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Happenings in the State.

As Chronicled by the Alert Correspondents of The Columbia State and the Charleston News and Courier.

(Specials to The State)

Incendiary Fire Near Greers

Greenville, March 4.—The barn of M. M. Wood, two miles from Greer's, was burned early tonight with 22 head of cattle, feedstuffs, wagons, implements, etc., all a total loss. Four head of horses were barely saved. That the blaze was the work of an incendiary there is no doubt, as the little son of Mr. Wood saw a man run from the rear of the barn as the blaze broke out.

Daring Safe Robbery in Heart of Spartanburg.

Spartanburg, March 3.—While Joe Jefferson was entrancing the city folks with a superb rendition of "Rip Van Winkle" at the opera house last night—or some time thereafter—the city assumed a kind of Sleepy Hollow state, which was taken advantage of by a bunch of bungling, awkward burglars, who forced an entrance to the green grocery of W H Swain, 59 east Main street, rolled the safe from the very front of the store, out the rear door, and a short distance away, on the ground. They battered the door of the safe with a sledge-hammer and an axe and opening it secured from \$70 to \$80 for their risk and labor.

Shot From His Horse.

Williston, March 3.—This community was profoundly shocked this evening upon learning that one of its prominent citizens, J. I Smith, Jr., was felled by a bullet from a mile from town. As usual, Mr. Smith had ridden to his farm, and while riding through a narrow strip of woods was shot from his horse. There were two shots fired, which were heard by several persons, and the horse was seen coming out of the woods and was caught by a negro tenant. The woods in which the crime was committed is surrounded by open fields in which were men at work, and it seems impossible for the murderer to have committed this crime in daylight and escape. The shots were heard about half an hour before dark, and in the edge of woods not far from a tenant house. As soon as the horse was brought to town without its rider a party was made up and search begun. The body was found about 8:30 p. m. There were two shots which had taken effect, one in the side of the face and arm and the other full in the face. His watch being gone points to robbery as the motive.

Movement of Fertilizers.

Charleston, March 2.—The fertilizer shipments for the month of February amounted to 37,264 tons, as against 36,735 tons for January. The demand was very dull during January, and even the shipment last month is much short of what is usually moved. Fertilizers are being rapidly moved now, and this month may show an improvement over last month.

Thirty-Five Bales burned.

Maysville, March 2.—News has just reached this place of the burning of 35 bales of cotton, the property of Dr S C Baker of

Sumter, on his farm on the Baker place, about three miles west of Maysville. The fire started from a spark dropped from a negro laborer's pipe while smoking under the shed.

Death of Mr W H Hardin.

Chester, March 2.—Mr W Holmes Hardin, aged 74 years, a prominent citizen and prosperous and wealthy farmer of this county, died this afternoon as the result of several recent paralytic strokes. He successfully engaged in mercantile business here a number of years ago. Under his presidency of the Chester and Lenor railroad, the road was completed. Of his eight children all were at his bedside except the wife of ex-Attorney General W A Barber.

Policeman Bean Acquitted.

Charleston, March 2.—Police Officer J W Bean was acquitted yesterday of the charge of murder in the court of general sessions, upon the instructions of the court. When the jury had been sworn Judge Gage called the particulars of the killing to the attention of the jury, showing that the police officer had been shot by the negro, Green, at Hampton park in making the arrest, and was forced to use his weapon in self-defense, and accordingly instructed them to return a verdict of not guilty, which was immediately done.

Failure of Judgeship Bill.

Spartanburg, March 3.—Senator D E Hydrick, who returned from Washington today, informed your correspondent that the judgeship bill to create a new federal district failed to become a law. This was due to disagreement of members of the house in a fight which dwindled down as to whether Rock Hill or Chester should be included in the district.

Seventy-five Bales Burned at McColl.

McColl, March 1.—Seventy-five bales of cotton have just burned on the platform of the Atlantic Coast Line depot at McColl. This cotton belonged to J F McLaurin, H L McLaurin and the Gibson Mercantile company. No one knows how this fire originated, but it probably started from a spark thrown from the passing freight from the north.

(Specials to News and Courier)

Unfortunate Accident.

Monck's Corner, March 3.—After intense suffering the six-year-old child of Mr. George Murray died yesterday. The child swallowed a piece of stick last Saturday and, although a physician was called in, nothing could be done. Immediately after her child became ill Mrs Murray, who believed strongly in the faith cure, telegraphed the "Gospel Trumpet" to pray for the relief of her little one.

Sentenced For Life.

Bishopville, March 4.—The proceedings of the Court commenced with the continuation of the State vs Peter Bind, for murder. After the speeches of the solicitor and the attorneys for the defendant the case was handed to the jury, who in about a half hour brought in a verdict of "guilty, with recommendation to mercy." After a few solemn and impressive remarks to the

prisoner the Judge affixed the penalty; sentenced him to the Penitentiary for the term of his natural life."

Kershaw's Court House.

Camden, S. C., March 3.—The work on Camden's Court House is to begin right away. Mr. Harry L Ziegler, secretary for the Messrs T. C. Thompson & Bros, who have the contract for the erection of the new Court House, is here now looking after the work. The material is being received daily.

Columbia's Prosperous Suburb Almost Destroyed.

Columbia, March 4.—A fire tonight in New Brookland, on the Lexington side of the Congaree River, has almost wiped out the valley. The fire started on the west side of town, which is the business portion, and extended to the Columbia Duck Mill village. About two-thirds of the mill village has been destroyed.

Seeking Prohibition.

Pickens, March 4.—The dispensary situation is growing in interest.

Following is a copy of petitions being circulated on the street: "The Hon G. M. Lynch, supervisor of Pickens County: The undersigned qualified voters of Pickens County, respectfully petition for an election upon the question of dispensary or no dispensary in Pickens County."

Assaulted and Robbed.

Florence, March 3.—Mr A E Carmichael, who runs a small fruit store at this place, was murdered last night as he was going to his room in the Buckheit building on Dargan street, one of the most public thoroughfares of the city, and his assailant escaped undetected. The blow was of such force as to knock him senseless. While in this condition his pockets were rifled and ninety dollars, together with his watch, were taken therefrom.

ATTACKED BY A MOB

and beaten, in a labor riot, until covered with scars, a Chicago street car conductor applied Bucklen's Arnica Salve, and was soon sound and well. "I use it in my family," writes G. J. Welch of Tekonsha, Mich., "and find it perfect." Simply great for cuts and burns. Only 25c at Crawford Bros', J. F. Mackey & Co's and Funderburk Pharmacy.

"South Carolina" to Cost Eight Million Dollars.

Special to The State. Washington, March 1.—President Roosevelt had a conference with Secretary Morton this morning at the close of which the announcement was made that one of the two new battleships authorized by this congress should be named "South Carolina."

The new battleship will be from 16,000 to 18,000 tons displacement, and will have a probable speed of 19 knots.

The approximate cost the South Carolina will be \$8,000,000.

Take Murray's hound, Mullein and Tar and stop coughing. 25c for large bottle. Your drug gist or Murray Drug Co., Columbia S. C.—Hore
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Cannot Get Free From Liquor Curse.

Ellore's Almost Unanimous Petition Unavailing.

Sheddled to the Dispensary, Supreme Court's Decision is that State Board of Eirectors is Not Authorized to Re-move.

The State, 2d inst.

The State supreme court yesterday handed down a decision in the case of the removal of the dispensary from Ellore. The court sustains the position taken by Chairman H H Evans, who, acting upon the advice of the attorney general, voted against the proposition to do away with the dispensary at that place on the ground that the State board has not the authority to take such action.

In the decision of the court, written by the chief justice, Hon Y J Pope, a brief history of the case is given. In October last the people of Ellore signed a petition for the removal of the dispensary. No charges of misconduct were brought against J M Weeks, the dispenser. The people wanted to be rid of the dispensary and did not hesitate to say so, all but half a dozen of the men of that community having signed the petitions asking for the removal of the liquor shop.

The petition was acted upon by the board on the 14th of December and Messrs. Towill and Boykin are recorded as having voted to grant the petition. Mr Evans is recorded as having voted against the action of the majority, for he thought the State board had no jurisdiction. Dispenser Weeks then appealed to the supreme court for a right of prohibition to estop the decree of the State board. In his complaint to the supreme court, Weeks says "that no vote had been taken by the qualified electors of the county of Orangeburg to close dispensaries in said county as provided by law." He also alleged that no charges had been made against his management, that he could not be removed except for cause, and that the State board has no authority to close a dispensary except upon the order of the majority of the people of a county.

After summing up these facts, the chief justice says:

"A scrutiny of the powers conferred by law upon the board of directors of the State dispensary fails to show that any power to close a dispensary once established is conferred by law to said board of directors; but, on the contrary, the law confers such power upon a different tribunal." He then quotes the law as amended by Senator Brice's bill in 1904, and continued:

"Apart from all of this, such power in a board of directors of State dispensary might set at naught the will of the people, as expressed by their representatives, legally chosen. As we have heretofore remarked, there is no power given to the State board of directors to close a county dispensary. The demurrer is overruled, and as any further consideration is not desired on the merits we will grant the petition.

"It is therefore ordered that the act of the State board of control is null and void and the writ of prohibition is hereby ordered to issue, restraining the respondent from enforcing their resolution adopted on the 14th of December, 1904."

Democrats Hunting Jobs From Republicans.

Greenwood Journal.

It is disgusting to note the anxiety displayed by a number of men in South Carolina to get office, and especially so when we see democrats running to Washington fawning on the President and begging for appointment to office from the hands of a republican. We do not see how these men can maintain their self respect and pursue such a course. Why do they not do as John Capers has done go over bag and baggage to the republicans? We are persuaded that such men are not democrats to hurt, and that it would cost them very little sacrifice of principle to part company with the democratic party, and we are very sure that the party could easily spare them.

We are aware of the fact that it is said if a new district is to be formed in South Carolina, and some good democrat can be appointed judge, and some other good democrat district attorney it will be better for the people that is actuating these hungry office seekers. They are after something else, and if they get it what care they for the people? Has all decency and self respect been lost that democrats can hob nob with republicans and whine around under their tables waiting for every crumb that may fall? It looks so. The democrat who does such things forfeits the respect of his own party and is justly despised by all republicans. The facts are he is fit for neither party and should be a political outcast.

Insurance Companies Will Pay for McCue's Life.

Charlottesville, Va., March 3.—It is now believed that all the insurance companies in which the late J. Samuel McCue held policies will pay the claims without any trouble. The New York Life is the first to have settled. The only question asked by the company was proof of the death of the insured. This they received from the qualified executors of McCue, and the company immediately sent a check for the full amount, \$10,000, to W L Smith their local agent, to settle the claim. In making the settlement the company was so exact that it included in the check \$11.35 unearned interest of \$315 borrowed in October last to pay the last premium on the above named policy.

Expert Cracksmen Rob Georgia Bank of \$4,000.

Flovilla, Ga., March 4.—Some time last night professional cracksmen entered the bank of Flovilla and wrecked the vault with an explosive, making an easy haul and escaped with \$4,000 in cash.

Reward will be paid for information which will lead to the recovery of a black Berkshire sow and pig six months old, which left my home last Sunday.

Dave McKinney.

For letterheads, noteheads, billheads, circulars and all kinds of printing neatly and quickly printed, send your work to the office.
Roy S Strat.

Kuropatkin Badly Beaten.

Russian Left Cut Off from Rest of the Army—The Japs Marching on Mukden.

Berlin, March 4.—A dispatch to the Tageblatt from St. Petersburg says:

Gen. Kuropatkin, in a telegram which arrived here at 7 o'clock last evening, said 260,000 Japanese had broken through the Russian left wing; that it was cut off from the remainder of the army.

"At 10 o'clock came another dispatch from Gen. Kuropatkin, which read:

"The Japanese are marching on Mukden. My position is extremely dangerous."

In government circles here today there is a conviction that Gen. Kuropatkin has been fully beaten; that part of his army has been dispersed and that the railroad north of Mukden will probably be cut.

FURTHER SUCCESSES OF THE JAPS.

Gen. Kuroki's Headquarters, in the Field, March 4.—Via Fusan. The Japanese have gained a signal victory beyond the Hun River, defeating in detail two divisions of the Russian 15th corps, recently arrived from Europe, with great slaughter, and captured huge quantities of ammunition.

The Russians still hold their main link of defences.

The Russians fighting stubbornly between midnight and daybreak made four attacks in heavy force against the contingent of Japanese which gained their first line in front of Watao Mountain Thursday night. The Japanese held the ground two nights and one day weather below freezing. The morale of the Japanese troops splendid.

DRIVEN FROM GAOTU PASS.

St. Petersburg, March 4.—Gen Kuropatkin reports that the Russians have been compelled to evacuate their position at Gaotu Pass.

THE JAPS GAINING GROUND.

Tokio, March 4.—4 p. m.—It was announced today from the headquarters of the Japanese armies in Manchuria that the fighting on the right, centre and left is resulting in steady Japanese gains.

The Japanese, it is added, have defeated the Russians at Sinmintin.

JAPS MASTER OF KOREA.

Vladivostock, March 4.—Two thousand Japanese troops have landed at Shengudshin, north of Korea, to which which place they were conveyed by steamers from war ships. A flotilla of torpedo boats covered the landing.

ARE YOU ENGAGED

Engaged people should remember, that, after marriage, many quarrels can be avoided, by keeping their digestions in condition with Electric Bitters. S. A. Brown, of Bennettsville, S. C., says: "For years, my wife suffered intensely from dyspepsia, complicated with a torpid liver, until she lost her strength and vigor, and became a mere wreck of her former self. Then she tried Electric Bitters, which helped her at once, and finally made her entirely well. She is now strong and healthy." Crawford Bros. J. F. Mackey & Co., and Funderburk Pharmacy druggist, sell and guarantee them, at 50c a bottle.

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