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QUARANTINE ORDER AGAINST NEWBERRY

Reported That Smallpox Preval in City and County.

CARNIVAL COMPANY THEREBY EXCLUDED

Laurens Citizens Visit Newberry and Report Prevalence of Smallpox in Both City and County, so the Bars are Raised, Endorsed by State Health Board.

Sunday morning the city board of health ordered a quarantine against the city and county of Newberry, where it is reported there are a large number of cases of smallpox. The quarantine order was issued after two members of the city board of health, Dr. R. E. Hughes and Mr. T. Lane Monroe, had visited Newberry and verified the reports that had already reached here. State Health Officer J. A. Hayne, of Columbia, was acquainted with the situation and he wired the local board of health endorsing them in the step they had taken and promising his aid in carrying out the order.

The quarantine order was issued as a result of activities begun last week to bar a carnival company from coming to Laurens. Objection to the carnival prevailed very generally in the city because of the bad moral effects on the community alleged to follow in the wake of such amusements. When the probability of disease was added to the other undesirable features, the quarantine regulation was resorted to. The carnival company stopped off at Clinton and is showing there this week. It is reported that it has a contract in Greenville next week. Whether or not the managers will make an effort to come here later is not known.

As an additional precaution to prevent the spread of the disease here, the board of health in ordering the quarantine against Newberry, made vaccination compulsory in this city. A large number of vaccine points were ordered to be shipped out immediately and all those who are unable to pay for vaccination will be given treatment free of charge.

There is already one case of smallpox in the city and has been for nearly two weeks. The house where this case exists has been closely watched since the case was first discovered and strict quarantine has been enforced. As a result there has been no spread of it here so far.

Both Newberry papers had references to the quarantine this week. The following was taken from the Herald and News, of that city:

"The special in the daily papers yesterday morning from Laurens that Laurens had quarantined against Newberry created some surprise here. There are a number of cases of smallpox in Newberry, and in the county, but there is no epidemic of the disease and all cases in the city are under quarantine. And no case has been known to spread from the quarantine. Nothing has been published about it because it is generally understood that the disease is scattered all over the State. To be exact, Health Officer Adams says there are at present 14 cases in the city and seven of those in one family. And all on the edge of the city limits. All the cases are among the negroes except three. Since the 13th of January, 1913, there have been 69 cases in the city and no deaths. The people are being vaccinated and the trustees have been rigidly enforcing the rule as to school children and those who are admitted to the public schools who can not give evidence of successful vaccination.

"The general opinion here is that Laurens wanted to get out of a contract the city had made for the carnival to come to that place this week and the quarantine was put on as an excuse to keep the carnival away.

"The 14 cases now in this city are convalescent and will be discharged from quarantine this week.

"There are a number of cases in the country, but just to what extent the disease prevails it is impossible to ascertain. In the township in which Prosperity is located it was stated some time ago that a school election had been called off on account of the

CAROLINA GLEE CLUB HERE NEXT MONDAY

Together With Orchestra Will Play In Opera House on 23rd. Highly Complimented by Columbia Paper.

Carolina Glee Club and Orchestra will be in Laurens for next Monday evening the 23rd. The performance will be given in the opera house, beginning at 8:30. The club is coming direct from Columbia, arriving here at 2 p. m.

The following very complimentary remarks concerning the club were taken from the Columbia State:

"Carolina's Glee Club and Orchestra are now preparing for the annual trip to several South Carolina cities. The orchestra and glee club have especially good material this year and practices which have been in progress indicate an exceptionally good entertainment. It is planned by the management to make the tour this year through western Carolina, playing at Greenwood, Laurens, Greenville and other cities.

"Carolina's glee club and orchestra have established an enviable reputation in South Carolina for good performances and Columbia always looks forward with interest to the annual concert here. This year the cities on the road will have the privilege of hearing them before Columbia does."

The orchestra, composed of excellent musicians, has been exceptionally well trained, having been under the supervision of Mr. Garling, a member for the last seven seasons of Sousa's Band, who spends part of each winter in Columbia. He will be here with the club and will play several solos.

Reserved seats for this performance will be placed on sale today at Powe Drug Co. The prices of admission are gallery 25c, behind the railing downstairs, 35c, reserved seats 50c.

Dr. Teague in New York.

Dr. J. H. Teague left last Thursday for New York City, where he will remain for about six weeks taking a special course in surgery. During his absence his practice will be taken care of by Dr. W. D. Ferguson.

prevalence of small pox. The county superintendent of education states that about 75 per cent of the school children had been vaccinated.

"At any rate there seems to be no special reason for Laurens to quarantine against Newberry as to small pox any more than against any other section of the State. In fact, if quarantine is to be enforced against communities in which the disease exists Laurens will be a community all to her noble self, and we are informed that even that city is not now immune from the disease.

"The carnival which was here has left and it is understood that it started from here to Clinton."

The following was taken from the Newberry Observer:

"The Tropical Amusement company struck Newberry in very untropical weather, and consequently did not have much business here. Sunday they packed up to go to Laurens to fill an engagement of a week there; but the board of health of that city got scared about smallpox and as a consequence Laurens cancelled its contract with the company.

"There is a good deal of smallpox in Newberry and in Newberry county, but hardly 400 cases. In the town the health officer says there are 14 cases, seven of these being in one house and all the cases are quarantined except one on Cline street, and that all the present cases will be released from quarantine this week except three.

Since Jan. 15, 1913, Health Officer Adams says, there have been 69 cases in Newberry and no deaths. In fact only one death of a white person has been reported in the county, and that was an aged woman, Mrs. Slicc, at Oakland mill village, who was in very bad health when she took the disease. A citizen of Prosperity said yesterday that he had heard of some deaths among negroes in the lower portion of the county, but knew nothing of it except the rumor.

Prof. Geo. D. Brown says that fully 75 per cent of the school children of the county, counting white and colored, have been vaccinated.

The private opinion is that Laurens wanted to get rid of the carnival anyhow and made Newberry the goat."

SOCIAL AND PERSONAL CLINTON HAPPENINGS

Many Things of Interest About the People of the Neighboring Town.

Clinton, Feb. 16.—On Tuesday night Mr. W. B. Owens, Jr. entertained twelve young men at a delightful stag supper.

Mrs. J. R. Copeland was hostess to the Merry Wives Club on Thursday afternoon.

Mrs. J. C. Harper delightfully entertained the Haleyon book club on Friday afternoon.

Saturday afternoon Mrs. M. J. McFadden gave a lovely reception at her new home on Calvert avenue. The house was beautiful and was decorated in red carnations, red maline and hearts and cupid. As the guests arrived Mrs. T. D. Copeland met them at the door and Mrs. J. R. Copeland invited them into the reception hall where they were received by Mrs. McFadden, Miss Jane Kennedy, Miss Wren Hafner and Mrs. W. D. Copeland. From here they were invited into the dining room by Mrs. J. W. Copeland, Jr., and delightful refreshments were served by Misses Julia Neville, Marjorie Spencer and Maude Ellis. From the dining room Mrs. Waters Ferguson invited the guests into the living room where they were served to coffee by Mrs. E. J. Adair. This was one of the loveliest receptions that has ever been given in Clinton and was enjoyed by about 75 guests.

On Friday night the Chicora Glee Club will give an entertainment in the Carolina Memorial Chapel. This glee club was here last spring and gave a very interesting program before a large audience.

Mr. W. B. Owens, Jr., has accepted a government position and will leave for Washington the first of March where he will make his home in the future. Mr. Owens has been connected with the Seaboard Air Line railroad for a number of years and has been most successful in his work. Both Mr. and Mrs. Owens have lived in Clinton since they were children and they are very popular here and have a host of friends who regret their leaving very much.

Mrs. Bothwell Graham has returned from Spartanburg where she visited her sister, Mrs. L. M. Kennedy.

Miss Fronde Kennedy returned to New York Thursday, after spending two weeks with her mother, Mrs. J. M. Kennedy.

Mrs. W. S. Bean left last week for Augusta, Ga., where she will spend a month with brothers.

Mr. W. B. Owens, Sr., returned last week from Chattanooga, Tenn., where he has been spending the winter.

Miss Laurie Aull spent Saturday with her sister, Mrs. John Hunter.

Miss Allie Gervin has returned from Easley where she visited her sister, Miss Frances Garvin.

Mrs. J. L. Hopkins has returned to her home in Columbia after visiting friends and relatives here last week.

Mrs. C. C. Bailey is visiting Mrs. E. B. Stone in Union.

Mrs. J. Whitman Smith is spending a while in Bishopville.

Mr. and Mrs. Nell Turner left Monday for Elberton, Ga., where they will make their home in the future.

TO OPEN STORE HERE.

Capitol Woolen Mills Company has Rented Store in Bank of Laurens Building.

Mr. S. Michaelson, representative of the Capitol Woolen Mills company, was in the city yesterday making preparations to open a tailoring establishment for that company here. He rented the neat little store-room in the Bank of Laurens building recently occupied as a book store. Mr. Michaelson states that they will open for business next week. They have a "Free" offer in another part of this paper, to which attention is directed.

Entertainment at Waterloo.

There will be an entertainment at Waterloo Friday, February 20th, given by local talent for the benefit of the school. The entertainment will be given in the Waterloo high school building and will begin at 8 o'clock. The show will consist of several short plays that are filled with plenty of fun and interesting throughout. It is hoped that many will attend as the proceeds will go to the school for various improvements.

Watch for the serial story beginning next week "The Valiants of Virginia."

TOO MUCH POLITICS AVERS COL. KOHN

Has Interfered with Constructive Legislation. Too Many for Higher Jobs Columbia, Feb. 15.—There is one overshadowing distinction that belongs to the legislative session of 1914—good feeling. There have been no clashes, no ill-temper, no long-drawn filibusters, with politics as the keystone. Has there been politics in the session? Of course there has been, and very much of it. It has been the dead-weight of legislation. The politics has been passive, but it could be seen under the surface. Of course, as long as the people are hypnotized with the primary system conditions will continue as at present. The legislature is the kindergarten, so to speak, of men in public life. It is the best stepping stone, as experience has shown.

Majority are Candidates.

The vast majority of members of both the House and Senate are either candidates for re-election, for higher offices, but few elect to retire to public life. There are on the floor candidates running for Governor and Lieutenant Governor and Congress, Judgeships, all the way up or down the political gamut. There is something about the germ of politics that grows. It is a culture that is self-sustaining, and self-reliant. No one has ever found serious fault with the idea of self-preservation being the first law of nature, and if it apply in ordinary life, it is seven fold more so in political life. That is largely why so little real legislation will be undertaken—tax revision, road building, and the like—there is a campaign ahead next year.

More Light Needed.

If the people could only be thoroughly informed on issues and the reasons, there would be no real fear of a vote being wrong in a campaign. The trouble is the average candidate does not wish to assume the burden of overcoming prejudice or conducting a campaign of education. If a candidate with a personality can only make his constituency understand an issue and that his ballot has been honestly cast there is nothing to fear—only the trouble of explaining.

Speaking of honesty it is a perfectly safe proposition to record that the legislature of South Carolina is honest—that is money or its equivalent is not even considered as a possibility in influencing votes.

No Corruption Fund.

There is not, nor has there ever been, a corruption fund used—certainly not since 1876, and it is a safe statement that no attempt has been made to corrupt members in a couple of generations. Such a thing as an election of a Senator or Judgeship being bought is undreamed of in this State in this day and time, and the same applies to legislation. Membership in the general assembly means honor, entry in the political kindergarten preliminary to other ambitions, hard public service and after all little thanks. As a type the legislators of South Carolina are high class, conscientious men who like the game of politics.

Adjournment Uncertain.

When will the general assembly adjourn? That is an uncertainty. By all the rules of the game, by legislative precedent, by the desire of the vast majority of the members, the lawmakers will be wending their way homeward next Saturday, the 21st—that is the fortieth day. The hitch is on the appropriation bill. If it is gotten to the Senate by Tuesday afternoon and is given its initial reading in the Senate that day the assembly can adjourn Saturday; that is if the Senate wants to do so. The talk is that the Senate is disposed to take its time on the appropriation and other bills and not rush its work and that the adjournment will not be reached until some time in the week beginning the 23d. Even then there is no hope of finishing all the work that is before the general assembly. There will be hundreds of measures left on the Calendar—put there for a record or to let people think about the ideas suggested.

Blaise-Grace Love Test.

The most talked of incident of the week was the love-feast staged in Charleston last Wednesday with the Governor and the Mayor of Charleston in the leading roles. There were decidedly different suggestion as to who was the real hero in the drama and the comments were quite varying

FIRE STOPS WORK AT GLASS FACTORY

Furnace Sprung a Leak Thursday Night Causing Lull in Bottle Making.

Thursday night about two o'clock the molten glass tank at the Laurens Glass works sprang a leak necessitating a shut-down for a week or ten days. The fire department was called out to help in preventing further damage, but very little damage was done other than to the tank itself.

It is not known how the leak in the tank started. After the molten glass began to flow out every effort was made to stop it and soon it was under control. However, as the leak could not be repaired with the glass still inside, the greater part of it was drained out the next morning.

Repairs were begun immediately but because of the long time necessary to get the glass to a working heat again, operations will be considerably delayed. It will probably be several days yet before blowing will start again.

The mishap came at a very inopportune time, as the factory was running full time to keep up with orders. The recent cold weather has tended to help matters, however, as the soda bottles have not been as insistent on delivery while the cold weather lasts.

GRAND BABY SHOW.

"Movie Man" Here All this Week and Next to Take Pictures of Local Scenes.

E. F. Gallagher, an expert moving picture operator, is in the city taking views of scenes and persons preparatory to showing them in the opera house next Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday. Mr. Gallagher pays particular attention to the babies and they will be shown in every imaginable pose. The price for these will be the same as usual at this picture house, 5 and 10 cents, both afternoon and evening. Pictures will be made on the streets free of charge.

Local Talent Play.

On Saturday night February 21, beginning at 8:30 o'clock there will be a play given by local talent at Riddle's Old Field school. The proceeds are to be used for school improvement. The public is cordially invited.

At First Baptist Church.

Next Sunday the pastor will have for his subject at the morning hour, "Thoughts on Thinking"; at night he will discuss "The Action of a Bad Governor."

Check on Local Bills.

There was a bit of a break in the monotony of local bills being smuggled through in the guise of delegation or county matters. Messrs Miley and Boyd may not ingratiate themselves with some members to whose little bills they are objecting, but they are right and with a little help, if not this year, later on, they can save thousands to the State by blocking strictly local bills that ought to be combined in general measures. Some one is to be blamed for this being a record year in local bills—rural police, magistrates, salaries, school fees, weighers and every sort of county affair not being consolidated into one general bill upon a particular line.

Too Much "Courtesy."

The courtesies and amenities of one delegation to another—you help me pass my bill and we will help you pass yours—has never been worse. The committees could largely overcome this trouble by inviting suggestion on given topics and incorporating the wishes of the more than forty counties in one bill, instead of having ten or forty bills on one phase of legislation. But with it all we are having a pleasant legislative session, everyone is in a good humor, Dr. Wyche is getting much better and peace reigns supreme and all realize that after all there is no State in the glorious Union quite so good as South Carolina.

August Kohn.

COUNCIL REFUSES TO GRANT NEW PEAK

Reedy River Power Co. Asked for New Minimum.

COUNCIL CLAIMS HASN'T MADE IT

President of Power Company Asks for New Minimum on Basis of Power Consumed in Months of November and December, Current Turned Off by City Officials.

Last Tuesday night at the regular monthly meeting of city council Mr. N. B. Dial, president of the Reedy River Power company, appeared and asked that the city begin payment for fifty additional horse-power of current now being furnished by that company under the contract signed several years ago. This, if granted, would have amounted to an additional expenditure per year for power of \$2,500. The council refused the request of Mr. Dial on the ground that the new peak which the company claims to have been established has not yet been made.

Mr. Dial was seen yesterday by the representative of The Advertiser and asked to give a statement as to the claim that he has filed. He produced a considerable array of figures showing that the use of electric current in the city has been on a gradual increase since December, 1910, when the present charges went into effect, and that during the months of November and December of 1913 so much power was used by the city that under the contract the company was legally entitled to ask for the additional payment. However, he stated, the company was deprived of proof of its claim because the lights in the city were pulled off on several occasions when it appeared that the indicator at the power house was about to reach a new level. This, he said, was not just nor allowable under the contract signed between the city and the power company. The city authorities admit having turned off the street lights but claim that they had a right to do so when they thought it advisable, different reasons being put forth to support the claim. On several occasions, it was stated, the street lights were pulled off because the moon furnished enough illumination.

The contract of the Reedy River Power company with the city is based on what is called the "peak load." This peak load has to be reached three nights in succession before it is established and the difference between the peak loads must be fifty horse-power. Thus, in 1910 the city began paying for 183 horsepower per year at \$50 per horse power. Since that time the load has varied all the way from 183 horsepower to 240 horsepower, but never has it gained as much as fifty horsepower or reached 233 horsepower three nights in succession, which is necessary before the new peak is established. Mr. Dial claims that the 233 horsepower mark would have been passed three nights in succession on several occasions had the city officials allowed the current to stay on but that they cut it off. To support his claim, he has a chart showing that at frequent intervals the streets were dark and that at such times the meter at the power house indicated that had the current stayed on the peak load would have been reached. He claims that the city could follow these tactics indefinitely and deprive his company of large revenue rightfully due them, for in this manner the city could use an unlimited amount of power for two nights in succession and then cut down the current the third night.

To support his contention that the consumption of water and lights in the city has been on a steady increase since 1910 and that the large amount of current used in the fall of 1913 was not from spasmodic causes, he quoted the figures for the month of December for the past four years, showing that in 1910 the city had sold \$1,093 of current, in 1911 \$1,167, in 1912 \$1,102 and in 1913 \$1,288. In 1910 water rents amounted to \$278 and in 1913 \$384, making a total for water and lights in 1910 \$1,371 and in 1913 \$1,672, an increase in receipts of \$301 for that month and \$301 more than the proposed additional charge after the new peak is established.

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