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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 citizens of Orangeburg have organized a memorial association and will erect a monument to the memory to the late Dr. A. S. Hydrick.

The news comes from Chicago that John P. Grace, of Charleston, who ran for the United States Senate in the primary this summer, has given \$100 to the national Democratic campaign fund.

An election is to be held in Clarendon county on the question of dispensary or no dispensary. Those opposed to the dispensary met last week and organized for the campaign, and it is said the election will be against the institution.

W. A. Douglas will run for supervisor of Richland county in the general election. He claims that he is not a bolter, but that much illegal voting was done in the Democratic primary. Douglas was not a candidate in the primary.

Will Herrin, colored, was convicted of murder at Saluda on Tuesday, in the killing of Emanuel Carver, white, some weeks ago, a special term having been called to try him, with Hon. C. C. Featherstone presiding. He was sentenced to hang the 27th day of November.

Henry Campbell, conductor on a freight train on the C. & G. division of the Southern, fell off his train at Piedmont last Thursday and the engine passed over his body, killing him almost instantly. He was a young married man. His body was horribly mutilated. The engine was shifting when the accident occurred.

An order has been issued for Hon. O. L. Schumper of Newberry to preside as special judge at the special term of court at Spartanburg on November 11. At this court John Irby, the negro, who is charged with attempted criminal assault, will be tried. Irby, since the recent riot, has been in the State penitentiary for safe keeping.

Last Friday night the residence of Dr. E. C. Smith at Williston was totally destroyed by fire. The origin of the fire is unknown. The loss is partially covered by insurance. It was only by the heroic efforts of the citizens and the fact that the rain had been falling all night, that the adjacent buildings and the planing mill near were saved, else the whole town would have been destroyed.

In Lee county there will be two candidates for the office of county supervisor in the general election. Mr. J. Oliver Durant, who was defeated for the nomination in the Democratic primary, will run in the general election against H. E. Moon-eyham, the nominee of the primary. Mr. Durant says he dislikes to appear as a bolter, but there were many irregularities in the primary and this is his reason for running in the general election.

#### Effort at Suicide Successful.

Spartanburg, October 22.—Will Burnett, a well-known young white man who shot himself in the head with a pistol last Sunday, died at his home to-day as a result of the wound. Burnett was one of the ten men who were arrested a short time ago for taking part in the mob that sought to lynch John Irby, the negro charged with attempting a criminal assault upon a young white woman.

#### "Blessings in Disguise."

The negroes in the state call Tillman an enemy because he disfranchised them; but Capers is as bad as Tillman. He cut off the few registered negroes from voting their choice for electors in their party.

However hard it may seem, the truth of the matter is both Tillman and Capers are blessings to the negro in disguise.—Columbia Sun—Negro Paper.

#### Pernicious Activity Punished.

Washington, Oct. 22.—More official heads have fallen as the result of charges of pernicious activity in the political campaign. The civil service commission announced this evening that John H. Fordham, a deputy collector of internal revenue at Orangeburg, S. C., had been reprimanded and suspended without pay for 15 days for active participation in the Republican State convention at Columbia. Robert A. Stewart, a temporary deputy collector of Clarendon county, S. C., has been reprimanded. R. O. Pierce, an employee of the Mare Island navy yard, who announced his candidacy for supervisor in the first district, has been discharged from the service. Clyde Knook, a letter carrier at Independence, Kan., who became a candidate for the district court clerkship resigned from the postal service to avoid dismissal.

#### Fatally Wounds His Sister.

Liberty, Oct. 23.—John Hughes, a white man, shot and fatally wounded his sister, Mrs. J. A. Hunter, this evening, the ball striking her in the forehead, ranging upward through her brain.

Hughes was intoxicated and had gone in his brother-in-law's house to get a pistol to kill the town marshal. His sister with some others was trying to prevent him from coming out and in so doing she was shot. Hughes was arrested.

## BANK DYNAMITED.

### Robbers Shoot One Man Through the Breast and Escape.

Duquoin, Ill., Oct. 22.—At the little town of Hurst about ten miles southeast of this city shortly after three o'clock this morning the safe of the Russell Company's bank was dynamited and \$25,000 taken.

At the first explosion Henry Pulley, who was sleeping near the bank, woke up and rushed out. Upon reaching the street he was shot through the breast by a man stationed in front of the bank. He is in a critical condition.

A second explosion quickly followed the first and by this time the citizens were aroused and tried to stop the robbers, who were making away with their haul.

A battle followed in which many shots were exchanged, but no one was injured so far as known. The burglars escaped and an armed posse of citizens is in pursuit.

#### Should Stick to Whites.

Rev. Richard Carroll, a prominent negro preacher of Columbia, and who is well known in this city, had the following to say in an address to negroes in Charleston:

The negro is here to stay. South Carolina is the best State in the South for the negro to live in. He is treated more kindly in South Carolina than anywhere in the South. Ten years from to-day it will be proved that the white people of the South are the best friends of the negro race.

The negro should identify himself with the interests of the white people. He should vote with them and vote for the best white men, men who are the friends of the colored man. There were sixty negroes of Columbia who voted in the Democratic primary and he was one of them. The negro should look to his best interests even in his politics. The Rev. Carroll touched upon the amalgamation of the races. He was very severe in his condemnation of this evil practice.

#### Dispensary for Cope.

Last Tuesday a committee appeared before the County Dispensary Board and presented a petition asking that a dispensary be established at Cope. From the large number of names on the petition it appears that the opening of a dispensary at Cope would meet with general approval.

The county board will consider the matter at its next meeting, Tuesday, October 27, when those who favor and those who oppose may present their views.—Orangeburg Sun.

#### Competing Line for Clio.

Clio, Oct. 21.—That Clio is to have a competing railroad line is now almost an assured fact. Capt. J. E. Hancock was here yesterday and met the citizens in an informal way in Curry hall and discussed the new line at some length. Capt. Hancock came as the representative of W. H. Bonsia & Co. of Hamlet, N. C., who have leased the Gibson line to Hamlet and have completed arrangements with the Seaboard Air Line for interchangeable service.

They have begun the construction of the line at Gibson with McColl the objective point at this time with a further extension to Dillon by way of Clio on certain conditions which no doubt will be complied with, as the citizens are very much enthused over the new connection and will meet any reasonable demands made on them.

The opening of this line as now proposed will traverse a section famed for its excellent farms and the most prosperous section of Marlboro and Marion counties. The future of Clio and Dillon is most promising and with a long, strong pull their future success is an assured fact.

#### DISPENSARY CASE.

### Special Session of Supreme Court Called to Consider Old Suit.

An order for a special term of the supreme court next Friday may bring up some interesting complications regarding the receivership of the old State dispensary funds.

It is alleged that on May 19, 1907, the Louisville Distilling company secured a judgment for \$354.35 against W. O. Tatum, then State liquor commissioner, and U. B. Hammett, then chief constable, with costs taxed at \$24, for the illegal seizure and conversion of certain liquors.

At the 1908 session the legislature passed an act (section 10) directing that "the judgment heretofore rendered in the court of common pleas for Richland county, against U. B. Hammett and W. O. Tatum, on account of liquor improperly seized by them and used by the State together with the costs and expenses of defending the said suit, be paid by the dispensary commission out of the assets now in their hands belonging to the State and arising from the assets of the dispensary."

The judgment was assigned to Mr. A. W. Ray of this city some time ago and the mandamus proceedings are therefore his. He is represented by his brother, Former Attorney General Duncan C. Ray.

Should the supreme court decide that the money should be paid and the commission refuse to pay the sum demanded it will be liable for contempt. On the other hand, should the commission pay the claim according to the mandamus, it will be liable for contempt in the federal courts. The complication is an interesting one. The present commission consists of Messrs. W. J. Murray, Avery Patton and Jno. J. McSween.—Columbia State.

## COUNTRY NEWS LETTERS

### SOME INTERESTING HAPPENINGS IN VARIOUS SECTIONS.

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

#### Ehrhardt Etchings.

Ehrhardt, October 26.—Mr. Editor, everything is so dry down here until there is no news going around. Had one or two forest fires near town. These gave us smoky days along with the dust. One of the fires nearest town was set out by two small school boys. Parents should caution their children about setting fire out in the woods, as it might do considerable damage during the dry spell.

Col. John F. Folk and wife spent Sunday night with her mother, Mrs. Conrad Ehrhardt.

Quite a crowd went to Carter's Ford church yesterday. Had an Association there. From what we can learn they had an interesting and instructive meeting.

At a gathering for amusement, commonly known as a negro hot supper last week on the property of Conrad Ehrhardt Co. two negroes got into a row, finally ending up with knives. Both darkies were cut—one on the hand, the other on his neck. Dr. J. H. Roberts stitched them up. Expect the town council will tell them their dues for their disorderly conduct in its limits at their next meeting. It is said booze was used plentiful before the fight occurred.

Our town's inhabitants have increased two quite recently. Messrs. Joe S. Dannelly and I. D. Copeland are the happy fathers.

Farmers are busy sowing oats and gathering potatoes. The sugar cane crop is very poor as a general thing. Now and then there is a patch of fine cane, but the fall has been too dry for its growth.

Peas are quoted at \$1.10 per bushel. Don't think there will be many bushels bought or sold around here at any price.

Mr. J. F. Chassereau has opened up a fruit store in the Tom D. Jones building.

Dr. J. L. Copeland left for Jacksonville, Fla., last night. Was called to the bedside of his father-in-law, Mr. Farrell, who is very sick. JEE.

## NEWS FROM OLAR.

### A Batch of Local Items from a Huzzling Town.

Olar, October 26.—The program of the Simms literary society for the last meeting was as follows:

Recitations—Misses Kathleen and Annie Laurie Kirkland.  
Composition—Miss Tassie Brown.  
Essay—Miss Hattie Bessinger.  
Readings—Miss Agnes Kearse and Master Wyatt Cooke.  
Composition—Mr. Elvyn Kearse.  
Historical Questions—Miss Emma Bessinger.

Miss Pauline Bennett left Sunday for Norway, where she will teach school for the coming session.

Miss Ettie Kearse spent Saturday and Sunday at her home in the Kearse section.

Misses Hattie and Emma Bessinger spent Saturday and Sunday with Mr. and Mrs. O. B. Lain.

Rev. D. L. Roton delivered an interesting sermon at the Baptist church Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. Jeff Gunnells will leave this afternoon to attend the State fair in Columbia this week.

We are glad to learn that Mr. Purdy Ayer, who has been sick for some time, is improving.

#### A Mute Printer Suicides.

Union, Oct. 26.—R. O. Glover, a deaf and dumb printer employed on the Union Times committed suicide yesterday.

The unfortunate young man had been despondent for some time, but his friends had expected nothing of this kind. He shot himself in the mouth with a revolver and appears to have died instantly. He was not in need of funds, as money and a gold watch were found on his person. Glover was from Spartanburg county and a graduate of the Cedar Springs institute for the deaf and dumb. He was a very bright young man and his friends are very much worried by his sad end.

#### Negro Stabs Wife.

Orangeburg, Oct. 27.—A serious cutting affray occurred a few miles from the city yesterday, as a result of which Victoria Summers, colored, is not expected to live. The woman was stabbed by her husband, Garfield Summers, the knife blade penetrating one lung. Some months ago these negroes had another difficulty, when the woman sunk an axe in the man's brain. In some miraculous manner he recovered, after a portion of his "gray matter" had oozed through the opening in his skull. Summers had not been apprehended at a late hour this afternoon, although a constable, armed with a warrant for his arrest, is searching for him.

Get a rain coat from C. R. Brabham's Sons and keep dry.

## OLD SAND BAR FERRY.

### In Its Time Has Been Valuable Piece of Property.

The action of the Beech Island Club at their last meeting in appointing a committee to investigate and report on the subject of building a bridge across the Savannah river at the point where now the Sand Bar Ferry plies between Georgia and South Carolina and the general discussion of the desirability of a modern bridge taking the place of the antiquated ferry method of communication, created an interest in the history as well as in the present status of the ferry.

That a bridge will, in the not remote future, span the river at that point, replacing the flat boat propelled by the current and cable—the present method which has been in use for considerable over a century—is now more than a probability. The well to do community of Beech Island have taken hold of the matter and seem to be in earnest about substituting the present inadequate and uncertain means of communication by an up-to-date bridge.

On the other side of the river, too, the sentiment is strong and pronounced in favor of a permanent structure connecting Richmond and Aiken counties.

The only valuable place for building a bridge in that neighborhood being the points between which the ferryboat now plies, the project naturally involves an arrangement with, and a purchase from, the present owner of the ferry as well as the charter, rights and parcels of land on both sides of, and adjacent to the river.

It is learned that the present owner is not unwilling to sell his holdings for a stipulated sum, provided the purchasers hold out the positive assurance of erecting a bridge in that place at an early time. The cash consideration asked for the ferry and rights by the present owner, it is understood is \$10,000.

As a revenue proposition Sand Bar Ferry is held to be a very fair investment, though the rates are only half of what they used to be 20 years ago before the opening of the road along the South Carolina side of the river between Sand Bar Ferry and Hamburg, known as the Hamburg road.

Before the Hamburg road was built the rates charged for crossing the river on the ferryboat were: passengers on foot, 5 cents; on horseback, 1 1/2 cents; in buggy, 25 cents; two-horse carriage or four horse wagon, 50 cents. These rates were charged for crossing each way. After the opening of the dirt road about 20 years ago these rates were cut in half, or rather, one fare for crossing the river both ways.

At one period in its history the ferry was regarded as an extremely valuable and profitable property, commanding a purchase price as high as \$20,000. On the other hand it changed hands once for a consideration as low as \$500. At present its value fluctuates between \$7,000 and \$10,000.

The first owner of the ferry was Governor Bull, who in 1739, while at Fort Moore Bluff, the eminence overlooking the river on the South Carolina side, obtained a charter and permission to introduce a ferryboat from the Colonial Government. Governor Bull later transferred the charter and the property to Colonel Pepper, who in turn transmitted to the Lamar family.

The Lamars conducted the ferry business for a number of years and sold it to Colonel Abner Watley. It remained a Watley property until the close of the Civil War when Mr. Jonathan Miller, who, by the way, is still in the land of the living and with faculties unimpaired, at an age close to a century, purchased it from H. H. Hickman, administrator, for \$20,000. Mr. Miller held it for about ten years and sold it to Warren Fair, who a little over two years ago sold it to Mr. Paul Dunbar for \$7,000.

In course of a year the ferry again changed hands and is now the property once more of Mr. Warren Fair. For a number of years before and after the war the annual income of the ferry reached to a sum as high as \$25,000. The annual income at present is said to be between \$3,000 and \$4,000.

The ferry ownership includes parcels of land, 10 to 15 acres, on each side of the river, taxes on which are paid to Richmond county and Aiken county respectively.—Aiken Journal and Review.

#### The Open Season for Game.

According to the acts of 1906 the season for shooting partridges, wild turkey, woodcock, Mongolian or other pheasant is made from November 15 to March 1, with the exception of the following counties: Beaufort, Hampton, Dorchester, Colleton, Charleston, Barnwell, Berkeley, Aiken, Oconee, Fairfield, Saluda, Georgetown and Clarendon. These counties have from November 1 to April 1. Lexington was formerly among the excepted counties, but has been taken off and the season there is from November 15 to March 1.

The deer season is from September 1 to January 1, but the law applies only to Georgetown county. The rest are from August 1 to February 1.

The act of 1906 makes it a misdemeanor to sell, or offer or expose for sale, to pothunt, net or trap, or by firelight to pursue with intent to catch, kill or injure any of the game birds named in that section. The handling, possession or ownership of these birds is prima facie evidence that they are being offered for sale.

—Rev. R. A. Yongue, of Barnwell, was in the city Monday.

Buy your over shoes from C. R. Brabham's Sons.

## MACK PREDICTS SUCCESS

### NATIONAL CHAIRMAN LOOKS FOR LANDSLIDE.

#### Claims at Least 301 Electoral Votes for Bryan 59 More Than Enough to Elect.

New York, Oct. 24.—National Chairman Mack authorized a statement today in which he claimed the election of William J. Bryan by a landslide. Mr. Mack announced that his reports showed that Mr. Bryan would receive at least 301 electoral votes, or 59 more than necessary for a choice.

Mr. Mack's forecast of the election follows: "The rumblings and thunder of the Bryan landslide in the West are already heard in the Eastern States, and to-day I can confidently predict the election of Mr. Bryan. That landslide in the West will extend to the shores of the Atlantic. It means the Democratic national ticket will carry every doubtful State in this section, and in rock-ribbed Republican districts the majorities of that party in recent years will be reduced to a minimum. Basing my forecast on the most conservative lines, in view of the optimistic reports I have received from all sections of the country, I figure that Mr. Bryan will have at least 301 electoral votes, or 59 more than necessary for a choice. This comfortable majority will be increased rather than decreased when the vote is counted.

"In addition to the 166 votes of the solid south—and in this I include Maryland—I am confident that Mr. Bryan will carry New York, New Jersey, Connecticut, Idaho, Montana, Colorado, Nebraska, Nevada, Indiana, Ohio, Delaware, Kansas and South Dakota—a total of 301 votes. All over the country there is a change of 25 to 50 per cent. from the Roosevelt vote of 1904 to Mr. Bryan.

"The result is no longer in doubt in New York. The 39 votes of the State are assured for Mr. Bryan. He will win by a substantial plurality. The Empire State can no longer be included in that territory called the enemy's country. I speak from information gained from a thorough canvass and reports from every county in the State.

"From Connecticut I have received very encouraging reports. Judge Robertson, the Democratic candidate for governor, will carry the State by about 20,000 plurality, and the national ticket, backed by a united party, has the best chance in years for winning the seven electoral votes.

"New Jersey sounds an optimistic note and there is every reason to believe that that State will be in the Democratic columns. Few if any States in the Union have a better or more effective organization than New Jersey.

"Mr. Bryan's tour of the State on Friday last and the ovation he received spelled victory to my mind. The internal dissension in the Republican party in West Virginia and the swing of the labor vote in that State to Mr. Bryan are powerful factors for his success.

"Delaware we expect to win. The people are hot with resentment against a party branded with Dupontism. Thousands of Republicans there will either vote for Bryan or not vote at all.

"In Ohio and Indiana every element is working for our success, and despite the great Republican majorities of previous years, I am confident that both states will be in the Democratic column. They are for Bryan to-day, and there is no reason for believing that the next week will witness a change of sentiment. Eighty per cent. of the labor vote in both States and fully as large a percentage of the German population are for Mr. Bryan.

"Illinois is doubtful, with the chances in favor of Mr. Taft, but if he wins, it will be by a greatly reduced plurality.

"The Pacific coast states all show a trend toward Bryan and a disgust of the extravagant, destructive policies of Mr. Roosevelt. In each, particularly in Oregon, state issues are an important factor.

"The mountain states, from information I have received within 48 hours, will, I am confident, be counted in the Democratic column.

"In fine, I figure at the present time, Mr. Bryan will have at least 300 electoral votes. I include in my estimate the following states:

"Solid South, 166; Idaho 3; Montana 3; Colorado 5; Nebraska 8; Indiana 15; Ohio 23; Delaware 3; Kansas 10; New York 39; New Jersey 12; Connecticut 7; South Dakota 4; Nevada 3. Total 301."

#### Fires at Mullins.

The town of Mullins, in Marion county, was hard hit by fire this week. Monday morning about eleven o'clock the large three-story tobacco stemmery of J. P. Sale & Co. was destroyed by fire, and it was only by the hardest sort of work that much other property was saved. There were about two hundred negro men and women at work in the building, and some of them came near losing their lives in escaping from the burning building. The loss is estimated at \$40,000, mostly covered by insurance.

Tuesday night the stemmery of W. C. Scott was burned, this alarm being given before the flames from the Sale fire had died down. The sales stable of J. B. Raysor was also burned. Mr. Scott's loss is about \$30,000, with \$16,500 insurance. There was no insurance on the sales stable building, but most of the stock was saved, this however being covered by insurance.

## THOSE ARCHBOLD LETTERS.

### Stolen by Employees and Sold to Hearst for \$12,000.

The John D. Archbold Standard Oil letters involving Senator Foraker, Congressman Sibley and others which W. R. Hearst has read in public recently were stolen from the Archbold files in 1905 by a negro employed in Mr. Archbold's office and sold by him to the Hearst papers through a white man, a confidential messenger of the Standard Oil Company, according to an article in Collier's Weekly for October 24. The negro and the white man are said to have made a trifling more than \$12,000 out of the deal. The white man in his interview with the writer for Collier's hints that the best of the letters are yet to be used and that some of those held in reserve have to do with Senators Aldrich and Penrose.

The article is headed "Mr. Hearst's Thieves" and is written by Arthur H. Gleason. One of the men, who, according to Mr. Gleason's story, got the letters for Mr. Hearst was William W. Winfield, a negro file clerk, messenger and doortender in Mr. Archbold's office, and stepson of Mr. Archbold's butler, James N. Wilkins, who has been with Mr. Archbold's family for twenty years. William Winfield's brother John, is porter in the National Bank of Tarrytown. Winfield had been in the Standard Oil office for ten years when he was dropped in 1905.

The other man Mr. Gleason says was Charles Stump, in the Standard Oil office for six years when he too was dropped in 1905. Winfield is represented as furnishing the brains of the combination, while Stump was used by him as a white go-between to arrange the negotiations with the Hearst people.

The white man and the negro are represented as having played the races on Saturdays along in 1904 and thus having acquired an idea of what money would do. Just after the presidential election of that year Winfield brought to Stump the first batch of the Archbold correspondence, and soon Stump began making visits to the New York offices of the Hearst newspapers. These offices the Collier's article makes the natural market for such merchandise at that time because "The Treason of the Senate" was being compiled for the Hearst Cosmopolitan Magazine. But this material was of the sort which could be used with greater effect at another time and the letters were put away in a safe in the Hearst offices.

Mr. Gleason quotes Charles Stump: "Mr. Hearst hasn't begun to read the best of the letters. He's beginning easy. Wait till you hear him read the Senator Penrose and the Senator Aldrich letters. Then there'll be a sensation. What's happening now is nothing. He hasn't the originals, you know. They were returned to the Standard Oil files. Photographic copies were made and those are the ones Hearst is using. He hasn't originals except a few Hanna letters, which may not come out at all. After the photographed copies were sold to the Hearst people some of the letters were returned to Mr. Archbold by a friend of mine. Mr. Archbold had offered us a thousand dollars, but he didn't pay it after he got his hands on the letters."

Stump is also quoted as saying that after Mr. Hearst began reading the letters he wrote to Mr. Hearst suggesting that Mr. Hearst might send him a little more money. He adds that nothing came of that letter.

Mr. Archbold discovered the theft early in 1905 and discharged Winfield and Stump. They already had cleaned up some \$12,000. A small part of this they invested in a saloon on the southeast corner of 134th street and Seventh avenue. The rest they blew in on the races and such. The two men are represented as close friends. Mr. Gleason says that "Baron" Wilkins, a brother of a negro whom they installed as manager of the saloon and who later bought them out, runs the Little Savoy at 253 West Thirty-fifth street, and with the crowd which frequents the Little Savoy Winfield and Stump spent their money.

Mr. Gleason quotes Winfield as saying to him on October 9, 1908, at 35 Washington street, Tarrytown, that he was mighty anxious to find Stump. "There'll be a big thing for him and for me too if I land him inside the month. After the next few weeks there'll be nothing doing." Stump, who Mr. Gleason says is now a desk clerk on the third floor of the building occupied by Yale & Towne at 9 Murray street and lives at 1086 DeKalb avenue Brooklyn, thus talked to Mr. Gleason on October 12.

"What is there in it for me if I see Willie? This game of Archbold's getting us to swear one of the letters was faked by Hearst so as to make it look as if the whole correspondence was a yellow journal fake—I want to know the price for that. I want guarantees before I lose a job for that scheme. Anyway, I want to see \$25 before I talk it over with Willie."

#### Gets Warrant for Milliner.

Spartanburg, October 26.—James Henry Rice, secretary of the South Carolina branch of the Audubon Society, to-day swore out a warrant for the arrest of J. McGoodlett, proprietor of a well known millinery store, charging him with displaying two hats trimmed with feathers from the snowy egret, the most famous plumage bird in the world.

The case will be investigated before Magistrate Coan. Mr. Rice arrived here this morning from Columbia. He inspected the display windows of all the millinery stores in the city.

He says that under the law he has the right to confiscate all hats trimmed with non-game birds.