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IN THE PALMETTO STATE

SOME OCCURRENCES OF VARIOUS KINDS IN SOUTH CAROLINA.

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

Col. R. W. Simpson has resigned as chairman of the board of trustees of Clemson college.

Charles Rook was shot and killed in Spartanburg county on Saturday by Bud Pearson—both colored.

The Seaboard Air Line is to establish a telegraph school at Cheraw, where young men will be taught free of charge.

Claude E. Myers, of Pickens, 25 years old, a brakeman, was crushed to death between cars on the Southern in Greenville on Thursday.

While handling a revolver last Thursday night, Brady Melton, a young white lad of Union, was shot in the left eye. He cannot recover.

Walker Forrester, a lineman, 20 years old, was killed in Greenville on Saturday by an electric shock while working among some wires on a pole.

Alan Johnstone, of Newberry, has been elected chairman of the board of trustees of Clemson college, to succeed R. W. Simpson, who resigned.

The first bale of new cotton for this State was sold by a negro in Marion last Thursday. It brought fifteen cents a pound, and was shipped to Charleston.

Governor Ansel has sent out a letter to all the sheriffs notifying them to seize Crescent ale, a beverage which is being sold, that contains more than three per cent alcohol.

James Henry Rice, State secretary of the Audubon society, says he is going to make vigorous efforts to break up the practice of dynamiting and trapping fish in the Edisto river.

The people of Spartanburg county voted against a bond issue of \$200,000 for road improvement by a small majority last week. A similar proposition was recently defeated in Anderson county.

The Piedmont Electrical company of Anderson has gone into bankruptcy. At a meeting of the stockholders of the company held on the 19th inst., it was decided to take this step and Mr. C. H. Geiger, the referee in bankruptcy, has adjudged the company bankrupt and has called a meeting of the creditors of the company to be held in his office on the 30th inst.

Sheriff McMillan, of Greenwood, Friday arrested J. B. Watson, a white man wanted in Vance county, N. C., as an escaped prisoner, who was held in jail there under a sentence of twenty-five years for murder. Some time ago Watson moved to Greenwood county with his family, assuming the name of J. E. Brooks, and since his residence there his conduct has been good and his reputation is that of an honest citizen.

Tillman Suspects Taft.

NEW YORK, Aug. 24.—A Washington, Ohio, dispatch to the Tribune says:

"Senator Tillman, of South Carolina, is not backward in expressing his views on the subject of Republican presidential timber. In answer to a question, Senator Tillman said: 'I do not believe that the fact that President Roosevelt is, on the face of it, backing the effort to nominate Secretary Taft for the presidency will serve in any degree to strengthen the chances for the secretary's nomination. In my opinion Taft will hurt his prospects if he attempts to stand as a stool pigeon and personal representative of the president. If he stands as the representative of Taft rather than of Roosevelt he will be much stronger before the people.'

"Really, however, I think that the president is after this nomination himself and that his present maneuvering is for the purpose of getting the situation so tied up that a deadlock will result in the Republican national convention, and that the president hopes and expects it will be stamped to him—nominate him by acclamation and hand the nomination to him on a silver platter, with assurance from the convention that he is the only man who can lead the Republican party and the country out of the wilderness. The president did not tell me this, for I never call on him, you know, but this is what I think.

"Whom do I think the Republicans will nominate for the presidency? Well, Governor Hughes surely will get the New York delegation to the national convention. He seems to have made himself popular with the people of his state and his chances of securing the nomination seem to me to be better than those of any other man now mentioned. With such a state as New York back of him he will be a power in the convention from the very start."

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NEW SOLICITOR APPOINTED.

Senator Wells, of Florence, Succeeds John S. Wilson.

COLUMBIA, August 23.—Senator Walter H. Wells, of Florence, has been appointed by Governor Ansel solicitor of the 3rd circuit to succeed the Hon. John S. Wilson, who resigned to accept the position of judge of the same circuit, an office also made vacant by the resignation of Judge R. O. Purdy, of Sumter. The resignation of Solicitor Wilson became effective on August 20, and the appointment of Mr. Wells becomes effective at once. He will enter upon the duties as soon as he qualifies. Judge Wilson will don the ermine on September 1st.

The term for which Mr. Wells is appointed solicitor expires January 1, 1909, and the election will take place next summer for the four year term. It is presumed that Mr. Wells will at once resign from the Senate, and this will necessitate the calling of a special election to select his successor.

Our New York Letter.

New York is to be invaded by the "Holy Jumpers." The sect is known as the "Pentecostal Union." It holds articles of incorporation under the Colorado State laws and has thousands of members out West. To live by faith and preach against the evils of the day is its mission, the leaders claim.

The leader is a man named Bridwell, and he pours forth utterances on this order: "The cities of the East are cursed with fallen churches and hireling pastors. The ministers have truckled to those who pay them their salaries until they no longer have a shred of spiritual independence. If they preach the truth they lose their positions. We have no salaries. God provides for our wants. We will preach in New York against the short comings and sins of the day and will dance undoubtedly, while the dancing is not exactly a part of our ritual it attracts people to hear what we have to say."

Shades of Paul, Luther, Wesley, Whitfield, Moody, 'jumping' to draw people from the way of the world. These apparently zealous folks imagine they are going to regenerate Broadway. They have decided to hold their meetings in the heart of the 'tenderloin' section, and hundreds of thousand passers will halt, listen, pass on, as they usually do. Some there will be who will accept the new form and join the "Holy Jumpers" just as there were in the days of Dowie. For follies New Yorkers should be given the palm. Here no matter how ridiculous, the heterogeneous population always furnishes some food for any freakish movement.

The "Jumpers" will preach, dance and sing right in the heart of the city. The invading zealots are to number sixty male and female. Between their "jumping," which includes every manner of step from the dervish's whirl to the sailor's hornpipe, they will warn New Yorkers of destruction that is bound to come in the shape of a pillar of fire. They will endeavor to interest the people of the city, and if successful will establish here as in Denver, their parent city, a missionary (?) school. They will rely on their jumping and dancing, the men in bloomers and the women in blue flannel skirts, to gain the town's notice. At any stage of the "Holy Jumper's" meetings the inspiration to dance is likely to seize the members.

With a shout of joy one begins, others follow. Perhaps the first "moved" begins by waltzing alone around the ring. Another joins him, they grasp shoulders and the waltz livens into a movement like a very rapid two step. Then they stop, face each other, and whirl like dervishes, ending their performance by jumping high in the air and sometimes half turning before reaching the ground.

Excited by the dance, singing and shouts, others join. The women skip about like school girls, seize and drag one another into the circle. By and by the whole assemblage is whirling and jumping and shouting, but the women never dance with the men. The whole performance is intended to typify the religious rites of the ancients. And still it is claimed we are a civilized nation.

Dowie's invasion was a signal failure; it remains to be seen how the "Jumpers" will succeed.

H. W. FINLAYSON.

Yorkville "New Era" Sold.

YORKVILLE, Aug. 25.—The printing outfit, consisting of presses, type, etc., of the late New Era newspaper was sold at public auction on Saturday, under foreclosure of mortgages amounting to about \$400.

It was bought by J. S. Brice, Esq., attorney for creditors, for the sum of \$150. It is rumored that an effort will be made to organize a joint stock company to take hold of the plant and make additions to it, and secure the services of a competent newspaper man and establish an up-to-date newspaper and do a general printing business. From expressions that have been heard there is quite a probability that a strong company, with plenty of capital, will be organized.

OIL COMPANY WILL CONTINUE.

Anderson Concern will not Go into Liquidation.

ANDERSON, August 24.—At a meeting of the stockholders of the Anderson Phosphate and Oil Company held here to-day it was decided to continue the business and not go into liquidation. Capt. E. A. Smyth was elected president. The affairs of the company were found in better shape than was generally thought and it has been the money stringency that has caused the trouble. The stockholders were in session three hours and most of the stock was represented in person or by proxy. It is probable that several of the out of town oil mills will be sold and the directors will begin at once straightening up the affairs of the company and to relieve the financial situation. The meeting has brought about a renewed confidence in the company, and it is a matter of congratulation that it will not have to go into bankruptcy.

Anderson Girl Meets Sad Death.

ANDERSON, August 26.—The waters of the Portman dam claimed a beautiful girl victim this afternoon, when Miss Carrie Bailey, the 19-year-old daughter of Mrs. Carrie Bailey, was drowned.

Miss Bailey, in company with Misses Estelle and Fannie Beck and Mr. Belton Divver, of this city, went up to the bath house, which is at the upper edge of the dam, and were intending to go in swimming. Along the side of the river was stretched a small wire on which the three young ladies were sitting, when suddenly it broke and they were hurled into the river backwards.

Mr. Divver succeeded in rescuing the Misses Beck, but before he could reach Miss Bailey her body sank from view and was not recovered until an hour later.

Miss Bailey was to have been married on September 19 to Mr. F. H. Walker, of Elberton, Ga. She was a very popular young lady and her death was a great shock to her many friends. Her mother runs a boarding house at Portman Shoals.

The wire on which the young ladies were sitting was a very small one and was stretched along the bank of the river. The young ladies were sitting on it and were swinging when it broke.

Negro Killing in Saluda.

SALUDA, Aug. 26.—Hamp Henley, colored, shot and mortally wounded Ed Wilson, another negro, on Saturday night near Kempton's ferry, in this county. Henley came to Saluda yesterday morning and surrendered to the sheriff and is now in jail.

Wilson married Henley's sister and they recently parted. The shooting was the result of a row over Wilson's wife's "things."

Henley fired upon Wilson with a shotgun and wounded him in the leg. There being no one present, Wilson was left lying in the road, where he bled to death from the wound.

Railroad Assessment Raised.

The figures on the assessments for the railroads doing business in South Carolina will be made public in a few days. The assessments were practically decided upon by the State board of railroad assessors some time ago, but there has been much discussion as to the basis for taxation.

It is understood that the Southern railway has been assessed on a basis of \$20,000,000, which is a raise of about \$6,000,000, and the Atlantic Coast Line on a basis of \$14,000,000, a raise of about \$3,000,000. There has been no material change in the assessments of the Seaboard Air Line railway.

On the increased assessments the two roads would pay \$45,000 additional to the State on the 5-mill levy for general purposes and \$27,000 on the constitutional 3-mill tax for schools, not to speak of an average of 4 mills for general purposes in each county through which the roads pass.—Columbia State.

Slightly Fixed.

This is told as an actual happening to a Kansas man. He and his family had gathered around the supper-table, and all heads were bowed for him to ask a blessing, when the telephone bell rang. The man answered it; and, coming back to the table, again bowed his head, but again the telephone rang. He answered that call; then for the third time seated himself and, bowing his head, said, "Hello!"

The opponents of the dispensary lost out in the election held last Tuesday in Bamberg county to determine whether or not whiskey should continue to be sold in that county, and up to this time we have failed to observe any mention to the effect that a contest will be made. Furthermore we have no apprehension that such a thing will be done because the anti dispensary voters go upon principle alone and after they have had fair opportunity to express themselves they are content to accept the results until the opportunity should offer again. It's different where revenue is involved.—Kershaw Era.

HANDSOME CHURCH BURNED.

Bennettsville Presbyterians Lose Building they Had Just Erected.

BENNETTSVILLE, August 24.—The splendid new Presbyterian church here is in ashes. At 4.30 o'clock this morning fire was discovered in the southeast corner of the basement. It spread rapidly till the building was consumed.

The church had just been completed. The pews were put in yesterday and the library moved in. The building cost \$20,000 and was the handsomest church edifice in the eastern part of the State. The Presbyterians, led by their energetic pastor, Dr. Bunyan McLeod, labored earnestly and faithfully to erect this beautiful house of worship. They still owe \$9,200 on the building and had only \$8,000 insurance.

Fortunately the new pipe organ and the carpet had not been put in. Opinion is divided as to the origin of the fire. Some firmly believe that it was incendiary. Others think that a match or cinder from a cigar was dropped into some trash by the workmen, who finished putting in the pews yesterday afternoon. Others are of opinion that it was caused by defective wiring for electric lights.

The town's hand fire engine was in Hinson's stables, on the opposite side of the street from the Presbyterian church, but nobody got there to operate it in time to even make an attempt to save the burning building. It was got into action after the church had practically burned down, and was used to prevent other buildings from catching.

Mr. McLeod, the pastor, is away. He was given a vacation during August, and is supplying a church in Boston during the vacation of his pastor. The people of the town of all denominations deeply sympathize with him and his members in their heavy loss.

People Rally to the Rescue.

BENNETTSVILLE, August 24.—A subscription for the rebuilding of the Presbyterian church was started on a blackboard in front of the Planters' National Bank this morning. A. J. Matheson headed the list with \$2,000. All day as citizens passed they stopped and wrote their subscriptions on the board. At noon the amount was over four thousand dollars and at 7 p. m. this evening it is \$7,502. Old subscriptions and the insurance will pay the indebtedness. The subscriptions today are for a new building.

THIRTEEN CENTS FOR COTTON.

Spartanburg County Association Fixes Minimum Price.

SPARTANBURG, August 24.—The county cotton growers' association met here today and passed a resolution that thirteen cents be fixed as the minimum price of cotton. Mr. J. H. Gosnell was elected delegate to the meeting to be held in Columbia, August 30, for the purpose of finding out the wishes of the various county associations as to what shall be the minimum price of cotton.

The association decided to organize a spot cotton exchange for the purpose of selling cotton in bulk. The members will be assessed a small fee for the purpose of paying the expense of the man handling the cotton.

Negro Murdered in Laurens.

LAURENS, Aug. 26.—After an interval of several weeks another negro murder is recorded in Laurens. Last night Constable Elledge, of Sullivan township, brought to jail Mose Herbert, who is charged with shooting and killing another darky by the name of Ned Roseman near Boyd's mill. The killing occurred about 4 o'clock and is said to have been the result of a dispute between the two men over 50 cents. Only one shot was fired and Roseman was killed instantly.

Judge Aldrich Unwell.

COLUMBIA, August 26.—Judge James Aldrich has written Governor Ansel to ask for leave of absence until December on the advice of his physicians, who do not think that the Judge will be able to hold court until that time. Judge Aldrich states that he will be unable to preside at the term of court for Richland county, which opens in Columbia next week.

The Governor, on his return to the city, will appoint some other Judge or some special Judge to act in the place of Judge Aldrich.

Decayed Spots in His Cotton.

BARNWELL, August 23.—Mr. J. M. Easterling, one of the largest planters of this section, brought in yesterday from his farm a number of cotton bolls which had several decayed spots upon them and upon examination it was discovered that the spots were rotten through and through. Mr. Easterling immediately expressed a number of bolls to the department of agriculture at Washington for analysis. Great fear of boll weevil is expressed among the farmers.

Because of inability to fill orders, American operators have recently declined large foreign orders for coal. The shortage in all grades of coal is said to be increasing daily.

WE LEAD IN MANY THINGS

SOUTH CAROLINA IS REALLY AND TRULY A GREAT STATE.

Some Remarkable Statements Showing the Palmetto State's Supremacy in Many Lines.

South Carolina is truly a great State. How many people in Bamberg county know that it leads the world in the following respects:

Growth of cabbage—Norman H. Blich, Meggett, S. C. One thousand acres. Began a poor man, working for small wages in 1891. It cost \$110,000 to cultivate his crop.

Shipper of cabbage plants—Wm. C. Geraty, Young's Island. Ships 40,000,000, worth \$35,000. Has booked 100 cars, 100,000,000 plants for this year's delivery. Began poor.

Pecan grower—John S. Horlbeck, Mount Pleasant, S. C. Main grove, 600 acres; two smaller groves with 10,000 trees each. Annual production 10,000 tons.

Cotton mill under one roof—Olympia Mills, Columbia, S. C. Has 11 acres of floor space, and 105,000 spindles.

In the production of upland cotton per acre.

In the quality of sea island cotton. Yield of corn per acre as demonstrated in world contests.

Yield of rice per acre.

In addition to this South Carolina leads all of the Southern States, according to an apparently reliable authority.

In tea culture, possessing the only tea gardens in America.

In the first use of transmitted electric power for cotton mill drive, not only in the South but in the world.

In cotton manufacturing, being second to Massachusetts in the entire country.

In production of gold, leading all States east of the Rockies.

In the effort to establish direct import and export trade and trans-Atlantic passenger service.

In the cheapness of the cost of living.

In climatic conditions, which are only equaled by those of Southern France.

In variety of opportunities for the home seeking agriculturist.

In water power.

In yield of oats per acre.

In harbor facilities, depth of water on bar and accessibility considered.

In rapidity of development of the trucking industry.

In the production and marketing of kaolin.

In the extent of cheese manufacturing.

In size of bleachery.

In the strength of her granite.

In the manufacture of paper pulp.

In welfare work in her cotton manufacturing districts.

South Carolina takes second rank among the States of the Union in cotton manufacturing; fourth rank in the manufacture of commercial fertilizers; fifth rank in the canning industry; fifth rank in the manufacture of hosiery; and fifth in the production of raw cotton.

Decries Whipping Post.

WILMINGTON, DEL., Aug. 21.—Disapproving of the Delaware whipping post, declaring that it is a failure and refusing to further lash prisoners, Asmond S. Meserve, warden of the New Castle County workhouse near here, and one of the leading criminologists of the country, has resigned. He was relieved of the office at a meeting of the trustees of the institution on Tuesday.

Mr. Meserve, who came here from Wellsboro, Mass., eight years ago, to become chief warden of the Ferris Industrial School for Boys, took charge of the workhouse six years ago.

"I cannot longer stand for the Delaware whipping post. I have made a very careful and unbiased study of the effect and believe it is bad. I cannot recall a single case in its favor. It brings out all in a man that is revengeful and he arrays himself against law, order and society."

The whipping post has been a Delaware institution for over a century. The legislature last winter, abolished the pillory.

Out of Work.

One of the Senators from Georgia tells of a darky in that State who sought work at the hands of a white man. The latter inquired whether the negro had a boat. Upon being answered in the affirmative he said:

"You see that driftwood floating down stream?"

"Yessah."

"Then," continued the other, "row out into the river and catch it. I'll give you half of what you bring in."

The darky immediately proceeded to do as instructed and for a while worked hard. Then, of a sudden, he ceased to labor and pulled for the shore.

"What's the trouble?" asked the employer.

"Look hyar, boss," said the darky indignantly, "dat wood is jess as much mine as yours, I ain't gwine to give yo' any. So I'se outer work again."

WHITE MAN HELD.

Charged With Attempted Criminal Assault in Saluda.

SALUDA, Aug. 25.—Mike H. Mitchell, a white man about 35 years old, was lodged in jail here last night, charged with attempting to commit criminal assault upon his wife's younger sister at his home yesterday afternoon. In the evening an urgent phone message was sent to the sheriff asking him to come to the home of Mrs. Mary Witt, the mother of the young lady as soon as possible. All efforts to ascertain the nature of the trouble were unavailing until Sheriff Sample returned last night with Mitchell and placed him in jail.

The story of the affair as related to the sheriff is as follows:

Mitchell went to the home of his mother-in-law and stated that his wife was preparing to go out for the afternoon and wanted to see her sister before going. On reaching her sister's home the young lady went in and as soon as she entered Mitchell followed, closing the door behind him and locking it. Mitchell's wife and children had already gone away and this was the method employed by him to get the young lady to his home. Failing in his foul purpose he unlocked the door and the young lady went home and reported the affair. It is stated that Mitchell followed her part of the way, begging her not to tell it and threatening to kill her if she did.

As soon as the affair became known armed men appeared and trouble of a serious nature was feared and it is probable that they would have taken the law in their own hands if Mitchell had been found. The sheriff found him near his father's home and took him into custody. Mitchell denies the whole affair.

The young lady is held in the highest esteem by the people in that community. Mitchell is a son of Mr. John P. Mitchell, one of the most substantial as well as one of the most highly esteemed men of this county.

The sheriff was undetermined last night whether to place Mitchell in jail here or to carry him to Columbia. It is now thought that no effort will be made to harm Mitchell since it has been known that he has been arrested and is now in the sheriff's custody.

The social standing of the two families involved makes the whole affair a most deplorable one.

Mitchell Taken to Columbia.

SALUDA, August 26.—Acting upon information imparted to him late this evening, Sheriff Sample is now leaving Saluda for Columbia with Mike H. Mitchell, the young white man lodged in jail here Saturday night charged with attempting to commit a criminal assault upon a young lady in his home. The information coming to the sheriff was brought by good men, and acting upon it to avert trouble, he is carrying Mitchell to a place of safe-keeping, there being danger from all reports of a raid being made upon the jail at this place at any moment.

Feeling is running high in the section where the outrage occurred. It is stated that a number of men went to Chappell's Saturday night, where they thought the sheriff had gone with Mitchell to board the train for Columbia. They have now learned that Mitchell is in jail at Saluda.

Razor to Bring Fortune.

NEW YORK, Aug. 24.—W. J. Anderson, who arrived here on the royal packet Tagus from the Panama canal zone on the way to his home in Columbus, Ohio, has a razor that may identify him as the heir to an estate in Ireland worth millions. Just where the vast property is is not known, but family history has passed the implement on from youngest son to youngest son for many generations, with the expectation of the ultimate great reward. The family is of Scotch-Irish descent. The razor is over 200 years old.

Several months ago Mr. and Mrs. Anderson saw an advertisement in a newspaper for heirs to an Anderson estate that is on the records of the English chancery courts, and which he believes is the estate of which he is the sole heir. He returned from the Panama canal to devote most of his time for a while toward a solution of the matter.

Court in Laurens.

LAURENS, Aug. 25.—The fall term of court for Laurens county will be convened Monday, Sept. 9, with Judge Ernest Gray presiding. The criminal docket may not be quite so heavy as at the last two or three sessions, but among the murder charges there are four white defendants, namely: G. Walsh Hunter, John Boyd, Carrol D. Nance and Geo. M. Tucker. Hunter has been tried three times for the murder of Elbert Cope-land, the young man of Clinton who was killed in R. Lee Hunter's store at Goldville, on the night of July 18, 1906. The cases against the other white defendants are all new and the alleged victim in each case was a negro.

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