

PERSONAL MENTION.

People Visiting in This City and at Other Points.

—Dr. J. L. Copeland, of Ehrhardt, was in the city last Thursday.

—Miss Estelle Smoak is visiting friends in Charleston this week.

—Mr. Vernon Brabham, of Columbia, spent Monday in the city.

—Mr. A. L. McMillan, of the Colston section, was in the city last Saturday.

—Mr. W. A. Klauber is spending several days on the Isle of Palms this week.

—Mr. W. Gilmore Sims, of Barnwell, spent several days in the city this week.

—Miss Eulalie Coleman returned last week from Winthrop college, for the summer vacation.

—Dr. J. J. Cleckley and Mr. W. D. Rhoad accompanied Mr. N. P. Smoak to Charleston Tuesday.

—Misses Ruth Riley, Alma Black, and Julian Easterling are at home from Winthrop college.

—Mr. J. A. Hunter is attending the convention of Hardware Dealers in Charleston this week.

—Mr. J. F. Brickley, of Augusta, spent Sunday in the city with his mother, Mrs. M. R. Brickley.

—Mr. Johnnie Simmons, of Holly Hill, spent Sunday in the city with his mother, Mrs. J. J. Simmons.

—Misses Ethel and Urna Black are at home from Greenville Female College, for the summer vacation.

—Mr. G. Frank Bamberg, Mrs. H. J. Brabham, Jr., and Miss Lewilyn Cleckley spent Monday in Augusta.

—Miss Estelle Lancaster, of Govan, is spending some time in the city with her sister, Mrs. J. B. Hunter.

—Miss Ottie Simmons, who has been attending Greenville Female college is at home for the summer holidays.

—Mr. C. Pesken spent several days in Charleston this week, where he went to have his little son treated by a specialist.

—Dr. and Mrs. J. B. Black attended the commencements in Greenville last week. They returned home last Friday night.

—Mr. Phillip Murphy, who has been away for some months on a trip to El Paso, Texas, returned home last week.

—Mr. and Mrs. A. N. Whetstone, of Branchville, spent Sunday in the city with Mrs. Whetstone's mother, Mrs. J. J. Simmons.

—Mr. H. N. Folk, of this city, and Mr. George W. Whitaker, of Ehrhardt, were among those who graduated at Wofford this year.

—Messrs. Joe Spann, C. F. Ayer, H. N. Folk, of this city, and Mr. Carl Kearse, of the Kearse section, are at home from Wofford college.

—Mr. A. B. Hooton was in the city last week on a visit to relatives. He graduated in medicine at the Charleston medical college a few days ago.

—Mr. and Mrs. M. W. Brabham, who have been visiting relatives in the city, returned to their home in Raleigh, N. C., last Wednesday night.

—Miss Bess Gibson, who has had charge of the primary department of the Carlisle Fitting School during the past year, has left for her home in McColl.

—Mrs. J. E. Berry and little daughter, of Branchville, spent several days in the city this week on a visit to her daughter, Mrs. J. B. Brickley.

—Mr. and Mrs. U. L. Ellzey, of Georgia, have been in the city for a week or more on account of the illness and death of Mrs. Ellzey's father, Capt. A. P. Miller.

—Miss Annie Halford, of Blackville, spent Sunday and Monday in the city on a visit to relatives and friends. She goes to Laurens this week to spend the summer.

—Mr. H. C. Folk returned Tuesday afternoon from Spartanburg, where he attended the exercises of Wofford college, his son, Mr. H. N. Folk, being one of the graduates.

—Mr. D. L. Betts, who taught Latin and Greek at the Carlisle Fitting School during the past two years, left for Enterprise, Fla., Monday, where he will spend the summer with his parents.

—Miss Marguerite Thorpe, who has been teaching in the Denmark graded school during the past year, has returned home for the summer, as has Miss Esther Polier, who also occupies a position on the faculty staff of the same institution.—Aiken Journal and Review.

—Misses Annie Lou Byrd and Franke Folk left yesterday for Spartanburg, where they will join a party on a trip of three months to Europe. The party will sail from New York Saturday, and they will visit England, France, Germany, and many other countries of the old world. The trip will last over three months, and they will reach home the latter part of September.

FIVE TO DIE IN ELECTRIC CHAIR.

South Carolina's New Mode of Capital Punishment in Effect in July.

Five prisoners in South Carolina are standing within the lawful shadow of the electric chair, and these will be the first to pay the death penalty since the substitution of the chair for the gallows.

The chair has not yet been installed at the penitentiary, though it is not likely that there will be any hitch in the execution of the death sentence by reason in placing the chair in the death house which is being constructed within the prison walls. According to the contract with the manufacturers the chair must have been completed and ready for operation before the first of July.

Saamel N. Hyde, the Anderson man who killed his wife and her father asked Judge Prince, who sentenced him last week, to place the time so that he might be the first man to die in the electric chair in South Carolina. July 5 was the date named for the execution of Hyde.

July 5 is also the date for the execution of Ernest Mulwee, colored, of Walhalla, convicted of murder. On July 12 another negro must go to the chair. He is William Reed, of Starr, Anderson county, convicted of attempted criminal assault.

The month of July will be exceedingly notable for the number of executions that will take place in the death chair in the penitentiary. In addition to the three condemned prisoners two Charleston negroes, Cole and Butler, murderers, have reached the penitentiary to await the day for the execution which has been set for July 21. They took their last journey on earth Sunday, arriving in Columbia Sunday night.

Mulwee and Reed have been prisoners at the penitentiary for two weeks or more and Hyde is the only one of the condemned men who have not yet reached the penitentiary. The law provides that a person condemned to death must remain in the county jail not more than 20 days and not less than two days before the time set for the execution. So Hyde will join the other condemned men not more than two weeks from now.—*Florence Times*, June 8.

THE DEATH CHAIR.

May Not Be Completed by the Day Set for the First Electrocution.

It is hardly possible that the electric chair at the penitentiary will be completed in time for the first electrocutions, that of Isaiah Butler and John Cole, the two Charleston negroes under sentence to die in the electric chair on June 21. Hyde, who killed his wife and her father, is sentenced to die on July 5. A negro from Walhalla is sentenced to die on July 12.

If the chair is not completed in time for the electrocution, and there is little doubt that it will be completed by June 21, the governor will likely be asked to grant the condemned men reprieves until such time as the chair can be installed, which may be early in July. The board of the penitentiary meets next Wednesday, at which time some definite statement may be secured as to when the electric chair and the death chamber will be completed.—*Columbia Special to News and Courier*.

LOOKS NOW LIKE TAFT.

Senator E. D. Smith Thinks President Sure of Nomination.

Washington, June 5.—Senator E. D. Smith was a visitor at the White House to-day, and as he was leaving he was asked if he did not believe the president would be renominated by the Republican party. In reply, he said:

"Yes, it's all over. It's going to be a sad day for the Roosevelt people. The victory of the president in Ohio will have a big influence with certain Southern delegates, who have been under suspicion of turning to Roosevelt. They are going to turn the way the tide is running, and the tide is now with Taft."

TRIED TO RUN DOWN STORY.

Hendersonville Chief of Police Visited Jacksonville to Investigate.

Hendersonville, N. C., June 8.—W. A. Garren, chief of police, who has been chiefly instrumental in working up evidence in the Hawkins case, returned to-day from Jacksonville where he spent the past week in running down the story of witnesses that Myrtle Hawkins was living there, armed with photographs of one Myrtle West, who, according to the officer, somewhat resembles Myrtle Hawkins, and who went under that name. Chief Garren is confident that W. O. Shellnutt saw Myrtle Haney, who also claimed that she was Myrtle Hawkins, but from what he could learn of her bore very little resemblance. She was the one whose photograph was introduced in evidence, it is understood, and who stopped with Stella Wilson, whose affidavit was read in court.

HELD FOR KILLING BROTHER.

Mike Robinson Dead, Arthur in Jail. Shooting Scrape.

Orangeburg, June 9.—Two difficulties, one resulting fatally, were reported from different sections of this county to-day.

Mike Robinson, white farmer of the Neese's section, is dead from knife wounds, and his brother, Arthur, badly wounded, is in jail here, charged with the killing. From reliable information it seems that the Robinson brothers, both between 30 and 35 years of age, were seen together last night in an intoxicated condition. This morning Arthur was found at the home of a neighbor in a serious condition from knife stabs, and on the roadside, not far away, Mike was discovered and before he could be taken to Columbia for treatment he expired. Arthur is in jail here, but it is said he disclaims any knowledge of the manner in which he and his brother were injured, or how he got into his neighbor's house.

The other affair was the shooting of Sam Hungerpiller by Jake Antley, both white farmers of the Lower Fork section. Hungerpiller's wounds, from a shotgun, are not considered necessarily fatal. Antley appears to have left the neighborhood, the sheriff having so far being unable to locate him.

It is said that the shooting was the result of a dispute over the closing of a ditch which divided the property of the two men, both of whom are of middle age.

OIL VEINS IN BEAUFORT?

Deposit of Black Sand Found in Boring Well, Indicating Oil.

Beaufort, June 7.—Roger Pinckney, Jr., contractor for boring deep and shallow artesian wells, is now putting down a well for the Pat Wall Company, at Sheldon. At the depth of 668 feet he has found a deposit of black sand, which is said to be a true indication of oil. Mr. Pinckney has put down many wells of various depths and says this is the first time he has ever found a deposit of this kind, which, if found in an oil region, there would at once be a hunt for an oil vein. Petroleum, or earth oil, is found naturally in many parts of the earth, and is formed by the gradual decomposition of homologues of marsh gas. It is very probable that oil could be found at Sheldon.—*News and Courier*, June 8.

Does Not Indicate Oil.

To the editor of the News and Courier: In your issue of the 8th I notice that there has been found by a deep well contractor, near Sheldon, a deposit of black sand that some seem to think is an indication of oil. For those that may be interested I will say that strata of black sand are to be found all over lower Carolina. They are found from six to one thousand feet deep, as a rule found above a soil that is also black, and is known as Fuller's earth or shale; and under Fuller's earth is to be found a strata of sand that is blue and contains water, which seeks its level at two hundred and twelve feet above sea level. Below this strata there is no more sign of black sand, for on several occasions the writer has probed far below this blue sand strata. Some years ago this sand was found on the lands of Mr. H. H. Peeples, in Hampton county, and was tested by experts and found to indicate nothing. The writer has drilled at least seventy-five flowing wells in lower Carolina, ranging in depth from five hundred to over one thousand feet, and in every well has found black sand in greater or less quantities. G. H. Jennings, in *News and Courier*, June 10.

Hampton, S. C., June 9, 1912.

MAY NEVER STAND TRIAL.

Reported that Case Against Watson Will be Dropped.

Atlanta, June 7.—According to rumors prevalent at the federal building this morning, the government is going to drop the prosecution of Thomas E. Watson, who is held under warrant charging misuse of the mails.

According to the story current here District Attorney Alex Ackerman, who was in Washington this week in conference with the department of justice, has been instructed or advised by the heads of the department not to push the case any further.

It is pointed out that it can be very easily dropped because no grand jury has yet indicted Watson. He has simply been arrested on a warrant.

Federal officials in Atlanta, however, profess to doubt the truth of the rumor, and no authority can be found on which to assure the correctness of the report.

One day only will the silver deal be on sale, so if you expect to buy any silverware be on hand at 8 o'clock, June 15th, at the 5c and 10c Store. All at 10c each. Only a limited amount to each customer.

IS RAILROAD LIABLE.

Widow Sues for Running Special to Lynch Husband.

Washington, June 7.—Whether a railroad that carries a mob to a town to lynch a man is liable in damages to victim's widow and children is a unique point to be brought before the Supreme Court of the United States. The case will be presented to-morrow with a request to review.

Mrs. Annie May Rogers and three children sued the Vicksburg, Shreveport & Pacific Railroad Company on charges of having carried a mob by special train from Monrovia to Tallulah, La., where Rogers was lynched. He had been charged with murdering a man and was about to be released on the ground that he had been tried once before on the charge. The lower federal court held that as a matter of law the railroad might be liable.

KILLS WIFE, COMMITS SUICIDE.

Double Tragedy Occurs in Westville, Kershaw County.

Camden, June 7.—A telephone message this morning from Westville, a small station on the Southern Railway, ten miles above Camden, says that on Wednesday night Oscar Wright, a negro, shot and killed his wife and then turned the weapon upon himself and ended his own life. Wright and his wife had been living in one of the houses at the Oil Mill here, where he has been employed during the past year.

Wright's wife left Camden on Wednesday morning for her old home and, after 6 o'clock in the afternoon, he followed her there. Their married life had not been very happy, and upon reaching there, it is said, he sought her at her old home and shot her several times, killing her instantly. He then turned the pistol upon himself and shot several times. He fell in a hole in the yard, where dirt had been taken away for a chimney. The dead woman's brother heard the shooting, and seeing his sister dead, went into the yard and shot Wright several times with a shotgun, thinking him alive.

Coroner Dixon held an inquest, and the verdict rendered was that the woman came to her death by wounds from the hands of Wright, and Wright came to his death by self-inflicted wounds. The dead woman's brother admitted shooting Wright, but said that he thought he was alive when he fired upon him, one of the shots taking effect in his body and the other in the head, and several missing his body. Manager Eve, of the Oil Mill, said that Wright was one of the best workmen at his mill.

Creighton Gets Money.

Columbia, June 5.—The account of the Rev. C. W. Creighton, of Greenwood, one of Mr. Blease's detectives, for about \$100, has been paid as he finally itemized it, as required and Comptroller General Jones honored it. This account, when first presented by Detective Creighton, was turned down as the law requires that such accounts be itemized and properly dated. Mr. Creighton, along with Col. Leon M. Green, were members of the governor's secret service staff and were paid out of the governor's law enforcement fund. Mr. Creighton was formerly a member of the Methodist conference, and is editor of the *Christian Appeal*, a religious journal, and publishes another paper.

Col. Green's expense account attracted interest all over the State, and the public awaits with equal interest the making public of Detective Creighton's account.

ORANGEBURG MAN IN CUBA.

Flies Stars and Stripes as Protection from Marauders.

There is at least one American in the island of Cuba in which the people of this city are interested. This American is Mr. Emmett C. Dibble, who is at Guam, in the province of Oriente, in which province a considerable spirit of unrest has prevailed during the present rebellion in Cuba.

Mr. A. C. Dibble, in this city, has already received several letters from his son since the outbreak, and while he states in his letters that there has not been any serious outbreaks in the immediate neighborhood of the town of Guam, the government sympathizers and other Americans in that vicinity are very much exercised for fear of the bands of marauders. In the southern portion of the province, Mr. Dibble says, there have been some very serious conflicts.

Mr. Dibble writes that he has an American flag floating over his home and also that the government sympathizers and the whites of the neighborhood have banded themselves together for their protection. He says that they have called on the government for arms and ammunition, but thus far they have not been supplied. They have a few guns of their own upon which they will depend for protecting their lives and property should any serious outbreaks occur near them.—*Orangeburg Evening News*.

GEORGIAN WANTS REWARD.

Writes Governor for Warrant and Will Serve it in Baltimore.

Columbia, June 7.—Governor Blease told the newspaper men to-day that he had received a letter from a citizen of Georgia, asking for one of the warrants for Thomas B. Felder, stating that he expected to go to Baltimore and arrest Felder and get the \$200 reward offered for the arrest of Felder, who is wanted in this State on a charge of attempting to bribe a State official and of conspiracy to defraud the State. Governor Blease said that he will reply to the Georgian, sending him one of the original warrants.

There are three warrants, said the governor pending against Felder in this State now, and one of these will be sent to the Georgian. He further said that he will, if Felder is arrested, ask the governor of Maryland to allow Felder to be brought back to South Carolina.

One of the warrants for Felder's arrest is in the hands of a magistrate of Newberry county. Governor Blease stated that this warrant had been sworn out since the indictment of Felder in Newberry last year and the return of a "no bill" by the Newberry grand jury, and the chief executive went on to say that he had no new evidence against Felder that will lead to his conviction on the charges preferred against him.

An Atlanta newspaper stated Wednesday that Felder was in Chicago on a business trip and that it was not known there which way he would take to go to the Baltimore convention, but that he would probably go by way of points in Tennessee and Virginia. If Felder does not pass through the State there will be no chance to arrest him in South Carolina.

Gov. Blease is determined in his statement that he intended to push the cases against Felder and to do all in his power to secure his arrest and conviction.

CANDIDATES' CARDS.

FOR UNITED STATES SENATOR.

I hereby announce myself a candidate for the United States Senate, subject to the rules of the Democratic party. Your support and influence will be appreciated. N. B. DIAL, Laurens, S. C.

FOR CONGRESS.

I hereby announce my candidacy for re-election as Representative of the Second District in the United States Congress, pledging myself to abide by the result of the Democratic primary. JAMES F. BYRNES.

FOR SOLICITOR.

I hereby announce myself as a candidate for the office of Solicitor of the Second Judicial Circuit of South Carolina, pledging myself to abide the result of the Democratic primary. EDGAR A. BROWN, Barnwell, S. C.

I hereby announce myself as a candidate for Solicitor of the second judicial circuit of South Carolina, and pledge myself to abide the result of the Democratic primary. On account of the fact of having to hold four terms of court during the months of June and July, it will be impossible for me to make a thorough canvass of the circuit, but I trust that doing my duty, will appeal to the voters as much as the popular mode of electioneering. R. L. GUNTER.

FOR STATE SENATE.

I hereby announce myself as a candidate for re-election to the State Senate, subject to the rules and regulations of the Democratic primary. J. B. BLACK.

FOR COTTON WEIGHER AT BAMBERG.

Conveying to the citizen taxpayers of Bamberg county my appreciation of the confidence shown in me by repeatedly electing me to the responsible position of County Treasurer, and believing that I can be of greater service to you, I am retiring from that position and hereby announce myself a candidate for State Senator from Bamberg county, to which position, if elected, I pledge you my best efforts in the protection of your interests and the upbuilding of our county and State, and I hereby pledge myself to abide the result of the Democratic primary and support the nominees thereof. JOHN F. FOLK.

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES.

I respectfully announce myself as a candidate for the House of Representatives for Bamberg county, subject to the rules and regulations of the Democratic primary. B. W. MILEY.

I am a candidate for the House of Representatives from Bamberg county, and will abide the result of the Democratic primary. F. F. CARROLL.

Grateful to the voters for their support two years ago, I hereby announce myself a candidate for re-election as a member of the House of Representatives from Bamberg County, subject to result of the Democratic primary. J. AQUILLA HUNTER.

I hereby announce my candidacy for the House of Representatives. I will abide the result of the Democratic primary and support the nominees thereof. J. WESLEY CRUM, JR.

FOR CLERK OF COURT.

With thanks to the voters for their

support in the past, I respectfully announce myself a candidate for re-election as Clerk of Court of Bamberg county, subject to the result of the Democratic primary. C. B. FREE.

FOR SHERIFF.

Having been solicited by a number of friends, I have decided to offer for Sheriff of Bamberg county, and hereby announce myself as a candidate, pledging myself to abide the result of the Democratic primary and support the nominees of the party. J. FELDER HUNTER.

Grateful to my friends for their very liberal support some years ago, I announce my candidacy for the office of Sheriff of Bamberg county, subject to the result of the Democratic primary, and pledge myself to support the nominees thereof. S. G. RAY.

I hereby announce myself a candidate for the office of Sheriff of Bamberg county, subject to the rules and regulations of the Democratic primary, and pledge myself to support the nominees thereof. J. H. LANCASTER.

FOR COUNTY TREASURER.

I hereby announce myself as a candidate for Treasurer of Bamberg county, and pledge myself to abide the result of the Democratic primary and support the nominees. I will appreciate the support of the voters and promise you my best service, if elected. GEO. A. JENNINGS.

I respectfully announce myself a candidate for the office of Treasurer of Bamberg county subject to the rules and regulations of the Democratic primary, pledging myself to abide the result and support the nominees of the party. If elected I shall perform the duties of the office to the best of my ability. JACOB H. A. CARTER.

FOR COUNTY SUPERVISOR.

I hereby announce myself a candidate for the office of Supervisor of Bamberg county, subject to the rules and regulations of the Democratic primary, and pledge myself to support the nominees thereof. E. C. BRUCE.

I respectfully announce myself a candidate for the office of County Supervisor, subject to the rules and regulations of the Democratic primary. If elected I promise to give my entire time and best talent to the work. Respectfully, G. BROOK KINARD.

I hereby announce myself as a candidate for Supervisor of Bamberg County, pledging myself to abide the result of the Democratic primary and support the nominees of the party. W. PRESTON McMILLAN.

FOR JUDGE OF PROBATE.

I hereby announce my candidacy for re-election as Judge of Probate of Bamberg county, subject to the result of the Democratic primary. G. P. HARMON.

I respectfully announce myself a candidate for the office of Judge of Probate of Bamberg county, subject to the result of the Democratic primary. H. WHILDEN WALKER.

FOR COUNTY COMMISSIONER.

I hereby announce myself as a candidate for County Commissioner of Bamberg county, and will abide the result of the Democratic primary. W. PRESTON SANDIFER.

I hereby announce myself a candidate for County Commissioner of Bamberg county, subject to the rules and regulations of the Democratic primary. W. BARNEY SMOAK.

I am a candidate for County Commissioner of Bamberg county, subject to the result of the Democratic primary. J. J. ZEIGLER.

I hereby announce myself as a candidate for County Commissioner of Bamberg county, and will abide the result of the Democratic primary. H. W. CHITTY.

With thanks to the voters for their support in the past, I respectfully announce myself as a candidate for re-election to the office of County Commissioner for Bamberg county. I will abide the result of the primary. G. W. FOLK.

FOR COTTON WEIGHER AT BAMBERG.

I respectfully announce my candidacy for Cotton Weigher at Bamberg, subject to the result of the Democratic primary. G. L. KINARD.

I hereby announce myself as a candidate for cotton weigher at Bamberg, pledging myself to abide the result of the Democratic primary. G. A. RICE.

FOR COTTON WEIGHER AT EHRHARDT.

I respectfully announce myself as a candidate for Cotton Weigher at Ehrhardt, subject to the result of the Democratic primary. W. D. SEASE.

FOR MAGISTRATE AT EHRHARDT.

I hereby announce myself a candidate for re-election to the office of Magistrate at Ehrhardt pledging myself to abide the result of the Democratic primary and support the nominees thereof. J. C. COPELAND.

I respectfully announce myself a candidate for Magistrate at Ehrhardt, pledging myself to abide the result of the Democratic primary and support the nominees thereof. J. H. KINARD.

FOR MAGISTRATE AT OLAR.

I am a candidate for re-election as magistrate at Olar, and will abide the result of the Democratic primary and support the nominees. O. J. C. LAIN.

I hereby announce myself as a candidate for magistrate at Olar, subject to the result of the Democratic primary. JEFF GUNNELLS.