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State News Paraphrased.

All the Late News from Every Section of South Carolina.

A. M. Gasque, aged 71 years, died at his home in Marion of paralysis.

Pinckney C. Way, a well known citizen of Holly Hill is dead at his home.

The Atlantic Coast Line will erect Y. M. C. A. buildings at Florence and Charleston.

Two colored men were killed by a Southern railway train at Bamberg.

Ben Deane, an operative employed at the Lydia mills, Clinton, is missing from his home. Foul play is suspected.

William Herriot of Charleston was fired on from ambush at Mt. Pleasant. The bullet struck him in the temple inflicting a serious wound.

Cole L. Blease has announced that he will be a candidate for governor next year. His platform will be "Let Clemson alone," and against compulsory education.

Frank Bennett, colored, has been arrested in Bamberg on the charge of robbery. He is accused of breaking into H. M. Abraham's store and stealing \$400.

The truck shipments from City this season has been very good. The value of berries and vegetables sent north from that section is equal to 1,000 bales of cotton.

Capt. John G. Capers, commissioner of internal revenue, is at the Capeer's cottage on Cedar Mountain, where he will spend some time recuperating from his recent illness.

The total receipts at the Charleston postoffice during the fiscal year which has just closed aggregate the sum of \$151,538.20, the largest receipts in the history of the Charleston office, being a gain of \$7,071.67 over the receipts of 1908.

The fiscal year in Charleston closed with a large increase in the receipts of both the customs and the postoffice department. The receipts at the custom house aggregate \$103,000, the largest in sixteen years and with the growing business, the figures will make a still better showing next year. The increased business of the port is one of the most encouraging evidences of the increasing trade of Charleston.

Gov. Ansel on Monday wired Sheriff McMillan to stop a cock fight at Dyson in Greenwood county. It was learned that the fight would be on and Gov. Ansel promptly ordered that the same not take place. There is a state law with a heavy penalty attached, prohibiting cock fighting in South Carolina.

The Spartanburg Gun Club held its annual shoot at Fairfield Park, July 9. For many years past the club has been giving its shoots on July 4, but this year it was decided to hold the shoot on July 9. A large number of sportsmen from various sections of the state participated in the shoot.

Gangs are busy improving the road bed of the Southern Railway from Branchville to Augusta. This portion of the road has been laid with light rails, and now the bed is being equipped with the heavy rails, which will make the roadbed much smoother. The gangs have already laid the rails from Augusta to Aiken and the rails are now on the ground to complete the improvement to Branchville, where it will connect with the Charleston-Columbia division, which is already equipped with the heavy rails. When this is completed, the road will be in excellent condition, and will compare favorably with any roadbed in the south.

The store of H. J. Brabhan, Jr., at Bamberg was broken into and robbed of \$400 in cash and a lot of shoes, clothing and other merchandise.

Fire destroyed the store building of I. M. Johnson and a house owned by C. C. Twitty at Hartsville.

Robert Barron, colored, employed as lineman by the light and power company at Rock Hill, was killed by a live wire.

The congregation of the Second Presbyterian church at Greenville is erecting a \$20,000 church building.

Charlie Gillam was stabbed in the breast with an ice pick by Jim Stevens at Lancaster. It is thought that the wound will prove fatal.

The state pardon board is in session in Columbia for the purpose of considering applications for pardons that have been referred to the board.

A. L. and C. P. Lindsay, well known citizens of Camden, are being tried on the charge of making an aggravated assault on a traveling man in the hotel in Camden.

The Aiken and Lancaster detached militia companies will be used in the coast defense exercises at Charleston according to telegram from the war department. Gen. Boyd will later add two other companies and organize a battalion of artillery.

R. E. Hill, who investigated the affairs of Colleton county under a special act of the legislature, has filed his report, finding ex-County D. L. Smith short \$5,144 and severely criticizing other officers for looseness in methods.

There is a young man in the Cherokee county jail charged with a most terrible crime. His name is Bascomb Brant. His sister, who is a cripple, and is only about 16 years of age, gave birth to a child a few nights ago, and upon being questioned in regard to the paternity of the infant, said that her brother, Bascomb, was his father. Brant was arrested and committed to jail the next day under the charge of incest. It is said that the girl says now that she was out of her head when she made the statement implicating her brother. The Brants live at the Hamrick Mills village, and have not been residents of Gaffney very long.

The United States bureau of soils will shortly take up the rejuvenation of the famous Pudding Swamp tobacco area in Clarendon county. Commissioner Watson has had the matter up with the federal experts for some time, and a letter received states that as soon as the appropriation is available this will be one of the counties in the United States to receive attention. This will mean much to the planters of that section, said to be one of the richest in the country for the development of tobacco raising. Commissioner Watson will deliver an address at Manning on July 14, when he will explain the work. He will be accompanied by Prof. Harper, who who talk on tobacco.

Monday afternoon Mr. Clarence Duncan of Johnston, a boy about 16 years of age, fastened a pair of climbers, such as telephone linemen use, on his legs and proceeded to climb the large telephone pole at Khodens station. When about half way up the pole the hooks broke loose and he fell to the ground, a distance of twenty feet, breaking both arms between the wrists and elbows. Dr. Rushton set the broken limbs and no serious complications are anticipated.

J. H. Stevens, a Confederate veteran of Cheraw is dead at his home.

The citizens of Lexington are discussing the question of installing an electric light and waterworks plant.

Daniel T. Black, a Confederate veteran of Union, is dead at his home.

W. H. Cannon, a well known young man of Florence, is dead at his home.

Dr. W. W. Fennell, narrowly escaped death by drowning in a swollen stream near Rock Hill.

Two Augusta youths were arrested at Lexington yesterday for beating a ride on a passenger train.

J. Q. Cousart, engineer of the Walterboro Cotton Mill, died as the result of burns he received several days ago.

Frank Aiken, colored, who made a savage attack on Mr. C. L. Townsend, a prominent farmer living near Ninety Six the other day, has been arrested and lodged in jail in Greenwood.

Rev. John Lake, who, though in faroff China, is greatly beloved throughout Edgefield county, is to be married early in July to Miss Carrie Bostic. Miss Bostic is from Greenville but has been engaged in mission work in China during the past seven years.

Word has just recently been received by Mrs. A. Z. Strange of South Union that her two sons Robert and Thadd, who are in the United States army, and at present on Corregida island, near Manila, in the Philippines, are in good health and doing well.—Union Progress.

Magistrate J. T. Easterling of Columbia is charged with malfeasance in office. He is charged with collecting \$28 from a prisoner and keeping \$22 for himself.

The Laurens Furniture Factory, at Laurens was sold at auction this week. The plant was purchased by J. E. Minter, E. P. Minter, S. M. and E. H. Wilkes and J. P. Dunlap for the sum of \$90,000.

Thomas Huggins, colored, was killed at Spartanburg Friday afternoon by catching hold of a guy wire from a telephone pole which was in contact with a live electric light wire. Thomas Walker, also colored, attempted to rescue the negro and received a shock that may cause his death. Huggins was badly burned. Huggins and Walker were talking to a negro and the former reached up and caught hold of a wire that ran from a telephone pole to a post in the ground near by.

The spirit of theft does not seem to hesitate even at the door of the church. Some time Sunday the collection box placed at the entrance of the Baptist church in Bamberg city was broken into, and had it not been removed a short while before the contents would have doubtless been stolen.

Disputing over a horse race which they had just witnessed, three white men became engaged in an altercation near Trenton, Edgefield county, about 7 o'clock Saturday night, and two of them received wounds which may prove fatal. The injured men are Albert Berkely, a railroad fireman living at Edgefield, and a farmer named Bob Murrell. "Ab" Jackson did the shooting, wounding Berkely four times and Murrell twice. After the fracas Jackson made his escape and has not been captured. With a shotgun Murrell returned Jackson's fire, but without effect. The men were returning to Trenton after attending the races at a track about three miles from Trenton when the difficulty took place. Murrell and Jackson are farmers.

The trustees of the South Carolina University are considering plans for the erection of a science hall.

The new postoffice building at Chester has been completed and will be occupied the latter part of this week.

The annual convention of the Palmetto State Stenographer's association will be held at the Isle of Palms, August 6-7.

South Carolina will be represented by nineteen delegates at the National Irrigation congress to be held at Spokane, August 6-14.

Announcement was made Saturday by Mr. Richard I. Manning of Sumter that he has accepted a life trusteeship on the Clemson college board. Mr. Manning was offered the place some weeks ago but would not accept it until he had made a thorough examination of the will of the late Thos. G. Clemson and the various conditions that go with a position of this kind. After a conference with Mr. Alan Johnstone, the president of the board of trustees, several days ago, Mr. Manning stated that he had accepted the trusteeship after careful consideration but did not care to give out a statement on the subject.

Alexander Jopp, a white man employed at the works of the Winnsboro Granite corporation was injured at Winnsboro in the central portion of the town by being struck by a south-bound freight train, and died shortly afterwards from his injuries. It seems that the man was sitting in a drunken condition at the side of the track, and in some way was struck and drawn under the passing cars, both legs being cut off above the knee. He was carried into a nearby house and given medical attention, but died in a few hours. Jopp was a native of Scotland and had but recently come to this country and located at the granite quarry at Rion together with a number of others.

A special form Charlotte says: Authentic news reached Charlotte today from Rock Hill, that C. S. May, for 11 years city clerk and treasurer of that town, has defaulted in the sum of \$6,100. The announcement of the shortage came as a complete surprise several days ago when May confessed that he had been appropriating the city's money to his own use. As soon as the shortage was discovered May's bondsmen, who had secured him in the sum of \$5,000 made good his bond and the remainder of the \$1,100. Mr. J. M. Cherry, vice president of the National Union Bank, has had charge of the city's finances since May's confession of his irregularities. Expert accountants from Atlanta Ga., have been at work on the books for the past several days and will make a formal report showing the exact amount of the shortage, within the next few days. May has not been arrested.

Mr. P. F. Parker, one of the guards on the Barnwell chain-gang, had a narrow escape last Thursday afternoon. On Wednesday a negro was sent to the gang by one of the magistrates. He complained of the work that was given him, that of picking rocks, and asked for easier work. He was not chained and on Thursday afternoon Mr. Parker was seated by the road watching the convicts. His attention was attracted to the new negro and he turned just in time to see him with a heavy stick raised to strike him in the head. In an instant the guard covered the distance between him and the convict with one leap and at the same time catching his throat and forcing him backward to the ground. Had it not been for Mr. Parker's quick move, the negro would doubtless have killed him.

DR. P. H. MELL RESIGNS
Trustee- Have Not Yet Taken Any Action.

The meeting of the board of trustees of Clemson College adjourned last Saturday morning without taking any action on the resignation of President Mell other than announcing that it will be considered at a called meeting of the board to be held at college on August 12th. The resignation was submitted to the board and with it Dr. Mell presented a statement explaining why he resigned, three main causes being given. The first cause named by Dr. Mell was the frequent interference in the administration of his duties by the trustees, the second was the plan of selecting faculty members without allowing the president a large influence and the third was the need of reorganization of the military department. The latter cause was responsible for the ruptures of the past year between Dr. Mell and Commandant Minus.

Besides approving the annual budget for the coming year and attending to other matters of more or less importance, the board took action as follows:

Dr. H. R. Barrow, director of agriculture, elected one year ago, resigned to take effect September 1st. His successor will be elected in August.

Mr. John Hook, of chair of assistant professor in engineering department, resigned. Prof. A. B. Gardner of the same department was promoted to succeed Mr. Hook. Mr. J. D. Littlejohn, graduate of Clemson, 1908, was elected assistant professor in engineering department to succeed Mr. Gardner.

Dr. H. C. Shattuck, professor of botany and forestry, resigned to accept a similar position with University of Idaho. This chair will be filled in August.

Prof. D. D. Folling of the Mississippi Agricultural and Mechanical College, was elected to the chair of horticulture in the agriculture department. This chair has been vacant some time.

Mr. F. R. Sweeney, a graduate of Clemson 1906, was elected assistant instructor in the civil engineering department.

The board placed the studies of German and book-keeping optional with the student.

The printing office recently established at the college was placed on a firm financial basis. A linotype machine will be installed and printing will be taught as suggested by several newspapers of the state. The office will do all the college printing.

Prof. A. M. Burgess was granted several months' leave of absence to take a special course in a prominent university in animal husbandry.

According to the ruling of the board of all members of faculty and employs of the college are elected for one year, and as soon as the first year's service expires the board considers the names for permanent election. Under this ruling the following elections were made permanent.

Dr. R. O. Seeley, assistant state veterinarian under Dr. M. Ray Powers.

Prof. G. G. Ainsley, chair of entomology.

Mr. W. A. Thomas, entomologist.

Mr. S. W. Evans, assistant bookkeeper.

B. A. Hall, assistant chemist.

L. A. Sease, head of preparatory department.

L. O. Watson, assistant professor of chemistry.

Mr. Richard I. Manning of Sumter, recently a life trustee, was present and took an active part in all the deliberations of the board. He is going to be a valuable asset to the board and to the college.

Some of the newspapers had a statement a few days ago to the effect that Prof. W. M. Riggs,

head of the engineering department, might be elected as Dr. Mell's successor.

Prof. Riggs made the following statement in regard to the matter:

"I am not now and never have been an applicant for the presidency of Clemson College. I would not be willing to forsake my profession for the calling of a college president here or elsewhere."

Prof. Riggs is the efficient director of the engineering department of the college. He is a mechanical and electrical engineer of marked ability and is widely known and recognized as such. He is yet a young man and is wedded to his profession.

Out-Ran a Train

Mr. Murry Riley made something of a record in motor-cycling on a trip to and from Greenville yesterday. He left Anderson about 8 o'clock in the morning and, after getting lost several times, arrived in Greenville about 10 o'clock. On his return trip he left Greenville at the same time as train No. 16, which leaves there at 4:20 p. m., and arrived in the city at 5:50 p. m., or 25 minutes before this train was due. Mr. Riley, in speaking of his trip, states that his best time was made outside of the city limits, he conforming to the 5-mile per hour regulation respecting the speed of automobiles in the city. Mr. Riley made no attempt at making a record in covering the distance to Greenville, but took the road leisurely, stopping several times going and coming.—Anderson Mail.

Travel to Mountains

The excessive warm weather in the lower part of the State is driving hundreds of people to the hill country and the mountains of Western North Carolina. During the last few days the trains from Charleston and Columbia have been crowded with people on their route to the resorts in the up-country. The heavy travel is not confined to people from the lower section of the State, as a large number of people from New Orleans, Alabama and Georgia are hurrying through Spartanburg to the cool mountain resorts to escape the hot weather in their home town. As the summer advances travel will increase.—Spartanburg Journal.

Peach-Growing Section.

That this section of the country is well adapted to the growing of peaches is evidenced by the fact that Mr. J. L. Vaughn, a prominent farmer on the Chick Springs road, eleven miles from Greenville, has sold in Greenville yesterday and today \$42 worth of peaches. He yesterday sold something over eight bushels of Carmen peaches at ten and fifteen cents a dozen and today he sold over eight bushels at the same prices. On his farm he has something over 900 peach trees and they are all loaded down with good fruit. He has a number of varieties of peaches that ripen until the middle of October.—Greenville Piedmont.

The railroad commission has received the following report from the Atlantic Coast Line:

"We have to report that the body of a white man was found by engineer of south-bound passenger train, Second 85, just south of Mar's Bluff, S. C., at 5:22 a. m. June 30, very badly mangled. Party's name is supposed to have been M. C. Geornean, white who was beating his way on northbound through freight train No. 208, and fell through bottom of colored car. A man by name of Daughtery claims also to have been on train No. 208, and that this man was in the same car with him, and that he dropped off to sleep, and when he awoke Geornean was missing. Proper authorities were notified, and remains were turned over to Florence county for burial."

Using Much Cement
The Charleston division of the Southern railroad is quite busy these days hauling cement for the Ninety-Nine Island development. Altogether the development will require 700 carloads of cement, and up to this time the railroad has been able to deliver only about twenty cars a day. The capacity from Charleston to Kingville is forty cars, but this capacity is diminished one-half on the upper end. The understanding is that the contractors at the island are using the cement as fast as it arrives.—Yorkville Enquirer.

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DR. J. L. WILSON DEAD
He Had Been Pastor of Abbeville Presbyterian Church 23 Years

Rev. Dr. J. Lowrie Wilson died at his home at Abbeville last Friday night the 9th after a brief illness, at the age of about 73 years.

Dr. Wilson was one of the leading Presbyterian ministers of the state and had been pastor of the Abbeville church for about 23 years. He was an able minister, a consecrated Christian man, and loved alike by all denominations.

At the time of his death Dr. Wilson had been actively engaged in preaching for about 41 years, though he never held but two pastorates, his first being at Bethesda Presbyterian church in York county, where he preached for 18 years, and it was with great reluctance that he was given up by this church to Abbeville 23 years ago.

Dr. Wilson was born in India about 73 years ago, his parents being missionaries. When he was a mere boy, he in company with four brothers, was brought to Akron, Ohio, by their mother and placed in school, she returning to India to resume her work as a missionary, and he intending later to return and join them in the work.

He entered the Confederate army at Knoxville, Tenn., and served with distinction throughout the struggle with the exception of the time that he was laid up with wounds, having been shot thrice in a single day, one of which wounds caused the loss of a foot. Another was in the right temple, and the third in the side.

At the close of the war Dr. Wilson taught school for a time in the Bethesda section of York county. From there he went to the Columbia Theological Seminary, and after graduation, returned to take up the pastorate of Bethesda church, which position he filled until he was called to Abbeville 23 years ago.

Although Dr. Wilson was seriously ill but a short while before his death his health had been bad for some time, and it was realized that his death might be expected at almost any time. However, when the announcement came Saturday it was a great shock to his friends.

An Old Newspaper

Miss Willie Stetson, of this city has in her possession an issue of The Columbia (S. C.) Guardian of September 6, 1864.

This newspaper tells of the battle of Gainesville, Fla., which showed the remarkable bravery of the late Gen. J. J. Dickinson.

Dickinson, with but one hundred and sixty men, and all fighters, defeated the federals, numbering several hundred. Only two Confederates were killed, while twenty-three federals were slain and a large number injured. The Confederates also captured the lieutenants and two hundred and two privates.

The paper above mentioned gave Dickinson credit for the great victory.—Florida Times-Union.

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