

The Trespass Law.

Following is the law as to trespassing enacted by the last legislature:

Section 1. Be it enacted by the General Assembly of the State of South Carolina. That from and after the approval of this Act, any person or persons entering upon the lands of another, for the purpose of hunting, fishing, trapping, netting, gathering fruit, straw or surf, vegetables, herbs or cutting timber on same, without the consent of the owner or manager thereof, shall be deemed guilty of a misdemeanor, and upon conviction thereof shall pay a fine of not more than twenty (20) dollars or be imprisoned at hard labor not more than thirty (30) days, for each and every offense.

Sec 2. All Acts or parts of Acts inconsistent with this Act are hereby repealed.

Approved 22d February, 1902

The Cotton Growers' Pledge.

There is a great deal of interest being taken in the pledges alluded to by President Smith that are being filed to reduce cotton acreage and fertilizers as a result of the work of the Southern Cotton Association. The South Carolina association states that it already has over 60,000 pledges filed in which the signers agree to reduce their cotton acreage and fertilizers 25 per cent. The pledge that is being used and signed is as follows:

"We, the undersigned, farmers, tenants or land owners, living at precinct, county of State of South Carolina, hereby pledge ourselves to the South Carolina division of the Southern Cotton Association to reduce the acreage planted by us in cotton for the year 1905 from that planted in 1904 25 per cent.

"Also, we pledge ourselves to reduce the amount of fertilizer used during the year 1905, 25 per cent.

"Also, we pledge ourselves to report for the benefit of the Southern Cotton Association, the names of all persons living within our precinct who refuse to sign or carry out terms of this pledge.

"In unity shall be strength."

Three Negroes Escape From Jail.

Special to The State.

St. George, April 20.—Three prisoners, Allen Washington, Burly McClellan and Jerry Myers, who were confined in the county jail at this place awaiting trial for larceny of a trunk from the railroad company at Summerville, broke jail here Tuesday night. Sheriff Limehouse says that the negro man who has charge of feeding and watering the prisoners allowed these prisoners to remain outside of the cells last night in the corridor of the jail room, and that the iron door, which secured the room, was locked by this negro servant, but the door had not been pulled shut good and the lock bolt did not catch.

An Election Ordered in Pickens.

Pickens, April 19.—Yesterday the county commissioners decided to order the election on the dispensary question for Saturday, May 20. There were a little over 1,100 names on the petitions.

Small Respited From Gallows.

Darlington Man Who Was to Have Been Hanged in a Fort Night for Negro's Murder.

The State April 21st.

Bob Smalls, the white man who was to hang in Darlington two weeks from today, has been given a respite. Not by the governor, but by virtue of the fact that his attorney has taken an appeal to the supreme court, and this action in itself stays the execution of sentence until the supreme court shall have passed upon the merits of the appeal. Smalls and another white man from North Carolina were charged with having murdered a negro in wanton manner.

Senator Geo. W. Brown, who defended Smalls, yesterday notified Gov. Heyward in the following language:

"I beg hereby to give you formal notice that I have perfected the appeal to the supreme court in the above stated case and have this day served upon J. M. Johnson, Esq., solicitor of the fourth judicial circuit, the proposed case for the supreme court which serves as a suspension of sentence as to the hanging of Bob Smalls on the 5th day of May, proximo, and also as to John Nail, and I ask that you extend the proper notice to the sheriff of this county and to the superintendent of the State penitentiary.

Bondsmen Responsible.

The escape of Napoleon Lanier yesterday after he had presumably gotten information of his conviction on the charge of abduction, has caused no little unfavorable comment, and it is very natural. There is a serious defect about a system that allows a defendant to quietly walk away after he has been convicted of an offense that is punishable by fine or not less than two years' imprisonment. The responsibility, however, should be put where it belongs, and it is due to Sheriff Brown to say that he is in no wise to blame. The prisoner was under bond to appear at court and await the event of his trial. The sheriff had no jurisdiction over him until after the publication of the jury's verdict. The supreme court has so held. The understanding is that the solicitor will look to Lanier's bondsmen and if he finds they are not worth the money, he will get after the magistrate who may have failed to require them to qualify.—Yorkville Enquirer.

Little Boy Killed.

Special to News and Courier.

Bamburg, April 20.—A distressing accident occurred Monday afternoon at the home of Mr. N. Z. Felder, near town, by which his 9-year-old son, Sam, lost his life. The little fellow, with others, was playing ball and while running along with a bat in his hands, fell and struck one end of the bat on the ground and the other under his chin. His neck was dislocated and despite the attention of several physicians he died about 9 o'clock last night.

Arrested on Suspicion.

A special from Kershaw to The State says: Two arrests have been made in connection with the safe cracking which occurred here Sunday night. Both of the men are negroes, and suspicion points very strongly to one of them, John Moore, who was arrested in Jefferson Tuesday night. He has been employed in the Jefferson oil mill and is said to have made a present of \$50 to his wife yesterday.

Maj. Jas. F. Hart Dies at Yorkville Home.

One of State's Best Citizens Succumbs to Cancer.—Commander of "Hart's Battery."

Special to The State.

Yorkville, April 20.—Maj. James F. Hart, a prominent lawyer, the gallant commander of the famous "Hart's Battery" during the War between the Sections, a leader in the Hampton movement of 1876 and a highly esteemed Christian gentleman of Yorkville, died at his residence at 3.30 o'clock this afternoon. Maj. Hart has been a great sufferer for some months with cancer of the stomach, which caused his death. All the best medical skill and attention of loving relatives and friends could do for this fearless Confederate soldier was of no avail.

Maj. Hart graduated from the Citadel with distinction, fought with marked gallantry through the War between the Sections and was severely wounded, being crippled through after life, having lost a leg.

He was one of the most successful lawyers of the upper part of the State and had a large practice. He is survived by the widow of his second marriage, by three sons and two daughters.

Counterfeit Dollar Moulds.

Rock Hill Herald.

We have in our possession the dye from which it is evident a number of counterfeit dollars have at some time been struck. It was found about four inches under earth in a thicket in which Wyatt Mobley, colored, was digging up some plum bushes last Friday. It is of plaster paris and has at some time been a very perfect stamp. The side on which the head of the goddess of liberty appears is in fairly good conditions with the date 1880 plainly discernible, while on the other side showing the eagle nearly every mark has been obliterated. Mobley found it several hundred yards west of the Highland Park Mill, and not knowing what it was, showing it to some white men, who informed him that it was a mould in which counterfeit dollars had been made evidently and he at once became anxious to get rid of it, and brought it to the mayor, who still has it in his possession. It had evidently been hidden where it was found.

Fire at Vanderbilt Does Great Damage.

Nashville, Tenn., April 20.—The main building of Vanderbilt university was gutted by fire today. The fire originated in the second story of the building from a defective flue. A high wind was blowing, and in a few minutes the structure was a mass of flames. A general alarm was turned in and every engine in the city responded. On account of inadequate water supply the firemen experienced much difficulty in fighting the fire. The loss is placed at \$200,000, with 115,000 insurance on the building and furnishings.

Clarendon county is said to be maintaining a county chain gang at a cost of \$75 per month per convict. Few counties can afford such luxuries.—The State.

\$100 REWARD!

A reward of \$100, will be paid for the arrest and conviction of the party or parties who set fire to and burned my barn and stables about three miles North of V. n Wyck, on Wednesday afternoon April 12, 1905.

J. D. Nisbet,  
April 20, 1905-2t.

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