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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 proprietors of a restaurant in Sumter were tried Monday and fined for exposing partridges for sale. The case was brought by James Henry Rice, secretary of the Audobon society.

W. J. Bouknight, a white man of Columbia, was found guilty in the Richland circuit court last week of running a blind tiger. He was fined \$300 or four months on the chain gang. The fine was paid.

We have received the first copy of the Broad Axe, the prohibition paper started at Sumter by Joel E. Brunson and Edwin F. Miller. It is a neatly printed sheet of four pages, with six columns to the page.

The house committee will report favorably on the bill of Congressman Johnson, of South Carolina, which gives the various States power over liquor shipments entering their borders. Senator Tillman has introduced a similar bill in the Senate.

Robert A. Randal was shot and instantly killed by Dock Parnell near Lamar, Darlington county, Monday afternoon. The trouble arose over a land line. Randal was staking off the line when Parnell, without a word of warning, fired with a breech loading shot gun, the load taking effect in Randal's head. Both are white men with families, and each is about fifty years old. It is said that Parnell has fled.

The State Supreme Court has confirmed the action of the county board of canvassers of Chesterfield county in the matter of the contested dispensary election. The county board decided that the election was legal, and the State board reversed the county board. The case was then appealed to the Supreme Court by the anti-dispensaryites. Now the court has decided in their favor and the dispensaryites must close.

Charged With Robbery.

BARNWELL, March 2.—As a consequence of the robbery of the county treasurer's office last Sunday morning, J. E. Ross and Earl Rountree have been arrested. The arrests were made upon a warrant sworn out by the watchman, who was on duty at the time the attempt at robbery was made. He claims that he recognized the two men to be Ross and Rountree. In this connection it will be interesting to note that Ross was tried at the last term of court here for the killing of Johnson Pender and was acquitted. Ross was tried twice on this charge. The first trial resulted in a mistrial and in the second he was acquitted.

Ross was formerly chief of police of Barnwell and bore a good reputation until the charge of murder was covered against him. Rountree is a young man and has always had the respect of all who knew him.

These men will be given a preliminary hearing at once and if the testimony against them is sufficient they will be bound over to appear for trial at the circuit court, which convenes next week.

Bradley Beats Beckham.

FRANKFORT, KY., February 28.—Amid scenes of wildest excitement, former Gov. Wm. O'Connell Bradley, republican, was to-day elected United States senator to succeed James B. McCreary. Bradley's term of six years will begin March 4, 1909. He received 64 votes, four of which were cast by democrats opposed to former Gov. Beckham, leading democratic candidate for senator, who was endorsed for the office at the state primary.

Woman's Dead Body Found.

MILLACOCHEE, GA., February 29.—Mrs. Cora Henderson was found dead in her bed room at Leliaton, near here, yesterday morning. A bullet had ploughed its way through her body. Her trunk was open and had been ransacked. Near her head was a pistol with one chamber empty. There was no cause for suicide and it is thought burglars, interrupted in a crime, killed her to prevent detection. A Syrian peddler who had called at the place was held on suspicion, but it is not believed that he committed the crime. The coroner's jury spent a day investigating the case without result.

Wreck Near Wlmsboro.

COLUMBIA, Feb. 29.—Four cars of a local north-bound freight were derailed today on the sharp curve between White Oak and Adger stations, on the Charlotte-Columbia line of the Southern. A pair of trucks of the engine also jumped the tracks. Engineer Brownlee sustained a badly sprained ankle and Fireman Whitney was slightly injured. Conductor Holles was in charge of the train. Five cars were burned. Passenger train No. 33 was several hours delayed but No. 34 was delayed only a half hour.

COTTON MILLS CUT WAGES.

Mills in Georgia Announce Reduction of Ten Per Cent.

ATLANTA, Feb. 27.—At a meeting of the executive committee of the Georgia Industrial Association, representing the cotton mills of the state, it was unanimously decided to make a reduction of ten per cent. in wages of operatives, effective March 1, next. It was also agreed that a curtailment of two days a week or more where necessary shall be put into effect.

The curtailment and reduction in wages, it is said, are made necessary by the depressed condition of the textile industry.

Col. Youmans Dead.

Col. Lawrence W. Youmans, of Fairfax, died in a Savannah hospital last Wednesday of cancer. He was one of the most conspicuous figures in the famous Tillman campaign of 1892 when Colonel Youmans stumped the state for secretary of state against Tillman on the "straightout" ticket. He was one of the best stump speakers in the campaign, the one man Tillman is said to have acknowledged as his equal as a stump speaker. Colonel Youmans was a man of education and refinement. He served a term in the famous Wallace House, and before that was state senator.

Kentucky Feudist Hanged.

CHATTANOOGA, TENN., Feb. 27.—Ed Turner, the Kentucky feudist, was hanged in the county jail here at 4:50 o'clock this afternoon. His neck was broken by the fall and he was pronounced dead in eleven minutes. He went to the scaffold without a tremor.

Turner killed his wife, Lillian Turner, on the Tennessee side of Look-out Mountain on the afternoon of April 26, 1907. At his trial Turner made a confession.

Turner is the second white man ever hanged in Hamilton county.

Two Cotton Mills Fail.

RALEIGH, N. C., Feb. 27.—The Clark Manufacturing Company and the Eugenia Manufacturing Company, the only two cotton mills at Jonesboro, in Lee county, were today placed in the hands of a receiver, ex-Judge A. W. Graham, of Oxford, being named by Judge Biggs, now holding court in Raleigh, as the receiver. The mills were in charge of David Clark, the capital stock being \$53,900, with 3,800 spindles and 101 looms. The financial depression caused the application for a receivership.

Graft Cases Discontinued.

COLUMBIA, Feb. 27.—The last of the so-called graft cases against ex-County Supervisor S. H. Owens were wiped off the Richland docket this morning, by Solicitor Timmerman, who not crossed the two remaining cases against him, having failed to get a verdict against him in the stronger case.

The Sea-sick Passenger.

A disconsolate passenger was leaning over the rail of the ship in great distress. He had been feeding the fishes but now he was simply wrenching his stomach with efforts to vomit, but brought nothing up because there was nothing left to bring.

An Englishman was standing nearby with a red handkerchief loosely hanging around his neck. This handkerchief blew off the Englishman's shoulders and blew against the sick man's face as he was in a paroxysm of wrenching and straining to bring something up. As the handkerchief fell he thought that was the result of his paroxysm and he said with apparent relief, "There goes my liver. I hope that's the finish."

Henderson Has Surrendered.

W. J. Henderson of Saluda county has surrendered himself to the superintendent of the State penitentiary and has begun sentence. He is now engaged in work on the farms around the penitentiary building.

Henderson is to serve a sentence of 10 years on the charge of having assassinated M. M. Morse. Twice has Henderson been convicted and twice has the case been in the supreme court. He has given up the fight and is now at work in the penitentiary. Albert Free, who was convicted with Henderson, has not given up the fight and will go to the supreme court again.

Tragedy in Texas.

SANTA FE, N. M., Feb. 29.—Patrick Garrett, until two years ago collector of customs at El Paso, Texas, was shot and killed to-day near Las Cruces, N. M., by Wayne Brazil, son of an old settler.

Garrett gained fame as the slayer of the notorious "Billy the Kid" in 1880. He served as captain of the Texas Rangers and sheriff of Dona Ana County. He was a personal friend of President Roosevelt.

Garrett was shot while going from his ranch to Las Cruces. The killing, it is said, was the result of a quarrel between Garrett and Brazil over the use of the public range. Garrett was a cattle breeder and Brazil was a raiser of goats.

COUNTRY NEWS LETTERS

SOME INTERESTING HAPPENINGS IN VARIOUS SECTIONS.

News Items Gathered All Around the County and Elsewhere.

Ehrhardt Etchings.

EHRHARDT, March 2.—Our town has been very quiet until Saturday afternoon. Booze got the upper hand of some colored men and put them in a notion to scrap a little. One hit the other with a piece of iron and the fracas was ended. The parties were placed under arrest; one put up the price of bond put on him; the other spent the night in the town's boarding house kept for unruly persons.

Another darkey prowling around the Methodist parsonage was up also, and will have to make his business known to the Intendant and Wardens to-night.

Mr. Robert Delk and Miss Tharie Copeland, daughter of Judge and Mrs. J. C. Copeland, were united in holy matrimony by Rev. P. E. Monroe at the home of the bride's parents Sunday afternoon at about two o'clock. The bride and groom left for their home in Bamberg soon after the ceremony was ended. Wishing them a long and happy life together as man and wife, was given them as they passed through those gathered to see them married.

The ties are being moved from the railroad yard. How about the poplar logs, Mr. Intendant? Get a hump on the owners of them and make them get them away, and then the vacant lot will have a more respectable appearance, and farmers will have more wagon room to move their fertilizer that has commenced to move rapidly.

Quite a crowd was in town last Thursday attending the district meeting of the Knights of Pythias. The order was well represented and some interesting speeches delivered, showing that great interest was taken. Thursday night, after refreshments were served, two members were given their second degrees, and about eleven o'clock all was over, and some of the visiting members returned home; others spent the night with us ready to take an early start next morning.

Quite a crowd of our town folks will attend court to-day. Some as jurors and others as witnesses. Judge J. C. Copeland ushered the crowd to Bamberg.

Some farmers are getting anxious to plant corn, and if the weather remains warm like it was Sunday corn will be planted soon.

Rev. T. L. Belvin is away from town. Was called to his mother's bedside, who is very ill.

Dr. J. H. Roberts went to Barnwell to see his brother, Creech, who was very ill.

Mrs. Lilla H. Kinard and Miss Alice Sease have been spending some time with relatives in this section. JEE.

St. John's News.

ST. JOHN'S, March 2.—We are glad to know that Mrs. Jno. E. Carter is slowly improving.

Mr. Wyman Chassereau spent last Sunday with his brother, Mr. Henry Chassereau.

Messrs. A. M. Kinard and C. H. Bishop were in town last Monday on business.

Mrs. J. W. Kinard was quite sick last Sunday, but is some better now.

Mrs. W. E. Kinard spent last Friday night with Mrs. A. Sease, her daughter.

Mrs. Rose Thomas visited her aunt, Mrs. N. E. Kinard, last Saturday and Sunday.

Mr. H. L. Kinard was visiting friends in Colleton Sunday.

Mr. Obie Folk and his bride have been out visiting his father, Dr. Folk, and have returned to their home at Thunderbolt, Ga.

Messrs. Henry and Willie Ritter were in Savannah two days last week on business.

A number of men from this neighborhood went dove shooting last Tuesday near Mr. J. H. Fender's.

Miss Mary Carter has been spending some time with friends and relatives of this section.

There was a convention of the Knights of Pythias lodge held at Ehrhardt last Thursday, the 27th. Dinner was given in the hall; afterwards an address was made by Mr. H. E. Gyles on the Knights. This was greatly enjoyed by many people who attended. CONRAD CARTER.

St. John's graded school.

Courts Likely to Clash.

COLUMBIA, March 2.—Another new and serious complication was injected into the threatened clash of State and Federal authorities over the dispensary by the filing this morning before the Supreme Court of the petition of Attorney General Lyon for a mandamus order against the dispensary winding-up commission to compel the commission to pay over to the State treasurer the \$15,000 just appropriated by the Legislature out of the funds which Judge Pritchard has enjoined the commission from paying out for carrying on criminal prosecution.

Thus the State Supreme Court is asked to allow the commission to violate the Pritchard injunction, making the slash open and direct.

DOG SAVES MASTER'S LIFE.

Persists for Three Days Till Searchers Followed Him to Dry Well.

LOUISVILLE, NEB., Feb. 27.—Imprisoned in a dry well for two nights and almost three days without food or drink, Byron McNealy was saved from death to-day, when his dog led a party of searchers to the abandoned well. McNealy was taken out half dead. He had two broken ribs, a deep gash in his right leg and numerous bruises about the head and body.

The young man's rescue was due directly to his faithful dog. After he fell into the well the dog went home, where after barking and whining he set off again for the well, two miles away. The dog would return home every few hours, try to make the members of the family follow him and failing to do so, where his master was imprisoned. He continued this until a party of searchers followed him to the well.

FLOODS DEVASTATE COUNTRY.

Eastern Pennsylvania Is Swept by Swollen Streams.

PHILADELPHIA, Feb. 26.—The death of at least three persons and much property damage was caused in eastern Pennsylvania today by floods precipitated by heavy rains and melting snow. Bridges were swept away, mills and manufacturing establishments inundated and railroad tracks flooded, so that traffic was interfered with. J. C. Claus, a farmer, was drowned above Easton while attempting to ford the Bushkill creek, which had overflowed its banks; Frederick Gurskensmyer of York was caught in the flood while gathering driftwood in Codorus creek and drowned and Michael Gallagher, Jr., aged 10, of Allentown lost his life by falling into the swollen waters in Jordan creek.

The large sewers at Wilkesbarre were unable to carry off the water and the lower section of the city was flooded, causing much distress. Several silk mills and other industrial plants were compelled to shut down and traffic on several trolley lines was suspended.

Throughout the Schuylkill region mines were flooded and operations were suspended. Reports from the various points tonight show that the water is receding and no further trouble is anticipated. Little trouble was caused here, the exception being in Manayunk, asuburb, where several mills on the Schuylkill were compelled temporarily to suspend operations.

Bitten by Mad Dog.

NEWBERRY, Feb. 26.—Jennings, the 6-year-old boy of Mr. F. J. Russell of this city, was this afternoon bitten by a mad dog on the streets near Mr. Russell's residence. The little boy's face was terribly lacerated. The dog was a bull dog belonging to Mr. F. M. Rogers, who lived across the street from Mr. Russell. It is said that the dog showed every symptom of having hydrophobia. Mr. Russell will leave in the morning with his little son for Atlanta for treatment. The dog was killed and its head will be carried to Atlanta, so that it can be seen whether the dog really had hydrophobia.

Miffed at Their Pastor.

SPARTANBURG, Feb. 25.—There is friction between certain officers of the Second Presbyterian church and the pastor as the result of the new church building erected. Several of the officers have withdrawn from the church, some uniting with the First Presbyterian while others worship with other congregations. The church now in course of construction is a small building. The church officers claim they wanted a handsome church and would have raised the funds to erect such a building as they had planned, but the pastor took the matter of new church into his own hands and the officers quit.

Impossible.

It was June, the month of weddings, and two of little Anne's young aunts and several of their friends were to be married, says Harper's Magazine. Anne heard much of the preparations for the various trousseaus, and to her great delight was allowed to go to some of the weddings. She was fascinated by the lovely brides and their beautiful costumes. In the midst of this excitement, her grandmother remarked one day that the young man next door was to be married. Anne looked at her in astonishment. "Why, grandmother," she said, "who ever heard of a young man's getting married!"

Negroes Ordered to Leave.

RALEIGH, N. C., Feb. 27.—A special from Fayetteville says that early this morning, before day, the vigilance committee went to the house of a negro, Jones, who threatened the life of Deputy Sheriff Patte soon after Chief Benton was killed, to see if he had left town, as ordered. He was not at home but the vigilants ran across a negro school teacher named Professor Patte and found him to be heavily armed. They took him to jail. To-day another bad negro was ordered to leave town. It is determined to rid the city of all such.

AGED WOMAN MURDERED

HER HEAD SPLIT OPEN BY A BLOW FROM AN AXE.

Two Negro Boys Arrested—A Lynching Narrowly Averted. Have Confessed.

COLUMBIA, Feb. 26.—Sitting in her home, two miles west of Cayce, this morning, white-haired Mrs. Paul D. Ellisor was suddenly struck down from behind by a negro burglar armed with her husband's axe. The heavy weapon sank deep into the skull and death was probably instantaneous. His deed done, the assassin strove to cover up the evidence so that the crime would not be discovered until he had made good his escape. Catching up the pitiful, wasted body he forced it into a clothes basket near at hand and tossed over it the quilts from the bed. Then, catching up Mr. Ellisor's shotgun and one of his coats the murderer fled.

The crime was not discovered until an hour or more afterward. Mr. Ellisor had gone to New Brookland at an early hour to sell vegetables, leaving Mrs. Ellisor alone in the little three room house. The supposition is that the murderer, seeing the master of the house drive away, supposed the home to be empty. Mr. Ellisor returned to the house at about 9:30 o'clock and found his daughter and several friends sitting upon the doorstep awaiting his return. The house was locked up, and all supposed that Mrs. Ellisor had closed it to run over to a neighbor's. After waiting around the premises for some time they became alarmed and forced the door to find the reality far worse than anything they could have feared.

The alarm was quickly given, and within the hour men were searching for the murderer.

Mrs. Ellisor leaves her husband, an aged farmer much respected in the community, and six children, four married daughters and two grown sons.

Two negroes were arrested the same afternoon on a train between Columbia and Newberry, who were thought to be the right parties. They were carried to Newberry and placed in jail, and next day were carried to Columbia and put in the penitentiary, where they now are. The negroes are Brack and Ned Toland, aged 17 and 19 years. They sold the gun to a Mr. Fox in Brookland. When the negroes were brought from Newberry to Columbia, a crowd gathered in the latter city to lynch them, but their designs were frustrated by taking the negroes off the train outside the city and putting them in the penitentiary. Saturday they made a full confession of the crime.

The Slayers Confess.

COLUMBIA, February 28.—Ned and Brack Toland, negroes, aged 17 and 19 years, respectively, late this afternoon made a full confession of the murder of Mrs. Paul W. Ellisor, the aged white woman who lived just across the river from Columbia.

Brack, the youngest of the brothers, said that Mrs. Ellisor suspected something as they entered the house. When they got inside Brack said he caught the old woman and held her while his brother knocked her in the head with an axe. They put her body in a basket and Ned struck her two more blows. They then proceeded to rob the house, taking a gun and a number of articles of wearing apparel. No money was found.

Death of Col. Youmans.

BARNWELL, Feb. 26.—Col. Lawrence W. Youmans died at 4 o'clock this morning at the hospital in Savannah, where he was taken several days ago for treatment for cancerous affection. The news of his death was received throughout the county with universal regret. Col. Youmans was very popular in this county and commanded the entire confidence of the people. He was born at Gillinsville, in the old Buford district, about sixty-three years ago. He received his education at the Academy at Gillinsville and entered the South Carolina College; was there about one year, when he enlisted in the Confederate army and served throughout the war. He was a gallant soldier and at the close of the war he became a planter and was very successful and soon acquired a very large land estate.

He Was Paid.

A popular and witty minister, on ascending the steps of the church one Sunday afternoon, saw an old woman struggling against rheumatics to reach the top of the steps, and at once taking her by the arm he gently assisted her up. On reaching the top, she asked him who was to preach. "Oh, Rev. B.," he replied, giving his own name. "Oh, gracious!" exclaimed the old woman, "help me down again. I would rather listen to a man sharpening a saw. Please help me down again. I do not care to go in." The minister was at first inclined to refuse, but the humor of the situation tickled him, and he remarked as he reached the bottom of the steps, "You are quite right, my good woman; I would not go in myself if I was not paid for it."

SHOOTING IN AIKEN.

W. F. Dobey Shoots H. H. Rankin About a Debt.

AIKEN, Feb. 28.—This morning at ten thirty o'clock, Mr. W. F. Dobey, of this city, a prominent contractor, shot and wounded Mr. Herman H. Rankin, a store keeper, in Park avenue on the sidewalk. The shooting was the result of a quarrel which is said to have been precipitated by Rankin's approach to Dobey and asking him for the payment of an old debt of \$150.

It is stated that Mr. Dobey was in the place of business of Mr. Rankin this morning, and the latter asked him for the money. This started a quarrel between the two men, and finally resulted in Mr. Dobey telling him to come out of the store upon the street and fight. Rankin thereupon came out of the store and they were on the sidewalk near the store. It is stated that Dobey cursed Rankin, and that Rankin brushed him in the face with his hand. At this stage Dobey pulled his revolver and fired twice at Rankin. The first shot struck the man, and he is said to have ran from the scene and that the last shot was fired as he was fleeing. The ball struck in the thigh, going through the leg, and inflicting a painful if not serious wound. This is the story as it is being told, and cannot be given as authentic.

Mr. Dobey was placed under arrest, later was granted bond in the sum of \$400, and released from custody.

Both gentlemen are men of prominence, and the affair is very much talked about.

Says Account Was Incorrect.

AIKEN, Feb. 29.—Mr. W. F. Dobey, who yesterday shot and wounded Mr. H. H. Rankin on the street in this city, states that the account to-day published is an incorrect account of the affair. The article in question was written upon the facts as could be gathered at the time. Mr. Dobey denies that he went into the store of Rankin at all. He says that the difficulty began about eighteen months ago. Yesterday he says that he was coming up the street, and seeing Rankin standing in front of his store started to pass him, but was called by the latter, who asked him concerning a debt. Dobey told him not to bother him about it, but Rankin, Dobey claims, invited him to fight, and pulled his coat off and started at him with one hand in his pocket and with his left hand he struck Dobey on the face. The latter then shot him, stating that he believed that he was going to receive injury at the hands of Rankin. Mr. Dobey also alleges that he has had threats made against him by Mr. Rankin.

Mr. Rankin's wound is not thought to be a serious one and he is getting on well at this time.

Southern Cuts Salaries.

ATLANTA, GA., Feb. 27.—A reduction of 10 per cent. in the wages of all employees of the Southern railway except contract labor, such as engineers, firemen, etc., effective March 1, was announced today. A previous cut of 10 per cent. affected all general officers of the company. The general retrenchment policy adopted by the road is given as a reason for the cut.

Railroad Officials Confer.

SAVANNAH, GA., Feb. 25.—An important conference of executive and traffic officials of several railway lines was held today. Among the officials who met were President Emerson and Traffic Manager W. J. Craig of the Atlantic Coast Line, Vice President Sevier and General Passenger Agent Ryan of the Seaboard Air Line, Vice President Parrott and Traffic Manager J. P. Beckwith of the Florida East Coast and Vice President Parrott and General Passenger Agent C. B. Rhoades of the Georgia Southern & Florida.

The inauguration of the flat 2 1/2 cents a mile passenger rate on April 1 was discussed, as were also labor conditions and the wage scale. The officials, however, were not inclined to say what conclusions had been reached.

Questions in Arithmetic.

If a man tries to carry two potted plants from the cellar to the front yard for his wife and one falls and breaks, what commandment does the man also break?

If the patron of a restaurant has to wait three-quarters of an hour for a pork chop how long would he have to wait for two pork chops?

A and B are good friends, who live next door to each other. A bought his daughter a piano for \$500. How much would B give if some one would steal the piano; also how long will A and B remain on speaking terms?

A doctor calls on his patient three times a day. How long will the patient live and how much will the doctor make out of the patient before he dies?

How long can a half-horse power man run a four-horse power lawn mower?

Mary has three green apples and Johnnie has seven. If Mary eats all of her green apples and Johnnie eats all of his green apples, at what hour will the funerals occur?