

## PALMETTO AFFAIRS

Occurrences of Interest From All Over South Carolina

### MANY ITEMS OF STATE NEWS

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

#### Columbia Cotton Market.

Columbia Sept. 10.—The cotton market was steady. New crop cotton: Low middling..... 71.2 Strict low middling..... 8 Middling..... 8 Strict..... 8.1-2 Middling..... 8.3-4 Good middling..... 9

#### Charlotte Produce Market.

Chickens—Spring..... 12 to 25 Hens—per head..... 35 Ducks..... 25 Eggs..... 21 to 22 Rye..... 80 Corn..... 73 to 75 Cotton Seed..... 22 to 24 Oats—Feed..... 47 1-2 to 50 Oats—Seed..... 55 to 57 1-2

#### Baltimore Produce Market.

Baltimore, Md., Sept. 10.—Flour dull, unchanged.

Wheat: Weak; spot contract 69 7-8 to 70; Southern, by sample, 50 to 66.

Corn: Weak; spot 54 1-2 to 5-8; Southern white 58 to 59.

Oats: Barely steady; No. 2 mixed 34 1-2 to 35.

Rye: Firm; No. 2 Western 63 to 64.

Butter: Steady and unchanged; fancy imitation 20 to 21; do creamery 25 to 26; do lard 18 to 20; store packed 15 to 16.

Eggs: Firm, 23.

Cheese: Active and unchanged, 13 to 13 1-2.

#### Negro 102 Years Old Attempts Murder.

St. George, Special.—Magistrate J. W. Cummings of Harleyville, committed to jail Friday Caesar Sheppard, colored, aged 102 years, charged with attempts and threats to kill Mr. J. W. Infinger a respectable white citizen of the Harleyville section of this county. This old negro has already served five terms in the penitentiary for various offenses, including hog stealing. He has already expressed a willingness to be sent to the penitentiary, and upon his return each time expresses himself as being highly pleased with his trip, and on his way to jail Friday he told the constable in whose buggy he was riding, to please drive a little faster as he was anxious to get there, and that on his last trip he was made a (trustee) "trustee" at Clemson college, where he cooked and waited on the "boys."

#### Young Lady Accidentally Shot.

Greenville, Special.—Miss Lucile Haddon, a beautiful young woman about 19 years of age, daughter of Mrs. Sarah E. Haddon, met death in a most shocking and tragic manner early Thursday afternoon. She was shot through the heart by the accidental discharge of a pistol which evidently fell to the floor while she was removing several articles of clothing from a trunk. Miss Haddon had only a few minutes before returned from shopping and while out she bought a bottle of gasoline to clean a skirt. She went to her room and a few moments later the report of a pistol was heard. When the members of the family reached the room the young woman was lying on the floor gasping for breath. She never spoke.

#### Advertising Columbia.

Secretary of the Chamber of Commerce E. B. Clark has received so many applications for the "Condensed Facts About Columbia," which the chamber has been issuing, that about 2,000 copies have been distributed. The distribution has not been broadcast in a worthless sense, but has covered ten States and the pamphlets have been sent to bona-fide inquirers. The next advertising book "Columbia as a Tourist Hotel Resort," has been prepared and will be issued shortly.

#### Death of Mr. Parrott.

Scranton, Special.—Mr. B. Parrott died Tuesday at his home, a few miles from town after several days' illness. He was about 73 years of age, and served faithfully in the War Between the Sections. The remains were buried at High Hill cemetery with Masonic rites. A widow and several children survive him.

#### New Enterprises.

A charter was issued to the Madison Lumber company of Madison, Oconee county, the capitalization to be \$5,000. P. P. Sullivan is president and treasurer and J. S. Rice, manager.

A commission was issued to the corporators of the Garren Electric company of Columbia, capitalization to be \$10,000. These interested are Luther Garren, U. R. Brooks, Jr., and S. T. Carter.

A charter was issued to the McCormick Land and Lumber company with a capitalization of \$100,000. J. E. Built is president and treasurer and J. Q. Stillwell, secretary. The directors are the officers named and T. J. Britt, W. H. Britt, R. F. Morris, B. F. Mauldin, F. G. Brown, A. S. Farmer and R. E. Ligon.

The Scott Lumber company of Sumter, with a capitalization of \$250,000, was given a charter. Alex Scott is president, F. S. Speece secretary and George Burchill treasurer.

## SOUTH CAROLINA CROPS

Condition of South Carolina Crops For Week Ending Monday, Sept. 3, 1906, as Given Out by the Department.

Early in the week the weather was generally cloudy and sultry, but the last three days had ample sunshine.

The mean temperature was above normal, although there was no excessive heat. The nights were comparatively cool during the middle of the week, but were again hot as the week ended. The State range of temperature was from a minimum of 60 degrees at Liberty and Walhalla on August 28th, maximum of 94 degrees at Blackville, Bowman and Summerville on August 31st. The temperature conditions were quite favorable.

Excessive precipitation was noted early in the week at widely separated places, with the heaviest rainfall in the northwest and north central counties, while the central counties had the lightest rainfall. Heavy local rains fell in Abbeville, Orangeburg, Pickens, Spartanburg, York and Union counties; Calhoun Falls received 6.64 inches, Bowman 5.61 inches, Liberty 3.54 inches, Spartanburg 6.52 inches, Yorkville 4.31 inches. Rock Hill 5.38 inches, Santeetlah 3.32 inches. These heavy rains covered comparatively small areas and the average precipitation was below normal, although the soil continues to have ample moisture in all parts of the State.

#### Cotton Damage in York.

Rock Hill, Special.—There is no doubt of the fact that the cotton crop in this section has been greatly damaged by the excessive rains for the past week. The wet weather is causing the green bolls to rot, peculiarly those that are beginning to open. As soon as the bolls begin to crack open they turn black and great quantities of them are dropping off. Mr. W. S. Thomasson, who lives near the city, was showing a number of full developed and matured bolls on the streets that he took from his field. They had turned black and would have dropped off the stalk in a few more days. Mr. Thomasson reports that his entire crop is affected in this same way and the same reports come from all other sections of the country.

#### Dies For Want of Medical Aid.

Anderson, Special.—Baxter Hayes, the little boy who was refused medical attention by his parents on the ground that they could cure their son by divine healing, died here. The case has excited great indignation in the city. Hayes is an itinerant preacher. He believes in the doctrine of faith cure. He refused to let a physician attend the suffering boy, seeking to save him by means of prayer. The statute law provides no remedy for cases of this kind, but prosecutions will probably follow, as it is believed that the common law provides adequate punishment under the general head of "neglect and illegal treatment."

#### Two White Men Arrested.

Laurens, Special.—Will Kern and Julie Gillespie of Youngs township were landed in jail on a warrant sworn out by Mr. Sam Burnett, also of Youngs, charging the two men with grand larceny. Both the accused men are white and they are charged with stealing a mule and a buggy from Mr. Barnett in the upper part of the county last Sunday night, during services. The men and team were captured near Hendersonville by a party of fox hunters. It is said that Kern and Gillespie showed fight when caught up with and some shots were fired. The sheriff was with the fox hunters and took charge of the men, who were brought to Laurens.

#### Hon. R. E. Allison Dead.

Lancaster, Special.—Hon. R. E. Allison, the eldest member of the Lancaster bar, died at his residence at this place. Mr. Allison was one of the ablest civil lawyers in the State. He was born in York county, but has lived in Lancaster since 1856. He was a member of the legislature for several terms in the 50's. He was a consistent member of the Methodist church, living up to his profession, and was active in church work most of his life. He was highly esteemed by all who knew him and will be greatly missed. He was 76 years of age.

#### Negro Ground to Pulp.

Spartanburg, Special.—Elbert Roland, a negro from Roebuck, was run over by a shifting engine in the Charleston and Western Carolina railroad yards here and was literally ground to pieces. The man was mutilated in such a manner as to make it a hard job to collect his remains. He was ground beyond recognition as a human being and resembled a mass of sausage meat.

#### Drowned in Catawba.

Fort Mill, S. C., Special.—Joseph Vaca, a Spaniard working at the Charlotte Brick Company's plant, was drowned in the Catawba river there. He was sitting on a limb over the water fishing when the limb broke and precipitated him into the water. He was unable to swim. Four Germans were near in a boat and tried to rescue him, but his body has not been recovered yet.

#### Negro Shot and Killed.

Greenville, Special.—Jim Blasingame was shot and killed by Tom Whitmire at the Southern passenger station in the heart of the city. Both negroes were employees of the Southern. Whitmire who was a cook for a train crew made his escape after the shooting. The fight was over a disreputable white woman. The authorities are now in search of Whitmire.

## ARRESTS ARE MADE

Developments in Connection With Trust Company Wreck

#### PROSECUTIONS WILL FOLLOW

Promoter Segal and Two Officials of Wrecked Real Estate Trust Company, Treasurer North and Assistant Treasurer Collinwood Assistant Treasurer Collinwood to Be Arrested, States District Attorney.

Philadelphia, Pa., Special.—District Attorney Bell is authority for the statement that warrants were prepared for the arrest of William F. North treasurer of the Real Estate Trust Company; M. S. Collingwood, assistant treasurer, and Adolf Segal, on charges of conspiring with Frank K. Hippie, the suicide president of the institution, to loot its treasury. Segal is the promoter who borrowed more than \$5,000,000 from the bank on flimsy collateral to finance his enterprises. Horace Hill, the aged auditor, will not be arrested. He is 75 years old and broken in health. The district attorney says he was a figurehead and a tool used by the looters.

Public interest in the investigation of the defunct bank's affairs now centers in the warrants which District Attorney Bell says will be issued for the arrest of the men implicated with Frank K. Hippie, the suicide president, in looting and wrecking the institution. Abundant evidence of the culpability of others besides the dead president has been obtained, the district attorney says.

Two of the most prominent figures in the investigation appeared before District Attorney Bell and were William F. North, treasurer of the trust company, and Horace Hill, the auditor. Mr. Hill, who is an aged man, was on the verge of collapse when he arrived at the bank and nervously inquired of the newspaper reporters assembled outside as to why the district attorney should send for him. Neither Treasurer North would consent to be interviewed. Receiver Earle announced that Adolph Segal, the promoter, whose extensive borrowings were mainly responsible for the failure of the trust company, had turned over his entire interest in the Pennsylvania Sugar Refinery. The plant is heavily encumbered, however, and Segal's interest will be of little benefit to the depositors.

The investigation of Receiver Earle and District Attorney Bell has established the fact that President Hippie was a partner with Segal in a number of the latter's enterprises, and that F. Wharton Hippie, his son, a clerk in the bank, was the "dummy" for his father.

#### Suit Over Ostrich Farm.

Asheville, N. C., Special—Suit was docketed in Superior Court Saturday entitled Karl von Ruck vs. the Asheville Street Railroad Company, J. E. Rankin and H. W. Plummer. Merrick & Parnard and Merrimon & Merrimon, according to the summons docket, represent the plaintiff. The suit has to do with the ostrich farm that was once located in Asheville and which proved a dismal failure.

While the complaint in the cause has not yet been filed and although the attorneys representing the litigants are reticent on the subject it is said that damages in the sum of \$20,000 or \$25,000 will be demanded.

#### Found Dead in Room.

Binghamton, N. Y., Special—The State convention of the Prohibitionists of New York will open at the Tabernacle Methodist Episcopal church here. It will be called to order by Chairman J. H. Durkee, of Rochester, and Mr. Homer L. Castner, who made a remarkably good run as candidate for Governor in Pennsylvania and whom the Prohibitionists of that State expect to elect this year will be the principal speaker. A full ticket will probably be nominated.

#### Savannah Labor Day.

Halifax, N. S., Special—A man registered as "J. Jones," United States, and who is thought to be from Richmond, Va., was found dead in his room at the Halifax Hotel with a bullet in his head and a revolver clutched tight in his right hand. Medical examiners report the case suicide. The man has been at the hotel for two weeks. He was about 40 years of age.

#### No General of Society Yet.

Rome, Italy, By Cable.—Delegates from the Jesuit order throughout the world, assembled here for the purpose of selecting a general of the Society of Jesus, in succession to Father Martin, deceased, took a number of ballots, but so far without result. The Pope, it is stated, is using his influence for the elevation of Father Freddi, an Italian, to the office.

## TO ENFORCE FOOD LAW

Bureau of Chemistry Plans Increase of Its Laboratory Facilities at Chief Ports—No Money Yet Available.

Washington, Special.—As the result of the new pure food law, which goes into effect January 1 next, the Department of Agriculture is making preparations for the increased labor and equipment involved in its enforcement. The working forces and the appliances of the laboratories at Philadelphia, Chicago, Baltimore and New Orleans will be largely increased, while at the ports of New York and Boston there will be erected new laboratories in which to conduct the necessary examinations of all food products coming into this country. Plans for these latter buildings have been approved by Dr. Wiley, chief of the Bureau of Chemistry, and Secretary Wilson doubtless will coincide with the ideas of Dr. Wiley. There is no money available for the construction of these buildings, but the Secretary of Agriculture has been assured that it will be forthcoming at the next session of Congress.

Furthermore, assurances have been given that the money necessary to execute the pure food law, through the employment of inspectors, and the necessary clerical force, will be provided.

#### Stensland Tells of Looting.

Chicago, Special.—A dispatch to The Tribune from Tangier says: Stensland's confession clears up much of the mystery surrounding the events leading up to the crash which involved the ruin of the Milwaukee Avenue Bank. He took much of the blame upon himself, but declared that Cashier Hering was a forger and that Hering got most of the money. He exonerated his son, Theodore, and the bank directors. He pronounced it a lie that he had spent the money on Leone Langdon Key or any other woman.

He declared he never spent more than \$5,000 a year himself, and that all the money he stole he put into real estate or investments in the hope of "making good" before leaving Chicago. He hesitated some time between suicide and flight.

#### Nab Mexican Revolutionists.

Tucson, Ariz., Special.—Collis Humbert, a Frenchman, and Leonardo Villareal and Bruno Trevino, Mexicans, were arrested at Mowdy, and Patagonia mining camps, where many miners are employed. The arrests were made by Immigration Inspector Murphy, and Rangers Olds and Clerk. It is charged that the men are agitators who were attempting to organize a force of Mexican miners to attack Nogales, Sonora. Letters found on the prisoners show that their plans were directed by Mexican revolutionist leaders at St. Louis. The letters also indicated that the revolutionists have organizations in 40 cities and that they will become active as soon as they can secure arms. The alleged agitators are in jail at Nogales, Ariz.

#### Bryan to Visit Chicago.

Chicago, Ill., Special.—Final arrangements for the reception of Mr. Bryan have been completed at a joint meeting of representatives of the Iroquois and Jefferson Clubs. Mr. Bryan is expected to arrive at 8:30. At noon he will be the guest of the Iroquois Club at luncheon and is expected to make a short address. In the evening he will attend the banquet of the Jefferson Club where his principal address will be delivered.

#### Fatal Explosion.

London, By Cable.—Four men were killed and eight seriously injured by an explosion on the Russian armored cruiser Rurik, building at Vicksburg Works at Barrow. The accident was attributed to contact of a lighted naptha lamp with inflammable gases in the tank where the men were working.

#### Minnesota State Fair.

Minneapolis, Minn., Special.—The Minnesota State Fair opened with a satisfactory crowd for the first day.

The exhibits in the agricultural, horticultural, manufactures and other departments are of the finest, and in the stock department the pens are crowded with prize-winning animals. An excellent race track, large strings of horses and purses aggregating as much as is usually offered for a grand circuit meeting insures excellent entertainment during the week.

#### Good Roads Convention.

Chillicothe, Mo., Special—Many delegates are attending the Inter-state Good Roads Convention which opened here. Practical demonstrations in good road making were the feature of the opening day. Governor Folk, Senator Stone and President Jesse of the State University was slated to address the convention later in the week.

#### Tobacco Exposition.

New York, Special—Secretary Taft has sent a letter to the management of the Tobacco Exposition now in progress, in which he wrote that it should be shown "to the members of the trade at the exposition that I think can certainly be shown that the passage of a proper Philippine tariff bill will not in substantial way interfere with the tobacco trade in the United States."

#### How is This For High.

Senator Clay, of Georgia, was once showing a constituent the sights of the National capital when the Washington Monument was reached.

"What do you think of it?" carelessly asked the Senator, as the constituent stood gazing in awe at the stately shaft.

"Senator," responded the Georgian, gravely, "that the darnedest, highest one story building I've ever seen!"—American Spectator.

## GOOD ROADS.

### Congressional Interest in Roads.

The closing hours of Congress were enlivened by a number of good roads speeches in the course of which the necessity for government aid in improving the public highways was brought out in an uncertain manner, writes the Washington correspondent of Automobile. Representative Bankhead, of Alabama, in a very able address, declared that to his mind the condition of the wagon roads, over which ninety per cent. of all the commerce of the country is transported, presented a problem for legislation by Congress far more serious and important in its results than that of railroad regulation. There is no necessity, he said, for making an argument to prove the value of good roads. They save labor, waste and energy. They economize time, and labor and money, and enhance the value of property. He pointed out that it has been estimated that every time the sun sets the American farmers have lost \$1,500,000 because of the condition of the roads. The representatives of the roads, the parties of rock of which it is composed are run together and form a hard lump or clod. It takes a great deal of work to break this lump of soil up, though of course severe freezing will help to pulverize it. But you can never count on getting a freeze to do the work just at the right time, and by plowing your land wet there is great danger of putting it in bad mechanical condition, and we all realize that a soil in good condition will certainly grow larger crops because it is easier to cultivate, and the plant roots and moisture can penetrate it with greater ease. Land should never be plowed when so wet that it will not fall in a flaky condition from the moldboard as it is turned over