IN THE PALMETTO STATE

SOME OCCURRENCES OF VARIOUS KINDS IN SOUTH CAROLINA.

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

veterans is being held in Columbia sary. The dispensary was voted this week.

The city of Laurens will soon let the contract for a new graded school building to cost \$30,000. Plans of architects for the building have been accepted.

Preston Lowrey, a young white man, was killed by his brother in Saluda county last Sunday night. No motive was shown for the killing. The slayer was drunk when the crime was committed, and now, realizing what he has done, he begs that he also be killed.

12-year-old daughter of Mr. John addressed to the directors of the the injured convict can go to work the law without fear or favor as ap-Sawyer near Mullins last Monday morning while she was taking a cow pany, asking that Thomas C. Dunto to the pasture. The negro ran after can be reinstated as president of folks will take in the Schutzen this from his position with the respect her and her screams brought her these two mills. The directors met and next week. Charleston promfather to the rescue, when the negro ran. A posse was quickly formed and it is said the negro was killed while trying to escape.

In last week's issue of the Fairfax last year has been continued by her husband, Dr. W. J. Young, with Mrs. Sake D. Meehan as editor.

R. T. Wescott, white, was shot and killed in Waverly, a suburb of Cowork. He ran a butcher shop and went down before daylight to get out his orders. His son followed a few minutes later and found his dead body. Robbery is supposed to have been the motive for the murder A young white man named Gardner has been arrested, but there is no direct evidence against him.

Negro is Hanged.

SPARTANBURG, May 3.-After escaping the gallows for more than one year for the murder of Alf Briggs, his father-in-law, John Shelton colored, was hanged in jail at noon today, the execution being carried out ut hitch or accident

After the death warrant was read the doomed man walked to the trap door as coolly as though he was going to work. As he passed by the cells he waved his hands to the pris- change their mind that quick, withoners and said "goodbye boys."

When the execution room was reached Shelton stepped on the trap door with a steady step, and, while have hoped for. his hands and feet were being bound there was not the quiver of a muscle. He was asked if he had anything to say and he replied he had not.

Prayer was then offered by a minister and at noon the trap was sprung. The drop of several feet broke the neck of Shelton. The execution was witnessed only by officers and newspaper men.

The Temperance Movement.

Nine counties in South Carolina voting on the liquor question and seven or ten probably added to the prohibition column seems to indicate that not even the "candy-cathartic" law is going to be a stay to the prohibition wave that has been rolling over the country recently.

When Tennessee and Kentucky become practically dry states, and Georgia, as the Augusta Chronicle tells us, sends in the usual report county went dry" and on the other side the Old North state is rapidly driving the liquor manufactory other murder in the Waverley neighturers as well as retailers out of her borhood this morning, but the affair borders, and congress will probably differed from the recent homicides pass at its next session a bill that in and around this city, being a case will put the jug train out of business of the "unwritten law" among ne-it seems to us that the millennium groes. It seems that about midnight the rain and hail started. It had be forthcoming, as the president beof the cold water army is coming, and we really tremble to know which one of our vices it will declare war on next.-Florence Times.

Splendid Isolation.

A number of military men in a Washington hotel were giving an account of an incident of the civil war. A quiet man who stood by at last

"Gentlemen, I happened to be there, and might be able to refresh who is now at Taylor Lane Hospital, your memory as to what took place in reference to the event just narrated,"

The hotel keeper said to him: 'Sir, what might have been your

"I was a private." Next day the quiet man, as he both man and woman, but when the was about to depart, asked for his officers reached the scene the negro bill.

'Not a cent, sir; not a cent," answered the proprietor. "You are the very first private I ever met."-Phila- coroner went to the scene soon after delphia Ledger.

Two negro women got into a fight on the street near Mr. F. M. Simmons's residence last Saturday night and Jane Brown cut Rosa Stokes on the breast and head with a knife, making painful but not serious Mayor Hair gave the Brown woman \$15.00 or thirty days. and Rosa Stokes was dismissed.

MARION WANTS DISPENSARIES.

Petitions Filed Asking for an Election to Decide the Matter.

MARION, April 30.—Petitions to which the names of one thousand and sixty voters were attached were filed with the clerk of Court to-day asking for an election on the ques-The State reunion of Confederate tion of establishing a county dispenago, owing it is said, to the alleged system in case an election is ordered. storm. -News and Courier.

Want Duncan Reinstated.

A negro attempted to assault the mill people and all classes of citizens, however and will not be long before Union-Buffalo Cotton Mills Com- again. Saturday and a committee has been ises to give visitors a good time appointed to present the petitions, while in the city. which have been signed by about Preparations h thirty-five hundred people.

This unusual proceeding is excit-school picnic. Enterprise the announcement is made ing considerable interest and the that the paper will be discontinued outcome is awaited with a good deal because of lack of financial sup- of curiosity. It is said that the I.S. Mingo gave notice that he was port. The paper was founded operatives of the Union and Buffalo going to preach for them; have not several years ago by Mrs. Virginia mills will go on a general strike if heard whether he did or not. Durant Young, and since her death the petitions are turned down by the

Woman's Opportunity.

lumbia last Thursday morning just was getting on. The negro assumed cries of the children rather than before dawn while on his way to his a troubled look and replied:

all right, but I sure do have ma troubles wif ma wife."

'Well Sam, I am sorry to hear that. What seems to be the matter?" "She thinks money grows on trees, I reckon. All de time she keeps pesterin' me for pinch o' change. If it ain't a dollah it's half or a quarter she wants."

"What on earth does she do with the money?' "I dunno. Ain't nevah give her

none yet."-Philadelphia Ledger.

Don't Want Dispensary. Newberry wants dispensary.

eadline in Spartanburg Herald. No; Newberry doesn't want anything of the kind. She demonstrated that less than two years ago; and the people here are not so fickle as to out good reason-and they have no good reason. Prohibition has worked well-better than its friends could

All a mistake about Newberry wanting a dispensary. Only a minority want it-they wanted it before. Newberry Observer.

Pointed Paragraphs.

Some queer birds roost in family

You can't get the best of some home. men-they haven't any.

Life is no joke to the chap who is forced to live by his wits.

Success has made a fool of many an otherwise sensible man.

there is no such thing as ignorance. After a man gets about so drunk, he thinks other people thinks he

own he is apt to hide behind his before.

Another Killing in Columbia.

entering through a window, he dis- eleven inches in water. covered his wife, Bessie Jacobs. Johnson, a negro. John Jacobs proslept. His blows ended the life. of his wife, but not that of Johnson,

under treatment. employer, the colored contractor, A. S. Johnson, and with Johnson went to the police station and surrendered, the impression that he had killed lands. man, Will Johnson, was alive and was taken to the hospital as soon as

the news reached the city. jury this morning and visited the have the grit to try, try again. We ed by the citizens and city council. Coroner Walker empannelled a scene, the inquest being postponed until Wednesday evening at Ferguson's undertaking establishment.

At the general sessions court in Laurens county this week there are twelve murder cases to be tried. Five of the defendants are white. outfit for sale.

COUNTRY NEWS LETTERS

SOME INTERESTING HAPPENINGS IN VARIOUS SECTIONS.

News Items Gathered All Around the County and Elsewhere. Ehrhardt Etchings.

EHRHARDT, May 6.—Heavy rains out of Marion county over a year fell last week in this section; in some portions very heavy hail. In corruption in the State dispensary hard places and around stumps the key for some time, and the people the farmers had corn and cotton up

While chopping on trees last week one of the chaingang cut another on

Preparations have commenced to fill baskets for Mt. Pleasant Sunday above action is for the best. The

Quite a crowd went to the chain gang camp Sunday afternoon. Rev.

Rev. P. E. Monroe told his con-Meeting a negro, a certain south- much. Said he would rather have ern gentleman asked him how he his sermons punctuated with the have the parents stay away from the injury. "Oh, so far's physicality goes I'm church on account of them. I think the Rev. forgot to tell them however to leave their dogs at home.

There was a large crowd in town Saturday afternoon. Soft drinks were in good demand with some, while others took on booze.

It is rumored that an unknown person last night tried to enter Mrs. Geo. Hughes's bed room though a window. Suppose the noise aroused her and she took the gun and fired at the retreating party twice, with what effect is unknown. A party came for the chain gang hound and if the dog can locate the party it will fare rough with him. JEE.

COLSTON, May 5.—The heaviest to the end of the war. rain and hail storm passed over this has ever been known by the writer. All cotton lands are under water. all his life and he is now over fifty judge, treasurer and tax collector, years old, could not be forded on resigning the last office after sixteen horse back after the rain and hail had stopped. The writer had a of an old Confederate veteran. hand plowing on the opposite side of the branch from his house and he a hero of the battle of San Jacinto, had to ride three-quarters of a mile and first signer of the Declaration up the branch to the next ford be- of Texas' Independence. Through fore he could cross to bring the horse him the lone star became the seal of

Mr. J. H. Kearse's children started from school and were caught by the was discovered that no seal had been rain at the writer's house. Mr. Kearse started to meet them, drove Dr. Stewart found a brass button in the branch and could not ford it, with one star upon it, and that was In the bright lexicon of youth and by the aid of Joe Bryant, a used, the first seal, in attesting the colored man who lives on the writ- completeness of the Declaration. er's place, had to take his horse out, back his buggy, and return home of the Texas struggle for indepenwithout his children. This ford has dence, was a splendid example of When a man has no religion of his never been known to swim a horse high Southern character.

> house. When he returned home he to Josiah Stewart. Mr. Stewart refound his dog drowned and floated plied that he was a descendant.

would let him go. which had no water in it until when the letter wanted a position it would John Jacobs, a negro carpenter, re- seven and one-half inches of water lieved in taking care of his family turned to his home in Waverley and in it. Capt. H. Z. McMillan measur- and friends. Mr. Stewart wrote

asleep in the same bed with Will planting cotton in some bottom land bring myself to accept anything at on his place. They left the planter the hands of the republican party. ceeded to kill both the man and wo- standing on the cotton bed and the man, as he thought, hitting them in next morning all you could see of voted wife, two daughters and sevthe head with a hammer as they the planter was a few inches of the eral sisters.—Barnwell People. handle sticking out above the water. All cotton that was up is beat so

badly by the hail until I fear the most of it will have to be planted Jacobs went to the home of his over. The oldest citizens say that it foot in Orangeburg one night last and Mrs. J. B. All on Sunday last. was the heaviest rain and hail storm week. On the lid was a piece of that has ever passed over this com- paper on which was written: munity. The writer does not know will be your box on June 10, 1907. his parents, Mr. and Mrs. G. W. and is now in jail. He was under when we can plow on our highest So good-bye to E. M. Lightfoot. P.

The oat crop is very poor and the

See the advertisement of saw mill

ELLOREE DISPENSARY CLOSED.

Order of the County Board of Control Becomes Effective.

ELLOREE, May 2.—Pursuant to the order of the county board of control a few weeks ago the Elloree dispensary closed its doors Tuesday. There was \$125.25 unsold stock on hand. and this is at the disposal of the board. On February 16, when all the dispensaries were temporarily closed under the new law, there was about \$700 worth of stock on hand. system, but Marion being on the hail was nearly six inches deep when When the dispensary was opened North Carolina line, the county has it stopped falling. The center was been flooded with blind tiger whisbetween here and Olar. Several of whiskey was shipped here, and the first named figures is what remained are tired of it. There will doubtless and ploughed; today they are plant- of the old supply and the shipment be little opposition to the dispensary ing over as a result of the hail when Dispenser Weeks checked up

The dispensary has been in operation here a little over thirteen the wrist with an axe. They were years, and Mr. J. M. Weeks has UNION, May 2.—Petitions are be- too near together is the cause of the served continuously as dispenser during circulated in Union among the accident. Was not a serious cut ing that time. He has made a capable and efficient official, enforcing plied to the sale of whiskey under and confidence of the people.

There has been a long and continuous fight here for prohibition and there are many who believe that the opportunity for the practice of prohibition now presents itself.

Without Fear, Without Reproach. Mr. Charles Walters Stewart, re-

membered by a few of our older people, died on March 7th at his Rev. P. E. Monroe told his con-gregation, Sunday for them not to stay at home on account of their stay at home on account of their children, as they did not worry him tending repairs to the tin roof, he slipped and fell to the ground. No bones were broken but he was too old to recover from the shock and

He was born at Montgomery, Texas, February 10th, 1837. When 18 years of age he came to Blackville, and was for many years local agent there for the old South Carolina Railroad. He organized the Blackville Guards before the war, but resigned to enter the Hampton Legion, and was made gunner in. its artillery department. His bravery quickly attracted the attention of his commander and he was rapidly promoted. At the second battle of Manassas he was desperately wounded and for nine months he was unable to return to the ranks. At the end of the furlough he was made a Kearse. Captain in the quartermaster's department and served in that capacity Cave, Archie Barker, Bertha Reid.

He returned to Blackville in 1867 community yesterday afternoon that and was married to Miss Annie L Peeples, daughter of the late Dr. B. F. Peeples. Two years later he The branch which runs through the returned to Texas. There he filled writer's farm, which he has known in succession the offices of county

> years of consecutive service in favor He was a son of Dr. C. B. Stewart the great state. When the Declaration of Independence was signed it provided. Feeling in his vest pocket

Dr. Stewart, besides being a hero

The story is told in Texas that There was a colored man living on while U.S. Grant was President he Mr. J. B. Varn's place near a little heard of Mr. Stewart and indrain who had his dog tied to his quired in a letter if he was related or washed away as far as the chain President Grant then wrote that he too was related to Josiah Stewart, The writer measured a bail-bucket also stating that if the recipient of found it locked against him, but ed a box in his yard and it measured thanking the president, closing his letter with this declaration: "While to be the worst in several years. Mr. T. D. Beard had some hands I appreciate fully your offer I cannot Crops are in bad condition, and

Mr. Stewart is survived by his de-

A Cowardly Outrage.

Some scoundrels placed a coffin on the front piazza of Rev. E. M. Light-S. Peace to his ashes. Anon.'

No motive for such a deed can be outlook is for not more than a half assigned, and the town is greatly crop, if we get that. The farmers worked up over the occurrence. The Bamberg, has returned home. have done little else but plant and coffin was a cheap one and was stolen possible. The sheriff, police and plant over since the middle of March. from a negro undertaking establish-The prospect for a crop is the ment. A mass meeting of citizens poorest the writer has ever seen. It was held and the outrage denounced, looks very discouraging, but we while large rewards have been offerfarmers will not give up. We will The meeting passed resolutions enkeep planting as long as we can get dorsing Mr. Lightfoot. The minister seed until it is too late for anything is a Northern man but has been to mature. Cotton seed is getting pastor of the Baptist church in on the county chain gang, was here sugar was due at Winnsboro. The Orangeburg for a number of years. He is an able preacher, and is very popular. Strong efforts will be made to apprehend the guilty parties.

THE VARN MURDER CASE

ADDISON JOHNSON AND FRANK NIMMONS PUT IN JAIL HERE.

Nimmons Adjudged Insane and Carried to Asylum in Columbia. No Preliminary.

The interest awakened by the arrest of Addison Johnson, charged with the murder of Mr. M. B. Varn, has not died out by any means. When Johnson was brought in from Columbia Tuesday night by Policeman Hand there was a large crowd at the depot, and the same interest was shown when Magistrate Wright arrived Wednesday night with Frank Nimmons, from Jacksonville, Fla.

Nimmons is undoubtedly crazy. He raves and talks most of the time, and opiates had to be given him at night in order to make him sleep, as he kept up so much noise that the door of the house and opened it, family of the sheriff could not sleep. when a negro sprang at her. Her of the Varn murder has unbalanced of the time. He is said to have remarked that he struck Mr. Varn but related the circumstances to these did not kill him, but that he neighbors, who came in response to robbed him. Little or nothing her screams, the matter was treated disconnected and rambling, just as prank of some neighbor who sought is the case of any demented person.

He has been examined by physicians and declared insane, and was carried to the asylum at Columbia a short interval the negro returned, his condition will improve so that he can be used as a witness in the case. It is the general opinion that there was in possession of the axe and

Addison Johnson is still in jail. He protests his innocence, and says he fell backwards out of the door, knows nothing of the murder. He when one of the little girls present has employed an attorney, and will closed the door and locked it. In not discuss the matter with anybody. The trial cannot take place before the July term of court.

Honor Roll.

Honor roll of Olar graded school for 8th month. Tenth grade.—Floyd Chitty, Frank

Ninth grade.—Etty Kearse, Eveyn Brabham, Lucille Rizer, Belle Cooke, James Chitty, Emma Bes-

Eighth grade.-Nora Barker, Charley Chitty, Anna McCormack. Seventh grade.—Ellis Barker, Lena

Kearse. Sixth grade.—Purdy Ayer, Agnes Fifth grade.—Zelma Rizer, Eloise

Fourth grade.—Dewitt Chitty, Horace Ray. Third grade.—Edna Morris, Effic

McCormack, Pearle Barker. Entertainment at Graded School.

The friends and patrons of the Bamberg graded school are asked to join us in an entertainment and ice cream festival at the school building this Friday evening at 8:30 o'clock. Cream and cake will be served by young ladies at popular prices. The proceeds will be used to supplement the contributions of the friends who have already kindly contributed to the purchase of the graded school piano. Remember the date: Friday

evening, May 10. H. G. SHERIDAN, Principal.

New Advertisements.

Winthrop College-Scholarship and Entrance Examination. Peoples Bank-Signing Your

Caughman Bros.—For Sale. R. W. Hutson, Clerk-Bankruptcy

Notice. Theodore Kohn-Sweet Girl Grad-

W. A. Klauber-A Great Money Saving Sale.

County Dispensary Board-List of Purchases.

Coiston News.

Colston, May 7.—The rain and hail storm that prevailed in this section last Friday afternoon is said a great deal of cotton and corn will have to be planted again, as it is washed away. The hail did not do a great deal of damage, as the crops were very small. Traveling was almost impossible, as most of the bridges were washed away. Mr. and Mrs. Philip Padgett, of

Ehrhardt, were the guests of Mr. Mr. Duncan Beard, Jr., of Sa- rison, of the Seaboard Road, to-day, vannah, is spending a few days with

Beard. Miss Pauline Clayton, who has been spending several days with her sister, Mrs. Wilmott Sandifer, near

Bamberg last Friday. Messrs. Jacob Hiers and Robert men to rob cars in the yards here

here Sunday.

Bishop spent Sunday last at the home ern. The tobacco was due to points of Mr. Thomas Clayton.

Sunday afternoon. -Mr. G. H. Kearse, of the Colston section, was in the city yesterday.

TWO ATTEMPTS AT ASSAULT.

Mrs. Charles Sellers Successfully Defended Herself From Negro.

MULLINS, May 5.-Mrs. Charles Sellers, living at Zion, a small station on the Raleigh and Charleston railway, was the victim of two bold attempts at criminal assault on Saturday night between 9 and 10 o'clock. The assailant, a negro, was most persistent in his efforts to accomplish his diabolical purpose and his daring boldness was outwitted by the nerve of the intended victim of his hellish impulse. Due only to her courage, Mrs. Sellers saved herself from the

It appears that Mrs. Sellers' hus-

band had left his wife at home with only two little girls, while he had walked down to the depot on business. Soon after his departure Mrs. Sellers heard a rap upon the back It seems plain that some knowledge scream brought passersby to her assistance and the negro, hearing his mind, for he talks of this most the approach of assistance, escaped from the house. When Mrs. Sellers can be gotten from his talk, as it is lightly, thinking that it was only a to play a joke upon her and she was left alone again. However, she armed herself with an axe and after Tuesday night, where it is hoped forced his way into the home and sprang upon Mrs. Sellers, grappling her about the throat. Mrs. Sellers fortunately was able to aim a blow at the culprit, and in dodging he the meantime the screams of Mrs. Sellers had attracted assistance, whereupon the brute escaped in the

As soon as the story became known a posse was organized and a systematic scouring of the neighborhood ensued. A suspicious negro named Malcomb Leggett was apprehended and carried before the intended victim, who after seeing him prompty said that he was not the man. Leggett was set at liberty and the hunt renewed. At 2:30 this afternoon a negro named William Mc-Duffy was found loitering about the neighborhood and could give no satisfactory account of his whereabouts during Saturday night. He was carried before Mrs. Sellers, who positively identified him as the man

who made the attempt. The community was very much wrought up and at one time a lynching was imminent. However, cooler heads prevailed and at 5 o'clock this afternoon a party was sent with McDuffy to Marion, where he will be placed in the county jail to await

McDuffy maintains his innocence, but bears a bad reputation thoughout this section and has served several sentences upon the chaingang for various offenses. Mrs. Sellers is highly respected in

the community in which she lives. The news of her experience caused considerable excitement throughout the county and that the fiend did not meet death at the hands of the infuriated people is proof of their high regard for the law.

Liquor Election in Newberry.

NEWBERRY, May 4.—The question of dispensary or no dispensary for Newberry county will be decided again at the polls at an early date, petitions containing the requisite number of names to assure the ordering of an election having been handed in to County Supervisor J. Monroe Wicker, who is empowered to order the election.

The dispensary was voted out of Newberry county about two years ago, and since that time the county has been "dry," with the exception of the illicit sale of liquor by "blind tigers." The question was supposed to have been decided at that time for four years, but upon the passage of the Carey-Cothran law at the last session of the legislature, Senator Cole L. Blease of Newberry inserted an amendment calling for another election on the question again this

Retail Grocer Arrested COLUMBIA, May 1.-R. R. Sealey,

proprietor of a retail grocery store, was arrester by Detective J. M. Harcharged with the theft of \$300 worth of tobacco, sugar and rice, which were located in an outhouse of his relative. Thomas Howell, a farmer, living near Jacob Station, sixteen miles north of Columbia on the Seaboard Road. Other arrests are ex-Mr. G. W. Beard, Jr., visited pected. It is believed there has been a conspiracy on the part of several Padgett, of Ehrhardt, were visitors or at stations near here. Some of the goods recovered were also Mrs. B. D. Bishop and Miss Letitia consigned to points on the Southin Georgia and Florida, the rice to Mr. J. J. McMillan, who is a guard points in North Carolina, and the charge against Mr. Sealey is grand larceny. He has been released on a bond of \$300. He has borne a good reputation and his arrest is a surprise.