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NEWSPAPER Issue of Friday, JANUARY 14, 1870

Mr. Thomas C. WILKES, an old citizen of Laurens, died suddenly of apoplexy at his residence in Laurensville on the 4th inst.

INCENDIARISM

We regret to learn that the barn and stable of Mr. Robert BROWNLEE, a well known and highly esteemed citizen of the neighborhood of Donnaldsville, were consumed by fire on Wednesday night of last week. A large amount of fodder together with two horses were destroyed. The loss is probably some seven or eight hundred dollars. It was clearly the work of an incendiary.

The fine residence of Mrs. James M. PERRIN has been sold to Joel S. PERRIN for the sum of \$7,000.

The desirable house and lot, 5 acres, of the estate of Dr. LIVINGSTON has been purchased by Mrs. James M. PERRIN for \$2,500.

SAD ACCIDENT

We regret to announce a sad accident which resulted in the death of a little son of Captain James T. BARNES, a highly esteemed citizen of Lowndesville on Saturday last. The father who lives a few miles beyond Lowndesville, had mounted his horse for the purpose of visiting that village, taking his son behind him. On his way he visited some hands who were at work, attempting to dislodge a fallen tree which had been caught by another tree. The tree in falling, took an unexpected course and narrowly missing Captain Barnes, knocked down the horse and killed the son instantly, crushing him terribly. The father saw the impending danger but could not get the horse out of the way in time. The little boy was six years old and his death under such sad circumstances has proved a great blow to the family. The sympathies of our whole community and of a large circle of friends go with them in their sad bereavement.

MARRIAGES

Married on the 4th of January 1870, by the Rev. Manning Brown, Mr. J.A. MORAGNE to Miss Sallie E. RAMEY, both of Abbeville district.

NEWSPAPER Issue of Friday, JANUARY 21, 1870

COURT NEWS

The Regular Term of Court commenced here on Monday last, his Honor Judge Vernon presiding with his usual courtesy. The Court was organized by the empaneling of the following named Grand Jurors, to serve for one year, to wit:

A. M. AIKEN, Foreman

W.C. WARDLAW

James A. McCORD

Thos. ROBINSON

Stephen FRANKLIN (colored)

Sit ROSAMOND (colored)

Alley BUTLER (colored)

Wm. McCRAW (colored)

Thos. M. CHRISTIAN

Gordon McWILLIAMS

John ELLIOT (colored)

Everidge CAIN (colored)

Solomon MORGAN (colored)

J. W. TROWBRIDGE

Wade HAMPTON (colored)

H.S. KERR

James D. CHALMERS

The following were named Petit Jurors:

Jury No. 1

John A. CALHOUN

Wm. H. BROOKS

W.V. CLINKSCALES

P.A. CORBIN

Thos. CATER

Alfred CHAPMAN (colored)

John A. DICKSON

James J. DEVLIN

C.B. GUFFIN

Samuel JOHNSON (colored)

Thomas JONES (colored)

M.B. LATIMER

Jury No. 2

W. Joel SMITH, Foreman

Thos. McALISTER

Wm. A. McCOMB

Samuel MITCHELL (colored)

John R. McCORD

Wm. C. MOORE

Jason SIMPSON

John R. SEALS

Henry TITUS (colored)

John E. ULDRICK

F.A. WILSON

Edwin WILSON (colored)

True Bills were found in the following cases:

The state vs. W.A. CROZIER, assault and battery

The state vs. N.A. EDWARDS, assault and battery

The state vs. Frank WIDEMAN, assault and battery

The state vs. Samuel H. ERWIN, assault and battery

In the case of the state vs. Susan HUTCHISON, Dan'l HUTCHISON, Emeline HARRIS, Cella WEAVER and Elias HARRIS, all colored, for assault and riot, resulted in a verdict of Guilty.

DEATH OF MRS. GOLDING

We regret to announce the death of Mrs. GOLDING, after a short illness from pneumonia, at her residence in this village on last Monday night. Mrs. Golding had resided here for a number of years and was universally esteemed and respected. Thrown upon her own exertions for support, she exhibited much business energy and capacity, and won the good will of all by her kind and affable deportment. She had only recently opened a private boarding house here and over-exertion in attending to its duties brought on the attack which terminated so suddenly, and so sadly. She leaves many relatives and friends to deplore her loss.

MARRIAGES

Married on the 22nd of December last by the Rev. Mr. Sanderson, Mr. Thos. S. CHATHAM of Ninety-Six, S.C. to Miss Kate COCHRAN of Eutaw, Alabama.

OBITUARY OF A.R. MERIWETHER

A.R. MERIWETHER, son of W.B. and Matilda MERIWETHER of Ninety-Six, Abbeville county, accidentally shot himself on the 29th of December and died about nine

hours after. He had just passed his twentieth birthday; a young man of noble principle, affectionate and courteous to all. A sad blank is now in this afflicted family which none could witness, without shedding the sympathetic tear.

A.R. Meriwether had all the prospects of a long and useful life and the morning of the fatal accident, he was full of life and animation. He met death as a veteran soldier, but was desirous to see his young friends to entreat them to live for eternity and bear in mind the uncertainty of life. May the grace of God comfort and console the afflicted family.

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OBITUARY OF MRS. CELESTIA A. COCHRAN

Died, at Hodges Depot on the 15th of January, Mrs. Celestia A. COCHRAN, in the forty-second year of her age. Raised under Christian influence, Mrs. Cochran early in life became a member of the M.E. church. Her light was not hidden under a bushel. Many testimonials of her charity and kindness will live in the community of her associates and especially in the hearts of the poor and afflicted. They will not, cannot, forget her.

She never lived for herself. With a heart the most self-sacrificing and overflowing with kindness to all, she was every ready to visit in sympathy the sick and afflicted, and no one would sacrifice more at home to do good abroad. Her life was a blessing, her death a living testimonial.

Amidst the suffering of death, looking foward to Heaven, her gracious mind seemed to leave nothing uncared for behind. She advised her husband as to the minutest details of the household. She directed her sisters as to her burial apparel. She directed the place and manner of her burial. She selected the text and preacher for her funeral sermon. In the 23rd Psalms and 4th verse are the words, "yea though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death, I will fear no evil, for thou art with me; thy rod and thy staff they comfort me."

Often did this meek and patient sufferer repeated the scriptural question, "O death, where is thy sting; O grave, where is thy victory?"

To attempt to particularize the interesting events of this death would be to make an obituary a volume. Her parting from her sisters and friends, above all, her soul stirring farewell to her husband and children, three boys and an only daughter, no one could appreciate but an eye witness to the scene. Turning to an aged form who stood by the bedside, stricken with years well nigh to her three score and ten, she said, "Mother, I am going to leave you; the link is broken, your little flock is disturbed, and one of its number will soon be taken to Heaven. Yes, my mother, I will beat you to Heaven, but

when you all come, I will meet you at the river and go with you through the gates." Oh, how sweetly in plaintive tones, with faint articulation she chanted, "Shall we gather at the river".

Before she lost her speech, she requested us all to kneel and let her pray her last time for us, which she did, then folding her hands, sang,

I am going home, to die no more,

Loving Jesus, gentle lamb,

In thy gracious hands, I am.

Jesus can make a dying bed,

Feel soft as downy pillows are.

And truly did he make her's so. Would that the world of unbelievers could have witnessed this triumph of Christian faith over death and the grave.

Our angel sister now in Heaven,

Our promises we'll try to keep,

If God will help us to prepare,

We'll try to meet you at the river,

And there your joys we'll help to reap.

NEWSPAPER Issue of Friday, FEBRUARY 4, 1870

MARRIAGES

Married on the 23rd of Dec. 1869 by Rev. Jas. F. Gibert, Mr. H.W. McCELVEY to Miss Mattie THORNTON.

NOTICE OF SALE

I will sell at public auction on Sale Day next, my House and Lands on Magazine Hill, within the corporate limits of Abbeville. The improvements are extensive and comfortable, consisting of a cottage dwelling built for a basement story with eight upper rooms; kitchen, smoke house, servants' houses, stables, garden. The farm attached is all that solid block between Depot street and the Augusta Road, Magazine street and the Agricultural Fair

Grounds, comprising within a fraction of thirty acres. Many building lots upon it. S. McGOWAN, Jan. 27, 1870

ABBEVILLE LAND FOR SALE

The subscriber offers for sale his very desirable tract of land in Abbeville county, three miles west of Lowndesville, lying on Ross Creek and bounded by lands of A. Y. BOWMAN, J. W. BROWN and R. SADLER. The tract contains two hundred and eighty-three acres, more or less, of which about forty acres are creek and branch bottom land; about sixty-five acres are woods well timbered; and the remainder is good arable land. G. P. PETTIGREW, Jan. 29, 1870

STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA, Abbeville County

Court of Equity

James M. LATIMER, Henry S. KERR vs. Henry A. JONES, Caroline C. HUCKABEE, Mary P. DuPRE, J. F. C. DuPRE and others

Bill to declare trusts, perfect titles to land

It appearing that Henry A. JONES, James A. BROWNLEE, Mrs. Rebecca MOORE and the children of W. C. MOORE, are defendants whose whereabouts are unknown. Some of the parties and defendants in this case reside beyond the limits of the state. It is therefore ordered that the said parties do plead, answer or demur to the Bill in this case within forty days, or the same will be taken against them, Pro Confesso. Matthew McDonald, C. C. P. Jan. 12, 1870

NEWSPAPER Issue of Friday, FEBRUARY 18, 1870

STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA, Abbeville County

Probate Court

John F. EDMUNDS vs. Frederick A. EDMUNDS, Ellington A. SEARLS, Ex'r James A. EDMUNDS, and others

Petition requiring Executors to Account

It appearing that Henry C. EDMUNDS, a defendant in the above case, resides without the limits of the state. It is therefore ordered that Henry C. Edmunds do appear and plead, answer or demur to said petition within forty

days from the publication of this order, or the same will be taken Pro Confesso against him. Wm. Hill, Judge of Probate, Jan. 25, 1870

DEATH OF COL. JOSEPH ABNEY

Suddenly and unexpectedly, we are called to mourn the loss of a much valued and beloved citizen. Col. Joseph ABNEY died at his residence in the town of Edgefield on Wednesday night the 2nd inst. after an illness of only ten hours, a victim of the prevailing epidemic, Meningitis, as pronounced by his brother, Dr. M.W. ABNEY, the attending physician. He died in the prime of manhood at the age of forty-eight, leaving a wife and three children.

Bravely, honestly and efficiently, he fought the battle of life as he fought for the honor, interest and glory of his country. Self educated, he became an accomplished scholar, lawyer and soldier. His civic triumphs in popular assemblies in the Legislature and in the forum, as well as laurels won in the War, make up the sum of a reputation of which his family, his friends and his native Carolina are justly proud.

But although he received the plaudits of his country for services rendered in peace and in war, in every battle ground from Vera Cruz to the Garita de Belin of Mexico and his blood was shed on the field of Churubusco and later in life at Drury's Bluff in our last War, it attests his devotion and skill as a warrior.

He has left behind a monument of his fame, not less to be appreciated in the memory of gratitude of careworn poverty which with a ready hand, prompted by Christian charity, he never failed to alleviate; and the poor will bless him in their sorrow for his departure. But he is gone! And it is a consolation to believe that he has entered into his eternal rest, as a Christian and an heir of salvation. The Edgefield Advertiser

NEWSPAPER Issue of Friday, MARCH 4, 1870

MARRIAGES

Married on Tuesday morning the 1st ins., at the residence of Mrs Barmore, by the Rev. Manning Brown, Mr. James W. FOWLER of Abbeville and Miss Ella V. SHARPE of Tullahoma Co., Miss.

Married Feb. 22 at the residence of Mr. A.H. Morton, Mr. G.W. COLLINS and Miss Sally M. MORTON. Attendees were Misses Lou Morton, Rosa Bolling, Sallie Lake, Roan Feoshe, Mamie Moore and Sallie Jackson, and Messrs. B.F. Miller, T.W. Davis, Henry Ware, Geo. Wells, E.C. Gordon and Edward Stokes. Officiating minister was Rev. W.R. Jones.

Married by E.O. Reagan, Esq. on Dec. 23, 1869, at the residence of the bride's mother near Dorn's Mine, Mr. John C. RANSOM and Miss Carrie COTHRAN.

NEWSPAPER Issue of Friday, MARCH 11, 1870

A MELANCHOLY ACCIDENT

On Friday evening about 8 o'clock, a fatal accident occurred at the Forty-One Mile Turnout, on the South Carolina Railroad, resulting in the death of Mr. BAXTER who for many years occupied the position of pump-minder of that post. The freight train had just taken water and was backing up to let the night passenger train pass, when Mr. Baxter attempted to jump on the rear car, but missed his footing and fell out on the track, the train and cars passing over his body.

Someone saw the body and called for the engineer to stop the train. This was instantly done, and the engineer, George BAXTER, jumped off and ran to the spot. On turning over the body and recognizing the features, he exclaimed, "Great God, it is my father!" and he fainted. The body which was terribly mangled, was taken to a neighboring house, together with Mr. George Baxter, who was still insensible, to whom medical attendance was promptly furnished but at last accounts, his condition is critical.

Mrs. George Baxter who lives in the neighborhood has been sick and it is supposed while endeavoring to get on the train to take his son some medication for his wife, the elder Mr. Baxter fell to his death. The Charleston News

MARRIAGES

Married at the residence of the bride's aunt, Mrs. D.F. Jones on March 1st by Rev. Wm.P. DuBose, J. LIVINGSTON FAIR of Abbeville and Toccoa M. ROULAIN, yountest daughter of the late A. Roulain of Charleston.

Married on the 3rd inst., at the residence of the bride's mother b Rev. Wm. H. Davis, Mr. B.L. JONES to Miss Fannie SMITH, all of Abbeville.

NEWSPAPER Issue of Friday, MARCH 18, 1870

STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA, Abbeville County

Probate Court

Whereas, F.A. STEVENSON has applied for Letters of Administration of the estate of Alexander STEVENSON, deceased, late of said county. This is therefore to cite the kindred and creditors of said dec'd to appear in the Court of Probate to be held at the Abbeville courthouse on the 31st inst. at 11 o'clock in the forenoon, to show cause, if any they have, why said Administration should not be granted. Wm. Hill, Judge of Probate, Mar. 14, 1870

FOR SALE

The subscriber offers at private sale his fine saddle and harness sorrell horse, seven years old. Sold for no defect, but simply because he has no use for him. Apply at his residence. J. William POWER, March 10, 1870

NEWSPAPER Issue of Friday, MARCH 25, 1870

OBITUARY OF JOHN WILLIAM CALVERT

Died, on the 6th of March, John William CALVERT, in the thirtieth year of his age. For more than three years he served his country faithfully as a soldier. In the battle of Wilderness he was the color bearer of his regiment and bore the banner through the thickest of the fight. In that severe struggle he lost a foot, a monument of his bravery and of his devotion to the lost cause. He was highly esteemed by all his companions in arms.

Mr. Calvert was a good neighbor, a dutiful son and a kind and affectionate husband. A large circle of friends mourn his deceased and will cherish in affectionate remembrance his many virtues. He was not a member of a church, but thought much on the subject of religion and those who had the best opportunities of judging believe that he gave his heart to God and that at death, he entered into rest. Another home has been desolated, another victim snatched away by the relentless hand of death.
