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## COUNTRY NEWS LETTERS

### SOME INTERESTING HAPPENINGS IN VARIOUS SECTIONS.

**News Items Gathered All Around the County and Elsewhere.**  
**Ehrhardt Etchings.**

**Ehrhardt, March 28.**—Sunday was a fine day, and the young folks made use of the day going to church, attending Easter service at Mt. Pleasant church, which was good, and enjoyed by all that attended the service.

Easter service at Ehrhardt Lutheran church was all that could be expected. The children sang well, and the decoration of the church was mostly done by the ladies. The ladies have recently carpeted the church and made other improvements on the interior, making it conform to their ideas. The choir rostrum is what they have wanted for some time, this they have done and Sunday night they used it for the first time.

On good Friday afternoon several of our young folks went to the Clear Pond to take an outing. They did not wait to see the moonlight on the lake. The ripple was there, however, and the occasional plaintive note of the frogs was wafted to the shore by the breeze that lasted nearly all day.

The talk now is railroad from here to Denmark. Well, we all have to have something to talk about. But I can't get it fixed in my mind where the benefit will come to us just yet from the building of this road. I will admit that we have poor service here now, but it could be worse. Getting in and out seems to be the great cry. But look at the fertilizer that is hauled to this place for distribution; nothing less than two hundred cars, perhaps more. Then cotton will have to go away from here to pay all this and farming implements, together with other supplies that a farmer needs. So I think the merchants would miss some sales if the road was carried on further.

Wednesday was monkey day in town. Two organ grinders with monkeys went all over town, amusing the children with their diodes, and were rewarded for their trouble with nickles and pennies.

The Misses Farrell, who have been attending school at Columbia Female College, are spending their Easter holidays with their sister, Mrs. J. L. Copeland.

H. M. Graham, Esq., passed through town en route to Walterboro, where he had a case before the judge. Glad to see you, Harry, and shake. Come again.

Look out, all you fishermen using dynamite to kill fish. I understand that there has been some one looking around for such violators of the law. I understand, too, that no less than \$500 will satisfy them if they catch or can get convicting evidence against you. Takes lots of fish to be worth that amount of money.

Measles are getting thin in this section. Some parties the disease need them rough, others it did not hurt much.

For more than a week the mornings have been so smoky until one can scarcely see twenty-five feet away. Suppose the damp atmosphere has something to do with its staying so close to the ground.

It is warm enough to rain, and a warm rain would help our gardens and roads. Our old farmers say look out for killing frost next month. If this is so, we will all get an even start with our beans, etc.

Mr. Jack Smith and family went out to spend Easter with his father. Mr. John Frank Chamereau took them out in his auto. Went for them Sunday afternoon.

Auto riding is getting to be very popular, only when the auto gets mullah and won't go. Then it's a good subject to learn you to curse. If you doubt this statement, try one.

The Ehrhardt grocery opened up their soda fountain from winter quarters last week. Quite a number of ladies visited same as soon as they found it opened up. Coca Cola is in good demand.  
JEE.

Have you seen that line of embroidery founcing at E. A. Hooton's. Another shipment of voile skirts at E. A. Hooton's.

## NEWS FROM GOVAN.

Items of Interest from a Flourishing Community.

Govan, March 26.—The excellent weather offers good inducement to work on the farm, and the farming class are making good the opportunity by planting corn and preparing land for cotton.

The oat crop is suffering for rain, and if it does not come very soon, the crop will be shorter than was expected.

Farmers are using a great deal of fertilizer, the quantity being a precedent over any year in the past. It is hoped that they will not plant an over crop of cotton, but more breadstuffs instead. Those who have to buy bacon this year no doubt will have very little clear money to spend in the fall, unless they have a great deal already accumulated.

A few days ago there came a package to this place by express addressed to a strange person—James Paris—shipped from New York city. The package contained two diamond rings, and were billed cash on delivery \$420.00, the express charges being paid. The consignee called for it, and requested the express agent to allow him to examine the contents. In examining the same he stole the diamond rings and replaced instead two very cheap rings that imitated the others. The agent did not make the discovery until the party had made his escape. It was a sharp trick. It is said that he assumed the name, James Carroll, at another station. There accompanied him another named Napier. He was arrested at Fairfax yesterday, and brought to Olar, from which place he was transported over to Bamberg to jail. The latter named was identified by the express agent here as being an accomplice to the theft. The other fellow was not caught. There were packages of diamond rings shipped to the same address to two or three other stations on this road, at the same time. Don't think the thieves were successful in securing any of the other jewelry. The one under arrest is quite an intelligent man, of neat appearance, and claims to be well fixed financially. He said that he could furnish a cash bond, but the magistrate at Olar would not accept a cash bond. No doubt he is one of the guilty parties, and the employees of the company ought to be commended for their diligent work in catching him. What a pity they could not catch the other fellow.

Rev. E. A. Wilkes will lecture at the chapel on next Friday, the 1st of April. His theme will be "The Stump Sucker, and how to cure him." It is hoped that he will have a good audience. He is a humorous speaker, and doubtless those who attend will be well entertained.

The W. O. W. Camp is progressing nicely, and they intend giving another barbecue this coming summer. The last one was well attended, but owing to the inclement weather the participants did not spend a pleasant day, although the "cue" was a success otherwise.

At the regular assembly Wednesday night Sovereign Hay, of our camp, gave a short talk, from which I append an extract: "Since I became a Woodman I have felt more the spirit of harmony and fellowship with my associates. We are reminded as members of a fraternal order our obligation to each other, and it is through social intercourse that we cultivate the fraternal spirit. For the sake of a better understanding of the meaning of social intercourse, let us the Indian race as an example. When this country was first peopled by the European settlers they found the Indian race scattered all over our country, living in tribes, leading a kind of nomad life, uncivilized and barbarous, without the uplifting power of either the gospel or civil government. One tribe was a terror to another, and especially to the settlers, for they considered their coming an encroachment of their dominion. The infliction of a penalty for a violation of a moral duty, or law is compatible, and necessary to good government. There not being social intercourse between the tribes there was no social uplifting. The Indians were rebellious to enlightenment. Had they social intercourse and thereby exchanged ideas, and sentiments, perhaps the seed of enlightenment would have germinated, without intercourse with the settlers."

When one of our members is afflicted with disease, the case is reported to the camp, thereupon a committee is sent to make inquiry as to the needs of the afflicted, and if service is needed, willing hands tender him and lend comfort to the bereft.

"Then if the inevitable comes, brother Woodmen gather to the home of the lamented brother and seek to give comfort to the anguished ones so grieved by the hand of death. And as true brothers they convey his mortal remains to his final resting place. Later with appropriate ceremonies they erect an imposing shaft to his grave to keep fresh his memory, this their final tribute to him who no more can meet with brothers in earthly communion, but trust that his kindly bidding is, 'Well done thy good and faithful servant, enter in my name.'

"One writer says that, 'It is necessary that man carry with him in his advancement the recognition, comprehension, association and help of those about him.' Now, brother Woodmen, the thing that we want to do is to plant the seed of brotherly love within our hearts so that they will germinate, and thereby profit us morally and make us instruments to better influence.

"I believe it was our Savior who said: 'No man liveth to himself.' Without intermingling and interchanging our ideas and sentiments our minds become dwarfed. If a man accomplishes anything good, or knows anything good and he does not tell it to someone it will not do him any good.

"The paramount object of the fraternal societies is association, and by association we become harmonious to each other. There seems to be a power coexistent with us that creates within us a fascination for association. Man obeys the divine decree, and he is the instrument by which God carries out His infinite designs.

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## IN THE PALMETTO STATE

### SOME OCCURRENCES OF VARIOUS KINDS IN SOUTH CAROLINA.

**State News Billed Down for Quick Reading—Paragraphs About Men and Happenings.**

The summer school for teachers will be held at Wofford college again this year, commencing June 21st and ending July 19th.

A new bank has been organized in Orangeburg, known as the Farmers Union Bank and Trust Company. It has not commenced business yet.

The people of St. Matthews are endeavoring to form a company and build a cotton mill. It is proposed to build a factory to cost \$100,000, and outside capital will be asked to invest in the enterprise.

The Supreme Court of South Carolina handed down a decision unfavorable to T. T. Cromer, of Greenwood county, who argued his own case before that tribunal, using the bible as a base of argument.

The negro State fair is to be held in Columbia this fall, and the buildings and grounds of the white fair society will be used. The dates for the colored fair are November 7-12. Richard Carroll remains as president.

The general offices of the South-eastern Life Insurance Co. are to be moved from Spartanburg to Greenville. It is stated that Greenville capitalists have acquired a controlling interest in the company, hence the move.

Orangeburg is to continue the paving of her main business street with vitrified brick. This work costs money, but it is permanent and is therefore economical in the end. It would be good business policy to pave the main business street of Bamberg.

B. F. King, Jr., who is charged with fraudulent practices with W. J. Nichols in a building and loan company, appeared before United States Commissioner Sloan in Columbia last Saturday and gave bond in the sum of \$5,000. King left Sunday for his home in Greenwood.

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## GAVE GLASS FOR DIAMONDS.

Trick Worked on Express Agents in This State.

Diamond rings valued at more than \$1,000 have been stolen from the express offices in several sections of the State within the past week by a clever trick of substituting paste stones. It is believed to be the work of two men giving their names as J. H. Parris and James Carrill, who are believed to be J. W. Napier, of Langley, in this State and W. P. Duke, of New York city.

The superintendent of the Southern Express company has issued a circular letter to all the agents in the State calling their attention to the thefts and asking that all suspicious characters be watched closely and officers called if necessary.

The express agent at Westville, reading the State of Saturday which contained an account of the operations of Duke and Napier, remembered that a man giving his name as James Parris had called at his office last Tuesday to inspect a package which contained two diamond rings valued at \$425 and \$325 respectively. The agent found that the ring valued at \$425 had been taken from the box and a bogus ring substituted. He notified the officials of the express company at once and a search was commenced for the two men.

Last Tuesday two men, supposed to be Napier and Duke, called on the Westville agent and asked if there was a letter for James Parris. He was given a letter from Daniel Low & Co., a well known New England jewelry firm. Parris then asked if there was a package of diamonds valued at \$725 which had been sent by express subject to cash on delivery, and with the right to inspect them before acceptance.

Parris was asked by the agent as to his identification. He immediately produced a number of letters addressed to "James Parris" and also the letter from the jewelry firm in which it was stated that the two diamond rings had been shipped C. O. D. Parris stated to the agent that he wished to examine the rings before approval as they were for a man at Leslie, a town about 40 miles away.

He complained that the rings should have been sent to Rock Hill. It was explained that he would have to bring the purchaser from Leslie to Westville before the money would be paid. This satisfied the agent, who thought him a traveling salesman.

Parris was permitted to open the box. He carefully examined both rings. In fitting the \$425 ring on his finger he managed to tear the price tag off. This fell to the floor and was picked up by Parris and placed in the ring box, he explaining that it would be well to leave it there. A magnifying glass was then produced and a close scrutiny was made of the ring. Parris had the bogus ring palmed while inspecting the ring and it was then that the substitution was executed. Before the eyes of the agent Parris closed the box and handed him the two rings. Parris stated that the rings were satisfactory and that he would bring the purchaser to Westville the next day and pay for the diamonds. He left the office and the theft was not discovered until the agent read in The State of a similar swindle.

Advices received by the express officials indicate that Duke and Napier have been operating in several sections of the State for some time. Duke is about five feet eight inches in height and weighs about 150 pounds and is possibly 25 years of age. His face is of a red color, he is clean shaven and he wore a derby.

The fact that Parris used the mails fraudulently will probably get Inspector Gregory on his track.

**Little Liquor Sold in Orangeburg.**  
Orangeburg, March 28.—James Macon, a negro, was arrested Saturday for selling whiskey. The police report that there was some drunkenness observed Saturday, and it is attributed to that fact.

As a matter of fact the enforcement of the dispensary law is being well pushed in this city and the low rate of drunkenness is very encouraging. The authorities at the head of this city are determined to run down all "tigers" and enforce the law.

There have been very few "tigers" caught since the abolition of the dispensary and it is evident that if any are here they are very few. There has been no necessity of a war against the lawbreakers here as the strict enforcement keeps all "tigers" under apprehension.

Light and dark barretts and braid pins at Hooton's.

## CLEVER DIAMOND SWINDLE

WHITE MAN ARRESTED AND LODGED IN JAIL HERE.

Asked to Examine Rings Sent by Express and Substituted Imitations for Real Gems.

Fairfax, March 25.—Two men giving their names as James Carill and James Parris, who are thought to be J. W. Napier, of Langley, and W. P. Duke, of New York city, seem to have worked a clever swindling game on the people of this town and other adjoining places. Recently there came a package of diamond rings by express to Govana. They were consigned to "James Parris" and were valued at something over \$400. The package was marked collect. There was also a package of diamond rings shipped to Sycamore to "James Parris."

Last Wednesday the two men called on the express agent at Govans. It is said that Duke claimed to be "James Parris" and asked to see the jewelry as it had been sent with the privilege for the man to whom it was sent to examine, and accept any part or all of it and pay for what was accepted. The men were permitted to examine the jewelry for some time so it is said. The statement has been made that they said they would go to Olar to get some money and come back on the next train. They did not return. The express agent became suspicious and examined the box of jewelry to see if he had been tricked. He found that several of the diamond rings were gone and that cheap imitations had been substituted. The express agent went to Ulmer and wired the town marshal here to look out for the men. As the message was being received Duke walked into the station and asked for a grip that had been sent from Rock Hill and which was addressed to "James Carrill." The marshal arrived at the depot just as Duke was leaving. The marshal found Napier sitting on a platform near the station and arrested him. Duke escaped.

Napier was taken to Bamberg by an officer to-day where he was placed in jail. Napier claimed to have considerable money on deposit in a bank of Wilmington, N. C. A message was sent to the Wilmington bank asking if a check signed by J. W. Napier would be good for \$1,000. The reply was "yes."

The two men it is stated attempted the same operation at Ulmer several days before, but the agent mistrusted them and called in several friends while they were making an examination of the box of diamonds. Earlier in the week they visited Sycamore and asked to see the box of jewelry, but the agent refused them admission to the office.

Duke and Napier have been in this section of the State for some time. Duke is about five feet eight inches in height and weighs about 150 pounds and is possibly 25 years of age. His face is of a red color, he is clean shaven and wore a derby hat. It is thought that the two men formerly traveled with a carnival company over South Carolina and Georgia. Letters found indicate this. Several of the rings were recovered from Napier.

**Country Correspondence.**  
Rain was expected at Easter tide, but we were disappointed.

Mrs. Kate Hutto, of Blackville, is at the bedside of her father, Mr. Joe B. Gilliam.

We are sorry to know of the extreme illness of Mr. Russell Sandifer, of Spring Branch.

Mr. Charles Mitchell, of Hartsville, spent Sunday and Monday with his mother at Clear Pond.

The sermon preached by Mr. Frier Sunday morning to his appreciative audience was most befitting and was a flowery subject, from a flowery text, being taken from St. Matthew, sixth chapter and twenty-eighth verse: "Consider the lilies of the field, how they grow." He delivered his subject in a beautiful manner.

Cadet D. B. Jordan, of O. C. I., spent the Easter holidays with his home folks.

Sunday is regular preaching day at Springtown.

Mrs. Sallie Patrick Sandifer and son, Wesley, spent Sunday at Mr. O. P. Jordan's.

Mrs. J. W. Hill marketed forty-two and a half dozen eggs last week, besides painting quite a number in rainbow colors for the children. She is not using her incubators either.

## TO BUILD EHRHARDT BRANCH.

Benefit to Augusta Trade From Proposed Extension.

Columbia, S. C., March 28.—There is a movement on foot in Columbia, said to be backed with a capital of \$200,000, to construct a branch line of railway from Ehrhardt to either Denmark or Bamberg.

The statement was made to-day by a well known business man that the promoters of the road would apply for a charter within the next several days.

Ehrhardt is located in the lower section of Bamberg county and is touched by a branch line of the Atlantic Coast Line running from the town of Green Pond, a point on the main line of the Coast Line between Charleston and Augusta.

The town is located in one of the richest agricultural sections of the State and the building of the line would place Augusta and Columbia about 15 hours nearer the town.

At the present time a person living in Columbia or Augusta must travel for at least 15 hours before reaching Ehrhardt. The same condition applies to the people of the lower section of Bamberg county when they wish to trade in either Augusta or Columbia. To go from Columbia to Ehrhardt or any of the nearby places it is necessary to go by way of Charleston and Walterboro. This consumes an entire day, whereas when the new road is constructed Ehrhardt will only be three hours from Columbia and the same from Augusta.

The building of a new railroad from Ehrhardt to Denmark would be ruinous to the business of the Atlantic Coast Line on its Greenpond branch.

**Citizens Anxious for the Road.**  
Reports from that section indicate that the citizens are very anxious that the road be constructed as the towns of that territory are the most isolated of any in the State at the present time.

There is a movement on foot in Augusta and Columbia to ask the Atlantic Coast Line to extend its Green Pond branch to Denmark. It is not known what steps the Coast Line will take in the matter.

While here several days ago Charles A. Bland, the traffic manager and acting secretary of the Augusta Chamber of Commerce, conferred with President Otis of the local association relative to the extension, and the co-operation of the local chamber was promised.

The distance from Ehrhardt to Denmark is about eighteen miles. The country is level and no grade would be over 4 per cent. The projectors figure that it would cost very little to construct a road over this country and it would be a most paying investment.

One of the men interested in the road said to-day in speaking of the proposition: "Yes, it is true that we will apply for a charter within the next few days for a steam railroad to be operated between Ehrhardt and Denmark or possibly Bamberg. The company will have a capital of about \$200,000. That is a rich agricultural section and I think the road will be a paying investment as we would get all of the business from the towns along the route and then, too, Ehrhardt will be placed in close touch with both Augusta and Columbia."—Columbia special to Augusta Chronicle.

**Resolutions Adopted by Civic League of Bamberg.**

Whereas it has pleased our Heavenly Father in His all-seeing love to take unto himself our friend and co-worker Mrs. G. P. Harmon; whereas we, the Civic League of Bamberg, have lost in her an earnest worker; be it

Resolved, That we hereby extend our sincerest sympathy to her family in this their time of sore bereavement.

Be it further resolved, That a page in our minutes be dedicated to her memory; that a copy of these resolutions be sent to her family, and to our local papers for publication.

MRS. G. F. BAMBERG,  
MRS. G. M. DICKINSON,  
MRS. J. W. McCUE.

Hooton has faxon of all kinds and colors.

A successful farmer says the way to make more cotton is to plant less. No doubt increased acreage has much to do with a small yield and a consequent low price, for the speculators regulate the price largely by the acreage. When the acreage of cotton is increased the price gets lower, although the ultimate crop may be smaller.