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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, Nov. 27.—The merchants are feeling the low price of cotton in their daily sales now. What will it be in 1912?

Lots of the cotton grown this year will be plowed under, as it will be impossible for the farmers to get labor to gather it from their fields.

I never saw labor so indifferent in my life. Don't seem to worry them a particle whether they have work to do or not.

There is talk of an excursion train running from here to Savannah, Ga., to see the auto races.

Fairs, shows, and now the auto races will take and have taken lots of money out of our section of country that should have gone on notes and accounts that are now due.

On Friday last the Hacker Mfg. Co. came very near having two fires. The first was a spark from the smoke stack set their water tank on fire.

This was seen in time and easily put out. The second was the sheathing around the smoke stack caught on fire.

This was seen in time and water turned on and put out in short order.

Messrs. Jacob Ehrhardt and Frank Hiers went to Walterboro as witnesses on a case.

Corn will be scarce next year and high.

This cold wave has made every one don their winter dry goods, and where none was left over new ones have been purchased.

Wood and fires are in good demand. JEE.

Alleged Wrecker in Pen.

Lexington, Nov. 26.—Lawrence Robertson, the negro who is charged with breaking the lock of the Seaboard switch at Swansea on the night of November 5th, causing train No. 129 to wreck and causing the death of Engineer Pritchard, of Augusta, and the serious wounding of his fireman, has been removed to the State penitentiary from the Lexington jail.

Two other negroes, Faust Strother, of Lexington, and George Jamison, of near Swansea, have been arrested in connection with the crime and are now in the Lexington county jail.

Both Strother and Jamison are preachers. Strother was at the home of Robertson on the night of the wreck and just what he knows about the affair has not been divulged by the authorities. It is expected, however, that he knows something that will have an important bearing on the case when the trial is held.

The arrests of these negroes were made by Sheriff Sim J. Miller and Detective E. O. Conklin, of the Seaboard, both of whom, together with other detectives, have been diligently working on the case ever since the crime was committed.

The officers feel sure that they have one of the right suspects in the person of Robertson. Robertson has made a number of statements, it is said. He seems to be an old hand at the business, having previously served a three-year sentence on the Lexington county chain gang for having attempted to wreck a Seaboard train at Dixiana some years ago. It is claimed, also, that he placed a spike on another railroad, which was discovered in time to prevent a wreck.

While serving his sentence on the chain gang, it is said he deliberately took an axe and chopped his foot in order to keep from working. The feeling against the accused in the vicinity of the crime was strong immediately after the occurrence. It will be recalled that bloodhounds carried a trail from the switch to Robertson's home and his arrest followed. The arrest of Strother and Jamison was affected a few days afterwards. Both of them assert their innocence.

Sheriff Miller and the detectives of the railroad are bending every energy to secure evidence which will convict. There is a reward of \$1,000 offered by the Seaboard for the conviction of the guilty person or persons.

WON'T LEAVE MINISTRY.

Dr. E. O. Watson, of Methodist Conference, Corrects Report.

Columbia, Nov. 27.—The Rev. E. O. Watson, D. D., pastor of Washington Street Methodist church, in this city, will not leave the ministry to take active charge of the Industrial School in Horry county, as was reported. Dr. Watson is interested in this school, which is now forming, and it had been stated that he was to quit the ministry and take charge of the school, but when asked about the matter this morning he said he had no idea of doing any such thing, and unless sent elsewhere by the conference, will be in Columbia next year at his same charge.

Dr. Watson was one of the leading spirits in the formation of the "Horry County Industrial School and Development Company," recently commissioned, and which will be located near Conway. Dr. Watson and the other incorporators have recently had conferences concerning the plans, etc., for getting the school under way, and it was probably from his connection with the formation that the report arose as to his intention to take active charge of it. Dr. Watson said he was "born in the conference," his father, the Rev. E. J. Watson, being a member at his birth.

DISASTROUS FIRE AT HAMPTON.

Mill and Lumber Plant, Owned by H. and B. R. Co., Burned.

Hampton, Nov. 22.—Two dry kilns, a planing mill outfit complete, and about one hundred yards of lumber sheds filled with dressed lumber, were destroyed by fire here to-day at about 10 o'clock. The loss will aggregate \$15,000 or \$20,000. There was no insurance. The property burned was owned by the Hampton and Branchville Railroad and Lumber Company. The plant was located within ten feet of the tracks of the Charleston and Western Carolina Railway and the morning passenger train to Augusta was delayed here about three hours on account of the fire. The fire department responded as promptly as possible, but nothing could be done to stop the flames. The fire originated in the kilns either by spontaneous combustion or by a match dropped in the kiln. Considerable damage was done to the cross-ties on the railroad track, and some of the steel rails were badly bent.

Rivers Reported at Olar.

Hampton, Nov. 23.—Word has been received here that Dave Rivers, the negro who is alleged to have attempted criminal assault upon the 13-year-old daughter of a prominent farmer residing near here, and who afterwards shot Mr. J. Reid Fitts, of this place, has been seen near Olar, in Bamberg county, the home of his family. Immediately a posse of citizens left for Olar. Up to a late hour to-night nothing had been heard of the success or failure of the search.

As reported in yesterday's correspondence, the negro was said to have been seen at Broxton Bridge, in Colleton county, and a party went to that section. Their return here to-day revealed the fact that the report of his appearance there was untrue, as a thorough search was made of the entire community.

The citizens of Hampton have offered a reward of \$200 for the capture of Rivers.

Somewhat alarming reports come from the bedside of Mr. J. Reid Fitts, who was shot by Rivers soon after the alleged crime was committed, while Mr. Fitts, together with the party, was making search for the negro. It is recalled that Mr. Fitts was shot with a shotgun, and at first it was not thought that serious wounds had been inflicted. However, it appears that the physicians attending the wounded man fear complications.

\$45,000 Fire at Winnsboro.

Winnsboro, Nov. 26.—A costly and destructive fire, which occurred early this morning, destroyed the handsome Enterprise building and three other structures on Main street. The fire originated in the drug store of McMaster & Co. and no water being available for an hour, on account of certain parts of the fire engine failing to work properly, the flames spread to the adjoining buildings, and were not checked until they reached the store of McMaster, Davis & Co. on the north, and had completely destroyed the three-story Enterprise building, on the south, owned by the Bank of Fairfield.

The flames leaped from these buildings to the Presbyterian parsonage and, fanned by a breeze, soon burned it to the ground. The belfry of the old clock facing the town square was ablaze from a spark, but by climbing near the top several men extinguished the flames. The old abandoned Methodist church, a block away, also caught from a spark, but prompt work saved it. The buildings that were completely consumed by the fire were the handsomest on Main street and, with the exception of the Presbyterian parsonage, had been erected in recent years and added much to the appearance of the town.

Those who occupied these buildings and suffered loss are: Bank of Fairfield, Commercial Club, J. Q. Davis, real estate and insurance; J. A. Laval, cotton buyer; Woodmen of the World, Knights of Pythias, Ernest Gladden, furniture; Masonic Lodge, McMaster & Co. drugs; the News and Herald, local newspaper; Dr. A. G. Quattlebaum, dentist; A. Golden, colored barber; Dr. J. M. Holladay and Zion Presbyterian church. The total loss will aggregate \$45,000, with \$25,000 insurance.

GOES TO PRISON FOR LIFE.

Former Georgia Convict Guard Sentenced for Murder.

Savannah, Nov. 25.—For killing John H. Gaynor, as he claimed, to "avenge an insult," Joseph B. Davis, formerly a convict guard captain, was sentenced to-day to life imprisonment. Gaynor was a kinsman of Jno. Gaynor, of Greene and Gaynor fame, and had a prominent part in the famous Savannah harbor frauds case.

Davis, after the alleged insult, shot Gaynor to death on a street here, November 6.

VERY CONSIDERATE JUDGE.

Sentenced Man to Prison and Gave Him a Bible.

At Chattanooga, Tenn., in overruling a motion for a new trial and formally sentencing Joe Saulesbery to the penitentiary for life for the murder of Nicholas Shentzen, the hermit of Altoona, Judge J. A. Bilbo on Gadsden presented the prisoner with a Bible. In making the presentation the judge said: "Within the pages of this book you will find promises certain and sure that your sins, though they be as scarlet, can be made as white as snow. I commend the book to your careful study."

IN THE PALMETTO STATE

SOME OCCURRENCES OF VARIOUS KINDS IN SOUTH CAROLINA.

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

The governor has offered a reward of \$100 for the capture of Dave Rivers, the negro who attempted to assault a white girl in Hampton county last week. The citizens of Hampton offer \$300.

The citizens of Hampton have offered a reward of \$300 for the arrest or delivery of Dave Rivers, the negro who Tuesday afternoon attempted a criminal assault on a little white girl near there.

Comptroller General A. W. Jones, says that he will ask the legislature to repeal the income tax law or give him some means of enforcement. Everybody knows that the law at present is a farce.

The seven-year-old son of W. E. Waldrop, of Greer, while standing before the fire in his night clothes on Thursday caught fire and was so badly burned that he died in the afternoon of the same day.

Wait for O'Riley.

Prayed for Guidance, Killed Husband

New York, Nov. 23.—As a witness in her own behalf Mrs. Frances O'Shaughnessy took the stand to-day and told the jury which will decide whether she shall live or die of the events which led up to her killing her husband, George, "to save his soul."

A year after her marriage, she said, George began to stay out late at night. She suspected another woman, she said, but was not sure until she saw George with this woman—the cashier of the store where he was employed.

A bundle of notes which Mrs. O'Shaughnessy said she found under her husband's pillow was handed to the jury. The notes were from Tessie Hayes, the other woman, she said, and in them the writer called George endearing names. Mrs. O'Shaughnessy had read them all, she said, then prayed for guidance before she shot her husband.

She decided that by killing her husband she would keep him from violating the seventh commandment and thereby save his soul.

Negro Killed in Marlboro.

Sellers, Nov. 23.—A shooting took place yesterday in the Tilghman Lumber Company's woods, near Brownsville, in Marlboro county, which resulted in the death of Aubrey Miles and the wounding of John Wigfall, both young negroes. From what can be learned they were sawing logs when Wigfall cursed Miles, whereupon Miles drew his pistol and commenced firing. Wigfall then drew his pistol and killed Miles. An inquest has been held by the proper authorities of Marlboro county and the body of Miles has been brought here by the Tilghman Lumber Company's log train.

John Wigfall is a Georgetown negro, while Aubrey Miles was born and raised here. His father, Hilliard Miles, is a very respectable negro and owns a small farm near here.

Dies in Flames He Started.

Dade City, Fla., Nov. 23.—Noah Green, a prominent farmer living four miles from this city, was incinerated at an early hour this morning, when the city "calaboose" was burned.

Green had been locked up over night for drunkenness. Some time in the night he started a fire to keep himself warm. The prison caught fire and he was burned before he could be rescued. He leaves a wife and five children.

Women Barred from Juries.

Sacramento, Cal., Nov. 23.—Attorney General U. S. Webb ruled that women cannot serve as jurors in this State, the question having been raised as a result of success of the equal suffrage constitutional amendment.

"Under the common law," says Webb, "a jury consisting of twelve free and lawful men and under the same law women are not eligible to jury duty. I think our code did not change the common law rule."

"I don't understand that the constitutional amendment, extending the right of suffrage to women, has affected the question of eligibility for jury service."

Meted Out Swift Justice.

At Raleigh, N. C., Ross French, a Cherokee Indian, paid the death penalty Friday in the electric chair for the murder of Miss Ethel Shuler near Bird Town, last September. After the girl's body was found, Ross confessed he had attempted to criminally assault the girl, and that he was struck on the head with a stone, after which he drew his knife and cut her throat.

Autoist Convicted of Manslaughter.

Edward H. Hancock was found guilty of manslaughter at Taunton, Mass., on Thursday, as the result of an automobile accident, in which Miss Lottie Thomas and George Hunt were killed, in Attleboro last April. Sentence was postponed.

Charles W. H. Day, who was in the auto with Hancock, was acquitted of a similar charge. Both men are prominent residents of Attleboro.

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REMITTITUR STAYED.

Defence Obtains Order from Chief Justice Jones.

Columbia, Nov. 23.—An order from Chief Justice Jones, staying the remittitur in the case of John Y. Garlington and James Stobo Young until the third day of the fall term of the supreme court, which opens on the 28th instant, and the permitting of a petition for a rehearing in the case was obtained to-day by Mr. Christie Benet, attorney for Garlington and Young, who went to Lancaster to-day for this purpose.

This will give the entire court time to pass on the petition, and if they grant it the whole case will be reheard, but if they refuse that will end the case so far as the supreme court is concerned. Mr. Benet returned to-night from Lancaster.

For the time the supreme court's order keeps Garlington and Young from entering upon the serving of their sentences, and transfers the fight again to the supreme court. The remittitur would have been handed down to-morrow, but the order from Chief Justice Jones stays it.

Convicted Year Ago.

Garlington and Young were convicted in the Richland county court in November, 1910, of breach of trust in connection with funds of the Seminole Securities Company, of which they were president and director, and were sentenced to three years and one year respectively, on the public works of Richland county or in the penitentiary. The appeal in the case to the supreme court was taken and, pending the outcome of the appeal, the defendants were released on bonds of \$5,000. Ten days ago the supreme court, in an opinion by Chief Justice Jones, upheld the sentence.

John Y. Garlington and James Stobo Young have been in Chicago in business together, and when the news of the confirming of the sentence reached them, Garlington came on here, leaving Young behind, in Chicago, to attend to their business. However, Young was ready to come if needed. Garlington is here at a local hotel.

HANGED HIMSELF IN BARN.

Lifeless Body of Oconee County Youth Found by Brother.

Walhalla, Nov. 25.—The body of a young 16-year-old son of John F. Rice, who lives several miles from Walhalla, was found hanging from the end of a rope in the barn on Mr. Rice's place yesterday afternoon. Young Rice has never been strong mentally, and it is thought that in a temporary fit of insanity he ended his life. His body was found by his brother, who went to the barn late in the afternoon and the body was still warm, though life was extinct.

The body was taken down with the assistance of neighbors, who were called in. The rope used was a long one, and when found the unfortunate youth's feet were touching the floor.

A POLITE YEGG.

Robbed Safe at Honea Path in a Very Gentlemanly Manner.

Honea Path, Nov. 22.—The safe of the oil mill at this place was burglarized some time between Saturday afternoon and Monday morning. The door of the office was not forced nor was the safe cracked. It is supposed that the burglar either had a key or that one of the windows was left unfastened.

He worked his way into the cash drawer in which was the combination to the safe and then opened the safe and took therefrom \$81 and a few cents. When he got the money he locked the safe with the combination and left it in the drawer from which the money was taken. It is supposed that the burglar either was very familiar with conditions in the office or that he was a professional, but there is no strong clue by which the guilty party may be apprehended.

It is entirely unusual that so much money is left in the safe over night and would not have occurred this time but that money was kept back to pay off the hands and then after that some accounts were paid which left a balance on hand in the safe. The mill is in operation every night except Saturday and Sunday and the deed could scarcely have been done at any other time without detection.

NOT GUILTY OF BOY'S MURDER.

Gaffney Men Freed of Charge in North Carolina.

Gaffney, Nov. 25.—The case of J. G. Simmons and John Black, both rather prominent men in this county, has at last been settled and both North and South Carolina people are glad to finally have the straight of it. In North Carolina court on Wednesday it was decided that neither of the parties were guilty of the murder of Calvin Weaver, a young boy, who is said to have been made away with some 32 years ago. The prosecution was represented by J. E. Fisher, who has worked up the case, while the Hon. Clyde Hoey, of the Shelby, N. C., bar, appeared for the defence. Magistrate Beam heard the evidence and his decision was to the effect that no case had been established against the South Carolina men. They were accordingly acquitted.

The matter has aroused considerable interest, not only in this city, but in the North Carolina towns as well. Fisher has stated that he had positive proof that Black and Simmons did commit the murder when they lived in North Carolina, but Wednesday he failed to deliver the goods.

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MASKED MAN ROBS MAIL.

DARING ROBBERY TOOK PLACE IN MILE OF STATE HOUSE.

Train No. 55 of Atlantic Coast Line was One on Which the Bandit Did the Work.

Columbia, Nov. 25.—Train No. 55 on the A. C. L. was robbed last night shortly after 11 o'clock while the train was within a mile of the State house, and a considerable amount of valuable registered mail was taken from the mail car. The robbery was committed between Royster, just a mile south of this city and the outskirts of the city between which points a masked white man entered the mail car and held the mail clerk with his colored assistant at the point of a pistol, while he proceeded to take possession of the registered pouches. When he had completed his work he pulled the emergency brake and jumped from the train at the crossing. The robbery, for boldness and daring, happening as it did, with in earshot of the police, hardly has an equal.

When train No. 55, due in Columbia from Wilmington, N. C., at 11:10 p. m., reached the block office at Royster, it was running 11 minutes late. Mr. Meredith, the mail clerk, had just finished putting the registered mail packages in a pouch in readiness to carry them to the mail transfer office at the union station. J. D. Minnis, the conductor of train No. 55, got off to register at the block office and then signaled his train ahead.

Soon after the train began to move a masked man threw open the front door of the mail car, the second from the engine, stuck a pistol in the mail clerk's face and demanded the registers.

"Give them to me," he said "and be quick about it or your head will have a hole through it!"

After he got possession of the pouch containing the registered mail he sorted over the packages and taking the most valuable ones and leaving a few which contained only merchandise, all the while backing toward the door by which he had entered.

While he was preparing to make his exit, Dreher, the negro assistant to the mail clerk, moved and the robber shifted his gun on him, and demanded that he hold up his hands. Then the robber seized the cord governing the emergency brake and pulled it. In less than a minute, the train, which was moving slowly, came to a stop just at the corner of Sumner and Whaley streets. As soon as it began to slacken speed, the masked man jumped back, slammed the door and made off.

Conductor Minnis was in the third car from the engine when Mr. Meredith rushed in and told him that a masked man had held up the train and taken the registered mail.

The train pulled into the union station, where the robbery was communicated to the police by telephone. They in turn telephoned to the penitentiary for bloodhounds and in less than half an hour after the affair, the dogs were on the spot where the robber is supposed to have leaped off the train. They failed to strike a trail.

H. L. Meredith, of Wilmington, the mail clerk, is positive that the masked robber who held him up is a white man. He noticed his hands, his nose and his eyes, which were not covered by the mask.

The coolness and deliberation displayed by the robber suggests that he is an old hand at his trade. His knowledge of the registered mail and the emergency brake also go to prove that he was no amateur.

He is described by those who saw him as a man of medium height, rather frail, with dark hair and probably dark eyes.

Conductor Minnis is positive that not more than five minutes elapsed after he signaled his train ahead at Royster before Mr. Meredith came to him in the third coach and told him that he had been held up. Conductor Minnis and Mr. Meredith both stopped in Columbia.

Woman Takes Poison.

New York, Nov. 26.—Alice Tristram, aged 38 years, said to be the daughter of a prominent clergyman in Dublin, Ireland, committed suicide in the golf club house at Van Cortlandt Park to-day, by drinking poison while sitting at a table. She came to this country last September and at the Y. W. C. A., where she lodged, told an acquaintance that her father was Canon Tristram, of Trinity church, Dublin, and that she was married to a wealthy mineral water manufacturer named Shanks. She decided to resume her maiden name, she said, after her arrival here, although she had a 14-year-old son in Dublin.

The Dublin city directory contains the names of the Rev. John William Tristram, D. D., secretary of the board of education, and J. Y. Shanks, Ltd., mineral water manufacturers.

The woman's principal reason for leaving home, according to her story, was because her father had married a second time and it was impossible for her to be a companion to her stepmother.

Miss Tristram had a sweet and well cultivated voice, and had sung here on several occasions at musicals and dinners. She had been unsuccessful, however, in an effort to obtain pupils, and it is believed by some of those who know her that she was pressed for funds before she took her life, although she had spoken of an engagement she had secured to go on the stage.

INDICTS THOMAS B. FELDER.

Solicitor Cooper Hands out Bill of Indictment at Newberry.

Newberry, Nov. 27.—An indictment was handed to the grand jury in the general sessions court here this morning, charging Thomas B. Felder, of Atlanta, with bribery. The charge is that he attempted to bribe H. H. Evans, in 1905, while Evans was chairman of the board of directors of the State dispensary. At that time Evans was on the board with John Bell Towill, of Batesburg, and L. W. Boykin, of Camden.

Evans, Towill and Boykin were this morning sworn as witnesses before the grand jury. Gov. Blease was in court at the time the indictment was handed out by Solicitor Cooper.

The indictment follows a warrant sworn out some months ago by B. Frank Kelly, then secretary of the dispensary winding-up commission. This warrant was placed in the hands of Sheriff Buford of this county, who went to Atlanta for Felder but was powerless to arrest him, because Gov. Brown, of Georgia, refused to honor the requisition issued by Gov. Blease, of South Carolina.

The indictment comes after an investigation by the winding-up commission. Judge Gage charged the grand jury that they should find a true bill if the testimony before them satisfied them beyond a reasonable doubt; if not, to find "no bill." In addition to the former members of the dispensary board sent before the grand jury, it is understood that several letters purporting to have been written by Felder to Evans and others were submitted to the jury.

The indictment is drawn under section 261 of the criminal code and contains three counts. In effect, it charges that Felder, on or about October 2, 1905, offered H. H. Evans, of Newberry, then chairman of the State dispensary board, a large amount of stock in a company organized by Felder, to influence Evans's vote to secure orders for liquors from the company so organized. The first count charges that on the date named Felder offered Evans \$50,000 of the capital stock of this company organized under the laws of one of the States of the United States, said State being to the jurors known.

The second count charges Felder with offering Evans \$250,000 of the preferred stock of this company and the third count charges the offer by Felder to Evans of \$250,000 in lawful money of the United States, being practically a repetition of the second count in different form.

The famous "T. B." letter, addressed "Dear Hub," which was some time ago given to the press by Gov. Blease, as a letter written by Felder to Evans, bears date Atlanta, October 2, 1905, and the indictment appears to be grounded upon the matters set out in this letter.

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TWO CONVICTED.

Verdict Returned by Jury in "Tar Party" Case.

Lincoln Center, Nov. 24.—Two men charged with complicity in the tarring of Miss Mary Chamberlain, a school teacher, John Schmidt and Sherrill Clark, to-day were found guilty of assault and battery by a jury in Judge Grover's court, while A. N. Simms, the third defendant, was acquitted. The jury was out for nearly thirty hours. Sentence was deferred to permit attorneys to argue a motion for a new trial.

Early in the day the court imposed sentences of one year, each, in jail, the extreme penalty, on Everett G. Clark, Jay Fitzwater, Watson Scranton, and Edward Ricord, confessed assailants of Miss Chamberlain.

These four men confessed before the present trial began. The court ruled that the men must pay the costs of the prosecution. Ricord was already in jail, having been surrendered by his bondsmen 77 days ago.

Make No Protest.

The confessed men took their sentences calmly. The four confessed men expressed themselves as glad that the long period of waiting was over. None of the confessed men offered any reason why he should not be sentenced. The court made no comment on the crime.

The aged father of Jay Fitzwater, a preacher widely known in this part of Kansas, saw his son arraigned. He is greatly downcast over the boy's disgrace, but has no harsh feelings against the officers for enforcing the law.

"It was a shocking crime," he said. "I so expressed myself before I knew my son was implicated."

The most surprising feature of the verdict, to those who have followed the case closely, was the conviction of Schmidt. He is a quiet little farmer, against whom, it is thought by attorneys, the State made a weak case.

Teacher Not Present.

Mrs. Simms, who has been a constant court attendant, remained with the two convicted men until after court adjourned. Her husband, highly pleased over his acquittal, smiled broadly and congratulated his attorneys. Mary Chamberlain was not present. It was said she, too, thought a verdict impossible, and left town to-day for Beverly.

Ricord is the barber who deceived the girl to the place where she was tarred. Simms was acquitted, according to one of the jurors, because of slight evidence against him. The alleged bad reputation of Miss Chamberlain was not considered by the jury.

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