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## COUNTRY NEWS LETTERS

### SOME INTERESTING HAPPENINGS IN VARIOUS SECTIONS.

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

**Ehrhardt Etchings.**  
Ehrhardt, Feb. 10.—The farmers of this section are lamenting about their spoiled hams and shoulder bacon. Heard of some parties burying for a few days and then trying it for food. Farmers of this section have had it tough this season. Cholera and now warm weather.

The pastors of the three churches here are going to lock efforts and see if they can't do something this week, every evening at Methodist church.

Mt. Pleasant Lutheran church congregation is requested to attend a meeting on the 4th Sunday morning, as business of importance will be brought up before them for consideration. Want to make improvements on their church and want their views, etc. Requested by council of said church.

Did not have a marriage in town Sunday as usual, but had a fight among the colored inhabitants. One negro hit another with an axe on the head. Did not kill him but knocked him fool. Did not know where he was, or what they were arguing about or who struck him. It's well the party did not knock the coon on the heel or we would have had to make a box.

The authorities are after a negro that used his gun on another in the widow McMillan section of the county and broke a thigh bone. The widow McMillan had gone to some expense to give the darkey a farm. Now he can't work it on account of attending a frolic and getting shot.

Spring of the year always brings fights among the coons.  
Mr. H. Karesh left to-day for New York. Will be gone about ten days looking up goods for his store.

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#### Ehrhardt News.

Ehrhardt, Feb. 11.—The meeting at the Methodist church was on Sunday night merged into a union meeting of all the churches in town, and as such will be continued through the week. The pastor of the Methodist church deserves much credit for the zeal with which he has pushed it to the present successful stage. May much good yet be accomplished.

Clyde Rentz, 13 years and 6 months old, son of D. P. Rentz, of Lakeland, Fla., mysteriously disappeared from his father's home on January 23. All efforts to locate him have utterly failed. He left home one morning as usual for school and has not been heard from since.

When the little fellow was two days old his mother died, and he was taken to the home of his grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. Jacob G. Rentz, of the Hunter's Chapel section, where he was tenderly cared for till the latter part of last summer, when he went to make his home with his father at Lakeland, Fla., from which place he recently disappeared.

Much sympathy is felt for his aged grandparents, who are most affectionately devoted to him and who are anxiously and prayerfully hoping for some tidings from him.

Ehrhardt is in dire need of better mail and passenger facilities. With even our one railroad these might be greatly improved by a little change in its schedules. If instead of spending the night in Walterboro, our passenger train should make the trip through to Ehrhardt, spending the nights here, and starting from this point in the mornings, it would give us two mail and passenger trains daily. With this schedule we could make two trips daily to Walterboro and return and one round trip daily to Charleston, with four hours and a quarter in which to attend to business in that city. At the present "poor dying rate" it takes two days to make the round trip even to Walterboro.

The fact is, Ehrhardt ought to arouse herself out of the dust and take a good shake! If her business men were organized into an active chamber of commerce, all such hindrances to her more rapid progress might be removed. There is nothing like wise agitation with relentless determination. With such, even revolutions have been and are to-day being wrought.

It sometimes happens that when a man arrives home at 2 a. m. and his wife commands him to go straight upstairs to bed she is asking the impossible.

## FORMER CLERK UNDER ARREST

### Lonnie Wooten Charged with Entering Woodruff Postoffice.

Spartanburg, Feb. 10.—Lonnie Wooten, a young white man, was arrested last night on a charge of entering the Woodruff postoffice, where he was formerly employed as a clerk. The postoffice has been entered several times of late and last night a watch was set. After a while a man entered and struck a match. Mayor Kilgo, one of the watchers, placed Wooten, the alleged intruder, under arrest.

#### Events at Winthrop.

On January the twenty-fourth the general assembly met with us here for the inspection of the buildings. After the inspection dinner was served in the college dining hall by the members of the Winthrop Chapter of United Daughters of the Confederacy. We were glad that Bamberg was so well represented here. The following were here: Dr. J. B. Black, Mr. Hunter, Mr. Miley, and Mr. Benjamin Black, who is attending the University of South Carolina.

On Thursday evening Mrs. Charlotte Perkins Gilman gave a most interesting lecture on "The Woman's Movement and What It Means." Mrs. Gilman made many points clear and we are sure more people would be put in sympathy with this movement if the could have heard Mrs. Gilman's lecture.

Winthrop Day at the corn exposition was indeed a great day. About 525 girls left Rock Hill at 6:30 Monday morning on a special train and spent the whole day at the exposition.

Dr. Johnson has engaged Dr. Walter Page, editor of the World's Work, to deliver a lecture here sometime in the near future. He has also engaged Reed Miller, the famous tenor, who was born in Anderson, S. C., to give a concert in the auditorium on the evening of February 21. We are looking forward to both of the entertainments with much pleasure.

For three or four years Dr. Johnson has been trying to arrange to take the senior class to Washington but he has never been able to make satisfactory arrangements with the railroad company. This year he hopes to secure rates which are within reach of all, and he hopes to take the senior class to the inauguration. The greatest obstacle at present is the question of board, but Dr. Johnson is going to Washington to see what can be done about this. We hope he will be able to secure a reasonable board, for we are very anxious to take this trip.

#### Country Correspondence.

Our little neighborhood is quiet as ever.

Miss Jerolee Sandifer, of our midst, spent last week with the family of her brother-in-law, Mr. R. L. Hightower, at Denmark.

Mr. and Mrs. Charlie Smoak, of Savannah, are visiting the former's parents, Mr. and Mrs. T. J. Smoak.

Five weeks ago Sunday, a cow belonging to Mr. G. A. McMillan, of the Colston neighborhood, strayed off and they instituted a diligent search over the entire and surrounding communities, never being able to trace her anywhere. We have learned that a colored man, Cape Grimes, was on his way going fishing last Saturday morning and in passing through a field that had lain out last year, on the farm of what was Jasper Varn, colored, just a short distance from the Springtown ford on the Colston-Bamberg road, he caught the odor of decaying animal, and not being able to see any carcass, till suddenly he found an opening about the size of a buggy wheel and about 12 feet below he could discern the form of some animal. He immediately related his find and folks, we have been told who saw it, say that the opening about the size of the buggy wheel was about three feet deep and below to the bottom where she fell was about ten feet in diameter from side to side a cave was under the three-foot surface, and that cave was about nine feet deep. Now the writer did not see this but has been told of it as a fact and no joke. The field in which this was found was planted in corn, we understand, year before last. Mr. McMillan dug down to see if it was his cow and found the bell and horns which were the only signs of recognition. It was a valuable milk cow.

The railroad commission has changed the time required for notice for passenger trains to change their schedules from five days to eight.

## 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 total amount of fines collected through the activity of the rural police of Spartanburg county for the past year was \$6,711.30, while their salaries amounted to \$4,643.17.

The delegation of Fairfield county have got a bill through the legislature for the commission form of government for the county. An election will be held the 25th instant for the four commissioners.

Gov. Bleasde refuses to let the South Carolina militia take part in the Wilson inaugural parade because, as he understands, negro militia from the District of Columbia and from Maryland will be in the parade.

Five hundred laborers are now engaged in building the interurban trolley between Greenville and Spartanburg, and are working day and night. They expect to be ready to lay the rails by August.

"The York Publishing Company," with \$12,000 capital, has been formed for the purpose of starting another newspaper in that town. Among the largest stockholders are Congressman Finley and ex-Senator T. F. McDow.

The store of S. L. Shirley, near Neal's Creek, Anderson county, was entered by burglars Thursday night and a large quantity of goods was hauled away in wagons. It is thought there were two or more in the party. They broke in the front door with an axe.

A primary election will be held to select a successor to the late Congressman Geo. S. Legare. Four candidates are announced so far: Richard S. Whaley and Geo. F. vonKollnitz, of Charleston, and Solicitor J. E. Peurifoy, and Jas. G. Padgett, of Walterboro.

The big sales stables of the Jones-Elliott company at Lancaster were burned down at three o'clock Friday morning, entailing a loss of \$13,500, with insurance of \$10,000. Included in the loss were 48 mules and horses, a number of vehicles and a large quantity of hay, fodder, etc.

Fire damaged the Methodist church in Lancaster to the extent of about \$5,000 last Sunday. The fire originated from the furnace and burned through the floor, destroying the carpet and some pews. The Sunday-school room was also badly damaged by fire and water. The loss is covered by insurance.

#### Old Orangeburg District.

Columbia, Feb. 10.—Orangeburg district, before the sub-dividing began, was one of the largest in the State. Orangeburg county to-day is one of the largest and most important in the State, but the old district embraced the territory that is now included in large part in Barnwell, Aiken, Bamberg, and Calhoun. Mr. Alex S. Salley, Jr., who is always thinking of historic things, had a little dinner party at the St. John Hotel in Columbia, to which he invited the representatives of the mother and children, so to speak, of Orangeburg district. At the party Mr. Warner spoke for Barnwell, Senator Williams for Aiken, Dr. Black for Bamberg, Senator Banks for Calhoun and Senator Lide for Orangeburg. It was a most pleasant gathering of members.

#### Strength of Grizzly Bear.

It is related that a grizzly bear that had one of its forepaws so shot as to render it useless employed the other to draw its weight of 1,100 pounds up an incline almost precipitous, a seemingly impossible feat.

A Californian asserts that while in the mountains he observed a big grizzly in the act of carrying a dead cow home to her cubs. From his position on the mountainside the Californian could follow every movement of the bear in the sparsely timbered valley below. He contends that the big beast carried the cow in her forepaws for three miles across jagged rocks several feet in height, over fallen logs around the rocky mountain side where even a mule could not get a foothold, to a narrow trail up the steep mountain.

This bear, it appears, stopped not for a moment's rest but proceeded straight on. The observer followed her and about half a mile from her lair shot her. The cow, it is reported, weighed at least 200 pounds, while the weight of the grizzly was about 450.—Fur News.

## BILL PASSED BY BIG VOTE.

### Would Stop Liquor Shipment Into Dry Territory.

Washington, Feb. 8.—The Webb bill, to prohibit the interstate shipment of liquor into dry States for purposes of sale "or in any manner used" in violation of the State laws, was passed by the house late to-day, 240 to 65.

The passage of the bill ended one of the most stubbornly fought all-day contests of this congress. Senator Kenyon, of Iowa, author of a senate measure of the same general purport, sat in the house most of the day watching the fight, which opened with a contest over the rule to bring up the Webb bill. Representatives of organized anti-saloon advocates sat in the galleries and kept tallies on the roll-calls.

Representative Fitzgerald, of New York, criticised his fellow Democratic leaders for not devoting more time to essential appropriation bills. Representative Dalzell, of Pennsylvania, Republican, said this Democratic house would go down in history as one of "masterly inactivity."

Representative Mann, of Illinois, characterized as "flim-flam" the bringing up of the bill at this time. Former Speaker Cannon declared that the States should regulate traffic themselves. Representative Berger, of Wisconsin, Socialist, contended that all great men, from Julius Caesar down to Cannon, were temperate drinkers.

Representative Shirley, of Kentucky, attacked the validity of the bill, and Representative Rucker, of Missouri, said he represented numerous constituents whose homes had been wrecked by liquor.

All amendments offered to the bill were rejected. One of these would have substituted the bill already passed by the senate and another would have added a penalizing clause with fine and imprisonment provisions, which some members declared would have made the measure unconstitutional. The bill now goes to the senate.

## CHILD SCALDED TO DEATH.

### Sumter Lad Falls Into Barrel of Scalding Water.

Sumter, Feb. 8.—News reached here to-day of the terrible death of little Willie Hays Workman, the 6-year-old son of the Rev. W. H. Workman, of Salem Brick Church, Mayesville, at his home there Friday afternoon. The little fellow was watching his elders prepare hogs for butchering, when he fell into a barrel of boiling water which was intended for scalding hogs.

He was terribly scalded and the pain was intense. Medical assistance was summoned at once and all that could be done was done for him, but all to no purpose. Death came during the night and put an end to the horrible suffering. The people of the community were shocked by the tragic end of the little boy, and their heartfelt sympathy goes out to the bereaved parents.

#### German City Government.

German cities are perhaps the best governed of any in the world. The German burgomaster, or mayor, is selected by the council for a term, in many instances, of 12 years, is generally re-elected to a second term and is therefore eligible to a pension.

He is selected because of his special fitness; and training for the work is as elaborate as training for the physician or lawyer in this country. When a German mayoralty is vacant candidates from other cities present themselves to the council with their credentials.

German burgomasters are far better paid than American mayors. They have a corps of trained assistants who also are specialists with definite training for their particular work. The police department is under the direction of the central government. Municipal ownership is both common and profitable. Street railways and waterworks are operated at a profit. Some cities operate savings banks which have accumulated vast surpluses to loan to people who buy homes.

This country has much to learn from Germany in the management of its municipal affairs. Our system is notoriously cumbersome and inefficient. We have entrusted our ideals of the "city beautiful" too long to hack politicians and retainers of special interests. We cannot have a government of the whole people, for the whole people or by the whole people as long as we permit the city to be ruled with a shepherd's crook.—Indianapolis Sun.

## ALMOST READY FOR TAFT

### SENATE PASSES WEBB MEASURE WITHOUT ROLL CALL.

#### Bill Already Adopted by House Substituted for Sheppard-Kenyon Measure After Debate.

Washington, Feb. 10.—The senate to-day, by a viva voce vote, passed the Webb liquor bill already passed by the house as a substitute for the Kenyon-Sheppard bill.

The Webb bill would prohibit shipments of intoxicating liquors from one State to another when intended to be received or sold in violation of the law of the State to which the shipment is made.

Friends of the legislation now will seek to have the house concur in the senate bill, which differs from the bill passed by the house only in number. Should that be done the bills will not be considered in conference, but the measure passed by the senate will go to the president for his signature.

The substitution of the Webb bill for the Kenyon-Sheppard bill came at the close of prolonged debate and was by viva voce vote, no roll call being demanded.

Senator Sheppard during the day had failed to get unanimous consent for the substitution of the Webb bill for the measure of which he was a joint author. Senator Kenyon, co-author of the senate bill, closed the debate by asking that the Webb bill be substituted, as the order of the day did not permit the voting on the Webb bill as an independent measure. The vote was first upon the perfection of the Kenyon-Sheppard bill.

By a vote of 61 to 23 the senate agreed to the committee amendment, adding a section to the bill, which provided in terms that intoxicating liquors should become subject to State laws on crossing State boundaries.

Senator Hitchcock's amendment to exempt liquor intended for personal use was defeated without a roll call, and one by Senator O'Gorman excepting liquor intended for personal and for sacramental use was likewise defeated, 31 to 50. Senator Kenyon succeeded in having his measure amended to become operative July 1, 1913. Thereupon Senator Gallingier asked for the substitution of the Webb bill for the Senate measure. He likewise succeeded in having the title amended so as to bring the houses in accord except as to the number of the bills.

#### SPARTANBURG'S SKYSCRAPER.

### \$200,000 Building, Eight Stories, to be First of City's Tall Structures.

Spartanburg, Feb. 8.—A contract has been awarded to the George A. Fuller Construction Company, of New York, for the building of Spartanburg's first skyscraper. The edifice, which will be the property of C. Brewster Chapman, a New Jersey celluloid manufacturer, will be called the Commercial Building, and will cost about \$200,000. It will stand on Morgan square property, for which Mr. Chapman paid \$80,000.

The building will be eight stories high and will be constructed of steel, concrete and pressed brick, with granite trimmings. The first floor will be given to stores and the remainder of the building, save possibly the highest floor, will be devoted to offices. It is proposed to establish a business men's club on the top floor.

#### He Was Justly Suspicious.

A big mass meeting was being held in Blimville.

The well-groomed and slick-looking individual who was trying to separate the town from its money arose to make a few remarks.

"Fellow-citizens," he opened up, "apropos"—

"Just a minute, mister," said a smallish, sandy-whiskered man.

A look of annoyance crossed the speaker's face.

"What can I do for you?" he asked.

"I have here a pocket edition of Webster's Dictionary, and I want to look up that word 'apropos.' I don't intend to sit here and let some oily-tongued stranger slip one over on us," replied the sandy-whiskered man.

"You are a little suspicious, I see," said the speaker. "Now, that word to which you refer means"— "Never mind what it means," enjoined the little man. "I'm looking it up. I let a smooth talker sell me a unicycle one time. He said it was the last word in conveyances, and when I paid the freight on it from Chicago I found I had purchased a wheelbarrow."—Judge.

## JOEL E. BRUNSON DROPS DEAD.

### Body Found Near Railroad Tracks in Sumter.

Sumter, Feb. 8.—The people of Sumter were shocked and saddened this morning to hear of the finding of the dead body of Mr. Joel E. Brunson alongside the railroad track, near New Sumter, a station on the Atlantic Coast Line Railroad, about five miles from Sumter, where he had dropped when returning from his farm to that place to take the train for home.

Mr. Brunson was a well-known and highly esteemed citizen of this city and was well known throughout the State because of his fight against the liquor traffic. He ran for governor of the State twice, the second time in 1906 on the prohibition ticket. He was also publisher and editor of the Broad Axe, the official organ of the Prohibition party in South Carolina, for a number of years, in which he continued his fight for prohibition.

Mr. Brunson left home with his wife this morning on an early morning train. He got off at New Sumter to go to his farm, several miles further on, while his wife went on to Mayesville to spend the day with his daughter. When returning from his farm, where some work was going on, he dropped dead by the railroad track, a quarter of a mile from New Sumter. It was stated by a member of the family to-day that members of the family had tried to dissuade him from this trip, but he said he was compelled to go, as he had not been out to see about the work in several days. His body was found by an old negro, Ben Franklin, who summoned some white neighbors. The Atlantic Coast Line train to Sumter came along shortly after this and was flagged and the body put on it to be brought here.

There were only two witnesses at the inquest, Dr. Mood, who examined the body, and pronounced death to be due to natural causes, probably from apoplexy, and Ben Franklin, who had discovered the body. The jury returned a verdict in accordance with the testimony of Dr. Mood.

The deceased started out in life as a printer in the old Watchman and Southron printing office. This was during the war, in which he was too young to serve actively in the field, although he was a member of the reserves and ready to serve at home at any time. Later he entered into the lumber business, in which he was interested up to the time of his death. He was also interested for the past few years in farming, although he sold his farm between here and Mayesville some time ago.

The funeral services will be held here to-morrow afternoon and will be conducted by Dr. C. C. Brown, of the First Baptist church, of which the deceased was for many years an earnest member.

#### BATTLE WITH OFFICERS.

### Sixteen Killed in Fight in West Virginia Coal District.

Charleston, W. Va., Feb. 10.—Sixteen are dead including twelve miners and four mine guards, after a desperate battle between striking coal miners and officers of the Kanawha County coal fields to-day. Five companies of the State militia reached the trouble zone to-night.

The clash occurred near Mucklow. Fred W. Lester, in charge of mine guards; sought to head off several hundred strikers attempting to gain a position from which they could fire on the town of Mucklow and avoid the range of machine guns. In this skirmish two of the officers were shot dead. Reinforcements appeared and during the afternoon kept up a constant guerilla warfare. At every point they were met by strikers and were steadily driven back.

The two Charleston companies reached Ronda at 9:45 to-night. Immediately squads were sent throughout the trouble zone. Every train of the Chesapeake and Ohio Railroad into the strike territory to-night is equipped with a machine gun. The gun is screwed to the rear platform. It is manned at all times and ready for instant use.

#### Oak Grove School.

Honor roll of Oak Grove School for January, 1913.

First grade—Kate Rentz, J. C. Smith, Hydra Till.  
Second Grade—Alva Hoffman, Carolyn Rentz.  
Third grade—Lewis Copeland, Isaac Copeland, Sallie George.  
Fifth grade—Essie Carter, Rudolph Carter, Laz Gibson, Thelma Rentz.  
Seventh grade—Pollie Carter, Julia Clayton.