

PALMETTO HAPPENINGS TOLD IN BRIEFS

Occurrences of Interest Gleaned From All Sections of the Busy Palmetto State

Profits Given on Dispensaries.

Columbia, Special.—There are some interesting figures given in the quarterly report made by Auditor West on the county dispensaries.

Compared with previous quarters the three months ending with September show an increase over the April-June quarter, but a decrease as compared with the first quarter of the year.

Table with columns: County, Sales, Breakage. Lists various counties like Abbeville, Aiken, Bamberg, etc., with their respective sales and breakage figures.

Profits and Percentage.

Table with columns: County, Net Profit, P. C. Lists various counties with their net profit and percentage figures.

Falaga in Newberry.

Newberry, Special.—A case of the new disease, falaga, has developed in Newberry, the victim being an old colored woman, Anna Schumpert.

Bitten by a Mad Dog.

Rock Hill, Special.—Mr. Thomas of the Finley Dairy farm, who was bitten by a mad dog several days ago, has gone to New York to take the Pasteur treatment.

Fire at Ware Shoals.

Ware Shoals, Special.—The home and barn of Mr. A. C. Long were destroyed by fire Sunday night. Evidence points to robbers having set the place on fire.

Mining Machinery.

Gaffney, Special.—Machinery continues to arrive to be used in mining operations in this county. Ten cars for the Flint Hill mine are on the way.

New Enterprises.

Columbia, Special.—The secretary of state issued a commission to the Darlington Land and Development Co. The capital is \$5,000 and the petitioners are A. C. Kollock and W. D. Cegesshall.

Presbyterians Meet in Sumter.

Sumter, Special.—After the opening exercises of the synod the conference at the first session of 1908. Rev. Henry Alexander White, D. D., of Columbia Theological seminary was elected moderator.

The session of the morning was opened with devotional exercises conducted by Rev. Alex. Martin of Rock Hill.

The following standing committees were announced by the moderator: Devotional exercises—Rev. J. P. Marion, Rev. G. G. Mayes, Rev. H. A. Knox, D. J. Winn, B. F. Wilson.

Billings and Overtures—Rev. B. P. Reid, Rev. S. C. Byrd, Rev. Chalmers Fraser, Rev. James McDowell, Rev. M. R. Kirkpatrick, Rev. G. A. Blackburn, Rev. J. G. Law, J. C. Snott, J. W. Cunningham, W. B. Walleit.

Judicial Business—Rev. W. J. McKay, Rev. W. T. Hall, Rev. W. S. Bean, Rev. J. G. Richards, Rev. S. C. Caldwell, G. W. Taylor, H. W. Brice, A. W. Leland.

Home Missions—Rev. Alex. Sprunt, Rev. Alex. Martin, Rev. J. A. Wilson, Rev. A. C. Bridgeman, Rev. T. D. Cartledge, Rev. Lowry Davis, Jas. S. White, George W. Hills, M. P. Nash.

The Narrative—Rev. S. M. Smith, Rev. J. M. Holladay, Rev. W. H. McMan, Rev. A. G. Buckner, Rev. W. P. Jacobs, W. E. Wilds, R. T. Gillespie.

Theological Seminary—Rev. E. E. Gillespie, Rev. J. K. G. Fraser, Rev. W. H. Mills, Rev. J. C. Rowan, Rev. R. T. Gillespie, Jr., Rev. D. W. Richardson, A. E. Spencer, W. A. Templeton, A. A. Moore.

Finance—S. E. Welch, L. T. Wilds, G. H. O'Leary. Minutes of General Assembly—Rev. Robert Adams, Rev. W. M. McPeeters, Rev. D. M. McIver, Rev. A. E. Spencer, Rev. R. E. Henderlite, D. R. Coleman, W. L. Boyd, A. P. Johnston.

Leave of Absence—Rev. A. H. McArm, Rev. J. P. Stevenson, Rev. G. R. Ratchford, Rev. J. K. Coit, J. C. Foster, W. E. Saunders.

Presbyterial Records—Bethel: Rev. F. A. Drennan, Rev. A. S. Donk, Rev. T. P. Burgess, J. W. Reed, Charleston: Rev. B. McLeod, Rev. F. W. Gregg, Rev. P. H. Moore, J. F. Lemmon; Enoree: Rev. H. B. Arrowood, Rev. S. H. Hay, W. B. Flanagan, Rev. Harmon, Rev. J. T. Denny, Rev. D. M. Fulton, Rev. V. G. Smith, W. B. Robinson; Pee Dee: Rev. J. K. Hall, Rev. D. S. Lander, Rev. C. F. Rankin, Rev. E. Moore; South Carolina: Rev. W. A. Hafner, Rev. C. F. Parker, Rev. P. S. McClesney, L. B. Williams.

The narratives and statistical reports of presbyteries were read and referred.

"Campfire Bill" Granted New Trial.

Sumter, Special.—Judge Watts on motion of L. D. Jennings, Esq., of the Sumter bar, issued an order granting a new trial to Jack McComer, alias "Campfire Bill," the colored man now serving a life sentence in the penitentiary for the murder of Mr. Ted Gaillard at Manning about two years ago just as Cole Brothers' circus was leaving the depot.

Conductor Campbell Killed.

Greenville, Special.—Henry Campbell, conductor on freight train on the C. & G. division of the Southern, fell off his train at Piedmont last week and the engine passed over his body, killing him almost instantly.

Steel Bridge Over Great Pee Dee.

Cheraw, Special.—The town of Cheraw has contracted with the Joliet Bridge & Iron Company, the lowest bidder, to erect a steel suspension bridge over the Great Pee Dee river in place of the one washed away by the recent flood. It will cost \$20,000. It may be completed by February 15.

Child Fatally Burned.

Newberry, Special.—Maggie, the five-year-old daughter of Mr. and Mrs. J. F. Lominick, who reside in Caldwell township, about six miles from the city, was fatally burned on Friday last, dying a few hours after the accident happened. The little child's clothing caught fire from a fire in the yard, where she was playing, and before help could reach her she was so terribly burned that she never rallied from the shock.

Contract For Steel Bridge.

Newberry, Special.—The supervisors of Newberry and Saluda counties have awarded the contract for building a steel bridge over Saluda river at Chappells to take the place of the structure washed away by the late flood. The contract has been awarded to the Southern Bridge Company, of Birmingham, Ala., at the price of \$2,375. The work is to be completed by January 1, 1909.

THE STATE'S SCHOOLS

By PROF. WILLIAM H. HARRIS, of South Carolina.

The Course of Study.—There is a small but turbulent class of otherwise writers who periodically belabor the public schools. In their nightmares they see thousands of tender children murdered or maimed in the public schools, and give vociferous utterance to so much wild nonsense that they have but one effect—making people refuse to heed them even when they point out some real defect.

The building of a well-balanced course of study is the work of an expert. Comparatively few teachers lay claim to that stage of fitness. Yet each teacher, or at least each principal, experienced or inexperienced, sets about to make his own course.

PROMINENT PEOPLE.

Hamilton Fish retained as Assistant Treasurer of the United States at New York.

Frank P. Sargent, Commissioner General of Immigration, died in Washington, D. C.

A routing reception was given to Cardinal Gibbons on his arrival in Baltimore from Rome.

The Rev. Dr. Alexander Mann, of Boston, declined the office of Protestant Episcopal Bishop of Washington, D. C., to which he was recently elected.

Denman Thompson is seventy-five years old. He created the character of Uncle Jowls in "The Old Homestead" thirty-three years ago, and since that time has played no other part.

Dr. S. Weir Mitchell, of Philadelphia, has been elected a foreign Fellow of the Royal Society of England, the oldest and most distinguished scientific society in the English-speaking world.

The Rev. Francis J. McConnell, pastor of the New York Avenue Methodist Episcopal Church, of Brooklyn, has accepted the Presidency of De Pauw University, at Greencastle, Ind.

The Rev. John P. Peters in a sermon at the Cathedral of St. John the Divine, New York City, declared labor unions, next to the public schools, were the greatest force in educating the masses.

Rear-Admiral Evans in a magazine article asserted that President Roosevelt told him the Atlantic fleet would circle the globe—a statement which Mr. Loeb, the President's Secretary, promptly denied at the time.

The father of President Castro, of Venezuela, is still living in the Andes at the age of eighty-four and has living twenty-five sons and thirty-four daughters, by six successive wives. The youngest child is four years old.

NEWSY GLEANINGS.

A great exodus of American tourists from London has started.

The opening of the historical congress in Saragossa, Spain, was delayed by floods.

The report of the Kansas City Southern railway showed a surplus of more than three millions.

By the calling out of more union men in the paper mills the press of the country is threatened with a shortage.

Roman Catholic notables were present at the cornerstone ceremony of a new \$2,000,000 cathedral in St. Louis.

Captain Joseph T. Brown, of Birney, Mont., Democratic candidate for Presidential elector, died in a St. Louis hospital.

Herren Hackstetter and Schneider were rescued from the balloon "Sea," which fell into the North Sea, and were landed at Hull, England.

KILLS BRIDEGROOM ON WEDDING TRIP

Rejected Suitor Shoots His Successful Rival

Widowed Wife of an Hour Defends Herself Until Uncle Thrusts His Thumb Under Pistol Hammer—Professor Van Ingen Killed.

Flaquemine, La.—Three years ago Miss Mamie Rhorer, daughter of an ex-Mayor of Alexandria, flitted Frank S. Beauvre after having promised to become his wife.

While the girl and her husband of three hours were speeding on a train to New Orleans for their honeymoon, the rejected suitor entered the car, congratulated the bride upon her marriage, then drew a pistol and shot the bridegroom dead across her lap.

The man whom Beauvre slew was F. F. Van Ingen, one of the wealthiest young planters of the state.

Beauvre had turned the gun from Van Ingen and was about to slay the bride when passengers overpowered him.

The wedding occurred at Alexandria and was the society event of the season.

The girl told Beauvre that she rejected him for Van Ingen because she not only loved the latter more, but also because he had no "Creole-Spanish" blood in his veins.

He was in town, but did not attend the ceremony. A crowd of friends saw the couple off for New Orleans, but they did not see Beauvre clamber aboard the train.

After the evening Beauvre went into the coach where the bride and groom sat. He took the seat opposite, and leaning across the aisle, said:

"Congratulations to you both."

"Thank you," said the bride, with a smile. "We are very happy."

As she spoke she turned to her husband and laid her arm across his shoulders.

"This is too much!" cried Beauvre, and pulling the revolver from his pocket, shot Van Ingen through the head.

Next he tried to murder the young widow, who saved herself by a plucky fight until her uncle thrust his thumb under the hammer of Beauvre's pistol and seized the slayer.

Van Ingen's head fell into the lap of his bride-widow, and he expired within a few minutes.

Beauvre declared that he only regretted that he could not send the "lucky woman" to join her dead husband.

Mrs. Van Ingen, the bride, followed her husband's slayer from the train, and was only prevented from attacking him by passengers and police officers.

DETECTIVE SHOT FOR BURGLAR.

Killed by Mistake While Looking For Housebreakers.

Pittsburg.—Mistaking each other for highwaymen two Pittsburg detectives opened fire on each other on the North Side. James Farrell fell dead with five bullets in his body and with his gun still smoking.

Clyde Edeburn, who had killed the man whom he thought was a murderer, was the slayer of a burglar, and a bullet hole through his own clothes, struck a match to search the body and was horrified to find by his badge that the dead man was a detective.

Edeburn and Farrell did not know each other. One had been a detective in the city of Allegheny before it became merged with Pittsburg, the other was one of the main city sleuths.

BOY DID THE ROBBING.

Old Man Covered Kansas City Railroad Train With Guns.

Kansas City.—A man fifty years old, followed by a boy of fourteen years, pushed open the rear door of the caboose of a Frisco freight train.

"Hands up," one said as two pistols were pointed at Elmer G. Butcher, the conductor, and William M. Smith, a brakeman. The trainmen obeyed.

"Now, sonny, go through them," the older man said to the boy. While the robber kept the railroad men covered with his pistols the boy went through their pockets and took \$22.50 and their watches.

The robbers tied the two trainmen with ropes and left the train as it neared Kansas City.

TWO KILLED IN CIRCUS DUEL

Cowboy and Police Captain Shot Each Other at Gulfport, Miss.

The Shots Sounded Like One and the Men Fell Dead Side by Side in the Ring.

Mobile, Ala.—Two men shot each other dead in the circus ring of the Miller Brothers' "101 Ranch" Wild West Show in Gulfport, Miss., and a riot followed that would have resulted in many more fatalities if the Mayor had not rushed a large body of policemen and constables to the spot.

One of the duellists was Lon Seely, a cowboy belonging to the show. The other was Lee Varnado, captain of police.

Varnado lost his life because he declined to decline a challenge to fight to the death from Seely after striking a club out of the cowboy's hand in time to save a tentman.

Both men were killed instantly. Seely's bullet entered Varnado's mouth and came out at the back of the captain's head. The policeman's shot went through the cowboy's eye and traversed the brain.

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MAJOR ROBINSON A SUICIDE.

Mobile Politician Was Considered Next in Line For Governor.

Mobile, Ala.—Major Edward Murphy Robinson, thirty-five years old, an influential politician, a speaker of national note and next in the line of the Governorship of Alabama, committed suicide by shooting while his family were at dinner in their home.

Major Robinson excused himself after soup was served, and slipped into the library adjoining, blew out his brains. He married the daughter of P. D. Barker, postmaster of Mobile, two years ago, and his wife and one child survive him.

JOKE CAUSES INDICTMENT.

New Yorker Gives a Woman a Bad Coin For Fun.

Detroit.—Lucian T. F. Tall, auditor of the New Amsterdam Gas Company, of New York, was indicted by the Federal Grand Jury here on the charge of passing counterfeit money.

Tall brought with him when he came to Detroit for a vacation this summer a lot of counterfeit coins taken out of the gas company's slot machine meters in New York and gave some of them as a joke to a woman whom he met here.

His act came to the knowledge of a Secret Service agent and he was arrested.

PARAVEL FALLS 6000 FEET UNHURT.

The Paravel dirigible balloon met with an accident at a height of 6000 feet near Berlin, Germany, as a result of which it became unmanageable and dropped rapidly down to the earth.

Major Paravel and his assistant succeeded in making a safe landing. The accident consisted in the bursting of the compartment forming the tail of the airship.

Austrian Reservist Called Home.

Frederick Kerney, a graduate of the University of Wisconsin, has been studying mechanical engineering at Cornell University, Ithaca, N. Y., went back to Austria in response to a call to join the Army Reserve Corps, to which he is attached.

Porte's Protest Stands.

Constantinople.—Kiamil Pachá declared that no Turkish Minister would ever consent to withdraw the Porte's protest against the annexation of Bosnia and Herzegovina by Austria.

INVENTORS SHOW MORE ACTIVITY.

58,527 Applications For Mechanical Patents Made This Year.

Washington, D. C.—Inventors of every class in this country exhibited greater activity in 1908 than in the year preceding. Edward Bruce Moore, Commissioner of Patents, outlines the work of this department as follows: 58,527 applications for mechanical patents, 207 applications for designs, 207 applications for designs, 2038 caveats.

He reports a falling off in the registration of trade marks; 7487 applications for registration of trade marks, 619 applications for labels and 339 applications for registration of prints were filed, and of these there were registered 6135 trade marks.

LATEST NEWS

BY WIRE.

Two Babies Die in Fire.

Howell, Mich.—Two children are dead and the mother and another child were fatally injured as a result of a fire in a farmhouse near Oak Grove. The dead the Alverta Rice, aged two months, and Donna Rice, aged two and a half years.

Dies to Save Dog.

Sandusky, Ohio.—Captain John Robinson, of the barge cutter, was killed at Kelley Island. The boat was docking when a pat dog fell overboard. Captain Robinson jumped into the water to save the dog and was caught between the vessel and dock. He was crushed so badly he died on the way to the hospital here.

Tillman Family Reunion.

Augusta, Ga.—Senator Tillman arrived at his home in Trenton, S. C. The day was celebrated by a family reunion, all of the Tillman family from various parts of the State being present.

The Chester's Final Trip.

Washington, D. C.—The scout cruiser Chester, and to be the fastest naval vessel above 1500 tons displacement afloat, has completed her final acceptance trial. She maintained a speed of twenty-three knots for twelve hours and 26.1 knot for four hours.

Woman With \$2000 Lost.

Chicago.—The police were requested to search for Mrs. George Williams, who, with \$2000, left Milwaukee, Wis., a week ago, to visit her daughter, Mrs. Charles Anderson, at Aurora, Ill., and has not been seen since. Mrs. Williams is seventy-four years old.

Demand For Cars Grows.

Chicago.—The fortnightly report of the car efficiency committee showed a further decrease of 18,756 in the number of surplus cars, which brings the total down to 115,036. The principal part of this decrease is in coal and gondola cars.

Forbids State Court to Act.

Kansas City, Mo.—Federal Judge Smita McPherson made permanent his injunction granted in June last year forbidding the Probate Court of Buchanan County, Missouri, from declaring Mrs. Mary T. Burns insane. She is heir to \$1,000,000 of the Burns estate at St. Joseph, valued at several million dollars.

Official Killed by Trolley.

Newport, R. I.—Dr. Truman Burdick, of the Newport Hospital, of which institution he was director of injuries received when he was struck by an electric car, his skull being fractured.

The Original Stage Topsy Dead.

Boston, Mass.—Mrs. George C. Howard, formerly Caroline F. Fox, a well known actress some years ago, died in Cambridge. Mrs. Howard was born in Boston in 1829. She first appeared on the stage in juvenile parts at the old Tremont Theatre with Edwin Forster, Charles and Fanny Kemble, J. P. Sousa and other stars of that period. Miss Fox married George C. Howard in 1844. He was an actor and manager, and was the first to produce the accepted version of "Uncle Tom's Cabin," and Mrs. Howard appeared in the original cast on the first night of its production as Topsy at Troy on September 27, 1852.

Mrs. James B. McCreey Dead.

Richmond, Ky.—Mrs. James B. McCreey, wife of the senator, died at her home here after a long illness.

BY CABLE.

Americans at Nodan's Funeral.

Osaka, Japan.—The funeral of General Count Mitsuura Nodan occurred when full military services were carried out on Aoyama parade ground. The military escort which followed the body to the guard of honor which marched beside the coffin, consisted of a flag-drawn gun carriage, headed by Admiral Toigo, Rear Admiral of Japan; Marquis Ito and twelve other Admirals and Generals. Admiral Sperry, commander of the American fleet, attended the funeral.

King's Messenger Dead.

London.—Lieutenant Arthur Jeremy Moutney Jephson, who had been the King's Messenger since 1901, and prior to that the Queen's Messenger since 1893, is dead.

Big Airship Race in 1909.

Paris.—The Aero Club of France has decided to organize a big aeroplane meeting in the autumn of 1909 when the Grand Prix d'Aviation of \$2000 will be competed for.

Red Daniels Burke Tabled.

Saint Francisco.—Whitney Field, the American Ambassador, presented a tablet in this city in memory of Edmund Burke, the celebrated English statesman and orator.

Independence For Cuba.

Havana.—Cuban conservatives have issued a manifesto demanding that their draft aim to see Cuba as a free independent.

Member of Parliament Hanged.

London.—The man of William James Abner, Social Democratic Member of the House of Parliament, charged with a breach of peace by making a speech in which he advised the unemployed to "rush the baker's shop rather than starve, same up to the door of the police station, there was ordered by the magistrates to be hanged for his good behavior.

Count Zepplin's Flight.

Berlin.—Count Zepplin's celebrated airship made a successful flight with ten passengers aboard.