

# SOUTH CAROLINA NEWS ITEMS

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

## Will Succeed Crum.

Washington, Special.—The President Tuesday sent to Senate the nomination of Edward W. Durant, Jr., as collector of customs for the district of Charleston, S. C. The appointment of Mr. Durant ends the contest which was waged for so long over the selection of Dr. Wm. D. Crum. As the only objection to Dr. Crum was based upon the fact that he is a negro, it is presumed that Mr. Durant's nomination will be confirmed in due course of time, although his nomination was allowed to lie over when the Senate met in executive session Tuesday, while other nominations, which were sent in were promptly acted upon. Dr. Crum's nomination had been before the Senate at each session since January, 1903. While he has been in office all this time, he has never been confirmed by the Senate. The one confirmation took place in the Fifty-eighth Congress. The remainder of the time was covered by recess appointments. The selection of Mr. Durant is generally accepted as the introduction of President Taft's announced policy of appointing white men to Federal positions of responsibility in the South.

## Notable Case at Edgefield.

Edgefield, Special.—The Court of Common Pleas has been in session at this place since last Monday, the 8th inst. The first two days were consumed in the trial of the cases of Carley against the Southern Railway and Mack Davis against the Western Union Telegraph Company. In the former the jury failed to agree, a mistrial being entered. A non-suit was granted in the latter, the plaintiff failing to show that he suffered any damage as a result of defendant's negligence. On Wednesday the case of J. T. Patterson against the Farmers' Bank of Edgefield was commenced. Although the Court has since been continuously engaged in its hearing, the end is not even in sight, the possibility being that it will consume not only this week, but will run into next week. No case ever tried here has attracted more interest, the Court House being packed to its utmost capacity, eminent counsel being engaged on both sides. Col. D. S. Henderson, of Aiken, for the

## State Education Board.

Columbia, Special.—The State board of education met Thursday in the office of the State superintendent of education. All the members were present except the representative of the Sixth district, who has not been appointed, the place being vacant on account of the election of W. J. Montgomery as State senator. The report of the high school inspector was heard, and the board sealed several schools that had not complied with the regulations of the high school act. The report was exhaustive, and Prof. W. H. Hand, the inspector, was commended for the thorough presentation of facts and conditions. Four counties had already received more than the amount which can now be paid out under the law, and of course all high schools in these counties will not receive as large an appointment as was made last fall.

## Will Reforest His Land.

Aiken, Special.—A great deal of interest has been manifested here in the avowed intention of Mr. T. I. Hickman, president of the Graniteville Manufacturing Company, to reforest about 2,000 acres of de-logged land around Graniteville. These lands were many years ago cleared of all timber, and it is the intention of Mr. Hickman to reforest it, thus converting what is now barren land into valuable forests. Mr. Hickman is negotiating with the department of forestry of the Government with a view of getting national aid in the matter. Mr. Hickman states that it is probable that he will have the work done in the near future. It is probable that the lands will be sown with seed of timber, instead of transplanting, as it is said that pines do not readily take root when set out.

## Municipal Utilities Urged.

Lexington, Special.—Electric lights and water-works for Lexington are being agitated by the citizens now, and there will be a public meeting in the near future to discuss the advisability of the town voting on the issue of bonds to secure an electric light plant and a complete system of waterworks. This subject has been discussed before, but it has never taken on serious proportions until recently. The property owners realize it is said, that insurance would be very much cheaper with a good water-works and the amount saved in in-

# INSURANCE DEPOSITS

An Important Ruling on Insurance Bonds.

In regard to the recent enactments of the legislature requiring all companies to deposit with the commissioner a bond or securities in the discretion of the commissioner, Commissioner McMaster has made the following rulings: Either the principal or the surety must have on deposit securities to the amount of the bond or must have in South Carolina property liable to attachment to the amount of the bond. This amount is \$20,000 for life insurance companies and \$10,000 for all other companies. A surety company must have on deposit securities to an amount equal to the amount of the largest single bond which it will give, but should it have one deposit, it will be received on the bond of other companies to ten times the amount of the deposit it makes. That is to say that to give a bond for a life insurance company a surety company must have on deposit \$20,000, and in this case would be received on a gross aggregate of bonds to the amount of \$200,000. The commissioner, for the present, will receive any good securities but he will expect the companies making the deposits within a reasonable time to secure domestic investments, such as State bonds, county or municipal bonds, or real estate mortgages in South Carolina, or some such domestic securities.

## Suing Railroad For Damages.

Greenville, Special.—Several suits against the Southern Railway which will be heard in Magistrate Stardley's Court this week, are further reminders of the great freshet last August. On the Columbia and Greenville Railroad several miles below the city, a culvert gave way before the rush of the waters during the flood, and as a result several acres of land were flooded, it is claimed, and the crops on this land ruined. The plaintiffs alleged that the company was careless in not having a culvert that would stand the pressure of high water; that such a culvert could have been provided for by the railroad. The railroad will claim that this culvert had carried the water since 1872; that the flood was unusual, an act of God, and that the company should not be held liable for damages because of the extraordinary high water. One case has already been tried, and in this the jury found for the plaintiffs in the sum of \$75, the amount of the corn destroyed. Three

# A CHILD KIDNAPPED

Willie Whittle, Aged 8, Taken From School at Sharon, Pa

## NO CLUE TO THE PERPETRATORS

Willie Whittle, 8 Years Old, Taken From His School at Sharon, Pa.—Held For \$10,000 Ransom—Terms Complied With, But Plan Fails.

On last Friday Willie Whittle, 8 years old, was kidnapped from school at Sharon, Pennsylvania. A well dressed man drove up to the school and told the janitor that Willie's father had sent him to bring Willie to his office. Not suspecting anything wrong the teacher fixed Willie up and sent him on, in light pleasantly saying she hoped he was not being kidnapped.

All too soon she found that it was a stern reality. A letter was received Friday in Willie's own hand which read:

Dear Father: Two bad men have me, and if you don't send \$10,000 they will kill me in 10 days. Willie Whittle.

There was nothing on the envelope to denote where the letter had been mailed.

Frank H. Buhl, a millionaire uncle of Willie's took a decided interest in the case and will freely pay the \$10,000 for his safe recovery. It was reported from that city that two men and a boy answering the description of the kidnapers and their victim have been seen there, consequently the supposition is that Mr. Buhl has received word which made him believe his nephew was in Cleveland or that vicinity. The boy in which the child was taken from school was located at Warren Ohio, and as the Cleveland papers were among those specified, in which the demand of the kidnapers for a \$10,000 ransom should be answered by a personal advertisement, all evidence seemed to indicate that developments in the mysterious case was centered about the Lake City.

A clue was secured Sunday, in which little credence is placed, however. On March 1 the local postoffice department received a circular announcing a reward for a man described as Samuel C. Leavanson, of Canton, O., said to be wanted there for the theft of \$400. Janitor Wesley C. Sloss, of the school from which Willie was taken, when shown the circular bearing a portrait of the man wanted, declared it bore a strong resemblance to the abductor.

A Cleveland, O., special on Sunday says: Willie was instructed in a letter from the kidnapers to leave \$10,000 in Flat Iron Park Saturday night. If no detectives were about

# CONGRESS IN SESSION

President Taft's Message Read—Speaker Cannon Announces Important Committees.

The second day's session of the House of Representatives found the members in a much calmer mood than on Monday. The tension was noticeably relaxed, and a feeling of general good fellowship was apparent. The drawing for seats was the first business. A number of the older members were allowed their choice of seats.

Speaker Cannon announced the following committees:

Rules—The Speaker; Dalzell, of Pennsylvania; Smith of Iowa; Clark of Missouri; Fitzgerald, New York. Committee on Ways and Means—Payne, of New York; Dalzell, of Pennsylvania; McCall, Massachusetts; Hill of Connecticut; Boutwell, of Illinois; Needham, of California; Calderhead, of Kansas; Fordney, of Michigan; Gaines, of West Virginia; Cushman, of Washington; Longworth of Ohio; Crumpacker, of Indiana; Clark, of Missouri; Harrison, of New York; Broussard, of Louisiana; Underwood, of Alabama; Griggs, of Georgia; Pou, of North Carolina; Randall, of Texas.

Speaker Cannon did not consult the minority leader, Hon. Champ Clark, in the appointment of committee from the minority party and Mr. Clark and he had some controversy.

The President's message was received and read in both houses after which the Senate adjourned until Friday.

## PRESIDENT TAFT'S MESSAGE.

The following is the very brief, but clear cut message from the President:

"To the Senate and House of Representatives:

"I have convened congress in extra session in order to enable it to give immediate consideration to the revision of the Dingley tariff act. Conditions affecting production, manufacture and business generally have so changed in the last 12 years as to require a re-adjustment and revision of the import duties imposed by that act. More than this the present tariff act with other sources of government revenue, does not furnish income enough to pay authorized expenditures. By July 1, next, the excess of expenses over receipts for the current fiscal year will equal \$100,000,000.

## Party Pledged to Revision.

"The successful party in the late election is pledged to a revision of the tariff. The country and business community especially, expect it. The prospect of a change in the rates of import duties always causes a suspension or halt in business because of the uncertainty as to changes to be made and their effect. It is therefore of the highest importance that the new bill

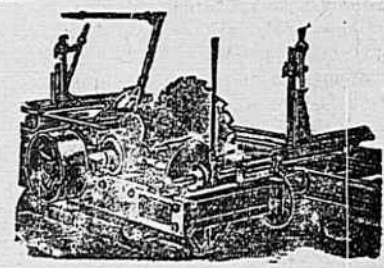
LEMON MILK SHERBERT. Put one quart of fresh milk, two cups of sugar and the thin yellow rind from two lemons in the double boiler and let it come to a scald. Remove the peel and let the liquid cool. When cold freeze until almost solid enough to remove the beater, then add the juice of four large lemons, or five medium sized ones, mixed with three tablespoonfuls of sugar and the whites of three eggs beaten stiff. Mix thoroughly with the frozen mixture, then cover the freezer, and stir until frozen quite hard. Remove the beater, scrape off the ice, beat and pack closely in the can. Put a cork into the opening in the cover, lay the crosspiece on top to keep the can down in the ice, and cover with an old piece of carpeting wet with salt water. Let it stand an hour and serve. If it is to be kept longer, draw off the water and pack with more ice and salt.—New York Telegram.



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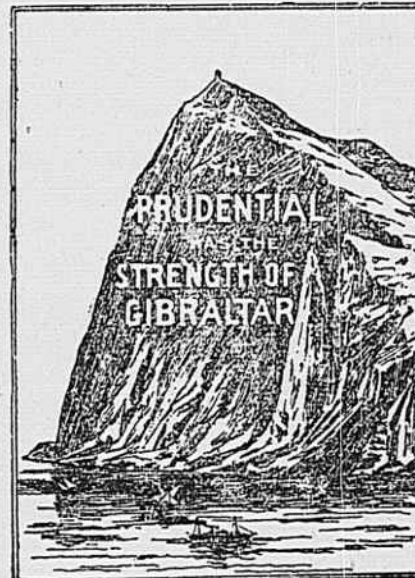


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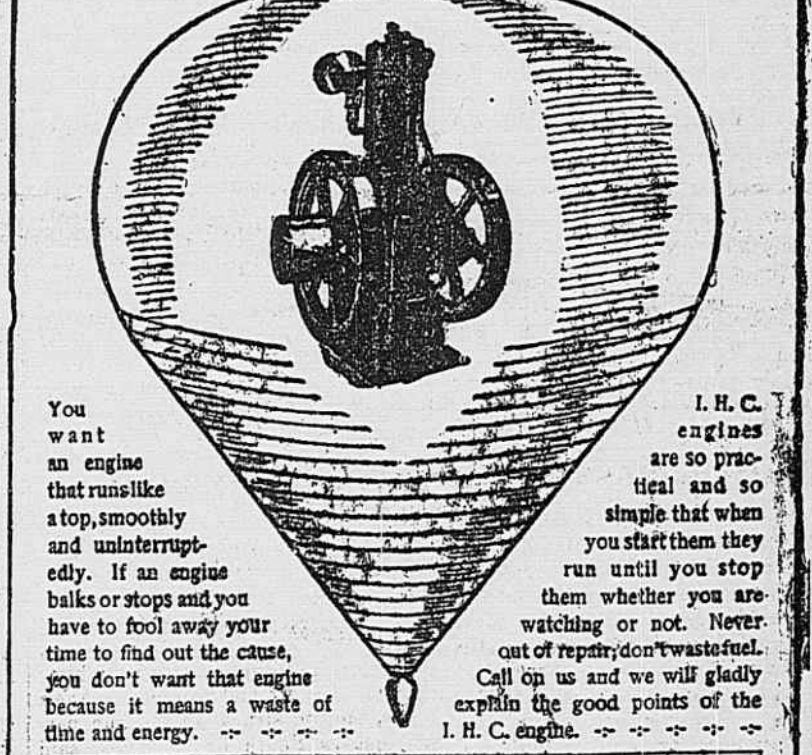


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Eighty stables buried on the south side of the grounds, and but for the prompt and efficient work of the bucket brigade, operated by the workmen of a carnival company show, which are quartered at the Fair grounds, the flames would doubtless have destroyed the entire stables in that section of the racing quarters. The property loss amounted to \$1,000, but about half of the loss is covered by insurance. Secretary Love of the Fair Association, said Tuesday that the work of rebuilding the burned section of the stables would begin at once, as a series of races has been arranged for the spring, and it would be necessary to have the entire stables ready for use, as the horses expected to participate in the races will need the full accommodation of the stables.

Columbia Clubs Raided. Columbia, Special.—Chief Constable Dickson and Constable Ogg and McSwain Thursday raided four social clubs and placed the managers under arrest. Thursday night Hunt Brothers' restaurant, on Gates street was also raided, and a clerk named Kaminer was arrested. The cases were worked up by a detective named Wilson, from Atlanta.

Memorial Window Commission. Columbia, Special.—Gov. Aansel has named the commission to take charge of the appropriation made by the general assembly for a memorial window at Blandford church, near Petersburg, Va. The commission consists of Senators Weston of Richland, Johnstone of Newberry and Representative Rucker of Anderson. An appropriation of \$360 was given by the State for the memorial window in honor of the South Carolina Confederate soldiers who fell near Petersburg during the conflict on the battlefields of Virginia.

U. D. C. Take up the Matter. Columbia, Special.—The legislature has appropriated \$12,000 for the Confederate Home. The management asked for \$16,000. In order to equip the home, it will be necessary to raise some money. The Daughters of the Confederacy have taken the matter in hand and propose to raise the money. Mrs. Robert D. Wright, of Newberry, president of the South Carolina Division makes a pathetic appeal to the various chapters.

Empty Pistol Again Fatal. Spartanburg, Special.—Perry Leister of Greer was accidentally shot and killed at his home at that place Wednesday morning by Sam James, his brother-in-law. James was handling a supposed empty pistol, when it was discharged by accident, the ball entering Leister's forehead, causing his death within a few moments. Coroner Turner made an investigation of the tragedy. It has been clearly established that the killing was accidental.

Chester, Special.—The cotton warehouse of Joseph Wylie & Co., with its contents, consisting of somewhere between 350 and 500 bales of cotton was destroyed by fire early Thursday night. The fire spread rapidly, and S. M. Jones & Co.'s stables, the city's stables, and several negro tenant houses belonging to E. C. Stann, were damaged or destroyed. Wylie & Co. also lost a considerable supply of baled hay, a number of new wagons, and other valuable property, including their stables and sheds. Fortunately all live stock were saved. The fire department did splendid and effective work, and at 8:30 o'clock although the fire at one time threatened to sweep a large part of the business district, the flames are practically subdued.

Bullet Brings Down Thief. Chester, Special.—Ike Feaster, colored, was shot and perhaps fatally wounded at 2 o'clock Thursday morning by Officer J. G. Howse, of the city police force. Feaster had broken into the store of T. H. Ward, colored, and was coming out of the rear with his plunder, when Officer Howse, who had been attracted by the noise, endeavored to halt him.

Train Kills Centenarian. Newberry, Special.—Ned Kinard, an old colored man, said to be 110 years old, was knocked down and killed by a freight train at the Southern depot, Wednesday about 1 o'clock. The old man was leaning against a box car when a shifting engine backed up and shoved against the one on which he was leaning, knocking him down and then running over and killing him. He was a slave of Gen. H. H. Kinard in slavery days and was a pretty old negro when set free.

Technical Training in Public Schools. Charleston, Special.—Dr. Charles W. Elliot, the former president of Harvard university, delivered an address here Wednesday night before a large audience, in which he deplored the fact that the public school systems do not sufficiently consider the necessary structure of democratic society and of those industries which constitute the vital interest of the community.

Endowment Increases. Charleston, Special.—At the centennial celebration of the South Carolina college held in Charleston in 1901, a plan was proposed by prominent alumni present to provide for an endowment fund. Prompt steps were taken to carry out the idea and by the subscriptions of loyal alumni of the old college and new university about \$7,000 is now in the hands of the trustees and the amount is continually increasing. The college had never had an endowment fund of any kind up to that time.

a sick man and suffering from chronic trouble, his family and physicians are particularly careful. Gen. Butler has been here at the Infirmary since the first of February, and before that he was confined to his home, and being a man of unusual activity this confinement is not to his liking. Gen. Butler reads the newspapers regularly and he is keeping in close touch with everything, but he would like to be up and about. Gen. Butler's son, Capt. Butler, is here from Kansas City, and his sister, Mrs. Carson, is here with him in addition to the other members of his family who have been here for some time. Mrs. Butler is constantly at the side of her distinguished husband.

One Fatal Case of Smallpox. Yorkville, Special.—Kirby Pugh, an operative at the York Cotton Mill, died on the mill premises just outside the town limits of Yorkville Sunday night, of smallpox. There have been no other cases nor is there any others now. The mill management and the local physicians have taken every possible precaution to prevent the spread of the disease.

Charged With Soliciting Hands. Lexington, Special.—Will Loriek, a negro, was arrested by Deputy Sheriff Miller on Friday night upon a warrant sworn out by Mr. W. W. Barre, a lumber manufacturer of this town, charging Loriek with violating the law governing the soliciting of hands from one State to another. It is said that Loriek had secured the promise of several negroes and was arranging to secure transportation for them to go to Florida to work on a turpentine farm. So far no effort has been made to secure his release.

Entombed by Well Cave-in. Laurens, Special.—Entombed in a caved-in well for five hours and a half, John Fields, a negro well digger, was finally rescued without further hurt than a few bruises on the face. This accident occurred late Saturday afternoon when Fields was descending the walls of the well in the backyard at Mrs. Eloise Shell's residence on Main street; a rock was dislodged by the man's foot, precipitating a general cave-in.

Sentenced to be Hanged. Laurens, Special.—The sentence of the Court is that on the twenty-third day of April, Friday, between the hours of 11 in the forenoon and 2 in the afternoon, you, John Henry Anderson, be hanged by the neck until dead, dead, dead. The words pronounced Friday morning in the Court of General Sessions by Judge Price. Before sentence was passed attorneys made strong pleas in behalf of the man, asking that the verdict be set aside.

proached the spot.

Whittle believes that the failure to effect a settlement with him will frighten the kidnapers and they will not communicate with him again.

The police of Ashtabula are unwilling to believe that the kidnapers have left that section of the country.

The letter from the captors of Willie Whittle came to the boy's parents in Sharon Friday afternoon.

Upon receipt of the letter Whittle called in private detectives and asked their advice. They were anxious to capture the kidnapers and pleaded with him to permit them to place a decoy package of bills at the designated spot and let officers lie in wait and capture the men who came after the money.

Whittle would not agree to this. He finally consented to permit the detectives to accompany him to this city and await his summons to start a search for the kidnapers.

Promptly at 10 o'clock Whittle left the package of bills in the park. He went to the designated spot alone, feeling certain that his compliance with the request of the kidnapers would prove the means of delivering his boy back to him.

Three policemen who had been sent out from the Ashtabula central station saw Whittle leave the money in the park. They appraised Chief Lasky of their discovery and received instructions to remain on duty and capture the kidnapers should they appear.

In the meantime Whittle returned to the city and communicated with his detectives in Cleveland. They advised him not to go to the hotel for his boy a minute before the time set.

After five hours of anxious waiting, Whittle stated after his boy. As he was on his way, a policeman informed him that three officers had been on guard in the immediate vicinity of the park and that no one had called for the money.

Whittle was overcome when this news was broken to him. He went to the park and found his package of money undisturbed.

A detachment of detectives was sent out from Cleveland as soon as it was learned that the Ashtabula police were working on the case. The father refuses to sleep at all, and keeps up through sheer will power. The mother, who will not allow her daughter, Saline, out of her sight, is showing the effects of the worry.

Whittle returned to Cleveland and after a conference with Detective Perkins the return trip to Sharon was made.

Hundreds of letters from all over the country continue to come in from friends and strangers alike, tendering sympathy. But among all the correspondence there has been no word from the abductors, nor any one who seemed to be in any way in touch with them.

## FASHION NOTES

Skirts still grow narrower. Shot materials are popular. A variation of the manner of wearing the fur stole is to twist it serpentine fashion around the figure from throat to waist. A beautiful new hair ornament is the laurel leaf in enamel and frosty jewels. Latest turbans are not so engulfing; they allow part of the front hair to be seen. The latest French fancy in shoes is patent leather with tan color tops and pearl buttons. The deep cream color called cafe au lait and a pure chalk white are colors of the moment. The separate waist has been making a desperate fight for life against the growing popularity of the three-piece suit. For morning wear about the house nothing is more attractive than the freshly laundered shirtwaist dress of linen or lawn. Fashionable women are seen at the theatres and restaurants wearing a scarf of black tulle wound around the throat and left to float about the shoulders. It may be quite unornamented or embroidered with gold thread or precious stones. Silent men never have occasion to eat their words, observes the Boston Post.