

THE FORT MILL TIMES.

Established in 1891.

FORT MILL, S. C., THURSDAY, JANUARY 6, 1916.

\$1.25 Per Year.

STATE NEWS ARRANGED FOR QUICK READING.

The Charleston board of trustees has passed a resolution endorsing a bond issue of \$250,000 for school purposes.

Emancipation day was celebrated by the colored population of Columbia, the program consisting of a parade and addresses.

The governor has appointed J. S. Salley of Orangeburg, solicitor of the first judicial circuit to succeed P. T. Hildebrand, deceased.

There were 474 deaths from typhoid fever in South Carolina during the first ten months of 1914, which is approximately one-third the number of deaths from pellagra for the same period.

The second session of the 71st general assembly of South Carolina will convene in Columbia on Tuesday, January the 11th, at noon. Both houses are organized and the preliminaries should consume very little time.

Josiah J. Evans, member of the state senate from Marlboro county, will probably be a candidate for attorney general next summer in opposition to Thomas H. Peeples, the incumbent.

Governor Manning has offered a reward of \$100 for the capture of Greenwood Rogers, a negro serving a life sentence for arson who escaped from the state farm in Kershaw county several weeks ago.

The only case in which Gov. Manning granted Christmas clemency was a parole for three days to Willie Mew in order that he might spend Christmas day and Sunday with his family in the town of Fairfax.

The board of directors of the News and Courier Co., of Charleston, have filed notice of an increase in capital stock from \$60,000 to \$109,200. The directors propose to issue \$49,200 of preferred stock.

A Man of Large Activities.

The Record is in receipt of a booklet entitled "Hamilton Carhartt Plantation," of which Mr. R. S. Poag is the very capable superintendent, and it shows Mr. Carhartt to be a man of very large activities. A map in this booklet discloses that Mr. Carhartt has overall factories at Liverpool, England; Toronto, Canada; Vancouver, B. C.; a warehouse at Winnipeg, Canada; also factories at Dallas, Texas; Atlanta, Ga.; Detroit, Mich., and Rock Hill. The plantation on the Catawba covers 1,200 acres and one of the chief features is "Hou-ran," the Arabian stallion. Carhartt grows alfalfa, corn and cotton. He makes a specialty of breeding Aralim horses, Polo and Shetland ponies, Berkshire hogs, Shropshire sheep, Guernsey milk cattle, Hereford beef cattle, White Wyandotte and Rhode Island Red poultry, Japanese Silkies for Pheasant egg hatching, pheasants for stocking game preserves, Carneau pigeons, Belgian hares, Angora goats, imported white and domestic peafowls.—Rock Hill Record.

Ladies to Serve Dinner.

For church benefit the ladies of the Home Missionary society will serve dinner in the vacant Ardrey building on Main street on Tuesday, January 11, at prices as follow:

Oyster stew, pickles, crackers, coffee, 25c; fried oysters, French fried potatoes, coffee, 25c; chicken pie, turnip salad, rice and gravy, candied sweet potatoes, creamed Irish potatoes, coffee, 25c; mince pie, 5c; peaches, whipped cream and cake, 10c.

MUNICIPAL ELECTION COMES NEXT TUESDAY

Fort Mill's municipal election for the selection of a mayor and board of aldermen to serve the town during 1916-17 will be held on next Tuesday, the polls opening at 8 o'clock a. m., and closing at 4 o'clock p. m. Managers for the election are Messrs. J. Y. Starnes, Herbert Harris and J. N. McAteer. The boxes will be located on the stand in Confederate Park if the weather will permit.

At the closing of the books on last Saturday evening, 194 citizens of the town had qualified for the election. These voters are divided among the four wards as follows: Ward 1, 29; Ward 2, 73; Ward 3, 52; Ward 4, 40. Interest in the election is at a high pitch and it is believed that practically all of those registered will cast ballots on next Tuesday.

Up to yesterday at noon the following were the candidates announced for the several positions:

For Mayor—B. E. Patterson.
For Alderman, Ward 1—R. E. McKibben, W. J. Steele.

For Alderman, Ward 2—M. J. Adcock.

For Alderman, Ward 3—W. B. Meacham, Jr., W. A. Roach.

For Alderman, Ward 4—J. B. Elliott.

For Aldermen at Large—C. S. Link, B. C. Ferguson, A. C. Lytle, B. W. Bradford.

For Commissioner of Water-works—No announcement.

On the same date there is also to be an election of three trustees of the Fort Mill school, the terms of these to be of six years duration. The school election is separate and distinct from the town election and will be held at a different polling place. To take part in this election one must present his county certificate and tax receipt, while in the election of the town officials one is permitted to cast a ballot upon the presentation of a town registration certificate.

Whole Country Has "Grip."

Influenza is spreading over the United States from coast to coast in the most serious epidemic ever known, taking a large toll in lives and causing economic loss by incapacitating workers in all walks of life, says a Washington despatch. Reports from public health service officers, made public by Surgeon General Blue, show that already the disease has created a grave problem for many of the large cities and is spreading to the rural communities. Cleveland and Detroit each have probably 100,000 cases.

John Crawford Takes Own Life.

John Crawford, a widely known and prominent citizen of Lancaster, committed suicide Tuesday morning by shooting himself through the heart with a revolver. Death was instantaneous. No cause is known which would have influenced him to commit the rash act. Mr. Crawford was about 35 years of age and some ten years ago married Miss Lola Heath, a daughter of Mr. B. D. Heath of Charlotte, by whom he is survived together with a small son and daughter. Mr. Crawford was prominent in Lancaster business circles, being at the time of his death city treasurer and holding a responsible position with the First National Bank of Lancaster. He was well known in Fort Mill and his friends here were shocked to learn of his tragic death.

Mr. J. B. Erwin has been seriously ill for several days at his home on Ardrey Hill.

CANNOT ESCAPE LAW BY PAYMENT OF FINE

"Section 811. Any person who violates any of the provisions of sections 794 to 803 inclusive shall be guilty of a misdemeanor and upon conviction thereof shall be imprisoned at hard labor for not less than six months nor more than five years, and for any subsequent offense, upon conviction, shall be imprisoned for a term of not less than one year nor more than five years: Provided, That any circuit judge may in his discretion suspend all of such imprisonment except three months upon such terms and conditions as he may see fit to impose, but in each and every case any person convicted of the violation of the said sections shall be required to serve at the least three months of the sentence imposed upon him."

The above is a section of an amendment to the State's whiskey law which will be introduced by Representative J. T. Liles, of Orangeburg, at the coming session of the general assembly. In the opinion of Mr. Liles, fear of punishment, so far as the criminally inclined are concerned, is the greatest incentive to respect and regard for law.

"I hope and believe," said Mr. Liles, "I shall be successful in securing the passage of this bill and its enforcement as a law in my opinion practically rids South Carolina of the evils of the liquor traffic. The failure of the prohibition laws of this and other States has been due largely to the fact that the penalties imposed did not sufficiently punish. This will not be the case under this bill."

An Old Yorkville Stamp.

The January number of "Boy's Life," the Boy Scouts' magazine, contains an article on the "Relics of the Pony Express," which article is illustrated with reproductions of the old stamps in demand by collectors, and also by a letter of the kind in use before the days of envelope. The letter happens to bear the postmark of "Yorkville," S. C. It is addressed to "Messrs. Hull & Spencer, New York," and in addition to the address carries the notation "Charge Box 47, S. & I." Ten cents, the amount of the postage, is stamped on the right hand corner of the envelope at the top, and the word "paid" is printed beside the stamp. The envelope as it is known today, did not come into use until 1847, and this old letter was evidently sent before that time. There is nothing to indicate the name of the sending firm unless it is the "S. & I."—Yorkville Enquirer.

Pellagra Takes Heavy Toll.

Twelve and seven-tenths per cent. of the total number of deaths from pellagra in South Carolina during the first ten months of last year occurred in Charleston county, according to the report filed by the bureau of vital statistics with the executive committee of the state board of health. In the state there were 1,306 deaths from pellagra, giving an annual death rate of 81.2 or nearly equalling the rate for tuberculosis and more than three times the mortality for typhoid fever. The rate for Charleston county alone, where there were 166 deaths from pellagra is 186.7 per 100,000 inhabitants.

To Die in Chair.

Peter Hamilton, the Easley negro, charged with attempted criminal assault on a well known white woman in her home on November 27, was last week convicted at the special term of court at Pickens, sentence of death by electrocution being fixed by Judge Mauldin for February 4.

NEWS OF YORK COUNTY BRIEFLY PARAGRAPHERD

W. B. Moore, of York, has been appointed chairman of the Laymen's Missionary movement in York county.

The secretary of state has issued a commission, with a capital stock of \$300,000, to the Verona Company, of Clover, which will build a cotton mill, both for weaving and spinning.

Rev. J. T. Dendy, for years pastor of Ebenezer church, near Rock Hill, has moved to Belmont, N. C., where he will have charge of the pastoral work of the First Presbyterian church.

Voters of Shady Grove school district, York county, have petitioned the county board of education asking an election in their district upon the question of voting a two-mill special levy for school purposes.

Sam McConnell, a 17-year-old negro, lost an arm the last week as a result of having it caught in the machinery of a gin house at Sharon.

The secretary of state has commissioned the Blankenship-Johnson Co., of Rock Hill, V. B. Blankenship and C. A. Johnson being the petitioners. The concern has a capital of \$10,000 and will deal in groceries at wholesale.

Famous Showman Dead.

Al Ringling, eldest of the six brothers who 35 years ago formed the corporation of Ringling Bros., which today owns the largest circus in the world, died Saturday of heart disease at his home at Baraboo, Wis. He was 63 years old.

CONSUL R. N. McNEELY PROBABLY ONE OF LOST

Latest despatches concerning the sinking Thursday of the British ship Persia, indicate that Robert N. McNeely, of Monroe, N. C., was one of the large number of passengers who lost their lives. Mr. McNeely was some time ago appointed United States consul at Aden, Arabia, and had taken passage on the British ship for that post.

In addition to Mr. McNeely, two other Americans are known to have been passengers on the Persia when she left London. Charles H. Grant was on his way to Bombay. Edward Ross, a school boy, was on the way from Denver to Gibraltar. Ross probably landed at Gibraltar and was not on board the boat at the time she was sunk.

A Lloyds dispatch says that most of the passengers and men of the Persia were lost.

Four boats got clear before the Persia sank.

The message to Lloyds says the Persia was on her way from London to Bombay. She was sunk at 1 o'clock on Thursday afternoon.

The Peninsular and Oriental Line estimates that 160 or 161 passengers sailed from London on the Persia. A number of these landed at Gibraltar, Marseilles or Malta.

The Persia was sunk in the eastern Mediterranean off the Island of Crete.

In addition to the passengers who sailed from London a large number embarked at Marseilles. The total booked at these points was 231. Of these 87 were women and 25 children.

CHAIR AWAITS NEGRO IF GUILT IS PROVEN

Odesa Good, a negro youth 16 years old, is in the county jail at York charged with attempted criminal assault upon a six-year-old white girl, the daughter of a prominent farmer living in Bethel township. The alleged crime was committed on the premises of the girl's father Wednesday afternoon, but was not discovered until Thursday. The negro who lives on the same farm with his brother-in-law, was arrested Thursday afternoon by Constable Horace Johnson and taken to jail.

The child was given prompt medical attention as soon as her condition was discovered and attending physicians say she will recover entirely. It is understood that the negro has confessed his crime. He appeared sullen and mean when questioned by newspaper men and appeared not to appreciate the serious position he is in. He is a grandson of Giles Good, who with four other negroes, Brindley Thompson, Bailey Dowdle, Dan Roberts and Mose Lipscomb, were lynched on the outskirts of York April 5, 1887, for the murder of a white boy in Bullocks Creek township.

"I am not expecting trouble over this affair," said Sheriff Hugh G. Brown. "The parents of the outraged child have expressed their wish that the law be allowed to take its course, and I believe the good citizens of York county will respect their wish."

There is to be a total eclipse of the sun Thursday, February 20.

The Good Year 1916.

Our business has enjoyed steady growth since its establishment, and the New Year will see us growing even larger. It will see us offering the public bigger money-saving values in all departments.

Every new idea and up-to-date method of approved value will be adopted in order that our customers may enjoy the best at the smallest cost and without additional prices for good service.

In addition we will strive for a higher standard of friendly relations with our customers.

Nothing that human ingenuity may devise that will better the service rendered our customers will be omitted.

To serve exactly as we would wish to be served, if we were in the customer's place—that is our pledge to the buying public.

With this standard of service promised you for the New Year, and with a store-full of money-saving values we solicit your patronage during 1916.

Mills & Young Comp'y

In the New Store.