

Gov. Atkinson, of Georgia, is enjoying a pleasure trip to California.

The North Carolina Penitentiary cleared \$63,000 last year, after paying all expenses.

Spain contains sixteen millions of people, of which ten millions cannot read or write.

The sales at the Darlington dispensary on Dec. 21, 22, 23 and 24 amounted to \$2,105.

President elect McKinley, is in favor of an international agreement for bimetalism, and we may be happy yet.

Perhaps it is not generally known that the 19th of January is a legal holiday, made so by the Legislature in honor of the birthday of Gen. Robert E. Lee.

And now they say that President-elect McKinley is descended from Duacan Macduff, of Scotland, the celebrated thane of Shakespeare, who slew Macbeth.

The Southern Railroad company announce that about the middle of the month a morning train from Augusta to Columbia will be put on. This is something that has long been desired by the travelling public and will be much appreciated.

On the night of Jan. 5th the residence of Rev. M. L. Jones, five miles north of Picken, was destroyed by fire with its entire contents, and his son Elbert and his daughter Mary, both nearly grown, perished in the flames. The father was absent from home.

A bill has been introduced into the legislature of New York state limiting the height of buildings to 175 feet. It meets with favor and will doubtless be passed, as the number of sky scrapers has increased to an alarming extent within a few years.

The Southern rice planters are trying to induce Congress to raise the duty on rice. We suppose every such move will meet with favor during the next administration, whose policy will embrace a protective tariff. We must confess we only want to see cotton "protected" and higher in price.

At Otranto, in Charleston county on Thursday last, Mr. John Popenheim shot and instantly killed L. F. Brown, who had won a lawsuit against him, and Stephen Mazzyk, who chanced to be in the boat with P. Brown. All the parties were men of good position.

The "four more years of Grover" have been reduced to fifty days—only fifty days! We must have human nature demands it—some old time fellow to reverence and believe in, like George Washington, for instance, but we don't think that Grover will ever fill that bill—reach that high estate.

A negro who murdered another negro and wounded several others on Jan. 1, and who had escaped arrest, committed three other murders in Sumter county on Jan. 7th. This latest victims were two white men and a young married woman, whom he killed in the most barbarous and fiendish manner. The murderer has been caught and summarily dealt with.

Of eight persons bitten by a mad dog in Baltimore recently four have since died of hydrophobia, the last death being that of a boy who was the first of the victims to go to New York for the Pasteur treatment. Those in our county who have pinned their faith to the Georgia mad stone will derive satisfaction from reading the above statement.

It is predicted that the great struggle of the coming four years for the control of the democratic party will be between David B. Hill, who will lead eastern democrats, and Will J. Bryan, who will lead the West and South. The struggle will be one of titans. Hill is bold, sayacious and cold Bryan, brilliant and magnetic, full of force and fire.

A bridegroom of Poughkeepsie, N. Y., not only gave a check for a large amount to the minister who officiated at the ceremony, but distributed checks to the organist, the sexton and the driver of the carriage that conveyed him and his bride to and from the church. The whole town was praising his liberality, but a day or two after it was discovered that the checks were worthless at the bank.

Farmers in sections of Indiana rather than feed their horses through the winter, are killing them and selling their carcasses to canned beef and fertilizer factories.

The dispensary law has been introduced into the legislature of Alabama and South Dakota. The attorney general of West Virginia has sent to Carolina for a copy of her dispensary law. The Columbia State thinks the disease is spreading.

Judge McIver will succeed himself as Chief Justice, the election for which will come off this session of the Legislature. The indicia that point to this page of prophecy are his recent decisions in the Lord-Bond case and the Magistrate jurisdiction case.

The News and Courier claims that South Carolina raises more cotton to the square inch than any other State, the production being 25 bales per square mile; in Georgia 18 bales; in Mississippi 21 1/2 bales; in Alabama 12 3/5 bales; in Louisiana 10 1/2 bales, and in Texas 6 1/6 bales.

There is grave apprehension that many of our democratic members in the lower house of congress will be unseated. That body is controlled by republicans, and they seem to be bending every effort in this direction. Special reasons will be and are given for unseating in special cases, but South Carolina is particularly interested in that clause of the federal constitution which declares that when in any state the franchise is restricted, "except for participation in rebellion or other crime," the state's vote for the presidency and its representation in congress shall be reduced in proportion to the number of adult male citizens debarred from voting. Should this rule be applied to South Carolina we would have only three representatives instead of seven, and five electoral votes instead of nine.

DOUBLE MURDER. Story from Charleston in Yesterday's Paper Confirmed. Charleston, S. C., Jan. 7.—The story of the fatal shooting at Otranto fifteen miles from here yesterday does not greatly lessen its horrors. The inquest began to-day showed that L. F. Brown and Stephen Mazzyk were shot in an open boat by John Popenheim. The two men killed had been on Popenheim's land against his orders. Some words were passed and two colored witnesses said that Brown raised up in the boat with his gun as if to shoot. Popenheim shot him. The witness said that as Brown fell into the river Mazzyk moved as if to get up and reached for his gun, and received the contents of Popenheim's second barrel in his forehead. The inquest was adjourned in order to secure other witnesses. Popenheim is in jail and has secured counsel. Brown's gun was taken from the water this afternoon. It was loaded and both hammers were at the safety notch.

Public ownership, whenever it has been given a fair trial, and has not been opposed by the lawless element of society, has proved to be a blessing. That is true as to public ownership of streets and roads, public ownership of rivers and harbors, public ownership of water works and electric plants, and public ownership of postoffices and dispensaries. Public ownership of the liquor traffic has abolished the social feature of the barroom, and that is all that ever can be accomplished. It has been demonstrated that public ownership is the summum bonum, the ne plus ultra of human wisdom and ingenuity in the political world.—J. A. Mette, in Columbia Register.

Resolutions of the Edgefield Light Dragoons. Whereas, Almighty God in His infinite wisdom and mysterious dispensation has seen fit to visit and carry from us by the Angel of Death, our youthful and beloved comrade, B. L. Holland; therefore, be it

Resolved 1st. That while we sadly deplore, and deeply feel, the seeming untimely and premature taking away of one so young in years, so mainly in character, so gentlemanly in disposition, and the pride of an affectionate father, and the joy of a noble and loving mother, we humbly bow in submission to the will of an all-wise, just and merciful creator, who understands mercy, wisdom and justice as we cannot.

Resolved 2nd. That as a military company his death makes a vacancy in our ranks that we will look in vain to fill, and a loss that we cannot repair.

Resolved 3rd. That we extend to his family our deepest and most heartfelt sympathies in this the sorest hour of sorrow that afflicts us all.

Resolved 4th. That a page in our minute book be dedicated to the memory of our beloved comrade, and a copy of these preambles and resolutions be tendered to the family of our departed dead.

Resolved 5th. That a copy of these resolutions be sent to the county papers for publication.

J. W. REECE, Committee.

CARNIVAL OF CRIME.

One of the Most Inhuman Butcheries in the History of the State.

FIVE PEOPLE KILLED

In Cold Blood by a Negro in Sumter County, and Posses are Out in Every Direction Scouring the Country for Him.

Charleston, S. C., Jan. 7.—A special to The News and Courier from Sumter S. C., says:

"All Sumter was aroused this morning when the news flashed over the wires that Simon Cooper, a negro, had killed old Mr. Ben Wilson, his son, Wesley, and Mrs. Wesley Wilson. The first intimation of the heinous work was received about breakfast time, and shortly after Sheriff Pearson received a telegram confirming the report, adding further that Cooper had also killed two negroes—a man and a girl.

"Sheriff Pearson as soon as possible organized a posse and chartering a special train left for Lynchburg. When the special reached Mayesville the sheriff received information that Cooper had been seen to pass near the town, a short time before, so the train was stopped at Mayesville and a part of the posse left for St. Charles and the others took the public road, coming toward Sumter. These two parties in conjunction with posses from Mayesville are securing every foot of the land between Mayesville and Sumter.

"The facts in regard to the killing of the five people as received in Sumter at 3:30 p. m., are as follows:

"Simon Cooper went to Lynchburg yesterday for the purpose of forcing a young colored girl to marry him. The girl and her mother, by some unknown means, escaped, and ran into the swamp. As soon as possible after Cooper's appearance in the town a posse organized and went in pursuit of him, he having left as soon as he failed to get the girl. The posse came within two hundred yards of him, at one time, when he shot at them and retreated.

"He forced some negroes to go with and kept them with him all night. He came out of the woods about day-light and sent to the house of a colored man named Boyle, took his horse and compelled Boyle's son to accompany him. From there he went to the house of the Wilsons, about a mile distant, where the horrible crime was committed.

"Mr. Baker, who lives nearby, says he heard considerable shooting and saw Mrs. Wilson go to the buggy house with Cooper to get harness, and then go back into the house, Cooper following her, a short time afterwards, came out on the piazza shooting in every direction and forcing Boyle's boy to harness the horse to Mr. Wilson's buggy. He met a colored man named Smith and killed him, as he passed Baker's house he shot at Baker's children.

"Where he went from there no one knows, but he will be found. Hundreds of brave, determined men are scouring the woods in all directions and speedy vengeance will be meted out to this human fiend.

"When the bodies of Wilson were found this morning the old gentleman, 75 years old, was sitting up in the bed with a shot gun in his hand, the son, Wesley, was in another bed with his head split, while on the floor lay the women, her head smashed in and her throat cut, Smith, the negro who was killed on the road, was found with an axe still in the back of his neck and his head half severed from his body.

"The dead people were no offensive, peaceable citizens. These are the facts as we were able to gather them from the excited and determined men from Lynchburg, who came into this city this afternoon."

COOPER CAPTURED. Promptly Hanged to the Limb of a Sweet Gum Tree.

Sumter, S. C. Jan. 8.—Ever since the news reached here of Cooper's murders at Lynchburg the people have been active. The chase was kept up with unabated ardor all of last night. About 8 o'clock last night a telegram was received from Mayesville saying that Cooper had been seen on the streets of that town, going in the direction of Magnolia. He openly avowed that he was going there to kill Capt. D. E. Kells, Dr. O. A. Darby and several others, consequently everybody was looking for him in that section. This, however, proved incorrect.

Before daylight Sheriff Pierson, who was indisposed, sent word to

Deputy Sheriff Gaillard to take a posse and go capture Cooper. The deputy summoned a posse of about ten picked men armed with rifles and went to the house, surrounding it. As soon as daylight came Cooper was on the alert and began to move about the house. He lost no time in finding out that his whereabouts were known. The men on guard saw that reinforcements were needed and hurriedly sent a courier to Sumter for men and ammunition. Before 10 o'clock about 100 men, well armed, had surrounded the place completely and had stationed themselves behind neighboring negro houses and any other available cover that could be found. Cooper kept up a sharp fire in every direction. The posse returned the fire in hope that he might be shot between the legs of the house.

Sheriff Pierson had meanwhile reached the scene. He saw that the negro, being armed as he was, could hold his men at bay, and if they made any movement within range they would be shot down, so he returned to the city to secure bullet proof shields and kerosene preparatory to burning the hut.

The crowd after firing through the house a few times heard Cooper calling for a parley. He called for C. W. Stansill, whom he evidently saw. Mr. Stansill called Cooper and asked if he knew who he was talking to. Cooper answered, "Yes," and asked Mr. Stansill to come up to the house and have a talk with him. Mr. Stansill refused to do so, but told Cooper he had better come out and give up. Cooper asked if he would be killed. He was told that if he would take off his clothes and come out with his hands over his head he would not be hurt. He at first refused with the most horrible oaths and swore he would "die and go to hell rather than do it."

Exactly why Cooper did it no one will ever know, but leaving his rifle inside the house, he, after a short time, opened the door and walked out into the yard. He had not divested himself of his clothing. He was immediately covered by the men with shotguns and rifles. Mr. Stansill walked up to him. He wore a pair of checked trousers, an overall jacket over a neat white shirt and had a silk handkerchief around his neck. Mr. Stansill took him by the arm. About that time the members of the posse closed about him and began to crowd pretty close. "All in a moment the negro flew into a perfect passion. He made several attempts to draw his pistol, but peremptory orders to raise his hand prevented that. Then his person was searched, the murderer raving and cursing violently all the time. A loaded pistol and two razors, one clogged with human blood, were taken from him. He cursed one of the posse very violently. This man told Cooper not to curse him. He instantly became more violent than ever. He lay aside and hurling forth more dreadful oaths he started the man, exclaiming: "G—d—n you, I will kill you." At that time the deputy sheriff struck him on the head with the barrel of his rifle. It seemed to have no effect upon him. In a few seconds great excitement prevailing, some one shot him in the head with a pistol. This did not seem to hurt him either. The men appeared to be greatly wrought up. The man who shot him said the negro had narrowly missed him during the morning about twenty-five times. Some of the posse condemned this act and there was general confusion, during which another man took deliberate aim with a rifle and shot the murderer in the back of the head, the bullet coming out of the right cheek between the teeth and making a very ugly wound. The negro fell to the ground without a groan and was all appearances dead.

About this time the crowd around the posse began to cry "burn him," "lynch him," "burn him," and so on. Some one in the crowd got a trace chain and attempted to put it around his neck. He forced his way up and was about to accomplish his purpose, while the negro cursed everybody. This was prevented by Deputy Sheriff Gaillard, Messrs. H. L. Scarborough and L. I. Parrott of the sheriff's posse and several others who begged the men not to do that.

Then the posse decided to carry the wounded fiend on to Sumter. A one-horse wagon was secured and an improvised body was made. Cooper was seized by his hands and feet and pitched into the wagon on his face.

On reaching a small branch in what is known as the Green swamp the men who were accompanying the officers declared that they would not carry the negro any further and some attempted to shoot him. Still he showed no fear. Deputy Gaillard knocked the guns up and exclaimed: "For God's sake men, don't do this." In less time than it takes to tell it, several men seized the deputy sheriff and held him. The time of the wounded murderer had come. The officers were powerless to do anything. Some pleaded, "Hang him, but don't shoot him." In the meantime, the wagon had been cut loose from the survey, which was driven ahead. There were about 100 men in the crowd. The rope which had been drawing the wagon was cut loose and put around the negro's neck. This was about three miles from Sumter.

Cooper was jerked out of the wagon, and said as he fell to the ground: "I give up." Half a dozen men had hold of the rope. He, as he had often done before, cursed them and himself, as he turned over on his face and drew up his legs. He made no attempt to move his hands.

The men dragged him by the rope around his neck a few yards

to a sweet gum tree. It was a small tree, but one of the men climbed up. The others lifted the body of the murderer and the man above tied the rope. When the body was let down it was found that the feet touched the ground. It was therefore necessary to lift him and tie the rope again. This time the body swung two feet clear of the ground. His face was turned to the swamp and his back was to the road. His last words were: curses. At first he didn't move a muscle and was thought to be dead. The men then drew off to one side of the road and fired first one by one, the body swaying as the bullets hit it. At the first fire Cooper jerked his left arm up about his breast. The firing became general and indiscriminate; in a few moments the body was riddled.

Bank of Edgefield, EDGEFIELD, S. C.

Statement of the Bank of Edgefield at the close of business on the 4th day of January, 1897:

RESOURCES. Loans and discounts \$92,968.38 Real estate and bank bld'g 4,982.37 Safe and furniture 1,116.48 Judgments 1,471.96 Due from other banks 5,476.24 Cash in vault 8,622.09 \$114,706.92

STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA, COUNTY OF EDGEFIELD, J. E. J. MIMS, Cashier of the Bank of Edgefield, do solemnly swear that the above statement is true to the best of my knowledge and belief.

Sworn to before me this 5th day of January, 1897. N. G. EVANS, Correct Attest: N. P. S. C.

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SUMMONS. STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA, EDGEFIELD COUNTY.

Court Common Pleas. Summons for Relief. Complaint not served.

Jennie C. Hammond, as administratrix, cum testamento annexo, of the estate of Fannie P. Hammond, deceased, and in her own right, Plaintiff, against C. W. Hammond, M. P. Culbreath, Lucia Miller, Wm. F. Culbreath, Harry Culbreath, and The Farmers Bank of Edgefield, Defendants.

To the Defendants above named: You are hereby summoned and required to answer the complaint in this action, which is filed in the office of the Clerk of the Court of Common Pleas for the said county, and to serve a copy of your answer to the said complaint on the subscribers at their office, Edgefield Court House, South Carolina, within twenty days after the service hereof, exclusive of the day of such service; and if you fail to answer the complaint within the time aforesaid, the plaintiff in this action will apply to the court for the relief demanded in the complaint.

Dated at Edgefield, S. C., Dec. 30th, A. D. 1896. SHEPPARD BROS., Plaintiffs' Attorneys. JOHN B. HILL, (L. S.) C. C. P.

To M. P. Culbreath and Wm. F. Culbreath, non-resident defendants: You will take notice that the complaint in the above stated action is on file in the office of the Clerk of Court of Common Pleas in and for said county of Edgefield and State of South Carolina. SHEPPARD BROS., Plaintiffs' Attorneys.

Master's Sale. STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA, COUNTY OF EDGEFIELD.

Court of Common Pleas. A. S. Tompkins against Moses Tompkins.

PURSUANT to the judgment of foreclosure in this case, I will offer for sale at public outcry before the Court House, town of Edgefield and State of South Carolina on the first Monday in February, 1897, (being the first day said month) between the legal hours of sale, the following described realty, to wit: All that lot, piece and parcel of land situate, lying and being in Edgefield county and containing one and three-quarters (1 3/4) acres, more or less, being lots Nos. 2 and 3 as shown by a plat made by Fred Powell, Esq., surveyor, Nov. 20, 1891, and being a part of the Lewis Jones homestead; bounded on the north by the New Street and Lewis Jones homestead; south by land of J. W. D. Vore, Esq.; east by lot No. 4 of said plat, and west by lot of Mose Eidsen.

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