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Happenings in the State.

As Chronicled by the Alert Correspondents of The Columbia State.

A TRAGEDY NEAR GREENVILLE.

Greenville, Dec 31.—In a dispute this morning over the lease of a piece of land John Waldrop shot and instantly killed Sam Maddock. The tragedy occurred near Piedmont.

HOMICIDE IN A COTTON MILL.

Spartanburg, Dec. 28.—Arthur Leister shot and killed George McAllister in the card room of the Appalache mill at Arlington this morning.

FIRE AT BLACKSBURG.

Blacksburg, Dec 31.—Mr. George W. Moore's two-story frame dwelling at the corner of Academy and Cherokee streets was entirely consumed by fire Thursday afternoon.

COL. C. S. McCALL DEAD.

Bennettsville, Dec 31.—Col. C. S. McCall, senator and one of the most prominent citizens of Marlboro county, died here today after a short illness. His death was a great shock to the entire community.

DECLARES SHAD LAW IS NULL AND VOID.

Charleston, Dec 30.—In the United States circuit court this afternoon Judge Brawley handed down his decision declaring the act of the last session of the legislature forbidding the shipment of shad out of South Carolina to be in conflict with the interstate commerce act and therefore unconstitutional, null and void.

DETAILS OF THE CLIO KILLING.

Bennettsville, Dec 30.—Yesterday afternoon while Johnnie Heustess, age 14, and Ernest Quick, age 16, were bird hunting near Clio, Heustess was accidentally shot and instantly killed by Quick. They had shot several birds and Quick thought his gun had been emptied. He was breaking it to throw out the shells when it went off. Heustess was standing nearby and the load struck him in the throat, almost cutting his head off.

ATTEMPTED TO KILL HIMSELF.

Chesterfield, Dec 30.—Frank Rivers, an ex-slave who lives about two miles from here, became violently crazy about a week ago and since that time has made several attempts to end his life. He first tried to hang himself and failed, and he then tried to cut his throat. He was nearly successful in cutting his throat, making three or four bad gashes on his neck and head. He is about 75 years old and is thought well of by all who know him.

A NEGRO BOY KILLED.

Yorkville, Dec 30.—An unfortunate accident happened at the Tavora cotton mill at this place about 9 o'clock this morning. Two colored boys, Simon Patterson and Tom Brown, took a piece of machinery to the third floor on the elevator and starting to return, some part of the gearing gave way and the platform was precipitated from the third to the first floor. Patterson attempted to jump from the platform and

had his neck broken and skull crushed. Brown remained on the platform and had his leg broken. Coroner Louthian held an inquest over Patterson.

WONDERFUL NERVE

Is displayed by many a man enduring pains of accidental Cuts, Wounds, Bruises, Burns, Scalds, Sore feet or stiff joints. But there's no need for it. Bucklen's Arnica Salve will kill the pain and cure the trouble. It's the best Salve on earth for Piles, too. 25c. at Drawford Bros., J. F. Mackey & Co., and Funderburk Phar. Druggist.

Georgia Woman Shoots Husband

Columbus, Ga., Dec 30.—There was great excitement in Chatham county, 11 miles east of Columbus, today on account of the shooting of William K. Schley, a prominent planter and late representative to the legislature by his wife.

Mr. Schley was shot by his wife with a 32-calibre revolver while he was after her with a chair. The ball entered the left breast above the nipple and about half way between the shoulder and neck, and has not been found. Mr. Schley is resting well under stimulants, and unless internal hemorrhages begin he may recover.

It is said that Mr. Schley has of late been drinking very heavily that he has made things very unpleasant at home while in that condition, but when sober is an exceptionally fine man.

SAVED FROM TERRIBLE DEATH.

The family of Mrs. M. L. Bobbitt of Bargerton, Tenn., saw her dying and were powerless to save. The most skillful physicians and every remedy used, failed, while consumption was slowly but surely taking life. In this terrible hour Dr. King's New Discovery for Consumption turned despair into joy. The first bottle brought immediate relief and its continued use completely cured her. It's the most certain cure in the world for all throat and lung troubles. Guaranteed Bottles 50 cts. and \$1.00. Trial Bottles free at Crawford Bros., J. F. Mackey & Co., and Funderburk Phar. Drug Stores.

Farmers Burn Cotton.

Atlanta, Ga., Dec. 31.—Specials to The Constitution from Ocilla, Ga., and Hatcher Zhubbee Ala, state that the farmers in those communities gathered today and burned cotton in the streets of the two towns and that in both places the blazing cotton was surrounded by cheering men. From neither place is the statement made how many bales were destroyed.

DOMESTIC TROUBLES

It is exceptional to find a family where there are no domestic raptures occasionally, but these can be lessened by having Dr. King's New Life Pills around. Much trouble they save by their great work in stomach and Liver troubles. They not only relieve you, but cure. 25c. at Crawford Bros., J. F. Mackey & Co., and Funderburk Phar. Drug Stores.

NOTICE.

Notice is hereby given that the health of the people of this county is in imminent danger and must be taken care of. It has been decided that every precaution be taken to prevent prolonged cases of pneumonia, grippe, etc. The best thing to do is to get a good cough mixture as soon as the cough starts. Get MURRAY'S SHORE HOUND, MULLEN and TAR Only 25c a bottle. At all druggists.

Half of the Garrison Killed.

Rihlung Fort is the Most Important Yet Captured by the Japanese. Tunnels Through Rock

Headquarters of the Japanese Army Before Port Arthur, via Fusan, Dec. 30.—Rihlung fort, captured yesterday, is the largest and strongest of the eastern fort ridge. Tunnels for mines were cut through solid rock and two tons of dynamite were used to blow up the walls. The spectacle was magnificent and the work of the assaulters was splendid. Half the garrison was killed by the explosion of the first charge. The remainder of the Russians made a stubborn resistance. Four heavy guns, seven rapid fire guns and two machine guns were captured as well as 30 quick firing guns which were stored in the fort.

A VERY CLOSE CALL

"I stuck to my engine, although every joint ached and every nerve was racked with pain," writes C. W. Bellamy, a locomotive fireman, of Burlington, Iowa. "I was weak and pale, without any appetite and all run down. As I was about to give up, I got a bottle of Electric Bitters, and after taking it, I felt as well as I ever did in my life." Weak, sickly, run down people always gain new life, strength and vigor from their use. Try them. Satisfaction guaranteed by Crawford Bros., J. F. Mackey & Co., and Funderburk Phar. Price 50cts.

Another Japanese Victory.

Tokio, Jan. 1, 1 p. m.—Sung-shu mountain (Canonia hill), was stormed and captured yesterday (Saturday) by the Japanese forces besieging Port Arthur.

Sungshu mountains, the official name of which is West Rihlung mountain, is one of the inner defenses of Port Arthur.

SAY "MURRAY'S"

When you've got a bad cough just say "MURRAY'S" If a druggist gives you anything but Murray's Shore Hound, Mullen and Tar you're not getting the best and surest cough remedy. Make him give you Murray's Acts quicker and you get a 50c size bottle for 25c. Every druggist has it. Cotton Ginners' Statistics

Washington, Dec. 30.—The final bulletin of the census bureau on cotton ginned in the United States up to December 13 place the number of bales at 11,971,477, counting round bales as half bales. Items are 11,747,403 square; 276,692 round and 85,728 sea island. The total number of all kinds of bales reported was 12,109,823.

A Georgia Town Burns its Share of Cotton.

Macon, Ga., Dec. 28.—Special to The Telegraph from Fort Gaines, Ga., says: The farmers and merchants of Clay county met today at Fort Gaines and decided to burn their share of two million of surplus cotton. A starter was made today when a bonfire was made of cotton on the street of Fort Gaines.

STRAIGHT FACTS.

A whole lot of fancy phrasas can be written about raptures. At Anderson, have been cured for piles on absolutely. Has a healing effect from the start. All druggists have it for \$1.00 a jar. Ask for Tannopilline and don't dare take a substitute.