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STATE NEWS.

Happenings in South Carolina of Interest to the People.

Splendid Plant for New Asylum

A Newberry special to the Greenville News says:

In the light both of the size and cost of the undertaking, and of its importance, irrespective of cost, the State Hospital commission has in charge one of the most important undertakings in which South Carolina is now engaged. Upon his return from a recent meeting of the commission in Columbia, Secretary E. H. Aull was asked for a statement as to what had been done by the new commission. Secretary Aull said:

"The State Hospital commission created by act of the legislature for the purpose of developing an entirely new plant and with the view of eventually moving the entire Hospital for the Insane to the new location has been moving slowly with its work, and has not given out for publication very much that has been done. I feel that the people of the state are entitled to know what is being done by the commission. As I conceive it, it is one of the most important works that is being undertaken in the state of South Carolina at this time."

"The commission was established at the session of the legislature in 1910, and an appropriation of \$100,000 was made. Of this appropriation, the commission, during 1910, spent in round numbers \$53,000 in the purchase of land, acquiring about 1800 to 2000 acres on the Southern Railway, beginning at a point six miles from Columbia and extending along the railway about six miles. It is an ideal site for an institution of this character, and I do not believe a better or more suitable location could have been found in South Carolina."

"At the session of the legislature in 1911, the commission was continued, and an additional appropriation of \$200,000 was made for the purpose of erecting buildings and otherwise developing the plant. The new commission has found it necessary to purchase additional lands and about \$8,000 has been expended for that purpose."

"One of the first problems to confront the commission was to secure an adequate supply of water. There are several streams on the place, and Crane creek, a much larger stream, is very near to the lands of the state, but the commission was of the opinion that if water could be secured by sinking a deep well, it would furnish a much purer supply and in the end be more economical. One of the first acts of the new commission was to contract for the sinking of the deep well. There has been considerable delay and some trouble in the sinking of the well, but the contractor now claims that at a depth of 350 feet he has an abundant supply of good, pure water. The supply will be tested during the present week."

"As to the plan of the buildings, the commission visited a number of modern institutions in the North and East that are constructed on the general plan upon which it is proposed to construct the present hospital. The colony plan is the one generally adopted, the prison idea being an exploded one for the

care of the insane. It is desired to lay out a plan that will include a colony for the tubercular patients, a colony for the pellagra patients, a farm colony and a colony for the acute, and a colony for the idiotic and imbecile. Having a large acreage of land, this will be accomplished without trouble and without crowding of course. It will take a number of men, and build with day labor rather than let the buildings by contract. With that in view, P. J. O. Smith, an experienced contractor, has been employed as superintendent of construction.

"At a meeting last week, it was decided to purchase brick, lime and cement and also to make arrangements with the Southern Railway to run a permanent sidetrack in the property. A number of bids and samples were offered of various material, and the contract for the brick was let to the Granite Brick company, of Columbia, of which Mr. Hyatt is president. The commission visited the plant and inspected the brick, and I am satisfied a very advantageous trade for the state has been made. In fact, I had no idea that such a complete and up-to-date brick plant had been built anywhere in South Carolina. It is modern in every particular and turns out a high grade of brick, and the price paid is just a little lower than any price the commission had offered."

"The commission is working harmoniously and for the best interests of the state as the commission sees it. They have the invaluable experience of their chairman, Dr. J. W. Babcock, as a guidance in their work. Their whole aim is to do the best they can for the state's unfortunate wards."

Bankers Agree to Finance Road.

A despatch from Anderson to The State under recent date, says:

Plans to construct an electric road from Abbeville to Easley, 60 miles in length, passing through the city of Anderson, have taken definite shape, and it is believed that within a short while the work will be under way. M. N. Patterson of this city has been working on the project, making surveys, estimates and securing rights of way, and has been in constant touch with a prominent New York banking concern that has now announced that it will finance the building of the road. Mr. Patterson has just returned from New York, where he went over the proposition in detail with the bankers, and today he is in receipt of the following self-explanatory letter:

"Referring to the Anderson, Abbeville & Easley railroad proposition, will say that we will agree to underwrite the necessary bonds to build and construct a standard gauge railroad 60 miles in length, material to be first-class in every respect, rails to be new, 70-pound; standard ties, etc., provided you will secure cash \$150,000 along the line of said road, payable as the road is constructed in sections of ten miles, and not after the road is completed; and provided further that a competent engineer makes a thorough preliminary report satisfactory to the underwriters, said report to be made at the expense of the company and to cost not over \$1,200, one-half of which is to be paid before the engineer leaves New York, the balance when the report is completed. This proposition

for your immediate acceptance or rejection."

The proposed route traverses some of the best farming country in the Piedmont region. It goes through very fine country in Anderson and Aobeville counties. It extends into Pickens county only six miles. In Anderson the road will be 37 miles and in Abbeville county 17 miles. It will cost approximately \$800,000.

The people of Abbeville county have agreed to raise \$40,000 of the needed amount to comply with the provisions of the New York bankers; the town of Abbeville in that county will raise an additional \$10,000, and the remainder will be raised in Anderson and Pickens county. Business men here are behind the proposition, and it is going to succeed.

Clemson Opens With Eight Hundred.

A special to the Greenville News of Sept. 18th, from Clemson, says: The nineteenth session of Clemson College began at nine o'clock this morning. Never in the history of Clemson has the attendance been so large. Eight hundred cadets have already matriculated, and others are coming. Clemson now has the largest body of students of any college in South Carolina. Hazing has been practically abolished. Every old cadet is required to sign a pledge not to engage in any form of hazing. He is required to copy the pledge and sign his name to it. This, it is believed, will do away with hazing at Clemson.

Many improvements have been made during the summer. An additional story has been added to barrack number one, piazzas are being built in front of barrack number two. The dining hall has been remodeled and enlarged, while the work of building cement walks all over the campus will begin soon. The new dairy is almost completed. With these, and other improvements, the present session promises to be the best in the history of Clemson.

To Investigate Pellagra.

In spite of the scepticism with which the suggestion has been received in this section, the federal government is giving the most careful and painstaking consideration to the theory that pellagra is caused, or transmitted from one person to another, through the bite of the Buffalo gnat or other insects of the same species.

To make a careful study of the relations between the prevalence of this gnat, and the disease, an investigation lasting at least several weeks will this week begin in the Glendale and other mill villages in Spartanburg county, where pellagra is known to prevail. This investigation will be under the supervision of State Health Officer J. Adams Hayne, Dr. R. M. Grimm of the United States marine hospital service, and an entomologist whom the federal department will send to this spot.

This investigation into the mysterious disease has been brought about through the efforts of Congressman Joseph T. Johnston and A. F. Lever, and Dr. J. Adams Hayne, who have had the matter up with several departments of the federal government for about a year past.

You will not see any quor or other fake advertisements in this paper. It will be clean and

SAD DEATH.

Mr. Wadley T. Porter Accidentally Shot Last Saturday.

One of the saddest accidents ever to occur in this county took place last Saturday afternoon, near Cross Roads Baptist church in which Wadley T. Porter lost his life. He, in company with Mr. A. J. Looper, Felton and Alvah Wood, the last two being boys, started out in the afternoon for a rabbit hunt. Mr. Looper and Mr. Porter each had a gun, and after hunting awhile the dogs acted as though they were ready to jump a rabbit. They drew nearer the dogs expecting the rabbit any moment, and eager to get a start they tried to get positions of advantage. Mr. Porter was a little in Mr. Looper's rear and to his left and moved quickly up and rather in front of Mr. Looper. Mr. Looper had his gun in both hands half raised, with his finger on the hammer and it half cocked. As Mr. Porter moved quickly forward he ran against the muzzle of Mr. Looper's gun which pushed it backward and caused Mr. Looper to release his hold on the hammer and immediately the gun discharged the entire contents of one barrel going into the bowels of Mr. Porter. He fell to his knees and said: "Mr. Looper, you have killed me, but you are not to blame, it was an accident." Mr. Looper picked him up and sat down on the ground holding him in his arms and on his lap. The two boys went for help, but before assistance reached them Mr. Porter was dead. He lived about three-fourths of an hour, and died seemingly without pain and happy. He was living on Mr. Looper's farm and they were close, warm friends.

Mr. Porter was well known around here, being the youngest son of Mr. P. A. Porter who lives one mile out. He numbered his friends by his acquaintances, for all who knew him liked him. He had been a Christian several years, was active in church work and a deacon in the Baptist church.

His body was buried Sunday afternoon in the cemetery at Secona, the funeral being conducted by Rev. A. E. Howard, the pastor, assisted by Rev. J. M. Stewart. The large concourse of people who attended this service testified as to the esteem in which he was held. He is survived by a widow, who was Miss Hopkins, of Spartanburg county, and three children, the oldest about seven years and the youngest two months. And to these we tender sincere sympathy. He was 29 years old.

No one censures or blames Mr. Looper for the accident. It was wholly unavoidable. The shock and strain and anguish it caused was a severe trial to him and he also has the sympathy of his friends.

PEARIDGE.

Cotton-picking is the order of the day.

Several on this side attended the baptizing at Rice Creek last Sunday.

Mr. Oscar Morgan is erecting a nice residence.

Mr. Editor, we are like poor "Lonely Sweetheart," we can brag on dear old Pearidge. We don't blame her for thinking her part of the country the best of all, for none seem dearer to us than old Pearidge.

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To Help Market South's Cotton.

Press dispatches from Macon, Ga., of the 20th say that the organization of a \$4,000,000 concern known as the Southern Cotton corporation with an eye to controlling the marketing of the cotton of the South was announced here to-day by George Dole Wadley, of Bolingbrook, one of the wealthiest men in Georgia, and representing financial interests of great extent. Associated with Mr. Wadley, who will be president, are John E. Wadley, of Waycross, and John T. Moore, Leon S. Dure, Jesse H. Hall, John Mockey and W. E. Dunwoody, of Macon.

The concern will work in connection with a string of banks operated by the National Bank Audit company, of which William Barrett Ridgely, former comptroller of the currency, is president.

The Southern Cotton corporation will advance farmers money up to 75 per cent. of the normal price on cotton deposited in warehouses. This cotton will be held, and when the time arrives each year when a correct estimate of the crop can be made, a price will be fixed and the cotton held until such price is paid.

Organization work, it was stated by Mr. Wadley to-day, has started in 1,000 counties throughout the cotton belt. In each county will be an advisory board, all stockholders in the corporation, composed of five business men and bankers and twenty farmers. This county board will watch the crop and report to the main offices which will be in Macon. Mr. Wadley announces that Eastern capital has already been secured to insure success. Propaganda will start at once.

World's Largest Bakery

The largest bakery in the world is located at Essen, Prussia, the home of the great Krupp gun factory. It is a vast building in which seventy workmen, divided into two shifts, work night and day. Everything is done by machinery. A screw turns unceasingly a kneading trough into which are poured the required amount of water and ten sacks of flour of two hundred pounds each. This machine makes, in all, about forty thousand pounds of bread each day in the shape of twenty-five thousand small loaves and twenty-five thousand large loaves from two hundred and thirty sacks of flour of two hundred pounds each.

All of the operations of bread-making are performed in this colossal bakery. The wheat arrives there, is cleaned, ground and brought automatically to the kneading trough by a series of rising and descending pipes. There are thirtysix doubleovens and the workmen who watch over the baking of the bread earn from eight to ten cents per hour, making an average of about ninety-five cents per eleven hour day.

They have coffee and bread free. They are required to keep themselves spotlessly clean and are given the use of fine bathrooms, also free. They are required to wash their hands at least eight times each day.

This newspaper intends to become a household companion in every home in this county. We expect to make it so newsy, bright and cheery that every home will have to have it.

WEIGHING AN ELEPHANT

Simple, Yet Ingenious, Method Proposed by Hindu Prince

There is a story often told in India of Shajee, a Hindu prince, who on a certain occasion showed himself almost as clever as Archimedes.

A high official had made a vow that he would distribute to the poor the weight of his own elephant in silver money, says The New York Press. But the great difficulty that at first presented itself was the mode of ascertaining what this weight really was. All the learned and clever men of the court seem to have endeavored in vain to construct a machine of sufficient power to weigh the elephant.

At length Shajee came forward and suggested a plan which was simple, and yet ingenious in the degree. He caused the unwieldy animal to be conducted along a stage specially made for the purpose by the waterside into a flat bottom boat. Then having marked on the boat the height to which the water reached after the elephant had weighed it down, the latter was taken out and stones substituted in sufficient quantity to hold the boat to the same line. The stones were then taken to the scales, and thus, to the amazement of the court, was ascertained the true weight of the elephant.

College Hill Items.

Prof. W. L. Thompson, President of the College, preached at the Wesleyan church in Greenville last Sunday.

Prof. J. M. Hancock made a business trip to Spartanburg on Saturday.

Misses Nellie and Callie Linebarger, of the W. M. C. spent a few days with their father in Danville, Va.

Messrs. L. Bumgarner, of Hickory, N. C., and T. S. Lawrence, of Calhoun, S. C., and Miss Bessie Pearson, of Easley, were new students at the W. M. C. last week.

The Good Book says that "tribulation worketh patience." The teachers of this section will have a good supply by the time the State books arrive. Three schools—Central Graded, Baptist Academy at Six Mile and our own W. M. College—look to the depository in Central for the books furnished by the State, and up to this writing a few of the books have been omitted entirely from the shipments. The teachers are supplying work as best they can, and making use of the old text-books so far as they are obtainable, but the results are far from satisfactory. We are glad the State does not change books oftener than five years.

The College Industrial Association is coming rapidly to the front in importance. Prof. J. M. Hancock, the secretary-treasurer, has received requests for shares from several of the States, both North and South. Nearly a hundred shares have been sold already. It is certainly a winning venture. The permanent organization of the company will take place on Oct. 6th, and the work will actually begin as soon thereafter as possible. We do not want any person to lack an education because they have insufficient means to pay their way through school. A pair of hands and a mind to work are the best qualifications for a success in life. And we believe that the best help that can be furnished a student is an opportunity to help himself. This is the aim of the Industrial Association.

Darby-Long.

At the home of Mr. George W. Darby at Sandy Springs, Miss Nettie May Darby and Mr. Marcus C. Long were married last night. Mr. Long is very well known in Anderson as he was court stenographer for this district for many years. Miss Darby also spent several months in Anderson last winter assisting in the revision of records that was done in the office of the clerk of court. She made many friends while here. Mr. and Mrs. Long will reside in Walhalla, where Mr. Long is now practicing law. —Daily Mail, Sept. 19th.

It is our purpose to give each week fresh and readable news, such as the people generally are interested in.