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One Dollar a Year

IN THE PALMETTO STATE

SOME OCCURRENCES OF VARIOUS KINDS IN SOUTH CAROLINA.

State News Boiled Down for Quick Reading—Paragraphs About Men and Happenings.

There was a wreck on the Southern Railway about six miles out of Spartanburg last Saturday, between that city and Asheville. The engine and all but one of the passenger coaches left the track. No one but the baggage master was hurt, and he only slightly. The train was crowded with passengers.

Grover Welch was tried in Lancaster last week for the murder of Berry B. Mobley, and the jury found him not guilty. The killing occurred on a train between Kershaw and Lancaster. Some months before that time Mobley shot and killed Welch's brother in Kershaw, and was himself seriously wounded.

There is a bank in Orangeburg run by negroes, known as the Zion Savings Bank. In the statement published a few days ago it has deposits of \$125.95, and savings deposits of \$471.13. The capital stock is \$2,336.50, and the furniture and fixtures cost \$1,758.24. No doubt this is the infant among the banking institutions of the State.

The State campaigners started on their tour of the State last week, and the candidates for State offices at St. Matthews. The meetings so far have been very quiet and orderly, and nothing of interest is transpiring. The candidates for the Senate are making good speeches, but it cannot be said with any degree of certainty who is making the most votes.

The infirmary in Florence caught on fire last Friday at noon from the explosion of a kerosene lamp in the sterilizing room, and it was only by the hardest sort of work of the firemen that a serious conflagration was averted. All of the sick persons were removed without injury, and all the furniture was moved. The infirmary is valued at something like \$15,000, and the damage will amount to about \$4,000.

George M. Stalvey, white, was arrested in Orangeburg last week, charged with bigamy. The warrant was sworn out by a woman who claims to be his first wife, but he was not confined in jail, as the magistrate at Orangeburg concluded the evidence was not strong enough. Stalvey married Miss Ella Lightfoot, of Orangeburg, last April, and his wife's relatives are investigating the matter. Stalvey is still in Orangeburg, and denies that he married the woman who claims to be his first wife. Her story of the marriage is rather flimsy.

Fine Corn.

It is stated that Mr. W. W. Holley has on his farm on the levels, a field of the finest corn in this section. The land was, and is still being highly manured, and well cultivated; and if the weather is favorable henceforth a yield of 100 bushels per acre is not improbable.—Aiken Recorder.

Rattlesnake Bite Fatal.

Florence, June 19.—Mr. J. Black Burch, of the county, who was here to-day, brought the news of the death of a negro woman who was bitten by a monster rattlesnake while in the woods gathering huckleberries, on the plantation of Mr. Bright Williamson, on Black Creek, yesterday afternoon. Mr. Burch stated that the snake sprang from its coil and fastened its fangs in the woman's face. She died within five minutes. The snake was killed and he states that it had fifty-six rattles and a button. This seems impossible, yet Mr. Burch states that it is the truth.

GIRL CHASED BY NEGRO

Young Woman in Lancaster County Has Narrow Escape.

Lancaster, June 19.—It was learned here to-day that a young woman in the Creek section, Miss Maggie Hallman, daughter of M. L. Hallman, had a narrow escape a day or two ago from the hands of a black brute. She was at a branch near the house, washing some clothes, when her attention was attracted by a noise near by. Looking up she discovered a negro man in a clump of bushes a few feet away in the act of springing at her. The frightened girl started to run to the house, but the negro headed her off, forcing her to take another route, which fortunately led into an open field, where her pursuer stopped chasing her. Reaching home in safety the girl related what had happened, whereupon her father and several neighbors arming themselves with guns, searched the country for hours for the negro, but failed to find him.

PARENTS SUING FOR CHILD.

Sheriff Takes Little Girl Until Question of Custody is Settled.

Spartanburg, June 18.—Mr. and Mrs. E. C. Coleman, of this county, have gone to law over the custody of their daughter, Virginia, 8 years of age, and the child will remain in the possession of Sheriff Nichols until the Court makes a decision.

Mr. Coleman lives at Pacolet and Mrs. Coleman resides with relatives near Cedar Springs. The father instituted habeas corpus proceedings this morning and under order of Judge Hydriek, Sheriff Nichols took the little girl from the mother. She is a pretty, bright and attractive child.

GUESS—BETHEA.

Marriage at Denmark of Two Well-Known and Popular Young People.

Denmark, June 17.—The Baptist church at this place was the scene last Wednesday evening of a wedding of exceptional beauty. Miss Estelle Guess, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Guess, of Denmark, was married to Dr. Percy A. Bethea, a prominent young dentist of Darlington. The ceremony, which took place at 8:30 o'clock and in which the ring service was used impressively, was performed by the Rev. William Haynesworth, of Sumter. The attendants were the dame of honor, Mrs. William Haynesworth, the bride's sister; four ushers, Messrs. Clifton Rankin, of Fayetteville, N. C., Alger Guess, of Denmark, a brother of the bride; Hammond Salley, of Darlington, and Dr. Hartwell Wilds, of Darlington, the dental partner of Dr. Bethea. The bride was attended by her father, Mr. Joseph Guess, and Mr. A. J. Bethea, of Columbia, who is the groom's brother, acted as best man. Little Miss Norma James, of Denmark, gracefully bore the wedding ring in a beautiful rose to the marriage altar. Miss May Salley, of Salley, played the Wedding March, accompanied on the violin by Miss Byrd, of Bamberg.

The church in which the marriage took place had been decorated with artistic hands. White and pink were deftly and tastefully arranged for the magnificent archway in front, from which suspended a pretty marriage bell. And to complete the picturesque scene ferns and potted plants and mounds, from which beautiful lights shone forth, were used with fine effect. There was a noticeable lack of effort at display, but the decorations were extremely delicate and dainty and had the effect of exquisite loveliness.

The bride wore a handsome wedding gown, trimmed with real lace and made with empire effect. The veil was caught with a sunburst of diamonds, the gift of the groom. The flowers were lilies of the valley and fern. Mrs. Haynesworth, the dame of honor, was attractively attired in a costume of svelte silk and wore a large and lovely picture hat. She carried a lovely bouquet of pink and white carnations.

An informal reception was tendered the bridal party at the Guess home, where numerous friends from various sections of the State met to congratulate Dr. and Mrs. Bethea, and where many presents of great beauty and value were artistically displayed.

The bride and groom left on an early train for Asheville and Toxaway and other points in the superb Sapphire country of North Carolina. Upon their return they will go to Darlington, where Dr. Bethea is the senior member of the dental firm of Bethea and Wilds, which enjoys a large and choice patronage. Denmark regrets to lose the bride, who before and since her graduation at Converse has made a host of friends in this section and other parts of the State on account of her winsome and charming personality.

To Penitentiary for Life.

Lewis F. Byars, a white man, living in Olympia mill village, Columbia, was convicted in the Richland court on Monday of murder and recommended to the mercy of the court, and was sentenced to serve the remainder of his life in the State penitentiary. Byars killed his step-son, Oliver Lanahan, March 7, 1907. This was his third trial. The jury were out only twenty-six minutes.

Saloon Men Surrender.

Cullman, Ala., June 19.—All of the saloons here closed up last night. They have been doing business for months in spite of the prohibition election, which decreed that they should stop. The saloon men contended that the election was held illegally. The Alabama Supreme court yesterday sustained the election result and the State prohibition laws making a sweeping victory for the prohibitionists.

Tennessee's Stingiest Man.

Gallatin claims to have the stingiest man in Tennessee, if not in the world, and a premium is offered for his superior in close fistness. He got married to a home girl to save expenses. They walked around the square for a bridal tour. He bought her a nickel's worth of stick candy for a wedding present and then suggested that they save the candy for the children.

Magic Polishing Cloths.

Mix two pounds of whiting and one half ounce of oleic acid with a gallon of gasoline. Stir and mix thoroughly. In this compound soak flannel rags of the desired size, then wring out and hang up to dry, being careful to keep them away from a fire or open flame. These cloths will give a fine gloss to silverware, will not soil the hands and will preserve their polishing qualities indefinitely.—Woman's Home Companion for July.

Ran Down by Automobile.

Greenville, June 22.—While an automobile driven by Mr. L. L. Barr was threading its way to-night between a trolley car and the curbing on Main street, near the junction of Washington street, the machine ran upon Mr. John Cooper, an aged resident of Greer. Mr. Cooper was struck from the behind, causing him to fall flat, the auto striking him full upon the back. He was taken to a sanitarium and his condition is said to be serious. He is 70 years old, and his advanced age may be against his recovery.

COUNTRY NEWS LETTERS

SOME INTERESTING HAPPENINGS IN VARIOUS SECTIONS.

News Items Gathered All Around the County and Elsewhere.

Ehrhardt Etchings.

Ehrhardt, June 22.—Ehrhardt nine met the Kearse nine Saturday afternoon. They had a hot game, and the final score was 13 to 14 in favor of Ehrhardt nine.

Everything around town is very quiet. Now and then an old mule or horse that has not been fed in proportion to the amount of work it had to do dies, is about all one hears. Crops are being worked up and are growing rapidly.

The fishermen are getting their hooks and lines in shape to while away the spare time with the finny tribe. Fish stories will commence soon.

One load of fine melons was brought in Saturday by a colored man on Mr. H. L. Kinard's place.

Mr. W. P. Pate was in town part of Thursday and Friday. He is kept very busy.

Mrs. Fannie Maxey and children, of Williams, are spending some time with Mrs. J. B. Ramsey.

Messrs. C. Ehrhardt & Sons are having their gin house painted.

Hiers Bros. are beautifying their store with the paint brush. Want to be ready for the fall trade. JEE.

Missionary Rallies.

Wednesday, July 1st, at Friendship; Thursday, July 2nd, at Double Ponds; Friday, July 3rd, at Gent's Branch; Saturday, July 4th, at Springtown.

These meetings will be held under the auspices of the W. M. U. They will observe their birthday offering for missions. All who come are requested to contribute a penny to missions for every year of their life. There will be two or three short addresses. One of the speakers has never been in this section before and this will perhaps be your only opportunity to hear him.

There will be dinner on the grounds, and a long intermission. Come with your pennies and spend the day both pleasantly and profitably. S. P. HAIR, Pastor.

THINKS TAFT WILL WIN.

Says he is the Easiest Man to Beat, but that Democrats Will Lose.

Columbia, June 19.—"In nominating Taft the republicans have put up the easiest man for the Democrats to beat," said Congressman A. F. Lever in the hotel lobby last night. "I was surprised when I saw that Taft had been nominated. When Taft was a Federal Judge he issued injunction after injunction. I understand there is an anti-injunction clause in the Republican platform. They are running an injunction man on an anti-injunction platform. But the people are not so easily fooled. I believe that Taft was run in by Roosevelt, and had it not been for the backing he has received from the Administration he would not have had a chance in the world. Roosevelt has been able to control his lieutenants, and their votes, but when Taft goes before the people Roosevelt will not be able to dictate to the people, or even influence them through his lieutenants."

"I do not think that the Democratic party will win out in the campaign this year, but I think that Bryan will give Mr. Taft a run for his money. I do think that if Johnson had announced sooner than he did that he would be nominated at the Denver Convention, and we would have a fine chance of electing the next President."

"I think the Aldrich currency bill is a rotten plank in the Republican bridge to success. They knew they had to pass some currency legislation before election, and drew up such a poor bill that they have not fooled the people one bit."

"With Johnson on the Democratic ticket backed by Bryan, I think the next President of the United States would be Democratic."

Lancaster Bonds Sold.

Lancaster, June 19.—The board of public works perfected to-day a sale of thirty thousand dollars of 5 per cent bonds, voted by the town to be issued for the establishment of a system of waterworks to Lancaster's three banks, the Bank of Lancaster, First National Bank, and Farmers' Bank and Trust Company, each bank taking at par ten thousand dollars of this issue.

There were several outside bids for the bonds, but they were not considered satisfactory.

Secretary Taft Resigns.

Washington, June 19.—Announcement was made at the white house to-day, following the cabinet meeting that William H. Taft had resigned as secretary of war, to take effect June 30, and that Gen. Luke E. Wright, of Tennessee, former governor of the Philippines and formerly United States minister to Japan, has been appointed to succeed him.

May Lose One of His Eyes.

Greenville, June 20.—At the quarry of the Greenville Crushed Stone company near Liberty, O. C. Dorman, of Gaffney, was injured in loading a hole with dynamite. A premature explosion tore several terrible gashes in the young man's face and the attending physician thinks he may be able to save one of the injured man's eyes. Mr. Dorman was taken to Gaffney on a cot.

GAME WARDEN ACQUITTED.

Interesting Case Involving the Authority of Game Wardens.

Williston, June 19.—A very interesting case involving the constitutionality of the authority of game wardens to go on lands of others when not provided with a regular warrant was tried before Magistrate Frederick to-day. The facts in the case are as follows: Mr. Dan Whaley, who was regularly appointed a game warden for this district, was informed that Mr. N. M. Bates was maintaining a fish trap in the race way of his mill. When he warned Bates of the rumored violation of the law, he was then warned by Mr. Bates not to make an entry on his lands. Disregarding this warning Mr. Whaley walked across the mill dam to satisfy himself of the truth of his information, but saw no trap. Mr. Whaley was then indicted for unlawful entry and trespass on the lands of Mr. Bates. The question turned upon the point whether the commission of Mr. Whaley, issued to him as game warden under the terms of the act incorporating the Audubon society, and by the governor of the State, gave him the right to walk across the dam when he was not armed with a warrant of lawful issue authorizing him to make the entry. Mr. Bates through his attorney, Mr. Einstein, contended that without this warrant his commission did not prevent him from committing the trespass as charged. Mr. Whaley, through his attorney, Mr. Croft, claimed that his commission constituted his lawful authority for the act. Then Magistrate Frederick charged the jury as follows: "Gentlemen, if you believe he had the right to go there you must acquit him, but if his commission did not give him the lawful right then you must find him guilty." In a very few moments the jury returned a verdict of not guilty.

Trip to Alabama.

Editor The Bamberg Herald—I suppose you wish me to give you and your readers some little account of my short visit to Birmingham and from there on to Montgomery, Ala. I left here Saturday the 16th instant, met a few on the train of my acquaintances. Was in company with my cousin, Jno. R. Bellinger and his wife. The former, on account of his impaired health, was on his way to some health restoring springs in Mississippi via Birmingham. Ere we reached Augusta my cousin was quite weak and exhausted, for, since his illness, he has been restraining his appetite and nourishment. Passing through Augusta, as the train checked up, with some effort we assisted him to his place of boarding. We all spent Sunday in Augusta, and finding him so much better we there parted company, he preferring to take a sleeper and I an earlier train for Birmingham.

June 8th was a bright and lovely morning when we took the train and pulled out from Augusta. A band with martial music resounding; old Rebs howling, and ever and anon as we glided along from station to station the old familiar Rebel yell was hurled back to us from the crowds that thronged the trains and stations when we passed. Brim full, I mean of joy and gladness.

Often have I passed this way but never has this sunny land gleamed in brighter view. Up, up, the hills we climbed, and as far as eye could reach or eye could scan we beheld the hills, the dales, the meadows, and deep tangled wild woods, and such a panorama of pictured scenery as only nature can portray. But ere we reached the magic mystic city night had dropped her sable mantle, the hills drew nearer, nearer.

Down, down we dropped into the gorges, deeper, the rocks and huge boulders almost hung over us. Not knowing it we passed through the long dark tunnel without a shudder or a sigh, for "where ignorance is bliss, 'tis folly to be wise." While darkness has closed in and all nature is shut off and at rest, let us in imagination wander through this wild and rugged wilderness where many an insolated dweller lives. And do they love their lonely homes? Yes, by every breeze that blows, by every stream that flows, by all the rocks or hills that lift their heads into the purest atmosphere, these lonely, isolated individuals far up on the crowning hills of the native heaths. If not among these everlasting hills where did the immortal poet catch the inspiration.

"Oh, California, stern and wild, Meet muse for a poetic child. Still as I view each well known scene, Think what is now and what hath been." But we need not go to foreign lands, for here in Mecklenburg mountains of North Carolina freedom and independence had its birth among that liberty loving patriotic people, and now for awhile let us rest among these lovely hills.

L. N. BELLINGER.

Bamberg, S. C., June 23, 1908.

STOGNER BROTHERS ACQUITTED

Alleged Slayers of J. B. Sims, of Lancaster, Found Not Guilty.

Lancaster, June 19.—The trial of Ben and Bob Lee Stogner, charged with the killing of J. B. Sims, which was begun yesterday, was concluded to-day with a verdict of not guilty, which was rendered within three minutes after the submission of the case. The evidence was mainly circumstantial. Sims, it will be remembered, was shot from ambush as he was returning home from town, the assassination occurring a few weeks after the killing by Sims of Hampton Stogner, brother of the defendants in this case.

PROPER TREATMENT GIVEN

AN ANDERSON COUNTY NEGRO GIVEN GOOD THRASHING.

Wrote Insulting Notes to a Young White Woman—Made to Leave the State.

Because of improper advances made to a young lady of Martin township, a negro man of about 30 years was severely whipped with a buggy trace yesterday afternoon and given warning that he must leave the state. One hundred or more prominent citizens of that township took part in the whipping, it is said, and the negro was thrashed almost within an inch of his life. A buggy trace was used on him while he was strapped over a log in the woods of Mr. James Griffin.

The young lady lives about six miles west of Honea Path in the Bethel church direction. She is the daughter of a widow, whose place joins that of Mr. Griffin. Several days ago a negro on Mr. Griffin's place wrote a letter to the young lady telling her to meet him in a certain field at a certain hour. The girl received the letter, but failed to expose it. Not even her mother knew anything about it. Two days ago the girl received another letter from the darkey, and in this letter were several threats which were in effect that the darkey would take her life if she failed to do as he commanded. His command was that she meet him alone in a nearby field. This letter she handed to her mother, who let the facts become known among the neighbors. The letter was most insulting, and the writer was very bold. He not only made terrible threats in the letter, but he signed his full name at the end of the letter. It would seem that he had no fear whatever.

When the people in that section learned of these two letters 100 or more of them gathered. They went in a body to the home of the negro on Mr. Griffin's place and while there examined several letters written by the negro whose name was signed to the letters received by the young girl. The writing of these letters was identical with the handwriting in the letters received by the young lady.

A systematic search was made for the negro, and upon being found he was charged with being the author of them. He was told that if he confessed all his life would probably be spared, so it is said. The darkey then made a full confession. It is said that he told everything pertaining to the writing and sending of the letters, and that he admitted that his intent was of the worst kind. Upon his confession the darkey was led to a nearby wood, and there securely strapped to a log. In this position a heavy buggy trace was applied by members of the party, and the result was that the darkey came near being whipped to death.

It is said that the members of the party, with two exceptions, wanted to lynch the negro, but these two members prevailed upon the others to desist, and they became reconciled and only applied the whip. When the whipping was concluded the negro was handed his clothes, which had been gathered in his home, and was told to make a bee line to get out of the state. The negro did not tarry to tell his wife and children goodbye. He struck out down the road and it is very probable that he is now over in Georgia. His lesson was so thoroughly impressed upon him that he now appreciates the gravity of the act which he committed. It is hardly probable that he will find it convenient to return to this state again and certainly not to Anderson county.—Anderson Mail.

NEGRO'S SLAYER RELEASED.

Judge Gary Grants Bail to Abbeville Man who has Killed Three Persons.

Anderson, June 19.—John McGaha, the white man who killed George Clinkscapes, colored, in Abbeville county not far from Honea Path, about five weeks ago and who fled the country, and who was later captured in Georgia and brought to the Abbeville jail, has been given bail in the sum of \$10,000 by Judge Gary. Senator Gary is McGaha's counsel, while the Hon. Josh W. Ashley is his bondsman. McGaha has killed three persons.

Henry Fowler Released.

Spartanburg, June 20.—Henry Fowler, colored, who shot and killed Boyce Stone, a young white man at Greer several weeks ago, has been released on bond in the sum of \$1,000. He was released this morning and left the city immediately for his home. The killing of Stone by Fowler was the cause that brought Magistrate Wood of Greer into the limelight.

Gov. Glenn Signs Prohibition Order.

Raleigh, N. C., June 19.—Governor Glenn to-day, amidst imposing ceremonies, signed the proclamation for prohibition to go into effect in North Carolina on the first of January, 1909. The ceremonies took place in the executive office and prohibition leaders from all parts of the State were present. The official vote announced was 113,612 for prohibition and 69,416 against it. Twenty counties out of 98 went wet. The temperance women of the State, at the ceremonies, presented a handsome banner to Buncombe county for the largest majority for prohibition, and one to Yancey county for the largest percentage, ten votes only out of 1,220 in Yancey county being cast against prohibition.

BILLINGS WAS GUILTY.

Such is the Verdict of a North Carolina Jury.

The case of the Rev. C. M. Billings against the Charlotte Observer, for \$30,000 damages, was tried at Wentworth, Rockingham County, N. C., last week, the trial lasting several days. The case was bitterly contested on both sides, many preachers from a distance being present to testify to the good character of billings, while a number of people from Blackville and Bamberg were present to testify against him as to his conduct in regard to the servant girl in his household.

The attorneys for the defense were especially severe in their denunciation of Billings in their addresses to the jury. One gentleman who heard the speeches said he would not have had such things said of him for \$30,000. The issues submitted to the jury were:

Were the charges in regard to his conduct in and around Blackville true? The jury returned a verdict of yes.

Were the charges in regard to happenings at Waynesville, N. C., true? The jury answered no. The last issue was: What damages, if any, should be awarded the plaintiff? The jury found for \$5,000 damages, but the judge promptly set the verdict aside and granted a new trial. However, there is no doubt but that this ends the case, for it is practically certain that the case will never come to trial again. Why Billings should have brought suit against the Charlotte Observer we cannot imagine. Newspapers in this State had a great deal more to say about the affair, and we consider the Observer's article very mild indeed. Rev. J. B. Holley, formerly of this place but now of Augusta, was present at the trial as a friend of Billings.

KING COTTON.

South Carolina Now Fourth in Production of the Fleecy Staple.

Columbia, June 18.—Some interesting figures showing the rank taken by this State in cotton production have been prepared by Commissioner Watson from the census report on cotton for 1907. In the first place the report shows that the estimates made by Mr. Watson at the meeting of the Southern Commissioners of Agriculture here in November missed the actual production only about 12,000 bales. The final actual total of running bales produced in 1907 was 11,425,156, while the estimate was 11,413,829. The government estimate nearly a month later than the one prepared for the Southern Commissioners was 11,679,000 and their final estimate in January was 11,261,000, showing both an over and under estimate.

The figures further show that South Carolina advanced in production from eighth to fourth place in one year and that the combined crops of this State North Carolina and Georgia was 38.8 of the entire crop, while the combined crops three years ago was only 27.7 per cent of the whole. The average weight per bale in this State has increased just one pound.

The sea island crop in this State for 1907 averaged 35.59 cents per pound, and in other States 24.27 cents per pound. The value of all cotton crops in South Carolina for 1907 shows the enormous sum of \$72,657,817 or nearly double that of 1906 which was \$49,888,619 and over double the crop of 1902. The value of the seed, which is included in the totals given above was \$10,356,662 as against \$7,308,788 for 1906. When compared with the value of products of the cotton mills the figures are interesting. The estimates obtained by Commissioner Watson for his handbook shows that in 1907 the mills used 7,744,995 bales, all of these were not South Carolina raised; against 555,467 in 1905. The value of the product produced by these mills in 1907 was \$75,455,419 and in 1905 was \$49,437,664, showing that the cotton mills are slightly ahead on value of products but that the cotton production and cotton consumption run rather close.

Alone on Trestle With Broken Leg.

Union, June 19.—Falling as he neared the middle of the long trestle of the Southern railway near Sheldon, 20 miles south of Union, Mr. C. M. Williams, salesman for Mr. S. M. Rice, the well known dealer in musical instruments of this city, came near losing his life.

Mr. Williams, it seems, made a misstep, tripped and fell, breaking his leg, and but narrowly missing plunging into Broad river, many feet below him. No help being in sight, Mr. Williams had to depend entirely on his efforts, and though being in excruciating pain, dragged himself over one after another of the cross-ties, until finally he reached the end of the trestle and was able to call some persons who gave him assistance. It was a terrible experience and had there been a train passing at this time it is more than probable that he would have met a terrible death.

His Money Talked.

The Adviser can now understand why Governor-elect Brown did not utter a word publicly during the recent Georgia campaign—his money talked for him. An official statement, which is only partially complete, places Mr. Brown's campaign expenses at \$21,465. The poor man who aspires to public office had better get it at once. At the present rate of increase of campaign expenses the coroner's place will be open to the man of limited means only a few more years.—Edgefield Advertiser.