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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)

Two Prisoners Escape and One Has Smallpox.

Marion, March 21.—John Bethea of Mullins charged with assault and battery, and Joe Munnerlyn of Temperance charged with burglary and larceny, both negroes, escaped jail last night. These two prisoners were arrested about two weeks ago while the other prisoners in jail had smallpox and were vaccinated and placed in a room, which though not as secure as the steel cages was thought to be safe enough to hold the ordinary prisoner. But on Monday night they managed to prize their door open, and with a piece of iron from their cot found little trouble in getting through the brick wall, and let themselves down to the ground by their blankets tied together.

This came near being a complete jail delivery, for it had been planned that on Monday all the prisoners should be taken from the steel cages and placed in this part of the jail and kept there during the night that the cages where they had had the smallpox might be disinfected.

The carrying out of this plan was prevented by the discovery on Monday that John Bethea had himself taken the smallpox.

The Lexington Chaingang Escaped in a Bunch.

Lexington, March 21.—A telegram to Sheriff Corley early this morning stated that nine prisoners had escaped from the county chain gang some time during last night. The gang was located near Mr. Job Swygert's place in Hollow Creek township, not far from Leesville. The total number of prisoners on the gang was 15 or 16.

It was rumored about here that the captain of the gang was away at his home being sick. The guard was said also to have been sick and the gang had been left under the care of a new man.

Mr H Z Adams, who resides near where the escape occurred, captured two of the prisoners. A telegram was received from the authorities at Newberry stating that they had taken three of the fugitives, thus leaving four still at large.

It is said here that these will hardly be captured, as they are long term prisoners and one of them came near escaping before his trial, by filing the bars of the jail.

Sheriff Corley was unable to go to the scene of the escape, on account of having received painful injuries in a runaway yesterday. He was thrown from his buggy and badly bruised.

(Specials to News and Courier)

Carnegie Library For Furman.

Greenville, March 20.—Furman University is to have a Carnegie library. President Potent received a communication from Private Secretary Bertram yesterday informing him that all required conditions having been fulfilled by the University, Mr. Carnegie was prepared to follow the usual custom and do his share.

The University is enabled to

take advantage of Mr. Carnegie's generosity through the handsome gift of \$25,000 from a South Carolina friend. The name of this friend has not been disclosed. The endowment is to be used in running the library and was the condition precedent to the Carnegie bonus. Just how much Mr. Carnegie has given has not been made public, but it is said that Furman will have a building and library second to none in the State.

D. J.

Mill Rocks Burst.

Rowesville, S. C., March 20.—A peculiar and inexplicable accident occurred Saturday at Mr. J. C. Funches' grist mill, near here. The mill rocks suddenly burst in pieces. Mr. Norton Funches and a colored man, named Bias Brown, were seriously injured by the flying pieces.

Must be Unable to Work to Escape Poll Tax Payment.

The State. Recently a query was received from Edgefield as to whether or not a cripple is exempt from poll tax. In that county a taxpayer refused to pay his tax, claiming that he was a cripple. The attorney general holds that no one is exempt unless so maimed that he cannot support himself. Yesterday Assistant Attorney Townsend wrote the following letter to Comptroller General A. W. Jones:

"Answering the inquiry of Mr. J. B. Haltiwanger, auditor of Edgefield county, referred by you to this office, I beg to say that section 259 of the code of laws of South Carolina, 1902, volume 1, and the annual supply acts, prescribing who are liable and who exempt from the payment of poll tax, does not exempt any one from the payment of the tax merely because he is maimed, but only those who are exempt who are incapable of earning a support by reason of their being maimed, or from any other cause. The material fact to be determined in each case is whether the person claiming the exemption is incapable of earning a support or not. If capable of earning a support, and between the ages of 21 and 60, with the exception of those especially exempted by law, as Confederate veterans, all male citizens must pay the tax."

LIKE FINDING MONEY

Finding health is like finding money—so think those who are sick. When you have a cough, cold, sore throat, or chest irritation better act promptly like W. C. Barber, of Sandy Level, Va. He says: "I had a terrible chest trouble, caused by smoke and coal dust on my lungs; but, after finding no relief in other remedies, I was cured by Dr. King's New Discovery for Consumption, Coughs and Colds." Greatest sale of any cough or lung medicine in the world. At Crawford Bros., J. F. Mackey & Co., and Funderburk's Pharmacy drug stores; 50c and \$1.00; guaranteed. Trial bottle free.

It is too late to congratulate some people after they have been married as long as a week.

Foley's Honey and Tar is best for croup and whooping cough, contains no opiates, and cures quickly. Careful mothers keep it in the house. Sold by Funderburk Pharmacy.

The more law in a land the fewer the laws.

Keep Up the Fight and Victory is Won.

President E D Smith Urges the Farmers to Stand Together

The Sale of Fertilizer Tags.—Amount of Purchases May Not Indicate the Cotton Acreage.—Tags Can be Returned.

The State, 22d inst. Mr E D Smith, president of the South Carolina division, Southern Cotton association, was in the city yesterday and at work during the day at the offices of the association in the Loan and Exchange Bank building. Mr Smith had attended and addressed a meeting in Lancaster the day before, and when seen at the office he said:

"I have just returned from Lancaster where we had a very enthusiastic meeting. People from the town and country met in the court house, some 500 or 600 strong. They report in Lancaster a perfect organization, acreage being reduced and fertilizers according to the New Orleans plan. On the 23rd we go to Bamberg at the request of the people of Bamberg county.

"There must be some mistake as to the amount of fertilizer sold in this State. The people are under the impression that the sale of tags means the sale of guano. Either the tag people are wrong or the farmers of this State are wrong. Lancaster, Greenville, Spartanburg, Marion, Dillon, Latta, Lynchburg—places that I have visited personally—report about 60 per cent. sales as compared with last year. Reports sent to the office from the various counties confirm my own observation; therefore it must be that the guano people have bought these tags in order that they may not be delayed in case they do get orders for shipments. As unused tags are returnable, it will cost them nothing to get these tags, and in case they do not ship guano they return them to the State and have their money refunded. Hence, it is an easy matter for the impression to be made that the State is using as much guano as formerly.

"As said before, the reports from the different counties and shipping points in these different counties do not bear out this assertion.

"At Saluda Saturday it was reported to me that Saluda county would probably not use over 60 to 75 per cent. of last year's fertilizer. The impression has gone abroad as far west as Texas that South Carolina is not keeping her pledge to reduce acreage and fertilizers. I wish to take this occasion to say that in my tours through the south and west I find that no State is more enthusiastic, more determined, and is standing by the pledges made better than South Carolina.

"Let no one be discouraged or disheartened by any of these signs or reports, for in the face of what is said to be the largest cotton crop ever made in the history of the south, the farmers are standing pat and have forced cotton from 6 cents per pound to eight cents per pound; and it is only the question of a few weeks with the same tactics adhered to when 10 cents will be reached.

"The mills of Europe and

America, as a rule, have not more than a six weeks' supply of cotton. Our old friends are back in the market. The foreign crop is a comparative failure. The unprecedented demand for cotton gets a tidal wave of prosperity, seeming to sweep over the entire world, and our position is assured if we can just hold out for 30 days longer and keep our pledges to reduce acreage.

"Reports from President Jordan received this day from Mississippi, Louisiana and Texas are to be the effect that these States are standing rigidly by the pledges made.

"For the first time in the history of the south the cotton grower is dictating to the world the price of his cotton. May the time never come when he will falter or retreat from this glorious and righteous position. It is a glorious victory even now.

Chronic Bronchitis Cured.

"For ten years I had chronic bronchitis so bad that at times I could not speak above a whisper," writes Mr. Joseph Coffman, of Montmorenci, Ind. I tried all remedies available, but with no success. Fortunately my employer suggested that I try Foley's Honey and Tar. Its effect was almost miraculous, and I am now cured of the disease. On my recommendation many people have used Foley's Honey and Tar and always with satisfaction." Sold by Funderburk Pharmacy.

None of Rockefeller's Gold.

Church People Say Standard Oil is Under Indictment.

Boston, March 21.—Congregational Church members representing Boston and various sections of New England have protested to the American board of commissioners for foreign mission against the acceptance by the board of a gift of \$100,000 from John D. Rockefeller, on the ground that the Standard Oil Company stands before the public under repeated and recent formidable indictments in specific terms for methods which are morally iniquitous and socially destructive, and that "acceptance of such a gift involves the constituents of the board in a relation implying honor towards the donor and subjects the board to the charge of ignoring the morals involved."

No man was ever pulled down by lifting another up.

A good many sins walk under the name of "Circumstances."

Fostering passion is feeding the soul on poison.

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The War News From Tokio

Russians to Hold the Line From Changchun to Kirin.—Jap Losses Estimated at 50,000 and Russians at 175,000.

Tokio, March 21—3 p m.—No reports of the Russian retreat or Japanese pursuit were received today, which is strengthening the belief that the Russian plan to hold the line from Changchun to Kirin. The Japanese continue to closely follow Gen Linevitch's rear guard, but the damaged bridges impeded their progress, and will possibly create sufficient delays to permit the Russians to reconcentrate, reinforce, partially reorganize and construct works at Changchun and Kirin.

It is reported that a portion of the Vladivostok squadron has been withdrawn and hurried to Harbin, but no confirmation of the rumor is obtainable.

The first Mukden prisoners are arriving in Japan. The Government has chartered and fitted out forty steamers to assist the transports in carrying prisoners and wounded.

Revised figures of the Japanese losses at the battle of Mukden place the number at 50,000 and revised estimates of the Russian losses from the commencement of the battle of Mukden and ending with the fighting at Tie Pass, place the total at 175,000 killed, wounded or captured.

Gen. Linevitch's Headquarters.

His Plans for the Salvation of the Army and to Elude Oyama.

St Petersburg, March 21.—1.15, P. M. Gen Linevitch's headquarters have been established for the present at Chenchiwatzu, situated at the crossing of the Sungari River, whence he is directing the retreat of the three armies and disposing of the fresh troops of the fourth corps just arriving from European Russia. The protection of the Sungari Bridge vital to the salvation of the army and the river is not fordable below Kirin, and once the bridge blown up the Japanese pursuit will be effectually checked. At the same time the second army is falling back of the line of the railroad, while the first and third, with the transport, are retreating along Mandarin Road to Kirin, both destroying bridges and roads and denuding the country behind them and making it impossible for the Japanese to live in the immediate wake of the retreat without their own commissariat. The Japanese are advancing over the grand trade route twenty miles west of the railroad. No information is available regarding the strength of the Japanese column, but the war office says it is hardly large enough to constitute a menace, with the dispositions Gen Linevitch is able to make of fresh troops.

Nothing enters the mind without leaving its mark.
Sometimes one sandwich is worth many a sermon.
It takes the living Christ to make the live Christian.
Liking is the effect and not the cause of loving.

Murderer Trapped in Cave.

Special to The Observer.

Asheville, March 22.—Deputy Marshal Ben Barnes returned to Asheville yesterday afternoon from Marshall. Mr Barnes last week, in company with other gentlemen, effected the arrest of the Madison county murderer, John Pate, and landed their man in jail at Marshall. Speaking of the capture of Pate, the deputy marshal said: "Pate was located just across the border in Tennessee and was captured in what is known as the Holland Higgin's wolf den. We learned that the man was hiding in some place in Bald Mountain, but could not for a time locate his hiding place. Finally we tracked the wife to the den, after laying in wait in the open for more than 24 hours, and reaching the place knew that the man was ours. The 'den' is a place in the side of a mountain, with an opening scarcely large enough for a man to crawl through. It is about a mile from the road, and one might pass by a hundred times and never for a moment think that a cave existed there. After passing through the opening, there is a small room or hollow, and then another small opening. Through this one enters a room about seven feet high, 14 feet long and 12 feet wide. That is where Pate has spent the time since committing the murder last year. Pate had almost closed up the second opening with stones, and left only a small crevice through which to peep out. After we had reached the opening of the cave and knowing that Pate, a desperate man, was inside, one of the men in the party asked me if I intended going inside. I knew that Pate could hear every word that was said, and I made this reply: 'No, I am not going inside. I am going to throw this piece of dynamite in the hole and blow the cave up.' I didn't have any dynamite but the ruse worked; from inside the cave Pate cried out: 'For God's sake don't do that. I'll come out.' We told him to come on, and in a few seconds the form of a man crawled through the opening. It was Pate, but those who had known him for years would not have recognized him. He had not had a shave since entering the place, neither had his hair been cut, and both had beard presented a great shaggy mass. Inside the cave or den, Pate had fixed up a bunk, and water and food was brought to him by his wife. Had he not come out, we would have starved him into submission. He had scarcely a day's supply of food and water in the place."

Notice to the Public.

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J. Montgomery Caskey, ept. 20—t Coronor L. C.

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