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From Batesburg.

A petition endorsing Mr. Alfred J. Fox, of Lexington, for insurance commissioner was circulated in our town last Saturday. Mr. Fox has many friends in Batesburg who were glad to have the pleasure of showing their appreciation of his ability and fitness for the position, by giving him their personal endorsements.

Dr. W. H. Timmerman is able to attend to business again, after being confined to his room for several days on account of sickness.

Col. Edwin F. Strother has been on the sick list for several days, but is up again. Several others have been confined to their beds by the grippe the past few weeks.

Mr. Eddie Hite, son of Mr. W. B. Hite, has been appointed a rural carrier on route 8 from this place to fill the vacancy brought about by the resignation of Carrier Curtis D. Padgett.

Mr. S. Pickens Derrick, carrier on route 2 from Batesburg, has been using a regular mail wagon for the past three months, and is well pleased with the results. It is the first vehicle of its kind ever used by a mail carrier in this section and is a great improvement over the buggy and cart.

Mr. W. L. Rawl went to Lexington on business Tuesday. Mr. Rawl is president of the Batesburg Lumber Co.

Mrs. W. P. Timmerman spent Saturday with relatives in Johnston.

Mrs. E. D. Blakney, of Kershaw, is visiting her sister, Mrs. John Bell Towill.

Miss Lenora Long, of Saluda, is spending a few days with friends in Batesburg.

Mr. C. L. Jones is in New York this week looking after business interests. The roads and streets in our town are being put in excellent condition with the aid of the new road machine purchased by the town council.

Batesburg, March 3. A.

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To Make Test in Orangeburg.

Congressman Lever has arranged with the department of agriculture to carry on some cotton seed selection work in the county of Orangeburg. All of the cotton breeding work in the State is being carried on by Mr. L. E. Boykin, a graduate of Clemson College and a citizen of Lee County. His work at present is confined to the northeast part of the State in Marlboro and Darlington counties. It is Mr. Lever's idea to have some of the work done in Orangeburg, which is the largest cotton growing county in the State, and to this end Mr. Boykin will be directed to begin work in that county.

The matter of seed selection is very important to cotton growers. It enables them to get rid of light, inferior seed, and the cost of separation is practically nothing. The experiments so far made by the department indicate that through proper seed selection the yield can be increased from 10 per cent. to 15 per cent. per acre, and this would mean for the entire South an increase of 1,200,000 bales without any increase of labor or acreage, and this means, of course, a net increase in the value of the cotton crop of about \$60,000,000 per annum.

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State and General News.

W. J. Bouknight, a white man, was sentenced to pay a fine of \$300 for violation of the dispensary law in the criminal court in Columbia on Friday.

Revenue officers in Greenville county found a still located in a grist mill on Friday. A lot of liquor was also captured.

G. F. Milling, a white man, was sentenced to serve a year in the county jail by acting Recorder Collins in Columbia Friday. Milling was charged with the cruel treatment of his wife.

Safe blowers visited Blenheim, a little station near Bennettsville, on Friday night and blew open the safe of J. J. Hood, securing \$69.

W. P. Rogers, colored, was shot three times by a police officer at Florence on Sunday while resisting arrest.

Charles Scott, a negro 18 years old, was lynched at Conroe, Texas, on Friday, for an attempted assault upon a young white girl.

H. H. Rankin, a groceryman, was shot in the leg by W. F. Dobe, a prominent contractor, at Aiken on Friday. The shooting was the outcome of a quarrel over a small debt.

Robt. A. Randall was shot and killed by Dock Parnell at Lamar, on Monday. A dispute over a land line was the cause of the tragedy. Both are prominent white men.

Tampa, Fla., was swept by a disastrous fire Sunday. Fifty-five acres were burned over, covering 18 blocks, doing damage in the sum of \$600,000.

Two fires in New York city on Sunday destroyed property worth several million dollars.

Alexander Hamilton, a prominent lawyer and chief counsel to the New York Life Insurance company, was found dead in bed at his home in Buffalo, N. Y., Sunday morning.

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Harman-Shepherd.

A quiet, though none the less beautiful, was the marriage of Miss Florrie May Harman and Mr. John C. Shepherd, which occurred at the residence of Mr. G. M. Harman yesterday afternoon at 5 o'clock. The marriage ceremony was impressively performed by the bride's pastor, Rev. W. H. Hiller, of the Lutheran church. There were only a few intimate friends present.

A delightful luncheon was served the guests immediately after the ceremony.

The bride was handsomely and gorgeously gowned in point desprit over white silk, and carried a large bouquet of white carnations. She wore a necklace of peruvian pearls. The groom was dressed in conventional black.

Mrs. Shepherd is the second daughter of Mr. G. M. Harman, and has a host of friends who wish for her a life of unalloyed happiness.

Mr. Shepherd comes from one of the oldest and highly respected Charleston families and has been connected with the Charleston Orphan Home for a number of years, and is a high-toned Christian gentleman, and extremely popular with the people of his home city.

Mr. and Mrs. Shepherd may make Lexington their home, where Mr. Shepherd will add much to the social and business affairs of the town. They were the recipients of many handsome and useful presents, which attest to the high esteem in which they are held.

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MRS. P. W. ELLISOR BRUTALLY SLAIN.

Horrible Crime of Ned and Brack Toland Who Have Made a Complete Confession to the Officers—Prisoners in Penitentiary—Special Term of Court Likely to be Ordered.

A murder that shocked the entire country by its inhuman and cold-blooded atrocity and caused strong men to forget themselves in their denunciation of the perpetrators occurred a mile and a half from New Brookland in this county on Wednesday morning. The body of Mrs. P. W. Ellisor, the wife of a well known farmer, was found in a clothes basket by the bed with her skull crushed in as if by a blow from an axe and with clothes piled upon her dead body. The discovery was made by her husband, who returned home after an absence of about three hours. The deed was committed for the purpose of robbery—a trunk was broken open, a shotgun taken from the corner of the room, and a box of shells missing—all pointed to the motive for the ghastly crime. The murderers fled after covering up the poor, frail bit of humanity.

At 7 o'clock Wednesday morning Mr. Ellisor left his wife to go into New Brookland to sell some vegetables and after finishing up his business in that town started for home, arriving at the house at 10 o'clock. When he got home he found his daughter, Mrs. Nora Aughtry, seated on the steps and asked her why she had not gone into the house to see his wife, whom he had left at home three hours before. His daughter told him that the door was locked and the two then sat down on the steps for at least an hour, thinking that Mrs. Ellisor had left the house for a short while and would soon return.

Daughter Horror Stricken.

Growing suspicious, Mr. Ellisor finally decided that he would get into the house at once and broke the door in. When he first entered the room, on account of coming in from the light and the window shades being down, he did not notice anything amiss except that his wife did not answer when her name was called. His daughter, however, noticed that something was not right in the condition of the room and the clothes basket attracted her attention almost at once.

The first quilt removed from the top of the basket the woman drew back with a cry of horror for the next covering was smeared with blood. The daughter could stand no more and drew back and fell upon the bed, the horrible suspicion of murder bursting upon her with sudden force. The father with his 50 and more years of experience in the world was made of sterner stuff and yet when he drew back the next covering from the cold body of the woman he shuddered. The body was lying almost at full length in the basket the head crushed in on the left side, the wound wrapped around with cloth to hide the crime until the murderers could make good their escape, with her arms across her body. These were the sights that the husband saw as he knelt and examined the body, to see if but the faintest hope of life yet remained.

The news of the horrible murder spread like wild fire and within one hour more than two hundred men, armed to the teeth, were on the scene, among the number several negroes, who seemed as eager to catch the perpetrators as the whites.

The First Clue.

As the news spread from person to person, Mr. M. L. Fox, who runs a store in New Brookland, remembered that he had bought a single barrel gun from two negroes about 10 o'clock in the morning, and he immediately carried the gun to Mr. Ellisor for the purpose of ascertaining if the gun was the one missing from the house. Mr. Ellisor at once recognized the gun as that of his own, and thus the first clue was obtained. The Columbia police were notified to be on the watchout for the men, as was the sheriffs of Richland and Lexington. Poses were soon scouring the whole vicinity and blood hounds from the penitentiary were carried to the house, but were unable to pursue the assassins. It was soon learned, however, that two negroes answering the description given by Mr. Fox, had been seen going up the C. N. & L. railroad toward Newberry, and messages were sent to all stations along the line to be on the lookout and to arrest all suspects.

The Capture.

As the C. N. & L. train arrived at Hilton, about 8 o'clock in the evening, two negroes got aboard. Conductor McCain, who had heard of the murder before leaving Columbia, had the negroes placed under arrest and turned over to Sheriff Buford of Newberry, who happened to be a passenger on the same train. The prisoners were taken off at Newberry, where they were held for identification. The authorities at Brookland were notified of the capture of the suspects and Mr. M. L. Fox, accompanied by one or two others, took the early morning train Thursday for Newberry. At first sight Mr. Fox recognized the

negroes as the ones from whom he had purchased the gun on Wednesday.

Lynching Narrowly Averted.

The negroes were placed in charge of Mr. Fox and the return to Columbia was begun. In the meantime Capt. Griffith was communicated with and arrangements were made to have the two men taken off the train above Columbia to evade the would-be lynchers, who had gathered in great numbers in Columbia and Brookland. Under heavy guard the men were hurried to the penitentiary, thus preventing a lynching which undoubtedly would have occurred had it not been for the alertness of the officers.

They Confess.

On Friday the negroes made a complete confession to Capt. Griffith, Coroner Clark and others at the penitentiary, and they testified as to the confession at the inquest Friday evening. The verdict of the jury was in effect that Mrs. Ellisor came to her death at the hands of Ned and Brack Toland. The negroes are from Prosperity and are 17 and 19 years of age respectively. Ned, the older of the two, has a long criminal record behind him.

An Early Trial.

It is thought that a special term of court will be ordered for the trial of the culprits, within about three weeks. Solicitor Timmerman is busily engaged at Edgefield this week, and it will be impossible to have a legal trial earlier than above stated.

In the meantime the prisoners will be kept in the penitentiary for safe-keeping, although a lynching would be inevitable once the prisoners are in the care of Lexington's brave and manly sheriff, for he would defend the men at the risk of his own life.

Burial of Mrs. Ellisor.

The remains of Mrs. Ellisor were carried to Shady Grove church in the Dutch Fork on Friday, where they were interred in the church cemetery.

She is survived by her husband and six children as follows: Mrs. Margaret Berry, Mrs. Aurelia Geddings, Mrs. George Aughtry, Mrs. Lester Ferrell and Arthur and Fred Ellisor.

Treasurer's Office Robbed.

Barnwell, March 2.—As a consequence of the robbery of the county treasurer's office last Sunday morning, J. B. Ross and Earl Rountree have been arrested. The arrests were made upon a warrant sworn out by the watchman, who was on duty at the time the attempt at robbery was made. He claims that he recognized the two men to be Ross and Rountree.

In this connection it will be interesting to note that Ross was tried at the last term of court here for the killing of Johnson Pender and was acquitted. Ross was tried twice on this charge. The first trial resulted in a mistrial and in the second he was acquitted.

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