

PALMETTO AFFAIRS

Occurrences of Interest From All Over South Carolina

MANY ITEMS OF STATE NEWS

A Batch of Livid Paragraphs Covering a Wide Range—What is Going On in Our State.

General Cotton Market.

Galveston, quiet	11 1-8
New Orleans, quiet	10 13-16
Mobile, steady	10 5-8
Savannah, quiet	10 7-8
Charleston, quiet	10 5-8
Wilmington, steady	10 3-4
Norfolk, steady	11
Baltimore, nominal	11 1-4
New York, quiet	11 20
Boston, quiet	11 20
Philadelphia, steady	11 45
Houston, easy	11
Augusta, steady	11
Memphis, quiet	11
Cincinnati	11
Louisville, firm	11 3-8

Charlotte Cotton Market.

These prices represent the prices paid to wagons:

Good middling

Strick middling

Middling

Good middling, tinged

Stains

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9 to 10

Plans for Tech Building.

Newberry, Special.—The plans for the building donated to Newberry College by Mr. Andrew Carnegie for the engineering department were submitted to the committee and accepted. The structure will be three stories high, of a beautiful type of architecture, and will have a floor space in each story, 50x100 feet. It will be fully equipped with all modern machinery essential to a technical school, with cupola, forge, etc. The cornerstone will be laid next Tuesday afternoon with appropriate ceremonies. Rev. W. C. Schaeffer, D. D., pastor of the Ascension, Savannah, Ga., has accepted the invitation to deliver the address.

Killed by Lightning.

Greenwood, Special.—Newton Y. Manley, a Confederate veteran, aged 60 years, was struck and instantly killed by lightning near Poplar Springs church three miles from Wares Shoals Thursday afternoon. A very heavy rain fell during the thunderstorm. Mr. Manley was an excellent citizen and is spoken of in the highest terms by his neighbors. The burial took place at 4 o'clock in the afternoon at Poplar Springs. He left a widow and several children.

Chester Man Takes His Life.

Chester, Special.—Willie Mobley, Jr., a young farmer residing a few miles from Chester, was found dead in his bed room with a discharged gun by his side and a ghastly wound in his abdomen. He lived alone. He had recently been heard to declare that he intended to take his life. The verdict of the coroner's jury was that the deceased came to his death from gunshot wounds by his own hand.

Governor Orders Prosecution.

Columbia, Special.—As a result of the disclosures before the dispensary investigating committee Governor Heyward authorized the Attorney General to prosecute H. H. Evans, L. N. Boykin and J. B. Towell, former members of the dispensary board for malfeasance in office. The committee adjourned and the action of the Governor immediately followed.

Farmers to Pool Their Cotton.

Spartanburg, Special.—President E. L. Archibald of the Spartanburg county branch of the Southern Cotton Association has issued a statement to the farmers that it is the intention this year to sell their cotton in bulk. It has been estimated that there are about 5,000 bales to be marketed this year in Spartanburg county, which will be held in 20 to 80 bale lots.

Negroes Administer Poison.

Chester, Special.—William Reighly was found dead two days ago in a field, near Fort Lawn. Coroner Leckie made an investigation and found that two strolling negroes, Ed. Bailey and Dennis Cole, have been arrested and committed to jail.

A Negro Burned to Death.

On the premises of Mr. W. H. Hardin, near Chester, a negro cabin was burned in which a negro boy was burned to death, and a child of the same family badly burned was rescued.

Items of State News.

The colleges of the State have mostly held their commencement during the past week. The number of graduates was large and the interest manifested by the public in the exercises was unusual. Large crowds attended all of them.

John Kelley was ground to pieces by a railroad train at Clarksburg, W. Va.

Struck by Lightning.

Rowesville, Special.—During a heavy rain and electrical storm Saturday, lightning struck the Rowesville oil mill, burning out the telephone and electric light connections and starting a small fire which was quickly extinguished. Little damage being done. At the same time, near the same place, a cow and horse were instantly killed and Mack's son severely shocked by lightning.

STARTLING REVELATIONS

SOUTH CAROLINA CROPS

REEKING WITH FILTH

Big Packing Houses a Menace to Public Health

A BLOT ON COMMON DECENCY

The Report is Only Preliminary, the President Being Anxious for Special Legislation—More is to Come—Revelations That Will Concern The People.

Condition of South Carolina Crops for Week Ending Monday, June 4, 1906, as Given Out by the Department.

The weather was generally cloudy and showery over the State on the first day, and on the last two days of the week while the intervening four days were generally clear, with light to fresh southerly to southwest winds.

There was a wide range in temperature during the week over the entire State, except along the immediate coast, the first half of the week having been unusually cool and the last half was quite warm with daily maximum temperature generally above 90 degrees except in the extreme northwestern counties where they were between 85 and 90 degrees.

The highest temperature for the week was a maximum of 95 degrees at Bowan, Florence and Sumter on June 1st; the lowest temperature for the week was a minimum of 49 degrees at Greenville on May 30th. The average temperature was slightly below normal.

There were showers over nearly the whole State on the first day and on the last two days, the precipitation having been heavy in Barnwell, Lexington, and in places in adjoining counties on June 3rd, with amounts ranging from one inch to over two inches of rain in one hour. The week's average precipitation was below the normal amount for the same period, with the least rainfall along the immediate coast and in the north-eastern counties where the weekly amounts ranged from a trace only to slightly more than half an inch. The weather was cloudy and threatening as the week ended.

Union County Farmers to Pool Their Cotton.

Union, Special.—The Union County farmers generally are in better condition financially than they have been in decades, if ever, for at a meeting Saturday of the county cotton association it was brought out that there are still on hand, scattered in different sections, about 500 or more bales of cotton, the owners waiting for higher prices, the number of bales these farmers still have varying from 1 to 100. That they are now able to be independent enough to hold back and sell when they think they are getting a good price speaks volumes for the effectiveness and value of organized effort among them. The regular monthly meeting held Saturday was not largely attended, the farmers wisely staying at home to devote attention to their crops, only those being present who had to be in town on other business. Perhaps the most important feature of the meeting was the decision to have a special meeting of all farmers, who still have cotton on hand, on next Saturday, June 9, at 12 o'clock at the court house, for the purpose of listing every bale remaining unsold now, confirming the authority given Judge J. M. Greer to represent all holding farmers to receive bids from cotton buyers and close out the cotton when the desired price is reached, it being so much easier to get better prices if cotton is sold in bulk than when sold separately in small amounts by different persons. The matter of a warehouse was taken up, and the committee recently appointed has secured an option on a large building near Rice's Mill, and the question of purchasing will be definitely settled within two weeks.

Killed by Infuriated Bull.

Greenville, Special.—Major John Ferguson, formerly a merchant of this city, was gored to death by an infuriated Guernsey bull early Thursday morning at his country home in Pickens county. Mr. Ferguson was 65 years of age. At one time he was probably the largest merchant in South Carolina, outside of the big wholesale houses in Charleston.

Politics in Pickens.

Easley, Special.—Pickens is expecting lively times in the political campaign this summer. Hon. C. H. Carpenter is in the race for reelection to the Senate and he is to be opposed by Hon. Lahan Mauldin and Hon. Charles E. Robinson. Mr. Carpenter is a dispensary candidate while Mauldin and Robinson are both anti-dispensary men. Judge James P. Cary will be in the race for the house. Messrs. Robinson and Cary represented Pickens county in the supreme court last winter when the dispensary election was contested and won for prohibition against the dispensary.

May Help the Boat Line.

Columbia, Special.—The officers of the Columbia boat line are very much impressed with the scheme to build a trolley line in Orangeburg county that will tap a rich section to connect with the boat line and president W. J. Murray said that as soon as the line was an assured fact a conference would be held with the promoters and every aid possible given.

New Enterprises.

Chicora College, of Greenville, was chartered by the secretary of state. This is the female seminary of the Presbyterians of the northern part of the State. Rev. S. C. Byrd is president of the college and Rev. C. E. Graham is president of the board.

The Enoch Club of Columbia, was chartered. The officers are: Jas. B. Rogers, president; George Nafey, treasurer; William Gaston, secretary and J. M. Van Metre, L. H. Joseph and C. M. Dempsey, trustees.

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a law, will the cost of inspection exceed 5 cents per head.

I call special attention to the fact that this report is preliminary, and that the investigation is still unfinished. It is not yet possible to report on the alleged abuses in the use of deleterious chemical compounds in connection with canning and preserving meat products, nor on the alleged doctoring in this fashion of tainted meat and of products returned to the packers as having grown unsalable or unusable from age or from other reasons. Grave allegations are made in reference to abuses of this nature.

Can't Stop Abuses.

Let me repeat that under the present law there is practically no method of stopping these abuses if they should be discovered to exist. Legislation is needed in order to prevent the possibility of all abuses in the future. If no legislation is passed, then the excellent results accomplished by the work of this special committee will endure only so long as the memory of the committee's work is fresh, and a recrudescence of the abuses is absolutely certain.

I urge the immediate enactment into law of provisions which will enable the Department of Agriculture adequately to inspect the meat and meat-food products entering into interstate commerce and to supervise the methods of preparing the same, and to prescribe the sanitary conditions under which the work shall be performed.

I therefore commend to your favorable consideration and urge the enactment of substantially the provisions known as Senate amendment No. 29 to the act making appropriations for the Department of Agriculture for the fiscal year ending June 20, 1907, as passed by the Senate, for this amendment being commonly known as the Beverage amendment.

THEODORE ROOSEVELT.

The White House, June 4, 1906.

The Report.

The report of the special committee is quite lengthy, dealing with the various phases of the work of packing houses. It shows that they are unutterably filthy and unsanitary. The revelations brought to light show that unwholesome and decayed meats are packed; that deleterious chemicals are employed to freshen and prevent further decay, and that the government inspection is used as a blind to perpetrate a fraud upon the customers. It is enough to shock the entire American people, and doubtless Congress will be quick to enact legislation to remedy the great evils found.

NEWSY GLEANINGS.

The crater of Vesuvius is falling in. The Coffin Trust has raised prices twenty-five per cent.

Greek remains a compulsory study at Cambridge University by a vote of 747 to 341.

Among 42,390 students at German universities this spring there are 3553 foreign.

A seaside hospital to cost \$100,000 is to be built at Santa Monica, Southern California.

The pay of the Vice-President of the Cuban Republic has been fixed at \$15,000 per year.

Mayor McClellan says the city of New York has yet a borrowing capacity of \$132,000,000.

David Ranken, Jr., has given \$2,000,000 to found a great industrial training school at St. Louis, Mo.

It is proposed to construct subways underneath crowded streets in Paris for the use of pedestrians.

The United States Government is about to take a hand in the investigation of the Lumber Trust in Mississippi.

H. E. Huntington gave \$26,000 for the relief of the professional classes impoverished by the San Francisco disaster.

It has been discovered that 125,000 volumes of the Sutro Library, in San Francisco, supposed to have been destroyed, have been saved.

The demands of the colored inhabitants of the Transvaal and Orange River colonies for full political rights are becoming more insistent.

It was announced at the laying of the corner-stone of the new Red Cross Hospital, New York City, that alcohol would not be used in it except in baths.

By a decision of the Supreme Court the Whisky Trust must pay the Sugar Trust \$141,000 for stopping the manufacture of whisky from molasses by the latter.

Conflict Has Been Obviated.

St. Petersburg, Special.—The possibility of a conflict between the lower House of Parliament and the government over the abolition of death penalty, according to The Reich, has been obviated by the decision of the ministry to support such a measure, due to the initiative of Minister of Justice Cheteglovitoff.

It is doubtful, however, the paper says, whether this will extend to cases under martial law, which is exactly the point desired by the House.

Landlord is Buried Alive.

Venna, Austria, By Cable.—A landowner named Laborin, at Szilzegh, refused to allow peasants to use land caused the outraged tenants to make an attack on him. He, with 33 servants was seized and buried head downward, in ground, leaving the legs protruding. A great many peasants have been arrested, and the authorities are trying to place the blame for the outrage.

To Stamp Out Anarchy.

Washington, Special.—The United States will enter into an international compact for the obliteration of anarchy. Many American statesmen will endorse and actively support any movement, international or individual, among the powers, which look to the suppression of the common evil and Congress would doubtless pass laws supplemental to legislation which followed McKinley's death in furtherance of such measures.

Shreveport Also Commemorates.

Shreveport, La., Special.—Confederate Memorial Day was fittingly observed in Shreveport by veterans of the civil war, Daughters of the Confederacy and local military companies.

All participating in the ceremonies at the opera house and at Oaklawn Cemetery.

New Haven is on the Eve for the Annual Convention of the Knights of Columbus.

New Haven, Conn., Special.—Following the celebration of the Pontifical High Mass at St. John's church, presided over by Cardinal Gibbons, the National Convention of the Knights of Columbus assembled at the new national headquarters. The convention was opened by the Supreme Knight Edward L. Hearn of this city.

A. P. GORMAN DEAD

Maryland's Senior Senator Is Taken Away

WAS A SPLENDID TYPE OF MAN

When He Suffered Last Attack He Had Taken Nourishment an Hour Before.

Washington, Special.—Senator Arthur Pugh Gorman, of Maryland, died here Monday morning. At 9 o'clock the Senator was stricken with an attack of heart failure similar to the series of attacks suffered a week ago. A physician was immediately summoned, but the Senator expired before relief could be administered. He was conscious when stricken with the last attack and had been taking nourishment and hour before.

A week ago Saturday he suffered an attack, but recovered under prompt medical attention. After that time conditions improved and Sunday day plans were made to remove him to his country home at Laurel, Md.

There were present at his bedside when the Senator expired, his wife, daughter and nurse, and messages were immediately dispatched for the other children.

Senator Gorman had not been out of the house since January 16. His ailment was diagnosed as a stomach trouble with heart complications.

The Senate, at 12:10 o'clock, adjourned out of respect to the memory of the last Senator Gorman.

Senator Gorman, in a written request addressed to Mrs. Gorman, asked that no State funeral should be held.