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Ex-Gov. Hugh S. Thompson
Dying.

New York, Nov. 17.—Hugh Smith Thompson, former governor of South Carolina, and former assistant secretary of the treasury, who is ill at his home here, was said late tonight by his physicians to be gradually sinking and conscious only at intervals.

Farmers Alliance Case.

All of the appeal papers and arguments in the Farmers Alliance case in the suit brought by H. E. Brookshire have been prepared for argument in the supreme court and the case will be heard some time in the early part of January. This is an appeal from the decision of Judge Gary on the disposition of the funds amounting to about \$18,000 and a decision will be awaited with interest.—Columbia Record.

Safe Crackers Coming.

Secret service men and state officers have been warned to look out for a band of safe crackers that seem to be headed this way. A number of offices in North Carolina in the smaller towns have been robbed and the work looks like another organized band—something like the one broken up a couple of years ago—is preparing to go through this part of the country. Special notices have been sent all fourth-class postoffices.—Columbia Record.

Stricken With Paralysis.

Lexington, Ky., Nov. 17.—Col W. C. P. Breckenridge, former congressman from the Ashland, Ky district and one of the best known orators and lawyers in the south, was stricken with paralysis at his law office this morning and is seriously ill.

Died Under a House.

Saturday night Melissa Dickey, wife of Jim Dickey, col., went to Mr. J. L. Hudson's, beyond the railroad crossing, a little north of town, and wanted to go into the house, being quite drunk. Mr. Hudson told her she must go on home or he would send for the police. Finally she started off, but soon returned. He tried to send her home but she would not go. Perhaps she went away for a little while, but in the morning she was found under the piazza dead. Dr. J. M. Brice expressed the opinion that death was caused by disease of the heart and drinking, and the coroner's jury, with Mr. M. A. Ferguson as foreman, rendered a verdict accordingly.—Chester Lantern.

John Perry, who killed John Denny Wills near Saluda on the 8th inst., was brought to the penitentiary at Columbia Monday night for safe keeping. A mob of the dead man's friends threatened to storm the jail at Saluda and lynch the prisoner, and to prevent lynching the governor instructed Sheriff Rhoden to bring the prisoner to Columbia.

John Lowery, colored, was shot at his home on Wheat street in Columbia Sunday night by a burglar. The wound proved fatal, and the man died next day. There is no clue as to the identity of the murderer.

Happenings in the State.

As Chronicled by the Alert Correspondents of The Columbia State.

HUNTER ACCIDENTALLY KILLED.

Swansea, Nov. 16.—A sad and fatal accident occurred about ten miles east of Swansea yesterday evening about 4 o'clock.

Vandy Saylor, white, and Welton Glover, colored, were out hunting and by some accident young Saylor's gun was discharged at short range the entire load taking effect in Welton Glover's back in the right kidney and just to the right of spinal column. The wound was two and a half or three inches across. Welton died in 18 hours after accident. In the ante mortem statement Glover said it was accidental.

FIRST IMMIGRANTS.

Laurens, Nov. 16.—Laurens has just received her first immigrants since the establishment of the department of immigration. The party consists of six young men and a young woman, the wife of one of the men.

They came from Glasgow, Scotland vicinity and they are skilled in their trades. Four of them are employed in the cabinet Furniture Manufacturing company.

They are J. H. Kynock, A. H. Duff, Robt. Thomson and Mr. Thomson.

The other two men, who are painters are Alexander Anderson and Mr. McKenzie.

They find ready employment and are giving excellent satisfaction.

These men were located here through the agency of commissioner Watson assisted by Mr. C. D. Barksdale of the office, who is a Laurens man.

IMMIGRANT LABOR FOR COTTON MILLS.

Greenville, Nov. 17.—Thirteen Germans and Poles with families reached the city today to work in local cotton mills. None of the immigrants could speak English. They found a method, however, of expressing their delight with conditions here. Johnny Biers, a native German who has lived here many years, acted as interpreter.

They are a healthy lot and attracted quite a good deal of attention at the depot. Immediately after arrival they took the car for the Samson Poe village. There were seven immigrants brought into the mill villages last week and more are expected in the early future.

In addition to the foreigners today there were 49 farmers who came here from Cherokee county to work in the cotton mills. All of them have lived in the county, have been at farming all their lives and know nothing else.

KILLED NEAR PIEDMONT.

Piedmont, Nov. 17.—O. B. Creamer, a farmer of this place, was run over by a Southern railway train near here Monday afternoon and received injuries from which he died an hour afterwards. Creamer was driving a wagon load of fertilizer drawn by two mules. The wagon was smashed to splinters and one of the mules was killed. T. L. McCall, who was on the wagon, escaped uninjured. The dead man leaves a wife and several children.

STRUCK BY A TRAIN.

Dillon, Nov. 17.—George W. Blackwell, aged 56 years, was killed this afternoon near Maple trestle by northbound freight train No 210. The man, with a family consisting of a wife and six children, moved here from Jonesboro N. C., last Monday to work in the

Maple cotton mill. Since that day he has spent most of his time in and around the dispensary, leaving about a hour before he was killed in an intoxicated condition. It is supposed he took his seat on the roadside when overcome with the stupor resulting from excessive drink. The train struck him, crushing the skull, death resulting in about one hour.

BURNED AT CROSS HILL.

Laurens, Nov. 16.—Twenty one bales of cotton were burned at Cross Hill, this county, last night. The cotton was on the depot platform and is supposed to have caught on fire from a loco motive.

NEGRO SHOT NEAR CHESTER.

Chester, Nov. 17.—The ever ready pistol got in its work near here one morning this week. This was a shooting match in which negroes were the participants. Several of them were returning from an all night "feast-erbul" or marriage supper about the hour of 4 a. m., when Lindsay McLure and Hampton Westbrook got into a scrap, the result of which was a pistol shot wound in and upon the person of the said Hampton Westbrook at the hand of the aforesaid Lindsay McLure and so he stands charged.

Renewal of Fighting is Expected.

The Japanese army south of Mukden is reported to be concentrating on their left and centre, presumably with the intention of attacking and a renewal of fighting is expected today. Statements given out at St. Petersburg regarding the situation at Port Arthur are more hopeful, and represent that the garrison may be expected to hold out until the arrival of Vice Admiral Rogesvinsky's squadron. The report that Gen. Stoessel had been wounded is confirmed, but it is said that his wound is not sufficient to prevent him from directing the defense of the fortress.

Alton B. Parker, Lawyer.

New York, Nov. 16.—Judge Alton B. Parker opened a law office in the building at No. 32 Liberty street in this city today. At the same time he announced that he had become a resident of this city that Mrs. Parker would join him here today and they would at once secure a home in this city.

He said he had not entered in any partnership with any one and would practice law alone.

Governor Heyward has received from the boll weevil-association of Louisiana a call for a meeting of all cotton growers of the south to be held at Shreveport on December 12. The convention will be held for the purpose of organizing a National Cotton Growers Association to fight the boll weevil which is advancing in the south at the rate of fifty miles per year. The governor is asked to appoint about 100 delegates.

The receipts of cotton at the port of Charleston up to the present time are more than 20,000 bales in excess of the number during the same period last year. The number of bales thus far received is 128,574.

George Gould, while hunting near High Point, N. C., accidentally shot an attendant in the eye. Gould sent the injured man to a specialist in New York for treatment.

To Our Subscribers

We especially request some of our subscribers, who owe us for their paper, to pay up as promptly as they can. Do not put us off for we really need the money due us.

THE NEWEST AND NOBBIEST

LINE OF

DRY GOODS

EVER OFFERED TO THE PUBLIC.

Our Mr. Heath has just returned from the North, where he scooped in some startling values in dress goods and lots of other bargains too numerous to mention.

BROWNS AND GREENS

Being the prevailing colors, we bought heavily in those two shades in Mohair, Cravinetts, Mixed Cheviots and Whipcords. Broadcloths in all shades. Our notion department is complete and right up to the notch, and anything you may wish in that line we have it. Tailor made Skirts, Jackets and Capes. A tremendous line, and we think the prettiest and cheapest ever shown on this market. An inspection of same will be appreciated and will insure us a sale.

CLOTHING

We are still handling the celebrated high art clothing manufactured by Strouse & Bro., Baltimore. Also A. B. Kirschbaum & Co., and Sneltenburg & Co., and other lines. Beautiful patterns in browns, grays and any color you may call for. All we ask is to give us a look, and if we do not dress you up, we will be perfectly satisfied for any of our competitors to have the sale. We are still handling the

DOUGLAS, GODMAN, and DREW SELBY

Shoes, which are three of the best and strongest lines that are manufactured. Not wishing to carry over, have decided to sacrifice the price on all our Lawns, Piques and Voils, so come at once and make a purchase for surely they will go at some price. Just received a beautiful line of Furs, which are very cheap. Be sure to watch for the Fall Millinery Opening, first Wednesday in October, 5th day. All the ladies are cordially invited. Groceries of all kinds and such that will satisfy the inner man. Thanking all for past patronage and hoping for more in the future, we are,

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