COUNTRY NEWS LETTERS

SOME INTERESTING HAPPENINGS IN VARIOUS SECTIONS.

News Items Gathered All Around the County and Elsewhere. Ehrhardt Etchings.

Ehrhardt, May 27.—Had a heavy rain last night and a heavy electric storm. Lightning struck an old dead oak behind the millinery store, tore the oak to pieces and shattered the sash, splitting some of the siding. Nothing serious, however.

Mr. J. W. Priester shot a rattler yesterday afternoon near Mr. Ben Bishop's measuring about five feet. Had fifteen rattles and a button, a fine fat specimen of his majesty.

Mr. Talbert Warren died last night. He has been sick quite a while.

Rev. D. B. Groseclose was called to Jennys to assist in the burial service over Dr. Loadholt's child, in connection with Rev. Aull, pastor of St. Nicholas church of that section.

All of the exercises of the school during the past week have been interesting and well attended. Students' night, Thursday night, was perhaps the most interesting from the view point of the pupils. The declamation contest consisted of declamations by six pupils of the ninth grade. All the contestants did themselves cradit. Exercises opened with a song by school. Names of speakers and their subjects follow: "Trick vs. Trick," Laurie Kinard; "How Tim's Prayer was Answered," Ethel Smith; "Aunt Polly's George Washington," LeRoy Peters; "A Stray Sunbeam," Clara Copeland; "Mr. Spoopedyke's Experiments at Riding a Bicycle," Jesse Rentz; "Beneath a Rosebud and Violet," Annie Rentz.

Prof. Claude Melton, Rev. Cooper, and Rev. J. W. Shealy acted as judges. Contest was close, but judges awarded medal to Jesse Rentz, with honorable mention of Clara Copeland. The medal was given by Mr. S. W. Copeland, of the board of and awarded by Professor

Friday night graduating exercises were held. Only one graduate, Raleigh Kinard. He must have been lonesome. Subject of his speech was "Cotton is King," but owing to illness he was not able to speak.

Prof. J. S. Derrick, of Newberry College, delivered the literary address, and it was a good one. He took as his subject, "The Building of Character," and mentioned some of the essentials in building character in a masterful way. Everyone seemed to enjoy all the exercises. The exercises as a whole reflected credit upon the school.

Fairfax Fancies.

Fairfax, May 27 .- Our school commencement took place Monday evening. The address by Prof. Morse, of the University of South Carolina, was a master piece. There were five graduates: Gladys Buckner, Bell Compton, Edith Googe, Lena Loadholt, and Lee Bessinger. Their essays were carefully written and were well read, and were greeted with much applause. Gladys Buckner making the highest average, took first honor. Hattie Dowling and Sallie Bassett each took prizes in arithmetic Ruth Wilson and Sadie Harter took prizes in music. Miss Harrison's well drilled pupils gave vocal and instrumental music of a high order all during the evening.

The teachers have all left for their homes, except Prof. Munroe, who will

Miss Sadie Hogg is spending some time with Miss Lily Myrick.

Mrs. Burch and children, of Charleston, are visiting Miss Lily Preacher The young people's glee club met

at Mrs. S. Sanders's Friday evening. Many visitors were present.

Mrs. Barber gave a party to the younger set recently.

Mrs. G. W. Barber is visiting her daughter, Mrs. Silas Gladden, near

On Wednesday Mr. Sammie Loadholt was married to Miss Kicklighter, of Georgia. A reception was given them on Friday at his brother's, Mr. Benj. Loadholt, where they will reside. Mr. Loadholt is connected with the furniture company here, and is well thought of, and we welcome his charming bride heartily.

Mrs. Carrie Rutland, little son, and Miss Sallie Rutland, of Orangeburg, are visiting the family of Mr. G. S. O'Neal.

Misses Able and Jeffcoat are guests

of the Simpsons.

Mr. and Mrs. Moye Dowling, of Augusta, are guests of Mr. Lewis

friends here.

MAY SAVE STATION.

Byrnes Wins on Test Vote to Restore Naval Station in Beaufort.

Washington, D. C., May 27-Among the naval stations which the House committee on naval affairs proposed to abolish by specific provision to that effect in the pending naval appropriation bill was the station at Port Royal, S. C., where the navy department now maintains disciplinary barracks, accommodating several hundred men.

Representative James F. Byrnes today offered an amendment on the floor restoring Port Royal as a station and he beat the committee in the test of strength which followed. His amendment was adopted. There will be another test after the measure is out of committee of the whole but Mr. Byrnes believes he can hold his ground.

Play by Lodge School.

Lodge, May 27 .- On Monday evening, June 3rd, the Lodge high school will present in the Copeland hall, Ehrhardt, three exceedingly humorous little plays, written by Prof. Claude Melton, superintendent of the Lodge high school.

Music lovers will be given a rare treat on this occasion. The piano and violins will add a greater charm to many of the scenes. All will see in each of these plays something to appreciate and enjoy. Especially, the married gentlemen will enjoy exceedingly and will appreciate to the fullest many laughable experiences of their former days.

Newberry College Notes.

Newberry, S. C., May 23.-New berry is still progressing. During the last month many events have taken place on the campus and elsewhere concerning the college. The seniors finished their final examinations, and have now their subjects for senior orations in hand. These orations are to be delivered at the preliminary on June 6th. Six speakers will be chosen from the senior class to represent it on Wednesday with special mention to J. B. Ehrhardt, of Ehrhardt, for excellency spread along the floor. in the department of technology.

their year's work in oratory, and six speakers have been chosen to contest Monday evening of commencement

On Thursday night, May 23rd, the base ball, the tennis and basket ball teams were tendered an open air reception on the campus by the faculty and literary societies. Many fine speeches were made, which were very appropriate. Prof Voigt, of the faculty, then presented Prof. Rountree with a loving cup as an appreciation of his most excellent coaching ability, which was shown by the work of the baseball team this year. Refreshments were served, after which many yells were given by the student body, all of which tended to make the evening a delightful occasion.

Newberry is to be congratulated upon her success, in general, this year. Dr. Harms has the \$50,000 endowment fund practically in sight, and hopes to be able to announce on commencement day a complete success in his undertaking.

An excellent program has been arthe graduating exercises will take place, and also the awarding of honors. The crown of graduation will be placed upon the heads of twentytwo young men and women. This will end the present session of Newberry college. It has been indeed an illustrious one. Many victories were gained by this dear old college this year. Next year we hope to do still greater things if possible, and 'Still we'll gain athletic victories,

Gaining honors day by day, Still we'll work for old Newberry,

For the scarlet and the gray."

H. E. C.

Ponted Paragraphs.

And many a fair maid goes in for Many a girl talks of marrying

a cathoat?

IN THE PALMETTO STATE

SOME OCCURRENCES OF VARIOUS KINDS IN SOUTH CAROLINA.

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

A Southern freight train of 17 cars jumped the track near Wellford, Spartanburg county, on Wednesday and 14 of the cars and their contents | 500,000. were burned.

Tom Wilson shot Joe Brooks with a shotgun in Richland county on Tuesday-both white. He fired four times with bird shot and 40 took effect. No reason is stated.

The News says that the increase in assessments of property in Greenville township alone is more than a million in excess of the former assessment, and that the increase in polls in the city is 1,500.

John Cole and Isaiah Butler, negroes of Charleston, will be the first criminals to be electrocuted in South Carolina. They are sentenced to die on the 21st of June. Cole is to die for murder, Butler for criminal assault on a white woman.

Mrs. Clara J. English was awarded a verdict in the Richland court on Saturday for \$14,000 against the Western Union Telegraph company and \$6,000 against the Columbia Electric company for the death of her husband, who was electrocuted a year ago while working on a telegraph pole in Columbia.

Following the decision of Magisfrate Inman, of Greenville, to the effect that certain fine liquors and champagne were to be returned to Attorney Oscar Mauldin, attorneys for the sheriff have appealed the case on orders from Gov. Blease. It is a very interesting case in that it marks the first clash between the State and Federal courts.

Imparted Power Even to a Mouse.

A new arrival strolled into the lobby of a popular Muskogee hotel a of commencement week. First honor few evenings ago and walked rather was assigned to Robert H. Folk, of unsteadily to the desk to register. Pomaria, and second honor to John Turning to follow the porter to his Bochman Smeltzer, of Columbia, room, there was a crash, and bits of glass and an amber colored liquid

Before a porter could be summoned The juniors have also completed to mop it up a tiny mouse crept from under the cigar counter and lapped greedily at the liquor. Then mountfor the junior oratorical medal on ing the edge of a cuspidor, the mouse exclaimed:

"Where is that cat that was look-

ing for me last night?" MOTHER KILLED; BABY SAFE.

Woman Shot With Child in Her Arms.

Monaca, Pa., May 26.-With her 5-months-old baby feeding at the breast, Mrs. Anna Bozono, aged 26, was shot and killed to-night. Michael Nebberstick, aged 64, whom the woman had called a "scab," was arrested. Mrs. Bozono's head was blown off with a double-barreled shotgun. The baby was unhurt.

Drummer Held as Witness.

Hendersonville, N. C., May 26 .- W. O. Shelnutt, the Atlanta travelling man, who claims to have seen Myrtle Hawkins in Jacksonville, after her body was reported to have been found Commencement begins on June 9. in the waters of Lake Osceola last September and who is held as a witranged, and many brilliant speakers ness for the defence, declared to a have been chosen. On Wednesday press representative to-day that if the sum of \$3,000 was deposited to his credit in one of the local banks, he will produce Myrtle Hawkins in Hendersonville. Counsel for the State, however, declare that they take little stock in Shelnutt's story and promise an interesting half hour for this witness when he is placed on the stand.

The case will be resumed to-morrow morning at 9.30, when the State will continue the presentation of evi-

Jones Case Heard.

The appeal of John J. Jones, the Branchville attorney, who is under a sentence of 10 years and 30 days on the charge of killing Abe Pearlstine, was argued for the second time Tuescourt recently gave a decision affirmday and heard the argument.

VERDICT FOR \$2,500,000.

Largest Judgment Against Individual Ever Decreed by U. S. Court.

Washington, May 27 .- One of the largest judgments against an individual ever decreed by the Supreme Court of the United States was announced to-day against Albert S. Bigelow, of Boston. He will be called upon to pay a judgment of \$2,100-000, together with interest, which probably will bring the total to \$2,-

The victor in the suit is the Old Dominion Copper Mining and Smelting Company. Bigelow and Leonard Lewisohn, of New York, promoted the company, and while owning its stock sold to it property at an enormous profit. Then they sold their stock to the "innocent public." With the company under the control of the "innocent" stockholders, it sued Lewisohn in New York for the profits. The company lost.

Then Bigelow was sued by the company in Massachuetts, and the Courts of that State laid down the far reaching decision that the company, no longer controlled by its promoters, could rescind its contract to purchase the property from them, and make Consequently Bigelow account. Bigelow was directed to pay the company \$2,100,000.

Corporation lawyers are in a quandary to-night as to the law. The Supreme Court in 1908 affirmed the New York decision, which held the company could not recover, while to-day it likewise affirmed the Massachusetts decision which allowed it to recover.

The decision to-day dealt exclusively with the discussion whether the Massachusetts Court was controlled by the New York decision under the full "faith and credit clause" of the Constitution. The Massachusetts Courts will be called upon to enforce the judgment.

Keep Your Windows Open.

Don't sleep in a closed room. Fresh air is the basic requisite to good health. A sealed chamber is a breeding place of disease.

The lungs utilize all the oxygen they breathe and expel their impurities in your exhalations.

Within an hour a man consumes all the oxygen in the average room. If the windows and transom are down and the door is shut thereafter he breathes foul poisons.

Rural communities should, by reason of natural advantages, be practically immune from the "white plague;" but statistics show a greater percentage of consumptives among farmers than any other class of peo-

Who isn't familiar with the deadly parlor with its stale atmosphere where for days at a stretch whole generations of malignant germs are permitted to incubate undisturbed! A week often passes without the admission of sunlight. As well spend an afternoon in a smoke-filled tunnel as remain in such a pest hole.

Open the windows, even in the rain-far better to spoil a few trumpery lace curtains and spot the carpet than jeopardize your health.

Who Started It.

A little fellow who had just felt the hard side of the slipper turned to his mother for consolation.

"Mother," he asked, "did grandpa thrash father when he was a little boy?"

"Yes," answered his mother, im-

pressively. "And did his father thrash him when he was little?"

"Yes." "And did his father thrash him?" "Yes."

A pause. "Well, who started this thing anyway?"-McCall's Magazine.

Snake Chases Man.

Lincolnton, Ga., May 24.-While walking to a spring in his pasture to get a bucket of water one day this week Mr. George Sims heard something rattling beside him. Looking down to one side he saw an immense coach whip snake running along beside him about two feet distant and with his head high in the air. Mr. Sims threw the bucket at the snake local color-of the drug store brand. day before the supreme court. The and shouted alond in his fright, for it was the largest snake he had ever again who has never been married ing the verdict of the Orangeburg seen. Runing to a branch he leaped county court and the second appeal across and stopped. Looking back Had some men never been born, was from an order by a circuit judge he saw the snake had pursued him to some others would have to work for refusing a new trial upon the grounds the edge of the branch and was standof after discovered evidence. John ing four feet high on the opposite A girl is almost sure to fall for a J. Jones has been confined in the side of the branch and staring at him State penitentiary for more than a fiercely. Mr. Sims called for a gun Miss Alice Singletary attended Speaking of aquatic sports, did you year pending a final decision. He was and a negro working nearby ran to result is that his face is completely commencement and is visiting old ever see an ocean greyhound chasing present in the Supreme court Tues- the house and got one. The snake covered by a heavy beard, and his dren's wash suits, a full line, prices was shot, and measured seven feet. hair hangs to his shoulders.

REBELS GROW DESPERATE

CUBANS THREATEN TO PILLAGE TO PROCURE FUNDS.

State Department Thinks Quick Measures May Suffice to Put Down Rising and Restore Quiet.

Washington, May 28 .- The precautions taken to protect American and other foreign interests in Cuba have been amply justified in the judgment of the state department based upon the reports that have had been taken. It is believed here been received from many sources and especially from the owners of tiary at Rusk, though officers refuse plantations and sugar mills and iron mines and other industries.

One fact vindicating the state department's action in asking for naval protection of American interests is the threatening attitude of rebels. According to information apparently reliable, that comes to the depart- morning. The victim of the assault is ment, the insurgents are becoming reported to be in a critical condition desperate and Estenoz, their leader, declares that if President Gomez a blow when she resisted her assaildoes not secure the repeal of the ants. Morua law, prohibiting the organization of a strictly negro party in Cuba, he and the other leaders will demand contributions from the railroads and bring him to Tyler some time. We've from the owners of estates, in order done our duty here." to prolong the conflict, and will destroy the property of those who re-

The state department hopes that immediate and energetic measures on the part of the Cuban government will suffice to quell the revolt and prevent further depredations. It is realized that it is not easy for regular troops to run down and capture these rebels, who are familiar with every trail in the jungle.

As the idea has been broached that the rebels are calculating upon making an easy escape from Cuba to other West Indian islands in the event that they are too closely pressed by the government troops, it is proposed by some of the naval officers here, if they are called upon to take an active part in the troubles, to cut off the retreat of such fugitives by a thorough boat patrol of every inch of the estern coast of Cuba.

One of the Cuban generals in Oriente estimates the number of armed rebels in the field at between 3,000 and 4,000 and that perhaps 6,000 or 7,000 unarmed negro revolutionists are in the province waiting develop-

So far, according to official advices, the rebels have taken forcibly \$6,000 in money and have destroyed by fire fully \$80,000 worth of sugar cane.

Hub Evans' Trial Begins.

Columbia, May 28.—The case against Hub Evans, charged with accepting rebates and with conspiracy to defraud, will be called to-morrow morning at 9.30 o'clock in the Richland County Court, according to announcement from R. H. Welch, of counsel for Mr. Evans, and of Solicitor W. H. Cobb in court this afternoon. The case was originally set for to-day, but after having been postponed from this morning until 4 o'clock this afternoon, it was again postponed until to-morrow morning.

Hub Evans was in court with his counsel, Eugene Blease, of Newberry, and R. H. Welch, of Columbia. The State was represented by Attorney General Lyon, Solicitor W. H. Cobb and W. F. Stevenson, of Cheraw. The Attorney General was in court this morning, but the announcement that the trial was postponed until to-morrow morning was made by Solicitor Cobb in behalf of the Attorney General this afternoon.

It is the expectation that the trial of Hub Evans wil be concluded tomorrow and the "label" case taken up on Thursday. This is the case in which L. W. Boykin and John Bell Towill, who were members of the dispensary board with H. H. Evans, are under indictment in connection with a label deal. John Bell Towill was in court this morning.

HAIR UNCUT FOR 28 YEARS. Loser of 1884 Election Bet is Now a Hirsute Marvel.

An object lesson in freak election bets by a truthful man was furnished to attendants at the Ulster county court when they beheld John B. Crispell, of Old Hurley, who had been summoned as a juror, says a King-

ston dispatch. In 1884 Crispell bet that James G. Blaine would defeat Grover Cleveland for President, and agreed never home to your wife and take care of again to shave or to allow his hair to her. At her age she shouldn't be be cut if Blaine was defeated. The subjected to such treatment."

NEGRO ESCAPES TEXAS MOB.

Jail is Searched, Suspect Believed to be Safe in Penitentiary.

Waco, Texas, May 26.—George Price, a negro for whom a mob of 265 Tyler citizens is searching, had been spirited away when the mob reached Waco at 2.30 o'clock this morning. A committee from the mob was permitted to search the jail, Sheriff Tilley escorting them through. The mob to-night has gone to Axtell, fifteen miles east of Waco, where it was reported to-day that the negro that Price is now safe in the penitento talk.

Price was implicated in the assault upon a young white woman at Tyler a week ago with Dan Davis, another negro, according to the confession of Davis just before he was burned at the stake in Tyler early Saturday in Tyler. He skull was fractured by

After searching the jail this morning, the leader of the mob said: "The negro is gone, but they've got to

Tried to Pass Bogus Bill.

Aiken, May 28.-Lonnie Randall, a young white man of the Eureka section of this county, has been arrested charged with tampering with United States currency and endeavoring to pass the same. He presented what appeared to be a \$10 bill at one of the Aiken dispensaries, but the bogus bill was turned down. It was a \$1 bill, over the 1 on one side of which had been pasted the figure ten, which had evidently been cut from a mail order house certificate. Later Randall appeared at another of the dispensaries and tried to pass the bill. The dispenser notified the police who took Randall into custody. The United States marshal at Edegefield was notified and came to Aiken and took Randall back to Edgefield with him, where he will be held for trial at the next session of United States court. In defense of his action in trying to pass off the bill, Randall claims that the worthless bill had been palmed off on him in Edgefield last week in a horse trade.

Old Rooster Too Gay.

Chicago, May 24 .- "There is no fool like an old fool," commented Municipal Judge Goodnow when Frank Hughes, who has an automobile shop at 2258 Lincoln avenue, was arraigned yesterday in the court of domestic relations because of his propensity to "run around with the girls." Hughes is 61 years old and has gray hair and a beard. He has two sons, one 29 and the other 27 years old.

"For seven years," testified his wife, Mrs. Anna Hughes, "my heart has been wounded by his friendly relations with young girls. He takes them out riding in his automobile, and frequently I see him going by the house with the girls on his arm. One of his favorite recreations is to take them to the nickel show.

Mrs. Hughes said she told him to choose between her and the girls. He chose the girls.

Hughes admitted he had a "friendly, but innocent" interest in some young women. He said his only amusements were those pointed out by his wife. He didn't see anything very bad in them.

"I suppose not," returned his wife, "but you don't let me take your arm or give me an automobile ride. You said you didn't enjoy yourself in my company."

Hughes said his wife wanted him to take her to church in the automobile. He didn't care to use the machine for that purpose, he said.

Mrs. Hughes then reproached her husband with too great an intimacy with "Tootsy." Hughes said "Tootsy" came to his

place of business as a purchaser. He had given her automobile rides on that account. Assistant State's Attorney Erick-

son recommended Hughes be sent to the bridewell. "That is the place for these foxy

grandpas," he said. Judge Goodnow said he would give Hughes another chance and continued

the case to June 10. "You are too old to go joy riding with "Tootsy," said the court. "Go

Boys' suits and pants, also chil-