

The Bamberg Herald

Established 1891

BAMBERG, S. C., THURSDAY, APRIL 25, 1907

One Dollar a Year

IN THE PALMETTO STATE

SOME OCCURRENCES OF VARIOUS KINDS IN SOUTH CAROLINA.

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

A light earthquake shock was felt in Charleston and Summerville last Saturday morning. No damage was done.

The Clarendon Sentinel suspended publication a few weeks ago. Some other suspensions would help the newspaper business.

Mr. Harold C. Booker, recently city editor of the Greenville News, has accepted the position of editor of the Anderson Intelligencer.

Rev. N. W. Edmunds, D.D., a well known Presbyterian minister, died at his home in Sumter on Wednesday, in the 76th year of his age.

At a meeting held in Columbia last Friday night, a State baseball league was organized, to be composed of Spartanburg, Greenville, Anderson, Sumter, Orangeburg, and Darlington. M. L. Smith, of Camden, was elected president. The season is to open May 15th.

The governor has pardoned Elliott Robinson, sent up from Barnwell for 20 years for manslaughter. Elliott is a negro and has for sometime been stationed at Clemson college, from where a numerous signed petition was sent for his release. He has been a model prisoner.

Orangeburg county can boast of one lady rural mail carrier. Miss Florence E. Livingston is the carrier on route No. 3 from North. Miss Livingston is a young lady of intelligence and does her work in all sorts of weather to the entire satisfaction of the people on her route as well as the postoffice department.—Times and Democrat.

In Aiken county last Saturday night one negro woman killed another at a hot supper by cutting her throat with a razor. The jugular vein was severed and death occurred almost instantly. Jealousy over a negro man was the cause. The woman who did the killing and the man in the case have been arrested and put in jail.

A verdict for \$10,000 damages was given in the common pleas court at Chesterfield last week against the Seaboard Air Line, for the death of Dr. A. T. Kelly at Patrick, a station in Chesterfield county. He was helping some friends on the train and the cars started before he could get out of the coach and in stepping off the moving train he fell and sustained internal injuries which caused his death a few weeks later.

School Gardens.

"The backbone of a nation's prosperity is the man who makes something grow. In our country the science of nature study is only in its infancy. The school garden that was once pooh-poohed as a foolish fad is now accepted by the United States commissioner of education and by the leading universities of the land as vital to our public-school system as manual training of any sort," writes Herbert D. Ward in the May Woman's Home Companion.

"The first school garden in the United States was started sixteen years ago by Henry L. Clapp in the George Putnam grammar school in Boston. Over eighty years ago Austria and Sweden began the movement. At present no rural school in Sweden is without one. Russia is far ahead of us. There are over twenty thousand in Austria and thirty thousand in France. The reason why school gardens are fostered by foreign governments is that wherever they exist there is a decrease of misery and poverty and an increase in the birth rate and in the appreciation of nature."

Baby Born After Mother's Death.

NEW YORK, April 12.—Doctors and nurses at Bellevue hospital are fighting today to save the life of a lusty baby girl born in the hospital last night ten minutes after her mother's death. The physicians believe that there is a good chance for the infant to live. The child was brought into the world by an operation after the mother had died as the result of another operation. It was a great surprise to the surgeons to find how much life remained in the baby. Mrs. Mary McKenzie, the mother, had been in the hospital since March 25.

Prepared.

A French gentleman anxious to find a wife for a nephew went to a matrimonial agent, who handed him his list of lady clients. Running through this he came to his wife's name, entered as desirous of obtaining a husband between the ages of twenty-eight and thirty-five—a blond preferred. Forgetting his nephew, he hurried home to announce his discovery to his wife. The lady was not at all disturbed. "Oh, yes," she said, "that is my name. I put it down when you were so ill in the spring and the doctors said we must prepare for the worst."

FIREMEN DRAW RACE LINE.

Call Upon Ashbury Park City Council to Disband Colored Company.

ASHBURY PARK, N. J., April 18.—Members of the white fire companies in Ashbury Park threaten to step down and out if the city council declines to disband the Eureka colored company. The white firemen have signed a petition, and say the Eureka are the only colored company in the state.

The white firemen in Ashbury Park are business men and the sons of business men, doctors, lawyers, and the upper ten all around, and they have drawn the color line with such determination that unless the council obliterates the Eureka officially by next Monday or agrees to do it, the colored company will run by itself, while the other companies will stay home when a fire breaks out. The situation is so acute that a race war is threatened.

The objection to the Eureka is purely social, but it is also asserted the company is inefficient.

Bryan Silent About 1908.

NEW YORK, April 17.—William J. Bryan, speaking at a meeting of the National Publicity Bill Organization at the Victoria Hotel, made a new suggestion for the regulation of campaign contributions and expenditures. He said that the manner in which contributions were spent was not so important as knowledge of the sources from which the money came and for that reason he would like to see a law made requiring before election statements of contributions received.

Perry Belmont, who presided, in introducing Mr. Bryan intimated that as Mr. Bryan would be an influential factor in the next presidential campaign, his support would be valuable in bringing about the passage of a publicity bill. Replying to this, Mr. Bryan said:

"I am not prepared to say yet what part I shall take in the next campaign or what part I shall desire to take in it, but I want to lend whatever influence I may have to the carrying out of this policy of political publicity."

Crushed Hopes.

"Times are changed," said Mark Twain, speaking of Washington. "I doubt nowadays if a man of Washington's unswerving integrity would be able to get on."

"A rich lawyer after dinner the other night went in his den for a smoke. He took down from his pipe rack a superb meerschaum, a Christmas present from his wife; but, alas, as he started to fill the pipe, it came apart in his hands. The bowl had been broken in two and then carelessly stuck together.

"With loud growls of rage the lawyer rushed from his den and demanded to know who had broken his new meerschaum. His only son, a boy of 11, spoke up bravely; 'Father,' he said, 'I cannot tell a lie. I did it.'"

"The lawyer praised his Washingtonian veracity, but that night on his pillow he groaned and went on terribly about the incident;

"Heaven help me," he said, 'it has been my life's dearest wish to rear up my son to my own profession, but now—alas—alas.'"

A Country of Trousters.

There is a point on the coast of France where not only the men, but the women and donkeys, too wear trousers.

At Ile de Re the peasant women work in the salt and oyster beds, catch shrimps and take their turn on the fields. They don't draggle around in petticoats, however, but wear baggy knee breeches, loose waists and light colored sunbonnets.

The sabots of the winter have been put aside and the feet are left bare, although the legs of old stockings are often drawn up as far as the knee as a protection from the heat and insects.

It is, indeed, a country of trousers, Nor does it stop with humanity, for many of the donkeys as well wear long striped red and white or blue and white covering on their legs, which look very much like the remnants of Uncle Sam's wardrobe. These are put on the stubborn little animals to keep off the flies and mosquitoes, so that they will be less liable to kick.—N. Y. Sun.

Clark Liquor Accepted.

COLUMBIA, April 17.—There is much talk in the dispensary circles here today over the acceptance by the new dispensary commission of what is known to fame as the Clark Bros. purchase. This was the deal Dispensary Director Black went to Peoria to make and which the dispensary investigating committee, appointed by the last legislature, reported to that body was nothing more than high wines and that the price Black agreed to pay was from 30 to 40 cents a gallon more than similar stuff could be bought in the open market for.

When Chairman Murray was asked about the acceptance today he would say nothing beyond confirming the report that it had been accepted. It is not known at what price the stuff was accepted.

COUNTRY NEWS LETTERS

SOME INTERESTING HAPPENINGS IN VARIOUS SECTIONS.

News Items Gathered All Around the Country and Elsewhere.

Ehrhardt News.

EHRHARDT, April 20.—The continued cold weather has caused many of the farmers to plant their entire corn crop over, and unless it soon turns warm the cotton won't come up. The outlook is gloomy.

The many friends of Mrs. J. J. Chassereau will be sorry to hear of her extreme illness.

Messrs. J. D. Padgett and J. L. Kinard went to Charleston on business last Wednesday.

Mr. Harry Ehrhardt went to Bamberg last Thursday.

Mr. and Mrs. Perry Folk, of Folk's Store, were in town last Thursday.

Mr. Bennie Ramsey, of Williams, visited Mr. J. B. Ramsey last Friday.

Mr. J. F. Chassereau shipped two cars of poplar timber last week, and has the yard filled again, waiting for cars.

Some of the young folks of town attended the Long Branch school entertainment, and report a fine time.

Mr. M. A. Kinard was in town last Tuesday morning.

Rev. P. E. Monroe went to Bamberg last Monday.

Mrs. H. C. Kirkland, of Buford's Bridge, visited her mother, Mrs. W. E. Sease, last Saturday.

EDDIE RENTZ

Ehrhardt Graded School.

Country Correspondence.

The farmers are very blue. The recent colds have killed cotton and corn, and lots of them have not enough cotton seed to plant over. The greater part of the fruit crop is killed, and as Col. Bacon, of Edgefield, if he will pardon the reference, said last year, even the black berry and huckle berry crop is very much shortened. The gardens did not suffer so much, as the gardeners covered most of their plants, etc.

Wonder why the Lemon swamp causeway has not all been worked? The Southern part of it is in fine condition, while the other part is boggy, sloppy, and so very rough. There is so much work done on the roads in some places and so little in others. Too much extremity in the management of the road system. Some body please work the other part of the Lemon swamp crossing on the Ehrhardt-Bamberg road.

Misses Sophia and Julia Copeland, of Ehrhardt, spent two days in our midst last week with Mrs. S. W. and Misses Alma and Lillian Sandifer.

Miss Eva Hanberry and Mrs. F. E. Dozier and little son, Francis Edward, of Denmark, spent Thursday at Mr. O. P. Jordan's.

We are sorry to report that Mrs. George Smoak is still very sick. Hope she may recover.

The daily mail begun Tuesday.

Many thanks to Uncle Sam

We are sorry to report the death of little Jonathan Jefferson Ayer, who died at the home of his grandmother, Mrs. E. E. Mitchell, of the Clear Pond vicinity, on April 10. His mother died in October, and all that loving hands could do was done to raise this little one but the Father knows best and saw best to take it, and we hope that the mother now has her little one in her arms. To the father, Mr. T. J. Ayer, and its other loved ones we extend sympathy.

Guess lots of folks are preparing for the memorial. If these heavy rains continue, also cold winds, the young ladies who are planning pretty dresses and hats will have their "play houses torn down" that day.

Misses Pearle and Clara Copeland, of Ehrhardt, spent Friday night with Mrs. J. W. Hill.

We are obliged to comment on the improvements that are now to be seen in the side walks in your little city, Mr. Editor. When we first saw the new sidewalks there we imagined ourselves, "Samantha at Saratoga." We are glad to see our little home town putting on so many city airs.

Makes the Sun Melt Iron

There is an apparatus which concentrates the rays of the sun from more than 6,000 small mirrors on a spot about seven inches in diameter. The heat generated is about 7,000 degrees F. Iron can be melted in less than a minute and fire clay fused in about three minutes by this machine. Magnesia, one of the hardest things to melt, requiring a heat of about 9,400 degrees F., can be melted in twenty minutes.

Hog Brings Almost \$50.

ROCK HILL, April 19.—Mr. R. N. Plexico of the Bethany neighborhood brought to town and sold to a market man a few days since a hog which weighed 547 pounds net.

At the purchase price of 81-2 cents the amount paid was \$46.49; rather a good price to get for a hog, and about equal to a bale of cotton at a fair price. The hog was of the Biltmore strain and Berkshire breed and was 19 months old.

MAY PROSECUTE WOLFE.

Mr. Lyon Requests Solicitor Timmerman to Push Case.

COLUMBIA, April 20.—It is likely that the case against Dispenser Wolfe will be pushed after all. It will be recalled that when Wolfe's friends made up the amount with which he was charged as shortage at the union depot dispensary, Wolfe was released on his own recognizance. The county board, having secured the money, was willing to drop the case and as the board had sworn out the warrant the solicitor agreed, upon request of the board, to drop the case. Attorney General Lyon was out of the State at the time, but upon his return he wrote the solicitor that he desired to talk with him about the matter and when Solicitor Timmerman was in the city this week he called at the office of the Attorney General and they discussed the matter. It was agreed that Wolfe should be required to strengthen his bond before Recorder Stanley, the magistrate who issued the warrant, and steps were at once taken to have this done.

While the matter is one for the solicitor to manage, Mr. Lyon as head of the law department of the State Government does not think it advisable or proper to let such cases drop without prosecution, and he, therefore, instructed the solicitor to prosecute the case. Solicitor Timmerman was consulted by telegraph when the board first acted in the matter and he merely acceded to their request to drop the case later.

Executed At His Own Command.

Sergt. Maj. Lizzmann, of the Twentieth regiment, stationed at Bremen, committed suicide yesterday by ordering 15 of his men to take aim at his heart and fire.

Lizzmann called out the men for practice in execution drill and had, unknown to them, loaded their rifles with ball cartridge. He ordered them to aim at his heart and carefully tested the level of their weapons. He corrected one man whose rifle was pointed too low. Then raising his cap he gave the order to fire, crying at the same time, "Hoch der Kaiser." He fell dead shot through the body in 15 places.

The sergeant major was some time ago court-martialed for accidentally shooting a civilian in the course of a heated discussion. He had an excellent military record, but was sentenced to a term of imprisonment.

In a letter found at his quarters he wrote that after having been a loyal and zealous soldier he would never consent to degradation of undeserved imprisonment.—London Express.

Fatal Family Row.

BETHUNE, April 20.—Yesterday Kenneth McCaskill and his wife, who live about two miles above town, became involved in a family row. The negro man struck his wife with a baseball bat, knocking her down. The woman then struck her husband on the head with a piece of iron, crushing his skull, fatally wounding him.

"I want to talk to you, Mary, about that young man of yours," said her father; "when did he say good night to you last evening?"

"At 10 o'clock," replied the fair girl.

"What? Why, it was 1 o'clock, at least."

"Oh, that was when he finished saying it."

Tumblins Double-team McDaniel.

LAURENS, April 20.—A difficulty occurred at the store of Mr. Evans McDaniel at McDaniel's mill in this county yesterday between ex-Representative J. C. McDaniel and Anderson and Harley Tumblin, two young white men of the same neighborhood. Mr. McDaniel was painfully but not very seriously hurt.

The circumstances leading up to the trouble, from what your correspondent can learn, are that there was a misunderstanding about the moving of a well-boring outfit. In discussing the matter one of the Tumblins is said to have used insulting language to Mr. McDaniel, who struck him with his fist, whereupon the other brother took a hand and the two used Mr. McDaniel in a very rough manner.

Warrants will be issued for the Tumblins.

MANMOTH STEER AT WALHALLA.

WEIGHED 1,800 POUNDS AND SOLD FOR BEEF—BROUGHT \$60.

T. J. Todd, proprietor of the City meat market, last week butchered the largest beef that has been on the market here for quite a while. He bought a steer from Jas. D. Hays, who, for several months, had used him for pulling his wood-sawing outfit. The price paid was \$60. The steer weighed gross 1,803 pounds, netting to the market 1,084 pounds of beef. The hide weighed 170 pounds, for which Mr. Todd received \$17. The steer was Oconee county raised. The animal was young and in excellent condition, and the patrons of the City market had the pleasure of eating the steer that hauled the saw that cut the wood that cooked their grub that kept them alive during the past winter.—Walhalla Courier.

TO VOTE OUT DISPENSARY

MOVEMENT TO THIS END BEGUN LAST MONDAY.

Meeting Decides to Circulate Petitions Calling for Election on Dispensary in Bamberg.

Bamberg county has gotten in line with a number of other counties, and petitions are now being circulated throughout the county asking for an election on the question of dispensary or no dispensary. Recently such a movement was started in Barnwell county, and it is said is meeting with much success. The sentiment against the sale of liquor seems to be growing in this part of the State, and the sentiment of the Bamberg people has gotten into Bamberg.

A mass meeting was held in the court house here last Monday morning, and, notwithstanding the very disagreeable weather and the limited notice of the meeting, a good crowd of representative citizens was present.

J. F. Carter, Esq., was made chairman of the meeting and H. S. Steadman secretary. Rev. Peter Stokes, pastor of the Methodist church, stated the object of the meeting, and a motion was made that petitions asking for the election be circulated.

Remarks were made by Rev. A. J. Foster, pastor of the Baptist church, Rev. Peter Stokes, Messrs. Jno. H. Cope, H. J. Brabham, H. C. Folk, Thos. Black, Jno. F. Folk, and others, most of whom were in favor of the movement.

As a substitute for the motion in reference to circulating petitions, H. C. Folk offered the following, which was voted down, only Mr. Folk voting in favor of it. He stated in his remarks that he had no idea it would pass and only offered it to explain his position:

"Resolved, that it is the sense of this meeting that, at the present time, a proper enforcement of the dispensary law is the best means of promoting temperance and sobriety in our county, and we hereby pledge ourselves to use all just and honorable means to enforce the dispensary law, and hereby call upon all good citizens throughout the county to join with us in an honest effort to strictly enforce the same."

The original motion was then put and carried.

A motion was then passed that the chairman appoint a committee of five citizens to see that the petitions were circulated and put in the hands of the County Supervisor by May 1st. Chairman Carter appointed the following gentlemen: D. O. Hunter, Fishpond; J. H. A. Carter, Three Mile; W. T. Cave, Olar; Thos. Black, Bamberg; Rev. J. H. Snider, Denmark.

Ehrhardt Etchings.

EHRHARDT, April 22.—Col. C. Ehrhardt went to Bamberg last week on business.

Mr. O. P. Folk and wife went to Charleston last week to do some shopping.

The chain gang did a nice job on the new causeway over Little Salt-keatchie swamp near Mr. W. I. Carter's place. They intend moving nearer town this week.

Some fish are moving about in our streams now, and those fond of the sport are plotting to capture some of them.

Mr. Frank H. Copeland hired an old darkey to dig a well on his premises. The darkey had been digging for two days, and Frank went to look how the darkey was getting on with the job. Says when he got to the well and looked in saw the old darkey digging away standing on a piece of board to get out of the sticky clay. While talking to the old darkey, the old fellow moved about and stepped off the piece of board; about that time a piece of board hit him on the side of his face near his eye. Examining into the cause found that the old darkey had dug the well so crooked until the board fell out and hit him as soon as the darkey stepped from it. Mr. Copeland is worried now to know how to keep the water in the well when the darkey gets to it.

Mrs. Dursse and daughter, from Charleston, are visiting Mrs. J. L. Copeland.

Cyclone in York County.

ROCK HILL, April 23.—A cyclone occurred about six miles west of this city this afternoon, about 4 o'clock. Definite accounts are difficult to get, but according to those obtained the first place struck was Hughes, near Tirzah, where a barn was blown down and a negro house turned around. It jumped to Mr. J. H. Barry's, where it unroofed his gin house, tore up his barn and killed a valuable mule. Then the storm went to Mr. Tom Steele's, in India Hook. The report from there is that his house was partly demolished and that Mr. Steele was himself hurt.

There was a great deal of wind here at the time, but no centralized movement, and no damage was done further than blowing down some fences.

B. C. Bellinger, Esq., of Charleston, was in the city yesterday.

DISPENSARIES STAY IN LAURENS

The Will of the People Defeated by the State Supreme Court.

COLUMBIA, April 22.—The opinion in the Laurens county dispensary case was filed in the Supreme Court to-day.

It affirms Judge Hydrick's decision and thereby sustains the position of the Laurens county board of canvassers in holding that the election, which went against the dispensary, was null and void because at certain precincts the election managers did not require voters to produce registration certificates and proof of payment of taxes for the previous year.

The opinion has the effect of continuing the dispensaries open in Laurens.

Justice Woods dissented on the ground that the failure of the managers to strictly follow the statute was merely an irregularity which should not vitiate the election, the constitution requiring merely that the voters be registered and have their taxes paid.

The State board held that the election was valid, and the case went to Judge Hydrick on certiorari.

Entertainment of Clear Pond School.

On Friday evening, April 12th, the pupils of the Clear Pond (Long Branch) school entertained their friends, old and young, in a most pleasing and complimentary manner with plays, tableaux, drills and recitations. The following is their programme, after a prayer by Rev. T. L. Belvin:

"Tommy's First Smoke," by Muzon Zeigler.

"True Bravery," by 5 little girls.

"Counting the Cost of a Drink," by Miss Llewelyn Zeigler and Mr. Robt. Ayer. This was a very effective tableau and recitation, which was a temperance presentation.

"Taking the Photograph," by Messrs. Charlie Miller and Robert Ayer, and Misses Deborah and Llewelyn Zeigler. This was a very laughable play and the actors acquitted themselves admirably.

"The Doll Show," by 7 little girls.

These little ladies displayed quite an interest in their "babies."

Recitation, by Frank Ayer.

"Old Black Joe," by George Steedly.

George acted his part well and was as black as a nigger could be.

"United Workmen," by ten little boys and one little girl. Their professions promise to make them the coming men of America.

"Flag Drill," by 17 girls. Of course it is needless to say that the stars and stripes, the red, white and blue and "Dixie," all of which are so dear to us all, was one of the most enthusiastic plays that was presented. The old soldiers were almost ready to join the sweet lassies in their march.

"Maud Muller," a play in 4 scenes. Good.

"America," a pantomime. Real effective.

Recitation, by Virginia Zeigler.

"Molly," a recitation by Miss Daisy Ayer.

"Little Jim," by Misses Llewelyn Zeigler and Daisy Ayer, Mr. Robt. Ayer and Clara Priestner. This was a very pathetic and sad tableau and recitation.

"The Rugles' Dinner Party," by Miss Deborah Zeigler. Laughable.

Recitation, by Miss Laura Carter.

"Mrs. Pepper's Ghost," by Misses Lynn Walker and Deborah Zeigler and George Steedly. This play brought down the house. Those young folks seemed to be capable of not only looking like but acting and thinking like a negro in their play.

The entire cast of the play was good.

"Entertaining Sister's Beau," by Lizzie Walker and Mr. Robt. Ayer. This was a childish recitation and Robert was only an actor.

"Singer's Climax," by Miss Deborah Zeigler.

"Zeb, White's Unlucky Argument," by Miss Llewelyn Zeigler.

Recitation by Clarence Priestner.

Ring Drill, by 12 girls. This was the prettiest and most graceful exhibition on the program.

Rev. T. L. Belvin gave an address and a collection to defray the expenses of the lights, decorations, etc., was the last on the program.

Special mention must be made of the music of the evening furnished by the following young men: Messrs. Ben and J. H. Pearson, Hobbie McMillan, Charlie and Lucius Mitchell, Charlie, George and Frank Ayer, Johnnie and Herbert Folk, and Charlie Smoak. Music is ever appropriate, and it was good at the entertainment.

Miss Gertrude Oxner, of Leesville, is teaching the Clear Pond school, and the pupils and her rendered a very creditable and pleasant entertainment. It takes hard work, training, and aptness to prepare pupils for the stage, and also requires the same qualifications for them to reciprocate it. We hope much success to the pupils and teacher of Clear Pond school.

J. E. G.

The grand jury in the United States court in Greenville on Friday found a true bill on an indictment charging N. P. Snipes, a farmer of Edgefield county, with peonage, keeping a negro in involuntary servitude on a civil contract.