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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, May 22.—All is quiet in Ehrhardt this morning. There was music in the air last week. Doc Moye kept us interested with his experiment in teaching music to his dog, but he carried the dog to Bamberg Saturday for the amusement of friends there, so we must content ourselves with the three D's, dreadful, doodle, dust, of dry weather.

One of our busy young men in town, after a series of experiments, has prepared a schedule which he recommends for all young people who carry on much correspondence. Write only one letter a week, scribble it off first on Monday night, decide what changes should be made on Tuesday night, make them on Wednesday night, Thursday night pay special attention to spelling and punctuation, Friday night practice penmanship, Saturday night rewrite the letter, and on Sunday read it over once for all and mail it. Rather strenuous work for a busy clerk, but very effective and extremely logical, he says.

Dame rumor had it last week that the long expected hopes and fondest dreams of our congenial Bamberg friends had consummated in the beginning of the grading of the Bamberg-Ehrhardt railway. Some of our sportsmen were glad to hear of it, for cooters are plentiful down here, and they thought that the extra transportation facility which the railroad would furnish would warrant their entering the business of a cooter farm. However, the latest bulletin has it that the commotion was stirred by uncle Cain, Paul digging fish bait. News travels rapidly.

The work of installing telephones in Ehrhardt and vicinity began this morning. The hearts of all are glad, but in all probability Uncle Sam will be the great sufferer, for telephones will be very popular with the young people.

School closed last Friday, the streets are lively with the cheerful shouts of the little folks. Some of the professors are leaving for their respective homes, while others will remain for awhile. Mr. J. F. Carter delivered the closing address before the school, and after the exercises, in a citizens' meeting, the question of school improvement was discussed. It was the unanimous opinion that a new building is needed, and plans for erecting a building are being considered. We hope that the movement will be successful.

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##### Fairfax Fancies.

Fairfax, May 22.—The Lutherans gave a bazaar, and served ice cream and cake on Thursday evening. Quite a crowd was out, and a nice sum was realized for their church.

Mr. Wm. Myrick was run over by a heavily loaded wagon Wednesday morning. He was seriously hurt, no bones were broken. Dr. Young hopes to have him out in a week or so.

The commencement exercises of the Fairfax high school will start on Sunday morning, the 28th, when Rev. B. F. Allen, of Denmark, preaches in the Lutheran church. Monday evening the scholars will give music, recitations, etc. Tuesday evening the graduates will be addressed by Mr. W. K. Tate, prizes will be delivered, etc. Miss Annys Moye has faithfully drilled her pupils, and we look for fine results. The principal, Prof. Munroe, and Miss Lanham will probably return; the other teachers did not apply.

Mr. and Mrs. Angus Brabham are visiting Dr. Addison's family.

Mr. R. B. Bradley, of Barnwell, was the guest last week of Mr. G. D. Sanders.

##### Survey Completed.

Ridgeland, May 22.—The official surveyors for the surveying of the proposed new county of Jasper, with Ridgeland as its county seat, consisting of T. C. Hamby, of Columbia, and R. C. Mixson, of Barnwell, finished last week the field work and are now busily engaged in making maps of the proposed new county. They will report to the commission appointed by the governor within the next few days.

Extra votes offer in Klauber's great piano contest. Good only until June 1st. 5,000 votes with \$25.00 cash purchase. 15,000 votes with \$50.00 cash purchase.

#### News from Kearsae.

Kearsae, May 22.—Dry weather still holds this section. Little rain has fallen this year. The young cotton on light lands, filled with vegetable matter turned under this spring, has died badly, less than half a stand, and some of the late planted is not up nor will not come until it rains.

The oat harvest is in full sway now and will be completed by the last of the present week. Good yields in most fields are being harvested.

Mrs. Martha A. Kearsae died at her home last Tuesday, the 16th, at the advanced age of 82 years. She was a noble woman and will be missed by all who knew her.

Fishing and fish fries are the order of the day now. One young man says he attended three last week.

Capt. H. C. Dickinson was in the neighborhood last week. He still holds his own and the red shirt boys of '76 and '78 were all glad to see their captain again. May many years be his.

Messrs. G. E. and J. J. Kearsae have some pretty fields of cotton.

On Friday evening, June 9th, beginning at 8 p. m., the young ladies will give a moonlight picnic in the grove at the home of Mr. G. E. Kearsae. Delicacies of all kinds will be served and a reasonable charge will be made; as they want to raise funds to beautify White Point school house. All come and bring plenty of cash, as a pleasant evening awaits the visitors.

##### Midway Musings.

The ice cream festival and box party given at the school house Friday evening was quite a success. Had cream and cake in abundance. We appreciate the cakes presented by Misses Huttq and Strong. The cream being furnished by the ladies of the church. There was a good crowd and the presence of every one was highly appreciated. There was a box and cake won by Messrs. Rubin and Peskin, presented to Miss Daisy Murphy. Also a box and cake won by Mr. P. C. Baxley, presented to Miss Georgia Anderson. The proceeds will go towards paying for the organ in the Baptist church. Miss Georgia Anderson, the teacher, will leave for her home Friday, to the regret of her many friends.

Miss Pauline Phin, of Norway, spent a few days last week with Miss Daisy Murphy.

Mr. J. B. Smith, of Reesville, spent Sunday in town.

Mr. N. C. Kline, of Branchville, visited Mr. A. J. Hunter Sunday.

There was services at the Baptist church Sunday. A very impressive sermon being preached by Rev. Hughes.

Messrs. Rubin and Peskin, of Bamberg, honored our little town with a visit Sunday afternoon.

Mr. E. W. Duensing, accompanied by his wife and Mrs. H. R. Duensing, will leave in a few days for Columbia, and will also visit Sumter on their return home.

We are expecting to hear wedding bells in our town soon.

##### Lumber Trust in Court.

New York, May 19.—Sweeping charges of a gigantic conspiracy to maintain high prices, to blacklist concerns not regarded as "proper," and to violate generally the Sherman antitrust law, are made in a government suit filed by Attorney General Wickersham in the United States court here to-day against the so-called lumber trust.

Attorney General Wickersham and his special assistant, Clark McKercher, have devoted more than a year to gathering the evidence on which to-day's suit is based. This evidence includes copies of the alleged agreements, blacklists and reports of the various organizations branding wholesalers and retailers who have dared to violate the rules of the association as "poachers," "mavericks," "scalpers" and "illegitimate dealers," to whom "short shift must be applied."

Ten trade organizations and more than 150 individuals are named as defendants in this suit, which may be the first of several planned by the department of justice against combinations of retailers in staple commodities and the necessities of life to prevent the ultimate consumer from buying anywhere except from local retailers.

The government's suit is replete with sensational allegations, and it is asserted that builders and consumers of lumber the country over are at the mercy of the retailers' organization in different sections of the United States. The suit filed to-day is against the Eastern States Lumber Dealers' Association.

## IN THE PALMETTO STATE

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

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

Gary Gist, a negro nineteen years old, is to be hanged in Spartanburg to-morrow for attempted assault upon a white woman in that city some months ago. The negro was a driver for a grocery delivery wagon and stopped at the house in the day time and made the attack. He says his crime was brought about by whiskey, but says he does not remember attacking the woman.

Prof. Earl C. Houck, vocal director in the Wittenberg College, at Springfield, O., who is blind, has been given a season pass to the Ohio State league baseball games to be played in that city. Prof. Houck enjoys "hearing" baseball games. The umpire's calls on balls and strikes, the sound of the batsman hitting the ball, the shouts of joy or groans of the spectators all tell him how the game is going. He has to be told the result of some plays, and especially when bases are stolen.

##### Former Police Chief Guilty.

New Orleans, May 19.—Edward Whitaker, once honored by New Orleans as chief of the city police department, was convicted late to-day of criminal abuse of a 12-year-old girl. A half dozen other indictments of a similar nature are pending against Whitaker. Whitaker probably will be sentenced to-morrow.

Not since the sensational Lamana kidnapping has any case attracted the attention in this city and State as has the Whitaker trial. Because of the tender ages of Whitaker's alleged victims, and their large number, there was a strong feeling against him.

Several years ago, following criticism in the Morning World against the police department, Whitaker, then chief of police, took a squad of officers to the World building and proceeded to shoot up the editorial rooms. No one was wounded. Whitaker resigned as chief and was sentenced to six months imprisonment as a result of this affair.

##### Fall River Mills Close.

Fall River, Mass., May 20.—A heavy curtailment of cotton cloth production is again in progress in this city. The seven mills of the Fall River Iron Works company, owned by Mr. C. D. Borden of New York, closed to-day until May 29, the beginning of a 50 per cent. decrease in the output.

The American Printing company also controlled by Mr. Borden, is running five days weekly, but part of the plant is operating nights finishing goods recently placed. Thirteen other plants, nearly all print mills, are on short time. This week the curtailment in Fall River amount to 170,000 pieces of fine and print goods.

Mr. Borden's curtailment will be about 40,000 pieces weekly.

##### Robbed of His Teeth.

Chicago, May 20.—R. F. Dudenthal was given credit by the police for the "hard luck" story of the day.

He was passing an alley in Indiana avenue, near his home, when two men seized him. One choked him so hard that his gold teeth fell out.

"Hey, Jack," said one robber, who caught up the teeth, "this looks good. Tighten up on him, he may give up more."

They not only took Dudenthal's gold teeth, but \$50 and a merschaum pipe.

##### Jones Not a Convict.

John J. Jones has been at the State penitentiary for several months, not as a prisoner. He is being detained Jones was convicted in Orangeburg county on the charge of killing Abe Pearlstone and was sentenced to ten years and 30 days in the penitentiary. He is an attorney and formerly resided at Branchville. His attorneys several weeks ago filed notice of appeal with the supreme court, but his case has not yet been docketed.

It will be impossible to argue his appeal at this session of the supreme court. The next session of the supreme court is in November.

Should his case be filed with the supreme court, it will not be heard until November. This will mean that Jones will have to remain at the State penitentiary for at least one year before his case is finally passed upon by the court.

#### GIRLS BURNED TO DEATH.

Gasoline Mistaken for Kerosene Brings Death to Five.

Utica, Kan., May 21.—Five daughters of Mr. and Mrs. Harvey Roach, of this place, ranging in ages from 7 to 16 years, were burned to death late last night, in a fire which started in the Roach restaurant.

The parents were badly burned. The mother of the young girls filled a lamp with gasoline by mistake, preparatory to ascending a staircase leading to the second floor room, where her daughters were asleep. She applied a match to the lamp and an explosion followed, sending a burst of flames up the narrow stairway. The woman's dress caught fire, but the flames were extinguished by her husband. He rushed up the burning stairs and caught his youngest daughter, 5 years old, in his arms. Calling to the other girls to follow him, he ran to a rear window and jumped to the ground, the little girl safe in his arms. For some reason the others failed to follow him and in a few minutes the bed room, in which the girls were sleeping, was a seething mass of flames. Later their bodies were recovered.

##### Pistol Battle Stops Meeting.

Columbia, May 22.—In a pistol battle which was precipitated at a negro society meeting at Rocky Zion church on I. M. Smith's place near the Laurens line on Sunday evening by a negro walking into the church with his hat on, one negro was killed and four or five others more or less seriously wounded, between forty and fifty shots being fired.

Henry Baxter, the negro who gave offense by not uncovering his head, forfeited his life. It is said that Verge Williams started the fuss when Baxter went into the meeting and that a stampede followed to the grounds outside, where a number of pistols were put into action. The wounded include a negro, Robinson, shot in the head through the ear, a woman shot in the thigh, and Jim Workman, shot in the arm.

Sheriff Buford went to the scene fast night and brought back with him Jim Workman and Ephraim Williams, a brother of the negro who is said to have precipitated the racket, it being stated that Ephraim took his brother's pistol when the riot commenced and used it promiscuously. The two negroes are being held for the sheriff by Mr. W. Pink Smith.

Later Deputy Sheriff Pope Buford arrested another negro, Jim Williams. Verge Williams could not be located. Coroner Felker and Deputy Sheriff Buford are on the scene this morning holding the inquest and it is expected that other arrests will follow.

##### Two Hurt in Wreck.

Laurens, May 19.—As the result of his engine being wrecked here early this morning, David Kelly of Augusta, engineer on through freight 202, from Spartanburg to Augusta on the Charleston & Western Carolina road, was more or less seriously injured, and a colored trainman, Cullen Dolphus, also of Augusta, was probably fatally scalded, though he is still alive to-night.

When the wreck occurred the freight was just leaving the Laurens station, and the engine and tender, breaking away from the long string of cars, plunged over an embankment at the north approach of the trestle immediately south of the station.

A broken rail is supposed to have caused the derailment. Mr. Kelly stuck to his post and had to be extricated from his cab, while the negro was caught under the debris and fearfully burned and scalded.

##### Shot by Maddened Father.

Mobile, Ala., May 18.—James W. Duggan, a railroad clerk, was shot and fatally wounded by James L. Reynolds, of Augusta, Ga., when he found Duggan, as he alleges, in a room at a local hotel this evening with his daughter. Reynolds is a law book salesman, and with his daughter reached the city yesterday. On returning to his hotel this evening Reynolds missed his daughter and hearing her voice, peered over the transom of a room adjoining and, according to his statement, discovered Duggan and his daughter. He broke in the door of the room and fired twice at Duggan, one of the bullets taking effect just below the heart.

Reynolds is held without bail to await the result of Duggan's injuries.

Any fool can criticize and destroy, but it takes a man with brains and backbone to build up.

## RAILROAD WILL BE BUILT

### WORK BEGUN ON LINE FROM BAMBERG TO EHRHARDT.

#### After Years of Work the Efforts of Bamberg's Citizens is Successful

In the Columbia State of last Thursday Mr. M. W. Brabham wrote the following in regard to the construction of the railroad from this place to Ehrhardt. It is such a comprehensive history of the enterprise, that we feel we cannot prepare a better article, and therefore reproduce it in full:

Bamberg, May 17.—The work on the Bamberg, Ehrhardt & Walterboro railway was commenced to-day at 3:15 p. m.

This tells the tale of perseverance, determination and progressiveness on the part of Bamberg citizens; that the work will be completed will show the doubtful ones whatever is needed to convince them that the railway is to be a fact.

There has been a great deal talked and written in the past five years about the railway from Bamberg to Ehrhardt; a number of towns have announced their intention to build such a line, realizing that Ehrhardt is situated in one of the best parts of the county and that the opportunity for opening up a good territory is great. Bamberg took the lead about five years ago, when a number of its citizens, together with some from Denmark and Walterboro and Ehrhardt, applied for a charter and received the same. Senator J. B. Black was instrumental in getting the charter through the legislature.

##### Bamberg at Work.

Following this action a number of meetings were held in Bamberg; citizens assembled in mass meetings and discussed the matter. Always the question uppermost in the minds of the people was "How will the money be secured for the work?" The question was asked, and then the answer was wanting for a long time. Again and again schemes were devised for working out "a plan. Finally the citizens determined to build the road themselves. Under the leadership of such citizens as W. D. Rhoad, Thomas Black, J. A. Wyman, J. F. Carter and others equally interested, the plans were perfected. They secured subscriptions from the citizens amounting to about \$20,000, and also rights of way and terminal sites. When this was in sight, two prominent and wealthy citizens of Bamberg, Jones A. Williams and E. C. Hays, together with William C. Wolfe, of Orangeburg, announced that they would form a construction company and take the contract to begin and fully complete the road. This contract has been worked upon for a period of several months, and to-day was finally approved by all parties. The work was begun as stated above this afternoon. It is the intention of the promoters to carry the work forward to the end.

Work will be entered upon more fully on next Monday. A number of citizens were present with the officials of the railroad company and construction company to-day to have a part in beginning the work, which is to mean a great deal to Bamberg and to all the neighboring country. It is the purpose of the company to extend the road to Denmark when the line has been completed from Bamberg to Ehrhardt. The road will be, according to the contract, about 14 miles in length; is to be of standard gauge; is to have rails not lighter than 56 pounds; is to meet all requirements of the railroad commission; work is to commence in three months and the road shall be completed in not more than three years.

It is taken as an evidence of the earnestness of the construction company that work did not commence in three months, but in three hours, it having been practically assured that the agreement would be completed to-day.

##### The Directors.

The directors of the Bamberg, Ehrhardt & Walterboro Railway company are as follows: J. A. Wyman, a prominent attorney, president of the company; W. M. Brabham, president of the Cotton Oil company, and vice president of the road; Thomas Black, dealer in live stock, and vice president of the road; W. D. Rhoad, a merchant, and treasurer and secretary of the road; Aaron Rice, A. M. Brabham and J. A. Byrd, prominent merchants; J. F. Carter, a prominent attorney, and president of the Bamberg Business Men's League; H. A. Hughse, a prominent citizen of Ehrhardt.

All of the men back of the enterprise are public spirited and are pull-

#### TO END FIGHTING.

Both Parties Accede to Basis for Peace in Mexico.

Juarez, Mexico, May 21.—Officially designated representatives of the Mexican government and the revolutionists at 10 o'clock to-night signed a peace agreement at the custom house here intended to end the hostilities waged in Mexico for the past six months.

Though covering only the principal points agreed upon thus far, the agreement practically records the concession by the government of those demands, which on November 20, last, started armed revolution in Mexico. Telegrams announcing the signing of the armistice were dispatched throughout Mexico to revolutionary and federal leaders.

Constitutional restrictions prevented the inclusion in the agreement of the fact that the rebels will be permitted to suggest to various State legislatures the names of provisional governors and likewise the fact that six of the eight members of the new cabinet have been chosen by the revolutionists.

##### Peace Formally Declared.

In the same room where President Taft and President Diaz met two years ago, where the portrait of President Taft in silent solicitude looks down on the peace commissioners, the portrait of President Diaz, which hung beside the Taft picture, having long since been removed, the document was formally drafted to-day.

The actual signing of the agreement took place under most extraordinary circumstances on the steps of the customs house. When the commissioners arrived they found the door of the customs house locked and no one there to let them in. Accordingly they gathered on the steps of the building and while newspaper men held matches, fountain pens were produced and the document signed.

Four automobiles turned their searchlights on the scene when the signatures were affixed, the commissioners of both sides embracing joyfully, while a small crowd shouted "Viva la Pazque."

##### Hotel in Gaffney Burned.

Gaffney, May 20.—The most destructive fire that has ever visited Gaffney occurred to-night about 8 o'clock, when the old Central hotel building, one of the largest in the city, constructed entirely of wood, caught on fire. Great damage was done, but the flames were finally extinguished by the heroic work of the fire department, which acquitted itself better than ever before.

The building is owned by Dr. J. N. Nesbitt, of this city, Isaac Turner, of Spartanburg, and Horace Brown, of Cowpens. It was valued at \$10,000, with no insurance. The hotel part of the building was not occupied but the firm of Vineset Brothers, grocers, was a heavy loser, with some insurance. Sarratt's barber shop's loss was \$800, with no insurance. Green's cafe is an entire loss, with no insurance. The Cherokee Commission company, Postal Telegraph and Western Union Telegraph companies sustained small losses.

All of the occupants of the building removed their goods and accordingly what damage was done was through water and handling.

The loss to the owners of the building will be quite large as the damage was such that it will never be of great value again.

This same building has caught a number of times before and has been condemned by the insurance commission.

The origin of the fire to-night is a mystery, as the fire started in a closet in the part vacant.

ing for the upbuilding of Bamberg in particular, and Bamberg county in general.

The men of Bamberg are back of the work, and not only are the more wealthy citizens pushing the work with their money and interest, but even the young men working on salaries are putting down their money for this work. Bamberg has not asked others for aid in the work, but it is hoped that Denmark, Ehrhardt and other places interested will join hands in making the work more of a county enterprise. The Bamberg Ehrhardt & Walterboro railway is an assured fact. Work is not only in sight—it is going on now.

If there is any special mention to be made of any individuals for the part they have played the entire roll of the business men's league would have to be called; but W. D. Rhoad and Thomas Black have done more of the preliminary work than any others, and this is gladly conceded by the other citizens of the community.