

The Tifton Gazette.

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NEGRO WOMAN BURNS.

Della Heightower Fall into Fire During Fight and was Burnt to Death.

Della Heightower, a negro woman, was burnt to death in the fireplace of her home at Phillipsburg, a negro suburb one mile south of Tifton, Monday night. The woman was subject to fits and it is supposed that she was sitting before the fire when one came on her and she pitched headlong into the fire. The charred remains were found about 8 o'clock when her husband, E. H. Heightower, a negro barber, returned home after his day's work. Heightower found the door locked and it was only after battering it open that he was able to reach the inside of the house. Here in a flickering fire he found the charred body of his wife. The upper part of the woman's body was burnt until it was nothing but a charred mass and all her clothing was burned away. How long she had lain in the fire no one can tell. Practically all the fire was out when her husband forced his way into the house. A small hole had been burned in the floor near the fireplace, where it was set from the burning clothes of the negro woman.

The funeral services were held in Tifton Tuesday and a large crowd of colored people attended.

Fire Thursday Morning.

The first fire alarm for several months was sounded by Tift's mill whistle Thursday morning at 7:45, for a negro shanty in the mill quarters. The house was in an out of the way place and the firemen had a time getting to it. When they did get a line of hose to the fire and turned on the water, two links of hose burst. Another string of hose was soon cooped up and a stream of water played upon the burning building.

The house was ablaze all over before the alarm was given and in a few minutes nothing remained of the building except a few hot ashes. Henry Anderson, pump engineer at the mill, who lived in the house, suffered a total loss, nothing being saved. No one was in the house at the time the fire was discovered. It is thought that the house caught from a fire that was left burning in the fire place.

Anderson's wife and baby were in a house next door and knew nothing about the fire until the alarm was given. The negro's loss amounts to about \$100.

Switch Engine on Argyle.

The switch engine which was taken off the yards of the G. S. & F. in Tifton some time ago, has been put on again and it is understood that the change is for good this time. The road officials have found that it pays to keep a switch engine and crew here rather than have the crews of the regular trains do the switching.

R. C. Spires is yard master for the switching crew. E. E. Oxnier and Claud H. Lytle, switchmen and Z. T. Brown engineer. The new crew was put on Sunday. These men and their families will make an appreciated increase in the trade of the city.

SOLVED
YOU SHOULD GO TO YOUR CHRISTMAS PARTIES EARLY AND VISITABLE, USEFUL AND CHEAP. JEWELRY

ROWLAND'S CONVICT CAMP.
We, your committee submit the following report, we visited the convict camp at Mr. John W. Baker's place, and find the camp in good condition with ten whites and twenty-three colored, and all in a healthy working condition, except one white man, we also find the camp equipped with seventeen head of mules, six wagons and harness, and two convict cars, all in good condition, we find the camp in need of one more wash pot, and recommend that the same be supplied, we also want to state, that we are well pleased with the manner in which Mr. Rowland is conducting the camp, also for his efficient work, he is having done.

Respectfully,
N. C. Arrington,
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Dempsy W. White,
Committee.

ROADS.

We find the public roads throughout the County generally in the condition, with the following exceptions: Ty Ty District: The road from the Life road South to W. B. Parson Road had been covered with a layer of sand, the sand was over by Ty Ty, this road is in a dangerous condition, immediate attention should be given to this road, it is bad work badly, the sand needs work, the road is in a bad condition, the sand needs work, the road is in a bad condition, the sand needs work.

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EQUALIZE RETURNS

Tax Receiver Should Refuse Inequalities.

GRAND JURY PRESENTMENTS

Returns Vary from \$3 to \$15 per Acre. Other Business. Tift Superior Court.

In their investigations the committee on tax digest, of the grand jury empaneled for the December term of superior court, found that lands which were raised in valuation by previous committees, have been returned at rates varying from \$3 to \$15 per acre below lands of like improvement in the same community, and recommended that the tax receiver refuse to accept the lands which are returned at a low valuation. The question is, one which confronts the grand jury in all sections of the state and has been commented on at different times by the press. If the lands in Tift county were returned at their true value, it would no doubt result in a considerable decrease in the county tax rate. The same would be true of the state tax if the lands all over Georgia were given in at their true valuation.

The other reports customary with a grand jury were made and other business recommended.

The presentments follow: We, the Grand Jury, empaneled at December term 1912, Tift County Superior Court, beg to submit the following general presentments, we recommend that the report herewith attached of the following committees, form and become a part of these general presentments.

COMMITTEE ON BOOKS J & EX-OFF J F
We the book committee, beg to make the following report, on the books of the J. P. and N. P. of the County. We find these books correctly kept with the following exceptions, T. E. Fletcher in some cases does not date and sign his books where settlement has been made. W. M. Sellers fails to show date when executions are issued, and to whom delivered, we recommend that they fill in the dates, and make their books complete.

R. W. Goodman,
N. D. Pinkston,
R. H. Hutchinson, Jr.,
Committee.

COMMITTEE ON TAX DIGEST.

We, the Committee, appointed by the Grand Jury, to examine Tax Digest, (Receiver's books) of the County, beg to submit the following: we have examined the Tax Receiver's books, and find that recommendations of previous Grand Juries have been ignored, in that lands that were raised by previous committees have been accepted at lower rates. We find that lands with approximately the same improvement, and in the same communities, have been returned at rates varying from three to fifteen dollars per acre. If we are within our rights, we would like to recommend that Tax Receiver decline to accept returns hereafter with these unreasonable variations.

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PETER PAN LADIES MINSTRELS.

Coming Society Attraction at Auditorium Tonight at 8:15.

The leading society ladies of Tifton will appear for the first time in minstrelsy Friday evening, December 13, in the school auditorium, for the benefit of the Twentieth Century Library Club.

The patrons of the performance are: Mrs. N. Peterson, Mrs. W. W. Banks, Mrs. B. H. McLeod and Miss Ava Baker, who have engaged Miss J. Pearl Rogers, of Indiana, to present her attractive performance for the first time in Tifton. Miss Rogers comes to Tifton highly recommended and has recently presented her entertainment to packed houses in Quitman and Valdosta. The large cast of ladies consists of the leading talented soloists and musicians in the city and they are rehearsing their parts daily.

The program features a high class musical production. The opening consists of an evening lawn fete in which Peter Pan royally entertains a company of theatrical stars with a celebrated minstrel company. There will be black-face comedians, ballad and comic opera singers, who make up the repertoire. The opening is very artistic. The entire company will be handsomely costumed and the stage and effects will be elaborated. The olio consists of popular vaudeville and each and every number is refined and of pleasing novelty.

The large cast of ladies express themselves as delighted over the rehearsals and with the excellent talent in the city a fine performance is assured.

TIFTON DISTRIBUTING CENTER

Selected as Wholesale Distributing Center for Common Sense Harrow.

One of the most interesting displays of farm implements ever collected in the city is shown at the Taylor Furniture & Hardware Company, where a large space has been devoted to an exhibition of the Common Sense Harrow. Mr. John H. Brown, the inventor, is in charge of the exhibit and takes pleasure in explaining the working details to all visitors.

The Common Sense Harrow lives up to its name and is one of the best sections in this section. The harrow is built in sections, is light and very easy to keep clean. Each section has 55 teeth, and where desired the sections can be combined for a seven section harrow, requiring only one man to operate. A five section harrow, a three section harrow for one horse. As the inventor says, "It is a regular kit of tools in one" and can be put to so many uses that when a farmer sees it he is sure to get advantages explained to him, he is unwilling to longer be without one. There are so many good points to the Common Sense Harrow that we will not try to explain them to you, but will have to let you see for yourself.

Mr. Brown is located at Tifton and will make his headquarters until March. He had requests to locate in Albany and other towns in this section, but selected Tifton on account of its advantages as a railroad center and has established Tifton as a wholesale distributing center for South Georgia.

SEARS CUNNINGHAM.

Mrs. Ruth Sears, of Ellaville, and Prof. G. V. Cunningham, of Tifton, were united in the holy bonds of matrimony at the home of Rev. L. R. Christie, in Columbus, Ga., Saturday, November 30th, Rev. Christie performing the ceremony. The bride is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. A. Ward, of Ellaville, and comes of one of Schley county's best and most respected families. She is a lovely young woman of many attractive charms, and numbers her admirers by her acquaintances. Prof. Cunningham is supervisor of the Boys Corn and Girls Canning Clubs in this district and has been located in Tifton for the past several months. He is an enthusiastic worker for the improvement of farming conditions and has made thousands of friends throughout his territory. The showing he made for this section in Corn Club work this year, the first, is one that all South Georgia feels proud of.

The marriage was a quiet affair and came as a surprise to the friends of Prof. Cunningham and his bride. After the wedding they spent a short while in Atlanta at the Corn Show and a few days with the bride's parents at Ellaville. They leave Tifton today for a tour of South Georgia and Florida, after which they will make their home in Tifton.

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TIFTON COTTON MARKET

Good Middling	125
Heavy Middling	124
Middling	123
Light Middling	122
Low Middling	121

FEUDISTS IN TURNER

Resulting from Death of Minnie Marchman.

CHRISTMAS KILLED AT MILL

Seeking Settlement for Horse Whipping, Three Men Shot, Cleghorns Under Bond.

Otherwise a quiet and orderly section, that portion of Turner county surrounding Ashburn has been turned into a turmoil of excitement during the past week by the breaking out of a family feud among two families of the county. As a result of which Tan and Marion Cleghorn lie wounded at their home, six miles from Ashburn from gunshot inflicted by W. J. Cochran.

The feud is the result of the death of Minnie Marchman, of whom Tan Cleghorn was suspected of poisoning. The feeling between the two families became intensified by the activity of Cochran, a brother-in-law of Minnie Marchman, in trying to procure evidence against Cleghorn Tan Cleghorn was reported to be looking for Cochran and when they met Sunday, Cochran opened fire on Cleghorn, slightly wounding him.

The five Cleghorn brothers, headed by Tan, then went out for Cochran, and targeted along behind him and Lee Marchman, his brother-in-law, for several hours while they were in Ashburn Tuesday ginning a bag of cotton. Cochran had stopped and was talking to a friend when he saw the Cleghorns approaching rapidly and Marion Cleghorn make a movement toward his pocket. Cochran opened fire on Tan and Marion falling. Though Marion's condition is critical, Tan is not thought to be seriously wounded.

The Cleghorns are being arrested and bonds taken, and it is not expected that any further trouble will follow.

ONE KILLED, TWO WOUNDED.

A prelude to the Cochran-Cleghorn feud was a shooting affray at King's mill, near Ashburn, Saturday morning, in which G. R. Christmas was killed, his brother, J. N. Christmas and J. D. Ward seriously wounded.

The two children were in a horse whipping administered to G. R. Christmas about a week before the shooting, the persecutors burning the clothes and other property of the victim at the time.

The Christmas boys, with relatives, went to the mill to get a peaceful settlement of the matter with the boys employed at the mill, who took part in the whipping. It is claimed the Christmas boys were unarmed and offered to drop the matter if the mill boys would pay them for the clothing and property burned.

The argument over the settlement became so heated that the mill boys, who seemed to be expecting the visit, opened fire on the Christmas boys and their crowd, who fled to a clump of pine trees. They did not reach this region of safety though before one of their number had been killed and two others were seriously wounded.

All parties connected with the affair are prominent and the entire community has been greatly moved by the tragedy.

MELL ASSOCIATION MEETING.

First Meeting for Northern Division Will be Held at New River Dec. 27-28-29.

The first union meeting of the Mell Association of the northern division will be held with New River church beginning Friday, December 27th, and lasting through Sunday the 29th. The subject of the meeting will be: The Fatherhood of God. The program follows:

FRIDAY, DECEMBER 27.
10 a. m. Prayer and praise service, led by the pastor.
11 a. m. Introductory sermon, by Rev. R. F. Kersey. Subject: Who are God's children and how?

1:30 p. m. Organize.
2 p. m. Discussion: Is God the Father of everybody? If not, why? If so, how? Led by Rev. W. I. Patrick.

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 28.
10 a. m. Discussion resumed.
11 a. m. Sermon, by Rev. C. W. Durian. Subject: Who is our brother or sister?
1:30 Discussion: Should any but God's children belong to the church of Christ? Led by Rev. Pearman, then open for discussion.

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 29.
10 a. m. Sunday school mass meeting. Subject: What is our relation to God's children to our children? Led by Rev. John A. Cox.
11 a. m. Sermon, by Rev. S. W. Smith; John A. Cox, alternate. What is the relation of God's children to a lost world?
The discussions are open to any one who may attend. Dinner will be served on the ground Friday and Saturday.

W. I. PATRICK FOR THE CHURCH.

The Church of Loving Ministry. At the Baptist Church next Sunday morning the pastor, Mr. Durden, will preach on the subject: "The Ideal Church." At the evening service the subject will be: "A Message to the Church." The services will be held within our gates are invited to all the services. Come and bring some one with you.

ABOUT PARCEL POST.

Effective Jan. 1, Rural Route Rates Reasonable. Packages over 11 lb.

As there is considerable misapprehension as to the scope and intent of the parcel post system, which goes into effect January 1st, the following condensed instructions are published for the benefit of the Gazette's readers.

There is but one parcel post rate within given limits, called a zone, which will be shown on maps now in course of preparation. It is impossible to convey the information set forth, these maps in words that will be of any practical value to the reader. It is sufficient to say that the zones are eight in number and cover the whole United States and our possessions, the Philippine Islands excepted, and that the rate increases from zone to zone from any given point, as more particularly shown below.

The parcel post rate applies only to fourth-class matter or generally speaking, to merchandise. It does not include letters, manuscripts, newspapers, periodicals, publications or books, even though the latter may be regarded as merchandise, nor does it change the postage rate on seeds, cuttings, bulbs, roots, acorns and plants combined, nor in form or kind traces all matter including farm and factory products, not now embraced by law in either the first, second or third class, not exceeding eleven pounds in weight, nor greater in size than seventy-two inches in length and girth combined, nor in form or kind likely to injure the person or any postal employe or damage the mail equipment or other mail matter and not of a character perishable within a period reasonably required for transportation and delivery.

The rate for the first zone is 5 cents per pound and 8 cents for each additional pound, and in all cases both for this and succeeding zones a fraction shall entitle to a postage. Second zone: Six cents for first pound and four cents for each additional pound. Third zone: Seven cents for first pound and five cents for each additional pound. Fourth zone: Eight cents for first pound and six cents for each additional pound. Fifth zone: Nine cents for the first pound and seven cents for each additional pound. Sixth zone: Ten cents for the first pound and nine cents for each additional pound. Seventh zone: Eleven cents for the first pound and ten cents for each additional pound. Eighth zone, and between the Philippine Islands and any possessions of the United States, including the District of Columbia and the several territories and possessions: Twelve cents for the first pound and twelve cents for each additional pound.

On packages originating at any office or on any of the rural routes leading therefrom for delivery by the carriers of that office, whether local or rural, the rate is five cents per pound and one cent for each additional pound.

Special parcel post stamps must be affixed to each package and the name of sender and his address must appear on a corner of the package, otherwise the package will be held as unmailable.

The bill establishing a parcel post system is very broad and particularly authorizes the postmaster general, with the consent of the interstate com-

merce commission after investigation, to reform classification, weight, limits, rates, zone or zones and conditions in order to improve the service or increase the revenue for such service. He is also authorized to provide by regulation indemnification of shippers for packages injured or lost by insurance or otherwise, and when desired for the collection on delivery of postage and price of the article shipped, listing such charges as may be necessary to pay the cost of such additional service. These features may be added later.

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CORNERSTONE LAID

With Impressive Ceremonies by Masons.

MUSIC BY THE TIFTON BAND

Senior Grand Warden in Charge of Masons. Numerous Interesting Papers Placed in Stone.

The cornerstone for Tift county's handsome new courthouse was laid Tuesday at 12 o'clock noon, with appropriate ceremonies conducted by the Tifton Lodge F. & A. M. The senior Grand Warden of Georgia, F. O. Miller, was in charge of the Masons and carried out the impressive and solemn Masonic ceremony with dignity.

A choir of eight voices furnished the vocal music for the occasion. The Tifton Chamber of Commerce band furnished the music and the boys acquitted themselves well. A brief history of the city of Tifton and its officers, a history of Tift county and officers, a history of the work of the Tifton Chamber of Commerce and a copy of the Tifton Gazette were among the many articles placed in the cornerstone.

The cornerstone, which is located at the southeast corner of Tift county's attractive new home, is inscribed on the outer side with the names of the county commissioners, J. W. Baker, chairman, I. W. Bowen and J. F. Sumner; architect, W. A. Edwards and contractors, Jenkins & Co. On the end is the Masonic emblem with the dates A. D. 1912 and A. L. 5912, and the name of the Grand Master of Georgia Masons, R. L. Golding.

The ceremonies lasted for an hour and were witnessed by a few hundred people, among them the high school pupils of the Tifton Public School. The basement and first floor of Tift county's imposing new home have about been completed and it will not be many months before the county's business is transferred within its walls.

At Methodist Church.

Thos. H. Thomson pastor. Sabbath School 9:45 a. m., Mrs. K. P. Baker, Supt.

Preaching by the pastor at 11 a. m., and 7:30 p. m.

Junior Epworth League at 2:30 p. m.

Prayer-meeting, Wednesday at 7:30 p. m.

To all services the public is cordially invited.

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