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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, Nov. 7 .- Sugar boilings are on hand now at nearly every well conducted farm in this section of the county. The good syrup and brown sugar are means of a great saving to our farmers in this section. Its long or short sweetening, as the joke goes on the countryman's wife but both are sweet all the same. The long 'sweetening is very fine with buckwheat cakes, fritters and the like. Our city folks take the combinction as real treat anyway, if our country folks don't think much about

Mr. Phil P. Padgett, while attending the ginnery of Mr. Henry Ehrhardt, in speeding the feeding apparatus got his thumb caught in the cogs, "which are small" and mashed off a part of the flesh. The accident was not serious, as he finished the and bale of cotton and then got in a buggy and drove to town and had Dr. Copeland to dress the wound and see if right in his judgment that the bone was not affected by the accident. Mr. Padgett is indignant in the way some reporter has handled his name in connection with the accident last week. Mr. Padgett says his name was given him by his parents and that he is proud of it and he don't thank any one to handle it in such a ludicrous manner, and hereafter if the party can't respect him enough to about him, that he will hold the party so doing personally to account for it, as he respects it and others must, as it is his.

Trains hardly give us time any more to open up and close mail before it leaves us again. About an hour if on time, and the railroad company are talking of even shortening this time by ten minutes or more. Expect they will come here, turn around and go right back in the near

## HER SEVEN GOWNS SEIZED. Miss Harder Had Promised Father

She Would Declare Them.

Miss Hortense M. Harder, who returned from school in Paris on the State News Boiled Down for Quick Kaiserin Auguste Victoria, became involved in a customs investigation today because she had ignored the advice of her father to declare everything dutiable. The father, Victoria A. Harder, a wealthy Brooklyn contractor, went to the custom house today and straightened out the tangle as far as possible.

"I wrote my daughter to declare everything and sent her a copy of the customs regulations, and received her tric light plant, or rather it was built Sunday the prey of a man hunt, reply before she left Paris," said Mr. Harder at the hearing. He exhibited sens want to issue bonds for waterhis daughter's reply. "Don't worry, works. They could not do a better papa; mother and I will declare thing. everything."

Notwithstanding this promise customs inspectors found seven undeclared gowns. They were seized and to obtain them to-day Mr. Harder was forced to pavy their full value, in addition to 60 per cent. duty, \$836 in Cansler. all. In view of the father's attitude, no further action will be taken in the case .- New York special to Baltimore American.

DEMOCRATS WILL CONTROL.

Change From Minority to Majority in National Congress,

Chicago, Nov. 8 .- Democratic control of the next house of representatives became a certainty shortly after midnight. It was then known that the Democrats had gained 40 seats in house, including two previously secured in Maine. Republicans gained give his name correctly when writing from the Democrats two seats, making the Democratic net gain 24, which is sufficient to give them control.

That they will have a good working majority was indicated by the returns from several States, among them New Jersey. Returns there showed that there would probably be a gain of six Democrats in the representation of that State.

**Overturn** Incumbents. Other returns from New York and tell about the incredibly bad roads of Pennsylvania indicate the success of some sections.

## IN THE PALMETTO STATE

SOME OCCURRENCES OF VARIOUS KINDS IN SOUTH CAROLINA.

Reading-Paragraphs About Men and Happenings.

The building of the Panola cotton mills will be completed by December first. This mill is situated in Greenwood and will have 10,000 spindles and 250 looms.

The town of Johnston, in Edgefield county, recently established an elecby private capital and now the citi-

there were twenty-five applicants for \$150 reward. the position of railroad commissioner, to fill the vacancy caused by the death of Railroad Commissioner J.

Up to Monday of this week there were twenty applicants for the position of railroad commissioner, and Ansel does not hurry up and make the killing and gave his name as the appointment, we fear the postal clerks will be greatly overworked handling applications and recommendations.

The Presbyterian congregation of Camden has declined to sell their church and lot to the national govlot alone. The government wished to bridge and the negro, with both use the lot as a site for the new fed- hands bound, shoved off over the eral building to be eretced in Cam- water. The drop broke his neck inchurch is one of the old landmarks of over the river. He will likely be that city.

Trick of the Wily Three.

Mark Twain was a firm believer in the national movement for good roads, and has many a good tale to

NEGRO LYNCHED IN MACON. Mob Overpowers Jailer and Takes Prisoner Charged With Murder.

Macon, Ga., Nov. 7 .- A negro named Walker, who killed Marshal Chas. OUR CORRESPONDENT GIVES Bush, of Montezuma, Ga., two weeks ago, was taken from the Macon county jail by a mob and lynched about Discusses Prohibition. That Circular 9:30 o'clock to-night. His body was strung up over the water from the Flint River bridge. Walker had only

been captured about two hours. Walker, who was known, at the time of the killing of Marshal Bush, on the Main street of Montezuma, as William Barnes, was two weeks ago which lasted three days, through the woods and marshes of the vicinity. He made a clean get-away, despite the fact that track dogs were on his

Up to the time of going to press trail. The governor had offered a

This morning Walker came to the house of a negro named Jones, near Powersville, in Houston county, and M. Sullivan, among them being James asked for food. Jones recognized him and informed a white man that he had Bush's slayer. They secured shotguns and upon entering Jones's kitchen Walker gave himself up. They took him to Oglethorpe, where the game is still young. If Governor he was identified. He then admitted

Walker. He lay all day in jail. At 8 o'clock to-night a mob surrounded the jail, bent on lynching, but dispersad. At 9 o'clock they returned, overpowered the jailer and dragged the negro out. To the bridge is but ernment for a postoffice building, al- a few hundred yards, and the noose though \$15,000 was offered for the was tied, one end fastened to the

> taken down in the morning. It is impossible to learn from here where name. the sheriff is or was all day.

VICTIM OF QUEER ACCIDENT.

Struck by Smokestack Blown From a House-top.

## **ETCHINGS FROM EHRHARDT**

A BUDGET OF NEWS FROM A GOOD COMMUNITY.

FREE REIN TO HIS PEN.

Letter, a Fox Chase, and Other Matters-News of Ehrhardt.

Ehrhardt, November 7.-Investigation of the daily and weekly receipts of whiskey received at the express office here, disclosing that to some extent drinking on the sly is carried on in this community, and is doubtless the rule everywhere, is so monstrous as to place the prohibition law, in so far as whiskey is concerned, in such damnable disrepute as to excite feelings of disgust in the minds of all well-thinking men within Ehrhardt's territory of trade.

The hope and effort to cure the drink habit by enactment of prohibitory laws will prove to be as frank failure as was ever sustained by a people since the world began, nor will such realization become a reality as long as the world lasts.

On the other hand, the evidence in this town alone of fostering a law so productive of crime is so great, and growing with each succeeding day, that it is hardly extravagant to say that if other necessities of life were placed under such a ban the American people would, within a hundred years, degenerate into a race as lewd, lawless, reproachful and disobedient as was the house of Judah when God gave his beloved and chosen people into Babylonish captivity for a period of seventy years, the crownden, but by a vote of 50 to 60 the stantly. Immediately the mob went ing act of meteing out to them decongregation declined to sell. The home, leaving the body motionless served punishment for their sins, and to save a remnant out of which He would build up another race to His

> The only way to effectively lessen the drink evil (you can't destroy it) is in congressional cnactment of laws, making it a crime, with severe punishment, for the distiller, the mixer and the blender to place any other on Body of Unknown Negress Was the market than one hundred proof straight goods. It is not the whiskey

SHOOTING NEAR COLUMBIA.

P. J. Meetze Badly Wounded by G. A. Lacon Monday.

Columbia, Nov. 7 .- Physicians attending M. P. J. Meetze, who to-day was shot by G. A. Lacon, said tonight that the patient's condition is not alarming, although it may be several days before he is out of danger, if no other complications set in. Mr. Meetze was shot through the arm and in the thigh, below the groin. In the event that the clothing carried into the wounds cause irritation, the wounds may prove fatal. Otherwise Mr. Meetze will recover.

The shooting took place four miles from Columbia, where the Monticello road crosses Crane Creek.

The trouble seems to have arisen as follows: Mr. L. J. Frink, the owner of the land, sold the wood on it to the penitentiary authorities, and they in turn sold some of it to Mr. Lacon, Last Friday Mr. Lacon went to the place to get some of the wood. Mr. Meetze, who had rented the place, saw Mr. Lacon getting the wood, and he came out of his house with a shotgun and ordered him off, it is said. It is also stated by witnesses that he abused Mr. Lacon very considerably. Mr. Lacon left and went before Magistrate E. H. Frost and swore out a warrant for the arrest of Meetze-alleging disorderly conduct, etc. This case was to have

been heard this afternoon. This morning Mr. L. J. Frink and certain of the guards went out to the place with Mr. Lacon, to see that he got the wood. As soon as Mr. Meetze saw them he came out and ordered Mr. Lacon to leave. He had his gun in his hands. Mr. Lacon ordered him to stop, but instead of doing so he advanced rapidly, and then Mr. Lacon picked up his gun from out of the wagon and shot him in the groin. Mr. Lacon came to the sheriff at once and surrendered. It is reported that Mr. Meetze has some hopes of recovery.

DEATH IN QUICKSANDS.

Found Mired to Waist.

future. The commercial tourists are well pleased with the present 50 schedule until they are saying bad words about the originator of the schedule-wishing him where it is said that cold weather doesn't exist.

Cotton came in'quite lively last week, showing that things are quite lively. Trade was a little, better than week before.

Automobiles are still in demand by those that can spare enough from their living to buy one. Crops being so short this year has stopped many orders that would have gone in if crops had been good. Shops are in good demand where many of them are in use and they get plenty work to keep them going and some believe in ten years horses will not be in much demand, but I think the horse and mule will not be done away with in that time, as these machines can't be made light enough to have sufficient strength to do the work over our loose soil.

Mrs. Grosclose, Mrs. Frank H. Copeland, and Prof. Charley Shealy went to Columbia on Saturday morning to attend the woman's missionary meeting. Mesdames Groseclose and Copeland will go on up to Newberry and Prosperity to see relatives before JEE. returning home.

#### Block to Disregard Indictment.

Macon, Ga., Nov. 7 .- Nicholas M. Block, who, with his brother, Alex Block, has been indicted in connection with the South Carolina State dispensary frauds, made light of the indictment. He said:

"We will pay no attention to it. Our connection with the dispensary while with the Richland Distilling company was honorable in every way. We secured all the patronage in open and above board competition with other firms and our business in that connection was handled in the same way as all other orders, private or conceded the election of Victor L. public. The charges will amount to nothing."

#### Aiken Municipal Election.

Aiken, Nov. 7.-In the city primary to-day Herbert E. Gyles lacked just two votes of being elected mayor on W. M. Myer were defeated. The taken. defeated candidates for mayor are G. race Saturday.

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several Democrats in their contests for seats now held by Republicans. The Democrats also expected to increase their lead by returning several members from Illinois and also from

Missouri. they would be successful in several other doubtful States.

The definite Democratic gains were:

New York, 8; Pennsylvania, 3; North Carolina, 2; Ohio, 2; Massachusetts, 2; Maryland, 2; Connecticut. 1; Illinois, 1; Iowa, 1; Kentucky, 1; Missouri, 1; West Virginia, 1. The Republican's gain were: Massachusetts, 1; New York, 1; Pennsvlvania, 1.

#### Sure of Control.

Reports received from other States indicated the Democrats would have ample margin to assure them the 22 seats necessary to give them control of the house, two Democratic gains previously having been reported in Maine. In Oklahoma returns indicated that the Democrats probably gained two seats, due apparently to the operation of the grandfather

clause, which debarred negro Republicans from voting. At Democratic headquarters in New Jersey it was claimed that the State would hold eight seats, making a

Democratic gain of five. In West Virginia reports stated the Democrats had gained in three congressional districts.

#### Strong in Missouri.

Missouri returns showed one known with three probable Democratic gains, while in Iowa and Illinois the returns

indicated that the Democratic gains would total six seats. In North Carolina returns indicated

Democratic gains probably, would increase to three.

A big surprise came from Wisconsin when the Republican committee Berger, Social-Democrat, to congress from the Fifth district, which is now held by the Republicans.

#### Robbery at St. Matthews.

St. Matthews, Nov. 8 .- The express the first ballot over his three oppo- office here was broken into by robnents. L. M. C. Oliveros will make a bers last night. They evidently were second race with him next Monday. on the hunt mainly for money, but to-A full set of aldermen was elected as fortunately, they found very little. follows: Geddings Cushman, W. C. A few of the lighter express pack-Hyer, H. Hastings Wyman, Jr., H. N. ages were rifled and a suit of nice Schroder, E. A. Sommer and W. M. clothes, shipped from a tailor in Co-Eubanks. J. H. Hines, L. Powell and lumbia to Trentlin Wannamaker was

W. Croft and W. W. Williams. Capt the trail of the burglars and they my destination. I don't care a tink- No such clew has yet been obtained, J. M. Richardson withdrew from the hope to get them in the next twenty- er's thingumbob whether you take however, and the criminals are still four hours.

A Hartford man recalled the other day this experience of the famous hu- N. C., had a narrow escape from in- out it is the poison the tippler immorist:

Twain began--"to go by stage in Mis- in the rear of his place of business fects of drinking. It was considered possible that for it was early spring. The passen- heavy sheet iron smokestack from been so well established, if the prowomen, swathed in shawls and veils, low tones on the rear seat.

"Well, we hadn't gone a mile before the stage got stuck two feet in | ed not to be the case. The injured the black mud. Down jumped every man was carried into his storeroom, man of us, and for ten minutes we tugged and jerked and pulled till we got the stage out of the hole.

hearts out to release her.

"In covering fifteen miles we stuck injuries will be known. , eight times; and in going the whole thirty we lifted that old stage out of the mud seventeen times by actual count.

"We five male passengers were wet. tired and filthy when we reached our destination; and so you can imagine our feelings when we saw the three women passengers remove, as they division of the Southern railway, was dismounted, their wells, their shawls seriously injured Saturday night at and their skirts, and lo, and beholdthey were three, big, hearty, robust to make a connection betweetn two men.

ing and ferocious eyes, one of them two cars were pushed together Capt. said:

for it. Will you licker?" "-Minne- become evident so far.

apolis Journal.

#### Wanted to Get Off.

A well dressed woman boarded a rious results. Broadway car that had no vacant seats. An elderly man before whom the travelling public and with the she stood attempted to arise, but she people of his home town and they forced him back into his seat, saying: all hope for his early recovery.-"Please don't do that, I am perfectly Aiken Journal and Review. able to stand."

The elderly man expostulated: 'But, madam, I----

"I insist upon your keeping your seat," interrupted the woman, with her hands on his shoulders. The man lars in cash near Laurel creek by two continued his efforts to arise, saying: | negroes, who had lured him into the "Madam will you kindly permit me trap, is the fate which befell George

my seat or not."

Mr. J. I. Maynard, of Salisbury, sissippi. The roads were terrible, when a stiff gust of wind blew the

> back had been broken but this prova cot secured and he was at once dition was such that it was late Sun- hibt.

"We had hardly got our breath day afternoon before the physicians back when the stage got stuck again, deemed it adivsable to let him be and again we had to strain our very removed to his home. It will be several days before the result of his

#### CAPT. MURRAY INJURED.

Crushed Between Two Cars at Black-

ville Saturday Night.

Capt. G. O. Murray, the popular conductor of the Augusta-Charleston Blackville. In assisting his flagman cars Capt. Murray stepped between "As we stared at them with bulg- them and when, for some reason, the Murray was caught between them. "'Thanks for your labor, gents. His collar bone and three ribs were We knowed this road and prepared broken. No internal injuries have

> He was brought to Aiken Saturday night and is now at his home resting easily. If no complications set in, there need be no fear of se-

Capt. Murray is very popular with

Held up at the point of a pistol, and robbed of about eight hundred dol-Yeargan, a thrifty negro of the Foun-With another push the woman tain Inn neighborhood, according to again forced him back, insisting that information which leaked out the she couldn't think of accepting his streets of the city yesterday. It ap-

stant death at noon Friday and is bibes in this day and time that causes "I once had thirty miles"-so Mark now in a critical condition. He was ninety-five per cent. of the evil ef-

Since the failure of the law has gers consisted of five men and three the kitchen chimney of the Empire hibitionists may still care to accomwomen-three large well developed hotel, three stories high to the plish lasting benefit upon humanity, ground, the same striking Mr. May- let them memorialize congress as a who kept to themselves, talking in nard a fearful blow, causing serious body for the enactment of such laws injury. It was at first thought his as has been suggested in this writing, which, if they succeed in doing, would soon be looked upon as a blessing ten thousand times ten thousand more effective than trying to enforce a given medical attention. His con- law that never did and never will pro-

> Mr. H. C. Copeland enjoyed a fox hunt a few mornings since that probably approached in enthusiasm "The Chase" immortalized in verse by Sir Walter Scott, the grand old sage whose pen beautified every subject he ever wrote upon, in his day.

There was a modern bard, a sort of gallberry-bay pooret, that, unbidden, hung on the butskirts of the chase, and, when opportunity offered, fired some blank cartridges along the trail in spite of Nature and all her protests. His first explosion rang out a basket containing a dozen unon the morning air thusly:

'Ere 'twas dawn Cape blew the horn, One long, loud and piercing blast, That swelled through the sleeping town,

And awoke old crier at last, Who with Buck, Dash and Palmetto,

Scampered off in dog array, Prancing sniffing and baying round, Ready for Reynard and the fray."

"By gurn," thought the new bard, "that's a broadside some, you bet." The trail had been struck and grew hotter when the bard drew some nearer the scene of activities, and, taking a commanding position a few hundred yards away, fired his second charge of what he supposed to be grape and canister, but in fact was another blank cartridge. Here is how the charge went off:

Cape rode his little sorrel mare, So lazy, a real old woman's nag, But once the pack Reynard jumped, She hoist her tail for a flag,

And with eyes aflame and ears set back,

Leaped a ditch some ten feet wide, Then speeding as a shooting star,

"Whoop!" exclaimed the bard, "on to Richmond;" and the villian still pursued. There were many thrilling incidents included in the chase of the next several hours, and the race end-

An unknown negro woman, apparently 65 or 70 years of age, was found about 11 o'clock yesterday, mired to the waist in the muddy bed of a little creek which flows into the Congaree river 300 yards above the Granby landing. How long she had been in the quicksand or how she got there is not known. The body was discovered by two white men.

The banks of the creek at the point where the dead woman was found are very steep. The place is not within calling distance of any house and it was merely by chance that the men saw the body as they were passing. It is possible that the old negress met a lingering death from starvation or cold. There were no briuses on the body or any indication that violence had been used.

A little distance down the creek was a foot-log. The woman may have slipped down the steep banks of the stream while hunting for the crossing. The struggles of the woman in her frantic efforts to crawl to safety had disturbed the mud all around the place where the body was found. A few feet away from the body was shucked ears of corn which she had evidently been carrying when she fell into the creek.

The woman wore a man's coat and a faded skirt. She had a plain gold ring on the middle finger of her left hand.

Coroner Walker was notified that the body had been found about 12 o'clock. Six negro men worked for half an hour under the coroner's directions before the body could be pulled out of the mud. It was taken to the undertaking establishment of C. A. Ferguson on Lady street, where it is held for identification .--- Columbia State.

#### Boy Makes Good Yield.

Barnwell, Nov. 15 .- One hundred and sixteen bushels of corn on one acre, at a cost of only 22 cents a bushel to plant, cultivate and gather, is the record of young Norman Creech, son of Mr. W. S. Creech, of Kline, in the corn contest in this county. This is about the largest yield reported to date, and will no doubt, win the first prize. When the sandy soil of the county is taken into consideration it will be seen that young Creech is among the foremost farmers in this section.

If you want cut glass, see the line at Simmons Hardware Co. Late patterns at reasonable prices. Give us a look.

## Gave Cape a Tam O'shanter ride."

ed and Cape had trailed the fox to his

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seat. With one supreme effort the pears that the matter has been conelderly man forced her aside. "Ma- concealed since its occurrence, by the dam," he exclaimed, "you have al- officers of the law, in the hope of se-The sheriff and Deputy Hill are on ready carried me three blocks beyond curing a clew to the highwaymen. at large .- Newberry Observer.

Robbed of \$800.