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LIVE STOCK KILLED IN THURSDAY'S STORM

R. L. Creech and J. O. Sanders Lost Valuable Horses and Hogs.

The storm that passed over this section Thursday night proved very disastrous for several farmers, two of whom lost some valuable live stock, while the third lost the contents of his barn, consisting of hay, etc.

Mr. R. L. Creech, who lives a few miles from Barnwell, was perhaps the heaviest loser. A bolt of lightning, which struck his stable, killed a horse, for which he had paid \$270, and seven fine hogs, which he valued at \$10 each. Mr. Creech is a hard working young man and the loss falls heavily upon him.

Mr. J. O. Sanders also had a valuable horse killed. The horse had been driven by a son of Mr. Sanders to the house of Mr. F. L. Still. It was hitched near a wire fence and it is thought that the bolt hit a tree some distance away, ran down the fence and killed the horse. It was valued at \$250 and was a county raised animal.

The loss of Mr. Henry McDonald, of Williston, is told in another article in this week's issue.

LIGHTNING STRUCK BARN AT WILLISTON

Henry McDonald Lost Hay and Corn but Saved His Mules.

Williston, August 2.—The cry of the farmers for rain has been answered by copious showers during the past few days, with the result that the crop prospects are the best for several years. Some of the storms have shown a marked electrical intensity, and during the storm of last night a bolt of lightning struck the barn of Henry McDonald on the northern edge of town, completely destroying its contents of hay and corn. He succeeded in removing his mules, although one of them was so stunned by the shock that it was with difficulty that it could be persuaded to rise to its feet and be gotten out of the building.

Negro Killed by Lightning

According to information received here Monday, Ben Robinson, a negro, was killed by a bolt of lightning during the thunderstorm that passed over Blackville Sunday afternoon. He was standing under a tree.

CORN AT BRUNSON IS DAMAGED BY DROUGHT

A Number of Acres Seriously Damaged. Good Prices for Melons.

Brunson, Aug. 2.—The few good showings for days are not doing much to show what the benefit of the recent heavy showers season in this section.

Very many acres of corn are seriously damaged from drought. But better pulling is getting fairly under way. The watermelon crop here has proved bonanzas to many who planted for market. A very reliable planter reports thirty cars of melons from forty acres of land with several more to be gathered. Sales for here average \$125 to \$150 the carload. Another planter reports one carload of ordinary melons as to size and quality sold today for \$200. A planter in the lower part of this county Hampton has 200 acres of very fine melons just coming into market age and size.

A revival meeting of much interest is in progress this week at the Beech Branch Baptist Church of this community. This church is second in point of seniority in this part of the state. The pastor, Rev. J. H. Edwards, is ably aided by Rev. Mr. Jones, of Bennettsville, an able and eloquent preacher whose sermons are splendid, and greatly enjoyed.

Rain Helped Hilda Crops.

Special to The People.

Hilda, August 3.—The heaviest rain of the season fell here Sunday afternoon and the crops are now the most promising that this section has ever seen.

Mr. J. B. Browning, of Govan, spent Sunday of last week here with his many friends.

Mr. and Mrs. Arthur Hiers spent Saturday here with Mr. and Mrs. J. B. Grubbs.

Mr. E. N. Still was in town Saturday. Mr. and Mrs. W. B. Cave, of Olar, are in town today on business.

Mrs. F. V. Nix is visiting relatives here this week.

Miss Nora Eubanks, of Augusta, is visiting Mr. and Mrs. McD. Eubanks this week.

Mr. T. O. Davis, of Snelling, was in town Monday.

NEGRO MAN ATTACKED WHITE LADY AT ULMER

Jerry Franklin in Jail Charged With Assault and Battery.

Jerry Franklin, a negro, was arrested by Sheriff J. B. Morris Saturday afternoon and lodged in the county jail on the charge of assault and battery of a high and aggravated nature. The alleged attack was made Thursday afternoon on Mrs. Hattie Harrison, wife of Mr. R. W. Harrison, who lives near Ulmer. According to the best information obtainable, Mrs. Harrison, acting for her husband, who has been confined to his bed for some time with fever, ordered the negro to assist in unloading some ice. This, it is said, the negro refused to do, becoming abusive in his language and finally attacking Mrs. Harrison. Mrs. Harrison was in town Monday and showed a bruise on her arm which she said was made by Franklin. She said that there were also bruises on her body. It is understood that the negro has waived a preliminary hearing.

PRES. CALHOUN PRAISES TREAS. McADOO'S PLAN

Says South Will Be Greatly Benefited by Money Distribution.

Col. Harry D. Calhoun, president of the Home Bank of Barnwell, has given out the following interview in regard to the distribution by the treasury department of the \$20,000,000 of government funds in the national banks of the South and West to facilitate marketing and improvement of the crops in those districts.

One of the greatest states that has been done by these funds is in the Democratic party, which they have had charge of the affairs of the government was Secretary of the Treasury, Mr. McAdoo's willingness to accept the proposal of the National Bank of the South and West to have \$10,000,000 million dollars to move the crops that are rapidly maturing. This will help the State banks, as the State banks are almost entirely dependent upon the National Bank, and what ever helps them naturally helps us.

I note also that Mr. McAdoo in his wisdom will accept prime commercial paper of the county and State banks, at 60 to 70 cents as security for the money, and the National Bank will loan to the State banks at an interest rate of 10 per cent. This is a very liberal policy, and it is to be hoped that the National Bank will continue to do this.

AIKEN COUNTY IS RICH

No Debts and No Bonds and \$42,530 to the Good Tax Levy

A lady subscriber, who is interested in the re-establishment of the dispensary in Barnwell County, has requested The People to publish the following dispatch from Aiken, which appeared in the Charleston News and Courier last year.

Aiken, July 9.—Special: Chief Commissioner Jesse Green has just received a letter from the supervisor of Greenwood County, the answer of which will show what a splendid condition the finances of this county are in. It seems that the financial condition of Greenwood County will require it to float a bond issue of \$110,000 to pay all past and bonded indebtedness of that county. The supervisor asked the question what is the present indebtedness and bonded indebtedness of this county. He replied that Aiken County had no debts, or either bonds out; that she had been on a cash basis for the past ten or twelve years, and the settlement with the Comptroller General, which has just been made shows a cash on hand to the extent of \$42,530.93.

This is a remarkable showing for this county, due in part to the wise management of the county affairs. The tax levy is only 2-1-2 mills, one of the lowest in the State. But the dispensary brings in a big amount of money.

This amount does not include the school fund. The schools of the county have a cash balance of over \$50,000.

Miss Annie Gantt, a daughter of Deputy Clerk of Court Longstreet Gantt, stopped over in Barnwell Monday with Mr. and Mrs. William McNab, while en route to her home in Winnsboro after a pleasant visit to relatives and friends in the Boiling Springs section. Miss Gantt will be a senior at Winthrop College the coming session and is held in high esteem by both the students and the faculty.

BASKET PICNIC AND FARMERS' INSTITUTE

August 11 and 12 the Dates, Snelling and Blackville the Places.

To the Editor of The Barnwell People:—I wish to remind the citizens of the county of the Institute to be held at O. C. Baxley's, Snelling, on August 11th, and at Healing Springs, Blackville, on August 12th. We will have with us the following speakers:

Prof. Jackson, of A. & M. College, Mississippi, on Live Stock.

Prof. Burges, of Clemson College, S. C., on Dairying.

Prof. Elliott, one of the District Agents in the Farm Demonstration Work of this State, on Cover Crops.

The ladies are invited to come out and bring well-filled baskets, for it is through their co-operation and presence that we wish to make these meetings a success.

All farmers wish to build up their soil, so why not come out? The talk on Winter Cover Crops will be well worth the trip, provided you put into practice the advice given.

Yours truly,
A. M. Sanders,
Local Agent

CENSURED COUNTY DISPENSARY BOARD

Majority of Ellentonians Did Not Want Dispensary, It is Said.

Reports from Ellenton, a city that a majority of the citizens of that town are highly displeased with the Aiken County Dispensary Board, and are establishing a board of their own. Some of the citizens have taken action to cause the withdrawal of the dispensary from the town. Mr. H. H. Baxley, a member of the Aiken Journal, has written the following to say in part: "The establishment of the dispensary in Ellenton."

Thirty-seven citizens of the municipality did most earnestly petition and plead with the board not to establish a dispensary at Ellenton. They also had before them a petition with twenty-one names of the municipality asking and urging that they establish a dispensary in the town of Ellenton. Two of this number requested the board to cease their action from the petition before taking any further action. At the time of the hearing, however, they were not heard.

The board of the dispensary in Aiken County, South Carolina, has been censured by the State Board of Health. The board of the dispensary in Aiken County, South Carolina, has been censured by the State Board of Health. The board of the dispensary in Aiken County, South Carolina, has been censured by the State Board of Health. The board of the dispensary in Aiken County, South Carolina, has been censured by the State Board of Health.

"However, we know that under the unjust law the Board has the authority to do as they have done.

"We trust some day the people's wishes will be regarded."

MELONS ARE GOOD.

Planters Near Ulmer Are Busy Shipping to Consumers.

Ulmer, Aug. 2.—Miss Kate Fair of Elloree has been the welcome visitor of Miss Florrye Harter for the past few days.

Misses Marion Wilkinson, Lorena Brant and Annie Lou Dickinson are visiting friends and relatives in Varnville.

Miss Louise Blount has returned home, after a visit in Fairfax.

Misses Florrye Harter, Daisy Weekley and Kate Fair have gone to Sally and Aiken, where they will visit friends and relatives.

Miss Mattie Harter is at home again from a pleasant stay in Aiken.

Tommy McMillan from Charleston spent Sunday with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. C. McMillan.

The melon crop in this section is good and the farmers are busy shipping.

Misses Eva and Annette Davis from Williston are the guests of Misses Ada and Eunice Sanders this week.

Mr. and Mrs. Council and family have returned to their home in Lakeland, Fla., after a pleasant stay with Dr. and Mrs. J. M. Weekley and family.

Miss Willie Lou McMillan has returned home from a visit to Charleston and Branchville.

Miss Marie Weekley has gone to Lakeland, Fla., where she will visit her cousin, Miss Edith Nelson.

Crops as a whole are looking exceedingly well around Williston.

ASHLEIGH BOASTS OF FINE SCHOOL HOUSE

New Organ Has Been Bought for Church. Crops Improved by Rains.

Special to The People:—Ashleigh, August 2.—A very pleasant event of the recent past was the benefit party given by the ladies of the community at the new school building. Ice cream and cake were served, and every one present expressed themselves as having enjoyed the occasion very much. A neat little sum was realized which was applied to the purchase of a new organ for the church.

Ashleigh now boasts of one of the best country school buildings of any country school in the county. Contractor Woodward, who had the contract for erecting the building, deserves much credit for the very satisfactory work done on it.

Mrs. Mamie Martin, of Savannah, with little sons, Stoney and Palmer, is visiting her parents, Mr. and Mrs. W. A. Ross.

Mr. J. H. McDonald, of Bullock County, Ga., has returned to his home after a very pleasant visit to his brother, Mr. C. N. McDonald.

Miss Blanche Hartin has returned to Columbia, where she is taking a course at MacFate's Business College.

Mrs. F. C. Odum and son of Augusta, are visiting relatives at Ashleigh.

Mr. W. E. Owens, of Metter, Georgia, is spending a few days with his mother, Mrs. W. A. Owens.

Mr. Pat Lane of Augusta, with his wife, is a visit to his mother, Mrs. J. R. Easton.

Mr. H. H. Baxley and family of Aiken are visiting relatives at Ashleigh.

Mr. J. M. Dismore, of Florence, paid a long visit to his parents, Mr. and Mrs. H. H. McDonald recently.

Miss Julia Nix, who taught at Danville during the past year, is spending some time with the family of Mr. H. H. Dismore.

Trips have been greatly improved by the recent rains and had far to be the best in years. Among the most promising is that of Mr. W. A. Ross, who has several fields of corn which promise an unusual large yield.

CROPS AT OLAR ON A BOOM

Many Do Not Believe in Williamson Plan for Corn.

Olar, Aug. 2.—The weather is just what our farmers need, and the crops are a boom. Many do not believe in the Williamson plan for corn. The Williamson plan for corn is to plant corn in the old style and worked by the old style, he will change his mind. The Williamson plan has caused the farmers here to lose more money, and to buy more corn than any plan ever tried. Our fathers had corn to sell the year around, raise hogs in herds of more than a hundred and fed and fattened them on corn, but of late years crowding corn has been followed so, till some farmers have been forced to buy nearly all the corn they use. Many are going back to the old plan, and while the Williamson plan corn burned to a crisp, the old plan corn was green and growing through a three months' drought, making a record yield with only a sprinkle now and then. Corn on uplands will not bear crowding a dry year and from the middle of March till the middle of July was certainly a dry spell, but the crops are much better than they would have been had the rain been normal. If it could be managed to cut the rainfall in two, getting only half of the normal, farming would not only be a pleasure but a bonanza. Normal rains bring millions of mosquitoes, flies, gnats and other pests, while dry weather does not bring them. Rains poison young crops, causes them to "shed," to "fire," to "switch up," make foliage at the expense of fruit; make grass and weeds troublesome. When the other fellow prays for rain, I pray for dry weather.

Chief Cave Acquitted.

Chief F. M. Cave, of the Barnwell police force, was acquitted Tuesday of the charge of assault and battery upon the person of Mr. H. S. Mellichamp, of Barnwell. The case was tried by a jury before Magistrate J. W. Hair, of Blackville.

NO NEW REGISTRATION CERTIFICATES ISSUED

Statute Requires that Books Be Closed 30 Days Before Election.

Although it had been advertised that the books of registration would be opened at Barnwell August 4th and kept open for one week, no new certificates are being issued by the Supervisors of Registration this week for the election on the 19th inst. The statute requires that the books be closed thirty days before a general or special election, and for this reason only renewals can be issued to the voters whose names are already on the books. Should certificates be issued to voters whose names are not already on the books and should they attempt to vote in the coming election it would give sufficient grounds for a protest of the election.

FACTS AND FANCIES FROM FAIRFAX

Ten Days' Meeting Closed. A Budget of Live Social News.

Fairfax, Aug. 2.—Mrs. Sals Gadden and little son, of Columbia are spending some time with Mrs. G. W. Barber.

L. Hughs and Arnold Rivers of Brunson were here recently and attended the Methodist meeting.

Mrs. Martin Lightsey is taking an extended trip going from Spartanburg to Asheville, Salisbury and other points North.

Our young folks seem to have enjoyed the annual picnic at Blackville.

The Rev. W. B. Simpson and Rev. J. H. Baxley of Aiken are here from their home in Aiken.

Misses Jennie Durant and Marion Durant of Thomasville are visiting Mrs. Jennie Durant.

Mrs. J. H. Baxley has been in a visit to Mrs. J. H. Baxley.

Miss Helen Kearse of Olar has been on a visit to Mrs. Julia Harter. Miss Harter has accompanied her on a visit to Harkleyville.

Misses Ruth W. W. and Johnnie Harter are here on a pleasant trip to Harkleyville.

Mrs. M. A. Mason and the son paid a visit to relatives in Hampton County.

Mrs. Rebecca W. James and Miss Jennie Turner of Aiken are visiting relatives here recently.

Mrs. Walter Thomas of Harkleyville visited Mrs. Ethel Harter, Thursday.

Misses Annie and Johnnie Harter are here on a visit to Mrs. J. H. Baxley.

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ONE MAN IS KILLED, ANOTHER INJURED

Tree on the Track Causes Wreck of Lumber Train Near Olar.

Olar, Aug. 2.—David E. Pifer was instantly killed and D. L. Shiplet painfully wounded in a wreck on the Saltkeatchie Lumber company's railroad yesterday morning.

The Saltkeatchie Lumber company's train was running backwards going into the woods after logs. Messrs. Pifer and Shiplet were riding on a flat car on the front end of the train. Mr. Shiplet discovered a tree on the track ahead of them caused by a storm the previous night. Mr. Shiplet called to Mr. Pifer to jump which he failed to do in time and was caught in the wreck and almost instantly killed.

Mr. Shiplet saved his life by jumping, but lost three fingers by the clash of the cars which caught his hand just as he leaped from the car. A car box being ahead of the engine, the engineer was unable to see the danger ahead.

Mr. Pifer was a young man about 30 years of age and very popular. He was in business at Schofield, having come here from Pennsylvania about 12 years ago. His body will be shipped to his home in Pennsylvania.

Mr. Shiplet is superintendent of the Saltkeatchie Lumber company.

He was given immediate medical attention and left for a hospital in Columbia.

This is the second white man that has been killed on this work this year.

INTERESTING NEWS OF BETHEL SECTION

Protracted Meeting Closed With Five Additions to Membership.

Special to The People.

Times R. F. D. No. 2, August 3.—We are having plenty of rain in this section of our country and the crops are looking fine.

The meeting at Bethel came to a close Thursday with the addition of 5 members to the church; they will be baptized at Olar on Sunday the fourth Sunday morning at 10 o'clock. The meeting was conducted by the pastor Rev. Simpson.

Miss Nettie Brant of Spartanburg, is visiting relatives down here.

Mr. J. H. Baxley of Savannah spent last week at home.

Misses Vera and Mrs. Helle Hope are visiting in Savannah this week.

Mr. M. Main, from Barnwell, attended the meeting at Bethel; his old time church.

Mrs. Rebecca Johns happened to a very painful accident Monday. She fell over a fence in the yard and dislocated her shoulder. She has suffered a great deal with it. It is hoped she will soon be able to move.

Mrs. W. R. Hope has returned home after a pleasant stay at Fairfax.

Mr. and Mrs. E. M. Coye visited Mr. Staring's tree at Olar Thursday.

We notice in the paper where it speaks of the cotton blighting and dying around Barnwell. We also notice the fields of cotton in this country are badly affected in the same way.

This country was shocked Friday morning when we learned of the sudden death of Mr. David Pifer, who was killed on the railroad near Schofield's mill. Mr. Pifer was on his way to work in the swamp, and the storm the night before had laid a tree across the railroad which caused the wreck. Another gentleman lost his hand. Mr. Pifer's remains were sent to Pennsylvania.

SOME LIVE NEWS FROM JENNY

Rains Helped Crops.—J. D. Jenny Erecting Saw Mill.—Personals.

Special to The People.

Jenny, August 4.—Since the recent rains, crops have improved very much in this community.

Miss Latna Folk, of Ehrhardt, is spending some time with Mr. and Mrs. J. L. Folk.

Capt. J. W. Jenny has purchased a handsome touring car.

Miss Edna Cone, of Fairfax, is visiting Mr. and Mrs. C. T. Loadholt.

Mrs. W. G. Ruddell, and little daughter, Hattie Elizabeth, of Fairfax, spent a few days last week with Mr. and Mrs. S. E. Bailey.

Mr. J. D. Jenny is now busy putting up a saw mill on his place on Three Mile Creek.

Capt. and Mrs. J. Wyman Jenny are now in the mountains of Western North Carolina for a few weeks' stay.

Newspaper for Fairfax?

Dame Rumor has it that a newspaper is to be started at Fairfax. Mr. Will Walton, who published the Blackville Builder at Blackville a couple of years ago, is said to be behind the project.