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THREE NEGROES LYNCHED.

This Also Happened Close to the Famous Reel Foot Lake in the State of Tennessee.

Union City, Tenn., Nov. 24.—The little town of Tiptonville, bordering on Reelfoot lake, which has been the scene of many stirring incidents the past month, witnessed the lynching late this afternoon of three negroes who were arrested this morning for murdering Special Deputy Sheriff Richard Jurruss and fatally wounding John Hall, a deputy sheriff.

The negroes' names are: Marshall Stinebeck, Edward Stinebeck, Jim Stinebeck.

These brothers created a disturbance at a religious meeting near Tiptonville Saturday night and when the two officers attempted to arrest them a fight ensued in which the negroes came out victorious and made their escape.

It was barely daylight Sunday morning before a posse of citizens from Tiptonville and the surrounding country were in pursuit of the negroes, but they successfully fought the white men until 8 o'clock this morning when they were surrounded and captured in a little swamp near the village of Ridgely. The vicinity is known as the Old River Bed cane-brake and it is a difficult matter to trace man or beast through its tangles. Once captured, however, the negroes, covered by a hundred guns, quickly landed in jail at Tiptonville. The negroes when arrested had two guns in their possession, but had run out of ammunition.

Large Crowd Gathers.

The news of their capture spread rapidly to the surrounding territory

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vised by telephone of the situation and ordered a company of militia in this city to proceed with all haste to secure the negroes and conduct them to a place of safety. The troops were started at once, but failed to arrive in time to prevent the lynching.

At the trial only the evidence of those who had seen the killing was heard and in an incredibly short time the case was given the jury, who in a few minutes returned a verdict of guilty and fixed the penalty at death.

The sentence had barely been passed on the three negroes when the mob, with a whoop and a yell, swamped into the court room and seized the negroes, rushed them to a large tree near the edge of town and hanged them, firing volley after volley into the air as the bodies were drawn up from the earth.

ST. JOHN'S CENTENNIAL.

Held on Tuesday—Large Crowd—Excellent Addresses—An Historic Old Church.

Something like a thousand people attended the centennial celebration of St. John's Lutheran church on Tuesday, November 24th. It was indeed a pleasant and profitable occasion and one likely long to be remembered by even the youngest who were there, for these occasions live in the lives of people and are handed down from one generation to another, and for this reason as well as for the sake of the long life of the church and the pleasant and hallowed memories clustering around it, it was well to mark with fitting ceremonies this important milestone in this history of Lutheranism in this section of the State.

It was a matter of great regret to the editor of The Herald and News

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Thanksgiving Proclamation.

Availing myself of the beautiful custom established many years ago and endorsed by the good people of the country, I, M. F. Ansel, Governor of the State of South Carolina, do hereby designate and appoint THURSDAY, THE 26th DAY OF NOVEMBER, A. D. 1908, as a day of general Thanksgiving.

The State of South Carolina has many things to be thankful for during the past year. While the great rainfall and high waters of August last brought devastation to numerous farms, and also the loss of several lives, thereby bringing sadness and mourning to many, yet we should be thankful for the manifold blessings we have received at the hand of the Giver of all good.

We have enjoyed the peace and liberty guaranteed by the Constitution; there has been no visitation of famine and pestilence, and our fields have produced a reasonable harvest. In educational and moral advancement, our Commonwealth has made splendid progress and there has been an awakening in the public conscience which points to the dawn of a better day. Whatever else may be said no one can gainsay that the ideals of citizenship have been raised, that there is greater respect for law, that human kindness is more manifest and that goodness has outweighed evil.

LET ALL THE PEOPLE, THEREFORE, Lay aside for this one day their usual vocations, assemble in their houses of worship as well as in their homes and give thanks to God for His many tokens of love and kindness to us as a people and as a State. Let us also on this day remember the poor and the distressed in our midst, the several orphanages that are caring for the fatherless and motherless little ones, that our gifts and words of cheer may bring sunshine and happiness to all of these.

Let us further invoke the Lord of Hosts to grant unto us, through the coming years, a continuance of His blessings and beseech Divine guidance for us as a people and as a State for all future time.

GIVEN UNDER MY HAND AND THE GREAT SEAL of the State of South Carolina, at the Capitol in the city of Columbia, this 14th day of November, 1908, and of the Independence of the United States the one hundred and thirty-third.

By the Governor:

R. M. McCOWN,
Secretary of State.

M. F. ANSEL,
Governor.

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THE NEWS OF PROSPERITY.

Lecture on Friday Evening—Palmetto Club Elects Officers—Other Matters.

Prosperity, Nov. 25.—Mrs. Lizzie DeWalt is spending a month with her sister, Mrs. Mitchell, at Saluda.

Mrs. Hattie Stoudemire, of Little Mountain, spent last week at Mrs. Jno Sease's.

Miss Hattie Groseclose made a week-end visit to her parents at Leesville.

Mrs. Livingston has returned to her home at Chappells.

Miss Mamie Simpson has gone to Clinton to spend Thanksgiving.

Mrs. G. Y. Hunter and little Myra have gone to Clemson College to spend Thanksgiving day.

Next Sunday evening there will be a public missionary meeting at Grace church. You are invited.

Mr. Forest Bedenbaugh, who has been with the Prosperity Drug Co. for several years, has accepted a position in Columbia with the Union Drug Co.

At the Auditorium on Friday evening there will be a treat in the shape and length of a lecture by Rev. C. E. Weltner, of Columbia. Mr. Weltner is a lecturer, humorist, and impersonator of no small repute. Come and bring your friends. The admission will be 20c for adults and 10c for children. The lecture will begin promptly at 8.15. If you wish further information ask the school children, he is no stranger to them. The proceeds go toward a worthy cause.

Mrs. Mahon and Miss Lullie Hunt came down to spend Thanksgiving day with relatives.

We are glad to report that Miss Effie Hawkins is convalescent and will

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Mrs. M. O. J. Kreps has gone to Columbia for several days.

Mr. Vernon and Miss Mary Wheeler visited Miss Ethel Paysinger last week.

Mrs. Henry Parr visited Mrs. Pet's Wheeler last week.

Mrs. J. L. Wise has returned from visit to her sister, Mrs. Ridgell in Batesburg.

Mr. Maurice Miller visited friends in the city Sunday.

Mr. James Calmes came home for a short visit to his mother.

Mr. Walter Boland has moved his family to Georgia where he has accepted a position with the Seaboard. Mr. Boland has been for a number of years the efficient and accommodating agent of the C. N. & L. here.

Rev. Mr. DeVall, expatriate from the Transvaal made a splendid talk to Grace Sunday school last Sunday. He is spending some time here.

Mrs. A. G. Wise returned home from the Columbia hospital last Friday. All her many friends are overjoyed to have her home again. Mrs. Wise is still confined to her bed but will soon be convalescent. She still retains the service of a nurse.

Mr. Lybrand moved his family to their old home in Edgefield today. He has been manager of the Quattlebaum smithy for some time.

Mr. Wm. Foster Ruff has moved from the county and is living at the home of his father-in-law, Mr. Walter Stockman.

Little Sara Haynes, who has been in Columbia for a fortnight undergoing treatment for her eye is having serious trouble. The doctors fear they will have to remove the afflicted eye in order to save the other one. Miss Della Bowers has gone to Columbia to see her.

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and in addition to the members of the posse people began arriving by every road and soon the jail was surrounded by a mob which had no hesitancy in threatening a lynching quickly and surely. In fact, it was feared at noon that the best township people could not prevent the lynching from taking place in broad daylight.

One of the first citizens to mount the steps of the jail and make an appeal to the mob was J. T. Burnett, a well known lawyer. He recalled the recent night-rider outrages which had disgraced the vicinity. He admonished his hearers not to do anything desperate, and to let the law take its course, at the same time promising that full justice would be done the three black men. This met with a long growl of disapproval and Mr. Burnett, evidently seeing that his remarks were of no avail, pleaded with the men that if they were determined to lynch the negroes to at least wait until night had fallen.

Taylor Hall, a brother of the wounded deputy sheriff, followed Mr. Burnett. He said in effect that a postponement of the lynching until night would be satisfactory to him. The mob, however, was very restless and it was soon seen that it would be impossible to stem the tide of feeling.

Impromptu Trial Held.

As a last resort, S. J. Caldwell, a townsman, and sheriff Haynes went before Justice Lee Davis and explained the situation, telling of the menacing attitude of the crowd which thronged the street leading to the jail. Justice Davis at once agreed to open his court and at 5 o'clock, summoned a jury of 12 men and allowed the negroes after all evidence that could be adduced was heard, to be duly sentenced to death.

Meanwhile Gov. Patterson was ad-

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that he could not be present on this memorable occasion. We have long been interested in this historic old church, and not alone because of the high purposes and high ideals it has always stood for, but aside from these as a deep personal reason because the grandfather of our editor once preached from the old high pulpit with its winding stairs and the sound of his voice was once echoed to the waiting congregations of other years from the old "sounding board" above the pulpit. This "sounding board" is now being preserved in the museum at Newberry college and is a relic of by-gone days that should be carefully preserved.

The day was one of these ideal days that we have been so much blessed with this fall, and the occasion was greatly enjoyed by the many who were there.

In the morning an address was made by Rev. E. L. Lybrand, of New Brookland, S. C. His subject which he treated splendidly, was "The Lutheran Church in Europe." Mr. Lybrand called attention to the fact that in those countries in Europe in which there were the largest number of Lutherans there was also found the least number of illiterate people and the highest degree of culture. He also called attention to the fact that in Iceland, a country filled entirely with Lutherans, there were no jails. He estimated that the membership of the Lutheran church in Europe was \$5,000,000.

Following this address Rev. C. A. Freed, of Columbia, spoke on the "Lutheran Church in America." This was a most admirable address. He said that the first settlement in this country was made in the State of New York and the next one was in Pennsylvania. He also spoke of his

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tory of the first churches in the Carolinas, which was near to the time of those in New York and Pennsylvania. Since then large numbers have settled in the North and established large congregations and built large colleges and theological seminaries and are now carrying on large home and foreign missionary work.

The Rev. R. A. Yoder, D. D., of Lincolnton, N. C., gave a most interesting account and history of the Tennessee Synod in the Lutheran church from its separation from the other Lutherans down to the present. He gave a minute account of the hardships and successes through which the Tennessee Synod has passed. As an illustration of the great growth of this particular Synod he made a comparison between the amount now expended by the Tennessee Synod and that amount which it expended a number of years ago. He also spoke of the benefit fund for education of young men for the ministry and he showed how little of the \$10,000 which was expended in this way had ever been paid back to the church.

After this address dinner was served on the grounds. Dr. O. B. Mayer, who told us of the proceedings up to and through this particular feature of the exercises, said "too much cannot be said in praise of this picnic dinner. There was everything one could wish and it was in the greatest abundance." It was served out of doors under the trees and was in true picnic style, and the many delicious and substantial dainties brought together by the good housewives of this community, famous for their cooking were appreciated and enjoyed.

Dr. Mayer was obliged to leave for Newberry just after dinner and we were not able to get a very full report of the addresses delivered in the

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afternoon.

However, that of Hon. D. Frank Efrid, of Lexington, was of much interest to all gathered to listen to it. Mr. Efrid is quite a favorite in this community and it was a pleasure to have him present. There was also a splendid address by Rev. Mr. Ballentine, of Little Mountain. All the speakers did well and measured up to the auspicious occasion.

St. John's is one of the oldest churches in this community. The original church was built of logs and as before mentioned had a very high pulpit reached by winding stairs and a "sounding board" behind it.

There are many prominent Newberry families who have come from the community surrounding this old church, whose grandfathers and great grandfathers attended services here and were guided and influenced in the conduct of their lives by the preaching of the gospel from this time-honored pulpit. Among these are the Houseals, Ruffs, Counts, Cromers, Summers, and Mayers and doubtless others.

While Newberry county cannot claim St. John's church, as it is located on Broad river near Hope station on the Southern railroad, on the Lexington line, yet this county lays claim to many of the legends and shares in the proud and honored history of this old church and its congregation in the Dutch Fork.

By order of the council the congregation consisting of the membership of Colony church is requested to meet at the church on Sunday next at two p. m. and we trust there will be a full meeting of the membership present as there are matters of importance to consider pertaining to the welfare of the church.

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soon be out again.

The friends of Mr. and Mrs. Morris were saddened to hear Saturday morning that their infant son had passed to the bright beyond. He had been a patient sufferer from meningitis for ten days or more. Serawil Hall was a bright, interesting child, about 6 months of age. We sympathize deeply with these sorrowing friends yet we can but feel that this pure little bud has been transplanted in the King's garden there to grow more perfect and more beautiful than is possible here.

Mrs. Morris' mother, Mrs. Rawl and sisters and brothers, of Lykesland, all came up for the funeral. Mrs. Morris and little Marion accompanied them home Monday. They will remain at Lykesland for a week.

The Palmetto Club was highly entertained by Mrs. G. Y. Hunter on Friday afternoon. "Enoch Arden" was the poem for consideration and was thoroughly enjoyed by all. An election of officers for 1909 was held and resulted as follows:

President—Miss Nannie Simpson.
First Vice-president—Miss Lillie May Russell.

Second Vice-president—Mrs. L. C. Craig.

Secretary—Miss Erin Kohn.
Corresponding Secretary—
Treasurer—Miss Blanche Kibler.
Librarian—Miss Lena Lester.

The subject to be studied next year is "Famous Women of all Times."

Dr. L. J. Littlejohn of Paolet, spent Sunday and Monday in our town.

Mr. Clarence Craig, of Walhalla, delivered a most excellent sermon at the Baptist church Sunday afternoon. While here he was the guest of his brother, Mr. L. C. Craig.

Mrs. J. S. Hoffman of Columbia, visited Mrs. J. S. Wheeler last week.

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SCHERER FOLLOWED BY COOKE.

South Carolina Loses Another Distinguished Educator—Wofford Professor Goes to California.

The State.

Spartanburg, Nov. 24.—Dr. A. B. Cooke, has resigned the chairs of German and French at Wofford college to accept the chair of modern languages at Throop college, Pasadena, Cal., the college which recently elected Dr. Jas. A. B. Scherer, of Newberry, president.

Dr. Cooke will leave Spartanburg the latter part of December and will begin his duties in his new field January 1. It is understood that Dr. Cooke's successor has been practically determined upon by the Wofford authorities, but his name is for the time being withheld.

The soda fountain clerk was engaged in vigorously shaking up a chocolate and egg, when suddenly the glass broke in his hands and the ensuing deluge made him look like a human eclair. The horrified customer leaned over the counter, trying to be sympathetic. Not knowing exactly what to say, he finally blurted out consolingly:

"Oh!—er—too bad—did the glass break?" Dripping chocolate from head to foot the clerk looked at him wretchedly. "Did the glass break?" he roared. "Did the glass break, eh?" And then, with freezing sarcasm: "Oh, no—not at all, not at all. You just happened to step in while I was taking my morning shower."—Bellamn.