

PALMETTO HAPPENINGS

News Notes of General Interest From All Parts of the State.

EX-GOV. M'SWEENEY DEAD.

Rose From Newsboy to Highest Office in His State.

Columbia, Special.—Former Governor Miles B. McSweeney of South Carolina, who had been under treatment at Mount Hope retreat, in Baltimore, Md., since July 18 last, died at that institution at 1:30 o'clock Wednesday morning. For the past week it had been known that the former Governor was critically ill and his wife went to Baltimore to be with him. She was present at the time of his death, as also was his son, Eugene B. McSweeney.

The body was brought to his old home at Hampton, Thursday and interred there.

Former Governor McSweeney was a native of Charleston, S. C., where he was born April 18, 1855. He rose from a newsboy to be Governor of the State, and held many political offices in South Carolina.

He was one of the very few in South Carolina to start out as a strictly poor boy and attain high political position. He was left an orphan in Charleston at the age of 4 years, his father dying there of yellow fever in 1859. At 10 young Miles sold newspapers, attending night school the while. He clerked in a book store a year or so later. He served an apprenticeship as a job printer and later worked on newspapers in Charleston and Columbia. He won the typographical union's scholarship to Washington and Lee university, but had to return from there in a short time on account of his money giving out. He established The Ninety Six Guardian in Abbeville county in 1877, which became the present Hampton Guardian in 1879. He was chairman of his county Democracy from 1884 to 1894, when he was elected a member of the Legislature. He served as Lieutenant Governor from 1896 to 1899, succeeding to the governorship on the death of Gov. W. H. Ellerbe, being elected to a full term to succeed himself. He was for eight years president of the South Carolina Press Association and has always been popular with the newspaper men throughout the State.

Farmers Unite in Union.

Union, Special.—Saturday a large mass meeting attended by representative farmers of Union county was held in the court house here and resulted in the organization of a County Educational and Co-operative union. The object of the meeting was presented in an interesting speech by Mr. W. L. Mahaffey, the State organizer of this union, which has similar organizations in almost all the States in the Union. The following officers were elected: President, D. J. Gregory; vice president, J. B. Tinsley; secretary, J. M. Greer. The meeting of the county union will be held in the court house on each Monday, Tuesday, at 12 o'clock noon.

Burnett Released on Bond.

Aiken, Special.—Mason Burnett was released Tuesday night on \$600 bond from the county jail, C. K. Henderson and Dr. J. H. Burnett, father of young Burnett, going on his bond. Burnett is charged with the alleged shortage in the bank of Graniteville Burnett having formerly been bookkeeper. It is rumored here that the shortage in the bank is much less than was at first estimated. An auditing company has been employed to check the accounts.

Four White Men Jailed.

Greenwood, Special.—Four white men, Henry R. Williamson, Sloan Williamson, Ashby King and Sam W. Cooper, were arrested and lodged in jail here Tuesday on the charge of having caused the death of Gus Gilcrease, an old negro, by whipping. The crime is alleged to have occurred near Dysons, this county, on Friday. The men arrested deny the charge.

Negro Killed in Greenwood.

Greenwood, Special.—Ed. Turner, a negro, died here Tuesday as a result of a pistol shot wound received from J. T. McDowell, a young white man. The shooting took place Saturday evening in the store of Ranton Bros. here. The verdict of the coroner's jury was that "he came to his death on September 27, 1909, from the effects of a gunshot wound inflicted on his body by J. T. McDowell on the evening of September 25 in the State and county aforesaid."

Fire Near Alcolu.

Alcolu, Special.—Mr. James M. Montgomery lost his residence with almost all of its contents by fire Tuesday afternoon. It seems that the fire started from the stove flue of the cook room, and being fanned by a strong wind, rapidly spread to the body of the building and before assistance could reach the scene it was nothing but a mass of flames. The barn and other outbuildings caught several times, but were saved.

DIFFERENCE EXPLAINED

Confusions as to State School Funds Cleared Away.

Columbia, Special.—There seems to be some misunderstanding as to the funds appropriated by the Legislature for the aid to weak schools and the money given to the high schools. The legislature last year appropriated \$60,000 for the high schools of the State and \$20,000 for aid to the weak schools of the State. The funds are not connected in any way.

Since the first of the year 256 schools in 31 counties have been aided. Dozens of applications could not be honored because the last check was sent early in September.

Horry county alone received \$47,159.7. This was distributed among 58 schools in amounts of \$100 or less. In several instances the districts have voted a special school tax in order that they may benefit by this appropriation. One school in Horry county enrolled 75 pupils, was apportioned \$85 from the regular school fund, and paid the teacher a monthly salary of \$40. The patrons subscribed \$16, and received \$32 from the State, thereby lengthening the term one month.

Bethel in Pickens county enrolled 18 pupils, was apportioned from the regular fund \$42.50, and paid the teacher a salary of \$28 per month. Patrons subscribed \$7 and received \$14.

Red Hill in Edgefield county enrolled 60 pupils, was apportioned \$340, and paid the salary of \$85 to two teachers. The patrons raised \$50 and secured \$100 from the State.

Similar illustrations might be given from Marlboro, the richest agricultural county in the State, from Spartanburg, a cotton manufacturing centre, from Anderson, the leading county in South Carolina in the production of cotton, as well as from the less prosperous sections. The Association of County Superintendents at its meeting in Spartanburg strongly endorsed this appropriation to weak schools. The experiment of 1909 will probably become a fixed policy in the next few years. At least \$50,000 is needed to supply the demand made during the present, and an appropriation of \$100,000 would not be too large. In the opinion of State Superintendent of Education Swearingen, a local tax should be made the basis for a distributing fund. Subscriptions are unsatisfactory, because they must be solicited every year.

The High School Law.

The high school law was amended by the general assembly last February by adding an amendment requiring every high school district to levy for school purposes at least a 2 mill tax. This requirement will probably be extended to elementary common schools, for weak schools and high schools are both included in the public school system and differ only in the grade of work. The demand for this appropriation to the common school has been made repeatedly, and the small beginning authorized by the Garris act has received general endorsement throughout the State.

The State board of education at its meeting September 7, passed on high school applications for the coming session. Thirty-eight counties will share in the high school appropriation next year and several applications could not be granted because of the 5 per cent limit imposed on each county by the high school act. More than 75 rural high schools will be in operation this year. It is stated that farmers are beginning to realize that it is better to build up their local schools than to move to town in search of educational advantages. The \$20,000 appropriated by the Garris act for weak schools should not be confounded with the \$60,000 appropriated for the high schools.

Mulligan Pleads Guilty.

Spartanburg, Special.—"Bud" Mulligan, a former police officer, pleaded guilty to the charge of house-breaking and larceny in the court of general sessions Saturday and was sentenced to a year in the penitentiary or on the public works of the county. Mulligan was caught robbing a cash drawer in a book store here some weeks ago. At the time the case was the sensation of the hour.

Possum Hunter Badly Hurt.

Waterloo, Special.—Mr. James M. Mundy, a prominent farmer living two miles from Waterloo, was the victim Friday night of a very peculiar and almost fatal accident. Mr. Mundy was possum hunting and while one of the hunters was cutting a tree, Mr. Mundy was on the ground nearby holding a dog. The axe left the handle, striking Mr. Mundy in the neck, the blades penetrating deeply, inflicting an ugly wound. The large vessels in the neck were not severed. Mr. Mundy was prostrated by the loss of blood and by shock. His condition is still serious, but it is thought that he will recover.

Mistrial in Black Case.

Columbia, Special.—Judge R. W. Meminger Friday dismissed the jury in the case of John Black, accused of accepting bribes while a member of the old State dispensary board of directors, and ordered a new trial. The ground for this action was that the jurors had seen a copy of a local paper, which contained an account of the first day of the trial, and a number of extracts from other papers condemning action of Farnum jury.

EVIDENCE AGAINST LITTLE

Damaging Testimony of His Wife Will Convict Him of His Wife's Murder.

Bluefield, W. Va., Special.—The guilt of Howard Little, who was arrested about a week ago charged with the murder of "Auntie Betsy" Justice, George A. Meadows and wife and their three children, seems now to be established beyond a reasonable doubt. Little's wife confessed Saturday to having washed his bloody clothing after the murder and in her affidavit she says also that he left their home about dark on the night of the murder and returned the next morning with his clothes all bloody and torn and said that he would kill her if she told anything about his condition. He borrowed a 32-caliber revolver a few days before the crime was committed and returned it on the following Wednesday with two chambers empty. The body of George Meadows was exhumed and two bullets taken from it by Doctors Richardson and White, were almost identical in weight with the balls taken from shells belonging to the weapon Little had borrowed.

Little's wife also turned over the lantern that he had brought home with him that night when showed file marks as if some one had tried to remove stains. He was seen in the barn next morning folding papers across his knee apparently counting money and he gave \$20 to a woman with whom he had planned to start for the west a few days after the murder was committed with which to buy clothing and prepare for the train. Having done this she returned \$1.80 to Little at which time she swears he threatened her life if she revealed any part of their secret. Requisition papers have been applied for and as soon as they can be secured Little will be taken to Lebanon to await his trial. Threats of lynching are freely made.

Fatal Mine Explosion.

Roslyn, Wash., Special.—At least eight men were killed and three perhaps fatally injured in a gas explosion in coal mine No. 4 of the Northwestern Improvement Company here Sunday. When the explosion occurred a column of fire was thrown hundreds of feet into the air, lighting the shaft plant and adjoining buildings. Under the intense heat the shaft crumbled and fell. Cinders were blown in all directions, several buildings in parts of the mining town taking fire. The citizens were unable to extinguish the fires and the Roslyn fire department was called out. The mine in the neighborhood of the shaft was burning fiercely Saturday night, flames shooting up from the shaft nearly 100 feet into the air. The electric pumps which supply the town of Roslyn with water were cut off and the water in the city was very nearly exhausted. It was reported that the shaft was caving in and other explosions might occur at any moment.

Nephews in Fatal Duel.

Moultrie, Ga., Special.—At the old homestead of the late Nathan Flowers in the lower part of the county, Bert Williams is dead, Wright Flowers is dying and it is believed William Flowers is fatally hurt as the result of a terrific six-handed battle with rifles and pistols, news of which reached here Sunday. Sheriff Boyd and a big posse of deputies is on the track of John Hart and his two sons who are charged with the shooting and who are at large, fully armed. The trouble occurred over a dispute about the division of the estate of Nathan Flowers. He died, leaving no children and since his death John Hart, who married a niece, has been living on the home place with Mrs. Flowers. The Flowers boys are nephews while Williams married a niece. Since Nathan Flowers' death there has been a wrangle over the estate, it is alleged, and trouble has been feared.

Professor Harris Guilty.

Warrenton, Va., Special.—Following closely the verdict Saturday of the jury sentencing Prof. J. D. Harris to four years in the penitentiary for voluntary manslaughter in connection with the killing of W. A. Thompson, associate editor of The Warrenton Virginian on April 24 last, the court denied the motion of the defense for a new trial.

Second Week of Celebration.

New York, Special.—The Hudson-Fulton celebration, after a week of pomp and pageantry in New York, has moved up the Hudson and for another week the cities lying to the north will vie with each other in doing honor to the memory of Hudson and Fulton. The Half Moon and the Clermont with the naval escort, now at anchor at Poughkeepsie, will continue their voyage northward, stopping at Kingston, Catskill, Hudson, Albany and Troy, where elaborate local celebrations have been planned.

Wright Breaks Record.

Potsdam, By Cable.—Orville Wright the American aviator, Saturday broke his own and all other records for high flying. He reached the unprecedented height of more than 1,600 feet, although an official measurement was not taken. He had a red letter day in a double sense in his experience as an aviator, taking up Crown Prince Frederick William as a passenger and more than doubling the altitude record which he made recently.

SNAPPY AND BRIEF

Items Gathered and Told While You Hold Your Breath.

SOME EVERY DAY HAPPENINGS

Lively and Crisp as They Are Garnered From the Fields of Action at Home and Abroad.

At Jersey City, N. J., black hand stories had gotten the children in a parochial school in nervous condition. Some fire works were put off Monday near the building in celebration of some event whereupon 1,000 children stamped for the doors and fourteen were seriously hurt.

Rain seriously interfered with the Hudson-Fulton celebration Monday at New York.

The Federal government will aid the storm stricken people on the Gulf coasts with the loan of tents, and with provisions and means of sanitation where decomposed animals threaten the health of the survivors.

Minnesota's late Governor, John A. Johnson, left his entire estate of \$25,000 to his widow.

President Taft seems to have accomplished the feat of so adjusting matters in the department that Mr. Ballinger and Mr. Pinchot will both remain in the service though still unfriendly. He emphasizes his adherence to the Roosevelt policy on the conservation of resources.

A disturbance occurred last Saturday morning that interfered with all telegraph lines over the world. The phenomenon is said to be due to the same cause as that of the aurora.

Mr. and Mrs. Abraham Gold, of Baltimore, celebrated their 65th year of wedded life last Saturday.

President Taft, on last Monday at Helena, Montana, went 1,200 feet down a copper mine therein beating all previous presidential records in America.

A Norwegian ship was founded near the Winter Quarter lightship out from New York Sunday and 12 out of a crew of 18 were drowned.

Canada will place no duty on wood pulp shipped to the United States but will charge for pulp wood shipped out. Her principal is, "All timber to be manufactured in Canada."

Judge Campbell, in the Federal court at McAlister, Monday issued a temporary order restraining the State officials from interfering with the piping of gas out of Oklahoma.

An explosion occurred Monday in Pittsburg, Pa., in the Columbian film exchange by which fifty or more persons were more or less seriously injured and a loss of \$200,000 was suffered.

G. W. Goethals, chairman of the Isthmian Canal Commission, says the work on the canal is progressing satisfactorily.

A lad of seven years is to be tried for murder at Spartanburg, S. C.

Five white men and ten Negroes expiated crimes of larceny at Wilmington, Delaware, last Saturday at the whipping post. The fifteen men received the aggregate of 190 strokes of the lash.

Judge W. A. Poe and Banker Robert H. Brown, at Macon, Ga., Wednesday, were discussing the comparative merits of Cook and Peary as to polar honors, till they engaged in a fight.

At Montgomery, Ala., a fire practically destroyed 500 bales of cotton Wednesday.

Wilbur Wright flew around the Statue of Liberty on Bedloe Island, Wednesday, as a part of the program for the day in the Hudson-Fulton celebration.

Ex-Governor McSweeney, of South Carolina, died Wednesday at Mount Hope Retreat Hospital, Baltimore.

The estimate of Gov. Johnson's estate grows. At last reckoning it was \$37,000.

A boiler at a saw mill near Caneyville, Ky., exploded Tuesday killing two and seriously injuring three.

There were flurries in the wheat and oats pits in Chicago Thursday by which wheat ran up \$1.06 to \$1.20 and oats from 41-2 to 50 cents.

Commander Peary stood on the Roosevelt with Mrs. Peary by his side Friday in the Hudson-Fulton parade and was showered with honors.

Spain is rejoicing over recent victories over the Moors in Africa and the hope of an early termination of the war. In an ambush by the enemy Friday Gen. Victoria and three officers and 14 men were killed.

The trial at Warrenton, Va., began Wednesday in which Prof. J. D. Harris is charged with murdering Editor W. A. Thompson. The testimony of Harris in his own behalf indicates strongly a case of self defense.

In the election Thursday at Roanoke, Va., the "wets" won by 69 votes. At the election last December the "drys" won by 86 but the "wets" sustained their contention before the court and the second election was ordered.

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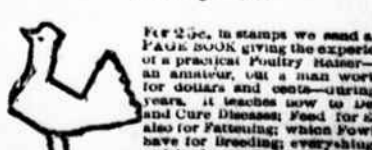
Scott spent a part of one summer in the country, and hence was an authority on agricultural matters. "In milking a cow," he wrote his friends, "always sit on the side furthest from the critter, and nearest the soft spot in the pasture."

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Wine washes off the daub.—French.



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