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COUNTRY NEWS LETTERS

SOME INTERESTING HAPPENINGS IN VARIOUS SECTIONS.

News Items Gathered All Around the County and Elsewhere.

Denmark Doings.

Denmark, Feb. 14.—Miss Mabel Bryant, Miss Cornia Hardy, and Miss Kate Cantey, of St. George, were the guests of Miss Lynn Goolsby last week.

Miss Emerald Gentry, of Brooklyn, N. Y., and Mrs. Blount, of Augusta, Ga., spent sometime last week with Miss Minnie Blount, of this city.

The snow on Saturday afforded a great deal of amusement for the young people of this section of the country. Snowballing was entered into with a great deal of pleasure.

A splendid lecture was given by Dr. Hoyle, at the First Baptist church here on Tuesday night. His subject was "alcohol." His lecture was very beneficial and interesting to all who heard it.

Mr. Harry Wroton is spending some time with relatives here. Denmark was formerly the home of Mr. Wroton, but for the past few years he has been working in Orangeburg.

Mrs. H. W. Goolsby, of Fort Motte, spent a short while this week with relatives here.

Mrs. Will Stevenson, who has been visiting her parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. A. Walker, returned to her home in Columbia on Friday. "G."

Ehrhardt News.

Ehrhardt, Feb. 12.—Mr. Albert Loadholt, of Jennys, was in town last Friday.

Capt. and Mrs. J. W. Jenny were visiting Mr. S. W. Copeland last Wednesday.

Mrs. Lola Sandifer was visiting Mrs. S. W. Copeland last week.

Mrs. C. C. Fender and daughters, Minnie and Pretto, of Colston, spent several days in town last week.

Miss Lillian Miller, of Salisbury, N. C., has been spending some time with the Misses Groseclose.

Mr. Chas. Thomas, of Smoaks, spent the week-end with Mr. Robert Sease.

Col. John Folk, wife and daughter, of Bamberg, were in town Wednesday on their way to the Folk-Fender wedding.

Mr. O. L. Copeland, of this place, who represents the Buford Hardware Co., was a business visitor in town recently.

Miss Hattie Groseclose and little Virginia Black, who have been at Rev. D. B. Groseclose's for some time, have returned to their home at Prosperity.

Miss Kate Hiers and friend spent last week in town, visiting friends.

Mr. and Mrs. Geo. McMillan were visiting friends in town Sunday.

Miss Maggie Ramsey, of Williams, visited her brother here last week.

Fairfax Fancies.

Fairfax, Feb. 10.—Miss Mary Harrison, our popular music teacher, spent the week-end at St. George, with her friend Miss Lyl Parrish.

Miss Eunice Williams and Dr. Wm. Brelaud were the guests Saturday of Mrs. S. L. Sanders.

Rev. Simpson had the misfortune recently of losing his horse.

Mrs. James Middleton, of Scotia, is spending some time with her sister, Mrs. Benjamin Loadholt and is under Dr. Young's treatment.

A lecture Friday night at the school hall was much enjoyed.

Mrs. Beatrice Franklin is spending some time with her sister, Mrs. Dr. Addison. The latter was summoned to Augusta recently to attend her brother's funeral.

Mr. Zeigler, of Denmark, was a recent visitor.

The children of Mrs. Marlon Craddock are improving. Miss Hattie Lightsey nursed them faithfully.

Mr. Davant, of Columbia, was a recent visitor.

Mr. and Mrs. Robert Nixon are now living here.

The truest, best and sweetest type of the girls of to-day do not come from the home of wealth. She steps out from the house where is comfort rather than luxury. She belongs to the great middle class—that class which has given us the best wifehood, which has given help-mates to the foremost men of our time; which teaches its daughters the true meaning of love; which teaches the manners of the drawing room and the practical life of the kitchen as well as teaches its girls the responsibilities of wifehood and the greatness of motherhood.

Four handsome new Fords just received, new models. See them if you want a machine of satisfaction. FORD MOTOR CO., Bamberg, S. C.

BEGINNING ANOTHER MONTH.

Plans Continue for Prolonging Mill Strike at Lawrence.

Lawrence, Mass., Feb. 11.—Today, which marked the beginning of another month in the strike of more than 20,000 mill operatives for an increase in wages, was one of general activity. The Central Labor Union officials drew up the demands which are to be made upon agents of each mill, while the Industrial Workers of the World leaders spoke at a number of meetings, urging solidarity among the strikers.

It is estimated that the financial loss due to the strike, a major portion of which falls upon the strikers, already approaches the \$1,000,000 mark. The mills are said to have protected themselves against financial loss by having their work performed at their factories elsewhere, or on sub-contracts, by which they receive a share of the profits.

Some mill officials claim that 10,000 operatives are now at work, but the military observers, who are still on duty with their troops at the factory gates, say only seven or eight hundred hands go in, where usually 5,000 were employed.

The leaders of the Industrial Workers of the World assert that this strike is but the beginning of an industrial revolution.

Some Gossip from Kearsse.

Kearsse, Feb. 12.—Who threw that snowball? Did you have your fortune told? Was your lover dark or fair, long or short, thick or thin? She said a light haired girl was my enemy; she said I would die an old maid; she said I would marry in 1913. Did you know that Evelyn gave her that locket and chain to win over that light haired fellow for her? Yes, and did you see that best looking gipsy woman with Stud's pearl ear-rings on? Well, she told Stud that a light haired boy and a dark haired boy were likely to fight over her, so Sude gave her the earrings to keep peace between the two boys. Wonder what she told Minnie Lee? She goes about like one in a trance; it must have been something good. And gee! old Cress has got on a grin; she told her that she was to meet the "ideal of her dreams" within three months and that life would never be the same again. Yes, it is so! Cress sure gave her that big old red rooster and a speckled pullet. Has anybody seen that turquoise ring on Miss Bonnett's finger lately? It certainly is missing, and that tall gipsy told her that she would surely marry a boy named Evert; yes, that's why Anne gave her that cross and chain to win him from Miss Bonnett for her. Oh! I know something better than that; a certain party I know gave her a string of coral beads and two heads of cabbage to tell Clinton that a tall dark haired green-grey eyed girl was in love with him. I can go one better than that; I know a boy who gave her a dollar, a pack of chewing gum, and two Irish potatoes to get her to tell Cress she was going to marry a red headed drunkard. But did you hear about Lalla giving away her green satin frock? Yes, she told Lall that when Willie died she would get another husband, and when he died she'd get another. I'll tell you what she told me: She said a certain girl I know was having a pipe dream for she could see the Smoak in her eyes yet, and that she doubted if this girl ever woke up.

Yes, the fortune tellers are abroad in our land and this is a piece of gossip heard at an old maids' club meeting a few evenings ago.

Miss Evelyn Brabham has as her guest Miss Latnae Folk.

Miss Ettie Kearsse is visiting her sister at Bishopville.

Miss Eloise Brabham left Saturday for Atlanta.

Mr. Stacy Kearsse entered a business college at Columbia last week.

Miss Annie Halford spent the week-end with Misses Cressie Brelaud and Sudy Ritter.

Miss Mell Kearsse is visiting her sister, Mrs. Williams, at Bayard, Fla.

Miss Alice Kearsse is at home for a short rest from her work at Bamberg.

A party of young ladies enjoyed a "mule back" ride this afternoon. These young ladies must be good riders, as there were no saddles in the crowd, and each mule carried two young ladies. However, when two young men tried to overtake them they say there was some good riding done—by the ladies.

See Jones Bros. for horses and mules. Another car load to arrive this week. Mr. W. P. Jones left for the West several days ago to select them.

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 anti-racing bill passed the senate Tuesday, after the injunction clause was eliminated.

Robert Brown, colored, and his mule were drowned in Turkey creek, Saluda county, on Monday afternoon in attempting to cross.

Seth Phelps, a white man, was found dead in the snow on Rutledge avenue, Charleston, on Sunday morning at three o'clock, having frozen to death.

The three-year-old son of Mr. and Mrs. W. J. Butler, of the Gluck mills, Anderson, was burned to death on Thursday while playing with fire in the yard of a neighbor.

Col. John P. Thomas, former superintendent of the South Carolina Citadel academy, died at the home of his son, Jno. P. Thomas, Jr., in Columbia on Sunday, aged 79 years.

Pearl Brown, a young white girl, stole a grip belonging to a bridal couple at the Spartanburg union station on Monday. She pleaded guilty before the recorder, who gave her a fine of \$30 or 30 days.

After refusing to adopt an amendment cutting the figure from \$1,000,000 to \$500,000, the house Friday passed to the third reading a resolution submitting to the qualified electors of the State the proposition of issuing a bond issue of \$1,000,000 to carry out the plans for the State hospital for the insane.

The legislature of South Carolina conferred unusual distinction upon Newton F. Walker, superintendent of the Cedar Springs Institute, on Thursday in giving him by unanimous vote the title of "doctor of philanthropy and charity," as a recognition of the great work he has done for the deaf, dumb and blind.

The appropriation bill passed its third reading in the house and was sent to the senate. The bill was amended by Mr. Browning in a few instances, but it went to the senate practically unchanged from the form in which the ways and means committee sent it to the house. The bill carried a total of \$1,989,177 and provides for a tax levy of 5 1/2 mills.

The ways and means committee turned down the claim of architects for \$13,500 for plans for improving the state house, stating that the committee which had made the contract with the architects had exceeded their authority. This same committee also instructed the architect, who by the way is a member of the general assembly, to visit the members of that body and show them the plans, his expenses not to exceed \$1,000. He presented a bill for \$650, which has also been disallowed by the ways and means committee.

The matter created a sensation in the house and a committee appointed by that body will investigate.

Sixty-five Men Entombed.

Amador City, Cal., Feb. 7.—Sixty-five men were imprisoned in a cave-in at the Bunker Hill mine, two miles north of here, to-day. Rescue crews are at work. None is believed to be dead.

The breaking of the cable of the cage in the main shaft induced the collapse of the supporting shaft timbers and the release of tons of earth that buried the entrance.

Late to-night rescue crews succeeded in communicating with the men by means of the air pipes, and were told that none of the imprisoned men were injured. If no more earth gives way it is believed that rescue will be effected to-morrow.

"I Shot Odom," Says Casey.

Spartanburg, Feb. 6.—The coroner's jury probing the killing of Pope Odom, which occurred last night at Kilgore, a small town on the Charleston and Western Carolina Railroad, this morning returned a verdict that the deceased came to his death from a gunshot wound inflicted by a weapon in the hands of Burl B. Casey. The killing was the result of a quarrel over a small debt that Casey owed Odom. He, after heated words, fired three shots, and then came to the Spartanburg jail and surrendered. "I shot Odom," was the only statement he would make, and requested the jailer to allow no one to come near his cell.

See J. M. Dannelly & Co. at Ehrhardt for first-class livery service at reasonable prices.

FIRE IN FLORENCE.

Ice Plant Burning and Other Property Threatened.

Florence, Feb. 11.—Fire broke out in a storage vault at the Phoenix Ice Company's plant, in West Front street, this afternoon about 5 o'clock, and at this hour, 6:30, is still burning, although the chief of the fire department feels satisfied that the flames are now under control. The firemen are making a desperate effort to stay the flames, although seriously hampered by the severe cold and 12 inches of snow.

The Phoenix plant is owned by Mr. Lewis H. Mears, and is a two-story, substantial brick structure. It is a 50-ton plant and valued at \$60,000, and is covered by insurance to the extent of about \$15,000. The ice plant and the light company's plant are adjoining and should the ice plant go the light plant would suffer severe damages.

A. C. Jones Hit by Col. Hardwick.

A. C. Jones, a traveling man of this city, and Col. S. H. Hardwick, passenger traffic manager of the Southern Railway, had a personal difficulty on the street in Columbia yesterday. Col. Hardwick was not hurt, but Mr. Jones is wearing a beautifully darkened eye as the result of coming into contact with Col. Hardwick's fist.

The difficulty arose while Mr. Jones and Col. Hardwick were discussing the mileage bill in the legislature, which seeks to require the railroads to allow conductors to pull mileage on trains instead of requiring the travelers to exchange the mileage for tickets at the ticket window. They were discussing some conditions said to prevail in Mississippi, when Col. Hardwick said something which Mr. Jones construed to be offensive to him, whereupon Mr. Jones "slapped" Col. Hardwick in the face.

Col. Hardwick did not take the affair to be a slapping match, so he doubled up his fist and swatted the traveling man in the eye, with the result that the member is badly discolored to-day. That was about all there was to the fight. Col. Hardwick afterwards expressed his regret at the occurrence.

Both are well known in Spartanburg. Col. Hardwick has frequently visited here and has many friends all over the South. Mr. Jones has for many years been a successful traveling man. He formerly lived at Newberry, but several months ago removed with his family to Spartanburg. He takes an active interest in the affairs of traveling men and is much concerned in the passage of the mileage bill.

Mr. Jones made the race for governor in the primary campaign in 1906, but the vote he polled was inconsiderable. He once announced for United States senator, but withdrew before the campaign had proceeded far.—Spartanburg Journal.

Train Held Thirty Hours.

Albany, N. Y., Feb. 11.—The train carrying Tyrone Powers and his theatrical company and 40 other passengers, which was stalled in the snow on the New York Central Railroad ten miles east of Oswego, was released at noon to-day after having been held 36 hours. Two big rotary snow plows had to tunnel through huge drifts to effect the rescue. Never before in railroad history in this State, officials say, has a like condition existed.

Water was kept in the boiler of the locomotive by shoveling snow into it. Food for the marooned was obtained from a hotel a mile away and the passengers were kept fairly comfortable during their long wait.

Two passenger trains which had been stalled for 24 hours at Red Creek, near Oswego, were shoveled out last night.

A train load of hogs from Chicago to Boston became stalled in a drift west of Syracuse and many of the hogs were frozen to death. Many railroad men are reported ill as a result of exposure during the past few days.

When one stands on the street corner and proclaims that his town is dead it is in order to ask whether or not he has done anything to give it life. Ninety-nine times out of a hundred such a question will get an answer in the negative. The true local patriot never attempts to run his town down or magnify its shortcomings. Rather does he seek to build up in every wise and reasonable way and to cause the shortcomings to disappear by the adoption of improvements that remedy the defects.

THE LETTER WAS CHANGED

CASHIER WRITES BLEASE ABOUT

STATE LOAN DISPUTE. Letter Dictated in Governor's Office and Transcribed Therein Carried Different Meaning.

Columbia, Feb. 13.—Correspondence relative to the famous State loan dispute was given out to-night. State Treasurer R. H. Jennings asks Mr. J. P. Matthews, cashier, three questions: First. "Was it necessary for the governor to go to New York to effect the loan?" Second. "Was it intended to lend the money at a lower rate than was offered in the bid?" Third. "What was the agreement as to interest?"

Replying, Cashier Matthews said: "I will say that it was not necessary for the governor or any other officer to go to New York for the money offered at 3 per cent. under the bid of April 17. It was the custom of a State official to go to New York for the protection that such officer could give to the State." Second. "It was not intended to get or offer cheaper money than was bid for." Third. "There was no agreement as to interest."

Matthews Writes to Blease. Then Mr. Matthews wrote Gov. Blease a long letter, the purport of which is that Mr. Matthews dictated a letter on the loan matter at the governor's office, and that it was not as he dictated it. Mr. Matthews says: "When the letter was presented to me to be signed, my attention was called to the fact that there had been some repetitions in the wording of the original draft, and to the fact that the letter had been rewritten. I was very busy at the time, and on being assured that the letter was in all respects substantially the same, I signed the letter, without comparing it with the original draft, except for the first paragraph."

Declares Sense Different. "I now find that, in copying the letter, certain changes had been made, which makes the sense different from what I intended, and somewhat misleading. I did not get the opportunity to look over the copy of the letter signed till late yesterday afternoon, as I was not only very busy, but had to be out of my office for two hours in the afternoon. I learned, however, that you had already sent in your message to the legislature."

Mr. Matthews says: "The matter of paying interest on balances was not referred to at all during our entire trip." Says "Heretofore" Added. The word "heretofore," as paying interest, was not in the first copy. The word "heretofore" was added in the copy signed, and did not appear in the original.

Mr. Matthews goes on to say: "In reading the letters over you will notice that other mistakes have been made. In other words, in attempting to revise the wording of the letter, it has been very much confused and the meaning completely twisted. I think it nothing but proper to call your attention to these changes, which I did not notice when I signed."

The correspondence further confuses the issues made, but settles certain questions, apparently.

Mob Losses Negro. Macon, Feb. 9.—Sheriff Terry, of Baldwin county, left Macon at an early hour this morning with Vine Collier, a negro who is charged with having attempted to assault two white girls near Milledgeville yesterday afternoon. He brought his prisoner here in an automobile, after foiling a mob in Milledgeville.

Officers here were afraid of another lynching in Macon, as quite a crowd gathered to meet the Georgia Railroad train which was said to have on board the officers and the negro. They failed to arrive, however, and the crowd went to the jail. Sheriff Hicks persuaded the members of the crowd that the negro was not inside and they dispersed. Sheriff Terry left at an early hour for Atlanta with the prisoner.

Dr. Augusta Webster Reed, of New York, left \$100,000 to Mrs. William Grant Brown, president of the City Federation of Women's clubs, with the request that it be used to carry out some of Dr. Reed's ideas.

J. M. Dannelly & Co. at Ehrhardt operate a first-class livery stable. Nice teams on hand all the time. Traveling men and others wanting livery service will do well to see them.

MEANS DENOUNCES BLEASE.

"Infamously False," Says the Clerk of Sinking Fund.

Columbia, Feb. 11.—"There is some rascality going on in the sinking fund commission" said the governor of South Carolina.

"Governor, whoever says or intimates that I am connected in any way with any rascality states that which is absolutely and infamously false," replied D. H. Means, clerk of the sinking fund commission, while standing in the office of the chief executive yesterday. The governor had just refused to sign a paper advertising the sale of the old State dispensary building. Mr. Means remained in the office for several minutes, waiting for the governor to make reply to his final statement. He then went out.

"The governor, when the incident was mentioned, commenced to talk about the members of the sinking fund commission being his political enemies," Mr. Means continued, "and I told him that was no business of mine." This was the statement made by Mr. Means yesterday in describing an incident in the office of the governor, in response to an inquiry by a representative of the State.

The sinking fund commission meeting on Thursday afternoon elected J. Fraser Lyon as permanent chairman of the commission to take the place of the governor. Several days ago the sinking fund commission met and decided to sell the old State dispensary building. The matter of preparing an advertisement and fixing a minimum price on the property was left to a subsequent meeting. The members of the commission requested the governor to call a meeting. The governor refused to call a meeting before March 1. Last Thursday a minor claim was brought up and the governor called a meeting of the commission to consider that claim. All members were present except Senator Mauldin and Gov. Blease. Mr. Means, the clerk, called up the governor's office. He was not there. The governor was called at the executive mansion.

"He asked me," said Mr. Means, "in the presence of the commission to say to the commission that he, the governor, desired the sinking fund commission to elect a permanent vice chairman, so as to relieve him from signing or having to sign checks and papers as chairman of the commission. I repeated the message back to the governor over the telephone in the presence of the members of the commission loud enough for the commission to hear, and the governor telephoned his assent to the accuracy of this repeated message.

"The commission refused to obey the suggestion of the governor. Attorney General Lyon was elected chairman in place of the governor."

The members of the sinking fund commission are: W. L. Mauldin, chairman of the finance committee of the senate; Lowndes J. Browning, chairman of the ways and means committee of the house; A. W. Jones, the comptroller general; R. H. Jennings, the State treasurer; J. Fraser Lyon, attorney general, and the governor. Senator Mauldin was not present at the meeting Thursday when the governor was displaced as chairman. His name, however, is signed to the advertisement.

Mr. Means has on file a written statement signed by himself as to the message the governor delivered to "in over the telephone and repeated to the governor and the commission, and a written statement signed by the governor as to what this message was, and the two agree substantially, according to Mr. Means, who said that he gave the above statement after being questioned by newspaper men.

Charged With Wrecking Train. Walterboro, Feb. 9.—"Just to see what would happen" was the excuse which, according to officers, Joe and Strobble Mack, negro brothers, aged 15 and 13, respectively, give for throwing the switch that wrecked Atlantic Coast Line passenger No. 88, at White Hall, January 29. The boys are in jail here and the officers say have made a full confession.

The boys were committed to jail yesterday by Magistrate R. S. W. Bryan. This case was worked up by detectives for the Coast Line. It is said that the younger, Strobble Mack, confessed and implicated his brother.

The fast mail ran through an open switch and into a freight train which was on the siding.

The negroes were arrested by Magistrate Bryan who held the preliminary after which they were committed to jail.