

Happenings In The State.

As Chronicled by the Alert Correspondents of The Columbia State.

BURGLARS IN LIBERTY BANK.

Anderson, Nov. 21.—An unsuccessful attempt was made last night to burglarize the Bank at Liberty. The would-be burglars made an entrance into the bank building and blew open the vault with nitro glycerine, but could not get into the safe which was made by Mosler and has the screw door. The vault was practically wrecked.

The burglars left absolutely no clue. Bloodhounds were secured from Clemson college but they did not accomplish anything and so far no clues have been secured.

THE AIKEN TRAGEDY.

Aiken, Nov. 21.—Laurence Randall who shot and killed Arthur Weathersbee has given himself up and is now in the Aiken jail. He has retained the Hon. D. S. Henderson as his counsel. Randall is the father of Alfred Randall who had a difficulty with Weathersbee. Both Randall and Weathersbee married sisters so the dead man was an uncle to Alfred. It is said that Weathersbee had hold of the gun when the charge was fired. Weathersbee leaves two brothers who are very much exercised over the tragedy.

McLAURIN AT HOME.

Bennettsville, Nov. 20.—Senator McLaurin has returned from a trip to Washington and has moved back to his residence on Darlington street, which has been rented this year to Percy B. Moore. The senator is apparently preparing to continue his residence here after his term expires.

W. S. Mowry, half brother of Senator McLaurin, has built a handsome residence on Darlington street and moved his family here from Englewood, N. J. Mr. Mowry's father, who was a millionaire member of the New York cotton exchange, died last year and left his son quite a large fortune.

JULIAN FOSTER CONVICTED.

Greenwood, Nov. 20.—Julian Foster, the negro who was brought back from Clinton, Mass., to stand trial for the murder of Louis White, another negro, was today found guilty of murder with a recommendation to the mercy of the court.

MISTRIAL FOR MARY TAYLOR.

Marion, Nov. 20.—After being out over 20 hours the jury in the trial of Mary Taylor, Colored, for murder, having failed to agree on a verdict were discharged and a mistrial ordered.

MULE STOPPED ON TRACK.

Greenwood, Nov. 22.—Through freight No. 72 collided with a mule and buggy two miles south of Hodges last night. The collision resulted in the total annihilation of the mule and buggy and some injuries to the occupants of the buggy, two negro women. One of the women, Annie Lomax, had her leg broken while the other woman was seriously bruised.

COTTON SEED CRUSHER.

Anderson, Nov. 22.—Mr. An-

dy Brown, who runs a dairy just outside the city, lost two cows and had several others injured yesterday by a peculiar accident. He had about 37 tons of cotton seed hulls stored in the second story of his barn, with the cows in the stalls underneath. The weight of the hulls caused the building to collapse. One of Mr. Brown's sons had just left the building and had a narrow escape.

15 BALES FROM 9 ACRES.

Hagood, Nov. 19.—This neighborhood can boast of as fine lands as can be found in the State, and some extra fine crops have been made this year. Mr. T. P. Sanders, one of our best and most progressive farmers, made 160 bales of cotton on 160 acres. Mr. C. W. Sanders, another good farmer, has gathered 15 bales on nine acres and will get another fairly good picking.

DEAD ON THE CARS.

Augusta, Nov. 19.—Jim Finney, a young white man living at Herndon, Ga., was found dead in his seat on the Central train this morning.

Finney had been in Augusta taking in the carnival and boarded the Central train at 7.25 this morning to return home. The conductor was notified to look out for the young man and told that he had been drinking heavily and was then under the influence of liquor. When the train had passed Waynesboro Conductor Thomas in passing through the coach noticed that the young man's eyes were closed and on examination found that he was dead, sitting upright in the seat.

AN ELOPEMENT AT PACOLET.

Augusta, Ga., Nov. 22.—This report comes from Pacolet, S. C.: A considerable sensation has been created by the elopement of Dr. A. H. Montgomery, a prominent physician and corporation physician for the Pacolet mills, with Mrs. Goss, wife of a merchant. Both are married and had families.

Dr. Montgomery hurriedly disposed of his drug store and met Mrs. Goss at the depot, taking a northbound train. It has since been learned that they had tickets to Washington, D. C.

PICKENS WINS TURNIP PRIZE.

Pickens, Nov. 19.—One of the largest turnips ever grown in this county, and very probably in the whole State, is in the possession of Mr. W. O. Willard, hotel keeper, at Liberty. The vegetable was grown by Rev. Frank McClannahan of Liberty township. It weighs scarcely less than 20 pounds and is apparently free from the extraordinary amount of wood fibre common in turnips of great size.

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White Woman Slays.

Negro Assailant

Nothing Was Left for Lynchers to Accomplish. Undaunted Courage Saves Her.

Special to The State.

Camden, Nov. 21.—The report has just reached town of a dastardly attempt on the part of a negro by the name of Ned Kendrick to force his way (Wednesday night) into the room of Mrs. Mary E. Elliott, a highly respected and hardworking white woman of about 45 years who lives with her son, a 19 year old lad, about four miles from Birney, and 12 miles from Camden in West Wateree.

The negro reaped the due reward for his criminal intent, as Mrs. Elliott with undaunted courage that would have done honor to any, killed him, at her door step.

The story as related by reliable parties, who live in West Wateree, is as follows: Mrs. Elliott's nearest neighbor, was Ned Kendrick, who lived with his family about 100 yards from her house; the next nearest neighbors were some white people, about a quarter of a mile distant. Kendrick had been living there about three years and had worked at the Conquest saw mill.

Mrs. Elliott's home consisted of one room, occupied by herself and a room, where Allen Elliott slept, opening into a back porch. On Wednesday night, between 9 and 10 o'clock, Ned Kendrick appeared in front of the shed room, began to curse young Elliott, fired off a pistol, and warned him he would shoot him if he poked his head out of the window, that he "had the right gang with him!" He then went on to Mrs. Elliott's back door fired his pistol again, cursed her and told her to keep quiet or he would shoot her. He then began to batter down the front door with an axe. Mrs. Elliott recognized Kendrick by his voice, and locked the back door just as he entered the room, armed with a gun and pistol; by the front door at the same moment Allen Elliott rushed into the room through the door just opened by his mother.

Then it was that Mrs. Elliott, in mortal terror that the intruder would shoot her unarmed son, jumped at Kendrick like a tigress and winding her arms around him pinned his arms to his body, at the same instant her son seized him by the throat and began to choke him.

In the scuffle that followed all three fell and rolled out of the house. Mrs. Elliott jumped up, wrenched the negro's pistol out of his hand, and beat him over the head with it till it broke and then crushed his skull by hammering it with a rock till he died.

Had it not been that the negro was weakened by a spell of fever the outcome of the fight would have been doubtful as he was when in full health, a powerful man, weighing fully 210 pounds, and young Allen is an overgrown, not very strong slip of a boy.

Mrs. Elliott who has supported herself and has raised her son unassisted, by working her little farm herself, enjoys the esteem and respect of all who know her.

The coroner's jury met last

night and brought a verdict of excusable homicide.

On examination of Kendrick's body it was found that the negro had tied up his shoe in old rags and had a quantity of matches in his pocket, and it was also ascertained that he had made arrangements to drive to Camden early in the morning. It is therefore presumed that after killing young Elliott and carrying out his sinister design on Mrs. Elliott, he intended to kill her also, and then obliterate all traces of the deed by setting fire to the house, and absconding.

Bold Chicago Robber

Takes Uncle Sam's Cash.

Drives Away With Mail Wagon Containing \$10,000—No trace to be Found.

Chicago, Nov. 22.—The Chicago postoffice was the victim tonight of one of the most daring robberies that has ever been perpetrated in this city. Ten thousand dollars is the amount believed to have been secured by the robber, who made his escape without leaving any clue to his identity. Two mail sacks containing the money which had just been picked up from two of the down town sub-stations, were left in an unprotected wagon, in front of the Masonic temple, while the mail carrier went into the building to gather mail that had accumulated there. The carrier was gone but a moment and when he returned his horse and wagon had disappeared. While the carrier was in the building, the robber, who evidently had been waiting his opportunity, jumped into the rig and drove away.

The street was full of people at the time, but no one seems to have noticed the thief. No trace of the robber has been secured. Both the mail bags were full of registered letters.

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Operation for Appendicitis—A Case of Smallpox.

Special to The Observer.

Rock Hill, S. C., Nov. 21.—Dr. Gill Wylie, of New York, performed an operation for appendicitis on Dr. T. R. Carothers yesterday. The doctors are very much pleased with the way in which the patient is getting along. Dr. Wylie said, after the operation, that Dr. Carothers would have died if the work had not been done when it was, for an abscess had formed and local peritonitis had set in.

Smallpox has again made its appearance in this section. A colored preacher by the name of Sam Witherpoon has contracted the disease, and is at his home on the edge of town.