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One Dollar a Year

## BURNED TO DEATH.

Mr. J. T. Wilkins Cremated in His Home Near Cowpens.

SPARTANBURG, March 6.—Mr. John Terrell Wilkins, aged 70 years, was burned to death this morning at his home near Cowpens in a fire which destroyed the Wilkins house. Mr. Wilkins has for many years been a paralytic and has been practically helpless. This morning he was left in front of an open fire place by his wife with a bed quilt wrapped around him. It is thought that a coal fell from the fire and ignited the quilt. The helpless man remained in this position. Mr. Wilkins was unable to call for assistance owing to the fact that his paralysis extended to his throat. Mrs. Wilkins, upon smelling the burning cloth, ran into the room and endeavored to extinguish the flames. Failing in this, she ran to the home of her son, Mr. B. Wilkins, a short distance away, and summoned help. Those called upon ran with haste to the house, which by this time, was wrapped in flames. The assistance was too late and the unfortunate man was burned up along with the house. The blackened and charred remains were found in the debris.

## Skin Grafting Saves Girl.

PITTSBURG, PA., March 7.—Surgeons at the Presbyterian hospital announced that Iowa McKenzie, the six-year-old daughter of George McKenzie, who was burned over more than one-third of her body, by her clothing catching fire at an open grate, several weeks ago, would recover. When one-third of a person's body is burned the surgeons always say they cannot recover, so that little Miss McKenzie's case is a most remarkable one.

Skin grafting is responsible for recovery, the surgeons say. Four persons contributed 320 pieces of cuticle from their own bodies, which were grafted to the burned surface of the child's body.

## A Hungry Ear.

In a little school house in the north of Scotland, the school master keeps his boys grinding steadily at their desks, but gives them permission to nibble from their lunch baskets sometimes as they work.

One day, while the master was instructing a class in the rule of three, he noticed that one of his pupils was paying more attention to a small tart than to his lesson.

"Tom Bain, listen to the lesson, will ye?" said the master.

"I'm listening, sir," said the boy.

"Listening, are ye?" exclaimed the master. "Then ye're listening wi' one ear and eating pie wi' the other."

## What It Felt Like.

Lloyd Griscom, the new ambassador to Italy, says the Washington Star, described at a dinner in Washington a diplomatic game of base ball in Brazil.

"An Englishman," he said, "caught for his side, though the poor fellow was strange to the catcher's box. The Englishman grew confused in the second inning, missed a ball and it struck him on the nose, keeping him over."

"What was it?" he said feebly, as he came to.

"A foul, only a foul," said the umpire.

"Man alive," said the Englishman. "I thought it was a mule."

## Higher Than Law.

Joaquin Miller, the poet of the Sierras, in an address in Oakland attacked the trusts.

"What if their sins are legal?" he ended. "They are sins none the less, and I wished when trusts sin legally we could prevent the law from protecting them. I wish, in short, we could all act as one of our Oakland farmers did last year. He, one day last year, found a score of men putting up telegraph poles all over his best field. He ordered the men away but they wouldn't go. They showed him a paper that gave them authority to put up their poles wherever they wished. The old man looked at the paper, saw it was lawful, walked away in silence. He went to the barn and turned a savage red bull into the field. The mad bull made for the men, the men fled at top speed, and the farmer shouted after them:

"Show him your paper! Show him your paper."—Washington Star.

## Place He Was Fitted For.

The village carpenter had given so generously of his services and sound advice toward rebuilding the little memorial chapel that when it was completed all the summer people agreed that he should be asked to speak after the luncheon which was to follow the dedication exercises.

The day and the carpenter's turn came.

"Ladies and gentlemen—dear friends," he began, his good, brown face very red indeed, "I am a good deal better fitted for the scaffold than for public speaking!"

Then he realized what he had said and sat down amid roars of laughter.

—Youth's Companion.

## IN THE PALMETTO STATE

SOME OCCURRENCES OF VARIOUS KINDS IN SOUTH CAROLINA.

State News Boiled Down For Quick Reading—Paragraphs About Men and Happenings.

W. D. Ellison, a white man, charged with grand larceny, escaped from the Richland county jail on Tuesday night by sawing the steel bars in two.

Lewis W. Byers killed his step-son Oliver G. Lanham in the Olympia mill village, Columbia, with a gun on Wednesday. The young man was 22 years old and a carpenter. The deed looks like cold-blooded murder.

Jacob Taylor, aged 20, was killed by David Gunter, aged 19, in Greenwood county on Tuesday. Taylor was shot three times with a pistol. Gunter, who has been committed to jail, says Taylor was trying to cut him with a knife.

L. L. Reading, a citizen of Chester, was committed to jail on Tuesday charged with forging the name of L. D. Childs to a number of checks. Mr. Reading came from Ohio two years ago to manage the Buffalo Lick springs near Chester. He has confessed the forgeries.

Under the recent act of the legislature appropriating \$5,000 for the supplying of artificial limbs to Confederate soldiers it will not be allowable to pay the applicant the money. The limb itself must be furnished. Application blanks are now being sent out by the comptroller general.

Principal Sam Rogers of the Boykin school of Marlboro county was acquitted by a jury on Wednesday of the charge of assault and battery of a high and aggravated nature in the whipping of a bad boy in the school. The trial lasted two days, and the jury found a verdict in two hours.

Recently several members of the sophomore class of the South Carolina University were suspended for hazing, and another student was suspended for having a pistol on the campus. It appears that the sophomores attempted to haze him and he drew a pistol. This week three cadets were expelled from the Citadel for breaking barracks.

Congressman Aiken and others who have been working for years to secure an increase in the pay of rural mail carriers have at last succeeded in having the salaries of carriers increased to \$900 a year, \$75 per month. Heretofore the salary has been \$720 a year. The increase in salary will probably go into effect the first of next July, which is the beginning of the government fiscal year.

## Reasons Enough.

Although political opponents, Congressman Jerry Simpson, of Kansas, and Speaker Reed, of Maine, became great friends on account of the ability of each to see a joke.

At one time, Simpson, wanting a private pension bill passed, went to the speaker and told him the bill affected the fortunes of a poor widow down in Kansas.

"Why" asked Reed, "do you want this bill passed when you have been opposing pension legislation during this session—especially such a bill as this which comes in without a favorable report?"

"There are thirty reasons why I support this bill," replied Jerry. "The first one is that the woman needs the money. I have forgotten the other twenty-nine."

## Getting Her Legal Rights.

An old colored woman, arrayed in a rusty black dress and a gorgeous purple "picture" hat over which was a black crepe veil, appeared at the courthouse of a Carolina town not long ago.

"Am yo' de judge ob reprobates, sah?" she asked, cautiously opening a crack of the office door.

"Yes, I am the judge of probate, aunty; what can I do for you?" was the smiling reply.

"Yassah! Thanky, sah! I'se heah 'cause mah ole man done died detested an' lef' fo' lil' infidels, an' Ah wanner be 'pinted ter be dere executioner, ef yo' please, sah!"

## Havemeyer Purchases Land.

BEAUFORT, March 8.—Mr. H. O. Havemeyer, the sugar king, has just concluded the purchase of the two tracts of land at Sheldon Station on the line of the C. & W. C. railroad formerly the property of the Fuller families; also the Timothy plantation, formerly the property of Col. Charles Hutson. The price paid was \$35,000. The land will be converted into one continuous hunting preserve, to which it is well adapted.

Mr. Havemeyer will erect a magnificent mansion on the estate for his hunting and sporting purposes.

"Say," growled the first hobo, "why didn't yer go up ter dat big house an' git a handout?"

"Why, I started ter," replied the other, "but a minister-lookin' guy gimme a tip not ter. He sez, 'Turn from yer present path; yer going ter dedogs.'"—Philadelphia Ledger.

## SISTER BURNED TO DEATH.

Two Aged Members of Prominent Family Share Peculiar Fate.

SPARTANBURG, March 8.—Mrs. Mary E. Littlejohn, aged 79 years, sister of Mr. J. T. Wilkins, who was burned to death at his home near Cowpens, Wednesday, was burned to death this evening about 7:30 o'clock.

Mrs. Littlejohn resided at Cowpens, living in her home alone. This evening the neighbors were attracted by a flickering light which was seen in the Littlejohn home and upon entering found the form of the old lady wrapped in flames. She had evidently caught fire from a fire which was burning briskly but a few feet away. A strenuous effort was made to extinguish the flames during which Mr. J. W. Wilkins, a nephew of the old lady, was severely burned. The fire was checked before the house caught fire, but the aged woman was dead before assistance reached her.

Mrs. Littlejohn was one of the best known women in this section of the State and had a very large family connection. She is survived by one son, Mr. Milton Littlejohn, and one daughter, Mrs. Henry Littlejohn, both of whom reside in Pacolet. The prominence of the family and the strange coincidence of the death of Mrs. Littlejohn and that of her brother, Mr. Wilkins, caused considerable excitement in Cowpens.

## Honor Roll Govan High School.

Following is the honor roll of Govan High School for the sixth month, ending March 1st, 1907. To merit a place on the honor roll pupils must have a clean record and make ninety per cent or above general average:

High school—Misses Lizzie Kennedy, Mattie Lena Mather, Lillian Lancaster, Estelle Lancaster.

Eighth grade—Spurgeon Mather, J. Frank Lancaster, Lewis Williams, Lizzie Collins.

Seventh grade—Leda Williams, Nettie Nimmons, Talbert Lancaster, Monnie Lain, Dan Izlar Mather.

Fifth grade—Jessie Zorn, Letha Collins, Corrie Kennedy, Lila Lancaster, Wilbur Williams.

Third grade—May Eubanks, Cary Zorn.

Second grade—Corrie Collins, Minnie McCormick, Hattie Sue Williams, Gilmore Lancaster, David Zorn, Frank Creech.

First grade—Angus McCormick.

## The Local Paper.

The local paper should be found in every home. No children should grow up ignorant who can be taught to appreciate the home paper. It is said to be the stepping stone of intelligence in all those matters not to be found in books. Give your children a foreign paper which contains not a word about any person, place or thing, which they saw or perhaps ever heard of, and how could you expect them to be interested? But let them have the home paper and read of people, whom they meet and of places of which they are familiar and soon an interest is awakened which increases with every arrival of the local paper. Thus a habit of reading is formed and those children will read papers all their lives and become intelligent men and women, a credit to their ancestors, strong in knowledge of the world as it is to-day.—Seneca Journal.

## Negro Shoots Town Marshal.

ANDERSON, Mar. 10.—"Hun" Ferguson, colored, was brought from Pendleton yesterday morning and lodged in the county jail, charged with shooting Mr. Charles Roberson, town marshal of Pendleton, Friday night. Marshal Roberson was in search of a negro. He went into a negro pool room, expecting to find his man in there. He remained a few minutes and the negro Ferguson got up and went out of the room. In about ten minutes two pistol bullets crashed through the window glass, both hitting Mr. Roberson. One of the bullets entered his right leg and the other grazed his breast. Roberson is not dangerously wounded. It is not known that Ferguson did the shooting, but he has been making frequent remarks about Mr. Roberson—that he would kill him if he (Mr. Roberson) would cross his path. It seems that one of Ferguson's "pals" had been pulled by the town marshal. He holds this up against the officer.

## Mortgaged Team Ten Times.

ANDERSON, March 5.—There is a negro in the Anderson county jail by the name of William Cureton who can give Mrs. Cassie Chadwick cards and spades and beat her in high financing. This darkey bought a pair of mules and a wagon from a gentleman of this city, giving him a mortgage to secure the balance of the purchase price. The negro got busy and in a few days mortgaged his team to about 10 persons. He was lodged in jail Friday on the charge of disposing of property under mortgage. His team was sold Saturday and brought enough to satisfy the first mortgage and leave some to be applied on the second mortgage. His "creditors" held a meeting Saturday.

## COUNTRY NEWS LETTERS

SOME INTERESTING HAPPENINGS IN VARIOUS SECTIONS.

News Items Gathered All Around the Country and Elsewhere.

Ehrhardt News.

EHRHARDT, March 11.—Messrs. J. F. Copeland, J. C. Copeland, I. W. Carter, H. A. Hughes, and H. C. Bishop went to Bamberg last Monday to attend court.

Miss Minnie Copeland is visiting her sister, Mrs. T. J. Hiers, of Dunbarton.

Mr. Ramsey, his little daughter, and Miss Mamie Carter, of Williams, came up Saturday to visit Mrs. Lorenzo Copeland.

Messrs. Willie Bishop and Eddie Rantz visited friends in Colleton county last Saturday and Sunday.

Miss Alice Sease, of Kline, has been visiting friends and relatives in this community during the past week.

Mrs. H. C. Kirkland, of Olar, spent last Saturday night with her sister, Mrs. S. W. Copeland.

Mrs. J. L. Kinard spent last Friday with Mrs. Henry Planer.

Mr. J. D. Dannelly has his saw mill loaded, and will start for Bayard, Fla., today. Mr. Tom Dannelly and his family will go with them. We are sorry to see them leave Ehrhardt, but we wish them much success in their new field.

In the spelling match last Friday afternoon at the school house, Annie Rantz won the prize.

Mr. W. D. Sease was in town last Sunday.

Mr. G. L. Kinard went to Bamberg last Monday.

Mr. S. W. Copeland leaves today for Columbia as a delegate from the Woodmen lodge here to the Woodmen meeting there tomorrow.

ANNIE RANTZ, Ehrhardt Graded School.

## Ehrhardt Etchings.

EHRHARDT, March 11.—Nearly all of our town folks were courting last week, even our chief of police was summoned to appear there to give in evidence, but was disappointed and did not get a chance to tell the gentlemen of the jury what he knew. Think all of them were tired of the week at Bamberg.

Mr. J. D. Dannelly has his mill torn down and loaded on the cars ready to go Monday.

Mr. David Dannelly will take with him Mr. Tom Dannelly and his family, also Mr. Ed. Steady and his family and several of his hands to Florida to work his saw mill.

A blind tiger must have been near town Saturday. We did not hear him growl but saw the effects of some of his work on several of our streets.

Mr. S. W. Copeland goes to Columbia on business today.

C. Ehrhardt & Sons had their saw mill shut down last week, putting in a new boiler. They will be ready to commence work Tuesday again. We miss their whistle.

Miss Alice Sease is visiting Mrs. T. D. Jones.

Mr. and Mrs. Jones Lane are visiting her father Mr. Perry Padgett.

Farmers are all anxious about their fertilizer. These warm days are making them think about planting corn.

Mr. Henry Ehrhardt was summoned to Florence last week as a juror in the United States Court.

Clear Pond annual picnic comes this year on the 29th day of this month. Some of the ruling spirits are talking about it, and preparing for entertaining the crowd on that day and want the public to remember the basket part of the occasion and assist to make it an enjoyable occasion as usual.

## Freight Conductor Killed.

LANCASTER, March 9.—Conductor L. P. Brown, of freight train No. 372, extra, on the Southern, was killed by being caught between the bumpers of two cars while coupling them at the depot here, about noon today. Notwithstanding the fact that the lower part of his body was terribly crushed, he took several steps, crossing the ditch alongside the track and sat down, dying in less than a minute afterwards.

Mr. Brown was from Greenville, where he has a family living. He was apparently about 45 years of age, and had been a conductor on this branch of the Southern only a few days, this being his second trip on the road.

The body will be carried to Greenville tonight for interment.

## This is Nauseating.

WASHINGTON, March 7.—A club in Minneapolis is composed exclusively of negroes having white wives or who have white sweethearts. No white man and no colored woman may attend its dances. For years its annual ball was held in Minneapolis, but there was so much violent comment upon it that recently it has been transferred to St. Paul.

Of this Senator Tillman says: "These people insist upon social equality. That is the great danger in the whole problem; a menace to the whole white race."

## KILLING IN ORANGEBURG.

Negro Kills Another for Attempting to Assault His Wife.

ORANGEBURG, March 6.—During the morning Sheriff Dukes learned that a negro had killed another near the place of Mr. Mackay Salley, in the fork section, and he immediately started for the scene of the crime. While on the way there, he met a negro, Alfred Jefferson, who told him that he was the party wanted and gave himself up.

Jefferson was accompanied by his brother, and was on the way to Orangeburg to deliver himself into custody when he met the sheriff.

His story is that he left his home for a short time this morning, and on returning heard a commotion in the house and on entering found John Summers struggling with his wife, and realizing that the man was attempting an assault, he immediately shot and killed him.

Jefferson says his wife afterwards told him that Summers entered the house soon after he left, and that she had been struggling with him for some time, when her husband returned. Claims she had succeeded in getting him out of the house twice, but he had immediately forced his way back and renewed the struggle for the third time when killed.

## Bad Beef Condemned.

Four large front cuts of Western beef shipped by a Columbia packing-house agent of Spartanburg Saturday were rejected because of alleged unsound condition and were returned to this city. The Spartanburg consignee was C. F. Younger.

Mr. Younger refused to receive the shipment and the express company, acting on instructions from the agent, was about to dispose of the consignment elsewhere in Spartanburg, when the health officer heard of the car and forbade sale of the meat in that city. It was accordingly returned to the agent here.—Columbia Record.

## Rhett Predicts Fair Rates.

WASHINGTON, March 9.—Mayor Rhett, Mr. P. H. Gadsden and Mr. H. R. Jackson, manager of the Charleston Freight Bureau, tonight appeared before railroad officials of the Southern and Atlantic Coast Line systems and appealed for fairer freight rates for Charleston.

The party was about seven hours late in reaching Washington, consequently the hearing did not begin until night. There were present, on behalf of the Southern Railway, President Finley and J. M. Culp; of the Atlantic Coast Line, Messrs. Walter and Emerson, besides B. L. Abney, Claudian Northrop and A. P. Thom, of the legal department of the Southern.

Armed with numerous papers and documents of various kinds, Mayor Rhett made a strong plea, for better and more equitable freight rates for Charleston.

After the conference Mr. Rhett said that the railroads had agreed, as a result of the consultation, to send a special agent to Charleston next week who will be empowered to make a careful investigation into the whole situation. President Finley, Mr. Rhett said, has not yet named the man who will be sent here, but he will be one of the best in the employ of the road and one able to take a broad and comprehensive view of the entire situation.

Besides promising to send a representative to Charleston to go over the matter no other promises were made by the railroad people.

"You may say," said Mr. Rhett, "that the conference has been satisfactory in every way. We believe we will get what we want, fairer freight rates."

## An Accidental Shooting.

MANNING, March 7.—H. G. Pack, a young white man of this place, was accidentally shot by the discharge of a parlor rifle, held by Mr. Wilson, an employe of the Clarendon Sentinel, here today about 12:30 o'clock. Wilson had loaded the rifle to shoot at a target when it was discharged, the ball taking effect in the abdomen. The wounded man was taken immediately to the McCall House and Dr. Geiger was summoned at once and upon examination found an operation necessary, as the wound is thought by him to be exceedingly dangerous. There is little hope of recovery at this time, though the operation may change the situation.

## A Cow's Appetite.

Several years ago a farmer near Chesterfield whose modesty forbids the publication of his name, hung his vest on a pocket on the garment in which was contained a standard gold watch. Last week the animal, a staid old milk cow, was butchered for beef and the time piece was found in such a position between the lungs of the cow that the process of respiration had kept the stem winder wound up, the watch had lost but four minutes and two and a half ticks in seven years. It is one of the most remarkable occurrences ever heard of.—Carolina Citizen.

## COURT STILL IN SESSION.

NEGRO SENTENCED TO HANG FOR KILLING ANOTHER NEGRO.

J. R. Turner Gets Fifteen Years for Attempted Rape—Civil Cases Now Being Tried.

When we went to press last Wednesday the case of J. W. Griffin, charged with murder, was being tried. Griffin is a young white man, and was tried for killing a negro at Denmark some months ago. The jury found him not guilty.

J. R. Turner, the white man who attempted to assault the little daughter of Hon. S. G. Mayfield in Denmark some time ago, was found guilty of assault and battery with intent to rape, and was sentenced to serve fifteen years in the penitentiary. Turner has been confined in the penitentiary at Columbia since the affair, he having been carried there because of threats of lynching, but was brought back last week to be tried.

Herbert Boyles and A. W. Nelson, two young white men, were found guilty of housebreaking and larceny and sentenced to the penitentiary for five years each. They were charged with robbing the drug store of Dr. J. S. Matthews at Denmark. A motion for a new trial was made and refused, and an appeal was taken to the Supreme Court in the case of Boyles. He was admitted to bail in the sum of \$1,500.

Jasper Odom, a negro, was tried for murder, the crime charged being that of killing another negro. He was found not guilty.

Aaron Nelson, Queen Nelson, and Dock Nelson, all negroes, were tried for murder. Aaron and Queen Nelson were found not guilty, but Dock Nelson was convicted of murder without recommendation. The judge therefore sentenced him to be hanged on Friday, the 26th day of April. A motion for a new trial was made and refused.

Criminal cases occupied the attention of the court all of last week, and Monday morning of this week civil cases were taken up. The following have been tried up to the time of going to press:

Eugenia M. Rice vs. J. C. Bishop. This case grew out of the cases tried here some time ago, in which Mrs. Rice recovered a lot of land which had been sold to various parties. Mr. Bishop owned one of the tracts and this suit was to determine the matter of some houses and other improvements made on the land. The jury awarded the land to Mrs. Rice and gave Mr. Bishop \$154.88 for the improvements made thereon.

A number of orders were taken in various cases, a few appeals from magistrate's courts were heard and decided, a number of judgments were entered up against various parties, several of these being referred to a jury.

J. F. Folk vs. Benjamin Graham was tried Tuesday morning and a verdict rendered for Folk for \$1,200. This was a suit in reference to some land.

Tuesday afternoon the case of Walter Richardson against Bamberg county was taken up. This was a suit for damages in the sum of \$5,000. Mr. Richardson's mule ran away with him and threw him out of his vehicle and broke his leg, the limb having to be amputated. He claimed that the mule was frightened by falling in a defective bridge and that the county was responsible, as the bridge was in bad repair.

The testimony had all been taken and arguments of lawyers made, but the jury had not returned a verdict when we went to press.

## Revival Meeting Closes.

The revival meeting at the Methodist church in this city, which has been going on for the past three weeks, closed last Sunday night. Rev. Thos. H. Leitch and his singer, Mr. Marshall, left Monday morning for Morven, N. C., where they commenced a meeting Tuesday night. Much good has been done as a result of the meeting. About seventy-five persons have professed conversion, and there will be a number of accessions to both the Methodist and Baptist churches.

## Law and Morals.

A Missouri graduate in law, says a politician of that state wrote to a prominent lawyer in Arkansas to inquire what chance there was in that section for such a one as he described himself to be. He said: "I am a Republican in politics and an honest young lawyer."

The reply that came seemed encouraging in its interest: "If you are a Republican, the game laws here will protect you, and if you are an honest lawyer, you will have no competition."—Harper's Weekly.

"So this is a typical frontier town, eh? I suppose you have citizens who have killed their men?"

"There goes one now."

"A peaceable looking chap. How many notches has he on his gun?"

"He doesn't carry a gun."

"Not carry a gun!"

"Nope; he's a doctor."—Houston Post.