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INTERESTING OCCURRENCES OF VARIOUS KINDS IN SOUTH CAROLINA.

State News Boiled Down for Quick Reading Pungent Paragraphs About Men and Happenings.

The Baptist State Convention is to convene in Spartanburg on Tuesday, November 27th. This will be the largest gathering in the history of the church in this State.

The Southern Railway is putting non union men into its shops to replace the union machinists who are out on strike for more pay. It is also said the railroad is receiving the one hundred or more new engines ordered some time ago.

The Bank of Blackville has received a commission from the secretary of State, the capital stock is to be \$50,000. The incorporators are: A. H. Neeson, J. M. Farrell, J. D. Whittle, H. D. Still, I. F. Still, H. Brown, N. Blatt and G. A. Still.

Rev. J. M. Holladay, pastor of the Manning Presbyterian church, has resigned to become pastor of Zion Presbyterian church at Winnsboro. His resignation has been accepted, and he will take charge of the Winnsboro church about the first of December.

One negro woman was killed and another badly injured in Columbia one night last week by a street car. The accident happened at what is called the tin bridge on Gervais street. The women were looking at a train passing over the bridge and did not notice the street car.

Col. Jas. D. Blanding, one of the most prominent lawyers and citizens of Sumter county, died last Wednesday. He was 86 years old, and was one of the few surviving Mexican war veterans. He had lived a long and useful life, having held many positions of honor and trust.

John Massey, a white farmer of Chester county, fell from the top of a passenger coach on the Seaboard Air Line about Blaney, near Camden, last Thursday morning. He died after being taken to the hospital in Columbia. He was on his way to Columbia to the State fair, and was beating his way.

Coroner Kizer is now acting as sheriff of Dorchester county, vice M. M. Limehouse suspended. The coroner will continue to act as sheriff until Limehouse is tried, and if convicted the governor will make an appointment for the unexpired term. We wonder if the acting sheriff will arrest the desperado, Bill Harley.

Jas. A. Hoyt says in the Columbia correspondence of the News and Courier that much politics was talked in Columbia last week by people from all over the State, and the prevailing sentiment was that the State dispensary is doomed, but a strong fight is looked for. There will be plenty of money to maintain a dispensary lobby when the fight is on.

Between four and five hundred bales of cotton were burned on the railroad platform at Cross Hill, a town on the Seaboard Air Line in Laurens county last Friday afternoon. It is supposed to have caught from a railroad engine. About the same hour seventy-five bales were burned at Mountville, a station only five miles away. The loss falls on the railroad.

A 13-year-old negro boy was mysteriously shot while chopping wood in his grandfather's yard in Laurens county Sunday night. He lived several days and said he was shot by a young farmer named Jeff Knight, but there seems to be no cause for provocation on the part of Knight, who says he can prove an alibi. The case is shrouded in mystery. Knight has not been arrested.

Because of violations of the immigration laws in North Carolina, United States government officials will be especially rigid in their requirements when the Wittkind, the German immigrant ship, arrives at Charleston. It is possible that some of the immigrants may have to return home because of these requirements. Possibly this is best, as there will be more chance of our getting a desirable class of new population.

Judge Geo. E. Prince has refused to grant a motion for a change of venue in the case of Castles, administrator, vs. Lancaster county. This case is a suit for damages against Lancaster county for the lynching of a white man named Morrison at Kershaw about two years ago. Newbold, the attorney, wanted a change of venue so that the case could be tried in Chester county, he contending that a fair trial could not be had in Lancaster county.

Isaac Knight, the negro who assaulted Mrs. Chapin, a Northern woman in Aiken, a few months ago, was hanged last Friday. He made no statement on the scaffold, but protested his innocence to a reporter who interviewed him just before he was hanged. Mrs. Chapin was a Northern woman who had the fool idea some yankees have that something can be made of the negro, so as she was a widow she kept him in her house for protection and he worked for her. He repaid her kindness by assaulting her.

NEGRO MAKES TROUBLE.

Cut White Man and is Badly Beaten—Feeling Ran High for Awhile.

UNION, October 22.—What came near being a serious clash between whites and negroes was narrowly averted here yesterday morning and last night, when feeling ran high, but cooler counsel prevailed and this morning all is serene, though some of the negroes are muttering and surly. It is not expected, however, that there will be any trouble.

Yesterday morning William Johnson, a farmer, who had just arrived in the city from Kelton, drove up near a negro named Coleman Kendrick, who was standing on the sidewalk, and asked him to direct him to a place where he could get his shoes shined. Kendrick insolently replied that he "didn't know and didn't care a d— about any white trash's shoes."

Several white men who were standing nearby, upon hearing the negro's remarks, upbraided him. The negro drew a knife and slashed into the crowd, cutting one of the men, John Moseley, in the face. Kendrick was knocked down and badly beaten by Mr. Moseley's companions, but managed to get away from the scene, running in the direction of a colored church in which services were being held. The sudden and excited entrance of Kendrick precipitated a commotion but the negroes did not attempt to attack the white men who had followed the fleeing negro as far as the church door.

Later in the day some negroes made threats and one of those inclined to be unruly was arrested. Chief of Police Long met a party of colored men who sought to have the fellow admitted to bail and gave them some good advice, which it appears, they heeded. Matters are quiet today and no further trouble is apprehended.

The Language of Umbrellas.

There is a language of umbrellas as well as of flowers, says a writer in Spare Moments. For instance, place your umbrella in a rack, and it will often indicate that it will change owners.

To open it quick in the street means that somebody's eye is going to be in danger.

To shut it quickly signifies that probably a hat or two will be knocked off.

An umbrella carried over a woman, the man getting nothing but the drippings of the rain, signifies courtship.

When a man has the umbrella, and the woman the drippings, it indicates marriage.

To punch your umbrella into a person, and then open it means I dislike you.

To swing your umbrella over your shoulder signifies I am making a nuisance of myself.

To trail your umbrella along the footpath means that the man behind you is thirsting for your blood.

To carry it at right angle under your arm signifies that an eye is to be injured by the man who follows you. This is generally a woman's way of carrying her umbrella.

To open an umbrella quickly it is said will frighten a mad bull.

To put an alpaca umbrella by the side of a silk one indicates exchange no robbery.

To purchase an umbrella means I am not smart, but honest.

To lend an umbrella indicates, I am a fool.

To return an umbrella means—well never mind what it means; nobody ever does that.

To carry an umbrella in a case signifies it is a shabby one.

To give a friend half your umbrella means that both of you will get wet.

To carry it from home in the morning means it will very likely be a fine day.

Chief Concern.

The Bamberg Herald warns its county delegation that whatever they do in Columbia worthy of note will receive due recognition in its columns. The thought is idle, and for once our usually keen and penetrating contemporary errs in its judgment of weak human nature. The average legislator is not so much concerned about the public knowing what he does do at Columbia as he is about it not knowing what he doesn't do.—Dillon Herald.

COUNTRY NEWS LETTERS.

SOME INTERESTING HAPPENINGS IN VARIOUS SECTIONS.

News Items Gathered All Around the County and Elsewhere.

Ehrhardt News.

Rev. P. E. Monroe, after a pleasant visit to Salisbury, N. C., returned home last Friday night.

Mr. and Mrs. J. C. Kinard and Mr. G. L. Kinard went to Columbia last Monday morning, returning Thursday.

On account of the sickness of her little daughter Mrs. Pate was out of school last week. Her room was taught by Mrs. T. D. Jones.

Mr. and Mrs. J. M. Dannelly returned from Charleston Wednesday and left the same day for the fair. They will return to-day.

Messrs. J. C. Westerlund and W. E. Sease, who have been sick for several weeks, are both improving.

Mr. Jacob C. Hiers went down to the cross roads last Thursday.

Mr. H. W. Fender was in town last Friday morning.

Mrs. Dehlia Folk, of the Clear Pond section, died last Thursday.

Messrs. Probst Sease and Charlie Thomas went to Columbia last Wednesday night to take in the Fair.

EDDIE RENTZ.

Ehrhardt Graded School, Oct. 27th.

Branchville Brevities.

BRANCHVILLE, Oct. 29.—Mr. Harry Groves, car inspector of the Southern Railway, died here several days ago of apoplexy. He had been living here for six years with his family and was well liked by everyone who knew him. His remains were taken to Roanoke, Va., and interred in the family burying ground. Mr. Groves leaves a widow, three daughters and two sons to mourn his loss.

The death of Mrs. A. E. Whetstone was received with sad intelligence late Thursday evening. She had been ailing for some few weeks past and her death was not unexpected, though mournful. She leaves four sons and four daughters; her husband, the late Dr. N. C. Whetstone, having died several years ago. Quite a crowd of relatives and friends attended the funeral from Branchville.

The Branchville Graded School began its session a few weeks ago under the guidance of Prof. W. S. Myers, assisted by Mrs. W. S. Myers, Miss Nan Nicholson and Miss Corrie Rigby. The enrollment is about 150.

A number of Branchvillians spent last week in Columbia, enjoying the pleasures of Fair week.

The Congaree Lumber company is now operating 3 saw mills between Branchville and Bowman. They have leased the B. & B. R. R., obtained a new engine and running twice a day from Bowman to Branchville, a decided improvement over the old schedule.

Mr. W. M. Warren is building a telephone line to Smoaks, a distance of 12 miles. Smoaks has no telephone or telegraph connection with any neighboring town and no doubt this line will be of decided advantage to the community.

The People's Bank, a new enterprise, is rapidly nearing completion. Mr. W. M. Warren is the contractor and is building it out of concrete brick. It is capitalized at \$25,000. Mr. R. F. Dukes, of Orangeburg, is president.

The Bank of Branchville has had their building remodeled this fall—converted a one story into a two story brick building. The front of the building is laid with beautiful white brick and all the inside work and furniture is entirely new and convenient.

The two-story brick building recently constructed for Mr. Julius Myers is now ready for occupancy. Mr. Myers will rent down stairs as a store and live up-stairs.

The Branchville system ginnyery, a company of local directors, finished their new building in time for this season's cotton. This gin has been kept very busy considering the short crop.

The Branchville Electric Light and Telephone Company has been experiencing a misfortune the past month—no lights, but the directors are doing all in their power to renovate the broken machinery and to give patrons excellent accommodation.

The cotton crop in this section is

undoubtedly the shortest ever produced here. The farmers find it impossible to pay up their debts and nearly every day some old sore back mule is seen to be led into Branchville by a constable.

Mr. W. A. Dukes and son, Willie, visited the fair last week and sold his trotting gray mare. He reports having the best time in his life in Columbia.

Horseback riding is all the hobby here. Every afternoon quite a few young ladies engage in this sport.

Mr. Moorer, President of the Piedmont Electric Company, of Anderson, spent several days in town last week on business—"ask Abe Pearlstone."—Orangeburg Evening News.

Deaths.

Mrs. Julia Carroll, widow of the late Dr. F. F. Carroll, of the Midway section, died in Birmingham, Ala., Sunday, October 21st. The burial took place at the family burying ground near Midway. Deceased was the mother of F. F. Carroll, Esq. She leaves one son and two daughters.

Mrs. Maria F. Lancaster, after an illness of a few days, died at the old home with her youngest daughter, Mrs. Joe Gunnells, on Tuesday night, October 16th, 1906. Mrs. Lancaster was 77 years old, having been born in London, October 3, 1829. She was a consistent member of the Baptist church, being the last living charter member of Georges creek Baptist church. She was buried at the Georges creek church on October 17, Rev. W. W. Glover conducting the funeral services. She leaves four children: L. L. Lancaster, Mrs. J. B. Hunter, Mrs. Joe Gunnells, and Mrs. J. A. Kennedy, besides a number of relatives and friends to mourn her death.

Mrs. Julia Reynolds Carroll, widow of Dr. Francis F. Carroll, died of pneumonia in Birmingham on Saturday night. She was brought on to Aiken, and on Monday afternoon her funeral service was conducted by Rev. T. W. Clift in St. Thaddeus church, in the presence of a large congregation.

Early Tuesday morning she was taken down to the plantation near Midway, and interred in the old family cemetery.

Her death was a shock, as well as a cause of deep sorrow to her many friends in Aiken, where she had lived for many years.—Aiken Recorder.

Rosa Lee, the fourteen-months-old daughter of Mr. and Mrs. T. J. Simmons, died at their home in the Lees section last Friday. The burial took place at the Clear Pond cemetery Saturday afternoon, Rev. Peter Stokes conducting the services.

Mrs. Elizabeth Gates, widow of the late B. W. Gates, died at her home in this city last Wednesday night about nine o'clock, after an illness of only a few days. Her husband died only a few months ago. Mrs. Gates was fifty-six years old, and leaves three daughters, all grown, and a number of relatives. The burial took place at the old cemetery Thursday afternoon, the services being conducted by Rev. Peter Stokes. The pall bearers were: Dr. Geo. F. Hair, I. B. Felder, C. R. Brabham, J. A. Murdaugh, W. D. Rhoad, and H. A. Ray.

Mrs. Gates was a daughter of G. Y. Patrick, and she was born near town and lived here all her life. She was a sister of Mrs. A. H. Bruce and Mrs. M. R. Brickle.

Mr. Wm. Besinger, well known all over this county, died last Wednesday afternoon and was buried Thursday afternoon at Spring Branch church, Rev. Peter Stokes conducting the services. "Uncle William," as he was familiarly called, was ninety years old. He was said to be the oldest man in the county and had more descendants and relatives than any man in the county. His wife died many years ago. He had been feeble for a number of years, but he held on to life strongly. The Besinger reunions every fourth of July, his birthday, have been held at Spring Branch church each year for a long time. Mr. Besinger was a Confederate soldier in the late war, being on the pension list for this county. He served throughout the war, being a member of Company A, Bamberg Guards, first S. C. regiment.

ASSAULTED BY ROBBER.

TWO AGED LADIES OF COLUMBIA ATTACKED BY A NEGRO.

One Lady Struck Over the Head With Piece of Iron—Negro Denies His Guilt, But the Evidence Against Him is Strong.

COLUMBIA, October 29.—A murderous assault was made by an unknown negro at 3 o'clock this morning upon two aged ladies, Mrs. Sallie A. Gibson and her mother, Mrs. Julian, living unprotected at their home, 2126 Main street. The negro knocked at the front door, and when Mrs. Gibson opened it he struck her with a piece of iron; but, in spite of being seriously wounded, she put up a game fight and her screams and those of her mother, who retreated to a position under the bed, frightened the negro away. The presumption is that the motive was robbery, rather than criminal assault.

A few years ago Mrs. Gibson's uncle, Levi Metz, a former well-to-do banker, but afterwards a recluse and miser, died leaving a will in Mrs. Gibson's favor. When the bank which he was part owner of failed he was taken up in supplementary proceedings, but without result. A few months ago Mrs. Gibson showed an old greasy grip containing \$38,000 in cash to a friend. Legal proceedings were at once begun when she deposited the money in the bank on the advice of a friend, and this case is still pending. The result has been that the negroes have gotten the idea that the woman still held large quantities of cash at the house.

A suspect was shortly after the assault arrested by the police in the person of Jerry Whitmire, a negro stable helper employed near the Gibson home. He was found, pretending to be asleep, in the hay at the stable. Near by a bloody knuck was picked up and near that a bloody piece of iron, and near the Gibson home a leather cap, Mrs. Gibson remembers seeing this negro wear, was picked up. The screaming of the women aroused the whole neighborhood and great excitement prevailed for a time. A large party of men, partially dressed, were soon assisting the police in the search. A lynching was narrowly averted. Whitmire stoutly denies his guilt, but it is thought there is no doubt but that he is the assailant.

Bamberg and Barnwell at the Ball.

We clip the following from the State's account of the State ball in Columbia last Thursday night:

Miss Llewlie Bamberg, of Bamberg, wore a very lovely white princess lace robe over white taffeta silk. Diamonds glistened among the meshes of the lace on the bodice and glorious American beauties furnished her floral burden in the grand march.

Mrs. J. Norman Walker, of Allendale, gown of all-over lace with insets of rose point and soft designs of tiny quilled chiffon. Diamonds and pearls.

Mrs. Robert Boyd Cole, of Barnwell. A lovely gown of pale pink crepe de chine, made princess and trimmed with pink velvet ribbon embroidered in black French dots and bands and pink embroidered chiffon. Cascades of lace formed the little sleeves, and dainty reeches softened the bodice, and pink roses furnished the bouquet.

Miss Agnes Tobin, of Allendale, was lovely in blush rose rep silk made empire with garnitures of lace and velvet of a harmonizing tone. She wore cameo and pearl ornaments and carried roses.

Injunction Refused.

An injunction was asked for in Columbia last week against some of the side shows exhibiting on Main and adjacent streets by W. C. Wright, a hotel man. He sought to prevent the shows from carrying on their business, claiming that he was sick and the noise and excitement endangered his life. The injunction was refused, but the shows were closed for several days while the proceedings were pending, and it is said the proprietor of the shows will sue on the bond of \$1,000 which Wright gave when he commenced the action. The show man will allege damages for closing his shows.

Railroad accidents are getting to be common occurrences in South Carolina with many of the railroads.

SHOOTING AT SPRINGFIELD.

Mr. Edgar Brodie Wounded by Mr. Gaston Fulmer—Occurred in Fulmer's Store.

SPRINGFIELD, October 27.—In an attempt to arrest Mr. S. T. Fulmer here late this afternoon Mr. Edgar Brodie was shot by Mr. Gaston Fulmer, son of the former, with a shot gun, the load entering his thigh. The wound is very painful, though not considered serious.

It seems that Mr. J. W. Brodie and Mr. Fulmer had some unpleasantness and Mr. Edgar Brodie, the town marshal, went to arrest Mr. Fulmer, who was drinking, and resisted, and in a tussle Mr. Brodie and Mr. Fulmer fell to the floor, and just afterwards Mr. Gaston Fulmer fired the gun at Mr. Brodie.

The town is stirred up over the affair and much regret is expressed for the occurrence. The affair happened in the store of Mr. S. T. Fulmer, and his wife was present during the shooting.

Fitting School Notes.

The first joint meeting of the Kilgo and Sheridan Literary Societies was held in the chapel Saturday night, and the special program which had been prepared carried out. Prof. Guilds, president of the Sheridan society, presided. The program follows:

Declamation—Misses Katie Carter, Flossie Murdaugh, Mildred Kearsse and Pritchard Shuler.

Essay—Misses Essie Smith and Ida Muller and Messrs. Ernest Hiers and Eugene Ackerman.

These essays and declamations were very good.

The query, Resolved, "That the advantages of country are better than those of city life for the training of youth," was discussed by: Affirmative, Messrs. Richard Addison, Adam Smith and John Huffman; negative, Messrs. Joseph Murray, Alfred Ray and Richard Spell. The affirmative won. After the regular literary program a reception was held and enjoyed by every one present.

Among the old students here for the joint meeting were: Miss Lissie Ulmer, George Ulmer, Phillips McCants, Shaddy Arant and J. W. Fender.

Quite a number of students attended the Fair last week and all report a very enjoyable trip. A party of girls, accompanied by Prof. Guilds, left Wednesday night, spending Thursday in Columbia, and returning Friday morning. They were Misses Jennie Herren, Janie Belle Sanders, Sudie Ritter, Marie Weekly, Pritchard Shuler, Beulah Dukes, Wilhelmina Folk, Elise Rentz, Edna Chitty and Mildred Kearsse. Among the others who went were: Misses Jennie Graham, Clyde Yongue and DeWitt Guilds.

John Bell and Bertie Varnedoe attended the Cypress camp meeting.

Misses Adrienne Padgett, Sudie Ritter, Ethel Stokes and Leonie Ashe were visited by relatives during the week.

Prof. Roberts spent Monday out of town on business (?).

Prof. Hogan addressed the Epworth League Tuesday night.

Richard Spell spent Monday in Branchville.

We regret very much that Simpson Spires was forced to leave school from circumstances beyond his control.

We are glad to welcome among us Julian Griffith, who entered school last week.

They're Too Knowing.

"The garter fastenings worn on the arms by the women in connection with long gloves has led some Milwaukee ministers to severely denounce its use, one declaring that it makes arms look like other limbs. All the same, women like to be noticed and admired, and the arm garter holds prominent place."—Augusta Argus.

"What a shocking admission! What business have these ministers to know what the 'other limbs' look like? But there is no telling the length to which the clergy will go in the investigation of a subject in which they are interested. We suggest, however, with great diffidence, that either the Milwaukee minister had a poor sense of proportion, or the proportions of the 'other limbs' they had in their mind's eye were but poorly developed. But, of course, the clergy know more about this subject than we do."—Richmond Journal.