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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, March 4.-There was a "tackey party" pulled off at Mr. J. B. Ramsey's residence on Friday night of last week. The costumes varied as to color, style and Some even looked better in their tackey dress than they do in their parade suits on big occasions. Laugh after laugh was indulged in until could laugh no more.

The farmers had another hold-up in the shape of rain. The situation about planting early is getting se-

Capt. T. J. Blanchard, our conductor on the A. C. L. Railway branch from Greenpond to Ehrhardt, died very suddenly, after completing his day's run, on last Wednesday night. Complained of cold previous to day named and stayed at home, but revived and took charge of his work. He was about 56 years old, and had grown up in railroad work. At his burial one could tell that he was a favorite with everybody. Never has been seen such floral offering in this section as was placed on his grave. The A. C. L. has lost a man that will be hard to replace, in fact nothing to approach his position on the road. Wealthy or poor was looked after and favored alike while under his care. We will miss the captain in business and pleasure. He was loved by all. Nothing that we can say with pen and ink could give anything like the public's opinion of the man.

The A. C. L. Railway will get another conductor, but not a Capt. Blanchard. We all unite in the bereavement of his family.

And still the booze comes, notwithstanding the scarcity of money and so-claimed hard times. Can't pay cash for a barrel of flour but can send \$6 or \$7 for booze and run the risk of getting food for their wife and children. Tough on the family.

### Denmark Doings.

Denmark, March 5.-Misses Mabel Ray and Sudie Halford were among the visitors here last week.

Miss Frances Claibourne, of St. Louis, is the guest of Dr. and Mrs. H. J. Faust.

Miss Frances, of Texas, are the gave vent to this axiom: guests of Mrs. S. G. Mayfield, of this

The young folks had quite a pleasant time at a "surprise party" last Friday evening at the residence of Mr. J. E. Steadman.

Miss Wessie Lee Dial, of Laurens, is spending some time with Miss Hattie Lee Guess, of this place.

Miss Lynn Goolsby left Tuesday for Ninety -Six, where she has accepted a position in the school there.

Mr. and Mrs. F. C. Chitty are spending some time with relatives in

here, Mrs. G. W. Goolsby.

Miss Hattie Lee Guess entertained a few of her friends at cards on Friday evening, in honor of Miss Dial.

delayed on Tuesday, having to use shadows. the Southern road from Columbia to Denmark, via Blackville.

Quite a number of young people from here attended "Baby Mine" at the theatre in Columbia last week.

# Walks Ten Thousand Miles.

Charleston, March 4.-W. H. Chapman, a veteran Wyoming ranchman, 63 years old, reached here to-175 miles, begun at Denver on April for the Alabamian, whose definite 15, 1911, the circuitous route accounting for the great distance. Chapman undertook the trip to prove that an elderly man could outstrip youths in a test of the sort. Eight young men started with him, but none of them finished. Chapman is in excellent physical condition. He was escorted by a timekeeper and others in an automobile, which was The court house was a ruin, and only mired near Charleston. He is being paid at the rate of one dollar a mile net. The stockman's association at to find the place so greatly improved. long tramp consisted of milk and raw eggs principally.

If you have more meal than you need, see us about exchanging it for kainit. HUTTO & COPELAND, at J. D. Copeland's store.

HIS GEESE PICK SOTTON.

Tennesee Man Says Each Will Average 75 Pounds a Day.

Humboldt, Tenn., Feb. 21 .- Dr. R. O. Williams, of Humboldt, who is also a farmer, claims to have a flock of geese which he has trained to pick cotton. There are ten geese in the flock and Dr. Williams claims each goose will pick on an average of 75 pounds of cotton a day, and that often his flock will gather sufficient seed cotton in one day to make two large bales.

The doctor says he first taught his geese to do the picking act by placing grains of corn in the open bolls of cotton in such a way that in order to get the grain the goose would have to pick out the cotton.

#### "I Consecrate Myself to Thee."

There is pasted in the back of my amented wife's Bible, a picture of Christ, and in her own handwriting beneath this picture are these words: 'I consecrate myself to Thee."

Knowing her better than any living person, knowing her to be stricken down in the prime of life, stricken down in the morning of her usefulness; yet I must truly say that she carried out this vow to the letter.

Before me are the histories of the human race down to the present day, from the pens of the world's best historians, picturing the past in panoramic views; relating the achievements, the suffering, the joys, successes, and failures of mankind; giving in detail the dogmas of all times; penitents bending at the feet of Baal, of Buddah, of Zoroaster; Stoics the the acme of sincerity; Pagans true to the teachings of their fathers; Jewry dedicated to the God of Abraham; and Christians devoted to the Prince of Peace; yet in all the world's history no devotee to any dogma or doctrine was more devoted or sincere than the one who has en-

> The undiscovered country from whose bourn no traveler returns.

Seeing such a pure and noble life pass away in the high-noon of life; knowing her zeal, her sincerity, her culture; her devotion to the dogma in the house asleep. Constable of her choice, we, the desolate one, ask from whence comes the reward. Surely it is not in this vale of tears, for here our guardian angel is but constable that he could not come in. the inevitable monster discovered by The constable told him that he would Cain—Death!—Death a relentless foe with no pity for its victims! A Pagan philosopher viewing this mon-Mrs. W. D. Mayfield and daughter ster, trying to look beyond the grave,

> To be, or not to be: that is the question.

Another philosopher with a mind as bright as a gem of Istakar seeing naught beyond the grave exclaimed: He who hath bent him o'er the

Ere the first day of life hath

The first dark day of nothing-

The last of languor and dis-

On the other hand the greatest infidel of the ages-Ingersoll-viewing Mrs. J. P. Carter, of Fairfax, is this monster, Death, exclaimed: spending a few days with her sister Even in the night of death, hope sees a star and listening love can hear the

rustle of a wing. One thing is sure: Devotion to dogma or doctrine does not shield us On account of a serious wreck near from this cruel, unrelenting monster, Columbia on the Seaboard Road, the and if it has a reward that reward South-bound trains were very much is beyond the grave, in the land of

A. W. BRABHAM. Olar, March 4, 1912.

Starts Campaign for Underwood. Columbia, Feb. 29 .- Jay Durham, well known Washington newspaper writer, is here to start a campaign for Underwood. He will spend some time, perhaps several weeks, in this State, going first to Charleston from Columbia in an attempt to land some or all of the South Carolina delegates announcement as a candidate for the Democratic presidential nomination was made a week ago by Senator Bankhead.

Mr. D. W. Crosland, of Ellenton, was in town on Monday and Tuesday, his first visit to Barnwell since 1870. Then the scars of Sherman's visit were in evidence every where. Denver backed the endurance test. But greater progress has been made Chapman will go West by rail after in his town, for Ellenton was then a resting here. His diet during the nameless corn field. We were sincerely glad to meet again so good a friend.-Barnwell People.

> have to work with the longer it takes its foot would eat a bite of that rab- quite all the money to a firm here in them to make up their minds.

## 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 legislative committee will begin its investigations into the late State dispensary to-day (Thursday.)

Miss Jennie Jones, of Easley, aged 18, was accidentally shot in the leg a few days ago by a five-year-old boy with a shotgun.

The city of Columbia has raised over forty thousand dollars for the location of the Lutheran girls' college in that city and will be one of the strong competitors.

Mrs. I. E. Ehny, who shot and killed Ella Graham, colored, in Charleston about a month ago, was tried in the sessions court in Charleston on Tuesday and acquitted. She did not

The Harmon presidential headquarters in Washington gave out a statement on Tuesday that Governor Blease says, "We expect to send an uninstructed delegation to Baltimore, but it will be for Harmon."

#### Negro Shoots Constable.

Newberry, March 3 .- As the result of an effort to execute a warrant shortly before midnight on Saturday night, State Dispensary Constable Thomas P. Adams was shot by a negro, and Constable Adams shot the of either are dangerous.

Constable Adams and Magistrate Sample drove about a mile beyond the northern limits of the city to the near the old Aull steam mill, for the purpose of arresting Joe Rook, a son-in-law of Willis, under a warrant charging violation of the dispensary law. Constable Adams knocked at the door, and it was opened by Willis, who told Constable Adams, in response to an inquiry, that Joe was Adams it is stated, told Willis he had a warrant for Joe and wanted to see him, whereupon Willis informed the have to come in and arrest Joe, and it is said that Willis then fired. The ball passed through the constable's right arm and entered the breast above the heart. The negro, it seems, had his pistol out when he was talking to the constable. Adams then drew his pistol and fired upon the negro, the ball entering the negro's right hip. Magistrate Sample, who was in the buggy at the time of the shooting, not knowing that trouble was brewing, brought Constable Adams to town. Constable Cannon G. Blease and a party went back to the scene and arrested Willis Rook and lodged him in jail at about midnight. The negro wanted for violation of the dispensary law had es-

Constable Adams and the negro are resting easily to-day, and unless complications should set in, it is thought that both will recover in a

## NO BIDS RECEIVED.

Old State Dispensary Building Still Property of State.

valuable property.

## Couldn't Eat the Rabbit.

A rabbit stepped on a piece of iron, which was used as a walkway across a small branch about half a mile west of town and near the G., C. & N. Railroad last Friday morning and as the iron was frozen one a colored man named Sim Ricard, of the rabbit's feet stuck to it as who lives on Mr. J. P. Kinard's place, close as did the foot of "Brer Rabbit" that Uncle Remus tells about, load of cotton at Prosperity, and was stick to the "Tar Baby." The chain- returning, and just as he crossed the feels prompted to declare that he's gang was at work nearby and guards steel bridge on the Saluda county and prisoners all saw the rabbit side, about 9 o'clock at night, he ness. He was pleasantly surprised jumping and pulling against the was held up by two white men, and frozen iron which held its foot. One relieved of all his money, amountof the guards went and caught the ing to \$175. The negro knows nothrabbit, and pulled the foot away from ing more of the parties than that from the bottom of the little animal's no clew as to their identity. It is The less material that some people saw the smooth iron holding on to on his person. He owed nearly or bit.-Monroe Enquirer.

# GAVE AWAY HIS FORTUNE.

Duke Farson Founder and Supporter of the "Holy Jumpers."

Chicago, Feb. 29 .- Duke M. Farson, founder and main support of the Holiness Association, better known as the "Holy Jumpers," stripped himself to-day of the last of his fortune by giving to that sect \$200,000 in banking. Every dollar of it has gone the same way. He says he will not try to make more money, but for the remainder of his life he will be "an humble pilgrim in the sight of the Lord, preaching the gospel in the highways and by-ways."

"Why shouldn't I give up everything?" he asks. "There are so many heathens in Chicago, in this country in the world that it is selfish for any man, especially for a man whose work has brought him wealth, to hang on to his possessions for his selfish enjoyment. All that I have, even to the family jewels, has been given to the religious society with which I am working and I am happier in the gift than I ever could be with the money."

The lease for Mr. Farson's offices at No. 236 South La Salle street will run out in May. It will not be renewed. Mr. Farson says that the business was practically closed out with the opening of the year and James A. Summersett, of Columbia, that only a few details remain to be a member of the board of pardons disposed of. When he surrenders the office keys he will have pauperized himself.

He was an active churchman before he became a Holiness apostle. The reason he started the new sect was that the old ones were too slow, negro. Both are seriously wounded, to suit his notions of the way to save but it is not thought that the wounds souls. At one of the earliest of the ty. Holiness revival meetings, about twelve years ago, while Andt Dolbrow, the reformed prizefighter, was preaching, Evangelist Norberry, sithome of William Rook, who lives ting in the body of the church, called

> "Any man who is struck by the Holy Spirit will jump his own

> Instantly several men in the congregation leaped into the air. Several in the pews toward the front landed at the foot of the pulpit. ings thereafter jumping was a distinctive feature.

In 1901 Farson bought for them the Fountain Spring House at Waukesha, Wis., a hotel of 500 rooms. Jumpers, white and black, rich and to get rid of the newcomers and fled ommendations of the scnate. themselves.

The Jumpers were once allowed the use of the First Methodist church here. Farson stationed barkers in the doorways and in the vestibules to call in people from the street with such cries as: "Right this way to the kingdom of heaven." 'Come in and meet the Lord."

They also obtained 'he use on occasions of churches not only in Chicago but in other cities, once as far distant as Boston. Their jumping in outdoor meetings always provoked the hilarity of the crowds, and not infrequently hoodlums showered them with decayed eggs and vegetables, without abating at all the zeal of the sect or their physical method of displaying it. .

"Rut" McGhee to Oppose Watson? Commissioner Watson is a candidate for election and it is stated that

Columbia, March 4 .- The old Mr. J. Rutledge McGhee, of Green-State dispensary biulding, on West ville, will be in the race against him. Gervais street, had been advertised Mr. McGhee was formerly in the for sale to-day, but there were no newspaper business in Greenwood bidders. The upset price is \$100,- and Greenville and is well known in 000, as fixed by the sinking fund many sections of the State. The ancommission. The building is situated nouncement of his probable candion a four-acre lot and is considered | dacy came from a close friend of his. —Columbia correspondence News and

## Highway Robbery Near Leesville.

Leesville, March 5.-News has come to Leesville of a bold highway robbery, committed last Wednesday night, near the steel bridge, between here and Prosperity. It seems that near St. Mark's church, had sold a the iron walkay, leaving the skin they were white, and so far there is foot sticking to the iron. The rab- supposed that the parties knew Ricbit was killed, but none of those who ard had sold cotton and had money Leesville.

# RECEIVES ANOTHER SLAP.

SENATE IGNORED BY BLEASE IN MAKING APPOINTMENTS.

from Those Who were Confirmed by Senate.

Columbia, March 5.-Gov. Blease to-day sent to the office of the Secretary of State appointments of two new members of the board of pardons, two members of the board of regents of the State hospital for the ing cases: insane, a State dispensary gauger and quite a number of supervisors of registration in certain counties of the

In making the appointments for the board of pardons and the regents of the hospital for the insane, the governor put new men in office, and in making the appointments of registration supervisors the governor ignored the action of the senate on that last stormy day of the late session of the general assembly, in recommending persons to the office of registration supervisors in certain counties. It now remains with the courts to say whether the appointments are valid.

Board of Pardon Changes. The governor to-day appointed Mr. to succeed Mr. W. A. Clark, of Columbia, whose term has expired.

Mr. E. Frank Warren, of Hampton, has been appointed on the board to succeed Mr. C. W. Savage, of Walterboro, whose term has expired. The other member of the board is Mr. R. Mays Cleveland, of Greenville coun-

Dominick to Asylum Board. Mr. Fred H. Dominick, an attorney of Newberry, has been appointed a member of the board of regents of the State hospital for the insane, to succeed Mr. W. W. Ray, whose term has expired. Mr. Iredell Jones, Sr., was reappointed to succeed himself be kept in comfortable quarters. as regent, his term having expired.

### Blease Differs.

to be a confirmation of the appoint- neatly kept. ments previous to their being made That incident gave the sect the name by the governor, and leaving the ex-'Holy Jumpers." At all their meet- ecutive to appoint those recommended or none at all. This opinion was expressed by several senators. The governor did not agree with them, for he has appointed men to these offices whom the senate did not recommend. It now remains for the poor, old and young, soon filled the courts to decide whether these applace. Waukesha had been a resort pointments shall be valid, being made for the exclusive rich. They failed by the governor contrary to the rec-

## Clifford Way in Custody.

Aiken, March 4 .- Clifford Way, the negro who was trailed by bloodhounds brought here from the State penitentiary Saturday night in an effort of the Aiken county authorities to capture the man who last Friday night attacked a young white woman in the employ of C. Oliver Iselin, of New York, was taken into custody to-day after Mr. Iselin had held a conference at the city hall with the sheriff and chief of police. Although the dogs followed the tracks directly from Mr. Iselin's place to the home of the negro Saturday night, he was released a few minutes afterwards for the reason that his shoes did not correspond with the footprints left in the rye patch across which the negro who attacked the young woman made his escape. The negro protests his innocence and claims he was at home with his family when the attack is supposed to have taken place.

## Committee Meeting.

The executive committee of the Rivers' Bridge Memorial Association will meet at the memorial grounds on Saturday, March the 9th, at 3 o'clock p. m., for the purpose of arranging for memorial services. A the verdict was rendered without the full attendance is earnestly request-DR. N. F. KIRKLAND,

J. W. JENNY, Secretary.

Jenny, S. C., Feb. 24, 1912.

## Odd Isn't It?

That one can carry a mortgage and yet not be able to lift it. That when a man is drunk he

"a gen'l'man." That we talk of "dropping into at Denmark some months ago.

poetry" when what we really do is to rise into it.

coat of paint. That the faster a man lives the less

likely he is to keep up with his run-

That a man may be calm and collose control of himself.

### MARCH TERM OF COURT.

Criminal Cases Being Tried-Presentment of Grand Jury.

The March term of the court of With Few Exceptions, Men Different general sessions convened here Monday morning, with Judge Robert E. Copes, of Orangeburg, presiding. Solicitor Gunter and Stenographer Brown were in their places. The grand jury for this year was organized with Mr. H. C. Crum as foreman. That body went immediately to work, and returned true bills in the follow-

John Chappell-Car breaking and laceny.

John Smart-assault and battery with intent to kill and carrying con-

cealed weapons. John Reed-murder.

Tillie Kearse-housebreaking and

Manny Curry, Sweet Smith, Henry Brown, Lewis Bartley, and Henry Frederick-house breaking and lar-

Arrow Thomas-murder. John Evans-murder.

Crogan Crawford-murder.

J. E. Collins-breach of trust with fraudulent intent.

O. J. C. Lain-murder. Jeff Edwards-assault and battery with intent to kill and carrying con-

cealed weapons. Henry Bell-larceny from dwelling and receiving stolen goods.

Tuesday the grand jury finishing passing on indictments and made the following presentment:

Hon. R. E. Copes, presiding judge: We, the grand jury of Bamberg ing presentment:

county, beg leave to make the follow-All indictments handed to us have been passed upon and returned to the court. We have examined the jail and find

it kept in a neat and sanitary condition. We would recommend that more fire wood be kept for use of the prisoners, otherwise they seem to

We have also examined the offices of the treasurer, clerk, sheriff, audit-The action of the senate was held or, and probate judge, and find all

> We have examined the report of the supervisor, and find it all right. We would recommend that the court house water closet be kept in a more sanitary condition.

We thank the court and officials for courtesies shown.

Respectfully submitted,

H. C. CRUM, Foreman. The following cases have been disposed of up to the time of going to

press Wednesday: Thaddeus White, James White, and Dan Hartzog-assault and battery with intent to kill and carrying concealed weapons-guilty of assault and battery with intent to kill.

Tillie Kearse-housebreaking and larceny-plead guilty-sentenced to nine months on chain gang.

John Chappell-car breaking and larceny-plead guilty-sentenced to eighteen months on chain gang.

Sam McCreary-assault and bat-

tery with intent to kill-guilty-sealed sentence. Manny Curry, Lewis Bartley, Sweet Smith, Henry Brown-housebreaking and larceny—guilty on second count.

yet sentenced. Sam Ray-violating dispensary

Motion for new trial made, and not

law-not guilty. O. J. C. Lain-murder-not guilty. This case grew out of the killing of a negro named Robert Rice by Magistrate Lain, of Olar, who had gone with his constable to arrest the negro. The testimony was that the negro was in his house and when called on to come out refused to do so and said that he would not be taken alive. When Mr. Lain opened the door the negro presented his gun and attempted to shoot and he was shot and killed by the magistrate. The trial only consumed a short time, and jury leawing their seats, as it was clearly shown that the magistrate acted in the discharge of his duty.

. Wednesday morning the case of Crogman Crawford, for murder, was tried. The jury found him not guilty. Crawford is the negro who killed J. W. Main, a white man, near Olar some months ago.

The court is now engaged in the trial of some negroes who broke into and robbed the store of W. H. Faust

On a recent examination paper in That women talk of house gowns civics was this question: "If the presiwhen what a house really wears is a dent, vice president and all the members of the cabinet should die, who

would officiate?" Robert, a boy of 12, thought for some time, trying in vain to recall who came next in succession. At last lected at his wedding, and yet may a happy inspiration came to him and he answered, "the undertaker."