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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, April 4.—Good old summer time weather is what we have been having for nearly a week; rather, dry, however, for planting crops. The old farmers are divided in their predictions as to rain. Some say will have a wet spring, others say will not have enough to make a good crop—going to be very dry. These heavy fogs for some time all go down and none up is their sign. Both predictions can't be true in one year, so will not be able to say which is right until later on.

Our merchants are complaining about the scarcity of cash already.

The little children are enjoying going bare-footed these warm days. Some of them cry to join the band when their mamas will not allow them to pull off their shoes.

A party of four took a trip of nearly 175 miles on a gasoline boat last week. The boat belonged to Capt. Savage, of Walterboro. Went from Capt. Savage's rice plantation on Cheraw river to its mouth and then entered the mouth of Ashepoo river and landed at Ivanhoe club house. We enjoyed the trip, and the oysters and fish were very good. One can't imagine the amount of work that was done on the rice plantations down the country. Very few of the fields are under cultivation this year, and some of them are prepared for cotton and corn, instead of rice.

Mr. Richard Rice and Miss Carrie Moore were happily married on Sunday afternoon. Dick took her to his home on Sunday afternoon, soon after the marriage. Allow me to congratulate you, Dick. Hope you will have a long and happy life together.

JEE.

News from Govan.

Govan, April 4.—The poet says: "Laugh and the world laughs with you; weep and you weep alone." How true. Save that we exclude those dearest to us, the philosophy is true. Poets are great philosophers. I mean those who are truly inspired of the infinite to write, those more in harmony with the infinite, those not fettered by the frivolities of this world—whose lines we very seldom have the pleasure of enjoying, save it be those sufficiently interested to invest their money in good poetry. Some of the less inspired poets are living to-day, but the great poets are all dead, but yet they "live immortal as the day."

Oh what a boundless gift—what an inheritance we have at this age, the product of the master minds of past ages at our disposal! To you, reader—are you making use of this God given privilege? Are you being inspired by the master minds, or are you tugging along, deceived into the belief that happiness will come to you without any effort on your part? Such is poor faith. Really many people don't know what faith is. Get in line by reading new thought.

Those present at the lecture by Rev. E. A. Wilkes on "The Stump Sucker and How to Cure Him," expressed that they were highly pleased with the lecture, although they are still unformed how to cure "him!" We hope to have Brother Wilkes with us again in a like capacity.

The new Georges Creek church was dedicated Sunday morning with very interesting ceremonies. Dr. Derieux, of Greenville, preached an excellent sermon, using an appropriate text for the occasion. He is corresponding secretary for the South Carolina Baptist State Mission Board, and it was quite an inspiration to have this very prominent man with us.

A very interesting history of the church was given by Brother Montgomery Eaves. Perhaps it will be of interest to reiterate. The first effort to establish a church originated in the home of Mrs. Eliza Odom, the idea being suggested by Rev. William Brooker, a Baptist minister who had occasion to visit that home. He was instrumental in the undertaking. The effort was pushed with great zeal, until the church was established. This was in 1875. Services were at first held under a large harbor, until the old building was erected the following year. The plot of land contains one or two acres, and was

MORE NEGRO CONTESTANTS?

Believed in Washington that is Object of Capers's Activity.

Washington, April 4.—Dispatches here to-day from South Carolina to the effect that former District Attorney, and later commissioner of internal revenue, John G. Capers was in that State organizing the Republicans, and that he would put a candidate out in each of the seven districts for Congress to oppose the seven Democrats, who are now serving from that State, has caused considerable gossip in Washington political circles.

It is believed that Capers is carrying out the orders of Postmaster General Hitchcock in the effort to land the Republicans, while there is not the ghost of a show for them to out the present Democrats. The present members of the House would not discuss the matter when approached on the subject to-day, except to say that if Capers's proteges could get into Congress they were welcome to do so.

Anyone who is familiar with conditions in South Carolina knows that there are just enough white Republicans of standing in the State to supply the postoffice, internal revenue and a few other Federal positions. These office-holders will not sacrifice their present places even to make the race for Congress. The upshot of the situation is that in addition to the two contestants now trying for the first and seventh district seats, five more would be added and allowed \$2,000 each from the Government for making the contests. They would get a total of \$14,000 from the Federal treasury every two years, more than they would probably earn at home. The dangerous feature of the matter, as viewed here, is that in the lower part of the State, where the negroes outnumber the whites in many of the counties, the former will undoubtedly claim that they have representation, and it is feared that race trouble might result should the situation become acute.

Race Horse Sold.

Recently Jones Bros. sold one of their race horses, Boralma, to Pendleton & Co., of St. Louis, Mo. This was a green trotter which had been developed by Jones Bros. on their training track here, and he had shown a speed of something like 2.15 in the trials. This horse was sold to Pendleton & Co. for racing, and was sold on his breeding, the purchasers never having seen him. However, they have written to Jones Bros. that they are well pleased with the horse. Boralma will be entered in the stake races in the grand circuit this coming season, and it is expected that the horse will give a good account of himself. Jones Bros. have on hand several green trotters at present, which they are developing. Bamberg is not only a large market for horses and mules, but for racing horses as well. Jones Bros. have a training track just out of town, and every season they work several trotters.

bequeathed by Mrs. Rosa Odom Strom, a surviving daughter of George Odom.

At on time a movement was on foot to remove the place of worship to Govan, but all of the members would not give their assent and the undertaking was abandoned. Hardly would those be expected to give their assent, those who have loved ones deposited at that hallowed and sacred shrine. No—let the church remain there, as a monument to those who lent their energies to the cause—the few who sleep silently in the bosom of mother earth, and to those too who came later and united with the church—that have launched their barks too on the unknown sea of futurity.

Rev. Charles B. Smith, presiding elder for the Orangeburg district, held quarterly conference at Salem Methodist church Saturday and delivered two excellent sermons—one one in the forenoon, and the other in the afternoon. There was quite a good congregation on Sunday. Rev. Smith is doubtless one of our most able preachers.

We are sorry to note the slow improvement of Mr. Luther Lancaster, but hope that he will soon be out again.

Mr. Montgomery Eaves is somewhat improving, we are glad to record.

The Woodmen of the World will unveil the monuments of Charles Henry Hutto, and Jake Nix at Salem church the third Sunday in this month at 10 o'clock.

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IN THE PALMETTO STATE

SOME OCCURRENCES OF VARIOUS KINDS IN SOUTH CAROLINA.

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

Mrs. Estella Smoak Herndon has retired as editor of the Branchville Journal, and the plant has been leased to E. H. Rawl.

The fourth annual meeting of the Retail Furniture Dealers association of South Carolina will be held in Spartanburg April 13th and 14th.

The Peoples Bank, of Springfield, with a capital of \$15,000 has been commissioned. The petitioners are H. P. Fulmer, L. B. Fulmer, H. B. and S. T. Fulmer.

A. W. Phelps, traveling salesman of the International Harvester company, is under arrest in Kingstree charged with bigamy—marrying the young daughter of a farmer of the county. In addition to this trouble, he has been stricken with paralysis.

Gen. Zimmerman Davis, commander of the S. C. division of the Confederate veterans, and a prominent Mason, died at his home in Charleston last week. Gen. Davis was well known over the State and was universally beloved among the old veterans.

Kearse Happenings.

Kearse, April 4.—On last Wednesday morning, March 30th, Mr. and Mrs. J. J. Kearse gave in marriage their daughter, Ethel, to Mr. Monroe Williams, of Bayard, Fla., Rev. E. A. Wilkes being the officiating minister. The marriage was a quiet home affair, with only a few of the girl friends of the bride and the immediate family being present.

The bride wore a beautiful traveling suit of the new Parisian style of make and color.

The march was played by Misses Meldred and Ettie Kearse—the violin by the former, and the piano by the latter.

Immediately after the ceremony a delightful repast of salads, meats, fruits and sweets was served in a most tempting manner.

The table was beautifully decorated with carnations and lilacs. The parlor was also decorated with carnations, lilacs, Easter roses and pot plants.

As soon as the refreshments were served, the happy couple went in an automobile to Olar and boarded the train for Atlanta and other points they will visit before going to their future home at Bayard, Fla.

How we regret the loss of our most attractive girl, one who is loved by all who know her! To know her was to love her, and we feel that we have lost in her departure, while another plant has been transplanted in "the land of flowers" to bloom for aye.

Mr. Williams is a man of great business qualities and intellect, reserved in his habits, and a general good nature excelled by few.

May the future home of the happy young couple in the land of flowers always be in bloom with roses minus thorns.

We are sorry to write of the illness of Mr. G. B. Kearse. He has been sick several weeks with typhoid fever. We hope he will soon recover.

Miss Meldred Kearse is at home this week from Columbia college. She expects to return Monday.

Reverend E. A. Wilkes preached a fine sermon at White Point school house Wednesday night, and lectured on the "Stump Sucker" Thursday night. His lecture was also good, though only a few came out to hear him.

Miss Alice Kearse left Thursday for Bamberg, where she will stay several weeks.

Good Long Term.

Eighty years in New Jersey State prison was the sentence imposed by Judge Blair in Jersey City Friday upon Emil Art Von Muller, the "marrying count" who was convicted on Tuesday last of bigamy. Testimony at the trial showed that Von Muller married various women in many different States.

Rice-Moore.

At the home of the bride's mother in Ehrhardt, Sunday, April 3rd, at 3.30 p. m., Mr. R. O. Rice, of Bamberg, and Miss Carrie Moore were married, Rev. J. Earle Freeman officiating.

WOMEN MEET FOR MISSIONS.

Orangeburg District Holds Annual Convention at Denmark.

Denmark, April 4.—The annual meeting of the Woman's Home Mission society of the Orangeburg district was held at this place Friday to Sunday. Miss Llewelly Cleckley, the untiring district secretary, had prepared a program of excellent interest, which was carried out with a great deal of enthusiasm.

The address of Rev. T. G. Herbert on "The United States as a Mission Field" was probably one of the most stirring numbers of the programme. Mr. Herbert is a fine speaker, a concrete thinker and a man of ability. He showed in a very conclusive manner, by way of statistics and illustrative drawings, that the home mission work embraced the greater part of the American continent and involved in its scope the great majority of its inhabitants. The tremendous influx of immigrants into the United States every year naturally enlarged the field of the society with astounding rapidity and, as shown by the admirable addresses, the Christian churches are now beginning to take hold of this home work with greater determination to elevate the whole church and give greater prestige to Christianity, as it emanates from the American people. The undertaking is one of the grandest callings to the women of the church and will, in the very near future, assume national proportions.

The subject "Tithing," was ably presented by Rev. C. E. Peele. When the question was given to the audience for general discussion, counter opinions were advanced and the firing along the lines of the opposing delegates was at times sharp and dramatic.

The rescue department of the home mission work was very touchingly and tenderly explained by Miss Annie Finstrom, superintendent of the Door of Hope, Columbia. Miss Finstrom is a native of Sweden. Her talk to the Sunday-school children was a graphic comparison of the customs of the people of this country and her native land. The interest created by her able talk will help the children of Denmark to appreciate the wonderful interchange of thought that is now transpiring and the practical mediums through which the world is daily seeking the channels of opportunity.

Mrs. W. L. Wait, president of the Home Mission society of this State, was present during the entire session of the meeting. The work of her society has greatly grown during the past year in this State. The annual report of Miss Cleckley showed that Orangeburg district has made a new record for itself under her administration as secretary.

It is the plan of this society to establish an industrial school for poor children in this State at an early date. The school will be located somewhere in the eastern part of the State. Mrs. Wait has been appointed at the head of a committee to perfect plans for the speedy building of the school. The undertaking will be a new departure of the church and the proposed school will be the first of its kind in the State. Already proposals have been received from many towns in the desired section.

The annual sermon of the society was delivered by the presiding elder of the Orangeburg district, Rev. C. B. Smith.

The Home Mission society is certainly a live work in the Orangeburg district. The educative value of the meeting just closed was a revelation to the large congregations that attended the daily sessions.

Shotgun Threat for Negro Voters.

Paris, Tex., April 5.—The United States attorneys here yesterday received from Marshall, Tex., a telegram signed "Chairman of Anti-Prohibition Committee," stating that threats had been made by prohibitionists in Marshall that they would prevent the negroes voting there in the prohibition election to-morrow and if necessary use shotguns.

Assistant Attorney John G. Daley received the message and reported that the United States authorities had no jurisdiction in the matter.

Killed in Wreck.

Engineer John Griffin was killed, Fireman Vaughn was more or less seriously injured, and five passengers were slightly hurt when Norfolk & Western passenger train No. 17, west bound, left the rail near Watts Tank, W. Va., at 4.20 o'clock Friday afternoon. The engine, tender, baggage car and three coaches jumped the track and turned over.

A GOOD RAILROAD MEETING

ENTHUSIASTIC GATHERING IN TOWN HALL TUESDAY.

Several Citizens of Orangeburg Present—Committees Appointed for Various Lines of Work.

Last week the editor of The Herald received a letter from Mr. W. C. Wolfe, of Orangeburg, in regard to the proposed railroad extension from Ehrhardt to Bamberg, in which he stated that the citizens of that city stood ready to assist the project in any way possible, their idea being that a road which would tap the Atlantic Coast Line would be of benefit to Orangeburg, in that it would give them a direct route to Beaufort and Savannah. The result of the correspondence was that a meeting was arranged for Tuesday afternoon, at Bamberg for the purpose of taking up the matter by the citizens of both towns.

The meeting was attended by a good number of business men of Bamberg, and there was much enthusiasm manifested. Messrs. W. C. Wolfe, M. O. Dantzer, Jas. L. Sims, and J. P. Matheny, were present representing the Orangeburg citizens and the chamber of commerce of that city.

Mr. W. C. Wolfe was made chairman of the meeting, with E. H. Henderson, Esq., as secretary. The object of the meeting was stated by Senator J. B. Black, and J. Aldrich Wyman, Esq., gave a short history of the railroad movement here two years ago.

Mr. Wolfe also discussed the situation, as did also Col. Dantzer and Mr. J. L. Sims.

It was the opinion of all present that Bamberg needed another railroad, and the gentlemen from Orangeburg assured the meeting that their town was ready to assist us if possible in obtaining a road from Ehrhardt to Bamberg, thence to Denmark or some other point on the Atlantic Coast Line.

The discussion was largely informal, and was participated in by H. M. Graham, Esq., Senator J. B. Black, J. A. Byrd, W. D. Rhoad, A. W. Knight, G. Frank Bamberg, and others, and the matter of ways and means, benefits to be derived, rights of way, survey, etc., were all touched on. Finally on motion of Mr. J. A. Byrd, a committee of five was appointed to confer with the citizens of Walterboro and Ehrhardt and attempt to enlist their co-operation toward the building of the road. This committee is: Senator J. B. Black, C. R. Brabham, Sr., J. A. Byrd, Col. Jno. F. Folk, and W. D. Rhoad.

A committee to confer with the Atlantic Coast Line was also appointed, and this committee consists of G. Frank Bamberg, J. Aldrich Wyman, and A. W. Knight.

The meeting then adjourned, subject to the call of the chairman of the Coast Line committee, after being in session about two hours.

The meeting was most harmonious throughout, and the citizens of Bamberg were especially pleased at the presence of the Orangeburg gentlemen, and their aid and co-operation in the matter was gladly welcomed. The meeting thanked them for their presence and assistance. There seemed to be an air of business about the meeting, and Bamberg folks seem to realize that if they get another railroad, that it will take money and work, and unless we are badly mistaken in the temper of our people, the road will be built if it is in their power to bring about the desired result.

Post Office Plans Maturing.

In a letter written to the Journal and Review, our popular congressman, Hon. J. O. Patterson, informs us that the plans and specifications of the new post office building are about completed and that bids for its construction will be advertised soon. Mr. Patterson also informs us that he has introduced a bill providing for the division of South Carolina into two judicial districts and for the appointment of a district judge, district attorney and district marshal for the Western district of South Carolina, and also for holding of regular terms of court in the cities of Greenville, Greenwood and Aiken. —Aiken Journal and Review.

Baptists to Build Church.

Ehrhardt, April 4.—The Baptists here are beginning preparations for the erection of a house of worship. They are truly grateful for the kindness of the Lutheran pastor, who extended the privileges and accommodations of his church some months ago, in which they will worship until the completion of their own church.

BARNWELL, OBJECTIVE POINT.

Many Desire Ehrhardt Road Extended to that Town.

Ehrhardt, April 4.—Inside information from two different sources, which for certain reasons it would be improper to give now, warrant the idea that the sentiment of certain influential men, who at first avoided the extension of the Atlantic Coast Line from this point to Denmark, has suffered upheaval, and now Barnwell seems to be the objective point of extension with them.

Those favoring Barnwell against Denmark at this point of junction argue that the former is the larger place and that extension of the road to that point would further reduce the distance between Ehrhardt and Augusta, which, in the main, is the object being striven for. They further argue that the extension to Barnwell would make the distance one hundred and fifty miles from Augusta to Charleston, or only twelve miles further than by the Southern Road, between the two points, and practically the same distance by the way of Yemassee. They further argue that while the Coast Line people might consider favorably the extension to Bamberg; that Barnwell is the favorable place of junction and would give Ehrhardt two routes to Columbia instead of one from Denmark.

Of course, considerable further argument is being made in favor of the Barnwell extension by the newly converted advocates, but the above is sufficient to show which way the wind blows.

Then the press dispatches state that parties in Columbia and Augusta backed by \$200,000 capital will apply for a charter very soon and will build a steam road from Ehrhardt to Bamberg or Denmark, and so forth and so on.

Whatever may be the outgrowth of all that is being done and said now in the matter of extending the road from here, there is one thing certain, varied interests have developed so suddenly as to show that latent powers are at work; that the extension of the road will be a reality indeed, the only uncertainty being, so far, where the junction will be made.

The people here, with few exceptions, at present favor extending the road to Denmark, and Barnwell is their second choice as a connecting link between this and any other point.

What Ehrhardt needs is an outlet from her present bottled-up, hermetically sealed situation, even if it be railroad connection with the Southern at obsolete but historic and once classic old Midway. Railroad connections with any place anywhere should be the prayer of all interests here, rather than endure longer the distinct burden that throttles advancement every inch of the ground along the way of the town's prosperity.

Death of Mr. J. B. Gillam.

Mr. J. B. Gillam, Sr., a respected citizen of this county, died at his home about three miles below town, yesterday morning. Mr. Gillam was coroner of the county, he having been elected to this position at the last election over several competitors. Mr. Gillam was seventy years old, and leaves a number of children and other relatives. The burial will take place this (Wednesday) afternoon at Springtown church.

Mr. Gillam was a good man and a good citizen, and his death will be regretted by many. He had been in bad health for some time, suffering from cancer.

EXPLORER PEARY HAS ENOUGH.

Positively Asserts he is Through with Polar Expedition.

Chicago, April 1.—Commander Robert E. Peary, who arrived in Chicago to-day declared in an interview that for all time he was positively through with Polar exploration.

"I am absolutely at the end of my career as an explorer," he said. "Reports that I am to lead an expedition into the Antarctic regions are not true, and I certainly do not contemplate another trip to the North Pole."

Stole Little Girl.

Florence Holliday, alias Kate Vaughn, wanted in Golston, N. C., for kidnapping Lizzie Wilkie, a 13-year-old white girl, was arrested at Fayetteville Friday. After the arrest, which was made as a result of a telephone message from Golston, it was learned that the woman was formerly a notorious resident of the city. Both will be held awaiting the arrival of the child's father.