

SOUTH CAROLINA ITEMS

Newsy Items Gathered From the Different Sections of South Carolina.

Carolina Bankers.

Columbia, Special.—About 30 members of the South Carolina Bankers' association, including Mr. W. D. Morgan of Georgetown, the president, met in Columbia last week.

New Enterprises Recently Started.

Columbia, Special.—During the past week the secretary of state has been very busy with new companies organized and recently incorporated.

The charters issued were as follows: Farmers' Warehouse company of Gaffney, capitalized at \$8,000, with R. C. Sarat as president, and W. C. McArthur as treasurer.

Peoples' Bank of Leesville, with \$30,000 capital; E. J. Etheredge president and W. A. Shealey secretary and treasurer.

Carshaddon & Co., a lumber concern, with headquarters in Marion, with \$100,000 capital. C. L. Goodwin is president and Percival Carshaddon is treasurer.

The Connerross yarn mill of Anderson with \$50,000 capital, and A. S. Farmer president and treasurer.

Planters' and Merchants' Bank of Varnville, capitalized at \$15,000, and W. E. R. Charlson president, and W. V. Bowden cashier.

Green & Bishop's drug store of Spartanburg, with \$8,000 capital, and J. L. Green as president and J. B. Bishop secretary and treasurer.

The following commissions were issued in addition to those who have since been chartered and are mentioned above: Southern Plant & Producing Co. of Clarendon county, with \$250,000 capital, and Thomas S. and John R. Sumner and H. T. Abbott, all of the county of Sumter, as incorporators.

The Cunningham-Bennett company of Lancaster, with \$15,000 capital and W. P. Bennett and T. K. Cunningham as the incorporators. They will do a general real-estate business.

T. W. Woodley & Co., of this city, with \$5,000 capital. T. W. Woodley, S. M. Clarkson and J. A. Summersett are the incorporators.

The Mishra T. L. of Union, with \$500,000 capital, was commissioned. The incorporators are L. M. Jordan, A. H. Foster, B. F. Arthur, W. D. Arthur, D. C. Flynn, W. D. McFaul, Macbeth James and others.

The Landrum Hotel & Improvement Co., of Landrum, is capitalized at \$8,000, and the incorporators are J. S. Carpenter, J. F. Ewell and others.

The Peoples Bank of Woodruff is capitalized at \$50,000, and L. W. Seay, S. M. Pilgrim and others are among the incorporators.

The Rigby Manufacturing company of Spartanburg is capitalized at \$25,000, and among the incorporators are W. A. Lawson and Horace Bouvar. The company will do a general lumber and building business.

Mr. Wingard Appointed. Columbia, Special.—Mr. B. J. Wingard of Lexington, member of the class of 1907 of the University of South Carolina, will fill the position of private secretary to Congressman A. F. Lever after the 1st of December. This announcement will be received with genuine pleasure by the many friends of Mr. Wingard, especially those who knew him here during his four years in the university.

Men Who Run Southern Meet. Norfolk, Special.—Operating officials of the Southern Railway from Washington to Jacksonville, Fla., including the general officials, division superintendents, chief dispatchers, trainmasters, roadmasters and master mechanics, convened here for a four days' session. J. N. Seale, of Washington, manager of the system, presided.

Hub Evans Out For Mayor. Newberry, Special.—Municipal politics is beginning to warm up in Newberry. The primary election to select candidates for mayor and aldermen of the city has been ordered for Tuesday, Nov. 26. So far four candidates have announced for mayor, Messrs. H. H. Evans, C. L. Havird, E. C. Jones and J. J. Langford, but as the entries will not close until the 22nd inst., and other names are prospectively mentioned, it is likely that there will be one or more yet in the race before the close.

Wholesale Bankers are Handling Fed. Currency. Special.—At a meeting of the Wholesale Bankers' association in Columbia, S. C., last week, the subject of handling Federal currency was discussed.

MEETING OF LUTHERAN SYNOD

S. C. Lutheran Synod Meets in Spartanburg.

Spartanburg, Special.—The 83rd annual convention of the South Carolina Lutheran synod was called to order in the Women's Memorial church in this city by President M. G. G. Shearer, D. D., of Charleston. There were present at the opening 36 of the 40 clerical members of the synod and 27 lay delegates, this being a full opening and an altogether encouraging beginning of the convention which will last through Sunday.

The officers of the synod who have served for the past year were re-elected for another year as follows: M. G. G. Shearer, D. D., president; Rev. C. A. Freed of Columbia, vice president, and Rev. James D. Kinard of Camden, secretary.

The synodical sermon was delivered by President Shearer, in which he set forth the principle of the evangelical church since the time of Paul in the words "That the truth of the gospel might remain with you." He spoke of the evils and difficulties met and overcome by the church under Paul. He then pointed to the difficulties and troubles confronted by the Church of the Reformation under Luther, and the same overcoming influences. He gave a number of other illustrations of the successful efforts of the church to establish the truth, and showed that to be the ever prevailing and effective principle of the church, and explained to his clerical congregation their duty to the church and privilege of making it what it should be.

The president's annual report, showing the success and work of the church during the past year, was submitted.

The afternoon session met at 3:30 o'clock, at which time the various standing and special committees through which the work of the church is done were appointed by the president, and the reports of the lay members of the synod were heard, which showed a largely increased interest and activity on the part of the laity.

Late in the afternoon a short meeting of the ministers was held.

Thanksgiving Proclamation.

Columbia, Special.—Governor Ansel has issued his first Thanksgiving Proclamation. The excellent wording of the document is likely due in a measure to his many years' training as a Presbyterian elder. The proclamation follows:

"In conformity to a beautiful custom established by our forefathers and perpetuated by the religious sentiment of our people, I, M. F. Ansel, Governor of the State of South Carolina, do hereby designate and appoint Thursday, the twenty-eighth day of November, 1907, as a day of general thanksgiving.

The State of South Carolina has been signally blessed during the past year. We have enjoyed the liberty and security guaranteed by a peaceful government; we have advanced in education and morality; our material resources have developed; our fields have yielded their harvests in great abundance; we have been spared from pestilence and famine and no public calamity has befallen the Commonwealth.

Let all the people, therefore, put aside their usual occupations upon the day herein appointed, assemble in their houses of worship and in their homes to return thanks to Almighty God for his wonderful love and mercy to us as a people and as a State, and for the manifold blessings he has bestowed upon us.

Let us also, in this day of thanksgiving and praise, remember the poor and needy, the widow and the fatherless, the sick and distressed and the orphanages in our State with words of comfort and cheer and with our gifts. Out of our abundance let us enrich and make glad the unfortunate, realizing that the greatest of Christian virtues is charity.

And let us ever invoke the Great Giver of every good and perfect gift for a continuance of His infinite kindness that peace, prosperity and happiness may abide in the land forever. In testimony whereof I have hereunto set my hand and caused the great seal of the State of South Carolina to be affixed. Done at the capital, in the City of Columbia, this 7th day of November, 1907, and of the independence of the United States the 133d.

M. F. ANSEL, Governor.

Dies From Her Burns.

Fredericksburg, Special.—A beautiful memorial window in memory of Dr. John D. Egler was unveiled at the funeral of his wife, Mrs. Egler, at the Episcopal church here, last week.

A. F. OF L. IN CONVENTION

Convention in Progress at Norfolk.

MANY SPEECHES ARE MADE

First Day's Session Convention

Federation of Labor Given Over to Speech-Making and Reading of Reports—Governor Swanson and St. George Tucker Deliver Addresses of Welcome.

Norfolk, Va., Special.—The first sessions of the American Federation of Labor, which began its 27th annual convention at the Jamestown Exposition Monday, were devoted entirely to speech-making and the reading of reports. When adjournment came President Gompers, Secretary Morrison and Treasurer Lennon had submitted their reports and a partial report of the credentials committee had been heard.

In response to the address of welcome by Governor Swanson and Ex-Governor Tucker, Mr. Gompers paid a tribute to Virginia and to the Exposition, holding out the fact that it is the first exposition of the kind built entirely by organized labor. He confined his remarks chiefly to general matters, but toward the end came down to labor principles and said:

President Gompers' Speech. "I know of no organization that makes so little pretense of patriotism but in which true patriotism prevails to such a large extent as in organized labor. We want peace; we love peace and are working for peace and in the proportion that our working people are better organized we will secure peace. But we are not utopians; we know our rights, and we think we do, and that is just as good, and we are going to stand for them."

"I don't want to discuss any military or naval affairs or the policies of our government—not just now, anyway—but we all know that the Federal government authorities have decided that the navy of the United States is going to be transferred from the Atlantic to the Pacific that action or proposed action has created considerable comment, most of it favorable, some adverse. Even that I do not want to discuss. Even that I am chosen to boss the job of taking the entire fleet from one ocean to the other of whom I wish to speak. That is Fighting Bob Evans, and he said in connection with transferring the fleet?"

The Pacific Cruise.

"I don't know what may be the result of this cruise. I have only one mission and that is to see that the fleet goes to the Pacific coast, and whether it is to be for fun or frolic or a fight, we all will be there."

"It is to that I want to refer and make the application to the labor movement. If it is to be peace, if it is to be fun, or if it is to be a fight, we will all be there."

"I don't think there is any man who loves peace more than I do. I believe that industrial peace is essential to our progress. Almost essential to our progress, almost essential to our life. The time is past when the possessors of wealth, the employers of labor who consider themselves masters, can look down upon the laboring man who stoops with bent shoulders and accepts the order of the master."

"Labor today stands erect, looking the whole world in the face, insisting upon equal treatment, equal opportunity and resenting any attempt at injustice or wrong."

Fully 500 members and delegates attended the opening exercises. Many of the most prominent men in organized labor circles had seats on the stage, as did Governor Swanson, of Virginia, Hon. St. George Tucker, Director General Martin, and other officials of the exposition company. The exercises were of a very interesting character. The oratory was interspersed with appropriate musical selections by a brass band.

Governor Given Ovation.

H. S. Scott, chairman of the Central Labor Union, of Norfolk, and James O'Connell, president of the Virginia Federation of labor, made telling speeches.

Governor Swanson was the recipient of an ovation and during his speech was frequently interrupted by hearty applause. The oration of the day was delivered by Samuel Gompers. Mr. Gompers was tendered a tremendous ovation. A feature of the session was the presentation to Mr. Gompers by Mr. Scott, of the Central Labor Union, of Norfolk, of an oak gavel, which was used during the convention.

Memorial Window Unveiled.

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A CANDIDATE FOR U. S. SENATE

South Carolina Superintendent of Education Formally Announces That He Is Out For Election to the United States Senate.

The first publicly to announce his desire for Senator Latimer's toga is State Superintendent of Education O. B. Martin, who Monday announced his candidacy for the United States Senate in the campaign to be waged next summer. The announcement will seem as a surprise to most people throughout the State, especially so in view of Mr. Martin's statement made a few days ago that at the expiration of his present term he would spend six months abroad for study and recreation. The announcement is doubtless not uninfluenced by the understanding that Governor Ansel might announce for the Senate. Mr. Martin gave the Governor a week to think the matter over, and has now not in ahead of him. Mr. Martin does not love the Governor because the latter appointed members on the State board of education without consulting Mr. Martin, which caused the latter to promptly denounce him and declare that he would not offer for re-election.

High School Work for Present Year.

Columbia, Special.—There is considerable interest in the establishment of the high schools under the act passed by the last general assembly which gave \$50,000 for this work, the institutions voted favorably on an amount equal to that given from the fund. At the last meeting of the State board of education it was reported that a large number of school districts have complied with the requirements. There is still a large amount left, however, and a chance for some of the districts to obtain a part of the appropriation. The following places have complied with the act, and will receive the State aid this year: Brunson, Bamberg, Cross Hill, Cross Anchor, Caynes, Batesburg, Dillon, Easton, Fort Mill, Denmark, Fountain Inn, Heath Springs, Hampton, Jonesville, Johnston, Jefferson, Little Mountain, Laurens, Mountville, McCall, Mullins, Winnsboro, Marion, Ninety-Six, North Augusta, Olar, Prosperity, Ridgewood, Saluda, St. George, Union, Townville, York (Saluda county), Williamsburg, Rockburg, Pickens, Latta, Kershaw, Central, Srinfield, Simpsonville, Westminster, Allendale, Center town, Win (Anderson county), Bennie, Akeway, Mauldin and Barnwell—48 in all.

High school elections are now pending at about six other places.

Williamson Plan in Laurens.

Laurens, Special.—The farmers of Laurens are energetic and enterprising, and it may also be incidentally remarked that some of the finest farming lands in the State are located in this county. The Williamson plan has been quite generally tested here this year and the corresponding of the State has yet to hear the first unfavorable criticism of this plan of making corn.

It may be of interest to note that six farmers, in testing this plan, had a little race of their own. This was at Barksdale, six miles from Laurens. So far the returns from four of the six farmers have been heard from and good results are shown, the yield of 51 bushel per acre carrying off the prize.

The contestants and the yields are as follows: W. A. Garrett, W. A. Postman, J. Theo. Garrett and W. H. Barksdale. The yields per acre were 48, 48, 50 and 51 bushels per acre, the remarkable score again showing the excellence of the method employed. The prize was won by Mr. W. A. Garrett, who says the land was about the same average, common sandy upland that without fertilizing would make about ten bushels per acre. The fertilizer used by Mr. Garrett was as follows: Cotton-seed meal and acid, \$2.70; nitrate of soda, \$5—a total of \$7.70 per acre, which represented about the same amount used by each contestant. The plan is heartily commended by these farmers.

Industrial School Board.

Columbia, Special.—Governor Ansel decided to call a meeting of the board of trustees of the industrial school at Florence for November 21. The meeting will be held in Columbia and the call will be sent out by Mr. W. R. Barringer, the clerk of the board. Judge A. C. Heskell of this city, who was vice-chairman at the time Governor Heyward was chairman, will preside at the meeting, at which the annual report will be discussed and a question as to appropriation for 1908 will come up.

Fire Takes of Corn.

Gaffney, Special.—Mr. L. F. Elam, who had a considerable stock of corn in the barn, had the barn and yield consumed by fire last week. The loss was estimated at \$10,000.

Inland Sweep Army.

Shiloh Island, between Myrtle Beach, N. C., and Vero Beach, Fla., in the Ogeechee River, has been swept away by the freshets following the heavy rains. The island was one of the landmarks of the river. The only survivors were a few ducks and geese.

PREMIUM BRINGS OUT

HOARDED CURRENCY

Money Brokers' Bids Draw Millions Out of Strong Boxes.

New York City.—While the local banking situation continues to clear rapidly, the general shortage of currency is causing trouble in other parts of the country. Money is needed for the movement of crops, and bankers and railroad men are making every effort to get grain to New York and cotton to Southern ports, that they may draw on Europe for more gold.

A committee of railroad men, representing the big grain roads, returned from a mission to Washington. They appealed to the Interstate Commerce Commission for authority to give grain shipments the right of way over other freight. The Commission refused to authorize this violation of the law, but the railroad men are said to have received the intimation somewhere in Washington that they might hurry the grain along without fear of serious objection from the government.

Railroad men declare there is enough grain at Buffalo to save the situation if it can only be forwarded to New York and loaded on steamers. Europe is anxious to buy, and, once the grain is loaded, the bankers can draw against it.

It is understood here that Southern railroads will rush cotton shipments to Mobile, Savannah, New Orleans and Galveston on their own responsibility. Cotton exports to date are more than 400,000 bales short of last year. At \$50 a bale, this is a matter of \$20,000,000, which would be a great help in the present stringency. The reason for the cotton shortage is a pool of Texas farmers, who are said here to be holding two million bales for a price of fifteen cents a pound. The current price is eleven cents.

There was something of a flurry when the National City Bank, where the city has millions on deposit, refused to cash the checks drawn by Comptroller Metz for last month's salary of policemen and school teachers. Those who presented checks were told that they must cash them elsewhere, as the National City Bank would only pay them when they had passed through the Clearing House.

Some 20,000 checks have been issued to date, and there are 45,000 to come. The policemen and school teachers hold the city's checks for \$2,000,000, and there was much scurrying among small tradesmen and friends with bank accounts.

The Wall Street money brokers have been busy buying and selling currency during the present flurry. One firm placed the amount at \$50,000,000.

The release of this amount of currency, it is believed, cannot but have a beneficial effect on the money market. The demand came largely from manufacturers and large commercial houses who have to meet heavy payrolls, and who could not obtain the full amount of cash at their banks.

One concern, a large smelting works in New Jersey, bought \$100,000, paying three and one-quarter per cent. The firm's bank supplied \$80,000 of another \$100,000 needed, and \$20,000 will be paid to employees in checks. The premium ranged during the day from two and three and three-quarter per cent, and closed around three per cent.

"This was one of the heaviest days we have had since the present stringency developed," said a representative of the firm of Polignac, Fiske and Co. "The premium is very attractive to those persons with ready cash, and we are getting many offers of both large and small sums. The demand comes from all classes of individuals and firms all over the country, but mostly in this city and vicinity. The premium may go higher, or it may go lower; it will depend altogether on conditions."

At the office of Mann, Bill & Ware it was stated that the premium had been above three per cent. One man came in during the day who said he had \$40,000 in cash to sell. The offer was at first regarded as a bluff, but a representative of the firm accompanied the lucky individual to a nearby safety deposit vault company, and the man took out the \$40,000 in cash from his box. The money was in packages bound with slips just as it had been received from the bank when the depositor had drawn it out. The \$40,000 was sold in a lump to Mann, Bill & Ware, the seller receiving a certified check payable through the Clearing House in Clearing House funds.

SENATOR HEYBURN COMPLAINS.

Washington, D. C.—Senator Heyburn, of Idaho, contends that the Treasury Department is not handling the monetary relief measure in a proper manner, and that New York is being favored at the expense of the West. He called on the Treasury Department to deposit no more money with New York banks until those institutions shall have said "in currency" the reserves which they hold for the Western banks. The President asked Senator Heyburn to put his request in writing and the Senator did so.

RECEIVERS FOR FOUR CONCERNS

Liability \$10,000,000, Assets Twice That—To Safeguard Property. North Adams, Mass.—The closing of the Arnold Print Works, of this city, and various subsidiary companies, the Williamson Manufacturing Company, of Williamson, Mass.; the North Down Manufacturing Company, of North Down, Vt., and the firm of Gallay & Houghton, of North Adams, in the hands of a receiver, is regarded by business men as the best method of safeguarding the great interests involved and the continuation of the properties, which give employment to about 6000 people.

ALABAMA LEGISLATURE MEETS.

Montgomery, Ala.—The extra session of the Legislature called by Governor Comer to take up the question of further regulating the railroads convened and the Governor's message was read. The Governor says it is only a question whether the State shall control the railroads or the railroads control the State. "The influence of the railroads on politics and policy in Alabama in the past," says the Governor, "is well known, has been great and debauching, and the railroads have not hesitated as to the methods used in carrying out their policies."

SANTA FE FINED \$30,000.

Medium Penalty For Rebating Imposed by Judge Wellbourn. Los Angeles, Cal.—Judge Otto Wellbourn in the United States District Court, fined the Atchafalaya and Santa Fe Railroad \$30,000 for rebating under the Elkins law. The fine was imposed because the railroad had violated the anti-rebate law. The maximum which might have been assessed being \$1,250,000 and the minimum \$25,000. The Court in a written opinion stated that there were sufficient doubts in the law, under the circumstances to preclude a reprimand sentence and yet sufficient instances of wrongdoing shown to make the proper minimum penalty.

ALL NIGHT FRANCHISE PROCEEDINGS.

Chicago Aldermen Vote to Close Company What It Wants. Chicago.—After a continuous session of seventeen hours, the Chicago aldermen passed a measure at midnight closing the Chicago Telephone Company's franchise for twenty years. The ordinance was passed by a vote of 21 to 12. The company must pay to the city semi-annually three per cent of the gross receipts of its telephone business. After thirty months the City Council may change any of the terms of the company contracts and is not maintained by the courts, it shall refund all excessive charges to subscribers, together with five per cent interest.

3400 LOST AT KARTAGH.

Latest Figures Relating to Turkish Earthquake Disaster. St. Petersburg, Russia.—A dispatch received here from Samarkand by the Official Telegraph Agency says that a special representative of a local paper, who was sent to Kartagh, in the Hisar District of Samarkand, which was destroyed by a landslide following the earthquake of October 21, reports that 3400 persons were killed there as a result of the disaster, and that only seventy escaped.

THREE COUPLES DROWNED.

High Officials of Holland and Their Wives Fell Into a Canal. Amsterdam.—Johannus van den Burgh, a Minister of State, and his wife, the Mayor of De Leeuw, and their wives were all drowned when the motor carriage falling into the canal at Hoogkerk during a heavy rain.

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