

**BIG WEEK IN ANDERSON.**

Interesting Programme Arranged for Home Coming Week—Numbers of Visitors Arriving on Every Train.

Anderson, July 25.—Everything is in readiness for Anderson's Home-Coming Week, which will be August 1st-6th. The railroads have given special reduced rates for the occasion and are industriously advertising it and all indications point to a tremendous crowd for the entire week.

It is hard to tell which will be the biggest day of the week. On different days there will be different things to interest the different classes of people and each day promises to be a big one. There will be something doing all the time.

Monday, August 1st, will be devoted to general preparations. The first Lyceum number will be given Monday night at Buena Vista Park and also on Monday night the electric illumination of the public square will be turned on for the first time. Thousands of incandescent lights have been strung around this park and the effect will be brilliant beyond conception.

Tuesday, August 2nd, will be Fireman's Day. Anderson's fire department will have its annual parade and inspection and this will be followed by a horse reel tournament. There will be a number of visiting teams present and as the prizes offered are unusually large the contest will be spirited. The local firemen will give the visitors a smoker Tuesday night.

Wednesday, August 3rd, will be Farmer's Day. Dr. Tait Butler, of Raleigh, N. C., and Rev. O. J. Copeland, of Gainesville, Georgia, both popular and distinguished men, will be present and deliver addresses. The athletic team of the local Y. M. C. A. will give a number of exhibitions at Buena Vista Park Wednesday morning.

Thursday, August 4th, will be Woodmen of the World Day. Every Camp in Anderson county will be represented in a monster parade and several of the camps are designing floats for the occasion. All of the State officers have been invited to be present and some of them will deliver addresses. A general invitation has been extended to this fraternal order in the State to be present.

Friday, August 5th, will be Confederate Veterans' Day. A barbecue dinner will be served at the park for the veterans by the members of the Chamber of Commerce. There will also be a number of addresses appropriate for the occasion. On this day the park will be reserved exclusively for the veterans. On Friday morning the local autoists will give a hill climbing contest on West Market street. Mr. H. H. Orr is chairman of the committee in charge of this event and he has already secured a number of entries from other cities. Some very handsome prizes have been offered.

Saturday, August 6th, will be Red Men's Day. A special dispensation has been granted by the Great Sachem for all the tribes in Anderson county to wear their regalia in public on that day. There are eight tribes in Anderson county and each of them will turn out in full force. A prize of \$50.00 has been offered to the tribe making the best display and \$25.00 for the tribe making the next best display. The tribes are getting up special costumes for the occasion and the Red Men's Day promises to be a very interesting and unique affair.

**MAYOR MURDERED.**

A. H. Bousman of Ridgway, Va., Blown to Pieces.

Ridgway, Va., July 25.—The assassination last night of Mayor A. H. Bousman, aged 55, who was killed by the explosion of a dynamite bomb hurled under the hammock in which he was sleeping in his front yard, has aroused and mystified the inhabitants of this village and the surrounding country.

The crime, unprecedented in this section of the country, had apparently been carefully planned by its perpetrator, whose identity the authorities or members of the victim's family have been unable even to guess at.

The dynamite bomb which tore the body of Mr. Bousman to pieces was thrown from the street in front of his home about 10 o'clock at night. The charge of dynamite in the bomb must have been a heavy one, because Mr. Bousman's body was badly torn to pieces. A part of the fuse of the bomb was today found on the roof of the Bousman residence where it had been blown by the force of the explosion. On the sides of houses 60 feet away blood had been spattered and bits of flesh adhered to the walls. Bits of the body also were found on the roof of an adjoining house.

The murdered man is survived by a wife and a son of 12 years, both of whom are prostrated by the murder. Mr. Bousman had been offered the nomination but declined to accept the honor. His term, however, had not expired. He was actively engaged in farming and was a large grower of cabbages. John O. Coan, a prominent tobaccoist of Winston-Salem, N. C., is a brother-in-law of the dead man. Mr. Bousman was connected with prominent families in Henry and Franklin counties and in other sections of Virginia.

Mr. Bousman had been spending the hot evenings sleeping a hammock swung between two trees on the lawn in front of his residence. Without a word of warning at about 10 o'clock the dynamite bomb was thrown by some one passing along the street. It landed in the hammock at his feet and in an instant exploded. The mayor's feet were torn away by the bursting shells and his legs frightfully mutilated. In great agony he died one hour later.

Although the town authorities, when notified of the murder, made every effort to discover the assassin, no clue could be found and it is believed he escaped without being seen by any one. The news quickly spread about town and excitement grew to a high pitch. The surrounding community today is worked up over the murder and it is believed if the perpetrator of the assassination is caught he would be summarily dealt with.

As mayor of Ridgway, Mr. Bousman presided over the police court of the town trying petty cases. It is thought that some person upon whom Mr. Bousman in his court had passed sentence held a grudge against him and had been awaiting opportunity to wreak violence upon the mayor. This opportunity came last evening when the mayor lay sleeping in the open air.

While returning from his farm in the country to the town a week ago, some unknown person hurled an explosive at Mr. Bousman as he was riding past some woods. He told friends of the occurrence but they treated the matter as a joke and it was not given serious thought until today.

At a special meeting of the town council this afternoon a reward of \$500 was offered by the town for the capture of the murderer. The governor of the State and authorities of Henry county will be asked to duplicate the amount. It is believed friends of Bousman will offer personal rewards.

Detectives and bloodhounds are expected here from Roanoke.

**Man Killed by Marshal.**

Chipley, Fla., July 25.—United States Deputy Marshal I. L. Whidden shot and instantly killed Sid Barfield here this morning, on a street of this city. The motive for the shooting is believed to have originated by Barfield's conduct in the home of the deputy marshal. However, Whidden refuses to comment on the shooting.

Shortly after the shooting, Whidden was arrested and is held for the murder of Barfield without bond. A coroner's jury has been summoned, but have reached no conclusions.

Excitement is very high here at the present, as both men are well known and have many friends.

In Saturday's issue of the Item, it was stated that Willie Smith had been fined \$2, in the Recorder's court, for disorderly conduct. It should have read "Willie Smith, colored," and Willie Smith, a white boy, desires it to be known that he was not the Willie named in the above mentioned article.

We talk little if we do not talk about ourselves.—Hazzitt.

**MAY RAISE MAINE WRECK.**

John F. O'Rourke, Who Bridged the Hudson and Constructed Tunnel Under North River, Lays Plan Before Acting Secretary of War—Would Lift Hull Out of Water and Allow Complete Inspection.

Washington, July 25.—John F. O'Rourke, the engineer who bridged the Hudson at Poughkeepsie and drove the Pennsylvania Railroad's tunnel under the North River, today laid before acting Secretary of War Oliver his plan for raising the Maine from the mud of the Havana harbor.

Briefly, this newest plan is based upon a system of pneumatic caissons, such as have made possible the building of extremely deep foundations under water and which contributed largely to the success of the building of tunnels under the Hudson. No divers are used and the pontoon system is put completely aside. The method proposed is to swing the Maine in a cradle of powerful cables and lift her completely out of the water, where a complete inspection of her hull will be possible.

While the ship is suspended above water, Mr. O'Rourke declares she can be repaired as readily as if she were in dry dock and after being relaunched from the cable cradle can leave Havana harbor under her own steam. This is said to be the first plan yet proposed which would present the ship to a naval board in precisely the same condition as she sunk on the night of February 15, 1898.

First, a wharf of piles would be built on either side of the submerged wreck. Then, between the wharves and the hull, twelve pneumatic caissons would be sunk, six on each side. Practical tunnel building operations would be employed thereafter and a hundred little tunnels would be driven through the mud, under the Maine's keel, between the opposite caissons. Through each tunnel a powerful steel cable would be run and each end would be run up the outside of the caisson to the wharf above, so there would be a steel cable under the hull every four feet, and the aggregate of all would be calculated to be capable of raising four times the weight of the wreck, which is about 7,000 tons.

Each cable end would then be attached to a system of steel screw rods and the screw-back principle would be employed. That the war department would be asked for a thousand men to operate the hand screws and by every man turning a lever at a given signal it is planned to pull the hulk up in the cradle of cables in practically the same way as the pyramids of Egypt are supposed to have been built by man-power. Being swung above the water line, the gap between the wharves would be bridged and the engineers would work under and around the hull. When repaired she could be let down into the water by a reversal of the process by which she was raised.

Mr. O'Rourke expressed the opinion to Mr. Oliver that the job could be done in three months. Mr. Oliver and Gen. Bixby examined the plan in minute detail. Mr. O'Rourke was assured as one condition that, should an army board pass favorably on the project, his patents in the apparatus would be protected.

Attorney General Wickersham arranged for the presentation of the plans.

**WIRE WORM PEST SPREADING.**

Secretary Rice Believes Insect Doing Crops Much Damage.

Columbia, July 25.—Secretary Jas. Henry Rice, Jr., of the Audubon Society, who passed through Columbia Saturday night, stated that the wire worm pest is spreading, and that not only the low coastal counties are affected, but the insect has spread as far as Barnwell county, and probably into Lexington and other neighboring counties higher up. That the pest is in Lexington has not been fully determined yet, but Secretary Rice stated that he is almost certain that what has been damaging the crops in that section is the wire worm.

It will be recalled that last year the damage caused by the wire worm was pointed out by Mr. Rice, and attention was called to the ravages that this insect is making on the crops of the State.

The wire worm is not a respecter of any particular crop. He attacks all. Mr. Rice says that is a great problem that the farmers of the State have to face, because, instead of being put down, the pest is spreading over other counties.

Secretary Rice is making the trip with the Clemson Institute. A number of men, including Dr. E. Barnett, live stock expert, at Clemson; Prof. C. C. Newman, horticulturist; L. A. Niven, horticulturist, at Winthrop, and others, are making this trip and speaking in various parts of the State.

Building permits issued by the city engineer of Charleston during the first half of the year aggregated about a half million dollars.

**POSTAL SAVINGS BANKS.**

Propositions Not Very Attractive So Far.

Boston Transcript.

It is too early to attempt to forecast the result of the postal savings bank experiment on which the nation has embarked, but its reception by postmasters and financial institutions is not enthusiastic. A Washington dispatch says that thus far less than 50 banks had made application for deposits, while about the same number of postmasters have requested that their offices be designated as depositories. If this indifference to the postal banks is symptomatic of the feelings of the officials and institutions upon which they are dependent for their success, the cause is not far to seek. To neither does the law offer a very attractive proposition. Banks which accept the deposits must pay the government 2-1-2 interest thereon, and must give such securities in pledge as the board of trustees may approve. All securities accepted must be those "supported by the taxing power." In individual banks happen to have such securities in stock they may find it worth while, especially to extend their local popularity, to take the postal deposits. On the other hand, to purchase public bonds commanding a considerable premium, to gain deposits on which interest must be paid, would be an expensive way of getting a business whose profits at the best must be exceedingly close.

The law limits extra compensation to postmasters to those of the fourth class. They are entitled to receive for their services in transacting the savings business an allowance which "shall not exceed one-fourth of 1 per centum on the average sum upon which interest is paid each calendar year." To the postmasters of very small communities this "extra compensation" may amount to little in comparison with the trouble and labor involved. As they generally manage stores in connection with their offices the value of the banking annex may lie in its possibilities of "toeing in trade." The "presidential" postmasters must "throw in" bank management with their regular duties without increase of salary. It is in their day's work.

The board of trustees in charge of the management of the postal savings banks, which consists of the secretary of the treasury, the postmaster general and the attorney general, is engaged in working out plans for beginning operations. It has not got far as yet, and has a pretty delicate task ahead, since to it is committed the discretion of designating what offices shall be designated as depositories. The house very wisely refused to make every postoffice a savings bank, and the senate concurred. It may be months before a test can be had of the ability of the system to answer the expectations of its proponents. We shall then know whether postal savings banks fill a long-felt want, or whether they are belated experiments in paternalism involving far more expense and supervision than they yield practical results to treasury or people. Particularly interesting will be the competition of the postal banks with the long established institutions of savings in large places. It is already noticeable that popular interest in the project in the east is languid. Here in Massachusetts there are only two large towns whose postmasters have applied for the establishment of depositories. These are Gardner and Amesbury, industrial communities, presumably with considerable foreign elements in their populations. Among foreigners there is said to be a strong prepossession in favor of government guarantee, the existence of which was frequently cited as an argument for the passage of the law creating postal savings banks.

Prof. Goodwin will be the guest of Sumter county for several months, unless he can arrange to give a good and sufficient bond.

**BACK GIVES OUT.**

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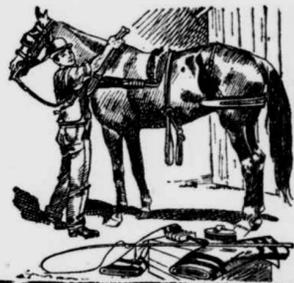
S. C. Brown, 110 Calhoun St., Sumter, S. C., says: "I used Doan's Kidney Pills and they did me more good than all the other remedies I had previously tried. I suffered severely from a lame back and some days was not able to work. I hurt me to stoop or lift, I could not rest well and no position I assumed was comfortable. In the morning upon arising, my back was so lame that I could hardly get about. The kidney secretions also contained sediment and were too frequent in passage. I finally procured Doan's Kidney Pills at China's Drug Store and they cured me. I have not had a lame back since and the kidney secretions do not annoy me. I am in good health at present and give Doan's Kidney Pills the credit." For sale by all dealers. Price 50 cents. Foster-Milburn Co., Buffalo, New York, sole agents for the United States. Remember the name—Doan's and take no other. No. 28.

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**WOFFORD'S "CLASS OF 1889."**

Bishop Mouzon, Senator Smith and President Few.

Southern Christian Advocate.

The class of 1889 celebrates its "majority" by giving to the church a bishop, E. D. Mouzon, and to a great college a president, W. P. Few to succeed another Wofford man, John C. Kilgo, who has been called to the bishopric. This same class has also given to South Carolina a United States senator, E. D. Smith. College president, bishop, senator, that is doing pretty well for a young class! The new college president writes that if he has any special fitness for his great task, it comes from his Wofford training; the bishop, in a recent address, says that the four years he spent at Wofford College "created a new heaven and a new earth" for him; and many have heard Senator Smith, with that rare eloquence of his, gratefully acknowledge his debt to Wofford College. It is a great work the old college has done in these fifty and more years—that of getting men ready for commanding leadership in every walk of life.

In a close game at St. Matthews, Monday, the Sumter Collegians were defeated for the first time in several games, both teams playing gilt-edge ball.

The score follows:  
Sumter.....9  
St. Matthews.....1  
Levi and Marshall; Williams and Bates. Umpire Lindstedt.

Dr. Roosevelt, what makes you do so?—Florida Times-Union.