

## COUNTRY NEWS LETTERS

### SOME INTERESTING HAPPENINGS IN VARIOUS SECTIONS.

#### News Items Gathered All Around the County and Elsewhere.

##### Ehrhardt Etchings.

Ehrhardt, Sept. 16.—The rains last week practically put cotton picking at a standstill. Gins are doing nothing, and nothing doing much in cotton selling. So 'twas a dull week for business in our town.

The Carolina Gin Company have about gotten their machinery all in trim for work, and if the farmers get dry weather there will be cotton gathered in a rush until all is gathered. With suitable weather November 15th will leave very little cotton in the fields in this section.

Mr. Harry Copeland will leave for Newberry college this week for another nine months' siege in his books to get the balance of his college education.

Our town fathers have passed an ordinance forbidding the sale of any goods on the Sabbath. Only give two hours, from 9 to 11 o'clock a. m., to deliver ice to the citizens. This knocks out the habit of waiting until Sunday morning to do shopping, to make ice cream and the like. Ice for sickness will be sold at any time needed.

Mr. Wescott, of Walterboro, spent Sunday in town.

Nearly all the folks that went to the mountains and pleasure trips are at home now and hard at work to make up for lost time.

Our doctors are kept busy all the time now.

Mr. H. A. Hughes has sold his house and lot to Mr. A. C. Eckhardt, of Walterboro. Mr. Hughes will go to his farm again and start up a town on the railroad from Bamberg, S. C., to Ehrhardt, S. C., if it ever gets to be a railroad. Says that he is promised a station on same.

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#### Denamrk Doings.

Miss Annie Stokes, of Orangeburg, is the guest of her aunt, Mrs. W. L. Riley.

Mr. Samuel Guess left Monday for Gainesville to attend the University of Georgia.

Miss Ruby Guess is at home again after a stay of several weeks in Washington with Mrs. Bethea.

Miss Ruth Seymour left Tuesday for Rock Hill to attend Winthrop college.

Mr. and Mrs. W. L. Riley spent the week-end with Mrs. Holman in St. Matthews.

Miss Lillian Goolsby left Sunday for Fort Motte, where she has accepted a position in the school.

Misses Blonde Barton, Marion Riley, and Louise Zeigler went Friday to Winthrop college.

Mr. Boyce Steadman left on Saturday for Columbia to attend the South Carolina University.

Mrs. J. P. Carter and grand son, Jno. P., Jr., were the guests of Mrs. G. W. Goolsby for a short while this week.

Mrs. J. B. Guess and daughters, Sadelle and Frances, have returned home after a stay of several weeks in North Carolina.

Mr. Willie Marvin, of Beaufort, was a visitor here this week.

Misses Ashley, of Savannah, Ga., are the guests of Mrs. J. Z. Brooker.

Miss Katherine Wilkinson entertained for quite a number of her friends on Tuesday evening.

Mr. and Mrs. L. C. Rice are at home again after a stay of two months in Tennessee.

Miss Kennerly, of Florida, is the guest of Mrs. Willie Fogle.

Mr. R. M. McCartha, of Bamberg, was in town for several days this week.

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#### SAFE CRACKERS IN ALABAMA.

##### Make Raid on Small Town and Get Away Safely.

Chattanooga, Tenn., Sept. 13.—A special from Huntsville, Ala., says safe crackers were busy at Chase, Ala., early this morning, and succeeded in getting away with \$235. The union depot safe contained only \$24, but the Chase Nursery Company, which contained the postoffice, was robbed of \$130. The cash register of the Chase commissary was robbed of \$30 and the thieves succeeded in collecting \$51 from various other places in the building and made their escape. The safe was blown open with nitroglycerine and the thieves are believed to have been experts.

Carhartt's Overalls and gloves \$1.00. Write F. G. MERTINS, Augusta, Ga.

#### WEARY OF LIFE WITH NEGRO.

##### White Wife of Jack Johnson Attempts Suicide.

Chicago, Sept. 11.—The wife of Jack Johnson, world's champion heavyweight pugilist, attempted suicide to-night by shooting herself in the head. She may die.

The woman had been in such a condition for several months that, on the advice of a doctor, Johnson had employed two women attendants to watch her. He was to have taken her to Las Vegas, N. M., for her health, and was away getting tickets when she made the attempt.

The attendants were with the woman to-night when she opened a cabinet drawer, took out a revolver, they said, and pointed it at her head. They struggled with her, they say, but she succeeded in discharging the weapon. At the hospital to-night it was said that the bullet passed through the woman's head.

The woman, formerly Etta Perry, of Brooklyn, is 31 years of age, and was married to Johnson three years ago in Pittsburg.

#### Country Correspondence.

Hazy Indian summer days have come in all their glory and farmers are racing to gather the fleecy staple before the expected equinoctial gales come.

A little malarial fever is dotted about over the community, but glad to say we know of no serious cases anywhere.

The hedges and grove, woodland and field and forest and swamp were alive several nights last week by the merry whoop of fox hunters and their canine songsters. Messrs. Herndon, Bamberg, Crider, Sandifer and Smoak, are lovers of the chase and this neighborhood returns thanks to them for taking out some three or four foxes last week. We hope the feathered kingdom will fare better for the foxes' departure.

Schools are opening and the children are making ready for their year's work and pleasure.

The school house at Pine Grove is being overhauled and new furniture being adjusted, consequently the session there will not begin for some few weeks yet, as the work is not finished.

At the home of Mr. and Mrs. Henry W. Herndon on last Sunday morning promptly at 10 o'clock, their only daughter, Nora Ellen, and Mr. Jasper Brabham Padgett, all of Spring branch neighborhood, were married. Rev. W. R. McMillan, of Bamberg, officiating. Owing to the earliness of the hour and promptness, quite a number of us were just a little too late, however, we viewed the happy couple and examined their many presents, before going to preaching services at Spring Branch. A bright future is before this youthful couple, both of them just blooming into grownups; and only school children, though the groom has had to leave off his school days for three years, that he might care for his widowed mother. The writer knows much of both of them, and can see nothing but a future of happiness and prosperity and may they live long and be happy is our wish for Jasper and Nora.

The primary elections are now over and would that as much interest be shown in the promotion of education and good roads development, as there was in the campaign. We waft good wishes to the new corps of officers and to those re-elected, and may the soreness and disappointment of the left ones be healed and may they just realize that all could not be elected.

Union meeting for the eastern division will be held at Spring Branch church, the usual number of days, ending the 5th Sunday. The church has just been newly painted inside and out, and the folks there are trying to prepare to give as wholesome stimulus to the meeting as the church presents in looks. Let everybody, who can, go and try to revive the union meetings.

#### Will Prescute Sophomores.

Smithfield, N. C., Sept. 15.—The parents of William Rand, the University of North Carolina freshman, who died on the University campus at Chapel Hill, N. C., early Friday morning as the alleged result of hazing, announced to-night that special counsel had been employed to assist the State in the prosecution of the four sophomores held responsible for the death. The funeral was held here to-day. The executive council of the University will meet in Raleigh tomorrow to consider the case.

\$15.00 suits now \$11.25, all wool, fit guaranteed. Write F. G. MERTINS, Augusta, Ga.

#### 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 third primary must be held in Aiken county to elect a member of the house of representatives.

T. J. Bolen has been elected one of the county supervisors in Orangeburg county by a majority of seven votes.

Furman Bagwell, the young white man of Anderson who shot his friend, Milton Taylor, while Bagwell was being initiated into the order of Woodmen of the World, has been acquitted by a jury. Taylor stated, before he died that Bagwell should not be prosecuted.

J. B. Smeltzer, a well known young Columbian, lost his life in the Y. M. C. A. swimming pool one day last week. Mr. Smeltzer was a young man prominent among college circles, having graduated from Newberry college last June, and had been elected physical director at his alma mater for the coming session.

#### FOR LARGEST STEEL PRESS.

##### Gigantic Casting to Ride on Unique Car and Be Fitted Up.

The Bethlehem Steel Company has just completed the cross-head to the largest steel press in the world. When completed it will be used by the Schoen plant of the Carnegie Steel Company to manufacture car wheels. The total weight of the press will be 2,135,000 pounds, and it will contain the largest hydraulic cylinder in the world, with the largest copper liner ever made.

The steel casting just completed weighs 250,000 pounds and does not show a pin-hole defect in any place.

Owing to the fact that there is only one car in existence which can transport this and other pieces of the gigantic press, it will require about three months to transport the enormous press to McKees Rocks.

#### BROTHERS GLAD TO MEET AGAIN

##### Sidna Allen and Edwards Now in Roanoke Jail.

Roanoke, Va., Sept. 16.—Sidna Allen and Wesley Edwards were lodged in jail here at 1 o'clock this afternoon. While Wesley Edwards is occupying a bunk in his cell in the city jail, his fiancée, Miss Maude Iroler, occupies a room in a hotel just across the street.

The Allens, who were already in jail here, were delighted to see their kinsmen when they arrived. Floyd shook hands with his brother and greeted him heartily. There was a general all-round handshaking, when this was over, the two latest arrivals were given a cell close by those occupied by the others.

Miss Iroler will leave here tomorrow morning for her home.

Gov. Mann has not appointed any judge to try Allen and Edwards. Although Sidna Allen expressed a wish to have his trial at Hillsville, it is certain that the commonwealth will ask for a change of venue.

#### How to Treat Our Flag.

The flag should not be hoisted before sunrise nor allowed to remain up after sunset.

When the national colors are passing on parade or in review, the spectator should, if walking, halt, and, if sitting, arise, stand at attention and uncover.

When the national and State flags fly together the national flag should be placed on the right.

In placing the flag at half staff, it should be first hoisted to the top of the staff and then lowered to position. Preliminary to lowering from half staff, it should first be raised to the top.

On Memorial Day the flag should fly at half staff from sunrise to noon and full staff from noon to sunset.—Leslie's Weekly.

#### BLEW HIMSELF TO DEATH.

##### Army Bugler Dies from Over Exertion in Sounding Calls.

Savannah, Ga., Sept. 13.—Musician John K. Knight, of the 72nd Company C. A. C., stationed at Fort Screven, died to-day, the immediate cause being pneumonia. It is stated, however, this was caused by Knight putting too much exertion into his sounding the bugle calls. He was 21 years of age and enlist-d from Glennville, Ga.

#### BEAT AND ROB STOREKEEPER.

##### Chesterfield Negroes Commit Outrage and Make Their Escape.

Cheraw, Sept. 14.—At 9 o'clock this morning, watching their chance, two strange negroes entered Mr. B. L. Burns's store, a few miles from Cheraw, at Cashes, and asked for a pair of shoes. Mr. Burns got them, and while one pretended to try them on both men jumped on him. One pulled a large rock out of his pocket and beat Mr. Burns over the head and face, cutting him severely. Mr. Burns begged them not to kill him, but to take what they wanted. They took \$125 out of the safe, a double-barrelled shotgun, cartridges and a knife and left. Mr. Burns and Mr. W. L. Gillespie, of Cheraw, who happened to come in about that time, gave the alarm. The sheriff was telephoned for and soon got on the scene. Bloodhounds were also telegraphed for. There is high feeling among the lumber mill hands at Cashes, negroes and whites, and a lynching may be looked for if cooler heads cannot prevent it. While Mr. Burns is apparently not seriously injured, his recovery will depend on developments during the next day or two.

#### MASSEY REMOVED FROM HOME.

##### Lancaster Veteran No Longer at Confederate Home.

Columbia, Sept. 14.—That Veteran Samuel Massey has been dismissed from the Confederate home was admitted this morning by Maj. W. H. Richardson, the chairman and treasurer of the board of commissioners. Charges of mistreating one of his comrades, Thomas Whittle, hitting him over the head with a chair, resulting in the trial of Veteran Massey by the board September 6th and 7th and the outcome is the final dismissal of Mr. Massey.

Mr. Massey and the Confederate home have been in the public prints for some weeks. The matter first started with the alleged charge that Major Richardson was attempting to influence the old soldiers to vote for Gov. Blease, followed closely by the board suspending Massey for 30 days on the charge of being disorderly on the premises. A temporary restraining order preventing this from being carried into effect was granted by Judge Gary on application of Attorney John J. McMahan for Massey. Thereafter Massey again took up his abode at the home.

Then came the charge that Massey hit one of his comrades, Thomas Whittle, over the head with a chair, and the case was considered by the board on September 6th and 7th. At that time Major Richardson declined to give out anything for publication. However he admitted this morning that Massey had been permanently dismissed from the home.

Veteran Massey is from Lancaster county and was an ardent supporter of Judge Jones. Major Richardson and the members of the board of commissioners of the home are strong supporters of Gov. Blease.

#### Nicholls Refuses to Serve on Board.

Spartanburg, Sept. 14.—Because of the fact that he is unable to spare the necessary time from his personal law practice and business in the city of Spartanburg, Samuel J. Nicholls this morning refused to accept the appointment as a member of the board of regents for the State hospital for the insane, made yesterday by Gov. Blease, vice J. Wright Nash, resigned.

Mr. Nicholls stated that he appreciated the honor bestowed upon him by the governor of the State and regretted his inability to serve as a member of the board, but felt that it would require too much of his time in Columbia and on the grounds of the hospital and hence it would not be possible for him to accept.

The State insane hospital is conducted by a board of regents, five in number, and this board has complete control over all of the affairs of the institution, expending large sums of money annually.

#### Ehrhardt School Opening.

On Monday morning, September 30th, the doors of the Ehrhardt graded school will be opened for the beginning of the fall session, with Mr. J. W. Barber in charge.

It is the earnest desire of both teachers and the trustees that all of the children in the community who expect to attend this session be present at the opening day, if possible.

Appropriate exercises have been arranged for the day. Both patrons trustees are expected, and visitors will be welcomed;

#### GIRL BETRAYS FUGITIVES.

##### LAST OF HILLSVILLE CLAN CAPTURED IN DES MOINES.

#### Sweetheart of Wesley Edwards Leads Detectives, Unwittingly, of Course, to the Fugitives.

Des Moines, Ia., Sept. 14.—Sidna Allen, leader of the Allen clan, which shot up the Carroll county court house at Hillsville, Va., March 14, killing Judge Massie and others, and his nephew, Wesley Edwards, to-night are manacled in cells at the city jail as a result of love affairs which led detectives to them. Both have announced their willingness to return to Virginia without requisition.

Edwards, for the love of whom Miss Maude Iroler, of Mount Airy, N. C., had innocently led detectives to Des Moines, was captured to-night as he was returning to his boarding house after having worked all day with a paving gang. Just as he boarded a street car, detectives and officers surrounded it. Edwards was trying to escape by crawling through the front end of the car when officers caught him. The arrest of Sidna Allen was effected earlier in the day.

A visit by Edwards to Miss Iroler in her North Carolina home about a month ago and the accidental loss of a letter put the detectives on the trail. The fugitives had been in Des Moines since April 28. Allen, under the name of Tom Sayre, worked as a carpenter, and Edwards, under the name of Joe Jackson, was employed with a city paving gang.

Allen was arrested at the home of John Cameron, at Eleventh and Locust streets, where he and his nephew had been rooming, by Detectives Baldwin, Lucas and Munday, of Roanoke, Va. The arrest occurred a few minutes after Miss Iroler stepped into the Cameron home to meet Edwards, whom she was to wed to-night, according to an arrangement made when he visited her in Virginia.

**How Capture Was Made.** Detective Lucas was at her heels. Allen was in an upper room when informed that visitors wanted to see him; he came down stairs. As he did so Detective Lucas covered him with a revolver and asked him to surrender. Allen hesitated and then threw up his hands, remarking as he did so: "I guess I'm your man."

Allen was handcuffed and placed under guard of city detectives, while Col. Baldwin and Chief Jenny, of the local department, went in search of Edwards, who was said to be at work in the western part of the city. Apparently Edwards had heard that his uncle had been captured, because he was not to be found until to-night.

Miss Iroler arrived in Des Moines this morning, unaware that on the same train were detectives who wanted her sweetheart. She went straight to the Cameron home, having previously been provided with the address, and the officers followed.

Although surprised she took the arrest of Allen and the capture of Edwards with little show of concern. "Wesley was down home a month ago," she said. "We were to be married. He gave me the money to come to this city and this address. I had no idea that any one was following me."

#### Allen Talks Freely.

Sidna Allen, in his cell to-night, talked freely of the events of the last few months, but declined to say much concerning his movements immediately after the court house tragedy. He and Edwards remained in the mountain country of Virginia and North Carolina for about a month, and then got over into Kentucky, going to Louisville, where they spent several days. Their next stop was in St. Louis, where they remained a week. They had sufficient money for their needs and travelled as first-class passengers.

"I don't know why we came to Des Moines," said Allen, "unless it was that I thought we would be safer here. Several years ago I was in the Klondyke, and I figured that the officers would think I had gone back there. So we came to Des Moines and I got work as a carpenter and expected to remain here until it was safe back home."

"I would have given myself up long ago if I had thought we could get a square deal. But see what they have done to Floyd, my brother, and Claude."

#### Blames Officers.

Allen declared that the court house tragedy was the fault of the officers, who, he said, began the shooting.

"We heard a few days before Floyd Allen's trial began that Sheriff Webb had bought a hundred rounds of cartridges and had made the re-

#### NEW B. & L. AT BRANCHVILLE.

##### Enterprise Promises to Encourage Much Home Building.

Branchville, September 14.—The Branchville Building and Loan Association has been organized with a capital stock of \$25,000, under authority of a commission recently granted by the secretary of State. Books of subscription were opened last week in the Bank of Branchville and 214 shares of the proposed issue of 250 shares of stock were subscribed promptly. The remainder of the stock will be taken up in a short time, as it is being held for some prospective home-builders among the young men of the town.

At a meeting of the stockholders L. H. Fairey, S. Weathersbee, Oscar W. Smoak, B. X. Minus, P. E. Dukes, W. C. Martin and P. P. Bethea were elected directors. The directors then elected the following officers: L. H. Fairey, president; P. Earl Dukes, vice president; J. B. Williams, Jr., secretary-treasurer; W. C. Martin, solicitor. The stockholders are all enthusiastic over the prospects for the new enterprise, as there are several applicants for building privileges already listed, and it looks like there is good business ahead.

#### Calhoun Will Run.

Col. and Mrs. Harry D. Calhoun have returned from Glenn Springs, where they went for a ten days' stay after the recent primary.

When seen by a representative of this paper and asked if he had any statement to make in regard to his recent race for congress, Mr. Calhoun said: "To my friends who supported me in the recent primary I feel very grateful, and announce that I will be a candidate for congress two years hence. I have alarmed the district and State against the adoption of the Bristow amendment, and am satisfied that our legislature won't ratify it when it meets in January."—Barnwell Sentinel.

#### SURROUNDED BY THIRTEENS.

##### Excuse Enough for Commissioner of Fisheries Bowers to Ponder.

Washington, Sept. 13.—George M. Bowers, United States commissioner of fisheries, employed every agency to-day to defy the superstition of the unlucky figure 13 combined with the ill-omened Friday. It is the commissioner's birthday and he became alarmed to find that he was surrounded by thirteens.

The day is Friday, the 13th. Mr. Bowers is 49 years of age; the addition of those figures equals 13. Further than that the addition of the figures of the year 1912 also makes 13. On top of it all is the period of the "dark of the moon." As soon as he arose the commissioner started on a hunt for a rabbit's foot.

#### STEVENSON ISSUES CALL.

##### Democratic Executive Committee to Meet Sept. 24 in Spartanburg.

Columbia, Sept. 15.—W. F. Stevenson, chairman of the Democratic executive committee appointed to investigate the State-wide primary of August 27, called a meeting of the sub-committee to be held in Spartanburg, S. C., September 24. The meeting is to be held in Spartanburg, S. C., because, Mr. Stevenson points out, the most extensive charges of fraud centered in the great Piedmont counties which cast the heaviest vote in the State.

On the face of the returns from the primary, Cole L. Blease, present governor, was renominated by a majority of about 3,000. The returns on their face showed a total vote of about 140,000, as against 107,000 two years ago.

#### KILLED BECAUSE OF SERMON.

##### West Virginia Minister Assaulted After Preaching on Dishonesty.

Charleston, W. Va., Sept. 13.—After preaching a sermon on the subject of dishonesty, the Rev. R. H. Green, a Red Sulphur circuit pastor, of the Methodist Church, South, was assaulted and so badly injured that he died a few hours later, according to news received here to-day from Monroe county. The Rev. Mr. Green had delivered the sermon in a school house and was returning to his boarding house when several unidentified men attacked him.

mark that he was going to show that Allen gang some 'real court,' but we did not expect trouble that day, and there wouldn't have been any if the officers had not begun it."