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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.

Nineteen new banks have been organized in South Carolina since the first of last January.

Claude Moore, yard master of the Southern Railway at Chester, was struck by the engine of an incoming passenger train in that city last Saturday night and fatally injured. He died Sunday morning.

Abbeville county is making efforts to vote out the dispensary. Petitions asking for an election on the question are now being circulated. The anti-dispensary movement originated in the town of McCormick.

D. J. Winn, of Sumter, won his suit in New York last week against Carpenter, Baggot & Co., brokers on the New York cotton exchange. Winn claimed breach of contract and damages therefor of \$2,275. He was awarded this sum with interest.

It has been brought to the attention of Attorney General Lyon that the Georgetown county dispensary board has established and is successfully operating a jim crow beer dispensary, keeping separate drinking rooms for white and colored patrons, these rooms being separated from the dispensary and from each other by board partitions. He found no fault in the law with the jim crow part of it but rendered an opinion that the rooms being contiguous are in violation of the drinking on the premises inhibition of the law.

No Bail for Jake Etheredge.

AIKEN, Aug. 30.—The preliminary hearing for Jake Etheredge, colored, was held on Wednesday by magistrate Smoak. Etheredge was arrested some time ago charged with criminal assault upon his 7-year-old stepchild, the charge being made by his wife. The crime was alleged to have been committed on the 7th of August, but owing to the illness of the victim, the preliminary was not held at that time. A strong case has been made against the negro and he was committed to jail without bail to await trial for the crime with which he is charged.

A Tart Old Lady.

In Indiana a good many years ago a certain old lady, summoned as a witness, came into court wearing a large poke bonnet, such as was then much affected by rural folks. Her answers to the questions put to her being rather indistinct, the court requested her to speak louder, though without much success.

"The court cannot hear a word you say, my good woman," said the judge. "Please take off that huge bonnet of yours."

"Sir," she said composedly and distinctly enough this time, "the court has perfect right to bid a gentleman take off his hat, but it has no right to make a lady remove her bonnet."

"Madam," replied the judge, "you seem so well acquainted with the law that I think you had better come up and take a seat with us on the bench."

"I thank your honor kindly," she responded, dropping a low courtesy to the court, "but there are old women enough there already."—Law Notes.

Mr. D. F. Hutto, of Lees, S. C., has had a photograph taken of an eight-acre patch of cotton which will make at least two bales to the acre. The photograph was made August 5, and the cotton was so high that six colored men seated on mules and one white man seated on a horse, each of the animals being sixteen hands high, are almost hid from view by the cotton. Mr. Hutto has another field of cotton containing twenty acres which will make at least two bales to the acre. This cotton is heavily fruited and of a uniform height of more than sixteen hands throughout the twenty acres. It looks like a Texas cotton plantation, but it is situated in South Carolina, and the cotton was made with fertilizers manufactured in Charleston, the greatest fertilizer-manufacturing centre in the world. The Houston Post ought to send a delegation of Texas farmers to South Carolina to find out how to grow cotton.—News and Courier.

South Carolina Ahead.

ANDERSON, Sept. 2.—Col. J. C. Stribling, head of the Farmers Union bureau, who is attending the National meeting in Little Rock, writes that South Carolina leads all the southern states in cotton and corn crops this year. He says that cotton is 27 points above last year. He thinks the continued drought will push cotton to 15 cents.

A great investment, absolutely safe, brings returns that nothing else can; giving surplus earning power; securing comfort and health in your declining years. That's what Hollister's Rocky Mountain Tea does. 35 cents, Tea or Tablets. H. F. Hoover.

BOY ENDS WORLD TOUR.

How he Traveled from Place to Place Until Journey Was Complete.

On a capital of 25 cents and an irrepressible wanderlust, James Erskine, eighteen years old, has just completed a tour one and one-half times around the globe. He arrived in New York recently as full of tales of strange adventure as a Marco Polo, and with more money and better clothes than he possessed at the inception of his romantic journey.

This is his way the adventurous youth sums it up.

When he left Galveston five years ago he was a barefoot boy of thirteen. He crossed the great State of Texas on a freight train, but changed to the top of a passenger coach at El Paso, and journeyed through to Los Angeles on the Southern Pacific's fastest train. By working at odd jobs and boarding the blind baggage, the bumpers, or the trucks, he made San Francisco just as the United States transport Thomas was about to sail for the Philippines.

Late one night he untied a row-boat hidden under one of the docks, and rowed himself out to where the big vessel was moored. He climbed up the hawser chain into the ship, and concealed himself within a canvas covered lifeboat. Here he found hardtack provided in advance for the shipwrecked, and he subsisted on it until discovered a thousand miles from the shore.

He was permitted to go ashore on the Island of Guam, but failed to get back on the boat, and was left, one among a few hundred white people, in midocean. A government supply boat picked him up and he worked for the mess until he got to Manila. He attached himself to the commissary of a military company, and toured the islands.

The transport which took him from San Francisco brought him back, but he hid himself as a stowaway on the Sherman, and crossed the Pacific again to Nagasaki. Despite the vigilance of the crew he slipped off the ship, and bribed a Chinaman to row him ashore. He saw Kobe and Yokohama, and crossed the Japan Sea to Shanghai, thence up the Yellow Sea.

The youth tells of meeting with a Chinaman who owned a sailing poultry craft, which he raised ducks, and sold them in convenient ports. The Mongolian gave him a job, and landed him in Hongkong where he caught a packet from Calcutta. Working at everything from "cleaning potatoes to mending rigging" he journeyed from India to Lisbon, Gibraltar, and Alexandria. A party of tourists picked him up there, and he was carried on camel back to Cairo "to see the pyramids and graves."

Crossing to Constantinople, he boarded a sailing vessel for Cape-town, and spent several weeks in South Africa, washing dishes in a Kimberly restaurant for \$2 a week. A fishing schooner transported him to Sydney and Melbourne. As a part of a cargo of wood he made the long journey back to San Francisco. His itinerary from the coast here included the cities of Salt Lake, St. Paul, Kansas City, Galveston, Chicago, Cincinnati, Norfolk and Washington. "I'm going to get a job and settle down now," he says.—New York American.

Charleston's New Union Station.

CHARLESTON, Aug. 29.—Charleston's much needed and long desired union station will soon be thrown open to the public. The big iron gates to keep passengers from entering the section of the depot where the tracks are will be soon received and once these gates are received and put into place, the station will be thrown open to the public. Connections have been made with the depot by the street car company. The vitrified bricks have been received for the pavement on Bay and Columbus streets, the direct approaches to the station, and it will not be long before the depot is ready for use.

Held on Serious Charge.

GREENVILLE, Sept. 2.—W. R. Clardy, formerly a well known football player in this section of the country, was arrested here to-night, charged with a very serious crime. Clardy was accused of having robbed a woman of the Charlotte red light district four weeks ago of \$500 in diamonds. He had been spending some time in the disreputable part of Charlotte and the glitter of the gems attracted his eye. The unfortunate young man has confessed the crime after languishing in jail since last night.

Clardy says that he had pawned the diamonds to Gardner, a Charlotte jeweler, and on inquiry it develops that his story is true. Gardner has since sold the stones. The price which Clardy received was \$240.

The young man was the chief sanitary inspector at Charlotte and is highly respected. The news of this crime comes as a terrible shock to his friends.

Clardy was famous as a football player, both at Clemson college and at the A. & M. of North Carolina. Many college athletes know him well. He is still in jail here.

Eight pounds of cotton pays for The Herald for a year.

COUNTRY NEWS LETTERS

SOME INTERESTING HAPPENINGS IN VARIOUS SECTIONS.

News Items Gathered All Around the County and Elsewhere.

Ehrhardt Etchings.

EHRHARDT, Sept. 2.—Little Mildred, daughter of Dr. J. L. Copeland, was bitten by a dog belonging to Mr. J. M. Dannelly on Wednesday about noon. Little Mildred was lying on the floor, about the dining room door. Mrs. Copeland heard her little one scream and ran to see what was wrong; saw the dog going down the steps a few feet from the child, and stood upon her cheek. Upon examination she found that the dog had bitten her little daughter, one tooth from inside of mouth near the corner and the other from outside of cheek, making an ugly wound. It was reported around that the dog had been bitten by a rabid dog not so long ago. So the Doctor and his wife took little Mildred and the dog's head to Atlanta, Ga. The dog's head proved upon examination to be clear of hydrophobia. This declaration was gladly received by all of the friends, relatives etc., of the Doctor. The scar that will remain on little Mildred's cheek is all we hope that will ever come out of the bite.

About ten bales of new cotton was sold here last week. Several more would have been sold but could not get it ginned. Most of the gins are not ready for work.

Rev. P. E. Monroe, wife and little Carl came home last week from their trip sight seeing and a visit to his home in North Carolina.

Miss Virgie and Mrs. Julius Ehrhardt are spending a few days with their father, Mr. Charles Ehrhardt.

Rev. P. E. Monroe preached us a fine sermon Sunday morning, setting forth truths that cannot be denied, showing that proficent work and study will be noted in all spheres of life.

Quite a crowd went with Mr. Geo. B. Kearse to Florida week before last, to try their hand at getting rich sawing lumber. If George could saw lumber as fast as he can talk it out there would be little doubt of his soon being a lumber king.

Rev. E. W. Peoples was in town looking around Saturday.

Col. Jno. F. Folk, accompanied by E. T. LaFitte, Esq., came to town on business a trip last week. Glad to shake their hands.

I say, is it hot enough for you? Miss Etta Copeland will come home to spend a few days with her parents and friends this week, then she will take up her work at the Fairfax school. She has taken very little rest this summer. Says life is too short to fool around.

Bad Behavior of Ex-policeman.

LAURENS, Aug. 31.—John L. Finley, formerly a special policeman here, ran amuck at the Laurens railway station yesterday afternoon, firing upon a fleeing negro as he passed between the crowds of passengers and the waiting train. The shot went wild and as it happened no one else was in range at the time. The pistol used was a large one, but not of lawful size, and the explosion caused considerable excitement.

Finley continued the chase after shooting at the negro, but he was soon halted by three officers and a citizen. Turning his pistol on them two of the men were held up a moment, when the third ran into Finley, catching him around the waist and throwing him to the ground with more or less violence.

Finley put up a stiff fight, it requiring three strong men to place him in a carriage.

This morning in the mayor's court Finley pleaded guilty to the three charges against him and was fined \$100 on the different counts as follows: Drunk and disorderly, \$25; carrying a weapon of unlawful size, \$50; discharging firearms within the corporate limits, \$25.

As was thought at the time, it developed that the negro had given the ex-officer no offense, merely replying to questions asked by Finley, who had stopped and was interrupting the negro at his work as a railroad hand. When Finley began to get out his gun the darky took to his heels.

Housebreaking is Charged.

LEXINGTON, Sept. 2.—Two young men were committed to jail this morning by Constable Asbill, of Leesville, charged with breaking into the home of Mr. Anderson Sligh, near Summit, and stealing therefrom a shotgun, razor and some tobacco on Saturday last. They give their names as Norman Riley, of Alabama City, Ala., age 16, and Charley Driggers, of Columbus, Ga., age 14 years.

They state that they have been away from home for some time, working in different cotton mills and finally at Batesburg, from which place they had started to Columbia, beating their way on a train and getting put off at Gilbert.

Their relatives at Columbus, Ga., have been communicated with by long distance telephone and they will make an effort to aid the boys.

CONVICT'S AMAZING WAGER.

Lyncheham Risks Life Sentence by Revisiting Ireland.

DUBLIN, Aug. 29.—Now in Denmark on his way back to the United States, if, indeed, he is not on the water, is James Lyncheham, who two months ago made a wager in Cleveland, Ohio, that he would visit Ireland within three months and return to America, although he ran the risk of a life sentence by doing so.

Twelve years ago Lyncheham was convicted of attempted murder and arson for firing the cottage of Mrs. McDonnell at Achill, Ireland. After eight years in Maryborough prison, he escaped from his cell, leaving a dummy in his place. Several persons, including a clergyman, were arrested charged with aiding him to escape. He made his way to the United States, and in 1903 he was recaptured in Indianapolis. Extradition was refused by the United States on the ground that the crime was in the nature of a political one.

Recently a well-dressed man of middle age arrived at Mallaranny railway station, ten miles from Achill, Ireland, and engaged a local car owner to drive him to see his friends. The car owner recognized him as Lyncheham, but kept his secret, although there is still a reward of \$1,000 out for the arrest of the convict.

The curious part of the story is that Lyncheham was actually arrested while in Achill Sound on the charge of robbing the new hotel, and taken to the constabulary barracks. He was afterwards released because the person who charged him with the crime refused to appear against him. He was later released, none of the constables having recognized him as the escaped convict.

Our New York Letter.

The State of Texas, bent on increasing its population to 5,000,000, is resorting to every legitimate plan of accomplishing its desire. The most novel pounce down on New York this week. There arrived in the city 60 young ladies from the lone star State, pretty, intelligent, attractive, each enthused over their home and all determined to do their part towards making known the advantages Texas offers for new settlers. The girls wore badges inscribed in bold letters: "I am from Texas, talk to me." And they were talked to. Much interest was taken in the girls and their merriment at the novel way of reaching the people. Strictly on emigration errand, they knew how to ward off the rough or uncouth and once approached, they let forth their song of Texas until every one in reach knew far more of the good and none of the bad down there. What results will follow remains to be seen; one thing though is sure, the Texas belles had an enjoyable trip and Gotham now knows more of their State's charms than pages of printed matter would ever have conveyed.

New York city's impregnable prison, the "Tombs," that has for years been looked upon as the most secure and modern jail on earth, has permitted its first escape. Two prisoners with a rope slid out of a window, over the high wall and out into the street, escaping, a thing here before thought impossible. The "Tombs" is within forty feet of the criminal court house, a narrow street running between. It is across this street and connecting the two buildings the famous "bridge of sighs" spans. Few there are that have not heard and read of the "bridge of sighs." Prisoners are led back and forth over it as they are taken from the jail to the court room. Across the bridge have passed many persons whose trials and records have become a part of the history of this country.

The present modern jail stands on the site of the old "Tombs" in which Williams, M. Tweed, Jake Sharpe and other notables were incarcerated.

Harry K. Thaw is incarcerated here. H. W. FINLAYSON, 450 Broadway.

Arm Caught in Gin.

ORANBURG, Sept. 3.—Mr. Robert H. Jennings, one of the most prominent citizens of this city, got his left arm caught in his ginny this afternoon and it was so badly mangled that it will have to be amputated at or above the elbow.

Mr. Jennings is the senior member of the firm of Jennings & Smoak, wholesale grocers of this city, and aside from his business connections is generally known through the State as a member of the grand lodge of Masons and as a Knight Templar and Shriner.

In addition to their wholesale grocery, Jennings & Smoak operate one of the largest plantations in the county, and it was there that the accident occurred. Last year the ginny was burned, and this spring, just as it was being rebuilt, it was demolished by a cyclone and now, when it was being operated today for the first time, the gin choked and in an effort to clean it, Mr. Jennings got his hand caught. But for the presence of Mr. Smoak and others who went to his assistance the result would probably have been fatal. Mr. Jennings was brought home for the operation and is resting quietly.

COTTON MEETING MONDAY

SMALL GATHERING OF FARMERS HERE LAST MONDAY.

Warehouse Project Under Way—Cotton to be Held for Minimum of the Association.

The regular monthly meeting of the Bamberg county division of the Southern cotton association was held in the court house last Monday morning at eleven o'clock. Few people were in town, and there was not as good a crowd of farmers present at the meeting as there should have been, but what the gathering lacked in numbers it made up in earnestness and enthusiasm.

Col. Jno. F. Folk, second vice president of the association, presided over the meeting in the absence of the president.

The executive committee, who had in charge the matter of soliciting subscriptions to the capital stock of the warehouse, reported little progress made. Our farmers generally seem anxious to see a warehouse built in Bamberg, but they do not want to put their money into such an enterprise.

A proposition was presented from H. M. Graham, Esq., to make a canvas for subscriptions of stock to the warehouse, and this was endorsed by the association.

A warehouse committee, consisting of C. R. Brabham, H. C. Folk, and Geo. F. Hair, was appointed to cooperate with the executive committee in the matter of erecting a warehouse.

This warehouse project was thoroughly discussed by those present, and all seemed anxious for it, but it seems certain if a warehouse is built, and we believe it will be, it must be built by Bamberg money—that is, Bamberg's business men will have to build it.

The matter of a minimum price for cotton was also discussed by several gentlemen, and a motion made by Capt. J. B. Guess that the Bamberg county association endorse as far as practicable the minimum price of the Southern cotton association, and that the members use their influence to keep cotton off the market unless this price was obtained, was unanimously adopted.

Immediately after adjournment of the association, the warehouse committee met and accepted the proposition of Mr. Graham to raise the capital stock of the warehouse. He will begin the canvas for subscriptions at once.

The committee is now prepared to receive propositions from lot owners who have lots suitably located for the warehouse.

The next meeting of the association is to be held in the court house the first Monday in October, the 7th, at eleven o'clock, and it is hoped there will be a large attendance of the members and farmers who are not members. If you are not a member now, come and join.

Regular meetings will be held every first Monday in the month until further notice. Every farmer and business man in the county ought to join the association and lend his influence to make it a success. The editor of this paper is secretary and treasurer, and we will be glad to take your name and dues. The membership fee and dues for the first year are \$1.00.

Colleton county is about to lose some territory. Adams Run township is preparing to vote itself into Charleston, and Branchville county wants two townships from Colleton.

FIRE IN BARNWELL.

BARNWELL, September 3.—News reached here to-day that the large barns and stables of Edwin Hazel were burned Saturday night about 12 o'clock. Mr. Hazel is one of the largest and most prominent farmers of the Big Fork section. He was awakened on Saturday night by the brilliant light flickering through the windows of his bedroom. On rising he found that his barns were enveloped in flames and it was by heroic efforts that he succeeded in getting his mules and horses out, one or two being badly burned. Mr. Hazel had his entire crop of fodder, about two thousand pounds, housed in his barns and it was a total loss. The cause of the fire is supposed to have been rats.

The Cotton Market.

Cotton is selling in Bamberg today (Wednesday) for 13 cents the pound. The market is a little off, as it has been selling above thirteen this and last week. The receipts are light so far, about 200 bales being received this week.

Cotton Crop Estimate.

NEW ORLEANS, Sept. 2.—The annual cotton crop estimate of the New Orleans cotton exchange was issued to-day. Secretary Hester places the crop at 13,510,000 bales.

Women have decided that in case they cannot vote, they will cut out the "Stork" proposition. Perfectly proper to take Hollister's Rocky Mountain Tea. Its good for everything. 35 cents, Tea or Tablets. H. F. Hoover.

WOULDN'T BE BAPTIZED NORTH.

Venerable Old Colored Man Travels 900 Miles to be Immersed.

Among the slaves of Mr. Robert H. Mims when emancipation came, was one William Fraser. William, now grown old in years and rich in experience, left Edgefield soon after returning from the civil war, through which he went with Mr. Ed. Penn, a brother of Mr. W. B. Penn. His career has been rather a checkered one. For seven years he served as cook on a vessel and visited nearly every country in the world. During the past fifteen years he has been living in Providence, Rhode Island, serving as carriage driver for private families most of the time. "Uncle" William has long cherished a desire to return to Edgefield, which, he says, is to him the dearest spot on earth, but lack of funds is what kept him away so long. Feeling that he was nearing the end of life's journey, he delayed no longer.

Now we have come to the remarkable feature of his visit. "Uncle" William came from Providence to Edgefield, a distance of 900 miles, to be baptized. He said he has had thousands of opportunities to be baptized in the years gone by, but preferred to wait till he could come home and be immersed in the Academy branch, where his mother was baptized. This action on the part of this humble and very devout old colored man is a very unusual one, and deserves more than passing notice.

The ordinance of baptism was administered to Uncle William by the Rev. Michael Morgan on Sunday afternoon. It was witnessed, as he says, by his "young Marster and Mistiss," Mr. and Mrs. Robert H. Mims.

The services at the church preceding the baptism were interesting and impressive. After a talk by "Uncle" William Fraser and several other colored men, Mr. Robert Mims voluntarily arose and gave utterance to some appropriate words. Then all present, including the "young Marster and Mistiss," extended the right hand of fellowship.

"Uncle" William will return to Providence in about a week. We would like to see him remain in Edgefield. The influence of his life would have a beneficial effect upon the colored people, particularly the younger generation.—Edgefield Advertiser.

Spartanburg Woman Crazy.

SPARTANBURG, Aug. 30.—Mrs. Mamie McMahan, wife of Mr. Ibe McMahan, of Mount Zion, who disappeared from her home last night, was found in a demented condition in the woods about one mile from the residence late this afternoon after a search for her which had been in progress since 3 o'clock this morning.

When found the woman was seated beneath the trees in the woods in a state of abstraction. She did not seem to recognize any one, though she obeyed their request that she follow them to a buggy nearby and without resistance allowed herself to be driven to her home. Upon reaching the house she walked in but did not recognize her little children when they gathered about her skirts, appealing to their mother for a word of greeting.

Mrs. McMahan has been in ill health for some time and once before the question of having her enter an asylum was considered by her family. It is understood that she will be taken to the State institution in Columbia.

Mr. McMahan discovered the disappearance of his wife when he awakened about 2 o'clock this morning, and from that hour until she was found this evening the entire Mount Zion community was engaged in the search for the missing woman.

Wouldn't be Vaccinated.

According to a letter received by Attorney General Lyon, a school teacher, Miss Elizabeth Allgood, in Pickens, is in danger of either losing her position or being subject to a fine of \$100 for violation of the law regulating vaccination.

The letter states that last week Dr. G. L. Martin, an agent of the State board of health, visited the school taught by Miss Allgood near Liberty and insisted on vaccinating all of the pupils. A number of them objected, notably the children of Mr. G. L. McWhorter, who is chairman of the school board, and therefore has Miss Allgood's position somewhat at his disposal. He instructed the teacher not to allow his children to be vaccinated. On the other hand Dr. Martin told her that should she teach the children she would be liable to a fine.

The acts of 1905 state that any person teaching in a public school shall refuse to teach in cases where the children have not been vaccinated in compliance with town or city ordinances or with the rule of the State board of health, and a violation of the law means a fine of \$100.00. On the other hand it is believed that Dr. Martin should prosecute the school trustees and not make it necessary for a teacher to lose her position because she cannot persuade a trustee to see the necessity for vaccination.—Columbia State.