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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, April 1.—To-day is all fools' day, and many will participate in the sports of the day, especially the young folks.

The Sunday afternoons in this year so far have been too rainy and wet for the young folks to indulge in promenades and talking taffy and building air castles.

The place to put the school house on is creating quite a stir in our little town and has them divided. The most of them, if it possibly can be done, would rather have the building put on the grounds given them by the late Conrad Ehrhardt. Now, in order to gather the patrons together again and get them thinking the same way, the trustees will give the patrons of the school a chance to vote as to the site wanted by most of them so work can be begun on the new building. The majority will rule and be listened to.

Our freight train has been very late one or two nights last week. Something was wrong with the engine both nights.

Some of the idle gossip about candidates now is right laughable, the way some of them are cussed and discussed. When a man wants to find out his real friends just let him enter politics.

The Ehrhardt Hardware Co.'s stock was sold to Mr. Harvey Wichman, of Walterboro, recently. While it will retain its original name, the business will be enlarged, and we hope prosperous under the new owners and management.

Mr. Editor, what would your idea be as to what you would be doing if a young lady to whom you had been showing a good deal of attention were to tell you that you needed a shave? Don't you think there would be labial approximations participated in on your and her part, especially if darkened by evening shadows. Ha! ha! ha! Don't answer; just think about it. The comications will do you good these sleepy days.

Dr. J. H. Roberts is speaking of putting a soda fountain in his drug store this coming season.

Misses Kathleen and Thelma Kearse, of Olar, have been spending some time with Mrs. Max Walker, their sister.

Mr. Prentice Griffin, the popular brakeman on the passenger train from Greenpond to Ehrhardt, was called home last week to see the remains of his father, who lived in Walterboro, laid to rest. His friends here are in sympathy with Mr. Griffin in his great bereavement.

Some of the school girls are counting the days and hours before starting home for Easter holidays at home. JEE.

#### Denmark Doings.

Denmark, April 2.—On Friday last Misses Josephine and Virginia Faust entertained a few of their friends. A very interesting contest was carried out. The winning point was made by Miss Minnie Blunt, who was presented with a box of candy. A delicious sweet course was served. Those enjoying Misses Faust's hospitality were: Misses Minnie Blunt, Katherine Wilkinson, Louise Zeigler, Eunie Mayfield, Ruth Guess; Messrs. John Tyler, Thomas Wilkinson, Elmore Steadman, Ira Garris and Walter Gilliam.

On Saturday evening Miss Katherine Wilkinson entertained a few friends with a Virginia reel. Those invited were: Misses Louise Zeigler, Josephine Faust, Minnie Blunt, Julia Goolsby, Virginia Faust; Messrs. Herman Brunson, John Tyler, Thomas Wilkinson, Elmore Steadman, Ira Garris, Walter Gilliam.

Miss Sabelle Guess came home Thursday from Converse college, to spend a few days. The Misses Allen accompanied her.

Mrs. Sandie Miller, of Abbeville, is visiting her parents here, Mr. and Mrs. Blount.

Mrs. H. A. Ray, of Blackville, spent a few days last week with Mrs. M. J. LaFitte here.

Mrs. H. W. Goolsby and daughter, Frances, of Fort Motte, are the guests of Mrs. G. W. Goolsby, of this city.

Miss Ruby Guess is at home from Converse for Easter.

Mr. C. R. Gilliam spent Sunday with his brother here, Mr. W. B. Gilliam.

Mr. and Mrs. Wm. Gilmore Simms, Jr., of Barnwell, were the guests of Mrs. L. C. Rice this week.

## DR. MITCHELL AT OLAR.

President of University of South Carolina Delivered Address.

Olar, March 31.—Friday night in the Methodist church, Dr. S. C. Mitchell, president of the University of South Carolina, delivered a lecture, "Civic Patriotism," to a large audience. The speaker introduced his lecture by comparing national patriotism with civic patriotism, giving as an illustration the story of the Englishman, Cameron, who was captured by the natives of Abyssinia and afterwards rescued by England at a cost of \$25,000,000 and 300 lives. As an illustration of "Civic Patriotism" he spoke of the Farm Demonstration movement, the church, the school and boards of health.

#### Fairfax Fancies.

Fairfax, April 1.—The big circus brought lots of visitors to our town last week. Among those from Allendale were Misses Allen and Malcolm Hay, Mrs. Angus Brabham, and many others from Brunson. Messrs E. L. Otis, Grover and Lonnie Sanders, Misses Crum and Ada Sanders, Mesdames Tuten and Griffin represented Ulmers.

The millinery openings brought another crowd.

Mesdames Jacob and Henry Lightsey and daughters, of Crockettville, were recent visitors of Mrs. F. M. Young.

G. D. Sanders visited a class-mate at St. Matthews who runs a seed house. He thinks it is a fine thing and purchased seed.

Powell Harrison, an attractive youth from Johnston, visited his sister here recently, to the delight of the younger set.

Mrs. Lily Rivers and Mr. Hughes, from Brunson were recent visitors.

Little John Young Wideman had a narrow escape recently, swallowing a quantity of stuff from a bottle that was intended for floor polish. But Dr. Young soon got him "o. k."

Little Lee Brabham fell and injured himself seriously.

Miss Annie Halford, now of Olar, was a recent visitor here.

All are congratulating Mr. Benjamin Thomas upon the arrival of a daughter. But Mr. Martin Lightsey is glad that his new arrival is a son.

There was a pleasant gathering Friday evening at the residence of Mrs. Benjamin Loadholt. The teachers and some of their friends were present. After sweet music, rendered by Miss Harrison, and spicy, animated conversation, delicious refreshments were served.

Miss Lucile Youmans is home from Converse for a few days.

Prof. Campbell was a recent guest of Mrs. Geneva Barber.

#### Advice to Negroes.

Olar, S. C., March 23, 1912. Editor The Bamberg Herald:—Will you please allow me a little space in your worthy journal to give my race of people a little good advice. This is to the colored people only. Where is the excuses for so much law breaking? I will answer there is none. I am quite sure that our people have good leaders, both in their own race and that of the whites, but here is the great trouble: The negroes have become so mean to each other that they will not heed their leader's advice and hence here they go into mischief and from there they must be checked and brought to justice, and that is right. Every evil doer has to give an account of his sin, so you see that it is better to do the right than it is to do the wrong.

Our people have school houses and churches, hence I cannot see any excuse for doing wrong. I might ask this question: Why do we work the little plants? We work the plants to keep down the weeds and grass. Well, then why do you want to keep down the weeds and grass? For this cause: If they grow to a certain extent they will damage the plants. So it is with our law-breakers. They have to show the law-breakers the extent of their wrong doing in order to save those who are living up to the constitution of the law. So let me say to you: Don't shudder at these punishments when they come to you. You must understand that just what you sow you are going to reap it. So let me say to you as a friend, be good servants, for this is honorable, and I am sure that our white friends will ever take care of you. Be truthful and honest and obtain a clean character and then these fearful things will flee from us all. B. J. KEARSE.

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## IN THE PALMETTO STATE

### SOME OCCURRENCES OF VARIOUS KINDS IN SOUTH CAROLINA.

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

Bud Davis killed Eugene Dargan in Sumter a few days ago by hitting him on the head with a bottle. They were both negro boys.

The Greenville county board of equalization raised the assessment of the Paris Mountain water company from \$143,000 to \$650,000.

C. B. Gregory, the Union policeman who disappeared last fall with \$600 of the city's money, has returned and has paid back the amount. He had been in Texas and New Orleans. He will not be prosecuted.

A jury at Sumter on Friday gave J. A. Miller, former engineer, a verdict for \$35,000 against the Atlantic Coast Line for injuries received while in the employ of the road. The road will appeal of course.

Marguerite Louise, the 12-year-old daughter of Dr. H. L. Henry, of Chapin, was so badly burned on Monday night that she died next morning. Her clothing caught while she was standing in front of an open fire.

Commissioner Watson publishes a statement saying that numbers of mills are still employing children under 12, in violation of the law, and he gives warning that the law will be enforced against them if they do not stop it at once.

John Holman, a substitute rural mail carrier, on his route out of Orangeburg on Monday, was attacked and shot at by a man by the name of Beck. The attack was unprovoked. Beck has been arrested by both the State and federal authorities.

Jno. A. Wagener, a young married man and son of Geo. A. Wagener, a millionaire of Charleston, was found dying a few nights ago in the house of a negro woman of bad character in Augusta, Ga. Death resulted from opium, taken, it is presumed, with suicidal intent during a drunken debauch.

#### Three White Men Arrested.

Barnwell, April 1.—As the result of an affray, in which Silas Miley, an old negro man, was badly beaten up, and Ethel Moody, a negro woman, was shot in the arm, Chester Riley, Monroe Beasley and John Sanders were arrested in Williston Saturday night and lodged in the jail here yesterday. These three white men, it is alleged, met Miley on the streets of Williston Saturday night and beat him unmercifully and left him lying by the road. Returning later and finding him still there, they put him in their buggy and drove down to a branch, which is just within the corporate limits of the town of Williston. While at the branch, Ethel Moody and her father-in-law drove up, and one of the white men demanded that Miley be taken in their buggy. Because they seemed to hesitate, it is alleged that young Beasley, making the remark that he would kill them all, fired a shotgun at the woman. The entire load took effect in her right arm, just below the shoulder, tearing out the entire muscle. A few shot entered her body. Magistrate Kitchens made the arrest a short time after the affair, and the men were brought here yesterday. In Williston a fund was raised to employ a lawyer to help prosecute the case. A motion for bail was made to-day and granted in the sum of \$500 each.

#### Flood in Middle West.

St. Louis, April 1.—The floods in this section of the country including Missouri, Illinois and Kentucky are the worst on record. Property losses have already run into millions of dollars. Rain has been falling throughout the flooded district for the last 12 hours and no relief is in sight.

The Mississippi has been stationary for 24 hours at 29.8 feet and a further rise is not expected for 24 hours.

Cairo and the drainage district above the city are the only dry places in that section of the country, the entire territory north and south of Cairo being covered with several feet of water.

The Ohio river reached 48 feet to-night which is eight-tenths of a foot higher than the previous record. A stage of 54 feet is predicted before the flood subsides.

Large forces of men patrol the levees constantly and everything is being done to keep the embankments in condition to withstand the flood. Trains are still running, but in many cases are being routed over foreign routes.

## SHOT WIFE'S VISITOR.

Coming Home Early, Saw Man in Wife's Room.

Knoxville, Tenn., March 27.—At Crestmont, N. C., at an early hour this morning Alex Jenkins shot and fatally injured William Mann, aged 20. Jenkins, who is a night watchman at an industrial plant, went home at 2 o'clock and, seeing a light in his wife's room, rapped on the window glass. Immediately he saw the form of a man fully dressed arise to a sitting position. Jenkins fired through the window and, as the form inside the room began retreating, fired a second shot. Both took effect, one passing through Mann's body and the second entering one thigh. Physicians say Mann cannot recover. Jenkins surrendered to a deputy sheriff.

#### SAVED FROM FATAL FALL.

Commander Moffett Barely Escapes Slide Over 200-Foot Cliff.

The many friends here of Commander William A. Moffett, U. S. N., superintendent of the lighthouse district at San Francisco, and a brother of Corporation Counsel George F. Moffett, will be interested in a narrow escape from death which Commander Moffett had recently at Anacapa Island, on the coast of Southern California. For a long five minutes he faced death on a cliff 200 feet above the ocean, and was sliding to a horrible fate on the rocks below him, when his descent was stopped by a bit of cactus. A gale was blowing at the time, and the escape of the young naval officer is regarded as miraculous. His men above him lowered a rope and rescued Commander Moffett from his perilous position.

The story of his adventure is told in the San Francisco Chronicle of Tuesday, February 27, as follows:

In the teeth of a terrific northwest gale, and dangling from the face of a precipice 200 feet from the breakers and jagged rocks below, Commander William A. Moffett, superintendent of the United States Lighthouse Service, looked death in the face for a long five minutes last Thursday.

Commander Moffett and 10 men connected with the service went to Anacapa Island, on the coast of Southern California for the purpose of installing a steel tower lighthouse on the island at a point about 150 feet from the surface of the water. In order to reach the proposed site it was necessary for the party to scale the almost vertical rocky walls of the island at a point where the rock rises 360 feet above the level of the surrounding water.

There was only one place where the cliff could be scaled and that was where a mass of loose rock and boulders had slid down from the top wearing a crack along the surface. With their backs against one of the walls of this fissure and their knees braced against the others, the men slowly worked themselves toward the top.

Moffett had proceeded about 200 feet from the surface of the ocean when a small boulder that he had grasped to draw himself up, came loose and went tearing down the face of the precipice with a mass of loose dirt and stones in its wake. There was nothing but loose dirt to take hold of, and Moffett began to slide, each second adding to the speed of the descent. Prone on his abdomen, he clutched wildly at bits of cactus and small boulders, which checked the rapidity of his descent, and at last he managed to catch hold of a boulder large enough to bear his weight. Here he dropped anchor, so to speak, until a bowline was lowered to him, by which means he was enabled to work his way to the top of the island.

He was badly bruised by the stones over which he had been sliding, and his body resembled a pincushion, for cactus spines bristled from all parts of his person. In fact, the cactus, which grew abundantly on the cliff, prevented him from being dashed to death upon the rocks below.

In the face of the strong gale the party erected a derrick on the top and succeeded in hoisting to its site the material for the steel tower of the lighthouse and the rest of the paraphernalia. Commander Moffett returned yesterday from the lighthouse tender Sequoia.—Charleston Evening Post.

Texas is now producing peaches to the annual value of \$7,000,000.

A tree that gives thee shade, do not order it cut down.—Arabian.

If blindfolded, it is said no man is able to stand five minutes without moving.

## REED SENTENCED TO DIE.

ANDERSON NEGRO TO MEET FATE AT HANDS OF LAW.

Saved From Mob Violence, Negro is Given Speedy Trial on Charge of Attempted Assault.

Anderson, April 1.—For attempting criminal assault on the wife of a prominent farmer of Dean Station, this county, February 26, last, William Reed, a negro, must die in the electric chair at the State penitentiary in Columbia July 12, next.

A special term of court was convened here to-day for the purpose of giving Reed a speedy trial. He appeared in the court room without a lawyer and Judge Prince appointed three prominent members of the local bar to defend him. The indictment was handed to the grand jury and a true bill was returned within a few minutes. The jury was selected without much delay and the case was entered upon.

For the State Sheriff King and Supervisor Pearman, who brought Reed to the county jail, testified, telling of Reed's confession of having gone into the house of his intended victim for the purpose of burglary. The woman upon whom the attack was made was next called to the witness stand. The court room was cleared by Judge Prince, only the persons directly interested in the case being allowed to hear the testimony.

She testified that when she awoke on the night of the attack she found Reed in bed with her.

Reed was the only witness to take the stand for the defense. He declared that he went into the house for the purpose of stealing some money with which he intended to buy some corn; that he entered the room occupied by the woman, not knowing she was in the room, and that he stumbled over a chair, causing him to fall across the bed. Reed was subjected to a severe cross-examination by the solicitor and made a very poor witness for himself. Many material facts strongly against him could not be explained by Reed.

The jury retired with the case about noon and returned a verdict of guilty at 3:30 o'clock, when court resumed business after a recess for dinner. The jury reached a verdict a few minutes after retiring with the case.

The night Reed was lodged in the county jail a large mob gathered on the streets here to storm the jail, with the intention of summarily dealing with Reed. The attack on the jail was called off because some plans of the mob miscarried, as reinforcements expected from two sections of the county did not appear on the scene. Great excitement prevailed at the time.

The court room was crowded to its capacity to-day, many spectators having been unable to gain admittance.

When asked by Judge Prince if he knew of any reason why sentence should not be passed upon him, Reed shook his head. He has maintained his silence since the death sentence was pronounced, refusing to make any comment on the trial and its outcome.

#### Fourth Class Postal Banks.

Washington, March 29.—The first designation of the fourth class postal savings postoffices was made to-day by Postmaster General Hitchcock. The plan is to add to this list at the rate of 1,000 a month until all the offices are designated. The South Carolina fourth class offices in the first list to be ready for deposits May 1 next are as follows:

Bethune, Bowman, Chappels, Chapin, Chesterfield, Ehrhardt, Estill, North Augusta, Pelion, Pomaria, Reevesville, Ruby, Smoaks, Swansea and Turbeville.

#### His Veracity.

Jim Slocum, of Montgomery county, avers the Kansas City Journal, was called as a witness to impeach the testimony of a man in that county. Jim was asked if he was acquainted with the reputation of the witness for truth and veracity. Jim said that he guessed maybe he was.

"Is it good or bad?" "Well," said Jim, "I don't want to do the man no injustice, but I will say that if his neighbors were to see him looking as if he was dead they would want some corroborating evidence before they would be willing to bury him."

A man who always kicks when things don't suit him, always kicks.

It is easier to bump up against the law than it is to back away from it.

## KILLING AT OLAR.

Town Marshal H. W. Moody Kills J. L. McDaniel.

Last Sunday at Olar, this county, the town marshal Henry W. Moody, shot and killed J. L. McDaniel, a white man. Moody himself was dangerously wounded by McDaniel, and now lies in bed too badly hurt to be moved.

The trouble seems to have been brought about by whiskey. McDaniel is a young white man from Georgia, but had been living in that section for several years, being in the timber business. He married a daughter of Mr. Gunnels, of the Olar section.

Coroner Zeigler went down Sunday and held the inquest, and from the testimony taken at the inquest we gather that McDaniel had been drinking and had some trouble or words with Mr. William Bessinger the day before. On Sunday he again approached Mr. Bessinger in reference to the previous trouble, and after some words he stepped back several steps and told Mr. Bessinger not to come on him, to which Mr. Bessinger replied that he did not intend coming on him. Then Mr. Reed, who was with McDaniel, told him to keep quiet or Moody would arrest him. Just then Moody walked up and McDaniel stepped back still further and told Moody not to come on him. O. B. Lain's testimony and that of Mr. Reed differ as to who began firing first, Mr. Lain testifying that as McDaniel stepped back he drew his pistol and Moody knocked at him with his club, evidently trying to knock the pistol out of his hand, and that McDaniel then began firing and fired several shots before Moody drew his pistol and began returning the fire. Both men emptied their pistols and then used them to club each other over the head until McDaniel fell dead. Mr. Reed testified that when McDaniel drew his pistol and told Moody to stand back that Moody began shooting first.

McDaniel was hit several times and only lived a few minutes. Moody was shot twice, one arm being broken by a bullet. He is also wounded in the lung and abdomen. His condition is serious, but he is likely to recover. The jury of inquest returned a simple verdict that McDaniel came to his death at the hands of H. W. Moody.

Moody was night policeman at Bamberg until some months ago, when he resigned and accepted the position of policeman at Olar. He a number of years ago he was shot and dangerously wounded by a negro one night on the streets of Bamberg, one of these bullets being still in his body.

#### Cinderellas Fit Slippers.

Lawrence, Kans., April 1.—A Cinderella dance, said to be the bizarre invention of a Kansas university sorority, has been given a try-out at a fraternity ball. The problem, so far as the young men were concerned, was:

"Given a slipper, find the foot it fits, for it belongs to your partner." The young men withdrew from the ball room after the twelfth number. The lights were turned low.

When the music started again, the men returned to find a pile of dainty slippers in the middle of the floor. Each co-ed had hidden an unshod foot in the folds of her gown. The lights were bright again.

Accounts vary as to how long it took for each young man to find his Cinderella.

It also leaked out that two or three of the slippers, plainly the largest in the bunch, were not placed until the others had found their mates and were gliding over the floor to the strains of "Hearts and Flowers."

#### Bleas Commutes Sentence.

Columbia, March 30.—John G. Wham, a farmer of considerable means, who resides near the town of Clinton, in Laurens county, was saved the sum of \$1,000 to-day by Gov. Bleas. Wham is said to be financially able to pay a much larger sum than was imposed by the Laurens county court. He was convicted in Laurens county at the last term of court on the charge of assault and battery of a high and aggravated nature and was sentenced to serve two years in the penitentiary or on the public works of Laurens county or to pay a fine of \$1,500.

Gov. Bleas yesterday commuted the sentence of Wham to a fine of \$300 with the alternative jail sentence, which means that the farmer was saved \$1,000 by the chief executive. Wham was convicted of striking W. Ed. Nash, a well known citizen of Clinton.