COUNTRY NEWS LETTERS

SOME INTERESTING HAPPENINGS IN VARIOUS SECTIONS.

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

of this section on Sunday afternoon chapter, were given a reception at built themselves fires, and enjoyed the home of Mrs. Sarah V. Garris, on sitting by their fire sides. But the frost to-morrow morning will make them bluer than indigo.

day morning at the home of Rev. J. Earle Freeman, the Baptist pastor of this place. Wish them many happy years together.

Several of us spent last week on Ashepoo river as fishing guests of Capt. J. T. Blanchard. The pleasof fish was varied and plentiful, and we all did our duty towards eating them when the day's fishing was over. Of course we had some snake bite medicine. The crowd only saw two snakes, and none were in danger the medicine anyway so if the snakes did bite us we would not receive any bad effects from the bite. All in the crowd will long remember the trip tors. and the hospitality of Capt. Blanchard. Being a guest of the Capt. at work of the local League unneceshis club house means a pleasant sarily fatiguing. time.

This town can boast of the largest number of brides of any town of its size in the State, and rumors of Rouse, one of our latest brides, is more at an early date.

Messrs. Willie Ritter, John Frank house. Chassereau and wife, Frank H. Copeland and wife, took an auto ride to are not severe. Branchville Sunday morning. From there they divided up, some going to Charleston and St. George, while Mr. Brant. others remained as the guests of Mr. and Mrs. Appleby.

demand for buildings in town. Mills pupil of hers. can't furnish it fast enough to keep the carpenters in full work.

The whole county must have railroad on the brain. Its the topic of conversation at every gathering. The people should remember that it takes money to build a railroad—wind JEE. sails a ship.

Govan Happenings.

Govan, April 25 .- Mr. Smoak, principal of the Govan school, demen Camp Wednesday night, which the Professor's home. livered a short address to the Woodbers present. He gave a brief history of the career of our Sovereign Commander, Mr. Root. Relating the incident of the first organization in his mind to organize the fraternity known as "Woodcraft." Having equipped himself as a business man in one of the best business colleges in the United States, he took upon himself the responsibilities of official duties which he performed to the perfect satisfaction of his employees, winning merit for himself. Not satisfied with his accomplishments, with philanthropic spirit, he set to work with his masterly power to accomplish something that would make him "blessed" among men. His efforts were vouchsafed, for the W. O. W., is one of the leading fraternal orders in the world of the same age. The incident producing the first idea to organize this great order, was upon witnessing with compassion a widow lady tugging the highway, and this testimony or a widow's sorrow and afflictions awoke a sympathetic cord in his heart for all who might be placed in like condition of adversity and penury. His ideal soon became a reality.

The recent rains have greatly refreshed the oat crop, and has given ed, and perhaps that section of the a vigorous aspect to young corn. A great deal of cotton has been planted, but owing to the dry weather it could not germinate.

The Govan school will close some time the first of May, and there will be a picnic as usual at George' Creek church.

There is a plan on foot in the Sunday-school to secure additional members and enthusiasm by what is called "A Trip to Palestine." There are two sides to it, the "red" and the Every member is required to solicit new members, and at the close of the race the winning side will be served at a dinner by the losing side.

For the fair sex to indulge in athletic games is hardly objectionable. We learn that the Blackville "9" will be entertained by a "9" composed of that gender on next Wednesday af-

MOB MISSES ITS PREY.

Negro Who Shot Deputy Sheriff

Saved from Lynching. West Palm Beach, Fla., April 25 -Wash Pope, the negro who fatally wounded Deputy Sheriff Baker yesterday, and who was surrounded in a swamp on Lake Worth all last night, was captured this morning by an army of deputy sheriffs, who pushed in from all sides into the swamp. The negro was brought to this city in a motor boat under heavy

The posse were compelled to draw

EPWORTH LEAGUE CONFERENCE

Profitable and Delightful Meeting at Denmark.

Denmark, April 25 .- The annual Conference of the Epworth League chapter of the Orangeburg district convened at the Methodist Church State News Boiled Down for Quick of this place Friday evening and continued until Sunday evening, holding three sessions each day.

The delegates, about forty in num-Ehrhardt, April 25.—The farmers ber, with the members of the local Palmetto avenue, Friday evening, just after the welcome greetings were extended to the visiting delegates. Mr. Willie Hughes and Miss Ida Refreshments were served and a Lou Hiers were quietly married Sunmerry social medley prevailed for

several hours. The young people took great interest in the daily sessions of the Convention and carried out their programme with much enthusiasm.

Excellent addresses were delivered by the Rev. Allen McFarlan, of ures of the week could not be con- Branchville, Dr. S. J. Summers, of veyed to anyone on paper. The catch Cameron, and the Rev. T. G. Herbert, of Bamberg.

The next annual district conference of the League will meet at Harleyville. Dr. S. J. Summers, of Cameron, was elected district president for the coming year. Prof. H. A. C. of being bitten by them, but we took Walker, president of the Denmark League, and the committees worked faithfully for the successful entertainment of the delegates and visi-

An epidemic of measles made the

Fairfax Fancies.

Fairfax, April 25.-Mrs. Sam now keeping house in a brand new

Measles still prevail, but the cases

Mr. Priester, an aged gentleman from Georgia, is visiting his nephew,

Mrs. Amy Moran, a successful teacher from near Brunson, is visit-Quite a quantity of lumber is in ing Mrs. Brant, who was a former

The Baptists are very busy over the entertainment which comes off quite soon.

The teachers were invited to Allendale to repeat their play, and realized quite a nice sum, and enjoyed the trip besides.

Miss Etta Perry, an accomplished girl friend of Mrs. Lily Myrick, is spending some time with her. Her home is Ridgeland.

Prof. Joe Riser has a gentleman friend visiting him, from Leesville,

payed a match game of baseball with the Fairfax team, but were badly beaten.

Mr. Jas. Preacher, whose business has been in Charleston recently, has been kept here for quite a while, nursing the measles cases in his

family. Mrs. Dr. Addison has returned from a visit to her mother in Augusta.

Miss Goolsby visited relatives Frilay after school, but is here now for school work. The teachers are getting the pupils

ready for commencement. Improvements are going on in the interior of the school house. Mr. G. W. Barber has started the

erection of a nice large house next to the Methodist church.

Fire in Williston.

Williston, April 25 .- What came very near being a disastrous fire occurred here this morning about 11 o'clock. It originated in the old Broadwater home, now occupied by found him he was dead. An inquest puffing away. Jeff Ussery, and presumably from the kitchen.

Fanned by a high southwest wind, it was seen that the house was doomtown in the direction of the flying knew him. He went with the autoembers. The residences of C. A. Bennett and T. J. Woodward were next consumed. These buildings were in the rear of and on the same block with one of the best building blocks in town, with nothing between them but some old buildings whose old roofs were as dry as tinder. Volunteer watchers on the tops of the threatened houses had their time well occupied in putting out the blazing shingles as they ignited.

For a time it looked as if the business part of the town was doomed, as well as the old Williston hotel, now occupied as a residence by Dr. J. P. Lee, and the merchants began to prepare for eventualities. But a fortunate veering of the wind turned the sparks eastward of the stores but in the direction of the barn and outhouses of Dr. Lee, all of which were consumed, including several hundred bushels of corn which was fiercely blazing long after the build-

ings were consumed. Meantime the flying sparks had ignited the roofs of J. E. Newsom and Mrs. J. A. Rountree, but these were

soon extinguished. One of the vagaries of the fire was that it burned completely under the

dental office of Dr. Trotti, but did not ignite the building. It is impossible at this time to state the loss or the amount of insurance.

Killed on the Rail.

negro living on the plantation of a short while afterwards. Mr. C. G. Bass, near here, was killed by a northbound A. C. L. train last Irmo, leaving his wife and children body. To make sure of his mark, he Newberry their revolvers to defend the negro. Thursday night. It is stated that he at home. The woman went a short fired a second shot into the prostrate Oconee as they marched through the city. was drinking late the preceding af- distance from the house to attend to form lying upon the ground. From miles around men and boys ternoon and had just parted with a a cow. When she discovered the have been gathering in this city and companion out near the town limits. fire it was blazing on top of the soon flew away and Davis reloaded were heavily armed in anticipation When last seen Moody was following kitchen. She rushed to the house his pistol and pursued his lonely way Saluda wait until nightfall to secure the dead early yesterday morning in the dren out except the girl, who, it where he has remained until caught negro, but the guard spirited the cut near town. The coroner's in- seems, was locked up in the kitchen by William M. Reed, of North, and Union negro away, putting him aboard an quest was held yesterday afternoon by some means unaccountable, and lodged in the county jail yesterday. fore the mob was aware of their in- caused by carelessness on the part order to secure her release. She of \$100 offered by Gov. Ansel for of the deceased.

IN THE PALMETTO STATE

SOME OCCURRENCES OF VARIOUS KINDS IN SOUTH CAROLINA.

Reading-Paragraphs About Men and Happenings.

J. M. Richardson, of Aiken, has announced that he is a candidate for adjutant and inspector general.

The town of Walterboro receives from all sources an income of only ped the day before showed signs of \$2,500 a year, while the expenses of the town are \$3,000 a year. Rev. M. L. Lawson, formerly pas-

tor of the Bamberg Baptist church, but who has been serving the church at Johnston recently, has been called to the Camden Baptist church and has accepted. He will move to Camden in June. The cold Tuesday and Tuesday

night did much damage all over the State and the South, and the price of cotton went up very materially. Much of the growing crop was killed. There was snow and sleet at several places in the State. Assistant Adjutant General Brock

has asked Gov. Ansel for a court of inquiry to take up the charges made against him (Brock) by Adjutant General Boyd. The governor has the matter under advisement, and has not as yet appointed the court.

The summer school for the teachwell counties will open in Aiken, at shot. the Institute, on June 13th, and will continue until June 8th, inclusive. There will be three instructors in charge of the school, one representing each county.

With Boyd and Brock fighting each other, it looks like Col. Thompson will be the next adjutant general, and this is as it should be. Col Thompson is decidedly the best man for the place, and if elected will do much to make the militia of the State more efficient.

county, has donated 220 acres of land to the State to be used as an State in the bail proceedings, claimagricultural school. But of course propriation to establish the school, fore she died, and that in order to son? We have heard it was an agricultural college.

Columbia elected a mayor Tuesday under the new commission form after his wife killed herself, he day under the new commission form "backed down." Attorney M. L. of government, and it is to the credit The high school boys of Brunson elected over F. S. Earle, as mayor. R. W. Shand, Esq., headed the ticket for councilman, and R. J. Blalock came within ten votes of election It seems now that a strong municipal will be freed from ward politics.

YOUNG MAN FOUND DEAD.

Body of Arthur Spears Discovered by the Roadside.

Darlington, April 25 .- Mr. Arthur Spears a young white man was his home, in the Lydia section of this and a companion separated after visiting near McLaughlin's Crossroads, in the same section, last night, it is sible. said, after both had imbibed freely night some one passing and finding that Spears was unable to walk, lifted This morning, when others him. was held and the above facts were established.

store of Mr. C. D. Lee, at Lydia, and mobile "sociability run" party to are shocked at his sudden demise.

MURDER IN ATLANTA.

Motorman and Conductor Shot and Robbed by Three Negroes.

Three negroes, on Saturday, at the end of the Druid Hill car line, Atlanta, shot and killed Motorman S. T. Brown and then shot and mortally wounded Conductor Walter H. Bryson, after robbing him of \$35. There were no passengers on the car.

leaves a wife and four children. Mr. not much injured and after having Bryson is about the same age and is the wound dressed he was about as from Cross Hill, South Carolina, where his mother still lives. He mar- to Fowler, but he evinced such fleetried Miss Brock, of Vaughnville. bee arrested, one of whom has been

identified by Mr. Bryson. Physicians say that there is small chance for Mr. Bryson's recov-

Negro Child Burns to Death.

Lexington, April 25 .- The dwell-

was frightfally burned.

TEN PERSONS BITTEN.

Cope Justly Stirred Up Over the Mad Dog Question.

Several people were bitten at Cope one day last week by a mad dog, and in consequence the people are greatly stirred up on the subject of the mad dog question. The head of the dog that did the biting was sent to Columbia for examination.

On Saturday afternoon a telegram was received from Dr. Coward, head of the Pasteur Institute at Columbia, to the effect that the dog's head ship-

Steps were immediately taken to get those who had been bitten to where they could be treated. Mr. M. A. Moye, Jr., had a little son bitten, and Mr. R. C. Carter, whose little boy had been bitten or scratched over the eye, were taken to Bamberg Saturday night to catch the first train for Columbia.

Sunday morning the following left for Columbia to be treated: B. B. Brickle and three children, one of J. M. Brickle's, a child of J. D. Kittrell's and also Mattie Dempsey and to the extent of their supplies, but it Wiley Stack. Altogether 10 went for

treatment. Sunday morning several dogs and a cat that were known to have been bitten were quickly dispatched by the rifle and the council is to meet shall be made of the other dogs and cats in town. Life is too precious to be risked in such a manner, and it is the opinion of a good many that ers of Aiken, Bamberg, and Barn- all dogs be put under ban and be

ALLEGES "SUICIDE COMPACT."

Unusual Plea Presented in Kirkland Bail Application.

Columbia, April 25.-An alleged suicide compact" was the plea Sam Kirkland's attorney put up before Justice Gary this afterndon, in applying for bail for Kirkland, a farmer of Kershaw county, who is charged with killing his wife. Bail was Dr. W. H. Kelley, of Spartanburg granted in the sum of \$2,000.

Solicitor Cobb, in arguing for the ed that Kirkland, as shown by the the legislature must make an ap- evidence, beat his wife the day be-Why, what's the matter with Clem- be rid of her husband she committed suicide. On the other hand, Kirkland contends that the two entered into a "suicide compact," and that Smith, of Camden, appeared for of that city that W. H. Gibbes was Kirkland to-day before Judge Gary, at chambers.

A SMOKERS CONTEST.

Lighted the Longest.

Ithaca, N. Y., April 17 .- As a result of a wager made at the Town and Gown club a contest was neld to see who could smoke a cigar the longest without letting it go out.

About 25 professors and professional men took part in the contest, it was said. All were provided with found dead in the public road near the same size cigar, and at a given signal they were lighted. The men county this morning . Mr. Spears then lounged about at their ease, endeavoring to keep their cigars lighted and yet smoke as little as pos-

At the end of 50 minutes most of of strong drink. That later in the the cigars were either out or their sents the amounts that the veterans smokers had retired from the contest, but Prof. Theodore Monroe, him to the side of the road and left Prof. C. L. Durham, Dean Frank Ir-

At the end of 70 minutes Professor Irvin retired from the contest, and at Mr. Spears was a salesman in the 80 minutes Professor Durham very the various counties. The amount Professor suddenly disappeared. was highly esteemed by those who Monroe, with a smile on his face and by the aid of a tooth pick, smoked his cigar 85 minutes and was de-Pinehurst last week, and his friends clared the winner. He was awarded the prize of a metal stein.

Shot Through Neck.

Gaffney, April 25 .- Friday night Oscar Leech, a negro, while rambling around in that portion of Gaffney known as "Happy Hollow," unfortunate as to "get it in the neck" to the extent of a 38 calibre bullet, fired from a pistol in the hands of James Fowler, another person of the same color. The bullet entered the negro's neck on one side and passed entirely through, coming Mr. Brown was 36 years of age and out on the other. However, he was good as new. The officers gave chase ness of root that the chase was given A large number of negroes have up, and he has not, as yet, been apprehended.

Wife Slayer Arrested.

Orangeburg, April 26.-Allen Davis, a negro, who killed his wife on the 21st of last January, in this county, has been apprehended and is in Georgetown the Orangeburg county jail. Allen Greenville ing house of Henry Geiger, a highly Davis was attending a large revival respected negro farmer, residing service at a colored church four mile: about a mile north of Irmo in the from Springfield. After the services Horry Dutch Fork, was burned yesterday the crowd was standing about chatafternoon about 5 o'clock and one ting; Davis called to his wife and of his children, 6 years old, was asked if she was going home with Lee Latta, April 23.—Ben Moody, a burned so badly that death resulted him. A negative reply was given and immediately Davis drew his re- Marion Geiger was attending preaching at volver, firing a deadly bullet into her

The multitude of a moment before Davis' apprehension.

DAMAGE IS HEAVY IN SOUTH

REPORTS FROM FROZEN DIS-TRICTS CONFIRM LOSS.

Mills Have Offered to Supply Farmers With Cotton Seed, But Sup-

ply May be Insufficient.

South Sunday night and Monday The stores that were burned were: ton belt, which indicate that at least taburg; R. O. Pickens, a tinner; the 50 per cent. of the young cotton was sections was added by the frost of dwned by Mr. Johnson, of Asheville, north Alabama, Tennessee and North pany, of which Charles K. Gould and this morning in parts of Georgia. Carolina. Ice was reported this morning as far South as Thomasville on the court as Thomasville Cottonseed oil mills in this and ing is of little value.

other States have signified their willingness to supply farmers with seed, is thought these will not be sufficient for replanting the vast area affected by the cold. The prevailing price for seed is \$1 per bushel, or about double the price which the farmers obtained from the mills. In some to take steps as to what disposition instances the cotton fields will be plowed up and planted in corn.

Opinions Conflict.

Montgomery, Ala., April 26 .-There is a conflict of opinion among cotton men as to the scarcity of seed with which to plant the crop destroyed by the freeze that has just swept the South. Montgomery dealers declare there is plenty of seed at normal prices. Frem other parts of the State reports come that no seed is to be had and prices have advanced sharply.

To-day the Montgomery office of the Southern Cotton Oil company instructed every seed crushing mill under its control to suspend operation huband and their neighbors the drug and to buy all seed offered. It is declared that the seed will be sold to life. planters at normal prices.

Reports have been received from nearly every county in the State. These reports show that all cotton plants above ground have been killed

ANOTHER DROP IN BUTTER.

Quotation of 29 Cents by Elgin Board of Trade.

board of trade agreed to-day upon a of the woman. quotation of, 29 cents for butter, a Perfect harmony prevailed at the meeting.

Although both Elgin producers ticket is assured, and that Columbia Professor Monroe Kept His Weed and Chicago buyers were represented on the floor by large delegations, Chicago far outnumbered the coun-

try members. One butter company offered 29 cents on the call board and there were no offerings. The quotation committee, after a short session reported this figure as the price. There was a brief conference among the Chicagoans. Then their spokesman announced that the quotation was satisfactory to them.

Pension Money Available.

The pension roll has been announced by the State board of pensions. The sum of \$251,166 repreand widows of veterans are to receive during the year. The roll shows an increase of 17 over last year. The vin, and Dr. H. I. Andrews were still total number of pensions in the State is 9,554. The total number last year was 9,537. Checks for the entire amount have been sent out to appropriated for pensions was \$250,-000, but there was a small sum left over from last year. The county receiving the largest amount for pensions is Spartanburg which gets

\$20,100. The amounts given under the different classes are as follows: Class A, \$96; Class B, \$72; Class C1, \$48; Class C2, \$20; Class C3, \$48; and Class C4, \$20.

The amounts appropriated to the different counties of the State are as follows: Abbeville \$ 4,576.00 Aiken 9,880.00 Anderson 14,868.00 Bamberg 4.260.00 Barnwell Beaufort Berkeley Calhoun 5.640.00 Charleston 6.440.00 Cherokee 4,488.00 Chester Chesterfield Clarendon

Colleton Darlington 2.836.00 Dorchester Edgefield Fairfield Florence 14.444.00 Greenwood Hampton 4.996.00 5.816.004,068.00 Kershaw Lancaster Lexington 8.128.00 Marlboro 4,640.00 Orangeburg 6,596.00 Pickens Richland 10,152.00 4,040.00

Williamsburg

BIG FIRE IN SPARTANBURG.

Spartan Inn and Several Stores Burned Down.

The Spartan Inn hotel, four occupied store rooms and two unoccupied stores were completely destroyed by one the flercest and most stubborn fires in the history of Spartanburg, which occurred at Atlanta, Ga., April 26.—That last half past three o'clock last Friday night's reports of the damage done morning. The flames destroyed an the young cotton crop by the cold entire block on Morgan square, in the heart of the business section. S. B. Ezell, dealer in hardware and reports from all sections of the cot- one of the oldest merchants in Spar-Excelsior Paint and Paper house, new concern in this city, which is N. C.; the Spartan Furniture comon the southern boundary of Geor- most complete, as that part c. stock which was carried out of the build-

> The fire was first discovered in the rear of Pickens' tin shop, where there was a quantity of tar-covered roofing, which is almost inflammable. Word was given the night clerk at the Spartan Inn, who immediately took steps to have all the guests awakened.

> There were about 50 or 60 guests in the hotel for the night, which number included several ladies. All escaped safely. One man had to be

taken down a ladder. The loss is estimated at \$79,000, the insurance \$12,700.

SAVED FROM POISONING.

Spartanburg Woman Recovered from Overdose of Laudanum.

Spartanburg, April 25 .- Mrs. Etfie Mitchell, wife of W. D. Mitchell, assistant chief of the fire department, took an overdose of laudanum last night with near fatal results. But for the prompt action of herwould have cost Mrs. Mitchell her

There was a quantity of medicine in a cabinet and the lady attempted to take a dose in the dark. She poured out too much in a glass and realized in a moment her mistake. Telling her husband what she had done, she handed him several rings and asked that they be given to their children, even designating which of the children should have each ring. The prompt arrival of the physician Elgin, Ill., April 25.—The Elgin and their heroic work saved the life

SMITH MAKING A RECORD.

Washington Papers Call Him Fastest

Speaker in Senate. Washington, April 25.—Ever since Senator Ellison Durant Smith, of South Carolina, made his advent into Washington political life last year, local newspapers have been having considerable fun at his expense. He has been called "Gatling-gun," "Bollweevil," "Cotton" and "Cyclone" Smith at times, as the occasion seemed to demand. The Washington Times, witnessing the terrible dust raised in the Senate Saturday, when Mr. Smith began to talk on the cot-

ton pool, to-day prints the following

story concerning his efforts:

"Senator Smith, of South Carolina, has gained a sobriquet. He is called 'Cyclone Smith.' This is because of his cyclonic delivery in debate. He can speak faster than any man in the Senate. His first real debate came yesterday, when he attacked the Attorney General because of the 'cotton trust' probe instituted by the department of justice. The South Carolinian is a cotton expert. He knows his business from the seed in the ground to the fabric on the store shelf. He organized the cotton growers in the movement to hold the

staple for better prices. "This fund of cotton knowledge was used to overwhelm the Senate yesterday. For nearly two hours the Senator spoke and ten relays of stenographers were necessary to catch his remarks. Not a note did he use. All the torrent of talk seemed to rise spontaneously and the deluge was

complete. 'Withal, Senator Smith spoke to good effect for a new Senator. He held the attention of more Republican Senators during his address than many of his older Democratic associates do when they arise to address the Senate. He did more. He baited Senator Aldrich until that leader rose to defend the tariff from the South Carolina onslaught. That was how vigorously the attack was made. Senator Smith is not exactly of the fire-eating type, but he borders closely on it. It is suggested that a little more Senate training will temper him somewhat and that he is, therefore, destined to become a

forceful debater." If this keeps up South Carolina will have a regular "catch-em-alive" man in the Senate before Congress

Dr. Weeks Settles Up.

adjourns.

5,076.00

The Spartanburg Herald says Dr. A. J. Weeks, of Wagener, who was tried and found guilty of bigamy at 6,692.00 the last term of the Spartanburg court, was in the city Saturday to settle his fine. He was under sen-7,348.00 tence to pay a fine of \$500 or serve 4,876.00 six months in jail. A compromise was allowed whereby Dr. Weeks paid \$250 and the rest of the sentence stands suspended pending good be-6,712.00 children at Wagener and married a Miss Sara Smith of Spartanburg. Dr. Weeks says whiskey was the cause of his acting as he did and that he has Total \$251,166.00 turned over a new leaf.