Palmetto Affairs

The News of South Carolina in Condensed Form

Good Roads Convention.

Spartanburg, Special. The annual convention of the Good Roads Association of South Carolina met here in the courthouse. The morning session were devoted to the discussions of questions of good roads while the afternoon part of the programme was given over to the inspection of good roads machinery and giving practical demonstration. There were present quite a number of supervisors and commissioners from various parts of the State, Greenville, Chester, Abbeville, Laurens, Marlboro, Lexington, Richland, Marion, Greenwood, Anderson, Union, Cherokee and other counties being well represented. Addresses were made by Governor Ansel, F. H. Hyatt, J. W. Nash and President E. D. Smith, of the South Carolina Cotton Growers' Association. All of the speakers pointed out the necessity of the counties' building good roads. In speaking on this subject Governor Ansel declared that money spent in building permanent highways is a good investment and the good results will be felt for generations to come. He congratulated Spartanburg on its fine streets and sidewalks and expressed the hope that the people would vote an issue of $200,000 for building good roads throughout the county. Messrs. Nash, Smith and Hyatt made excellent talks on improving the highways. Mr. Nash spoke in support of a bill [illegible] passed at the last session of the Legislature providing for an election [illegible] vote on issue of bonds [illegible] $200,000 [illegible] good roads [illegible] this county. [illegible] in certain sections of the county [illegible] to voting [illegible] Mr. Nash [illegible] in a [illegible] were all [illegible] The election [illegible] August 2[illegible]

Complete Rural Service For Laurens.

Complete rural delivery service has been ordered established in Laurens county, South Carolina, effective September 1, 1907. The service will consist of 27 routes of which none are new. Routes amended: Clinton—No. 3; Gray Court, Nos. 1 and 2; No. 3 by transfer of No. 1 from Lanford Station, No. 4 by transfer of No. 2 from Alma. Lanford Station, No. 2 renumbered No. 1. Laurens, Nos. 2, 3 and 4. No. 6 by transfer of No. 1 from Alma. Owings, Nos. 1 and 2. Princeton, No. 1. Routes not changed: Barksdale, No. 1; Clinton; Nos. 1 and 2; Cross Hill, No. 1; Laurens, Nos. 1 and 5; Mountville, Nos. 1 and 2; Princeton, No. 2; Reno, No. 1; Waterloo, Nos. 1 and 2.

Mill Site Secured.

Gaffney, Special. The stockholders of the Merrimac Mills at the last meeting appointed a committee to select a suitable site upon which to locate the structure. That committee in company with two engineers selected a tract of land belonging to the Gaffney Land & Investment Co. [illegible] north of the city, and adjoining the grounds of the Globe Mills. Work will commence on the buildings just as soon as the material can be got on the ground. It is the purpose of the management to have the mills in operation by the first of next January.

Given Fifteen Years.

Union, Special. The jury in the case of Arthur Davis, negro, charged with the murder of Clarence Gist, of this State, at Carlisle on the night of May 23 returned a verdict of manslaughter. Davis was immediately sentenced to fifteen years in the penitentiary at hard labor.

Gang of Carbreakers Held.

Marion, Special. As a result of good work by Agent S. C. Bandi[illegible] of Pee Dee and Atlantic Coast Line, Special Agents Warden of Florence, Musselwhite of Wilmington and Kea[illegible] man of Florence a regularly organized gang of carbreakers has been unearthed at Pee Dee. Several of the gang were placed in jail here. Goods in cars passing [illegible] Dee have been [illegible] terfered with [illegible] for some time, and Agent B[illegible] suspected that there was a regular gang committing the robberies.

Baptists Meet in Greenville.

Greenville, Special. Very attractive announcements have been sent out concerning the South Carolina Baptist assembly to be held at Greenville, Aug. 12-16. The assembly is called together by the Sunday school committee of the State mission board and is a summer gathering of Christian workers. Among the number of interesting addresses to be delivered is one by Governor Ansel. The meeting will doubtless be largely attended.

Struck Down By Lightning and Instantly Killed.

Reidsville, Special. While en route to his home five miles north of Reidsville Mr. Green Craddock was struck by lightning and instantly killed. He and Mr. W. B. Wilson took [illegible] under a barn during the severe electrical storm. Mr. Wilson was badly shocked [illegible] but [illegible] will recover. Mr. Craddock [illegible] about 50 years [illegible] and eight children.

Celebration at Pendleton.

Pendleton, Special. Historic Pendleton was the scene of a most joyous celebration last week, and fully 5,000 persons gathered from every section of the old Pendleton district. The occasion was the 91st anniversary of the Pendleton Farmers' society. It was in 1815 that the farmers in this district, which then comprised Anderson and Pickens counties, realized that a great good could be accomplished by organizing and many prominent planters, among them being John C. Calhoun, formed the celebrated society which has been one of much importance during all of these years. It was in 1815 that the old Pendleton district was dissolved and that Anderson and Pickens counties were established. A court house was being built that year for the district at Pendleton, but when the general assembly abolished the district, work on construction on the building was discontinued. It was then that the farmers' society purchased the uncompleted building and completed it for a meeting place. Governor Ansel and other well known speakers were present and addressed the attentive audience. The occasion was one of great interest and was thoroughly enjoyed.

The Sumter Monument.

Sumter, Special. The programme for the exercises at the unveiling of the monument to Gen. Thomas Sumter, at Stateburg, Aug. 14, is as follows:

Procession forms in the grove in front of the General Sumter Memorial academy.

Procession moves to tomb of Gen. Sumter, United States Artillery band, United States troops and State militia in the lead.

M[illegible] escorted by Mr. J. H. [illegible] and Mrs. [illegible] Mr. [illegible] S. Sum[illegible]

[illegible]

Address [illegible] A. P. Aus[illegible] of [illegible]

Address [illegible] A. J. Mon[illegible]

Address [illegible] Hon. H. A. M. Smith of Charleston.

An educational meeting will be held [illegible] in the academy at which addresses will be made by Miss Mary Nance, Prof. [illegible] S. De[illegible], Dr. D. B. Johnson. The meeting will be presided over by Hon. O. B. Martin, State superintendent of education.

Losses in Lexington Fire.

Lexington, Special. The losses in the fire which occurred here last week are approximately as follows:

Jesse Hallman, two-story dwelling and about half contents and store room adjoining, $1,500, without insurance.

Mrs. Hallman, stock of millinery and dress goods, $600, no insurance.

Dr. John W. Sandel, stock of drugs and medicines, $1,500 with $1,000 insurance.

Samuel B. George, [illegible] drug store and an adjoining [illegible] $1,000 with [illegible] insurance.

The origin of the fire is yet unknown [illegible] discovered at the rear of [illegible] second by a Mr. S[illegible] at the time [illegible] The dwelling owned by Poole & B[illegible] company was damaged [illegible] dollars [illegible] occupied by [illegible] to these two they were fully insured.

Murder and Arson.

[illegible], Special. At a preliminary hearing before J. A. [illegible], Esq., John Mellan, colored, was held for the court of general session on the charge of murder and arson in connection with the late livery stable fire here in which two persons were burned to death and a number of horses perished.

Marion's New Railroad.

Marion, Special. The Marion & Southern railroad [illegible] organized [illegible]

[illegible]

Thief Killed by Policeman.

[illegible], Special. [illegible] engineer, Leonard P[illegible], 30 years old, was shot and killed by Policeman W. W. Stevenson. [illegible] a policeman. He started to run and [illegible] two shots [illegible]

[illegible]

New Record for Firemen.

[illegible], Special. A[illegible] state firemen [illegible]

[illegible]

Past Week's Weather

Weather Conditions for the Week Ending Monday, August 12, as Given Out by the Weather Bureau.

[illegible] United States Department of Agriculture [illegible] weather [illegible] past week:

The week had moderate temperatures, ample sunshine, nearly normal relative humidity and scattered showers, [illegible] to four days.

The daily mean temperatures were below normal at the beginning and at the close of the week; they were above normal during the middle portion with maximum temperatures of 90 degrees, or above, over practically the entire State. The extremes were 100 at [illegible] on the 8th and 55 at Greenville on the [illegible]. The weekly mean temperature was nearly normal.

The rainfall was excessive in a few places in the eastern and north central portions and was generally light in the western division, though a few places in the extreme western portions had amounts in excess of one inch. The heaviest rainfall for the week was 4.15 inches at Society Hill. The average precipitation for the State was below the normal.

Severe thunderstorms occurred on the 9th over the whole State, and they were accompanied by destructive winds and by light hail in places. The greatest damage was noted in the northwestern counties.

The following special rainfall reports were received by telegraph and the [illegible] measurements on August 12th: Pelzer 1.21 inches; Clarendon 0.30 [illegible]; Camden 0.90 [illegible] St. Stephens 0.26 [illegible]

[illegible]

Attempt to Wreck Coast Line Train.

Marion, Special. There was an attempt to wreck the passenger train between Columbia and Wilmington Sunday morning. Attached to the train was Superintendent Anderson's private car, in which he and his private secretary, Mr. James were en route to Marion. Mr. Anderson was seen by a correspondent just after he arrived here and seemed very much worried over the bold attempt to wreck the train. He stated that when a point two miles south of Marion was reached the engineer noticed several crossties piled across the track in such a way that a disastrous smash-up would inevitably have happened had the engineer not noticed it in time to stop his engine. Mr. Anderson telegraphed to Florence and offered [illegible] bloodhounds, which [illegible]

[illegible] part of the plan.

Capers Rembert Captured.

[illegible], Special. [illegible] Messrs. T. W. Price and J. D. Stokes, captured Capers Rembert [illegible] about 2 o'clock [illegible] from town [illegible] plantation of Mr. J. F. Woodward. Capers Rembert is the 29 year convict who escaped from the State farm on the Santee by [illegible] back to Columbia [illegible] State penitentiary [illegible]

Organizer Fail to Appear.

[illegible]

An Enterprise Suspends.

[illegible]

Narrow Escape From [illegible]

[illegible]

A NAVAL MONSTER

England Building Largest War Vessel Ever Planned

UNITED STATES TO BETTER THAT

Washington Naval Circles Excited Over Report That Keel is About to be Laid Down New Ship to Be of No Less Than 30,000 Tons Displacement, and Design is Believed to Include Many Novelties, Including Assembling of Three Guns in Each Turret.

Washington, Special. Naval circles are agitated over a report which reaches Washington that the British admiralty is about to lay down the keel for a giant ship that will be 50 per cent greater in tonnage than the redoubtable "Dreadnought." It is difficult to secure any information respecting the plans for this ship, and it is said that the British government is again proceeding, as it did in the case of the Dreadnought, to build the vessel behind closed gates. Eventually, of course, the main characteristics of war vessels built under these conditions become known, but the British government feels that it is amply repaid for the trouble it takes to build the ship secretly, by the fact that the British navy is thereby kept at least two years ahead of any other navy in point of design, a most valuable consideration in these days, when a battleship is frequently obsolete in the course of five years after going into commission.

It is understood that the new ship is to be of no less than 30,000 tons displacement, against 20,000 tons of the Dreadnought, but aside from the mere matter of superior size, the design is believed to include many novelties, some based on the experience of the Dreadnought. Such a one, for instance, is a [illegible] to be the con[illegible] for three guns in each turret, so that if the new ship is equipped with the six turrets, she will carry no less than 18 guns in the main battery. The calibre of the guns, however, will, it is believed, remain at 12 inches, the present standard.

The report of the British plan has caused some of the bolder designers to proceed to greater length and to propose the laying down of a battleship of 40,000 tons displacement, placing the American navy clearly in the lead. Naval designers are believed to be willing to undertake the construction of such a ship. It would cost no less than $20,000,000, but in view of the predominance it would give to America as a naval power it is argued by the advocates of the proposition that such a ship would be an economical investment by tending to ensure peace.

100 Additional Union Mechanics Join Building Trades Strike.

Washington, Special. Acting on orders from the executive officers of their unions 100 more union mechanics joined the building trades strike here Saturday. According to the labor leaders every building under construction, where ten union men were employed, is now tied up and nearly 300 men have quit work. The employers' association claims that it has been able to fill the places of all the strikers with the exception of bricklayers. The union men declare that the strike will be extended next Monday.

Lumber Company to Build Railroad.

Mount Sterling, Ky., Special. Clearfield Lumber Company, of Clearfield, Pa., closed a deal for 50,000 acres of Walnut, oak and poplar timber lands in Morgan county for $100,000. It is announced that the company will extend a line of railroad 18 miles up Rush branch and will spend $1,000,000 in approvements.

Officers Raid Counterfieter's Den.

Uniontown, Pa., Special. In a raid on an alleged counterfeiter's den at Smithfield, several men were arrested [illegible] a large number of moulds [illegible]

[illegible]

Martin A. Knapp Weds Miss Nellie Maynard Gardner

New York, Special. [illegible] Martin A. Knapp, chairman of the Interstate Commerce [illegible] Miss [illegible] Maynard Gardner [illegible]

[illegible] Andrews, of the M[illegible]

Bomb Labratory in School.

Moscow, Ru[illegible] [illegible]

[illegible]

HENS EATING EGGS.

Many and various have been the suggestions made and the only permanent cure is to remove the head of the offending hen with a sharp instrument. An expert suggests paring the end of the upper bill to the quick and then putting the hen in a pen on the floor of which a china egg or two may be found; one or two pecks at the imitation egg with the tender bill will quickly cure. Special nests have been devised, so arranged that the freshly laid egg rolls away from the hen, but if hens are given plenty of outdoor exercise and a suitable diet, to include lime and grit, necessary for shell-making purposes, little trouble will ensue. Nests should be arranged far enough from the ground so that hens on the ground cannot reach in and break the eggs, and should be darkened.

ALFALFA A GREAT CROP.

The summer silo gives the best and most economical protection of all against drought.

One of the very greatest crops for the dairyman, and one which is now being successfully grown on thousands of farms in Illinois, is alfalfa. Every dairyman should have a patch of alfalfa, and this will supply the finest of feed when the drought has ruined ordinary pastures. The alfalfa at the University yielded more than six tons of air dry hay per acre last year.

The great advantage of corn in the silo and alfalfa is that they not only produce the largest yield of nutrients per acre of any crops, but are in the best condition for feeding at whatever date the pasture may fail, while it is difficult to have a constant supply of other soiling crops in the right stage of maturity at and during the uncertain time of the drought.

Never, under any conditions, allow the cows to go hungry and suffer loss of milk during summer drought, which for several reasons is the most trying season for the dairy herd.—Farmers' Guide.

GROWING PIGS.

Prof Spillman gives an interesting account of a notable hog grower who makes a great success of it. He says that with spring pigs, by the end of summer the pigs are made to weigh 100 to 120 pounds each, most of this gain being due to a run on clover.

The pigs in winter are fed soy beans, hay and an average of about five pounds of grain per head per day. During a portion of the time this grain consists of a mixture of about three and a half pounds of corn, three-fourth pound of shorts and three-fourth pound of oil meal per head per day. The amount fed is less in early winter and gradually increases as the pigs increase in size.

In the spring the twenty-acre clover field is divided into two parts by means of a temporary wire fence thirty inches high. One part contains twelve acres and the other eight. One hundred and twenty yearling hogs, weight about 200 pounds each, are placed in the twelve-acre inclosure in early spring and remain until they are sent to market, about August 1st to 10th. They are fed about two and a half pounds of grain daily, and this is gradually increased until they are receiving four pounds a day when sold. The fifteen sows and 120 pigs are turned into the eight-acre division, where they remain until the large hogs are marketed, when they are allowed the run of the whole twenty acres. The large hogs weigh 325 to 350 pounds each when sold.

SETTING A HEDGE

How should a trench be prepared for establishing a privet hedge? N. R. Minneapolis, Minn. Answer: A strip ten to twelve feet wide on the line where the hedge is to be set should be plowed deep in the fall, leaving the open furrow exactly where the plants are to be set in the spring. As soon as the ground becomes fairly dry in the spring, run the subsoil plow two or three times in the middle of the open furrow. If no subsoil plow is at hand, try to loosen up the subsoil in the bottom of the furrow with the common plow. Replow the land, throwing the back furrow into the old open furrow in such a manner that there will be a ridge instead of a hollow on the line of the proposed fence. Then prepare for setting the hedge by drawing a furrow eight or ten inches deep and as straight as possible. Set the plants straight, compressing the earth firmly about their roots, and leave the surface for one or two inches deep, light and loose. Cultivate frequently during the fore part of the season—that is, aim to keep a perfect earth mulch of two or three inches deep at all times. Cease cultivating about the middle of August, and sow either red or crimson clover on the plowed strip. This hedge should be kept well cultivated for about three years. After that if it has made a good growth, the land on each side of the hedge may be seeded to clover and a little timothy.—The Country Gentleman.

Must Publish Names of Owners.

Governor Hughes, of New York, signed the [illegible] Assembly [illegible] Duell, of Westchester, providing that after July 1 [illegible] newspaper, magazine or other [illegible] published in New York [illegible]

[illegible]

PORCH CARPET OR RUGS.

If you wish a pretty porch carpet and cannot afford a new one, cut rugs to fit the porch cut of the best portions of any old carpet; then, procuring any good dye, color them the shade you wish. I have a very nice red porch carpet that cost only forty cents. If you have an old-fashioned flowered carpet or rug of brussels and want it to harmonize with any room, thoroughly clean it, tack on the attic floor, or where the carpet can lie without being disturbed until thoroughly dry, make a strong solution of dye and with a soft scrub brush apply it boiling hot to the carpet. Go over your carpet thoroughly; for some colors you will need to make two applications. The different colors in the carpet will produce different shades, and you will be delighted at the result.—Ellen, in The Ladies' World.

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