

SOUTH CAROLINA NEWS ITEMS

News of Interest Gleaned From All Sections of the State and Arranged For Busy Readers

THE GAME LAWS NOW IN FORCE.

Interesting Summary Prepared by Secretary Jas. H. Rice, Jr., From The Columbia State.

The Audubon Society is in receipt of requests daily for copies of the game laws. These cannot be supplied since the issue has been exhausted, giving conclusive evidence of the interest felt in the subject all over South Carolina. The society has requested that extra copies be returned. Requests have come also from other States. To make the principal points clear the following is a summary of the more important laws as prepared by Secretary Jas. H. Rice, Jr.

Game Birds.

The statute of 1905, passed two years before the Audubon society was chartered, defines what are game birds and what are not. The game birds are: Swans, wild geese, brant, wild ducks, rails (marsh hens), coots, gallinules, surf birds, snipe, woodcock, quail (partridge), rice bird, black bird, dove, sand-piper, upland plover, curlew, wild turkey and prairie chicken.

It is not known to the society why prairie (pinnated grouse) hens were put on this list, nor why Mongolian, or ring-necked pheasants and ruffed grouse were left off. There are no prairie chickens in South Carolina; whereas there are both Mongolian pheasants and ruffed grouse, but such is the law.

The above birds may be shot in the seasons permitted by law, or taken in those seasons by any method which the law allows.

Non-game Birds.

All birds not on this list are non-game birds within the meaning of the law, and may not be killed at any time; nor may their nests or eggs be destroyed. It is a misdemeanor to have in possession any part of a non-game bird, such as feathers, body or skin; and it is equally against the law whether such bird was killed within or without the State.

The State Owns the Birds.

In the preamble to this act it is stated: "That all wild birds, whether resident or migratory, in this State, shall be, and are hereby, declared to be the property of the State." That is the law of South Carolina.

Birds That Are Exempted.

The act further recites that the English sparrow, cooper's hawk (the chicken or hen hawk), the sharp-shinned hawk (known locally as the "Blue Darter"), the great horned owl and all other birds which are by nature destructive of other birds, are not included among the birds protected by this act, nor are the nests or eggs of these birds protected.

A person is allowed to kill crows on his premises if they are destroying crops, but he is not allowed to sell them or their feathers.

No non-game bird may be shipped out of the State nor may the eggs or feathers of such bird be shipped.

under the laws of almost every civilized country in the world. There are 150,000,000 birds used up in the plume trade of Europe every year, these birds being imported from Asia, Africa and Polynesia. Many species have become extinct through this savage slaughter.

The Open Season for Game.

According to the act of 1906 the season for shooting partridges, wild turkey, woodcock, Mongolian or other pleasants is made from November 15 to March 1, with the exception of the following counties:

Beaufort, Hampton, Dorchester, Colleton, Charleston, Barnwell, Berkeley, Aiken, Oconee, Fairfield, Saluda, Georgetown and Clarendon.

These counties have from November 1 to April 1. Lexington was formerly among the excepted counties, but has been taken off and the season there is from November 15 to March 1.

The deer season is from September 1 to January 1, but the law applies only to Georgetown county. The rest are from August 1 to February 1.

Game Birds Not to be Sold.

The act of 1906 makes it a misdemeanor to sell, or offer or expose for sale, to purchase, net, or trap, or by firelight to pursue with intent to catch, kill or injure any of the game birds named in that section. The handling, possession or ownership of these birds is prima facie evidence that they are being offered for sale.

The Law of the Land.

These are the laws of the State of South Carolina, made by the lawful representatives of the people and are binding on every citizen whether he thinks they are wise or unwise. The first consideration is that they are the laws of the land. Any person has the constitutional right to make representation to the legislature to have any law changed, but while it is on the books he is bound to obey it.

Big Verdict at Greenville.

Greenville, Special.—In the Federal Court here a verdict for two hundred and sixty-three thousand, four hundred and fifty-three dollars and fifty-three cents was returned for the Southern Power Company, of Charlotte, in the suit against the Catawba Power Company, of Rock Hill, S. C. The suit was for the collection of some promissory notes. The verdict was agreed upon by the attorneys for the two companies.

Fire in Darlington Causes \$15,000 Loss.

Darlington, Special.—Fire on Wednesday morning destroyed a large tobacco warehouse on east Broad street. This building had been used for storing cotton and there were 204 bales of cotton in it at the time of the fire, all of which was destroyed. The origin of the fire is unknown. The loss is about \$15,000, which is protected by insurance. One of the Atlantic Coast Line passenger

boats and daughters (parents themselves ignorant and unable to appreciate or to understand what education means to their children and to the State; some are the children of fathers and mothers, greedy and selfish who are more than willing to make wage-earners and bread-winners out of their young untalented offspring; a few are the children of parents opposed to education, because they have known some educated scoundrel; a very few are the children of parents who actually need the labor of their children to eke out a living and many are the children of fathers engrossed in material affairs and noth-

Union County Votes Prohibition.

Union, Special.—Union county again voted for prohibition by about three hundred majority out of fifteen hundred votes cast. During the past three years of prohibition the arrests for drunkenness have decreased 50 per cent and property valuations in the county are said to have increased two million dollars.

Spartanburg Lawyers in Personal Encounter.

Spartanburg, Special.—Ex-Gov. John Gary Evans and his former law partner, S. G. Finley, engaged in a personal encounter here in the law office of Nichols & Nichols. Several blows were exchanged but they were separated before either was injured. Messrs. Evans and Finley were associated in the practice of law at the Spartanburg bar for several years. A few months ago they dissolved the partnership and there was a disagreement as to a settlement.

Saluda Bank Prosperous.

Saluda, Special.—At the recent annual meeting of the stockholders of the Bank of Saluda the reports of the president and cashier showed the bank had had a prosperous and successful year. It was evident from the president's report that a very conservative policy had been pursued and this was especially endorsed by the stockholders. The regular dividend of 9 per cent, was paid and the sum of \$2,000 carried to the surplus account.

Vance Milam Fired Upon.

Clinton, Special.—Vance Milam, son of Mr. Marshall Milam, a merchant of Clinton, was fired upon five times with a Winchester rifle in the hands of a man named Sullivan, an employe of the Lydia cotton mill. There was some misunderstanding between them in a business transaction on Wednesday. Milam went to Lydia mill again on Thursday. The trouble again came up. Several shots went through his overcoat, which he carried on his arm. One shot cut the skin on his hip.

for other than scientific purposes his certificate will be at once cancelled and not renewed. Besides he will be liable to a fine of \$100 or 300 days' imprisonment.

It will be seen that no woman has the right to wear the feather of a non-game bird on her hat: it is an indictable offense under the laws of South Carolina, and it might be added that it is an indictable offense

Gaffney's Flower Show.

Gaffney, Special.—The annual flower show was held Saturday evening at the residence of Mrs. H. D. Wheat and was largely attended. The event was given under the auspices of the Ladies' Aid Society of Limestone Presbyterian church. The receipts of the evening were some \$70 and the ladies are well pleased with the result.

Complete Mail Delivery for Fairfield.

Orders from Washington have been issued directing the establishment of complete county system of rural service in Fairfield County, effective November 1, 1908. This service consists of fourteen routes as follows: Blair's, 1; Blythewood, 1 and 2; Ridgeway, 1, 2 and 3; Rockett, 1; Shelton, 1; Strother, 1; Wallaceville, 1; Wimsboro, 1, 2, and 3; Woodward, 1. Routes No. 1, from Rockett, and No. 3 from Wimsboro, are new, having been established August 1, 1908.

Merchants Lose Goods by Fire.

Spartanburg, Special.—Fire destroyed the stores and stock of goods of J. H. Griffin and J. H. Stone in the Spartan Mill village. The total loss is estimated at \$15,000, partially covered by insurance. The building occupied by Griffin & Son was owned by O. L. Johnson and not insured, he having dropped his policy because he thought the rate too high. The fire originating in Stone's store. The origin of the fire is unknown.

Millinery Concern Fined.

Columbia, Special.—James Henry Rice, Jr., secretary of the Audubon Society of South Carolina, obtained, through Magistrate James H. Fowles, warrants against two Columbia dry goods and millinery concerns, charging violation of the laws for the protection of non-game birds. The warrants name the James L. Tapp Company and Mr. W. H. Monckton, Jr., manager of the Globe Dry Goods Company. The defendants pleaded guilty and were fined \$2 each.

OUR SCHOOLS

BY PROF. WILLIAM H. HAND, University of South Carolina. Paper Number Eight.

POOR ATTENDANCE.—Even with insufficient funds, poor school houses, short school terms, and incompetent teachers, the people may still show a commendable educational purpose by sending every child to school every day the schools are in session. Much good may be got out of a very inferior school, if the children attend it regularly and with the purpose of getting the most possible out of it. How are the white children of South Carolina attending the schools? In 1907 the white enrollment in the public schools of the State was 144,668, while the average attendance was only 103,304. The federal census taken seven years before (1900) gives South Carolina 217,972 white children between the ages of 5 and 20 years, while our legal school age is between 6 and 21 years. It is safe to assert that barely fifty per cent of the white children of the State are enrolled in any kind of school, and not over forty per cent are in average attendance. In 1900, thirty-six per cent of the white children between the ages of 10 and 14 years were not enrolled in any school, public or private. In the same year Massachusetts had only six per cent of her white children of the corresponding ages out of school. Connecticut had seven per cent and Michigan eight per cent.

In 1900 South Carolina had 54,177 native white illiterates over 10 years of age, only 792 fewer white illiterates than the State had in 1870, thirty years previous. At the same date Connecticut, with nearly twice the white population of South Carolina, had but 1,953 white illiterates over 10 years of age. Again, South Carolina had 15,643 native white illiterates of the voting ages Rhode Island, with four-fifths the population of South Carolina, had but 550. We had 17,839 native white illiterates between the ages of 14 and 19 years; Michigan, with twice our population had 1,141; Connecticut had 160, and Rhode Island 100. Is it reasonable to hope for the South Carolina of tomorrow, with her load of helpless illiterates, to cope successfully with these States and sections which have freed themselves from the bondage of ignorance? The law is forever gone from South Carolina when a few highly trained men of leisure could direct and control the destinies of the people. This responsibility has been shifted to the shoulders of the masses, and now we are forced to consider the training of the masses.

Only yesterday Hor O. B. Martin gave this out: "Several educational leaders in New England frankly told us that they are spending their money and building up their schools in order to retain and maintain their industrial supremacy. They realized that we have advantages and great resources in the South, but they propose to keep the lead, if possible."

his parents to send him to school. Compulsory attendance laws are aimed at the selfish and indifferent parent, not at the child. Of what advantage are good teachers, long school terms, and fine school houses unless the children attend the schools? In a recent election to increase the local school tax in a district in North Carolina, where they have recently enacted a kind of local option compulsory law, a certain taxpayer made this declaration: "If you vote to compel the children of this district to go to school, increase my tax as you please; if you are not going to put the children into the schools I am opposed to any further tax." That man's argument has no answer.

Some opponent to a compulsory law says, "You have not enough school houses and teachers to take care of the thousands of children not in school." That argument is worthless, unless we are willing to admit that the white people of the State are actually unable to take care of their children. Let some outside philanthropist offer to aid South Carolina in matters educational, then you get an answer to that question. Will the school houses ever be built or the teachers employed until there is a need for them? Would it be wise for a farmer to let a \$500 crop waste in the fields, rather than build a \$100 house in which to store it?

The last argument of the opponents to compulsory attendance is that it cannot be enforced without truant officers, and that truant officers must be paid. Certainly. The present child labor law if this State is a dead letter, because no provision is made for its enforcement. And the police of Charleston, Columbia, and other places have to be paid, but it pays to pay them. We are perfectly willing to pay an officer of the law to arrest little negro boys in a 10-cent crap game, but it is too much to pay an officer of the law to see that a lazy, selfish father sends his child to school. We are paying today in actual money every year five times as much in tribute to the industrial supremacy of New England and other sections, as it would cost us to put every white child in the State in school for six months in the year. What economists we are. And what philosophers we try to be.

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PROMINENT PEOPLE.

Ernest Ludlow, of New York City, achieved spherical balloon racing unprofitable.

The Duke of the Abruzzi, who is to wed Katherine Elkins, sailed from Havre for America.

Mr. Yuan Shih Kai appealed for a "square deal" for China in discussing an American-Chinese alliance.

Captain Pritchard, of the Mauretania, will succeed Watt, of the Lusitania, as commodore of the Cunard fleet.

The will of Bishop Potter, which divided his estate among his five children, was filed for probate in New York City.

President Castro of Venezuela threatened that, in the event of a revolution, those captured would be shot as traitors.

President Eliot, of Harvard, spoke of his address in the winter.

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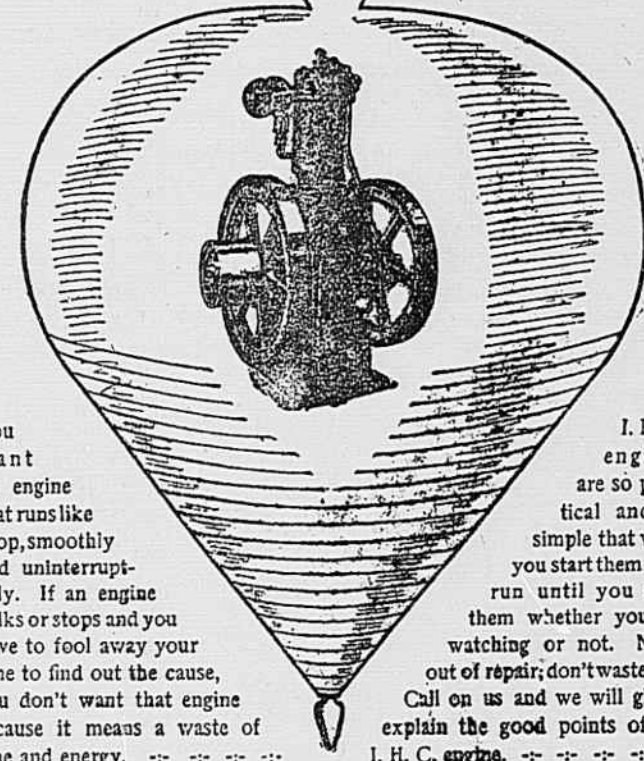
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