

Subscriptions—By the year, \$1.00, or 10 cents a month for less than one year. All subscriptions payable strictly in advance.

Advertisements—\$1.00 per inch for first insertion, subsequent insertions 50 cents per inch. Legal advertisements at the rates allowed by law. Local notices 8 cents the line for first insertion, 5 cents a line for subsequent insertions.

Communications—We are always glad to publish news letters or those pertaining to matters of public interest. We require the name and address of the writer in every case. No article which is defamatory or offensively personal can find place in our columns at any price, and we are not responsible for the opinions expressed in any communication.

Thursday, February 4, 1909

Mr. C. M. Galloway, who has been news editor of The State for a number of years, has been appointed private secretary to Senator E. D. Smith. Mr. Galloway is a bright young man and a most capable newspaper worker.

At the recent visit of Rev. J. L. Harley to this city, while listening to his address on prohibition, we thought of his text: "Woe unto him that buildeth a town with blood." Mr. Harley said it was wrong to pave streets and build school houses with money derived from the sale of liquor through the dispensaries, and we thought, is it not equally wrong or more so to build a church with liquor money?

Hitchcock Farm Will be a Wonder.

Through the efforts of Commissioner Watson, Mr. Thomas Hitchcock, Jr., the wealthy New Yorker, who brings South every winter a string of horses valued at \$75,000, is to establish in Aiken county a model farm. This will be one of the greatest demonstration farms in the entire country.

A short time ago Mr. Hitchcock wrote Mr. Watson saying that he owned an extensive estate in Aiken county; that he was anxious to make it of value to South Carolina farmers; that he wished to enlist the aid of federal and State governments in the matter of the direction of operations upon this extensive property, and that he was willing to meet all the expenses necessary to make this a farm that would be an educational agency in that part of the State.

Just as soon as these officials were through with Mr. Taft in Charleston they went to Aiken and had a full conference with Mr. Hitchcock, going over the 5,000 acre plantation that Mr. Hitchcock has bought there. The result of the conference will be that the United States government will immediately undertake to put into operation on Mr. Hitchcock's place a series of practical demonstrations intended to be of value to the farmers of the surrounding country that have not been excelled in any given locality in this country.

The visitors found Mr. Hitchcock thoroughly aroused on the subject, and returned to Columbia feeling that they had discovered a situation that meant more to the future of the sandhill country in this State than anything that had developed in the last decade.

The gentlemen representing the State and the federal government who went to Aiken were much impressed by Mr. Hitchcock's sincerity in this matter, and express their belief that they will be able, through Mr. Hitchcock's offer to inaugurate and maintain a work of far more value to the agricultural interests of the State than any other line of work now being prosecuted.

The offer of Mr. Hitchcock undoubtedly marks an advance in the cause of intelligent agriculture, and if what is proposed does not result that both Messrs. Williams and Watson expect, it will not be their fault. They expect to leave no stone unturned to make this experiment a conspicuous one from the standpoint of results. Mr. Watson said to-day that he regarded this whole matter as something of more real import to the cause of agriculture than almost anything that had come his way since he had been in office.—Columbia State.

NEGRO WAITERS TO GO.

White Servants Being Imported by Atlantic City Hotels.

The arrival at Atlantic City, N. J., on Wednesday of a special train from Boston bearing 250 waitresses to replace negro waiters at a local hotel has spread consternation among the darkies. It is predicted that several of the hotels will import young white women and that practically all the negro waiters will soon be thrown out of employment.

Insignificant though the change in waiters may appear, an exodus of negroes would mean a marked change in the political complexion of Atlantic City, for the negroes have long held the balance of political power in the city. Republican machine leaders are not in favor of the new move.

Wanted: An Undertaker.

They are telling us that the State senate is made up of twenty-one lawyers, eight farmers, two editors, three physicians, two bankers, one manufacturer, one real estate man, three merchants, says the Daily Piedmont. That's one lawyer to each one of other calling. The only clincher that could be put on to insure the safety of the commonwealth would be one undertaker.

Anti-Saloon League Meeting.

Birmingham, Ala., Feb. 1.—The Southern Anti-Saloon League conference opened here to-night with superintendents of State leagues and prominent workers present from all parts of the South. An address of welcome was delivered by Gov. B. B. Comer, who expressed his entire sympathy with the movement. Rev. E. E. Folk, of the Tennessee league, responded for the visitors and alluded in fervent manner to the recent fight in his State.

"It is with deep feeling that I respond to you, Gov. Comer," he said, "you who are so well known to be in sympathy with the cause. In Tennessee we got prohibition in spite of our governor and I thank God that Alabama was not placed in so trying a position. I hasten to give credit to the man who did more than any other for the cause in the South—the lamented, the noble, the true, the brave, E. W. Carmack. They killed him to get rid of him, but they forgot that out of martyrs is the seed of the church. The Tennessee legislature carried out that for which he lived and died.

"The whole South will be prohibition territory within five years and the entire Union in 25 years. It will not be many years until we will as soon think of returning to slavery as to the open saloon."

Former Gov. R. M. Cunningham of Alabama said prohibition is the greatest issue in the nation today—greater than tariffs, trusts, railroad regulation or any of the other questions confronting the people for solution.

Killed by Accident.

Charleston, Feb. 2.—Mr. D. B. Peurifoy, of Walterboro, met his death this afternoon while hunting birds. Alarmed at his failure to appear for supper, his sons, J. B. Peurifoy and D. B. Peurifoy, Jr., went in search of him and found him at the steps of the target gallery with the top of his head blown off. The left barrel of his gun was empty. It is supposed that he was resting and had moved the gun, accidentally discharging it.

Jones Trial Opens.

Union, Feb. 2.—W. T. Jones, a prominent planter of Santuc, this county, will be placed on trial tomorrow on the charge of having caused the death of his wife by means of strychnine poison on the night of July 5, last. Intense interest is felt to-night in this case, which in some features is almost unparalleled.

The indications are that there may be some effort to secure further delay because of the reported illness of one of the main witnesses for the defense, although it is not believed that effort to secure postponement will succeed.

West Virginia Favors Prohibition.

Charleston W. Va., Feb. 1.—The prohibition amendment to the State constitution, prohibiting the manufacture and sale of intoxicants within the State, passed the house of delegates to-day by a vote of 62 to 13. Eleven members were absent. The measure will go at once to the senate, where its fate is in doubt. Eleven senators can kill the amendment and nine are openly opposed to it, while two are said to be in doubt. If passed by the senate the amendment will not become effective until ratified by popular vote. There is little doubt, however, of its adoption, if submitted to popular vote, as already about two-thirds of the counties are without saloons.

MONEY IN HIS OLD PANTS.

Negro Gave Away His Old Pants and Forgot the Money.

Greenwood, Jan. 29.—A pair of old pants containing forty-two dollars in crisp bills is somewhat unusual. John Bacon, a negro, who lives near Greenwood, received two pairs of pants this week from his son in Jersey City, N. J. One pair had been worn some by the boy but the other pair was new. When the old man put on the pair of trousers, which had been worn, he reached his hands in the pockets and to his surprise pulled out the sum of \$42.00. He thought at first that his child had sent the money to him in this peculiar way to surprise him, but not so. In a few days a letter was received from the boy saying: "Pa, you can have those pants but for Gawd's sake please send me back my money." Whereupon the old man went to the postoffice here and told Mr. L. M. Moore of his predicament and asked for a money order for the amount stated above. No doubt the boy was glad to recover the money.

DUEL TO DEATH IN LAURENS

POLICEMAN AND SAFE CRACKER SHOT TO DEATH.

McDuffie Stone Killed Attempting to Arrest Stranger, Who Was Killed by Policeman Walker.

Laurens, Jan. 28.—A shocking tragedy occurred here last night as the result of a deadly encounter between Patrolmen McDuffie Stone and W. Frank Walker and an unknown burglar, whose outfit of tools indicates that he was a safe-cracker. Tonight the unknown yeggman lies dead at the city station house, with four pistol wounds in his body, while Stone, after undergoing an operation, died late this afternoon.

The story of the tragedy as learned from Mr. Walker and Mr. Stone, is that in the course of their nightly rounds the two policemen met the through freight from Spartanburg, which arrived here at 2:15 o'clock, as is their custom. Upon reaching the depot Stone walked down one side of the train of cars and Walker down the other. Seeing a stranger with a little meal sack in his hand, Stone accosted him and inquired what he was doing.

"Where are you going?" said Stone. "I am going back to the caboose," again replied the unknown. "Well, where is your lantern," said Stone; "train hands don't walk around here in the dark." Thereupon Stone advanced within reach of the man and laid his hand upon his shoulder to arrest him, such being his instructions relative to loafers at the depot. As soon as Stone's hand touched the stranger, the latter whipped out his pistol, a .45-calibre magazine, from inside his vest and began firing, emptying the chamber, five of the shots taking effect in the body of Stone, one in the bowels, three in the fleshy part of the leg and one in the lower lip. So close was the range that Stone did not have an opportunity to draw, and clinched his antagonist, and together they fell to the ground.

They were so lying when Policeman Walker crawled from the other side of the train, the stranger struggling to free himself. He was almost free from the weakening hold of Stone and was reloading his pistol when Walker came upon him.

"Don't shoot," cried the stranger, "I am already shot to pieces," which of course, was a bluff to gain time, for Stone had not drawn his pistol.

"I will surrender," said he. "Give me your pistol, then," said Walker. Pretending to hand the pistol to the policeman, the stranger fired at Walker, who quickly drew and shot the man, four of the five shots taking effect.

Policeman Walker then hurried to the station house, summoned the physicians and notified Chief Bagwell. The stranger lived about three-quarters of an hour after being carried to the police station, but he could not be made to talk in spite of the numerous efforts to ascertain his identity.

On his person were found various letters, which, however, afforded no clue whatever, and \$110.60 in money. In the sack, which he held in his hand, was a complete yeggman's outfit, with nitroglycerine, dynamite, keys, wrenches, etc. In addition to these, there were parts of the Augusta Chronicle and Columbia State of January 26.

However, in the afternoon Associated Press dispatches of January 27, there is an account from Atlanta of a safe blowing on Monday night at Bolton, Ga., in which the yeggman got away; and it is a possible theory that the man was examining the papers of Tuesday for news of it. This theory is, however, controverted by a shoemaker at Watts Mill, who identified the dead man as one whom he saw at his place of business on Tuesday, and a barber of this city, who seems to think that he is the same man whom he shaved early this week. Dr. W. C. Irby, Sr., and his son, Mr. Vance Irby, state that the man very much resembled one whom they met coming into town a few days ago.

Dr. Guerry, of Columbia, together with Drs. Bunch and Shaw, and two nurses, Misses Tronholm and Mobley, arrived in the city at 3 o'clock, and an operation was performed on Policeman Stone at about 4:30 this afternoon, he never having recovered from the severe shock. Death was caused by shock and internal hemorrhages. The body of the dead yeggman has been embalmed and will be kept here for identification.

One of the train hands states that there were two men down at the station, and that one escaped in the melee; Mr. Walker says, however, that he saw only the one. Mr. C. H. Roper, cashier of the Enterprise Bank, states that he is satisfied that the man is the same who came in his bank yesterday and inquired about a bill of lading—this as a pretext to take in the surroundings, preparatory to a safe-blowing, which was doubtless planned for last night.

Circulates Petition.

Aiken, Feb. 2.—Alleging that Miss Kirk, said to be a leper, is out of all danger of contagion, Dr. T. G. Croft, her attending physician, has circulated a petition, calling on the board of health to remove the guards and take off the quarantine from the premises. The petition has received a good many signers, but has not yet been presented to the board of health, and it is not known what action, if any, will be taken upon presentation of the petition.

It will be recalled that the board of health had made all arrangements to remove Miss Kirk to the city hospital, near the city, when they were served with an injunction against the removal. The hearing was later had before Judge Aldrich, at Barnwell, and he reserved his decision in the matter and has not yet made it public.



Agent for... ED. V. PRICE & CO. of Chicago, Ill. GOOD CLOTHES TAILORS. Try me for Suit, Overcoat, or extra pair of trousers.

Down on the Bay

A FEW BAGS GENUINE APPLER SEED OATS STILL ON HAND—ALSO SEVERAL HUNDRED BUSHELS TEXAS SEED OATS AT 80c THE BUSHEL.

MY NEW GOODS are ARRIVING DAILY

AND THE LATTER PART OF THIS WEEK WILL OPEN UP SAME IN NEW STORE. PLEASE BEAR IN MIND THAT NO OLD MERCHANDISE—AND NO SHODDY MERCHANDISE—WILL BE FOR SALE IN THIS NEW STORE.

BARGAINS! BARGAINS!! BARGAINS!!!

THERE WILL BE A PLENTY, AS GOODS WERE BOUGHT FOR CASH IN A DULL TIME. COME TO SEE US. LOOK AROUND AND SEE IF WE CAN'T SAVE YOU A FEW SHEKELS. IN THE MARKET FOR CORN, PEAS, AND ALL COUNTRY PRODUCE.

H. J. BRABHAM, JR.

Successor to Armstrong-Johnson-Brabham Co.

... WE ARE OFFERING ...

Imported Thomas Phosphate Powder

(BASIC SLAG)

Extra High Grade at Lowest Prices

GUARANTEED ANALYSIS

Total Phosphoric Acid . . . 20 per cent Free Lime 35 to 50 per cent

WRITE FOR INFORMATION AND PRICES TO

Peruvian Guano Corporation

IMPORTERS

CHARLESTON, SOUTH CAROLINA

Very Low Rates

...TO...

New Orleans, Pensacola Mobile and Birmingham Via Southern Railway

Account Mardi Gras celebrations, the Southern Railway announces very low round trip excursion rates to New Orleans, La., Mobile, Ala., and Pensacola, Fla. Tickets will be sold February 17th to 22nd, limited for return up to and including, but not later than midnight, March 1st, 1909.

By depositing ticket at New Orleans, Mobile or Pensacola and paying fee of \$1.00, ticket will be extended until March 13th, 1909.

To Birmingham, Ala.

Account Laymen's Missionary Movement, Presbyterian Church in the United States, Birmingham, Ala., very low round trip rates have been authorized, tickets to be sold February 14th and 15th, good to leave Birmingham returning not later than midnight of February 20th, 1909.

For rates, schedules and detailed information, apply to Southern Railway ticket agents or address,

J. C. LUSK, Div. Pass. Agt., Charleston, S. C.

J. L. MEEK, Asst. Gen. Pass. Agt., Atlanta, Ga.

NOTICE.

All persons having claims against the estate of E. T. LaFitte will please file the same with my attorney, S. G. Mayfield, or with the Probate Judge, duly sworn to. Also, all persons indebted to the estate of E. T. LaFitte will please make payment to me or my attorney, S. G. Mayfield. MRS. E. E. LAFITTE, Administratrix of the Estate of E. T. LaFitte.

FINDING MONEY

Interest money is like money found—and no money comes easier when once you have made a start. It takes ONE DOLLAR to make the start, and your money works for you both night and day. Better make a start to-day and see how easy it is. 4 Per Cent on Savings Deposits.

PEOPLES BANK Bamberg, S. C.

Presidential Inauguration

VERY LOW ROUND TRIP RATES TO WASHINGTON, D. C. VIA SOUTHERN RAILWAY.....

Account Presidential Inauguration, the Southern Railway will sell round trip tickets to Washington, D. C., from all points at greatly reduced rates. Tickets to be on sale February 28th and March 1st, 2nd and 3rd, 1909, good to leave Washington returning not later than midnight of March 8th, 1909. Round trip rates from principal points as follows:

Table with 2 columns: City and Rate. Includes Abbeville (\$16.25), Anderson (\$16.10), Blacksburg (\$13.75), Camden (\$14.05), Charleston (\$16.40), Columbia (\$15.05), Greenville (\$15.55), Greenwood (\$15.80), Lancaster (\$13.75), Orangeburg (\$15.85), Rock Hill (\$13.05), Spartanburg (\$14.65), Sumter (\$14.50), Yorkville (\$13.60).

For detailed information, sleeping car reservations, schedules of regular and special trains, apply to Southern Railway ticket agents or address,

J. L. MEEK, Asst. Gen. Pass. Agt., Atlanta, Ga.

J. C. LUSK, Division Pass Agt., Charleston, S. C.