

Humorous Department.

A Prize Bird.—An old Scotchwoman had a reputation far and near for her fine fowls, and had often been awarded prizes at the neighboring shows.

Hard to Classify.—In a toothful California district there is a man who runs a small ferry across one of the rivers, charging 25 cents for one transport and a double one.

Mixed Characters.—This is one told on a certain pugilist who is far better acquainted with the names of fistic champions than with those in the school history books.

His Theory and Practice.—During a school tea a kindly lady sat regarding one of the young guests with evident alarm.

Prof in Truth.—When illicit distilling was common in Ireland, there was an old man who went about the country repairing whisky pots.

Lost His Reckoning.—One of the world's unfortunates was arrested in Covington for loitering, and when taken before the judge to be dealt with, was asked by that official:

Geographical.—Readers who had some difficulty in remembering where the Falkland Islands were may have been helped by the recollection of one of Ian MacLaren's stories.

Looked Like It.—After shaking hands at the ferry dock the other day, one colored man inquired of another:

Professional Conversation.—Highwayman—Law? Why, I know more law than most of your lawyers!

Disqualified.—If they persist in teaching the boys in the schools military tactics, I don't believe our Willie would go in for it.

TOLD BY LOCAL EXCHANGES.

And W. J. Hendrix, representing the local carrier civil service board. There were twenty-two applicants. The papers have been forwarded to Washington and the board will meet to hear an appeal of the board's decision.

Fort Mill Times, Feb. 18: Report reached Fort Mill Saturday that Mrs. Wylie Osborne, whose home is several miles west of this city, had been stricken with what was believed to be a genuine case of smallpox.

Rock Hill Record, Feb. 18: Mrs. J. L. McElroy, the young white man who shot his sweetheart at the Beaumont mill in Spartanburg last week, was arrested by Sheriff Brice on Friday.

Planting of Experience Tells How to Grow the Nuts.—The following communication which was addressed to the editor of the Southern Cultivator by J. D. Shuler of Bowman, S. C., will very likely prove of interest to York county farmers and others as well.

When I lay by the corn I plant a row of early peas in each alley, making two rows of peas to one of corn and peanuts. I never hoe them or use anything on them except lime and water.

How to Halt.—Two countrymen were among the recruits mustered on the drill ground, and one of them, remarkably raw, asked his companion what to do when he got the order to halt.

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No; he's too pigeon toed.

HAPPENINGS IN THE STATE

Items of Interest from All Sections of South Carolina. B. L. McDowell has resigned as magistrate of Greenwood.

Haskell Trammell, a Greenville county farmer, died last week as the result of drinking a bottle of carbolic acid with suicidal intent.

The latest strike of employees of the Equinox mill of Anderson, has been satisfactorily adjudicated and the employees have returned to work.

Miss Mae Huestis, for six years recently a modern language in the College for Women, Columbia, died in Indianapolis, Ind., last Tuesday.

The store of the Wedgefield Mercantile company, at Wedgefield, was robbed last week, more than \$100 in currency and a large quantity of goods being stolen.

The house of representatives on Thursday night refused to agree to a legislative investigation of the Confederate infirmary in Columbia last week, as proposed by Martin of Kershaw, in a concurrent resolution.

The house of representatives on Friday killed a resolution offered by Senator Goodwin for the appropriation of \$10,000 to pay the railroad fare of South Carolina veterans attending the Confederate reunion in Richmond.

The Greenville county legislative delegation has reduced the salary of Sheriff Rector of Greenville from \$2,400 to \$1,800 per year.

Effort will be made in the near future to raise funds for the erection of a tablet to the memory of Robert Y. Mann, the best known of the statesmen and contemporaries of John C. Calhoun, the tablet or monument to be placed in the new union depot now being built at Spartanburg.

Three men were arrested at Tyler'sville, in Laurens county, last week, charged with stealing cotton from a plantation and with attempting to burn a warehouse. The merchant who bought the cotton, charging with buying through the cotton after dark.

The ways and means committee of the house on Thursday presented Representative George W. Dick of Spartanburg, with a glass punch bowl, in token of their esteem.

Greenwood Journal: It was learned in Greenwood today from a reliable source that incorrect statements were given to the killing of Mr. W. Thurmond near Mottoc Tuesday morning.

Dum-Dum Bullets.—The origin of the name and the cause which led to the invention of dum-dum bullets from a story which seems to be little known, but which is of peculiar interest in view of the fact that the Germans are accusing the allies of using them in contravention of the articles of warfare laid down by the Hague convention, which prohibits the use of soft-nosed or expanding bullets.

cover the core or is pierced with incisions. It was the British troops in India that first brought into use the dum-dum bullet.

The name dum-dum was derived from the town of Dum-Dum, four and a half miles from Calcutta, where the bullets were first manufactured.

Many English Soldiers on Verge of Insanity.—The number of English soldiers and officers who have suffered nervous breakdown more or less approaching insanity as a result of the strain of war, says a London dispatch, has shown such increase that some of the leading medical journals are pleading for special consideration and treatment for this class.

"Some cases," says the Lancet, "are certainly hopeless, but there are others—derating numbers—where there are good grounds for believing that they may again become useful citizens."

The effects of warfare on the nervous system are more marked in the case of officers than in the case of enlisted men, the latter in many cases of "trench insanity" recovering "tone" after a continuous sleep of from twenty-four to forty-eight hours.

The largest sum ever paid in a single check was paid to the Pennsylvania Railroad company last week by Kuhn, Loeb & Co., New York bankers, for \$4,998,000.

A witness before the congressional sub-committee investigating charges against Federal Judge Dayton, at Wheeling, W. Va., testified that the defendant had been indicted for a violation of the Federal laws and yet get around the anti-trust laws.

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Frank James, brother of Jesse James and a member of the notorious James Brothers' gang of bandits, who terrorized a dozen western states in the seventies, died on his farm near Excelsior Springs, Mo., Thursday, following a stroke of apoplexy.

Wm. H. Fanning, a Baltimore printer, has been arrested by postal detectives on the charges of counterfeiting postage money orders.

The Belgian Army Remnant of Once Strong Force Now Numbers Only 60,000. Sixty thousand worn soldiers straggled the rush of the German invaders toward Pas de Calais, are all that are

GENERAL NEWS NOTES.

Items of Interest Gathered From All Around the World. The largest tin plant in the world is to be built at McKeepot, Pa. It is to employ 30,000 men.

The London Times has succeeded in raising \$5,000,000 as a fund for sick and wounded British soldiers.

John Talap, white, a wife murderer, will be the first victim of the electric chair in Pennsylvania, at Rockview tomorrow morning.

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A surgeon at a Philadelphia hospital last week removed a tumor, several inches in diameter, from the brain of a man 29 years old.

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left of the Belgian army of two hundred and thirty thousand men under arms when Germany invaded Belgium, but one of King Albert's staff officers who has been with the army since the siege of Liege, asserts that the small Belgian force today is a far more efficient machine than that which met the first German attack.

He said to the Associated Press correspondent: "When we reached the Yser, we were a beaten and demoralized army, almost to the point of absolute disorganization. Fighting for weeks without adequate support from our allies, and with most of our men believing that we had been left to our fate, the chances of ever again making a fighting force of our army seemed remote."

A policeman was so badly injured in a department store bargain sale at Trenton, N. J., Thursday, that he had to be sent home for repairs.

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Miss Cecelia S-e-z-e-p-a-n-k-e-w-i-c-z of Philadelphia, is petitioning the common pleas court of that city to change her name to Abel.

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