

## INTERESTING ITEMS FROM THE COUNTY

### News Letters From Many Sections.

### CORRESPONDENTS GIVE LOCAL NEWS

**Happenings of Interest to Many People All Over the County and to Those Who have left the Family Hearth-Stone and Gone to Other States.**

#### CROSS HILL NEWS.

Cross Hill, Oct. 25.—Dr. G. F. Klugh talked to the school children Friday afternoon on the subject of hygiene. His talk was simple and very practical, giving a number of rules and observations by which we may preserve the health of the body and thus lengthen or live and increase the power of the mind. This was the second of a series of lectures for the benefit of the school children.

Messrs Simmons Pinson of Furman and James Guthrie of Wofford spent the week-end here with their home people.

Mr. B. A. Wharton has the best garden of collards we have seen, and this is saying a great deal for there are many splendid gardens of collards, cabbage, and turnips in this section. Mr. Wharton has some collards which measure from four to five feet across and are high in proportion. His garden contains four or five hundred of these winter plants.

Mr. J. E. Griffin has manufactured nearly eighty gallons of fine syrup from his acre of big Texas cane. He thinks the syrup is excellent. He has promised to send us a mess of it and when he does we will tell you all about it.

Mrs. Lettie Wilcutt of Greenwood, after spending a month or more here with her grandson, Mr. J. R. Wilcutt, returned home last Tuesday. Mrs. Wilcutt is nearly one century years of age and is still quick and active both in body and mind. She has many relatives and acquaintances in this, her native county who rejoice with her in her good health.

Miss Erice Loner of Due West is spending a few weeks here with her sister, Mrs. W. E. Griffin.

After spending the summer here with her daughter, Mrs. B. A. Wharton, Mrs. Hart, we understand will return to her home in Jacksonville, Fla., this week.

Rev. W. D. Ratchford returned Saturday morning from Rock Hill where he attended the annual meeting of the South Carolina Synod.

#### RABUN NEWS.

Rabun, Oct. 25.—Miss Margie Holder of Green Pond section spent last Saturday night with Miss Edna Owens.

Mr. and Mrs. Dunk Nesbitt and friend of Piedmont spent the first of last week visiting Mrs. Lizzie Cheek, and Mrs. H. H. Mahon.

Miss Allie Babb, and Mr. Houston Babb after spending the summer in Asheville, returned to their homes last Thursday.

Mr. Solomon Mahaffey of Eden section spent Wednesday night with Mr. Walter Owens.

Mrs. Rebecca Owens visited Mrs. Emily Woods of Eden section Tuesday and Wednesday.

Mrs. Lizzie Cheek spent several days last week with Mrs. Anna West of Poplar Spring section.

Mr. A. P. Nicholls, Misses Bonnie and Lucia Nichols of Fountain Inn, were visiting in this and Friendship section Saturday and Sunday.

A number of the Rabun people attended the circus in Greenville Saturday.

Miss Jenovee Babb and brother, Mr. Grady of Eden section, visited Miss Edna Owens and brother, Walter Owens, Saturday, night and Sunday.

Mr. Stewart Mahon and family of Eden section visited Mr. and Mrs. Claude Mahon Sunday.

Mr. Lee Chapman and family of Fountain Inn attended preaching at Friendship Sunday.

The farmers in this section are very busy picking cotton and peas.

#### DIAL NEWS.

Dials, Oct. 25.—Mr. and Mrs. William Gray of Gray Court, and Mrs. W. P. Childress and Mr. and Mrs. James (Continued on Page Five.)

### DR. W. LAWRENCE BAILEY DIED LAST WEDNESDAY.

Prominent Young Physician of Coronaca, Native of This County Died Last Wednesday.

Mr. T. Lawrence Bailey, a prominent physician of Greenwood county practicing in Coronaca, died suddenly at his home last Wednesday. His death followed shortly after that of his father, W. Frank Bailey, who was buried near Clinton only last week. Dr. Bailey was forty years old and until the day of his death, had not showed any signs of ill-health. Wednesday about noon he was found in an unconscious condition by his wife, the physicians summoned stating that his condition was the result of a stroke of paralysis. He died Wednesday night, only a few hours after the first stroke.

Dr. Bailey has been successfully practicing his profession in Coronaca for several years. He was a native of Laurens county, having been born and reared in the Lisbon section of this county. He was forty years of age. Besides one brother, Dr. T. L. W. Bailey of Clinton, he is survived by his wife, who was Miss Annie Giles of Greenwood, and one little son. The funeral services and burial were conducted in Greenwood last Thursday.

Dr. Bailey was well known in Laurens where he had made many friends who join with his family in mourning his early passing. He was a man of many admirable traits, a physician of the highest type and withal, one whom many here and in his adopted town admired and respected.

#### MUSICAL COMEDY NEXT WEEK.

"The Marriage of Kitty" Will be in Opera House Next Thursday, 4th.

The Marriage of Kitty, a delightful musical comedy will be presented at the Opera House next Thursday, Nov. 4th. The presentation is by Leland Webb who is supported by the famous star Miss Julia Bates and her company. The play comes with an unusually good reputation and promises to be one of the best shown anywhere in this state. A feature of the performance is the beautiful electrical effect produced with the carload of beautiful scenery that accompanies the show.

#### "THE SOUL OF A WOMAN"

Is the Title of the Next Metro Picture at the Opera House Friday.

Manager Switzer of the Opera House Picture Show announces for next Friday, the regular Metro picture day, the inspiring allegorical study "Destiny" or "The Soul of a Woman". Miss Emily Stevens, the eminent New York star will play the leading role, which in itself assures those attending of one of the most entertaining pictures ever shown in Laurens. The play is presented in five thrilling reels.

#### A Big Potato.

Mr. F. F. Hellams, who lives a few miles in the country, left in The Advertiser office several days ago, one of the largest sweet potatoes ever seen by The Advertiser's garden editor. Though it was not the largest "ever", it was the largest seen this season. When weighed in one of the stores in town, after having dried out a bit, it tipped the scales at 11 pounds and a few ounces. Mr. Hellams tells an amusing tale in connection with the big potato. His little boy was sent out to the potato "patch" to grabble enough for dinner with a dire warning not to bring back any "strings". It seems that the kid had been a little careless before in selecting "ripe" hills and his "haul" had been small. This time, however, with the words of his mother ringing in his ear and with a thought of the hereafter in case he disobeyed, he sought out one hill that looked to him to be "overdone". He hit it right. After digging with his hands and then with a big stick and then with other implements, he finally landed the monster clear of the ground and, with a proud and relieved look on his face, returned to the house conscious of a deed well done and of a conflict avoided. Since the potato was brought to The Advertiser office, readers will understand that the kid had to go back to the garden anyway.

Spartanburg, Oct. 24.—Robert McElroy, the Greer lad held in jail here on the charge of being an accessory before the fact in connection with the suicide of Annie Glenn at Greer two weeks ago, was released on bail of \$1,000 yesterday afternoon.

## SPECIAL \$25 PRIZE FOR HUSTLERS

Who Will Turn In The Most Money By Saturday Afternoon, November 6th.

Special Prize of \$25 Cash Offered to the One Turning in the Most Subscriptions between Today and Saturday Afternoon, November 6th, at 5 O'clock. This is Open to All Contestants.

The Advertiser publishes today a list of popular Laurens county men, women and children who have entered or who have been nominated by friends for the great automobile contest. With each mail comes a fresh batch of nominations, so by the end of this week it is expected that the roll will be longer than that of any contest ever before conducted in this county. The stupendousness of the offer which The Advertiser has made in this harvest year of 1915 has aroused unprecedented interest in every section of the county and those who are wise will take advantage of the opportunity to realize on it in a substantial way. Subscribers to The Advertiser, willing and waiting to help those in their respective communities, are doubtless holding back their subscriptions to aid that one who first approaches them. The season's harvests have been rich so far and the collection of subscriptions, when properly urged, should be an easy matter.

The contest manager wants to repeat what he has said about the relative value of old and new subscriptions. Where a subscriber is already in arrears and wishes to pay up to the present, his subscription is just as valuable in votes as if he were a new subscriber. In fact, since he is already a subscriber of the paper and knows how valuable it is to him and his family, it ought to be easier to collect from him than from one who has not hitherto been on the list. Therefore, a little hint to all the contestants and one which the wise ones will doubtless heed,—see the "old birds" before striking the new ones. It is often the case that several dollars may be secured from an old subscriber for arrears and advance subscriptions in the same time that it would take to collect one dollar from a new subscriber. Use headwork!

#### Special Prize.

Read the contest advertisement on another page. You will note that we will give a cash prize of \$25 to the contestant turning in the most money on old and new subscriptions by Saturday afternoon, November 6th, at 5 o'clock. This special contest begins today. By this special race, anyone who has not yet entered the race is given the opportunity to try for this cash prize and at the same time make a beginning for the big prizes. Remember, that the race is just begun and the one who enters today has a plenty of time in which to win. Note the territory from which the contestants come. If there is no one busy in your neighborhood, get busy yourself for subscribers are there or ought to be. In either case, the opportunity is yours to collect many subscriptions. Do not forget the prizes. Look in last week's paper—automobile, graphophone, watch, cash.

Now, a little about subscription blanks. The contest manager has a full supply of subscription blanks on hand and will mail them to subscribers immediately upon request. As soon as any contestant's supply is nearly exhausted, he or she should send at once for more. They are put up in conveniently bound books and are easy to handle. The use of these books will prevent any confusion, either on the part of the contestant, the subscriber or the contest manager. It is

#### SHOOTING NEAR OWINGS.

Crap Game Among Negroes Ends up in the Usual Manner.

Bud Fletcher is in a hospital in Greenville, John Hill is wearing one arm in a sling and Plummer Pinson is in the county jail charged with sending Bud to Greenville and John to the sling. All three are negroes and before the shooting were testing their luck and skill in a crap game up near Owings station. Pinson and Fletcher started a quarrel and when the form to part them. In the firing that followed Fletcher received a bullet in his side and Hill was wounded in the arm. Immediately after the shooting Deputy Sheriff Columbus Owings went to the scene and arrested Pinson, bringing him at once to the county jail.

particularly urged upon contestants to fill out these blanks with care, putting the correct address and stating whether the subscriber is an old or new one. Please be careful about these details. Contestants are reminded that hardly one seventh of the subscribers to The Advertiser live in the city of Laurens and therefore residents of the second district have an equal opportunity with those of the first district. In fact, since contestants may solicit in either district, there would be no advantage for either district even were contestants restricted to their own territory.

In a contest, like every other enterprise, organization is going to tell. Each contestant should interest friends in all parts of the county in their race and have them put in work for them. Everyone has at least a friend or so who would gladly pay them for a year's subscription to The Advertiser. In most cases, the subscription is going to be paid anyway at some time or another and they would just as soon pay it now, while they are enabled to help a friend by so doing. Watch for the organized contestant!

And, always remember, when in case of doubt or trouble, call on the contest manager.

If you have not already entered, enter today. The nomination blank, entitling you to 1,000 votes, and the coupon, entitling you to 25 votes, are found in another column of this paper.

Vote to 5 O'clock P. M. Tuesday, Oct. 26

Miss Louise Dean, Mountville	1,000
Miss Ora Powers, Laurens	1,000
Mr. Clyde Teague, Mountville	1,000
Mr. Eston Medlock, Fountain Inn	4,025
Mr. Jim Miller, Waterloo	1,000
Mr. Fred Culbertson, Waterloo	1,000
Miss Sarah Cooper, Waterloo	4,025
Miss Mamie Miller, Waterloo	4,025
Miss Eula Smith, Laurens	1,000
Mr. Wash Jones, Ware Shoals	1,000
Mr. Geo. Anderson, Waterloo	1,000
Mr. W. H. Hamilton, Laurens	1,000
Leonard Owings, Owings	4,050
Wad Hill, Owings	4,075
Miss Lilla Templeton, Owings	1,000
Mrs. Ellen Stoddard, Owings	7,025
Miss Etta Brownlee, Gray Court	1,000
Miss Ruth Martin, Gray Court	1,000
Miss Beulah Curry, Gray Court	1,000
Miss Mae Roper, Gray Court	4,025
Miss Eva Teague, Watts Mill	1,000
Miss Sallie Brownlee, Gray Court	1,000
Miss Emma Harris, Gray Court	1,000
Mrs. F. W. Mahaffey, Gray Court	4,050
Miss Martha Wolf, Gray Court	1,000
Miss Beth Mitchell, Mountville	1,000
Miss Dot Fuller, Mountville	1,000
Miss Marie Mahon, Gray Court	1,000
Miss Sarah Dunlap, Laurens	10,575
Mrs. Victor Weathers, Laurens	13,225
Mrs. J. A. Wofford, "Aunt Kate"	1,075

Laurens . . . . . 1,075  
Albert Dial, Cross Hill . . . . . 1,000  
Harley Waddell, Ofa . . . . . 1,000  
Mrs. B. R. Todd, Laurens . . . . . 99,000  
William Hopkins Moorehead, Goldville . . . . . 55,050

Miss Martha Franks, Laurens 60,475  
Miss Marie Madden, Laurens 4,075  
Miss May Belle Garrett, Laurens 4,050  
R. Mace Langston, Gray Court 7,050  
Miss Flora Bennett, Laurens 1,000  
Clarence Albright, Laurens 7,025  
Mr. Jim Lewis, Laurens Mill 1,000  
Mr. J. L. Dagnall, Laurens Mill 1,000  
Lawrence Pitts, Laurens 4,025  
Jas. P. Harney, Laurens 1,000  
Gary Culbertson, Waterloo 1,000

#### Frank G. Wright Wins Promotion.

Frank G. Wright, a Laurens-Newberry boy, whose present run as express messenger is between Atlanta and Washington, D. C., has been promoted to a better run at an increased salary. Beginning November 1st, his route will be from Charlotte to New York. He and Mrs. Wright will live in Charlotte. The rise of this young man has been rapid. It is gratifying to his many friends here.—Newberry Herald and News.

#### Picks Peck's Pocket.

A pickpocket picked Mr. Peck's pocket this morning and secured Mr. Peck's pocketbook containing \$10 in one bill. Police officers were immediately notified and every effort was made to apprehend the slick thief.

Mr. Peck is a well known citizen of the Clifton No. 2 mill vicinity.—Spartanburg Journal.

### LOCAL AMATEURS IN "MICE AND MEN"

A Romantic Comedy in Four Acts to be Staged at the Opera House Next Wednesday Nov. 3rd, at 8:30.

After several weeks of strenuous practice a company of local amateurs will be ready next Wednesday night, November the fourth, to present to an unusually large audience, that most entertaining romantic comedy "Mice and Men". This feature attraction will be staged at the Opera House and will begin promptly at the hour specified in the contract, namely, eight thirty o'clock.

The following is the cast of characters:

Mark Embury . . . . . J. M. Fewell  
Roger Goodlake . . . . . James H. Sullivan  
Capt. George Lovell . . . . . W. E. Meng  
Sir Harry Trimblestone

Dr. R. E. Hughes  
Kit Barniger . . . . . Alison Lee  
Peter . . . . . Charles Fleming  
Joanna Goodlake, Mrs. James Sullivan  
Mrs. Deborah . . . . . Miss Rebecca Dial  
Peggy . . . . . Miss Annie Simpson  
Molly . . . . . Miss Helen Sullivan  
Beadle, Marton and others.

The aforementioned line-up is sufficient assurance that the play is going to be a delightfully rendered one and as entertaining as any that has ever been shown in Laurens. The play itself is one that has attracted the favorable comment of every critic of any note. While the play is built around a subject common in present-day novels, the unique method of its handling in "Mice and Men" has made the play one of international renown. Therefore, combining the quality of the play as a play and the admirable histrionic talents of the members of the cast, anyone will conclude that the performance next Wednesday is going to be an immense success.

The play is being given for the benefit of the schools of the county, the entire net proceeds going towards that cause. The prices of admission are 25, 35 and 50 cents. Reserved seats will be placed on sale at an early date.

#### OWINGS FLORAL SHOW.

The Tenth Annual Exhibition Will be Held Friday, November 6th.

The Advertiser has received the premium list for the Tenth Annual Floral Show to be held at Owings on Friday, Nov. 6th. The show this year promises to exceed in magnificence any of the previous ones, though all have been most successful. Prizes will be offered this year for chrysanthemums, both single and in bunches, roses, single and in bunches, ferns, geraniums, and designs and collections. In addition to the floral show they have arranged a fancy work department in which many prizes are offered for the best piece of work.

They are making great preparations for a large crowd and an enjoyable time is promised for all those who attend. Both dinner and supper can be bought on the grounds.

#### Box Supper at Grays.

There will be a box-supper at Grays schoolhouse on Friday night, November 6th. The proceeds of the supper will go to the School Improvement association. Everyone is cordially invited to come and a delightful time is promised.

#### FINE RESULTS OF FAIR.

Mr. T. G. Hughes Highly Pleased with Result of Bringing Stock to Laurens Show.

Mr. W. D. Byrd, President of the Laurens County Fair Association is in receipt of a letter from Mr. T. G. Hughes of Dumfries, in which he cordially thanks the association for the fine day here fair day and in which he highly praises the fair as an excellent means of advertising stock. He stated that as a result of his display here he has received \$210.00 worth of orders for his pigs. It will be remembered that Mr. Hughes was the owner of the two immense hogs on display at the fair, one weighing 1150 pounds and the other 856 pounds. Mr. Byrd expresses himself as highly pleased at this portion of the fair's success and hopes that next year more Laurens county farmers will take advantage of this exceptional chance to advertise their stocks.

#### Preaching at Warrior Creek.

Rev. I. N. Kennedy of Ora, will preach at Warrior Creek next Sabbath October 31st, at 3 o'clock. Everybody is invited to come.

## CONDEMNS LAURENS COUNTY JAIL

Member Board of Charities and Corrections Here.

### UNFIT COUNTY JAIL DUE TO BUILDING

Mr. A. D. Oliphant, Member of the Recently Inaugurated Board Spent Monday and Tuesday Visiting County Jail, Home For The Poor and the County Convict Camps. Makes Strong Plea for the Correction of Many Evils.

Mr. A. D. Oliphant, an agent of the State Board of Charities and Corrections, spent Monday and Tuesday here inspecting the local county jail, the county home for the poor and the several chain gangs over the county. In speaking to a representative of The Advertiser, Mr. Oliphant spoke in an inspiring manner of the work of his board and gave many instances of the good that they have accomplished and of the plans they have for continuing the commendable work in which they are engaged.

Mr. Oliphant was most unfavorably impressed with the local jail, condemning it as one of the worst that he has yet visited. He found, however, much to his satisfaction, that a movement has been on foot for some time to remedy the evil and learned with pleasure that Supervisor Humbert, Sheriff Owings and the foreman of the grand jury are making every effort to remedy the conditions. The visitor stated that the trouble was not with the keeping of the building but in the building itself.

"During the last three months, I have visited the jails in 15 counties in South Carolina," said Mr. Oliphant. "In common with two or three other counties in which I have been, Laurens has a jail which is a monument to man's inhumanity to man, because it jeopardizes the health of persons committed to it by violating cardinal laws of sanitation. I will not say that Laurens has the worst county jail I have visited. The jails in some of the other counties I have visited are bad enough, so bad that I dislike to compare them with the Laurens jail.

"Let me make it clear at the outset," continued the agent of the State Board of Charities and Corrections, "that Sheriff Owings is not to be blamed for the fact that the Laurens county jail approaches the Black Hole of Calcutta in frightfulness. The miserable conditions in the jail are due to structural defects in the building for which the county, and not the officer the county has placed in charge of it, is responsible. Had I found undesirable conditions in the Laurens jail which your sheriff could have remedied I would have gone directly to him and asked him to make the changes, telling him why I thought they should be made and how I thought they should be made. As it is, I believe Sheriff Owings is doing about everything he can to make the county jail habitable.

"It is of fundamental importance in sanitation to provide fresh air and sunlight," said Mr. Oliphant. "That has not been done in the Laurens county jail, especially in the quarters of the negro men. In the room in which the negro men await trial sometimes for weeks, there are five windows, which are three feet wide by five feet high. Last Saturday there were seven negro male prisoners in your jail, two of them convicts from one of the chaingangs undergoing treatment by the county physician for a loathsome disease of the blood. These two sick convicts shared the four cells in the negro men's quarters with the other five negroes, one of which had whooping cough. The two windows opening on the North Carolina street side of the jail had been slatted with wooden boards and the one window on the south side of the jail shuttered with boards. The officers had found it necessary to close these windows because the prisoners persisted in calling out to persons passing along the street. When I was in the negro men's quarters at the jail last Saturday the sun was shining brightly outdoors, but in there it was dark even in the corridors around the cell block, and inside the cell block I found it necessary to

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