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**THE LANTERN.**  
PUBLISHED TUESDAYS AND FRIDAYS.  
J. T. BIGHAM, Editor and Prop.  
Published at the Post-Office at Chester, S. C., under No. 1000.  
TUESDAY, JULY 7, 1908.  
Editorial Correspondence.  
Gaffney, S. C., July 6, 1908.

Accompanied by my daughter Nellie, I left Chester Monday, June 29th, at 1:45, over the C & N. W., which never fails to pleasantly and comfortably deliver them on time. The afternoon was warm and the village along the way appeared rather sleepy. At Yorkville we had about two hours to wait for the Southern, and the time was spent pleasantly with friends, and met on the street by the board of the train of the Southern railway. We found seven others on their way to the meeting of the state convention at Gaffney, which, by the way, was our destination. The train being a few minutes late and the connection close at Blacksville, which had been begged to wire ahead, which had promised to do, and later said he had already done, but when we reached Blacksville the train on the ground was reported to have passed two or three minutes too soon for us, and next train was due at 11 o'clock. The idea of securing preliminary reports was suggested but soon abandoned. Nellie and I went to the Thompson house, a very pleasant place, and the others went to the hotel. I do not think that we made much impression on the town but received some favorable impressions from it. We know of no one in the vicinity of Blacksville that has nearly so much cement pavement on its sidewalks, especially in the residential part. The streets are paved near the names of neighboring towns, Chester being the only honored.

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Saying that these good people have held the record in the reception and entertainment accorded the newspaper people need not be envious. The reception at the hotel was of the other places for hospitality. Gaffney, under the leadership of Ed H. DeCamp, editor of The Ledger, has done a much better job than we have. Everybody seems to be a member of the reception committee, and signs of "Welcome to the State Convention" are displayed in almost every window.

Tuesday morning the meeting was called to order by President "Aull." In addition to the usual prayer, it was deemed appropriate to have a praise service. James T. Bacon, an Episcopalian, a skilled pianist, accompanied at the piano and the long recitalology and "My country 'tis of thee" were sung, followed by the "Gloria" by Dixie. The loss in Georgia." Then by request of the president, the Rev. A. M. Simms, D. D., pastor of the First Baptist Church in payer, Dr. Jacobs, the chairman, being absent.

Addresses of welcome were delivered by Prof. H. P. Griffith and Dr. Lewis D. Lodge, and these were unusually fine. President Aull and Secretary R. L. Freeman responded briefly for the day.

Wednesday the whole party was taken into town on the "dummy" line, and by a special train to Gaston. Gaston on Broad street, and the power plant has recently been completed. This place is a mile or two from the river from the bridge. There is a spur track on the side of the river which runs up to the dam. The development is very much like that at Great Falls. Several hours were spent there and a splendid dinner was served, the famous caterer, Cal. Parham, being in charge.

Wednesday evening, Mr. A. L. Law, chief assistant post master general, addressed the association in a very interesting way on the relations of the postoffice department to the newspapers, having special reference to the new rulings of the department. Mr. R. H. Edmond, chief of the Manufacturers' Record, of Baltimore, also made an inspiring address, showing how great our country is, and how we are and what human industry has accomplished through these advantages are made, and urging that we apply our industry to our own interests and reap the advantages of both.

There was rain Wednesday night and a little Thursday night, but the regular program of the meeting was carried out on Thursday. Several papers were read, and a number of

esting to the craft but would be of little interest to the general reader.

A very interesting matter was the presentation of a check to Mr. E. H. DeCamp, editor of the Gaffney Ledger, who had exerted himself so strenuously to make the members of the association have the time of their lives. Nothing less than a dozen each of high grade knives, forks and table and tea spoons were presented to him by the president of the association's appreciation.

The presentation was graciously made by Mr. James A. Hoyt. The eloquence of Mr. Hoyt, who for knowledge consisted chiefly in the opinion which he was unable to control.

Thursday night a short business meeting was held, when resolutions were enthusiastically adopted expressing appreciation of the splendid entertainment furnished, and papers of a reminiscent kind were read by the other members of the press.

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The telephone office in this city was set on fire about 8 o'clock Saturday evening during a heavy rain. The fire was caused by a short circuit in the wiring of the office. The fire was extinguished by the fire department. The damage was not serious.

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**COURT PROCEEDINGS.**  
Summer Term of Court Now in Session—Able Charge by Judge Gage.

The summer term of the court of general sessions opened yesterday morning at 10 o'clock. Judge Gage presided and the other court officials in their places.

Judge Gage's charge to the grand jury was a pleasant visitor in this community one year ago. Mr. J. C. Shannon and children spent Monday at Mr. D. H. Drum's. The Ladies Aid Society and the Burns-Bald method.

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**Pleasant Grove Items.**  
Pleasant Grove, July 1.—The farmers are now in a rush trying to get through plowing.

The young people of Rodman will have a picnic Friday afternoon at the school house to play a tennis set. Mrs. T. G. Ellis came over on the S. L. from Chester yesterday evening and spent the night with Mrs. Ernie Waters of Rodman, on her way to spend a month with her brother.

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**For Candidates.**  
So far as we know now, The Lantern will not favor any candidate in this campaign, but its columns will be open, at a specially low advertising rate, for any matter candidates may wish to say for or against any candidate. Our principal reason for making special rates is that candidates of limited means may not be placed at a disadvantage.

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**Narrow Escape From Death.**  
Wednesday at the White street crossing, opposite the railway station Mr. D. W. Davis had a narrow escape from death. He was driving a pair of horses to a wagon on and on reaching the crossing halted, as it was blocked by the shifting engine with several cars. Presently the engine moved off, going in the direction of the passenger depot, leaving the crossing partly obstructed by the cars. Mr. Davis said that the horses were so frightened that they jumped as the wagon was entering upon the track a collision occurred. The engine had come back to couple up the cars upon doing so they were suddenly pushed forward a few feet. The bumper on the car at the rear of the train struck the fore wheels of Mr. Davis's wagon, breaking them to splinters. Mr. Davis fell out of the wagon and, fortunately, fell away from the track. In falling he sustained a severe injury to his head and bruised his side a little. One of his horses was slightly injured.—Rock Hill Herald.

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