

**BAGGAGEMAN CUT.**

**Southern Railway Employee Probably Seriously Injured.**

Spartanburg, August 19.—J. B. Mintee, baggage master at the Southern station was cut and seriously wounded by Davis Prothro, of Aiken, at the station this morning.

Prothro was an excursionist who had been a member of the party that made the trip to Niagara Falls. He returned to this city last night, and attempted to check his baggage to Blackwell, S. C., when he had a ticket bought from one of the Confederate veterans, that entitled him to go to Erma, S. C. The baggage master would not check his baggage to an intermediate station on this ticket, and the row ensued.

Mintee was taken into the private sanitarium of Dr. F. L. Potts who dressed the wounds. He is cut about the stomach and the blade of the knife missed the heart but an inch or two. The physicians are making a hard fight to save the life of the wounded man.

Mintee came to Spartanburg several months ago and has been employed at the station for some time. He is a man about 45 years old and is a powerful man physically.

Prothro is a well known and prominent man of Aiken. He is from one of the best known families in that section and is quite wealthy. Friends of both the injured man and Prothro regret the unfortunate affair very much.

**EACH ONE COUNTED COST 15c.**

**Expenses of Recent Census Will Amount of About \$14,000,000.**

Washington, August 19.—The census of 1910 is going to cost about 15 cents per capita—that is, the total expense of the 13th census will cost between 14,000,000 and 15,000,000. As there are about 90,000,000 people in the country, this will mean about 15 cents per head.

This is about \$3,000,000 more than congress has appropriated for the service—\$12,000,000. The remainder of the cost of taking the census will be paid for by a "deficiency" appropriation. On July 1 the balance of the appropriation on hand was \$5,111,617.18. There is considerably less now. All but about 5,000 enumerators have been paid off, and most of this has been done since July 1. They being paid as fast as the vouchers can be put through. Nearly \$4,000,000 has been paid out to enumerators.

The pay roll at the census office in Washington is nearly \$200,000 a month, or pretty close to \$2,500,000 per year. Some time ago there was considerable dissatisfaction among some of the clerks because Director Durand placed them on a "piece work" basis with some new machines. The machine is a very complicated one in its workings, though it is easy to manipulate. The clerks complained that their unfamiliarity with it made it impossible for them to make a living wage. Now, however, since they have become accustomed to the machines, and are better able to operate them, they make in some instances almost twice as much as they would be making at this time had they continued on the flat salary basis. Some of the women who work the machines earn as high as \$6 a day.

**PERENNIAL COTTON.**

**Government Expert Brings Seed from Hawaii.**

Atlanta, Ga., August 17.—The cotton in Hawaii can never rival that of the South, according to Dr. E. V. Wilcox, director of the government's Honolulu experiment station, who is here on a trip of study of Southern cotton culture. Mr. Wilcox says that although the islands produce a fine grade of sea island, bringing from 30 to 35 cents per pound, there are only 20,000 acres suitable for cotton culture. Only 1,000 are now under cultivation.

Dr. Wilcox brought with him some seed of Caravonica cotton to see whether it can be grown in this soil. He says that this cotton is perennial, requiring only one planting and bearing each year from the same stalk. In Hawaii, he says, these cotton plants are pruned to prevent them from attaining a height of 10 to 12 feet.

**GIRL SAVES MAN.**

**Twelve Year Old Child Shows Good Nerve.**

Culver, Ind., August 18.—By saving the life of F. Thompson, of Atlanta, Ga., while both were swimming in Lake Maxinkusbee to-day, Isabel Fuller, aged 12, daughter of E. R. Fuller, of Richmond, Va., became the heroine of the cottagers of the summer resort.

Thompson is an expert swimmer, but he was seized with cramps. The little girl, also an adept, was near him. When she saw he was sinking she quickly swam to him and supported him until relief came.

**HOMICIDE IN EDGEFIELD.**

**Warrant Charges J. L. Crafton with Killing P. O. Thurmond.**

Edgefield, August 19.—To-day P. E. Thurmond, of Merriweather Township, this county, came to Edgefield and, upon information and belief, swore out a warrant before Magistrate N. L. Brunson, charging Joseph L. Crafton, also a resident of the same township, with murder, the killing of P. O. Thurmond, a brother of the defendant. The warrant was placed in the hands of Sheriff Ouzts and will be executed to-morrow.

According to the statement of Mr. Thurmond, on last Saturday, about dark his brother was returning from church in a buggy and behind him in another buggy, was the wife of the accused with her daughter; that Crafton appeared from a thicket nearby with a gun and, placing himself in the public road and in front of Mr. Thurmond's buggy, fired upon the latter, three buckshot entering his thigh and leg. After the shooting, it is said, that Crafton went to a neighbor's house and informed him that he had killed Thurmond. Mr. Thurmond was immediately carried to Augusta for medical treatment and died in a hospital in that city, from the effects of the wounds the Monday night following the shooting.

A family trouble is said to be involved in the deplorable tragedy and for that reason and on account of the prominence of the parties involved the affair has been kept out of the newspapers. Crafton, it is said, claims that he was fully justified in shooting Thurmond. It appears that Mrs. Crafton and her daughter were the only eye-witnesses to the homicide.

**INDIAN COTTON A FAILURE.**

**Both Staple and Yield Have Proven Disappointing.**

A Washington dispatch says difficulty is experienced by cotton growers in India with both staple and yield. Many experiments have been made with the object of improving both, reports Consul E. Halderman Dennison, of Bombay, but thus far, with indifferent success. Egyptian and other exotic varieties have been introduced from time to time, but the results have not been encouraging.

Under garden culture the finer staples have responded well, but tried in the fields, they have failed to produce the results they show in their native soils. Future efforts will be devoted to the improvement of the staple and yield of the native cotton. A tree cotton from which great results were predicted a few years ago, has proven disappointing according to the consul. It did very well in garden trials, but when the attempt was made to grow it upon a large scale, failure followed.

**A CHANCE FOR THE GIRLS.**

**Texan Offers Heart and Hand. World Tour for Bridal Trip.**

Oh, you girls, just listen. Here is one lone bachelor, and a cowman at that, who resides in San Antonio, and who issues the defi to Dan Cupid or any pretty maid to tie a bell on him. He has wealth, according to his statement made to Postmaster Stevens and is a brunette, fairly good looking and is 35 years old. In his letter to Dan Cupid, alias Postmaster J. J. Stevens, the giddy man of the plains says:

"Old Dan Cupid—Mr. Stevens: I have been reading of late of the many pretty girls in the North and in fact from all portions of the United States, who were in search of a cowboy husband and one that they could love for the balance of their days. During the past fifteen years I have gone with many girls and in each instance they all told the same story, and that was, that they had no bad faults and that they were perfect in every respect. This same old repeated tale almost made a woman-hater out of me, but things have changed since that time and I am commencing to believe that I will let the women folks have another trial to tie a bell on me.

"With this object in view, I will for the next month receive proposals from young ladies that are seeking a cowpuncher of Texas, and will exchange photographs with them. My motive in seeking a life partner in this manner is entirely sincere and if the girls will just give me a chance to make a pick of my choice. To the successful winner of my heart and hand, I will take on a bridal tour which will embrace a greater portion of the world. I have a nice ranch one hundred miles west of San Antonio and have enough money to insure me from any kind of hard work for many years to come. I am a man 35 years old, fairly good looking, a brunette, weight 170 pounds, six foot tall and of a pleasant disposition. My name is Joseph Hardman, and my address for the next thirty days will be in care of Dan Cupid, J. J. Stevens, postmaster, San Antonio, Texas."

**BUILDING IN BARNWELL.**

**New Business Section Going Up. Some Beautiful Residences.**

Barnwell, August 19.—It would be hard to find a more handsome block of buildings within a day's travel of Barnwell than the one comprising the new homes of the Home Bank of Barnwell, Mr. J. A. Porter and Messrs. Moseley & Falkenstein, which are now fast nearing completion. With the fronts built of buff pressed brick and granite with large plate glass show windows the effect is most pleasing. The fixtures in the banking rooms are of mahogany, and can hardly be surpassed by those banks in towns many times the size of Barnwell.

Among other improvements to business houses the new glass front of Lemon Brothers' dry goods store and the three new brick stores built by John Eve are noted.

Barnwell is also taking her rightful place among other progressive towns when it comes to beautiful homes. Perhaps Mrs. E. L. Patterson has the most beautiful home in town, since it has been remodelled. In looking at the colonnade of large Corinthian columns surrounding wide porches, all painted a pure white, one is carried back to the golden days of the old South, so famous for the beauty of its homes. The residences of B. T. Rice, Esq. and the Hon. J. O. Patterson are no mean seconds, while that of C. A. Best, Esq., will take its place with any for both convenience and appearance. Other residences are "blossoming like the rose" under the skilful hands of architect and painter.

**EVANS GIVES BOND.**

**According to Magistrate Roberts He Has Given Surety for Check.**

In regard to the case pending against B. B. Evans for issuing an alleged fraudulent check as part of the bond which he was required to give after being arrested on the charge of not paying his bill at Wright's hotel, Magistrate T. J. Roberts, of Waverly, before whom the warrant was sworn out on August 8 by James H. Fowles, Jr., said last night that Evans had given him bond for the amount named in the check.

Magistrate Roberts said that Evans had offered yesterday to have the check which he gave to Mr. Fowles certified. Magistrate Roberts also stated that he had been told by an official of the Bank of Columbia that Evans now had funds on deposit sufficient to cover the check. The amount named in the check is \$19.75.

Magistrate Roberts has not yet arrested Evans on the warrant issued on August 8 by Mr. Fowles.—The State, August 20.

**EVICTED FROM HOME SHE SOLD.**

**Miss Richardson, Worth \$30,000,000, Refused to Give Up House.**

New York, August 19.—Miss Delarippa Richardson, said to be worth more than \$30,000,000, was evicted to-day from the home in which she had lived since her birth, 50 years ago, because she would not surrender possession to the man to whom she had sold it. Accordingly, the marshal finally had to chop his way through the front door.

Miss Richardson is one of the wealthiest women in the world. When her father, Joseph Richardson, died in 1897 he inherited the bulk of his fortune and has since lived frugally with a maiden cousin. Although she sold her home she would never allow the buyer on the premises and he had to make his plans for rebuilding it from outside observations.

While the marshal's men piled the frayed, old-fashioned furniture on the sidewalk to-day, Miss Richardson followed them about, protesting that their actions were outrageous and that she would complain to Mayor Gaynor.

**AIKEN'S NEW POSTOFFICE.**

**Excavating for the Foundation Will Start Monday.**

Mr. A. C. Wyckoff, who will be in charge of the construction force on the government building will arrive the first of next week, and active operations will begin at once on the building.

Messrs. H. P. Dyches and B. F. Holley have the contract for the excavation for the foundation and they will begin work Monday morning. These gentlemen also have the contract to do the hauling for the builder.

Mr. J. H. Flinn, the government agent is already here, and he will watch the various building operations.

In a week or so, as the material is here, work will begin and pushed as rapidly as possible.—Aiken Journal and Review.

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**BIG REAL ESTATE DEAL CLOSED.**

**New Tourist Hotel May be Erected on Site Just Changed Hands.**

Aiken, August 19.—One of the largest real estate deals ever carried through in Aiken county was consummated yesterday, when Dr. Theodore C. Stone, of this city, became owner of the property of Mrs. Richardson, known as the Highland Park hotel site. While the price paid has not been divulged, it is said to have been considerably more than \$50,000.

There is talk of a new modern tourist hotel being erected on the place, but information concerning this has not been confirmed. The tract includes two fine winter residences, valued at \$25,000 and 390 acres of land, nearly all of which lie in the city limits. The old hotel site is one block from Main street.

Highland Park hotel was burned about 10 years ago. It was one of the finest hotels in the South and cost about a half million dollars to build. Ever since it burned there has been talk of the erection of another on its site. Aiken feels the need of another tourist hotel, and it is probable that this property was purchased for the purpose of erecting another.

Dr. and Mrs. Stone will occupy the Richardson residence, on Hayne avenue, but the specific disposition of the balance of this valuable property has not been intimated, though rumor has it that another hotel is to be built.

**A Sly Suggestion.**

They had reached the outer portion of the front door, and were there going through the process of parting very lingeringly.

"When I say good-night to you this evening," gurgled Mr. Youngslow, "do you think it would be proper for me to place one reverent kiss upon your fair hand?"

"Well," she sighed, softly, as she laid her head quietly on his shoulder. "I should consider it decidedly out of place."

**KILLED A BIG BEAR.**

**Horry County Farmer Has Interesting Experience.**

It would be a wonder to some people to learn that there are still wild bear in Horry county, at least in a section thereof. The sportsman's paradise, where not only are found the noble stag and illusive partridge, but the wild old Bruin himself, is this extreme Eastern section of the State. A correspondent, writing from Burcol, states that on Sunday, August 7, Mr. W. L. Squires, of that section, whose stock had been bothered by wild animals, heard a hog squealing off in the thick swamp, and as this was kept up for some time he took his gun and ran to the place. When he arrived he found a big bear had caught one of his hogs, and he had just torn the hog open. Mr. Squires fired one of the barrels of his gun and the bear ran. As he turned to run he gave him the other barrel. As the second shot did not take him up and he ran off into the undergrowth, Mr. Squires called his dog and when the bear trailed out by the dog, the bear was dead. He had gone about one hundred yards with the two loads of shot in him. With the help of his son Mr. Squires carried the bear out of the swamp. He was of large size and would have weighed at least 200 pounds. The hog that was killed was two years old and well grown. The correspondent states that the bears have been unusually bad in the swamp this year. They have destroyed more or less hogs every year it seems.—Conway Field.

**OLD PENNSYLVANIA TAVERN.**

**On Early Stage Coach Route—Noted For its Fine Meals.**

The old Stone House at the junction of the Franklin and Pittsburg pike with the Erie and Pittsburg pike is one of the noted historic spots in Butler county. Half a century ago the great stage coaches over these noted highways put up at the Stone House for the night. Buckwheat cakes, honey, country ham, sausage, Indian mush, doughnuts, roasted potatoes and mince and custard pies formed the larger part of the menu at this noted hostelry.

The building was erected in 1819 and is still occupied. It stands at the crossroads and is surrounded almost entirely by a dense forest. It was the first house built possibly, on a thousand acre tract of land taken up by the McClure family and is still in their name.

There are many wild and weird stories connected with the famous house which the old people in the neighborhood tell, but they lack in the element which makes them true history. However, it is not too much to say that previous to the civil war strangers were known to enter the old Stone House who were never again seen. These were in the days of counterfeiters, stage coach travel,

**MADE HIS WIFE WORK.**

**Sold Baby's Go-Cart and Clothing to Pay Bar Bill.**

Cincinnati, August 20.—A pathetic story was revealed by Mrs. Beta Kolling in her suit for a writ of replevin before Judge Myers here yesterday. Her husband, who had not been supporting her, compelling her to go to work in a shoe factory, had sold the entire household furniture of their little flat, including baby's go-cart and clothing, to a bartender named Erremier Gabor, for \$3 to pay a bar bill.

Gabor refused to allow Mrs. Kolling to enter the flat when she returned from work, and the woman was practically homeless. Judge Myers issued the writ of replevin free of cost and saw to it personally that it was served.

**Most Remarkable Accident.**

Saluda, August 19.—Amos Herlong, a negro living with M. A. Crowley in this territory, while returning home from church a few days ago, was thrown by the mule he was riding and landed on his head. A small artery was cut and he was otherwise injured. He died yesterday from the injury.

**WANTED BABY BOY.**

**And When Mother Refused Carbolic Acid Was Thrown in Her Face.**

Standford, Ky., August 18.—Stopping their automobile in front of the home of T. P. Eads, a young farmer, an unidentified man and woman today demanded that Mrs. Eads give them her baby boy. When Mrs. Eads refused the woman threw a bottle of carbolic acid on the young mother. Then the two strangers drove away at top speed. No explanation for the act was obtainable from Mrs. Eads.

**How Langtry Missed It.**

An English diplomat at a dinner in Lenox said of Mrs. Langtry, relates the Washington Star:

"When she was at the summit of her beauty and fame—when crowds followed her in Bond street and the Row—she met at a semi-royal dinner an African king.

"Mrs. Langtry, dazzling in her beauty, sat beside the king. She was in good spirits and she did her very best to amuse and please him; and she must have succeeded for at the dinner's close he heaved a deep sigh and said to her:

"Ah, madam, if heaven had only made you black and fat you would be irresistible."

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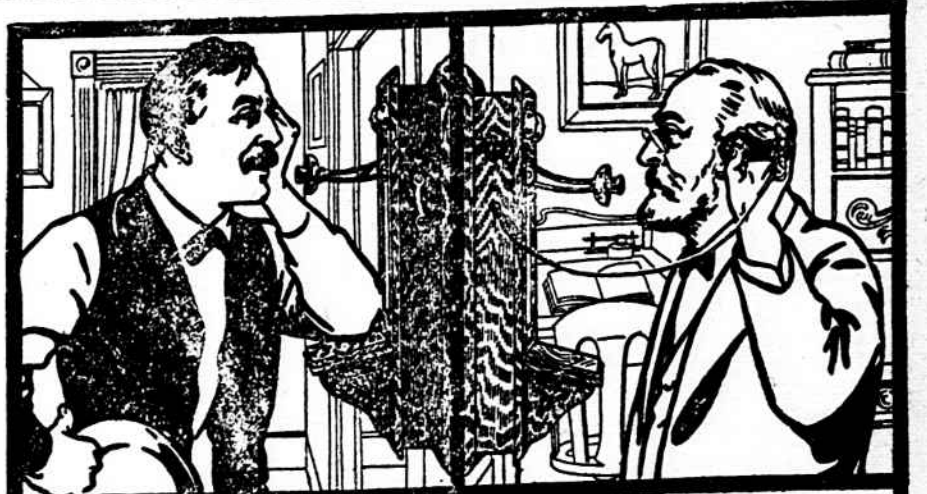
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