

COUNTRY NEWS LETTERS

SOME INTERESTING HAPPENINGS IN VARIOUS SECTIONS.

News Items Gathered All Around the County and Elsewhere.

Ehrhardt Etchings.

Ehrhardt, Feb. 21.—Saturday we had a little sprinkle of snow, but was not enough to play snow ball with. Sunday was cold and damp all day, with some rain.

The measles have several of our little ones closed up. We miss the little ones on our streets, with their plays and laughter.

A certain young man in town went to Saint George Sunday. Must be hard struck on some one down there. He left Sunday morning in his auto, facing the cold damp weather.

The show came to town Sunday afternoon. Don't think the attendance will be what the show-men expect, for it is reported that they have small pox in their gang.

Wood has been in good demand last week. The usual supply was not enough.

Whiskey still comes to town by express every day. Plenty of it is consumed in this section by some; others make out with Jamaica ginger and water.

Fertilizer is the go with our farmers. They want to get their hauling done so they can be ready for the planting season, when the cold holds up.

Bill Ealey, who purchased a part of the Jacob I. Bishop estate lands, is hard at work building himself a nice dwelling upon same. He is a colored man who uses his money and labor to the best advantage. His house does him credit.

Mr. Henry Ehrhardt has laid the foundation for another dwelling house. Hope soon to have it ready to be occupied.

Some one on Saturday stole one of Mr. Jerry Chassereau's pups, but was not long before he got on trail of the guilty party. He with the magistrate and his constable went to the party's home and there found his pup and took him home with him. The guilty party was fined \$5.00 and was not bothered further. JEE.

Fairfax Fancies.

Fairfax, Feb. 18.—We were not very much surprised when told on Sunday last that Mr. Sam Rouse had left for Leesburg, Va., where next morning at 8 a. m. he claimed and obtained his bride, the "valentine" of his life. He married at the home of her parents, Miss Blanche Cooksey. Mr. Rouse and bride returned to Fairfax immediately after the ceremony. They were met at the depot by many friends, as both had lived here long enough to have made many. Mr. Rouse is our popular depot agent, while his bride resided here for several years, and had not long returned to the home of her parents. They are boarding at that popular hostelry, the Barber House. We wish for this beloved couple unalloyed and eternal happiness.

Miss Ruby Crim has been spending some time with her life-long friend, Mrs. Newton Loadholt. Nothing gives Mrs. Loadholt more pleasure than to get up entertainments at her lovely home—just outside of Fairfax—for the enjoyment of the young folks. So Miss Crim and herself arranged a lovely valentine party for Monday evening. Beautiful valentines, awaited all of the guests. Many couples attended from Fairfax. Delicious refreshments were served, and all seemed to think it was as enjoyable affair as any they had ever attended at their "Pleasant Retreat" home.

Miss Haigler, one of our teachers, left to-day for a visit to her brother at Cameron, S. C.

The infant boy of Mr. and Mrs. Fred Lightsey continues to be quite ill, but perhaps the tender nursing he is receiving may overcome the dangers in the way of recovery.

Mr. Connor Manor is visiting his friend, Mr. G. D. Sanders.

Mrs. M. Moye has returned from a prolonged stay among relatives in Georgia, but was made to feel more than at home by taking the prevailing epidemic, grip.

Mrs. Rebecca Mars spent some time this week with her sister, Mrs. Mary Youmans.

MISS JOHNSON FOUND.

Spartanburg Girl Who Disappeared Located in St. Louis.

Spartanburg, Feb. 21.—Miss Ethel Johnson, who so mysteriously disappeared from her home here last Tuesday morning has been located in St. Louis, Mo. J. W. Johnson, father of the young lady, left Sunday for St. Louis to bring her back home.

Mrs. Johnson received a letter Sunday from her daughter in St. Louis. In speaking with the State's correspondent to-night, Mrs. Johnson said that the letter she had received was one of the most touching appeals she had ever read. She said her daughter had expressed herself in the letter as believing that her father would not take her back home, but that if he stoutly refused she asked her mother to send her the money to return on, and that she would work for her until she had paid it back.

"I am alone in a great city among strangers," says Miss Johnson in her letter to her mother; "but I have always asked to be shown to good boarding places all along the line."

Albert E. Hill has been retained as counsel for the prosecution in the case against Kate Parham and Walter Johnson, under arrest on the charge of abducting Miss Johnson. The case was to have been called this morning before Magistrate Kirby. Mr. Hill will ask for a continuance until Mr. Johnson and his daughter arrive. Miss Johnson will be placed upon the stand and it is believed she will tell the whole story of her disappearance.

Olar News.

Olar, Feb. 21.—Rev. W. C. Kirkland, of Dillon, was in town last week.

Mr. and Mrs. G. Victor Kearse, of Savannah, Ga., visited relatives here Saturday and Sunday.

Mr. B. F. Sadler has bought an interest in the store of F. V. Thain, and the business is now conducted as Thain & Sadler.

Rev. E. A. Wilkes did not preach here Sunday evening. We suppose the weather kept him away.

Spring time is coming around a day or two at the time. Most people are planting their gardens, and if they don't mind they will have to do the same thing twice.

Mrs. Neeley, of Denmark, is visiting her daughter, Mr. U. G. Milhouse.

Tomorrow is Washington's birthday. The bank will be closed and the post office will keep Sunday hours.

Little Norman Kearse, son of Mr. and Mrs. J. Herbert Kearse, who has been sick so long, is no better. We hope it is the good Master's will to spare his life, for his fond parents' sake, who are so down cast in their affliction. B. G. J.

Rev. J. Earl Freeman's Appointments

Editor The Bamberg Herald:

Will you please publish the following directory of services on my field?

St. John's:—1st and 3rd Sundays at 11 o'clock a. m.

Hunter's Chapel:—2nd Sundays at 11 o'clock a. m. and Saturday before at 11 o'clock a. m.

Bethesda:—4th Sunday at 11 o'clock a. m.

Bethany:—2nd and 4th Sundays at 4 o'clock p. m.

Ehrhardt:—1st and 3rd Sundays at 4 o'clock p. m.

These churches have recently formed a field, and the work promises to move on harmoniously. The pastor's task is a great one, because the field is so large, and thoroughness in all its parts is not possible. But a co-operative people will help much to lighten the burden, and already they have expressed their appreciation of their pastor in a very substantial way; for on the 13th instant representatives from all these churches gathered at the pastor's home, bringing baskets well filled with good things to eat, and favorable weather made it possible to spread the feast in the grove near by, and all seemed to have a pleasant day. The presence of Methodist and Lutheran pastors and some of their members added pleasure to the occasion. It was a good day for the pastor and his family, for when these kind people left, in his pantry a dozen nice hams, a barrel of flour and syrup, sugar, rice in abundance, were found. May the pastor prove worthy of being remembered thus.

J. EARLE FREEMAN.

Ehrhardt, Feb. 18, 1910.

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 general assembly adjourned last Saturday. No legislation of far-reaching importance was enacted, as the members generally seemed to shy away from important problems, as this is election year.

The judiciary committee of the Senate presented a resolution calling on Dr. Babcock, the superintendent, and the board of regents of the asylum to resign, but the Senate killed the resolution by a decisive vote.

Work has begun in Greenville on a handsome six-story office building which is to cost \$100,000. It will be known as the Masonic Temple. This will be the handsomest office building in the State, except the Loan and Exchange Bank building in Columbia.

The legislature passed a resolution providing for an investigation of Clemson college. There are charges of extravagance at the institution, it being stated on the floor of the house that it cost more to maintain students at Clemson than at any other State college.

Corn clubs for the boys have been organized in Sumter and Orangeburg counties. Prizes of cash and other things will be offered, and there will be a number of contestants in both counties. Bamberg ought to take action along the same line. Nothing will give a greater stimulus to corn growing and induce the boys to take an interest in farming.

Senator Tillman suffered a stroke of paralysis last Wednesday, and since that time has been very ill at his residence in Washington. He was unconscious for some time, and it was feared that he would never recover the power of speech, even should he survive. However, he has regained his speech, and the latest news from his bedside is that he is improving, although it will be some weeks before he can be brought to South Carolina, and he will not be able to again attend this session of congress.

MEETS BATTLESHIP COMMISSION

The South Carolina's Commander at Columbia.

Columbia, Feb. 18.—Capt. A. F. Fechteler, commander of the battleship South Carolina, was here this afternoon, for a conference with the battleship committee. At the conference plans were discussed for the presentation of the silver service and the entertainment to be given in Charleston on the occasion. Capt. Fechteler was presented to the Senate by Lieutenant Governor McLeod, the president officer, and was introduced by Governor Ansel to members of the General Assembly and to State officials and visitors to the Capitol.

Governor Ansel stated this afternoon that presentation of the silver service at noon on April 12 would be on shore in the City of Charleston. "This will be done because it is more convenient to have these exercises ashore than on the battleship," he said. "The people will thus have the opportunity of seeing the presentation." On this occasion the State flag will be presented to the battleship by the Daughters of the American Revolution. From 1.30 to 6 o'clock in the afternoon a reception will be given by the captain and officers of the South Carolina. Boats will be at the wharf in Charleston to convey guests to the battleship. Cards will be presented at the landing. The invitations for the silver service presentation exercises will be sent out by the battleship commission. Of course the invitations for the reception aboard the battleship will be sent out by the captain and officers.

The South Carolina will leave Philadelphia on March 6, and will go to Hampton Roads, to coal. Thence the battleship will go to Calcebra and the return trip will be to Charleston, arriving there April 10.

Capt. Fechteler is very much pleased with the assignment of the South Carolina and he is proud of the "nation's best battleship." There is one South Carolina officer aboard the South Carolina.

Capt. Fechteler arrived here at 1 o'clock this afternoon and left at 4.10 p. m. for Washington. He met in conference Governor Ansel, Senator Mauldin and Representative E. M. Rucker, members of the commission.

HEIRESS TO THOUSANDS FOUND.

Birmingham Married Woman to Get Fortune of Former Sweetheart.

Birmingham, Ala., Feb. 20.—A remarkable romance was unearthed here to-day by the finding of Mrs. Claudie Vester, formerly of Nashville, Tenn., and who is the heiress to an estate of about \$235,000. The estate was left by E. D. Ennis, who formerly lived in Birmingham and once was a sweetheart of Mrs. Vester, then Miss Clark.

Ennis shot a man here in 1892 and fled from the city. He went to Jamaica, where he amassed a fortune, and about three years ago he was fatally injured in a fight with a Spaniard. Before his death he willed his entire estate to Miss Clark, and the Jamaica authorities have since been trying to find her.

Daniel Jones, of the Island of Jamaica, is in Birmingham, and it was due to his efforts that she was found to-day.

News from Jenny.

Jenny's, S. C., Feb. 21, 1910.

"Be still sad heart, and cease repining
Behind the cloud the sun is still shining."

O, boys! one Sunday night at home occasionally keeps you from forgetting father and mother's fireside stories. May be next Sunday and Sunday night will be better. "Into each life some rain must fall; some days must be dark and dreary." You know, girls, the swamp is awful dark, in cloudy weather, so don't "kick" because he didn't come last night.

Mr. and Mrs. Geo. W. Jenny entertained their sister, Miss Sude Ritter, and cousin, Miss Cresida Breland, of Kearse, last week. We are always glad to have these lively girls in our midst. Cheers us all up and puts new life in the neighborhood. Then, too, the clerk in the store is more polite and tidy. Somehow he hustles about and gets through his day's work, and is ready to "close up" early in the evening. Mrs. Jenny says its true that "Idleness leads to vice," so she had a quilting party every day, followed by a "pindar popping" Friday night. That's what a head is made for, Rena.

The Lutheran Home and Foreign Missionary Society met at the lovely home of Mr. and Mrs. J. D. Jenny on Friday evening last. On account of the "cold wave," very few were present. This we regret, for these meetings are profitable as well as enjoyable; they bring us together once a month in a social way; then, too, we meet for a noble purpose: to help "send the light" to those in heathen darkness.

Union school boasts a new library. A neat little book-case with 63 nice volumes. Also a large and beautifully polished table. This, with the new patent desks already here, make a neat and commodious school-room. Now for a new black-board.

Our laudable "Captain" was indisposed several days last week, but we are glad to write, is better now. His weakness has been somewhat overcome by the deal he made last week: sold 80 or 90 bales of cotton at "tip-top" prices. This puts good feelings on anybody, most especially when he feels in his pocket. "Better to be born lucky than rich."

There has been a great deal of sickness in this vicinity lately. Dr. Loadholt has been very sociable for several weeks, paying daily visits to almost every home in the community. But, we are glad to chronicle, all are convalescent.

We were all shut in yesterday on account of the inclement weather. No services at St. Nicholas, so our worthy pastor had a rest day. This, however, was a great disappointment to his parishioners, for we always enjoy his splendid sermons. To miss one "preaching" day we then miss four without a sermon at all; this is too long.

Miss Adrine Loadholt spent Monday night with little Miss Emmie Lynes. Matrimony discontinued her school, so she is finishing the school term at Jenny's. We welcome Miss Marrie Barnes into the school here, also from the same school. "The more the merrier."

Last Saturday morning fire broke out in the boys' dormitory of the Orangeburg Collegiate Institute, but by prompt work the flames were extinguished before much damage was done. The fire was caused by a spark falling on the roof, which was of wooden shingles.

CAIRO FEARS ANOTHER RIOT

FEELING AGAINST NEGROES IS STILL RUNNING HIGH.

Excitement Intensified by Alleged Insulting Demonstration Made by Negroes.

Cairo, Ill., Feb. 20.—Police officers are searching the city to-night for a negro suspected of purse snatching, and another clash between the authorities and the citizens is feared if the man is caught.

Feeling is still running high against these negroes, and intensity was added to this sentiment this afternoon when negroes, it is charged, made insulting gestures at the persons in the funeral procession that was following the body of Alexander Halliday, killed Thursday night in an attack on the jail, to the cemetery.

A large number of persons attended Halliday's funeral and accompanied the body to Mounds, Ill., in a special train. As the train was passing through the negro district East of Cairo, negroes collected on the streets to watch its passing. At 31st street members of the funeral party charge, an insulting demonstration was made. An effort was made to organize a party on the train during the return to Cairo to wreak summary vengeance on the negroes, but no disturbance resulted.

An unidentified man created the disturbance at the cemetery by demanding permission to make a speech over the grave but he was hurried away. He said he was a friend of Halliday and that he had been run out of town by the police.

The negro police are after to-night is believed to have been associated with John Pratt, the negro who escaped lynching when Sheriff Williams defended the jail at the cost of one life and the injury of several others in the attacking party. If he is caught an effort may be made to take him away from the police before the militia has an opportunity to interfere.

The militia continued to patrol the streets to-night at regular intervals. Several small crowds were dispersed during the day, but no demonstration took place of any moment.

The bitterness of feeling against the negro element is manifested in threats and rumors of future demonstrations. Women generally are carrying revolvers and urging their husbands and male relatives to shoot to kill if attacked.

The special grand jury, which has been instructed to investigate the riot, probably will be dissolved tomorrow morning, when it reconvenes. Judge William Butler, who instructed the jury, conferred with Sheriff Nellis this afternoon, and later announced that he would decide whether a new jury is necessary. There are four negroes on the jury.

The home of Sheriff Nellis is guarded by the militia, and he is given a military escort when he leaves the court house. Popular feeling is intense against him for using negro deputies and allowing Halliday's body to lie in front of the jail for three hours.

Adj. Gen. Dickson, Governor Deeney's personal representative, declared this afternoon that Sheriff Nellis was not ordered by the Governor to permit Halliday's body to lie on the ground until the militia arrived, as was claimed by the sheriff.

Mrs. Nellis, wife of the sheriff, collapsed this afternoon under the strain, and is now under a physician's care. She is one of the women who are carrying revolvers.

The ministers in their pulpits for the most part to-day united in urging the citizens to support the law.

Company H, of Shelbyville, of the Illinois National Guard, has been ordered to report here by Adj. Gen. Dickson. The Shelbyville company will arrive here to-morrow on a special train.

Adj. Gen. Dickson and Sheriff Nellis conferred to-night and the ordering of the additional militiamen was the result.

Negro Wounds Negress.

Anderson, February 20.—George Brown, colored, is in jail and Claud Tribble, a negro woman, is in a critical condition, as a result of a general row that occurred at a negro dance here. The woman was shot in the back by Brown, the ball ranging downward and lodging in the liver. The Brown woman had engaged in a row with another woman, and Brown took the latter's part. He first fired into the floor and then at the woman. Attending physicians say the woman cannot recover.

CONTINUES TO IMPROVE.

Chances for Tillman's Recovery Considered Good.

Washington, Feb. 21.—The continued improvement in the condition of Senator Benjamin R. Tillman, of South Carolina, has inspired renewed hope of ultimate recovery from his present serious illness.

In the opinion of his physicians, the chances are now much in his favor.

There has been some abatement of the paralysis and to-day he regained the use of his right arm and leg to a limited extent. The aphasia has markedly improved, and he is now able to speak. The change for the better was said to be most remarkable, and was attributed to the Senator's temperate life, strong physique and his generally good condition. The favorable developments in his illness were considered very exceptional; in fact, his case was looked upon as one in ten thousand. He is responding admirably to the medical treatment, and it is said the power of speech may practically be re-established.

Dr. J. W. Babcock was so encouraged by the present condition of Mr. Tillman that he left Washington to-night for Columbia, S. C. Before boarding his train, he gave the following statement to the Associated Press:

"Mr. Tillman has not lost any ground in the last twenty-four hours. On the contrary, he has gained somewhat in the use of the right arm and leg, which have been completely paralyzed heretofore. His power of speech also is improving. He is taking nourishment well and his bodily functions are normal. The Senator is sleeping well and the outlook is very much more encouraging in every way."

If the Senator's condition continues to improve he may be able to leave for his home in South Carolina in a month or six weeks, but hardly before. In all likelihood he will not be permitted by his physicians to occupy his seat in Congress during the present session.

Dr. Pickford visited Senator Tillman at 9 o'clock to-night, after which he issued the following bulletin:

"The progress of Senator Tillman toward recovery continues. He is resting comfortably."

The News and Courier's Washington correspondent says of Senator Tillman's condition:

"Dr. J. W. Babcock, who has been at Senator Tillman's bedside since Saturday, left for Columbia to-night, the Senator having made such rapid progress to-day that the former did not think it necessary to remain longer at this time. Before leaving Dr. Babcock said that there had been marked improvement in his patient's condition since his arrival in Washington, and that he was much gratified at his quick rally."

"Unless there is a setback Senator Tillman will be able to go to South Carolina in probably a month or six weeks, but it is out of the question for him to consider returning to the Senate at this session of Congress, even if he gets along well."

"Continued inquiries have been made at the Balfour all day, and countless telephone and telegraph messages have been received from all over the country. The members of the immediate family are greatly rejoiced at the rapid recovery the Senator has made since he began to mend, and they believe that if they can get him home he will make still more progress. B. R. Tillman, Jr., and Henry Tillman, who arrived last week, will return to South Carolina during the next few days."

"Dr. Babcock will not return to Washington unless there is a change for the worse."

Tillman Girls Join Mother.

Columbia, Feb. 16.—Two little girls were brought here this morning and turned over to their mother. They were the children of Mrs. B. R. Tillman, Jr., who was awarded their custody by the Supreme court yesterday. The children were accompanied by Mrs. S. S. Tillman, and were turned over to young Mrs. Tillman's legal representatives, these being Mr. Alva Depass, of Mrs. Tillman's counsel, and Dr. F. W. P. Butler, her cousin, at whose home in this city she is staying. There were no formalities to go through with beyond the actual transfer of custody, and Mr. Depass and Dr. Butler hastened with the children to Dr. Butler's home, where the young mother awaited them with the natural eagerness born of separation from her babies since November 27, last.