

**SANDERS ANSWERS CHARGE.**

Hints at "Frame" to Remove Him as Penitentiary Head.

Branding the charges of the South Carolina board of public welfare that discipline at the state penitentiary "is largely based on the personal likes and dislikes of the captain of the guard" as "absurd as it is false," Colonel A. K. Sanders, superintendent of the prison, today issued a lengthy reply to the allegations made by the board in its recent report on an investigation of prison conditions.

Colonel Sanders declares that, so far as he knows, there has not been a single instance of brutality or inhumanity to prisoners during his six years' incumbency of the superintendent's position. The evidence on which the charge of the welfare board was founded was obtained, his statement says, by what he characterizes as a "star chamber investigation" at which convicts, "some of the worst and most dangerous men in the penitentiary," were called as witnesses, while he, and other officials, were denied admittance, despite his request for permission to be present.

**Not Ideal.**

Regarding sanitary and housing conditions which the board criticized, the statement says, Colonel Sanders admits that conditions are not ideal, but he maintains they are the best that can be attained with the finances available to the authorities of the institution, and he points to a number of recommendations he has made to the legislature that improvements be made.

Referring to the attack made by the board on the question of the manner in which the prison riot of last summer was handled, with the fatal wounding of one convict and the wounding less seriously of a dozen or more others, Colonel Sanders declared that, after several months re-

flection, he would not do otherwise under similar circumstances.

**Fired in Rush.**

"The board of public welfare," the statement read, "seems to think that the officers were too hasty in firing when they did. They did not fire until the rush started on them by the prisoners, who were armed with iron rods, sticks, hammers, knives, etc."

"They did what any other set of men would do in the circumstances," Colonel Sanders' statement takes up the criticisms of the board and replies to them in detail.

**"Unfair and Unjust."**

At the beginning, the declaration is made that the report of the board was "unfair and unjust" in some particulars.

In conclusion the statement says: "I don't think it will take the stretch of imagination to tell what might be behind the report. I will say in conclusion that I am a candidate for re-election, and am making the race strictly on my record, and on it I am willing to stand or fall."

**Accidentally Killed.**

Laurens, Dec. 16.—Houston Estes, aged 17 years, oldest son of Clarence Estes, residents of the Narnie section of the county, was accidentally shot and killed this afternoon while hunting with his younger brother, Jack Estes, and one or two negro boys. Sheriff Reid, who went to Estes' home, returned tonight and reports that Jack Estes stated that he was in the act of giving one of the negro boys one of his squirrels when the gun he had was accidentally discharged, the entire charge of shot taking effect in his brother's breast, causing almost instant death.

**Shot While in Church.**

Columbia, Dec. 17.—Harris Abner, a negro, was shot and fatally wounded in a negro church on Laurel street, this city, tonight by Policeman A. E. Younginer, who was trying to place him under arrest for shooting a negro youth in front of the church. Abner, after shooting the negro ran into the church and took a seat. When the patrolman entered the church Abner made a dash for the door. Members of the congregation assisted the patrolman in halting him but in the scuffle he took the patrolman's billy from him and was in the act of striking the officer when the latter fired. Abner died en route to a hospital. The negro shot by Abner, is not seriously injured.

**No Christmas Pardons.**

Columbia, Dec. 16.—There will be no list of "Christmas pardons" this year, Governor Harvey announced today. Nor will there be any paroles issued to permit prisoners in the Penitentiary to spend Christmas Day with their families, he stated.

Outlining his attitude in regard to the treatment of prisoners, the following statement was issued from the office of the Chief Executive today: "The Governor stands for absolute humanness in the handling of the prisoners, but he believes in punishment where there are offenders, just as children have to be punished if they violate the rules of home life. He stands for giving the prisoners every reasonable consideration looking to their having the necessities of life, but he regards the Penitentiary as a place for punishment, and the verdict of the courts looking to the men being placed there for a special time should be carried out, with only such exceptions as are potentially proper and right. In order that there should be no misunderstanding of the situation the Governor is making this announcement in advance."

**Cantey School Honor Roll November.**

Distinguished — Harriet Lorick, Henry Banks, Alma Smyrl.  
Honorable Mention—Eugene Gladden, Earnest Banks, Henry Gladden, Charles Lorick, Isabelle Lorick, Elvin Mathew, Annie Belle Rabon, Lloyd Smyrl.

**BUY CHRISTMAS SEALS.**

Christmas Day Ends the Sale for Little Health Bonds.

This state as a whole came very near the bottom of the list in the per capita record of Christmas bonds and seals sold last year. Only one seal was sold for every person in the state and yet the death rate from tuberculosis in South Carolina is very high, 1,835 deaths resulting from this disease last year. Surveys recently made show that there are 8 to 10 cases of tuberculosis to every death from that disease. It is also estimated that each death means an economic loss of \$5,000 to South Carolina.

Although New York has the highest death rate from tuberculosis, this state also had the highest per capita record for the sale of Christmas seals. The record last year was 7.4 seals to every person.

In this state Richland County had the largest number of seals bought to its credit last year. Greenville, Chester and Laurens counties came next in order.

The largest number of deaths from tuberculosis reported from any one county in the state last year was 178 from Greenville County, which included the figures from the Government Hospital. Charleston came second with 170 deaths reported. Richland County had 84 deaths excluding those from State Institutions.

The funds secured from the sale of Christmas bonds and seals furnish the means for the fight against tuberculosis, except for the legislative appropriation for about 150 beds in the State. The sale this year is going better than last and encouraging reports are coming into the state tuberculosis headquarters from all over the state.

Christmas Day ends the Christmas seal and bond sale. It is hoped that a special effort will be put forth these last few days and that the little Christmas seal will have reached every nook and corner of the state by Christmas morning.

**Hammer Lost for 67 years.**

A dispatch from Due West, S. C., says: While covering and repairing an old house belonging to W. N. McAdams, a farmer, carpenters recently recovered a hammer that was lost when the house was being built in 1855.

Mr. McAdams, then a boy of four years, is the only person living of those present when the original work was done, and he declared today that he remembered distinctly the circumstances connected with the losing of the hammer. When the work was completed on the house it was found that one of the carpenters had lost a hammer, and diligent search was made about the premises, but without result.

The carpenter who lost the hammer accused one of the negro helpers of having stolen the article, which had fallen down between the walls, and had lodged there. It was in good condition despite its stay of nearly three-quarters of a century in one place.

**Halls-Mills Case Cost \$100,000.**

New Brunswick, N. J., Dec. 13.—Newspapers are estimated to have spent more than \$100,000 in maintaining about eighty reporters and feature writers here during the three months investigation into the murder of the Rev. Edward Wheeler Hall and his choir singer, Mrs. Eleanor R. Mills.

A newspaper here has compiled a list from figures submitted by hotels, restaurants, taxicab companies, and other agencies. The foregoing amount is exclusive of telegraph and telephone expenditures.

Telegraph offices in this city estimate the hotel number of words on the murder sent over the wires at more than a million.

**Married Fifty Years.**

The many friends of Mr. and Mrs. L. M. Crosswell will be interested to know that December 8 was the 50th anniversary of their wedding. They spent it quietly at their home on Calhoun street, with no celebration on account of illness in the family.

Mr. and Mrs. Crosswell were married at the home of Mrs. Crosswell's uncle, Capt. J. W. Stucky by the Rev. S. A. Weber on December 8th, 1872.

All the children and grand children visited at the home during the day. The children are: John W. and Joe Y. Crosswell of Timmonsville, Elizabeth A. Mathis Crosswell, James R. Crosswell of Bishopville. The grand-children are: Mary Jane, Williams Crosswell, children of James R. Crosswell, Marion Crosswell, son of John W. Crosswell.

In their fifty years of married life only twice has the sting of death been felt. On October 22, 1918, Harry, their son, passed to his reward, and during the same year their grand son, Harry McCutchen, son of James R. Crosswell, also died. Bishopville, N. C.

Columbia police officers captured Willie Washington, colored, an escaped convict from the Richland county chaingang Monday night. They found a roomful of clothing, jewelry, watches, pistols, etc. Washington had two more years to serve on the gang.

Persons in Spartanburg county are going into the fruit business strong. Fifty thousand Elberta peach trees have been planted this year. Before the winter is over, it is said, Spartanburg county will have 500 acres in peach trees.

**MASTER'S SALE.**

State of South Carolina, County of Kershaw, (Court of Common Pleas.)

H. L. Schlosburg, Plaintiff, against W. N. Cameron and Loan and Savings Bank, Defendants.

Under an order of His Honor, T. J. Mauldin, Presiding Judge in the Fifth Judicial Circuit, dated November 14, 1922, I will sell to the highest bidder at public auction for cash before the Kershaw County Court House door, in Camden, in said State, during the legal hours of sale on the first Monday, being the first day of January, 1923, the following described real estate:

All that piece, parcel or tract of land, situate, lying and being in the State of South Carolina and County of Kershaw, about five miles east of the City of Camden, being on the waters of Jacob's Branch, containing forty (40) acres, more or less, and bounded on the North by lands of Zack Collins, East by lands of George T. Little, formerly of Adams; on the South by lands of Brasington, formerly of Sheorn; the above described tract of land is the same conveyed to W. N. Cameron by deed of date November 18th, 1919, by J. P. Hastie.

Also all that tract of land in Kershaw County, State aforesaid, known as the Elizabeth Dixon place, containing forty-two acres, more or less, bounded as follows: On the North by Swift Creek; East and South by lands formerly of T. P. Sanders, now of Bond; and on the West by lands of Daniel Baker. The said tract of land is the same conveyed to W. N. Cameron by deed of I. Charles Emmanuel, of date April 7th, 1915, which deed is of record in the office of the C. C. C. P. for Kershaw County in Book A. M. page 352.

Anyone desiring to bid at said sale shall first deposit with the Master, a certified check or cash for the sum of one hundred (\$100.00) as an evidence of good faith, which deposit will be returned to the unsuccessful bidder at the conclusion of said sale.

**MASTER'S SALE.**

State of South Carolina, County of Kershaw, (Court of Common Pleas.)

The Bank of Camden, a corporation organized and existing under the

laws of the State of South Carolina, Plaintiff,

vs. G. C. Bruce, Loan and Savings Bank of Camden, S. C., C. L. McCaskill, R. H. Pittman, C. F. Sowell, T. K. Trotter, J. W. Sanders, and Camden and Kershaw County Chamber of Commerce, Defendants.

Under an order of His Honor, W. H. Townsend, Presiding Judge in the Fifth Judicial Circuit, I will sell to the highest bidder at public auction for cash before the Kershaw County Court House door in Camden, in said State, during the legal hours of sale on the first Monday, being the first day of January, 1923, the following described real estate:

All that lot or parcel of land in the State of South Carolina, County of Kershaw, within the corporate limits of the City of Camden on the Southeast corner of Broad and DeKalb Streets, fronting on Broad Street thirty-three (33) feet and running back with DeKalb Street to the lot sold by Elizabeth B. Watkins to Isaac B. English on February 24th, 1911, and being the same property which was conveyed to Elizabeth B. Watkins by John Ashe Heywood by deed dated March 21st, 1899, after deducting therefrom the lot on DeKalb Street above referred to as having been conveyed by Elizabeth B. Watkins to Isaac B. English. The lot to be sold has a two story brick store house thereon and is bounded on the North by DeKalb Street; on the East by store house and lot of Isaac B. English; on the South by store house and lot now or formerly belonging to H. L. Watkins, and on the West by Broad Street.

Anyone desiring to bid at said sale shall first deposit with the Master, a certified check or cash for the sum of five hundred (\$500.00) dollars, as an evidence of good faith, which deposit will be returned to the unsuccessful bidder at the close of said sale.

B. B. CLARKE, Master for Kershaw County. December 11, 1922.

**TAX NOTICE.**

Office of Treasurer Kershaw County, Camden, S. C., Sept. 22, 1922.

Notice is hereby given that the books will be opened for the collection of State, County and School taxes from October 15th, 1922, to March 15th, 1923. A penalty of 1 per cent will be added to all taxes unpaid January 1st, 1923, 2 per cent February 1st, 1923, and 7 per cent March 15th, 1923. The rate per centum for Kershaw county is as follows:

	Mills.
State Taxes	7 1-2
Good Roads	2
County Taxes	9 3-4
Hospital	1-4
School Taxes	3

DeKalb Township Road Bonds for DeKalb Township only 2 1-2

Total	28 1-2
Dog Tax \$1.25. All dog owners are required to make a return of their dogs to the County Treasurer, who is required to furnish a license tag. All dogs caught without the license tag owners will be subject to a fine of Twenty (\$20.00) Dollars.	
The following School Districts have special levies:	
School District No. 1	1
School District No. 2	1
School District No. 3	1
School District No. 4	1
School District No. 5	1
School District No. 6	1
School District No. 7	1
School District No. 8	1
School District No. 9	1
School District No. 10	1
School District No. 11	1
School District No. 12	1
School District No. 13	1
School District No. 14	1
School District No. 15	1
School District No. 16	1
School District No. 17	1
School District No. 18	1
School District No. 19	1
School District No. 20	1
School District No. 21	1
School District No. 22	1
School District No. 23	1
School District No. 24	1
School District No. 25	1
School District No. 26	1
School District No. 27	1
School District No. 28	1
School District No. 29	1
School District No. 30	1
School District No. 31	1
School District No. 32	1
School District No. 33	1
School District No. 34	1
School District No. 35	1
School District No. 36	1
School District No. 37	1
School District No. 38	1
School District No. 39	1
School District No. 40	1
School District No. 41	1
School District No. 42	1
School District No. 43	1
School District No. 44	1
School District No. 45	1
School District No. 46	1
School District No. 47	1

The poll tax is \$1.00. All ablebodied male persons from the age of twenty-one (21) to sixty (60) years, both inclusive, except residents in incorporated towns of the county less than 2,500 inhabitants, shall pay \$4.00 as a road tax except ministers of the gospel actually in charge of a congregation, teachers employed in public schools, school trustees, and persons permanently disabled in the military service of this State and persons who served in the war between the States, and all persons actually employed in the quarantine service of this state and all residents who may be attending school or college at the time when said road tax shall become due. Persons claiming disabilities must present certificate from two reputable physicians of this county. All information with reference to taxes will be furnished upon application. D. M. McCASKILL, County Treasurer.

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