

COUNTRY NEWS LETTERS

SOME INTERESTING HAPPENINGS IN VARIOUS SECTIONS.

News Items Gathered All Around the County and Elsewhere.

Ehrhardt Etchings.

Ehrhardt, April 19.—Farmers are pushing their work as fast as they can this beautiful weather.

Mrs. J. C. Westerlund went to her home in Charleston Saturday. She has been spending some time with her daughter, Mrs. Conrad Hartz.

Mrs. Durase, who has been spending some time with relatives in town, returned to her home in Charleston Saturday.

Dr. J. H. Roberts went to Charleston last week on a professional trip.

Miss Ervie Ehrhardt, having finished her college work, came home last Saturday. She has to write her essay and go back in May for commencement, which comes off on the 18th.

Rev. Arial will preach at night for a week or longer if he thinks it will do any good. We hope he will find that his efforts will be a benefit to us all. His brother, who has worked on this charge before, is expected to help him with the service. His many friends in and around town will be glad to shake hands with him, if he comes in our midst as reported. The red string is always hanging out for him.

Mr. H. C. Copeland showed us a sample of garden peas and Irish potatoes of this year's growth, which are very fine and way ahead of any of the other gardeners in town.

Miss Kenny Dannelly left Saturday for her home in Bayard, Fla. She has gone to help prepare her niece, Miss Maude Hutson, who will be married shortly.

Mr. Clarence Farrell, of Florida, came on a visit to his relatives last Thursday.

Nearly every one that could procure a horse and buggy went out visiting Sunday, enjoying the fine weather as well as the ride.

Mr. Frank H. Copeland, returning from Branchville last Saturday, brought with him a nice rock fish caught in a seine in the Edisto river Saturday morning at the Fairley seine yard. The fish weighed 22 1/2 pounds, was fish enough for eight families, and it was not bad to eat. Go again, Frank, if you have to use a silver hook.

Our young men have organized a base ball team but as yet I can't tell you the officers selected. The team played the Kearse team, beating them 25 to 2. I was promised an account of some for to-day, but has not arrived up to this writing.

JEE.

Timrod Literary Society.

Kearse, April 19.—The meeting of the Timrod Literary Society on last Thursday evening was an unusually good one. The program was short on account of the election of new officers, but it was very entertaining.

The first on the program was an essay by Miss Evelyn Brabham, next a cornet solo by Mr. G. E. Ritter, then a recitation by Miss Mell Kearse.

Following this came the election of officers, which were as follows:

President, Mr. Stacy Kearse; vice president, Mr. Ennis Breenland; secretary, Miss Vena Breenland; treasurer, Miss Pearl Breenland; critic, Mr. Ernest Ritter; censor, Miss Leila Folk.

We are glad to say that our society is making rapid progress. All our meetings have proved to be very interesting, and as time moves on each member is becoming more enthused over the work, and it seems to be their aim to reach the height of their enthusiasm.

The program for the public meeting has already been read out, and we hope that each member on duty for that evening will strive to do the best, and make this meeting still better than the last one.

Quite a number of the young folks took in the entertainment at Ulmer last Friday evening.

The "Kearse Amateur Club" has been invited to present their play, "Miss Fearless and Co.," at Fairfax next Friday evening, for the benefit of the school building.

Cheap Rates to Augusta, Ga., for the Musical Festival, April 26-27.

For the above occasion the Southern Railway will sell round trip excursion tickets on April 25th and 26th, good returning April 29th, at very low rates.

The Augusta musical festival will be composed of many notable attractions, such as Mme. Emma Eames, Prima Donna Assoluta, Walter Damrosch and the New York Symphony Orchestra of fifty people, renowned soloists Mme. Rider-Kelsey, Mr. Reed Miller, Miss Neva Vander Veer, Mr. Gustav Holmquist and a chorus of two hundred voices.

For information, apply to the ticket agents, or

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TILLMAN AT WHITE HOUSE.

Pays First Visit There in Seven Years.

Washington, April 20.—A visit to the White House after seven years' absence was paid to-day by Senator Tillman of South Carolina and he received a cordial greeting from President Taft. His appearance in the executive offices created a sensation.

The senator walked to the White House unaccompanied, but left with Senator Beveridge, of Indiana, riding to the capitol with the latter in his automobile.

Booker T. Washington was waiting to see the president when Senator Tillman arrived. The South Carolinian was immediately shown into Mr. Taft's private office. The call was purely of a social nature, it was declared.

"I came," said Senator Tillman, "to see if the office seekers had fried any fat off the president, but they haven't fried a pound."

Asked why he had never visited the White House in the past, Senator Tillman replied, "I waited until a gentleman got here."

"It's not necessary to make a nine days' wonder of my visit to President Taft," said Mr. Tillman after his return to the capitol. "We have always been good friends, and I have frequently gone to see him as secretary of war. Whether he has inherited his office from Roosevelt or been elected by the people there is no reason for any one to suppose that he has inherited Roosevelt's meanness."

Mr. Tillman said that he merely went to the White House to say good morning to the president and to express his "gratification upon having a gentleman there."

"I have no favors to ask of the president and no advice to offer," said Mr. Tillman. "I would have gone to see him sooner had it not been for the fact that I have been out of the city. I have taken the first convenient opportunity to call upon him."

While at the White House Senator Tillman saw Booker Washington for the first time.

"I was very curious to see him," said Mr. Tillman, "because it enabled me to draw my own conclusion as to the percentage of white blood there is in him. It is over half."

Asked what impression he formed of Washington, Mr. Tillman replied: "Booker Washington is considered a great negro, and he has great intellectual powers. He has a Jesuitical face. If he had not been engaged with a lot of people about him, I should have gone up to him and chatted with him. I would like to discuss the race question with Booker Washington. I would like to ask him a lot of questions."

The Oldest Prohibitionist.

Chicago, April 16.—The eponym of far-famed Clark street is in town. He is William O. Clark, of Dry Town, Amador county, California; is the oldest prohibitionist on earth, being 92 years of age; has not had a drink of intoxicating liquor in 75 years, and after a trip up and down his former favorite thoroughfare, remarked that "no, it seems to be pretty well irrigated."

Mr. Clark is visiting his son, H. O. Clark. He says this is the first time he has seen Chicago since they used to call it Skunk village. His father, he declares, owned the territory on both sides of what is now downtown Clark street, but sold it long before the big jump in land values. At prohibition headquarters he said:

"I signed the pledge 75 years ago, and I haven't let a drop pass my lips from that time to this. I hadn't been a drinker before that, mind you. I just signed up because that was the way my folks had been doing for six or eight generations. It's my experience that in order to get a real good prohibitionist, you've got to start two hundred years back. Get the right kind of ancestors and posterity will take care of itself."

Mr. Clark attended the meeting of the Grand Lodge of the Independent Order of Good Templars in 1869, which resulted in the formation of the national Prohibition party. He was chairman of the World's Temperance congress, which met in Independence hall, Philadelphia, in 1876.

While he wasn't battling with the "demon rum" Mr. Clark was fighting Indians. He served in Captain Sisson's company, Illinois Volunteers, in the Black Hawk war, and to-day is the only survivor of that organization, which contained more than a hundred men. Seventy-four years after the close of that war, he applied for a pension. It was granted in May, 1906.

To Move Offices.

Charlotte, N. C., April 20.—There is no longer any doubt that the general offices of the Southern Power Company will be moved to Columbia. One of the high officials of the company stated to-night that the step had been decided upon and that the move would be made within eight months, outstanding contracts and obligations making an earlier change impossible. The reason given for the move is the fact that Columbia is the logical center of the corporation's developments and therefore the proper place from which to direct its immense interests. It is stated that men are already in the South Carolina capital making arrangements for the transfer. The change is a heavy blow to Charlotte, removing as it does a hundred high salaried men and the prestige headquarters of the big concern carried to the country at large.

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 oil mill building at Belton was destroyed by fire last Sunday night about dark. The building was not used for an oil mill, but for various other enterprises. The loss is about \$6,000.

The anti-dispensaryites of Aiken county held a meeting last week and organized for the approaching dispensary election, to be held this summer. It is said those opposed to the dispensary will make a strong fight to vote the dispensary out of the county.

Maj. Marcus B. Stokes, of the United States army, has been detailed as commandant of cadets at Clemson College, he taking the place of Capt. J. C. Minus, who resigned. Maj. Stokes was born in Hampton county, and is a brother of Rev. Peter Stokes, who was pastor of the Methodist church here a few years ago.

The Southern Power Company closed Rocky Creek dam Tuesday night at 12 o'clock. The first power generator in station was run Wednesday at noon. This is the second large plant at Great Falls. Rocky Creek station is a sister plant to the Great Falls station, on Catawba river, both stations having an equipment of 40,000 horsepower. This plant will be hurried into service and will furnish power to Chester, Spartanburg, Greenville, Lancaster and other points along present lines.

The first automobile damage suit to be heard in Charleston county was tried Saturday, resulting in a verdict for D. P. Vincent against J. C. Jaudon for \$1,400. It is said that the man was not actually hit by the machine, but in jumping out of its way, he twisted and sprained the ankle. In reaching its verdict the jury seems to have been guided by the alleged general recklessness of Jaudon, who is a member of the sporting fraternity, it is said, and is able to stand the damage charged up against him.

Capt. J. C. Minus, who recently resigned as commandant of cadets at Clemson College, is out in a statement saying that the reason he resigned was because of the interference of President Mell in matters of discipline. Capt. Minus does not give a very rosy account of affairs at Clemson. President Mell has replied, and while he evades largely the statements of Capt. Minus, he says the conduct of the cadets is exemplary under the acting commandant, Prof. Bramlett. Some of the trustees will have nothing to say.

Santee River Cypress Lumber Company has a corps of surveyors at work surveying the entire valley of the Congaree river, and it is said that the purpose of this work looks to all acquirement by this company of all or most of the timber contiguous to the Congaree river. This company now owns over 200,000 acres of land and offers are now pending which may result in greatly enlarging this territory. When it is considered that this acreage is largely in excess of the constitutional requirement for the creation of a county, its magnitude can be appreciated.

W. C. T. U. Notes.

We cannot place too high a value on the formative and educational phases of the temperance movement. Let us work and pray that there may come to the church and to the hearts of our people a Christ-like desire to eradicate this accursed evil from our land. The only failure that can come to the Christian reformer is the failure to adhere to that which is right. Peace, purity, total abstinence, and prohibition—on these four "hang all the law and the prophets" of the temperance reform. The liquor tribe will rage awhile longer; but God is on His throne; He has uttered His voice; the liquor traffic is doomed to destruction. The Woman's Christian Temperance Union is not only antialcohol, but anti-brewery, anti-distillery, anti any form of alcoholic liquor making, or liquor selling, for beverage purposes.

Shakespeare wrote, "Oh! Thou invisible spirit of wine, if thou hast no name to be known by, let us call thee devil."

As the eleventh commandment given us by our Lord and Savior is applied more fully to the customs of society and the laws of our land, this evil spirit in like proportion will be cast out from the heart and the home, the community and the nation.

Kill the Mosquitoes.

It would be a fine idea if city council would purchase a few gallons of kerosene and pour it in the ditches which drain the town. It is well known that stagnant water breeds mosquitoes, and yet a few gallons of kerosene put into the ditches would prevent their breeding and add much to the health of our people to say nothing of the comfort. We hope this will be done immediately, and if it doesn't do good, we'll pay for the oil.

While we are about it, let's have the back lots cleaned up and lime used in the stables freely and thereby kill out the flies. With the mosquitoes and flies put out of business largely, our citizens will be more comfortable and healthy this summer.

NEGRO UNDER ARREST.

Harvey Bradford, Bitten by Converse Girl, Captured.

Spartanburg, April 14.—Harvey Bradford, a mulatto negro, was arrested at 9 o'clock last night by Chief of Police R. C. Hall, Officer F. H. Johnson and Constable J. H. Becknell on the charge of burglary. The officers have positive proof that Bradford is the party who entered the room of Miss Julia Reed, of the sophomore class of Converse College, Sunday morning of last week, and who was severely bitten on the hand by the young lady in the scuffle in which he tried to stop her from giving an alarm by holding her mouth. It will be remembered that the party left Miss Reed's room in such haste that he dropped his hat. The hat was the clue that the officers worked on.

J. F. Stevens, who keeps a store on Green street in the Spartan mill village, sent a hat to B. B. Henry, a tailor, to be cleaned up and remodeled. Henry sent the hat to the house he deals with in Charlotte and had the work done. When the hat was returned Stevens decided not to take it. On December 24 Henry sold a suit of clothes and this hat of Stevens to Harvey Bradford. The name of Stevens was written on the sweat band of the hat by Henry before he sold it. The negro did not finish paying for the suit and hat. The last payment was made on February 2 and he still owes \$1.50 on the trade.

Having found out the particulars about the hat, Chief Hall and his assistants went to work to locate the negro, Harvey Bradford. They learned to-day that he lived on the farm of Supervisor D. M. Miles, about three miles south of the city. Tonight they went to the house where Bradford lives and found him at home. When they saw Bradford's hand all swollen up they were doubly sure of their man. Bradford, as soon as he learned that he was going to be arrested, swore that he would die first, and proceeded to fight the officers. After a lively scuffle he was subdued and brought to the city and lodged in the county jail. Bradford claimed that he had got his hand hurt in a belt at the Crescent knitting mills. The officers knew this was untrue, for they had already learned before leaving town that this negro had summoned a physician Sunday afternoon after the scuffle at Converse College to dress the wounded member. The officers have quite a number of proofs as to the identity of their man. It will be remembered that a strong scent of tobacco, as of a pipe, was smelled in Miss Reed's room after the encounter.

When Bradford was arrested last night the officers took from his person a very strong pipe. Bradford will be given a hearing before Magistrate Whetmore this morning.

The Organized Sunday-School Work.

The organized Sunday-school movement aims

To increase interest and efficiency in Bible study.

To secure the best methods of Sunday-school management and Bible teaching.

To perfect Sunday-school literature and equipment.

To link more closely the home with the church.

To increase the attendance on all church services.

To extend the benefits of the Sunday-school to every man, woman and child.

To secure the conversion of scholars, and develop them for Christian service.

It has given to the Sunday-school world:

The cradle roll.

The home department.

The graded Sunday-school.

The plan for teacher training.

The world-wide chain of Sunday-school conventions and institutes.

House visitation.

Sunday-school week and decision day.

Statistics for the entire Sunday-school world.

The international Bible reading course.

Improved the quality and lessened the price of Sunday-school literature.

World-wide promotion of organized adult Bible classes.

Teachers' meetings.

Graded unions of Sunday-school teachers.

Uniform, graded and supplemental lessons.

Rally day, now observed by the Sunday-schools everywhere.

It holds in America alone 16,000 Sunday-school conventions annually.

In the entire world it marshals an army of nearly 3,000,000 Christians.

KENILWORTH INN BURNED

ONCE BEAUTIFUL STRUCTURE REDUCED TO SMOKING HEAP.

Ex-Senator Gazzam Only Person Seriously Injured—Guests Forced to Flee in Night Clothes.

Asheville, N. C., April 14.—Of the once beautiful structure, Kenilworth Inn, that in its day has housed some of the country's greatest celebrities, nothing remains to-night but a pile of charred and smoking ruins. Despite the fact that the alarm was sounded at 2:30 this morning when all the guests were asleep, only one person was injured, Former State Senator Joseph M. Gazzam, owner of the hotel, who jumped from a third story window in an effort to escape and sustained internal injuries, the outcome of which is doubtful at this hour. At 9 o'clock to-night it was reported from Biltmore hospital that Senator Gazzam had been unconscious since noon to-day and that his spine was injured.

Hopes for his recovery are entertained, however.

Senator Gazzam's action in going back to his room, after being called six times, and his refusal to get up when first called, in ample time to escape, has caused much speculation among his friends, and it is thought that he might have become unnerved by the first alarm of fire. After hesitating at the window of his room, whence the smoke poured in heavy volume, Mr. Gazzam jumped from the window to the roof of the porte-cochere, rolling thence to the ground. A heavy rug was held for him by the firemen standing by the porte-cochere, but the aged senator missed it in his fall.

All the out-of-town guests who escaped have been comfortably housed in other hotels. The stories of escapes made in night attire are many and varied. One young woman walked all the way into Asheville, three miles barefooted and wearing only night robe and kimono. Many of the guests, it is said, lost valuable jewelry, including diamonds of high price, and to-night a special patrol of police guards the ruins from "beach combers," as they were termed to-day, who have been prowling around since early morning in the hope of finding fortune among the debris.

The company which built Kenilworth Inn 18 years ago was composed of Dr. Browning, of Philadelphia, Strawbridge & Clothier, Philadelphia; Senator Joseph M. Gazzam, of Philadelphia, and George W. Vanderbilt, of Biltmore. The latter was the heaviest stockholder. His and the other interests were acquired by Senator Gazzam six years ago, and since that time different lessees have presided over the destinies of the hotel. Mrs. Anna D. Martin leased the hotel only a month ago.

The origin of the fire, while still in doubt, is thought to have been from embers in the big kitchen range. The total insurance is now placed at \$72,500.

The total loss is estimated at \$250,000.

It is doubtful if Kenilworth Inn will be rebuilt.

MUSIC FESTIVAL AT AUGUSTA.

Mme. Eames, the World's Greatest Soprano, and Damrosch's Famous Orchestra in Three Concerts.

Augusta is planning for a great Music Festival, April 26 and 27, at which Mme. Emma Eames, prima-donna assoluta, perhaps the greatest of all concert sopranos, will sing, and Damrosch's New York Symphony Orchestra will play. In addition, on Tuesday night, a chorus of two hundred will, with the assistance of notable soloists, render Rossini's Stabat Mater in English. This chorus has been rehearsing for two months and is in perfect mastery of this wonderful music. It will be worth going hundreds of miles to hear. There is no other festival in the South that will present Mme. Eames and it is the only opportunity to hear her to be had outside of the big cities of the North. Seats for the festival are now on sale and will be sold in this place by agent prior to the opening of the festival. The fact that the opening concert will be held on the evening of Decoration day will give many a chance to be present. The prices for the afternoon concert Tuesday will be lower than for the evenings. Further information will be furnished upon application to

J. J. FARRELL,
Augusta, Ga.

Boy Kidnapped.

St. Louis, April 16.—James Shepard Cabanne, seven years old, the youngest scion of a famous St. Louis family, was kidnapped from in front of the home of his grandmother, Mrs. Julia C. Cabanne, in the most fashionable district of the city.

There is no clue as to his whereabouts save a telephone message from an unidentified man saying the lad had been taken to Louisville.

Mrs. Cabanne, almost distracted, summoned the police and put the matter in their hands.

The authorities at Louisville and Memphis have been notified and will keep on the lookout for the boy. Barring the possibility that he is in the hands of abductors, who may try a repetition of the Whittia case, it is a theory of the police that the kidnapping is due to domestic trouble.

See that display of fine box paper on the center table at The Herald Book Store. Some exceptional values at 5c., 10c., 15c., 20c., and 25c.

SHOT DOWN IN STREET.

Elmira Business Man is Mortally Wounded, Assailant Escaping.

Elmira, April 16.—Joseph McCann, a business man of this city, was shot down on the streets here to-day while on his way to his store. Two bullets entered his body. He is not expected to live.

His assailant is supposed to have been Raymond Gill, a young man who had been employed by McCann and who had been dismissed because of alleged shortages in his accounts.

His assailant fled on a bicycle. An effort was made to pursue him, but thus far without success. His bicycle has been found in the outskirts of the city.

Govan Dots.

Govan, April 14.—William B. Otte, and Monnie, sons of Josiah A. Lain, spent Easter Sunday with their parents and returned to their posts of duty on Sunday night. William and Otte returned to Augusta. William is engaged in the furniture business, and Otte is taking a course at Osborne's Business College. Also John Frank Lancaster is attending Osborne's college. Monnie C. is engaged as a clerk in a grocery store at Mullet Hall, S. C.

Miss Lizzie Collins has been quite ill but is convalescent. We hope her speedy recovery.

Mr. Bates and family, of Blackville, visited the family of Furman Cook Sunday.

An Easter party was given at the home of Robert Nimmons on Saturday night.

The Woodmen of the World have erected a commodious hall, adding extensively to the architecture of the town.

Georges Creek Baptist church is being remodeled. The old building was much larger, and afforded accommodation for a large congregation. The new one will hardly accommodate the usual congregations, and especially not during the time of the protracted meetings.

Rev. Bolin holds preaching services in the school house at Govan, his first work being the first Sunday and Saturday before in this month. He is a conscientious and devout Christian worker. Previously he preached (I am told) a hell fire sermon. I don't believe the good man earnestly believes in a literal hell fire, but just preached it to satisfy the people, as any theologian knows that any conception of God is that he is a God of love, and that there is a law of sin with the flesh, and with the mind the law of God." Rom: 7-25.

But it is all existent through his instrumentality. St. Paul further says:

"O wretched man that I am! Who shall deliver me from the body of this death." Rom. 7-24. "I thank God through Jesus Christ our Lord." Rom: 7:25.

"For the creature was made subject to vanity, not willingly, but by reason of him who hath subjected the same in hope. Because the creature itself also shall be delivered from the bondage of corruption into the glorious liberty of the children of God." Rom. 8-20-21.

"For the law could not do in that it was weak through the flesh, God sending his own son in the likeness of sinful flesh, and for sin condemned sin in the flesh." Rom. 8-3.

And the most convincing, "What shall we then say to these things? If God be for us who can be against us?" Rom. 8-31. Where is the adversary?

"For I am persuaded that neither death nor life, nor angels, nor principalities, nor powers, nor things present, nor things to come, nor height, nor depth, nor any other creature shall be able to separate us from the love of God, which is in Jesus Christ our Lord." Rom: 8-39.

I believe that the Kingdom of God would be hastened if men would release themselves from such dogmas as a belief in a literal hell fire.

A child by instinct inquires for knowledge so earnestly and the mother deludes its mind when the great mysteries could be made clearer. Many a child has a task trying to understand, but they get on to things later, and doubtless to their detriment.

God is a fair and just God and he has entrusted a mother with maternity and the mother is the God of the child for awhile, and the all-wise maker will doubtless hold her responsible for any misguidance.

W. A. H., JR.

Killed by Jealous Woman.

Jacksonville, Fla., April 20.—Following closely on the heels of an announcement of the approaching marriage of Earl P. Adams, a popular actor and stage director of the Mabel Paige Company, now playing in this city, to Miss Elizabeth Bagley, Miss Jessie Brown, a well known young woman, to whom Adams had been previously engaged, shot and killed him this afternoon at her home, where, it is alleged, Adams went to explain to her the approaching marriage to Miss Bagley. Adams was shot several times by Miss Brown and died almost instantly.

Miss Brown was arrested and placed in the county jail. One peculiar feature of the case is that Miss Brown is a sister of Miss May Brown, who was killed here in 1905 by her lover, who at the same time shot her mother, Mrs. Freeman, and Detective Cahoon.