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SOUTHERN CONGRESS OPENS NEXT MONDAY

Charleston Preparing For Big Week.

BATTLESHIP FLEET TO ARRIVE SATURDAY

Southern Commercial Congress Will Hold Forth in the City by the Sea Throughout Next Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday and Friday. Preparations Being Made for Many Thousand Visitors.

Charleston, Dec. 5.—All is in readiness for the opening of the seventh annual convention of the Southern Commercial Congress in Charleston, Monday, December 13. The official program, just off the press, justifies the assertion that this will be the biggest and most elaborately staged meeting ever held in the South.

The battleship fleet ordered here for the occasion will anchor in Charleston harbor Saturday, December 11. On the following Monday morning the Congress will be opened by the president, Senator Duncan U. Fletcher, of Florida. President Woodrow Wilson may send greetings by telephone connected directly with the White House and the hall in which the session is held.

Coinciding with the opening of the Congress the program of entertainment for visitors will begin with visits to the ships of the battleship fleet, Chrystal Park, which is the most elaborate assemblage of high class shows ever gathered in the South; athletic field and water sports and an excursion by railroad to various points of interest, the return being made by boat. The program of entertainment throughout does not call for the expenditure of a cent on the part of visitors but is being paid for by the City of Charleston, in order that all visitors may feel that they are welcome and well repaid for coming.

Throughout Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday and Friday, Charleston will be given over to the business and pleasure of the Congress. Wednesday will undoubtedly be the big day of the week with a great patriotic mass meeting on Marion Square in front of the Citadel Wednesday morning and a monster military and naval parade Wednesday afternoon. The parade will be followed by a public reception of the United States Secretary of War and Secretary of the Navy.

Preparations have been made to care for many thousand visitors, inclusive of the hotels. Upon their arrival at the union station, visitors not acquainted with the city will be met by a company of boy scouts, who will direct them to the Chamber of Commerce. There a bureau of information and accommodations will be maintained for the convenience of the city's guests, and there will be given an escort to a home where they may obtain lodging at reasonable rates.

From the Battery to the city boundary, Charleston has been decorated with flags, banners and bunting. Searchlights play upon the chief points of interest. Eagerly the city awaits the coming throngs who will join the citizens in the great celebration of the victories of 50 years of peace in the States.

At Laurens A. R. P. Church.

There will be preaching services in the A. R. P. church in Laurens Friday evening at 7 o'clock; also Saturday evening at the same hour, and communion services Sabbath morning at 11 o'clock. We will cordially welcome anyone to these services. Rev. J. L. Oats of York will do the preaching. I. N. Kennedy, Pastor.

Entertained With Bridge.

Miss Kathleen Wilkes entertained a few friends with a bridge party at her home last Monday evening. After several rounds of this enjoyable game, the hostess served delicious cream and cake.

Window Sale.

The "Mirlams" of the Presbyterian church will offer for sale fancy articles suitable for Christmas gifts, in Todd & Simpson's display window this afternoon. Nothing in the window will be priced over 50 cents.

DEATH OF MRS. M. D. PUTNAM.

Estimable Laurens County Lady, Living in Greenville, Passed Away Last Saturday.

The many friends in Laurens county of Mrs. M. D. Putnam will learn with sorrow of her death which occurred in Greenville last Saturday. Mrs. Putnam had hundreds of friends in this section of the state who join with the bereaved family in mourning her death. The following account of her death was taken from the Greenville News:

Mrs. M. D. Putnam wife of W. B. Putnam deceased, living at 234 Ware St., city, died yesterday at a local hospital.

Mrs. Putnam is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. W. A. Garrett of Laurens county. She is survived by the following children: A. D. Putnam of Laurens, S. C.; Roy E. Putnam, W. B. and Frank, Lola, Nell, Dorothy and Marjorie Putnam of Greenville, S. C.

She is survived by her father and mother, and by the following brothers and sisters: brothers, W. P. Garrett, Toledo, Ohio; S. W. Garrett, Hartsville, S. C.; J. T. Garrett, Waterloo, S. C.; E. V. Garrett, Pocahontas, W. Va. Sisters, Mrs. W. H. Barksdale, of Gray Court, S. C.; Mrs. E. G. Cummings, of Gray Court, S. C.

Mrs. Putnam was a member of Pendleton Street Baptist church this city and a devoted Christian. Funeral services were held at 234 Ware St. Sunday at 10:30 a. m. She was carried to Highland Home cemetery, Laurens county for burial. Burial services were held at 2:00 o'clock.

GREENWOOD ROGERS ESCAPES.

Ringleader in Successful Plot to Murder G. F. Young, Escapes from State Farm.

Greenwood Rogers, a negro convict from this county, escaped from the State farm several nights ago and has not yet been re-captured, according to information received at the sheriff's office from Columbia.

Greenwood Rogers, it will be remembered, was serving a life sentence as a result of the murder and subsequent partial cremation of Mr. G. F. Young near Renno, spring of last year. The negro was first convicted of murder and recommended to the mercy of the court on the testimony of Tom Young, who confessed to the crime and implicated Rogers and another negro, Junk Caldwell, who with himself was also given a life sentence. Greenwood Rogers, considered the ring leader in the plot, was tried again for arson, found guilty and sentenced to be electrocuted. An appeal for a new trial was taken to the supreme court by his attorney, A. G. Hart, but this was refused. His attorney then applied to the pardon board for a recommendation for a commutation of sentence. This was granted and acting upon the recommendation, Gov. Manning commuted the sentence to life imprisonment.

According to last reports from Columbia, the negro is still at large. Several other convicts escaped with him.

Car Turns Turtle.

A Ford automobile, driven by a colored driver and owned by the Laurens Motor Car Company turned turtle a few miles up the Greenville road yesterday while taking part in a neck-to-neck race with the train from Greenville. It is stated that the car turned several turtles and was practically demolished. The driver escaped serious injuries.

To Sell Fancy Work.

The Ladies' Guild of the Episcopal church will have their annual "Window Sale" at the Powe Drug Company Monday. Fancy work and other articles suitable for Christmas gifts will be sold. The public is invited to make an inspection and purchase, as the proceeds are to be devoted to a worthy cause.

PEDEN ELECTED MAYOR.

Heads the Municipal Officers in the Town of Gray Court. Aldermen Elected.

D. D. Peden was elected mayor of Gray Court yesterday over J. N. Leak, the incumbent, by a vote of 40 to 23. This was the second primary, the first having been held two weeks ago when the aldermanic board was elected, composed of the following: A. O. Stephens, P. R. Abercrombie, W. H. McCain and B. L. Brooks.

AUTO CONTEST NEARING EXCITING CLOSE

Only about Ten More Days in which the Contestants have to Work for The Advertiser's Valuable Prizes. Hard Work in last Few Days Necessary to Reach the Coveted Goal.

The great Ford automobile contest is drawing towards the end and as the days pass by the interest becomes more and more intense. Each active contestant is stretching forth every nerve to win the coveted prize and if work is deserving of success, there are those in the race worthy to win each and every item contained in the offer made by The Advertiser. That is the reason why everyone who places any value upon industry, perseverance and pluck should "shell out" their dollars now and help some contestant while the money will count for something. After December 20th it will be too late and possibly your failure to send in your remittance will prevent your favorite contestant from winning the first prize.

How do the contestants stand today? Well, the contest manager has decided not to print the vote today, but instead he is going to give a list of those who are actively at work. In this way, he makes it possible for you to pay your subscription and place the votes to the credit of that candidate who appreciated the thoughtfulness of his or her friends in making the nomination sufficiently to put forth an effort of her own after the friend had suggested her name. All other contestants dropped out by the wayside early in the game and their votes, while remaining to their credit, will hardly win them anything. These names that are printed today and the names of those who are looked upon as contenders for either the first or other prizes. Here is the list of them, arranged alphabetically. In voting for any one of them you cast a ballot for some one who will probably win:

Who of These Are You Supporting?
Miss Flora Bennett, Laurens.
Albert Dial, Cross Hill.
Miss Martha Franks, Laurens.
Miss May Belle Garrett, Laurens.

CONGRESSMAN NICHOLLS OFF.

Leaves Spartanburg for Post at Washington. Accompanied by Col. and Mrs. Oscar W. Babb.

Spartanburg, Dec. 2.—Congressman and Mrs. Sam J. Nicholls, accompanied by Col. O. W. Babb, private secretary to Mr. Nicholls, and Mrs. Babb left last night for Washington, where they will make their home during the coming session of congress. Congress convenes Monday, December 6th. Mr. Nicholls will attend a caucus of the democratic members of the house on Saturday, the 4th.

That the house will most likely get down to business from the very start was indicated yesterday by two telegrams received by Mr. Nicholls just previous to his departure for Washington. One was from Congressman D. E. Finley, saying: "Come to Washington at once." The other was from the Clerk, speaker of the house, and read as follows: "Very important that every democratic member be in his seat opening day."



In planning for your own pleasures for the happy Christmas season, do not forget those that are not as fortunate as you are. Just a few pennies invested by YOU in Red Cross Christmas Seals will be a deed of the sweetest charity and a great help in the fight against the Great White Plague. These seals can be found at any of the drug stores, at the postoffice or The Advertiser office.

Miss Julia Medlock, Ware Shoals. William Hopkins Moorhead, Goldville.

Mrs. B. R. Todd, Laurens, R. F. D. Mrs. Victor Weathers, Laurens. Mrs. J. A. Wofford, "Aunt Kate", Madden.

Contestants: Leaving out today and next Sunday, there are left only ten days in which to work. These ten days ought to be busy days and to win the prize they must be busy days. You know how subscribers have been waiting until the very last to pay up. You know how many of them have promised you. You know how some have paid up their arrears and promised to pay in advance. Well, all of these ought to be "worked on" and at that pretty hard. The last lick should and must be hardest. Drive sledge-hammer blows and make them count. Call on those friends who have been promising to help you and tell them if they mean business, now is the time to put their shoulder to the wheel. Laurens county should be covered with a network of contest workers during the next ten days.

A contestant with any considerable work already done and with votes already turned in cannot afford to loiter during this last period. He who thinks that he has gotten a lead and can keep it without work, had better look out. Somebody is liable to turn up at the last moment with more votes than they were expected to have. And then, on the other hand, do not become discouraged because you think somebody has more votes than you have. They may have and then again they may not have. There is no way to tell until the lists close. The thing to do is to work your hardest and then if you win, you may enjoy winning and if you lose you will have the satisfaction of a fight well fought. Faint heart never won a contest.

An Excellent Record.

Mr. J. F. Bedenbaugh of Hunter township is one of the prize-winning farmers of this county. This year he had 75 acres planted in cotton and from these he got 71 bales. In addition to the cotton he raised enough corn to run him till January 1907 and so much fodder that he turned his hay under for fertilizer. He is still holding all of last year's and this year's cotton.

Championship Game Friday.

The Laurens high school and Ninety Six high school will cross shins in the local stadium near Possum Hollow Friday afternoon at 3 o'clock. The Laurens and Ninety Six boys are in line to claim the Piedmont championship and this contest is expected to decide which team has the right to claim the championship. Ladies will be admitted free of charge, but men will be asked for half of an iron man, and boys will be called on for two bits.

ASSESSOR'S NOTICE.

The Auditor's office from the 1st of January, 1915 to make personal property for tax.

For the convenience of the Auditor or his deputy the following named places:

Declares Dividend.

The directors of the Palmetto Bank met in the offices of the bank Monday and after receiving the report of the officers declared a semi-annual dividend of 4 per cent on the stock. The report of the officers showed the bank to be in a very flourishing condition. A few shares of the stock were offered at auction Monday in settlement of an estate and brought the flattering price of \$131 per share.

Meeting of D. A. R.

The Henry Laurens chapter, D. A. R., will hold its December meeting at the residence of Miss Julia Irby, Friday afternoon, Dec. 10th, at 3:30 o'clock.

Mrs. W. L. Gray, Sec.

WAVE OF CRIME SATURDAY NIGHT

Two Negroes Killed and One White Man is Seriously Wounded as Result of Three Difficulties.

Two negro men, one white man and one white woman are in jail, one white man is dangerously wounded, one negro man and a negro woman are dead, all the result of three different difficulties which occurred in the county Saturday night. None of the "contracting parties" escaped punishment of some kind, for, of all those who were involved, every one is either dead, wounded or in jail.

George Watts, colored is in jail charged with slaying Jim Davis, a colored woman, near the Laurens cotton mill Saturday night. According to best accounts, the negro woman was having a frolic of some kind at her house and Geo. Watts was intoxicated to such a degree that he threatened to disturb the peace and good order prevailing among the other guests. Something was said about sending for Policeman Powers, who it was thought might use his influence with Watts and prevent further disorders. Watts, becoming enraged at this insult to his dignity, departed and returned with a shot-gun. Calling the negro woman, Lem Davis, to the door, he asked her if she was the person who had sent for the policeman. Without much further parleying, so it is said, he raised his gun and shot the woman. Medical assistance was procured, but she died very shortly afterwards.

The other killing occurred down near Hopewell. The most that is known of this affair is that as a result of a general row, Ben Hampton shot Wash Boyd and killed him.

The other difficulty occurred at Lydia Mills and the parties "white." It appears that a photographer by the name of Culbertson went to the house where James Tuttle and Lizzie Hays were boarding and there a difference arose over the collection of a bill. Tuttle pulled his pistol and shot the photographer in the back. He was carried to the hospital at Clinton where he has been since the trouble. He is seriously injured and may not survive.

ANNUAL APPOINTMENTS MADE FOR METHODISTS

South Carolina Conference Closes Session in Charleston with Assignment of Pastors to Charges for New Year. Bishop Wilson Gives Advice to Preachers.

Charleston, Dec. 6.—With the announcement of the appointments for 1916 the South Carolina Methodist conference adjourned its annual session here today.

The final session of the conference was introduced by devotional service conducted by J. T. MacFarlane. The Rev. Dr. McKinney of the Texas conference, the representative of Vernon Place church, Washington, was introduced to the conference. W. A. Massebeau offered resolutions pledging the conference to more diligent evangelistic effort for the salvation of souls which were unanimously adopted.

The following resolutions of thanks were unanimously adopted by a rising vote:

"Whereas, in the gracious providence of our loving Father in heaven, we have been privileged to enjoy the charming hospitality of this ancient City by the Sea, therefore, be it resolved:

"That our thanks are preeminently due and are hereby tendered to our hosts and hostesses for the Christian cordiality which has signaled their entertainment of our Master's servants.

"That we place on record our high appreciation of the fraternal courtesies by our sister churches of this city.

"That we would hereby gratefully express our gratification for the presence and counsel of our revered Senior Bishop A. W. Wilson, whose sermon and addresses have inspired our hearts to more loyal devotion to our Master's cause."

Bishop Denny exercised his Episcopal prerogative and cut from the resolutions the reference to himself, stating that he did not desire such complimentary personal reference to himself to be entered upon the conference records.

MANY LAND SALES HELD LAST MONDAY

Sales Attracted a Large Crowd

PROPERTY BROUGHT AVERAGE PRICES

Thirteen Sales Were Held by Clerk of Court, Five by the Sheriff, One by Probate Judge and Two Special Sales. One or Two Sales Scheduled Were Called Off.

Monday was salesday and the advertisements of sales attracted a large crowd. The bidding was spirited at times and, taken as a whole, the various tracts brought average prices. The following is a record of the sales:

Clerk of Court.
Lanford and Castlebury vs Whitaker, 52 acres of land in Youngs township; bought by J. F. McIntyre for \$2,650.

Union Central Life Ins. Co. vs Wade H. Culbertson, four tracts of land in Waterloo township, aggregating about 319 acres; bought by A. C. Todd, Atty., nominal sum.

In the settlement of the Dr. John A. Barksdale estate, about 175 acres near the city of Laurens. This property will first be sold in small tracts and then in a body and the bid most advantageous to the interested parties will be accepted. The plats are now on file in the clerk of court's office for inspection; bought by C. D. Barksdale for \$12,600.

Columbia Savings Bank and Trust Co., vs D. H. Counts et al, the Counts property, consisting of a handsome residence, outhouses and about 4-1/2 acres of land on West Main street, Laurens; bought by J. C. Owings, for \$7,010.

Simpson vs Wilcutt one lot in town of Cross Hill; bought by C. N. Simpson for \$600.

Hellams vs Poole, about 100 acres in the Shiloh section of the county; bought by Calhoun Wallace for \$1,335.

Mrs. M. G. McDaniel vs N. C. Martin, about 79 acres near Madden station; bought by Larry Martin for \$1,000.

S. G. Hughes vs L. A. Stephens, tract of land containing about 53 acres on Rabun creek; bought by L. A. Stephens for \$1,495.

M. S. Bailey & Sons vs Mrs. Nannie McLaurin, lot and six room dwelling on South Harper street; sale withdrawn.

J. N. Cudd vs Butler Owings, lot and three room dwelling on Silvert street in city of Laurens; bought by J. N. Cudd for \$500.

A. H. Setzler vs Mary B. Ball, 71 acres in Dials township, bought by A. H. Setzler for \$2,050.

Bank of Gray Court vs D. D. Stoddard et al, three tracts of land including home place, in Dials township; bought by D. D. Stoddard, agent, for \$5,500.

Pitts vs Brown, two acre lot with house at Goldville, sold for partition, sold to J. L. and M. B. Browning for \$4,546.

Sheriff.

Norwood National Bank vs J. R. Anderson, seven tracts of land with buildings thereon, containing 85, 114, 178, 14, 150, 304 and 143-4 acres respectively, lying largely in Waterloo township; withdrawn.

Mrs. C. M. Gibbon vs Jno. L. Finley, 70 acres near Madden; sold to J. A. Wofford for \$1,450.

Laurens Trust Co. vs E. B. Templeton, 1 1/2 acres near Watts Mill; sold to Laurens Trust Co., for \$650.

Peoples Loan & Exchange Bank vs Harrison Hunter, three tracts of land in the country and a lot in the city of Laurens; lot sold to Harrison Hunter for \$76, 12 acres tract to W. C. Fowler for \$100, and other tract to T. D. Lake for \$710.

A. H. Setzler vs Annie E. King, 92 acres on Leek creek; sold to A. C. Todd, Atty., for \$1,000.

Judge of Probate.

O. P. Goodwin vs W. P. Cunningham, settlement of estate of E. Y. Cunningham, 88 acres in Scuffletown township, near the R. B. Bell and other lands; sold to Duff Patterson for \$1,125.

Private Sale.

John Hall Campbell, Executor of Mrs. Sallie M. Holloway auctioned 110 acres situated near Mountville; sold (Continued on Page Four.)