

STRONG EVIDENCE AGAINST THE TWO CHESTER YOUTHS

Charged With the Robbery at Parr Shoals.

Burns Detectives Think They Have the Right Parties Who Held Up the Paymaster of the J. G. White Co. and Got \$16,000—Says Chester Boys Will Have a Hard Time to Get Away From the Charges Held Against Them.

COLUMBIA, Sept. 30.—The chief investigator of the Burns Atlanta agency was interviewed by a Record reporter in a local hotel Sunday night, and a thorough resume of the situation leading up to the arrest of the Chester boys secured.

Arrest of Chester Youths.

"We had nothing to do with the arrest of the Chester boys," said this man, "for we are investigators, not arresting officers. Besides we had secured no evidence against these men before the tip was given Mr. McClellan by a police officer of Chester, and they had been identified by Mr. Hancock, the man who was shot at by the robbers, also by a man whose name we do not care to divulge who saw them at a point three miles from Parr Shoals shortly before the robbery, and who saw them get off the train after riding a mile beyond the power site with them. These two men, without any suggestions or any aid, picked out Frazier and Bigham instantly in Chester. One peculiar instance which convinces me that the tip was the right one, and that Mr. McClellan made no mistake, is, when Mr. Hancock and the chief of police of Chester were walking around the street for the purpose of allowing the Parr Shoals man to pick out any one connected with the holdup, they entered a restaurant where Frazier was seated eating dinner. Instantly Hancock pointed him out to the Chester officer as one of the men. When Frazier saw Hancock, he turned red, hastily arising, and leaving his dinner, half eaten, got away from the place.

"It has been charged that the chief of police of Chester refused to make the arrest after the warrant had been issued for the two men. As a matter of fact we did not ask him to make the arrest, but through courtesy to him as a local officer invited him to go along with us. We had brought to Chester with us the sheriff of Fairfield county, armed with the proper papers for making the arrests but as it is a custom in this state to allow officers in the county in which suspects are located to serve warrants issued for their arrest, the sheriff of Fairfield turned the warrants over to the sheriff of Chester county, who sent one of his deputies with us to perform that duty."

The investigator was asked what was his opinion of the evidence secured against the two Chester men, and their chances for disproving the charges. "From what has transpired in the positive identification of them by two responsible men, and from the chain of evidence, which has been secured, they will have a hard time getting away from the charges. We have given them the benefit of the doubt in every instance, and before the arrests were made, legal advice was secured, which, after all the evidence was placed in the light, was to the effect that our evidence was but a natural consequence.

"Since the arrest of Frazier and Bigham, we have at the instance of Mr. McClellan tried as hard to disprove everything that has been proved as we have to get more complete evidence and I want to go on record as saying that we have done our best to get a line on anything that would clear the two men of the charges.

"I am not at liberty to say anything of the evidence we have secured since the arrests, except that the cases against the men now out on bond have been strengthened instead of weakened by our further investigations."

"We have documentary proof to support this contention of the first tip coming from the Chester police, in the form of several letters which Mr. McClellan has on file," added the detective significantly.

Superstition never keeps people from accepting thirteen for a dozen.

OTTARAY FAIR TO BE HELD OCT. 3

There is substantial evidence that Saturday, October 3, will be an eventful day at Otteray mill village for the residents of that village are making plans for a "Community Fair" to be held Saturday afternoon. The exhibits will be placed in the school building and will consist of vegetables from the village gardens, pickles, preserves, canned fruits and vegetables, plain and fancy sewing, fancy work and cooking. All of which has created a deal of interest. The live stock exhibit will be held near the school building and will be worth a trip to Otteray to see.

The girls in the gradel schools had a course in domestic science last year and will give an entertaining exhibit.

Lecture on Pellagra.

Mr. H. E. Brewington delivered a free lecture in the city hall on Tuesday night, the subject spoken on was "Pellagra" and the speaker disagreed with the theory of Dr. Sambon, the noted specialist, as to the source of the disease.

For lack of space this week the synopsis of the lecture is omitted, but may appear later.

Quite a number of Union citizens seemed to hear the lecture Tuesday night, and the probability is that it will be repeated.

A Marriage.

Miss Mae Charles and Mr. Miles Wood were united in marriage Wednesday morning, October 1, at the Methodist parsonage. Rev. J. L. Daniel being the officiating minister. Miss Charles is one of Union's attractive and popular young ladies and has many friends who give her good wishes.

Mr. Wood is a prosperous business man of Sumter, and immediately after the ceremony the young couple left for that city where they are "at home" to their friends.

Two Sermons Sunday.

There will be two sermons at Lower Fair Forest Baptist church Sunday, October 5. Dinner will be served on the grounds and the ordinance of baptism will be administered at the close of the first sermon. The ordinance of the Lord's Supper will be celebrated at the close of the second sermon.

Company Organized.

"The Farmers' Warehouse Union" at a meeting held this week have chosen the following officers of the concern: Hon. L. J. Browning, president; Mr. L. J. Hames, vice president; J. G. Hughes, Esq., secretary, and Mr. S. M. Rice, treasurer and manager.

The construction of the warehouse will begin at once. The concern is capitalized at \$10,000.

Money Prizes Offered.

Following is a list of organizations who have contributed to pay the expenses incident to the tomato club exhibit at the fair and the money prizes offered:

Union County Fair Association, \$25.00.
Chamber of Commerce, \$25.00.
Progress, \$5.00.
Southern Oil Mill Co., \$5.00.
Nicholson Bank & Trust Co., \$5.00.
Citizens Bank, \$5.00.
Wilburn Bros.—A handsome silk parasol, which will be given to the young lady who has on exhibit the greatest variety of pickles.

Married.

Mrs. Lily Russel Melton and Mr. Philander Barrett were married Saturday evening September 27, in the office at the Union Grocery Company by Rev. L. L. Wagnon. Mr. and Mrs. Barrett are originally from North Carolina, but are living at Monarch Mills now.

Mr. Moore of the Columbia State, was in Union Monday on business for his paper.

WILL FLY AT COUNTY FAIR

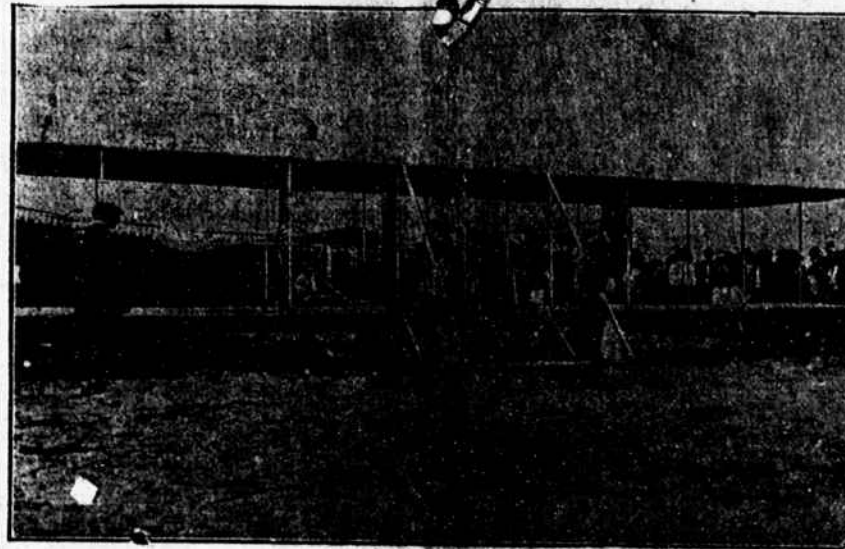
That there will be aeroplane flights, football games, horse racing and many other attractions at the county fair, Oct. 22, 23, and 24, are now assured facts. The managers of the fair have closed contracts with the bird man, and there will be two flights each day of the fair. Wright Bros.' passenger carrying aeroplanes will be used, and a number of Union citizens have already made application to be taken on as passengers.

The football games between Newberry and Furman football teams have been arranged and will also draw large crowds.

The home owned horses to enter the races will be a drawing card during the fair.

These attractions, good as they are, will not be the chief show at the fair. The exhibits will be unusually fine. The idea is to make this an agricultural fair, primarily, and the prospective exhibitors are many. The premium books gotten out by the association have been distributed widely throughout the county and encouraging reports are coming in from all quarters.

It is proposed that this fair be the greatest and best yet held.



EFFORTS TO GET BETTER MAIL SERVICE

Rural Routes Throughout the County May be Changed and Increased in Number—Inspectors From Washington Have Completed Trip Over Various Proposed Routes Throughout the County.

Efforts are being made to improve the rural mail service throughout Union county. As a result of the movement to improve these routes, inspectors from the post office department have recently gone over the various routes and proposed routes throughout the county.

Recently a committee appointed by the chamber of commerce here went before the county commissioners to urge the improvement of a number of roads throughout the county so as to meet the requirements of the post office department as to good roads, wherever a rural carrier must needs go. This committee was composed of the following prominent citizens of Union: Capt. F. M. Farr, Messrs. E. Nicholson, R. P. Morgan, L. J. Hames, R. P. Harry, R. L. McNally, S. R. Aycock, W. F. Gilliam and J. Cohen. The county commissioners looked with favor upon the requests made by the committee, and it is probable that the roads will be put in shape.

It is proposed that the four old routes leading out of Union be changed and lengthened and that four new routes out of Union be established, making eight in all. It is also proposed that each of the other centres from which routes are established throughout the county be also rearranged and improved, and where new routes are needed, have them instituted. The idea is to get better mail service throughout the county.

The following are the eight proposed routes out of Union:

Route 1—Via Beaty's bridge, going by the Mobley place, then the Duncan place, across Gist's bridge and back to Union, taking in Goshen Hill section as far down as Frank Mabin's, and as high up as Clough Rice's, by a loop route serving Goshen Hill from Whitmire.

Route 2—Cross Minter's bridge, up through Mr. Wylie Humphries' pasture, to Cedar Bluff and back to town, with a loop route starting from intersection of Sedalia road and the new road through the Humphries pasture; and another loop route where this road intersects at the Graham place. These two loop routes will be served by carriers whose mail will be prepared at the Union postoffice, and they will begin at once to distribute the mail as they go on their circuits, one taking the upper and the other the lower circuit—thus giving all of this section a daily service.

Route 3 will go from here via Buffalo and Rice's bridge, taking left through Meadowwoods, via Peake place and W. S. Lawson's to Meadow road near Cedar Bluff bridge, thence via Sims cross road to Murphy's Mill bridge thence through Peake place via L. E. Hodges' to office.

Route No. 4 will have very little changes in the present route of No.

four.

Route 5 will go from here out by City pumping station and Jack Harris, the Old Harris Mill place, via Holcombe's, thence to Kelson and Adamsburg, via J. A. Orr's through Brannon and English places over a new cut road.

Route 6 will go by Monarch, out to Mt. Tabor, down by Dr. Hope's, thence via Ford road back to the river road to Whitlock place and back to town.

Route 7 will take right at Monarch, going by Mrs. E. L. Spear's place on down to the River road Gilliam Jeter's place back to Beulah, and by W. J. Friday's place and Sol Gregory's place to office.

Route 8 will go via Otteray Mill, and Monarch to Tinker Creek school house, thence via T. J. Harris, Frank Adams, Dr. Bates' place, Both Fant's Davis Gregory's, James Wilburn's to office.

Interesting U. D. C. Meeting.

The William Wallace Chapter of the U. D. C. met Monday afternoon at the home of Miss Blanche Garner and a very full and interesting meeting was held. A great many important business matters were transacted and several new members were added to the chapter. Delegation to be held in New Orleans the latter part of October and were Mrs. F. M. Farr, president, Mrs. W. E. Thomson and Mrs. C. H. Peake. Delightful music was furnished by Mrs. B. F. Alston on the piano accompanied by Misses Sydney Gage and Catherine Thomson on the violin. Mrs. J. Frost Walker gave several vocal selections and in all the meeting was one of the best yet held.

Miss Garner served delicious hot lunch and was assisted by her mother, Mrs. M. L. Garner and Miss Maud Garner. The next meeting will be held with Mrs. L. J. Hames.

Will Quote Local Cotton Market.

Hereafter The Times will publish each week reports on the local cotton markets throughout the county. We are mailing letters to the various cotton buyers throughout the county asking for a report of each day's market on Thursday we will publish the six days previous, together with that day's report. We feel sure this will be of interest to the farmers and merchants throughout the county.

HARRY COLEMAN GUILTY; RECOMMENDED TO MERCY

QUIET WEDDING ON WEDNESDAY

A wedding of considerable local interest was quietly celebrated in Union Wednesday morning, October 1 at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Jacob Rice on East Main street, when Miss May Robinson and Mr. R. B. Gilliam were united in marriage.

The ceremony was performed by Rev. Lewis M. Rice and only a few relatives were present.

Miss Robinson is a young woman of unusual charm of personality and is justly popular for her many fine traits of character. She is the daughter of the late H. H. Robinson and has a host of relatives and friends in the county and throughout the state who will read of her marriage with interest.

Mr. Gilliam is a prominent and prosperous business man of our city, being a member of the firm of the Peoples Supply company and other concerns. His many friends count not the least of his good fortune the winning of his attractive bride.

Mr. and Mrs. Gilliam left immediately after the ceremony for a bridal trip through Kentucky and Tennessee.

Mrs. Gilliam was gowned in a smart traveling suit of seal brown with hat and gloves to match.

Bishop-Palmer.

A marriage which came as quite a surprise to their friends, was that of Miss Lillian Bishop, of Jonesville and Mr. W. A. Palmer, of Union, which occurred on Tuesday afternoon September 30, at the home of Rev. Leon L. Wagnon, the officiating minister.

Mrs. Palmer is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. J. G. Bishop and is an attractive and accomplished young woman.

Mr. Palmer is the son of Mr. W. M. Palmer, and the announcement and their marriage calls forth loving and cordial good wishes for a long and happy life.

PROGRAM

Of the Union Township Interdenominational Sunday School Convention to be held with Tabernacle Church First Sunday in October.

10:00 A. M.—Devotional exercises conducted by W. F. Bobo.

10:30 A. M.—Reports from schools

11:00 A. M.—Subject: "The Sunday School and the Boy," States Jolly, T. J. Betenbaugh. Open to house.

11:30 A. M.—"The Sunday School Present and Future," L. L. Wagnon, I. M. Sumner. Open for discussion. Appointment of committees.

12:30 P. M.—Adjournment for dinner.

2:00 P. M.—Devotional exercises conducted by A. R. Morris.

2:15 P. M.—"The Sunday School and the Home," Rev. J. H. Danner, Prof. J. H. Hope and Prof. Davis Jeffries.

3:00 P. M.—"The Sunday School as an Evangelizing Agency," Rev. G. P. White, Rev. L. M. Rice and Rev. J. F. Matheson.

Celebrate Jewish New Year.

The Hebrews of Union, along with all orthodox Jews throughout the world began the celebration of their New Year at sundown Wednesday. Their houses of business in Union were closed Thursday in observance of the day. The day begins at sundown Oct. 1 and ends at sundown Oct. 2.

Directors Meeting.

The directors of the Union chamber of commerce held a meeting Wednesday evening. Among other things it was decided to have Mr. Henning, of Greenville deliver a lecture on the management of the Greenville chamber of commerce.

The committee also decided to get a folder exploiting the advantages of Union. This will be done at an early date.

Special Edition.

The Times will get out a special edition Oct. 17, for the week preceding the fair. In fact from time to time during the fall months we expect to get out from four to eight pages extra with our regular eight page issue.

Convicted After Facing a Jury For Third Time.

Young Man Who was Convicted of the Murder of His Aged Father, at Jonesville, Will Spend the Balance of His Natural Life Behind Prison Doors—Crime was the Most Brutal Ever Committed in Union County.

The verdict of the jury in the case of Harry Coleman, charged with the murder of his father, Robert Coleman, was, "guilty, with recommendation to mercy." This means that he escapes the electric chair, and receives a life sentence. Sentence was imposed by Judge DeVore on Friday morning. In sentencing the prisoner, Judge DeVore said: "Harry Coleman, stand up. A good jury has said that you did this horrible crime. If so you have committed a most shocking crime. The jury has shown you mercy that you denied your father. Your father was a good man. His murder was shockingly brutal. People called your father 'Uncle Bob,' and he would have done anything in the world for your welfare. Your wild life has brought all this upon you. For the balance of your life you will be in the company of convicts. You have been adjudged too dangerous a man to go at large. The sentence of the court is fixed by law is that you be confined at hard labor in the State penitentiary the balance of your natural life."

Among the cases that came up last week and was postponed to the next term of court was that of Russell Gibson, charged with the murder of R. L. Henderson at Lockhart, Gibson acting at the time of the killing as a sworn deputy. By inadvertence last week the Times confused the name of Boyd Gibson with that of Russell Gibson. There was no charge against Boyd Gibson, but one against Russell Gibson. This statement is made lest some one should have misunderstood and by reason of the Times' report connect the wrong man with the case.

A Business Change.

The Ratcliff Dry Goods company, operating in Union as the Battery has dissolved and Mr. H. L. Gaffney, has become sole proprietor of the Battery. The business will continue at the old stand and has now, as heretofore will be "The Battery," the company being at that time "The Ratcliff Dry Goods Company." Mr. Gaffney was one of the proprietors of the concern under that name. He is now sole proprietor of the new concern, which will continue to operate as "The Battery."

Mr. Gaffney is a wide-awake, progressive business man, and under his leadership "The Battery" has come to enjoy a large and increasing patronage.

An Approaching Marriage.

An interesting wedding of the fall will be that of Miss Lois Tinsley and Mr. Fred Whitney, of Newberry, which will take place on the 15th of October at the home of the bride's mother, Mrs. Susan Tinsley at 139 South Church St. It will be quite private, no cards being issued, and only the relatives being invited to witness the ceremony.

Miss Tinsley by the charm of her sweet, gentle manner and lovable traits of character, has endeared herself to a close circle of friends in Union, her life long home.

Mr. Whitney is the son of Capt. W. B. Whitney and is an extensive planter. He has many friends to whom his approaching marriage is of interest.

Notice to Masons!

A special communication of Union Lodge No. 75, A. F. M., will be held on Friday evening, Oct. 3, at 8 o'clock sharp. The M. M. degree will be conferred. Refreshments will be served.

J. F. Walker, Jr. T. C. Duncan Sec'y. W. M.

We never quite realize the sting of hard words till we have to take them back.