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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, March 13.—The Hacker Manufacturing company are receiving their machinery and will commence placing it in their building as soon as possible.

Fertilizer is still coming in and farmers are busy hauling as fast as they can. Most of them are ready to plant, but are afraid of the predicted cold wave that is to come the last of March and first of April.

Two of our sporting men went over to Howell's old mill to try their luck at the trout fish. They could not see any fish from the dam, so they got in a boat and went up the stream on the pond side. They say the cooters did not like this and got so furious they run them out of the pond after shooting all their balls into them.

Mr. Herbert Ehrhardt came home for two or three days and will return this morning to his work at Newberry college.

The Ehrhardt Hardware Co. are busy marking and placing up their hardware and will be ready for the trade shortly.

An extra came in Sunday night with fertilizer. This warm spell has made some of the farmers anxious to plant corn.

Some of our young men in town have arranged for a spring course of attractions with the Alkahest Lyceum people of Atlanta, Ga. The first attraction will be given on the 25th of March in the Copeland hall. These attractions are more than to satisfy curiosity and mirth to an audience, but will be beneficial and mind improving, giving a chance to hear music and singing worthy of a larger place than this. Your money will be spent for a benefit, if you come and attend. Don't forget the day and the place.

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Fairfax Fancies.

Fairfax, March 13.—Dr. Walter Hiers delivered a fine lecture here recently, illustrating his talk by showing pictures of the Holy Land.

Rev. Henry Stokes, agent from the Columbia Female College, preached a very fine sermon here Sunday afternoon.

Rev. Bothwell Graham, of Estill, who has some members here, will preach for us next Friday night.

A birthday party, given by little Lee Brabham to his school mate friends, was much enjoyed recently.

Mr. Bennett, while working on Mrs. Julia Sanders's new residence, fell and broke several ribs. His daughter, Mrs. Bessinger, of Sycamore, is here assisting in nursing him.

Dr. Ed. Kerrison has returned from a pleasant trip to Charleston, much improved in health.

Miss Mentzer, of Pennsylvania, has returned after an absence of several months, to the delight of her many friends here.

Miss Tiny Blankenship, of Brunson, who lived here several years ago, visited old friends recently and edified them with sweet music.

It is warm enough now to plant corn—roses are abloom and all looks springlike.

Midway Musings.

Midway, March 14.—The farmers are all very glad to see the delightful rain.

Mrs. H. B. Murphy returned Friday night, accompanied by Mr. W. H. Taylor and family, of Cameron, whom she has been visiting for some time. Mr. Taylor and family returned home Sunday.

Mr. Carlisle Ashe, of Cope, was in town Sunday.

The recent fire here has caused Mr. J. B. Smith to make his future home in Reevesville. He left last night to the regret of his friends.

Miss Bessie Stuckey, of Statesburg, who has been spending some time with her sister, Mrs. E. W. Duen-sing, will return home Wednesday, accompanied by Mr. H. R. Duen-sing.

Miss May Smoak, of Langley, and little Emilie Smoak, of Bamberg, were the guests of Miss Daisy Murphy Saturday and Sunday.

Mr. A. R. Dempsey, who has been suffering with rheumatism, is improving now, to the delight of his many friends.

Mr. A. B. Walker, of Cameron, visited his sisters, Mrs. H. B. Murphy and Miss Sarah Walker, the latter part of last week.

Messrs. Kline and Fairey, of Branchville, also Hunter and Crider, of Bamberg, were visitors in town Sunday.

TOOK CHILDREN FROM MOTHER.

Wife Asks Authorities for Return of Colleton Man.

Walterboro, March 13.—James Price, who was acquitted a year ago of the killing of Willie Reddish, in upper Colleton, near Williams, returned a week ago from Florida, where he has been living for some time and, going to his old home, attempted to take his two children from their mother, his wife, from whom he had been separated for a year. She remonstrated with him and he attacked her, beating her severely. Price then took the children, a boy and a girl, aged 6 and 4 years, and left with them for Florida. Mrs. Price endeavored to stop him and notified Sheriff Fox to have him arrested as he passed through Walterboro. Price, however, eluded the sheriff and went Sunday to Florida. The Savannah authorities were telegraphed to stop Price there, but he evidently got by Savannah, as nothing has been heard of his capture.

Price has had a checkered career for the past few years. Four years ago he shot and killed Willie Reddish and was finally acquitted, after a mistrial or two. Drink has been his besetting sin.

Mrs. Price came to Walterboro today to urge the capture of Price and the return of her children. Sheriff Fox has the matter under advisement and will endeavor to have Price returned.

WOMEN GIVEN BEATING.

White Caps in Kentucky Apply Buggy Whips to Them.

Garbed as "white caps," a score or more of women joined with a mob of 100 men in whipping two women in Morgan county, Ky., Saturday. The victims of the mob were sisters, Nannie and Mary Combs.

The beating was most severe as attested by the fact that two new buggy whips were worn out on the backs of the women. After that they were forced into a vehicle, sent to the nearest railroad station and put on a train for their former home in Breathitt county, under orders never to return.

The Combs women were accused of operating a resort in an isolated section of Morgan county. They had been warned frequently to leave but they paid no attention to the orders and feeling against them became so intense that when the whipping was decided upon many women insisted upon being allowed to join the "white caps."

Uses Whip, Then Pistol.

Quitman, Ga., March 13.—While his aged mother looked on, Robert Howell, a well-to-do white man, shot and instantly killed John Odum in a store at Nankin, this county, today. Before shooting Odum, Howell gave him a thorough whipping with a horsewhip. A fight during last Christmas holidays is said to have caused the trouble.

Saved by Negro Man.

Alcolu, March 13.—A house belonging to Mrs. Mary E. Hodge and occupied as a dwelling by J. Mack Bagnal, was destroyed by fire at 11:30 o'clock last night. Mr. Bagnal is a cripple and was in the house alone and asleep at the time the house caught fire and would possibly have lost his life but for the timely arrival of a negro man, Sam Washington, who knocked the door down and aroused him.

The fire started between the overhead ceiling and the roof.

The stillness of the night, together with the efforts of those who had gathered, prevented the spread of the flames to the nearby buildings.

Was Not the Right Negro.

Orangeburg, March 13.—Sheriff Salley has been notified by Paul A. Gibson, who went as Sheriff Salley's agent to Waycross, Ga., that the negro, James Evans, who was held in that city for the murder of J. T. Philips, is not the James Evans who committed this murder. Mr. Gibson lives at Norway, the scene of the brutal murder of Mr. Philips seven years ago, and knew the negro Evans well, as the negro worked for Mr. Gibson.

However, the police authorities say that if this is the wrong negro, they can apprehend the right one and will do so if they can obtain the reward that was offered many years ago. An effort will be made by authorities in this county to obtain requisition papers from the governor of South Carolina and also the revival of the reward and have the criminal apprehended if possible.

"O'Riley is coming!"

IN THE PALMETTO STATE

SOME OCCURENCES OF VARIOUS KINDS IN SOUTH CAROLINA.

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

D. D. McColl, president of the Bank of Marlboro, and one of the wealthiest men in Marlboro county, died at his home in Bennettsville last Friday.

It is estimated that Clemson college will receive from the fertilizer tax this year \$300,000. Last year the college received about \$250,000 from this source.

The State board of education will meet June 17th to adopt school books for the public schools of the State. The present contract with the school book publishers expires in August.

Mr. J. P. Matheny has tendered his resignation as secretary of the Orangeburg chamber of commerce, as he will soon enter a line of business that will take him away from that city.

Charleston has just completed a successful campaign for a new Y. M. C. A. building. Committees from the business men of the city canvassed for a week and raised \$158,000 for the new building.

It is expected that the trial of H. H. Evans will take place in Newberry next week, as both sides are said to be ready and anxious for trial. Evans is charged with conspiracy to defraud the State while a member of the State board of dispensary directors.

Governor Blease refused to reappoint J. M. Daniel as dispensary auditor, but has appointed M. H. Mobley, formerly an employee of the old State dispensary. The position pays \$2,500 a year. No doubt the appointee is a political supporter of the governor.

The governor is having trouble all around these days. Magistrates and other county officials in several places refuse to give way to his appointees, and in Beaufort county an injunction has been obtained against his appointees as county commissioners. A hearing is to be had on the matter before Judge Gary at Walterboro to-day.

The work of a preliminary survey for the Edisto river between Orangeburg and Charleston will soon be begun. This survey is to determine whether it is practicable to open the river to navigation, and if the result shows that the Edisto can be made navigable, no doubt the necessary appropriation for this work will be made at the next session of congress.

KILLS HIS LITTLE SISTER.

Gun in Hands of 10-Year-Old Florence Boy Accidentally Discharged.

Florence, March 13.—As the result of a most distressing accident, which occurred here this afternoon, the one-year-old daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Charles H. Cole is dead, and the arm of Mrs. Wallace, a neighbor of the Coles, is terribly lacerated.

Charles, the 10-year-old son of Mr. and Mrs. Cole, took a shotgun to go rabbit hunting. As he attempted to pass out the door of the Cole home, the gun fired and the entire contents took effect in the stomach of the boy's little baby sister, and the arm of Mrs. Wallace, who was a visitor, and who was holding the baby in her arms. The child died almost instantly, as it was practically disembowelled. Mrs. Wallace had her arm dressed as quickly as medical aid could reach her and she is resting easily to-night, although it is not known how badly she is injured. The parents of the children are greatly distressed over the unfortunate accident as well as the boy who had the gun in hand.

Killed by Fall from Buggy.

Columbus, Ga., March 13.—While driving late this afternoon Rev. Howard W. Kee, son of Bishop J. S. Kee, of the Methodist church, South, was instantly killed. His wife, who accompanied him, also was thrown from the buggy and sustained serious injury.

In falling from his buggy Dr. Kee struck a post, crushing his head. Mrs. Kee had two ribs broken and was badly bruised but is expected to recover. Because of her condition, she was not informed of her husband's death to-night.

Dr. Kee was 61 years old and has been one of the prominent Methodist ministers in this section of the State for many years. He is survived by the widow and six children. The funeral arrangements will be announced later.

WHITE FIREMEN STRIKE.

Disagreement as to Negro Firemen's Status Causes Walk-out.

Cincinnati, Ohio, March 9.—White firemen of the Cincinnati, New Orleans & Texas railroad struck at 7 o'clock to-night because of a controversy over negro firemen. The strike was in response to order from a committee of the Brotherhood of Locomotive Firemen and Enginemen. The action was taken by the union after a long conference with T. C. Powell, vice president of the road, had failed to result in an agreement.

While the union officials were busy sending out the strike orders Mr. Powell dictated a telegram to Washington, asking mediation under the Erdman act. The union officials refused to join in a request for mediation, asserting that their experience had led them to believe that the men would lose rather than gain by such a course.

The strike is due to a dispute as to the status of negro firemen. The union asserts that the working agreement with the road provides that negroes are ineligible to any work except on local and slow freight trains and on yard engines. The railroad disputes this and asserts that their negro employes are entitled to promotion on the same terms as the white men. About 220 firemen are on the roster of the road.

FOUL PLAY NOT INDICATED.

Inquest Held Over Young Hawkins's Body—Remains Interred.

Newberry, March 12.—The body of young T. Aughry Hawkins, who mysteriously disappeared from Shelton on the 23rd of February, after transporting two negroes across the river in a bateau, was found yesterday afternoon about 4 o'clock by Mr. Whitney, at Henderson's Island, one and a half miles below Shelton. The body was hanging by a snag and badly decomposed. Magistrate Henderson summoned a jury and held an inquest. A physician from the Fairfield side made a post-mortem examination as best he could with the body in the condition it was, and could find no evidences of foul play.

Dr. Legrand Guerry, of Columbia, a brother-in-law of young Hawkins, came up this morning and, after an examination of the body said it was so badly decomposed that it would be impossible to determine if death resulted from violence. The body was buried this afternoon at Maybinton.

Sheriff Buford last night received telephonic messages from the community, urging that a thorough investigation be made, as foul play was suspected. The sheriff is confined to his bed, but at 3 o'clock this morning sent Deputy Sheriff Pope L. Buford and Munson Buford to Shelton, and wrote Magistrate Henderson that he was ready to co-operate in making any arrests if there was any evidence tending to incriminate anyone. After the inquest and the examination by the physicians there seemed to be no evidence, and, therefore, no arrests were made.

JUDGE POPE DYING.

Former Chief Justice Has But a Few Days to Live.

Columbia, March 10.—Seventy years old, Hon. Young John Pope, who was Captain B. R. Tillman's lieutenant in the reform movement of the early '90's and who retired two years ago from the chief justiceship of the supreme court, lies critically ill at his home in Newberry. A letter received here to-day says: "We have heretofore been keeping out of the papers all reference to Judge Pope's condition for the reason that he insisted on reading them or having them in a way read to him. He has passed beyond that stage now, however, and we no longer see any use in it. In fact, it is now but right that his friends should be informed. Poor fellow, he is now permanently in bed and it is too apparent that the end is not far ahead. I scarcely see how he can live for more a short while. I say five to ten days. The last stages of the disease have been reached and the doctors say that it could be a month, but it may be at any moment, or in a day or so. There is no longer any reason for speaking quietly."

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WILL LET COURTS DECIDE

MAGISTRATE KIRBY WILL STICK TO HIS GUNS.

Bleese Says Any Further Acts by Major Will be in Violation of Law.

Spartanburg, March 14.—Augustus H. Kirby, magistrate of Spartanburg, who refuses to resign his office in favor of Gov. Bleese's appointee, J. Malcolm Bowden, because Mr. Bowden was not recommended by the county legislative delegation and his appointment was not confirmed by the senate, received a letter from the governor to-day, informing him that any further acts of his would be in violation of the law.

The letter was in reply to one of Maj. Kirby, in which he told the governor: "Having been appointed for two years, or until my successor is appointed by and with the consent of the senate, I regret that under the existing circumstances I do not feel authorized or duty bound to surrender the office of magistrate."

Gov. Bleese says: "Your letter of the 10th received. I had hoped that you would retire gracefully, and not cause me to remove you. However, I now repeat that your commission is revoked and any further acts of yours will be in violation of the law."

Maj. Kirby said that he would let the courts decide whether his acts were in violation of the law. He said he had not made up his mind whether or not to again write to the governor, but that if he did so that is what he would tell him.

Maj. Kirby continues tranquilly to perform the duties of his office. He will preside over a hearing in an important civil case to-morrow.

Mr. Bowden is also going about his business as though there were no question of his right to the office.

TWO KILLED BY LIGHTNING.

Negro and His Child Meet Instant Death, Near Spartanburg.

Spartanburg, March 13.—While standing under a large oak tree, with his four-year-old baby boy in his arms, J. H. Evers, a negro who lives near Hobbysville, was struck by lightning. Both the negro and the boy were instantly killed. A peculiar feature of the tragedy was that no marks whatever were left on the boy, but the father was badly mutilated. All metal about his person was completely melted; the buttons on his overalls were melted off and a pocket knife showed signs of the current.

Another negro, about 100 yards distant, saw the stroke, and when he arrived at the side of the negro both were dead. It is thought that death must have been instantaneous.

SHOOTS BROTHER IN HEAD.

Negro Boy Plays with Pistol and Accidentally Discharges It.

Chester, March 11.—Nathan Price, a colored tenant on the plantation of J. M. Wise in the Halesville neighborhood, was accidentally shot in the head yesterday evening by his brother. The negroes were going to the field, all of them riding in a wagon, and the Price boy was playing with a pistol when it accidentally went off, shooting his brother in the head. The wounded negro was brought to the hospital here to-day and operated on. He is in a critical condition with the chances against his recovery.

Capt. Adams to Leave Charleston.

Charleston, March 11.—Capt. Edward M. Adams, corps of engineers, U. S. A., in charge of the river and harbor work in South Carolina, has been ordered to duty as disbursing officer in the United States engineer's office in New York city and he will probably leave here next week, upon turning over the local office to Col. Dan C. Kingman, of Savannah, who will temporarily have charge of the office until Capt. Adams's successor is appointed. The announcement of Capt. Adams's departure will be received with general regret. He has made many friends during his stay here of two years. His administration has been marked by a particularly business-like control of the department and the inauguration and conduct of a number of reforms, in the way of improvement of navigation of rivers and other works. He has shown a friendly consideration for the commercial development of Charleston which has been appreciated by the business interests of the port.

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RACE RIOT STARTS.

Entire Police Force of Galveston Called Upon to Quell Disturbance.

Galveston, Texas, March 12.—A race riot was precipitated early to-day by the stabbing of Winfield Joel, a soldier from the camp at Fort Crockett, by an unknown negro in Galveston. One Mexican and four negroes were severely beaten and the house in front of which the stabbing occurred was set on fire and burned to the ground. The entire police force of the city was called out to quell the disturbance. Joel, who is a member of the One Hundred and Forty-fourth company, coast artillery, stationed at Fort Moultrie, Charleston, S. C., lies in Sealy hospital, seriously wounded with a deep knife wound in the chest just above the heart. He probably will recover.

Started the Fuss.

An invidious remark made by one of Joel's companions about the color of the occupants of the house where the trouble occurred is supposed to have caused the attack.

Joel was about to open the door of the place, it is said, when some one leaped out of an adjacent window and stabbed him. He fell into the gutter unconscious and immediately a great crowd gathered, composed of soldiers and civilians of both colors. The soldiers and white civilians attacked every negro in sight and set fire to the house. The solitary policeman who appeared and attempted to restore order likewise was set upon and wounded.

Called for Aid.

Realizing his inability to cope with the situation single-handed the officer sent in a riot call, and in a short time every available policeman in Galveston was on the scene. The fire department had great difficulty in fighting the fire on account of the crowd.

Order finally was restored and the soldier who is supposed to have wounded the policeman was arrested on the charge of assault with intent to kill. His name is Alfred Burk-walter, a private in the Fifteenth company, from Fort Barrancas, Florida.

Col. Bailey, who is in command of the provisional regiment to which the soldiers are attached, is investigating the affair and a courtmartial probably will be ordered.

Names Willcox as Special Judge.

Gov. Blease Announced Saturday that he had commissioned F. L. Willcox of Florence as special judge for the Florence county court, which commenced Monday, thus following the recommendations of the supreme court. He issued the commission, he said, upon the recommendation of the Florence County Bar association. Mr. Willcox was not on the "eligible" list.

"Did you regard the recommendation of the supreme court in granting the commission to F. L. Willcox?" he was asked.

"No, I commissioned Mr. Willcox upon the appeal of W. F. Clayton, the chairman of the Florence County Bar Association," he replied.

F. L. Willcox is a well-known attorney of Florence and was endorsed by the bar association for special judge to Chief Justice Jones, who sent a recommendation to the governor.

A special judge was needed for the regular term of court.

Gov. Blease takes the position that the law requiring the governor to commission special judges upon the recommendation of the supreme court is unconstitutional.

There are 16 prisoners in the Florence county jail awaiting trial.

Gov. Blease has ordered a special term of court for Horry county to commence on April 3 to take the place of the court that was not held on account of the need of a judge. Gov. Blease refused to commission C. P. Quattlebaum as special judge for Horry county, although Chief Justice Jones on three occasions called his attention to the fact that there was not a disengaged circuit judge. The special term of court was ordered upon the request of Solicitor Wells.

Non-Suit in Damage Case.

Walterboro, March 14.—The case of Pinkney vs. the Atlantic Coast Line and the Charleston & Western Carolina railroads for \$40,000 damages was non-suited to-day. An appeal will be taken or a new suit brought.

Pinkney was train inspector and in 1907 he was seriously injured while inspecting a car at Yemassee, being badly mangled by the coupling of the cars while he was underneath one of them.