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SURVIVORS HOLD ANNUAL REUNION

The "Briars" Met Saturday at Durbin Church.

THE DAY'S EXERCISES

Appropriate Music and Earnest Addresses—Comrades of Three Commands Enjoy the Occasion.

The 24th annual reunion of the survivors of companies "E," 14th S. C. "G." (Laurens Briars) of the Third regiment and "E" of the Third battalion was held at Durbin Creek church last Saturday, April 16. The weather was pleasant and there was in attendance quite a large crowd. There were present ten survivors of the Laurens Briars, nine of whom were of the first enlistment; six of Co. "E" 3rd Battalion and twelve of Co. "E," 14th Regiment.

The exercises, which were held in the large and comfortable church building, were presided over by Judge O. G. Thompson, and were opened with prayer offered by Rev. G. W. Bussey of Fountain Inn, himself a gallant survivor of the Confederacy. Appropriate and inspiring music was furnished by a choir composed of the young ladies and gentlemen of Durbin and led by Veteran Sam Stewart. Pleasing features in this connection were two war-time songs by Veteran Stewart, and "Richmond is a Hard Road to Travel" by Veteran John Jones.

The first speaker of the day was Col. Joseph N. Brown of Anderson, the first captain of Co. E, 14th South Carolina, afterwards the brave colonel of the 14th regiment. Col. Brown is a man of large business responsibilities and connections, yet he is never too busy when these reunions come to lay aside his work and meet again with his "old boys." Most of his address Saturday was devoted to reminiscences of camp life, marches and the battlefield, to the entertainment and instruction of all. He closed with an earnest appeal to his comrades to be prepared for the "final scenes of existence."

Then followed Senator John H. Wharton who spoke for about fifty minutes. To say that he was at his best is sufficient.

At the close of Col. Wharton's address the large company, with the veterans in line, marched to the tables. And who ever saw tables so loaded as those? Tom Henderson who was in old Virginia and who always knew a "good thing" when he saw it, had some mighty fine hash.

In the afternoon Capt. H. P. Griffith of Limestone made an impressive address, directed especially to the immediate survivors of his old command which he so faithfully led. He too, closed with earnest words to all as the manner of spending their remaining days and of preparation for the future.

Capt. Griffith was followed with brief, though appropriate talks by Veteran Jared D. Sullivan of Co. A, 6th cavalry; Veteran John R. Harrison of the 16th S. C. regiment, and the "old true and tried" survivor, Rev. J. K. McCain of the 15th South Carolina, who poured out some rich blood at the battle of 2d Manassas.

A message of greeting and regret at his inability to attend, was received from that old war-horse, citizen, veteran, journalist, patriot-soldier, Col. Thos. B. Crews.

Others Present or Absent.

A number of survivors of other commands were on hand and took active interest in the meeting, among them being Comrade T. J. Hughes of the old 16th. There was also Abe Cook, Comrades Chaney Burgess, Newport Garrett, W. P. Coker, Roll Newman, A. C. Owings, who is one of the three surviving commissioned officers of Brown's company, and many others that cannot now be recalled. Some of those whose presence was missed on this occasion were Col. A. W. Burnside now of Augusta, Capt. Ben Lanford who was too unwell to attend and the venerable William Stewart who passed away since the last meeting.

"Uncle" Joel Crisp, now of Newberry county, aged 92, who was one of the original members of the Laurens "Briars," deserves special notice, for he was on hand and enjoyed the day meeting and conversing with old friends and comrades.

At these annual gatherings nothing

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PRESS SYNDICATE MEN IN CONFERENCE

Sessions of Convention Now In Progress at Clinton—School Building Proposition Lively Issue.

Clinton, April 18.—About forty or fifty business men are in town attending a convention of Jacobs and Company's Religious Press Advertising syndicate travelling representatives. A series of business conferences will take up most of the week but a social event will conclude it on Thursday evening when a big banquet will be tendered the visitors by the company at the residence of Mr. J. F. Jacobs.

Clinton is in a lively ferment on the question of the graded school. \$12,500 was voted last summer for an addition to the building, but there is now a strong feeling against putting more money on the old building because it is hemmed in and there is not enough ground around it. Several petitions have been put in circulation, some for one arrangement and some for another.

STOLE COLORED MAN'S COW.

Young White Man Alleged Thief—Sold Cow to Local Butcher.

Friday morning the officers here were notified by the Clinton authorities to watch out for a young white man who was known to have come in the direction of Laurens with a cow he had stolen from a colored man, Stacy Blakely, early Friday morning. In turn the butchers of the city were promptly "put wise," as it was supposed that the cow would be offered for sale.

Blakely, the owner of the cow, arrived in the afternoon and an investigation of the slaughter pen followed, and later the hide of the cow which had been disposed of to a local dealer, was found and identified by the negro. The officers also learned that a cow answering the description given by Blakely had been weighed for a white youth during the morning on certain public scales in the city, and that later this young man, who gave his name as Willie Simpson, had boarded the afternoon train bound for Spartanburg. He said his home was at Greenville, Tenn. The officers there as well as at many other points were immediately notified to arrest Simpson, the sheriff furnishing a description of the young fellow. It is understood that he received \$28 for the cow, and with a part of the proceeds he bought some goods at Watts mills.

CONFER WITH SUPT. ANDERSON.

Representative Committee Calls on Railroad Officials in Augusta.

A joint committee, consisting of Mayor Babb, Aldermen Brooks and Anderson of city council, and Col. T. D. Darlington, Capt. J. A. Smyth, Jr., and Mr. C. W. Tane, representing the Laurens chamber of commerce, went to Augusta Thursday afternoon for the purpose of conferring with Supt. A. W. Anderson of the Charleston & Western Carolina railroad with reference to building an overhead bridge at the Chestnut street crossing on the Greenville division of the road. The committee was very cordially received by Mr. Anderson, and he gave the delegation to understand that he would interest himself in the matter and refer the proposition to the railway council.

LAURENS SCHOOL BALL TEAM.

Played Game at Clinton and Have Two Games Scheduled.

On Saturday afternoon the Laurens High school team played the Clinton High school team on Presbyterian college diamond at Clinton. The score was 14 to 2 in favor of Laurens. The Laurens boys played a good game. They made only two errors and got twelve hits.

On next Friday afternoon at 4:30 o'clock, the Laurens school team plays the Gray Court-Owings team in Garlington's pasture. This will be a fast game and will be worth seeing.

On next Wednesday the Laurens High school boys play Wofford Fitting school at Garlington's pasture.

Reward for Claude Ferguson.

Gov. Ansel has offered a reward of \$100 for the apprehension of Claude Ferguson, the alleged murderer of Toney Anderson, Ida McCoy and Alex Ray. Jim Davis, charged with complicity in the murders, surrendered shortly after the commission of the crime.

PRESENTED SILVER SERVICE.

The Battleship South Carolina Receives the State's Gift.

Charleston, April 15.—In the presence of a brilliant gathering of 2,000 people, including prominent officials of the national and of the state governments, officers from the battleship South Carolina, from the Charleston navy yard and the United States army post, Governor M. F. Ansel of South Carolina presented to the battleship South Carolina the magnificent silver service which the general assembly of the state had voted to the ship bearing the name of the commonwealth.

The presentation exercises were held in the Academy of Music. On the stage were the officials and distinguished visitors. Immediately in front of the stage a section was reserved for the Daughters of the American Revolution, who, through their state regent, Mrs. R. M. Bratton, presented the battleship with a beautiful flag of South Carolina.

The service was presented by the governor in a brief speech, noting the significance of the occasion and expressing the pride of the state in its naval namesake.

The response was made by Capt. A. F. Fechteler, commanding the South Carolina, who received the service in the name of the ship and expressed the appreciation of the officers for the splendid gift and for all the interest that had been shown in the vessel.

Following the presentation of the silver, Mrs. Bratton, in the name of the Daughters of the American Revolution presented the silk state flag, which was received with apt expressions by Commander Leonard, executive officer of the South Carolina.

SPECIAL REVIVAL SERVICES.

Series of Meetings Now In Progress at First Baptist Church.

Special services are being held at the First Baptist church, the series of meetings having opened Sunday. The Rev. W. D. Wakefield of Nashville, who is to assist in the meeting, will arrive in the city today from Gaffney where he has been engaged in a meeting for several days. He had expected to come to Laurens Monday, but owing to the very great interest in the Gaffney meeting he determined to remain there a few days longer. Meantime the services here have been conducted by the pastor, and much interest has been manifested in the meeting.

It is expected that the Rev. Mr. Wakefield will preach this afternoon and tonight, and so on through the meeting. The services are held at 4 P. M. and 8:15 P. M.

Mrs. S. C. Todd Arrives.

Mrs. S. C. Todd has arrived from Macon where she spent a few weeks on her journey across the continent from Oakland, Cal. She is well known to many Laurens people and to her warm, affectionate greeting has been extended after an absence of several years in China where she was engaged in missionary work along with her husband, the late Rev. S. Charlton Todd. She is at the home of the Rev. and Mrs. W. A. Clarke.

Mr. Parker Goes to Kentucky.

The Rev. C. P. Parker, who has served the Church of the Epiphany as rector during the past two years, leaves Laurens today for Union City, Ky., where he will reside in the future. During his residence in Laurens Mr. Parker has made many friends who will wish for him continued success in his new field.

Mrs. Katie Todd.

On March 25 Mrs. Katie Blakely Todd, wife of Mr. A. Clayte Todd of Green Pond, Dials township, entered into rest, after an illness of a few weeks, and on the following day funeral services, conducted by her pastor, Rev. J. L. McLin, were held from Rocky Springs Presbyterian church.

Painting in Eden.

Eden, April 18.—Dr. J. W. Beason and Mr. M. W. Gray have had their houses newly painted.

Miss Ella Belle Copeland spent Friday night with Miss Vivian Owens.

Mrs. M. W. Gray and Little son have returned home from a visit to Greenville.

Mr. C. V. Hipp was in town Saturday on business.

Mr. L. A. Armstrong had the misfortune of losing one of his valuable horses last week.

Look out for the census man this week.

KILLED IN ALABAMA.

Arnot Anderson, Brother of Mrs. G. F. Young, Shot by Moonshiners.

On Thursday morning last, Mrs. Geo. F. Young received telegraphic information from Birmingham, Alabama, to the effect that her brother, W. Arnot Anderson, had been killed the afternoon before at Oakman, ten miles distant from Birmingham, in a battle with moonshiners. Mrs. Young left at noon for Birmingham, the home of her late brother's family.

According to press dispatches it seems that Mr. Anderson, who was connected with the United States revenue service had gone up into the mountainous region of the state with a party of officers, and it was while they were engaged in cutting up a still that the moonshiners attacked them, killing Anderson and wounding two other members of the party.

The deceased was the youngest son of the late Professor James D. Anderson, at one time president of the old Laurensville Female college, and a nephew of Mrs. W. L. Boyd of the city.

Slayers of Anderson Confess.

Atlanta, Ga., April 16.—Officer J. H. Surber, chief of the raiding forces of the internal revenue department in this district, returned to the city Saturday morning from a trip into Alabama that resulted in the arrest of the three men who killed Revenue Officer W. A. Anderson, in Walker county, several days ago. They are Marion Burganus, aged 45 years; his son, William Burganus, about 25 years old; and his second cousin, John Burganus, a young man about 17 years old. They were lodged in jail at Birmingham, after making a written confession at Oakman, the little town near which they live and committed the murder.

The killing of Officer Anderson, who is well known to the revenue authorities in Atlanta, having for some time been stationed in the local office, is said to have been one of the most dastardly and cruel in the annals of blockade distilling.

Early in the week he went to Oakman, and in company with the chief of police, a man named Putnam, made a raid on the illicit distillery of old man Marion Burganus's first cousin. It was cut up and Burganus was placed under arrest, being taken back to Oakman. Anderson then got additional information that Marion Burganus was running a distillery, so the next day he and Putnam started to the latter's house.

As they approached the place in a buggy they were fired upon by old man Burganus, by his son, and by his cousin, John, who is a son of the Burganus that was arrested the day before. They were hidden behind trees in their front yard, and armed with 45-caliber repeating rifles. Their aim upon Anderson was unerring, and he fell out of the buggy at the first shot, with a bullet through his brain.

Putnam was wounded, and leaped out of the buggy. Seeing him about to draw a weapon the Burganus clan advanced on him, and as the old man passed Officer Anderson, writhing in death agony on the ground, he deliberately placed the muzzle of his rifle against Anderson's body and fired a bullet through his heart. Putnam, meanwhile, had gotten away, and hurrying back to Oakman gave the alarm.

When Officer Surber and his posse arrived at the Burganus place they found the old man at home. He offered no resistance, which indeed was for his own good, as the officers gave him no chance to use his deadly rifle again. The boys were away, but were soon found.

Officer Surber declares that Walker county, Ala., is the worst "blockading" section he has ever entered. In a distance of five miles he says he counted 25 telephones, most of them in cabins. The illicit distillers erected and maintain this party line, he believes, for no other purpose than to warn each other of the approach of the hated "revenuers."

The Burganus will be tried in the United States court at Birmingham at the next term on a charge of conspiracy and murder.

Popular Springs School Picnic.

The Popular Springs school, most acceptably taught this year by Misses Alma Wallace and Frankie Culbertson, closed Friday with public exercises and a picnic dinner. The exercises of the day were presided over by Mr. T. T. Wood, and addresses were delivered by Hon. R. A. Cooper and County Superintendent of Education Geo. L. Pitts.

FROM MOTORCYCLE TO AN AUTOMOBILE

Cross Hill Doctor Prepares for State Medical Meeting—Fine Rains Please One and All.

Cross Hill, April 18th.—Dr. Peake got a fall from his motor-cycle last Saturday evening, but did not get seriously hurt. He has bought an automobile.

Mr. John Hitt was driving his auto in the country last week and had the misfortune to break an axle. He had it brought home in a wagon. He has it all right again.

Cross Hill school base ball team crossed bats with Clinton graded school team on the diamond here last Friday, resulting in a score of 7 to 4 in favor of Cross Hill.

The school here will not be out until the middle of June. Prof. Parrott has offered a medal for best work in some department and Mr. W. T. Austin has offered a medal for the best essay on "South Carolina during Reconstruction," open to the three highest grades.

Mrs. E. C. Chapman has been at the hospital in Columbia several days for a serious operation. She is convalescing nicely and her friends hope she may soon be able to return home.

Mrs. R. D. Nance who has been seriously ill for some weeks is improving slowly.

Mr. Olin Pitts came near losing his house by fire one day last week. It caught on top from the stove chimney. His hands were working near and with the help of near neighbors who ran in it was extinguished.

Fine rains have fallen and the drought is broken at last for which we are all thankful.

Mr. and Mrs. G. W. Hanna went over to Clinton Saturday. They expected to attend service at the A. R. P. church yesterday. Rev. Mr. Plaxco their former pastor was to be there, and preach.

Mrs. W. A. McSwain and little son, William Austin McSwain, of Newberry, were Cross Hill visitors last Friday and Saturday.

Misses Sara Beeks and Nannie Craig, teachers in Gray Court school were with friends here Saturday.

Miss Rebecca Craig teacher of the Vaughnville school was here Saturday. Her school is out and she was on her way home at Blacksburg, S. C.

Miss Agnes Leaman has been very ill with pneumonia. She is some better today.

There was quite a pleasant reunion of the family of the late Mr. Barmore Raser here last Saturday and Sunday. Those present were Mr. Latimer Raser and family of Donalds, Mr. W. H. Raser and daughter of Greenville, Mrs. Whitesides of North Carolina, and Mrs. Moore of Donalds. They met with Mr. E. B. Raser and sister, Miss Ada Raser, who live here.

WANT JUDGE FEATHERSTONE.

Laurens Bar Association Requests that He Be Named to Hold Court.

At a meeting of the Laurens bar association Monday afternoon, a resolution was unanimously adopted which carries with it a formal petition to the governor asking that the Hon. C. C. Featherstone be appointed to preside over the regular term of common pleas court which opens here next Monday. Because of the continued illness of Judge Dantzler it will be necessary to name a special judge to hold the approaching session of court, hence the action of the local bar.

EDITOR W. W. KEYS DEAD.

For Thirty Years was Connected With The Baptist Courier.

Greenville, April 18.—Mr. W. W. Keys, senior editor of The Baptist Courier, died early this morning at his home in this city, after an illness of about a week. The funeral will be held Tuesday afternoon.

Mr. Keys was a native of Anderson, his father being one of the most prominent citizens of that county. He began his career as a printer in the office of the Intelligencer at Anderson and later moved to Greenville, about 30 years ago, to accept the position with The Baptist Courier, of which he became joint editor and proprietor. He remained in that work until his death.

Mr. Keys is survived by his wife, who was Miss Vashti Barrios of Anderson, and several children. One of his sons, Mr. J. C. Keys, who is in government employ on the Isthmus of Panama, reached here several days ago. His eldest son, Mr. Furman Keys, whose home is in the West, is expected today.

THE STATE MEDICAL ASSOCIATION MEETS

Scientific Sessions Open This Morning at 10:30

DR. DAWSON PRESIDES

Different Meetings of Boards and Committees Were Held Yesterday Afternoon and Last Night.

The sixty-second annual convention of the South Carolina Medical association is being held in Laurens. A number of the State officers of the association and delegates to the convention arrived Monday night and early Tuesday morning. Yesterday afternoon and last night larger delegations came in and this morning there is in the city a large and distinguished body of the State's representative physicians. The local committees on arrangements, with the co-operation of the citizens, have left nothing undone looking to the comfort and pleasure of the visitors, and while here they are the guests of the city.

Yesterday was devoted to various meetings of the different boards and special committees of the association. At 3 o'clock a meeting of the house of delegates was held in the armory, presided over by President Dawson. To this meeting reports were submitted by the treasurer, the secretary, the scientific committee, committee on public policy and legislation, State board of health, State board of medical examiners, Simms memorial committee and others.

Officers Elected.

Late yesterday afternoon the officers of the State association were elected for another year as follows: Dr. J. H. McIntosh of Columbia, president; Dr. J. W. Jervey of Greenville, Dr. R. B. Epling of Greenwood, Dr. R. E. Hughes of Laurens, vice presidents; Dr. E. A. Hines of Seneca, secretary; Dr. C. P. Ainar of Charleston, treasurer. Drs. Dawson and Hines were chosen as delegates to the next meeting of the American Medical convention.

The convention closes tomorrow night with a buffet supper and smoker at the armory.

The convention of doctors has brought to the city a large number of handsome automobiles from Greenville, Greenwood, Columbia, and other points; they are here to "demonstrate," which means that the streets are literally lined, the square is "full," and everybody is happy, or should be.

Scientific Session.

The scientific sessions of the convention will follow the formal opening exercises which will take place at 10:30 o'clock this morning in Masonic temple, Enterprise bank building, with divine invocation by Rev. William E. Thayer, pastor of the First Baptist church. Dr. John L. Dawson, president of the State association, will respond to the addresses of welcome which are to be made by Dr. Hugh K. Aiken, on behalf of the Laurens chamber of commerce, and Dr. W. H. Dial for the Laurens County Medical association.

The program for today and tomorrow is as follows:

President's address.—Dr. John L. Dawson.

"The Serum Treatment of Epidemic Cerebrospinal Meningitis."—Dr. Chas. Hunter Dunn, Boston.

"The Present Status of Cancer Education."—Dr. Southgate Leigh, Norfolk, Va.

"Pulmonary Tuberculosis—The Persistent Need of Earlier Diagnosis."—Dr. L. B. Morse, Hendersonville, N. C.

"The Uses and Limits of Antiseptics and Local Applications in Surgical Practice."—Dr. Chas. M. Rees, Charleston.

"The Hookworm Disease as it pertains to the Eye and Ear Specialty."—Dr. Leland Osgood Mauldin, Greenville.

"The Hookworm."—Dr. F. Julian Carroll, Summerville.

"Hookworm Disease in the Negro."—Dr. W. J. Burdell, Lugoff.

"Report of the Committee on Venereal Disease."—Dr. T. P. Whaley, Charleston.

"First Aid to Injured Eyes."—Dr. Edward E. Parker, Charleston.

"A Report on What has Been Done for the Prevention of the Increase of Blindness."—Stereopticon slides.—Dr. Chas. W. Kollock, Charleston.

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