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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, June 19.—The farmers are all interested about rain. The corn crops are needing rain very bad in this section; cotton, where the farmers succeeded in getting the cotton up, looks very fine. Mr. Frank Hiers brought me a cotton blossom last week one day; says his cotton crop is very fine. We have gotten a few little showers of rain along, but not enough moisture for a long time.

Fish fries have been the order of the day for some time, but the water in the streams is so low until the fish are hard to get any more.

The weather has been very warm, some of the tony folks are talking of going to the mountains for relief.

Quite a crowd went to Charleston Sunday to pass away the time on the Isle of Palms.

The Hacker Mfg. Co. will soon have their new mill ready for cutting lumber. They are very busy working on their machines.

Mr. J. B. Ramsey went to Savannah, Ga., Saturday night to take a little recreation from his work. Will return on Sunday night.

The work of taking the levels of the Ehrhardt & Denmark railroad is progressing nicely. Will soon have same completed and ready for building.

Will soon have the Ehrhardt phone line up and at work. Poles are up, and a man will be on the ground to put up the line and connect with the switch board.

A young man in town returning from church Sunday night with two young ladies and another young man, left the crowd very abruptly at a corner of the street. When asked why he did thus, said: "Why, — took the prettiest young lady and I did not know the other so well, so I went home."

Mrs. W. L. Mitchum died very suddenly Sunday night at her home. She went to visit her mother Sunday and returned about a little before sun down; seemed to be cheerful and in good spirits, talking jovial with her friends as she met or passed them on the streets. About one or two o'clock at night, her infant babe commenced crying and Billie got up, after calling his wife without a response, and lighted a lamp; found she had passed away. He spread the alarm as soon as he could, summoning their physician at once, who said that Mrs. Mitchum had passed away at least an hour or more. She will be buried at St. John's church at about five o'clock this afternoon. Billie, you and little Homer have our sympathy.

Base ball is somewhat off to what it has been. Our team has been getting some lickings. JEE.

President Replies to Detractors.

Washington, June 15.—The first authoritative answer to the charge that the administration uses the appointive power of the president to further political ends was made by President Taft to-day. In conversation with friends the president declared that he would be delighted if congress takes from his hands the duty of naming collectors of internal revenue, United States marshals and postmasters of the second and third classes. The president told his visitors that nothing which congress could do would be received more gladly by him than this act. He would be happy, he said, if congress would extend the civil service law to include such offices. Practically every post up to the grade of United States district attorney, the president told his callers, should be put under the civil service regulations.

He has recommended such action to congress in past messages and said he expects to make similar recommendations in the future. He declared his belief that there is a lot of "hypocrisy" in the charges made by senators and others that a political machine has been built up through appointments to such offices.

Shot by His Wife.

Rock Hill, June 19.—Jim Webb, a negro living on the farm of W. J. Miller, near Newport, this county, was badly shot in the face this morning by his wife. It seems that the woman was trying to shoot another negro woman, but she dodged the load, which struck him full in the face. He was brought here for treatment.

HOSIERY MILL MATTER.

Prison Directors to Consider Further Annulment of Contract.

Columbia, June 18.—Wednesday is the day set for the special meeting of the State board of penitentiary directors, at which time the details of the annulling of the hosiery mill contract will be arranged, according to schedule.

Following a recent meeting of the board, at which the agreement was reached that the hosiery mill be abolished, it was announced that at the special session on the 21st, the method of procedure would be outlined and the matter taken up with Capt. John M. Graham, who has the contract with the penitentiary directors in the matter of the labor in the hosiery mill.

Nothing that has come up in recent months has created so much comment (save the Felder incident,) as the hosiery mill abolishment. The State board of health's report, coming after Gov. Blease had asked for an investigation and the same had been directed by the legislature, stirred the State as to this form of labor and at the meeting of the board of directors it was decided to adopt the State board of health's recommendation.

What to do with the convicts has been generally discussed in the press of this State. There are about 300 workers in the hosiery mill and it will be quite a task to give them outdoor work. Most papers have favored the work on the chain gangs. This will be impossible with some of the dangerous prisoners. Safeblowers and murderers work side by side in this mill and there are here the worst element of the State's criminals.

In the list of suggestions is that of farm work. For the same reason some of those in the hosiery mill will not be able to be placed on the work in the farms of the penitentiary. The State board of penitentiary directors has made no official announcement of what form of work will be given the men and women in the hosiery mill. Chairman Sanders, being asked for a suggestion along this line, replied this would be worked out at the meeting here and in advance he did not care to make any statement for publication as to this part of the matter.

There are other suggestions of the State board of health to be taken up at this meeting of the board.

Fell from 28th Floor.

New York, June 16.—The financial district witnessed a gruesome incident at its busiest hour this afternoon when Wm. Anderson, a stone cutter, fell from the 28th floor of the Bankers' Trust company building, nearing completion at Wall and Broad streets. In setting a stone Anderson slipped and fell. His one wild cry as he realized his doom attracted the attention of bankers and brokers as the body came hurtling down through space. On a stone coping at the fourth floor the body struck and its impact at that point was so tremendous that an arm was torn off and left lying on the sill as the body bounded out and crashed onto the heavy wire netting at the first floor which had been spread over Wall street to protect traffic while the building was being erected.

The screen acted like a spring-board and threw the body into the air again. It dropped finally, horribly mangled, in front of the Wall street entrance of the stock exchange. Excitement in the street was so intense and the crush so dense that the police reserves had to be called out from the nearest station to restore order.

Venire Discharged.

Hampton, June 19.—Judge DeVore to-day discharged the entire venire of jurymen drawn for this term of court, thus necessitating further delay in the case of L. B. Tuten, charged with the murder of J. R. Langford. The ground for the discharge of the venire was that it was illegally drawn. Following the discharge of talesmen, the State decided to ask for a change of venue in the Tuten case. This will be argued before the judge to-morrow. After a decision on this motion the court will adjourn.

The irregularity in the drawing of the jury arose through the county auditor's relation to the defendant, Tuten. Both the sheriff and clerk of court were unable to attend at the drawing of the jury, and the county auditor held himself disqualified to assist by reason of his relationship to the defendant. A deputy sheriff, the county superintendent of education and the county treasurer then proceeded to draw the jury. The court held this method to be irregular, and hence discharged the venire.

IN THE PALMETTO STATE

SOME OCCURRENCES OF VARIOUS KINDS IN SOUTH CAROLINA.

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

In a fire at Rock Hill last Saturday afternoon six dwellings were destroyed. They were occupied by white people and were the property of one man.

United States engineers have begun the work of making a preliminary survey of the Edisto river from Orangeburg to Charleston to ascertain if the stream can be made navigable.

There is a movement on foot to make a national park at the Cowpens battle field in Cherokee county, near Gaffney. The Gaffney board of trade has taken up the matter, and will interest the South Carolina representatives in congress in the project.

Other places are having trouble over the dates of the Clemson train. The train was advertised to be at Ridge Spring a few days ago, but it went to Batesburg instead. A lot of people were in Gaffney last Saturday to see the train, but the date for Gaffney is July 17th instead of June 17th. The gentlemen in charge had best look well to their dates if they wish an audience.

United States Senator T. P. Gore, the blind Senator from Oklahoma, has written us a letter declaring that Woodrow Wilson is his choice for president. William J. Bryan was interviewed in Columbia this week and stated that he did not regard Harmon as a possibility, and his nomination by the Democrats would be a step backwards and a mistake. Mr. Bryan did not commit himself to any candidate, but he appears to like Woodrow Wilson and Champ Clarke.

J. B. Stroman has sent in his resignation to the governor as game warden of Orangeburg county, as he states in his letter of resignation that he has no funds at his command to enforce the law and receives no support from those citizens who should be interested in having the law enforced. Mr. Stroman says that people from an adjoining county come in droves to the South Edisto armed with dynamite and Winchester rifles and filled with corn whiskey, and after breaking loose as many boats as possible, proceed to blow up every living or creeping thing near the river. If the fish are being slaughtered as he states, some action should certainly be taken at once.

\$16,000 Fire at Kingstree.

Kingstree, June 16.—Kingstree suffered serious loss to-day by fire. About 1 o'clock fire was discovered in the residence of Dr. A. Snider. There was a strong breeze, and the fire spread rapidly to the residence of B. F. Patrick and from there to that of A. S. Coker. The fire is supposed to have started from the explosion of a vulcanizer in the dental office of Dr. Snider, which is attached to his residence. All of the buildings were very dry and burned very rapidly. Dr. Snider had a very fine library which was totally destroyed.

The entire loss is estimated at about \$16,000, as follows: Dr. Snider, \$8,000, with \$5,000 insurance; B. F. Patrick's residence, owned by the Kingstree Building and Loan association, \$2,000, with \$1,500 insurance; residence of A. S. Coker, \$6,000, with \$4,000 insurance.

HEAVY RAINS END DROUGHT.

Crops in South Atlantic States Generally Benefitted.

Atlanta, Ga., June 18.—Heavy rains which swept the South Atlantic States to-day and to-night effectually ended a drouth which was extended from 17 days to more than a month in various sections. Crops generally have been benefitted by the change in weather, especially cotton, which has long been in need of moisture. At Atlanta, Birmingham, and Savannah the rain was accompanied by heavy electrical displays. No property damage was reported.

Down to the Rind.

A grocery salesman entering a store found the place in charge of the delivery boy. Upon being asked where the proprietor was, the boy replied:

"I am the whole cheese here." The traveling man departed, leaving a note for the proprietor, which the boy promptly opened.

"Permit me to suggest," it read, "that you are nearly out of cheese." —Success Magazine.

SOLONS TO NAME SENATOR

HOKE SMITH AND JOS. M. TERRELL IN RACE.

Fight of "Wets" and "Dries" in Georgia Will Have Peculiar Significance.

Atlanta, June 18.—The forthcoming session of the Georgia legislature, which will convene on Tuesday, June 27—nine days from now—will have at least one important work before it, and probably one other. The first is the election of a United States senator to succeed Joseph M. Terrell, who is serving the unexpired term of the late A. S. Clay by appointment of Gov. Brown. The other is the matter of liquor legislation, of far more interest to the people of the State and of interest to people of other States as a guide to other general assemblies.

Just what is in store along this latter line none, even those taking active interest in politics, seem to know. Two things affecting liquor, it is pointed out by those close to legislative affairs, are likely to be brought up, only one of which has any kind of an organized backing so far as can be seen. The prohibition forces are expected to make a strong effort to extend the present anti-liquor laws and abolish the sale of near beer, the other is a possible fight to repeal the present State-wide prohibition laws and substitute therefor a county, town or ward local option statute, which would throw to the license sale of liquor those communities which really desire it.

The "dry" people, especially the leaders in Atlanta, headed by Rev. Len G. Broughton of the Baptist tabernacle, already are sounding the call to arms, and it is practically certain, although no definite plan has been made public, that some measure to make more drastic statutes than are already on the books, will be introduced. If it is, the people fostering it will be prepared to fight to the last, as was the case, when the present laws were worked through.

Of the other side—that of the "wets"—little is known. If there has been made any plan looking toward opening the question from their standpoint it has not been announced, and leaders in the assembly profess ignorance. It is pointed out that the complexion of the incoming legislature is not known well enough to get a line on how it would vote, as the liquor question was not made an issue at the last State election. The liquor people look at Atlanta, which so recently returned to a situation making possible the licensed saloon, and take heart. The opposition is saying little, but apparently thinking much. The silence and absence of announcement of definite course of action by the wets are causing some uneasiness among the ranks of advocates of prohibition. They fear some trick which will take them unawares and possibly sweep aside all they have gained in the past.

Smith and Terrell.

The matter of a United States senator is causing little stir here, and a rather peculiar situation exists. It is generally conceded that Gov.-elect Hoke Smith, who will be inaugurated this month, will be elected with little opposition, although he has not announced himself as a candidate. He is in a receptive mood, and it is known that for years he has had his eye on a seat in the national capitol.

Senator Terrell is an avowed candidate to succeed himself but little is being heard from him throughout the State. He is making no strenuous personal campaign. His recent illness and the calling of a special session of congress, which necessitated his presence in Washington, prevented any extended speech-making tours. His friends look upon these as unfortunate for him.

The election of a senator will be the business during the week of July 12, and that over the way will clear for the expected prohibition fight and other matters which the members are certain to have cooked up in large numbers.

The selection of Gov. Smith as senator, would of course, create a vacancy in the governor's chair, which would be occupied by the president of the senate, who is required by the constitution to call a special election within 60 days to choose another chief executive. John M. Slaton, of Atlanta, was president of the last senate and is more than likely to be chosen this year. In that case, he would be the acting governor.

Would be Governors.

Already there are half a dozen prospective candidates for the office of governor. One is Gov. Brown himself, who was defeated by Hoke Smith at the last election. He has

PHONED WIFE AND DIED.

Mangled in Wreck, Preacher Called Her up from Operating Table.

Sorrow swept over the community when the accidental death of the Rev. Cecil L. Marrack at Ross became generally known. From all sides were heard expressions of sympathy and sorrow and words of tribute to the character of the Rev. Mr. Marrack as a clergyman, social worker, and man.

From the scene of the accident he was carried to the Hund Sanatorium. As soon as he was carried within he asked for the telephone. The slightest jar caused shocking pain, but he asked the attendants to place the head of his stretcher on the phone table. Fire Chief Daniel Schneider, of San Rafael, supported the foot of his couch. One of the uninjured clergymen called Mrs. Marrack while another held the receiver to the dying man's ear. He controlled his voice by a supreme effort.

"Is this you, dear?" he asked his wife.

She answered, asking what was the matter.

"I am here in Ross, in a hospital," he replied. "We have met with an automobile accident. Don't be afraid. I am alive. I think it would be best for you to come over here. I will not be home to-night. Good-by, dear. And pray for me, won't you?"

These were the last words his wife heard her husband utter.

He sank back exhausted with his effort, and never again fully regained consciousness.

"I never saw a finer example of nerve and endurance," said Daniel Schneider, chief of the San Rafael ambulance and fire service, in telling of the accident.

"Mr. Marrack was such a large man and so badly injured that we placed him in the ambulance alone. The lower part of his body was crushed and the lower leg completely shattered, yet he bit his lip and kept from groaning. When we passed over the railroad tracks it was more than he could endure, and he cried out sharply. But when the hospital door was reached he pulled himself together pluckily, and I have never seen such grit displayed by any man as when he insisted on telephoning to his wife. He died before Mrs. Marrack could reach him."—San Francisco Call.

CLAIMS COLUMBIA BRIDE.

R. H. Jordan, of Savannah, Weds Miss Ruby Drummond.

Another romantic wedding was celebrated yesterday afternoon at 4 o'clock in the sun parlor of the Charleston Hotel. Miss Ruby Drummond, of Columbia, and Mr. R. H. Jordan, of Savannah, were quietly married by the Rev. Howard Lee Jones, of the Citadel Square Baptist church.

Miss Mayme Harrison and Mr. Charles Mitchell, friends of the bride and groom, acted as witnesses and were the only other persons present at the ceremony.

Mr. and Mrs. Jordan left immediately for Savannah, where they will stay some time on their honeymoon. —Charleston Post, Monday.

made no formal announcement and his interests are largely in the hands of his friends.

John M. Slaton is another. He has long been prominent in State politics, having been speaker of the house before going to the senate. He is said to have a large and especially strong following. Thomas Hudson, former commissioner of agriculture, is yet another. His strength lies principally in south Georgia, which has not been represented in the governor's mansion for a long time. John C. Hart, former attorney general, is mentioned. He is little of the politician as the term is popularly used, and is not considered a strong campaigner. On the other hand, Richard B. Russell is a good campaigner and has held some kind of public office ever since he grew up. Another among those mentioned is Judge Charles H. Brand, of Athens.

Organization of the two houses is not causing much concern. Mr. Slaton seems to have everything his own way for president of the senate. A. O. Blalock, of Fayette county, has no opposition for president pro tem nor Charles S. Northen, of Atlanta, for secretary.

In the house John N. Holder, of Jefferson, Jackson county, has no opposition for speaker since William H. Burwell retired from the race. There has been some talk of H. W. Hopkins, of Thomas, but little has been heard of his candidacy recently.

5 or 6 doses "666" will cure any case of Chills and Fever. Price, 25c.

A TERRIBLE BEATING.

Greenville County Man Victim of Mob.

Charging "conspiracy with intent to murder," arrest warrants for ten white men were sworn out yesterday morning before a local magistrate at the instance of S. M. Babb, of Austin township, who related a terrible story of how he was trapped at his home last Sunday about midnight by a mob and dragged to a patch of woods where he was beaten into insensibility.

The deponent is a brother of Tully Babb, the man who is now serving a sentence for the alleged killing of a man by the name of Knight several years ago in this county.

Babb was brought to the city yesterday by his aged father and the two went before a magistrate of the city and had the warrants for the ten parties issued. The names of the parties for whom the warrants have been issued cannot be divulged until all arrests have been made.

S. M. Babb presented a truly pitiable appearance yesterday when he appeared before the magistrate, the man having to be supported by his aged father. Babb was so sore from the beating, or some other cause, that he could scarcely walk. His face bore marks of terrible blows inflicted in some manner. The man's forehead was almost a solid sore from one temple to another.

If the story told by Babb yesterday is correct, this is one of the most terrible acts perpetrated in the county in some time. Babb stated that on last Sunday night, somewhere about the hour of midnight, so far as he was able to judge, he was awakened by someone calling him from the yard.

On being awakened, Babb said he went to the door in his night clothes to ascertain what was wanted. As he stepped into the yard he said he was seized from behind and that a mob of men closed in on him and beat him right in his yard. Babb said he was then dragged to a patch of woods some two hundred yards from his house and that there he was clubbed and beaten into insensibility.

Babb lives on what is known as the "old Adams place," in Austin township, some three miles below the station of Mauldin. The deponent was unable to say precisely how many men were in the crowd which he alleges attacked him, but he was able to swear out arrest warrants for ten. He said that the crowd was composed mostly of young men and that they had been drinking since Saturday night. Babb could offer no reason as to why he should be set upon by a mob like this and beaten.

It was stated yesterday that participants in the alleged fray of Sunday night say that they beat the wrong man, for they were searching for a man who had been living in adultery in the neighborhood, wishing to administer a flogging to him in the hopes of running him out of the community.

The affair has created considerable excitement in that section of the county and the outcome of the situation will be watched with great interest. —Greenville News.

Execution Must Go Forward.

Columbia, June 16.—The supreme court to-day refused to interfere in the sentence passed on J. B. Bates, the Spartanburg man who entered a plea of insanity and for whom a lunacy commission was recently named. Bates is under sentence of death for murder and is to be hanged in August. The appeal to the supreme court was from the motion of a circuit judge refusing a new trial and for a stay of sentence pending this appeal. The supreme court Friday, in an order, refuses to interfere.

Bates was a policeman of Spartanburg. He shot and killed his former mistress, after she had married another man. The plea of Bates's attorney, Mr. Stanyarne Wilson, was insanity. Bates has twice been sentenced to hang. A commission was appointed by Judge Wilson to examine him and the report was that Bates was responsible for his actions at the time of the murder.

To Probe Postal Service.

Washington, June 16.—The senate to-day passed the Bourne resolution authorizing an investigation of the postal system of the United States and to determine what changes are necessary in the present methods. The investigation is to be made by the senate committee on postoffices and postroads with especial attention to the possible establishment of a parcels post.