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## No Pardon for George W. Ennis.

A Former Soldier of Sherman's Army Who Was Convicted of Several Crimes in Barnwell County.

The State, 15th inst.

Geo. W. Ennis will remain in the penitentiary. Not because he might have acquired the arson habit from Sherman's army, of which he was integral part, but because the habit just would not down. Ennis had been convicted of forgery and of stealing corn from the field before he began to be careless with fire. Gov. Heyward has been forced to decline to pardon the man, although Hon. Vespaasian Warner of Illinois, member of the judiciary committee of congress and chairman of the committee on the revision of laws, has urged executive clemency. George Ennis was convicted of arson in Barnwell county in 1892 and was sentenced to be hanged. Judge I. D. Witherspoon tried the case and Solicitor W. P. Murphy was assisted by Mr. G. Duncan Bellinger as the prosecuting attorney. The sentence of death was afterward commuted to life imprisonment.

Since the petition for pardon has been received, it has been learned upon examination of the penitentiary records that Ennis was already an ex-convict having been sentenced from Barnwell county in 1881 for obtaining money under false pretences.

A petition of citizens from DeWitt county, Ill., recites that said Geo. W. Ennis was an industrious, honest, peaceable and law-abiding citizen, and bore the reputation of being a truthful man. Ennis left Illinois in 1860 and settled in South Carolina after the war. He was with Sherman when Columbia was laid waste 40 years ago next Sunday. Under the date of Dec. 19th Congressman Vespaasian Warner of DeWitt county, Illinois, wrote in behalf of the prisoner: "Ennis insists that he is innocent and that it has since been ascertained that some other person, colored, I believe, set fire to the shed. Ennis has now served in the penitentiary more than 20 years and I submit that his punishment has been amply sufficient, even though he did set fire to the shed."

In a letter of January 28th, Mr. Warner says: "I had a conversation with Ennis in your penitentiary several years since and he confidentially assured me that he was innocent of the crime of which he was convicted and I have taken an interest in his case at the suggestion of many good people in my home county, and because I have been and am of the opinion that, even though guilty, his punishment has been amply sufficient."

"His friends in his home county justly or unjustly, seem to be of the opinion, that inasmuch as Ennis was a northern man and a member of Sherman's army that he was convicted."

Investigation shows that Ennis has not served 20 years, that no other party has confessed, and that instead of "burning a shed" he was convicted of a chain of crimes, several fires having been traced to him.

—Subscribe to The Ledger.

## The Killing of Green.

Additional Details of the Tragedy Near Ridgeville—Mrs. Bivens Used a Neighbor's Gun.

Special to The State

Ridgeville, Feb. 13.—Near Givhans ferry, which is seven miles south of Ridgeville, about the 4th of February, Mrs. John D. Bivens, wife of State Senator Bivens, had W. Greenberg, a Jew peddler, who stopped at Mrs. Bivens' when in the neighborhood, arrested charging him with having threatened her life after having made improper proposals to her. At the time she was forced to leave her home and seek protection at a neighbor's house. This charge was dropped upon Greenberg promising to leave the neighborhood and not return. On the evening of the 10th of February Greenberg returned to Mrs. Bivens'. About 3 o'clock the following morning, Mrs. Bivens sent for her neighbor, Mr. Platt, to come to her home. On his arrival she told him that Greenberg had attempted to criminally assault her. Mr. Platt, leaving Mrs. Bivens and Greenberg in the house, went to Mr. R. M. Limehouse, a neighbor who lives about two miles from Mrs. Bivens'. The two returned to Mrs. Bivens' about 6 o'clock the same morning. As they reached the hall door Mrs. Bivens came to the door and they heard someone running through the back door. On entering the house Mrs. Bivens told them that Greenberg had run into the shed room. They found the door locked. Mrs. Bivens brought a hatchet and they forced the door open and found Greenberg sitting on a box with his hands in his pockets. When asked why he had returned there he said Mrs. Bivens had sent for him. At that moment Mrs. Bivens entered the room and fired upon Greenberg with Mr. Platt's single barrel breechloading gun, the shot taking effect in the neck just below the chin, causing instant death.

Mrs. Bivens then said, "God knows I did not wish to kill him, but I had it to do."

Magistrate Cummings held an inquest upon the dead body and the jury rendered a verdict of justifiable homicide.

Mrs. Bivens has been released under bond to appear at the next term of court.

At the time of the killing Mr. Bivens was in Columbia. He received a telegram saying, "Your wife has killed the Jew, come home at once." He arrived at Ridgeville at 7.30 p. m., the same day.

There were no friends of the deceased at the inquest to take charge of the body, therefore Magistrate Cummings instructed his constable to have it buried the next day if no one called for it. No one having called for it up to that time, it was buried. Sunday afternoon friends of the dead man came up from Charleston, disinterred the body and carried it back.

Senator Bivens will return to Columbia tonight. F. A. C.

For Coughs—at your drug gists or direct from Murray Drug Co., Columbia, S. C.—Murray's Horehound, Mullein and Tar. 25c for large si size bottle.

## Killed by Alleged Seducer.

Pro-curettix and Her Mother Both Fire at Defendant, Who in Turn Kills the One and Mortally Wounds the Other.

Jacksonville, Fla., Feb. 13.—

Mrs. Joseph H. Freeman lies mortally wounded; her daughter, Miss May Brown, is dead, and City Detective W. B. Cahon is seriously wounded as a result of a shooting affray in the court room of I. L. Farris, justice of the peace, this morning. Mrs. Freeman had brought action against Owen E. Loadholtz, charging him with ruining her daughter. The parties to the case had gone to the court room prepared for trouble. According to witnesses of the tragedy Mrs. Freeman attracted Loadholtz's attention by calling his name, and fired at him. His reply was prompt and deadly. He fired five times, and every shot took effect. Mrs. Freeman was shot four times in the breast, and her daughter, who had fired once, was shot in the mouth and instantly killed. Detective Cahon, who was attempting to disarm Loadholtz, was shot in the back, evidently by one of the women. Loadholtz was arrested and is in jail. Joseph Brown, brother of the girl who was killed, arrived on the scene immediately after the shooting and was locked up for a time by order of Justice Farris to prevent further trouble, but was soon after released.

## A Night Alarm

Worse than an alarm of fire at night is the brassy cough of croup, which sounds like the children's death knell and it means death unless something is done quickly. Foley's Honey and Tar never fails to give instant relief and quickly cures the worst forms of croup. Mrs. P. L. Cordier, of Manning, Ky., writes: "My three year old girl had a severe case of croup. The doctor said she could not live. I got a bottle of Foley's Honey and Tar, and the first dose gave quick relief and saved her life." Refuse substitutes. Sold by Funderburk Pharmacy.

## An Apparently Poor Man Left Fortune in Cash.

Ebensburg, Pa., Feb. 11.—While looking through the effects of the late John Troxell, who prior to his death conducted a small tobacco and stationery store at Galitzier, Pa., the administrator of his estate came upon a tin box in a small safe which contained \$27,000 in gold.

Further search revealed \$13,000 in bills of large denomination, in an old belt he wore, making a total of \$40,000. Troxell was thought to have died poor. Many years ago he lost heavily through the failure of a bank at Altoona, Pa., after which, it is said, he lost faith in banking institutions. Troxell died in January and was 76 years old.

## Another Veteran Dead.

Mr. Wm. Carder, aged sixty years, who lived in the Leslie neighborhood, died last Friday night of Bright's disease and was buried Saturday in the grave yard at Fishing creek church. He was a member of company H. 12th S. C. V. in the Confederate army and was wounded several times.—Ches-ter Lantern.

## Happenings in the State.

As Chronicled by the Alert Correspondents of The Columbia State.

### TWO NEGROES DROWNED.

Beaufort, Feb. 13.—Albert White and Kit Green, colored, while on their way this morning from Coosaw island to the Farmers mine in search of their rowboat were drowned.

### CAPTURED TWO RATTLESNAKES.

Latta, Feb. 11.—Friday afternoon Harvey Bethea, colored, while ditching on Mr. Manning's place near here dug up two large rattlesnakes. One had 9 and the other 13 rattles. They were placed in a large box and were the centre of attraction for quite a while. Both snakes were captured without any injury to them or their captor. Harvey proposes to sell his snakes to a circus that is billed for a performance here today.

### FAST FREIGHT TRAINS WRECKED NEAR EASLEY.

Greenville, Feb. 14.—In a freight wreck near Easley at midnight last night, Brakeman Gilbert of Atlanta and Fireman Rice of Spencer, N. C., were killed.

It was one of the most serious freight wrecks the Southern railway has had for many years on the Atlanta and Charlotte division. When the giant locomotives crashed and ploughed into each other nearly every car of both trains was derailed and the front cars on each train were torn into splinters and piled in a huge mass. Under this debris Brakeman Gilbert of No. 71 was found about 8 o'clock this morning where he was doubtless killed instantly. Fireman Rice, colored, on No. 71 was caught on his engine, his body being badly mangled. Engineer Corzine and his pilot, Engineer Lemmon of No. 71, jumped. They sustained bad bruises on account of the speed of their train. Engineer Harris of No. 74 stuck to his engine and was in no wise injured.

### PUBLIC AROUSED

The public is aroused to a knowledge of the curative merits of that great medical tonic, Electric Bitters, for sick stomach, liver and kidney. Mary H. Walters, of 547 St. Clair Ave., Columbus, O., writes: "For several months, I was given up to die. I had fever and ague, my nerves were wrecked; I could not sleep, and my stomach was so weak, from useless doctors' drugs, that I could not eat. Soon after beginning to take Electric Bitters, I obtained relief, and in a short time I was entirely cured." Guaranteed at Crawford Bros., J. F. Mackey & Co., Funderburk Pharmacy, drug stores; price 50c.

### What Does it Mean.

Two young white men were convicted of larceny in the circuit court in Hampton last week, one was convicted of larceny in the circuit court in Laurence and one in Columbia. If this means the courts are more strict to punish crimes it is a good sign; but if it means that this sort of crime is on the increase among white persons it is a very discouraging sign.—Newberry Observer.

Make your druggist give you Murray's Horehound, Mullein and Tar. Cures your cough. 25c a bottle

## The President Was Wrong

He Had No Right to Appoint Crum Collector.

Special to News and Courier.

Washington, Feb. 13.—That President Roosevelt and Secretary Root were in error in their constructive recess theory, which they advanced to bolster up the appointment of Crum as collector at Charleston and Gen. Wood to be major-general, is the finding of the sub-committee of the Senate judiciary committee, to which was referred some months ago the resolution of Senator Tillman, calling for an interpretation at the hands of the judiciary committee. The report adverse to the President has been drawn by Senator Spooner. The members of the sub-committee are Messrs. Spooner, Nelson and McComas, Republican, and Bacon and Blackburn, Democrats.

It is not known whether the report was unanimous, but it is known that Senator Spooner prepared the document, which demolishes the theory built upon by Mr. Root in order to get the President out of a hole and enable him to force consideration of these appointments. R. M. L.

### PECULIAR DISAPPEARANCE

J. D. Runyan, of Butlerville, O., laid the peculiar disappearance of his painful symptoms, of indigestion and biliousness, to Dr. King's New Life Pills. He says: "They are a perfect remedy, for dizziness, sour stomach, headache, constipation, etc." Guaranteed at Crawford Bros., J. F. Mackey & Co. and Funderburk Pharmacy, Drug stores, price 25c.

### Governor Heyward's Pardon Record.

The annual report of Governor Heyward as to the number of pardons and commutations granted by him for the year 1904, has been filed with the General Assembly. The constitution does not require that Governor Heyward should give any account of the commutations granted, but he has done so. The record shows that there were 45 pardons granted during the year 1904, and that these 45 pardons set free 53 persons, i. e., in several cases several parties were convicted together and pardoned together. There were 31 commutations of sentence and these 31 commutations set five other persons free. In other words 89 people were affected by the pardons and commutations granted during the year 1904.

Much has been said about granting pardons to those convicted of murder or manslaughter. It will be interesting to note that of the 89 pardons and commutations granted, 28 individuals were pardoned, or had their sentences commuted, or in other words a fraction more than 25 per cent of all the pardons and commutations, were in murder and manslaughter cases.

The Hoyt Hays case was perhaps the most interesting in the entire number.

### New Federal Judge.

Washington, Feb. 14.—The House passed a bill to provide for the appointment of a district judge for the Western judicial district of South Carolina.

## Ben Tillman's Picture.

Will be Taken From the Garret Where it Has Been

The State, 14th inst.

When the portrait of B. R. Tillman was placed over the speaker's desk ten years ago, it was the occasion of much bitterness and almost personal encounters on the floor of the house. Subsequently the portrait was sent to the Charleston exposition and when returned was hung in a conspicuous place in the gallery of the house.

As an evidence of the decadence of partisan feeling, the change of the position of the portrait was unnoticed officially for two years until yesterday. The house adopted a resolution, introduced by Mr. Ashley, to have the picture returned to the place where it was three years ago, the most conspicuous spot in the hall.

The resolution provided further that the portrait of Gen. J. B. Ker-shaw be taken down from the walls of the gallery and placed in a more dignified position.

The house passed the resolution in an indifferent manner quite different from the way in which the former proposition was acted upon.

### FIENDISH SUFFERING

is often caused by sores, ulcers and cancers that eat away your skin. Wm. Bedell, of Flat Rock, Mich., says: "I have used Bucklen's Arnica Salve, for Ulcers, Sores and Cancers. It is the best healing dressing I ever found." Soothes and heals cuts, burns and scalds. 25c at Funderburk Pharmacy, J. F. Mackey & Co., and Crawford Bros., drug stores; guaranteed.

### Must be Settled Right.

Walterboro Press and Standard. The legislature killed the compulsory education bill after long and exhaustive debate. This question may be settled for this session but not for all time. It is one of those great matters that will not be settled until it is settled in the interest of right and the great masses of the people. The time is not quite ripe yet but before many years we will see a legislature in South Carolina that will provide a school within reach of every child and laws to secure to those children the benefits of a liberal education, the indifference of parents to the contrary notwithstanding.

"Take Murray's Horehound, Mullein and Tar and stop coughing. 25c for large bottle. Your druggist or Murray Drug Co., Columbia S. C."

### Petition From Clemson College for Removal of Dispensary.

A strong petition, it is understood, is being circulated at Clemson college for the removal of the dispensary at Pendleton. This dispensary was destroyed by fire a few days ago and the inspectors are now endeavoring to straighten out the accounts. It is said by the authorities that the students secure whiskey and beer from this dispensary and that its removal is desired.—Columbia Record.

Winter coughs are apt to result in consumption if neglected. They can be soon broken up by using Foley's Honey and Tar. Sold by Funderburk Pharmacy.