

HOSTS IN HOUSE

HOME OF A COLORED MAN AT REMINI IS HAUNTED.

Sticks and Clay Thrown Into Building by Wierd Visitor Who Can Not be Seen or Heard.

Some strange doings seems to be taking place at the house of Paul Williams, a colored man who lives at Remini, just on the other side of the Sante River from Lone Star, and much excitement is being created by an unknown cause.

At first he thought that some of his neighbors were merely teasing him and concluded that they would soon become weary and cease, but this was not true.

Williams made a close search, but he could not find the thrower. He became intensely frightened and summoned a few of his nearest neighbors, who assisted him in making a closer search, but nothing could be seen.

The more intelligent class of people, both white and colored, who do not believe in ghosts, have been going to this place witnessing the disturbance and coming away agreeing with the superstitions that the house is being visited by ghosts.

Williams' father died about four months ago at the age of 105 and the suspicion is that he is the thrower of the sticks and lumps of clay, who pays his nightly visits, giving spectators an exciting entertainment.

Such manifestations have been known, in other parts of the State, but no one knows what causes them. What ever it may be, the superstitions are thoroughly worked up over the quaint happenings at Remini, and no one seems to be able to assign a plausible reason for them.

TEACHERS' ASSOCIATION.

Same Program That Was Prepared for Last Meeting.

The teachers' association will meet at Orangeburg in the court house on April 1st, at 11 o'clock a. m. The same program that was prepared for the last meeting will be carried out as follows:

Prof. Peterson and Livingston on "Punishment in Schools." Prof. Rast and Koon on "Will the Educational System of South Carolina Become Top-heavy." Miss Minnie Waltze on "An Ideal Teacher."

The banquet will be at two o'clock. The place will be made known at the teachers meeting. Prof. W. L. Motes will be at the Superintendent's office to deliver tickets for the banquet. Those who desire to attend should write to Prof. W. L. Motes at Jamaica by Thursday.

"Polly of the Circus."

In a season that is remarkable chiefly because of attacks by press and clergymen upon certain managers because of their alleged tendency to produce plays of questionable moral tone, it is worthy of more than passing comment that "Polly of the Circus," with the charming Ida St. Leon as Polly, direction of Frederick Thompson, which comes here at the Academy of Music April 5th, in all its massive entirety exactly as seen at the Liberty Theatre in New York city for one full season, has been the object of special commendation from more than one hundred pulpits in churches throughout the country, and has been pronounced as the cleanest, purest, genuinely American play that the stage has seen in years.

A Pleasant Outing.

Last Friday afternoon Miss Lillian Lancaster, teacher of the Canaan school, near Cope, took her pupils for a violet stroll. They walked for several miles, going to Canaan Bridge on the Edisto river. After loitering about the river and merrily playing on its green banks for about two hours, they started on their homeward journey, after gathering many pretty flowers. They regretted there were no boatman in the crowd to take them boat-riding.

Rain Has Come at Last.

After many weeks of dry weather, rain came on last Saturday night, and fell in gentle showers all day Sunday. Monday several showers fell, and the indications now are that there will be plenty of moisture before the rain ceases. This is good, as it was much needed, and the chances of having too much moisture is remote. This rain will bring up the corn and give it a good start.

WERE GRANTED BAIL.

Judge Copes Releases Young Men Charged With Arson.

Before Judge Robert E. Copes, at Chambers in this city Saturday afternoon, J. F. Laysath, Howe Laysath and R. L. Poole, charged with arson, were admitted to bail in the sum of \$3,000 each, after arguments for the defence and the solicitor for the State. Bonds were promptly executed and the defendants discharged.

The charge against these men are the outcome of the burning of several store buildings, belonging to Mrs. Lydia Harley, in the town of North, this county, on the night of March 14. The defendants are all prominent young business men of North, and one was conducting a business in one of the buildings burned at the time of the fire. They were lodged in jail here the day after the fire and remained until released on bond Saturday afternoon.

Some of the testimony against these young men is said to be of the most flimsy character, and won't stand when thoroughly investigated. One or two of the witnesses testified before the insurance commissioner that they had been offered money to leave North and not testify in the case by prominent men. As soon as these men heard of the testimony they got these witnesses and carried them before the commissioner and denounced their testimony as a tissue of lies. To this the witness made no reply.

STATE TEACHERS' ASSOCIATION.

Election of Officers Saturday Concludes Business.

The final session of the South Carolina State Teachers' Association was held in the hall of the house of representatives Saturday morning and the greatest meeting in the history of the organization came to its closing moments as the entire gathering, led by Dr. Edwin M. Poter, president of Furman University of Greenville, sang "Blest Be the Tie That Binds."

The officers of the association elected for the ensuing years are as follows: President, A. J. Thackston, Orangeburg; vice presidents, A. B. Rhett, Charleston; J. J. Crouch, Barnwell; W. W. Nichols, Greenwood; R. C. Burts, Easley; Miss Leila Russell, Winthrop College; T. C. Easterling, Marion; D. S. Murph, St. Matthews.

Member of executive committee, W. L. Brooker, Florence. The officers of recording secretary, filed by E. C. McCants of Anderson; corresponding secretary, by W. H. Jones of Columbia, and treasurer, by C. V. Neuffer, Columbia, do not expire until next year, and as a consequence no election for them was necessary.

EXPLOSION NEAR AUGUSTA.

Two Men Killed and Two Others Are Badly Hurt.

A boiler explosion at 4 o'clock Friday morning caused the death of two negroes and seriously injured two white men.

The Southern railway is placing a draw in its trestle over the Savannah river here, and while the night force was working the boiler exploded because of the water being too low in it.

Harry Trapp, colored, was blown into fragments; Press Sorvers was also killed but his body has not yet been recovered, and D. C. Wike, a white man, and W. A. Vowels, of Columbia, S. C., superintendent of construction, also white, were injured.

The boiler was blown 200 feet from the trestle and landed in the middle of the river.

The DeKoven Male Quartet.

The DeKoven Male Quartet. A company of selected vocalists singing many of the old songs and singing them well. For several seasons we have contemplated placing before our committees a company of artists capable of correctly interpreting the songs of long ago. Those of us who have been fortunate enough to have heard the real and only "Patti," will remember the storm of applause that greeted her when she sang "Home, Sweet Home." We have always claimed that it required greater art to render the familiar songs in English, than many of the Operatic selections in a foreign tongue. The individual members of the company possess excellent voices and sympathetic natures, so essential in the ensemble work. The DeKoven Male Quartet are so well known in all sections of the country that words of introduction are entirely unnecessary. They have been returned year after year over some of the best lyceum courses. Will be at the Academy of Music this evening. Prices 25, 50 and 75c.

Cope Dots.

The Canaan school will close next Friday, March 31st, very much to the regret of the children.

Mr. and Mrs. Jerry Smoak from Bamberg is spending some time with his mother.

Miss Bertie Bonnette and Mrs. B. W. Hughes and little daughter Clio, are visiting Mr. and Mrs. P. P. Nettles near Branchville.

Mrs. Orrie McMillan is visiting at the home of her father, Mr. W. M. Murphy.

Pardoned by the Governor.

Gov. Blease paroled during good behavior, on condition that he leave the State and never return, and that he report to Isaac E. Smith, of Hoboken, N. J., who has enclosed money for his passage, W. L. Fleming, sentenced at Orangeburg in the spring of 1907 to seven years at hard labor for assault and battery with intent to kill.

HOT TIME FOR BLAESE

SO SAYS THOS. B. FELDER IN LETTER TO "THE STATE."

"Turning on the Light" and Hopes to Give "His Fraudulency" an Entertainment Worthy of Mention.

To the Editor of The State:

I desire through your columns to acknowledge receipt of numerous letters, telegrams, letters and telephone messages, couched in the most commendatory and laudatory terms anent the Blease controversy, which have come to me during the past 24 hours from hundreds of citizens throughout the State of South Carolina. When these messages began to come, naturally my first impulse was to make separate answer to each, but to do so would require a large increase in an already expensive stenographic force, more time than I have personally to spare from other duties, besides a large outlay for postage stamps.

In my pursuit of "his fraudulency" and his clients, the colossal fee (?) received by me from the State of South Carolina has suffered great diminution, and with the prospect of having to use more of it in my efforts to scourge from the "high places" of your State those who disgrace them, I must husband my resources and content myself with tendering to those citizens of your State who commend me in my course in the premises my grateful acknowledgments through the columns of your paper. From the deluge of communications pouring in upon me with every mail delivery, and through other channels above mentioned, I am constrained to think that Blease secured his election to the governorship through public neglect of a sacred private duty, to wit: The exercise of the elective franchise. Many of those who have been kind enough to communicate with me are urging me to use greater activity in "turning on the light." I beg to assure them that when I have finished that the place described in Holy Writ which has been set apart as the eternal abiding place for sinners will be a very summer resort in comparison with the "warm time" that I shall give "his fraudulency" and his allies. I hope to find time to prepare another set of interrogatories for him at an early date. When they are ready, I shall "perfect service" upon him through the columns of your paper. Thomas B. Felder. Atlanta, Ga., Mch. 24, 1911.

P. S.—I note that the celebrated "gun-play artist," the "Mt. Pelee" of Newberry, is in eruption—that the seismic shocks are unusually violent and the lava which he belches forth threatens destruction of everybody, except his attorney "of the State at large." I take it that for the present at least, I will be excused from taking further notice of his "frothings and foamings," my excuse for doing so being that I can not afford to abandon my chase of the "big hyena" to pursue a very small mouse. I will say, however, that the conduct at this time of this grim-visaged "fo, fi, fum, I smell the blood of an Englishman," is in striking contrast with that displayed by him on the occasions of his numerous visits to me during the past four years at the Colonia and Jerome hotels (my apartments in the city of Columbia) and my office in the city of Atlanta. On the occasion of each visit I arranged to have reliable witnesses "hard by" to hear all that was said, and enough was said, "to be sure." If my recollection serves me right the name of his "general counsel," formerly of Newberry, now of the State at large, to whom he honored me by an introduction at the Caldwell hotel in Columbia in 1903; (I think this is the name of the building, situated just opposite the Columbia hotel in the city of Columbia) was mentioned by him on these occasions more than once. I wonder if he and his general counsel remember this meeting in Columbia and what was said on that occasion; if so, they may find in it another "grain of sand" from their mountain. T. B. F.

P. S. No. 2.—I think "Mt. Pelee" can with safety cease to erupt, as I feel sure that his "governor-attorney," erstwhile "senator-attorney," will keep the contract made with him to pardon his brother-in-law, Wash Hunter, and himself, if Fraser Lyon should convict him. His recent performances no doubt have had the effect of healing the breach between him and his "governor-attorney," which has existed for many months, and which resulted from information considered satisfactory by his "governor-attorney" that he had been "telling things" to the "Atlanta lawyer" and Fraser Lyon on the "senator-attorney," now "governor-attorney" and the balance of the gang. T. B. F.

P. S. No. 3.—I take it for granted that "his fraudulency" has not approved the joint resolution passed by the last general assembly, which he demanded should be passed. T. B. F.

Bride of Three Days.

Mrs. W. D. Fletcher, one of the victims of the wreck near Oella, Ga., Saturday, was a bride of three days. Her husband left Tampa ten days ago for Chicago to wed her. No one at Tampa knew of his mission until a telegram was received that he had married.

DeKoven Male Quartette.

Tuesday evening The DeKoven Male Quartette will give a performance at the Academy of Music. An evening of music and pleasure may be looked forward to. The prices suit everybody—25, 35, 50 and 75c—so everybody come.

BLEASE HAS MYSTERY.

Which He Gives Out Word at a Time Only to the Press.

"If you should print these letters that I receive you could sell every paper printed tomorrow for 25 cents apiece. If the attorney general, Fraser Lyon, knew you were going to print these letters he would give \$1 apiece for the papers rather than have them go out."

This statement was made Saturday by Governor Blease when asked if he had any more "grains of sand" on the dispensary situation.

He said that he would announce some more of his letters in a few days, and that they would be revelations to the people of South Carolina.

Governor Blease was asked if he had anything against Attorney General Lyon in connection with his side of the dispensary situation. He made no answer, but said that he would announce something in a few days.

He opened one of the letters to give several a peep in. The letter shown bore the wording of Anderson, Felder, Rountree & Wilson, of Atlanta.

He showed the address or at least, half of it. This was "Miss Jeannette." He held his finger on the name of the person.

Governor Blease has practically admitted that he will not sign the measure providing for an investigation of the old dispensary winding-up commission. He said several days ago, that he was making an examination, and that a committee would not be needed.

COPE HAPPENINGS.

Farmer Unionists Hold Good Meeting on Saturday.

Cope, March 27th—Special: Cope Local, No. 490, of the Farmers Union held a meeting on Saturday afternoon. Capt. J. H. Claffy, of Orangeburg, was with us on this occasion, and it was understood that Mr. B. F. Keller, of St. Matthews, was to be present and give the members a talk in the interest of the Union, but as Mr. Keller was in attendance of the State Teachers Convention at Columbia, he will no doubt make another date with the Union.

Messrs. John H. and S. B. Cope joined the Union on Saturday, and they will be quite an addition to the same, as they are both progressive and up-to-date farmers.

Misses Louie Tatum, Irene Rumph and ——— Smith, teachers in the Cope School, have all returned from the Convention in Columbia, and report having had a very profitable, and enjoyable time.

The farmers are rejoicing over the fine rains that have fallen during the past two nights and day. It was sure needed and will do much good to the oat crops and gardens.

There was no Sunday school on yesterday afternoon, on account of the bad weather.

Mr. W. O. Tatum, who has been home for a day or two, returns to Wofford College this afternoon.

"POLLY OF THE CIRCUS."

Noted Attraction at The Academy of Music, April 5.

Telling, as it does, the story of the odd romance of a pretty little circus rider and a village pastor in Middle West, "Polly of the Circus" which will be presented at the Academy of Music, Wednesday, April 5, is a drama as original as it is refreshing, and is one of those rare plays that appeal to the "gallery gods" with the same force as to the occupants of orchestra chairs. Since this play was first produced, hundreds of thousands of persons have been moved from laughter to tears and to sheer joy in following fortunes of the wistful girl, from which comes the title "Polly of the Circus," and her ministerial admirer. The reproduction of a circus in full swing in the third act is one of the greatest of stage realism. Dainty Miss Ida St. Leon will be seen in the title role. The personnel of the supporting cast is an apparent assurance of a finished and artistic portrayal of the other characters. The scenic production is remarkable for one of such admittedly unusual skill in such matters as Frederic Thompson. The third act setting, where an actual sawdust performance with all the incidents and accessories is shown, is especially notable.

FROM SOUTH CAROLINA.

Adjutant Selects Officers to Attend Manoeuvres.

Upon advices from the war department, at Washington, four officers of the National Guard of South Carolina will be sent by the Adjutant General to San Antonio, Texas, to take part in the manoeuvres at that point, being conducted by the army of the United States. The four officers will leave April 5, and others may be sent April 15.

The four officers selected to go are:

R. Boyd Cole, major, 3d regiment, Barnwell.

H. A. Simms, captain, 2d regiment, Sumter.

George C. Warren, captain, 2d regiment, Sumter.

Isadore Schayer, captain, medical corps, Laurens.

Adj. Gen. Moore had furnished the war department with the names of seventy-five officers of the National Guard of this State, who could attend the work of the army at this time.

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LOCAL NEWS ITEMS

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What Is Happening Here and There. Local Items of Personal Interest to Our Readers.

The Times and Democrat tries to publish all the news, regardless of whether it likes it or not.

The Young Americas ought to get an automobile fire apparatus. They are the cheapest in the end.

It is said the mayoralty bee is buzzing in a good many bonnets, but who will be the lucky man is hard to say.

The rain was greatly needed, and we are thankful that it came. It seems to have been pretty general all over the county.

Editor R. F. Freeman, of the Pee Dee Advocate, published at Bennettsville, was in the city on Saturday. It is needless to say he was pleased with Orangeburg.

The chances are that we will now have plenty of rain before it stops. The ground is very dry and can absorb a quantity of water before it is filled with moisture.

The war between Gov. Blease and Col. Felder goes merrily on. Who will get the best of it is hard to say. We publish the last returns from the firing line on the first page of this issue.

Messrs. Hugo and Henry Sims and Hubert Josey have returned to their studies at Wofford College, after being home two weeks on account of the smallpox breaking out in their rooming house.

In a forty-five day contest, which closed recently, farmers of the Waycross, Ga., section killed over eleven thousand larks, because, as they put it, they are enemies of corn. These farmers are badly mistaken, and killed friends and not enemies, when they killed these larks.

SEN. TILLMAN GOES A-SHOPPING.

In Augusta With His Wife and Daughter.—Was Cheerful.

Augusta Chronicle.

Senator B. R. Tillman was in Augusta yesterday in company with his wife and daughter. When seen by a representative of The Chronicle, the senator was engaged in the delightful task of assisting the ladies in their shopping. He entered into the spirit of the business and talked of window curtains and shades, discussing the relative advantages of two single widths or one extra wide shade for the parlor windows.

Speaking to a representative of The Chronicle, he said that he was in Augusta solely for the purpose of doing a little shopping with his family. He did not talk politics at all, and seemed to be more concerned over his condition than anything else. When told that he was looking well, better than was expected of him after the newspaper reports of his weakness and inability to attend to business, he said:

"My appearance misleads everyone. I look well and I tell people I am well, but I find when I try to do the things that I formerly did, and wish to now, that I am weak, and not able to do much."

The senator walked down Broad street, stopping now and then to shake hands with old friends, and saying something that caused a peal of laughter as he left.

Dressed in a blue suit, with a new straw hat and leaning on a heavy black cane, which he carried in his left hand, and tottering now and then as he struck an uneven place in the sidewalk, or when stepping from the curb to cross the street, he looked but a faint semblance of the old war horse in his prime.

He was cheerful and chatty, and ate a good lunch at the Genesta hotel before starting on his shopping tour.

Marriage Near Norway.

At the home of the bride's parents, Mr. and Mrs. G. M. Sandifer, near Norway, on Sunday, the 26th inst., Mr. J. K. Brown of Springfield was married to Miss Neta Sandifer, Pastor J. R. Smith, of Cordova, officiating. Notwithstanding the downpour of rain, quite a large number of relatives and friends witnessed the union of the two in holy wedlock. The many valuable presents received by the contracting parties attest the very high esteem in which they are held by their numerous friends. We wish for Mr. and Mrs. Brown a peaceful voyage over life's ocean and an abundant entrance into the Kingdom above.

Contributes to Corn Club.

The Bank of North has contributed ten dollars in gold to be given to the boy in Elizabeth Township who makes the greatest yield of corn, said boy to be a member of the Boys' Corn Club, and must follow regulation of same. Other contributions have been pledged and will be made public later.

Should Provide Letter Boxes.

The Postoffice Department are urging all residents of towns where mail is delivered by carrier to provide letter boxes which will facilitate and expedite the work of the carriers. It has been shown by actual experience that the benefits derived by patrons of city delivery from the use of such receptacle far outweigh the small expense involved.

A Baby Rules a Mining Camp.

The baby was found by one of the members of the camp, and formally adopted by all. If you want a good laugh read how this mite of humanity ruled its elders in "Drummer Jir's Baby," by P. V. Mighels, at Sims' Book Store. Now fifty cents.

Of Course You Will Attend the Millinery Opening.

So we extend a cordial invitation to drop in at MOSELEY'S on Tuesday and Wednesday---we do not sell hats--but almost anything else. We do sell Embroideries, Laces, Lawns, Foulards, Silks, etc., and will have some very attractive prices to make you on these two days.

A new line of side Band Lawns just received, they are very popular just now. Styles are very pretty.



Dear Friend: I like racky crackers very much. The trouble with many crackers is they wont crack. You can get nice crisp crackers in this town if you know where to go. Then your mama can buy lots of things for the table and save herself the trouble of baking. My mama does. Isn't it cheaper to buy these things than to bake them? Nabiscos, Graham, Saltines, Cameo, after dinner, Fig Newtons, Zu Zu, Oysteretts, Lady Fingers, and Cheese Wafers. Your Friend, JACOB.

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