

COUNTY NEWS AND HAPPENINGS

NEWS LETTERS BY REGULAR CORRESPONDENTS.

News Items of Interest to Herald Readers. Ebb and Flow of the Human Tide.

Minturn
"The Spy" given by the young people Friday night was quite a success.

Mr. J. F. Herbert went to Columbia Saturday night.
Mrs. Adams of Winston-Salem, after a visit of several days with Mrs. P. L. Bethea, has returned home.

Misses Julia and Viola Furgeson spent the weekend with Miss Kathleen Cottingham.
Mr. Sam Usher has moved into his new residence.

Miss Isla Weatherly spent Sunday at her home.
Mr. Dan McGill, who has been very sick, is improving.

Mrs. Victor Berry is away this week on a visit.
Mr. Rod Evans left for Camp Jackson Saturday.

Mrs. Rod Evans is with her parents at Oswego.
Mr. and Mrs. S. B. Chandler are now keeping house.

Fork
Miss Anna Calhoun spent several days last week in Clio.
Mr. M. K. Fort, who is teaching at Fountain Inn, S. C., spent the week-end at home.

Sergeant and Mrs. Corbett Carmichael of Ohio, have been visiting relatives here.
Miss Emma Bass is spending the week in Columbia where she is having her eyes treated.

Mrs. Eunice Carmichael has returned home from an extended visit to White Plains, N. J.
Mrs. and Mrs. C. E. Rogers of Greensboro, N. C., are spending some time here.

Miss Pollie Carmichael who is in hospital training at Lumberton, N. C., is home for a short while.
Misses Koy Carmichael and Margie Croxton spent the weekend here.

Mrs. Martin McQueen spent the past two weeks in Rowland, N. C.

Sellers
This community was saddened to learn of the death of Mrs. Murray Hayes on last Sunday.

Our pastor, Mr. Sojourner, in the short time he has been with us has been called away two Sundays to officiate at burial services.

Dr. W. C. Foster is expected to preach at Antioch Sunday afternoon, March 3rd at 4 o'clock. The public is cordially invited to attend.

Mr. and Mrs. H. W. Ritch, Miss Elizabeth Ritch, Mr. and Mrs. Ben Sellers attended the burial services of Mrs. Murray Hayes at Floydale Sunday afternoon.

Born to Mr. and Mrs. C. E. Haselden on Feb. 15th a son, C. E. Haselden Jr.

There has been an epidemic of rosolia, or German measles as some call it, in the community.
Most of the oats have been killed; the farmers, however, have replanted them during the lovely weather of the past week, the rye and wheat generally look promising.

Most folks have planted or are preparing to plant gardens. We have plenty of mustard and collards and green onions in our garden now.

Mallory
On Monday afternoon a fire occurred at Oak Grove in which two store buildings were destroyed and all the contents of the one that was owned and occupied by Mr. W. H. Burney were destroyed. The loss to Mr. Burney was severe as he had about all his accumulation of several years in the stock of general merchandise. The fire started from burning grass during a high wind.

MISS GREGORY GETS JOB
Attorney General's Sister Supporting Three Children

Washington, Feb. 22.—Miss Jane Gregory, daughter of the Attorney General, applied at the food administration this week for an \$80 a month job, giving as reference Col. E. M. House and the Attorney General himself.

MENINGITIS IN DILLON

Following Discovery of Case Vigorous Measures Taken to Prevent Epidemic

The town was greatly stirred Saturday morning when it was discovered that one of its citizens had been stricken with meningitis. Prompt measures were taken to prevent the spread of the disease and up to the present time the situation is well in hand.

Mr. Rod Carmichael, who is stationed at an aviation camp in Louisiana, was called home to the bedside of his mother and a few days after his arrival he was taken sick with the disease. His symptoms indicated meningitis and a chemist was called in to make an examination of his blood. The chemist pronounced it meningitis and the board of health with the assistance of city council took the case in charge.

A quarantine was established and those who had been exposed to the disease were isolated. The case was reported to Dr. Hayne, state health officer, and a man was sent over to cooperate with the board of health in handling it. Cultures were taken of those who had been exposed and out of 27 tests made by the expert there were no indications of infection.

Dr. Aiken, representing the war department, came over from Columbia Tuesday morning and spent the day in town making additional culture. Dr. Aiken took 49 cultures but the results of his investigations will not be made public until he has given the cultures sufficient time to develop. It requires two days for the cultures to develop and a report on Dr. Aiken's investigations will probably be received today.

Mr. Carmichael's condition is very much improved and if no complications develop he will be able to leave his room in the next few days. The second day after he was taken ill Mr. Carmichael was seriously ill and little hope was entertained for his recovery. Serum was injected before the disease had made much headway and Sunday his condition was so much improved that he was practically out of danger.

In Memoriam
This community was saddened when the announcement was made on Saturday morning that the spirit of Mrs. Sallie Hayes had been borne by angels to that better life beyond.

The attention of living friends and medical skill had been exhausted to stay the hand of the grim messenger. The deceased had been a consecrated member since early life of Mt. Andrew Methodist church from which she was funeralized on Sunday evening, and interment in the cemetery nearby, services being conducted by her pastor, Rev. J. R. Sojourner, in the presence of many friends from various sections of the adjoining counties.

Mrs. Hayes was prior to her marriage a Miss Floyd, and is survived by her husband, Mr. Murray Hayes of Floydale, and two sons, and brothers and sisters, H. B. Hayes of Floydale, and H. B. Spears of Waycross, Ga., and Lewis Bethea of Latta.

Her life was one of devotion to each interest that meant for the betterment of community life and a place is made vacant that will not be filled in the home, the church and among her many friends. The flowers that cover her grave may fade and wither into dust but the good deeds will long live in the memory of her friends and loved ones.

Mrs. J. L. Sellers of Wilmington, N. C., passed away at the James Walker Memorial Hospital in that city on the 10th of February, following an illness of several months. Mrs. Sellers was born in the Floydale section and was before marriage, a Miss Rowell, a daughter of Mr. Lawrence Rowell. She is survived by her father, and one little child two years of age, one sister, a Mrs. Muldrow who lives in Pennsylvania, and one brother, Mr. Shep Rowell. Funeral services were conducted by Rev. J. R. Sojourner, interment was made in the cemetery near Mt. Andrews church on Tuesday, the 12th of February.

The subject of this sketch is remembered among us as a bright-eyed little girl in childhood and we join the bereaved ones with our tears and will long remember the friendship and bright smiles of this dear little girl.

American Killed by Mexicans
Washington, Feb. 25.—One American was killed and three wounded in an attack by Mexican bandits on an oil boat at Tampico last Wednesday. Edgar House, a paymaster for the Texas Oil Company, was killed. The wounded were J. P. S. Menett; Doctor Brisbane, an employee of the Island Oil and Transportation Company, and a third man named Prather. Menett's wound is serious.

Officials here regarded the incident as a case of robbery rather than an outburst of anti-American feeling.

TWELVE PEOPLE KILLED IN RAILROAD WRECK

Blame Placed by Investigators on Flagman

Fatal Rear-End Collision of Passenger Trains on Southern Railway Near Columbia on Monday

Columbia, Feb. 25.—Twelve dead and 37 injured, some of them seriously, as the result of a rear-end collision at 2:40 this afternoon between two Southern railway passenger trains one mile south of Frost, a small station six and one-half miles from Columbia on the Columbia-Greenville line. Of the dead, ten were killed instantly and two died in the hospital here about 7 o'clock tonight.

The cause of the wreck is debatable. Claim railroad officials. All of the dead are white men, with the exception of one white woman. Of the white passengers wounded ten were women and 24 men. Three negro men were hurt. Those instantly killed:

List of Dead
Albert Atteas, traveling man, Brooklyn, N. Y., identified by Elks' card from Brooklyn Lodge No. 22. Has letters in his possession addressed to him at 1118 Lady street, Columbia, S. C.

J. B. Marshall, traveling man, Anderson, identified by letters, one of which was from his son, E. W. Marshall, Greenwood.

M. A. Leaman, traveling man, Greenwood, identified by letters from various wholesale houses.

P. Frank Baxter, contractor and undertaker, Newberry.

Garruh M. Pethel, Kanapolis, N. C., identified by Horace H. Early, with whom the dead men rode from Newberry.

W. W. Richardson, traveling man, Armour Fertilizer Works, Atlanta, identified by letters.

Otis Baggott Brodie, Wagener, S. C., identified by letters, visiting cards and a Furman University class ring, "A. B. 1917."

J. P. Mathias, no address; identified by name of bill container.

H. L. Ivester, Ware Shoals, S. C., identified by traveling card from Ware Shoals Masonic Lodge No. 306.

Joe F. Moats, Mollohon Mill, Newberry; identified by letter addressed to him in care of Walter Cromer, Parker street, Newberry, and marks on clothing.

Those who have died in the hospital since:

W. C. Tomlinson, traveling man, 423 Fayetteville Avenue, Raleigh, N. C.

Mrs. Sarah Ellen Johnson, Columbia, S. C.

The Injured
The injured are as follows:
Mrs. M. C. Killingsworth, Pomaria, both feet and lower limbs bruised; badly shaken up.

Mrs. Melvin Robertson, St. Matthews, probably broken ribs and bruised about the face.

Mrs. J. W. Shuler, St. Matthews, bruised about the head and chest; badly shaken up.

Joe Ropp, student, 2009 Hampton street, Columbia, had gash on left side of head and bruises about the body.

J. A. Meredith conductor, right leg fractured below knee.
W. K. Ruff, planter Fairfield County, left leg, left hand and left hip bruised.

J. H. Brown, planter, Westminster, right leg fractured, and bruises on head.
J. C. Franklin, traveling salesman, Remington Arms Company, Anderson, bruised about head and shoulders.

MRS. AGNES H. CARMICHAEL

Death Claims One of Dillon's Most Estimable Women.

In the death of Mrs. Agnes Harlee Carmichael Dillon loses one of its most estimable women and a wide circle of friends is bereft of one who was greatly loved and admired for her many qualities of mind and heart.

The end came Friday afternoon at seven o'clock after an illness covering a period of several months.

Mrs. Carmichael was in her 72nd year and until a few months ago when her health became impaired by the infirmities of age she retained her vigor of mind and body to a remarkable degree. The bright and cheerful disposition with which she was endowed remained with her until the end and this great quality of mind and heart drew around her a large circle of friends both young and old.

Before her marriage to Capt. William Carmichael, who died in 1902, she was a Miss Harlee, a sister of Capt. Andrew Harlee of the distinguished Harlee family, which for several generations was prominent in the political and social life of the Pee Dee section. Mrs. Carmichael was the last surviving member of the Harlee family of upper Marion (now Dillon) but of her immediate family she leaves surviving the following sons and daughters: W. D. Carmichael, of Durham, N. C.; Capt. E. H. Carmichael, of Jesup, Ga.; James M. Carmichael, of Bennettsville; J. H. Carmichael, of Washington, D. C.; Rod Carmichael, of the United States Army, Frank Carmichael, of Dillon; Mrs. W. R. Tatum, of McColl, and Misses Bessie and May Carmichael, of Dillon.

The circumstances surrounding Mrs. Carmichael's death were peculiarly sad, in that her son, Mr. Rod Carmichael, a member of the aviation corps, was stricken with meningitis the day after his arrival home, in response to the message announcing his mother's illness. At the suggestion of the family the home was placed under quarantine and only the members of the family were permitted to attend the funeral. This unfortunate circumstance denied to many of Mrs. Carmichael's lifelong friends and admirers the privilege of paying this last tribute of respect to the memory of their departed friend.

The funeral service was held at the home and Saturday afternoon the remains were interred in the family plot at Mt. Holly cemetery, Rev. W. B. S. Chandler, pastor of the Presbyterian church, conducting the services.

Mrs. Carmichael was a woman of rare culture and refinement. Throughout her long life she remained faithful to the ideals of the antebellum period in which she was born and reared, and she endeavored at all times to inculcate those principles of honor and uprightness into the younger generations that followed. She was a noble woman, full of good deeds, and her life has been a distinct blessing to humanity.

HOOPER SAYS EAT LESS WHEAT BREAD

Philadelphia, Feb. 22.—As a war necessity the people must largely refrain from eating wheat flour for the next sixty days, possibly for a longer period. This statement was made today on the authority of Herbert C. Hoover, federal food administrator, by Howard Heinz, administrator for Pennsylvania, speaking before an audience of newspaper managers. A telegram was read from Mr. Hoover which made it plain that this country must immediately send food to the Allies or lose the war. If it is not sent, it means but one thing, catastrophe, declared Mr. Hoover.

The telegram from the food administrator follows:
"The food situation of the Allies grows more critical every week. Their own short crops coupled with ever-increasing shortage of shipping, which limits the importations more and more to food from the nearest markets, make the responsibility of America in the provision of food for the Allies redoubled to meet the absolute necessities of our associates in the war during the months to pass before the next harvest. Unless we do meet them the war cannot go on."

"I appeal therefore with renewed earnestness to the people of Pennsylvania and to our people all over the land to give their support to attempts of the food administration to solve this food problem. It is only by the help of all the people and their whole-hearted acceptance and support of the measures adopted by the food administration that the situation can be met. Without this help the food cannot be sent. If it is not sent it means but one thing—catastrophe."

GERMAN CHANCELLOR AGREES WITH WILSON

ON FUNDAMENTAL PRINCIPLES LAID DOWN

Von Hertling Says Peace Can be Discussed on Plans of President With One Exception

Amsterdam, Feb. 25.—Speaking before the Reichstag today the Imperial German Chancellor, Count von Hertling, made this declaration:
"I can fundamentally agree with the four principles, which in President Wilson's view must be applied in a mutual exchange of views, and thus declare with President Wilson that a general peace can be discussed on such a basis."

"Only one reserve need be made in this connection: These principles must not only be proposed by the President of the United States, but must also actually be recognized by all States and peoples."

"But this goal had not been reached. There is still no court of arbitration established by all the nations for the preservation of peace in the name of justice. When President Wilson incidentally says that the German chancellor is speaking to the tribunal of the entire world, I much decline this tribunal as prejudiced, joyfully as I would greet it, if an impartial court of arbitration existed and glad as I would cooperate to release such ideas."

"Unfortunately, however, there is no trace of similar statements of the leading powers of the Entente. England's war aims are still thoroughly imperialistic and she wants to impose on the world a peace according to England's good pleasure."

"When England talks about the peoples' right of self-determination, she does not think of applying the principle to Ireland, Egypt and India."

"It has been repeatedly said that we do not contemplate retaining Belgium, but that we must be safeguarded from the danger of a country with which we desire after the war to live in peace and friendship, becoming the object of jumping off ground of enemy machinations. If, however, the proposal came from the opposing side, for example, from the government in Havre, we should not adopt an antagonistic attitude, even though the discussion at first might only be unbinding."

"Meanwhile, I readily admit President Wilson's message of February 11, constitutes perhaps a small step toward a mutual approachment."

MENINGITIS NOT INFECTIOUS

Dr. Aiken Says Germ is not Easily Transmitted to Another Person

Dr. Aiken, who was sent to Dillon Tuesday by the war department to investigate the meningitis situation, says meningitis is a hard disease to fight once it has taken a hold on a person. The most prolific source of infection, said Dr. Aiken, is in another person's breath. Another source of infection is at drinking fountains, public eating houses and barber shops. Not one person in a hundred is susceptible to the disease, but a healthy person who would not succumb to the disease can infect another person whose constitution is not strong and vigorous, perfect health being a safeguard against the disease. It is claimed that a person can come in contact with another person who may be ill with meningitis and not contract it, but this person can distribute the germs among unhealthy persons and cause an epidemic. The first symptoms are accompanied by a sore throat a slight headache and a pain at the base of the skull. These symptoms are followed by fever. In a few hours after a person takes the disease they are very ill and if they do not respond to the serum treatment in a reasonable length of time death is inevitable. Years ago the percentage of mortality was high—about 80 out of every 100 cases—but medical science has triumphed over the disease to a very gratifying extent and late statistics show that the mortality has been reduced to about 20 per cent. When a person is stricken with the disease prompt measures should be taken. If serum is injected before the disease has made much headway the chances for recovery are in the patient's favor, but if treatment is delayed until the disease has taken a thorough hold the odds are largely against the patient. Many physicians hold that meningitis is not as infectious as smallpox and that if a person will exercise a reasonable amount of precaution there is not one chance in a thousand of taking it.

THREE S. S. CONVENTIONS

Dillon County Inter-Denominational District Sunday School Conventions

The Dillon County organization of the Inter-Denominational Sunday school association has arranged to hold three district conventions in Dillon county during the month of March. A program is now being made up by W. C. Moore, county chairman and W. V. Jones, county secretary, and this program will be published next week.

The first of these District Conventions will be held at Reedy Creek church on Tuesday, March 12th. Each Sunday school in this district which includes Manning and Harfeesville townships is urgently invited and requested to send as many delegates to this convention as they wish, and they are urgently requested to send as many as two from each Sunday school.

The second of these District Conventions will be held in the second district on Wednesday, March 13th. This District includes Betha and Kirby townships and each Sunday school in these two townships is expected to send representatives to this Convention.

On Thursday, March 14th, the last of the series of Conventions will be held at Union Church at Gaddys Mill. This district is made up of Carmichael and Hillsboro townships, and all of the Sunday schools in these two townships are urged to attend elect their representatives to this meeting.

Experts in all departments of Sunday school work will attend each of these meetings.

All of the Sunday schools in the county are urged to appoint their delegates next Sunday and to once send in the names of the delegates to W. C. Moore, Dillon, S. C., County Chairman or W. V. Jones, Dillon, S. C., Secretary.

NEGRO TAKEN FROM OFFICERS AND LYNCHED

Walter Best Strung up at Fairfax and Body Riddled With Bullets

Fairfax, S. C., Feb. 23.—Walter Best a negro was taken from Sheriff J. B. Morris and two deputies by a mob late today and hanged to a tree by the roadside near here. Best had killed William Wilson, a young white man here, a short time before the mob hanged him.

The officers were taking the prisoner from Fairfax to the county jail at Barnwell. When they had gone a short distance the mob stopped their automobile and demanded the negro, who was immediately strung up to a tree and his body riddled with bullets.

The slaying of Wilson occurred at a garage where he was employed. Best is said to have gone to the shop with an automobile tire which he demanded be repaired free of charge on the ground that the proprietor of the place had previously guaranteed it. Wilson is said to have disclaimed responsibility and refused to make the repairs without being paid for the work. The negro, it is declared, thereupon used insulting language to Wilson and an altercation followed in which Best was said to have drawn a revolver and fired at close range with fatal effect.

The negro fled but was soon captured by a policeman and placed in the town guardhouse. The sheriff was notified and with two deputies came for the prisoner.

Negro Girl Gets \$9,000

Anderson, S. C., Feb. 28.—A 12-year-old negro girl, Lillian Brown, has received \$9,000 insurance from the government on account of the death of her father, Walter E. Brown an Anderson negro, who enlisted in the Regular Army, many years ago, and had been serving as a private in the 368th Field Hospital, 92nd division.

No Danger of Infection

Several towns have quarantined against Dillon on account of meningitis. Dillon has had only one case of meningitis and the patient has recovered. The situation is well in hand and there is little or no danger of an epidemic. Dr. Aiken, the war department expert, says there is little danger of contagion. The disease is transmitted by the breath of the person infected. The germ lives only a few seconds after it leaves the mouth and dies if it does not pass into the mouth of another person. The disease is not carried in the clothes and there is not one chance in a thousand of contracting it at a public drinking place. At present, outsiders can come to Dillon with perfect safety.