

PERSONAL MENTION.

People Visiting in This City and at Other Points.

—Mr. R. H. Jennings, of Orangeburg, spent last Friday in the city.

—Messrs. W. M. Ritter and S. B. Ashe, of Cope, were in the city Tuesday.

—Mr. and Mrs. J. J. Jones returned last Friday from a stay at Glenn Springs.

—Mr. R. W. D. Rowell, who has been sick for some time, is able to be out again.

—Mr. M. Blount and wife left the city Tuesday for a stay of a month or so at Suffolk, Va.

—Miss Alice Smoak left Tuesday for Columbia, where she will spend some time with friends.

—Miss Warner Hare, of Orangeburg, visited at Dr. Geo. F. Hair's for a few days this week.

—Miss Anna McCormack, of Govan, is visiting the family of Mr. Jos. McCormack in the city.

—Messrs. Pinckney Bellinger and Carl Kirsch left Sunday night for a visit to Augusta and Atlanta.

—Mr. and Mrs. Jones A. Williams and children returned last Saturday from a stay at Glenn Springs.

—Miss May Pearson, of Denmark, has accepted a position as clerk for Mr. VonLehe.—Dorchester Eagle.

—Mrs. E. H. Dowling is at home again from a visit to her daughter, Mrs. A. R. Neal, in Roanoke, Va.

—Mr. and Mrs. F. M. Stubbs returned home last Friday from a stay of several weeks in Asheville, N. C.

—Miss Mae Smoak is visiting relatives in Bamberg this week.—Langley correspondence Horse Creek Valley News.

—Mrs. Henry F. Bamberg and little son returned Tuesday night from a stay of several weeks in Hendersonville, N. C.

—Mr. and Mrs. A. M. Brabham are at home from their wedding trip, and are stopping at the Mayflower Inn for the present.

—Mr. C. Peskin returned last Friday from a trip to New York and other Northern cities. He was away about three weeks.

—Miss Hattie Newsom, of Williston, one of the teachers in our graded school, spent Sunday and Monday in the city on a visit to relatives.

—Miss Sarah Riley, of Denmark, and Miss Emma Kirkland, of Blackville, are the guests this week of Mrs. H. C. Raser.—Allendale Herald.

—Mr. E. P. Parker, will spend several days in Denmark, S. C., the guest of friends.—Graniteville correspondence Horse Creek Valley News.

—Mrs. W. P. Walker, of Live Oak, Fla., and Miss Leila Walker, of Walker, S. C., are in the city on a visit to their sister, Mrs. J. Felder Hunter.

—Dr. F. F. Johnson returned last Saturday from an extended stay at Hot Springs, Ark. He is looking well, and his trip and the treatment has been of much benefit to him.

—Mr. Thos. Clayton, of the Colston section, was in the city Tuesday, and kindly gave us a special invitation to be present Saturday at the picnic to be given at Colston church. We hope to be able to attend.

—Mr. E. A. Hooton and Mrs. H. D. Tree left this week for the Northern markets, where they will buy a full line of ladies' goods for fall and winter, including millinery. He will put in a millinery department, and their milliner will assist in buying.

—Mr. D. L. Betts, of the faculty of the Carlisle Fitting School, arrived in the city a few days ago, and will remain in the community for some time. He will no doubt do some canvassing for the school in this section before the fall session begins.

—Col. E. H. Aull, editor of the Newberry Herald and News and the South Carolina Pythian, was in the city for a short while last Thursday afternoon. He was on his way home from Ehrhardt, where he had been to attend the district convention, Knights of Pythias. Col. Aull has many friends in Bamberg, who were indeed glad to see him.

—Mrs. Mildred Kenyon, of Bamberg, spent a few days last week here with Mrs. G. F. Lewis. Mrs. Kenyon has been in very feeble health for several years and it is only by use of a rolling chair that she is now able to move about. She has been for a long time. Her visit to St. George, her old home, was the cause of much delight among her many friends. Mrs. Kenyon was accompanied by her daughter, Mrs. Rice, and children.—Dorchester Eagle.

AVERY FINGER DEAD.

Principal of Courtenay School Has Passed Away.

One of Charleston's best known and best beloved characters passed out of existence last night when James Avery Finger, for many years one of the city's leading educators, died at his home, No. 291 Calhoun street. He was 57 years of age.

Mr. Finger was originally from North Carolina. He taught in this city for 29 years and hundreds of Charleston men and women will remember him with affection as a helper to them in their young days. He was for a time the principal of the Crafts school, and later was made principal of the Courtenay school, in the infancy of that institution. He held the position to the time of his death. Mr. Finger also gave private instruction to a large number.

Mr. Finger is survived by a widow, three sons and a daughter; J. Avery Finger, Jr., a physician; Watson C. Finger, an attorney and for a time Judicial Magistrate, and J. Wainstill Finger. The funeral will probably be held to-morrow.—Charleston News and Courier, Sunday, August 20th.

FUNERAL OF J. AVERY FINGER.

Services at Grace Church and Interment at Magnolia To-day.

The funeral services over the body of Mr. James Avery Finger, late principal of the Courtenay School, will be held this afternoon at 4 o'clock, at Grace church, the Rev. William Way officiating. The interment will take place immediately afterward at Magnolia cemetery.

Mr. Finger died late Sunday night after a comparatively short illness, the news of his death yesterday bringing sorrow to the hearts of thousands of school children and older people in every part of the city. He had been connected with the public school system of the city for a period of 29 years.

Mr. Finger was born at Morgantown, N. C., in 1855, and was a graduate of Wofford college, Spartanburg. He came to Charleston in 1882 for the purpose of teaching. The late school principal was in the fifty-seventh year of his age at the time of his death and is survived by a widow, three sons and a daughter.—Charleston News and Courier, Monday, August 21st.

James Avery Finger.

In the death of James Avery Finger the Courtenay School has lost an able head, the public school system of Charleston an earnest worker, the teaching profession an ornament, and the community a useful citizen. His memory will need no encomium; the record of his life will be the best epitaph, and no tribute can be paid to him so true as this: "The only reward he asked for was the task accomplished and the duty well performed."

Mr. Finger was born at Morgantown, N. C., in 1855, was graduated at Wofford college, Spartanburg, and came to Charleston in 1882 for the purpose of teaching. Under the inspiration of his great preceptor, Dr. Carlisle, he came well equipped for the profession he had selected and soon attracted attention, so much so that, in October, 1882 he was elected the principal of the Meeting Street Public School. In 1885 he was promoted to the principalship of the Crafts School, and upon the completion of the Courtenay School building in 1888 he was transferred to the principalship of that school as a reward for diligent and successful service.

He has, therefore, been connected with the public school system of Charleston for 29 years, during which long period he enjoyed the confidence of the school commissioners, the respect of his teachers and the love of his pupils. These latter idolized him and many were the tears shed when they heard he was dead.

Mr. Finger was in many respects a remarkable man, "Teres, totus atque rotundus," rounded, polished and complete. From every point of view his character was the same. Firm but gentle, tolerant of the opinion of others, but resolute and tenacious in his own, he never shirked a duty or avoided an opportunity for doing good. But being himself a teacher he sympathized with teachers and whether asserting authority or imparting instruction he was always their friend. He was a born teacher; he possessed the happy faculty of imparting to others what he himself possessed, and with a mind well stored with useful knowledge he generously put it all under contribution for others. He taught *con amore* and nothing gave him more pleasure than to witness the development of his pupils' powers while under his teaching.

But the brain so active in the interests of the schools has ceased its labors, the heart so full of sympathy and kindness has ceased to beat, the hands so busy in whatever work they found to do are folded, and Avery Finger has gone to his reward.—Editorial in Charleston News and Courier, Monday, August 21st.

COTTON ESTIMATE WRONG.

Senator Smith Wants Government to Get Out New Report.

Washington, Aug. 19.—Renewed protests against the issuing of preliminary cotton estimates by the agricultural department were made in the senate by Senator Smith, of South Carolina.

He presented telegrams from agricultural commissioners of eight cotton growing States declaring the government estimate of a record-breaking cotton crop was not borne out.

Senator Smith introduced a new resolution calling upon the secretary of agriculture to make an immediate investigation and report conditions of the cotton crop. Senator Smith said cotton dropped \$20 a bale on the strength of the government's report of a 3,000,000 increase in this year's crop.

"This estimate was made June 28," he declared "before part of the crop was out of the ground."

He said he protested to Secretary Wilson and was informed the secretary did not know the preliminary report had been issued and that it would not occur again. But on August 2, Senator Smith added, another glowing preliminary report was issued.

"I should hate to draw in the senate of the United States," Senator Smith said, "the conclusions that I feel might be drawn from this remarkable report of the agricultural department. Either the commissioners of all the cotton States, men right on the ground and familiar with the conditions, are utterly mistaken or else the agricultural department is wrong in its deductions that there will be a record crop this year."

ATTEMPTED TO BREAK JAIL.

Negro at Chester Thereby Gets in More Trouble.

Chester, Aug. 19.—It has developed that the negro, John Smith, whose arrest was made several days ago, is wanted in Denmark for robbing a store. Smith, however, made a desperate effort at jail breaking and was kept here to answer the charge of mutilating public property.

Smith has been confined in the county jail and while there was making preparations to effect an escape. He had made some strips of his clothing, intending to escape by the chimney flue, but his plans were discovered by the sheriff. Smith is now locked in a steel cage.

A deputy from Denmark came yesterday to take the prisoner back, but the sheriff swore out a warrant charging him with mutilating public property and he will first be tried here and then taken to Denmark.

OUTLOOK NOT SO PROMISING.

Various Unsatisfactory Conditions Reported from Cotton Belt.

Memphis, Aug. 20.—The Commercial Appeal's weekly cotton crop review to-morrow will say: "Lack of rainfall in the Carolinas, part of Georgia and in Texas and Western Oklahoma gives rise to complaints of shedding of a severe nature.

"The natural maturity of the plant is also being delayed and the crop will be exposed to danger from frost if the rains continue.

"Preceding the inauguration of this drought in the extreme East and the Southwest and heavy rains in the Central States, the plant was well fruited and comparatively early in growth, so that although the loss has been rather heavy during the past two weeks, the promise is still good to fair. On the bright side it is also worthy of note that, in many localities, showers have been numerous.

"Except in Texas and South Carolina, but little cotton picking has been done, and the bolls are opening slowly because of the continued growth of the plant, due to the rains. The boll weevils in South Mississippi and Alabama now are sufficient to stop further picking.

"Texas correspondents report that a good, soaking rain within the next week will restore much of the loss."

LIVELY TIMES IN LAURENS.

Mayor Got on Jamboree and Tried to Shoot Policeman.

Down in Laurens the other day the mayor of the town and one of his friends, who is also an official of some kind, got on a spree and raised a disturbance, and threatened to shoot the policeman who went to arrest them. A brother of the mayor then went to the newspaper office and demanded that the newspaper suppress the news of the mayor. The policeman who made the arrest were afterwards "laid off" because the city did not need their services. All of which goes to show that there are some people who have been honored by their constituency who are unappreciative.—Gaffney Ledger.

The Palmetto Construction company will build a 14-story building in Columbia close to the sky-scraper.

500 SPARROWS ELECTROCUTED.

Tree in Which They Roosted Left Unharmed.

Five hundred dead English sparrows were picked up yesterday morning beneath the large oak tree that shades the well at the home of Miss Mettie Todd, on South Main street, just opposite the Orr Mills, following the rain and thunder storm of Tuesday afternoon and night.

It is presumed that the birds were killed by a shock of electricity during the storm, but the tree does not seem to have been injured in the slightest. There was no loud clap of thunder as near as the tree to the house, and it was not known that the birds had been slaughtered until next morning.

For years past the big tree has been the roosting place for hundreds of sparrows, and while many of them have been killed out from time to time by shooting, they continued to make it their home.

How the sparrows were killed and every leaf of the tree left apparently uninjured is hard to explain.—Anderson Mail.

JUDGE KLUGH MAY RESIGN.

Messrs. Gary and Graydon Said to be Candidates.

Spartanburg, Aug. 18.—Spartanburg attorneys are much interested in the report that Judge J. C. Klugh of the Eighth judicial circuit will resign from the bench before the next legislature convenes. He has been in ill health for some time. Information received here is that Attorneys Frank B. Gray and W. N. Graydon, both of Abbeville, are candidates for Judge Klugh's place on the circuit bench. The legislature will elect Judge Klugh's successor.

Mr. Frank B. Gary is a brother of Associate Justice Eugene Gary of the supreme court, and Circuit Judge Ernest Gary. He is at present a member of the house, of which he was formerly speaker, and he served out the unexpired term of the late United States Senator Latimer.

Mr. Graydon served eight years as senator from Abbeville.

STILL DESTROYED.

Cherokee Officers Find the Nest, But Birds Had Flown.

Gaffney, Aug. 19.—Deputy Sheriffs Lockhart and Watkins made an expedition into the kegtown section of this county, a section notorious for its illicit liquor dealers, early this morning and destroyed one of the largest distilleries ever seen in the county. It had a capacity of 100 gallons. The officers stated that the fires were still burning and everything showed that it was in active operation at the time it was destroyed. However, the birds had evidently received some intimation of the approach of the officers and had flown. It is expected that there will be some later developments.

WOULD PIPE BEER INTO HOMES.

Public Beer Fountains Proposed for Saloonless Montclair.

New York, Aug. 13.—Mayor Hinch of Montclair, N. J., has received a letter which has requested that he and the common council give careful consideration to a request for a franchise from the Montclair Beer Piping company, which proposed to do the following:

To construct a huge tank on Montclair Mountain and fill it with the brand of beer which the majority of the consumers preferred, with pipes connected with every home of Upper Montclair, which has now no saloons; subscribers to have meters and to pay only for what they use; all pipes to be of best nickel lining and full head of pressure to be maintained; also public beer fountains with nickel-in-the-slot attachments to be erected in the parks, the company to pay either a royalty of 33 1-3 per cent on its profits to the city, or to pay for a blanket license at the rate of \$800 a year for each 2,000 persons served.

The letter was signed by the "Secretary of the company," who said that his associates were all prominent citizens who desired to remain in the background until they heard from the council through the press.—Baltimore Sun.

BURGLARS GET LITTLE LOOT.

Depot, Bank, Postoffice and Stores Robbed in Leary, Ga.

Macon, Ga., Aug. 20.—Reports received by the Central of Georgia Railway, from its agent in Leary, Ga., are to the effect that some time last night parties, believed to have been negroes, broke into the depot, the bank, postoffice and two stores. The loot obtained in each case was trifling.

Pennies, small silver and three express packages make up the total in the bank, postoffice and depot, while some articles of clothing were taken from the stores.

PEACEMAKER DIES OF WOUNDS.

M. K. Long, of Hampton, Innocent Victim of Others' Quarrel.

Hampton, Aug. 19.—Mr. Manning K. Long, one of the most prominent men of this county, died at a hospital in Savannah last night, as a result of a pistol shot wound through his neck, received while attempting to part two of his friends, who were fighting. The difficulty resulting in the death of Mr. Long occurred at Lena, in this county, on August 4. Mr. Dan B. Padgett, one of the county commissioners of this county, and Mr. Luther Crappse were the participants in the fight in which Mr. Long was shot.

It seems as if these gentlemen had been deer hunting and had returned from their hunt and were dividing their game. Mr. Padgett called to Mr. Crappse to come and get his share, whereupon Crappse, it is reported, flew into a passion and said: "The less you say to me the better for you," and began hitting Padgett with a shotgun. Padgett had drawn his revolver after being knocked down, it is said, and at this juncture Mr. Long rushed in to part the combatants. Crappse had his hand near Padgett's pistol, in the tussle the pistol fired, the bullet going through Crappse's hand, between thumb and forefinger, and entering the neck of Mr. Long, inflicting the wound of which he died last night. It seems that another man, Mr. Bowers, came into the fight about this time and matters were quieted. Mr. Long was taken to the hospital in Savannah.

All of the men implicated, both as combatants and as peacemakers, are well known throughout this section, and the affair is deeply deplored. It is also said that whiskey figured in bringing on the difficulty. All the men were good friends to each other. From reports received here there is very little probability of any criminal action being taken against any of the men, for the reason that all of them agree that the shooting was an accident brought about by the scuffle with the pistol.

Mr. Long will be buried to-morrow at Nixville church, near his home. The Rev. W. H. Dowling will conduct the funeral services, after which the remains will be turned over to the Masons.

A Terrible Tragedy.

Pensacola, Aug. 16.—News of a tragedy in Lee county, Florida, on of Mrs. Weeks, the wife of the postmaster in a small town, and Willie Williams, an escaped convict, and serious injury to the son of Mrs. Weeks.

Willie Williams, a double murderer, escaped from the convict farm with three other life termers, and went to Weeks' home. Mrs. Weeks went to the door in response to the knock, and Williams opened fire, killing her. Her son was awakened and ran to the door and also was shot.

He crawled back to his room and secured a revolver and shot Williams The other fled, leaving Williams on the ground where he remained until noon Sunday, when Weeks returned and found his wife dead and his son unconscious. Later Williams died.

Suits Against Pythians.

Suits involving several thousand dollars will very probably be filed in several counties in South Carolina in the near future by policy-holders against the insurance department of the supreme lodge, Knights of Pythias. This announcement was made yesterday by Douglas McKay, of Columbia, attorney representing a number of the policy-holders of the fourth class of the insurance department of the order.

Several months ago, following the alleged attempt of the order to freeze out members of the fourth class of the insurance department by raising the rates to a prohibitive figure, two suits, involving several thousand dollars were filed in Richland county court. One suit in Richland county was brought by S. L. Miller. It is claimed in the complaint that Mr. Miller secured a policy for \$5,000 in 1893 and that to the first of January he had paid in the sum of \$1,700 as premiums. It was further alleged that Mr. Miller made demand on the order for the return of the premiums which demand was refused.

Following the filing of the complaint in the Richland county court an answer was filed by the supreme lodge, Knights of Pythias. The answer contains over 40 typewritten pages. The answer gives a history of the organization with special reference to the insurance department.

\$5,000 Workers Idle.

Boston, Aug. 19.—Curtalement among New England cotton and woolen mills has been extended to New Bedford, Fitchburg, Amesbury and Wakefield, where several thousand operatives were given two weeks vacation without pay. Between thirty and thirty-five thousand workers will be idle for the next two weeks.

MASTER'S SALES.

Pursuant to sundry decrees of the Court of Common Pleas for Spartanburg county I will sell to the highest bidder before the court house door at Bamberg, S. C., on salesday, September, 1911, for cash, the property described below, as belonging to the parties herein mentioned. The said decrees were passed in the matter of J. H. Parris, plaintiff, against Carolina Mutual Fire Insurance Company, defendant.

If any purchaser fails to comply with the terms of sale within ten days, I will readvertise and sell at some subsequent salesday at the risk of the defaulting purchaser.

Terms of sale: Cash, purchaser to pay for papers.

(1) All that tract of land on which is a one-story, shingle roof, frame dwelling occupied April 19, 1907, by Landys Hays; one-story shingle roof tenant house; one-story shingle roof frame barn and sheds; situated about six miles south of Bamberg, Bamberg county, S. C., adjoining Rex Broughton. Sold as the property of Landys Hays. For record of lien see Book 1, Page 64.

(2) All that tract of land on which is a one-story, shingle roof wood building occupied by Emma E. Rush, December 5, 1906, on farm one and one half miles east of Govan, Bamberg county. Sold as the property of Emma E. Rush. For lien see Book 1, Page 59.

(3) One tract of land on which are two cribs in Govan, Bamberg county, S. C., being the farm of Daniel J. Hartzog. For lien see Book 1, Page 38.

(4) One tract of land on which is a one-story, shingle roof frame dwelling occupied September 9, 1907, by William King; one story, shingle roof frame dwelling occupied by tenant; one-story, shingle roof barn and sheds; situated seven miles south of Branchville, Fishpond township, Bamberg county, S. C., on the east side of Branchville public road. Sold as the property of William King. For lien see Book 1, Page 67.

(5) One tract of land on which is a one-story, shingle roof, wood building occupied February 18, 1907, by G. O. Barker as a dwelling, one and one half miles southwest of Olar, Bamberg county, S. C. Sold as the property of G. O. Barker. See record of lien in Book 1, Page 55.

(6) One tract of land on which is a gin house, gin and grist mill two miles south of Denmark, Bamberg county, S. C. Sold as the property of Carrie Cave. See record of lien in Book 1, Page 44.

(7) One tract of land on which is a one-story, shingle roof, wood building occupied November 24, 1906, by Carrie Cave as a dwelling, two miles south of Denmark, Bamberg county, S. C. Sold as the property of Carrie Cave. For record of lien see Book 1, Page 45.

(8) One lot of land on which is a one-story, shingle roof frame building occupied by tenant as a store on April 28, 1907, situated on Main street, Olar, Bamberg county, S. C. Sold as the property of W. T. Cave.

(9) One tract of land on which is a saw milling shed, saw mill and machinery, &c, situated six miles south of Branchville, Bamberg county, S. C. Sold as the property of A. G. W. Hill.

(10) One tract of land on which is a planing mill, boiler, engine, located six miles south of Branchville, in Bamberg county, S. C. Sold as the property of A. G. W. Hill.

(11) One tract of land on which is a dwelling occupied by J. C. Carter as a dwelling August 24, 1907, located six miles south of Branchville, S. C., in Bamberg county. Sold as the property of J. C. Carter.

(12) One tract of land containing a one-story, shingle roof, frame dwelling, occupied by Jasper Varn as a dwelling May 14, 1907; situated seven and one half miles south of Bamberg, S. C., in Bamberg county. Sold as the property of Jasper Varn.

(13) One tract of land containing a one-story, shingle roof, frame building occupied by G. W. May on March 30, 1907, situated eight miles west of Branchville in Bamberg county, S. C. Sold as the property of G. W. May.

(14) One tract of land containing a one-story frame tenant house and barn with stable and sheds, situated five miles south of Branchville, S. C. Sold as the property of William Summers.

(15) One tract of land on which is a one-story, shingle roof, frame building, occupied by Glover Hightower as a residence on December 5, 1906; one mile east of Govan in Bamberg county, S. C. Sold as the property of Glover Hightower.

(16) One tract of land on which is a one-story frame dwelling occupied March 26, 1906, by Daniel J. Hartzog; situated at Govan, Bamberg county, S. C. Sold as the property of Daniel J. Hartzog. See record of lien in Book 1, Page 37.

(17) One tract of land on which is a one-story, frame dwelling occupied April 19, 1907, by Henry Ransom; situated five miles west of Bamberg, adjoining property of H. B. Barnes on Lemon Swamp road. See record of lien in Book 1, Page 63. Sold as the property of Henry Ransom.

(18) One lot of land on which are three one-story, frame tenant houses in Govan, Bamberg county, S. C. Sold as the property of J. H. Lancaster. See record of lien in Book 1, Page 68.

(19) One lot of land on which is a one-story, frame dwelling at Govan, Bamberg county, S. C., belonging to Mrs. Hapsy Gunnells or Mrs. Joe Gunnells. See lien in Book 1, Page 36.

S. T. LANHAM,  
Master for Spartanburg County.  
August 5, 1911.

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