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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.

The contested election case in the matter of Calhoun county was argued before the State Supreme Court last Friday. No decision was rendered.

President E. D. Smith has issued a call for a meeting of the South Carolina cotton growers' association, to be held in Columbia on Wednesday, February 5th.

The sixth annual meeting of the South Carolina live stock association will be held in Columbia February 6th and 7th. A most attractive program has been arranged.

At a mass meeting of North Augusta citizens held last Sunday afternoon resolutions were adopted severely scoring Representative Croft, who is said to be charged with being the paid representative of the liquor interests.

The citizens of North Augusta are making a fight before the legislature to get the dispensary out of their town, and it seems likely that they will succeed. The members of that body seem to be against forcing a dispensary on people who don't want it.

Henry W. Thomson, a broker of Spartanburg, was tried in the United States court at Columbia last Wednesday on the charge of using the mails for fraudulent purposes. He was found guilty and sentenced to serve eighteen months in the federal prison at Atlanta.

Geo. B. Lester, an attorney representing certain creditors of the State dispensary, has applied to Judge Pritchard of the United States Court, for a receiver for the dispensary. The matter will be argued in a short time, but in the meantime the winding up of the affairs of the dispensary is delayed.

There was a destructive fire in Bennettsville last Friday morning. The fire started in the Syc hotel, owned by A. J. Matheson, and destroyed a large block of business houses. Two residences were also burned. The town is without fire protection. The total losses will amount to about \$100,000, and Mr. Matheson is the heaviest loser, as he owned most of the stores destroyed.

Legislative Doings.

A bill has been introduced in the legislature to abolish the bureau of immigration.

B. F. Thomas, of Fairfax, a member of the legislature, was elected a director of the State penitentiary.

The legislature is being flooded with new bills, in both the house and senate. Petitions asking for State prohibition have been presented.

The Senate has passed a bill making the terms of office of the county supervisor and superintendent of education four years instead of two.

Senator Appelt, of Clarendon, has introduced a bill providing for a license for whiskey drummers who solicit business in the State. A good bill.

James Cosgrove, of Charleston, has introduced a bill in the house of representatives requiring that free public baths be established in all cities of over 20,000 population.

Senator Walker, of Georgetown, has introduced a bill in the Senate making the pay of members of the general assembly \$250 a year and mileage at five cents per mile.

The house of representatives killed Mr. Miley's bill, which was to prohibit the sale, barter, or exchange or use of any scale not conforming to the standard weights as now provided by law.

Last Wednesday the house of representatives unanimously passed a resolution condemning the opening of a dispensary at North Augusta, and on Thursday reconsidered its action and struck the resolution from the record.

The house of representatives last Thursday passed a bill for the repeal of the lien law by a large majority. Mr. Miley voted to repeal the law, while Mr. Garris was in favor of letting it remain on the statute books. It seems almost certain that the lien law will go, as the Senate passed a bill repealing it last year, but the house would not agree.

Free Tobacco Seed.

Congressman J. O. Patterson writes us as follows: "Please announce in your next issue that I can supply a reasonable number of requests for a new and improved variety of tobacco seed, in packets containing enough seed to plant two acres, especially adapted to the sections where they will be sent, accompanied by full instructions for planting and growing, and I invite correspondence with any one who would like some of this seed."

TRIED TO BLOW IT UP.

Tobacco Growers Made Unsuccessful Attempt on Clarksville Warehouse.

CLARKSVILLE, TENN., Jan. 22.—An attempt was made last night to set fire to and dynamite the loose tobacco factory of the Hayes-Sorey Tobacco Company. Tony Allen and Walter Watkins, alias Frog Erie, negroes were killed while trying to escape the watchmen. Another negro escaped, but was probably wounded. The tobacco factory, since the recent trouble in the dark tobacco district, has been closely guarded. During the lunch hour of the guards three men were noticed. The negroes broke and ran when spoken to. Shanklin followed and fired three times. The factory door had been saturated with coal oil and dynamite placed there.

Wreck Near Columbia.

COLUMBIA, Jan. 23.—There was a head-on collision one mile north of Columbia on the Columbia-Charlotte line of the Southern at 4:30 this afternoon, between south-bound freight No. 73, Conductor J. H. Stonnard and Engineer J. P. Brock, and a "light" engine being taken out for a trial trip in charge of Conductor Ferguson and Engineer Gustav Minifiee.

Fireman P. D. Eleazer, of White Rock, Lexington county, was instantly killed, and Engineer Minifiee perhaps fatally injured. Conductor Ferguson's injuries are slight, consisting mostly of bruises on his face. Minifiee suffered a broken left hip, several ugly gashes in that leg, fracture of the bony structure above the left eye and the splitting of his upper lip through his nose.

Division officials charge the accident up to the crew of the north-bound engine in disregarding the orders to guard against No. 73. After receiving orders to meet this train they were given orders as to a freight, No. 63, which they were to meet at Blythewood. This seems to have confused them, causing them to entirely overlook No. 73.

Bomb Hurled Into Bank.

NEW YORK, Jan. 23.—An exploding bomb tonight wrecked the front of an Italian bank building on Elizabeth street, briefly exposing \$40,000 in silver and gold which the bankers, Pasquale A. Pati & Son, had piled in the windows as ocular proof of their ability to pay depositors on demand. The junior partner, Salvator Pati, who was on guard inside, was cut by the glass but stuck by his charge and soon had the money stored away in the vaults. The clerks had left the place some hours before and the explosion injured none but the younger Pati.

The bomb throwers were quickly lost in the crowd of several thousand Italians who gathered about the wreck and their motive is a mystery. If robbery was the object of the perpetrators, it is believed they were amateurs who lost courage at the critical moment when the tempting treasure was within arm's reach. Pati, the elder, is one of the most prosperous Italian bankers of the city. His institution is capitalized at \$500,000.

Republican Malcontents.

Aaron Prioleau was the star attraction at a small meeting of Republicans last night at the Mishaw Rifles Hall, on Ashley avenue.

Prioleau has been regularly running for congress for some years, except when he was confined in jail, doing time for tampering with the mail, when he was a railway mail clerk, and last night he told his troubles. He is still a candidate, with less chance of getting a seat in congress than he ever had. It seems to be the realization of this fact that induced his general attack on the party leaders last night. He had a few other supporters who also harangued the small crowd, until the meeting tired of the fireworks and finally broke up.

None of the officials of either the congressional district or the county organizations were present and the meeting seemed to represent nothing but Prioleau.—Charleston Post.

Negress Burned.

EDGEFIELD, Jan. 24.—Emma Holloway, a negro woman, subject to epilepsy, while in a fit fell in the fire this morning and was burned to death. Some years ago she struck a negro boy with a pitcher, killing him instantly. She was convicted of manslaughter and sent to the penitentiary and subsequently was pardoned. No one was in the house when she caught fire, and when found her body was burned to a crisp.

The World's Woes.

This world's an endless vale of woe,
Where man but wakes to sigh;
Contentment never yet was found
Beyond the arching sky.
The thin man mourns because the flesh
Is thin upon his bones;
The lady with the double chin
Looks in her glass and groans.
The childless man would give his all
To have a little one;
The man with seven boys would be
O'erjoyed if he had none.

COUNTRY NEWS LETTERS

SOME INTERESTING HAPPENINGS IN VARIOUS SECTIONS.

News Items Gathered All Around the County and Elsewhere.

Ehrhardt Etchings.

EHRHARDT, Jan. 27.—We have had a cold snap and some rain on Sunday. Several of our farmers took advantage of the cool weather. Spare ribs, sausage and pudding is served on our tables as a result.

Miss Lucia Copeland and Mr. Wilbur Kears were married at the home of the bride's parents on Sunday afternoon by Rev. P. E. Monroe. The writer extends his congratulation, wishing them a long and happy life together as man and wife.

Mrs. Brooks Aull and son spent Sunday with her daughter, Mrs. Philip Padgett.

J. Graham Padgett, Esq., of Walterboro, was in Ehrhardt Saturday on professional business.

Messrs. J. Wms. Carter and A. C. Carter went to Bamberg to-day on business.

About fifty bales of cotton were shipped from Ehrhardt to Savannah last week. The grades are very low and don't bring the prices the farmers expect when they leave home.

Two or three cars of fertilizer have been hauled away from here. None of our merchants have ordered any in, however; they seem slow about moving the sales this year.

On Sunday morning several of our citizens witnessed a fight which lasted very near half an hour. No one cared to molest the combatants. Blood was brought from each soon after the battle commenced. At times they would fall and lie like they were dead, but would get up and go at it again with renewed vim. When the fight got uninteresting the owners picked up their cocks and cleaned them up and put them away to rest up.

Miss Ethel Fowles returned to her home in Meggetts last week. Some of the young men look very sad.

Mrs. Pate and daughter, Miss Aggie, spent a few days with Mrs. Nell Pate.

Mr. and Mrs. H. C. Copeland are spending some time with their daughter, Ruth, in Florida. They will take in the fair at Jacksonville, Fla.

Mrs. Frank H. Copeland and Mrs. L. D. Copeland spent some time with Mrs. J. D. Jenny last week.

Mr. J. D. Jenny was in town last Saturday on business.

The high water has made the new causeway near W. I. Carter's place nearly impassable. The water has washed away about ten feet or at least has been running across it and washed away the dirt from the timber that was thrown in the roadway.

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Denmark News.

DENMARK, Jan. 22.—Mr. James Guess had the misfortune to fracture his leg on Monday. He was trying to hold a refractory mule and was pulled off the Southern railway cotton platform. He had recently returned from Johns Hopkins hospital, having the same leg broken in a runaway some months since. He was taken by his father, Capt. J. B. Guess, to Charleston the same afternoon.

Mr. and Mrs. E. P. Sojourner's little son, Jasper, who has been very ill with pneumonia, is convalescent.

Items from St. John's.

ST. JOHN'S, Jan. 27.—Mr. Merrick Kinard went to Bamberg last Monday.

We are sorry to hear of the illness of Mrs. Charlie Hiers. Hope she will soon be able to be out again.

Mr. and Mrs. G. F. Copeland and daughter, Mrs. H. I. Chassereau, went to Ehrhardt last Monday.

Mr. H. L. Kinard went to Charleston Monday on business.

Mr. Boyce Bishop has been absent from school this week on account of sickness.

Mr. and Mrs. H. C. Copeland left Monday for Florida, where they expect to spend some time with their daughter, Mrs. J. D. Dannelly.

Miss Clara Copeland was in Ehrhardt last Monday.

Mr. John R. Fitts spent last Tuesday night at Mr. H. W. Carter's.

Miss Ruth Bishop spent last Wednesday night with Miss Agnes Peters.

Mr. Jesse J. Copeland was in Ehrhardt last Wednesday.

There was a very pleasant pindar shelling at the home of Mrs. J. D. Kinard last Wednesday night, which was enjoyed by all who attended.

Mrs. J. E. Carter, who has been sick for some time, is slowly improving.

Misses Ritter and Folk, of Ritters, called on our teacher, Miss Bailey, last Wednesday afternoon.

ANNIE SUE COPELAND.

St. John's graded school.

The coroner's jury in the case of the young white man, G. B. Proffitt, who was thought to have committed suicide in Columbia, brought in a verdict that he came to his death at the hands of parties unknown. It is thought he was stabbed with a hat pin.

WHISKEY PRESCRIPTIONS.

Why Prohibition is a Farce Over in Charlotte.

Since the 8th day of July 18,787 whiskey prescriptions have been filled by the Charlotte drug stores. Putting the average charge of the doctors for writing prescriptions at 40 cents each, this will show that the abolition of the barrooms has added to their income during a period of less than six months just \$7,518.80, or a yearly average of \$15,037.60.

Placing the amount purchased on each prescription at 80 cents, this will show that the drug stores have done a whiskey business in the same length of time of \$15,037.60, or an annual trade of \$30,075.20. Combining these amounts paid to the doctors and the drug stores, it will show that \$45,112.80 is spent annually for whiskey in the drug stores alone.

These figures will show that it pays to be a drug store and a doctor in Charlotte.—Darlington News.

Cotton Crop to Date.

WASHINGTON, Jan. 23.—The census bureau to-day issued a report showing that the cotton in the United States ginned from the growth of 1907 to January 16 was 10,387,607 bales, against 12,176,199 bales for the same period last year, and 9,989,634 bales for the same period of 1906. Active ginneries numbered 27,370.

Round bales were counted as half bales. The number of round bales included 187,562 for 1908, 258,717 for 1907, and 270,669 for 1906. Sea island included 80,187 for 1908, 56,326 for 1907, and 104,710 for 1906.

The distribution of sea island cotton for 1908 by States is as follows: Florida, 27,421; Georgia, 40,436; South Carolina, 12,330.

Running bales ginned by States follow:

Alabama, 1,070,193 bales; 3,441 ginneries.

Arkansas, 667,196 bales; 2,103 ginneries.

Florida, 53,473 bales; 247 ginneries.

Georgia, 1,771,913 bales; 4,538 ginneries.

Kentucky, 1,341 bales; 2 ginneries.

Louisiana, 596,476 bales; 1,849 ginneries.

Mississippi, 1,287,927 bales; 3,510 ginneries.

Missouri, 29,378 bales; 75 ginneries.

New Mexico, 303 bales; 2 ginneries.

North Carolina, 591,356 bales; 2,716 ginneries.

Oklahoma, 779,650 bales; 971 ginneries.

South Carolina, 1,093,707 bales; 3,177 ginneries.

Tennessee, 238,434 bales. 663 ginneries.

Texas, 2,146,548 bales; 3,975 ginneries.

Virginia, 8,212 bales; 101 ginneries.

Augusta Bank Must Pay Tax.

BATESBURG, Jan. 24.—About two days ago a representative of an Augusta bank came to Batesburg to solicit custom for his institution, working by the small bank system. After placing several of these banks he passed on to other fields.

Observing the custom which the Georgia bank was securing in this State, Capt. William M. Carter, assistant cashier of the Citizen's bank here, was struck with the idea that a foreign corporation doing a banking business in this State should pay a license just as the institutions chartered by the State authorities. He, therefore, took the matter up with the comptroller general and Mr. Jones has notified the Augusta bank that it is liable for a license if it carries on its business of banking in this State. Every town in which such foreign bank operates is thus to receive a license from the State.

Bank Examiner Named.

COLUMBIA, Jan. 25.—Mr. Giles L. Wilson, of Spartanburg, will succeed Mr. Lee G. Holleman as State bank examiner. The appointment was made to-day by Governor Ansel, on the recommendation of the executive committee of the State bankers' association, as required by law. The committee met today in the office of the governor and unanimously recommended Mr. Wilson, those present being Messrs. D. D. McColl, of Bennettsville, chairman; W. D. Morgan, of Georgetown; C. J. Shannon, Jr., of Camden; John N. Bleckley, of Anderson; James C. Self, of Greenwood; Wilson G. Harvey, of Charleston. Mr. Wilson, as secretary of the association, is himself an ex officio member of the committee, but he was not present at the meeting. The appointment takes effect on February 1 and is for the unexpired term, which is two years.

Attacked Revenue Officer.

SPARTANBURG, January 23.—A. J. Mitchell, who was recently convicted in police court on the charge of carrying concealed weapons, will be given a preliminary trial January 28 before United States Commissioner Atkinson on the charge of shooting and cutting a United States revenue officer in Tennessee in November. After assaulting his man, Mitchell fled to Spartanburg and was arrested here in December. The officer assaulted by Mitchell has been notified to be here to testify at the preliminary hearing.

EHRHARDT SCHOOL COLUMN

PERSONALS AND NEWS FROM A GOOD OLD TOWN.

News Written by Pupils of the School Under Supervision of Principal T. D. Jones.

EHRHARDT, Jan. 27.—Messrs. W. L. Warren, George Hiers, I. W. Carter, C. R. Clayton, and Joe Herndon went to Bamberg last Friday night to attend the Masonic banquet there.

The people of this community have just finished picking cotton.

Mr. George Bennett is on the sick list this week.

Messrs. G. F. McMillan and Laurie Clayton went to Bamberg last Saturday.

Mr. David Hill, of near Bamberg, spent last Saturday night at the home of Mr. G. F. McMillan.

There was a pindar shelling at the home of Mr. Joe E. Bishop last Saturday night which was much enjoyed by the young people of this community.

Mr. and Mrs. Lee Folk spent last Sunday at the home of Mr. W. L. Warren.

Mr. Henry Bishop spent last Sunday with the family of Mr. G. W. Rentz.

Messrs. Percy Hiers and Robert Delk, of Bamberg, spent last Sunday in this community.

Messrs. I. W. Carter and Ernest Carter spent last Sunday at the home of Mr. J. F. Copeland.

Mr. H. M. Bishop visited at the home of Mr. William Hiers last Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. Jacob Ehrhardt and Mr. and Mrs. J. B. Copeland spent last Sunday at the home of Mr. G. B. Clayton.

Mr. D. A. King, of Cameron, is spending some time with his daughter, Mrs. W. R. Copeland.

Mr. C. F. Warren went to Bamberg last Monday.

Mrs. Irene Bennett is very sick at this writing.

Mr. W. P. Pate's mother and sister spent several days in town at Mr. Pate's home last week.

JOHN MCMILLAN.

WEEKLY SUMMARY.

Below are found the names of the pupils in the advanced department of the school, and opposite each name is given the number of perfect lessons recited. If the pupil has been present every day, the number should be 29. Examine the list, and see what your children are doing at school:

Annie Rentz.....	27
Jesse Rentz.....	26
Talbert Warren.....	21
John McMillan.....	17
Robbie Hughes.....	14
Harry Hiers.....	29
Biddie Carter.....	26
Jonnelle Hoffman.....	28
Purdy McLeod.....	21
Laurie Kinard.....	21
Clarence Moore.....	20
Leon Ramsey.....	21
George Bishop.....	26
Ryan Clayton.....	25
Clyde Bishop.....	26
Clemmons Carter.....	26
Lionel Clayton.....	25
Harry Copeland.....	28
Leroy Westerlund.....	16
George McMillan.....	27
Gilbert Hiers.....	23
Maurice Clayton.....	28
John Copeland.....	29

The grades last week of Biddie Carter and Jonnelle Hoffman in some way were interchanged. Jonnelle Hoffman should have had the star.

There are only two star pupils this week. The English lesson last Wednesday is the cause of it, but I dare say this room knows the difference between simple, complex and compound sentences now.

Beginning with next week a part of the space of our column will be devoted to current events. A pupil will be appointed to watch the daily papers clip therefrom the headlines of such news as will be of interest to the people generally, and have them printed for the convenience of busy readers.

Last Friday closed our fourth school month. The attendance has been very good indeed. At first we thought we would publish the names of those who were present every day, but the list is so long, 19 names, until we don't feel like asking Mr. Knight for so much space. The following new names were added to the roll last month: Leslie Carter, Biddie Carter, and Estelle Hiers.

Mr. G. F. McMillan brought a load of wood to the school house last week. It is nearly all gone, and the weather continues cold. Who next?

Message to the Legislature.

RALEIGH, N. C., Jan. 22.—Gov. Glenn today sent a message to the general assembly, asking that a bill be passed to prohibit railroads from acquiring competing lines. It is understood that this was done with the idea that the Seaboard Air Line might be sold and pass into the hands of competing lines in this State.

The senate today discussed the question as to taking up any legislation not set forth in the call for the extra session. In the house a bill for State prohibition was introduced and referred to a committee.

TILLMAN ON LIEN LAW.

Regards it a Curse and Drawback to Land Owners.

COLUMBIA, Jan. 25.—While he was in the city this week, Senator Tillman was asked his views on the lien law, and he replied:

"Merely speaking as a farmer and as one familiar with all conditions in South Carolina for 25 years past I must say that I have always felt that the lien law, while a benefit to a certain class of the poor white people, was a great drawback and curse to the land owners, because it put them in the power of the negroes to demand rent rather than to submit to the supervision of the landlords, the result being destruction of land and fertility of soil and absolute destruction where the country was hilly by the washing away of the soil. Labor is growing more and more demoralized as cotton rises in price, because the negroes can easily gather the little money they want for clothing and the gratification of their appetites. The repeal of the law will injure no honest white man or no honest negro, and it is certainly not our business to look after the dishonest ones."

Sensational Killing in New York.

NEW YORK, Jan. 23.—A stylishly dressed woman walked into a crowded restaurant which takes up the eighth floor of Macey's department store today, leaned over the shoulder of Frank Brady, whispered to him a moment, then drew a revolver from her muff and fired five shots into his body. Brady died instantly. The woman followed this move by drawing another revolver and firing three shots into her own body. She was taken to a hospital, where she died half an hour later.

Brady was advertising solicitor for a newspaper and the woman, who was identified as Mrs. Mary Robert Clark, was a manicurist.

Brady had formerly been a lodger at Mrs. Clark's home, but recently brought his mother here and took a home for himself. Recently Mrs. Clark thought Brady was avoiding her and when he called at her home occasionally they quarrelled.

Charged With Forging Check.

BENNETTSVILLE, January 22.—A. Krause, who says he is from Holland, Va., was arrested at Maxton, N. C., yesterday, charged with having forged a check or passed a check which the bank upon which it was drawn refused to honor. Krause claims that he gave the check, thinking that he had sufficient funds on deposit to cover it and he supposes he was in error and for this reason the check was turned down.

It seems that Mr. Krause was at McColl, this county, and that his hotel bill amounted to \$10. He gave the hotel a check for \$25, received \$15 in change and that he left for Maxton.

Since being placed in the jail here a telephone message asked that he be held until an officer arrives from Virginia. He says that he will either answer the charges here against him or he will go with the Virginia officer without requisition papers.

Excluded from the Mails.

The postoffice department is getting very strict about newspaper postage. A dispatch from Anderson says the South Carolina Pythian, the journal established by the grand lodge of Knights of Pythias at the meeting in Anderson last May, published and ever since, is in trouble with the postoffice department and may be temporarily suspended. The grand lodge levied an assessment of 25 cents on each member of the State for the support of the Pythian and ordered the paper sent to each member without further cost. The postoffice department has ruled that this is not a bona fide subscription list and that the paper is not therefore entitled to the newspaper postage rates.

The publishers of the paper say they cannot afford to pay the higher postage rates demanded by the postoffice department, which would be one cent per copy for each issue. On and after April 1, all papers will have to have a practically paid up subscription list or they will be excluded from the mails.

Boy Kills Servant Girl.

PHILADELPHIA, January 24.—Paul Webb, the twelve-year-old son of Mrs. W. C. Webb, of Wyncote, a suburb, last night accidentally shot and killed a servant in the Webb home.

The boy walked across the dining room carrying a revolver just as the servant entered the doorway and immediately the revolver discharged, the girl falling dead.

The boy was paroled in his mother's custody.

Last Night.

Last night a friend hailed me and said,
"Once when the clouds of gloom were spread
You helped me out. Now I'd repay
The help extended me that day.
Here is five thousand dollars. You may freely take—it is your due."
I reached my hand to grasp the cash
When suddenly there was a crash—
It was a bedsalut and it broke,
And when it gave way I awoke.