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Thursday, Dec. 31, 1908

It seems to be the general opinion that the coming legislature will pass a State prohibition bill. If this action is taken, our people ought to make up their minds to see that the law is enforced.

Our Mr. R. M. Bruce spent Christmas in Charlotte, N. C., where they have prohibition, and he says he was on the streets a great deal and only saw three persons whom seemed to be under the influence of liquor. This looks like prohibition can be enforced in some places.

The Bamberg Herald has no reason to feel bad over the results of the past year. We have made greater progress during this year than ever before, and we feel grateful to all our friends who have patronized us and made the Bamberg Herald of to-day. Think of the difference in the paper and the office now and when we took charge several years ago, and you will realize that we have much cause for feeling that we have not in some measure labored in vain.

The editor of this paper is not very familiar with the facts in the case of Elliott Jones, who was convicted in this county of hog stealing and sentenced to imprisonment of one year, but we feel that the statements contained in the article taken from the Columbia correspondence of the News and Courier are not at all justified. In the first place, we know the prosecutor in this case, have known him for a number of years, and we know that he would not oppress anybody. The article mentioned is not only a reflection upon the prosecutor, but upon the jury which convicted Jones, and Bamberg juries are not in the habit of convicting innocent men.

PENKNIFE IN SILK LINING.

Woman Badly Cut by Peculiar Accident While on Car.

New York, Dec. 26.—Mrs Frederick E. Belcher, wife of the secretary of a music publishing company, of this city, was seriously injured while seated in a subway train last night in one of the most peculiar accidents on record.

Mrs. Belcher was seated by her husband when she screamed suddenly and grasped her left leg. As passengers started, she cried faintly: "I am bleeding; it is in my coat." Then she fainted. When the train reached the station the unconscious woman was carried to a bench on the platform, leaving a trail of blood behind her.

Mr. Belcher, frightened and mystified as to the cause of the accident, bent over his wife and found a six-inch cut in the calf of the leg. Bandaging the wound hastily he summoned a physician, but before the doctor arrived the wound continued to bleed so freely that a policeman found it necessary to take his night stick by means of which he hastily improvised a tourniquet.

Examination of Mrs. Belcher's coat in the meantime revealed the point of a sharp penknife sticking through the silk lining. It is supposed that some one who had a hand in making the garment, which is sealskin, left the knife by accident in the folds where it was sewed up unnoticed.

INQUEST HELD IN CLARENDON.

Coroner Investigates Killing of Woman by Her Brother.

Manning, Dec. 27.—Coroner Tobias held an inquest to-day over the dead body of Mrs. Mamie Boseman, who was shot yesterday afternoon by her brother, Frank Driggers, on Maj. W. T. Lesesne's place, about three miles west of Manning. The evidence adduced went to show that Mrs. Boseman and her husband, who lived at Alcolu, had spent the day at her brother's, having been invited to dine there. During the day there was some quarreling between the brother and sister about a horse she had sold him about a year ago, and on which she held a mortgage. It was said that Driggers struck his sister, knocking her to the floor, and that her husband took her to their wagon and started for home to get her away from her infuriated brother. Thereupon Driggers called to his daughter to load his gun and bring it to him, and when he found that she had put blank shells in the gun he made her go back for loaded shells. By that time Boseman and his wife had got about two hundred yards from the house when their horse balked, which allowed Driggers to catch up with them. When he got within about twenty steps of them, and just as Mrs. Boseman looked back over her shoulder towards him, Driggers fired the gun, the load of No. 3 shot lodging in her shoulder, neck and side of her head. The woman lived about two hours after being shot.

The coroner's jury returned a simple verdict to the effect that the deceased came to her death from a gunshot wound at the hands of Frank Driggers. Driggers came into Manning about 8 o'clock last night and surrendered to Sheriff Gamble and was at once locked up. He told the sheriff that the shooting was accidental; that he and his sister were playing with the gun when it was discharged.

SOUTH CAROLINA LEADS LIST.

Has More Towns Containing Government Buildings Than Any Other Southern State.

Washington, Dec. 26.—The efficiency and general worth of South Carolina's representatives in congress were never shown to better advantage than in a statement recently issued by J. Knox Taylor, supervising architect of the treasury. This statement shows the amount of government investments in public buildings all over the United States, either where the buildings have been completed or authorizations made for them by congress. The result is the same, however, so far as the work of the congressmen is concerned, and indicates in the highest measure the fact that the South Carolina representatives have been fully abreast of the times in securing appropriations for buildings of this character.

This statement shows that South Carolina now has invested in public buildings, mostly postoffice buildings, a total of almost \$5,000,000 scattered all over the State, as will be shown by the following figures. These figures do not purport to indicate exactly the accurate amounts put in the different buildings up to this time, but approximately what has been expended and what will be expended when the new ones authorized by congress last year are built: Abbeville, \$50,000; Aiken, \$50,000; Anderson, \$70,000; Charleston, custom house, \$2,696,592.24; Charleston postoffice, \$407,500; Chester, \$50,000; Columbia postoffice, \$407,000; Darlington, \$50,000; Florence, \$100,000; Gaffney, \$50,000; Georgetown, \$55,000; Greenville, \$100,000; Greenwood, \$50,000; Laurens, \$50,000; Newberry, \$50,000; Orangeburg, \$50,000; Rock Hill, \$40,000; Spartanburg, \$50,000; Sumter, \$70,000; Union, \$50,000.

It is not believed that any other State in the South can show as many towns with government buildings as South Carolina within the next two or three years, for the reason that, in addition to those already built or authorized, more will undoubtedly be asked for when congress passes another public building bill next year.

STILL A BABY AT 23

Thyroid Extract at Last Starts Mental and Physical Growth.

London, Dec. 24.—The experiment of treating with thyroid extract a girl physically and mentally undeveloped has had remarkable success. The patient, Mildred Hart, although 23 years old, had the development of a child of only 5 years, and was 33 inches tall. Her teeth were the same as a child's, her skin cold and harsh and her features were undeveloped.

The soft spot on the top of a baby's head could be felt on hers. She had no appetite and was mentally unobservant. This continued to October last. A physician then diagnosing the absence of the thyroid secretion took charge of the case. He administered 12½ grains of extract of the thyroid glands daily. The patient has now grown 2½ inches. Her skin is moist and warm, her face is considerably developed and she has cut several new teeth. She is constantly hungry.

The most wonderful change, however, is in her mental condition. She has become extraordinarily loquacious, using a vocabulary she could not have acquired in two months, which shows that she unconsciously listened to and stored up words without the power of employing them.

Elevator Falls, Two Legs Broken.

Detroit, Mich., Dec. 27.—Mrs. W. B. Ragan, of Bay City, and Mildred Caley, 10 years old, of Detroit, each suffered a broken leg to-night and nine other people were less seriously injured when an elevator in the Bamlet building fell from the ground floor to the basement. Just as it was starting to take its load of passengers to a Christian Science meeting on one of the upper floors,

HOMICIDE IN CHEROKEE.

Negro Shot and Killed by Watty Linder.

Gaffney, Dec. 26.—The only homicide thus far reported in Cherokee during the holidays occurred late Thursday night about 10 miles from Gaffney. John Fernandez, a negro, was shot and killed by Watty Linder. The shooting was done at the home of the dead negro in the northwest section of Cherokee county. An inquest was held yesterday, the coroner finding that Fernandez came to his death at the hands of Watty Linder. Linder is the son of John Linder, a prominent and highly respected Cherokee planter. The testimony at the inquest failed to account for any motive that Linder could have had for killing Fernandez.

A party of white men and negroes had congregated at Fernandez's house and were celebrating the arrival of Christmas eve. They were conducting the celebration by picking the banjo, drinking whiskey, and shooting their shotguns, which they had brought for that purpose. This custom is known in that part of the country as "shooting Christmas guns." They had all been firing their guns into the ground and evidences of this could be seen by the coroner's jury. At the time of the killing the entire party had become intoxicated, it is said.

No clear idea was secured by the coroner's jury other than that the dead negro was shot by Linder. There was no ill-feeling between the two. It was said by negroes who were on the spot, although the fact that they were intoxicated may prove that it is not true, that the negro was shot because he objected to drinking from a cup. He became ill during the festivities of the evening and another negro carried him out a cup filled with water. He is said to have objected to the water being in a cup, inquiring if he wasn't good enough to drink out of the dipper. This, according to the report, angered Linder and the killing followed.

Bewildering Relationships.

Washington, Pa., Dec. 27.—Bewildering relationships among members of two East Finley township families have resulted from the marriages of a father and his two sons and a widow and her two daughters. The three ceremonies were celebrated within the last two months. Henry Dillinger, an aged farmer whose second wife died nearly a year ago, engaged Mrs. Maria Richmond as his housekeeper. It was agreed that two daughters of Mrs. Richmond, Lucy, aged 16, and Jennie, aged 19, should live in the Dillinger home with the father and his two sons, Charles and David. After a time the aged father married Lucy Richmond and the two families continued to occupy the same house. A few weeks after the first marriage Mrs. Richmond became the wife of David Dillinger, the elder son. Jennie Richmond and Charles Dillinger were next stricken with the matrimonial fever and were married last week.

The three families now live in the East Finley township home of the elder Dillinger, all apparently happy and contented.

New Home for the Veterans.

The home for the Confederate veterans is now nearing completion and it is expected that it will be ready for occupancy by the first of March. When completed the building will be furnished suitably and appropriately and will be quite a cozy home for the old soldiers.

The new structure is located near the Hyatt Park road, within easy reach of two car lines, the Hyatt Park line and the Colonial Heights line, being about 1½ miles from the center of the city. It will require about all of the \$12,000 appropriated by the legislature to complete the building, which will be a very imposing structure.

The commission in charge is composed of Col. D. Cardwell, of Columbia, Capt. J. H. Brooks, Ninety-Six; Col. J. W. Reed, Chester; Maj. N. B. Cantey, Camden, and Gen. M. L. Bonham, Anderson. The last named was recently appointed by Gov. Ansel to fill the vacancy created by the death of the lamented J. Q. Marshall, of this city.

There has been some misunderstanding on the part of the veterans and the general public as well, as to the exact function of the institution. Many have been of the opinion that veterans will have to leave their families, give up their pensions and surrender a considerable portion of their personal liberty to secure admittance.

As a matter of fact, the number of inmates will be limited, for some time to 84, the act providing for the admission of but two veterans from each of the 42 counties for the present.

The place will be in the nature of an infirmary and a "home boarding house," where the veterans will find their every need looked after carefully. They will be treated handsomely and allowed every proper liberty, just as if they were at home. One of the attractive features will be a cozy, well lighted library and reading room.

The home is primarily for veterans who are without relatives willing and able to care for them properly and who lack private means wherewith to provide for themselves. —The State

His Glass Eye Shattered.

Bayonne, N. J., Dec. 28.—His right eye shot out a year ago by a companion who handled an air rifle carelessly, William Walsh, a 14-year-old boy, was injured in exactly the same manner this Christmas.

He was fortunate, however, to have the bullet strike his glass eye which replaced the one knocked out last year.

While the lad still has one good eye, he suffers much as a result of the splintered glass which lodged in the socket when his artificial eye was broken. He is at present in a hospital.

The dance at Ehrhardt is to be held this (Wednesday) evening.

H. J. BRABHAM, JR. Successor to Armstrong-Johnson-Brabham Co. Announces to his friends, customers, and the public generally that he will occupy the new store next G. Frank Bamberg on or about January 10th. Absolutely No Old Goods—The Fire Saw To That He will carry a first-class line of General Merchandise and cater to the credit or lien trade. Also makes a specialty of men's fine furnishings. Watch this space for bargains, it will surely pay you. Have on hand several hundred bushels of..... Texas Seed Oats at 80 Cents the Bushel Also a few genuine Appler Oats. In the market for Peas and Corn—shelled or in the shuck—and all Country Produce.

A HAPPY NEW YEAR IF YOU WISH TO BEGIN THE NEW YEAR IN THE RIGHT WAY, THERE IS NO BETTER METHOD THAN THAT OF MAKING A FIRST-CLASS CONCERN YOUR HEAD QUARTERS, AND THEN DO YOUR TRADING THERE. IF YOU RUN FROM STORE TO STORE LOOKING FOR CHEAP BARGAIN SALES, YOU WILL LEARN BEFORE THE NEW YEAR IS VERY OLD THAT YOU HAVE MADE A WRONG START. TO BE SURE OF GETTING GOOD SHOES, GET THE HAMILTON-BROWN WORLD-WIDE FAMOUS FOOT WEAR. CHILDREN CAN HAVE A COMFORTABLE AND DURABLE SHOE FOR SCHOOL. MOTHER CAN HAVE ALL THE EASE AND COMFORT OF THE AMERICAN LADY SHOE, WHICH IS A DELIGHT TO ANY FOOT. THE STYLISH DRESSER CANNOT GET ANYTHING MORE STYLISH IN A GENTLEMAN'S SHOE THAN THE FLORSHEIM. A CONCERN WHICH CATERES FOR THE TRADE WITH THE GOODS TO BACK IT UP, CAN ALWAYS BE SURE TO HAVE A LINE OF CUSTOMERS WHO WILL DO THE TALKING FOR IT. YEARS OF SUCCESS, SALESMEN WHO STRIVE TO PLEASE, A STOREHOUSE OF FIRST CLASS GOODS, ALL THESE THINGS MAKE IT TO YOUR INTEREST TO DEAL WITH US. CLOTHING, DRESS GOODS, NOTIONS AND A STOCK OF WELL SELECTED FURNISHINGS, ALL CAN BE FOUND AT OUR PLACE OF BUSINESS. WATCH FOR OUR NOTICES AND KEEP POSTED SO THAT WHEN OUR TAILOR COMES AROUND, YOU CAN GET A NOBBY SUIT MADE TO ORDER FROM THE GLOBE TAILORING COMPANY. C. R. Brabham's Sons Bamberg, South Carolina

Spectacular Auto Accident.

Los Angeles, Cal., Dec. 27.—A most spectacular accident occurred in a race at Ascot park yesterday, when the tire of a racing automobile broke on a curve, while Gus Seyfried of San Francisco, was driving at more than a mile a minute, the car turning three complete somersaults in the air, a ball of flame, and landing wrecked in the center of the track, where it was consumed by the flames. Seyfried was thrown out with terrific force, but he fell clear of the machine and sustained only cuts and bruises.

G. Soules won the 25-mile event, lowering the world's record for stock cars in 25 minutes 36 2-5 seconds, standing start.

Practical Joke Ended Seriously.

Macon, Ga., Dec. 28.—Little Nathan D. May, a son of Assistant Foreman N. D. May, of the Macon News, came near losing his life Saturday morning as the result of a practical joke practiced by a boy of his own age and with whom he was playing on Second street. Young May was wearing an Indian suit and the playmate threw a lighted firecracker at him.

The garment took fire and before it could be smothered with a coat the lad's back was painfully though not seriously burned. If help had not come to him when it did he may have been fatally injured.

NEGRO ATTACKED YOUNG LADY

Who Found Him Hiding on Her House Porch.

Athens, Ga., Dec. 24.—To-night about 8 o'clock a negro man attempted to enter the rear door of Mr. A. P. Dearing's residence with the evident intention of theft. It so happened that just at the same time Miss Katie Dearing, the young daughter of Mr. Dearing, opened the back door to go out upon the porch to get a drink of water, and ran right over the negro.

He perceived that he had been detected and seized the young lady by the throat. She screamed and her father came at once to her rescue. The negro ran just as Mr. Dearing came upon the scene and made good his escape. The police believe they have clues that may lead to the arrest of the criminal.

Can This Be True?

There has been a rumor circulated around Orangeburg for several days that a white man had attempted to assault a young lady at St. Matthews on last Thursday night. If it is true the white brute should have the same treatment meted out to him that would be given a black fiend for the same crime. If the story be true let us have the facts.—Orangeburg Times and Democrat.

KNIFE DUEL IN LEXINGTON.

Two Men Try to Dissect Each Other on Christmas Day.

Lexington, Dec. 27.—As a result of too much Christmas whiskey a white man, named McDonald, lies at his home at Saxe-Gotha Mills, with four serious cuts on his body, while Godfrey Kelly, another white man, is carrying several slight knife wounds.

From what can be learned of the affair it seems that McDonald went to the home of Kelly, for the purpose so McDonald says, of buying some pork from Kelly, who had just butchered the day before. McDonald claims that he purchased a ham from Kelly, paid him for it and started for home, when Kelly attacked him with a knife and demanded that he leave his purchase behind. A dispute arose between the two and McDonald drew his knife and cut Kelly. Kelly claims that he was lying down, partly asleep, when McDonald proceeded to walk off with his meat. Some one called his attention to the fact, when he arose from his slumbers and made the attack on McDonald.

McDonald has four wounds—one in the breast, one under each arm and one in the back. Dr. Derrick was called in to attend him a few hours after the trouble and he is doing as well as could be expected. The trouble occurred on Christmas day.