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OLD TIMES IN NEWBERRY.

Judge J. M. Crosson Writes Interestingly of the Long Ago in Newberry—People Who Helped to Make The History of Those Times.

There's a magical isle up the River of Time,
Where the softest of airs are playing,
There's a cloudless sky and a tropical clime,
And a song as sweet as a vesper chime.

And the name of this isle, is the "Long Ago,"
And we bury our treasures there,
There are brows of beauty, and bosoms of snow,
There are heaps of dust—oh! we loved them so.

And we sometimes hear through the turbulent roar
Sweet voices we heard in the days gone before,
When the wind down the river was fair,
And when we were dreaming of "Long Ago's" shore.

Oh! remembered, for aye, be that blessed isle,
All the days of our life, until night,
And when evening glows, with its beautiful smile,
And our eyes are closing in slumbers awhile,
May a lovelier isle be in sight.

My memory goes back to a mathe-
lished in The Herald and News at the time. Sizer was a prominent member of the negro lodge of Odd Fellows, which has long been a disturbing element in the community. It will be remembered that after the inquest Sizer's relatives or any other negroes refused to touch the

superstitious dread, upon the debris of the old masonic lodge scattered over the floor of the upper room, regalia, jewels, &c—but we never found the goat.

Before going farther, I will recall certain persons, who were indissolubly connected with the village, but not living in it. Dr. Burr Johnstone, Y. J. Harrington and his son-in-law James H. Wilson, lived North of Scott's creek and Judge O'Neill two miles out.

Of that great and good man Judge O'Neill much has been written, but eternity alone can estimate his grandeur—Like Erskine, "he had a noble heart, vivifying a quick and instinct like intellect. He seemed to spring at once to the truth of a case submitted to him and hurried his hearers with him, almost unconsciously to the same goal." The rapidity with which he dispatched business in the courts, may be illustrated by the remarks of Rufus Choate, after finishing the trial of a cause. When a case is over, like the Baptist preacher who was baptizing converts through a hole in the ice; one disappeared after immersion and drifted 10 or 15 feet from scabie C. G. Blease, and the proposal was almost unanimously voted down, the gentlemen present saying emphatically they had come to protect the white people of the community and young Brooks, and not to create a disturbance.

It was feared that trouble might result later in the night, and it was

when he entered the court room. "Since heaven made gentlemen, no one had a purer record."

His wife, Mrs. Harriet Pope, the daughter of Y. J. Harrington, was one of the most queenly women I ever knew; was distinguished by the elegance of her manners, as well as by her loving heart and vivid intellect. She had a high spiritual air which showed a noble mind. She was a worthy helpmeet to her excellent husband. They left a large, influential, intellectual family. To write of them has been a labor of love.

Near the lot upon which the Baptist church was built and on the hill opposite Jack Caldwell lived Nathan A. Hunter, then a bachelor. He was the grandson of Nathan Hunter and his wife Mary (Young) who came from County Antrim, Ireland. What a number of Scotch-Irish Antrim has given to Newberry; all good and true men and women. What a splendid people they were! What passages at arms have taken place between them and the grand race, the Germans. In these passages, the bright eyes of each made wounds

in the hearts of others and as and remained until 7 o'clock Saturday morning, and no such act came within his notice. It may be that some one was fired upon, but it appears that the report that any one was killed is unfounded.

AN ORDERLY CROWD.

The party that went up to Vaughanville from Newberry went

"AN ABNORMAL SITUATION."

Leading Financial Paper on Williams, Middeccorf Matter.

From the New York Commercial and Financial Chronicle.

The announcement that Messrs John L. Williams & Sons, of Richmond, and J. William Middendorf & Co., of Baltimore, are embarrassed and have found it necessary to ask indulgence of their credits will everywhere be received with deep regret. These two banking houses are among the most prominent in the South, and for years they have been devoting all their skill and energy, and all the capital they could command, to the development of Southern industries. The South can never repay them for what they have done to further its development. They have been interested in steam railroads, in numerous street railway enterprises, and also in various industrial concerns. The ordinary inference from such remarks would be that they had allowed their operations to become too extended and had, therefore, met the fate which befalls all those

who depend money with more free past week deposit, and discretion. New York, and the bank could not stand the strain.

Fifteen persons were killed and forty injured on Saturday in a collision on the Pennsylvania railroad near Trenton, N. J. The persons killed and injured were laborers on

SOUTH CAROLINA NEWS.

Items of More or Less Interest Condensed In the State.

A negro created quite a sensation at Blackville Saturday night by shooting his sweetheart. His name was Jim Walker and he shot and killed instantly Minnie Williams. She was talking to another darkey and Jim walked up and shot her down without a moment's warning. He then skipped. Jealousy seems to have been at the bottom of it all. Coroner Nevils held the inquest Sunday morning, Dr. R. A. Gyles making the post mortem examination.

The fall term of general sessions and common pleas court for Laurens County convenes Monday, Oct. 19. Acting Judge W. C. Benet will preside. There are five murder charges in the dock. Two of these are against white men, John G. Wham and Gus Cannon. It will be recalled that Wham shot and killed Lafayette W. Ramage in the former's yard on July 9. The tragedy created a big sensation by reason of the circumstances leading to the homicide and on account of the prominence of the people.

When he was at his home in the South, his children said that he knew was, but that he just could not stop; that he loved his children and he knew he was going to kill them. He says he is sorry he committed the crime, but that it can't be helped and there is no use to grieve

AN EMPIRE FOR NEGROES.

"Jacques I," It is Said, Wants Those From America.

From the New York Herald.

London, October 5.—M. Leb-audy, otherwise Jacques I, Emperor of Sahara, has tired out a multitude of reporters, photographers and representatives of firms anxious to have a hand in the fitting out of his Empire. What his business in London exactly is he still refuses to disclose, but this morning's Daily Mail contains a version of his intentions, which purports to be given on the next best authority.

According to this report M. Leb-audy desires to be handed down to posterity as the greatest benefactor of the negro race who ever lived. With this idea his intentions are purely pacific and commercial. He desires first to obtain the consent of the European Powers who claim to have influence over the territory on which he has designs so that he can establish along the northwest coast of Africa, it is stated, an empire larger than Rhodesia, to be entitled the United States of Liberia. Here he proposes, it is said, to found a negro State, peopled by negroes from America, especially from the South. The States, who would receive the negroes and be encouraged to develop their own country of their own.

THE INDISPENSABLE FARMER.

Without Doubt, the Most Important Factor in the World.

New York Commercial.

The American farmer is the wealthiest person in the world. In 1900 according to the census, the value of his products was \$4,739,118,000. This year their value will be in excess of \$5,000,000,000. The farmers of the United States employ over 9,000,000 persons and pay out in wages every year over \$300,000,000.

Not only is the American farmer the wealthiest, but he is also much the most important person in the world. The railroads, employing over 1,000,000 people, depend largely upon him for their traffic. Thousands of ships, flying the flag of every civilized nation, draw their earnings from the business given by the American farmer. The king of England, the emperor of Germany or the czar of Russia may die, and the commerce of the world will go on as before and even the working classes in the dead ruler's own country will be in no way affected by the incident. But let the crops of the American farmer fail and railroad earnings immediately fall off and trade begins to react, while the cost of living, not only in this country but in England, Germany and France as well, will immediately rise.

"The aggregate value of the products of all farms of the country