

PALMETTO HAPPENINGS

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

Kirkland's Ashes Disinterred.
Camden, Special.—Wednesday a delegation of the John D. Kennedy Chapter, Daughters of the Confederacy, accompanied by Undertaker McCreight and Messrs. W. F. Russell and W. D. McDowell, as an escort of honor, went to the grave of Richard Kirkland, in the northern section of this county, and disinterred his ashes and brought them to the cemetery in Camden, where they were reinterred. The Daughters obtained permission from the family of this hero to remove his ashes, and now they rest immediately in front of the memorial stand in the Quaker Cemetery, where it is the purpose of the Daughters to erect monument to his memory, thus more suitably perpetuating the heroism of this gallant soldier, who risked his life for his foes in giving them water to quench their thirst when they lay bleeding and dying on the field of battle.

Funds For Columbia College.
Columbia, Special.—The people of South Carolina, members of all denominations, are responding promptly to the call for subscriptions to aid in rebuilding the Columbia college, recently destroyed by fire. The citizens of Columbia, having a peculiar interest in the institution, are making special effort to raise a large fund which will be added to that contributed from other towns. A partial list of the Columbia contributions will be published in a few days. Mr. P. A. Hodge, financial agent of the college, has prepared a statement showing that recently there has been contributed from other towns \$6,725. In this list is a contribution of \$1,000 from Henry P. Williams of Charleston and several amounting to \$500 each.

It is expected when a thorough canvass is made of Columbia that there will be numerous gifts as large if not larger than the above amounts.

Hail Damages Cotton.
Aiken, Special.—Reports are coming to the city of severe damage last week by hail in many sections of the county. One night last week a heavy rain and windstorm visited some sections and for a few minutes hail fell as thick as the rain, in stones said to have been as large as bird eggs, beating bales of cotton out of the burs. One farmer estimates that he had not less than ten bales of the staple beat out. This cotton will, of course, be picked up, but it is very badly damaged. Another farmer says that he lost about two bales.

There is perhaps more cotton open in the fields of Aiken county at this time than ever at one time before. Thousands of bales remain in the fields. Labor is not so very scarce, but the cotton is plentiful. It is being harvested fast, and the ginneries are doing a "land office business."

Action is Indorsed.
Greenville, Special.—Resolutions were adopted here Monday by the executive committee of the South Carolina Cotton Manufacturers' Association indorsing the action taken at Charlotte last week by the National Association of Cotton Manufacturers, pledging curtailment in production. Committees were named to communicate with all mills in the State in regard to carrying out the curtailment agreement. Resolutions objecting to the extra amount of bagging placed on bales over the limited tare of twenty pounds were adopted. The organization of a Southern mill mutual insurance company was discussed and cotton buyers were urged in a resolution to discontinue buying cotton at gins.

Kills His Son-in-Law.
Darlington, Special.—Van Clanton shot and killed his son-in-law, John Wilson, near Clyde, in this county, early Tuesday morning. The origin of the trouble appears to be a family quarrel in which Clanton charged Wilson with arraying his family against him.

Fire in Sumter.
Sumter, Special.—The fire department had a smart early morning fire on their hands between 4 and 5 o'clock Wednesday morning. A two-story frame dwelling situated on Manning avenue, about half a block south of the railroad tracks, burned and as this is a thickly settled neighborhood, all old frame houses, and the wind was blowing the sparks at a very lively rate, it took good work to hold the fire to the building where it originated. This building was destroyed. It belonged to Wisdom Gass, and was occupied by colored people.

The Masons of Greenville to Erect a \$100,000 Temple.
Greenville, Special.—A contract has been let for a \$100,000 steel frame Masonic Temple and office building to be erected here. Messrs. A. B. Carpenter and J. E. Serrine, compose the building committee. Mr. O. L. Cauble has the contract to do the foundation work and that for the superstructure has been let to Messrs. Huger & Co., of Nashville, Tenn.

COLUMBIA STATE FAIR

Prospects Good For Handsome Exhibit and Most Winning Attractions—The President to be There.
Columbia, Special.—President John G. Mobley is very enthusiastic over the prospects of the State Fair here and states that in his opinion it will be one of the most successful ever held. He is leaving nothing undone for its success. Reports received from all sections of the State indicate that the people are interested and that the largest crowd that has ever been together in Columbia will be in attendance upon the great annual event from November 1 to 6.

Capt. Mobley says: "The special attractions for every day of the Fair will be more varied than they have ever been in the past. The ground has been laid off for the encampment of the militia, and many of the crack companies of the State will enter the prize drill, making Friday a day of great interest. The show on Main street will be as they have been in the past, and will be ample to afford entertainment for all of the visitors. The bureau of information, under the management of Prof. D. T. Kinard, will be located near the street car transfer office on Main street, and Prof. Kinard has made systematic arrangements for affording the visitors all the information that they may desire as to where they may be able to obtain board and lodging during their stay at the Fair. The shuttle train will run as usual from the union station to the Fair grounds and back every fifteen minutes, and the Coast Line Railroad will stop their trains at the Fair ground depot and permit visitors to the Fair who desire to get off there to do so. This depot for accommodation of visitors to the Fair was erected by the Fair Association last year and proved a great convenience to the people. All of the side shows and special privilege attractions that follow the circuit of fairs are booked for Columbia, and the finest horses that have followed the circuit are entered for the races.

"It has been seven years since the Clemson Tigers met the Gamecocks of the University on the gridiron, and this event on Thursday is attracting widespread interest and will no doubt be witnessed by several thousand people.

"The stand will be erected on Thursday afternoon and night for the reception of President Taft at the Fair grounds, so that it can be handsomely decorated on Friday and be ready for the inspection of the decorating committee on Friday afternoon."

The Mecklenburg Fair at Charlotte.
Charlotte, Special.—Viewed in the light of comparison with similar events of recent years, the approaching Mecklenburg fair promises to outstrip any of its predecessors in its uniform character.

Among the more fastidious of the side attractions which have been erected, Sadie Knowlton, winner of a world's championship swimming and high diving event, justly deserves rank.

Kemp's Wild West Show and Indian band is another troupe that has been contracted with. It contains 60 people and 50 horses and the band is made up of 16 pieces.

Doylan and Vendome are the enlistments of two of the most prominent midway attractions.

The Joseph G. Ferrari animal show and the international theatre which contain features of interest are also booked and in another enclosure realistic scenes of the Monitor and Merrimac will be exhibited.

The midway will be crowded with attractions of the usual sort, but of a good class and individual merit.

Mr. Creswell also states that there will be a balloon race each day by the Hurgeth brothers.

Between the races B. H. Demarest's New York equestrienne combination will give fancy performances in front of the grandstand.

Already two-thirds of the space on the spacious grounds has been contracted for. The midway will be larger and more uniform than ever before as will also every other single department of the fair.

The dates of the fair are October 26, 27, 28 and 29.

TUBERCULOSIS EXHIBIT

State Board of Health Will Endeavor to Secure the National Traveling Exhibit.
Columbia, S. C., Special.—So much interest was shown in the tuberculosis exhibition at the State fair last year that the State Board of Health has planned to continue it this year. Secretary C. F. Williams has been instructed by the Board to correspond with the National Association about securing the travelling exhibit which is soon to be brought into the State, preceding the tour through North Carolina which is booked to begin early in January. The director of the exhibition was in conference at Charleston last week with the Chairman Robert Wilson of the State Health Board, and Wednesday other conferences were held at Columbia with Secretary Williams and the loyal members of the State board. The health board is very anxious to reach the crowds which attend the State Fair with an educational health show.

Horse Crushes Little Girl.
Georgetown, Special.—The four-year-old little daughter of Telegraph Operator H. L. Orvin, Harriet, was run over and badly injured by a runaway horse on Saturday about 1 o'clock, and Rebecca, her sister, slightly bruised about the body by being thrown down. It was about the time of the circus parade, and the streets were full of people when the horse became frightened and rushed madly down a sidewalk in West Georgetown. The Orvin children were coming around the corner and the horse ran directly into them, knocking little Harriet beneath its hoofs and throwing the other child to one side. One of its feet landed upon the face of the unfortunate child, laying bare the cheek to the bone. At no time has the child lost consciousness, but the suffering has been intense. The terrible wound has been skillfully treated by Dr. Sawyer, and the little girl is resting easily.

Fire in Camden Mill.
Camden, Special.—About 4 o'clock Thursday morning fire was discovered at the Southern Cotton Seed Oil Mill, and before the flames were gotten under control considerable damage was done. The fire was discovered under the cotton seed and meal house, and this part of the plant with a good many tons of meal and hulls and empty sacks were destroyed. The loss is estimated at about twenty thousand dollars, which is covered by insurance. The oil mill proper and the ginery were not hurt. The firemen did some fine work, and would have done even better had they had sufficient water pressure.

Charged With Robbing Dispensary.
Holly Hill, Special.—Some weeks ago a most daring robbery was committed in Holly Hill when the dispensary was broken into and nearly \$700 worth of liquor was carried away. Since that time a quiet but persistent investigation has been carried on resulting in the arrest last week of two white men, John H. Martin, dispenser, and S. H. Boykin, and three negroes, James Jamison, Fred Edwards and Cowell Sweet. Martin and Boykin are out on bond, while the negroes have been taken to the county jail at Monck's Corner.

Scarlet Fever at Columbia.
Columbia, Special.—In view of the fact that there is some scarlet fever in the city and in other parts of the State, the local board of health Thursday issued a formal statement, setting out the best means of preventing the spread. The statement gives information as to the nature of scarlet fever and scarlatina, and the method of treating and quarantining the disease is explained. There is nothing startling about the situation here, the board of health desiring only to be on the safe side.

Diphtheria at Spartanburg.
Spartanburg, Special.—Diphtheria has appeared in Spartanburg though not to an alarming extent. The board of health has the disease well in hand and all infected houses are under quarantine. Several parents have become unnecessarily alarmed and have taken their children from school, though there has been no occasion for such action. The cases are exceedingly mild.

May Acquitted of Murder.
Edgefield, Special.—Mr. Yancy May, a prominent citizen of Johnston, was Thursday acquitted of the charge of murder. The defendant killed his brother-in-law, Mr. Charles B. Tidwell, at Johnston, on the 25th of August last. There was much testimony to the effect that the deceased had maltreated his wife, and the protection of her by May brought about the tragedy that resulted in the death of Tidwell. The special plea was self-defence.

Gaffney's Horse Show.
Gaffney, Special.—Great preparations are being made by the farmers all over the country for the horse show which will take place in Gaffney on the first Saturday in next month. The prizes which are offered by the National Bank are valuable enough to tempt every farmer in the country who has an available entry to take advantage of the opportunity.

PRESIDENTS MEET

President Taft Receives President Diaz and in Turn President Diaz Has President Taft as a Guest.
The long expected meeting between President Taft and President Diaz of the Republic of Mexico, occurred at El Paso, outwardly it was attended with a display of soldiery, a flare of trumpets, a boom of cannon, and a pomp of ceremony suggestive of supreme authority, but in the actual handclasp of the two Executives and in the exchange of courteous words there was simple but cordial informality.

President Diaz was the first to speak. He assured President Taft of his warm personal regard and his high esteem of the man who had accomplished so much in the Philippines, in China and elsewhere, and who had now the honor to be the Chief Executive of so great a nation as the United States. President Taft, in simple American fashion, declared he was glad to meet President Diaz. He was glad to know the President of such a great nation; especially glad to know the present President who had made the nation great.

Both Presidents dwelt upon the cordiality of the relations existing between the United States and Mexico. President Taft declared that this meeting was not necessary to make stronger the bonds of friendship; it merely typified the strength of the bonds as they already exist.

There were less than a score of persons permitted to witness the meeting of the two Executives. Even these were excluded later when President Taft and President Diaz withdrew into an inner room of the chamber of commerce building where the historic meeting occurred and was only attended by Governor Creel of the State of Chihuahua, former ambassador to the United States, who acted as interpreter.

The scene of the day's ceremonies shifted from time to time from this thriving little American city across the Rio Grande river to the typical settlement of Ciudad Juarez.

In the customs house at Juarez, President Diaz received a return call from President Taft and in the evening entertained the American President and a large dinner party at a State banquet which in all its surroundings of lavish decorations and wealth of silver plate handed down from the time of the Emperor Maximilian, probably was the most notable feast ever served on the American continent.

President Diaz, on his visit to President Taft, was attired in full dress uniform. Secretary of War Dickinson rode beside him, and an aide-de-camp occupied the forward seat in the carriage.

With President Taft when he greeted Diaz were Secretary Dickinson, Postmaster General Hitchcock, Capt. Archibald W. Butt, Gen. Albert Meyer, U. S. A., Assistant Secretary W. W. Mischler and C. S. Wagner of the White House staff.

President Diaz was accompanied by members of his Cabinet and military staff. The private interview between the Presidents lasted for 15 minutes. It is officially stated that it consisted of but an elaboration of their public utterances and that no matters of diplomacy were touched upon.

Less than an hour after President Diaz had withdrawn, President Taft was on his way to Juarez to repay the call. He was received by President Diaz with the same honors and distinction as had marked the visit of the Mexican Executive to this country.

President Taft and President Diaz sat side by side at the banquet in the evening. Their speeches were given as toasts from one to the other. President Diaz was the first to rise.

The Mexican Executive concluded by proposing a toast. "I toast for the hope," said he, "that the country of immortal Washington may always enjoy all the happiness and prosperity which justly correspond to the intelligent activity and high civil qualities which characterize the many and cultured American people, and for the everlasting glory of its heroic founders. I also toast for the personal happiness of its illustrious President, who has come to honor us with his friendship, the manifestation of which will contribute to cultivate the common interests which bind the two neighboring countries whose respective elements of life and progress are reciprocally completed and magnified by association."

In concluding his response, President Taft said: "The aims and ideals of our two nations are identical, their sympathy mutual and lasting, and the world can be assured of a vast neutral zone of peace in which the controlling aspiration of either nation is individual and human happiness."

"I drink to my friend, the President of this great republic, to his continued long life and happiness and to the never ending bond of mutual sympathy between Mexico and the United States."

President Taft left El Paso at 8 p. m. Saturday night to continue his journey through the South. President Diaz late Saturday night is speeding back to the City of Mexico.

BLACK HAND AT CANTON

Mr. W. T. Sharp Receives Demand For \$1,000 to Be Placed at the Corner of Locust Field Church, Accompanied by the Usual Threats—A Trap is Set For the Hold-Up Man, But He Refuses to Put His Foot Into It.

Asheville, N. C., Special.—A daring attempt to blackmail W. T. Sharp of Canton, one of the wealthiest men of the town and a very prominent merchant, came to light Saturday night, and along with it an attempt to blackmail certain other citizens of the town and officials of the Champion Fiber Company, and although a trap was well laid to catch the perpetrators no one came to claim the money. Mailed at the Canton postoffice September 27, W. T. Sharp received a letter reading as follows:

"On October 15 before 11 p. m. you place under S. E. corner of Locust Field church \$1,000 in large bills. Failure to do so means certain death to yourself and perhaps to your family. Dynamite is cheap. Spies mean same thing.

(Signed) "BLACK HAND."
When received it Mr. Sharp at once became frightened and laid the matter before certain of his friends and after a consultation it was agreed to place the letter in the hands of postoffice inspectors. It was arranged that Mr. Sharp should deposit the money there, and a number of officers would watch the spot to see if any one appeared. No one appeared.

After Dr. Cook's Scalp.

New York, Special.—Four more affidavits were made public here Saturday in connection with the investigation of Dr. Frederick A. Cook's expedition to Mount McKinley. Three of them are by members of the Cook party—Fred Printz, a guide; Walter P. Miller, photographer and Samuel Beecher. Their testimony relates in detail the movements of the party explaining that Cook and Barrill were alone together the period in which Dr. Cook claims to have reached the summit of Mount McKinley. All three say that Barrill assured them after that Dr. Cook's story was false.

The fourth affidavit is that of Dr. John E. Shore, a physician of Leavenworth, Washington, who tells of a conversation with Oscar F. Blankenship of the United States forestry service in which Blankenship said that Dr. Cook's claims to have climbed Mount McKinley were false inasmuch as the feat was impossible in the short time which Cook and Barrill were absent. Blankenship was located near Mount McKinley at the time Cook's expedition was there.

A New York dispatch of the 16th says: "Having failed in his effort to get Professor Herchel C. Parker and Anthony Fiala to conduct an expedition to ascend Mount McKinley, Dr. Frederick A. Cook announced here that he would abandon his lecture tour as soon as possible and himself head an expedition to ascend Mount McKinley and recover if possible the records which he says he left there in 1906."

Former U. S. Minister Found Dying.

London, By Cable.—William I. Buchanan of Buffalo, N. Y., former American minister to the Argentine Republic and Panama, who had been closely identified with several important American diplomatic missions, met a tragic death Saturday night on a London street. He was discovered lying on a sidewalk in Park Lane, near the American embassy, in a dying condition, a few minutes before 12 o'clock and was carried to St. George's hospital, a short distance away. Life was extinct when the ambulance reached the hospital. The cause of death is not known positively, but physicians who examined the body state that it resulted apparently from heart disease or apoplexy and that there was no indication of foul play which was suggested.

Western Express Wrecked.

Poughkeepsie, N. Y., Special.—One passenger was killed and 15 others were injured when the rear section of train No. 28, the Western Express on the New York Central Railroad, was wrecked at Rhineback early Sunday. President Brown of the New York Central was on board the train, but was not injured. President Brown himself directed the removal of the injured passengers.

Greatest Balloon Flight Yet.

Charleston, S. C., Special.—Breaking all speed records for long distance flights, the balloon St. Louis No. 3 landed near Ridgeville, 31 miles west of Charleston, at 9 o'clock Saturday morning, after having left St. Louis, Mo., Friday at 5:30 o'clock. The balloon carried A. B. Lambert and S. Louis Von Paul, who arrived here Saturday night, after a thrilling cross-country flight. They had exhausted their ballast and, seeing in the distance the waters of the Atlantic, which they were fast approaching, they were forced to descend.

Death List Grows.

Memphis, Tenn., Special.—The total death list of the destructive windstorm of Thursday was increased to 46 Saturday by the detailed reports, eleven more being drowned. The storm swept Tennessee, Alabama and Georgia with a fury seldom, if ever, equaled in this section of the country. If rumors of death at various outlying points are to be believed, 68 people were killed by the storm. These reports have not been confirmed.

PEARY'S CHARGES

Peary Arctic Club Gives Out Statement.

ESKIMOS TRACE LINE ON MAP

Did Not Need Much Supplies—Stayed Within Game Region—Cook Smiles Undisturbed—Expected as Much.

The Peary Arctic Club has again published a statement accompanied with a map indicating the route traveled by Dr. Cook and the principal events of the explorations as Peary and his party got them from the Eskimos, especially the two young men Itookashoo and Ahpelah. He says that he questioned them separately and their statements and tracings on the map shown them harmonized. Most of the testimony, however, Commander Peary says was taken not in his presence, in order that the idea of his overawing them might not be claimed. He says the Eskimo laughed at Dr. Cook's story.

The story as published says Cook and his party did not cross the open water encountered but turned west and southwest for some distance and then retraced their way not going beyond the game regions.

The story credits the Eskimo with the ability to trace the entire route on a rude map and even with the skill to draw a map which produced some difference between the two but which was harmonized. It does not seem from the story, however that the young Eskimo had the instruments and the records that would be necessary to make an intelligible map.

The statement as to the testimony of the Eskimos is signed by Commander Peary, Capt. Bartlett, of the Roosevelt, D. B. McMillan, George Borup and Matthew A. Henson.

Dr. Cook Not Disturbed.

Dr. Cook at Cleveland, Ohio, Tuesday evening was shown the statement. He said:

"I have replied to the points raised a dozen times," he continued. "The map published by Commander Peary in itself indicates that the Eskimos have respected their promise made to me that they would not give any information to Peary or his men."

"The Eskimos were instructed not to tell Mr. Peary or any of his party of our trip over the Polar sea. They were told to say that we had been far north. They have kept their word."

"Mr. Whitney has said that during the cross-examination conducted by Commander Peary and others of his expedition the Eskimos did not understand the questions put to them or the map which was laid before them. Their replies to the questions put have been twisted to suit a perverted interest."

"I will not enter into any argument about the matter, but I will bring the Eskimos to New York at my own expense, and they will prove as did Mr. Whitney, all that I have claimed."

Dr. Cook would not consent to go over the details contained in Mr. Peary's statement any further than this:

"The Eskimos," he said, "are only too willing to say something that they think will please their questioners."

The explorer was not at all perturbed by the accusations. A confident smile flickered over his bronzed face when they were shown to him. "I fully expected to see something of the kind," he said. "The document looks formidable over so many signatures, and will probably appear so to the public. There is, however, nothing in it, as it is based upon the distorted and evasive replies of persons who were told not to give any details."

The doctor continued: "Rasmussen, who will be here shortly, has seen the Eskimos and knows the real story. They did not try to deceive him. He was with them for fourteen days. They know him and told him everything. He speaks the Eskimo language for he is a semi-Eskimo himself and the people have the most complete confidence in him."

He concluded: "That is all I have to say now."

He then proceeded to the lecture hall in the utmost good humor and confidence to deliver his lecture.

Wreck of Southern's Train.

Greenville, S. C., Special.—Passenger train No. 42 was wrecked Wednesday morning about 8 o'clock a mile and a half south of Easley. Two passengers and a flagman were slightly injured and the road was blocked until about 12 o'clock. The cars were derailed, and somewhat damaged, but none of them turned over. The accident is supposed to have been caused by a broken rail.