COUNTRY NEWS LETTERS

SOME INTERESTING HAPPENINGS IN VARIOUS SECTIONS.

News Items Gathered All Around the ity howlers to cry: "Oat crop killed, County and Elsewhere. Ehrhardt Etchings.

Ehrhardt, May 10 .- Our bank is the only place of business in town ob- to ruin the crop, but that wind playserving Memorial day. The memorial was indulged in by our citizens more little damage was done by them, and than a week ago.

Mr. A. Q. Bassett says that he has corn tassels and squash blooms. Others have them in this section, and will be to the point soon where they can go to the garden and get something to boil for dinner, as the cooks

Mr. R. L. Farrell, of Jacksonville, Fla., is spending a few days with his

Farmers are busy everywhere, and have their work well under headway. They are afraid rain will set in and their crops will not be worked up-to-date.

There is some talk of a ball game here on Tuesday between Walterboro and Ehrhardt teams.

Picnics are getting thick in this section. Most two a week.

Last Friday night about 1 o'clock the quietude of our little town was aroused by a pistol shot and screams. The pistol was in the hands of Charlie Kinsey, who tried to end his life with same, but failed. The ball entered from underneath the jaw bone and went slanting, came out of his cheek. Supposition is that he intended to shoot straight up, but fortunately the gun was held at a slant. His wife was awake at the time and did the screaming and assistance was there in short order. Dr. Kinsey took Charlie to Charleston, where his wound was dressed and done up as best it could be. No cause is known by the public as to why he wanted to end his life.

Mrs. W. L. Mitchum has gone to her home in the Colston section to spend several days.

Quite a crowd went from town to the Howell's old mill site to have a fish fry last week. Fish were plentiful, and they all enjoyed the

Miss Edrie Ehrhardt will go to Mt. Pleasant, N. C., this week to finsick and came home to recruit after dreams that a farmer's life has its standing her final examinations. She returns now to read her essay and get her sheep skin.

A nice, warm rain would help out the little cotton and corn. Had a little shower Sunday, but some say its not enough. Suppose they know.

News from Govan.

you a few bits of news items from a sentence of life imprisonment, the this. community.

The Govan school picnic at George's Creek church was attended side room to say good-bye, as the by a goodly number. Although the rules of the prison would not permit invited speakers did not attend, them to see each other again. Mrs. there were some speakers present Boyle threw her arms around "Jimhearers for a good space of time. said, "We must take it the best we of Hilda; Dr. Leighton A. Hartzog, from the room. She burst into tears W. H. Collins, and Prof. Nichols. The latter named is our principal.

After the picnic the young folks spent quite an enjoyable time at a 'sociable," given at the home of Mr. Ben Hartzog.

Miss Eloise Rosboro, of Ridgeway, is spending some time with the family of Mr. L. J. Hartzog.

There will be a fish fry at Dowling's mill Tuesday, given for the benefit of the teachers and visitors in the community.

Mr. Johnnie Seabrook, from Charleston, is up for a short visit among his many friends.

Miss Rosa Hay is visiting relatives at King's Mountain, N. C.

prohibition at Salem Methodist church Sunday afternoon. He spoke prisoner would deny that this was very forcibly and it is hoped that those present, that heretofore favored the sale of liquor, have changed their minds and will vote the dry

Mr. Murray Seabrook is now located in Orangeburg city.

Mrs. D. E. Hutto has returned from her visit to the family of Jas. A. Kennedy, at Guyton, Ga.

Miss Estelle Lancaster has a slight case of pneumonia, but is recovering. W. A. H.

Youth Accidentally Shot.

Charleston, May 8 .- Harry Dotterhimself this afternoon while hunting Sharon the story does not seem to be on the back beach of the Isle of Palms. He was with a party of boys attorney has no faith in it there is a public dance hall last night, accordin a boat and in the act of raising the gun to shoot the hammer was struck and the shell exploded, the charge making a serious wound in the right to the Fort Moultrie army post hoslies to-night in a critical condition.

THE FARMER'S LIFE

Has Its Oasis and All is Not a Dreary Waste.

Magnolia, May 10.-The cold winds of February caused the calamgardens ruined and bad times in store for all." How short sighted we mortals be, for to those same winds are due the best oat crop in years. The fly bid fair at that time ed the pest out so completely that twenty, thirty, fifty, and even seventy-five bushels per acre are claimed for some fields, and the boys delight to bring specimens four to five feet tall to show. Vegetables plenty while a little late, with the best stands of corn, cotton and cane for a long while past, gladdens the heart of the poor old farmer and causes, yes, actually brings tears of joy to flow down his furrowed cheeks as he contemplates the good times ahead, when the debts are paid and enough left to buy Sallie and Kate and Sue a nice dress or two and a nice, large hat, the pride of all the modern belles, that makes them look top heavy, and the hat itself like an inverted stick basket to the eyes of

an old countryman. How proud his heart will beat when he can furnish the madam all president emeritus of Wofford Colthe pin money she wants, supply all lege, and following the usual custom her wishes, and have her pat him on the students of the college were the cheek and say: "You are a right given a holiday. Several years ago good sort of a boy after all." Then the trustees of the college by a can he say: "Sorrow comes at night, unanimous vote declared May 4 a

but joy in the morning." and the magnolias showing the buds, so soon to open and fill the home with its rich perfume, and the little chameleon racing on the floor or climbing on the old man's shoulder, catching a fly here, then another there, rarely ever missing his game, now brown, soon yellow, then to the rose vines or wistaria, jumping from limb to limb, soon he is green, now he sees a fly on the floor, see how careful he creeps, now the spring, with lightning flash out goes the tongue, the game is caught, and as he moves on the floor soon he is brown again, and as the old man watches the little animal as he gets its dinner, he stops in his reverie and thinks, wonderful are thy works CONVICTED OF MANSLAUGHTER.

oh nature! the close of the midday meal, straweam and sugar leave a delicious flavor to the old farmer's palate, and as he nods over the day's paper just left at his gate he

OLD TIMER. BOYLE AND WIFE SENTENCED.

Man Gets Life Term and Woman Twenty-five Years.

Pittsburg, Pa., May 10.-James Boyle and his wife, Helen Boyle, were lodged in the Western peniten-Govan, May 10.—Will hastily give tiary here to-night, the former under latter sentenced to serve a term of twenty-five years.

The prisoners were taken first to a who eloquently entertained their my's" neck and kissed him. She The speakers were: Prof. Chandler, can." The matron escorted Mrs. Boyle and asked to be permitted once again to see her husband. The request was granted and she again kissed and embraced Boyle.

When Mrs. Boyle gave her belongings to the matron, she asked permission to keep a small mirror she carried, saying, "I do not want to leave it behind, as that would make me have seven years of bad luck." The mirror was returned to her and she will be allowed to keep it in her

Boyle and his wife sat together and held each other's hands during the entire journey here from the scene of their trial.

Sheriff Chess said he was glad to get the prisoners out of his custody, as he was afraid they would be successful in their announced intention to commit suicide. The sheriff stated that he believed Boyle had intended to kill his wife and then commit sui-Rev. John L. Harley lectured on cide with a razor the sheriff found in the kidnapper's tie to-day. Neither

true. It has been decided to-night, so far as Mrs. Boyle is concerned at least that no appeal will be asked for.

The severity of the sentence imposed upon the pair appalled Mercer, where it was pronounced. Both prisoners collapsed in court upon being sentenced and had to be carried from the room. Hardly had they reached their cells when word was given out that the woman had taken poison during last night and had narrowly escaped death at her own hands and that a razor had been found concealed in Boyle's clothing. Before this thrill had lost its force Boyle gave out his statement implicating Harry Forker, brother of Mrs. Whitla, in er, 16 years of age, accidentally shot the kidnapping case. In Mercer and generally credited, and as the district years old, danced herself to death in

temple. The young man was taken Seneca electric light plant arrived her parents not to exert herself, but derson-Winston base ball game this last week and they will soon be put the music caused her to forget the afternoon. The Judge has regained pital on Sullivan's Island, where he in position. The poles are being put warning and she danced continuous- complete control over all parts afin position for stringing of the wires ly until she had to be carried out of fected and his friends and physicians He comes of a prominent Charleston and the current will probably be the hall fainting. She died in a hos- hope it will not be long before he can turned on the first of June.

in the matter.

IN THE PALMETTO STATE

SOME OCCURRENCES OF VARIOUS KINDS IN SOUTH CAROLINA.

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

Last Saturday Governor M. F. Ansel appointed Mr. Nathan Toms, superintendent of the Darlington schools, a member of the State one was the wiser. board of education from the sixth congressional district, vice Mr. W. J. Montgomery, of Marion, who had to retire on account of being elected State senator.

The schooner Emma S. Malcolm is in Charleston to load with lumber for Kingston, Jamaica, and the visit of the vessel is especially interesting for the reason that she is officered and manned by a negro crew. Large British tramps are now frequently manned by Chinese, Japanese and East Indian crews, but it is rare for a coastwise trading vessel to be in charge of a negro master and crew. Capt. Malcolm is the master of the schooner Emma S. Malcolm.

Tuesday was the 84th anniversary of the birth of Dr. James H. Carlisle, holiday at the college. Dr. Carlisle How serene the old farmer looks resigned as president of Wofford and feels as he sits in his favorite College in 1902, after 27 years of rocker on the front piazza, smoking service. He is now the president his pipe of peace; the front yard run emeritus of that institution. He is riot with gaudy flowers of every hue in remarkable health for one of his

The Royal Benefit Society has nois the society which claimed to be a Master refused to license it as a fraternal order and stated that he would only license it as an insurance com-\$15,000 or securities to that amount for the protection of its policy holders in South Carolina.

of Murder.

four hours' deliberation the jury in and the community was aroused, the case of Capt. Peter C. Hains, U. and it was feared that there might surrounded by the crowd, in the con- with Daniel Zimmerman, now serv-S. A., charged with the murder of be a lynching. The sheriff was as-Wm. E. Annis, on August 15, last, sisted in quieting them, however, brought in a verdict of guilty of man- and the negro finally taken in cusslaughter in the first degree this aft- tody by Sheriff Salley. ernoon. The maximum penalty is 20 years' imprisonment.

nounced that they would produce af-These affidavits will be submitted on Monday, the time set for passing sentence and any motion the defense demake a motion to set aside the verdict as against the weight of evidence, but the unguarded jury is the away, but was captured about 3 only departure from the stereotyped o'clock in the afternoon. procedure looking to a new trial. Daniel O'Reilly, of counsel for the

defense, said: There was no evidence in this case to warrant a verdict of manquittal on the ground of insanity. The jurors were permitted to roam about the country in an automobile and go right to the verge of the scene of the homicide, which is clearly against the law. We will have affidavits to prove that such is the case and also that the jurors were setting aside the verdict.'

surprise. It had been expected that fired at him. He was finally brought the jurors would deliberate much longer and that a verdict of acquittal on the ground of insanity or a disagreement would result. There was a knife, he cut a Mr. Turner, one of the verdict was rendered.

Capt. Hains stood up and faced the jury, squaring his shoulders, thrown ble was experienced with him. back in military fashion, while Forestood for a few moments motionless, him and he quickly sat down. A few moments later, apparently little afas he was taken back to the Queens the cause of the shooting. county jail.

In striking contrast to the demeanaged father, Gen. Peter C. Hains, and For a moment they sat as if dazed, then broke down and wept.

Danced Herself to Death.

Chicago, May 11.-Marie Fron, 20 little likelihood of any formal action ing to the verdict of a coroner's jury to-day. The girl possessed a frail pital early to-day.

NEGRO SHOP-LIFTERS CAUGHT.

Three Women and Two Girls Arrested at Greenville.

Greenville, May 8 .- Three negro women and two negro girls from Folk Shoals came to the city to-day and made a round of the local stores and stole \$80 or \$90 worth of merchangise. They carried baskets on their arms and would walk into a store, take any article they happened to want, put it in their basket and no

The women took one silk skirt valued at \$12 from one merchant, and he missed it a little while after they went out or the store. He notified the authorities, and they went in search of the women. A little negro girl was seen coming out of a store with a basket on her arm and officers stopped her. She wanted to leave the basket with them and go find her mother. The officers made she did, and she was arrested on the main street of the city with the goods on her. The other women started to preme Court on the flimsy ground ed them and captured them three which tried Franklin. This killing miles from Greenville. They had occurred when young Valentine, who evidently planned a wholesale robbery, and their baskets were well filled when they were captured. Silk dresses, cloth by the bolt, shoes, combs, laces and ribbons were found in profusion. The strange part of the affair is that the women have lived at Folk Shoals, a small country settlement, for a number of years.

SHERIFF GETS MIDDLETON.

Negro Who Shot Valentine Now in Orangeburg Jail.

Sheriff Salley reached the city last night about 10 o'clock with Middletifled Commissioner McMaster that it ton, the negro who made the dastardwill withdraw from this State. This ly attempt to assassinate Mr. J. H. Valentine while at his work yesterfraternal order, but as its officers day morning. It was not until about were entirely white men, and its sun down yesterday evening that membership in South Carolina was Sheriff Salley got the negro, although entirely negroes, Commissioner Mc- he had been taken prisoner earlier in the afternoon, and reports had reached the city to the effect that the sheriff was on his way here. In pany, and would require it to deposit taking the negro it was necessary to shoot him, and the negro is now in

his face and shoulder. around the scene of the shooting crowd surrounded the house, a Mr. Flushing, N. Y., May 11 .- After sheriff was unable to locate him,

Mr. J. H. Valentine was at his work in the field yesterday morning, Quickly following the young army and started to go from one field to officer's conviction his counsel an- another. He drove his horse with the plough on his way to the field. fidavits to show that the jury had not and had to pass wooded land. It was been properly guarded during the while he was passing through this trial and upon this allegation will patch of forest that the negro opened urge that a new trial be granted. fire on him. The negro was laying in ambush, and as Mr. Valentine got opposite to him, he opened fire. Mr. Valentine was shot in his hand and sires to make. They will of course also in the body, but the wounds are not of a serious nature, and he is not confined to his bed. The negro got

The news of the attempted assassination spread, and it was not long until men were on the trail of the negro. He was finally captured at the home of Mrs. M. V. Gray, a sister slaughter. It should either have of Mr. Valentine, who saw the negro been murder in the first degree or ac- passing, and in order to make an attempt to capture him, she called him in and gave him something to eat. While the negro was at Mrs. Gray's two gentlemen, Messrs. Smith and Turner, were passing, and they were notified of the negro's presence. The house is somewhat elevated from the ground, and the negro took refuge permitted to leave the jurisdiction of behind a brick pillar. Here another the county and have been on govern- shooting took place, and it was at ment property at Fort Totten, all of this place that the negro was woundwhich will be urged as a ground for ed. He would dodge out from behind the pillars and fire at his

The conviction came as a general would-be captors, and they in turn to, however. While in custody the negro made an attempt to get away, and drawing

no demonstration in the court when his captors, on the cheek, inflicting a very ugly wound. The prisoner was overpowered and no more trou-About a year ago the negro Midman Sundling recited the verdict. As dleton was under arrest and in the

he heard the decision of the jurors custody of Mr. Valentine, and while Hains' face was as white as chalk. He in his buggy the negro resisted and severely choked the officer, who staring at the jury after he heard the fired on him. About a week ago the verdict. One of his lawyers touched negro wrote Mr. Valentine a letter, so it is alleged, saying that he would get even with him in one way or anfected by the verdict, he walked from other. The negro was seen on the the court room with a steady stride place yesterday and this is given as The negro is about 45 years of

age, and he confessed to all that he or of the prisoner was the grief of his had done while on his way with the sheriff last night. He said he exhis brother, Maj. John Power Hains. pected to hurt somebody and expected to get hurt himself.

He is a bad character and will no doubt get the limit of the law, when his case is called for trial.-Orangeburg Evening News.

Judge Prince Out Again.

Anderson, May 10.-Judge Geo. E. Prince, who was stricken with paralyconstitution, but waltzing was a sis several weeks ago, has so improv-The engine and dynamo for the mania with her. She was warned by ed as to be able to be out at the Anresume his duties on the bench.

NEGRO SHOOTS WHITE MAN

DESPERATE NEGRO ATTEMPTS ASSASSINATION.

Mr. J. H. Valentine Wounded by Negro Named Middleton-Captured and Lodged in Jail.

Considerable excitement was created in Bamberg Monday when it became known that a negro named Middleton nad attempted to assassinate Mr. Harry Valentine, of the Cope section of Orangeburg county, only a rew miles from Bamberg. There has been considerable trouble with the negroes over there for the last year or two, and it will be remembered that a brother of Mr. Valentine was shot and killed by a negro named Pink Franklin. This killing happened about a year ago, and Franklin is now in jail at Orher take them to her mother, which angeburg under sentence of death, but his negro attorney has appealed his case to the United States Suleave the city, but the officers follow- that there was no negro on the jury was a magistrate's constable, went to arrest Franklin..

After the killing of his brother young Harry Valentine accepted the position of constable, an older brother, J. T. Valentine, being the magistrate. Some months ago Harry Valentine arrested a negro named Middleton for some misdemeanor, and while carrying him to jail the negro is a dangerous one. attacked Valentine and attempted to escape. In the struggle young Valentine shot the negro, but he recovered from the wound. The negro wanted revenge, and Monday mornin a field near some woods he was shot from ambush with a shot gun. Fortunately Mr. Valentine was turning his mule just as the shot was fired, and most of the load took effect in his arm. Some shot entered ly hurt.

A crowd of citizens quickly gathered, and the sheriff of Orangeburg county was notified of the shooting it; I want to die." and asked to bring blood hounds. A request for dogs was also sent to Bamberg. In the meantime the he was soon captured, being found There was a large crowd in and hiding under a house. When the The negro's knife made a bad gash board. in the young man's face, and several was soon recaptured.

After his recapture he was taken tition for a rehearing would be filed. in charge by a crowd, and the supposition was that he was carried off the days allowed before the remitinto the woods and lynched, but we titur is sent down to the clerk of learned to-day (Tuesday) that this court, who turns it over to the sherwas not the case, but that Sheriff A. iff, whose duty it is to immediately M. Salley arrived on the scene soon deliver the defendant to the penitenafter the negro was recaptured and tiary authorities. He is now out on carried him to jail in Orangeburg.

Several persons from here went scoundrel.

Explosion in Powder Mill.

powder mills at Turk Station, near physical condition, and he is now in here, blew up to-day, killing four very feeble health. However, he was

The dead: Joseph Stovall, Wil-James Rood. These four men were at work in the mixing room.

the factory took fire and burned for though of course a pardon is desirtwo hours. One hundred employes able for other reasons than to avoid of the plant finally extinguished the serving the time, it is not unlikely blaze, all the while being in great that Mr. Gibson will have completed danger from the large quantity of ex- his short sentence before the pardon plosives stored in the building. The papers can get through the usual red loss is \$75,000.

This is the fourth time the mixing

Turpentine Trust Guilty.

Savannah, Ga., May 10 .- "Guilty," was the verdict brought in late tonight by the jury in the case Though peculiarly, the names of the two indicted corporations are omitted in the verdict, it applies to the five individual defendants: E. S. New York, its treasurer, and J. F. C. tional Transportation and Terminal Company.

The sixth defendant, Charles J.

ants guilty on the first and second spread like wildfire and very soon counts of the indictment, charging the citizens of the community had conspiring to monopolize interstate

prison.

the court room and in Savannah was prit. complete. It was generally believed the verdict would favor the defense.

INSANE MAN ATTEMPTS SUICIDE.

Prisoner En Route to Asylum Cuts his Throat on the Train.

Columbia, May 10 .- Obtaining & knife from one of the passengers on the Augusta train, within two miles of Columbia, at the Congaree River crossing, Emanuel Bolen, who was being brought here to the Insane Asylum, slashed his own throat and. after an operation that lasted fortyfive minutes, now lies dangerously ill at the hospital. Bolen is from North Augusta and was under guard of & special deputy at the time of the at-

tempted suicide. The guard stated that everything went well with him and the prisoner, who was manacled, until the train was crossing the Congaree bridge. At this point, just outside of Columbia, Bolen spoke to one of the passengers who did not notice that the man was a prisoner. A knife was handed handed Bolen and the next thing the guard knew Bolen had made a vicious attempt to end his own life. The jugular vein was touched and Bolen was just saved from death. After being taken to the hospital the wound was stitched and the chances are that Bolen will recover unless blood poisoning should set in. The doctors state that the knife may have been rusty, and in that event the wound might prove fatal. Bolen is

a middle-aged white man. The condition of the wounded man was somewhat better to-night. He is resting easily, although the wound

From those who came in on the train a graphic story is told of the struggle between the guard and the insane man. The passengers thought the man was trying to cut the guard ing while Mr. Valentine was plowing and several of them attempted to leave the coach. Having been called on by the guard, E. K. Mitchell, young college man, who was on the train, assisted in taking the knife from Bolen. It is said that Bolen borrowed the knife about twenty his breast, but he is not dangerous- miles from here and waited until within two miles of Columbia to cut himself. When the knife was taken from him Bolen said, "Let me finish

GIBSON GOES TO PEN.

jail suffering from a severe wound in chase of the negro was begun, and Supreme Court Refused to Grant Him a New Trial.

In an opinion, which is unanimous, and the search for the negro yester- Smith looked under the house and filed to-day, the supreme court reday, and at times it is believed that was fired on by the negro, but the fuses the appeal of Thomas J. Gib-Now the dinner bell rings, and at Verdict Against Army Officer Accused it would be with some difficulty that shot went wild. Then Mr. Smith son, the Columbia broker convicted the sheriff would be able to get fired on the negro, wounding him in of "receiving stolen goods, knowing possession of the negro. The the head and side of his face, but them to be stolen," and within ten not dangerously. The negro was then days he must begin service of six captured and brought out, but while months in the penitentiary, along fusion, he managed to draw a knife ing three years for embezzling the and cut a young man whose name bonds in question, and whose petiwe have not learned at this writing. tion is now before the State pardon

Of course there is the chance of a stitches had to be taken by a physi- rehearing, but his attorneys, Messrs. cian to close the wound. The negro Logan & Edmunds and Mr. Washingthen ran and made his escape, but ton Clark, said this morning that they could not say yet whether a pe-

This will have to be filed within

bond. This is one of the most pathetic over to Cope Monday as soon as they cases in the criminal history of the learned of the affair, in order to be State, both men having been promiof assistance in tracking down the nent socially and of the highest financial standing. And both were aged and in extremely bad health at the time of their conviction. The Columbus, Kan., May 10.—The case against Mr. Gibson was postmixing room of the Laflin & Rand poned several times on account of his

out on the streets some time ago. Under the policy established by liam Morrow, Robert McFarland, Governor Ansel, Mr. Gibson will have to begin actual service of sentence before the governor will even con-Immediately after the explosion sider his petition for pardon, and

In her letter to the governor pleadroom in this factory has blown up. ing for the pardon of her husband, The first explosion killed three, the Mrs. Zimmerman says she can say of second two and the third five men. her own knowledge that Mr. Zimmerman did not secure any financial gain by his regrettable mistake.

SHOT BY NEGRO.

of the so-called "turpentine trust." Mr. B. A. Jordan Badly Wounded Near Johnston.

Edgefield, May 11.-Mr. Barney A. Jordan, a prominent farmer, was Nash, president of the American shot, and it is feared mortally Naval Stores Company; Spencer B. wounded, at 10 o'clock this morning Shotter, chairman of its board of di- by Peter Coates, a negro. The shootrectors; George Meade Boardman, of ing occurred on the plantation of Mr. Jake Hardy, two miles south of Myers, vice president of the company, Johnston, a pistol being the weapon and Charles Moller, of Jacksonville, used, the ball entering the breast Fla., manager of the company, and and passing through the lungs. From also Jacksonville manager of the Na- the facts obtainable here it seems that Mr. Jordan had in his employment a son of Coates and he went to the latter's house in quest of the boy, Deloach, was found not guilty at the who had run away. While there an direction of the court. Deferred at altercation arose between Mr. Jordan the request of the defense, sentence and the negro, resulting in Coates' will be passed to-morrow morning. A drawing his pistol and firing upon motion for a new trial will be made. Mr. Jordan, inflicting a dangerous The verdict finds the five defend- wound. The news of the shooting gathered for the purpose of capturing the negro, who had fled. Sheriff The maximum sentence is a fine of Ouzts went immediately to the scene \$5,000 and a term of one year in and Sheriff Corley, of Lexington, with bloodhounds, was wired for and The surprise the verdict caused in they are now in pursuit of the cul-

Later news gives some hope of Mr.

Jordan's life.