

PALMETTO HAPPENINGS

News Notes of General Interest From All Parts of the State.

THE COLORED STATE FAIR.

Greater Than Ever—Reduced Rates Will Bring Thousands.

Batesburg, Special.—Reduced rates on all railroads, ample accommodations for all, the Fair Grounds covering fifteen acres, all go to insure that the fair will be a success. There are two large exhibit buildings, a good race track, plenty of side shows on the grounds. There will be baby shows, horse shows, baseball, foot ball, foot races, wheelbarrow races, mule races, fox chases, bands of music, competitive drills, singing contests and various other amusements. The Legislature of South Carolina has appropriated \$500 for premiums. Each county will have exhibits to itself and will contend for a prize.

Wylie Affidavit Read.

Columbia, Special.—In an affidavit, portions of which were put in evidence Wednesday afternoon, before the dispensary winding-up commission, Joseph B. Wylie, former dispensary director, states that James S. Farnum, of Charleston, S. C., paid him on one occasion \$900 in commissions on Lanahan whiskey. The amount of goods was 900 cases and the rebate was \$1 per case, which corresponds to the rebate schedule.

There were other transactions mentioned in the affidavit of a like nature, it being set out that the division was \$1 for the member of the board and \$1 for the agent.

Much of the matter in the affidavit has already been brought out in the course of the dispensary alleged graft trials. The interest in the alleged Lanahan rebate is increased by the fact that one of the members of the firm swore on the stand before the commission that no rebates had been paid by his firm. The firm is William Lanahan & Sons, of Baltimore, and the brand that causes so much discussion before the commission was "Hunter's Rye."

Important Rate Hearing Before South Carolina Commission.

Columbia, Special.—There was an important intrastate freight rate hearing before the Railroad Commission Tuesday on the complaint of the Greenville, Anderson and Spartanburg boards of trade in the matter of rates from Charleston to the points named in sugar, rice, molasses, canned goods and bananas, it being shown that the rates are not only higher than from ports of adjoining States for similar distances, but actually higher than from Charleston to points in Georgia and North Carolina, a hundred or so miles further from Charleston.

The hearing was adjourned to Greenville for November 10, the railroads to file answers and the boards of trade to make reply.

Valuable Automobile and Garage Burned at Rock Hill.

Rock Hill, Special.—Dr. J. E. Massey, Jr., of this city, had the misfortune to lose his automobile and automobile house Tuesday evening by fire. Dr. Massey had been up town with his machine, had some repairs made on it and had just returned to his home and put it in the house and had only been in the house a few minutes when a colored woman who works in the yard ran into the house and informed him that there was a terrible smoke protruding from the automobile house, and by the time he reached there it was in flames and before the fire company could get on the spot the entire outfit was practically destroyed. The loss is partially covered by insurance.

Large Lumber Plant Burns.

Denmark, Special.—At 6 o'clock Wednesday afternoon the plant of the Salkatchie Lumber company at Schoefeld was burned and the loss is total. Schoefeld, the site of the plant, is near Ulmers.

Bates Orders His Coffin.

Spartanburg, Special.—J. B. Bates, convicted of murdering Mrs. Docia Boifer and sentenced to be hanged Friday, and whose case has been appealed, addressed a letter to L. A. Justice, a house builder, enclosing plans and specifications for his coffin.

The drawing was made on the back of an old envelope and on the other side was note asking that the coffin be made as cheaply as possible as he didn't wish to pay more than \$20 for the casket.

Cook, Mistaken For Burglar, is Killed.

Anderson, Special.—Mistaking her for a burglar, Mr. W. A. Hudgens, cashier of the Bank of Starr, ten miles south of Anderson Thursday night shot and killed Martha Young, aged negro woman employed as cook in the family. She had entered the house to secure milk for a sick person living in the town and ignorant of Mr. Hudgens' presence in the house failed to answer when asked who entered.

Dies From Touch of Wire.

Chester, Special.—Hugh B. Riser, of Whitmire, working at Great Falls, was fatally injured Monday afternoon by coming in contact with a live wire. He died Wednesday about noon; the remains, in charge of Mr. G. C. Riser, father of the ill-fated young man, passed through Chester en route to Whitmire for burial. The young man was a graduate of Clemson College, 1908, with distinction, and had been at Great Falls but six weeks.

SAID TO BE AN ACCIDENT

Ross Boozer Killed by Younger Brother. Lexington, Special.—News reached Lexington late Saturday afternoon that Ross Boozer, a white man about 28 years old, had been shot and instantly killed by his younger brother, Daily Boozer, at the home of the former, about 10 miles from Lexington. The killing occurred about 6 o'clock and is said to have been an accident. The entire load entered the mouth and face of the unfortunate man, making a ghastly wound, it is said. Information from the scene of the killing is hard to get and meagre, but it is understood that Daily Boozer claims that he was cleaning up an old gun when the weapon was discharged. There was no one at the house when the killing occurred except Ross Boozer, his wife and Daily Boozer. It is said that the woman asserts that the killing was an accident.

Survey From Lugoff to Great Falls Made.

Camden, Special.—The Seaboard Air Line surveying party that has been surveyed between Lugoff and Great Falls have completed their survey. They will survey a line between Camden and Great Falls on the eastern side of the Wateree river. If the railroad runs from Lugoff to Great Falls it will run four miles west of Camden but, on the other hand, if it runs from Spalding to Great Falls it will come into city limits. It is said that the line will most likely run from Spalding on account of fewer hills and other advantages. If the line comes to Camden by way of Spalding it will be switched into the Seaboard at that point and should it eventually run to Charleston it will use the Seaboard trestle over the Wateree. Some newspapers and people say that this may some day be the Carolina, Clinchfield & Ohio outlet to Charleston.

Road Survey Completed.

Society Hill, Special.—J. C. Covington, who had been employed to survey the automobile road from Cheraw to Society Hill, finished the work a little after sundown Saturday evening. Recently the counties of Darlington and Chesterfield contributed \$2,000 to be expended on the road, and it is expected that work will soon commence. This road is on the supposed Capital highway to Columbia. When completed the tourist will be surprised and delighted at the beautiful scenery along the route. The high sand ridge that traverses the State will be crossed about midway between Cheraw and Society Hill. It presents from its crest beautiful and picturesque scenery in every direction, commanding, as it does, the valley of the Pee Dee far and wide. The county in

Eli Russell, Yorkville, Late Homicide Victim, Thursday in Yorkville a Sell.

Yorkville, Special.—Eli Russell, late homicide victim, Thursday in Yorkville a sell. His son, Ford Thompson, a young man who lived at Fort Mill, Thompson left home Wednesday and came to Rock Hill. Then he came to Russell's and wandered into the yard. He rang the farm bell and when hailed gave no reply. He advanced on Eli Russell and collared him, when Russell fired the fatal shot. It is said that the mind of Thompson was unbalanced. Coroner Louthian held an inquest and the verdict was justifiable homicide.

Carolina, Clinchfield and Ohio Enters Spartanburg.

Spartanburg, Special.—The first train over the Carolina, Clinchfield & Ohio road from Johnson City arrived in Spartanburg Thursday night at 8:30, bringing 800 people from points along the line of the road for the big celebration.

Aeronaut Injured in Making Ascent.

Charleston, Special.—Aeronaut Gowdy was injured Saturday afternoon in making his descent from the balloon in striking the rectory of St. Patrick's church, about four blocks from Marion square, where the ascension was made. He was thrown against the side of the rectory and fell with much force to the ground.

Accidental Shot Was Fatal.

Columbia, Special.—David McDowell, the Winnboro boy who was accidentally shot and seriously wounded at his home Friday afternoon, died here Saturday. The injured boy was rushed to Columbia for an operation, but after an examination the physicians could hold out no hope for his recovery, as the bullet had penetrated the base of the brain and entered the skull. The little fellow died without regaining consciousness. A widowed mother mourns the loss of her young son.

White Woman Victim of Pellagra.

Greenville, Special.—The first death in this city from pellagra occurred at the residence home Friday, the victim being Mary King, a white woman about 27 years of age, who came here last August from Asheville, accompanied by two children. The body was examined in the undertaking establishment here Friday afternoon by a large number of the physicians of the city who pronounced the disease pellagra.

Broad River Bridge Ready For Traffic.

Spartanburg, Special.—The last rail connecting Spartanburg with Johnson City was laid at an early hour Saturday morning after all night work by the Pennsylvania Steel company's gang on the Broad river bridge. The great structure now being completed, cars will be pushed over to this side of the river laden with ballast and the final touches will be given the tracks between Spartanburg and Broad river at once.

NO TIME FOR FARMING.



Preparing For Those Census Questions.

—Cartoon by G. Williams, in the Indianapolis News.

Tuberculosis Killed 78,289 Persons in 1908

Death Rate Declines in All Registration States Except Three—Nine Causes Are Most Frequent—30.9 Deaths Out of Every 100 Occupied Males Between 25 and 34 Due to Tuberculosis.

Washington, D. C. — Health Department returns show the total number of deaths from all forms of tuberculosis returned in 1908 was 78,289, exceeding those of any previous year of registration, but the death rate per 100,000 for 1908 is less than that for 1907. In all registration States the deaths from tuberculosis showed a decline except in Colorado, Rhode Island and Vermont.

Each of the following causes of death was responsible for at least 5000 deaths of male breadwinners during the year: Typhoid fever, tuberculosis of lungs, cancer, apoplexy and paralysis, heart disease, pneumonia, Bright's disease, suicide and accidental.

The total number of deaths of occupied persons from these causes was, for males, 138,259, and for females, 17,434. Of the deaths of occupied males, 29,433, or 15 per cent, were due to tuberculosis of the lungs, and of the occupied females, 5511, or 21 per cent, were due to the same cause.

In the registration area of the United States during the year 1908, 30.9 deaths out of every 100 deaths of occupied males who died between the

were victims of pulmonary tuberculosis. Among the principal causes of death were the following, with their rates per 100,000 of population, for 1908 and 1907:

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Tuberculosis (all forms)	173.9	183.6
Pneumonia (all forms)	136	161.2
Heart disease	133.3	141.7
Diarrhoea and enteritis	116	116.7
Bright's disease	87.1	94.6
Cancer	74.3	73.1
Typhoid fever	25.3	30.3
Diphtheria and croup	22.3	24.3

The number of deaths from all forms of pneumonia returned for 1908 was 61,259, a decrease of more than 6000 from the number for 1907 (67,320), despite the increase in the registration area. The death rate from pneumonia was lower for 1908 than for any other of the past five years.

The crude death rates from cancer continue to increase, and slightly higher rates are recorded for each main subdivision of the country. For the year 1908 33,465 deaths from this disease were reported, as against 30,514 for 1907.

The enormous extent of the mortal-

per cent. of the registration area during 1908.

EXPOSED INDIANA FAKIR,

Professor From New York Museum Takes a Fruitless Journey.

Marion, Ind. — Professor Garmun Brown, an expert from the Museum of Natural History in New York, arrived in this city with paraphernalia necessary for excavating, preserving and shipping the skeletons of prehistoric animals, to find that the institution he represents has been the victim of misrepresentation.

For more than a year Frank Mart, a farmer, has been in communication with the museum regarding the sale of the skeletons of prehistoric animals which he said he had found on his land. Mart informed the institution last spring that he had found a skeleton of an animal, while excavat-

ing an open ditch, which had been pronounced to be that of a crocodile by a professor of an Indiana college. He said that he had exposed twenty-eight feet of the skeleton, but had not reached the end of it. Mart endeavored to sell the skeleton to the institution for a large sum of money.

Arrangements were finally made for Professor Brown to come after the skeleton. When he arrived Professor Brown found that Mart had sold his farm two weeks ago and had left this part of the country. Professor Brown made a trip to the farm in hopes of finding the skeleton, but was unable to find even an open ditch on the place.

LACK OF WORK IN BRITAIN GROWS.

Steady Increase in Army of Unemployed is Causing Great Unrest.

Washington, D. C. — The army of unemployed in Great Britain has grown steadily, and now has reached proportions that are causing the Government great uneasiness. In a special report John L. Griffiths, United States Consul-General at London, gives extracts from a special statement just issued by the royal commission on the poor law and relief of distress.

The commission declares that during the fiscal year ended March 31 last the number of persons without work and seeking Government aid totaled thirty-one in every 1000 of population, while in the fiscal year preceding only fourteen per 1000 made application for assistance. The number of men who applied for relief in the last fiscal year constituted

41-10 per cent. of the workmen of England and Wales, while during the previous year they constituted 21-10, and the year preceding that only 19-10 per cent.

The destitution and absence of work for the unemployed is general in practically all of the manufacturing cities and towns in the United Kingdom. A striking feature of the situation is that the most seeking work are for the most part in the very prime of life.

Plans are being considered whereby the employers and the workmen may be brought closer together. The Government also is seeking to discover some means of cutting off the supply of unskilled and untrained labor by training boys to enter regular and permanent work.

Three Seats in Prussian Diet Cause Great Unrest in Socialist Party.

Berlin.—For four representatives of the Prussian Diet were held, and resulted in the return of three Socialists, with one election still undecided.

Socialists were elected to the same seats at the last election, but their return was nullified on technical grounds.

The success of the candidates following similar victories in Coburg, Baden and Saxony, has caused jubilation among the Socialists everywhere.

Escort of the News.

The King of Italy offered a cup as a prize at the aviation meet at Brescia.

Mass meetings of protest against the putting to death of Francisco Ferrer were held all over Europe.

President Taft, in Salt Lake City, announced that Gifford Pinchot, the chief forester, would remain in the Government service.

Arthur G. Wright, of Lowell Centre, Mass., was arrested in Portland, Ore., while heavily armed and mingling in the throng near President Taft.

King Publishes History of Numinisms, in Which He is Expert.

Rome, Italy. — The Tribuna announces that King Victor Emmanuel will publish a book shortly on the history of numismatics. It is written by himself.

The King has been a coin collector for years, and has already written a treatise on the subject, which was issued for private circulation among his friends.

The new book, which is to be richly illustrated, is the result of long study by the monarch.

Jottings About Sports.

There will be a cross-country race in November between the teams of Syracuse and Colgate.

Lorier No. 3 won the twenty-four hour automobile race at Brighton Beach, with a new record of 1196 miles.

James J. Jeffries said that he hoped "Jack" Johnson would offer a forfeit for a heavyweight championship fight.

H. B. Duryea, an American turfman, won two races in France, both with American horses, Ben Ban and Spectator.

3,346,106 CORDS OF WOOD IN 2,118,947 TONS OF PULP

Mills Paid \$28,000,000 For Raw Material, Including Mill Waste — Spruce, Hemlock and Poplar

Two hundred and fifty-one pulp mills in the United States used 3,346,106 cords of wood and made 2,118,947 tons of pulp last year. Spruce has always been the leading pulp wood, and it furnished 64 per cent. of the total quantity used. The rapid development of the wood pulp industry in the last ten years has rendered the domestic supply of spruce insufficient to meet the demands upon it, and consequently importations from Canada have been heavy. In 1908 our pulp mills consumed nearly 1,500,000 cords of imported spruce, making the imports of spruce nearly 45 per cent. of the domestic supply.

Next to spruce, the most important pulp wood is hemlock of which 569,173 cords were converted into pulp last year. All the hemlock used was of domestic origin, and most of it was produced in the Lake States and Pennsylvania. Although now used in less quantity than spruce and hemlock, poplar has long been a standard pulp wood. A small quantity of poplar is imported, but by far the larger portion of the more than 300,000 cords used last year was cut from domestic timber. Spruce, hemlock and poplar made up 90 per cent. of the total quantity of pulp wood used. The remainder was supplied by many species, the most important of which were pine, cottonwood and balsam.

The wood used by the pulp mills last year cost them a little more than \$28,000,000, or an average of \$8.38 a cord, against an average of \$8.21 in 1907. The most costly wood used was imported spruce, with an average value of \$10.60 a cord. The average for domestic spruce was \$8.76 a cord and for poplar \$8.04 a cord. The cheapest wood that was used in large quantity was hemlock, the cost being \$6.02 a cord. Owing to the uncertain business conditions the total consumption of pulp wood in 1908 was nearly 16 per cent. less than in 1907, but this did not prevent an increase in the price of wood. The high price of wood is keeping the manufacturers constantly on the lookout for cheaper raw material, and one of the most encouraging developments has been the increased use of slab wood and other saw mill waste. This drift in the industry is clearly indicated by the fact that 193,234 cords of mill waste were reported as consumed in pulp manufacture during 1907, while 252,896 cords, an increase of 30 per cent., were used in 1908.

These statements are based upon a preliminary report of the consumption of the pulp wood in the United States in 1908 just issued by the Bureau of the Census. The Bureau of the Census and the Forest Service co-operate in the collection of an-

WASHINGTON NOTES

Bids are to be opened at the navy department here on November 20 for dredging at the Charleston Navy Yard to secure an entrance to the dry dock and berths alongside the wharf by the removal of accumulated deposits from the Cooper River. A channel will be dredged to a depth of 30 feet below mean low water, leading from the river to the dry dock. The channel will be 165 wide, widening out to 500 feet at 30 feet below mean low water, length, 1,000 feet from face of quay wall.

The Brownsville court of inquiry has decided to visit Brownsville, Tex., late in November to hear any new material facts bearing in the famous "shooting up" of that city on the night of August 13, 1906. Every reasonable opportunity will be given to the discharged noncommissioned officers and men of the Twenty-fifth Regiment of Infantry to prove they were not gaged in the riot with a view to their re-enlistment in the army should they desire to take advantage of the offer contained in the act of Congress creating the tribunal. The court will follow up the Brownsville hearing with a similar proceeding at Washington. The discharged men will have the privilege of appearing before the court represented by an attorney.

What is regarded as a distinct concession to improving interests in France was made by the Treasury Department Monday in directing the collectors of customs at the various United States ports to keep custom houses open until 4:30 p. m. Saturday, October 30, on which date the commercial agreements with France, Switzerland and Bulgaria expired. The purpose of the order was to give every facility to importers to enter goods at the reduced rates of the expiring treaties and applies particularly to New York and a few other cities where the custom houses close ordinarily at 1 p. m. on Saturday in deference to local law or custom.

The horse as a means of transportation is more than holding its own under the competition of the automobile, according to Maurice Connelly Mr. Connelly says the trade in horse-driven vehicles this year was greater than ever before, and the business already booked for the coming year will eclipse all previous records. The only manufacturers of carriages affected are those who cater to the millionaire class, which has in a large

FIVE CHILDREN BURN

Virginia Orphanage a Holo-caust.

SHELTON COTTAGE CONSUMED.

Mysterious Outbreak Leaves No Time to Rescue All the Tot—A Sacrifice of Life to Rescue Younger Sister.

Lynchburg, Va., Special.—Late Tuesday afternoon the remains of the five children who were burned in the fire which destroyed the Shelton cottage at the Presbyterian orphanage home, near the city, at 4 o'clock Tuesday morning, were recovered, though they were burned past recognition.

A coroner's inquest which concluded its work at 8:15 o'clock at night, threw no light on the cause of the fire, but the verdict included a statement fully exonerating the home authorities from blame.

Later reports show that the fire was discovered by the housekeeper in her room on the second floor by smoke issuing through the speaking tube connecting her room with the kitchen. She was up to begin her duties for the day.

The five children were all inmates of the nursery.

The dead: Lucile Moorefield and Ruby Moorefield of Lynchburg, Mamie Reynolds of Bath county, Virginia, Marie Hickman of Campbell county, Virginia, and Mary Pool of Davis, West Virginia.

The children were all in the second floor of the wing of the building and they were caught by the fire in a manner that made their rescue impossible. Ruby Moorefield, however, was taken out of the building, but when she ascertained that the younger sister was still inside she ran back into the burning building and lost her life.

The fire was discovered by Mrs. Priest, the cook, who was aroused by the roar of flames. When she saw that it was impossible to get the children out by the stairway, the entire basement and first floor at that time being enveloped, and that it would be but a few minutes before the whole building would fall, she rushed to the third story and brought fifteen children down to the second floor, where they were taken down a ladder, several of them dropping into outstretched arms of the older boys in the institution.

When these children were all safe, Mrs. Priest had to jump for her life and in so doing sustained a dislocated shoulder, a scalp wound, and an injury to her back. She will probably recover. While all of the escapes were miraculous, only one of the girls named was injured and she escaped

murdered her sisters, Miss Rose McMahon and Mrs. Alonzo Van Royen and the latter's husband, Alonzo Van Royen, on a farm near Kansas City, Kas., last Tuesday. A long standing family quarrel caused the tragedy. McMahon killed Van Royen in a wood and later went to the Van Royen home and shot his sisters.

Fearing mob violence by a throng that gathered about the county jail after the confession became known the sheriff rushed the murderer and his brother, Patrick McMahon, and Patrick Lamb, a farm hand, who are held as witnesses, to the penitentiary at Lansing Tuesday night in automobiles.

McMahon's inability to keep his secret caused his arrest. He told a friend Tuesday where he had hidden a revolver with which he did the killing, and several articles he took from the Van Royen home.

As Sheriff Becker was preparing to arrest Patrick McMahon, the latter walked into his office and announced that he was ready to help on the case as he has been doing each day since the tragedy.

Cloudburst and Inundation in Mexico.

Mexico City, Special.—An estimated loss of five millions of pesos, including crops and fine hardwoods, two lives known to be lost and many others, it is feared, sacrificed in the floods, hundreds of homes in country and town washed away and thousands of head of cattle drowned are the known results of the disastrous cloudburst and storm that broke over the State of Tabasco Monday.

Japan's Greatest Commoner Assassinated.

Tokio, By Cable.—Hirobumi Ito, a Prince of Japan but the greatest commoner in the empire and for two years the uncrowned ruler of Korea, who above all stood between Korea and the degradation of immediate annexation, hoping to build up that country anew, was assassinated by Koreans Tuesday just as he alighted from a special train at Harbin, Manchuria, to which place he went from Tokio on a mission of peace.

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