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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.

Calhoun county is now a reality. The bill creating the county was signed by Governor Ansel last Thursday.

It is said that J. G. Richards, a member of the house of representatives, may be a candidate for governor this summer on a prohibition platform.

In the hearing before the dispensary commission last week it developed that the firm of Lanahan & Son had paid \$2 a case or 33 cents a gallon "graft" to somebody on whiskey sold the State dispensary.

C. C. Featherstone, of Laurens, who once ran for governor, on a prohibition platform, will make a speech in the court house at Orangeburg today on the subject of prohibition. It seems that there is some sentiment in that county on the question of voting out the dispensaries.

John Gary Evans, of Spartanburg, who has made something of a practice of running for the United States Senate at every opportunity in recent years, has again announced his candidacy. He will no doubt again find out that the voters have not forgotten his connection with rebates.

The famous affidavit of the people in North Augusta who opposed the opening of a dispensary in that town, has been made public. The paper charges Representative Croft with being the attorney of the county dispensary board and with having a brother as clerk in the dispensary at North Augusta. It also charges him with making false statements.

C. A. Steed, the white man who victimized a number of women in the mill towns around Anderson by taking their money under the pretense of securing divorces for them, was captured last week and tried. He was found guilty of obtaining money under false pretenses and sentenced to pay a fine of \$300 or serve sixty days on the chain gang. He took the days.

The dispensary commission last Wednesday decided to pay the claim of the Paul Jones Distilling Co. The claim was \$22,000, less \$3,200 "graft." The representative of the company made a sworn statement giving the names of the parties to whom this "graft" was paid, but the statement has not been made public. These names will come out when the persons connected with the dispensary come to trial.

#### Leaves Because of Prohibition

ASHEVILLE, N. C., Feb. 14.—John A. Roebing, multi-millionaire, of Trenton, N. J., and son of Col. Washington Roebing, of Brooklyn bridge fame, who several months ago gave away his handsome country estate, Beauharnois, here which adjoins the Biltmore estate of George W. Vanderbilt, and announced his intention of leaving Asheville for good because the town voted dry, has lately left town, accompanied by his family and a number of servants.

Mr. Roebing stated that he would return to Trenton, the home of his father, where he would live in the future. He declared that he regretted to leave Asheville, where he has been for ten years where he has intended making his permanent home, but said he could not consistently stay under the circumstances.

"It is altogether a matter of principle with me," he declared.

"I do not care to live in any place where one's personal liberty is taken from him."

Mr. Roebing gave away his handsome estate here to the Episcopal mission board of the United States. He intended erecting a mansion that would take six or eight years to complete. Yesterday he distributed thousands of dollars to charity and to his employees. One of his employees he made present of \$500. He handed out bills in the street right and left.

Roebing has contributed thousands of dollars to charity here, and was the largest individual tax payer, not excepting George W. Vanderbilt, in Asheville. He always contributed liberally to public enterprises.

#### Maine Wreck Anniversary.

HABANA, Feb. 15.—The tenth anniversary of the destruction of the Maine was observed here today with customary ceremonies. A fleet of tugs and launches congregated about the wreck of the battleship upon which were deposited many floral offerings, including wreaths sent by the Daughters of the American Revolution, Gov. Magoon, Mr. Morgan, the American minister; Maj. Gen. Berry, commander of the American forces in Cuba; the American club and the rural guard.

Probably this was the last time the wreck will be decorated, as it is expected it will be removed within the year to clear the entrance to the wharves about to be constructed by the government.

## WAS BLEASE WHISKEY AGENT?

### Lewis W. Parker Swears Lanahan Told Him Blease Was His Agent.

COLUMBIA, Feb. 13.—Special testimony which the legislative investigating committee of 1906 declined to bring out was developed by the commission to wind up the affairs of the state dispensary today when Messrs. Lewis W. Parker and Ellison A. Smyth were put on the stand and related a conversation with Mr. S. J. Lanahan of Baltimore in 1905 in regard to the employment of a "prominent politician" to represent the Lanahan firm before the state board of control. Mr. Parker said that Lanahan in a prior conversation, when Capt. Smyth was not present, had said that Hon. Coleman L. Blease was the agent referred to. It is understood that Mr. Blease, who is now and has for four years been State Senator from Newberry and candidate for Governor in 1906, has an affidavit from Mr. Lanahan denying that Mr. Lanahan made the statement attributed to him.

Two years ago the legislative committee to investigate the dispensary summoned Mr. Parker to appear and he related in substance the conversation with Mr. Lanahan but when pressed by Mr. Lyon to give the name of the prominent politician he declined to do. As Mr. Parker challenged the power of the committee to make him answer a case of habeas corpus proceeding was brought in the supreme court and the court decided that the committee had the authority to require Mr. Parker to answer its questions. But the committee over the protests of Messrs. Lyon and Christensen then decided not to exert its authority and Mr. Parker did not answer the question.

It has been common knowledge that the suppressed name of alleged agent of Lanahan was that of Senator Blease and this knowledge evidently reached Senator Blease himself, as he took the precaution to get an affidavit from Lanahan and it is fortunate that he did, since Mr. Lanahan died about two weeks ago. The commission to wind up the state dispensary had already summoned Mr. Lanahan. Messrs. Parker and Smyth were summoned to appear before the commission two weeks ago, but Mr. Parker was at that time in New York and their testimony was postponed until Monday.

When they testified today Mr. Parker and Capt. Smyth made it plain that they did so unwillingly and only yielded to the recognized authority of the commission, which has the same authority as the legislative committee, as decided by the supreme court. The conversation with Mr. Lanahan took place in 1905 in the Westmoreland Club, Baltimore. Mr. Parker stated that Lanahan said he had engaged Blease at \$2,000 a year, but the engagement lasted only a short while.

Mr. Parker gave the most detailed account of the conversation with Lanahan as Mr. Smyth did not hear name of the agent mentioned, but told how Lanahan described the manner in which business was done with the dispensary.

#### Changeable Senators.

It is somewhat remarkable that the bill repealing the lien law was passed to second reading by a vote of 19 to 9, and the next morning killed by a majority of two votes.

So far as we observed nothing transpired in the interim to change votes, except the killing of another bill. But the Hydrick bill preventing crops from being mortgaged till they were growing, was killed. At the time it was whispered that if the lien law was to be repealed, lien merchants wished such a measure as the Hydrick bill passed, because otherwise the large farmer or landlord would have a hold upon farmers. And that report had verification yesterday when the bill passed by 19 to 9, the evening before was called up and killed.

Several senators changed their votes. Why? The bill has been discussed for years; there was nothing new to find out. Those that voted for it Wednesday had ample time for consideration. Yet several changed on Thursday. Is the story true that the merchant wouldn't give up his 20 to 25 per cent. interest on advances on a mortgage on labor, unless the landlord was made to loosen his grip, and prevented from taking a mortgage on crops before they are planted? Is it true, as Col. Brooks said in his speech in the senate the other day, that there are merchant-senators on that side, and that these gentlemen have personal interest in maintaining the lien law? If it is good for South Carolina to repeal the lien law, and that must have been believed before the majority voted on Wednesday, why the change on Thursday?—Columbia State.

#### Former Governor Indicted.

NEW YORK, Feb. 13.—Indictments charging perjury were returned by the grand jury today against Foster M. Vorhees, former governor of New Jersey and formerly president of the Bankers' Life Insurance company, and against Frank H. Combes, formerly secretary of that company. The charges are based on reports made to the New York State insurance department in 1904.

## COUNTRY NEWS LETTERS

### SOME INTERESTING HAPPENINGS IN VARIOUS SECTIONS.

#### News Items Gathered All Around the County and Elsewhere.

##### Ehrhardt Etchings.

EHRHARDT, Feb. 17.—Last week can be placed on the calendar as a rainy week; only broke off on Saturday, then the cool wave was wafted over this section by western gales.

Mr. and Mrs. Jacob Ehrhardt and their little daughter and son, Mamie and Liles, returned from Savannah, Ga., Saturday noon. They say Savannah is not a dry town, as it rained there all the week.

Cotton took a tumble last Friday. It seems as if the farmers holding for 15 cents will have to hold on longer. All farm work was suspended last week. Some say it was too wet to feed pigs.

Mr. George B. Kearse, of Bayard, Fla., was in town Saturday. George hasn't forgotten how to talk yet. He paid me a call and had a social chat on current events of the day.

Mr. T. E. Simpson and Dr. J. D. Robertson, of Broton, Mass., spent a day and night in our town at the Ehrhardt hotel. They were on a hunting expedition, but on this occasion the birds escaped them—too much water and rain.

Messrs. Frank and Isaac D. Copeland left Sunday for Branchville, where they expect to spend a few days with their sister, Mrs. Emma Appleby.

Capt. J. M. Dannelly went to Bayard, Fla., on business last week. Has not returned up to this writing.

Mr. Jerry Chassereau and wife spent Sunday with his brother, Mr. Willie Chassereau.

Miss Leila Epps, who was called home on account of sickness in the family of her parents, returned to her work last week. Her pupils were glad to have her with them again.

Saint Valentine's day was indulged in to a greater extent this year by the young folks of this section than heretofore. This is a time when the bashful youngsters can write their love sentiments to each other and not sign their names, leaving who did it to be guessed at.

Quite a crowd from town went out to Mr. J. H. Fender's place last week to try their hand at dove shooting. There was at least five hundred shots fired, and only about sixty birds bagged by the crowd. Doesn't speak much for their marksmanship.

Our town council should look after ditches, clean them out and clean up the town of debris more than is done. A new ditch on or below Mill street to the branch by school house should be cut so as to drain that section of the town. I think this matter has escaped the notice of our street committee. A walk around this street from the railroad to J. C. Kinard's lot will show the necessity of this work being done. If this water is allowed to stand and get stagnant, will impair the good health of our town, and create an insect that none of us like about our houses when we want to sleep in the good old summer time. Railroad Avenue would look considerably better, if all the old logs and trash were moved away between Broadway street and Mill street. Visitors coming to our town would have a better opinion of us if we looked after this matter. Most of the logs have been lying on the yard ever since last year.

Mr. W. H. Kinard went to Charleston last week on business. JEE.

#### Items from St. John's.

ST. JOHN'S, Feb. 17.—Messrs. Bob Delk and Percy Hiers spent last Sunday with friends and relatives of this neighborhood.

Mr. John Carter was in Ehrhardt last Tuesday.

Most of the scholars were absent from school last Monday on account of the rain.

Messrs. A. M. Kinard, Merrick Kinard, Ernest Hiers, and Willie Ritter were out dove shooting last Wednesday. Had quite a successful day.

A tenant house of Mr. W. L. Mitchum was burned last Friday evening, burning a little colored child to death.

Mr. H. N. Folk's gin house was destroyed by fire last Saturday night, which was quite a loss.

Raleigh Kinard was absent from school last week on account of sickness.

Mr. H. W. Carter, from Colleton, spent last Wednesday night with his son, Mr. Henry Carter, of this section.

Mr. Bellinger Folk and his sister, Miss Pauline, carried Miss Lois Stearnman to Bamberg last Sunday, who had been visiting at Mr. J. C. Folk's.

A pindar shelling was given at Mr. H. C. Bishop's last Thursday night, which was enjoyed by all, especially the young folks. BOYCE BISHOP.

St. John's graded school.

W. O. Warren, charged with raising a postal money order, had a preliminary in Orangeburg Tuesday and was bound over to the United States Court in Florence in March. Bond was fixed at \$300, and in default he was lodged in jail.

## BOY BIDS FOR BONDS.

### Youthful New Yorker Falls but Isn't Discouraged.

NEW YORK, Feb. 15.—Among the bidders for \$50,000,000 in city bonds and stock whose proposals have been opened was Gustave Klopstock, who today is known as New York's youngest napoleon of finance. Young Klopstock is fifteen years old, and is employed as an office boy for a brokerage firm in Wall street.

His bid was for \$1,000, for which he offered 102.02, and with the bid was a twenty-dollar bill, the two per cent required by the city comptroller on all bids. But in spite of the fact that he was the youngest bidder he did not get his bond, as the average price paid was 103.70, considerably above his bid.

The boy was disappointed, but announces that he will try again. He was nonchalant about his financial deals, saying that he had a little Federal Steel stock which paid him about 7 per cent, and that he sold a weekly paper on Saturdays to add to his income. "And I have other irons in the fire that are good," he added as he sauntered away from the comptroller's office.

#### News from Olar.

OLAR, Feb. 17.—The meeting of the literary society was postponed from Friday till Monday on account of examinations.

We have just elected new officers as follows: President, Miss Ettie Kearse; vice president, Mr. Henry Kearse; secretary, Miss Orrie Morris; treasurer, Miss Agnes Kearse; critic, Miss Maide Still; censor, Miss Anna McCormack; door keeper, Mr. James Chitty.

Rev. Bass, of New Brookland, preached at the Olar Baptist church Sunday night and visited the school Monday morning, giving a talk that was of much interest to the school.

Messrs. Baker and Nunnally visited our little town Sunday.

Miss Brown, of Fairfax, was here Sunday.

Mr. Brown, of Columbia, is visiting relatives of this place.

Mr. Floyd C. Chitty, of S. C. University, visited his parents, Mr. and Mrs. W. B. Chitty, last week and returned to his studies Monday morning.

We are glad to know that Miss Zelma Rizer, after two weeks' illness, is improving.

The missionary rally was held at the Olar Baptist church Saturday, February 15th. We had three missionaries with us, Miss Alma Sandifer, Miss Brownfield, and Mrs. Sojourner.

The young girls of Olar have organized a Y. M. A., which we hope will do much good.

The masquerade party given Friday night by Mr. and Mrs. J. G. Brabham was greatly enjoyed by the young folks in town.

We are sorry to note that one of the teachers of this school, Miss Mims, is very sick, being unable to teach. Her father is visiting her. Hope she will soon recover.

#### MISS NORA BARKER.

#### Colston Cullings.

COLSTON, Feb. 18.—We had plenty of rain last week and warm weather with it. Rained every day except Sunday.

Mr. Eddie Fender and sister, Miss Minnie, visited Miss Adrine Hiers near Ashton last Saturday night and Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. E. L. Chassereau, from Adams Run, visited friends here last week. They returned home last Monday.

We are sorry to learn of the extreme illness of Mrs. C. F. Padgett, but we hope to see her out shortly.

Rev. S. P. Chisolm and Mr. B. W. Beard went to Bamberg last Friday.

An enjoyable valentine party was given at Mr. G. H. Kearse's last Friday night. It was largely attended and enjoyed by all who were there.

Mr. and Mrs. Calvin Rentz went to Bamberg last Thursday.

Miss Annie Bishop spent last Friday night with Miss Minnie Bessinger.

Mr. Gordon Beard was the guest of Mr. J. C. Bishop last Sunday.

Mr. George Fender spent last Saturday night with Mr. and Mrs. L. R. Clayton.

Miss Bessie Folk visited Misses Alma and Prettoe Fender last Saturday night.

Mr. Lawrence Bishop visited Mr. and Mrs. J. P. Bishop last Sunday.

Mr. John G. Clayton and sister, Miss Nellis, visited her sister, Mrs. B. D. Bishop, last Sunday.

Mr. H. Z. McMillan lost one of his mules last Saturday evening. He was going to town with a load of light wood and the mule died on the way. The mule seemed to kinder choke.

Mr. C. C. Fender is sick, but we hope he will soon be able to be out again. A. L. B.

The Mutual Reserve Life Insurance Company of New York has been placed in the hands of receivers. The liabilities of the company are greater than its assets.

Why get up in the morning feeling blue, Worry others and worry you; Here's a secret between you and me, Better take Rocky Mountain Tea. H. F. Hoover.

## HIGH WATERS SPREAD RUIN

### MUCH DAMAGE DONE IN SEVERAL NORTHERN CITIES.

#### In Pittsburg the Property Loss Will Amount to Several Million Dollars—No Lives Lost.

PITTSBURG, PA., Feb. 15.—Spreading ruin and disaster in its path, the annual flood of the rivers and small streams of this section holds Pittsburg in its grasp tonight.

At 7 o'clock the water had reached a stage of 26 feet and was rising a half foot an hour. The weather bureau predicts 30 feet by tomorrow morning and possibly a foot higher when the crest of the flood arrives late Sunday afternoon.

While the weather conditions tonight are much colder and snow flurries are experienced at intervals, the changed conditions will have absolutely no effect on the high water.

At the headwaters the rivers continue to rise and scores of cities and towns in western Pennsylvania, eastern Ohio and West Virginia are partially inundated.

In the Pittsburg district alone, the damage, it is expected, will amount to several million dollars.

The record flood of last year, when the water reached a stage of 26½ feet, caused damages estimated at \$10,000,000, but sufficient warning was given this year to save much property. A conservative estimate places the number of men thrown out of work by the flood here at 20,000. This great increase to the army of the unemployed is expected to result in much suffering. The men are employed in the mills, business houses and coal mines located in the flood zone. For weeks charitable organizations have been soliciting funds for the unemployed and today additional appeals were made for contributions to assist the flood victims.

#### NO FATALITIES REPORTED.

The high water has been responsible for many narrow escapes and thrilling rescues, but up to late tonight no fatalities have been reported. During the flood last year a score of persons met death.

All the low lands of Greater Pittsburg are submerged. The tracks of the Pittsburg & Western railroad, Bessemer & Lake Erie, Baltimore & Ohio, Pittsburg, Virginia & Charleston and several other roads are under water at a number of points. Along the latter line heavy landslides have occurred, making the transportation slow and dangerous. Trolley lines in the flood districts are crippled and on several lines service has been entirely abandoned.

A number of street pavements collapsed in this city today and thousands of cellars are filled with water.

A great number of families have been compelled to move their household goods to upper stories. They go to and fro in skiffs.

On the north side of Pittsburg tonight, the policemen are patrolling their beats in skiffs.

At Wheeling, W. Va., Steubenville, Ohio, and other points below this city, the flood waters are expected to reach serious proportions late Sunday night or Monday morning.

#### A Natural Assumption.

He was a drummer of the more flashy type and had just finished telling a startling story to his newly made acquaintance in the parlor car.

"That reminds me of one of Munchausen's yarns," remarked the victim for want of something better to say.

"Munchausen? Who is he?" "Why, don't you know about him? He is the most colossal example of mendacity that civilization has produced!"

A brief, painful silence ensued, which was broken by the traveler in a tone that was almost timid.

"Excuse me, my friend," he said, "if I seem inquisitive, but would you mind telling me what house he travels for?"—Philadelphia Ledger.

#### Country Correspondence.

Miss Gertrude Oxner and Mr. David Hill attended a social gathering at the home of Mr. J. A. J. Rice last Friday night.

Mrs. Julia Sandifer returned to her home Sunday, after spending a few days among friends and relatives here.

Mr. and Mrs. J. W. Hill and little Herman worshipped at Spring Branch church Sunday and also attended the Sandifer and Crider marriage.

Mr. Leon Sandifer and Miss Bessie Crider were married on Sunday evening at the home of the bride's parents. Mr. Sandifer is the youngest son of Mrs. Sallie Sandifer, and Miss Bessie the eldest daughter of Mr. and Mrs. T. J. Crider. Leon, we wish for you and Bessie a long, happy and prosperous life.

Mrs. O. P. Jordan and son, Bart, visited their aunt, Mrs. L. E. Hanberry, last Saturday.

Builds up waste tissue, promotes appetite, improves digestion, induces refreshing sleep, giving renewed strength and health. That's what Hollister's Rocky Mountain Tea will do. 35c. Tea or tablets. H. F. Hoover.

## TO REARM THE MILITIA.

### Government at Last Has Full Supply of Rifles.

WASHINGTON, February 14.—Acting Secretary Oliver has announced that the War Department, at last, is in a position to completely arm the organized militia of the country, 100,000 strong, with the new high-powered army rifle or musket. The weapon is officially known as the model of 1903, rechambered for the ammunition of 1906, the distinguishing feature of which is the sharply pointed light steel-clad bullet with its enormous range and flat trajectory.

Governors of States may have the new rifle for their militia upon requisition and turning in the Krag-Jorgensen guns of the type used in the Spanish-American war, the first magazine shoulder arm regularly issued to the American army.

#### Brutal Murder Near Asheville.

ASHEVILLE, N. C., Feb. 14.—John Randall, who was last week arrested and lodged in jail at Marshall for the murder of his wife, was yesterday evening brought to Asheville for safe keeping, the sheriff having reason to believe that a mob was organizing for the purpose of lynching the prisoner. Sheriff Cole, who with Deputy Sheriff Sprinkles, brought Randall here, became convinced after his arrival here that the prisoner might not be safe even in Asheville, and decided to take him further west, leaving on an early train for Waynesville.

The crime with which Randall is charged is a most brutal one. Randall and his wife, who lived in Barnard, Madison county, had some disagreement, after which Randall left for Marshall. Mrs. Randall, fearing violence from her husband upon his return, went to the house of a relative, where Randall founder. After beating her severely, in spite of the protests of her aged uncle, who was threatened with death if he attempted to interfere, Randall drove his wife home before him, beating her all the time with a club. The marks in the snow showed that she had fallen several times and been dragged to her feet by her husband. When within several hundred yards of their home Mrs. Randall fell for the last time, with a fractured skull, her head being crushed in and her face horribly mangled. Seeing their father come home alone, Randall's sons became alarmed for their mother and sought her. They discovered her dead body and brought it home. They then sent for the sheriff, in the meantime keeping close watch on their unnatural father. When the sheriff arrived Randall was at once placed under arrest and lodged in jail.

As the news of the murder spread over the country the feeling seemed to prevail that Randall should be lynched. It is now known that a well organized body of over 100 men had planned to take Randall from the jail and lynch him. Sheriff Cole, learning of the contemplated attack, smuggled Randall on the train for Asheville. The prisoner spent the night here but Sheriff Cole thought it better to remove the prisoner to a place more distant from the scene of the crime, and therefore took him to Waynesville, where he will be kept until the present excitement abates to some extent.

#### Lyon Calls Koester Liar.

COLUMBIA, Feb. 13.—During the session of the dispensary commission this afternoon Attorney General Lyon denounced Mr. George R. Koester, editor and manager of The Columbia Record, as "a most infamous and dirty liar." Mr. Koester, who was present asked for the protection of the court and arose from his chair. The situation was tense and Commissioner Patton also arose as if to step between Lyon and Koester. Mr. Lyon warned Mr. Koester not to approach and dramatically told him he (Lyon) walked the streets of Columbia and was personally responsible for what he said.

There was no confusion during the exciting incident but the situation was such that even the official expert stenographer did not get his notes straight. However, the detailed account of the affair is given as a transcript of the official copy of the testimony.

The incident grew out of an editorial in "The Record" this afternoon. The paper was brought into the room while the commission was in session, and the attention of Mr. Lyon was called to the editorial. Mr. Lyon had just come into the room. He at once requested the commission to summon Mr. Koester. This was agreed to. Mr. Stevenson drew up the summons which was signed by Mr. McSween. The marshal of the commission went out to find Mr. Koester and within half an hour returned with Mr. Koester, who had come very willingly. He was examined under oath by Mr. Stevenson, the regular counsel for the commission.

At the conclusion of his statement Mr. Lyon arose and uttered his denunciation. The editorial criticized Lyon for purchasing testimony against alleged grafters by holding up claims. Koester said his editorial was based on published reports of the commission.