

# DRUNKEN PREACHER'S DEED.

## Cotton Growers Called to Meet in Convention in Columbia.

### SALUDA ANXIOUS FOR A R. R.

#### A Terrible Death—A Cottons Man's View—Turner's "El Dorado"—Interferes With Commerce.

President Wilborn, of the State Farmers' Alliance, has issued a call which means the inauguration of a movement towards securing a convention of the cotton growers of the Southern States for the purpose of taking definite action in regard to the planting of next year's crop. The call provides for the holding of a State convention in Columbia during the State fair. The following is the call for the State convention of cotton growers for fair week:

As president of the Farmers' State Alliance organization of this State, I have been requested by numbers of the representative members of the organization to take the initiative in calling a meeting of the farmers of the Southern States, with a view of suggesting some action in the future, looking to the regulation of the acreage of cotton, also to discuss the plans and methods of marketing the cotton crop so that the producers of this great staple shall receive the real value of the crop, and not be forced to sacrifice the crop by unfair combinations, together with the manipulations of the gambling cotton exchanges of the country, aided by the unjust accumulation of all the money of the country at one center at the principle time of the year when our cotton is going into market. With these objects in view I desire to request the cotton growers of the various counties in this State to meet on salesday in November and select one or more delegates to represent them at a meeting to be held in the city of Columbia on Wednesday night of fair week for the purpose of discussing the matters mentioned above.

J. C. WILBORN,  
President Farmers' Alliance of S. C.

Ollie Watts, with his wife and five children, were among the emigrants who left Newberry for Dishon Turner's "El Dorado" in the Republic of Liberia. Watts had \$500 when he left, and after reaching Liberia he soon found that his industry would not bring the expected returns. He sent his wife back in June, 1896, as he did not have money enough to pay his own passage and his children to America. But about two months ago he was among a party who worked their way as far as London, whence he sent an appeal to his old employer, in Newberry. Mr. J. C. Purcell advanced \$500 to him, and Watts and his children reached Newberry on the 10th instant, and like others who have come back they feel fortunate and grateful. Their white friends have only done what others did for those colored people who went from Newberry to Liberia thirty years ago, and their experience should have been a lesson to them.

At the Batesville cotton mill in Greenville, a young man, Putnam Baker, met a horrible death. He was standing upon a speeding machine, reaching up to throw a belt on a pulley. His father, John F. Baker, and his aunt, Mrs. Mary P. Gridley, were watching him. Suddenly the sleeve of his shirt was wrapped around the revolving shaft, and in the attempt to disengage himself he thrust one arm through the pulley. In an instant his body was whirled over and over, striking the ceiling like the ticking of a watch. When the machinery was stopped it was found that his arms had been torn away from the body and the legs broken in several places. The face was not mutilated, there being only one slight cut on the chin.

The people of Saluda are anxious for a railroad, and some of the business men have been in correspondence with parties in Charleston very much interested in the project of the Carolina Midland, which is very much encouraging. This road will not only open up a section of country, whose trade all goes elsewhere than to Charleston, but will give to Charleston unsurpassed freight rates and facilities from the great Northwest, by her connection direct with the Seaboard Air Line system at Greenwood.

A special to the Register from Pickens says: "Rev. J. L. Burdine, a Baptist minister, living in the upper part of this county, shot his wife through the head, killing her instantly, and then shot himself through the head. At last accounts he was still living, but unconscious. The weapon used was a 38-calibre Smith & Wesson pistol. The cook was the only witness of the tragedy. Burdine had been on a big protracted drunken spree.

The State authorities have recently attacked small shipments of liquor, manifestly for personal use, on the ground that a C. O. D. shipment is equivalent to a sale in this State. Keys & Co., of North Carolina, have been shipping considerable liquor into the State, and it appears that the bill was attached to each of the shipments, and the State holds that all C. O. D. shipments by express are in violation of Judge Simonton's decisions, because such shipments are virtually sales in the State.

On account of fire in the Spartanburg mill cotton warehouses 600 bales of cotton were damaged by fire and water. Loss about \$8,000 to \$10,000. Insured.

The British Medical Journal, in a recent issue, sounds an alarm concerning the rapid spread of the cocaine habit in England, where it threatens to become the third scourge of humanity, alcohol and morphine being the first and second. All ranks of society are declared to be crowded with its victims—both men and women—many of whom are literary people, who take cocaine to stimulate their imagination. The Journal advises that most stringent measures be adopted to eradicate this blighting vice.

## A PROFITABLE CROP.

### Celery, if Raised Properly, is a Better Money Crop Than Cotton.

There is no doubt of the fact that to raise celery successfully is a very difficult matter, and for this reason very few people undertake it. Several years ago Mr. C. H. Smith, who lives near Yorkville, concluded to experiment with this vegetable, which is held in such high esteem by connoisseurs, and which commands such fabulous prices on the market, and has each succeeding year increased the size of his patch, as well as improved the quality of his product, until now he is raising an article that is said to be equal in quality and flavor to the famous Kalamazoo product. The following paragraph taken from the local columns of the Yorkville Enquirer, should interest some of the more progressive farmers of South Carolina, who are of the opinion that the sole dependence of the Southern agriculturists for a "money crop" is cotton:

"Mr. C. H. Smith, who lives five miles south of Yorkville, and who for several years past has been experimenting with celery raising, this year promises to outdo all previous records. At first he attempted only a small patch and met with fairly good success—just success enough to encourage him to try again, which he did on a somewhat larger, though still rather small scale. Then he tried it again and again, each time planting a little more and getting more experience. This year he has about an acre, which, in celery, is a fairly good sized patch. The land has been prepared with a great deal of care and expense. Previous experience had taught that when the plant needs water, for instance, water it must have, and with a dam and system of ditches the entire patch can be irrigated at will. As the result, the present crop is giving forth splendid promise. On the greater part of the acre the stand is perfect, and on the balance it is fairly good. Taken as a whole, the acre is calculated to fill the heart of any experienced celery raiser with joy. Heretofore Mr. Smith has only tried to dispose of his crop in the surrounding local markets—Yorkville, Rock Hill and Chester—where he has generally found ready sale for all the celery he has been able to raise. But this year, probably, he will be attempted, after fully supplying the local demand, to make shipments to the commission men in some of the larger cities. An acre of land is reckoned as a small thing generally; but at a low estimate Mr. Smith has on his acre the value of not less than ten bales of cotton."

### PALMETTO POINTERS.

Steps are being taken to incorporate the town of Couway, in Horry county.

The murderer of Policeman Wolfe, at Orangeburg, has been captured and taken to Columbia for safe keeping, as it was not safe for him to remain in Orangeburg jail, as public sentiment was in favor of lynching him.

Mr. Jas. Norton has received his certificate of election from the State board canvassers as member of Congress from the Sixth district to fill the unexpired term of Senator McLaurin. The board also declared Mr. J. P. McNeill elected probate judge of Florence county.

The State historian has received from Miss Lydia V. McCreery, of Ellenton, a copy of the roll of the company organized at the beginning of the late war in Barnwell county. This lady's brother was afterwards Col. C. W. McCreery, who was killed around Petersburg, Va. She found the original roll among some old family papers. The historian hopes that all who come across such rolls will send them to him.

A cotton man of wide experience, in talking to a representative of the Columbia State about the continued low price of cotton, said: "Looking at all the figures, pro and con, and while speculation may put January contracts in New York down to 1/2 cents, cotton is too low and will be higher before spring. The moral of this is: 'Mills buy your year's supply and farmers hold if you can.' At the same time the farmer should not be led by an advance in prices in the spring to plant as many acres in cotton as he did last spring."

### HORSEWHIPPED BY A GIRL.

After the Act Was Accomplished She Exclaimed, "Now Tell What You Know."

At Charleston Mr. Willie Brugemann was horsewhipped by pretty little Miss Lula Harrington. A dance was given at Capers hall, on Church street, in honor of Miss Annie Thayer by Mr. Bertage. Quite a jolly party of young people assembled and among the party was Miss Lula Harrington, her sister and Mr. Willie Brugemann. The dance was passing off smoothly and nothing had taken place to apprise one of what was to come. Suddenly Mr. Brugemann was approached by Miss Harrington who drew from under her cloak a lash and began whipping the gentleman vigorously. Mr. Brugemann tried to get out of the hall but was intercepted by a number of young men, Miss Harrington all the while plying her lash and exclaiming, "Now tell what you know."

Miss Harrington accused Mr. Brugemann of talking about her sister, to whom he had been engaged, in a manner she would not allow, and to repair the injury, publicly horsewhipped him. —Columbia Register.

### A PERJURY CASE.

The Jury in the Achurst Case, at Aiken, Couldn't Agree.

Last week, at Aiken, in the Court of General Sessions, the case of the State vs. J. W. Achurst was called. This case is a prosecution for perjury arising out of the complication of the defunct Aiken County Loan and Savings Bank. Ever since this bank suspended business in 1894 its affairs have been the subject of litigation before both State and United States courts. The trial which came before this session was against the ex-cashier for an alleged oath in 1893 as to the bank's condition. The case was fought with great earnestness by opposing counsel, Mr. M. B. Woodward representing the State and Henderson Bros. the defence. The trial of the case consumed two days. After a deliberation of four hours the jury announced their inability to agree, whereupon a mistrial was ordered.

## LOVE OF ADVENTURE, NOT GOLD

### Wealthy Young Chicago Widow Has Gone to Alaska Gold Fields.

It is not a love of gold, but a love of adventure, which impelled young Mrs. A. W. Little, of Chicago, to start for Alaska. She was born and reared in the cradle of luxury. Her slightest wants have all been gratified since she was a child. In society she was a favorite. Her friends include some of the richest and most influential persons in Chicago, Boston and elsewhere. She is now endowed with money and position. But sweetness has palled on her taste. She is determined to leave luxury behind, and brave the hardships of frontier life—merely for a chance for the benefit of her health, and to occupy her mind. For, although still young, Mrs. Little has for a year been a widow, and the ordinary life of civilization seems empty to her.

"I am going up there," she said before starting, "just to see the country and watch frontier life while a gold



MRS. A. W. LITTLE.

excitement is at its height. I feel it is the experience of a lifetime, and in spite of the hardships I am anticipating it with eagerness. I do not intend to stake out a claim or anything of that sort, although I may get the fever after I reach there. I am making plans to enjoy myself. I have bought a kodak and ordered my dogs and sledges to be ready when I get there. I shall stay just as long as I feel like it."

### Antiquity of the Rose.

The antiquity of the rose is so great that all accounts of its origin have been lost. It is not mentioned in the Biblical writings earlier than the reign of Solomon, but the allusion to it then made is such as to indicate that the flower had already long been known for the essence of roses was extensively used in Jerusalem and Judea during the reign of the luxurious and much-married king. In Egypt the rose is depicted on a number of very early monuments, believed to date from 3,000 to 3,500 years B. C., and in the tomb of an Egyptian princess, disinterred a year ago, in Southern Egypt, several hermetically sealed vials were found, which, when opened, contained genuine attar roses, so that the modern claims for the discovery of this delicious perfume are vain. Rose water, or the essence of roses, is mentioned by Homer in the "Iliad." Homer and Solomon were nearly contemporaneous. Both the Greeks and Hebrews probably borrowed the idea of its manufacture from the Egyptian, and these, for aught anybody can tell, may have had it from the Indians or from the Chinese, for the latter claim for each of their discoveries and inventions a most marvelous, not to say incredible, antiquity.

All wild roses are not of the same kind, for there are over 1,000 species of the wild rose known to botanists, and the varieties are innumerable.

Dismal Dawson: "Funny, ain't it, that a millionaire ain't happy?" Everett Wreast: "I see nothin' strange about it. It is the time they have wasted that makes 'em sore when they think of it." "Time wasted?" "Sure. Don't you know that most of 'em has spent their lives in hard work." —Indianapolis Journal.

## TRUMPET CALLS.

### Ram's Horn Sounds a Warning Note to the Unredeemed.

EVERY man has a tiger—keep it chained. Love sets courage on fire. Opportunities travel on wings. Set patience to driving a balky horse. Self-respect is the backbone of manhood. The surest way not to get sympathy is to whine for it.

Why is it that the dollar rings louder than the church bell?

The time saved from the table by hurried eating is lost in bed.

There isn't room to draw a line between sympathy and succor.

The devil is never too busy to rock the cradle of a sleeping sinner.

Only love for the drunkard makes righteous hatred of the saloon.

Jesus Christ never tried to cram theology down an empty stomach.

A city's righteous men do more to preserve its peace than its police.

The congregation needs to stick as closely to the text as the preacher.

Don't talk about a "free salvation" when you mean a cheap salvation.

Many a man will fight for his creed, who has no blood to shed for Christ.

If we will do all the will of God we know, we will soon know more to do.

The man who would lead others, must have the courage to step off alone.

Whenever you find an empty whisky bottle, you may expect to find a full man.

God was light to the children of Israel, but a lightning stroke to the Egyptians.

The greatest danger in the "dangerous classes" is the danger of classifying men at all.

It is impossible for any man to live for Christ, without first knowing that Christ died for him.

Selfishness is a Dead Sea into which all the sweetness poured turns bitter for want of an outlet.

When Jesus said, "Let your light so shine," he was talking to those who had light that did shine.

More irreligious persons would attend preaching, if more of the preaching was aimed at them.

Unregenerate man is a powder magazine with passion and appetite enough to wreck him, if ignited.

A man with splendid abilities that are not consecrated to God, is like a first-class fiddle unstrung.

People who don't believe in revivals of religion, can't consistently believe in washday or house-cleaning.

It is a waste of breath for the mother to warn her boys against the cigarette while their father is puffing away at a pipe.

A high-priced choir, may decoy sinners to the church, but the preacher who depends on such things never bags the game.

Some people ought, like spring doors, to have "pull" or "push" painted on them, for when you go at them they fly in your face.

### It Stood the Test.

A public writer had a partition wall fixed up in his study and ordered the carpenters to make it in such a way that no sound could penetrate through it.

"The best thing will be to fill it in with shavings," said the man, and set to work.

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