

COUNTRY NEWS LETTERS

SOME INTERESTING HAPPENINGS IN VARIOUS SECTIONS.

News Items Gathered All Around the County and Elsewhere.

Ehrhardt Etchings.

Ehrhardt, Sept. 23.—Sunday passed for a rainy day.

The cotton in the fields is given another setback in grade. Practically all the cotton was open in this section before the rain commenced, and a few days more will sprout it, that is if the seed are matured enough. Farmers that did not save seed from first cotton will get a lot of faulty seed to start off with another year.

Miss Von Leah, of Walterboro, is visiting Mrs. J. M. Smith and relatives.

One hundred and twenty-nine bales of cotton changed hands here Saturday.

Mr. J. Hampton Fender has opened up a horseshoeing establishment here on Saturdays.

Mr. J. Hampton Fender has a very fine lot of sugar cane and bids fair to have syrup for another year. He brought the writer three cane matured, six feet.

Mr. Frank H. Copeland has taken charge of the Hacker Manufacturing Company's plant here as its superintendent.

Mrs. C. W. Carter, better known as "Aunt Mena Carter," was placed in the Carter cemetery by the side of her husband on the 19th. Thus another of our loved neighbors has gone to join her family that has gone on before. Her husband and three or four sons were given her attention and love during her illness. One of her sons was burned so badly until he could not recover. Through all this family sickness and trouble she held up and said God's will be done, not mine. We will all miss Aunt Mena. She was a model wife, a mother second to none, a Christian worthy to be followed, and a neighbor that all will miss, for her various deeds of kindness will cease. She leaves behind her one sister, one brother, three daughters, two sons, several grand children, and a host of friends to mourn her departure. She was in her 80th year of age.

Messrs. Lionel Clayton, Clemons Carter, and Raleigh Kinard left for Newberry college last week.

Mr. Frank Robinson is all smiles, it's a boy.

Mr. G. B. Kinard is rocking the cradle, it's a girl. JEE.

Denmark Doings.

Denmark, Sept. 25.—The Denmark high school opened Monday morning with a large enrollment.

Though the weather was very inclement, quite a large crowd attended the opening exercises, the first of which was a selection read from the Bible by Rev. T. E. Morris and a prayer by Rev. Petite.

Two very interesting and beneficial talks were made by Mr. J. A. Wiggins and Dr. J. S. Matthews.

They have secured an unusually excellent chore of teachers for this term, those in the high school being: Miss Emma Thompson, of Rock Hill; Miss Hart, of Estill; Miss Stokes, of Mountville, and Prof. E. M. McCown, of Darlington.

Those in the grammar school are: Miss Esther Polair, of Aiken; Miss Lillian Gentry, of Florence; Miss Carroll, of Chester; Miss Herritt and Miss Josie Pratt, of Greenwood.

Miss Emma Owens is at home after spending the summer with her mother in Barnwell.

Mrs. Percy Bethea, of Darlington, is spending some time with her mother, Mrs. J. G. H. Guess.

Misses Ruby and Ladelle Guess left Wednesday for Spartanburg to attend Converse college.

Miss Lula Hightower left Sunday for Lynchburg, where she has accepted a position in the school.

Misses Martha Ray, Lula Bess Wroton, Annie Lou Collins and Eulalie Ellzey left Wednesday for Columbia to attend Columbia college.

Miss Lynn Goolsby went Sunday to Hendersonville to take a position in the high school there.

Mr. Charlie Guess, of Williston, Fla., is visiting friends here. "L."

The State Supreme Court has decided that the attempted removal of W. H. Kerr as magistrate at Greenwood by Governor Blease was without effect and that he is now and has been since his confirmation by the Senate a lawful magistrate. Here is another case where the governor attempted to override the wishes of the legislative delegation and appointed another man to fill the office.

CONFESSES \$55,000 ROBBERY.

Bank Clerk Said Feared Officers Would Suspect His Brother.

Pensacola, Fla., Sept. 24.—William H. Bell, 20 years old, a bank clerk, to-night confessed that he robbed the local First National Bank, Tuesday, of a package containing \$55,000, of the Louisville and Nashville's payroll, and substituted a bogus package in its place.

Fear that the officers would suspect his brother is said to have caused Bell to confess.

The young bank clerk has been in the employ of the local bank for two years. In his confession to detectives, he declared that he had planned to secure the money a week before the pay-roll was made up. Last Sunday he made a bogus package, similar in shape and size to the payroll package of money, filled with magazine slips.

On Tuesday afternoon, when the Louisville and Nashville pay-roll was being fixed for shipment he slipped the package containing the \$55,000 into his locker and substituted the package of paper in its place.

No one noticed the change and the bogus package together with a shipment of \$20,000 was taken to the express office and received.

Tuesday night Bell took the package of money to his home in a suit case. Activities by detectives and officials when the robbery became known caused him to return the money Saturday.

He wrapped the package in a newspaper and after notifying the cashier of the First National Bank where the missing money would be found, placed it on the back steps of the bank building.

The cashier disregarded the anonymous telephone message. The package was found after it had been on the steps several hours by the janitor.

Texas Generosity.

It happened in Amarillo, Tex., at the hotel where a traveling man from Kansas City was staying for a few days. He wore one of those little fried egg hats made him look like a freshman. A Texas ranchman had come to town on business and had taken a few drinks and had become quarrelsome. A good friend was hovering near to see that he did not get into any serious trouble.

As the drummer passed through the hotel lobby and started upstairs the Texas spied him.

"Hey, there," he called out boldly. "Come back here."

The drummer looked amazed and paused, but did not retrace his steps. "Come here fellow. Don't you hear me?" loudly repeated the old rancher.

The guardian friend touched his arm and said: "Now, Bill, don't you start anything like that here. That fellow was minding his own business and you let him alone and keep out of trouble."

The old Texan leered at him scornfully. "Say," he replied, "I wasn't starting any trouble. I just want to take that fellow out and buy him a hat."—Kansas City Star.

In the Summer Camp.

Col. Gilford Hurry, commissary of the national guard of New York, was condemning an officer who, on an annual encampment, had fussed too much over his men, says the Washington Star.

"A famous editor," he said, "watched the officer on night during the last encampment, as he showed the boys how to fold their clothes, how to spread their bedding, how to drape their mosquito netting and so forth, and finally, when the officer took leave, the editor called after him: 'Hey, you've forgotten something.'"

"What have I forgotten?" "You haven't heard 'em say their prayers and kissed 'em all good-night.'"

Advice to Husbands.

When she makes a hat, admire it, even though it looks like a Welsh rabbit nightmare. It will save you a lot of money in the long run.

When you are out late, you may as well tell her the truth. She won't believe it, anyhow.

Don't be grouchy about her allowance, even if it runs up as high as 25 cents a week.

Eat what she cooks and keep your mouth shut. If you keep your mouth shut you can't eat very much, so it won't hurt you.—Richmond Times-Dispatch.

C. F. Rizer at Olar received this week a car of nice horses and mules. They were bought right and will be sold right. See the load if you need an animal.

IN THE PALMETTO STATE

SOME OCCURRENCES OF VARIOUS KINDS IN SOUTH CAROLINA.

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

The Cox cotton mill of Anderson has asked for a receiver. The liabilities are said to be \$350,000 and the assets the same.

Greenville merchants have lost a good deal lately by shoplifters, and they think there is a regular gang of them operating in that city.

The jury at Lexington on Friday found Jacob Watts and Govan Watts guilty of manslaughter in the killing of Adam Watts at Swansea May 11th last. Their sentence was postponed.

Judge Gage signed an order in Columbia on Thursday directing B. B. Evans to pay to the Murray Drug company \$103 collected by him for the company, which he failed to account for.

A report gained currency in the newspapers last week as to hazing at Clemson college, but President Riggs denies that there has been any trouble along that line to amount to anything, and it appears that the reports were greatly exaggerated.

Even the town of McBee has a newspaper, the McBee Courier making its first appearance last week, with J. E. Gardner as editor and manager. However, he has shown good judgment in not purchasing an outfit, as he is having his paper printed in Charlotte.

B. A. Blount, the former car inspector for the Southern Railway at the union station, who was convicted of grand larceny in the June term of the court 1910 for Richland county and sentenced to five years in the penitentiary, was granted a full pardon on Monday by the governor. Blount was accused of taking clothes out of a trunk at the union station, and was subsequently tried and convicted. On September 16, 1911, he was paroled.

In a decision rendered last Saturday, the State Supreme Court decided that B. J. Rhame had the right to continue as State bank examiner, and that Governor Blease was without authority to remove him, as he attempted to do. It will be remembered that the governor seized as a pretext for removing Mr. Rhame, his action in a Lexington bank case, but there is little doubt but that he wanted to remove Rhame to make a place for one of his friends.

MARLBORO VOTE A TIE.

In Third Primary Clerk of Court Candidates Receive Same Vote.

Bennettsville, Sept. 24.—In the third primary the returns obtained over the phone give Tom C. Hamer 1,127 and Julian McLaurin 1,126 for clerk of court—a difference of one vote. In the second primary from like information Hamer led by three votes. The executive committee by a vote of nine to five after recount and allowing one McLaurin vote that had been challenged declared the contest a tie. The contested vote was challenged by Mr. Peters, a supporter of McLaurin, he not knowing for whom the party was voting, the ground of challenge being that the voter was not a "white Democrat."

Dr. Charlie Napier and Mr. Will John, two of the county's most prominent citizens, testified under oath that the party was not recognized as a "white Democrat." The party, with no one to corroborate him, testified that he was a white Democrat. The committee accepted the voter's side and allowed the vote for McLaurin, this making necessary the third primary.

Nearly the same vote was cast this time as was cast in the first primary, and about two hundred more than was cast in the second primary, when three offices were to be filled.

In all probability a recount will be asked for by Mr. McLaurin.

A New Process.

From Alabama recently has come the news of the discovery of a process whereby cotton seed oil can be made into a "butter" said to be clean, free from all artificial coloring. The claim is made that by its use a great economy in the market funds will be effected.

It is advisable for the economical housewife to test for herself all the "substitutes" for dairy butter; also the various frying mediums to be found in market. In this way she can determine the most desirable material for her special purposes. All have their uses—many their abuses.

\$55,000 RETURNED BY ROBBER.

Missing Package Found on Bank Steps by Janitor.

Pensacola, Fla., Sept. 23.—As a result of the mysterious return to the First National Bank, some time last night, of the \$55,000 stolen while being delivered to the Louisville and Nashville pay car at Flomaton, several days ago, a conference was held to-night between officials of the bank and private detectives and special agents investigating the robbery.

At a late hour it was stated that an arrest was momentarily expected.

The package containing the money was in the original wrapping as made up by the bank employees, it is said, and was enclosed in a newspaper. It was found this morning lying against the grating of the back door of the bank by the negro janitor, who first thought it a pair of old shoes. This indicates, according to the officials, that some one with previous knowledge, had prepared in advance the dummy package containing magazine pages, which was found in place of the money when the shipment was opened in the Louisville and Nashville pay car.

Detectives Hot on the Trail.

Burns and Pinkerton detectives and special agents of the Southern Express Company are hot on the trail of the man.

They claim the package of currency, in its original package, was found wrapped this morning in a morning Journal published on Thursday morning. It had been placed at the back door of the bank some time during the night and had rested there unnoticed. The janitor had occasion to go to the door, and opening the inside door saw a package resting against the iron grating. He thought it was a pair of old shoes, but when he picked it up the paper dropped off and he saw plainly labelled "this package contains \$55,000." He took it to the bank officials and the latter identified it as the original package intended for the paymaster of the Louisville and Nashville Railroad Company.

Every Dollar in Package.

Every dollar was there, and the package had not been broken by the man who stole it, and sent along a dummy to the paymaster of the Louisville and Nashville. This dummy was made up of old magazines, the sheets being cut to the size of a silver certificate or bank note. The money had evidently been resting against the bank door for several hours, for it had been out in the rain which came down in a downpour during the night, and the newspaper in which it was wrapped dropped off when the janitor picked it up.

The rear of the bank is enclosed by a brick wall about five feet high and the door at which the money was placed was only about five feet from this wall. The party returning it either threw it over the wall against the door or else scaled the wall and deposited the package where it was found.

Notified by Telephone.

A peculiar thing connected with the return of the money was that Saturday night Assistant Cashier W. N. Roberts received a telephone message at his house from a party giving no name and leaving the phone as soon as he had spoken a few words. This party said: "You will find what you lost at the bank's back door."

The party doing the telephoning first made a mistake and got the wrong Roberts. He telephoned to the home of Cashier Clyde W. Roberts, of the Pensacola State Bank, and delivered such a message, but was told that the cashier had not lost anything. He then telephoned to W. N. Roberts, but that official thought some one was attempting a practical joke on him and refused to go out in the rain to the bank to take a look. The various Burns and Pinkerton men, who have been securing evidence, called the express and bank officials into conference to-night, and it is expected that there will be arrests in the case within a few hours.

Corley's Warrant Turned Down.

Columbia, Sept. 21.—Comptroller General Jones has declined to honor the warrant for \$180 drawn in favor of P. H. Corley, as chief constable on the governor's fund for the enforcement of law, and approved by the governor. The comptroller general says the warrant is drawn without law, and under the law he cannot pay it. Mr. Corley accompanied the governor on the last half of the State campaign tour. He was formerly sheriff of Lexington county.

It's at Hunter's Hardware Store.

PROBERS HOLD A MEETING

COMMITTEE MET LAST TUESDAY IN "THE CITY OF SUCCESS."

Spartanburg, Greenville, Aiken and Anderson Counties Presented Most Serious Charges.

Spartanburg, Sept. 24.—Allegations of fraudulent balloting in the Piedmont counties and irregularities throughout the State in the South Carolina Democratic primary, August 27, were made to-day before the sub-committee of the State Democratic executive committee investigating the alleged irregularities.

The charges were contained in affidavits and reports from county committees. Spartanburg, Greenville, Aiken and Anderson counties presented the most serious charges of fraud. Investigators in the first two counties were granted an extension of time in which to make further investigations.

In the allegations submitted to the committee it was declared that non-residents, negroes, minors and men not enrolled were allowed to vote. It also was alleged that repeating was practiced freely.

In Abbeville county it was reported that the required oath was not administered to the voters in Cold Spring and Antreville and these boxes were thrown out.

On the face of the returns of the recent primary the incumbent, Gov. Blease, received the gubernatorial nomination by a majority of 3,000 votes over former Judge Ira B. Jones.

Despite the request of Chairman Stevenson, of the sub-committee, that supporters of the rival gubernatorial candidates eliminate party feeling during the investigation, factional outbreaks were frequent.

A clash narrowly was averted when Chairman Stevenson called J. M. Greer to order in the midst of a denunciation of the so-called Anti-Blease majority of the investigating committee for having held a meeting in Charlotte, N. C., at which the committee's plans were outlined. Blease supporters left their seats and started menacingly toward the chairman, but finally were pacified.

The investigation will continue tomorrow.

Had No Use for Them.

A Southern sewing machine agent drifted into the Seminole domination one day and set up a machine in Tiger Tail's tent. The old chief with great deliberation watched him put it through its paces. He then arose, brushed the agent to one side, and seating himself, adjusted his feet in the treadle. He started the wheel and found that he could make it go. He sewed up one piece of cloth and down another, and then gravely and critically examined his work. At last he appeared to be satisfied that it was all right. He then turned quietly to his wives, who had watched the proceedings with interest, and kicked them, one after another, out of his tent.—New Orleans Picayune.

MICAH JENKINS'S OFFICE GONE.

Internal Revenue Districts of South and North Carolina Combined.

Washington, Sept. 24.—An order has been issued by President Taft consolidating the internal revenue district of South Carolina with the 4th district of North Carolina, with headquarters at Raleigh. The office of Major Micah Jenkins, collector of internal revenue for South Carolina, at Columbia, thus disappears.

The deputy will probably be stationed at Columbia to sell stamps. Who this officer will be has not yet been determined, according to a statement made to-day at the office of Commissioner Cabell, in Washington. The order of consolidation is effective October 1, and follows the enactment of the legislative, executive and judicial appropriation bill passed at the last session of congress, when provision was made for the continuance of only sixty-three of the sixty-seven revenue districts now in existence, leaving to the president the designation of the districts to be merged.

One Texas district will be consolidated and one in California. The 4th district to vanish remains to be announced.

There was a neighborhood scrimmage near Brightsville, Marlboro county, on Monday night, in which Dorse English received a ball in the leg; the residence of Wm. B. Odom was fired into several times, Mrs. Odom was hit on the arm, Norman Odom received several shots, and one or more negroes were wounded.

FOUR FOR MURDER IN GEORGIA.

Men in Atlanta Charged with Death of Malt Hughes and His Baby.

Atlanta, Ga., Sept. 23.—Four prisoners have been lodged in the Fulton county tower for alleged complicity in the murder of Malt Hughes and his baby near Jasper, Ga., on September 7.

Three of the men are brothers, Joe, Jasper, and Ves Painter, the fourth prisoner is Alexander Bailse. Joe Painter and Bailse are charged with the murder, while the warrants on which Ves and Jasper Painter are held charge conspiracy and distilling. They were caught Thursday in the mountains of Lumpkin county and at first were imprisoned in the Pickens county jail and later brought here.

Joe Painter and Bailse were captured shortly after Hughes and his baby were killed.

Hughes was shot to death on September 11th near his home. His wife with a baby in her arms ran out and tried to save her husband, but the murderers turned on her and a blow with the butt of a shotgun crushed the skull of the child she held in her arms.

Mrs. Hughes claims to have recognized the men who killed her husband and her babe, but at first would give no information to the officers, fearing the vengeance of the assassins.

It was the generally advanced theory that Hughes was murdered by vindictive moonshiners, who believed that he had placed evidence against them in the hands of the revenue officers.

The four prisoners in the Fulton tower are stolidly silent when approached by visitors, refusing to enter into a conversation even with their jailors.

Pointed Paragraphs.

Be good—and your wife may be happy.

Street car conductors are not necessarily fond of jam.

Perhaps girls kiss each other merely to keep in practice.

A man dislikes faint praise almost as much as he hates abuse.

An ounce of intuition may be worth more than a pound of tuition. There's a good deal of human nature in woman's inhumanity to woman.

A woman's idea of a model husband is one who lets his wife do as she pleases.

The reason some women know so much about raising children is because they haven't any.

It takes a genuine diplomat to get into trouble and back out again without getting a single spot on his reputation.—Chicago News.

VALUABLE OLD CLOTHES.

Garments Which are Worth More When Worn Out Than When New.

Hundreds of workers in the United States wear clothes which at the end of a year of hard work are worth five or ten times as much as they were when newly purchased.

It is hard to imagine a pair of worn out overalls and jumper, a pair of rundown shoes and a brimless hat as worth more than the most expensive creations of the French milliners' and dressmakers' art, yet this is often the case in places in which the precious metals are worked. Every one heard in his primary school days about the extraordinary care taken of employes in the United States mines, how they were obliged to leave their clothes in the mint after work every night and how every precaution was taken to guard against theft or fraud of any other sort.

Fraud and theft are not the only things heads of the mint officials have to guard against with these garments, however. The intrinsic worth of the garments is great enough to justify the extraordinary care with them. The gold dust and filings in the garments at the end of a year's work are such that it pays to keep the garments and extract the gold from them.

Nor is this confined to the United States mint. In practically every place in which gold is worked the garments of workers are treated to extract gold. It is a common saying in gold refineries that the richest ore is the clothes of the workers. There is an exhibit in the Field museum in Jackson Park, Chicago, showing a shoe worn by a gold worker. Beside it is a good-sized "button" of gold which was extracted from the mate of the shoe shown.

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