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WHITMIRE CHARMINGLY GAY DURING CHRISTMAS

DELIGHTFUL SOCIAL AFFAIRS MARK THE HOLIDAYS.

Big Cotton Deal.—Odd Fellows' Lodge Organized.—Other Items of Interest.

Whitmire, Dec. 19.—Mr. and Mrs. Z. H. Suber spent several days of last week in Columbia. Mr. Suber went down to attend the South Atlantic States Corn exposition.

The Glenn Lowry company made a large cotton deal last week when they sold 600 bales of cotton through the firm of Cooper and Griffin, of Greenville.

Mr. and Mrs. F. H. Burns gave a pleasant "at home" at their residence in Main street one night last week. Messrs. Sam Young, Clough Rice and Claude Stone and Miss Lena Young and Kate Hargrove were the favored few. Mr. and Mrs. Burns delight in making the young people happy. Delightful refreshments of hot chocolate and cake were served.

Mr. H. V. Taylor, of Clinton, was in town Friday.

Mr. S. F. Taylor and Miss Bessie Dillard, after a pleasant visit to friends at the Finney hotel, have returned to Clinton.

Mrs. Woosley, who has been the popular milliner for the Glenn Lowry company store, for two seasons, has returned to her home in Baltimore.

Mr. J. M. Major spent the week-end with Mrs. Major and the children at his home here.

Miss Mattie Duncan, one of our most charming young ladies, has returned from a visit to her many friends in the Sardis and Odell neighborhoods. Many hearts are sad when Miss Mattie is out of Whitmire.

Mr. and Mrs. Will Duncan and children, Misses Nenie and Emmie and Master Joe, and Miss Drucy Smith spent a day recently at Mr. David Duncan's.

We are glad to state that Otis, the infant son of Mr. and Mrs. David Duncan, who has been sick so long, is improving. Mr. and Mrs. Duncan have the sympathy of every one in the community, and all are anxiously awaiting the time when the little sufferer will be restored to health.

Messrs. John William, and James Scott, spent the Sabbath in Whitmire and worshipped with the congregation at the Methodist church.

Miss Ida Brannon, who for so many years was a popular saleswoman for the Glenn Lowry company store, is here until after the Christmas holidays. Miss Brannon has been working this season as a milliner in Atlanta. She is spending a few days with Mrs. J. M. Major, but will visit other friends and relatives here.

Mr. and Mrs. S. H. Batson and family left Saturday for their new home in Georgia.

Mrs. Maud McCarley is visiting friends and relatives in Union.

Miss Mauldin Graham, of Columbia, who is so pleasantly remembered by the younger set here, came today to spend Christmas week with her aunt, Mrs. Jas. D. Tidmarsh.

Mrs. A. M. Watson and little daughter, Rebecca, leave tomorrow to spend the holidays with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Felder, in Bamberg.

Mr. and Mrs. R. M. Duckett gave a party to the younger set in honor of Miss Ray Duckett at their home in North Main street last Thursday evening. The following young persons attended: Messrs. Coleman Gary, Miles Wright, Ramond Abrams, Otis Suber and James Scott, and Misses Margaret and Kathleen Meyers, Mabel and Gladys McCarley and Birdie Sims. One of the pleasant features of the evening's entertainment was a guessing contest to be answered with letters of the alphabet; thus: containing nothing? Answer M. T. Insect? Answer Z. Behold? Answer C. Indefinite Quantity? Answer N. E. And so on. Mr. O'Leaman Gary and Miss Ray Duckett won the prize which was a splendid box of writing paper tied with holly ribbon. The house was tastefully decorated in holly and white. Delicious refreshments of

fruit jelatine, whipped cream and maraschino cherries and cake were served. Only those who have passed this age can realize how this, the first, party was enjoyed.

Dr. J. J. Killingworth, of Columbia; Special District Deputy Hardin, of Chester, and Dr. J. K. P. Neathery, editor and proprietor of the South Carolina Odd Fellow were here Saturday and organized an Odd Fellow's lodge, with a membership of twenty-one.

The following officers were elected: Noble Grand—R. Shackelford. Vice Grand—J. L. Evans. Secretary—W. W. M. Whitener. Treasurer—J. P. Bishop. The new lodge is Whitmire, No. 152. Nita.

FORMER SEMINOLE OFFICERS PLEAD FOR CLEMENCY

Columbia, Dec. 20.—In prison garb John Garlington and his cousin, Jas. Stobo Young, Laurens men, serving sentences of three years and one year respectively, for wrecking the Seminole Securities company and converting to their own use \$52,000 of that concern's funds, appeared before Governor Blease today, with their attorneys and several friends and in the presence of these and of newspaper men made a powerful plea for executive clemency.

Affidavits were presented from nine of the trial jurors, saying they believed the men to have been sufficiently humiliated to punish whatever crime they may have committed and urging clemency.

Christie Benet, of Columbia, and Albert Todd, of Laurens, as attorneys for the prisoners, argued that the men had not been given a fair trial. Governor Blease said he had received a letter from another attorney, which might strongly influence his ultimate decision. This letter's contents he did not reveal.

The governor did not commit himself, but his general attitude so impressed the newspaper men present that they would not be at all surprised to see pardons or paroles issued shortly, perhaps in time to constitute Christmas presents.

Governor Blease's reply, granting the request of Christie Benet for an audience for Garlington and Young is in part as follows:

Dear Sir: I am in receipt of your letter of this morning.

It is quite unusual, as I am informed, for the governor of the State after conviction and commitment to the penitentiary, for the service of a sentence, to allow or have a party so convicted and committed to be brought from the penitentiary to make personal appeal to the executive for clemency. But, according to custom well recognized and enforced, such appeals and presentation are made by written communications and through petitions by friends. I have never been adverse to hearing the personal appeals to me for clemency, in the exercise of my duties as governor or to shut off any avenue to those confined in the penitentiary to appeals to me for mercy in the enforcement of the laws of the State or in the exercise of the powers of my office. . . I shall never shirk my duty in this respect by evasion or shutting my ear to the appeal of those who have been shut within the walls of our penal institution, and thus deprived of personal access to my office. For this reason, whatever may be the practice or custom alluded to I shall hear your clients in full and give due consideration to their appeal, as the laws require me to do, and as the dictates of my conscience as a public officer demands. After hearing them, as above stated, I will give to what they say, grave and careful consideration.

Also Might be "Run In."

In days of old when for a look Men rapiers drew, One had to be upon his guard Or be run through.

These modern times no sword one fears;

But still the rover Has got to be upon his guard Or be run over.

—Boston Transcript.

LUTHERAN BOARD SELLS BUILDING

Valuable Property on Main Street in Columbia, Brings \$80,000.

Columbia State, 21st.

One of the most significant real estate transactions of recent months in Columbia was completed yesterday, when the Lutheran Board of Publication sold its Main street lot and building to the Carolina Insurance and Casualty company for \$80,000, there being a large cash consideration in the transaction.

A significant feature in the transaction is that it means a continued improvement of property for the use of the Lutheran Board of Publication and the Carolina Insurance and Casualty company.

When seen yesterday in regard to the transaction, Rev. W. H. Greever, manager of the Lutheran Board of Publication, stated that the action of the board was but another step in the execution of the plans which have been under consideration for some time. Since the board acquired its lot on Sumter street, adjoining its Main street lot, it has been its purpose at an opportune time to erect its permanent publication building on Sumter street. This probability was kept in mind when the board erected its printing house last year on the rear end of the Sumter street lot.

New Building Planned.

Dr. Greever stated that, as manager of the board, he was instructed at the meeting yesterday to begin preliminary investigation at once, looking to the erection of a new building on Sumter street. When the board adjourned it decided to meet on call to hear the report on the result of investigations of plans for the new building.

The board is in a position to erect a handsome building on Sumter street, free from all indebtedness, and to enlarge its important work on the basis of an adequate operating capital. Dr. Greever said that the board regards itself as fortunate in this move and feels that it has taken the greatest forward step in its history. The Main street lot, on which the handsome building was erected, was acquired in 1906 by private parties in the interest of the Lutheran church and later transferred to the Lutheran Board of Publication at the original purchase price of \$14,000. The lot has a frontage of 43 feet and a depth of 208 feet. The building is a three-story brick structure with a front of Indiana sandstone.

When Dr. Greever was asked his opinion about the transaction, he stated that he received a great deal of personal satisfaction out of two facts connected with it, first, that there is no speculative element in the transaction, but it means enlarged and permanent improvements for Columbia. The other feature of satisfaction is that the Lutheran Board of Publication had the opportunity to show its foresight and courage by becoming a pioneer in the improvement of Sumter street, which is expected to become one of the chief business streets of Columbia.

When the officers of the Carolina Insurance and Casualty company were seen they stated that they had bought the property for their own use. They further stated that since they have had purchase of the building under consideration for some time. They have given considerable thought to the advisability of adding several stories to the building and equipping it with elevator service and steam heating plant.

The Carolina Insurance and Casualty company now occupy more than half of the second floor and they contemplate the use of an entire floor.

Officers.

The officers of the Carolina Insurance and Casualty company are P. H. Haltiwanger, president; A. H. Kohn, secretary and treasurer; A. B. Langley, general manager; Ames Haltiwanger, auditor. This company is entirely a home institution and is fully identified with the business interests of Columbia and its progress.

It is understood that the Lutheran Board of Publication will retain its present offices on the second floor until July 1, 1912.

CAPT. J. M. HUDGENS DEAD.

Aged Veteran and Magistrate at Laurens Passes Away.

Laurens, Dec. 19.—Capt. John M. Hudgens, a well-known citizen of this city, and magistrate of this township, died at his home here Sunday about noon. Capt. Hudgens had been in ill health for some time, and his death was not unexpected. The funeral services will be held at Chestnut Ridge church tomorrow afternoon. Capt. Hudgens has held his membership in this church since early life.

The deceased was 73 years of age and was one of the few surviving Confederate veterans. He served through the war and came out of the conflict with a fine record. Since 1890 he has been residing in Laurens, and during that time has held the office of magistrate.

Capt. Hudgens is survived by his wife, one brother, Mr. R. H. Hudgens; two sisters, Mrs. Dr. J. S. Wolf and Mrs. John Moore; three sons, Messrs. W. P., Ambrose and John, and four daughters, Mrs. Alice Teague, Mrs. R. Guy Smith, Mrs. Rose Power and Mrs. Broadus Hill.

Capt. Hudgens was a man greatly admired by a large circle of friends. He was of spotless character and clean of life. His death is a great loss to the city and county.

Judge Gage and the Felder Charge.

In the matter of the charge of Judge Gage to the grand jury at Newberry in the Felder case in which he stated that they must be convinced beyond a reasonable doubt of the guilt of Mr. Felder before they could find a true bill, and the fact that many of the newspapers of the State seem to doubt and question the correctness of the report made by the newspapers of this charge, the Yorkville Enquirer accepted the suggestion of The Herald and News and wrote to Judge Gage. Of course, there was never any doubt as to the correctness of the report sent out by any of the correspondents at Newberry, but it seems that some of the newspapers thought these reports were incorrect.

The following is the letter of the editor of the Enquirer to Judge Gage, and Judge Gage's reply:

In pursuance of the suggestion of The Herald and News, we have seen proper to write to Judge Gage about this matter. The correspondence is as follows:

Yorkville, S. C., Dec. 13, 1911.

Hon. G. W. Gage,

Chester, S. C.

Dear Sir: Enclosed is a clipping from the Newberry Herald and News that explains itself fully.

If your honor will pardon me, I will say that I would not think of addressing a judge on a subject like this except for the fact that I am in doubt as to the correctness of the statement of The Herald and News. In other words, while I have no doubt as to the motive of that paper, I think it must be mistaken.

According to my understanding of the duty and power of a grand jury, it is the business of that body merely to make sufficient inquiry to satisfy itself as to whether there is probable guilt, and it is up to the petit jury to decide whether guilt has been established beyond a reasonable doubt.

I have seen it stated that your honor told this grand jury that if it saw proper to do so, in the belief that its action was for the public good it could throw the case out, regardless of the proof, and the correctness of this position I can understand and appreciate.

If it is the pleasure of your honor to straighten out the matter in dispute between the Enquirer and the Newberry Herald and News, the kindness will be very much appreciated. I am very truly,

W. D. Grist,

Editor Yorkville Enquirer.

Chester, S. C., Dec. 14, 1911.

My dear Mr. Grist: I am in receipt of your letter of yesterday, with enclosure, and I note same.

I can not, of course, recall the words I used in charging the grand jury of Newberry in the Felder case; but my recollection is, John Aull, who is the court stenographer, took down the words and would certainly report them correctly.

But the charge as repeated, is in

line with that I have in recent years generally made to grand juries.

I doubt not but that your statement of the law is more literally correct, to-wit: If the testimony reasonably establishes the truth of the bill, then there ought to be returned a true bill. But as a practical matter, I have found that it is not worth while to enter on the trial before a petit jury, where testimony for the defense is heard, in cases where the testimony for the State alone left a reasonable doubt of guilt; for, in such a case, there ought to be a verdict of not guilty. My practice has been in late years, to charge the grand jury generally, that if all the witnesses for the State left them in reasonable doubt about the defendant's guilt, then to return no bill.

You will see, therefore, if there be error, it is not one of fact by the Newberry paper; but one of law by me.

Yours truly,
Geo. W. Gage.

To W. D. Grist,
Yorkville, S. C.

CLEMSON FUNDS ATTACKED.

School Association of Lexington County Memorializes Legislature Divide Fertilizer Tax.

Lexington, Dec. 18.—What is probably the beginning of one of the strongest fights that has ever been waged against large appropriations for Clemson college was begun here yesterday, when the Lexington County School Trustees' association appointed a committee to memorialize the next legislature to divide the fertilizer tax equally between Clemson and the rural schools of the State. The resolution was introduced by L. Bennett Frick, of the Dutch Fork section, who, in a strong address, assailed the manner in which Clemson is being run and scored the idea of this institution receiving so much money, which, in his opinion, should go to the rural schools of the State.

Where Are Its Graduates?

Among other things it was pointed out by the speaker that but few of the farmer boys of moderate means receive any benefit from the college, which, in the beginning, was said to be a farmers' school, for farmers' boys. "Where are the Lexington graduates from this great school?" he asked. "Is there a single man under the sound of my voice who can point a single graduate of Clemson college who has returned to his home county and given the benefit of his agricultural knowledge to his home people?" He urged that the time was ripe for the people of the rural districts to speak out and declare for more help for the common schools.

Unanimously Favored.

Mr. Frick was followed by several others, all of whom favored the curtailment of Clemson's fund. The resolution to memorialize the legislature to divide the fertilizer tax equally between the rural schools and Clemson, was adopted without a dissenting voice.

Another resolution, in the nature of an amendment to the Frick resolution, was offered by Chas. E. Kneese, president of the association, asking the legislature also to change the present law now governing aid to weak schools.

Modify Requirements.

As the law now stands any district receiving aid from this special appropriation must vote upon itself an extra 2-mill levy before such aid can be obtained, placing the length of the school term in the hands of the majority of each district, whether the district is inhabited by men interested in schools or not. It is desired that the appropriation become available when money is raised by the school from any source.

A Sure Sign.

That levity is a subject that is sometimes worth while avoiding has been learned to the sorrow of a would-be undertaker.

At a recent examination of the State undertaking board among the questions asked of the many applicants, was the following one:

"What do you consider as an infallible sign of death?"

"Cry on the door?" answered one.

—Chicago Journal.

THE HOLIDAYS VERY GAY IN PROSPERITY

A DELIGHTFUL "SHOWER" FOR CHARMING BRIDE-ELECT.

Christmas Services And Christmas Tree.—Personal Mention.—Other Matters.

Prosperity, Dec. 21.—Mr. and Mrs. A. G. Wise have returned from a visit to Columbia.

Mr. and Mrs. C. F. Lathan, of Little Mountain, were shoppers in Prosperity on Tuesday.

Misses Eleanor and Cornelia Capers, of Washington, D. C., will arrive Saturday, and spend the holidays with their aunt, Mrs. J. L. Wise.

Mr. and Mrs. Thornwell Haynes, of High Point, N. C., are here for the Bowers-Hunter wedding.

Mr. Jno. Pat Wise, of Ridgeland, accompanied by his friend, Mr. J. H. Hydrick, of Orangeburg, will spend Christmas week with the former's parents, Mr. and Mrs. A. G. Wise.

Misses Olive Counts, Estelle Dominick and Mary Willis, of Columbia college, are home for the holidays.

Miss Curlee, of Winnsboro, is the guest of her sister, Mrs. J. S. Wheeler.

Miss Willie Mae Wise, of Sumter, will spend Christmas with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. L. Wise.

Miss Eroline Monts and Mr. Rufus Monts, of Lyons, Ga., are here for several weeks' stay.

Rev. E. W. Leslie has as his guest his mother, Mrs. Elizabeth Leslie, of Blue Ridge, Va., and brother, Mr. D. D. Leslie, of Houston, Va.

Mr. W. H. Enlow, of Route No. 1, has moved to Prosperity.

The Methodist Sunday school will have a Christmas tree at the Methodist church on Sunday afternoon at 5 o'clock.

Miss Ethel Counts, of Darlington, is home for Christmas.

Grace Sunday school will render the following program Sunday evening:

Voluntary.
Song No. 9.
Reading scripture and prayer by Pastor E. W. Leslie.

Christmas Candles, by eight little girls.

Recitation by six boys.

Song No. 14.
Recitation by Fulton Counts.

The Christmas Song, by four girls.

Song No. 15.
Recitation by four girls.

Song No. 12.
Recitation by five girls.

Recitation by Miss Mary DeWalt Hunter.

Song No. 10.
Recitation, Mrs. Alda Ray Wheeler.

Offerings.
Distribution of "treats."

Song No. 13.
Benediction.

Miss Adella Bowers, the bride-elect, was the recipient of a lovely miscellaneous shower given by Miss Addie Werts, at her home in McNary street. The guests were received at the door by Miss Ellen Werts, and invited into the drawing room, which was elaborately decorated with ferns and Southern smilax. After a few minutes of congratulations, they were directed to the dining hall, which was a veritable bower of flowers, the color scheme of red prevailing. Holly and red carnations covered the snowy table. After a delicious sweet course, served by Misses Mary Lizzie and Tena Wise, the bride-elect pulled a unique Japanese parasol and on her were showered dainty and beautiful gifts, which shows the high esteem in which Miss Bowers is held.

Before leaving the dining hall, an elegant toast was given by Miss Addie Werts to the bride. Souvenirs of the occasion were tiny Japanese parasols tied with holly ribbon.

As the guests were leaving coffee and cream were served.

The afternoon, with its pleasant memories, will linger long with those who were present.

Pension Notice.

I will be in the auditor's office each Saturday in January to prepare pension applications.

W. G. Peterson,

Pension Commissioner.

12-22-1m.