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THE SCHOOL FAIR LARGELY ATTENDED

Nearly Three Thousand in the Parade.

CROSS HILL WON IN ORATORY

No Untoward Events Marred the Pleasures of the Day. Exhibits more Varied than Last Year though the Crowd was Probably Smaller.

An early morning haziness Friday that at one time threatened to grow into a drizzling rain gave way in the early forenoon to a delightfully clear and sunny atmosphere, providing for the annual county school fair an ideal spring day. The threatening clouds of the early morning, however, were not driven away before they had caused many, from a fear of a drenching, to give up the idea of attending. Yet, with these few staying at home, the general opinion was that nearly as many school children were present as were here last year, though it was generally conceded that there were not as many older people present as there were last year. This is accounted for largely by the fact that many farmers desired to make the best use of the very few recent ideal days for land preparation and planting. One who counted the children, teachers and trustees in the great parade said there were nearly 2,700 in line, which was a few hundred less than last year. Even with the slight decrease in numbers, many were heard to express surprise that so many were here and that so much interest and enthusiasm were taken at a time when nearly everyone seemed to think that the country had gone to the bow-wows. Conceding that the numbers were less than last year, the universal opinion seemed to have been that the exhibits were better and that more interest was taken in the different contests than in previous years, indicating a healthy growth and spirit in the schools. While it is hardly a matter of news, it being taken for granted, the crowd was an orderly, well-behaved, well-dressed, healthy and happy one. No untoward events marred the pleasures of the day and everything passed off pleasantly. One exception to the prevailing good order of the day, however, was the noise made by a small group in the rear of the school auditorium during the high school oratorical contest in the evening. Considerable criticism was heard as to this and hope expressed that it would not be repeated again.

From the spectacular point of view, the school parade was the crowning feature of the day. The line was formed at the graded school building and the march made to the public square, the children marching four abreast. While all of the schools in the parade deserve credit for their appearance, as all of them had some distinctive feature to praise, the two schools representing extremes in age commanded most attention. These were the kindergarten pupils of the Laurens mill, taught by Miss Frances Thames, and the night school "boys" of Youngs township, taught by Miss Wil Lou Gray and the various teachers of the township. Not content with merely marching in the parade, these enthusiastic night scholars gave full vent to their spirit of youth and vied with the leather-throated youngsters in cheering and "rooting" for their schools. The school children were preceded in line by a brass band and the local band of boy scouts under the command of Mr. James F. Harney, assistant Scout Master. The line stretched from the school building to and around the public square one time.

The following schools were represented in the parade: Laurens Graded School, Laurens Cotton Mill, Watts Mill, Trinity-Ridge, Woodrow Wilson, Bailey, Copeland, Fleming, Oak Grove, Lanford, Ora, Ebenezer, Patton, Friendship, Riddles Old Field, Huntersville, Grays, Central, Youngs, Eden, Shiloh, Harmony, Gray Court-Owings, Barksdale, Dials, Princeton, Mt. Bethel, Poplar, Hickory Tavern, Friendship, Brewerton, Waterloo, Mt. Gallagher, Palmetto, Ekom, Oakville, Mt. Pleasant, Mt. Olive, Reedy Grove, Cross Hill, Long View, Wade, Pine Grove, Mountville, Rock, Wadsworth, Clinton, Lydia Mill.

Youngs, Hurricane, Renno, Long Branch, Musgrove, Langston, Sandy Springs, Youngs Township Night School, Orphanage.

Cross Hill First in Oratory.

George Martin, of the Cross Hill school, carried off first honors in the high school oratorical contest held Friday evening. Curtis Teague, of the Mountville school, and Thornwell Dunlap came second and third, respectively. The other contestants were Edwin Fuller, Trinity-Ridge; Louie Lanford, Lanford; Devault Teague, Hickory Tavern; Lee Add Blakeley, Clinton; Perrinean Hunter, Ora; Shaw Johnson, Gray Court. The judges of this contest were Prof. C. B. Martin, of Furman University; Prof. C. B. Elliott, of the Columbia city schools, and Mr. J. A. Stoddard, of Columbia. The Minter medal, awarded to the most successful contestant by the heirs of the late Capt. J. R. Minter, was presented by Prof. Martin who took the occasion to highly commend the efforts of the young orators. Prof. Martin is a native of this county and expressed his pleasure at being here again. Prof. Martin also presented the medal awarded by the association to the winner of second place.

Immediately following the presentation of these medals Prof. Elliott delivered the Fleming cup to the Clinton high school for scoring the most points in the high school athletic contests. The cup was taken in charge by Sam Prather, as the representative of the school. Following this Mr. J. A. Stoddard, assistant superintendent of education, another Laurens product, delivered to Alva Powers, of the Ora school, the medal offered by the Henry Laurens chapter, D. A. R., for the best essay on United States history written by a pupil of the rural schools.

Athletics.
The elementary and high school athletics were in progress most of the day and much interest was displayed in the contests. In the elementary contests the Laurens school scored the most points. In the high school athletics the Clinton school scored the highest number of points and was awarded the Fleming cup for its success. Valuable assistance was rendered the managers of athletics by the boy scouts and by the city police in handling the crowds and assisting in the preparations for the contests. The successful contestants will be found on another page.

Manual Training Exhibits.
The exhibits of manual work in the court house attracted large crowds throughout the day and many were heard to express wonder and admiration at the variety and high standard. Greatest interest here was centered around the ribbons offered for the best township exhibits. In Class A, composed of Laurens and Hunter townships, Laurens township was given first place. In Class B, composed of the remaining townships of the county, Youngs township was awarded first honor, Dials second and Sullivan third. The individual exhibits in manual training by the Mountville school received high praise.

For the best exhibits in the different townships, the following awards were made:
Laurens township—Trinity Ridge, 1st; Bailey, 2nd; Watts, 3rd.
Youngs—Huntersville, 1st; Ora, 2nd; Grays, 3rd.
Dials—Gray Court-Owings, 1st; Barksdale, 2nd; Shiloh, 3rd.
Sullivan—Brewerton, 1st; Hickory Tavern, 2nd; Friendship, 3rd.
Waterloo—Waterloo, 1st; Oakville, 2nd; Reedy Grove, 3rd.
Cross Hill—Cross Hill, 1st; Long View, 2nd; Pine Grove, 3rd.
Hunter—Lisbon, 1st; Lydia, 2nd; Rock, 3rd.
Jack—Hurricane, 1st; Renno, 2nd.
Scuffletown—Sandy Springs, 1st.

Township Champions.
Adding together all the points won by the different schools in the literary, manual training and athletic departments it was shown that the following schools had totaled the most points in their respective townships:
Laurens township—Laurens, 1st; Trinity-Ridge, 2nd; Watts Mill, 3rd.
Youngs—Ora, 1st; Huntersville, 2nd; Patton, 3rd.
Dials—Gray Court-Owings, 1st; Barksdale, 2nd; Shiloh, 3rd.
Sullivan—Brewerton, 1st; Hickory Tavern, 2nd; Friendship and Princeton tied for third place.
Waterloo—Waterloo, 1st; Oakville, 2nd; Reedy Grove, 3rd.
Cross Hill—Cross Hill, 1st; Long View, 2nd; Pine Grove, 3rd.
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MANNING EXTENDS CLEMENCY TO FOUR

Recommendations of Pardon Board Followed. Citizenship Restored to R. S. Bowman.

Columbia, April 12.—Adopting the recommendation of the state board of pardons, Governor Manning has granted clemency in four cases. A pardon to restore citizenship was granted to R. S. Bowman, who has completed his sentence, having been convicted in Charleston on the charge of arson. The pardon board met in Columbia Saturday. The board refused to recommend clemency in many cases.

The following were the recommendations of the pardon board on these cases:
"State vs R. S. Bowman, Charleston county, arson. Facts shown that this party was convicted of arson and has served his full sentence. He was only 14 years of age when the crime was committed, and he asks that his citizenship be restored. We recommend that his request be granted." Full pardon granted by the governor.

"State vs Willie Green. This is a case of a boy who forged an order for 40 cents on a store. He was sentenced the minimum under the law, one year, and has already served seven months. We recommend that he be pardoned without delay." This is a little boy only 14 years of age in Marlboro county, and the man on whom he forged the order for 40 cents was one of the petitioners asking for his pardon. The governor commuted the sentence to eight months, which will release the boy in a few days.

"State vs Sarah Rice, Union county, vagrancy. Sentence four months in county jail. We recommend that this girl be paroled upon condition that she be sent to a rescue home in Greenville, or elsewhere, to remain there for a period of 90 days." The governor issued a parole in this case on the conditions named.

"State vs Sarah Moore, Richland county, arson. The solicitor and judge both recommend that this sentence be commuted from ten to two years, in which recommendation the board joins." The governor commuted the sentence to two years.
The McCormick county appeal will be argued in the supreme court on April 20, according to announcement today.—Spartanburg Herald.

Second Week Jurors.

Dials—J. A. Todd, J. T. Armstrong, W. W. Yeargin, C. L. Abercrombie, Jno. T. Holder, R. S. Bolt, L. W. Brooks.

Youngs—Austin Abercrombie, W. E. Bobo, J. O. Babb, N. C. Smith.

Scuffletown—J. D. Godfrey, J. F. Donnan, D. M. McClintock.

Jacks—Lee F. Spoon, M. H. Setzler, Hunter—T. P. Davis, W. N. Blackwell, J. L. Young, R. L. Bailey, F. A. Senn.
Cross Hill—L. E. Reeder, J. C. Watts, D. R. Lynch, M. D. Smith.
Waterloo—J. E. Elledge, J. E. McDaniel, W. H. Williams, L. S. Cooper.
Laurens—J. H. King, C. B. Adams, J. Warren Bolt, J. M. Langston.
Sullivan—G. B. Taylor, S. S. Beeks, M. L. McDaniel.

"Around, Around, Around."

Captain Dyer, manager of the merry-go-round which has been running on East Main street for several days, has consented to aid the local committee in charge of raising funds for Belgian relief. Thursday afternoon and night he will turn the big machine over to the committee and share with them the proceeds of the sales. In addition to this ice cream cones would be sold. A committee will be present to look after the children. The public is invited to come and assist in the worthy cause.

Studebaker Sales.

J. B. Bruce, of Greenville, was in the city last week and while here purchased a Studebaker "25" from D. C. McLaurin, the local Studebaker agent. Mr. McLaurin states that he has several prospects on his string.

The Next Job.

The next job is to have an improved road from Laurens to Spartanburg. Persons traveling in cars from the lower part of the state will continue on to Greenville instead of coming to Spartanburg, and thence to the mountains over the new highway, unless there is a better highway from Laurens to this city.—Spartanburg Herald.

FIRE IN CLINTON.

Clinton Oil and Manufacturing Company Suffers \$25,000 Loss.

Clinton, April 11.—One of the biggest fires that Clinton has ever experienced occurred here last night, when a large part of the Clinton Oil and Manufacturing Company's plant was destroyed. The fire was discovered about 6 o'clock in the luter room of the oil mill. In a few minutes this was a mass of flames and the fire almost immediately spread to the seed house. In quick succession the two gineries, the fertilizer plant and the engine room of the oil mill proper took fire. The entire building was ablaze several times, but each time the fire was extinguished. The only other buildings left were the oil mill and the hull house. Large improvements had been made at this plant during the last eighteen months and one of the last expenditures was for a modern, up-to-date motor driven ginery, which was completely destroyed.

Several residences in the vicinity were in imminent danger, but all were saved. The loss from the fire is estimated to be about \$25,000, which is practically covered by insurance.

Total Ginnings Less.

According to the preliminary report of the director of the census, at Washington, there was less cotton made in Laurens county in 1914 than in 1913. The figures for 1914 are 42,106 bales, as against 45,381 in 1913. The total ginnings for the state shows an increase of nearly 150,000 bales, the ginnings for 1914 being 1,550,700 bales as against 1,418,704 bales in 1913. Large increases in yields were made in the eastern counties, Darlington county, for instance, ginning 10,000 more bales this year than last year.

Ice Cream Supper.

An ice cream supper will be given at the home of Mr. W. W. Owens Saturday night, April 17 for the benefit of the Warrior Creek Young People's union. The public is cordially invited.

Entertainment at Gray Court.

Miss Butra Lee Motley, a graduate of the Noyes School of Expression, Boston, will give a selection of readings and recitations in the auditorium of Gray Court-Owings school for the benefit of the School Improvement association, Friday, April 16th, at 8:30 p. m. She has rare skill and ability in her line, and a delightful evening is promised. All are invited. Admission will be 25 cents for adults and 15 cents for children.

POLICE FORCE BUSY.

Activity Saturday and Sunday Results in a Large Number of Arrests and Convictions.

Saturday and Sunday the city police force was busy making raids among colored gamblers of the community. By Sunday evening the guard house held a capacity audience and the "standing room only" sign was ready to be put out. At the trials before the mayor Monday morning eleven were found guilty of gambling and fined \$10 or thirty days each. Another was fined \$5.00 for disorderly conduct, and still another \$5.00 for being drunk. Clyde Barksdale, colored, forfeited a bond of \$10.00 for disorderly conduct, having cut another negro.

Stobo Garlington and Walter Young, two negro youths, were sentenced to thirty days on the chain gang for entering the Enterprise National Bank and stealing several valuable articles late one evening while the janitor was cleaning out. They also admitted entering several other stores on the public square and as a result of their confession warrants have been sworn out for their appearance at the circuit court. Talking about their conviction yesterday, Chief Bagwell stated that he was convinced that these two boys are guilty of much petty thievery which has been going on around the public square during the past few months.

Death of a Young Lady.

Clinton, April 12.—On Wednesday night Miss Irene Little died after a long illness. She was about 23 years of age and was a daughter of Mr. Tom Little. She was loved by a host of devoted friends and admired by all for the beautiful life she had lived. The funeral services were held at four o'clock Thursday afternoon at the First Presbyterian church.

GUARD J. C. ROBBINS DIES OF WOUNDS

Shot by a Negro while in Pursuit of Him with Penitentiary Bloodhounds.

Pinewood, April 9.—John C. Robbins, guard at the state penitentiary and state executioner, was shot from his horse and painfully injured while pursuing a negro with bloodhounds near here today. Joel Green, who did the shooting, is a half-witted negro. He was surrounded in a canebroke and was not more than 20 feet from Mr. Robbins when the gun was fired. The shot tore an ugly wound in the right hip joint. The injured man was hurried to a hospital in Columbia by Dr. Frank Harvin.

Later in the afternoon the negro was compelled to climb a tree to escape the bloodhounds. From the tree he shot and killed the leader of the pack and then made his way to the thicker confines of the swamp. The chase was abandoned late in the afternoon.

Three stores were robbed in Pine-wood Thursday night and the dogs were brought from Columbia to trail the thief. The stores broken open belonged to A. G. Stack, Mrs. C. W. Bates and A. G. Stotsky. Considerable quantities of goods were taken. Entrance was made through the transom over the door in one case and in the others, bars were pried loose from the windows.

When the dogs arrived this morning the trail was followed a mile or more from town, a wagon having been held in waiting to pick up the robbers. Mr. Robbins and those with him then followed the wagon trail until they came to a negro house on down the road. Joel Green was sitting on the steps at the time. He gave no coherent answers to questions plied by Robbins and his deputies. Another negro was plowing in a nearby field, and the scouring party passed on to the plow hand. During the interim Green got his gun and went to the woods. His actions incited the suspicion of Mr. Robbins and those with him. The negro was followed and when he had been surrounded in a canebroke, he immediately drew his gun on Mr. Robbins. The negro was commanded to drop his gun, but opened fire before Mr. Robbins could bring his own gun into play.

Guard Robbins Dies of Wounds.

The State.
John Catlett Robbins, state executioner, who was shot Friday near Pinewood, in Clarendon county, by a negro, Joel Green, a fugitive from justice, whom he was pursuing, died last night at 7 o'clock at a hospital in Columbia. Green himself was shot to death yesterday morning by the deputy sheriff's posse, after an all night search in a swamp near Pine-wood. The negro wore a steel breast-plate and carried a shotgun and two pistols.

"Governor, I was trying to do my duty," said Mr. Robbins, as he was being rushed to Columbia late Friday night. Gov. Manning was at Sumter on his way from Orangeburg to Columbia. The governor found the wounded officer in the station at Sumter and accompanied him to Columbia in the baggage car of the Atlantic Coast Line railway train, reaching Columbia just before 11 o'clock Friday night. Gov. Manning remained in the baggage car until the train reached the union station and gave every attention possible to the officer. Yesterday afternoon Gov. Manning called to see Mr. Robbins at the Columbia hospital. An operation was performed late Friday night, but little hope was held out for recovery.

Mr. Robbins was the son of the late W. J. Robbins, a well known Anderson county farmer, who died a year ago. Mr. Robbins is survived by the following brothers and sisters: Miss Daisy Robbins, Charles M. Robbins, Mrs. W. H. Duckworth, M. D. Robbins, L. B. Robbins, Miss Zadie Robbins and Miss Rubio Robbins.

"Mr. Robbins had been connected with the state penitentiary," said Capt. Griffith last night, "for about eight years. He was a good, kind and brave officer. He could do more with the bloodhounds than any one else I know. We will miss him."

The state government does not provide for the maintenance of a pack of bloodhounds. Several years ago Mr. Robbins bought several hounds and began to develop a pack. He has chased and caught many criminals.
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ANOTHER SEA RAIDER SLIPS INTO PORT

Second Raider Also Tells Thrilling Story

FIFTEEN SHIPS CAPTURED BY HER

Eluded a Squadron of Four Allied Ships and Slips into Newport News, Va., Barely Enough Coal to Get Her into the Harbor.

Newport News, Va., April 11.—The German converted cruiser Kronprinz Wilhelm, another of those elusive raiders of commerce in the South seas, slipped into this port today and asked for fuel and provisions. Many times reported destroyed, the former North German Lloyd liner evaded hostile warships for eight months while she sent fifteen merchantmen to the bottom, and her officers say she was forced to steal her way through a fleet of four allied cruisers off this coast in order to reach this refuge.

"We got in without being seen by the enemy, and we can get out the same way," declared her commander, Lieut. Capt. Paul Thierfelder, formerly navigating officer of the German cruiser Karlsruhe.

When she anchored off Old Point the Wilhelm had less than twenty-five tons of coal and scant provisions for the crew of 500 men and 61 prisoners from British merchant ships sunk in the South Atlantic. Of the fifteen ships that the drab-painted 15,000-ton cruiser came with a record of capturing fourteen of them sunk, nine were British, four French and one Norwegian. The British ship Chasehill, captured, was allowed to proceed, taking to shore more than 300 prisoners from previous raids. The value of these ships and their cargoes, officers of the Wilhelm tonight estimated at \$7,000,000.

Since she slipped out of New York harbor, August 3 last, as a German merchant and passenger steamer, the Wilhelm never touched land and took 900 prisoners from various vessels destroyed.

Most of these were sent to South American ports on German ships which met the raider in response to wireless calls. The 61 now on board, who will be landed here tomorrow, are British sailors taken from steamships Tamar, destroyed March 25, and Coleby, destroyed March 27 last.

The British steamer Chasehill was stopped February 22, 1915, and after provisions had been requisitioned by the German cruiser, she was allowed to proceed with 300 prisoners transferred to her from the Kronprinz Wilhelm.

The second of the raiders brought as thrilling a story as did her predecessor, the Eitel Friedrich. Her record of destruction, however, was accomplished with only four guns, two taken from the German cruiser Karlsruhe and two captured from the British merchant steamer Lacorrentina, sunk October 7, 1914. The most connected story of the voyage from New York, 225 days in all, during which the ship never touched land, was told tonight by Over Lieut. Alb Warneke, the first officer.

"We left New York August 3," said Lieut. Warneke, "Three days out, off the Bermudas, we met the German cruiser Karlsruhe. We took from her two 3-inch guns, which we mounted. Lieut. Capt. Thierfelder, navigating officer of the Karlsruhe, took command of our ship. We also took 17 of the Karlsruhe's junior officers and men. We made for the South Atlantic and the first ship we encountered was the British steamer Indian Prince which we sunk September 4, 1914. I want to say that Sir Edward Grey, the British premier, has been kind to us and that if Great Britain had been organized as well as we were to patrol the South Atlantic we never could have remained alive these many months. Sir Edward Grey sent us those two big guns on our after deck. He sent them to us on the British Lacorrentina on October 7. The Lacorrentina could not use her guns because she didn't have any ammunition. After we took the guns and what of her cargo we wanted, we put some bombs into her and down she went. Some of the merchant ships we

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