

VERY QUEER FIND!

AN OPAL TAKEN OUT OF LARGE ALLIGATOR'S JAW.

The Gem Was Imbedded Under the Skin and Was Removed by a Little Boy.

The Charleston Post tells the best alligator story we ever heard. Here it is:

Over on Wadmalaw and John's Island hundreds of people have been looking for big alligators with opals imbedded in their jaws, since L. H. Hay, of Wadmalaw, found a valuable jewel in the lining of the cavernous mouth of a nine-foot gator recently.

It is true that not every alligator carries a mouthful of opals, or other valuable jewels, but a big reptile killed as it was crossing a Wadmalaw Island road and given to Mr. Hay by the negroes who ended its saurian career, had a half-inch opal in the rear of his huge jaws.

How that opal got into the alligator's jaw is a mystery. Magistrate Beckett thinks that it came from a pin or ring setting, and was lodged in Mr. Alligator's throat as he was chewing up human remains.

DOINGS OF SOCIETY.

King's Daughters to Give Pillow Sale.

For the benefit of the Dixie Library a card party will be given Monday afternoon, May 29th, at the home of Mrs. L. S. Wolfe.

On the afternoon of June the sixth the Faithful Workers Circle of the King's Daughters will hold a pillow sale. The event will be at the home of Mrs. Emily Wannamaker.

Mrs. C. Berghous was hostess to a large number of bridge players whom she entertained delightfully Thursday afternoon.

Miss Simsie McMichael complimented her guest Miss McElwaine of Columbia by a eucure party last night.

What the Grand Jury Says.

Among the usual reports made by the Calhoun County grand jury this week was the following in reference to the courthouse and jail:

"We further beg to submit the following resolution which has the unanimous consent of our body:

"Whereas, the Town of St. Matthews has voted twenty thousand dollars in bonds for the purpose of erecting a Court House and Jail thereby fulfilling their pledge to the people of Calhoun County, therefore be it resolved:

"That, We the Grand Jury of Calhoun County, now in session do recommend that the County of Calhoun supplement the amount voted by the town of St. Matthews with thirty thousand dollars to be voted in bonds by the people, and that an election be held at as early a date as practicable, submitting the above proposition to the people of Calhoun County."

Mappily Married.

Mr. R. C. Bolen and Miss Beniah Felder, eldest daughter of Mr. T. D. Fender, of St. Matthews, were happily married at the bride's home on last Sunday.

ELLOREE SCHOOL CLOSES

Ends Eight Months of Good and Successful Work.

The Elloree high school, after eight months of successful work, closed Friday week. Exercises embracing Friday and Monday evening.

The program was an elaborate and interesting one. Friday evening was given to an interesting play entitled "The Matrimonial Exchange," in which each character acquitted herself creditably.

The songs and recitals by the children were especially good. Sunday morning, promptly at 11 o'clock, the commencement sermon was preached by Dr. Harms, president of Newberry college.

Monday evening was given to the graduating class, which consisted of Miss Ruth Shuler, Miss Ola Long, Miss Dessie Hungerpillar and David Owens. The diplomas were delivered by Mr. Wessinger, of Greenwood.

A. J. Thackton, of Orangeburg, Mr. Livingston, superintendent of education of Orangeburg, were both present and made fine talks. The high school of Elloree is one of the best schools in Orangeburg county, having so far been very successful in getting efficient, able teachers to run the school.

The school has been in the past year under the management of E. S. Read, of Georgetown. Mr. Read has been assisted by Miss Pearl Johnson, Miss Eunice Wessinger, Miss Ida Lee Parker, Mrs. J. S. Weeks and Mrs. J. E. Strickland.

The school has had a very successful year under this able faculty.

COPE HAPPENINGS.

Interesting Game of Base Ball Played.—Rain Badly Needed.

Cope, May 17th—Special: The ball nine, of the Carlisle Fitting School of Bamberg, crossed bats with the Cope Team on yesterday afternoon, and ran up a tie score of 12 to 12.

A tenth inning was then played, and the Carlisle boys scored three more and shut out the home team, making the score 15 to 12 in favor of the Carlisle Fitting School. Most of the stores closed up at 4 o'clock so to allow the clerks a chance to see to the game. To those who remained, it seemed as if Sunday had returned.

Frank E. Cope spent Sunday in St. George.

Mrs. Vernon McCall, of Ebenezer, Florence Co., is here on a visit to Mrs. C. E. Cope.

Misses Marie Gee, and Jessie Jeffords who has been here on a two weeks visit to Misses Julia and St. Claire Cope, leave for their home in Timmonsville tomorrow.

The dry spell continues; gardens are literally cooked, and white corn is not suffering, and early cotton doing fine since the warm weather set in, yet the late planted cotton is either not up or dying where there was not moisture enough to it.

The oldest inhabitant's say the river is lower than they have ever seen it, and the fishermen say its too low to catch fish. A few log-perch and mollies are about the only kind being caught.

Judge Had Been Reminded.

The St. Matthews correspondent of The News and Courier says: "The Judge, in open Court Wednesday morning, rapped The News and Courier correspondent pretty vigorously about the imputed insinuations of the reporter against his Honor in charging the grand jury on the Court House and jail proposition. In defense of himself, The News and Courier correspondent (being absent at the time) interviewed Judge Prince at the earliest opportunity. He admitted having a conversation with the hotel proprietor, but that nothing was said about the amount for a Court House and jail. He further admitted that he forgot the Court House and jail matter during his first charge, and was reminded by a gentleman that he had overlooked it, and then made a second charge. He was determined, he said, that the correspondent should not destroy his influence with the grand jury."

Opticians Met in Columbia.

The largest meeting since the organization of the South Carolina Optical association some twenty years ago, was held Wednesday in Columbia at Wright's hotel. The following officers were re-elected for the ensuing year: Jno. T. Wise, Orangeburg, president; W. A. Thompson, Sumter, first vice president; W. E. Avery, Columbia, second vice-president; George F. Mixins, Edgefield, secretary; H. W. Carroll, Bennettsville, treasurer; Gustaf Sylvan, P. H. Lachicotte, Columbia, and R. H. Allen, Charleston, executive committee. The board of regents will be composed of Aaron Odum, Greenville; Z. T. Highsmith, Florence; H. D. Reese, Columbia; R. H. Allen, Charleston; W. A. Byers, Columbia. The membership committee is: A. H. Schade, Greenville; M. R. Campbell, Anderson, and R. F. Peterson, Spartanburg.

Brachville Graded School.

The commencement exercises of the Branchville Graded and High Schools will begin Sunday, May 21st, and will continue through Thursday. The 10th grade will give its program Thursday evening, the exercises beginning at 8:30. There will be no exercises on Monday evening. Sunday morning at 11 o'clock, in the Methodist church, Rev. G. E. Davis of Orangeburg will deliver the annual commencement sermon. Wednesday evening at 8:30 o'clock, in the town hall, Prof. A. G. Rembert of Wofford College will deliver the annual commencement address. Prof. Rembert is widely known and his ability as a speaker and his presence will mean much.

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In some sections fine rains have fallen, but in others rain is badly needed to bring up the crops. Hope it will come in a day or two.

THE FALL OF TROY

REPRODUCTION OF THE TROJAN WAR IN MOTION PICTURES.

Beautiful Women, Dashing Chariots, Artistic Statuary, Massive Palaces, Regal Costumes Are Shown.

The above historical event will be depicted in exquisite photography, tinted and toned beyond compare, at the Theatro on Monday afternoon and evening. We present below a short synopsis of the story which all should read before going to see its reproduction in motion pictures at the popular photo play house, The Theatro, on Monday. Here is the story as you will see it in the motion pictures:

Menelaus, King of Sparta, going to join his soldiers, bids an affectionate good-bye to his wife, Helen, the most beautiful of Greek women. The parting takes place in the gardens of the palace, the imposing structure, with its massive columns and marble stairs, lending a background to a scene of wondrous beauty, with gushing fountains, lovely flowers, strutting peacocks and fluttering birds. Menelaus leaps into his charioteer, and is seen galloping away through picturesque scenery.

In his absence Paris, the son of Priam, King of Troy, comes on a diplomatic mission to see Menelaus, and falling a victim of Helen's dazzling charms, devotes his time to impassioned wooing, in which he is assisted by the goddess Venus. A remarkable vision scene is shown as Venus throws her filmy mantle over the couple, who are wafted through the air in a big shell by the attendants of Venus, the winged nymphs guiding the aerial craft to Troy.

The flight of Helen is reported to Menelaus by a servant at the palace, who lashes the horses drawing his chariot into frightful speed to reach his master. The grief and rage of Menelaus know no bounds, and he hastily marshals his army and receives the pledge of his nobles to fight to the death. An immediate march is ordered to the city of Troy.

Helen is being entertained in the palace of Troy by Paris, who has lavished her with attention and surrounded her by a retinue of beautiful women and singing and dancing girls. A soldier dashes up with news of the attacking forces. The Trojan soldiers advance to meet the Greeks, but are driven back behind the walls of Troy—a thrilling scene in which 2,000 fighting men are seen.

The Greeks battle with indomitable fury. Charge after charge is made on the sturdy walls, in the face of an avalanche of huge missiles thrown into their midst by the Trojans. Finally Menelaus, realizing the futility of attempting to storm the massive mounds of stone, plans a ruse. A giant horse is built of wood, inside of which are concealed a score of Greek soldiers. This is left outside the town, and Menelaus withdraws his army.

As the last of the departing Greeks is lost to view, the Trojans venture forth and gaze curiously upon the strange equine. With exultant shouts they take possession, and drag it to through the gates it is necessary to tear down a portion of the wall. General rejoicing at the lifting of the siege takes place, and the horse is regarded as a trophy of war.

Wearied with the conflict of many days, the town, secure in the departure of its enemies, is wrapped in a slumber. Night has the arms of Morpheus. Night has the arms of Morpheus. Night has the arms of Morpheus. Night has the arms of Morpheus.

Suddenly a trap door in the wooden horse opens, and a Greek drops to the ground. Another and another follow, till all are assembled. Torches are quickly lighted, and the band separates, a blaze of fire following each one as he wields the flaming brand. Simultaneously the Greek army rushes into the city through the dismantled wall.

The eyes of the awakening Trojans open upon a most terrifying spectacle. Surprised and scattered, they are met on all sides by fiery flames and relentless sword. The rout is complete. Though fighting valiantly, they are no match for the Greeks, and many flee ignominiously to save their lives.

The consuming flames burn fiercely, mounting higher and higher, casting a lurid glare upon the awful scene of carnage. In the palace Helen clings tremblingly to Paris, who seeks in vain for means of egress. The royal guards, making a last stand in the reception chamber, are ruthlessly cut down.

The intense heat disintegrates the stone buildings, and they crumble to the earth. Immense columns sway majestically and come crashing down. Grooping and stumbling through the smoke filled corridors Paris supporting Helen, makes his way to the ground floor, and instantly a hundred swords seek his heart. Menelaus utters a sharp command, staying every hand, and himself engages Paris. The duel is spectacular, the short, heavy swords falling in quick succession on each other's shields. At last Paris falls, and with a beseeching cry Helen, the faithless, leaps to her husband's arms. Disdainfully he thrusts her from him, and the picture ends with Helen at the side of her slain lover, while Menelaus gazes upon her contemptuously.

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ARRIVAL AND CLOSURE MAILS

At the Orangeburg Postoffice Since Last Wednesday.

Below we publish the time of arrival and closing of the mails at the Orangeburg postoffice, which went into effect last Monday:

Train No. 15 from Columbia arrives at 9:02 a. m., mails close 4:30 a. m.

Train No. 16 from Charleston arrives at 5:23 a. m., mails close 4:30 a. m.

Train No. 35 from Florence arrives 7:13 a. m., mails close 6:30 a. m.

Train No. 46 from Orangeburg leaves 7:13 a. m., mails close 6:30 a. m.

Train No. 12 from Columbia arrives 10 a. m., mails close 9:30 a. m.

Train No. 13 from Charleston arrives 10:54 a. m., mails close 10:25 a. m.

Star from Raymond and North 1 p. m., close at 12 m.

Train No. 22 from Pagnals arrives 2:20 p. m., returning leaves 4:58 p. m., mails close 4:15 p. m.

Train No. 14 from Columbia arrives 6 p. m., mails close 5:30 p. m.

Train No. 11 from Charleston arrives 8:23 p. m., mails close 7:30 p. m.

Train No. 47 from Florence arrives 10:10 p. m.

On holidays and Sunday all mails close for departure at 6 p. m., though leaving after this hour.

Cut this out, paste it on a card and lay it on your desk for future reference.

CALHOUN'S COUNTY BUILDINGS

How Funds Are to Be Raised to Erect and Pay for Them.

The St. Matthews correspondent of the State says:

"During his charge to the grand jury Wednesday morning, Judge Prince urged upon them the propriety and necessity of building adequate and commendable public buildings for the county, and stated that he was of the opinion that suitable buildings could not be built for the \$20,000 provided by the town of St. Matthews—that the court house should not cost less than \$50,000, and the jail \$15,000—and he suggested that the county issue bonds for the additional amounts necessary.

"It appeared to the judge that it had been intimated that he had been prompted to advocate \$50,000 for a court house, because other judges preceding him had done likewise. Judge Prince stated with vigor that he took counsel of no man when it came to what his idea was as to what a court house should be.

"The grand jury took business-like notice of Judge Prince's recommendations, and adopted a resolution which they presented, resolving that the county supplement the \$20,000 already given with \$30,000 additional and urged that proper steps be taken looking to securing this amount. The report was received with manifest satisfaction by the court and those in attendance."

WOODFORD SCHOOL.

Closing Exercises Held on Last Monday Evening.

The closing exercises of the Woodford School have been completed and a host of people say "hurrah for Woodford." Monday evening there was a beautiful May Pole play, given by the children, pupils of their much loved teacher, Mrs. Grant. Also music was rendered by the girls, showing the remarkable talent of Miss Elizabeth Roberts, who has so faithfully and lovingly taught them.

Tuesday evening the exercises of the school in general, were greatly enjoyed. Wednesday morning, at 10 o'clock, the patrons held a meeting in which everybody was allowed to say something, even the women. Rev. T. L. Belvin addressed the audience most forcibly on Christian Education. Mr. A. Z. Stroman made a fine talk, telling of his conception of a good school building.

Wednesday evening was the best of all, it is thought by many. The question for debate was, "Does mankind derive more benefit from sculpture and music than from oratory and literature. During the exercises of the week three gold medals have been awarded, two to the debaters, one to Miss Leita Smith, and the other to Master Barto Sharpe. Miss Olive Glessdanner received one for having accomplished much in music.

Farmers' Institutes.

The following from Superintendent D. N. Barrow, of Clemson college, will interest our farmers. He says: "While we are going to spend a good deal of time this summer in operating our live stock train, yet we know that there will be a great many sections through which we will not be able to carry the gospel for improved agriculture in this way. We therefore have no idea of neglecting the regular farmers' institutes and it will facilitate my work very materially if sections desiring these institutes will make their application as promptly as possible. I will appreciate it if you will bring this to the attention of your readers.

Excursion Rates Via Southern.

Account Grand Lodge Knights of Pythias the Southern Railway announces greatly reduced rates from all points to Columbia, S. C., and return, tickets to be sold May 22nd and 23rd, and for trains scheduled to arrive at Columbia before noon, May 24th, limited to reach original starting point returning not later than midnight of May 26th, 1911. For tickets, etc., apply to Ticket agents or address J. L. Meek, Asst. Gen. Passenger Agent, Atlanta, Ga., or W. E. McGee, Division Passenger Agent, Charleston, S. C.

LOCAL NEWS ITEMS

PICKED UP ALL OVER TOWN BY OUR REPORTERS.

What Is Happening Here and There.

Local Items of Personal Interest to Our Readers.

We hope those who can will send up their subscriptions for the paper. We need it.

Mrs. Will Smoak and little son of Aiken are visiting the former parents on Ellis Avenue.

The children had the right of way yesterday at the Presbyterian lawn. It was a beautiful sight.

Read the story of the Fall of Troy on this page, and then go and see it in motion pictures at The Theatro.

The opening of the park Thursday evening was a delightful occasion, which was enjoyed by a large crowd.

Mrs. F. A. Schifley got the refrigerator given away by Mr. S. A. Blackmon, dealer in hardware and furniture.

The Helpers Sunday School held their annual picnic yesterday. It is needless to say that all who attended had a nice time.

If we do not get a general rain soon we suggest that the people meet in their churches wherever it is needed and pray for a refreshing one.

The closing exercises of the Trinity School will take place on Friday, May 26, beginning at 8 o'clock P. M. The public is cordially invited to attend.

The little folks' May Queen entertainment at the Presbyterian lawn on yesterday afternoon was one of the nicest things of the kind ever gotten up in this city. It was enjoyed by all.

Mr. Eugene McSweeney, Manager and Editor of the Hampton Guardian, was in the city yesterday and last night. Mr. McSweeney is a son of the late Gov. Miles B. McSweeney, and is worthily filling his father's place on the Guardian.

"Broken Fetters" was postponed on account of one of the characters being sick, but will be given at Jericho School house Wednesday night, May 17th, and at Elloree School Auditorium Thursday night the 18th, beginning at 8.30 o'clock. Admission 15 and 25 cents.

The town of Wagener and school district No. 60 have decided to erect a \$10,000 school building and has levied a special 2 mill tax to maintain the school. This was decided on Tuesday when the district voted the bonds for the school house and the special tax. The vote was 46 in favor and 16 against the bonds and special tax.

St. Matthews has resolved to add one more grade to her school. This will give the school eleven grades, and prepare pupils for the sophomore instead of the Freshman class in the colleges. Such a grade would be a great addition to our graded school, and would be a great saving to those who sent boys and girls off to college.

At ten o'clock Sunday night the completely destroyed the 12-room frame dwelling of D. W. M. Hutto, situated on Main street, near the depot, in Harleyville, and used as a hotel. The origin of the fire is not known but it is thought to have been set by rats, as the flames were first discovered in one of the closets in a second-floor room. When the alarm was given the fire had gained such headway that it was almost impossible to enter the burning building, however a small amount of furniture was saved from the room on the first floor, most of it being badly damaged. Mr. Hutto had recently made considerable improvement on this property, and this makes the loss something, even the women. Rev. T. L. Belvin addressed the audience most forcibly on Christian Education. Mr. A. Z. Stroman made a fine talk, telling of his conception of a good school building.

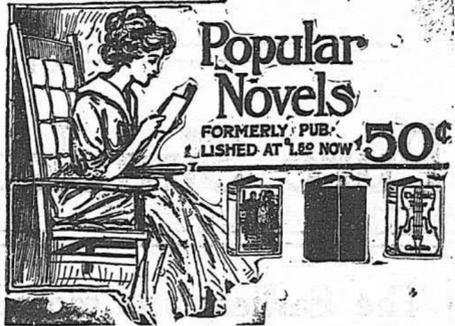
Black Cats Defeat Cardova. The Black Cats defeated the Cardova team in a game of ball at Rowesville on Wednesday afternoon. Rowesville come very near losing the game on errors, making eleven. In the sixth inning, with the score 7 to 2 in favor of Cardova, Rowesville scored six runs on hits by Simmons, Boone, Adams, Rushon and a three-bagger by Wannamaker, which cleared the bases. Score: Rowesville 9, Cardova 5; base hits, Rowesville 11, Cardova 5; errors, Rowesville 11, Cardova 4; batteries for Rowesville, Adams and Williams, for Cardova, Bonnett and Boylston; struck out, by Adams 11, by Bonnett 5.

Climbing Automobile Contest.

The automobile hill climbing contest, which is to be held in this city on the afternoon of Thursday, May 25th, will be participated in by automobiles from this and Calhoun counties, and will be an interesting occasion. The start will be made at the river and the run will be up Russell street to Broughton street, which is uphill all the way. The track will be put in good condition, and during the race will be guarded by police and the Tillman Volunteers. All automobiles want to take part are invited to write Mr. Cecil Culler or Mr. L. Bennett for further information.

The Ranch All Right.

Health Officer F. A. Schifley, who is always ready to answer calls where his services are needed, has inspected thoroughly the branch that runs between Amelia street and EMIS avenue, and reports it in good condition. He is sure that the fever complaint of in that section of the city is not caused by the condition of the branch, but as a precaution he will recommend that one section be cleaned out.



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