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Happenings In The State.

As Chronicled by the Alert Correspondents of The Columbia State.

Gin House Burned.

Anderson, June 17.—During a thunderstorm yesterday afternoon lightning struck the gin house on the plantation of Mr. John T. Millard in the county and the plant was completely destroyed by fire. Sixteen bales of cotton and a lot of farming implements were consumed. The loss is estimated at about \$1,600, with no insurance.

A Boy Kills Himself.

Laurens, June 16.—Master Smith Fuller, the 11-year old son of Mr. Glenn Fuller, a prominent citizen residing seven miles west of this city, accidentally shot and killed himself today while hunting with two other boys. He was standing on a log and either dropped or placed his gun "at rest" when it slipped, the hammer striking a log.

More Incendiary Work.

Honea Path, June 18.—The handsome three-story barn of Mr. J. E. Knight was burned Saturday morning at 3 o'clock. All horses were saved but fodder, oats, etc., were burned. The loss is estimated to be over \$1,000. Mr. Knight is a prosperous farmer in lower Greenville county, a man known and well respected with not an enemy of whom he knows, so the fire is a mystery.

New Road For Rock Hill.

Special to News and Courier.

Rock Hill, June 19.—A meeting, which may mean great things for Rock Hill and vicinity, was held here today at the Commercial Club. W. L. Roddy was chairman. The object of the meeting was explained by W. S. Lee, Jr. of the Catawba Power Company, who stated that those whom he represents would begin at once the development of the Catawba falls a few miles south of this city, and that to get freight they would build a line from the falls to connect with the Seaboard at Edgemoor. His people would have enough freight to guarantee business for five years, and he thought Rock Hill could attend to the other end of the line. Their plan is to equip with steam for the present and follow with electricity.

It will be remembered that within three years a survey has been made from Rock Hill to Edgemoor and a commission is already held by Jno. T. Roddy and others for a railroad on that line. This should simplify matters. Rock Hill has long wanted an independent connection with the Seaboard, and this seems her chance to get it. It was the sense of the meeting that the matter is of the greatest importance, and committee of representative citizens was appointed by the chair to canvas the situation with a view to definite arrangements with Mr. Lee's associates. The committee is W. B. Wilson, W. J. Roddy, R. T. Feasell, J. M. Cherry, Jno. R. Barron and J. B. Johnson. W. A. P.

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The Morrison Lynching.

Reporter Of "The State" Complains of Detective Howie's Treatment.

To the Editor of The State:

Please allow me space in The State to warn your correspondents against what may happen to them should they ever have the unpleasant duty of reporting a lynching and then for any reason leave the State soon after they have reported the lynching. Also to give some facts as to my reporting the Morrison lynching at Kershaw last October and the treatment I received from Mr. H. B. Howie and his superior officer later.

Twelve months prior to the Morrison Lynching at Kershaw I went to Atlanta, Ga., to spend the winter, and having The State's interest at heart as well as the interests of the town of Kershaw, I recommended Dr. R. S. Cauthen as being a good man to take the position of The State's correspondent at that place. I returned to Kershaw and spent the summer months there and had matriculated in the Atlanta Dental College for the session of 1904-05 just a few days before Morrison shot to death Will Floyd, for which crime he was lynched. The day the shooting was done I had not seen Dr. Cauthen and as soon as it happened I wired The State about the shooting of Floyd and soon afterward met Dr. Cauthen and told him to keep The State posted as to any developments that might be of interest to The State's readers. Dr. Cauthen requested me to look after the work for him as I had started it. I sent all details I could gather from various sources as to the shooting and lynching and while I fully believe they were correct as reported I did not see either the shooting or lynching. Soon after Morrison was lynched I went back to Atlanta, Ga., and left my family in South Carolina. On April 3d last I was arrested in Atlanta by Deputy Sheriff Schropsher on the charge of having murdered one John Morrison at Kershaw, and that I immediately after the commission of the crime did flee from South Carolina, etc.

Mr. Schropsher arrested me at about 11 o'clock and I explained to him that it would be very hard for me to leave Atlanta just at that time as my final examinations were being held and that I would come back to South Carolina immediately after the first day of May. Mr. Schropsher treated me very nicely and told me the officer from South Carolina, Mr. H. B. Howie had instructed him to put me in jail, but that he would take me down to the offices and see if we could not arrange it so as to release me from custody. I was carried to Mr. Howie, who like Brutus is an honorable man, and Mr. Howie questioned me at length and agreed that if I would give an affidavit as to what I knew and a signed agreement to return to Lancaster at the request of Solicitor Henry he would release me. Mr. Howie questioned and cross-questioned me till about 5 p. m., and I was completely fagged out when finally released. Mr. Howie's manner toward me when he had me under arrest was of quite a dominating kind and he finally released me when I signed and affidavit and a written agreement to return to Lancaster when the solicitor requested my presence there, and after telling me that I was not to write to any one in South Carolina that I had been arrested or tell any one, Mr. Howie requested me to meet him at his room at the Kimball house at 6 o'clock to sign copies of the

affidavit, and according to promise I was there on time to the minute but Mr. Howie was not in. I learned that Mr. Howie had told the stenographer that he would have to get another affidavit from me as his "boss" said the one he had gotten was "no good" and had not been done right. I had previously secured legal representatives and under their advice had sworn out a warrant for Mr. Howie. He came in the lobby and saw me talking to the two officers he tried to shun them, but they overtook him out side and arrested him. I immediately went to my lawyer's office and soon the "phone called Mr. Thompson. The officers who arrested Howie informed lawyer Thompson that Howie's solicitor was there and that Howie wanted to give cash bond till next morning. The lawyer agreed and Howie gave \$50.00 cash bond till next morning. At the trial next morning Howie showed my lawyer a letter from "his boss" offering immunity from punishment to any one who would tell all they knew about the Morrison lynching. Mr. Howie was very anxious to keep the affair out of the newspapers and the case was compromised, Mr. Howie paying all costs in the case. It was very mortifying to me to say the least to be arrested under such a serious charge when only my testimony was all that was wanted. A few questions: What was Howie's "boss" doing in Atlanta at the time and who paid expenses and costs? Has a solicitor or any lawyer or officer the legal right to offer immunity to one charged with a capital offense, and is not that offer a gross misuse of his office? Is that the proper way to get evidence? Was not the charge too serious to let me go on so slim a hold as a written promise to return to South Carolina at the State's expense to be tried for murder? Should the grand old State of South Carolina keep such officers and "bosses" in office. If the echoed answer he yes, then save the innocent.

Jas. R. Durham.
Columbia, S. C., June 15, 1905

The Armies Fight with Peace In Sight.

Japanese Flanked Russians in Saturday Night's Battle. — Moving in Three Columns.

Lidiapudzy, Manchuria, June 19.—The Japanese are advancing from the centre and westward, and are driving in the Russian's serrens south of Palitan. Further west they turn the Russian extreme right at Laoyangchung-peng Saturday night, flanking the Russians out of position after a night-long fight. The Japanese force consisted of an infantry division, four batteries of artillery and 20 squadrons of cavalry. Gen. Mischenko's cavalry subsequently retrieved some of the lost grounds. During Mischenko's operations, Prince Fredrick Leopold, of Prussia, representing Emperor William with the Russian army, received his baptism of fire.

According to information received at headquarters, the Japanese are moving northwest from Korea in three columns which include 50,000 infantry and corresponding forces of cavalry and field and mountain artillery. These columns are heading for Chutsami, Kemesan and Keshan, to complete the line of Oyama's army stretching from the Mongolian frontier to the Sea of Japan.

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Confederate Heroes In Glorious Parade.

Marched Proudly Under Shattered Flags and Cheered Strains of "Dixie"

Louisville, June 16.—Beneath Shattered battle-flags that floated over many sodden fields and to the thrilling strains of Dixie, that oft had cheered them to victory or defeat, Confederate Veterans marched in proud review today before thousands of persons gathered to do them honor. Many captured battle-flags recently returned by the government were carried in today's parade and were objects of interest and veneration. At the head of the column as a special guest of the reunion, rode General Joe Wheeler and Jefferson Haynes Davis, a grand-son of the president of the Confederacy. Next came the commander and chief, General Stephen D. Lee. General C. Irvine Walker of, South Carolina occupied a familiar place as the head of the department of the Army of Northern Virginia. The R. E. Lee camp had the place of honor in the Virginia division. General W. B. Ballentine commanded the Florida division.

Laura Talbot Galt, the Louisville girl who refused to sing "Marching Through Georgia" with other pupils of her school, rode with the camp from Augusta, Georgia, which was made an honorary member. Many old men dropped out of line before the reviewing stand was reached owing to heat, but no serious accidents attended the parade.

Russia Finally Accepts Washington as Meeting Place.

St Petersburg, June 18, 9.35 p. m.—Russia has finally and definitely accepted Washington as the meeting place for the Russian and Japanese plenipotentiaries, the foreign office having waived its request for reconsideration at the personal direction of the emperor, whose desire to give fullest and fairest opportunity to President Roosevelt's proposal for a peace conference is hereby manifested.

An Aiken Young Man Found Dead In Boston.

Boston, Mass., June 19.—Mystery surrounds the death of young Thomas C. Baker of Aiken, S. C. who was found dead in his room today by his landlady.

Baker is said to be the son of a prominent Aiken family and engaged a room at 32 Upton street two weeks ago, saying he was a student and would probably occupy it for two years. He had only recently returned from Europe where he had been taking a special course at universities and was preparing to attend the Harvard Summer school. Several letters came for him, one from Aiken, S. C., one from Goshen, Va., and one from Harvard, and as he had not been seen for two days his landlady took them up to his room only to find him lying dead under a couch with his limbs drawn up in agony, the finger nails dug in the flesh. A medical examiner hurriedly summoned, said death was probably due to some heart affection, but had the body removed for examination. Several unopened letters from Aiken, S. C., were found in the room.

Mine Horror in Russia Results in 500 Deaths.

Ekaterinoslay, Southern Russia, June 18.—An explosion has occurred in the Ivan colliery at Khetisk, belonging to the Russian Donetz company. It was reported that 500 persons perished.

The Law Vindicated In Orangeburg County.

William Johnson Hanged for the Nameless Crime.—Denied His Guilt To The Last.

Special to The State.

Orangeburg, June 16.—William Johnson was hanged here today for rape, of which crime he was convicted at the May term of court.

The hanging took place in the jail and the scaffold was used for the sixth time in the 14 years of Sheriff Dukes' incumbency of that office. At the execution today, which took place promptly at noon, there were only a very few persons present besides the sheriff and his deputies.

Johnson, a ginger cake colored boy, apparently about 18 years of age, was the most concerned person present. At no time has he seemed to realize he was face to face with death, and although he said a few minutes before going on the scaffold that he was ready to die he did not appear to appreciate the fate before him.

He was attended in his last hours by several negro ministers with whom he talked freely. He denied to the last the crime of which he had been convicted and even when on the scaffold declared that he was innocent, though ready to meet death.

After the trap was sprung the negro was dead in a very few minutes.

Eleven Instead of Four Negroes Were Killed Near Griffin, Ga.

Atlanta, Ga., June 18.—A special to the Constitution from Griffin says: Chief of Police Phelps says his latest information regarding the shooting on the negro excursion train on the Southern last night is that 11 negroes are dead. Two Griffin negroes of bad reputation are held as suspects. They say a crap game which had been going on all day Saturday was the cause of the trouble, and that the fighting began in Atlanta and raged unceasingly with revolvers and razors till Griffin was reached. Officers are at work on the case.

Greason is Acquitted, Mrs Edwards to Hang.

Reading, Pa., June 16.—Samuel Greason, colored, was today acquitted of the murder of John Edwards. Mrs. Kate Edwards, wife of the murdered man, whose testimony convicted Greason over three years ago, today completely exonerated him. Greason's death warrant was issued ten times, and his case has developed into one of the most remarkable murder trials in this State.

Mrs. Edwards, the mother of Greason's child, 14 under sentence of death and it is expected that the governor will fix the date for her execution within a short time. It was postponed several months ago that she could be used as a witness at Greason's trial.

Twenty Three Known Dead.

Baltimore, June 18.—The death roll of last night's disaster on the Western Maryland railroad now foots up 23 and this number is likely to be increased from among the list of those grievously mangled.

The Ledger, The Atlanta Journal, Semi-weekly, and The Southern Cultivator, all three one year for \$2., but must be paid for in advance.

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—Two bales of cotton on the piazza at Mr. R. G. Welsh's were discovered after last Monday. The discovery was timely for had the fire a little more headway the cotton dwelling and all would have been consumed. It is thought the fire originated from rats and matches.

The engine and several cars of the northbound freight on the Southern got off the track on the fill just West of the depot yesterday afternoon about 2 o'clock. The engine came near turning over down the embankment and engineer Smith was thrown through the window of his cab at the same time his man jumped from the engine. Both men were slightly injured. Passengers of both the 2:30 and 7:30 p. m. northbound trains were transferred, an engine and several coaches having been sent over from Rock Hill for them. A wrecking crew also came from Rock Hill and the track is expected to be clear for the southbound passenger today.

Says He was Employed to Murder and Burn.

A Negro Makes a Startling Confession in the Rawlings-Carter Tragedy at Valdosta, Ga.

Valdosta, Ga., June 17.—A startling climax came this afternoon in the Rawlings-Carter tragedy with the arrest of Alf Moore, a negro at Lenox, Ga. He is one of the negroes alleged to be connected with the killing of the Carter children. He told a startling story. He declares that he was employed by Rawlings to aid in the bloody work. He says that before leaving for Valdosta the day the children were killed, Rawlings carried his supper to him in the woods in order to keep him from going home. He also said that the programme was to kill the whole family and burn the house. He said that Milton Rawlings shot Carrie Carter and that Jessie Rawlings killed Willie Carter. The gun with which one of them was killed was also found today. Excitement over the disclosure is high.

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BY J. E. STEWART, Esq. Probate Judge.

WHEREAS, J. A. BRIDGES made suit to me, to grant him letters of administration of the estate of and of the effects of Robin Duncan.

THESE ARE THEREFORE to cite and admonish all and singular the kindred and creditors of said Robin Duncan deceased, that they be and appear before me, in the court of Probate, to be held at Lancaster, S. C. on Tuesday, June 27th next after publication thereof, at 11 o'clock in the forenoon, to show cause, if any they have, why said administration should not be granted.

Given under my Hand this 14th day of June Anno Domini, 1905.

J. E. STEWART,
Probate Judge.

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