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COUNTRY NEWS LETTERS

SOME INTERESTING HAPPENINGS IN VARIOUS SECTIONS.

News Items Gathered All Around the County and Elsewhere.

Denmark Doings.

Mrs. White entertained on Friday evening with a Halloween party. Misses Lula Bess Wroton and Martha Ray spent the week-end at home.

Quite a crowd attended the State fair last week, among whom were: Messrs. W. L. Riley, J. Z. Brooker, Elbert Steadman, St. Clair Guess, Hammond Crum, Elma Steadman, Wesley Crum, A. P. Guess, W. D. Jr., and J. K. Mayfield, C. S. Folk, Jr., Tom McCrae, Earle Hightower, and S. D. Guess; Mrs. S. G. Ray, Mrs. H. J. Faust and daughters, Misses Alma Folk and Edna Steadman.

Miss Myrtle McNeely, of Hamlet, N. C., is the guest of her aunt, Mrs. Bean.

Miss Julia Goolsby spent last week with Miss Nell Carter in Columbia.

Mr. John R. Martin celebrated his sixtieth birthday on last Tuesday, October 28th, by entertaining quite a number of his friends.

Country Correspondence.

Harvesting season is fast growing to a close. Sunday night's fall in the temperature, leaving Jack Frost's singeing finger prints, caused many to hustle to potato patch and cane garden. Almost, universally, an abundant potato crop has been made. The writer returns thanks to Mrs. George Ann Padgett, of Spring Branch, for some of the largest we have ever seen grown.

Mr. Connor Smoak, of our midst, who has been in Columbia for some weeks, is visiting the home folks.

Some much needed repairs of long standing has been done to some of the bridges on Lemon Swamp crossing on the Ehrhardt-Bamberg road. A few of the folks from this community will attend the fair in Augusta this week.

It is deplorable to read, hear and know of so much lawlessness and distress brought to homes and hearts, as one is obliged to read now-a-days, if reading is done at all.

We are glad to report the Pine Grove school as being in a very promising condition for a profitable year's work, though the enrollment is yet only ten and there are fifteen yet to enter. During the summer vacation much needed improvements were done to the building. Through the generosity of Messrs. G. E. Hutto & Son the material was made a gift to the school. New desks have been placed in the room, and Mr. Clarence Ellzey, of Denmark, presented the school with as many black boards as we can find area in the room for. Last year an Acme Jewel heater No. 21 was bought. Now our school room is comfortable, but there are still so many necessities lacking. None of these improvements come from public funds. They have been made possible only through the untiring efforts of patrons, trustees, and friends. The same teacher who was there last year is yet installed. We hope that before years have rolled by that Pine Grove rural school will be second to few in the county.

Fairfax Fancies.

Fairfax, Nov. 1.—The ladies here are very busy preparing for their annual Flower and Fancy Work show, which takes place on the 7th. Quite a number of our citizens attended the State fair and report a pleasant meeting with old friends and a good view of the great display in various departments.

Mrs. G. W. Jenny, of Jenny, visited Mrs. Julia Harter this week. Mesdames Rosa and Shelley Platts also were more recent guests of hers.

Our teachers presented their play: "Forlorn Maidens," to a crowded house in Allendale Tuesday evening. Judging from the applause they were appreciated. Misses Ethel Simpson, Sadie Harter and Ruth Wilson accompanied them, and gave some sweet music. Mrs. Harry All also sang some of her sweetest songs. Many of our young folks went too, to encourage our fair artists.

Prof. L. T. Bailey was a guest of Mrs. S. L. Sanders last week.

On Friday evening Prof. Bailey, of the University of South Carolina, gave a fine address in the school auditorium on the subject: "Education for Citizenship." He was highly applauded. Mrs. Coker and Mrs. Harrison gave some fine music.

Court convenes here next Monday morning, Judge John S. Wilson presiding.

GIRL KILLED AT ALLENDALE.

Miss Ruth Myrick Run Over by C. and W. C. Train.

Allendale, Oct. 31.—Miss Ruth Myrick, the 16-year-old daughter of Mr. B. R. Myrick, of this place, was run over at 7:30 this morning by the east-bound C. and W. C. passenger train, and both of her legs severed from the body, and as a result of the accident died a few hours later.

It seems that Miss Myrick was walking on the track in front of her home, and in her effort to free herself of danger from the approaching train, stumbled and was caught beneath the wheels before the engineer could stop his train.

The untimely death of this fair young girl, just budding into womanhood, has cast a gloom over the entire community.

Bleese Threatens Greenville.

"Have you any statement to make in regard to the Gilreath-Rector matter in Greenville?" was asked the governor Saturday morning, to which he replied:

"Nothing whatever. I think, under the circumstances, silence on my part, until after Tuesday, is for the best interest of the nominees of the Democratic party, both national and State, because if the people of Greenville county can ignore the primary as to county officers, what better excuse could some people want for voting the Bull Moose ticket."

"In your telegram to Gilreath you say: 'The violation of the oath in one instance relieves all others therefrom.' Does that apply to the appointment of auditors, treasurer, master and magistrates for Greenville county, all of whom are understood to be anti-Bleese men?" was also asked the governor, to which he replied:

"If the Bleese men go to the polls and support the nominees for the senate, house of representatives and other county offices in Greenville county, who I am informed are all political opponents of mine, it does seem that the anti-Bleese men ought to be equally as honorable and swallow their medicine by voting for Rector, who is known to be the only Bleese man nominated in the Greenville primary, as I am informed."

"If the anti-Bleese men defeat Rector, I shall use my own discretion in the appointment of the auditor, treasurer, master and magistrates for Greenville county. I do not care to say just what I would do, but I do love to stick to my friends, and I never lose an opportunity to do so. I am a Democrat and I think every man who participated in the primary ought to vote the straight Democratic ticket, from president of the United States straight through, and those who violate their oaths in the sheriff's race in Greenville county cannot complain if it is handed back to them somewhere else. The same rule should apply to all, and so far as I have anything to do with it, it will apply."

"I hope that there will be no further trouble, but that all the Democratic nominees will be elected. Personal spite is mighty poor policy."

Kills His Stepfather-in-Law.

Orangeburg, Nov. 4.—As the result, it is said, of contentions of long standing, Caesar Holman shot and killed his stepfather-in-law, J. H. Compton, in the fork section of the county this morning. Both parties are prominent white farmers. It is said that Compton began the trouble by going to the residence of Holman and assaulting him with a gun whereupon Holman, who had succeeded in sheltering himself from the attack of Compton, fired upon the latter with a shotgun, inflicting a wound which was almost instantly fatal.

It is understood that a lawsuit has been pending for some time, which was bought by one of these men against the other. Upon hearing of the shooting, officers were sent by the sheriff to arrest Holman, but before they had gone far, they met him coming to Orangeburg to surrender.

RECTOR WINS IN GREENVILLE.

Regular Nominee for Sheriff Defeats Independent Candidate.

Greenville, Nov. 5.—The election of Rector, the Democratic nominee for sheriff of Greenville county, has defeated Verdin, the Independent candidate, the vote standing 1,927 to 1,373. There are eleven boxes still to be heard from, but the result will not be changed by these. The total vote of the county will hardly exceed 4,000.

IN THE PALMETTO STATE

SOME OCCURRENCES OF VARIOUS KINDS IN SOUTH CAROLINA.

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

Thirty-five persons in Greenville county pay income tax.

The 583d automobile has been registered with the clerk of court of Greenville county.

Senator John B. Green, of Marlboro county, died at his home in Bennettsville on Sunday.

Rev. A. B. Watson, a minister of the Methodist church, died at his home in Beaufort on Sunday night.

The Mail says that J. S. McFall, of Anderson county, gathered this year close to 1,000 bushels of corn from 16 acres.

The executive committee of the South Carolina Teachers association have fixed the annual meeting for March 13-14-15 in Columbia.

The dispensary investigating committee met in Columbia on Thursday. They will begin at once the preparation of their report to the legislature.

Deputy Sheriff Faulkner, of Greenwood, poured out 75 gallons of cider on Saturday that had been seized as having more alcohol in it than the law allows.

The new building of the board of publication of the Lutheran church, in Columbia, will be dedicated next Sunday with becoming ceremonies and addresses.

Miss Albertine Miller won the highest premium at the tomato exhibit at the Spartanburg fair last week—\$25 in cash and a scholarship in Limestone college.

At the great football game on the State fair grounds on Thursday between Clemson college and the South Carolina university, the university won by 27 to 7.

J. H. Bussey, a farmer of Modoc, Edgefield county, put up 14,000 cans of fruits and vegetables the past summer. He sold 3,000 cans a few days ago to one person.

Comptroller General A. W. Jones has refused to pay warrants on the fund of \$7,000 which was appropriated by the last general assembly for a dormitory building at the industrial school at Florence on the grounds that the board of trustees violated the law in awarding a contract for a greater amount than the appropriation. The contract entered into calls for an expenditure of \$27,678.80.

Case Against Five Railroads.

Columbia, Nov. 4.—The case of the Powell Fuel Company and the Columbia Ice and Fuel Company against the Louisville and Nashville, Georgia, Seaboard Air Line, Charleston and Western Carolina, Columbia, Newberry and Laurens Railway, alleging a violation of the Inter-State commerce laws, as enacted in 1897, in that they increased the rate on coal from certain points of origin, was heard this morning by Special Examiner Boyle, representing the Inter-State commerce commission.

The complaints claim that up to September 15, 1910, the rate on coal was \$2.20, when it was raised to \$2.35. On October 15, 1911, it was reduced to \$2.25. The complainants want the rate reduced to that of the original tariff classification, and 15 cents a ton, the excess over \$2.25 and \$2.35, refunded on a certain number of cars that are specified in the complaint. The examiner will report the testimony to the Inter-State commerce commission with his decision.

The complainants are represented by Colin Monteith; respondents, the Louisville and Nashville, by J. W. B. Knox, of Nashville, Tenn.; the Georgia, the Seaboard, the Charleston and Western Carolina and the Columbia, Newberry and Laurens, by Frank W. Gwathney, of Washington.

To Pay for Creased Trousers.

Washington, Oct. 29.—The United States treasury is to be a model for manners, dress and neatness. Clerks must put their desks in order on leaving at night, charwomen will not quit a room until they pull the shades half way down and no clerk to the secretary of the treasury will travel in any but creased trousers.

One dollar per week will be allowed on expense accounts for pressing clothes. The sum must not exceed \$1 for anybody, no matter what his rank. There is no stipulation as to how the dollar shall be spent, but the coat, vest and trousers must be neat and fit well.

DISASTROUS FIRE AT LAKE CITY

Property in Tobacco District Valued at Over \$9,000 Destroyed.

Lake City, Nov. 4.—Fire, breaking out in the two-story, prize house owned and occupied by L. A. Winston, about 2 o'clock this morning, for a time threatened the destruction of the entire tobacco district, and, in fact, the entire business section. The flames quickly spread to the new Farmers' Warehouse, owned by Dr. M. D. Nesmith, and operated last season by J. D. King & Co., and within a few minutes the entire building, which is, perhaps, the largest building in town, was in a blaze. These two buildings were, with their contents, completely destroyed, the former valued at about \$2,000, with \$1,500 insurance, and the latter valued at about \$7,000, with \$5,000 insurance. By hard work of the bucket brigade the three residences just across the street from the large warehouse, owned by R. H. King, Mrs. D. D. Carter and Dr. Nesmith, were prevented from catching, but about the time the danger was thought to be over, some passers-by noticed the roof of the store building in the heart of the business section, occupied by J. Khetter, to be ablaze, but this was quickly put out.

The Winston Prizery, besides office and warehouse fixtures, contained eleven bales of cotton, partly covered by insurance, and some hundred or more bushels of cotton seed, together with a lot of furniture.

In the Farmers' Warehouse were stored a lot of new pianos, belonging to the Jones-Weatherly Piano Company, and some new organs, the property of the Bishopville Music Company, all of which were burned.

This town has been remarkably fortunate in escaping fires of any kind, and particularly in its tobacco property, which is regarded by insurance companies as very hazardous, this being only the second of its kind in the experience of this market.

ABOLISHES FEE SYSTEM.

Alabama Constitutional Amendment Wins by Big Vote.

Birmingham, Ala., Nov. 5.—Alabama to-day adopted a constitutional amendment dealing a blow at the fee system of paying county officials.

Returns indicate that not a single county went against the amendment. The amendment provides for legislation upon salaries. Some of these offices now pay as much as \$50,000 a year under the fee system.

Sounded Like Him.

They tell a story out my way about a Kansan who, in the old days when Mark Hanna was prominent, went to church, took his seat in a rear pew and went to sleep. When he woke up he awoke with a start, and he must have thought himself at a political meeting.

The minister had just thundered: "To him that hath shall be given and to him that hath not shall be taken away even that which he hath."

"Who said that?" asked the bewildered politician who had just awakened.

The minister stopped, looked at the sleepy interrupter and then said laconically "Mark."

"Well," said the politician, "it sounds like Hanna."—Judge.

The State of Lunacy.

During the balloting at the Baltimore convention the bulletins were being read in a political headquarters in a western State, says the Saturday Evening Post.

There was always a good crowd of the stay-at-home politicians there. One afternoon a bulletin read: "At this, bedlam broke loose"—and later: "Bedlam again broke loose."

"They ought to throw bedlam out," joked the man who was reading the bulletins.

"Sure they had," excitedly assented a local politician. "I've been watchin' that feller—he's a disturber. What State is he from?"

While a traveling man was waiting for an opportunity to show his samples to a merchant in a little backwoods town in Missouri, a customer came in and bought a couple of night shirts. Afterward a long, lank lumber man, with his trousers stuffed in his boots, said to the merchant:

"What was them 'ere that feller bot?"

"Night shirts. Can I sell you one or two?"

"Naup, I reckon not," said the Missourian. "I don't set around much o' nights."

DEMOCRATS VICTORIOUS.

WILSON AND MARSHALL SWEEP THE COUNTRY.

Final Returns May Give Democratic Candidates Over 400 Electoral Votes.

New York, Nov. 5.—With the election of Woodrow Wilson to the presidency and Thos. R. Marshall to the vice presidency assured by the early returns to-night, the reports up to midnight gave indications that the electoral vote of the Democratic candidates would near the 400 mark.

The size of the popular majority given the Democratic national ticket or the State that might give electoral votes to either Taft or Roosevelt were matters of conjecture at midnight.

In Illinois the race between Wilson and Roosevelt was so close as to prevent any accurate prediction. In Pennsylvania the race was marvelously close, each of the three leading candidates receiving close to 60,000 votes.

Early returns gave Gov. Wilson and Gov. Marshall the "Solid South," and the States of Connecticut, Delaware, Kentucky, Maine, Maryland, Massachusetts, New York, West Virginia, Indiana and Missouri. As the night advanced and returns from the West began to come the earlier estimates were confirmed and Montana, New Jersey and New Mexico were added to those that seemed certain for Wilson and Marshall, while scattering returns from San Francisco and Los Angeles made it probable that California had joined the Wilson-Marshall column.

Rhode Island also became a doubtful State on the returns near midnight and based on the later votes reported, it seemed not wholly improbable that its five electoral votes go to Wilson. The early returns gave an apparent victory to Taft in New Hampshire and Vermont, but the Taft pluralities dwindled as midnight approached to a very few hundred votes in each State and seemed likely to be wiped out entirely.

The vote in Utah reported up to midnight indicated the State would be carried for Taft. The vote in Pennsylvania was amazingly close, the returns from over a thousand precincts, embracing over 185,000 votes, giving each of the three leading presidential candidates more than 60,000.

The New York State assembly seemed to be overwhelmingly Democratic.

In Illinois indications were that Judge Dunn (Democratic) for governor had won.

Former Speaker Cannon seemed to have been defeated for re-election.

Claims of the Roosevelt managers that Iowa, Michigan and Kansas would fall into the Roosevelt column seemed verified by the partially complete returns at an early hour this morning.

The uncertainty regarding Vermont was settled by the complete vote, which gave Taft a majority of 924.

At 12:45 the Providence (R. I.) Journal conceded that State to Wilson and with the vote close in New Hampshire, it seemed probable that New England, with the exception of Vermont, had gone over to the Democratic column.

But little definite news from States of the West was received, except from California, where a Wilson victory was indicated. The tabulation of votes in the other Western States was slow and prediction impossible.

EXPULSED FROM SOUTH.

White Slaver Driven from Atlanta and Then from United States.

A dispatch from Atlanta on Friday says: Armand Lajarries, a French white-slave trader, who was arrested and put in the Fulton county jail the same day he was released from the federal prison in Atlanta, will enjoy the ignominious distinction of being the only white man who has ever been deported from the United States from the South.

He was rearrested for the special purpose of having him deported, and has been sent to New York under guard to be put on shipboard, and will never be permitted to return to this country.

His crime was the importation of young French girls under the false pretense that he would provide them positions as waitresses. He operated with offices both in New York and Chicago.

The only signs of his former prosperity are a gold-headed cane and a jeweled cigarette case, which he has kept through all his jail experiences.

TELLS STORY OF MURDER.

Conway Killed Sophia G. Singer, Charges His Wife.

Chicago, Nov. 1.—An ordeal of more than 24 hours of questioning broke down the self-possession of Beatrice Ryall Conway and hysterical admissions made by the woman here to-day are said by the police to clear up the mysterious killing here Monday night of Sophia G. Singer, the Baltimore, Md., heiress.

Since Mrs. Conway and her husband were turned over to the Chicago police yesterday in Lima, Ohio, the detectives concentrated their efforts on the woman, putting Conway through an ordeal of isolation, silence and uncertainty. This afternoon, after a number of outbursts of weeping and hysteria, Mrs. Conway, begging for something to eat and a few hours rest, consented to make a statement to the police. It was taken down by a stenographer in the presence of officers.

Woman's Story of Killing.

The statement made public by the police as the formal confession of Mrs. Conway is, in part, as follows:

"Sophia invited us to come to Chicago. We took a suite of three rooms for light housekeeping. My husband and I occupied one of the bed rooms and Miss Singer and William R. Worthen, her fiancé, occupied the other."

"We were out of money and Sophia knew this before we went to Chicago. On the night of the killing we had dinner together and Worthen went out. Sophia went out to post a letter and came back after a while with her shoes wet. She took them off and was in her stocking feet about to change them. We had quarreled a little about the expenses which Sophia was paying. We were destitute and Sophia threatened to take Worthen and leave us stranded."

"Sophia said we weren't doing anything to get money. She said she had met a rich old man and wanted me to go out with her to meet him and another man. 'Con' was furious at this. He said I did not have to make money that way. I was washing dishes at the sink. I heard a fall. I went into the bed room and Sophia was lying there. My husband said to me, 'Hurry, let's get our things and get out before she gets conscious.' We did not know she was dead. 'Con' never meant to kill her."

Conway to be Quizzed.

The confession says the pair then fled from the city with \$48, which they took from Miss Singer's effects, and suits of clothes belonging to Worthen, Miss Singer's fiancé. They went to Hammond, Ind., in a street car and then from place to place until they reached Lima, Ohio.

While the alleged confession was being wrung from the woman, Conway cowered in a cell, hearing the screams and pleadings of his wife, but he did not know what was going on, and was denied the privilege of speaking to anyone. The police expect him to break down soon and make a statement. The assertion by the woman that she is married to Conway will be verified, as, if she is his wife, she cannot testify against him. Miss Singer was killed by being beaten with a mace.

Worthen Hysterical with Joy.

William R. Worthen, fiancé of the Singer girl, who has been held by the police pending solution of the mystery, though they accepted his story of innocence, became hysterical with joy when the news was taken to him.

"Thank God they have confessed," he shouted. "Now I am cleared and my wife and her mother will be comforted with the knowledge that I had no hand in the brutal murder. I can go back to Baltimore now with clean hands. I know they did it. I told Mrs. Conway so when I saw her this morning. Now Conway might as well confess."

A Catastrophe.

A woman in one of the wards in the Rhode Island hospital was informed she had appendicitis and would have to be operated on at once, says Mack's National Monthly. Much frightened, she reluctantly consented, and was conveyed to the operating room. One of the doctors had commenced to administer the ether and her eyes were closing languidly when he discovered he had forgotten to inquire if she had false teeth. He quickly removed the rubber cap and, shaking her slightly, he said: "Have you anything loose in your mouth?" Then, as he made a move to put his hand in her mouth, she opened her eyes wildly and exclaimed:

"Nothing but my tongue, doctor, and for God's sake, don't cut that out, too."