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DEATH OF WM. CUNNINGHAM.

Old and Honored Citizen of Lawrence County Passes Away.
Courtland, Aug. 6.—(Special).—William Cunningham, who has been a resident of Courtland for fifty years, died at his home here Saturday and was buried Monday. Mr. Cunningham was in his 80th year. He was a devout member of the Presbyterian Church here in which he had been a ruling elder for over thirty years. He was prominent in every move that advanced the interest of this town and community and was for many years a leading merchant. Mr. Cunningham was well known and largely connected in the State. He leaves two sons, Alex Cunningham of Fayetteville, Tenn., and Robert Cunningham of Nashville, and also one daughter, Mrs. Dr. James Edwards of Gainesville, Tex., all of whom were here at the obsequies. The annual encampment of Camp Fred Ashford, U. C. V., will be held at Wolf Springs, Aug. 21 to 24. An effort will be made to have every member of the camp attend the reunion. Prominent ex-Confederates from a distance will be in attendance and will deliver addresses. Camp Fred Ashford is one of the oldest and largest in the State. This section was visited by a much needed rain Monday night and it rained at intervals yesterday. The crops, especially the corn, are seriously damaged by the prolonged drought, and as serious had the situation become that prayers were offered in all the churches Sunday and Sunday night for rain. It is thought that this rain will virtually save the cotton crop in this section.

Order of Immaculates.
Huntsville, Aug. 6.—(Special).—The Supreme Convention of the Independent Order of Immaculates met here today. This is one of the strongest negro societies in the United States and delegates are here representing a majority of the States. Dr. W. A. Handley of Nashville, Supreme Master, is presiding. The convention will remain in session four days.

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PASTOR KILLED ONE AND WOUNDED OTHERS.
Rev. M. C. Maxwell the Welder of the Pistol and John Hendrix, David Cox and Rev. Joe Walton Were the Victims.
Eufaula, Aug. 6.—(Special).—Rev. M. C. Maxwell, pastor of the colored Baptist church at Clayton, shot and instantly killed John Hendrix and seriously wounded Rev. Joe Walton and David Cox during a church conference which was being held in the church last night. The trouble grew out of dissatisfaction towards retaining Maxwell as pastor for another year. The election of a new pastor was soon to take place and Maxwell knew that his chances of being retained were poor. The conference was held for the purpose of discussing the matter and Maxwell knew that Hendrix, Walton and Cox were opposed to him. Just how the shooting occurred and the exact conversation that brought it about has not been learned, but it is known that no trouble was anticipated by the members, as no other person in the church drew a pistol or made any attempt to resist. After the shooting, the congregation, with wild excitement, and Maxwell fled to the woods. The Sheriff here was put on notice and was requested to put guards at the river bridges, but later on it was learned that Maxwell was captured five miles from Clayton and is now safe in the county jail at that place. One of the wounded men was shot in the back and may die. The other was hit in the arm and will recover.

An Account from Clayton.
Clayton, Aug. 6.—(Special).—A fatal difficulty occurred at this colored Baptist church here last night about 10 o'clock. A church trial was being held, and the pastor, Rev. M. C. Maxwell, and a number of his followers were present. The trial was being held in the church, and the pastor, Rev. M. C. Maxwell, and a number of his followers were present. The trial was being held in the church, and the pastor, Rev. M. C. Maxwell, and a number of his followers were present. The trial was being held in the church, and the pastor, Rev. M. C. Maxwell, and a number of his followers were present.

RAIN AROUND THE DECATURS.
Great Benefit to the Crops Has Resulted.
New Decatur, Aug. 5.—(Special).—The only rain for many weeks and the heaviest rain of the summer, fell last night and as a result farmers throughout Morgan County are rejoicing today. The early corn crop was already beyond redemption and in many parts of the county is almost a total failure. The late corn and the cotton needed rain and had the drought continued for a few more days the late corn would have been entirely ruined and the cotton crop injured. The rain could be desired on the Decatur sewer, several miles of pipe having already been placed. When completed Decatur will have one of the most complete sewer systems of any city in the South regardless of population.

The Law and Order League of Fort Smith, O. T., has posted up all confidence men, pickpockets, thieves and crooks who are caught playing their vices, that they will be hanged to the nearest tree.

BOTH ARE DISCHARGED

BULLARD AND SUMNER RELEASED ON PRELIMINARY.
Not Enough Evidence to Justify Holding Them on a Charge of Murder—Now Accused of Larceny.
Birmingham, Aug. 6.—(Special).—A. J. Sumner and George Bullard, the men who were held charged with the murder of H. C. Newell, whose body was found lying beside the tracks of the Birmingham Mineral Railroad near Redders, a few weeks ago, were given a preliminary trial before Justice William Jackson in Bessemer, and were discharged. They were held, however, in the sum of \$300 each on the charge of larceny from the person. Newell, so it is stated, went to Bessemer from his home at Milldale to see his mother. He had about \$100 with him. He fell in with Bullard and Sumner and several other men and spent the greater part of the day in drinking. That night he was murdered in the railroad yards at Bessemer and his mutilated body was found next day about three miles from that city. The theory was that the slayers placed his body across draw-headers on a freight train after killing him and that it was in this way the remains were carried out of town. The evidence brought out in the preliminary trial was not strong enough to connect the defendants with the crime.

Expects Order for Negroes.
A local labor agent here announces that he has received communication in regard to 1,000 negro laborers to go to the North and West to take up work in the iron and steel works in these sections. He says that he has not as yet made any order for the men, but anticipates such an order shortly. Hot Shots, the negro paper published in Birmingham by Rev. McGill, will issue this week a strong editorial advising the negroes to remain in the South and to be careful where they go from here as they may be slaughtered like so many head of cattle. McGill is bitterly opposed to the work of the labor agents and his paper will be given wide circulation in the next week or two to retard any proposed movement.

State Shooting Tournament.
The Alabama State Shooting Tournament opened today at the grounds of the Birmingham Gun Club at North Birmingham. Marksmen were present not only from all over this State but also from South Carolina, Georgia, Tennessee, Virginia, Mississippi and Louisiana. Among them were some of the best known shots in the Southern States. The prizes awarded today amounted in value to about \$150. Refreshments were served at the ground and a pleasant day was spent by all. The tournament will continue until tomorrow night, and will be conducted under the auspices of the Birmingham Gun Club.

Miners' Wage Scales.
The miners' committee of the Tennessee Coal and Iron Railroad Company, whose duty it is to investigate the company's iron sales books with a view to adjusting the wage scale to conform with the selling price of pig iron, examined the books today and reported a change for the wage scale for the month of August. The base price for mining will continue at \$2.12 cents per ton. The committee of the miners of the Sloss-Sheffield Steel and Iron Company made an investigation of the company's books and it was discovered that the prices of pig iron were such as to warrant a reduction of two and a half cents for mining as compared to the wages paid last month. This means that the Sloss miners' wages will be reduced from \$2.12 cents per ton to 50 cents.

Birmingham Bank Clearings.
The bank clearings in the City of Birmingham for the month of July were \$3,385,980.93, as against \$3,278,617.19 for June, showing an increase of \$107,373.79. For the first six months of last year the clearings were \$23,667,108, a monthly average of \$3,944,518. The monthly average this year has been \$3,854,726.

Wants to Be Postmaster.
George F. Jackson, Department Commander of the Grand Army of the Republic for Alabama, is an applicant for the postmastership in this city. His papers have been placed on file in Washington, and it is said that he has strong backing. This is the first intimation that Dr. J. W. Hughes, the present incumbent, was to have opposition for reappointment. Dr. Hughes has served four years and the local press has already endorsed him for reappointment. Mr. Jackson was a candidate against Dr. Hughes four years ago. It is reported that he has a number of friends in Washington working in his interest now.

I. T. U. Convention.
The arrangement committee of the Birmingham Typographical Union held a final meeting this afternoon and perfected the details for the program of the entertainment which is to be carried out during the convention of the International Typographical Union in this city next week. Local headquarters will be opened in the Morris Hotel Thursday, and committees will meet every incoming train thereafter and direct the visiting delegates to hotels and boarding houses. Considerable money has been raised among the citizens for the purpose of entertaining the delegates and everything possible will be done to make their stay pleasant and profitable.

The value of pepper was known of old. We read that when Rome had to be ransomed from its barbarian conquerors in 408, Alaric demanded 3,000 pounds of pepper among the payments, and that Hippocrates used it in medicine, applying it to the skin.

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Captain Ben Beers Reported Seriously Ill—Putting Down the Piers of the L. & N. Bridge Across the Alabama.
Advertiser Bureau, Selma, Aug. 6.
A few months ago Rev. Swaim of Dalton, Ga., came to Selma and assumed the pastorate of the Cumberland Presbyterian Church. He has given great satisfaction, and as a result of his earnest preaching and popularity as a pastor his congregation has more than doubled. Last Sunday the church was crowded to its utmost capacity, and this is an unusual thing. Mr. Swaim took charge of the Dalton Church when it was at a low ebb, and after his first pastorate of five years he came here, and left his old church in a most flourishing condition, the Sunday School having more than 200 pupils. He is going to repeat his Dalton work here, from present indications.

Artificial Lake Suggested.
Work on the pavilion at the end of the loop on the string car line is progressing very rapidly. The pavilion built on an old fort, a few hundred feet from the banks of the Alabama, and was built there in order to prevent Federal gun boats from passing the mouth of Valley Creek. The pavilion is only a few hundred feet above the mouth of Valley Creek and it has been suggested to Colonel Abbott, the President of the Street and Suburban Railroad, that he throw a dam across the creek where the distance between the two bluffs on either side is narrowest, and thus build an artificial lake, the bosom of which boats, launches, etc., can be placed. It is true that the Alabama river sometimes goes over the land built there, but the waters rise gradually the dam would not be injured in the least and a fresh supply of fish would thus be left in the lake and the waters recede each time. The bluffs on either side of Valley Creek are high and a lovely lake could thus be constructed and the fresh water that it would always contain would not be a menace to the health of the city at all. It is to be hoped that Col. Abbott will take this suggestion under consideration and thus give the people of Selma a lake, which, for beauty and picturesqueness, could not be surpassed by any similar body of water in the State.

Judge Mabry Improving.
News comes from the mountains of North Carolina that Judge John W. Mabry of the City Court, is gradually regaining his strength, and will be able to take his seat on the bench in a few days. Judge Mabry has been under the weather for several months past and his thousands of friends in Dallas and through Alabama are all rejoiced to know that he is getting well. As a jurist, he stands near the top, and as a man, he is beloved by the bar and the people of this country. On the bench, he knows no friend or enemy, but he knows the law as he conceives it to be his duty.

To Get New Nurses.
Friday next, Misses Robertson and Yates, the two young women nurses who have had charge of the City Infirmary, will be discharged, and will take up their abode with their families. With that institution and will go north to take a post graduate course in their profession. There is only one pay patient in the Infirmary at this time. As soon as this patient is discharged, the nurses leave the infirmary will be closed for several months, possibly till the first of November. When it is reopened by the United Charities, there will no longer be a head nurse, but a graduate nurse will be put in charge of the infirmary with two graduate nurses to look after the sick, but one will not outrank the other, and thus all friction can be kept down. This infirmary, under the wise management of the United Charities, has done great work in Selma, and when it is reopened in the fall it will be better equipped than ever to take care of those who will need the attention of skilled nurses and the care that such an institution can furnish.

Capt. Ben Beers Sick.
News reached the city yesterday afternoon that Capt. Ben Beers, one of the largest planters and most influential citizens in South Side, was dangerously ill. His relatives from the city were sent for and they left on a 4:15 Western train for the bedside of the sick man. Captain Beers has always taken an active interest in the public affairs in Dallas, and at the last Democratic primary he seriously thought of entering the race for sheriff. He is a good citizen and his death would not only be a severe blow to his family and the community in which he resides, but to the entire county.

Purchased Valuable Property.
Mr. Otto Erhart has purchased the lot at the northwest corner of Water and Lawrence streets, and will more than likely erect a large warehouse thereon. The lot is 80x150 feet and fronts on Water Street, in the neighborhood of the cotton warehouses in that section of the city. It is well located for a warehouse and is a most valuable piece of property.

Addition to Freight Depot.
A representative of The Advertiser dropped in on Major Lauderdale at the depot yesterday morning and found him just about ready to move with his clerical force, into a new addition that has just been erected in rear of the immense corrugated warehouse. The new office is 25x27 feet, and was made necessary by the increasing business of the two roads. New furniture has been ordered. The office will be equipped with electric fans and it will be one of the handsomest freight offices in the State when all of the improvements contemplated are put in.

Putting Down the Piers.
The coffer dam for the main or pivotal pier of the Alabama river, has been put down and the big pump has been put to work pumping out the water so that the foundation for the pier of the L. & N. draw bridge can be put in. The pump that is being used is a powerful one and is being driven by water that is being drawn by it from the inside of the coffer dam can be plainly seen from the bank of the river back of the old St. James Hotel. There will be five piers supporting the L. & N. bridge across the Alabama, and it is the intention of the railroad to get them high enough by fall so that they can be finished before the heavy rains set in and raise the water to where it would be impossible to put in the foundations.

Tremendous Rainfall.
Mr. Hugh Hayne of Lowndes County, was in the city this morning. He says that a tremendous rain fell in his section last night, and that the stream of water that is being drawn by it from the inside of the coffer dam can be plainly seen from the bank of the river back of the old St. James Hotel. There will be five piers supporting the L. & N. bridge across the Alabama, and it is the intention of the railroad to get them high enough by fall so that they can be finished before the heavy rains set in and raise the water to where it would be impossible to put in the foundations.

Burnsville, the home of John F. Burns. A large crowd of citizens went up from the city on the noon train and returned on the 4 p. m. train. The barbecue given by the good people of Burnsville are noted all over the black belt. These barbecues are informal affairs, no speaking and little politics. The boys just lounge around on the grass and have a good time until dinner is announced and then they know what to do with the barbecued meats.

NEGRO KILLED BY TRAIN.

Simeon Gray Run Over by Fast Freight at Tuscaloosa.
Tuscaloosa, Aug. 6.—(Special).—Simeon Gray, a negro from Greensboro, was run over and instantly killed at the Alabama Great Southern depot by a fast freight yesterday afternoon. The fast freight was attempting to jump on the through freight, which was running very rapidly, when he lost his hold on the car and fell. His body was cut in two and he was horribly mangled. This is the second death that has occurred at the depot in the past two weeks, the other one being the tragedy in which Mrs. Blackburn was run over by the dummy and killed.

The Board of Aldermen of the city of Tuscaloosa have decided to collect the sewer rent. All persons who have sewer connections are liable for \$2.00 annual rent, but it is a law that has never been enforced, so the collector will be instructed to collect for this year. However, if any person refuses to pay this year's rent, the Board reserves the right to bring suit for five years' back rent.

A house of much historic interest has just been sold in this place. It is known here as the old Roddy place and was sold to Mrs. Poca Whitte of near Selma for the sum of \$5,500. It is known to the older citizens of Tuscaloosa as the old Collier home, having been used as a residence by the late Governor Henry W. Collier, who previously to his term as Governor, was Chief Justice of the Supreme Court of Alabama. His home was the center of culture and refinement and was noted throughout the State. It was here that the marriage of Miss Virginia Tunstall, now Mrs. Virginia Clay Clifton, took place to Clement C. Clay, a Senator of both the United States and Confederate States of America. The Legislature of Alabama was then in session at the State Capital in Alabama, and in honor of the marriage, the General Assembly attended the function in a body. It was one of the most notable marriages in the State, and was attended by some of the most prominent Alabamians.

A BURGLAR CAUGHT.

Jake Champion Captured in Southern Express Company's Office.
Anniston, Aug. 6.—(Special).—A bold attempt was made this morning between 12 and 1 o'clock to rob the Southern Express Company's office in this city, and on a charge of burglary Jake Champion, a white man, occupies a cell in the county jail. He was arrested last night by the police and upon his appearance before the Mayor in Police Court this morning he pleaded guilty and was turned over to the State. His bond being fixed at \$500, which he was unable to give.

The attempt of Champion to rob the express office was made in a most daring manner. He was seen by the lights in the office were burning low at the time. The man gained entrance by prying apart two of the iron bars that cover a rear window. Chief Clerk Frank Woodruff sleeps in a small apartment in the rear of the office. He was awakened by the ringing of the cash drawer bell and getting out of bed he started for the door with his pistol in hand. He saw the man crouching behind the counter, and at once opened fire, one ball striking the burglar in the right arm, another grazing his back. The man cried out that he would give up, and covering him with the pistol, Mr. Woodruff went to the front door and called for a night patrolman, who at once responded and closed Champion up in a cell at police headquarters. This morning he confessed.

Champion is a noted character. He has just finished a term in the penitentiary, having been convicted of larceny at Jacksonville several years ago. Of late he has been working in the rolling mill department of the Southern Car and Foundry Company. Champion's trial on the charge of burglary will probably take place at the next term of the Anniston City Court. It is not thought that he will be able to make bond.

Death of Mrs. Sallie P. George.
Three Notch, Aug. 6.—(Special).—Mrs. Sallie Penick George, wife of Mr. William A. George, died at her home in Three Notch, Ala., Monday, July 29, of the thirty-third year of her age. She was a pure, gentle and faithful wife, mother and Christian. She is survived by her husband and three little children.

An Indian sepulchre has been found in Lincoln County, Ontario. It contained upward of 500 skeletons, which are believed to belong to the tribes of Algonquians, or Neutins, allied to the Hurons, and exterminated by the Iroquois in the Seventeenth Century.

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