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NEWS FROM EASLEY.

Items From This Thriving Town and Community.

Personals and Other Matters.

Easley Nov. 2.

Miss Ina Boggs and Mrs, M. F. Hester, of Pickens, visited relatives here last week.

R. E. Smith, M. D., spent several days in Columbia last week.

A valuable horse belonging to Mrs. Labon Mauldin died recently

The South Carolina Synod is in session at Laurens. Rev. J. F. Matheson is in attendance.

Mr. Milton Clapp had as his guest this week his brother, Crawford Clapp, of Greenville.

Miss Eugenia Vermillion, after a pleasant visit to relatives at this place and Dacusville, has returned to her home at Donald's.

Mr. Walter Folger has moved his family to Atlanta. He is in the employ of the W. & A. Ry.

Born on the 27th ult to Mr. and Mrs. C. M. Folger, a daughter.

W. A. Stewart, of Atlanta has been visiting relatives here.

A. J. Reeves, for the past two weeks, has been at Seneca helping the salvage people conduct a sale there.

Mrs. J. M. Martin after spending awhile in Greenville with her daughter Mrs. Adam C. Welborn, has returned to her home in Easley.

Mr. George W. Russell, of the Three-and-Twenty, attended the State Fair. From Columbia he went to Lexington County in the interest of the Farmers Educational and Co-operation Union. He is assistant organizer.

Misses Maka Boggs and Nellie Grandy, students of the Greenville Female College passed through Easley Friday on their way home to Pickens, to spend Sunday with their parents.

Mr. F. M. Ellison had Dr. W. A. Tripp to go to Seneca last Monday, to see his daughter, Mrs. J. D. Morgan, of that place who is seriously ill.

Cards are out announcing the marriage of Miss May Gertrude Hagood, of Easley to Dr. Anderson B. Mathews, of Elberton, Ga., on the 6th of November.

Married on the 28th ult, at the home of the officiating minister, Miss Maggie Allgood to Mr J. Calvin Orr, Rev. D. W. Hiott officiating. Both the contracting praties are of the Equality section and are well and favorably known and have numerous friends who join in wishing them joy.

Our merchants are all having good trade despite the fact the cotton crops is short and the farmers not selling fast.

A charming young lady, Miss Mary Adams, of Greenville, was the guest of friends in Easley recently.

A large drove of cattle from North Caraolina were carried through here Saturday on their way to the Greenville market. There were about 110 beeves in the bunch.

As far as I can learn, and the report seems to be pretty general from all over the county, the cotton crops is much shorter than was thought to be some five or six weeks ago, and about two-thirds as much as was made last year is the general average. Large fields are bare, the first picking getting all of the lint and the farmers are turning this land and will sow it in wheat and oats.

A linen shower was given Miss Gertrude Hagood last Friday afternoon by her aunt Mrs. J. E. Hagood. Miss Lydia Folger opened over the head of the bride-elect the umbrella which held the gifts. About thirty guests, all intimate friend of Miss Hagood, from Easley, Pickens and Greenville were present and a dainty salad course and ices was served them.

The members of Aspen Camp, W. of W. unveiled last Sunday evening, the monument to the memory of sovereign J. W. Looper, at Cross Roads. Consul commander, W. L. Pickens was master of ceremonias, Miss May Putnam read the children unveiled the monument.

There was considerable excitement in Easley yesterday afternoon when Mr. B. P. Martin was thrown from his buggy in a runaway, and at first it was reported that he was fatally hurt. Later, however, it was found that though very painfully hurt he was not seriously injured. An ugly gash was cut above his right ear and the ear was also badly bruised.

It seems that he was driving double two mettlesom steeds, which he recently, purchased, and that a trace came loose and some part of the harness gave way which threw down the breast piece. He lost control of the horses in front of Mr. J. B. Ellison's store and ran against a post in front of Snyder's jewelry store and was thrown on his head. He was taken into Hagood's pharmacy, where Dr. H. E. Russel dressed the wound. The horses broke away and ran into a wagon up Main street, but they were not hurt.

On the evening of the 1st instant, at the home of the bride's parents, Mr. and Mr. P. L. Johnson, their charming daughter, Miss Esther Johnson was happily married to Mr. W. Luther Pickens, Rev. D. W. DuBose officiating. Miss Johnson is one of our noblest young women, while the groom is one of our most successful young business men. They left for a bridal trip to New York amid the best wishes of their many friends here. The marriage was a very quiet one, only the immediate relatives of the contracting parties being present.

Married on Wednesday, Oct. 31st, at the home of James Leagne, brother of the bride, in the Fairview section, Miss Mamie Leagne to Mr. Roscoe Lesley, Rev. D. W. Hiott officiating. The happy young couple starts life's journey with the best wishes of their many friends.

It Happens.

"You are a very successful prophet," we said. "Will you tell us the secret of your success?"

"Certainly," the sage replied in a kindly tone. "As it is always the unexpected that happens, I merely prophesy the unexpected."—American Spectator.

PICKENS MARKETS.

Corrected weekly by Heath Bruce Morrow

These quotations are given every Friday noon and the general market for that day only. The figures are the price is given the merchant may be up or down ten points.

Cotton.

Middling cotton	[illegible]
Good	[illegible]
Good Middling	[illegible]
Middling	[illegible]

Country Produce.

Hens	20 to 25
Chickens	15 to 20
Butter	25
Eggs	15
Peas	80c to $1.00
Irish Potatoes	$1.00
Sweet Potatoes	50 to 60
Hams	15

"ENDLESS CHAIN OF PRAYER" GETS HERE

Pickens People Gets Letters Telling Them to Write Nine More.

At irregular intervals, harmless cranks of various kinds break forth upon a helpless and unprotected world, and for some strange reason, religious cranks are perhaps more numerous than any other kind.

For some time past, every day or two, some person in Pickens would receive an anonymous letter in which was contained "The Endless Prayer Chain." The party to whom the letter was addressed was directed to send this prayer to nine other persons who in turn were also to send it to nine others. The system of geometrical progression would soon include the entire human race.

A few years ago "The Endless Chain" came into vogue, and when it started, money for some charitable purpose was the object. The recipient of the first letter was to send a dime to some charitable association, and then was to send five letters each to other friends, Some mathematical genius, hearing of the scheme, worked it out, and soon ascertained that all the money in the United State would be insufficient to satisfy the endless chain scheme.

The "Endless Prayer," while not so expensive, perhaps, as the Dime Chain, is equally as extravagant an idea, and the fact that a "dreadful misfortune" is in store for those who fail to send out the nine letters makes the scheme more provocative of the useless expenditure of stamps.

The letter that is being received here is as follows:

"Endless Prayer Chain."

"O Lord Jesus Christ we implore Thee eternal God to have mercy on all mankind. Keep us to live with Thee eternally. Amen."

This prayer was sent by Bishop Lawrence recommending it to be rewritten and sent to nine other friends.

He who will not send it will be afflicted by some misfortune. One person who paid no attention to it met with a dreadful accident.

"He who re-writes this prayer for nine days and distributes it to nine other persons commencing on the same day it is read and sending one each day will on or after the ninth day experience great joy.

"At Jerusalem during the Holy Feast it was said he who re-writes this prayer will be in deliverance from every calamity.

"Please do not break this chain."

With all due reverence, it can be said that the prayer itself is a good one, thoroughly orthodox and not in the least smacking of heresy. But the threat following the prayer is somewhat in bad taste in these enlightened days, and coming as it does from a mere man, an anonymous man in fact, it breathes of the superstition of the dark ages.

A letter was seen by various persons here and much interest has been taken in it and its probable sender. It bore the post mark of the Pickens post office, was written with a pen and was evidently the work of a person of very ordinary education.

Unfortunately, the address of the person who started it on its way here before me was not given, and in consequence we are not in a position to say definitely what this "Pickens" was or how seriously he was affected.

Some of these more cynically inclined, argued that any man who would send such literature was cranky and that any man who would was crazy, holding that a lawyer would at once institute proceedings looking to the arrest of the sender for sending threats through the mail, and that he would then take out an injunction restraining the execution of the "misfortune."

But the letter makes interesting reading, and is the first "Endless Chain Prayer" ever heard of here. The Bishop Lawrence referred to is the Episcopal Bishop of Massachusetts. He recently denied, through the church papers, having anything at all to do with the chain.

Freight Steamer Burns.

New York, Oct. 1[illegible].—The small freight steamer Hastings, owned by the New Haven and Bayonne Transportation company and bound from New York to New Haven, was burned to the water's edge and sunk in Long Island, off Stamford, Conn., Wednesday morning. The crew of 11 men got away in a lifeboat and were picked up and brought to New York by the steamer Middleton. The Hastings is reported to have been loaded with steel. About 4 o'clock, when off Stamford, the Hastings collided with an unknown schooner. An overturned lantern set fire to the steamer and when it became evident that the steamer could not be saved the crew took to their boat.

Four Trainmen Injured.

Pittsburg, Oct. 1[illegible].—Train No. 310 of the Cleveland and Pittsburg division of the Pennsylvania lines, west, known as "the Pittsburg Special," jumped the tracks shortly afternoon Wednesday a little distance below Bellevue station, 6 miles west of Allegheny. The engine and several cars left the tracks and the engine went over the bank and slipped down to the Ohio river. Four trainmen were injured, but none of the passengers were hurt.

Acquitted of Murder Charge.

Thomasville, Ga., Oct. 1[illegible].—Thomas Mardre of Boston, accused of the murder of Kahlil Abram last March, has been adjudged not guilty. The entire sessions Tuesday and Wednesday morning were spent in hearing the evidence and arguments. The jury went out about noon and returned with the verdict in ten minutes. The court room was filled with interested spectators. The defense pleaded accidental killing.

Big Land Suit.

Nashville, Tenn., Oct. 1[illegible].—A suit has been brought by Eisman & Roberts, in Hickman county, this state, against the Bon Air Coal and Iron company and the New York Trust company to recover 25,000 acres of land, part of which is the Warner furnace lands and the Aetna mineral lands. The value of the property is estimated at $200,000, and was sold under the hammer some years ago for $16,000.

Fire Loss About $80,000.

Raleigh, N. C., Oct. 2[illegible].—Fire in the shops of the Virginia Bridge and Iron company, at Burlington, N. C., destroyed one of the largest buildings and its contents, including a quantity of improved machinery and two spans of railroad bridge. The firemen were handicapped in fighting the flames by the lack of water. Many workmen are thrown out of employment and other departments of the works are seriously affected. The loss to the company is $80,000, largely covered by insurance. The building, valued at $10,000, is a total loss.

Soft Pig Iron Advances.

Birmingham, Ala., Oct. 2[illegible].—Sales of No. 2 soft pig iron were reported here Thursday at $20 per ton on 30 days' delivery, which is the highest price reached by the southern iron market in several years. This is a rise of $7 on the ton since the latter part of last July. Spot iron is exceedingly scarce and sales for future delivery are being made well into the second quarter of next year, practically all the production up to the end of the first quarter of 1907 having been sold.

Does Not Approve of Attack.

Cologne, Germany, Oct. 2[illegible].—The Gazette Thursday semi-officially affirmed that Chancellor Von Buelow does not approve of the attack made by the German press on the new French premier, M. Clemenceau, and that the chancellor sees no reason why the friendly relations existing between Germany and France should not continue.

WITH OCEAN'S WAVES SIX PERSONS BATTLE

Castaways Striving to Reach Cuban Coast.

CREW REFUSED TO QUIT CRAFT

They Remained on the Helpless Sirocco, and Said They Would Try to Take Her Into One of the Ports of Cuba.

New York, Oct. 2[illegible].—Somewhere far out in the Atlantic, off the Florida coast, half a dozen men, perched on the roof of the afterhouse of the waterlogged British schooner Sirocco are struggling against wind and sea to reach a Cuban port with their almost helpless charge.

The plight of the men is due in part to the heroic devotion of their captain, who when help was at hand, chose to face death rather than abandon his ship and her cargo of lumber. He declined an offer of assistance from the steamer Parima, which ran down to him last Sunday when he was wallowing in the seas, 600 miles east of Florida.

The captain asked only that he be given supplies to replace those which were ruined when his ship filled with water. When this request was granted the captain and his crew settled down in their precarious quarters on the roof of the afterhouse and announced their determination to sail the Sirocco to Cuba.

The Sirocco sailed from St. John, N. B., Sept. 27 with a cargo of lumber for Cardenas.

On Oct. 5, when off the coast of Maryland, she ran into a fearful hurricane. Pounded and battered by wind and sea, the Sirocco was thrown about like a cork, some of her seams were ripped open and she began to fill.

Before the storm had abated her hull was filled, her decks awash and the deck houses were flooded.

All the stores for the voyage which were in the houses were ruined by sea water and the men were in a sad plight when the Parima came in sight.

The Sirocco is owned by Troop & Son of St. John, N. B.

16-Round Bout.

San Francisco, Oct. 25.—Joe Thomas, champion welterweight of the world, knocked out Dick Fitzpatrick, of Chicago, in the sixteenth round of a scheduled 20-round contest Wednesday night at Colma. Thomas had the class all the way and did all the work. In the sixteenth round Thomas landed a hard left to the jaw, staggering Fitzpatrick. The champion quickly shot over a right swing, putting his man to the floor for nine seconds. When Fitzpatrick arose he received another of the same class that put him out. Fitzpatrick showed that he is a clever blocker of blows, but he was unable to punch.

Mad Dog Bites Six People.

Raleigh, N. C., Oct. 25.—A physician here has treated five men and a boy who were bitten by a mad dog, a large spotted hound, which ran amuck through the principal streets of the city, was shot at perhaps a score of times and pursued for hours, though he was not killed until some boys killed him with pitchforks in the suburbs. Three of the persons bitten were badly hurt. Several dogs were also bitten, and it has been recommended that these be killed at once. The physician gave the men bitten anti-serum and cauterized the wounds.

Secured Bible 200 Years Old.

New York, Oct. 25.—In competition with King Edward of England, who sought it as a memorial to his mother, the late Queen Victoria, J. Pierpont Morgan has secured the original Cluny Bible, in illuminated tex., on parchment, the work of the Cluny monks in France, and more than 200 years old. With it he also has obtained an illuminated copy of the original order of arrest of John Bunyan on a charge of heresy.

Many Immigrants For United States.

Washington, Oct. 25.—"The total immigration to the United States may reach 1,100,000 people this year," said Secretary Metcalf, of the department of commerce and labor, as he left the White House, after a brief talk with the president Wednesday. The secretary has just returned from New York, where he investigated conditions at the Ellis Island immigration station.

MANY LIVES LOST IN KANSAS CITY FIRE

Over Two Hundred People Entrapped by Blaze.

WHICH DESTROYS BIG BUILDING

Men and Women Perish Jumping From Windows—Unknown Infant Hurled From Burning Building by Frenzied Mother.

Kansas City, Oct. 2[illegible].—In the ruins of the Chamber of Commerce building, Kansas City, Kan., destroyed by fire early Thursday, there are anywhere from half a dozen to 30 bodies, according to estimates given out Thursday morning by firemen who had worked at the scene all night.

On the other hand, Assistant Fire Chief Lind, at 8 o'clock Thursday morning, insisted that the dead would not reach over eight.

At 8 o'clock Thursday morning the body of E. O. Young, a laborer, was removed from the ruins. Young had lived on the fourth floor with his family. The fate of his family is not known.

The actual loss of life will not be known until a thorough search of the ruins can be made, probably not then, as some of the firemen assert that many bodies must have been burned to ashes.

The building, used as a tenement house and containing 100 rooms, held as near as can be learned between 200 and 300 persons at the time the fire broke out, at 12:30 Thursday morning.

Most of these composed families, many others were transients, whose names are unknown. The only person who knows the actual number of occupants of the building is the janitor, who is missing.

It was the custom for many of the transients, who came mostly from the nearby railroad yards, not to register, and thus all trace of them is lost for the time being.

Only a thorough search of the ruins, that may take days, will finally reveal the exact extent of the catastrophe.

At 8 o'clock Thursday morning the known dead numbered four.

John Lynch, driver of a sand wagon, lost his life trying to save the Sparks baby.

An unknown babe was fatally hurt, dropped from the second floor to a policeman, who failed to catch her.

Twenty-five others were injured while trying to escape from the building.

The Chamber of Commerce building was situated at Park and Central streets, in the Riverview district of Kansas City, Kan. It was erected 14 years ago at a cost of $85,000, to be used as a board of trade. The city grew away from it, however, and it was never used for its original purpose, but for many years had been occupied as an apartment house. The structure was 4 stories in height and built of brick and stone alone.

It contained 100 rooms, almost all of which, as far as can be learned, were occupied by families, individual laborers, railroad employes and others at the time of the fire.

The fire broke out on the ground floor from some unknown cause at 12:30 o'clock. Isolated as it was, the burning building was difficult of access and it was some time before the fire department reached the scene. Several companies were at a fire in another part of the city.

When the firemen arrived the entire building was in flames and all means of escape by stairways for the score of occupants was shut off.

On two sides of the building the elevated railway tracks hemmed it in and made still harder the work of the firemen. Then another obstacle arose. The firemen did not have sufficient ladders and many of those they had were too short to reach the upper stories.

A stifling smoke filled the building, evidently coming from the burning stock of merchandise on the floor below and some of the occupants probably were never able to leave their rooms.

When the firemen arrived at the burning building they saw men hanging from windows of the upper floors and frantic women with babies in their arms and children clinging to them, leaning far out from the windows unable to find any means of escape and yet taking advantage of the little fresh air which the windows afforded.

The firemen quickly ran their ladders up, but they did not reach above the [illegible] floor. Many persons were on the floor above.

The firemen first devoted themselves to the people on the second and third floors, and did not then need the screams of the people above. Many persons in the interior of the building were already overcome by the dense smoke and had to be carried out by the firemen. But many were able to escape down the ladders without assistance.

After getting every one they could find out of the second and third floors, the firemen turned their attention to the people above. As the ladders did not reach above the third floor, the men on the fourth floor literally pitched their wives and children down to the firemen on the ladders and then jumped down themselves. Some of the more excitable ones jumped to the ground and were either killed or badly injured.

Some whom the firemen tried to catch fell the entire distance to the ground.

Jesse Ford, a laborer, carrying his wife in his arms, climbed out of a window of the fourth floor. He walked along a beam until he reached a point directly over a fireman's ladder and then dropped the woman to the ground. Ford then went back and got his 9-months-old baby and saved it in a like manner. He then jumped himself and was caught by a fireman.

H. G. Wilson was one of the first persons on the fourth floor to get the attention of the firemen. He appeared at a window directly above a ladder and dropped his baby down to a fireman. Wilson then dropped his wife and she was saved and he followed, escaping serious injury.

John Lynch grabbed the baby of John Sparks and jumped with the child, but fell in the burning debris below. Both disappeared and were burned to death.

Another baby thrown from one of the upper windows was caught by a fireman uninjured.

The fire interrupted street car traffic on the elevated road and a motorman, whose car stood just opposite the burning building, said he saw five or six persons in the upper floors struggling frantically to escape, and he is certain all of them succumbed to the smoke and toppled over into the ruins.

Cuban Officials Suspended.

Havana, Oct. 2[illegible].—In consequence of the discovery of collusion of minor officials of the custom house and outsiders in connection with the auction sales of uncalled for goods, Cashier Bucallao has resigned and one inspector and two clerks have been suspended pending an investigation. The amount of the frauds is not believed to be great. There is no charge against Bacallao.

GUARD MURDERED BY NEGRO CONVICT

"Trusty" Prisonar Brains White Official.

NEGRO THEN COMMITTED SUICIDE

Black Killed His Guard In Much the Same Manner That He Murdered His Own Wife, For Which Crime He Was Serving Time.

Birmingham, Ala., Oct. 2[illegible].—At Flat Top mines, in the western part of this county, where are located state convict prisons, J. A. Hilley, aged 63 years, a guard, has been murdered by William Fain, a negro, who was serving a life sentence for the murder of his own wife ten years ago.

Fain was a "trusty," working in the hospital department of the prison. It was discovered that he had made a hole in the stockade fence and through it was passing food to two negro women on the outside.

Hilley was stationed at the hole to catch Fain, when the negro learning of the fact, approached the guard from behind and brained him with an axe.

Fain and another negro convict, who was under suspicion, were placed in adjoining cells, and later Smith told the story of the murder.

When Fain was brought out of his cell he managed to procure a bottle of carbolic acid from the store room of the hospital and swallowing its contents, died in awful agony.

Hilley was from Tifton, Ga., to which place his body was shipped.

Fain killed Hilley in much the same manner that he murdered his own wife.