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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.

It is stated that at least 5,000 bales of cotton are being held in Sumter county.

The salary question was mixed by the last legislature, and some officials will not get the increases passed by the body because of mistakes.

The city of Florence will not establish its own electric light plant, and has contracted with the local company for street lights again. The city pays \$77.50 a year for arc lights.

Dependent over the sale of his home under foreclosure of a mortgage, T. B. Edwards, a prominent farmer of Lexington county, shot himself Monday, and died in the Columbia hospital. He leaves a wife and several children.

F. A. Norwood, the sideman of Columbia who was arrested for stealing and pawning a gun, pleaded guilty to the charge of petit larceny in the magistrate's court, and was fined \$50. He was formally expelled as a member of the city council.

The negro, John Coleman, who shot Mr. A. L. Orrell, agent for the Atlantic Coast Line Railway, in Darlington last week, has not been arrested yet. Coleman made his escape immediately after the shooting. Orrell was not much hurt.

The expelled cadets of Clemson college held a meeting and passed resolutions that their punishment was just and asking that the agreement made that all students leave the college if any were expelled, be not kept by the signers, but that all remain who were allowed to do so.

John Skelton Williams and a party of New York and Baltimore capitalists passed through Columbia last Saturday on the Seaboard Air Line Railway. He would not talk for publication, but it is rumored that the trip was being taken over for the road for the purpose of inspecting it, and that Mr. Williams and his friends may again get control of the road.

#### Mack Giles Under Arrest.

SPARTANBURG, April 2.—Mack Giles, a young white man who lives at Drayton mills, was committed to jail this morning on the serious charge of attempting to make a criminal assault on Mrs. Anna Gault, who, with her husband, boarded with Giles and his wife. At the time of the alleged attempted assault Mr. Gault was out of the city. Giles, when arrested this morning by Constable Nelson and brought before Magistrate Kirby, denied the charge. He stated that Mrs. Gault sent for her trunk yesterday and he refused to let it go and for that reason she got mad with him and swore out a warrant for his arrest. Giles was committed to jail to await a preliminary hearing.

#### Killing Near Aiken.

AIKEN, April 2.—Sunday afternoon Pickens Penn was shot four times and instantly killed by Will Knox at Beaver Dam church. The row seems to have occurred about Knox's wife. In the church yard they had a little spat, in which Knox struck Penn, and they then went a short distance from the church and sat down to talk the matter over. Nothing more was known of them until the report of a pistol was heard. Penn was then seen to be running on his all-fours and Knox was shooting him. One shot took effect in the shoulder and one in the heart. Two were fired when he was running, and both took effect in the back. Knox was a little later captured and brought to Aiken.

#### Negro Sues Congressman.

WASHINGTON, April 4.—Representative Heffin, of Alabama, was to-day made defendant in a suit for \$20,000 damages filed in the District court by Lewis Lundy, the negro, with whom the Representative had an altercation on a street car.

Lundy alleges that the Representative kicked him, slapped him in the face and with great force knocked him off the car, shot him, inflicting a wound above the left ear, and extending backward to the top of his head, and that he sustained bruises on his body and limbs.

The affair grows out of Mr. Heffin's taking exceptions to the negroes drinking on the street car in the presence of women.

#### It Must Have Been.

"Ah, yes," said Senator Smugg, as he interlaced his claws in a satisfied way in front of his corposity. "I got my start in life by clerking in a humble grocery store at a salary of \$3 per week, and managed to save money on that."

"But," replied the astute reporter, "that, of course, was before cash registers were invented."

## TWIN GIRLS UNITED AT NIPS.

### Death May Result from Attempt to Separate Them.

LONDON, April 1.—A Brighton woman has given birth to twin girls who are united at the hips by what is believed to be an indissoluble bond of flesh and bone. Dr. James Routh, who is attending the case, states that each child has a distinct individuality, for one has been noticed to be crying while her sister was sound asleep. The babies are joined in such a way that they are almost back to back, and they have to sleep on their sides with faces turned from each other.

It is believed that any attempt to separate them would lead to the death of one or both, but to ascertain exactly whether this is so the children are to be photographed under the X-rays in order to reveal the nature of the connection. At present the children are very healthy and lively. Their mother is poor, and the strange twins have been adopted by a childless woman.

#### Negro Turned White.

CANTON, Ohio, April 3.—Eugene Crawford, a colored man, who had turned white, due to disease, died here today. The physician who attended Crawford never knew he was colored until a sister of the sick man volunteered the information. The change of color was due to a disease known as leucoderma.

Death was caused by a complete breakdown of the nervous system, due to the disease.

#### Tillman Goes Out Driving.

TRENTON, April 2.—The condition of United States Senator B. R. Tillman is so much improved to-day that he expects to leave Trenton for Atlanta on Monday next, where he will undergo treatment in a sanitarium for several weeks, after which he will go to Europe for a complete rest.

The senator was so well to-day that he was able to take a drive in the afternoon. He is regarded as steadily improving.

#### Woman Kills Negro Burglar.

MONTGOMERY, Ala., April 5.—Mrs. Ed. Jones, a prominent woman of this city, shot and killed a negro burglar at her home at 3 o'clock this morning.

At the time the shot was fired the burglar was engaged in a hand-to-hand struggle with her aged father, Barney Rhody, and was attempting to pull him out through a window, where, it is said, a negro confederate stood ready to aid the burglar.

#### Fiddles Way Across Ocean.

NEW YORK, April 2.—Henry Berchman, a 17-year-old boy, fiddled his way across the Atlantic on the North Atlantic German Lloyd liner Kaiser Wilhelm der Grosse.

The boy was sent abroad to study the violin three years ago. His father sent him a remittance to come home on the Kaiser, but the money went astray and the boy, knowing that his parents would expect him home on the Kaiser, boarded the vessel at Bremen.

After the ship was well away from port, the lad carrying his violin, made his presence known on board. He explained to the officers that his father would pay on his arrival, but if that was not satisfactory he would like to work his way over by fiddling. Permission was given him to play away, and as a sort of official fiddler he came across gratis.

#### Visitors in Barnwell.

[Barnwell People.]

Mr. J. Frank Kearse, of Three Mile, was warmly welcomed by his many Barnwell friends on Monday and Tuesday.

Our college days' friend, Capt. H. C. Diekinson, was in town last week, and made a happy hour in the sanctum in reviving old time glad memories. Still loving the old mother county, and well beloved in return, Mr. J. T. O'Neal, of Bamberg, was indeed a welcome visitor on Monday and Tuesday.

Always on time is Treasurer Armstrong's way. Pursuant to requirement of the comptroller general, he finished writing, on Tuesday, executions against all delinquents for last year. The number is not quite as large as for 1906, but the total of dollars due is a little larger.

The sad tidings of the sudden death of his mother on Friday called Dr. W. M. Jones to Virginia, and the dedication of the Williston Baptist church was postponed until a future date. The hearts of many warm friends beat with sincerest sympathy for the good minister, who has so often and so tenderly spoken words of comfort to those sorrowing for the loss of loved ones.

Comparisons are odious, and we are not going to make one today, further than to say that Judge Prince and the juries and lawyers have demonstrated at this term that instead of needing more judicial circuits it has been a lack of energy and preparedness that caused the congestion of the courts. If in all courts as diligent work were done as these do there would be few complaints that justice is tardy.

## COUNTRY NEWS LETTERS

### SOME INTERESTING HAPPENINGS IN VARIOUS SECTIONS.

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

Edwards Eckings.

EDWARDS, April 6.—Sunday was a windy day with us, but the young folks paid no attention to the wind and dust. Quite a crowd of them went over to Bethesda Baptist church in the afternoon to attend a temperance lecture.

Our town was very quiet last week, only when a car of fertilizer was announced; then the wagons would come in from every side and take it away.

Two colored men on Mr. W. L. Mitchell's plantation got into a quarrel last week, which resulted in the use of a pocket knife by one on the other's jaw, making an ugly and painful wound. Dr. Copeland stitched and dressed up the cut and sent him on his way to live to fight another day.

Hay and corn are in good demand among our farmers. This is early in the year for them to commence drawing on their Western corn cribs, and unless the farmers change this mode of procedure and grow their own corn and hay they will continually get worse in debt the longer they buy corn and hay from the West.

Several of our town folks took an outing last week to the Howell's old mill site and there enjoyed a fish fry. The ladies and men tried their hand catching fish, but said that they would not bite, at least the large ones. Said they had plenty fish for the crowd, and had a nice time, as well as an enjoyable day.

On last Friday afternoon the Ehrhardt graded school nine played nine of our young men from town. The game was interesting, and enjoyed by a crowd that went out to see the game of ball. The school nine beat.

Oak Grove nine will play the school Wednesday afternoon, if the weather is favorable.

Heavy rains and electrical disturbances have stopped most of the farmers to-day.

#### Old News.

OLAR, April 6.—The program of the literary society for the last meeting was as follows:

Composition—Miss Emma Bessinger.

Essay—Master Bernice Barker.

Reading—Miss Hattie Ray.

Current Events—Miss Nora Barker.

Composition—Master Ellis Barker.

Essay—Miss Berta Morris.

Reading—Miss Effie Barker.

Dialogue—Messrs. Henry Kearse and James Chitty.

Misses Kathleen and Annie Laurie Kirkland visited relatives and friends at Bamberg Saturday and Sunday.

Miss Emma Cooke, who has been very ill for the last week, is able to resume her work again.

Mr. G. J. Bessinger is very ill at this writing. We hope he will soon be out again.

Rev. R. A. Yongue filled his appointment at the auditorium Sunday evening at the appointed hour of eight.

Mrs. Paul Cook visited relatives in Govan Saturday and Sunday.

Mr. Johnnie Sanders, of Furman University, returned to his studies, after a week's stay with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. O. Sanders, of this place.

Quite a crowd attended the preaching at George's Creek Sunday.

We are having very disagreeable weather at this writing.

MISS EMMA BESSINGER.

#### Country Correspondence.

We are glad to welcome back to our community as residents the family of Mr. George Smoak.

Since the several heavy rains that have fallen lately, the farmers have been hindered with their work, and some of them have found fishing very profitable.

We are sorry to report the extreme illness of little "Pet," the twelve year old daughter of Mr. and Mrs. W. M. Folk, of Clear Pond. There are also other members of the family real sick.

Miss Gertrude Oxner, our old midwife, spent Saturday and Sunday with Mrs. L. M. Ayer, of Clear Pond.

It was the pleasure of your scribe to attend the regular monthly meeting of the Christian Temperance Union at Bethesda Sunday afternoon. A large crowd of visitors and a goodly number of the members were present. An interesting program was carried out, and the union seems to be moving onward and upward.

The Jacksonville base ball club had arranged to officially open the season of the South Atlantic League in that city last Sunday by a game between Jacksonville and Savannah, but there is a law in Florida against Sunday base ball, and Governor Broward notified the Jacksonville authorities to stop the game. After the governor's action no attempt was made to violate the law.

Have you seen that line of laces Hooton carries?

## A POLICEMAN IN TROUBLE.

### Claimed That He Sold Articles That He Took from Prisoners.

GREENVILLE, April 2.—Officer C. P. Mitchell was yesterday suspended from the police force by Chief of Police James Altom, pending the investigation of certain charges which have been preferred against him. A meeting of the police commission will be called at once to hear these charges.

A warrant for the arrest of Mr. Mitchell was sworn out yesterday afternoon by Mr. J. A. Bryan, a resident of the city. The warrant charges him with disposing of property which did not belong to him. Mr. Mitchell was placed under arrest by a constable and was required to put up bail in the sum of \$200 for his appearance for trial before a magistrate.

It is said that the charge on which Mr. Mitchell was suspended from the police force is that he searched prisoners whom he had arrested before they reached the guard house and that he had disposed of pistols which he had taken from them. Weapons taken from the prisoners under arrest should have been turned over to the keeper at the guard house.

#### News from Kearse.

KEARSE, April 5.—The aged like to be remembered; it does them good.

To the old man the thought of being forgotten by his fellows brings a feeling of loneliness that only the aged can feel. I had these views up to a few days ago; had just come to think I was about forgotten, when, lo, my birthday came, and three letters. It was late in the afternoon when they were handed to me. Hunting up my glasses I expected to see a dun or that my credit had given out. Number one was opened, and what do you think, a letter from a true and life-long friend, with all the kind remembrances and good wishes. This made the old man smile and he was happy to think he still had one to remember him. Number two was opened and it contained more good wishes and longer years. I stroked my grey beard and chuckled to think two had so many pleasant things to say. I felt forty years younger.

Number three was opened and read. The more I read the larger my eyes opened. A virtue that rarely manifests itself was in that letter—the virtue of gratitude. There still lives in the breast of man a thankful heart for kindness received, if only a small one. These things made me happy, and it lasted until 2 p. m. on Sunday morning when I awoke sick, oh, so sick. I studied my symptoms a while and there, too strong for doubt, was a return of grip. Dog on the grip; plague take the grip. I am truly sorry I ever met him. Now I am propped up in bed and feel as if I will have to stay propped up, but it will leave me I hope and then the birds and flowers, forests and fields will be all the brighter, so I reckon all's well that ends well.

Mrs. J. B. Kearse and Mrs. L. A. Brabham took a three days' trip to Lodge and Ashton, visiting relatives and friends. They returned all smiles; had a nice trip, and enjoyed it. Ladies, take these trips oftener; it will be p. y. u.

Supervisor Kearse was in our midst yesterday. We are always glad to see him among us, and he has a hearty welcome still in the scenes of his boyhood.

Big fish tales are in order now. Messrs. G. B. and W. J. Kearse and others report catching 28 fish and 16 rabbits for a fry on Thursday last.

Messrs. J. O. Ritter and L. O. Brabham caught so many cat fish on Friday night, that they lost some out of the top of their buggy box, and your old scribe had the pleasure of eating some of those fish. I have eaten fish from the Edisto, the Savannah, also from Florida, Texas and the streams of California, but for flavor and all round good eating, Salkehatchie beats them all.

Mr. G. R. Ayer on the 20th of January planted some corn to entice the moles to his mole traps. He has caught 38 moles and now has some fine corn. He intends to leave it.

Mr. A. W. Brabham has his entire cotton crop planted.

Mrs. G. E. Kearse and little daughter, Winnie, are both sick. Hope they will soon be well again.

Dog on the grip. OLD TIMER.

#### Memorial Meeting.

The Rivers' Bridge Memorial Association will observe Friday, May the first, as memorial day.

The Hons. E. D. Smith, of Columbia, and Herbert E. Gyles, of Aiken, will deliver the memorial addresses.

The following committees have been appointed:

On grounds and order of the day—J. D. Jenny, Henry Carter, W. D. Sense, H. W. Chitty, W. H. Ritter, J. A. Peters, Jr., J. C. Kinard.

On music—W. H. Ritter, J. C. Kinard, W. D. Sease, Dr. G. W. L. Loadholt, J. A. Chassereau.

## SPARTANBURG SENSATION.

### YOUNG LADY TEACHER ARRESTED FOR WHIPPING BOY.

#### Claimed Whipping Was Done With a Stick Out of School Hours. Lady is Fine Teacher.

A warrant for the arrest of Miss Martina Helms, teacher of the school at Duncan, was sworn out yesterday before Magistrate Kirby by W. E. Zimmerman, a patron of the school. The warrant charges Miss Helms with whipping unnecessarily and unrightfully Morgan, the eight-year-old son of Mr. Zimmerman. Magistrate Kirby says that he will not have the warrant served on the young lady, but will write her a note asking her to come to his office and arrange bond. Miss Helms is from Laurens county.

Mr. Zimmerman, when seen by a Herald representative on the streets yesterday afternoon, said that he did not care to have too much said about the matter; that he was willing to let it drop if the young lady would come and apologize to him. He alleges that his son was beaten with a stick and after school hours, when the teacher had no authority to touch him. According to Mr. Zimmerman, the story of the occurrence is about as follows:

Miss Helms dismissed the school about noon Wednesday, telling the larger children she would take them fishing that afternoon around the mineral spring in O. M. Moore's pasture. She refused, for some reason, to take Morgan Zimmerman along. He went home and asked his father could he go, and Mr. Zimmerman told him that he could, and fixed up the fishing tackle for him and sent him along with his older brother. At the spring they joined in with the other children. Miss Helms told Morgan that she had not given him permission to come, whereupon he told her that his father had given him permission, and that he intended to fish. She took hold of him and began beating him with a stick. The child went home and told his father, and he was very much offended at the injustice shown his son.

Miss Martha Helms is regarded by some who expressed themselves yesterday to be the best teacher the school at Duncan ever had. There are, however, those who are against her. The only reason of their aversion to her, it is said, is that she is at all times complete master of her school and rules with firm and impartial discipline. The trustees of the school are said to be pleased with her manner of teaching, but the few who are against her have from time to time brought charges and even gone so far as to take steps for her removal. Miss Helms is a graduate of Clinton College. She is a very pretty and charming young school mistress. Her home is in Laurens county. This is the second year that she has had charge of the school at Duncan.—Spartanburg Herald, Friday, April 3rd.

#### Why is This?

We see it stated that up to this writing, Friday, the Augusta cotton mills are working full time. The same is true of the Bamberg cotton mill. The mills in the upper part of this State have been working three fourths, some of them half time, since new year, and will continue for at least three months longer. The short time mills claim that small demand for their goods causes their reduction in production. But why are they worse off than the Augusta and Bamberg mills?

The most reasonable explanation that suggests itself to us in this, that the Augusta and Bamberg mills are controlled by home capital, which favors a good price for cotton, while the up Carolina mills belong to Northern capitalists who want cheap cotton and intend to put the price down, no matter how much it hurts their operatives and the men who make the cotton.—Barnwell People.

#### Bound Over to Court.

SPARTANBURG, April 3.—Mack Giles, who was arrested yesterday on a warrant sworn out by Mrs. Anna Gault, was bound over to the court of general sessions on a charge of aggravated assault and battery. The evidence of Mrs. Gault was highly sensational. She testified that Giles, dressed in his night clothes, entered her room and aroused her from her sleep by catching hold of her shoulder. He held a pistol in one hand. She testified that Giles made an indecent proposition.

Mrs. Gault was formerly Miss Davis and for four years was an inmate of the Charleston orphan house. She is 18 years of age and quite buxom.

#### Lieut. Jervey Sent to Citadel.

WASHINGTON, April 3.—First Lieut. Wm. St. J. Jervey, Tenth infantry, has, by direction of the president, been detailed as professor of military science and tactics at the South Carolina Military academy at Charleston S. C., relieving Capt. William H. Simons. The change will become effective October 15th at the beginning of the new school term.

## SUICIDE AT SUMTER.

### Vernon Stancil, Aged 19, Sends Bullet Through his Head.

SUMTER, April 4.—Vernon Stancil, the third son of Mr. C. W. Stancil, shot himself through the head last night, while on North Harvin street alone, about 11 o'clock. He was found unconscious a few minutes after the shot was fired and taken to the Wood-Osteen Infirmary, where he died a short while afterwards. The ball entered the temple in front of the ear and came out on the other side of the head at about the same place. The shooting is said to have been done with a magazine pistol.

The young man, who was 19 years of age, was bright and of a very pleasing address. No reasons for the act can be positively determined, and they will probably remain a mystery. It is said that he had been drinking lately, but some of his nearest friends deny that he was addicted to the habit. It is known that he had lately applied to several places for work without success, but this would not account for the suicide, as he had a home and a number of friends who would have helped him.

He was at the skating rink a few minutes before the fatal shooting, where he appeared in his usual spirits, and there was nothing to indicate that he was depressed or contemplated any such action. It is a deplorable tragedy and the family have the sympathy of the entire community in their trouble.

#### Fearful Crime in Blackville.

BLACKVILLE, April 5.—Chief of Police John Strobel and Luke Stevenson, of Blackville, came to this city to-day about 6 o'clock with one Elliott Green, charged with the killing of Bob Smalls. It is said that Elliott Green and two other negroes were at the house of Bob Smalls gambling, and it was when Bob Smalls had won all of Green's money and pistol that Green became enraged, picked up a smoothing iron and struck Smalls on the left side of his head, breaking his skull and spattering his brains.

Clifton Moseley and Ed. Ferguson, it is alleged, immediately left and went home. Green recovered his pistol, which Smalls had won and had in his hand, and walked out some one or two hundred yards away and sat down by the mail box for one or two hours when he arose and went back. On his entering the house he found his victim still breathing. He then, it is said, drew the wood box by his side, took some fire from the fire place and lighted the box, wood and all, and when it was burning so that he was sure of its not going out left the house, which was some two miles from Blackville. Early this morning Clifton Moseley and Ed. Ferguson made the matter known. Green was arrested at Elko in a negro church, where they were having services. He denied any knowledge of the affair at first, but confessed later.

#### Horse in Stall Fifteen Years.

Pius Inlow, a drayman, today bought a horse that had been imprisoned for fifteen years in his owner's stable because the animal ran buggy into the road.

The owner became so angry with the horse that he registered a vow never to take the animal out again. The horse has stood in the stall from that day to this, being fed and watered regularly. Lack of exercise made the horse so weak he could hardly walk. He was also handicapped by his hoofs, which had got to be a foot long. Before the animal could be shod eight inches of each hoof was cut away.—Altona dispatch to Philadelphia Press.

#### Heffin Gave Bond.

WASHINGTON, April 2.—Representative Heffin, of Alabama, appeared in the police court today and gave bond in the sum of \$3,000 to insure his appearance for trial on two charges of assault with a dangerous weapon. Assistant District Attorney Ralph Given fixed bond in each case at \$1,500, and this was immediately furnished by Orrin G. Staples, proprietor of the Riggs house, where the Alabama congressman is stopping.

Mr. Heffin called at Assistant District Attorney Given's office this morning with Representative Clayton, of Alabama, and Mr. Staples indicated a desire to conclude the preliminary proceedings in the grand jury case. No further action will be taken in Representative Heffin's case until the grand jury reports on the information imparted by witnesses to the scenes attendant upon the shooting.

Lundy, the negro shot by Representative Heffin, was discharged from the Emergency hospital last night. Physicians who attended him say he is out of danger.

The negro appeared in Mr. Given's office this morning to press charges against the Southern statesman. He was vindictive in the extreme and said he would never drop the charges. A number of colored lawyers swarmed around and urged Lundy to prosecute to the full extent of the law. Great excitement prevailed and vituperation was heaped on Representative Heffin.