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## THE STATE MUTUAL'S LICENSE IS REVOKED

### Inability to Collect Assessments the Cause.

#### MR. McMASTER HERE

#### Laurens Company Loses its License, Litigation Over the Appointment of a Receiver.

Insurance Commissioner Fitz Hugh McMaster was in the city last Thursday afternoon to hear the answer of the State Mutual Fire Insurance Company, why its license should not be revoked. By an order the week previous, the commissioner had temporarily suspended the license of this company which had been doing a state-wide business, but under the new insurance acts was confined to Laurens and Greenville. The temporary suspension was due to the fact that the company had been unable to pay loss claims, because the secretary, Mr. T. H. Nelson, was unable to collect the assessments.

The hearing on Thursday amounted to an examination of the company's financial condition, no resistance being offered by the company to the revoking of its license. The commissioner decided that the license should be permanently revoked, but stated to the reporter that his action was not based on any mismanagement of the company, simply that the company had failed to accomplish its purpose.

It has now developed that Mr. S. B. Bobo of the Watts mills is to bring an action requiring the appointment of a receiver, being represented by Dial & Todd and F. P. McGowan. The company will resist this action, for in the complaint it is alleged that the company has been improperly managed. The hearing will be before Judge Devore at Abbeville on next Monday. The officials think that the company can best manage the winding up of the affairs.

#### For Pipe Organ Fund.

The Church of the Epiphany, of this city will in a few months begin work on the proposed addition to the church building, intended for the installing of a pipe organ. The work of raising the funds for this purpose has already begun, and the subscriptions have been made. At a congregational meeting last Sunday, Mrs. S. E. Boney was elected treasurer of the organ fund, and will begin, on the first of each month to receive these subscriptions.

#### Communion at Episcopal Church.

At the Church of the Epiphany, Sunday, June 6th, the Rev. O. T. Porcher, rector of the Episcopal church at Greenwood, will celebrate the holy communion at morning prayer. The service begins at eleven o'clock, a. m. Mr. Porcher will also conduct the evening service on the same day.

#### Andrew Johnson Honored.

Greenville, Tenn., May 31.—Scattered over the greenward in and surrounding the national cemetery which, for the past forty years, has served as the resting place for the body of Andrew Johnson the seven-seventh president of the United States, thousands of the descendants of his old-time neighbors and friends in East Tennessee today took advantage of the first memorial celebration since the transformation of the private cemetery into a national institution to do honor to the memory of the former distinguished citizen by organizing the Andrew Johnson Memorial Association.

#### Eclipse of the Moon.

On Thursday night of this week, shortly after sunset, the moon will rise slightly eclipsed. The eclipse will continue until the entire moon is covered; this will be caused by the shadow of the earth passing over the moon.

#### The Hero of Waterloo.

Waterloo, June 1.—Mr. J. H. Goldman, the hero of Waterloo, and now Waterloo, Laurens county, and not of Belgium, the man who was recognized for his bravery by the Carnegie hero commission, has received his check for the \$1,000 which was given him to buy a farm, and with this and the gold medal awarded to him he has received the full award given him by the commission. Mr. Goldman got his check for \$1,000 last week.

## CLOSING EXERCISES OF THE CITY SCHOOLS

### Class Day Exercises on Next Friday Morning—Commencement Address and Sermon.

This is the last week of school, the session coming to a close on Friday, the fourth. Already the examinations are about completed and the real work is over with, only the exercises remaining.

As announced last week the closing exercises are to commence on Friday morning promptly at 11 o'clock, with the class exercises. These consist of the various declamations and papers by the members of the graduating class, the history, prophecy and such like, as is the custom among the graduates. The program promises to be especially interesting this year and it is hoped that a large audience will be on hand to greet the members of the class. These exercises, together with the commencement address and sermon will be in the new auditorium, the seats for which have been installed this week.

On Friday evening at 8:30 o'clock the commencement address will be delivered by Dr. John Henry Harms, president of Newberry college, in the school auditorium. This will be among the best events of the year in Laurens, and no doubt the auditorium will be crowded. Immediately after this address on Friday evening, refreshments will be served on the school campus for the benefit of the school library.

In the First Methodist church on Sunday morning, the 6th, at 11 o'clock, will be preached the baccalaureate sermon, by Dr. J. S. Moffat, president of Erskine college. The public are cordially invited to attend this service.

Beginning today, the new school building will be open from 5 o'clock until 7 for the inspection of visitors. Many are availing themselves this opportunity to inspect the handsome new structure, of which the people of Laurens are proud.

#### Governor Offers Rewards.

According to the proclamations that appear in another column, Governor Ansel has offered rewards for the apprehension and conviction of the incendiaries, who set fire to the Gray Court stores, and for Will Higgins and Roy Hunter, the negroes who assaulted Mose Shands some time in 1907. It is recalled that Will and Roy were convicted in the court here, and given four years in the penitentiary. Pending an appeal to the supreme court, the negroes escaped and have not yet been re-captured. Mr. M. B. Pool was the bondsman of these negroes, and necessarily had to forfeit the amount, \$2,000 for the two.

#### SUSTAINED SERIOUS INJURY.

### Mr. J. W. Henderson Has Shoulder Crushed by Accidental Fall.

Mr. James W. Henderson, one of the most popular citizens here and manager of the Farmers and Merchants bonded warehouse, is at the Columbia hospital, Columbia, whither he was taken last Thursday afternoon by Dr. Isadore Schayer for surgical treatment, the resetting and reconnecting with a silver brad of the shaft and neck of his left arm bone at the shoulder and a readjustment of the shoulder blade. The operation, though unusual, was successful in every way and Mr. Henderson is doing nicely, according to the latest news from him yesterday.

Mr. Henderson sustained his injury last Thursday afternoon, about an hour before the train which carried him to Columbia departed from Laurens. He had just returned from dinner, and walking around from his platform to Gray's store, he started to enter when one of his feet caught in the rope stretched along the outside curbing of the newly cemented side walk, throwing him violently on his left side, his shoulder striking the sill of the store doorway. Dr. Schayer and Dr. Hughes were called but they soon determined that the injury was too complicated to be treated outside of a hospital; hence it was decided to lose no time in the matter.

Mr. Henderson, under favorable conditions, will be able to come home within about two weeks.

#### Lecture at Old Fields Church.

It is announced that on Saturday afternoon, June 5th, at 4:30 o'clock, at Old Fields church, Mr. J. H. Gruyer will lecture on the subject of missions, under the auspices of the Laymen's movement.

## BIG CHICKEN THIEF CAUGHT.

### Paul Jackson Can't Resist the Cackle, Gets 210 Days.

The temptation was too strong, and Paul needed the money. Traffic in chicken was lucrative, especially since he did not have to trouble himself with raising the chickens; in fact, the only raising necessary was a gentle lift, in the pale moonlight. Paul Jackson got the chickens; now he's got 210 days on the chain gang.

Some days ago, this Paul Jackson brought some chickens to Blakely's market to sell. He acted in somewhat a suspicious manner, and the police were notified to be on the watch-out. So yesterday morning, Sergt. Jernigan "happened" to be around the market street, and sure enough, in comes Paul with a bag full of chickens. They were of a fine variety, since they were collected from such a variety of places. Paul had received contributions to his bag from several places, two from H. A. McLeod's, four from E. W. Copeland's, eight from W. F. Walker's and four from R. G. Franks. The policeman took Paul in charge, who soon confessed to the theft, together with three others. So when the sinner appeared before the honor, the mayor at 1 o'clock Tuesday, he pleaded guilty to the seven charges, and was given thirty days on each.

As a street wags expressed it: "I guess that'll hold him for a while."

## RURAL CARRIERS REORGANIZE.

### Officers Elected and Delegates to the State Association Chosen.

The annual meeting of the Laurens County Rural Letter Carriers' association was held Monday at the post office, with President A. D. Barksdale in the chair, and Mr. R. P. Sexton acting secretary.

The first business of the association was the election of officers for another year which resulted in the re-election of Mr. Barksdale as president, Mr. S. Boyd Sexton, secretary and treasurer. Another matter was the selection of a representative to the State association which meets at Rock Hill July 5. Mr. Ludy Moore of Clinton was chosen as delegate, with Mr. G. C. Abernethy of Gray Court as alternate.

#### Palmetto Lodge, A. F. M.

Palmetto Lodge, No. 19, A. F. M., will hold an extra communication on Thursday night of this week for the purpose of conferring the E. A. degree.

#### Lectures at Second Baptist.

Rev. A. T. Stouffville, pastor of the Second Baptist church, announces that on Sunday night, June 6th, there will be a number of lectures on the subject of missions at his church, service beginning at the regular hour, some interesting speakers will be present and the service will be of special interest.

#### School Prizes to be Offered.

The Rural School Improvement association has renewed its offer of thirty-five prizes to the rural schools of South Carolina. Laurens county has been getting its share of these prizes, and we hope there will be schools enter the contest this next year. Miss Theodosia Dargan, Statesburg, S. C., is president of the association.

#### Show Him.

Papa—Are you writing to that sweetheart of yours again, Edith? Why you seem to have cash doing so for years. How do you sign your letters?

Edith—Oh, I always say "I remain, ever your loving Edith Jones."

Papa—Oh well, strike out the "I remain," and "ever" and put three scores under the "Jones." It's time that young man was coming to the point.—Tit-Bits.

#### Among Ruins.

First Visitor—Most interesting country round about here. Have you seen the ruins?

Second Visitor (who has just paid his bill)—Yes; I suppose you mean the guests leaving this hotel.—London Tit-Bits.

#### Tripping Tongue.

"Henry Peck, you're a fool!" "You didn't seem to think so when I was single."

"No, you never showed what a big fool you were until you married me."—Boston Transcript.

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## CROSS HILL NEWS NOTES.

### Death of Mrs. Lucy McGowan.—Other Items of Interest.

Cross Hill, May 31.—A number of our people attended a picnic last Thursday on the river at Mr. Blue Goodman's ferry, and report a nice time.

Mrs. Lucy McGowan died at Stimpsonville last Friday. The body was brought here last Saturday for interment. She was living with her daughter, Mrs. Duckett Young.

The Confederate monument here will be unveiled next Thursday. An interesting program has been arranged. Mr. J. J. McSwain of the Greenville bar will be the speaker. Exercises will begin at 10:30 o'clock.

Mr. J. W. Simmons has sold out his telephone business to Mr. Boyer of this place.

Mrs. Fern Watts and little Barrett are visiting Mrs. N. B. Davenport. They have been in Florida several months.

The family of Mr. P. S. Finson has the sympathy of our people on account of the continued serious illness of Mr. Finson and Miss Jane Finson. Rev. Mr. Gruyer preached at the Presbyterian church yesterday.

Miss Eva Hagood and Mrs. Coleman of Greenwood are visiting their sister, Mrs. M. A. Lottman.

Mr. J. D. Witherspoon of Westchester, S. C. is in town today.

#### Scaright-Burdette.

The marriage of Miss Nyoma Scaright to Mr. William Edward Burdette of Lanford, this county, was solemnized at Donalds, the home of the bride, last Tuesday evening, May 25. Mrs. Burdette is quite well known in Laurens, having taught school near the city two years ago, while the bridegroom is a progressive young farmer whose many friends join in congratulations.

#### Miss Mary Nance to Wed.

Friends and admirers over the state—and she has hundreds in every county in the state through her several years' work as president of the State School Improvement association—of Miss Mary T. Nance will learn with interest that she is to be married. The lucky man is Mr. William L. Daniel of Saluda, graduate of Furman and a prominent young member of the legislature. The ceremony takes place June 16 at Miss Nance's home, Cross Hill, Laurens county. Miss Nance resigned the presidency of the improvement association months ago.—Greenville News.

#### An Educational Mass Meeting.

The educational campaign committee will hold an educational mass meeting in Laurens some time during the month of August. Trustees, teachers and patrons will be invited to attend and join in a discussion of school needs and plans for school improvement. Three home citizens will be asked to discuss local educational problems, and two speakers from a distance will represent the committee.

#### Scholarships to University.

The University of South Carolina is anxious to have applicants from this county for the Normal Scholarship which will be vacant next year. The scholarship is worth \$150. This is a good opportunity for some young man who expects to make a teacher. The date of the examination is July 2nd.

#### Vaudeville Entertainers Leave.

The Sedywick family, after filling a week's engagement at the city opera house here last Sunday for Shelby, S. C. This company of entertainers is far above the ordinary vaudeville aggregations, and put on some attractions that were well received. In spite of the rains good crowds attended all the performances.

#### Prof. Martin Elected District Deputy.

Mr. W. B. Sloan returned Thursday from Charleston where he attended the grand lodge meeting of the Knights of Pythias. Mr. Chas. P. Brooks, of Abbeville, was the other representative from the Laurens lodge. At the convention, Prof. A. V. Martin of Clinton was appointed district deputy for the district which includes Laurens, succeeding Mr. J. B. Carlisle of Spartanburg.

#### School Teachers Enjoy a Ride.

Through the kindness of Mr. Charles H. Hicks, the teachers of the city graded schools enjoyed a most pleasant ride in and about the city Wednesday afternoon. Mr. Hicks rendered these young ladies the use of several excellent teams, and the afternoon was quite enjoyably spent.

## CLINTON COLLEGE CLOSING THIS WEEK

### Baccalaureate Sermon to be Preached Next Sunday Morning by Dr. W. H. Frazier of Anderson.

Clinton, May 25.—The commencement of the Presbyterian college of South Carolina will take place on the 6th of June. The opening baccalaureate sermon will be preached by Dr. W. H. Frazier of Anderson, S. C. On Sunday night the regular address before the Young Men's Christian Association will be delivered by Rev. H. H. Sweets of Louisville, Ky.

On Monday evening at 8:30 p. m. the oratorical contest will be held in the main auditorium, at which contest two men from each society will contest for the orator's medal. The Eukosmian society will be represented by W. C. Addison and H. S. Schlatter, while the Philomathean will be represented by W. M. Sellers and W. L. Latham. On Tuesday evening at 8:30 p. m. the declamatory contest will be held, at which four representatives will speak from each society. From Eukosmian, W. W. Sprague; Will Powell, John Powell and Edith Puffer; from Philomathean, Lemon, Brown, Green and Horton. On Wednesday morning at 11 o'clock the commencement exercises will be held, addresses will be made by the graduating class and by Rev. W. D. Richardson. The diplomas and medals will be delivered, and degrees will be conferred.

#### Death of Mrs. J. A. Madden.

Mrs. Kiziah Stephens Madden, widow of the late Prof. Jas. A. Madden, died May 24th at the home of her daughter, Mrs. E. G. Bramlett, near Barksdale. On the following day she was laid to rest in the Mt. Pleasant church cemetery, Rev. J. A. Martin, pastor, conducting the funeral service.

The deceased was 63 years of age and is survived by two daughters, Miss May Madden and Mrs. Bramlett.

#### The Charleston Rifle Shoot.

Messrs. Babb, Richey, Roper, Gray and Holt have returned from Charleston, reaching home on Sunday, where they participated in the annual rifle shoot, in which the representatives to the national shoot at Camp Perry, Ohio, are chosen. Only one member of the first regiment was chosen on the team, Capt. Tiller of Chester. However, the records made by Private T. C. Bolt and Capt. O. W. Babb of the Tryonhill Guards were good, Mr. Bolt having scored fourth in the regiment and Mr. Babb, seventh.

#### Two Immense Coach Whips.

Rather an unusual occurrence it was last Saturday at Madden, when almost at the same time, two very large snakes, coach whips, were killed, one at the home of Mr. H. C. Cunningham and the other at Mr. T. S. Langston's. It was at dinner time when the negro hands on these places were in the farmyards that the snakes were seen and shot. They were both fully six feet long. According to the statement of a resident of that section these are the first snakes of this kind seen in that section for years.

#### Will Vote Four Mill Tax.

A very interesting school meeting was held last Saturday afternoon at the Hendersonville school house, Sullivan's School district No. 5. The question decided to raise the teachers' salary, lengthen the school term, and do some work on the school building and grounds. That they might be able to do this, they sent a petition to the county board of education asking for an increase for the purpose of voting a special school levy of 4 mills on the district. The patrons of this school were wide awake and are determined to have a school second to none in the county. They have taken the only step by which they can have it. Every school district in Sullivan township has a special school levy except Babine and Hendersonville, and they will both lay it soon. Old Sullivan is taking the lead along this line.

#### Express Company's New Quarters.

The Southern Express Co. has its office now in the rear of the Barksdale building, where the Western Express office formerly was. The room has been put in two feet the front portion of it is occupied by Mr. H. Solomon, the new powder and gun shop.

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## SCHOOL CLOSING AN EVENT OF PAST WEEK

### Commencement of Clinton High School.

#### CLASS AND HONOR ROLL

### Rev. John E. Swearingen, State Superintendent of Education, Delivers Annual Address.

Clinton, May 31.—The crowning event of the past week in Clinton was the commencement exercises of the Clinton high school. They were held in the Utopia hall Friday evening in the presence of a large and interested audience.

The platform was handsomely decorated with ferns, palms, and ivy. The graduating class, the Hon. J. E. Swearingen, the local ministers, the trustees, and Superintendents of all occupied seats on it.

The following program was carried out:

Prayer—The Rev. J. T. Shaffery.  
Salutatory—Eden Chandler.  
Oration—Christopher Adair.  
Music.  
Essay—Blanche Adair.  
Class History—John Little.  
Music.  
Class Prophecy—Elliene Young.  
Valedictory—Francis Graham.  
Music.  
Annual Address—Hon. J. E. Swearingen.  
Presentation of Medal—W. E. Lee Pitts.

Delivery of Diplomas—The Rev. J. R. Hooten.  
Benediction—The Rev. Dr. Jacobs.  
Printed on the program were the class roll and the honor roll for the year, as follows:

Class roll—Blanche Adair, Christopher Adair, Ellen Chandler, Frances Garvin, Elliene Young, with full diplomas; John Little, with certificate.  
Ranking first for year—Grade 1, Mabel Simpson; grade 2, Maude Ellis; grade 3, Virginia Croner; grade 4, Hilliard McCarter; grade 5, Henry Brinn; grade 6, Pierce Scott; grade 7, Chayle Bailey; grade 8, Virginia Owens; grade 9, Beatrice Bennett; grade 10, Elliene Young.

The young graduates acquired themselves well and their popularity was proven by the great heaps of flowers and gifts the school kept all one of their feet during the exercises. Mr. Swearingen's address an interesting feature and his speech contained many points of interest and information. It was a plea for the improvement of the common schools. Mr. E. Lee Pitts presented the valedictory medal in a manner quite characteristic of the. This medal is given to the pupil above the sixth grade making the highest general yearly average. It was won by Miss Chayle Bailey, daughter of Mr. R. L. Bailey. The Rev. Mr. Hooten's presentation of the diplomas was graceful and appropriate to the occasion.

At the conclusion of the exercises, Mr. Hall made a short speech in which he gave a report of the school work for the year just ended and outlined the future prospects of the school. The enrollment this year was two hundred and eighty-eight, which at teachers, including the superintendent, seven and number of pupils, ten. The increase in enrollment over last year was twenty-three. Mr. Hall said that if next fall there were an like increase without a corresponding increase in the number of pupils, the building and grounds would contain seven rooms, some of them inadequate. A petition will be circulated soon to bond the district and add a wing to the school building. Mr. Hall urged the voters to sign this petition.

The teachers for next year will be: Mr. E. H. Hall, Miss Sher Copeland, Miss Laurie Auld, Miss Tullulah Neville, Miss Mabel Smith, Miss Jessie May Mahaffey, Miss Orla Tolson. All of these except Miss Tolson, who is from Gaffney, are Clintonians.

The only new one is Miss Mahaffey, who graduated with full course at the head of her class in Columbia college this week. She is a graduate of the Rev. J. E. Mahaffey's school, one of the best in the world.

#### E. D. C. To Meet.

The J. B. Roberts Chapter, E. D. C., will meet at the house of Mrs. E. H. Bell on Monday evening, June 7th, at 4 o'clock.