

PERSONAL MENTION.

People Visiting in This City and at Other Points.

—Mr. M. O. Kinard, of the Ehrhardt section, was in the city Tuesday.
—Mr. W. C. Patrick, of Columbia, spent several days in the city last week.
—Mrs. Henry F. Bamberg went to Columbia Tuesday morning to see "Ben Hur" played and to visit friends.
—Mr. and Mrs. H. R. Pearlstin, of Olar, spent a few days in the city this week on a visit to Mr. and Mrs. S. W. Pearlstin.
—Mr. D. J. Delk, of Bamberg, and Mr. Stan Delk, of Florida, were the guests of Mr. J. E. Delk recently.—Barnwell Sentinel.

We were indeed glad to greet a number of our friends from all over the county, who were in the city last week attending court.

—Messrs. Jacob and Charles Ehrhardt, of Ehrhardt, were in the city yesterday, they coming up in Mr. Ehrhardt's fine new automobile.

—Mr. D. W. Shealy and little son returned last Saturday to their home in Florida. Mrs. Shealy and one of the children are still here on a visit to relatives.

Tar and Feather Farmer.

Mays Landing, N. J., Nov. 21.—Before a curious crowd that filled the county court house here to-day, Chas. Vaughn, Chas. Quinn and James Sears, leaders of a mob that tarred and feathered Frank Sychort, a farmer of McKee, City, pleaded guilty to indictments charging assault and battery. Sentence will be imposed later.

Sychort, a married man, was tarred and feathered by the crowd last summer because of his alleged attentions to a widow by whom he was employed. He was tied to a pole along the tracks of a railroad and after he had received his coat was left to the mercy of the mosquitoes. Sychort was rescued by a train crew several hours afterwards and spent some time in an Atlantic City hospital. All of the defendants testified that they were led to tar and feather Sychort because the latter "was paying too much attention to the widow" and they "wanted to save her children from disgrace."

Is Hadden Hooper Insane?

Lexington, Nov. 20.—That Hadden Hooper, one of the young white men held in the Lexington jail charged with murder and robbery in connection with the killing of Paul A. Williams, of Columbia, on the Hagenbeck-Wallace circus train on the night of October 2, last, a young man of unsound mind and judgment is the declaration of John H. Allen, postmaster at Osborne, Ga., in a letter to Postmaster Leapheart, of this place.

Mr. Leapheart has received the following letter from Mr. Allen:

"Do you know anything of a young man in your county jail by the name of Hadden Hooper, who is charged with murder and robbery? If so, will you please give me an outline of the evidence?"

"I know Hadden Hooper personally and know that he is not a young man of sound mind and judgment."

"Hadden Hooper was once a school boy of mine, so I will appreciate it very much if you will give me the circumstances in the case."

"S. J. Hooper, of Visoga, Ga., received a short letter stating that Hadden Hooper, his son, would go on trial for murder November 28. Yours truly,

"JOHN H. ALLEN, P. M."

The Lexington postmaster is unable to give the desired information, because the officers have not divulged the evidence against any of the men. When asked if he knew Mr. Allen Hooper, he said that he did not and it was a long time before he could recollect having gone to school to a man by that name. While nothing has been given out by those who are in position to know the circumstances surrounding the awful murder of Paul Williams, enough has been secured to safely state that Hooper is alleged to have been one of the ring leaders in the murder, or either he is the victim of circumstances forced upon him by the real murderers. Hooper is a sallow-faced youth not over 21, and does not talk intelligently on any subject, and his strange actions have attracted the attention of the jailer and others who have been keeping a watch on the jail.

Five Warrants for Woman.

Norfolk, Va., Nov. 22.—Accused on five different warrants of selling whisky without a license, Annie Tanner, who has already been fined \$100 and sentenced to 60 days in jail on one charge, may spend the next three years in prison. She can be fined as much as \$2,500 in addition to being kept in jail if she is found guilty on all charges.

\$70,000 DUTIES IN ONE DAY.

Collected from One Ship, the George Washington.

The largest amount of money, \$70,000, ever collected in duties from a single ship, was paid yesterday at the pier of the North German Lloyd line in Hoboken by passengers of the steamship, George Washington, in from Bremen, Southampton and Cherbourg. Mrs. Collis P. Huntington paid \$48,000 of this record collection on about \$100,000 worth of objects of art and wearing apparel, and Cornelius Vanderbilt gave up \$5,000. Archer M. Huntington expected to pay duty on a stamp collection valued at \$32,000, but found that it was free.—New York Sun.

Wheat, the Greatest Bread Crop.

To obtain bread has ever been the struggle of mankind. The want of it has caused wars and the change of dynasties. Through the ages, the ever constant cry has been cheaper bread. To-day with all of our complex civilization that demand is as potent as ever and to obtain it economically will be the greatest problem for future generations to solve. Wheat is, as it has been since history began, the main cereal from which bread is made. It is the most valuable crop of the world. No other crop is adapted to such a wide diversity of soil and climate. It is grown within the Arctic Circle and over the Equator. Each year the world consumes more than 3,000,000,000 bushels of this cereal.

The South should produce its own bread and it will when its farmers fully realize the advantage and full value of diversified farming. Diversified farming is the only key that will unlock the chest of gold that lies hidden in every acre of our land. To diversify properly, we must grow all crops in systematic rotation. The best system of crop rotation for the South is one that contains a winter cover crop. This cover crop can be either a winter legume, such as bur clover, crimson clover or vetch, or a cereal, such as wheat, oats, barley or rye. If the soil is impoverished and in great need of improvement, one of the legumes with rye should be sown to be turned under in the spring. If, however, the land is highly improved and was well fertilized the previous spring and summer, either oats or wheat should be planted. Wheat is not a profitable crop except when grown on rich land. The phenomenally high yields of corn that have been produced in various sections of this State during the past few years are convincing. We know that we have a great corn country, and this year South Carolina will probably produce as much as 50,000,000 bushels of corn. Where these large yields of corn were obtained, the land will be sufficiently improved for wheat. There are thousands of acres of land in this State that were planted in corn this season and highly fertilized that should be sown down in wheat this fall. Now is the time to sow; it is not too late. Wheat can be planted as late as the middle of December.

The type of soil best suited to wheat is the clay loam. Before planting the land should be thoroughly prepared by plowing as deep as possible and thoroughly harrowing. Clemson College experiment station has tested a number of varieties of wheat and the varieties that have given the best results are the Red May and the Blue Straw. Seed of these varieties can be obtained at any of the leading seed houses. Before sowing the seed should be treated with a solution of copper sulphate to destroy the smut. This solution is made by dissolving six pounds of copper sulphate in 10 or 20 gallons of water, using a wooden vessel in which to make the mixture. After the seed have been dipped for a few minutes, they should be spread out to dry before sowing. Four to six pecks per acre should be sown.

Wheat, like barley, should make a good growth early in the fall and unless the Hessian fly is prevalent in the neighborhood, it should be sown any time after the first of October. Wheat can, however, be sown later than other of the cereals. The seed can be sown either broadcast or harrowed in or planted with a grain drill. The latter method is the best, for the seed are placed far enough below the surface to obtain sufficient moisture to cause immediate germination.

Wheat is a heavy feeder on phosphorus and nitrogen, therefore it should be liberally fertilized with phosphoric acid and ammonia. At least 300 or 400 pounds of acid phosphate and 100 pounds of cotton seed meal, or its equivalent, should be applied at the time of sowing; and about fifty pounds should be made the first of March, a similar amount being used. At the time the latter application is made, nitrate of soda at the rate of 100 pounds per acre should be applied. Most of the clay lands of the Piedmont section of this State contain a sufficient amount of potash for wheat. Wheat when planted on the lands of the coastal

KIRKLAND TELLS SAD STORY.

Relates Events Previous to Suicide of Wife.

Camden, Nov. 18.—In a statement, made to-night, Sam R. Kirkland, who this afternoon was acquitted of the murder of his wife by inducing her to commit suicide, told of the happenings of the day of the tragedy and cleared up some of the matters that on trial were in doubt. "When I came home," stated Mr. Kirkland, "my wife asked me to get into the buggy and we drove off. We went in the direction of Friendship church. As we neared the yard my wife almost broke down, I thought, for she commenced to say: 'There's the little brook she used to cross as she came to church to learn the lessons that I, too, tried to teach her of right living and virtue.' Then, as we came nearer the church yard and were within sight of the baptismal pool, my wife said: 'There's where Mary was baptized. Poor little girl. You know, Sam, the folks will blame me more for her condition than you, for she was with me most of the time while you were away, and I am responsible for her bringing up.' Then I told her of what I had done in Columbia and we decided to go to a woman we knew, further on in the country. We wanted to ask her what sort of place that was in Columbia, to which our daughter might be sent.

"In the meantime, we stopped the buggy and I wanted to take a drink. I took out my knife and pulled the stopper and handed the knife to my wife to hold. That was while we were still in the church yard. To my horror the first thing I knew my wife was trying to cut her throat. That's why you heard them say on the trial that my wife's face was bloody; that there was blood on her bonnet and that spots of blood were on my shirt. Of course, there was a struggle for me to take the knife away. That is why the ground may have been torn up.

"Seeing that my wife wanted to kill herself, I turned around and we went back home. As we got into the yard as my daughter testified, I said: 'Belle, go on into the house and for God's sake behave yourself.' I meant for her to do just what I said.

"As far as what happened afterward, I know nothing. I was in one room and she in another. The first thing I knew Belle was on fire and we were rushing out to her in the yard. This trial has cost me money and trouble, and I believe it was brought by some one, out of spite, to cause that trouble for me. I was innocent of any knowledge of my wife's suicide until it happened."

Receiver for Liquor Company.

Columbia, Nov. 19.—A receiver was this morning, at Camden, named for the Richland Distilling Company, which has come into notoriety in connection with the old State dispensary. Mr. Alva M. Lumpkin, of this city, was the receiver named by Judge Shipp. The papers were filed in Columbia this afternoon.

The Richland Distilling Company is charged in the complaint with having defrauded the State of South Carolina out of \$500,000. A collusion between the officers of the company and the members of the State board of dispensary directors is alleged. That the company rebated the directorate and overcharged the State of South Carolina for whiskey sold are allegations in the complaint.

The order issued by Judge Shipp was on ex parte showing of Attorney W. F. Stevenson, of Cheraw, for the State.

Prominent Physician Missing.

Aiken, Nov. 18.—The relatives and friends of Dr. M. M. LeCroy, a prominent physician of Vaulcuse, are distressed over his disappearance from his home some days ago. Relatives have reported to the Aiken police that he went away from home some days since and has never returned or been heard from.

Dr. LeCroy is a well known physician and frequently left his home for a day or two on professional visits through Horsecreek Valley. However, the entire community has been searched and nothing can be heard from him. Any information as to his whereabouts or the cause of his sudden disappearance would be greatly appreciated by his relatives at Vaulcuse.

plain should also be fertilized with kainit or muriate of potash. A second application of nitrate of soda of about fifty pounds should be made the middle of April.

A small patch of wheat should be grown on every farm for early spring grazing and as a forage crop. Wheat makes the best hay possible if it is cut while in the dough stage.

PROF. J. N. HARPER, Director S. C. Experiment Station.

Ideas for Christmas Giving

You should see our superb showing of Holiday Goods at once. Late Christmas shopping always means poorer picking and disappointment. Our stock consists of the most desirable things for Christmas giving that can be had this season.

Leather Goods of all kinds, Ladies' Hand Bags, Fine Bill Folds, Pocket Books, Manicure Sets with Sterling Silver and Pearl Handles. See our window of Fine China, Jardineres and Japanese Vases.

High quality and low prices prevail throughout our immense exhibit. If you have decided what to give you will find the articles here. If you have not decided you will get ideas here that will promptly cause you to decide, No trouble to show goods. Come often whether you come to buy or just to look. You are welcome in either case

PEOPLES DRUG CO.

BAMBERG, - s - - - - SOUTH CAROLINA

EXPLOSION WRECKED EXPRESS.

Boiler of Freight Engine Exploded and Went Into the Air.

Altoona, Pa., Nov. 18.—A thrilling and disastrous wreck on the Pennsylvania railroad, resulting in the death of a locomotive engineer and two firemen and the injury of three other trainmen occurred this afternoon at Thirtieth street near the Western limits of this city. The dead are: Engineer D. H. Rorabaugh, Conemaugh, Pa.; Fireman Ira Reed, Pittsburg; and Fireman A. C. Furlong, Conemaugh, Pa.

The injured are at the Altoona hospital. A fast freight train westbound was just starting up the mountain, helped in the rear by two locomotives when the boiler of the second of the rear engines exploded. The boiler rose from the engine frame and was hurled through the air just an express train composed entirely of express cars, also westbound, came along on the next track. The express train was being drawn by two locomotives. The first engine struck the falling boiler and hurled it over an embankment 300 feet from where it had left the engine trucks. The impact derailed both locomotives hauling the express train and threw them against the freight train knocking over several freight cars.

When the explosion occurred, Engineer Rorabaugh, who was in charge of the engine that exploded, was thrown into the middle of the wreckage and crushed under the tender of one of the express train engines. His fireman, A. C. Furlong, was burned and scalded and died in the Altoona hospital two hours later. Reed was thrown under express train engine No. 2416, of which he was fireman, and instantly crushed to death. Brakeman Riddle of the freight train is probably fatally injured.

The roadbed was torn up and the track twisted in all shapes, the wonder being that the fatalities were not greater.

The escape of Engineer Winter of engine 2416 without any injuries was almost miraculous.

Railroad shop experts who examined the exploded boiler declared that the explosion was caused by low water.

An eastbound passenger train coming down the mountain narrowly escaped running into the wrecked freight train, being stopped only a short distance away.

BIGGEST STEAMSHIP OF ALL.

Cunard Liner to Lay Down Great Ship for Luxury, Not Speed.

London, Nov. 19.—The Cunard steamship company has invited Messrs. John Brown & Co., of Clydebank and Messrs. Swan & Hunter, of Wallsend, to submit specifications for the construction of the largest steamship in the world which is intended for the Liverpool-New York service. The vessel will be 895 feet in length and will have a breadth of 95 feet. She will be of 50,000 tons displacement and will be propelled by turbine engines which are expected to develop a speed of twenty-three knots. She will be equipped for carrying oil fuel and will cost \$10,000,000. The plans for the new ship have been approved by Lloyds.

The new leviathan will be of the floating hotel type and speed will be sacrificed to luxury.

Leg Cut Off by Train.

Rock Hill, Nov. 21.—Henry L. Talley, fireman on the train from Kingville to Marion, fell under the wheels of his train about 5 o'clock this afternoon and one of his legs was cut off at the knee. The wounded man is now doing fairly well.

The train had just come in from Kingville, and the engine was going to the water tank for more water. Mr. Talley was on the front step of the engine and in some way slipped under the wheels with the result that one of his legs was cut off above the knee.

The wounded man was at once taken to the Fennel infirmary, where he is resting as well as could be expected.

The engine was in charge of Mr. Pierson.

Slice Cut from Williamsburg.

Lake City, Nov. 22.—The proposition of Williamsburg to annex it to Florence county has been carried by a majority of 452 votes, only four votes being against it.

This means that 93 square miles of the best lands in Williamsburg will be made a part of Florence county, as soon as the legislature can pass the necessary act.

Those interested were not to be again defeated in this matter and to-day found almost every business house in town closed and each man busied himself to see that every possible vote was cast for the annexation.

AFRAID OF MOTHER-IN-LAW.

Commits Suicide on Account of Objections of Mother-in-Law.

Chicago, Nov. 19.—While her fiancée, David Nathan, was in the county building getting a marriage license for the wedding that was to have taken place yesterday, Miss Annie Neyberg, the bride-to-be, committed suicide, following a quarrel with her prospective mother-in-law, who on learning of wedding plans, objected.

Miss Neyberg came to the flat which Nathan had furnished and met him about noon. She was to accompany him to the marriage license bureau, but decided to remain and tidy up the flat. It was then Nathan told her that his mother had learned of the wedding and did not approve of it. He advised his intended bride not to stay at the flat, but to come with him, saying that his mother might come and make trouble. Miss Neyberg protested that she was not afraid, and Nathan left. An hour afterwards, according to the story told by Thomas Cairns, a watchman, the mother entered the flat. Words followed and then a shot was fired. Cairns rushed to the building and found Miss Neyberg lying across a couch with a revolver in her hand. Blood was streaming from a wound in her right temple. She was removed to the county hospital where she died a few hours later.

Constable After Moonshiners.

Spartanburg, Nov. 19.—Constable James Williams returned this afternoon from the Chesnee section, in the northern part of the county, where he has been on the trail of illicit distilleries. He reports finding one and destroying the outfit. No arrests were made. It is said the county is studded with moonshine plants.

Race Horses Die in Flames.

Wichita, Kans., Nov. 20.—Forty-five head of race horses, valued at \$30,000, were burned to-day in the stables of the Wichita and Southwestern Fair Association. The horses were being wintered here, after a racing season on the fair circuits of Kansas and Oklahoma.

The stables, which were fully destroyed, were valued at \$125,000, half insured. A further loss of \$10,000 was due to the loss of racing carts, harness and other accessories. The origin of the fire has not been learned.