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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. 21.—Slow rains have made a considerable change in the weather.

Several colored citizens were consigned to the Red-Top-Inn last week, for a variety of offences, but don't think any received the sentence of thirty days on the chain gang.

Some of our citizens have gone on a fishing trip. Will leave from Lodge and will go to New Bridge over Edisto (Tucker's Ferry) and fish on down until they get to the railroad where they will hold up and come home on the train. The trip will take about three days. When night overtakes them they will get on the banks and erect their tent and cook, eat and sleep until next morning.

Bargains are being made with the darkeys for another year. The short crop has not put them out of heart, but will try harder next year, but will not be able to use as much money on the crops as they did this year, as it can't be had.

Several of our town folks were summoned to appear in court at Columbia on a case of Wade Mitchum against the A. C. L. Ry. Co. I am told that the case did not come off, as Mr. Mitchum and his attorney did not put in their appearance.

Rev. D. B. Groseclose did not preach in the Ehrhardt Lutheran church Sunday afternoon, but filled his appointment at night in place of afternoon. He intends to hold Thanksgiving service at Mt. Pleasant church in the morning of Thursday and at night in Ehrhardt Lutheran church.

Dr. J. L. Copeland and his uncle, D. C. Copeland, went to Columbia last week on a short business trip.

The railroad company has commenced to paint their depot at this place. It helps the looks wonderfully.

Cards are out from Mr. and Mrs. S. H. Folk, of the Old Folk's Store section, for the invitation of friends and relatives to the marriage of their daughter, Clara, to Mr. Geo. M. Stephens, on Thursday, December 1st, 1910. JEE.

Miss Breeland Entertains.

Kearse, Nov. 21.—Quite a pretty compliment to Miss Ritter, who will become Mrs. Bernard Kearse on Tuesday, was the linen shower given by Miss Cressida Breeland at her home on Saturday afternoon, November 19th, from three to five o'clock. Though it truly was a "shower" in every sense, the guests, not intimidated by the downpour of rain, gathered at the appointed time and for two hours made merry, were entertained and feasted.

The hostess had prepared cards on which each guest was requested to write a rule or several rules by which the bride-to-be was to manage her husband. Varied and amusing was the advice more easily given than executed. After much fun over this, came delightful refreshments, consisting of a salad and sweet course, served by three dainty little maids, nieces of Miss Breeland: Misses Hilda and Winnie Kearse and Elma Chitty. Then very beautifully Mrs. Manning Brabham read the concluding of the poem Hiawatha, in which the heroine is so gently instructed as to the duties of wife to husband.

The favorite spot to which all feet undaunted seemed to turn was the bowl containing iced grape juice, which held a prominent place in the entrance hall, out of which the health and happiness of the honoree was drunk.

Bogus Negro Constable.

Branchville, Nov. 22.—A. R. Byrd, a railway detective, arrested a negro, Cohen Shuler, better known as Moss Shuler, who on last Sunday morning had the nerve to get on train No. 35, is charged, and deliberately hold up another negro and take \$6 from him. This was done in the presence of some of the train crew who was made to believe by the negro that he was a constable from Charleston. Shuler had on him at the time he robbed the negro a large badge with letters on it thus, "Charleston Constable," and when the negro whom he held up was a little slow in giving the money Shuler showed him his badge and told him that unless he gave him the money he would arrest him.

TOWILL'S EXPENSE ACCOUNT.

Finances of Member of Old State Dispensary Board Came Up.

Columbia, Nov. 19.—The subject of John Bell Towill and his finances during the days when he was a member of the old State dispensary board of control was discussed yesterday by the State dispensary commission in executive session when several witnesses were called to tell what they knew of the money side of the director.

Just why the commission should take up the question of the expenses of Towill at this time is not known, unless it be that the State is preparing to bring action against the former member of the board. John Bell Towill has been indicted for conspiracy to defraud the State in connection with the "label deal." It may be that the case is soon to be called to trial. The session was held behind closed doors. This was all of the business done by the commission. Among those who were called by the commission and asked with reference to the past financial activities of John Bell Towill were: Dr. E. J. Ethridge, of the Bank of Leesville, S. B. Zlaze, of the Home National bank, of Lexington, and W. A. Cooner, who is said to be a former business associate of Towill.

As has been expected the commission did not take up the case of the Richland Distilling company, against which there is a judgment of approximately \$300,000.

Linen Shower.

Kearse, Nov. 21.—Still, as of old, time rolls on ceaselessly, and changes in this broad land of ours are continually taking place. One, now occupying much time and attention of our community, was happily discussed on last Saturday at the hospitable home of Miss Cressida Breeland, where we assembled to spend a few hours with our fond friend and neighbor, Miss Leda Ritter, who, ere the close of another day, shall appear at Hymen's sacred altar and there place her hand and heart into the gentle keeping of a brave young hero, whose place of abode, we are glad to say, is also in our midst.

Despite the inclemency of the weather, many birds of beauty feeling no fear of Adam's ale, a most enjoyable afternoon was spent, Miss Breeland proving herself to be a charming hostess. Words are inadequate and fall far short of expressing the sincere good wishes entertained for Leda as she, with perfect grace and dignity, presented herself bride-elect on this occasion. She was modestly attired in a suit of cream, handsomely braided and trimmed, and, which, in contrast with her rich dark hair arranged in late Parisian style, was extremely becoming. Soon after her entrance the busy party was engaged in writing out rules for managing a husband. These were written in red, the double-hearts drawn in red, and the cards being tied together with ribbon—thus carrying out the color scheme and also making dainty souvenirs.

Just after this came the refreshments, which indeed seemed an important part. A salad course, olives and crackers, followed the delicacies tempting and delicious, were served and such gratification of the inner man can hardly be described. Throughout the entire afternoon the grape juice bowl was frequently visited. A unique feature of the entertainment was the appropriate reading of that grand and beautiful poem by Longfellow, "Hiawatha's Wooing," which gave advice in the true sense and seemed to have been appreciated.

May the union of this young couple be one long scene of sweet sunshine without the least shadow to darken their pathway.

Many presents, lovely and serviceable, were showered and received with expressions of gratitude.

College President Breaks Leg.

Lancaster, Nov. 21.—The Rev. R. L. Robinson, former pastor of the Lancaster and Shiloh Associate Reformed Presbyterian churches, now president of the Woman's college at Due West, met with a serious accident in Due West Sunday night. He and Dr. T. G. Boyce were on the way to the residence of Dr. F. Y. Ressler to attend a meeting of the foreign mission board, when in the darkness they lost their way and fell down an embankment, Mr. Robinson breaking both bones of his leg above the ankle and Dr. Boyce sustaining painful but not serious injuries. Mr. Robinson was removed as quickly as possible to his home, where physicians set the broken limb.

IN THE PALMETTO STATE

SOME OCCURRENCES OF VARIOUS KINDS IN SOUTH CAROLINA.

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

An election was held Tuesday on the question of annexing Clemson College and adjacent territory to Anderson. Only 45 votes were cast, and the territory will remain as a part of Oconee county.

A defective flue set the Main Street Methodist church in Columbia on fire last Sunday. The building is a handsome one, being recently completed at a cost of \$40,000, and while the fire was put out, the damage to the building was about \$3,000.

The State board of canvassers met last Friday to declare the result of the recent general election, but it was found that some counties had not sent in the returns and the board adjourned to meet two weeks hence. It is not known of course how the vote stood on the various constitutional amendments.

Mr. Walter E. Duncan, who for some time has been one of the editors of the Aiken Sentinel, will retire in a short time to devote his attention to publishing a magazine to be known as the South Carolina State Magazine. The first issue of the publication will appear in January, and it will be issued from Aiken.

Weston & Aycock, attorneys of Columbia, are suing Clarke Bros. & Co., the big whiskey house of Peoria, Ill., for \$3,000 attorney's fees. The claim is that the services were rendered before the State dispensary commission. The case was to have been heard in the United States Circuit Court at Columbia last week, but was postponed until the January term on account of the illness of some witnesses.

D. V. Welborn, a young white man living near Townville, in Anderson county, was burned to death in Townville guard house Saturday night, where he had been held for drunkenness and disorderly conduct. It is supposed that he fired the prison in an effort to escape, but the coroner's jury failed to establish this, returning a verdict that the deceased came to his death by fire of unknown origin, while a prisoner in the guard house.

Sam R. Kirkland, who was tried in Camden last week for inciting his wife to suicide, was found not guilty by the jury. It will be remembered that Kirkland's wife killed herself by pouring kerosene over her head and setting it on fire. She suffered horrible burns and death occurred soon after. It was brought out in the testimony that she was driven to commit the act because of her eldest daughter's shame and not from any ill treatment of her husband.

Minus Hightower, alias Ed. Byrd, a young negro, was tried at a special term of court in Columbia Monday, Special Judge T. Yancey Williams, of Lancaster, presiding. The crime charged was criminal assault, and he was found guilty by the jury in a very few minutes. He was sentenced to be hanged December 23rd. It will be remembered that this negro assaulted a white woman of Columbia in her home a few weeks ago, during the absence of her husband in Bamberg, where he was at work, painting the residence of Mayor J. Aldrich Wyman.

Not Yet Indicted.

James Gallagher, who shot Mayor Gaynor in Hoboken last August, has not yet been indicted by the grand jury. He is in jail in Jersey City and although the mayor has been performing the duties of his office for several weeks, Gallagher is still detained "to await the results of the injuries" which he inflicted. The Jersey City prosecutors declare that they would be glad to get Gallagher's case before the grand jury and move it to a speedy trial, but efforts to procure from the physicians a written statement to the effect that the mayor is out of danger and strong enough to stand the ordeal of appearing at the trial have been in vain. A statement from the prosecuting attorney says: "While Mayor Gaynor may be well and sound and able to attend daily to his official duties, it seems strange that the doctors attending him won't send to me a written report saying just what the mayor's condition is. Until such a report is forthcoming, we shall not present the case to the grand jury."

KILLS WHOLE FAMILY.

Farmer, His Wife and Two Children Slain Near Bernard, Mo.

Marysville, Mo., Nov. 21.—Oda Hubbell, a farmer living near Bernard, Mo., and his wife, aged 20, and two children, a boy aged 4 and a girl aged 6, were shot and killed at their home last night by an unknown person, who set fire to the house to conceal his crime.

Early last night neighbors heard shots at the Hubbell home but no one made an effort to investigate. At midnight it was discovered that the Hubbell house was burning and all the neighbors then hurried to assist in extinguishing the flames. When this was accomplished the charred remains of the two children were found in bed in their room where it was evident they had been killed while sleeping. Hubbell's body was found lying on the floor of another room and his wife's body in her bed where she had been shot. It is believed Hubbell had a struggle with the murderer. A pool of blood outside the house indicated he had been shot there and his body was dragged inside after he was killed.

Hezekiah Roscoe, of Bernard, was arrested later in connection with the crime. Although Roscoe was taken to jail here the officers said he probably would be taken elsewhere as the people of the county are greatly excited over the crime. The murderer had poured a great quantity of kerosene over the bodies of his victims.

Cotton Ginned to November 14.

Washington, Nov. 21.—Cotton of the growth of 1910 ginned to November 14, according to census bureau report issued at 10 o'clock this morning, amount to 8,764,153 bales, counting round as half bales. Last year to November 14, there was ginned 8,112,199 bales or 80.5 per cent. of the total crop of 10,072,731 bales and in 1908 the ginning was 9,595,809 bales or 73.3 per cent. of the total crop of 13,086,005 bales. By States, the number of bales ginned to November 14 is:

Alabama	891,631
Arkansas	474,422
Florida	46,765
Georgia	1,434,606
Louisiana	184,058
Mississippi	755,146
North Carolina	494,723
Oklahoma	727,237
South Carolina	888,309
Tennessee	192,213
Texas	2,636,944
All other States	38,370

Round bales included this year are 91,939, compared with 123,757 in 1909 and 173,908 in 1908.

Sea Island cotton included is 52,585, compared with 68,495 in 1909 and 56,701 in 1908.

The distribution of Sea Island cotton for 1910 by States is:

Florida	19,669
Georgia	28,032
South Carolina	4,884

Fired to Defend Herself.

Monongahela, Pa., Nov. 21.—Iva Bush, 27 years old, a strikingly pretty telegraph operator at Baird tower on the Pennsylvania railroad, near here, declared calmly to-night that the shots she fired at Harry F. Smith, a railroad detective, early to-day were intentional and necessary to defend herself. She is held in \$2,000 bail, while Smith, who has a wife and two children, is in the hospital with a painful bullet wound in the hip.

During the night Smith went to the railroad tower and found Edwin Lloyd, a close friend of Miss Bush, visiting her. He arrested Lloyd, taking him to the office of Alderman A. R. Day, where he was told no charge could be preferred, so Lloyd was released. After midnight Miss Bush returned by a freight train to her home in Monongahela Smith approached her. She says she fired twice to frighten him away, but he seized her and as he held her she shot him in the side.

Miss Bush supports a widowed mother and a sister in Springfield, Ohio, where she formerly lived.

Wore Barbed Armor.

Providence, R. I., Nov. 21.—His entire outfit of clothing filled with sharp tacks, so that it resembled a coat of barbed mail, Henry B. Griswold, who was recently released from an insane asylum, suddenly attacked Policeman Foy to-day. The policeman secured a butcher knife which Griswold carried but fell a victim to the tacks, which punctured and lacerated his face, hands and body severely in the struggle. There were more than 1,000 tacks in Griswold's clothing.

ETCHINGS FROM EHRHARDT

WHAT OUR NEIGHBORS IN THAT SECTION ARE DOING.

New Bank Opened—Mr. Priestler Buys Farm, and Mr. Ehrhardt an Automobile.

Ehrhardt, Nov. 21.—The night the moon went into eclipse, Wednesday of last week, The Herald's correspondent was stopping with a friend living several miles Bambergward from here. While discussing the cause of the eclipse the aforesaid friend explained that "it was the tail of Hal's Comic crossin' over the face of the moon." Wow!

The jolt shoved us into a back seat, where we sat ruminating 'till the mysterious and following resolve opened to our astonished vision plain as the handwriting on the wall:

"Resolved, That a statute of the aforesaid man living Bambergward be placed in the hall of fame in honor of the great Captain whose astronomical discoveries may yet startle the scientific world."

The Merchants and Farmers Bank, the second bank for this place, opened its doors for business Tuesday, the 16th instant. John M. Kirkland, manager of the Farmers Mercantile Co., is president; Haigler A. Hughes, vice president; and W. Max Walker, cashier. The directors are: H. L. Kinard, Dr. J. H. Roberts, J. M. Dannelly, J. E. McMillan, G. J. Herndon, H. A. Hughes, and John M. Kirkland. The bank is capably officered, and with its present force of brains and energy to direct its course, the belief is current that it will be the medium to be reckoned with in trade circles of this community for a long while to come.

Mr. Charles Ehrhardt has just bought an up-to-date and decidedly the handsomest automobile that was ever brought to this town. The cost of the car, it is said, is \$1,500. We do not expect the honor of a ride in the costly flier, but will experience no little pleasure in being permitted to stand on the corner and see Charley go by.

Chief of Police J. W. Priestler concluded negotiations last week for the purchase of the Joiner place, in the Mrs. Esther Sease community, three miles from town, containing some 354 acres of valuable farming lands, for the spot cash price of \$7,500. The land is very desirable, and Mr. Priestler now has the coveted and well-deserved opportunity of his life in which to show what past success in the field proves him to be—a farmer in the full sense of the word.

Messrs. W. L. Mitchum and J. W. Priestler were in attendance upon the Federal Court in Columbia for several days of last week, awaiting trial of a cause pending, in which the former is plaintiff and the Atlantic Coast Line Railroad Company is the defendant. The case was continued.

Perhaps individual experience in this connection is admissible and worth relating here. Many, many years ago, oh how long! the individual in question had a thirty-two dollar case in the Barnwell courts, His lawyer, whom he believed to be something of a deity then, but who proved to be in later years a being of the inferno, had him hiking between the run and the fly to and from the court house a period without cessation embracing seven successive terms of the court, a little over two years. When the case was eventually tried, the individual got for his pains what they say the devil shot at—nothing. It was then he began to wobble under the strain of horse feed, hotel and frolic bills incurred at each term of the court from the incipency of the case, which in the end trebled in amount that sued for at law. It was then there was some writing on the wall, or rather upon the forehead of the individual's little deity, and it was as plain as that interpreted by Daniel for Belshazzar: "Thou art weighed in the balance and found wanting."

Only once since, in all these years, has the individual sought redress for any cause before a court of law. It was a small matter, indeed, but evolted out of that form of meanness that increased in rankness with each passing night, when a nearby negro tenant on an adjoining place turned his stock on the individual's growing crops. It was a grave offense, and the individual believed he had a cock sure case, hence he went to law once more. What then? Why, on the day of trial, a negro preacher swore the individual out of the case—and out of the court house forever hereafter. The negro preacher is dead now, and if he ever has another audience it will be a black one indeed—reeking with smut.

THE SAME OLD CRY.

"Farmer Jim" Predicts Hard Times Under Democratic Congress.

Chicago, Nov. 19.—The United States Land and Irrigation Exposition was formally opened here today, before a crowd which filled the coliseum. James Wilson, Secretary of Agriculture, delivered the principal address. He declared that the homesteader of the West is in part to blame for the present high cost of living, and also predicted a return of hard times under Democratic control of Congress.

The exposition contains exhibits from every section of this country and many from other countries. Prize yields of grain, fruit and produce are being shown in addition to agricultural machinery and various processes for treating soils.

According to registrations already made, the exposition will be visited by thousands of farmers and land owners from all parts of the United States.

Fire Burns Three Days.

Spartanburg, Nov. 19.—Fire at the cotton warehouse of Converse mill, nine miles east of Spartanburg, has been burning since Wednesday night and over 300 bales of cotton have been badly damaged. There are said to have been 500 bales in the warehouse and only a few of these were gotten out without being damaged. The cotton has all been gotten out but much of it is still burning. The loss will probably exceed \$15,000.

MEMBERSHIP OF NEXT HOUSE

Roster Gives Democrats 227, Republicans 163, Socialists One.

Washington, Nov. 22.—The Democratic representation in the next House will be 227, as against 163 Republicans and one Socialist, according to the roster of the House published to-day. These figures give the Democrats a majority of 63, and a plurality of 64.

According to the publication, Kansas is the only State of size which has a solid Republican delegation. A number, however, contain only one Democrat, among those thus included being Iowa, Minnesota, California and Wisconsin.

All of the Southern States have solid Democratic delegations, except Maryland, Virginia, Kentucky and Tennessee. Maryland and Virginia each have one republican, while Tennessee and Kentucky each have two members of that party. Colorado is the only Northern State represented entirely by Democrats, but Indiana, possessing a much larger representation, presses close upon her heels, with twelve Democrats out of thirteen members.

Illinois has eleven Democrats in her membership of twenty-five; Massachusetts four out of fourteen; Michigan two out of twelve; New Jersey seven out of ten; New York twenty-three out of thirty-seven; Ohio sixteen out of twenty-eight; and Pennsylvania nine out of thirty-two. Missouri's delegation consists of thirteen Democrats and three Republicans.

The Nebraska delegation is evenly divided, three and three, as is Maine's, two and two; Oklahoma has two Republicans and three Democrats; Washington is represented by three Republicans. All of the States, having one representative only are Republican.

ROBBED THRICE IN HALF HOUR

Visitor to Chicago Sent to Hospital Badly Beaten.

Chicago, Nov. 22.—Within half an hour from the time he reached this city from his home in Rockford, John McDonald had been held up by three separate thugs, lost most of his valuables, was badly beaten and cut and woke up in a hospital in the care of physicians.

A negro assaulted McDonald after he left a street car on Harrison street and robbed him of his suit case and \$13. While the Rockford man was in a saloon telephoning a police of his loss a second robber stole his overcoat which he left on the bar.

When within a few doors of the street and looking for a policeman, a third thug caught him, dragged him into an alley and forced him to change clothes, giving the Rockford citizen a suit, principally of rags, in return for the other's new suit. When the thug found no money in McDonald's clothes he hit him with a club, knocking him unconscious. A policeman found McDonald in the alley and sent him to a hospital.