

IN THE PALMETTO STATE

SOME OCCURRENCES OF VARIOUS KINDS IN SOUTH CAROLINA.

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

The Citadel cadets are now in camp at the Jamestown Exposition, and they will take part in the exercises of South Carolina day.

There is a movement on foot by Georgetown capitalists to establish a fertilizer factory five miles from the city on the Sampit river.

The dispensaryites are preparing to contest the recent election held in Kershaw county where a majority of the votes were against the dispensary.

Another steamer is to arrive in Charleston early in September loaded with immigrants from Europe. It is hoped to make the steamship line a permanent one.

Dr. J. M. Richardson was shot while driving along the street in Anderson on Saturday by a man named E. C. McConnell, who is thought to be out of his right mind. The wounds are not serious.

Some of the anti-dispensary people in Aiken county are not pleased at the refusal of the supervisor to order an election on the dispensary question. That official is being strongly criticised in the newspapers of the county.

The Branchville Journal, the latest entry in the newspaper field, was issued for the first time last week. It is a five column eight page sheet, all home print, and neatly gotten up. The issue is a very creditable one. Mr. C. A. Graves is editor and manager.

Jim Gardner and Joe Hoy, the young white men arrested in Columbia under suspicion of complicity in the murder of R. T. Westcott, have been released on bond of \$500 each. The evidence against them must be very weak, as they were allowed to go on their own bonds.

Bishop Ellison Capers is seriously ill at his summer home at Cedar Mountain, N. C., and it is feared he cannot recover. He had a stroke of paralysis, and the disease is affecting all parts of his body. This announcement will bring sorrow all over South Carolina, for the Bishop is loved wherever he is known.

R. C. Emanuel, a young white man, was run over by a train at Latta last Monday morning and instantly killed. He had just gotten off the train and was walking up the track. The train moved backward to go into the switch, and when he was called to get out of the way, by mistake he jumped in the center of the track and the train struck him.

Two little negro boys attempted to wreck a passenger train near Union last Friday by placing a cross tie on the track. They admitted the deed, and were soundly thrashed by their father. The railroad did not want to prosecute on account of their age. The boys said they put the tie on the track to see the train run over it. The engineer saw the obstruction and stopped the train in time.

George W. Mabius, a young white man of Batesburg, was waylaid and assassinated near that town last Saturday morning. He was shot with buckshot, and while he lived for awhile afterwards, he never regained consciousness. The coroner's jury returned a verdict that Lee Fallaw and Clifford Fallaw did the killing. Some time ago Mabius and Lee Fallaw had a fight and both were seriously cut.

The Fallaws, who are charged with the murder of young Mabius near Batesburg last Saturday, have been arrested and are in jail at Lexington. At first it was thought the young men had made their escape, but this proved to be incorrect. The community in which the killing occurred is much wrought up over the affair, and it is thought the young men kept out of the way, fearful that harm would be done them by the enraged citizens.

The case against Editor A. B. Jordan, charged with criminal libel, has been settled out of court which is a very happy conclusion of the case. It grew out of an article published in his paper, the Dillon Herald, in reference to the connection of some prominent citizens of Marion county with fraudulent tax receipts. He retracted his utterances and that stopped the case, although it had been transferred to Chesterfield and the trial was proceeding. Jordan did the right thing in apologizing and the other gentlemen did right to accept his disclaimer.

Governor Ansel has dealt a death blow to the hopes of the promoters of the new county, with North Augusta as the county seat. It will be remembered that an election was held some months ago, and recently the county lines were changed somewhat and another election was asked for, the name of the county being changed from Heyward to Gary. The opponents of the new county opposed another election, and the matter was argued before the governor last week. He declines to order the election, and says the matter cannot come up again until four years have elapsed.

FISH FRY AT "ROMEY'S."

An Interesting Letter from Mrs. Nettie O. Speaks.

The following letter from Mrs. Nettie Ogilvie Speaks was published in last week's Hampton Guardian. It is so good that we reproduce it, knowing that our readers will appreciate it:

The dull season is upon us, merchants are closing stores at 6:30 p. m., and we weary workers are having a little rest and recreation.

Fish fries are now the order of the day. The Edisto, a large and bold stream, is only three miles distant and its waters abound in fine fish. Scarcely a day passes without a party having a fry or stew on its banks.

My other half put a red breast perch on the scales not long since, and it weighed a full pound after it had been scaled and eviscerated! I remarked "that beats the Coosa-whatchie and Salkehatchie fish." He reluctantly admitted that it did, but in his steadfast loyalty to his old home went on to observe that the Edisto as a river was neither larger or prettier than the Salkehatchie.

Near Cannon's bridge, about five miles from Bamberg, there lives on the bank of the Edisto an old "befo de wah" darkey, Romeo Goyan, called "Romey" for short. He is a famous cook, and his cabin, a frame structure, clean as soap and water can make it, with yard neatly swept, is an inviting place.

Parties from here and other sections visit him almost daily during the fish season, and partake of his delicious stews and fries and "red horse bread." Many an interesting tale does "Romey" relate of the ex-governors, judges, and other distinguished men who have been his guests whose "tips" have enabled him to purchase the home and surrounding acres where he lives.

With Mr. L. C. Price as leader, a party of us paid "Romey" a visit last week. While he was getting ready the repast we took a ride on the river in a gasoline launch which sharpened our appetites for the feast which we found in readiness on our return. Ye gods and little fishes! what catfish stew, and fried trout and perch, and "red horse bread" and coffee! This was a new bread to the writer, and so delicious, that I beg lovers of the finny tribe to try some. It is made by simply mixing cornmeal with water, salt and egg, and dropped by spoonfuls in the hot lard in which fish have been fried.

While waiting on the table our dusky host entertained us in his inimitable way with stories of his sometime guests.

Dr. Black of this town he said never picked out bones, but put fish in at one side of his mouth and the bones rolled out at the other.

Sheriff Hunter (who is a man of large build and jovial disposition, reminding us of our beloved Sheriff Ruth of Hampton county) "Romey" declares "ain't nebbber yet been filled on a fish fry"—was at his house one day and after eating about eight pounds of fish at one sitting, and leaving the table last, said "Thank God for this little snack!"

We called on our host for a toast, but he could not recall one, and said "yunner nebbber bring anything wid you to help a man 'member'!" A sly fling at the temperance principles dominating our party.

We said goodbye at ten p. m. and drove home through the delightful coolness of the star-lighted night, voting "Romey" the prince of cooks, and Mr. Price, who planned and carried out the programme, a prince of good fellows.

The Carlisle Fitting School and the Graded School have closed for the session, after brilliant commencement exercises at each.

The boys and girls who have been away at other colleges have returned, and the streets are filled in the late afternoons with young people of both sexes whose Mecca is the soda fountains and ice cream parlors. By the way, the latter article sold here is exceptionally good being the product of the celebrated caterers Hahn, of Charleston and Conida, of Savannah.

The beaux of the town are wearing ribbon armlets and bows like the girls. My other half declares that he MAY wear the big legged trousers, but he draws the line at ribbon armlets!

We have all been too much engrossed with business affairs to visit our old home which we had hoped and intended to do ere this. Our thoughts constantly revert to the friends we bade good by four months ago and we wish to assure them that they are still—"Though lost to sight, to memory dear."

Destructive.

Uncle Pete was nailing furniture to the floor and taking dishes from the kitchen. "Expecting something, uncle?" asked the caller curiously. "Yes, boss," replied the old man solemnly. "I am expectin' a stohm." "You don't say? Thunderstorm?" "No, boss, wuss den dat. I am expectin' de old woman to hab one of dese brain stohms yo' heah so much about heah lately, en when et comes yo' want to be a mile away, kase she's wuss den a cyclone."

COUNTRY NEWS LETTERS

SOME INTERESTING HAPPENINGS IN VARIOUS SECTIONS.

News Items Gathered All Around the County and Elsewhere.

EHRHARDT, June 24.—No farmers hanging around these days. They are making use of the sunshine to kill the grass. A decided improvement is noticeable in corn and cotton plants, but grass looks sick.

Mr. Barney Jones returned to Newberry Saturday, accompanied by Master Earle Jones.

Ice is in good demand in this section. C. Ehrhardt & Sons have added ice and soft drinks to their business by request of their numerous customers. They are always on the lookout for the comfort and needs of their customers.

Col. C. Ehrhardt and his son, Henry, went to Bamberg last Sunday afternoon.

Sunday morning some colored youths were trying the speed of some mules on the streets, and the chief placed them in the lock up so as to stop such proceedings.

Capt J. M. Dannelly went to Bayard, Fla., Saturday to look after his business there.

There is a certain young man called on his best girl and she took him over the crop and showed him the condition of the same. The young man is in a quandary. He thinks the young lady meant for him to stay away and let her rest so she could help her father get the farm in shape. Young man, you struck the nail on the head this time I think. Don't you, Mr. Editor?

Mr. Henry Planer intends putting in a saw mill soon. He intends to saw for the farmers for half or so much money.

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Reunion of Company G.

The reunion of Co. G, 1st S. C. V., will take place on Thursday, the 25th day of July, 1907, at Bethesda church near the Clear Ponds in Bamberg county.

Hon. D. S. Henderson, of Aiken, and M. P. Howell, of Walterboro, have consented to be present and make addresses. The public is cordially invited, especially all old Confederate soldiers. G. W. Folk, J. H. Pearson, and Jasper Zeigler are the committee on music. P. K. Hughes, Charles Mitchell, and Ben Pearson on grounds.

J. B. HUNTER,
J. C. COPELAND,
W. T. BEARD,
Executive Committee.

Union Meeting.

The union of the second division of the Barnwell Baptist Association will meet with the Springtown church on next Saturday and Sunday. A full delegation will be expected.

J. B. HUNTER,
Moderator.

THOS. CLAYTON,
Clerk.
Bamberg, S. C., June 25, 1907.

Death of Mrs. J. D. D. Fairy.

BRANCHVILLE, June 22.—Mrs. J. D. D. Fairy, of this place, died yesterday morning and was laid to rest at the Branchville cemetery this afternoon, the funeral services being conducted by Rev. McMillan, of Blackville.

Mrs. Fairy was one of the oldest, best known, and highly esteemed ladies of this community. She was 75 years old at the time of her death. Mrs. Fairy was married to Mr. J. D. D. Fairy, who survives her, just 60 years ago, and has lived at this place since that time. The death of Mrs. Fairy is a severe shock to Mr. Fairy, who is now 86 years old, and he has the sympathy of this entire community.

Hearing Before Commissioner Capers.

WASHINGTON, June 22.—The question of whether the present South Carolina dispensary commission is liable for the payment of the internal revenue tax as other liquor dealers will be argued before United States Revenue Commissioner John G. Capers on July 1 or 2.

Several months ago the dispensary commission paid \$4,521 revenue tax; paid it to Collector Micah Jenkins at the order of the acting commissioner of internal revenue, Mr. Williams. But the dispensary commission paid this amount under protest and now that a sure enough commissioner of internal revenue has been installed, the dispensary commissioners have appealed to him to overrule the decision of the acting commissioner and release the present winding up board, not only from paying a revenue tax which has accrued but return to them the \$4,521 already paid. The dispensary commission is liable under the ruling now in force to pay \$28,241.87 more and may have to pay also a penalty of 50 per cent. of this for not having complied with the law.

Commissioner Capers today received a letter from W. F. Stevenson, attorney for the dispensary commissioners, asking for a hearing on July 1 or 2, and the hearing will take place on one or both of those dates, Commissioner Capers having replied to that effect.

MARRIED WITH SIGNS.

Deaf and Dumb Preacher Marries Deaf and Dumb Couple.

SPARTANBURG, June 20.—There was a novel marriage ceremony at Cedar Springs this afternoon which united the lives of Miss Dozia Smoak, of Cedar Springs, and W. W. Worley, of Pittsburg, Pa., both of whom are deaf and dumb, as was also the minister, the Rev. J. W. Michaels, who performed the ceremony. The sign language, the only language known by the parties, was used. A large number of friends attended the ceremony.

High School Election.

The petitions calling for an election on the question of establishing a high school at Bamberg have been circulated this week and the necessary signatures obtained. Bamberg and Hampton school districts will unite in holding the election, and it will be called at an early date. That the taxpayers of these districts will vote for the high school seems a foregone conclusion, as every one seems to be in favor of it. The high school feature will add two grades to our graded school, and will necessitate the employment of an additional teacher.

July Term of Court.

Court will convene here next Monday morning at ten o'clock, Judge J. C. Klugh presiding. The term will only last one week, petit jurors for one week only having been drawn. Some important criminal and civil cases are to be tried. The jurors are as follows:

A J Page,	W R Bessinger,
H E Warren,	J J Elkins,
G W Goosby,	J S A Ayer,
B F Zeigler,	G F Rentz,
W C Carroll,	A L Wilson,
C E Sandifer,	M C Chitty,
O D Faust, Jr.,	W T Still,
G B Kearse,	M N Price,
G W Beard, Jr.,	C L Brant,
J P Storne,	L J Tant,
J M Felder,	L J Hartzog,
W B Smith,	C F Eaves,
H B Rice,	L W Abstance,
D F Hutto,	C J Creech,
C S Folk,	J A Kennedy,
E T Morris,	C F Warren,
C C Carroll, Jr.,	V J Hartzog,
J M Bessinger,	A Bessinger.

Program for Evangelistic Institute.

Barnwell, Edisto, and Orangeburg Associations, Denmark, July 2-3.

JULY 2.

10:00 a m—Devotional Exercises—H. J. Snyder.
10:20 a m—Organization.
10:30 a m—The Revival Needed—W. M. Jones, D. D.
11:10 a m—The Holy Spirit in Evangelization—W. W. Willian.
11:50 a m—The Bible in Evangelization—A. J. Foster.
12:40 p m—Miscellaneous business and adjournment.
3:00 p m—Devotional Exercises—T. S. Wright.
3:15 p m—Prayer in Evangelization—J. C. Brown, D. D.
4:20 p m—Problems in Evangelization—An open conference.
Adjournment at will.
8:30 p m—Devotional Exercises—J. P. Graham.
8:50 p m—The Church Membership in Evangelization—G. W. Garner.
Adjournment at will.

JULY 3.

10:00 a m—Devotional Exercises—S. P. Hair.
10:15 a m—The Evangelist, Pastor or Otherwise—E. M. Lightfoot.
11:05 a m—Evangelization and the Sunday school—J. D. Moore.
11:50 a m—Evangelization in the Home—C. E. Burts, D. D.
Adjournment at will.
3:00 p m—Devotional Exercises—B. M. Foreman.
3:15 p m—Men and Evangelism—Philip McLean.
4:00 p m—Plans for Evangelization in our Association—An open conference.

Every pastor within these associations is earnestly requested to attend this institute, and to send his name to Rev. H. J. Snyder, Denmark, and he will assign them homes. This is very important.

W. M. Jones, E. M. Lightfoot,
G. W. Garner, W. W. Willian,
J. O. Sessoms, J. P. Graham.

A Scientific Opinion.

There is a certain cooking school where every day in the week large classes of girls convene for instruction in the gentle art of raising the dough.

Last week a class of 30 rather impractical girls, as most of them are, was studying the doughnut scientifically.

One of the dullest pupils in the class, who never could learn to boil water without burning it, was rather inattentive while the teacher was lecturing on "Sinkers."

Thinking to catch her and administer a rebuke on her inattention, the teacher suddenly broke off and asked: "Miss Smith, what is the healthiest part of the doughnut?"

DIDN'T WANT NAMES USED.

Two Bennettsville Young Men Fight Over Newspaper Story.

BENNETTSVILLE, June 20.—J. K. Owens and Robert B. Ricaud, two prominent young men of this place, engaged in a fist fight on the public square here yesterday as a result of which both have several bruises about the face and head, and Ricaud's ear is painfully bitten.

The difficulty grew out of a communication which Mr. Owens had published in the State giving an account of Wm. Eason being fined for shooting on the street Saturday night, in which the following statement occurred:

"It seems that young Eason, with two chums, Robert Ricaud and Kenneth Matheson, was having a good time late Saturday night, and while on the square fired his pistol, and the ball hit the statue of the Confederate monument."

Messrs. Matheson and Ricaud objected to having their names connected with the incident, and asked Mr. Owens to make a correction. He told them he would correct any error that they would point out. Ricaud told him that if he did not find them himself and correct them he would give him a thrashing. There was an editorial in yesterday's State about the incident, which further incensed Ricaud and Matheson. They accosted Mr. Owens near his law office as he was starting to dinner, and the fight followed. Owens, Ricaud and Matheson have been arrested and will be tried before the mayor.

Night Work for the Glass-House Boy.

Contrast life on the farm with the life of the little glass-house boy, who every other week enters the factory at five in the evening, sits at the feet of the glass blower to open and shut the molds, stands at his side to break off the soft, wax-like glass from the end of the blow pipe, or carries the hot ware from the finisher to the annealing oven. After a night of eight or nine hours in this superheated factory this little boy must go out into the raw, cold morning to prepare himself by sleep for another night of labor. To compel young boys at the time of life when body and mind are undergoing their most rapid transformation to be employed at labor not only exhausting in itself, but involving a radical change in all the habits of life each week, is to fasten upon childhood an exaction not only inhuman in itself, but menacing to our future social well-being.—Secretary of the National Child Labor Committee in Woman's Home Companion for July.

The Best Remedy.

"Young man," said the merchant, "I hear you've been kicking because you've got so much to do." "Well, yes, sir," replied the clerk, "I do think that." "H'm! we'll have to give you so much more to do hereafter that you won't have time to kick."

Cotton Association Meeting.

Friday, July 12th, will be a big day in Bamberg. On that day the officers of the South Carolina Cotton Association will be here and make addresses. President E. D. Smith, Francis H. Weston, and F. H. Hyatt will all be here. The meeting will be held in the court house, and will be at ten or eleven o'clock. Better be here by ten o'clock, as the days are so warm, it is likely the meeting will commence early. We are in receipt of the following from President James B. Guess:

Denmark, S. C., June 24, '07.
Dear Mr. Editor:—Will you kindly publish the following letter in the next three issues of your paper and urge everybody to attend?

Columbia, S. C., June 11, '07.
James B. Guess, President, Denmark, S. C.—Dear Sir: We will visit your county on Friday, July 12th. Please give it all the advertisement you can, and see that the farmers, bankers, merchants, and business men are all notified, as we wish to get our organization as complete as possible. Yours very truly,

E. D. SMITH,
F. H. WESTON,
F. H. HYATT.

Electric Fans.

There was a regular meeting of Bamberg lodge, Knights of Pythias, last Monday evening. There was only a small attendance of the members, but some matters of importance were attended to. An important amendment was made to the by-laws, and the lodge decided to purchase two electric fans for the use of the lodge on meeting nights. They will be here and installed in time for the next meeting, so let all the members turn out and keep cool. The fans bought are desk or wall fans and they will be for the use of the Knights only, and after each meeting they will be locked up with the other property of the lodge.

The medicine that sets the whole world thinking. The remedy on which all doctors agree. The prescription all your friends are taking is Hollister's Rocky Mountain Tea. H. F. Hoover.

ANTI-DISPENSARYITES WON.

Clean Majority Against the System in Kershaw.

CAMDEN, June 21.—In the dispensary election held yesterday fourteen precincts with one more to hear from give a total vote of 556. Of this 322 was against the dispensary and 234 for it, or a majority of 88 against the dispensary. The missing box will probably bring the majority against the dispensary up to 100. A vote was also taken on "manufacture" and "no manufacture," and the manufacture lost out also, but up to now the exact figures are not obtainable.

In the election every precaution was taken to make it conform strictly to law, and a cleaner, fairer election was never held in this or any other county. Yet there is talk of hunting up some technical grounds of protesting it. There is no intimation whatever of fraud and whether or not the dispensary advocates will resort to this extreme to save it upon technical grounds the next few days may tell.

Mayor's Court.

Monday morning Mayor Hair had before him two negroes named R. C. and B. C. Miller. They are brothers and got too gay Saturday night and were arrested. The charge against R. C. Miller was drunk and disorderly and carrying a concealed weapon. He was given \$10.00 or 30 days for disorderly conduct and \$20.00 or 30 days for carrying a concealed weapon. B. C. Miller was drunk and cursing and carrying an open knife in his hand. He was given \$15.00 or 30 days. They both paid up, the fines being paid by their employer.

Mike Guess and Charlie Jones, both negroes, were up before the mayor last week to give an accounting for the row they had at the oil mill about two weeks ago, in which Guess shot Jones with a shot gun loaded with small shot. Jones was not much hurt, however. Jones was fined \$10.00 which was paid. Guess was fined \$15.00, and he appealed to council, being represented by an attorney. The appeal was to have been heard Tuesday afternoon, but on Monday Guess paid up. He no doubt was afraid to risk his chances at another trial.

Preacher Disgraced.

We believe in minding our own business, but we must question the propriety of publishing to the world the Billings affair at Blackville. We had known of the investigation for two or three weeks, but refrained from mentioning it, and would not do so now had not an article appeared in the daily papers. Innocent parties suffer from such publications, and we seriously doubt the wisdom of making public such a nauseating affair. One serious error was made in the special from Blackville, which stated a "pretty domestic" was involved. The servant girl concerned in the affair was a negro. This girl had been employed in the home of the Rev. Billings for some time, but left and came to Bamberg, where she secured employment. For the last few months he had been trying to get her back, and his many trips down here for this purpose no doubt gave rise to the first suspicions against him. During the investigation, two gentlemen from Blackville came down and carried the girl up to testify in the case.

Church Scandal at Blackville.

BLACKVILLE, June 23.—What has been one of the greatest sensations that this town has ever known is that which culminated in the ex-communication from Baptist church here today of Rev. C. M. Billings, its pastor.

Billings' resignation was asked for on last Sunday, and positive proof of the awful scandal which has been generally reported on him recently being in the hands of the church, he was today excluded.

Billings, upon hearing that his church had positive proof that cast away the slightest possibility of his innocence being believed even by his friends, left town on the next train. A pretty domestic is involved. His wife, who is an invalid, and his only child, a small boy, are still here.

Just what he will do with himself and them is not known.

Billings left yesterday afternoon for parts unknown.

Rev. Billings in Augusta.

AUGUSTA, Ga., June 24.—Rev. C. M. Billings of Blackville gave out the following tonight:

"The Rev. C. M. Billings, who was reported yesterday morning as having deserted his invalid wife and helpless child at Blackville, S. C., came to Augusta from Blackville last night. He states that he has no further statement to make at present regarding the unpleasant affair than to say that he has never thought of deserting his family or fleeing to parts unknown and that the correspondent from Blackville knew that there were no grounds for such a statement.

"Mr. Billings will be in the city for a few days and hopes his friends and acquaintances will withhold judgment upon the deplorable affair until he has time to advise with them."