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WALHALLA, S. C.

WEDNESDAY, MAY 31, 1911.

HOPKINS-CLEMSON SUIT.

The United States Supreme Court has handed down its decision in the case of Dr. John Hopkins, plaintiff, against Clemson Agricultural and Mechanical College of South Carolina. The decision came Monday afternoon, and it reverses the Circuit Court and the South Carolina Supreme Court, both of which had held that Clemson College, being a State institution, was a part of the State government, and that any suit brought against that institution was in effect a suit against the State of South Carolina. The State cannot be sued except by its consent, and this it would not give. Thereupon the case was taken to the United States Supreme Court, where in November last R. T. Jaynes, representing Dr. Hopkins, and Jas. P. Carey, representing the College, argued the case before the Justices of the Supreme Court. At that time, however, there were vacancies on the United States Supreme Court bench, and the decision was held up until these vacancies should be filled. It was recognized as a very important case, the delicate questions involved being of such far-reaching consequences that the Justices withheld their decision, calling later for a re-argument before the full Court when all vacancies had been filled in their ranks.

The case has been a very interesting one throughout, every inch of ground being hotly contested. It now comes before the United States Supreme Court, and will probably be decided in the next few days. The case is no way equivalent to a suit against the State of South Carolina, the case may assume even larger proportions, there being other property owners whose lands, it is alleged, suffered similarly to those of Dr. Hopkins, who alleges damages to the extent of \$8,000 by reason of water being diverted over his lands in such manner as to destroy the fertility of his lands and rendering them unproductive for agricultural purposes. This condition, Dr. Hopkins alleges, is due to the building of a dike by the Clemson authorities.

The case has occasioned no small interest in the past, each stage of the proceeding being watched closely by the citizens of the State at large as well as those of Oconee.

For several years the case has been passing through the Courts, each stage piling up costs, which, up to the present time, by reason of the latest decision favorable to Dr. Hopkins, fall upon Clemson. These costs will doubtless equal, and possibly exceed, the damages claimed by Dr. Hopkins.

THE PASSING OF DIAZ.

The passing of Diaz is sad indeed. It had been better for him and better for Mexico if the final summons could have come to Diaz to lay down his work on earth and enter upon his long rest. There was but one man, we believe, big enough and great enough to hold the Mexican people in check, and that man was Diaz. Diaz passing from action by death might have still influenced Mexico; Diaz overthrown but leaves Mexico at the mercy of the Mexican.

But to all intents and purposes, so far as Mexico is concerned, Diaz is no more. The creator and creature of a revolution some thirty years ago, to-day he is the victim of a revolution—a man self-exiled from the country he has ruled so long, and, comparatively speaking, so well. Tyrant he may have been, and doubtless was; but will any one, for years to come, hold Mexico in check save by tyranny? He was a tyrant from necessity, not from choice. He knew that the day he relaxed his iron grip upon the people of Mexico, that day sealed his doom. He knew the people he ruled—and how well he knows them is shown by the fact that, stripped of his power, he prefers to change his country, relinquishing even his citizenship in the country of his making rather than fall victim to the prejudice and cowardice of the rabble of Mexico, who glory in following a revolutionist. We do not believe that we magnify the ability or the courage of Diaz; we do not believe that we

minimize that of Madero and the other revolutionists, yet we hope that we have minimized the latter. Time only will tell. As Diaz brought order out of chaos in Mexico thirty years ago, and maintained it, so, we believe, Madero and his followers have paved the way for chaos again. It is a debatable question whether or not the Mexican people to-day are capable of self-government.

MILLIONS LOST AT "CONEY."

Fire Started in "Hell Gate" and Destroyed "Dreamland."
New York, May 27—Coney Island, the playground of New York, suffered the worst disaster of its history to-day. "Dreamland," the largest of the amusement parks, was wiped out and about four blocks adjoining, covered with booths, restaurants, hotels, moving picture theaters and resorts of varied types, were destroyed.

The fire broke out at 2 o'clock in the morning, and was not under control until three hours and a half later. The loss will amount to between \$2,000,000 and \$3,000,000.

In all about 200 buildings were burned and perhaps 2,000 persons, concessionaries and employees, were turned into the streets, homeless and penniless. No lives were lost.

The burned area represents nearly a third of the amusement city, all of which would undoubtedly have gone in the teeth of the strong wind, but for the fact that Coney Island, with a high-pressure water system, especially designed for fire protection, guarded against a disaster of this kind.

The fire was discovered, a tiny blaze in the tarred scaffolding of "Hell Gate," a scenic railway close to the entrance to "Dreamland." Twenty minutes after a frightened watchman had turned in three alarms, one after another, as fast as his thumb could press the key, all "Dreamland," ten acres of closely packed buildings, was one blaze. The flames, urged by a strong wind, were visible for nearly fifteen miles.

Close to "Hell Gate," where the fire started, was the Bostock animal show, and nearer yet the infant incubator, a charity nursery, in which were six infants and their attendants. The children were taken out in their little glass houses and rushed out of danger by the police.

Man-Eating Lion Escapes.

Then came the work of taking out the animals, a costly collection, including several dangerous man-eaters. The animals were in a panic. Their roaring could be heard for many blocks above the crackling of the flames and the thrashing of the

branches of the trees. The animals were taken out in their little glass houses and rushed out of danger by the police.

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The cause of the fire will probably never be determined. In the "Hell Gate" scenic railway, workmen with tar pails had been smearing the causeways to protect the scaffolding against the weather. It is supposed the fire somehow had its origin from the hot tar.

Dreamland was worth \$2,500,000 and there was less than \$500,000 insurance.

Starts Much Trouble.

If all people knew that neglect of constipation would result in severe indigestion, yellow jaundice or virulent liver trouble they would soon take Dr. King's New Life Pills, and end it. It's the only safe way. Best for biliousness, headache, dyspepsia, chills and debility. 25c. at all druggists.



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For the purpose of advertising the Spartanburg Business College offers **FREE TUITION** to one person from this county who enters the school on or before June 20th, and is accompanied by one student who will take the full course, or two students who will take each a single course, either book-keeping or shorthand.

For catalogue, etc., address **L. NEEL VERNON, Principal.** May 31, 1911. 22-24

NOTICE OF APPLICATION FOR HOMESTEAD.

State of South Carolina, County of Oconee.
Notice is hereby given that Mrs. M. V. Rochester, in behalf of herself and minor children, has filed in my office her petition for a Homestead exemption in the estate of her husband, John F. Rochester, deceased, and that the same will be heard before me in my office at Walhalla, S. C., on June 23d, 1911, at 10 o'clock a. m. **W. O. WHITE,** Master for Oconee County, S. C. May 31, 1911. 22-25

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CITATION NOTICE.

The State of South Carolina, County of Oconee.—(In Court of Probate.)
By D. A. Smith, Judge of Probate.
Whereas, Mrs. R. V. Rochester has made suit to me to grant her Letters of Administration of the Estate of and Effects of John F. Rochester, deceased—

These are, therefore, to cite and admonish all and singular the creditors and creditors of the said John F. Rochester, deceased, that they be and appear before me, in the Court of Probate, to be held at Walhalla Court House, South Carolina, on SATURDAY, the 10th day of JUNE, 1911, after publication hereof, at 11 o'clock in the forenoon, to show cause, if any they have, why the said administration should not be granted.

Given under my hand and seal this 27th day of May, A. D. 1911.
(Seal.) **D. A. SMITH,** Judge of Probate for Oconee County, South Carolina.

Published on the 31st day of May and 7th day of June, 1911, in The Keowee Courier, and on the Court House Door for the time prescribed by law. 22-23

SHERIFF'S SALES FOR TAXES.

I will sell, on MONDAY, JUNE 5, 1911, the same being salesday, at the usual hour of public sale, in front of the Court House door, at Walhalla, S. C., the following described real estate, to wit:

Three acres land, about one-fourth mile south of corporate limits of town of Walhalla, adjoining lands of John D. Verner, Eliza Reid and others, on public road. Levied on as the property of D. S. Vandiver at suit of the State for taxes.

One acre, more or less, south of corporate limits of town of Walhalla, near Westminster road, adjoining lands of Martha Owens, Eliza Alexander and John D. Verner. Levied on as the property of Louisa Crayton at suit of the State for taxes.

Forty-two acres, in Seneca township, adjoining lands of Ripple, B. Stimms, John Milligan and E. C. Doyle. Levied on as the property of Martha Johnson at suit of the State for taxes.

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W. M. KAY, Sheriff Oconee County, S. C. May 3, 1911. 18-22



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BUY YOUR OWN GUN AND THINGS; DON'T BORROW.
YOU ARE GOING OUT FOR FUN. YOU CAN HAVE LOTS MORE OF IT IF YOU FEEL INDEPENDENT IN USING YOUR OWN THINGS.
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