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It's Up To You

We dislike very much to call the attention of any of our subscribers to the fact that their subscriptions to this paper have expired, and we only do it because we do not wish them to miss a copy of the paper. We have sent personal notices to every subscriber whose time expires by August 1 and we have called their general attention to the fact thru the columns of the paper twice. Some have paid no attention to any of the notices and we will have to drop their names from the list unless they renew by August 1. We do not like to lose subscribers, but our rule is to pay in advance for the paper and we cannot have some to pay in advance and let others run over. It would be unfair to our subscribers and ourselves. Rich and poor, old and young, influential and unimportant, everybody is treated alike. Now please do not neglect this and then when your name is dropped from the list get mad at us about it, for we have notified you in every way we can and want everyone of you to stay with us.

Pickens County and the Storm

Compared to adjacent territory, Pickens county was not much damaged by the recent freshet which wrought such havoc in other parts of the country. About twenty small bridges in different sections of the county were washed away, but none of the larger bridges are gone, tho one or two are reported slightly damaged. The roads are badly washed in some places.

Bottom corn in all sections of the county is badly damaged and in many places destroyed.

The Pickens railroad suffered a small washout at Wolf creek Saturday and was forced to annul the early morning train, caring for the passengers and mail by automobile.

Old inhabitants say Town creek was the highest Saturday afternoon ever known, but it quickly subsided.

Henry Williams of the Peters Creek section reports that his section has been the hardest hit in the county and some of the crops there are completely destroyed. A severe wind and hail storm also visited this section four weeks ago and did great damage.

The people of this county generally are very optimistic and very grateful that the damage is no greater. We have cause to be thankful.

Another Bully Caught

Frank Jackson, a bad negro from Kentucky who has been bullying the negroes in construction camps along the Southern railway, is in the Pickens jail and "Hun" Ferguson, his partner, will likely soon be keeping him company as a result of a shooting affair at Calhoun Sunday morning.

Jackson and Ferguson, who were working on the Southern railroad in Oconee county, likkered up Sunday morning and paid a visit to Contractor Mays' camp near Calhoun. Mr. Mays ordered the negroes away and they left, but in a short time came back and when they got sight of Mr. Mays again began shooting at him, firing about fifteen shots. The contractor returned their fire with five shots, but no one was hit. The negroes then made their way back to Oconee. Officers LaBoon and McKinney happened to be at Central at the time and were upon the scene of trouble in a short time. They with Mr. Mays went after the culprits and found them with a crowd in a small hut gambling. In the confusion Mr. Mays was only able to identify Jackson and he was nabbed. Jackson says Ferguson is the other one, and as he is well known to the officers he will probably be captured soon.

A Remarkable Advertisement

The Sentinel publishes an advertisement this week sent out by the railroads of the country through their joint committee to present their claims in the matter of the proposed strike on all the roads in the country. This is a most remarkable campaign of publicity. The roads pay hard cash for this advertising. It was placed in 3,000 daily papers and in 14,000 weeklies. It cost them \$200,000. It is headed Railroad Wages. Read it.

Stansell-Dorsey

Married, Sunday, July 23, at the residence of the officiating officer, Mr. Bascom Dorsey to Miss Pearl Stansell, J. Alonzo Brown, N. P., at the throttle. Mr. Dorsey is the eldest son of Mr. Fletcher Dorsey of Liberty route 3, while his bride is of the same place and is the eldest daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Jesse Stansell. The happy young couple have our best wishes. B.

From Catechee

After a long silence we will let the readers of the dear old Sentinel hear from this side again. While we haven't been contributing any news to the columns of The Sentinel of late, we have been a constant reader of it and we are proud to say that we have the best county paper now that Pickens county has ever had. The writer has been a constant reader of it for 32 years. While we will admit that there may be some county papers—weekly papers, we mean—that contain more editorials than The Sentinel, for the editor, we notice, is loath to give his views on a lot of "dead-headed" stuff, such as we read in some other papers; yet, taking the county news as a whole, The Sentinel is on top.

Farmers in this section have their crops in fine shape now, but the way it has been raining for the past few days they are likely to get grassy. Cotton is small and not a very good stand in some places, while corn is looking fairly well.

Haven't seen any extra watermelon patches yet, but don't guess that matters much, as the candidates have quit treating. We are sincerely glad that they have, for a man that can't be elected on his merits without having to buy votes ought not to hold an office. We hope the voters of Pickens county will look well and think a great deal before casting a ballot for the two men who want to represent us in the next general assembly. There is something more to be looked at about those two men than their "collar and tie" and the smiles they may have off their faces when they meet you. The common class have been fed on promises until their stomachs have become like a doctor's patient when he mentions salts—they gag when they hear a promise made. The candidate that makes a promise now just to catch votes and doesn't try to comply with that promise when he gets elected had as well make up his mind to retire to private life when his term of office expires.

What we need is some laws repealed that we have on the statute book and some put on it that we haven't got. For instance, the dog law, for one. We have a commutation dog tax, which means 50c on the head of every dog in the county. How many dogs in Pickens county are listed? Not half of them. We know of men working for wages who can scarcely keep up their families who have from one to three old, worthless dogs to feed. How many cows have gone mad or had to be killed this year on account of worthless dogs? Then, too, think of the danger that people as well as stock are in when an old, worthless dog goes mad! Give us a law that requires every dog to be muzzled, let the state furnish the muzzles and charge them up to the purchasers. When a dog is found without a muzzle let all peace officers kill that dog at its owner's home or anywhere else. Also make the owner of that dog give a good and sufficient bond for any damage that that dog may do. When this is done, then you will see worthless dogs exterminated.

There are other needed laws we would like to speak of, but space forbids. We may have something more to say along this line later.

Some correspondents to The Sentinel have spoken about how progressive their Sunday schools are. The Sunday school at Catechee has an enrollment of 190, with an average attendance of 140. There have been as high as 204 present. As the church building was insufficient to accommodate the audience the members have just recently completed four more classrooms, bought new seats for same and repainted the church. G. F. Norris is superintendent of the school and W. R. Hutchinson secretary. Bro. Willis of Six Mile is the pastor and he is doing a good work. The Lord has touched the hearts of men at Catechee under his preaching that we never saw reached before. May the Lord continue to bless the efforts that are being made at Catechee toward saving the souls of men and women is our prayer. B.

Motor Vehicles in This County

Up until July 15, there were 532 automobiles registered in Pickens county. The first automobile registered in Pickens county was registered by James M. Barr in July, 1907, and was No. 2, the first number going to a tractor, which also comes under the head of motor vehicles. During the year, 1915, 140 motor vehicles were registered in Pickens county, and since January 1, 140 have been registered. Since May 1, 72 have been registered, 39 of which were Fords. The Ford is the only automobile advertised in The Sentinel.

About 25 more voters are enrolled on the Pickens club roll this year than two years ago. This is a healthy sign.

RAILROAD WAGES

Shall they be determined by Industrial Warfare or Federal Inquiry?

To the American Public:

Do you believe in arbitration or industrial warfare?

The train employes on all the railroads are voting whether they will give their leaders authority to tie up the commerce of the country to enforce their demands for a 100 million dollar wage increase.

The railroads are in the public service—your service. This army of employes is in the public service—your service.

You pay for rail transportation 3 billion dollars a year, and 44 cents out of every dollar from you goes to the employes.

On all the Southern railroads in 1915, seventy-five per cent of the train employes earned these wages (lowest, highest and average of all) as shown by the payrolls—

	Passenger		Freight		Yard	
	Range	Average	Range	Average	Range	Average
Engineers	\$1972	\$2306	\$1455	\$1916	\$1156	\$1566
	3810		3505		2424	
Conductors	1552	1847	1353	1580	1055	1245
	2696		2358		1749	
Firemen	943	1209	649	979	406	777
	1652		1638		1302	
Brakemen	957	1109	755	958	754	990
	1736		1854		1405	

The average yearly wage payments to all Southern train employes (including those who worked only part of the year) as shown by the 1915 payrolls were—

	Passenger	Freight	Yard
Engineers	\$2144	\$1712	\$1313
Conductors	1723	1488	1157
Firemen	1096	865	688
Brakemen	1013	845	868

A 100 million dollar wage increase for men in freight and yard service (less than one-fifth of all employes) is equal to a 5 per cent advance in all freight rates.

The managers of the railroads, as trustees for the public, have no right to place this burden on the cost of transportation to you without a clear mandate from a public tribunal speaking for you.

The railroads have proposed the settlement of this controversy either under the existing national arbitration law, or by reference to the Interstate Commerce Commission. This offer has been refused by the employes' representatives.

Shall a nation-wide strike or an investigation under the Government determine this issue?

National Conference Committee of the Railways

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| ELISHA LEE, Chairman. | A. S. GREIG, Asst. to Receiver, |
| P. H. ALBRIGHT, Gen'l Manager, | St. Louis & San Francisco Railroad. |
| Atlantic Coast Line Railroad. | C. W. KOLINS, Gen'l Manager, |
| L. W. BALDWIN, Gen'l Manager, | Achilles, Tampa & Santa Fe Railway. |
| Central of Georgia Railway. | H. W. McMASTER, Gen'l Manager, |
| C. L. BARDO, Gen'l Manager, | Wheeling and Lake Erie Railroad. |
| New York, New Haven & Hartford Railroad. | N. D. MAHER, Vice-President, |
| H. COAFMAN, Vice-President, | Norfolk and Western Railway. |
| Southern Railway. | JAMES RUSSELL, Gen'l Manager, |
| S. E. COTTER, Gen'l Manager, | Denver & Rio Grande Railroad. |
| Wabash Railway. | A. M. SCHOVER, Resident Vice-Pres., |
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| New York Central Railroad. | W. L. SEDDON, Vice-President, |
| G. H. EMERSON, Gen'l Manager, | Seaboard Air Line Railway. |
| Great Northern Railway. | A. J. STONE, Vice-President, |
| C. H. EWING, Gen'l Manager, | Erie Railroad. |
| Philadelphia & Reading Railway. | G. S. WAID, Vice-Pros. & Gen'l Manager, |
| K. W. GRICE, Asst. to President, | Samuel Central Lines. |
| Chesapeake & Ohio Railway. | |

R. T. Waddell, who owns and lives at the Kay mill place in the Georges Creek section of the county, was a business visitor in Pickens Monday. He says the water in his section was the highest during the recent freshet he has ever known it to be, but that no bridges were washed away and not much damage done, tho roads are badly washed in some places.

H. P. Griffin, of Liberty, road supervisor for the Southern railroad, was one of the several men who lost their lives in trying to save the bridge over the Catawba river at Belmont, N. C., last Sunday. He, with 18 other men, had been detailed to try and save the structure and went down with the bridge. His body was found about 300 yards below the bridge and it is thought from the marks on his body that he was killed by the timbers. The body was brought to Liberty and buried there.

Messrs. Ernest and Mack Christopher are spending their vacation with their brothers, Rev. W. A. Gignilliat and Bristow, at Duncan, Greer and Gaffney, respectively. They are traveling by automobile.

A marriage which was quite a surprise to their many friends was that of Miss Gussie T. Cureton to Mr. John C. Squires of Greenville, which took place at the home of the bride's mother in Pickens Sunday night, Rev. L. E. Wiggins officiating. The bride is a daughter of Mrs. K. L. Cureton of Pickens and is a popular young lady. For the past several years she has made her home in Greenville, being the efficient bookkeeper for Hobbs-Henderson Co. Mr. Squires also holds a responsible position with this company. They have many friends who wish for them much happiness.

Pickens Helps Wilson

A public spirited citizen of Pickens collected thirty dollars in a short time this week for the campaign fund of Wilson and Marshall. If there are any others who have not contributed to this fund, but who would like to, The Sentinel will be glad to acknowledge the contributions and see that they are sent to the proper place. The following patriotic Democrats of Pickens contributed:

Sam B Craig	.....	\$1.00
C L Cureton	.....	2.50
W L Matheny	.....	1.00
R E Lewis	.....	1.00
J W Julian	.....	1.00
W F Christopher	.....	1.00
John B Craig	.....	1.00
Cash	.....	.50
R T Hallum	.....	.50
Gary Hiott	.....	1.00
J N Hallum	.....	.50
F McFall	.....	.50
J D Yongue	.....	.50
A S Porter	.....	.50
I M Mauldin	.....	1.00
J C Carey	.....	1.00
H E Seaborn	.....	1.00
C E Robinson	.....	1.00
A C Gravelly	.....	1.00
Mack Christopher	.....	.50
J McD Bruce	.....	1.00
Cash	.....	.50
L C Thornley	.....	1.00
A D Attaway	.....	.50
R W Christopher	.....	1.00
G R Hendricks	.....	1.00
Guy McFall	.....	.50
B L Hendrix	.....	1.00
R L Hames	.....	.50
T R Allen	.....	.50
E F Alexander	.....	.50
R R Roark	.....	1.00
T J Mauldin	.....	1.00
W E Findley	.....	1.00
T A Bowen	.....	.50
Cash	.....	.50
Total	.....	\$30.00

This money has been sent to campaign headquarters and will be used to help re-elect Woodrow Wilson president of the United States.

Two Pickens Co. Men Killed

Larry D. Lark, son of Julius Lark of Pickens county, was killed at Saluda river last Tuesday when a high framework tower on which he was working collapsed. Robert Boyce Kay, son of R. A. Kay, also of Pickens county, fell with the tower at the same time and was so badly injured that he died next day.

The young men were employed by the H. J. Dummivant company, who have the contract for the construction of the concrete work for the Southern railway's trestle over Saluda river. A high framework tower had been erected and the two men were up on it attaching guy wires to hold it steady. The tower was about 75 feet high. The hard rain of the night before, it is believed, softened the foundations of the tower, and it suddenly collapsed.

The coroner's inquest was held over both bodies Wednesday afternoon. The jury brought in a verdict of accidental death.

Messrs. Lark and Kay were members of well-known families of the Crosswell section and their untimely deaths causes sorrow among a large number of friends, who sympathize with the bereaved parents.

A New Departure

We notice that several newspapers in this state are carrying display political advertising for county and other offices. We have suggested to candidates and repeat the suggestion that if a merchant can reach the people by advertising the candidates can do the same thing and it would pay them. Last week we noticed a half page advertisement in the Winsboro Herald and News of a revival meeting in progress in that town. It is a new departure but a sensible one.

The candidates will not reach twenty per cent of the voters on the county campaign. Use Sentinel advertising and reach them in the best way possible. You will not have to stop a man from his work to present your claims, but by your advertisement you can appeal to him at his leisure and stand a better chance of winning his approval of your candidacy.

Congressmen to Speak

The candidates for congress from this district will speak at Pickens Thursday morning, July 27, at Easley Friday, July 28, and at Central Saturday afternoon at 2 o'clock. The Pickens meeting will be the first regular meeting of these candidates. All of the candidates are announced in The Sentinel.

Our good friend P. M. Breazeale, accompanied by his twin children Marion and Marie, paid us a very pleasant visit one day last week. They not only paid us a pleasant visit, but presented us with our first watermelon of the season. They have our many thanks. We would like to tell them how much we do thank them, but we are too full of watermelon for utterance right now.

Mountain Boy Makes Good

The hard knocks falling to the lot of most mountain boys, experience has taught, is making men of them. A striking instance of the mountain boy who has made good in the face of well-nigh insurmountable difficulties is Mr. J. D. Lanford of the Greenville bar, who is now a candidate for Solicitor of the Thirteenth Circuit.

Mr. Lanford was born thirty-five years ago near Gowensville, in Greenville county, of poor parents. His father in rearing a large family in a rough mountain country was not able to make ends meet and became somewhat involved and was forced to mortgage his farm. But as his family grew into manhood it was demonstrated that the father had not reared in vain, for the boys set about to raise that mortgage from their father's farm.

When the subject of this sketch was just fifteen years of age his father moved away from his home and took up his residence at Piedmont, in the lower part of Greenville county; and there and elsewhere, from his fifteenth year, John D. Lanford worked in cotton mills, cotton mill stores, on the farm and at teaching school to raise the mortgage from his father's home. When this was done, and not till then, did he begin his education, paying his own way through South Carolina College. After five years, working during the time at anything which he could lay his hands to in the summer and during the college year at odd jobs in and around Columbia, he came out of college in the summer of 1909 a full-fledged lawyer.

Immediately after being admitted to the bar J. D. Lanford took up his residence at Greer and began the practice of law in the courts of Greenville and Spartanburg counties. He was soon married to Miss Ethel Ballenger of Spartanburg county, and they now have three small children.

At Greer Mr. Lanford soon became a leading spirit in the progressive citizenship of the community, standing, as he does, for the strict enforcement of law and the development of the best in his fellow-citizens. He was appointed a member of the board of trustees of the Greer schools and during his administration they flourished. He then was appointed recorder of the Greer City Court on a ticket of strict law enforcement, and the blind tiger and gambling element of that community will never forget how John Lanford put them on the right road by making their illicit trade too unpopular for pursuit.

Two years ago his legal practice became so large that he was forced to move his office to Greenville in order to be nearer the center of his activity. He opened an office on East Court street, and immediately made himself felt among the Greenville bar. His old clients had followed him and daily he acquired new ones, till the first of the present year he branched out still further and formed a partnership with Mr. James M. Richardson under the firm name of Lanford & Richardson, which firm became known at once as one of the leading law firms of Greenville. The first of July this year when, under the Torrens System of Land Registration the Clerk of Court of Greenville county undertook to appoint five of the leading Greenville lawyers as examiners of titles, he selected both Mr. Lanford and Mr. Richardson, thus showing what home people think of the ability of the firm.

All through the years of Lanford's practice at the bar he has made a rule to take such cases as he thought to be just, but once in a case he never knows when to quit. He is a fighter from the word "go," but fights in the open. Never has he been known to use an underhand method to win a case. He wins, but by fair means. He has appeared on one side or the other in a large number of both criminal and civil cases in all the courts of the state, and has been singularly successful.

In May, when Hon. Proctor A. Bonham announced that he would not offer for re-election, Mr. Lanford decided to enter the race. He is making a man's fight for the nomination, and those close to the political pulse of the circuit predict his certain nomination. He began life in the mountains, he has had a long, up-hill climb; but through it all he has been a fighter and he is a fighter still, and when he is elected Solicitor of the Thirteenth Circuit will have an officer who stands for fair, impartial and strict enforcement of law.—Adv.

The checker craze has hit Pickens again and this great game is now popular here than ever before. You can find one or more games going on somewhere in town at any time during the day. There are three or four really good players here, besides amateurs of all classes. The Sentinel is now looking for a good checker editor to report the games.