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SOUTH CAROLINA NEWS ITEMS

News of Interest Gleaned From All Sections of the State and Arranged For Busy Readers

Court Martial at Spartanburg.

Spartanburg, Special.—Privates C. Mac Quinn, Lester Holt and W. A. Holt, members of Company L, 1st regiment, South Carolina National Guard, pleaded guilty before a court martial here last week. Mac Quinn and Lester Holt pleading guilty to the charge of desertion and W. A. Holt to the charge of disobeying orders. Privates W. S. Rogers, James Wilds and Clarence Cobb, who were court martialed on the charge of desertion, pleaded not guilty and were tried, the case taking up the entire day. H. L. Bomar appeared for the defendants. The officers of the court were Capt. P. K. McCulley, Capt. P. C. Hundley, Capt. F. I. Watson and Capt. J. Frost Walker, Judge Advocate. The trial attracted great interest, the chamber of commerce rooms where the court was held being crowded with military men and private citizens. It was the first military trial ever held in Spartanburg and the first of the kind ever held in the State. The Court martial was ordered by Col. Lewis, commander of the 1st South Carolina regiment, and was the result of the above named privates refusing to respond when Company I was called out to protect the jail on October 10, when a mob attempted to storm the jail and lynch John Irby, colored, charged with attempting to rape Miss Leila Dempsey. Irby has since been convicted and sentenced to serve thirty years in the penitentiary. When the court convened the privates, under charges, all of whom were in uniform, together with the witnesses were brought into court. Privates Lester Holt and C. Mac Quinn pleaded guilty to the charge of desertion, and W. A. Holt entered a plea of guilty to the charge of disobedience. Quinn in making his plea of guilty broke down and cried. He said that it was his intention to respond, and that he went to the armory for his uniform and arms, but found the armory locked. Privates Cobb, Wilds and Rogers in their defense claimed that they were of the opinion that their term of enlistment expired October 1, and that they had turned in their uniforms and equipment and were not therefore subject to call to arms. The position of the company was that since they had not received written discharge from the colonel of the regiment they were subject to duty at any time. The court adjourned and the papers and findings of the court will be forwarded to Col. Lewis, commander of the 1st regiment. It will be ten days before Col. Lewis will make a report on the case.

Monarch Mill Meeting Held.

Union, Special.—The stockholders of the Monarch Cotton Mills met here—S. M. Milliken and his party of northern capitalists being present. H. A. Hatch, of New York city, son-in-law of Mr. Milliken, was chosen president, in succession to P. E. Font, deceased, and Mr. Nicholson, of this city, was reelected treasurer and general manager. A semi-annual dividend of 3 per cent was ordered paid on January 1.

Geologists Gathering Data.

Blacksburg, Special.—Mr. A. L. Steritt, of the geological survey, is here with Prof. Sloan, gathering data of this quadrangle to fill in the map of this section being made by the geological survey. The topographical men were here in 1906 and they have the map all ready now excepting the geological data. When that is worked up the map will be complete.

Report on Insurance.

Columbia, Special.—In his forthcoming first annual report to the Legislature Mr. McMaster, the new State Insurance Commissioner, will have some interesting and encouraging remarks to make concerning domestic mutual insurance doing a fire business, showing the remarkable saving to policy-holders on both city and country property these concerns chartered under the "mutual protective association act" have made over "old line" insurance. They "tell a story of honesty and fraternity that entirely over shadows the failures of the few which have attempted to cover the whole State." Mr. McMaster mentions one Charleston company, the Carolina Mutual, which is 57 years old, has \$130,000 in cash and investments. It weathered the great Charleston fire of 1861, through the loyalty of its members meeting all its heavy losses then, which have been fully saved back to them in reduced insurance since. He also mentions favorably the Hibernian Mutual, the Germania Mutual and the Merchants' Mutual, all Charleston companies confining themselves to Charleston City property. These Charleston companies, the report says, "have been the means of saving, I believe without exaggeration, hundreds of thousands of dollars to the citizens of Charleston." Mr. McMaster's comments are most encouraging to the movement that has started in the South to do the South's insurance business at home at less cost to policy-holders and keeping all the money at home.

Corn Contest Not Decided.

Gaffney, Special.—A large number of farmers came to Gaffney on the date fixed for deciding the corn contest which has excited so much interest among the farmers of Cherokee county this season. A number of them was disappointed, however, as the committees were not ready to report as to the yield for the reason that some of the contestants have not finished gathering their product. The farmers were met by Mr. C. L. Goodrich, from the office of farm management of Washington, D. C.; Mr. C. P. Hartley, of Washington, who is in charge of corn investigation from the bureau of plant industry, and Mr. Ira Williams, also of the bureau of plant industry. These gentlemen spoke entertainingly and instructively along their particular lines, and after the speaking Mr. Goodrich awarded the prize of \$5 to Mr. T. C. Petty for the best display of seed corn. The prize offered by the Merchants' Planters' Bank for the largest yield will be awarded later after the various committees on measurements, etc., have reported.

Mill Meeting Held.

Spartanburg, Special.—The annual meeting of the Spartan Mills, Lockhart Mills and the Gainesville Cotton Mills, were held last week. The old board of directors and officers of all three of the mills were re-elected and the usual dividends declared. The meetings were attended by S. M. Milliken and party of New York millionaires, who are making their annual trip of inspection to the mills in this section, in which they are interested.

Fire in Bamberg Cotton Oil Mill.

Columbia, Special.—Fire destroyed the gin house and crushing mill of the Bamberg Cotton Oil Mill, causing a loss of approximately \$76,000, partially covered by insurance. The buildings and machinery of the mill are valued at \$36,000 and the raw material destroyed at about \$40,000. The insurance as stated by Mr. W. B. Brubham, manager of the mill, is about \$35,000.

CHANGE AT WATTS MILLS

Resignation of Mr. Hammett Accepted and Successor Named.

Laurens, Special.—At a meeting of the directors of the Watts mills Mr. J. Adger Smythe, of Pelzer was elected to succeed Mr. W. D. Hammett, of Honea Path, resigned. The resignation of Mr. Hammett was made necessary because of his recent election to the presidency of the two Anderson mills, making his duties too arduous. Mr. Smythe will at an early date move his family to Laurens. It is understood that the matter of issuing some preferred stock was considered at the meeting last week. Upon suggestion of Mr. Smythe it was decided not to issue any more stock.

Incendiarism Alleged.

Lexington, Special.—Sheriff Corley was informed that the barn of Mr. James Oswald, who resides near Steadman, a little station on the old line of the Carolina Midland railroad, had been burned on Thursday night about 12 o'clock and that it was thought that the fire was the act of an incendiary. Sheriff Corley immediately sent Deputy Sheriff Miller to the scene to make an investigation.

State News Items.

Gen. J. C. Boyd said recently that the cost of the militia for defending the negro, John Irby, at Spartanburg, would mount up into several hundred dollars. Gen. Boyd thinks that Gov. Ansel did exactly right. On account of the conditions immediately following the crime, he thinks that Gov. Ansel would have done wrong had he failed to provide protection. Better to have too much protection than none at all. The expenses will be \$1.50 per day for each militiaman on duty, in addition to traveling expenses of Laurens company to and from Spartanburg on two occasions and the squad to Columbia and return.

Comptroller General Jones and the State superintendent of education, Mr. O. B. Martin, are at work on their annual reports and will have them ready for the printers soon. Gov. Ansel has not yet commenced work on his annual message but will begin shortly. There is much speculation as to his attitude on prohibition since three of the counties voting out the dispensary makes the State exactly divided in number and representation on the question. It is probable that the governor may renew his recommendation of last year. He has the matter now under advisement.

The Rutledge county commissioners have been appointed with the exception of one from Clarendon and one from Florence opposed to the proposition. R. B. Smith, of Kingstree is the commissioner from Williamsburg opposed to the plan. J. J. Eaddy, of Leo, Williamsburg county, J. H. Prosser, of Hannah, Florence county and W. D. McFadden of Lake City, R. F. D. No. 1, Clarendon county, are the commissioners favorable to formation.

Gov. Ansel has not as yet made any decision on the petition for the pardon of Mrs. Carson, the white woman who is serving a life sentence from Spartanburg on the charge of killing her husband 13 years ago. He has the petition under advisement and may render a decision or may refer it to the State pardon board.

Gov. Ansel has not yet appointed two members of the State dispensary commission to fill the vacancies created by the resignation of B. F. Arthur and C. K. Henderson, who are receivers for the dispensary fund. The governor has the matter under advisement and may make his appointments later.

Gov. Ansel has appointed on the Calhoun dispensary board T. T. Hane, vice W. G. Peterkin, resigned. Hane was recommended by the commissioners.

Gov. Ansel has appointed A. T. Johnson of Talatha magistrate for Aiken county, vice Jesse Green, resigned. Green was recently elected supervisor for Aiken. Johnson was recommended by the delegation.

FOR REVENUE ONLY

Andrew Carnegie Comes Out For Tariff Revision

SAYS PROTECTION NOT NEEDED

Iron Master, in a Notable Article in December Issue of a Magazine, Will Declare That Duties on Manufactured Articles Should be Reduced or Altogether Abolished, and That Only the Luxuries Used by the Rich Should Bear a Duty.

New York, Special.—A notable article from Andrew Carnegie, dealing with the tariff, will appear in the forthcoming December number of The Century Magazine, in which the iron master takes the position that "infant industries" no longer need protection; that the steel and other industries have now grown beyond the need of tariff protection; that duties on luxuries used by the rich should be maintained, but that those on manufactured articles should be reduced greatly, or abolished entirely when no longer needed.

Mr. Carnegie's article is entitled "My Experience With and Views Upon the Tariff."

Mr. Carnegie says: "We have already become by far the greatest of all manufacturing nations. While the tariff as a whole even today has ceased to be primarily beneficial as a measure of protection, it has become of vast importance from the standpoint of revenue, and it is to this feature I bespeak the special attention of readers of all parties, for duties upon imports, not for protection, but for needed revenue, should not become a party question. Reasonable men of all parties may be expected to approve this plan of obtaining revenue."

He says: "The American tariffs, in happy contrast to others, almost exempt the poor and heavily tax the rich, just as it should, for it is they who have the ability to pay as required by the highest economic authority."

Mr. Carnegie says of future tariff legislation:

"The next Congress dealing with the tariff will probably be inclined at first to reduce duties all around and perhaps to abolish some, but its first care should be to maintain present duties, and even in some cases to increase them, until all articles used almost exclusively by the rich, and this not for protection, but for revenue, not drawn from the workers but from the rich. That is the first and prime duty of Congress."

"Its second duty is to reduce duties greatly upon manufactured articles and to abolish entirely those no longer needed."

What Democrats Spent.

Chicago, Special.—The Democratic national committee received in all \$620,644.77 and spent \$619,410.06 during the recent presidential campaign, leaving a balance on hand of \$1,234.71. So reads a statement made public by the officers of the committee and the itemized statement will be filed for record in the office of the Secretary of State of Kentucky in compliance with the resolution adopted by the national committee at Lincoln, Neb., last July. The statement made public by the committee includes a certificate of audit by Myron D. King, auditor of the national committee.

Briefs of General News.

Gen. William L. Marshall recommends that Congress appropriate \$965,000 for next year's work on the Baltimore channels.

John D. Rockefeller began testifying for the defense in the suit of the government to dissolve the Standard Oil Company.

Sunday Tragedy in Alabama Town.

Birmingham, Ala., Special.—J. A. Northcutt, a well-known citizen of Henry Ellen, Jefferson county, was shot and almost instantly killed by J. W. Dement. The shooting occurred in front of Northcutt's home and three bullets took effect, Dement was brought her and lodged in the county jail. He will say nothing as to the cause of the tragedy.

PALACE TO COTTAGE

Mayor Tom L. Johnston Goes Into Bankruptcy

HE WAS ONCE VERY WEALTHY

Mayor of Cleveland, For Years Credited With Possessing a Large Fortune, Announces That He Has Lost Everything and Will Be Compelled to Move Into Smaller and Less Expensive Quarters.

Cleveland, O., Special.—Mayor Tom L. Johnston, who for years has been accredited with possessing a very large fortune announced that he had lost everything and would be compelled to give up his beautiful home on Euclid avenue and move into smaller and less expensive quarters. The mayor also stated that he would give up his automobiles and other luxuries, as he could no longer afford to keep them. His fortune was wrecked, the mayor declared, by his devotion to affairs of the estate of his dead brother, Albert, who was heavily interested in traction property in the East.

After Albert's death a question was put up to him whether he should resign his office as mayor and take up the management of Albert's estate.

"I decided that I would not. I had entered the fight in this city with certain ideals before me. I wanted to fight privilege and special interest, and I had already decided to give up working for dollars. So I concluded to stay right here and do what I could to help my brother's children at long instance.

"Why did I choose the course I did? I'll tell you. I wanted happiness and nothing else when I closed up my business affairs and took up civic activity.

"And I've been happy, too.

"I'm going to be happy yet, too. We may have to go back to a cottage, but that's the way we started, and we can look upon life just as joyfully there as we did in the big house on Euclid avenue.

"They tell me my enemies are planning to bring financial trouble upon me. I've been expecting it.

"My enemies are capable of doing that. One may expect nothing else from special privilege. Let them make any sort of attack upon me that they choose. I'll never give up and they'll always find me at the front.

"If I had been a coward—if I had run away from this fight for the people of Cleveland—I could have saved my fortune and built it up. But I had chosen my course. I haven't been laboring as mayor with the expectation of being rewarded by the gratitude of the people. One cannot count on that. It's pleasure in doing work that I like that has kept me in the fight.

"I have never made a single penny out of the street railways since I became mayor. I don't feel discouraged. I'm a free man, and that means a great deal to me. Don't you suppose it will be worth something to me to have my friends realize that I entered the mayor's office rich and left it poor?

"I'm going to keep on just as I've started. I'm going to be a candidate for mayor again when this term is over."

Chauffeur Killed in Auto Crash.

Washington, Special.—Noble Davis a chauffeur, was killed and several others were injured by the overturning of an automobile near Hyattsville, Md. The automobile was owned by Joseph Strasburger, a merchant of this city, and Davis, who was his chauffeur, had taken out a party of his friends in the machine.