering illness. The funeral services were held at the home on Ellis avenue Friday morning at 9:30 o'clock. Burial took place at Sunnyside cemetery.

DOINGS OF SOCIETY.

Banquet of Graduating Class of High School a Success.

The banquet of the graduating class of the Orangeburg High School which was held at the St. Joseph Hotel Thursday night was a complete success in every particular. A very tempting menu was prepared by Mr. Reeves of the hotel and after the banquet the young folks went into the broad verandas and spent the time pleasantly until midnight. Several vocal selections were rendered and the whole class joined in numerous songs. Those present were the members of the graduating class only, and this class is composed of the following:

Misses Pet Brunson, Lurline Crum, Mary Lou Dibble, Mary C. Dibble, Lila Dukes, Edna Etheridge, Pansy Edwin, Blanche Edwin, Kathryn Josey, Lalla Kennedy, Claire Lowman, Ethel Hoffman, Bessie Murphy, Rosamond Lane, Annie Pearson, Frances Rodrigues, Georgia Sims, Grace Wilkes, Susan Sutherland, Lou Ella Westberry and Lucile Davis. Messrs. William Bates, Jack Bryant, James Byers, Edward Blackman, Alexander Herbert, John Harley, Chester Reeves, Robert Reeves, Lawrence Sturkie, Robert Smith, Wesley Summers, John Riley, Dibble Rickenbaker, Julian Wolfe, and Holiday Verdery.

In honor of Miss Felicia Tiecher, Miss Davis and Mr. Tiecher, of Sumter, Miss Isadore Tiecher entertained at the Orangeburg Hotel Wednesday evening. Hearts were played. The pleasure of the evening was augmented with instrumental and vocal musical selections. The ladies prize, a dainty gauze fan, was won by Mrs. Atticus Marchant, and the gentleman's prize fell to Mr. Lewis Wannamaker. Ice course was served.

Miss Tiecher's guests were Mr. and Mrs. John Cart, Mr. and Mrs. W. G. Smith, Mr. and Mrs. J. A. Berry, Mr. and Mrs. Louis Gelzer, Mr. and Mrs. Atticus Marchant, Mr. and Mrs. R. and Mrs. W. S. Holmes, Mr. and Mrs. Reeves, Mrs. S. Lanning, Mrs. Glover, Mrs. Bultman, Misses Eva Mackay, Hattie Zeigler, Mattie Zeigler, Lightsey, Davis, Pauline Cart, Ola Adams, Lella Marchant, Georgia Culler, Mazie Slater, Estelle Cannon, also Messrs. Lewis Wannamaker, Tiecher, Wm. Inabinet, Adam Cherry, Arthur Walker and Paschal Albert.

PROVED A GRAND SUCCESS.

The Automobile Hill Climbing Contest Witnessed by Many.

The first hill climbing contest held by the Orangeburg Automobile Association on Thursday afternoon proved a grand success, and was enjoyed by a large number of people. It is estimated that at least 2,000 people lined west Russell street, the route of the races. The course was carefully policed and no accident occurred. The races started at six o'clock and continued until seven o'clock, when the street was thrown open to the traffic.

The distance of the course was a little over one-half mile and the hill traversed was a long steep one. The street was in fair condition, but was a little rough in places. The following is the result of the contest:

Class A—G. A. Maxwell Roadster, entered by Culler & Salley, driven by C. R. Culler, 47 2-5 seconds; Model 21 Buick, entered by U. Bennett, driven by Geo. Salley, 49 2-5; Marmon, entered and driven by R. F. Dukes, 55 seconds.

Class B—Overland No. 49, Benton Bell driver, 46 2-5 seconds; Model 27 Buick, driven by Geo. Salley, 52 seconds; Oakland, driven by Earnest Ritter, 54 seconds; Model 10 Buick, driven by Frank Seignious, 56 seconds; Ford, Dr. S. C. Bolin driver, this car didn't finish.

Class C—Benton Bell, Maxwell, one minute, 36 seconds; R. D. McMichael, Buick, one minute, 7-2-5 seconds.

Free-for-all—Dr. S. C. Bolin, Ford, 42 1-5 seconds; C. R. Uller, Maxwell, 47 seconds; Frank Seignious, Buick, 56 2-5 seconds. There were several other entries in this race but the crowd on the course prevented the others from making the race.

The next auto races will be on July 4th over the same course and there will be \$400 in cash prizes to be awarded to the winners. Many out-of-town cars will be here on that day and some good time is going to be made by the winner.

Rucker Will Recover.

Clarence Rucker, the wealthy cotton planter of the Swansea section, who was shot by Bernie Reeder, a tenant on his plantation, as the result of which Rucker lost a leg, is getting along well, and will soon be able to be out on crutches, it is said. Reeder is out on bond for his appearance at the June term of Court. It is rumored that Reeder will indict Rucker should the latter push his case against him, it being claimed that Rucker fired at Reeder and also struck him in the face. Both of the men are prominently connected and have their friends.

Can Tie to Him.

The Florence Times says Mr. J. W. Smoak, of Orangeburg, has entered the plumbing field in that city, and has already secured several contracts. Mr. J. W. Mason is in charge of the branch over in Florence. The Times and Democrat takes pleasure in commending Mr. Smoak, as well as Mr. Mason, to the good people of Florence. Mr. Smoak is not only an up-to-date, reliable plumber, but he carries on one of the largest hardware businesses in the State. Any work given his firm will be done in the best style of the plumber's art.

A GOOD MAN PASSES.

Death of Dr. H. N. Fair, of St. Matthews on Wednesday.

The Calhoun Advance, published at St. Matthews, says "the grim reaper death has again invaded the ranks of good citizenship. Dr. H. N. Fair died Wednesday at 2:30 at his home on West Bridge street, in the 61st year of his age. He had been in failing health for a number of years but with a pleasant smile, cheerful and hopeful he would always look upon the bright side, bearing his infirmities without a murmur.

"In the death of Doctor Fair the town has lost an honest upright citizen, the church a devout christian and his family a devoted husband and father. He has since 1875 conducted a prosperous drug business at this place and was widely and well known for his uprightness of character, coupled with a genial disposition which made him popular and secured for him many fast friends.

"Dr. Fair held the position as postmaster here under several administrations and gave entire satisfaction to the people, always a leader in the educational affairs of the town and community, holding the position of trustee of the school here for many years and we can look back into the past and see the imprint of that faithful service upon the growth and future of our school. As mayor of the town, which position he held for many years, he was known as a fearless conscientious official, of whom the lawbreakers were always aware, and in this position he was ever on the alert to do something for the betterment of the town and community.

"He was Master of Izlar Masonic lodge here and will be laid to rest by the order today. He was a faithful and consistent member of the Methodist church. He leaves to mourn his death, besides a host of friends and relatives, a widow, four sons, H. W. Fair, of Columbia, J. H. W. M. and J. C. Fair and an only daughter, Miss Mamie, of this place. "To his family we extend the earnest sympathy of the Advance family."

LIST OF LETTERS.

Those Remaining Unclaimed in the Orangeburg Post Office.

The following is the list of letters remaining unclaimed in the Orangeburg Post Office for the week ending May 23rd, 1911. Persons calling for same will please say that they are "advertised."

- A. D. Webster, P. M. James Bragdon. C. D. Brown. Purtean Brown. Lessie Colter. Minnie Colter. Loviser Disher. Mrs. Mattie Elkins. Louise Elmore. David Fritz. J. H. Gleaton. Della Govan. Judson Gunter. Russell Hamell. Lella Hillson. Paul Jones. Henry Lang. L. B. Miller. John S. Morgan. Lottie Osborn. Rosiner Owens. Rosa Randolph. Lella Sands. Robert Lee Sears. Albert Shiry. Alice Simmons. Mrs. Annie R. Stevens. Frank T. Warren (3). Martha Whitfield. Clarence Williams. Mae Williams. L. W. Wright. Rev. Harry Van. Madam Zazell.

WILL NOT BE IN RACE.

Mayor Dukes So States in Card Published Below.

Editor Times and Democrat: Having sometime ago announced that I was not then prepared to say definitely whether I would seek reelection to the office of mayor this fall, feel that I should now inform my friends that I have decided not to be a candidate for reelection.

In making this announcement I wish to acknowledge the many offers of support that have come from my friends of the city and so express my appreciation of the same as well as to return my thanks to all who have in the past so generously contributed their influence in my behalf and always insuring the success of my candidacy.

Pledging my best efforts for the advancement of the interests of our city, I am, very truly yours, J. W. H. Dukes.

Getting to Be Serious.

Orangeburg County generally, but especially the section around the city of Orangeburg, is suffering terribly for the want of rain. The crops that are up have been growing nicely, but the farmers have very poor cotton stands, the seed being unable to come up owing to the drought. The corn as a whole is fairly good, but needs rain. The oats crop is short in this country, but what has been made is now being harvested. The need of rain is getting to be a serious matter.

City Gets Postal Bank.

A Washington dispatch says fifty additional postal depositories were designated Wednesday by Postmaster General Hitchcock. The new offices named will begin operations June 25, 1911. Among them are Lake Charles, La.; Clarksdale, Miss.; Orangeburg, S. C.; Goldsboro, N. C.; Murfreesboro, Tenn., and Pulaski, Va.

LOCAL NEWS ITEMS

PICKED UP ALL OVER TOWN BY OUR REPORTERS.

What Is Happening Here and There.

Local Items of Personal Interest to Our Readers.

Mrs. Ola Adams, who has been visiting her sister, Mrs. W. S. Holmes, has returned to her home. It is estimated that at least forty per cent. of the cotton crop of this county has not yet come up. Capt. and Mrs. Oscar Stern, of the American Salvation Army, are in the city of professional business. Congressman Byrnes will have an examination at Blackville June 3 to select an appointee to a vacancy at Annapolis.

At twelve o'clock each day the chief of the fire department will ring in one fire box. This is done to test the alarm system. Complaint of poor stands of cotton is general and the acreage of cotton that has been plowed up and replanted is greater this year than for many years. The farmers who planted cotton early as a rule have fine stands, the crop has been chopped out, is free of grass and in excellent condition, although rain is now needed.

The city has recently installed two additional fire alarm boxes as follows, No. 21, South Middleton St., opposite Opera House, and No. 43, East Sellers Avenue, opposite Graded School.

Mr. Thomas J. Murray, of St. George, died at his home in that town on last Saturday afternoon, in the 54th year of his age. He was of the most prominent citizens of St. George. Two or three hogs were hurt and one was killed, during the automobile races on Thursday afternoon. The machines were running so fast the poor animals could not get out of the way.

The Times and Democrat has cut out most of the medicine advertisements because they refuse to pay the price that other advertisers pay, which they will have to do before they get back. Jeff Baker, a strange colored man, managed to get himself on the chain gang for 60 days and docketed at the magistrate's office for a case of highway robbery, in a few days after reaching the city.

A dispatch was sent out of Atlanta telling of a lady of that city who spent \$30 to talk with her pet parrot over the long distance telephone from Cincinnati. How such people escape the foolkiller is a mystery.

A son of Charles Adams, colored, was drowned in the Edisto river below Branchville while bathing one day last week. The body was recovered on Sunday morning and an inquest was held, the verdict being that the boy came to his death by accidental drowning.

The Sumter Item says the Penn Lumber company has secured thirty Russian immigrants to work for them on account of the trouble which has been had lately in getting negro laborers. The Russians came in Saturday and were sent down to the swamp to cut stocks.

We are indebted to Mr. William W. Holman, of the graduating class for an invitation to the commencement exercises of the St. Matthews High School, which takes place on Tuesday and Wednesday evenings of next week. A fine class of nine boys and girls will finish at the school this year. The invitation is very handsomely gotten up.

Rev. C. R. Galphin, colored, presiding elder of the Charleston district of the Colored Methodist Episcopal Church of America, is in this city soliciting funds, with which to erect a church in this city. Rev. Galphin has the endorsement of Presiding Elder Smith and also of Mr. Andrew C. Dibble, superintendent of the local Methodist Sunday school.

Farmers' Bulletin No. 375, which treats of care of food in the home, is prepared by Mrs. Henry Hinman Abel. It has many valuable suggestions. Any housekeeper may secure a copy by writing a postal card to the secretary of agriculture, division of publications, Washington, D. C. While writing order Nos. 241, 250, 345, 359 and 369. You will find all these full of such information as you need.

Call to Rural Carriers.

There will be a meeting of the Rural Carriers of Orangeburg and Calhoun counties on Tuesday, May 30, 1911. Meeting at the Court house. At this meeting the annual election of officers and election of delegates to State convention at Florence, S. C. 4 and 5 of July, 1911. All carriers and substitutes are cordially requested to be present. By order of D. C. Hayden, president.

Still Badly Needed.

It looks like it is almost impossible to get any rain in some sections of the county. We have plenty of cloudy days, but when it comes to rain, that is another matter. There was a slight drizzle yesterday morning, and we hope before it clears up there will be copious showers wherever they are needed.

Train Was Rocked.

A missile was thrown through the window of Southern passenger train No. 17, running from Branchville to Augusta, when the train was entering Blackville Wednesday night. A lady passenger was struck and slightly injured. No clue to the identity of the culprit was obtainable, but the authorities hope to run him down.

Record of the Oldest Policy

The Oldest Policy now on the books of The Mutual Benefit Life Insurance Co., No 795, was issued on January 21, 1846, to Joseph L. Winslow (at age 15.) of Portland, Maine, on the Ordinary Life Plan, for \$3,500, at an annual premium of \$54.60. All dividends have been used to reduce the yearly cost.

Premiums for 66 years have amounted to \$3,603.60 Mr. Winslow has received dividends amounting to \$2,236.16 Making net outlay for 66 years only \$1,367.44

This is, the average yearly cost per thousand has been only \$5.92. The cost in 1911 is only \$1.37, or \$3.99 per \$1000.

The Company would now loan on the policy \$3,041.57, although the policy as originally written contained no loan or non-foreiture features.

By the payment this year of the small sum of \$1.37 the cash and loan values were increased \$45.19.

This is indeed a great record, and one of which no other company can boast. If you are thinking of giving to your wife and children the protection that they need it would be well for you to look into the policy contracts of the Old Mutual Benefit Life Insurance Company.

SEE L. G. SOUTHARD DISTRICT MANAGER, ORANGEBURG, S. C.

Dear Friend: If you want to get some dried fish for dinner tell your mamma that we had some to-day for dinner. How many kinds of dried fish do you think there are? Codfish, Fish Flakes and Fish Roe. Some fish are wet fish, like mackerel and Pickle Salmon. Your friend, JACOB. P. S.—You can get dried fish or wet fish at CRAIG'S PURE FOOD STORE.

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