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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, April 24.—The young ladies and gentlemen of Ehrhardt made good use of the beautiful Sunday afternoon, promenading on the streets and talking soft talk.

Sunday afternoon some little daries were playing with one of the Hacker Mfg. Co.'s trucks. One of them fell off and his leg was caught between the wheel and rail and cut it very badly. Will be several weeks before the little negro can work.

Miss Pearl Breland and Mr. Quintus Brabham were happily married at the home of the bride's parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. C. Breland, on Sunday afternoon by Rev. D. B. Groseclose.

The Hacker Mfg. Co. are fencing their plant in with a high board fence.

Mr. D. E. Fender went to Charleston for an operator for appendicitis. He is getting along all right up to last hearing.

The cold wave commenced on us Saturday morning. Monday morning did not miss the frost line very far. Fire felt good.

The cotton that is up will look red and hurt after this cold. JEE.

News From Govan.

Govan, April 22.—On Friday afternoon little Gerard Hartzog celebrated his seventh birthday. For two hours our little town was made merry by the little voices of the little ones. One of the numerous games played was the pinning on the donkey's tail, Miss Irene Lancaster winning the first prize, Heyward Reed, the booby. But the best came last when the little folks paired off in couples and marched into the beautifully decorated dining room to partake of the bountiful feast awaiting them. I won't say just how long the children occupied the dining room as we all know that children will be children but after returning to the parlor, they bid little Gerard farewell, wishing for his birthday to come real soon.

Easter was certainly remembered and celebrated in old Govan, especially at the home of Mr. and Mrs. J. A. Lain, as he had a reunion of his children, also the Misses Matthews, of Augusta, Ga., Miss Still, of Olar, Prof. and Mrs. T. C. Smoak, and Miss Curry to dine with them. From all reports they must have had "the fatted calf."

Mrs. L. L. Lancaster has returned from an extended visit to her daughter, Mrs. Paul Bollin, near Orangeburg.

Mr. Lamb Lancaster, of Savannah, Ga., spent Sunday in town as guest of his sister, Mrs. B. P. Hartzog.

Mr. and Mrs. S. S. Williams spent the week-end in Florence.

Mr. and Mrs. U. M. Eaves returned from a four weeks' visit to their daughter on Johns Island.

Miss Lila Lancaster spent the week-end in Bamberg as the guest of Mrs. J. B. Hunter.

Mrs. J. B. Zorn and Mrs. T. C. Smoak spent Monday in Barnwell on business.

The W. O. W. meeting on Wednesday night proved to be a success. The debate was greatly enjoyed by all.

Will Not Tell on Ladies.

Atlanta, April 22.—Members of the Capital City club and of the Piedmont Driving club, the leading social organizations of Atlanta, who have been subpoenaed to testify in regard to drinking by women who William G. Humphrey and other Capital City Club members who have been subpoenaed entered demurrers through their attorneys when the case was called in Judge Bell's court to-day, averring that the court had no right to force them to answer questions about their private and social life.

Judge Bell took the demurrers under advisement. If he rules that the questions must be answered the men say that they will refuse, even if they are held in contempt of court. The city is trying to close up the Union club, alleging that women are permitted to drink there. The Union club has enjoined the city and has subpoenaed members of Atlanta's leading clubs to prove that it is common for the women who lead in Atlanta society to drink in those clubs and that if the Union club is closed for permitting women to drink all the other clubs must also be closed.

## NEWS FROM KEARSE.

"Old Timer" Writes of Springtime, the Crops, and News Items.

Wanderer's Rest, April 23.—Spring, lovely spring, is on the lips, eyes and minds of all. Even the aged look with interest and admiration on the new formed leaves, fruits and flowers, and still remember when in youth their heart turned lightly to love as do the youth of to-day. Even an old rhyme maker is made to sing: Here the violet and the honeysuckle grow

In the valley of the great Salkehatchie, Its lovely glens and shady dells Unknown to the warlike Apache. Here lovely maidens with eyes of blue

And noble youths of an alien race Go pleasure bent on a catfish stew, Not the wily Indian, but the paler face.

Here the young brave kissed his dusky bride And drank deep the waters of Salkehatchie

Now when her palefaced sister wants a cat She bids her lord to the swamps and fetter.

And he humbly asks the critics to be lenient with his verse for the valley of this historic stream in spring will cause these spells. Even on the face of a calf is written fun and frolic as he scampers with uplifted tail and its dam looks on complacently knowing it will soon wear off and this same calf will be an old and sedate cow; not so with men who drink this water, for as the years roll on the sense of fun and humor grows, the eye still has the merry twinkle and the face wreathed in smiles, and legend has it that if fate so decrees that far away he shall roam, still with hungry soul and longing eyes he yearns for Salkehatchie.

But even here comes sorrow in the night. Alas that prize acre of corn has had a visit from an old sow and eight or ten pigs, a fourth destroyed and all to do over again! How green and pretty it looked, an almost perfect stand as it stood four to six inches in four foot rows, now prone and dead, those intruders little dreaming the harm they were doing, and the pride of an old man's eye marred and disfigured; not a word of reproach to them has he, for had they belonged to a careful owner nothing would have been. Yet joy comes in the morning, it will be planted over, and as so often before the old farmer will console himself that all happens for the best, even if he gets left in the race, for then he can dodge behind the wall an old sow and her brood of pigs did it.

Then, too, on yesterday evening the Rev. D. B. Groseclose gave the baby boy, Quintus Brabham, as a blushing bride, Pearl, the charming daughter of Mr. J. C. Breland, at whose home in the presence of many friends he pronounced them man and wife.

Miss Mary Abell will give a public entertainment at White Point school house on Friday evening May 5, at 8 p. m. All are invited and a pleasant evening assured.

Miss Gertrude Johnson left to-day to resume her school at Swansea, so rudely broken into by smallpox a few weeks ago.

Gardens are on a boom, and the fresh, crisp and tender vegetables are to be enjoyed in every home. One gardener measured a cabbage that tipped the rule at three feet seven and a half inches across the top in the presence of others.

The oat crop will be poor in many fields, but where fertilizer was liberally used a fair crop is assured and enough gain over the unfertilized to pay a handsome profit for the use of same.

L. A. Brabham and Misses Mell Kearse, Ettie Kearse, and Evelyn Brabham attended the Sunday-school conference at Orangeburg last week. A pleasant time reported, and high praise given the hospitable people of that city. OLD TIMER.

Senator Smith Given Committee.

Washington, April 24.—Senator E. D. Smith was this afternoon notified that he had been chosen to a committee chairmanship over Senators Shively, of Indiana, Fletcher, of Florida, and Chamberlain, of Oregon. What this committee will do has not yet been made public. C. M. Galloway, Senator Smith's secretary, will probably be made clerk to this committee on account of his good record since he came to Washington. He will continue with Senator Smith while serving the new appointments.

The weather this week has not felt much like spring.

## IN THE PALMETTO STATE

### SOME OCCURRENCES OF VARIOUS KINDS IN SOUTH CAROLINA.

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

Gov. Blease and Cashier Pope Matthews, of the Palmetto bank, left Columbia on Saturday for New York to arrange for borrowing \$500,000 for the State.

W. M. Lanford, of Woodruff, was found guilty of manslaughter in Spartanburg on Friday, the offense being the killing of his own son. The judge sentenced him to 15 years. Mr. Lanford is over 60 years of age.

Governor Blease has stated that if blind tigers are to be operated in the city of Charleston, they must buy their whiskey from the Charleston dispensaries. He says he will not interfere with the mayor in the enforcement of the dispensary law in that city.

Gov. Blease's appointee as magistrate in Greenwood county was knocked out by Judge Watts, who also decided that the county commissioners had no right to pay the salaries of rural policemen appointed by the governor, as there was no money in the treasury for that purpose.

The Orangeburg military band will give a minstrel show in Bamberg on the evening of Friday, May 5th, under the auspices of the local chapter Daughters of the Confederacy. This band is a fine organization, and the entertainment is certain to please. A portion of the proceeds will go to the monument fund.

Charleston is in the throes of a municipal campaign, with Capt. T. T. Hyde and John P. Grace as the avowed candidates for mayor. Grace is making a hard fight, and is already making charges of fraud against the city executive committee. The election does not take place for several months yet, but it is certain that a bitter campaign is to be expected.

The suit between the Seaboard Air Line and the Atlantic Coast Line in regard to a railroad crossing at Cheraw has been settled by the State Supreme Court, and the Seaboard wins. Under permission from the railroad commission the Coast Line put in a crossing over the Seaboard track at Front street in the town of Cheraw and the Seaboard objected.

## HEALTH OFFICER ARRESTED.

Young Woman Charges Him With Assault and Battery.

Florence, April 21.—Harry DeBerry, health officer, was arrested yesterday and gave bond for his appearance before Magistrate McClenaghan on a charge of assault and battery of a high and aggravated nature. The warrant was sworn out by the chief on information and belief.

The story is that on Sunday night Officer DeBerry was requested by a young woman at the passenger station to show her a hotel or boarding house. She had come to the city with her uncle and two of his children, who were with her at the station. Her uncle had gone to telephone, she said, and had been away so long that they had missed the train. She says, and the same story practically is told by the children, that Officer DeBerry, who wears the police uniform, escorted her to one of the best boarding houses in the city, but followed her to the room, and when the landlady returned a few minutes afterward there had evidently been some stir in the room. The girl said to DeBerry, "You must be a fool."

She charges that Mr. DeBerry put his arms around her and kissed her and made improper proposals to her, and that she had resented them and told her uncle, whom she afterward joined.

Mr. DeBerry is not talking for publication, but is not avoiding the hearing in the case.

## PENNY POSTAGE LIKELY.

Postmaster General Makes the Prediction for Such.

Washington, April 25.—Postmaster General Hitchcock is confident that "penny postage" is a probability of the near future, as the result of reductions in the \$17,600 postal deficit which existed when he took charge of the Postoffice Department.

He has made a statement to this effect in acknowledging letters received regarding the postal situation.

## SWINDLING GANG RUN DOWN.

Wife of Alleged Leader Tells of Operations at Baltimore Trial.

Baltimore, April 21.—The operation of one of the boldest gang of swindlers in the United States, with alleged headquarters here, were described in the trial of the local peace board on misconduct and complicity. The witness was Mrs. Alice Berman, wife of Edward A. Berman, the alleged leader of the gang, and who is now in custody, charged with swindling.

The object in calling the woman, as stated by the prosecution, was to show that the gang made its headquarters here, with the full knowledge of certain police officials, and, according to Mrs. Berman's testimony it was understood that no person living in or near Baltimore was to be swindled, because the outcry would cause trouble for the police.

Two instances of the gang's operations were the swindling of a Harrisonburg, Pa., man out of \$8,000, and a Washington business man out of \$5,000 on a fake horse race two years ago.

The gang, according to the witness, operated in Cleveland, Toledo, New York, Philadelphia, Atlantic City, St. Augustine, and Baltimore.

Commission Now Issued.

Despite the efforts of some unknown party or parties to cause the governor to hold up the commission of Maj. A. C. Dibble as Judge of Probate for Orangeburg county, he having been duly and regularly elected at a special election, Gov. Blease has issued a commission to Maj. Dibble. The point raised in the protest made to the governor in the effort to hold up the commission, was that the consolidation of the offices of Judge of Probate and Master was unconstitutional, and therefore, Maj. Dibble could not perform the duties of Master in this county, although the legislature some 16 years ago passed an act combining the two offices.

The commission from Gov. Blease was issued to Maj. Dibble Saturday afternoon, after a consultation with Senator Robert Lide of this city. In the issuing of the commission Gov. Blease made a statement that it was not within his province to determine the constitutionality of the combination of the two offices. This matter he pointed out, was for the supreme court to decide. This action on the part of Gov. Blease has met with approval in this city. It was pointed out that as the petition to the governor was unsigned, it should receive no attention from the chief executive.

Maj. Dibble pursuant to the commission, will take charge of the office on May 1, the time which he announced he would assume the duties of the office, and he will perform the functions of both Judge of Probate and Master. If there is anyone who desires to test the constitutionality of the combination of the two offices, they can then make out their case in the court, where the matter can be fairly settled, for once and all times.

As yet it has not been announced, by whom the petition for the holding up of the commission was filed.—Orangeburg Evening News.

## Aiken County Vandals.

Batesburg, April 21.—A few nights ago the closing exercises of Miss Mary Corley's school took place in Aiken county. Everything was passing off in a most pleasant manner, when it was announced that some one's buggy harness had been cut into ribbons. Upon investigation it was found that 22 sets had been cut in like manner.

When it was discovered that vandals had been at work pandemonium reigned. Men swore and women fainted. It was at first a hard matter to place the blame; but it leaked out that there were three or four men present whose harness were not harmed, and in one of the buggies it is said that there were 13 quarts of whiskey, but no buyers. It was thought the parties became angered at finding no buyers and wreaked vengeance by cutting up the harness.

Acting on information and belief, Rural Policeman Samuels, of Aiken county, swore out warrants for the following: W. D. McCarty, of this place; Clifton Enloe, near this place; Spradley, of Augusta, and a young man by the name of Anderson. Some of the men have been apprehended and some have not so far, but it is just a matter of time before they all will be arrested and carried before the officers to answer the charge.

When you see a man armed with a corkscrew the chances are that he is going to be present at an opening.

## SHOOTING AT ORANGEBURG

W. R. SABIN SERIOUSLY WOUNDED BY R. CHESTNUT.

Domestic Trouble Rumored—Sabin Carried to Columbia for Treatment.

Orangeburg, April 25.—A most deplorable occurrence, in which two prominent business men of this city were the principals was enacted in the early business hours this morning on Sellers avenue.

At about 8 o'clock, according to the most reliable information obtainable, Mr. Robert Chestnut, a contractor of this city, walked into the office of the Dixie Lumber Company, where was seated Mr. W. R. Sabin, the manager, and after applying a vile epithet to Sabin pulled a pistol and fired two shots at him, neither of which took effect. About this time a Mr. Cunningham, an employee of the lumber company, and the only eye-witness to the affray, except the participants, attracted by the reports of the weapon, entered the office and remonstrated with Chestnut, who was being pleaded with by Sabin to desist in further attack and to explain the cause of his action, as he, Sabin, was not aware of anything he had done to give offense, when Chestnut cursed Cunningham and threatened to shoot him, but at the same time placing the pistol in his coat pocket.

Talk was rapid between the three men, however, and Chestnut not having cooled off, again drew the pistol when Sabin closed in upon him and was shot in the left side, just below the heart, and fell to the floor. After shooting Sabin, Chestnut is said to have retreated very rapidly, in a run, to his home, which is not far away, where he remained only a short time, then coming out and surrendering to the sheriff. The city police had been notified by phone of the difficulty, and were in search of Chestnut, but failed to reach him before the surrender to Sheriff Salley.

Mr. Sabin was at once attended by Dr. L. C. Shecut, but it was impossible to determine how serious the wound was, an ugly one, and it was hastily decided to take him to Columbia on the 10 o'clock train for treatment. Chestnut was placed in jail.

Several rumors were afloat as to the cause of the shooting, but the one perhaps which best explains Chestnut's actions is of a domestic character. It is said that he found this morning at his home a letter signed by Sabin and incriminating in terms, which so infuriated him, that he lost all control of himself and rested not until he had made the attempt to avenge the wrong he thinks had been done himself and family. It is further stated, however, that the lady in the case denies the slightest intimacy with Sabin, asserting that she barely knows him and pronounces the letter a forgery.

W. R. Sabin has been a resident of this city for about two years. He is about 30 years of age and unmarried. He has made many friends since he has resided here and is well thought of.

R. Chestnut is a contractor, and has been resident here off and on for several years.

## Sabin's Condition Favorable.

Columbia, April 25.—At the local hospital, to which W. R. Sabin, of Orangeburg, was brought to-day, it was stated to-night that the wounded man's condition was "favorable." He was operated on this afternoon, and is resting well. Late to-night the information from the hospital is that Sabin is not regarded as fatally shot, as was the intimation from Orangeburg.

## Alleges Negro Plot.

Spartanburg, April 24.—According to a story told Magistrate R. J. Gantt to-day, certain negroes in the county, angered because they declare Gary Gist's crime of attempted criminal assault was not sufficiently heinous to warrant the death penalty, and because they think sufficient effort has not been made to apprehend Sam Davis, a white man, accused of having assaulted a little negro girl, have organized themselves into a society to prevent the negro women from laboring in white families. The story was told by a negro woman, who claims she was driven from her home near Glendale, because she washed for white people. She gave the names of the negro men who threatened her, and three of the six, she said, were in the mob, were arrested to-day and were lodged in jail.

## MAN'S LEG IS MASHED.

L. L. DeLaney, of Atlanta, is Seriously Injured in a Columbia Garage.

A big touring car, rushing backwards, struck L. L. DeLaney of Atlanta, a traveling salesman, as he was standing in the Roddey garage yesterday afternoon at 4:45 o'clock. The left rear spring of the automobile crushed Mr. DeLaney's thigh into a desk against which he was leaning, cutting a deep gash, which bled profusely. Last night Mr. DeLaney's condition was regarded as serious by Dr. L. A. Griffith, the physician who attended him.

The accident was the height of the unexpected. Mr. DeLaney, who represents the Atlas Oil company of Atlanta, had just walked into the garage, and was talking to B. J. Hennies, an employe, who was seated at the desk near the show window in the garage.

Wrecked Desk. The touring car was standing about 20 feet from the desk. Walter Alexander, a negro, cranked the car, and, without warning, it plunged backward, striking Mr. DeLaney and wrecking the desk at which Mr. Hennies was seated. Mr. DeLaney had his back turned to the wild automobile. Mr. Hennies jumped away from the desk just in time. An employe of the garage threw in the low gear and the car rushed forward. Then he managed to throw on the brake and the car came to a standstill near the spot where it had stood before it went on the rampage.

Blood Flowed Freely. It was several minutes before a physician could be found to attend Mr. DeLaney. Dr. R. L. Moore and Dr. L. A. Griffith took the injured man in charge, and after considerable difficulty managed to staunch the blood which was flowing from the wound. The main artery in the right thigh was severed. Mr. DeLaney was taken to the Columbia hospital, where his wound was dressed by Dr. Griffith. His family in Atlanta have been notified of the accident, as his condition is considered very serious.

Gears Got Mixed. J. B. Roddey, the proprietor of the Roddey garage, said last night that he was at a loss to account for the reverse gear, instead of the neutral, being on in the automobile which injured Mr. DeLaney. The negro, Walter Alexander, who cranked the car, intending to drive it out into Main street, according to Mr. Roddey, says that he did not throw in the reverse gear. It is considered remarkable from an automobile standpoint that the negro was able to crank the car with the reverse gear in. Mr. Roddey believes that some irresponsible person in the garage during the day tampered with the gear lever.

The accident created a sensation on Main street. It happened in plain view of the sidewalk, and passersby thronged the garage and crowded about the windows. Among the first to lend the injured man aid were J. B. Dunaway and James Altom of Greenville. A policeman had to be called to clear the garage of the crowd and to keep the sidewalk open.—Columbia State, April 21.

## Refuses Pardon for Stripling.

Atlanta, Ga., April 22.—In denying the application for pardon filed by Thomas Edgar Stripling, former police chief of Danville, Va., under sentence of life imprisonment for the murder of William J. Cornett, Gov. Brown in a review of the case made public to-night, excoriates the "unwritten law," which Stripling pleaded in justification of his act as euphemism, presenting, when unmasked, "the hideous features of anarchy."

"One of the most dangerous evils menacing our institutions is lawlessness," declares the governor. "The mob executing in wild disorder its victim and the individual wreaking his own revenge for wrongs real or imaginary, the man or interest treating with contempt the laws of the land and trusting to gold or 'influence' for safety, are striking manifestations of this spirit of lawlessness."

While expressing profound sympathy for Stripling's family and high respect for the impulses which prompted his friends to apply for a pardon for him, Gov. Brown says that sympathy and personal friendship have no right to supplant an oathbound duty to execute the laws of Georgia.

Another reference was held here yesterday in the bankruptcy proceedings instituted against Still Bros., of Denmark, but no decision has been reached yet.