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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, August 1.—Rev. D. B. Groseclose has been conducting a three days' meeting at Mt. Pleasant church. He had Dr. J. H. Wilson assisting him. Two sermons a day with dinner served on the premises. Quite a crowd attended, especially on Sunday. Several joined the church on Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. F. E. Robinson are going to Newberry, S. C., to spend some time with relatives this week.

Sunday night the Methodists had children's day at St. James Methodist church.

Some of Jacksonville's booze has been showing its work around town lately.

The weather is very warm for the last week. A breeze feels good about noon these days.

The reason why one farmer did not hoe out the grass from his pinners, is that he had no where to put the grass.

If any one will get a motor and apply it to some of the galanippers that fly around in the shades of evening, they could have a flying machine right.

Some of our citizens went to Bamberg to witness the game of ball last week.

Miss Claire Weirmer, of Florida, is visiting her grand-father, Mr. Chas. Hartz.

Ehrhardt grocery has a fine lot of Waterman's Ideal fountain pens. Will pay you to call and see them before buying. JEE.

News from Kearse.

Kearse, August 1.—Our progressive teacher of the White Point school, Miss Aline Kearse, has returned from Spartanburg, where she has been attending the summer school. She reports a pleasant and profitable session. The up-country agrees with her so well that she has taken a school in Saluda for the next scholastic year. We regret to give her up. She is also experimenting with thoroughbred chickens, and finds them vastly superior to the "scrub" variety. May she have the good fortune to find some thoroughbred boys and girls to train in her new surroundings.

The lecture of Prof. W. D. Roberts on "The World's Sunday-school Convention" was much enjoyed. Wish he could be induced to write it up for your paper.

EIGHT WHITE MEN HELD.

Accused of Killing Negroes in Anderson County, Texas.

Palestine, Tex., August 1.—In his charge to the special grand jury impaneled to-day Judge B. B. Gardner, of the third judicial district, demanded that a thorough investigation of the race riot in Anderson be made.

Four additional arrests were made to-day in connection with the clash between the whites and blacks Friday night and Saturday. Eight white men are now in jail, all of whom are charged with murder in the first degree, and held without bail to await the action of the grand jury. These are: James Surger, Josh Bishop, Wallace Ferguson, Isman Garner, Andrew Kirkwood, James Jenkins, F. C. Bailey and Morgan Henry.

Troop C. of the Texas State Guard, under the command of Capt. L. H. Younger, arrived here to-day and is camped in the court house yard. The troop will patrol the scene of the riots and protect the prisoners now in jail.

According to the authorities the situation is now well in hand and no further trouble is anticipated.

Deputy Sheriff Reeves, who returned from Slocum this afternoon, said: "I am positive that the trouble between the white and black races of Anderson county is at an end. It is my further belief that no more than 15 white men participated in the riot. Of course there were probably between 100 and 200 armed men in the community, but they were armed merely for the purpose of protecting their homes and quelling such uprisings as might occur. The great majority of these men did not reach the scene of the trouble. A coroner's inquest over the eight negro bodies found returned a verdict in each case, that the deceased came to death from gunshot wound in the hands of a person or persons unknown."

HIS FEATS AMONG BRAVEST.

Writer Praises the Valorous Sergeant Who Rescued the Flag.

George Armistead Leaken writes as follows in The Baltimore Sun of the gallant Sergt. William Jasper, who helped to make history in Charleston harbor and finally died at Savannah, supporting the colors of a South Carolina regiment:

Two events associated with Sullivan's Island render that locality historical. On September 9, 1854, when the ocean was apparently calm, a dull, continuous sound indicated a coming storm, and on the next day the tempest came sweeping away the cottages and submerging the entire island, except Fort Moultrie, where 600 people spent the weary night until the morning reveille announced the retreat of the Atlantic wave and the prospect of speedy succor. Many years have passed, but the impression of that occasion is indelible.

On June 28, 1776, Fort Moultrie, built of palmetto logs, was attacked by a British fleet, and in the midst of the battle Sergt. William Jasper distinguished himself by recovering the flag which had fallen on the beach and was in danger of capture. Alone he leaped from the ramparts and in the sight of the whole fleet replaced it on the bastion amid cheers which welcomed his return.

On the next day Gov. Rutledge rewarded Jasper for his valor by presenting him with his own handsome small sword, thanking him in the name of his country. He also offered him a lieutenant's commission, but our hero, who could neither read nor write, modestly refused it, saying: "I am not fit to keep officer's company; I am but a sergeant."

Subsequently engaged in successful partisan warfare, Jasper was mortally wounded on October 9, 1779, during an assault on Savannah, under the following circumstances, described by historians: "The colors of the second South Carolina regiment, which had just been presented by Mrs. Elliott just after the battle of Fort Moultrie were borne by Lieut. Bush, supported by Sergt. Jasper, under the inspiring leadership of Col. Laurens and planted on the slope of the Springhill redoubt. At the sound of 'retreat' Jasper, already sorely wounded while trying to place on the parapet the flag which had been shot down, received his death wound. He, however, seized the colors from the triumphant enemy and bore them from the bloody field."

Major Horry, who was with the sergeant, relates the following conversation: "I have got my furlough, and (pointing to his sword) this sword was presented to me by Gov. Rutledge for my services in defending Fort Moultrie. Give it to my father and tell him I have worn it with honor. If he should weep, tell him his son died with the hope of a better life. Tell Mrs. Elliott I died supporting the colors of my regiment."

There is some uncertainty as to Jasper's burial. Perhaps it might be said of him, as of Corunna's Victor (once an ensign):

Not a drum was heard or a funeral note
As his corpse to the ramparts we hurried;
Not a soldier discharged his farewell shot
O'er the grave where our hero was buried.

On February 22, 1888, there was a double commemoration in Savannah. The streets were thronged with residents and visitors from the country, residents were marching to inspiring music, the platform was occupied by honored guests and officials, an eloquent oration was given to listening crowds by Gov. John B. Gordon, the veil was removed and there stood in bold relief the statue of Jasper uplifting the fallen colors.

After such an occasion Clio, the muse of history, might exclaim: "If Jasper could not read or write, he certainly has 'made his mark' in the beautiful monument in Savannah's park and in the seven counties which gladly perpetuate his name."

House Burned in Barnwell.

Barnwell, July 30.—A dwelling terson, Jr., and occupied by Mr. Carl Deadmilder, was burned to the ground this morning shortly before 8 o'clock. When the fire was first discovered flames were bursting from the roof, and owing to the lack of up-to-date fighting apparatus, it was soon beyond control.

It is thought that the fire started from a defective chimney. The loss is partially covered by insurance to the amount of \$1,700—\$1,200 on the house and \$500 on the contents.

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 first regiment of infantry, of South Carolina, is holding the annual encampment at Aiken this week.

There are one hundred and thirty candidates for office over in Orangeburg county. If they all make speeches at campaign meetings the sessions will be rather lengthy.

W. H. Muller, formerly of Columbia, but who has been practicing law in Bennettsville for several years, has been made assistant general counsel of the Southern Railway, with headquarters in Columbia.

The State reunion of Confederate veterans is to be held at Spartanburg the 17th of this month. Judge Robert Aldrich, of Barnwell, has accepted the invitation to deliver the annual oration at the reunion.

The Red Shirt Men of Spartanburg county have organized and will entertain the Red Shirt Men of the State at their meeting to be held in that city during the reunion of Confederate veterans, which is to be held the 17th instant.

Negroes Threatened with Lynching.

A telegram from New York on Friday said:

An attempt was made to lynch two negroes at Coney Island to-day. The attempt was made because they wanted to bathe in the ocean with white men and women. They had narrow escapes.

When they appeared on the beach about sixty women were in the water. A cry against the presence of the negroes was raised. One of them was grabbed and pulled into deep water with the object of drowning him, but he was a good swimmer and got away. The other one also made for shore and both were chased and stoned until they got away. Several extra calls for police were sent out.

Woman Slays Doctor and Herself.

Pittsburg, Aug. 1.—The bodies of Dr. Murray Stewart a well-known physician, and a woman were found at 11 o'clock to-night, in a room of the doctor's residence. Both had been killed by revolver shots.

Dr. George Murray Stewart was one of the most prominent young physicians of the fashionable East Liberty district. The woman was Edna Wallace, who was of middle age. A shot through her right temple was apparently self-inflicted after she had shot and killed the doctor. A revolver lying by the woman's side strengthens the police in this theory.

The double killing comes almost on the eve of Dr. Stewart's marriage to a Virginia belle. The police believe that jealousy of the doctor's coming marriage prompted the double tragedy. The police believe the shooting occurred late last night or early this morning.

COTTON MARKETING SYNDICATE.

Prominent Men Would Revolutionize Cotton Industry.

Boston, Mass., July 29.—Having for its purpose the revolutionizing of the cotton industry of the United States, a conference was held to-day at the home of John Hays Hammond, at Gloucester, at which there were present, besides Mr. Hammond, Daniel J. Sully, the New York cotton operator, and Scott Delgleish, of Cairo, Egypt, the representative of the Hirsch syndicate, of London.

Briefly, the idea is to establish warehouses in all parts of the cotton producing districts of this country, as well as in the manufacturing centers, for storing the cotton crop, so that instead of selling it from hand to mouth, as has been the practice heretofore, it will be marketed through the entire year when desirable. It is believed that economies will be effected in the marketing of cotton, which will result in a saving of not less than fifty million dollars annually.

The General Cotton Securities Company, of which Mr. Hammond is president, and Mr. Sully is vice president and general manager, is to be the basis of the organization, through which this economy is to be effected. The Hirsch syndicate, it is understood, has already underwritten the project.

Dry Stove Wood.—I have a large supply of dry stove wood on hand. Wood delivered promptly. Cash with order. J. H. MURPHY, Bamberg, S. C.

MULES AND COWS BURNED.

Lexington's Farmer's Loss Probably \$5,000—Undoubtedly Incendiary.

Lexington, July 30.—Five mules, one mare and two cows, together with a large quantity of oats, corn, cotton seed meal and hulls, were burned in a fire, which destroyed the barn and stables of Henry Z. Adams, a progressive and successful planter, living seventeen miles from the court house, at 3 o'clock this morning. The fire was undoubtedly of incendiary origin and the people of the county for miles around were wrought up to fever heat over the act.

When Mr. Adams was awakened by the groans of the burning animals, the flames had gained such headway that it was impossible for him to get out his stock. He reached the stable, in which his fine mare was closed in, but all efforts to get the animal out proved futile. The entire county is lined up with telephones, but for some reason it was impossible to get the Lexington office at that hour and the news did not reach Lexington until six hours after the fire, Mr. Adams coming down in his automobile.

The sheriff was notified and, through the kindness of the Clerk of Court Frank W. Shealy, one of the new Schacht automobiles of the Lexington Supply Company was brought into use. The chain gang is located in the fork and the dogs were gone after. The sheriff, Capt. Mack, and Clerk of Court Shealy left Lexington with one of the county dogs and the run of seventeen miles was made in thirty minutes, breaking all records for running over Lexington roads, four miles of the journey being very rough.

Upon reaching the scene, seven hours after the crime, the dog at once took up the trail and carried it successfully for a distance of three quarters of a mile, to an old barn on the side of the road, where the incendiary, it appears, got on his horse and rode away. On account of the fact that hundreds of people had passed over the road since the fire, it was impossible to track the animal and the chase was given up.

Mr. Adams's loss is estimated at between \$4,000 and \$5,000, with no insurance on the building or the stock.

PUNISHED PROMPTLY.

Negro Found in Young Girl's Room Lynched.

Cairo, Ga., July 31.—Screams of the young daughter of John Wade, ten miles northwest of this place, during last night, resulted in the capture and lynching of a negro who had entered her room and was discovered at her bedside.

The negro, entering through a window, made a noise in the room and the young girl awoke. She at once began to scream and the members of the family rushed into the room. The negro had no time to escape, but dived under the bed and lay still in an effort to save himself. He was dragged out from his hiding place at once.

News of the capture was sent from house to house among the neighbors, and a body of men quickly gathered. A conference was held, and it was decided to punish the negro immediately. He was placed in a wagon and one end of a rope was tied about his neck and the other tied to a limb. The wagon was driven from under him and a volley of shots rang out.

Northern Malcontents Rebuked

Beverly, Mass., July 31.—President Taft has approved, without comment, an opinion by Attorney General Wickersham to the effect that there is no provision by law which the statue of Gen. Robert E. Lee, in Confederate uniform, can be removed from Statuary Hall in the Capitol at Washington.

In addition to deciding the question on a purely legal basis, Mr. Wickersham argues the matter from an ethical point of view, declaring that Lee has come to be regarded as typifying all that was best in the cause to which he gave his services and the most loyal and unflinching acceptance of the complete overthrow of that cause. That the State of Virginia should designate him for that place in Statuary Hall as one illustrious for distinguished military service, the attorney general declares, is only natural and would be under the reading of the law.

Mr. Wickersham's opinion was called forth by protests to the president from the department of New York, Grand Army of the Republic.

KILLED IN C. & W. C. WRECK

PASSENGER PLUNGES THROUGH BURNING TRESTLE.

Engineer Hank Taylor and Fireman Simon Dunbar Killed—Train Destroyed by Fire.

Augusta, Ga., July 31.—Passenger Train No. 2, on the Spartanburg division of the Charleston and Western Carolina, due to arrive in Augusta, from Spartanburg, at 5:15 p. m., ran into a burning trestle, about a mile and a half from Woodlawn, resulting in the total destruction of the train, the death of Engineer Hank Taylor, of Laurens, S. C., and Fireman Simon Dunbar, colored, of Augusta, and slight injury to sixteen passengers.

When the train was entering onto a reverse curve Baggage-master George Box directed the attention of Conductor W. B. Verdery to large volumes of smoke, which he believed to be coming from the trestle, then a mile distant from the train, and which had been burned before. At that time the fire was on the left side of the train and could not have been seen by Engineer Taylor.

Plunges Through Burning Trestle. Conductor Verdery watched the smoke until the train had rounded the reverse curve, when he saw that the fire was on the trestle. Immediately he pulled the danger signal, and ran from the baggage coach back to the first-class passenger coach and pulled the emergency brake, but already the engine had run onto the trestle and plunged through to the little creek below, pulling with it the tender, baggage car and front of one of the passenger coaches.

The coach, tilting from the wreckage to the road bed above, formed a flue, through which the flames from the trestle debris were carried to the train proper, and in less than five minutes the entire train was aflame.

Caught Under Tender.

Engineer Taylor and Fireman Dunbar went down with the engine, and were caught under the tender, which was thrown directly on top of the engine. Both of these were either mashed or burned to death, and the bodies are still in the wreckage.

Baggage-master Box also went down with his car, but succeeded in escaping from the fire with but slight injuries.

Mail Clerk Bloom, of Spartanburg, did not leave his car and was seriously, though not fatally, injured. He remained in the wreckage after the concussion, working with his mail, and succeeded in saving the bulk of it from the flames.

None of the passengers were injured beyond minor cuts and bruises, and of these the larger number were among those in the negro coach and smoker, the white coach escaping any extensive damage beyond a severe shake up, until the flames reached it.

Relief trains were sent out from Augusta, and all passengers brought here.

Believe Trestle Set.

In a statement by Superintendent Anderson, given out after midnight, it is shown that the road has reason to believe that the bridge was fired and investigation is being made in that direction. The last train passing over the bridge, ahead of the wreck was six and a half hours earlier, and the officials contend that this does away with any idea of falling hot coals starting the trestle fire.

Cotton Crop Better in Most States.

Memphis, Tenn., July 31.—The Commercial-Appeal will publish this summary of the cotton crop situation to-morrow:

"The cotton crop deteriorated during the week in Texas and Oklahoma by reason of drought but improved elsewhere on an absence of rain.

"The situation in Texas and Oklahoma is fast becoming serious, some shedding being reported in the dry East places.

"Temperatures were very high at most times, which make the lack of moisture more acute. A good rain immediately would help the crop wonderfully, but its growth and fruiting has already been arrested. The fields east of the Mississippi are now nearly clean and the cotton will be laid by in a fairly good state of cultivation. The process of cleaning some of them has, however, been severe and the plant has not yet recuperated and drought continued for long will work great damage.

"During the coming week moderate temperature would be helpful.

"Without a late autumn reports indicate a very moderate out-turn in the valley and Atlantic States."

MOB LYNCHES TWO.

Negro Victims Confess to Murder of White Girl.

Bonifay, Fla., July 30.—Two negroes, pleading vainly for their lives, were strung up by an infuriated mob, between here and Dady, this afternoon, and while they were dangling from the ropes were perforated by the bullets from fifty to seventy-five white men of the surrounding country.

The crime which caused the lynching is one of the most brutal ever known of in this vicinity. The two negroes confessed to murdering little Bessie Morrison, the 12-year-old daughter of Mrs. Mary Morrison, who lives near Dady, in the extreme western end of Holmes county, whose body was found this morning in a pool of water between the Morrison homestead and the little school at Dady.

The little girl started for school Friday morning alone, and the first intimation of a tragedy was when she failed to come home in the afternoon. After a reasonable time had elapsed a searching party was formed and after a quest lasting well into Friday night, found the mangled remains of the little girl in a pool of water in a swamp near the girl's home.

As soon as the significance of the find dawned on the residents, the searching party was transformed into a mob searching for the culprits. The sheriff at Bonifay was notified and he, together with two assistants, went to Dady, where the two negroes were already arrested. Confessions, giving some of the gruesome details of the criminal assault and subsequent murder, were made by the two men, and feeling was running high, but cool heads prevented a lynching on the spot.

The sheriff saw that the only thing to be done was to rush the two men to the county jail, and at once started out from Dady, but the residents, who at this time were augmented by the arrival of others, got wind of the sheriff's plan and started in pursuit and overtook the sheriff on a lonely road, overpowering him and taking the two negroes to the nearest tree. Ropes were already provided, and it was a short time before the negroes were swung up.

The two negroes were employed on a turpentine camp and were known to be of bad character. They, according to their confession, laid along the road in wait for the little girl, who would be going to school in the morning. This was after they had looked around and found that there were no white men in the vicinity.

NEGRO COMMITS AWFUL CRIME.

Posse Scouring Woods for Assailant of White Woman.

Mobile, Ala., July 31.—Many possees have been scouring the woods around Axis, Ala., eighteen miles from Mobile, since shortly after 1 o'clock this morning for Bill Walker, a negro, who had been loafing around the mill town, and who criminally assaulted Mrs. Nettie Gibson, 31 years of age, wife of J. O. Gibson, superintendent of a truck farm.

The negro told Mrs. Gibson a friend was dead and that he had been sent to accompany her to the house, where she was wanted to help prepare the body. Proceeding a few hundred feet from the Gibson home, the negro began using his knife and later accomplished his purpose. The woman is badly cut. Her 8-year-old brother, Clarence Howell, hearing her screams, ran to the scene and tried to protect his sister. Clarence Howell was also cut by the negro.

Walker after forcing Mrs. Gibson to give him what money she had, left for the home of Jesse Brown, another negro. He slipped up to Brown's window and shot him while asleep. Walker then forced Brown's wife to accompany him. Walker and Katie Brown have not been found. Citizens of the community say that the law will not be needed if Walker is caught.

Sheriff Drago, of Mobile, has his force working on the case. The sheriff promised the citizens if Walker is captured he would ask Mobile county courts to hold a special session to try him. Walker's crime is a capital offence in this State.

Mrs. Gibson and her brother are not fatally cut, but Jesse Brown will die. The neighborhood for miles is stirred up over the affair.

Reported Negro Shot.

Mobile, Ala., August 1.—At midnight reports reached here that the posse had shot Bill Walker, Mrs. Gibson's assailant.