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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.

The railroads will reduce passenger fares in this State on the first of April.

Col. Willie Jones, of Columbia, is also a candidate for United States Senator for the unexpired term.

A man in Columbia last week was fined \$5 for killing a robin. It is against the law to kill these birds.

Col. George Johnstone, of Newberry, will be a candidate for United States Senator. He made the race six years ago.

Maj. J. C. Hemphill, editor of the News and Courier, is being spoken of for the position of United States Senator for the unexpired term.

D. C. Heyward, of Columbia, ex-governor, has announced that he will be a candidate for United States Senator in the primary next summer.

E. D. Smith, president of the South Carolina cotton growers' association, has announced that he will be candidate for the United States Senate this summer.

The citizens of Georgetown have endorsed Senator L. G. Walker as a candidate for United States Senator, for the unexpired term, and are pushing his candidacy.

Fitz Hugh McMaster, another mighty good man, is a candidate for the position of insurance commissioner. Mr. McMaster is now circulation manager of The State.

The people of Sumter have endorsed Col. R. D. Lee, a prominent lawyer of that city, as a candidate for the United States Senate, for the unexpired term of Senator Latimer.

Mr. R. Boyd Cole, editor of the Barnwell Sentinel, is an applicant for the position of insurance commissioner. He would fill any position with credit and we trust he will be elected.

The friends of General M. C. Butler, of Edgefield, ex-United States Senator, wanted to put him in nomination for the unexpired term of Senator A. C. Latimer, but he declined to become a candidate.

Another suit has been commenced in the United States court against the dispensary commission. The suit is brought by several whiskey houses, who are trying to get the money on hand put in charge of a receiver.

E. P. Waring, Jr., of Charleston, has resigned as secretary of the railroad commission, to take effect the first of May, and T. B. Lumpkin, now agent of the Southern Railway at Anderson, has been elected to succeed him.

A mass meeting of the citizens of Darlington was held last Friday afternoon, at which Maj. J. L. Coker, of that county, was unanimously endorsed as a candidate for United States Senator for the unexpired term of Senator Latimer.

C. C. Featherstone, of Laurens, has announced that he will be a candidate for governor this summer, and C. A. Smith, of Timmonsville, will be a candidate for lieutenant governor. Both of these men will run on a prohibition platform.

Cole L. Blease, of Newberry, now Senator from that county, has announced that he will run for governor this summer. This makes two candidates already announced against Governor Ansel, with possibly more to come. The present governor will not have a walk-over after all.

W. S. Smith, now State Senator from Hampton county, has announced that he will be a candidate for congress from the second district this summer, to succeed Hon. J. O. Patterson. Senator G. L. Toole, of Aiken, will also be a candidate, and of course Mr. Patterson will again want the honor.

The fifth annual interstate convention of the Young Men's Christian associations of North and South Carolina will meet in Columbia Friday, March 27, and continue in session over Sunday. A strong program is being prepared by the committee of arrangements and there is a fine prospect for a large and successful convention.

Big Suits Compromised.

MACON, GA., Feb. 24.—Attorneys for complainant, lumber companies and railroads have agreed upon a proposition just submitted to settle a number of large suits by lumber concerns in Georgia, Florida and Alabama, against eight railroads of the South for alleged overcharges on freight shipped.

It is stated the plaintiffs have agreed upon sixty-four per cent. The suits involved amount to over half a million.

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.

NEGRO ATTEMPTS ASSAULT.

Little Daughter of J. M. Bessinger Attacked Near Augusta.

Seized on her way from school to her home yesterday afternoon while in company with her three little sisters by a negro brute who attempted to assault her, Bertie May Bessinger, a fifteen-year-old white girl of good family, was saved only by the outcries of herself and her companions. The scene of the attempted assault is on the Savannah road about six miles from the city. The police officials think that they know who the perpetrator of the deed is, but refuse to divulge his name.

All night last night the country in that neighborhood was scourged by the enraged citizens, assisted by the officers of the law, but he had not been captured up to 2 o'clock this afternoon.

Sheriff Clark sent bloodhounds to the scene in an automobile and it is believed that before many hours the negro will be landed.

It is reported that a large force of men from the community is looking for the negro with the determination of making a speedy end to his existence and the entire vicinity is wrought up to the highest pitch.

Yesterday afternoon about four o'clock Bertie May and her three sisters, all smaller than herself, were going home from school when they were suddenly confronted by a large negro who crept from a thicket beside the road. His intentions were unknown until he walked up to the eldest of the group and seized her by the waist. The other children screamed and ran away from the place, while Bertie May did her best to wrest herself from her captor. The place being a public one the cries of the children caused the brute to release his hold on the little girl before accomplishing his purpose and he ran away to the woods as rapidly as possible.

Except for a few bruises and a terrible fright the child is unhurt, although not able to go to school. The Bessinger family moved to Georgia a few years ago from Bamberg, S. C., and the father is engaged in farming.—Augusta Herald.

Chastised Once Again.

When Judge Coffin was a young lawyer and about to plead his first case in New Bedford, not being prepared and not wishing to acknowledge being unprepared, he arose and asked the court to excuse him, as he had been called to the sick bed of his mother. In the meantime his mother, wishing to hear her son's first plea, had come from Nantucket and was in the gallery of the courthouse. She leaned over the railing and in great indignation called down, "Timothy, Timothy, how often have I chastised thee for lying!"

Dr. Poteat to Remain.

GREENVILLE, Feb. 19.—Dr. Edwin M. Poteat, president of Furman university, has announced that he will not accept the call to the pastorate of Broadway Baptist church of Louisville, Ky., which was extended to him a few weeks ago.

Coupled with the announcement of Dr. Poteat is the announcement that Andrew Carnegie has agreed to give \$25,000 to the university provided the friends of the college raise \$50,000. This offer will be accepted and \$25,000 of the necessary amount is already pledged by the general education board of New York.

The Burden of Overeducation.

Discussing the problem of overeducation of the American woman, Margaret Sangster, in the Woman's Home Companion for March, asks and answers the question, "What is Education After All?" "Is it not ascertaining how to make the best of one's powers, how to arrange one's stores, how to exert a sweet, quiet and fragrant influence throughout life, over all whom one meets? If an advanced education does this for one, then it is education one should seek. Our difficulty is that we cannot allow time enough for seed time and harvest. Mothers are in despair if daughters occasionally drop out of school for six months or a year. We are much too apt to insist on putting all our children, irrespective of their natural bent, through the same educational factory. We do not make sufficient allowance for temperament and tendency, and thus it comes to pass that some of us carry burdens, beneath the weight of which we are crushed."

Mrs. N. K. Free Dead.

GOVAN, Feb. 23.—Mrs. Narcissus K. Inabinet Free died at 9 o'clock yesterday evening from pneumonia. She spent all of her youthful days in Orangeburg county, near the present town of Springfield, until she became married to Allen C. Free when she moved to old Barnwell county, now Bamberg county.

Mrs. Free was the mother of three sons and three daughters who mourn her death.

Mrs. Free was a devout Christian and lived as an inspiration to the community, emulating true Christian character and virtue.

COUNTRY NEWS LETTERS

SOME INTERESTING HAPPENINGS IN VARIOUS SECTIONS.

News Items Gathered All Around the County and Elsewhere. Ehrhardt Etchings.

EHRHARDT, Feb. 24.—Mr. J. W. Priester, who was accidentally shot in his right eye last Monday while out shooting birds, is still in the city under treatment. There seems to be no doubt that his sight from that eye is gone; the question now is whether they will have to remove the injured ball to keep it from injuring the left eye. When last heard from he was in great pain. Mr. Priester has our sympathy, and hope to soon have him with us again.

Mr. Jayson F. Fender had to be taken home to his wife and two little daughters Saturday morning. He was taken with something like rheumatism and could not walk; was in such misery that he could not be still. He was acting as marshal while Mr. Priester was away under treatment. Our bank, dispensary and two rural mail carriers are the only ones that observed Washington's birthday on Saturday.

Mr. Wyman Chassereau has been spending some time with his brothers, sisters and friends.

Master Earle Jones gave a birthday party Saturday afternoon from three to six. Quite a crowd of little folks assembled at his home, presenting gifts suited to the occasion, and helped him make that part of his eighth birthday merry.

Farmers are busy hauling fertilizer for their 1908 crops, but they complain about the wetroads. Can't carry much at a time.

All farm work is backward in this section on account of the rains.

Mr. H. N. Folk was in town Saturday afternoon on business.

Some one's buggy that was arrested by a telephone pole on last Saturday a week still remains in its custody. When it came in contact with the pole the shafts were badly broken; could not be carried on, so remains as it was left.

Mr. H. W. Chitty had a negro before Judge J. C. Copeland on last Friday afternoon charged with robbing his store. The jury, however, turned the negro loose for want of evidence to convict.

Mrs. J. M. Dannelly expects to go to Charleston to get something done for her eyes.

Mrs. Priestner, mother of Mr. J. W. Priestner, is staying with his wife while Mr. Priestner is away.

Dr. J. L. Copeland is having an addition built on his dwelling house. JEE.

Country Correspondence.

Mrs. Etta Hughes and children visited her mother-in-law, Mrs. Olive Hughes, Saturday and Sunday.

Mrs. L. E. Hill, of Bamberg, is visiting her son, Mr. J. W. Hill and family this week.

Miss Gertrude Oxner visited friends near Clear Pond last Saturday and Sunday.

Mrs. Julia Sandifer, of Bamberg, is visiting Mrs. O. P. Jordan this week.

Everett Hanberry, of Denmark, visited his cousin, Bartlett Jordan, Saturday and Sunday.

She Knew.

A physician in a town not far from Philadelphia who has some practice among the colored population in the vicinity, was once awakened in the middle of the night by a frantic ring at his bell. Putting his head out of the window, he inquired, "Who's there?"

"It's me, doctah. It's Dinah."

"Dinah! What do you want?"

"Ef yer please, sah, I wants yer ter come quick ter see my ole man. He's pow'ful sick."

"Too bad. What seems to be the matter with him?"

"I know what's de mattah wid him, all right. It's indigestion ob de kidneys."

"You mean congestion of the kidneys?"

"No, sah; it's indigestion of the kidneys. He done eat four platefuls ob 'em, stewed, fer supper, and he ain't done slep' a wink since."—Lippincott's.

Missed His Man.

"You, my friend!" bellowed the orator, leaning over the desk and pointing his long finger at the honest old farmer in the front row, relates The Chicago Tribune. "You realize, do you not, that you occupy a prouder position than any monarch of the old world? You can make and unmake men! You can adopt or defeat the policies of presidents, curb the ambition of the demagogue, and in the last analysis you can declare war or peace, punish monopoly, reward patriotic endeavor, and almost change the face of the world! You are an American sovereign in your own right, and you know it!" "It's a lie!" indignantly answered the honest old farmer. "I'm the only green-backer in the whole township, and I ain't got influence enough to wad a hain'gun!"

BANQUET AT ALLENDALE.

Knights of Pythias Celebrate Anniversary of Order's Founding.

ALLENDALE, Feb. 21.—The forty-fourth anniversary of the organization of the order of the Knights of Pythias was celebrated by Allendale lodge, No. 60, on Tuesday evening at the city hall, with an elegant banquet. Three long tables, all decorated with the tri-colors of the order, were laden with almost everything good to eat. At 9 o'clock master of ceremonies J. L. Oswald rapped for order and a blessing was asked by the Rev. Mr. Foster, pastor of the Baptist church.

At the head of the centre table was displayed a beautiful Pythian banner, which was presented to the lodge by the ladies of the Allendale Library Association. After the inner man had been fully satisfied Mr. Oswald introduced Dr. A. A. Patterson, chancellor commander of the lodge for 1908, who spoke on the order of Knights of Pythias. Dr. Hugh R. Tison followed with an address on "Man." The Rev. Mr. Benson, from Barnwell lodge, spoke on "The Bachelor." He was followed by Mr. D. H. Ellis on that most interesting of subjects, "Woman."

The last speaker was Mr. T. R. Erwin, who made the humorous speech of the evening.

There were about two hundred ladies and gentlemen present, all of whom unanimously pronounced the Knights of Pythias the earth's chosen people.

Unusual Case in Asheville.

ASHEVILLE, N. C., Feb. 21.—An unusual case was presented in the superior court yesterday, when a man adjudged guilty of bigamy and sentenced to serve 18 months on the chain gang, was allowed to go free for 60 days in order that the court and others might appeal to the governor for a pardon for him.

C. A. Strickland was arrested here about six months ago, charged with bigamy, and sentenced to serve 18 months on the roads. The defendant admitted that he had been married twice, but explained that after he had been married to his first wife he was reliably informed that the woman had a husband living and that the latter had threatened to come to South Carolina and do Strickland bodily harm, whereupon he, being informed that his marriage was illegal, had left the woman and come to Asheville, where he had married another woman. After he had been living with his second wife for some time word was received here that Strickland was a bigamist and he was arrested.

The defendant was found guilty and sentenced to serve 18 months on the roads. He appealed to the supreme court and was released on \$500 bond. The sentence was affirmed by the higher court a few days ago, whereupon Strickland, who was in South Carolina, upon being informed that his case had been decided adversely to him, promptly returned to this city and presented himself in court, arising from a sick bed to do so.

Judge Peebles, in open court yesterday, declared that a man as honest as Strickland had proved himself to be should not be compelled to serve on the roads. The court said, however, that he could not go behind the supreme court decision. It was finally decided that Strickland should remain at liberty for 60 days on account of impaired health and in the meantime the facts in the case will be laid before Gov. Glenn and it is believed a pardon will be secured for the man.

Destructive Fire at Lancaster.

LANCASTER, Feb. 22.—Fire at Lancaster tonight destroyed property worth about \$28,000 on which there is less than \$13,000 insurance. About ten head of mules and horses were consumed in the fire.

The losses and insurance are:

Gregory-Hood Live Stock company \$15,000, insurance \$7,000; Methodist Episcopal church, brick building, \$5,000, insurance \$1,500; Dr. J. S. Mackey's residence \$4,000, insurance \$2,000; warehouse of J. S. Mackey & Co., \$3,000, insurance \$1,000; the old Ledger office \$500, no insurance; Funderburg's pharmacy \$500, insurance \$500.

A number of people moved out their belongings, thinking that the fire would spread over the entire town. In this manner some loss was sustained.

Lancaster is now without fire protection. Strange to say, a gentleman from Atlanta is here today negotiating with Mayor Hughes for the installation of waterworks system and since tonight's destructive fire there is hardly any doubt about Lancaster having a waterworks plant and fire protection.

The fire originated about 8 o'clock in the mule pen of the Gregory-Hood Live Stock company and at 10 o'clock was under control. There was no one in the stable the time the fire began.

The town's fire fighting apparatus consists of deep wells and buckets. 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.

PARKER REPLIES TO BLEASE

RECALLS CONVERSATION HE HAD WITH THE SENATOR.

If Blease Was Not Agent of Lanahan He Knows Who Was and Should Tell.

To the Editor of The State:

Please pardon a few words in answer to Senator Cole L. Blease in his recent remarks in the State senate with reference to my testimony before the winding up commission.

The absurdity of the charge of conspiracy as made by Mr. Blease must be apparent, but there may be some conditions not understood by all. Neither Capt. Smythe nor myself was a supporter of Gov. Ansel in the recent campaign. For myself, though I had the highest personal regard for him, I differed with him on the issues of the campaign and voted for another.

I have never had a communication with him or any one else referred to by Mr. Blease with reference to my testimony, except with Mr. Avery Patton, to whom, after having been subpoenaed as a witness before the winding up commission, I wrote on Dec. 30, urging him "not again to put me to the humiliation of appearing in a matter about which I know practically nothing." To this letter I never had a reply and had not seen Mr. Patton until I appeared before the commission a few days since.

DID NOT WAIT—WAS FORCED.

Mr. Blease asks the question why I waited until after Mr. Lanahan's death to answer the question as to who Mr. Lanahan had told me was representing him in South Carolina. I agree with him that it was unfortunate that the answer had to be made subsequent to Mr. Lanahan's death, but I had no choice in the matter. No one knows better than Mr. Blease why the question was not answered two years ago at the time of the hearing before the legislative committee, in June, 1906.

BY MR. BLEASE'S OWN VOTE.

It was upon Mr. Blease's own vote and by the effect of his own vote that I was excused from answering the question at that time, against the earnest protest of Mr. Lyon, now attorney general, and two other members of the investigating committee.

Having been excused by the investigating committee from answering the question then, it certainly would have been improper and inconsistent for me subsequently to have rushed into print to make public statements which I had asked the legislative committee to excuse me from making before them.

Having been excused then from disclosing the personage referred to by Mr. Lanahan, I was not called upon to note any denial by him that Mr. Blease was the person referred to.

It will be noted, however, that Mr. Lanahan never denied any part of the conversations referred to by me in my testimony. He merely denied that he had told me that Mr. Blease represented him, which at that time I had not testified to before the committee, because, as stated, I had been excused.

SAYS BLEASE KNEW OF IT.

Mr. Blease certainly surprises me, however, in his statement to the effect that he had no idea that I had referred to him in my statements before the investigating committee. When I testified in June, 1906, Mr. Lanahan had been advised of my having been subpoenaed and of the necessity of my testifying to my conversation with him if the court decreed that I should do so; furthermore, the attorneys representing Mr. H. H. Evans had been advised before I testified of the purport of my testimony. As the intimacy between Mr. Blease and Mr. Evans was well known, I had presumed that it had been communicated to Mr. Blease what my testimony would be.

This presumption was confirmed in my own mind by statements of Mr. Blease to me. On the evening of my testimony, whilst Mr. Haynsworth and I were supping together at Wright's hotel, Mr. Blease, who had been taking supper at a table some distance away, stopped at our table a moment, and, after expressing his approval of the position I had taken with reference to testifying, said in effect that he was familiar with all the facts with regard to the employment of the party referred to by me by Mr. Lanahan; that he had no apologies to make to any one for voting to excuse me from giving the name, but that in justice to the party referred to, he wanted to say that that party had not understood fully the service expected of him when he accepted the employment, and when he did learn what was expected, he declined to serve further, and received less than \$200 for his compensation.

DIPLOMATIC ACKNOWLEDGMENT.

I understood the statement of Mr. Blease to be a diplomatic acknowledgment of his connection with the matter, and, as expressed in legal terms, "a plea of confession and avoidance." Mr. Blease now denies that he had any connection with Mr. Lanahan. I may add that I am advised by Mr. Wm. Elliott of Columbia, who was also my attorney in the proceedings

ANSEL'S LEVEL HEAD.

Don't Want Blease to be Lieutenant Governor.

COLUMBIA, February 22.—Governor Ansel's unwillingness to see Senator Blease made lieutenant governor is said to be holding up the appointment of Lieutenant Governor Thomas G. McLeod as solicitor in the latter's home circuit.

The other afternoon Senator Blease, as the Senators were dispersing, asked them to remain for a moment. He stated that it had been mentioned to him that Governor Ansel wished to appoint Mr. McLeod solicitor, but refused because to make this appointment would be to make Mr. Blease, who is president pro tem already, the president of the Senate. Mr. Blease said that he had been told further that if he would resign as president pro tem the governor would give the solicitorship to Mr. McLeod at once. Senator Blease indulged in some caustic remarks in relation to the governor's position in the matter. He said that rather than stand in the way of his friend, Mr. McLeod, he would accede to the governor's wishes in the matter and resign as president pro tem, provided that the Senate would elect his friend, Senator Hardin, to the position of president pro tem.

Senator Hardin said to the caucus that he knew nothing of the matter, that the Blease proposition had been made without his knowledge or consent and that he did not care to be mentioned in connection with it at all.

The Senators took the position that the proposition was not officially before the caucus and no action whatever was taken.

News from Orangeburg Institute.

ORANGEBURG, Feb. 23.—There are sixty young ladies and fifty cadets here. Very nearly every county in the State is represented, and one young lady hails from our sister Carolina.

The rules were suspended on St. Valentine's day evening for one hour, and the student body had a reception in the college chapel. Innocent games were indulged in, Prof. Bredin being host, and in his gentleness exercising much interest in the student's welfare.

Washington's birthday was celebrated in many ways. Miss Tappan, the teacher in the culinary department, served a George Washington breakfast to the faculty and members of her class.

In the evening the rules were suspended and President and Mrs. Peterson threw open their parlors to the student body in honor of a masquerade party. Some of the masks were very laughable and withal presented a most amusing spectacle. The members of the faculty participated in the masquerade and also in the games.

The majority of the students are of the Baptist denomination, and all students are made to go to the church of their choice.

Sunday, the 1st of March, Rev. M. D. Austin, a member of the faculty of O. C. H., will preach at the Baptist church here, and Rev. E. M. Lightfoot will preach at Clemson College.

The student body attended the lecture at the court house on last Thursday by Mr. C. C. Featherstone. His subject was prohibition.

STUDENT.

Attorney Logan Leaves Court.

CHARLESTON, February 20.—In the court of general sessions this afternoon L. F. Koster was acquitted on the charge of violating the dispensary law. It was the first case which has been submitted to a jury in the county court in several years, following the indictment of Koster and other parties a few days ago. The jury was out about an hour.

The trial took somewhat of a sensational turn during the argument of Attorney W. Turner Logan, when Judge Hydrick refused to permit him to speak along the line that he was addressing the jury. Mr. Logan was sharply criticizing the policy of the law, making references to the disorder and ill feeling which the statute has engendered, when Judge Hydrick objected. Mr. Logan attempted to argue his right as a member of the bar to speak as he thought proper, but Judge Hydrick refused to yield and rather than change his argument Mr. Logan left the court room. Mr. John G. Grace of the firm completed the argument and the case was given to the jury with the result just stated.

before the supreme court, that Mr. Blease made to him practically the same statement as made above.

A CHALLENGE TO BLEASE.

In justice to Mr. Blease himself, and in justice to the memory of Mr. Lanahan, Mr. Blease is now, it seems to me, called upon to say who was the "high State official" whom Mr. Lanahan employed, as he has acknowledged full acquaintanceship in the matter. Whilst I can not conceive that I have been mistaken as to statements made to me by Mr. Lanahan, still if there be error in what Mr. Lanahan stated to me, Mr. Blease can clear it, and should do so.

LEWIS W. PARKER.

Greenville, S. C., Feb. 17, 1908.