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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, April 28.—Mrs. W. H. Ritter and Miss Sudie Ritter, of Olar, visited friends in Ehrhardt last week. Had on their usual good looks and pleasant smiles.

The farmers are pleased this morning. Nice rains, but rather cold and wind too high this morning.

Mr. Geo. McKenzie, of this place, is circulating a petition for the post office at this place. No complaint set up against present postmaster, only the postmaster has had it a long time.

Mt. Pleasant Sunday-school picnic at Mt. Pleasant Lutheran church is an annual picnic and all are invited to attend and enjoy the day with the school. Be social with them in their pleasures, singing, speeches, amusements and basket dinner. So prepare yourselves to enjoy the day. May 1st, 1913, is the day set aside for the enjoyment. Don't forget the day.  
JEE.

#### A Card.

To the Public: In circulating the petition recently by Mr. George McKenzie, of Ehrhardt, to have him appointed as postmaster of Ehrhardt, all kinds of reports were used to make the public think different of me, when it is not so. Reports come to me that "I have resigned;" that I did not want the office any longer; that I had voted a Republican ticket at election in order to get the post-office. Others might have been used, all of which are untruths of the vilest kind, and the truth is carelessly handled by parties using those remarks to further their designs. There is no use falsifying one's fame to get or try to get a few dollars added to their bank account. Gentlemen, its wrong.

Twenty-eight years ago I started this office for the accommodation of this neighborhood, as well as our business, C. Ehrhardt & Sons. I bore the expense myself of bringing the mail from Varn's Store to Ehrhardt and returning same to that place by the time carrier returned from Folk's Store for 5 or 6 years, then the department added this office to the route and carrier from Midway to Folk's Store.

When I am tired of the office and resign, I will let all know it, and then all can have a showing by my consent, otherwise the government will have to call in my commission.

Respectfully,  
JACOB EHRHARDT.

Ehrhardt, S. C., April 28, 1913.

#### Fairfax Fancies.

Fairfax, April 28.—Messrs. M. A. Move and Miles Loadholt represented the Confederate veterans from this place at the reunion at Aiken. Over 500 delegates were present, and they had a grand time. The applause was tremendous when Col. B. H. Teague sang: "The Old Confederate Soldier is Good Enough for Me" (to the tune of "Old Time Religion"). At night a play, "Dixie," was given for their enjoyment by the citizens.

Miss Alice Reedy, of Charleston, and Miss Hattie Gooding, of Brunson, were recent guests of Mrs. Wm. Anderson.

The G. B. C. met Friday evening, the guests of Miss Margaret Folk, at the Commercial hotel. At the progressive games Miss Harrison and Mr. Wm. Terry won the prize—a box of confectionery. Miss Kenney won the consolation prize. Refreshments were served, and the girls said they had an unusually fine time.

On Saturday our teachers were invited "over Duck Branch" to spend the day with Mrs. O. J. Youmans. They enjoyed it immensely.

Miss Harrison visited Olar last week.

Our ladies are making every preparation for the comfort and entertainment of the delegates who are to meet here on Wednesday for the U. D. C. convention.

Some of our young folks are attending the protracted meeting at Brunson.

The health of our town is good.

C. F. Rizer, of Olar, who handles the Ford cars in this county, has now on hand two Ford touring cars and will receive today (Wednesday) six Ford runabouts. He will be pleased to give a demonstration of these famous machines. Ford users are always satisfied, for there is no car like it for the money on the market today.

## TRAIN KILLS LEXINGTON MAN.

### John P. Goodwin Meets Horrible Death Under Southern Passenger.

Lexington, April 27.—John P. Goodwin, a white man, was run over and killed by a Southern passenger train, near Styx, this county, late yesterday afternoon and his body terribly mangled. Coroner Wood conducted an inquest at noon today. The evidence adduced at the hearing tended to show that the man was drinking heavily yesterday, after having returned from Columbia with a quart bottle nearly full of whiskey. The body of the unfortunate man was dragged beneath the cars for a distance of about 150 yards, his head being completely taken from the body. Parts of the skull were found all along the track. The man's arms and lower limbs were also torn from the body and ground to a pulp. Every particle of clothing was torn from the body.

A double-barrelled gun, with one shell in it, was found on the ground, near where the man was first struck. The stock of the gun was broken off.

The three witnesses that testified swore that the train crew failed to sound the whistle and ring the bell for the road crossing. It was evident that the man was either lying in the middle of the track, where he had stumbled and fallen, or else he was lying just to the outer edge of the roadbed with one arm across the rail. Where the train first struck the man the fingers were picked up by an undertaker today.

John P. Goodwin was a son of Hilliard Goodwin, of near Styx, and was about 27 years of age. He is survived by a young wife, who before marriage, was Miss Mabel Timmons, of Columbia. He is also survived by his father and mother and several brothers and sisters. None of the railroad officials were at the inquest today, and it is now believed that the engineer did not know that a man had been killed. It was stated today that Goodwin told some persons yesterday that he expected to have trouble with a negro by the name of Joe Boozer. Sheriff Miller made a search for the negro today, but could not find him.

## First Football Match in Jerusalem.

For the first time in the history of the Holy City its people have thronged around a field almost within the shadows of its sacred walls, where contending football teams strove together for victory. The victorious team, too, was composed entirely of American students from the Syrian Protestant college at Beyrout, and Uncle Sam's boys can claim to have introduced the sport of football into the Holy Land. The contests were spread over four days. The first afternoon the Beyrout men played a team made up of the young men of the missions of the London Jews society and of the Church Mission society of the city; on the second afternoon, with a team selected from the ranks—Christian, Moslem and Jewish—of the Young Men's Christian Association of the city; on the third afternoon with a team of St. George's college, and on the last afternoon with a team selected from all the Jerusalem players. The third game was a tie, but the three others were won by the Beyrout men. The teams were made up of natives and Europeans, the latter being of several religions, including Mohammedans. A local band of the American colony played on the last day. There was great enthusiasm, and thousands of spectators, including Moslem ladies in their sheets and veils, watched the sport.—Strand Magazine.

## CHARGED WITH EMBEZZLEMENT

### Express Employee Arrested at Sumter—Said to Have Confessed.

Sumter, April 25.—Jessie T. Hawkins, a young man in the employ of the Southern Express Company at this place, was arrested here yesterday afternoon charged with the embezzlement of money belonging to the company. Hawkins was lodged in the guard house, where, it is said, he made a complete confession. Later he was transferred to jail, where he is now being held until his friends can raise the sum alleged to have been taken from the express office.

It is understood that money has been taken from the cash drawer of the office at intervals since the first of January. Twice deficits in cash had to be made up by the cashiers, when the route agent checked up the office accounts. About two hundred dollars is the amount supposed to have been taken. Mr. Jenkinson, the agent for the company, stated this morning that the company would not prosecute the case if the money was paid back to the company.

## 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 next reunion of Confederate veterans will be in Anderson, in 1914.

The Methodists of Florence have laid the cornerstone of a \$50,000 church—to be completed by January.

"Chunk" Jones, a negro, was shot and killed last week in Colleton county by A. A. Griffin, a prominent merchant.

Dr. H. A. Bagby, of Liberty, Mo., formerly of Greenwood, has been called to the pastorate of the First Baptist church in Union.

Robert Gilliam, young son of David Gilliam, shot and killed Ed. Kennedy, colored, on Sunday in Abbeville county. The coroner's jury said he was justifiable.

Ex-Gov. Jno. C. Sheppard is being mentioned as probable successor to Chas. A. Woods, associate justice of the Supreme court. The legislature will elect at its next session.

The hotel at Great Falls, on the Catawba river, in Chester county, burned down Wednesday afternoon. It belonged to the Southern Power company and was valued at \$4,500.

Dr. T. P. Edwards, an inmate of the old soldiers home, was convicted by the recorder of Columbia a few days ago of selling cocaine. He is a native of Edgefield and had practiced medicine fifty years.

At their meeting on Sunday the congregation of St. Pauls Lutheran church, Columbia, decided to build a new church, to cost \$40,000. Plans were adopted and the committee were instructed to go ahead with the work.

President Wilson has appointed Chas. A. Woods, of Marion, now associate justice of the supreme court of South Carolina, as United States Judge of the fourth circuit, comprising the States of West Virginia, Virginia, North Carolina and South Carolina. His succeeding Judge Goff, of West Virginia, who was recently elected United States Senator. The president has made a most excellent selection.

## SHOOTING SCRAPE AT BLANEY.

### Bloodhounds Rushed to Scene, But Negro Escapes.

Columbia, April 27.—A report of a shooting scrape among negroes in the town of Blaney, in Kershaw County, on the Seaboard, reached Columbia this afternoon and on request from the authorities of the place bloodhounds from the Penitentiary were sent there in automobiles. It was stated that one negro had shot and seriously wounded two others on the streets of Blaney today and had effected his escape. The bloodhounds were unable to follow the trail and the Penitentiary officers returned here tonight.

The negro who is charged with the shooting is still at large and it was stated that both of his victims were still alive.

## DR. FRIEDMAN SELLS RIGHTS.

### Will Receive \$125,000 in Cash and \$1,800,000 in Stock.

New York, April 26.—Dr. F. F. Friedmann has arranged for the sale of the American rights in his anti-tuberculosis vaccine for \$125,000 in cash and \$1,800,000 in stock in thirty-six Friedmann institutes, to be organized in as many selected States, with a total capitalization of \$5,400,000 according to the Times this morning. A large wholesale drug firm is named as the purchaser.

## TILLMAN FAVORS P. M. MURRAY.

### Delegation from Walterboro Confer with Senator on Postmastership.

Washington, April 28.—Messrs. P. M. Murray, J. G. Padgett, John H. Peurifoy and Mr. Moore came here today from Walterboro in connection with the nomination of Murray to be postmaster at that place.

Messrs. Padgett and Moore urged Senator Tillman not to oppose the confirmation of Murray, and Solicitor Peurifoy opposed the confirmation. Senator Tillman said that he had endorsed Murray after the late Representative Legare had done so, and that he saw no reason to change his position now. It is understood that Mr. Legare's endorsement of Murray was actually filed with the Postmaster General some time ago.

## ESCAPES FROM HAMPTON JAIL.

### Joe Cook, White, Cuts Through Brick Wall to Liberty.

Hampton, April 26.—Joe Cook, who has been for several weeks past confined in the county jail at this place on the charge of housebreaking and grand larceny, broke out of his cell Friday morning early and up to this writing has not been apprehended. Cook is a young white man, who was tried here two years ago on the charge of housebreaking and larceny and was acquitted.

Recently, it is charged, Cook pleaded guilty to the charge at the preliminary examination, the young man entered the same house as was formerly entered by some one and took therefrom blankets, meat, a pistol and a number of personal belongings owned by the negro occupants of the house. He was arrested by the wide-awake policeman at Fairfax, wearing the alleged stolen clothing, and having in his possession a quantity of the stolen property, and on his plea of guilty he was incarcerated in the county jail to await trial at the June term of the local court, but it seems as Cook became dissatisfied with the heart of the local jail and its pleasant surroundings, and with a small piece of wire, which held the window of his cell, he cut away the three or four layers of brick between him and liberty.

It was a surprised jailer who carried the bounteous breakfast to the cell where Cook was supposed to be on yesterday morning. This is the first escape from the local jail by the "hole-in-the-wall" route and has attracted interest.

## TWO MAYORS SAVE ANGEL.

### Seventeen-Year-Old Girl of Louisville Rescued in New York.

New York, April 25.—Correspondence between the mayor of New York and the mayor of Louisville resulted today in the rescue of a Louisville girl and the confession of her abductor. This is the story of Ethel Angel, 17 years old, told in Court by Andrew Harris, a New York elevator runner, who pleaded guilty to the charge of abduction.

Early last January Miss Angel ran away from her home in Louisville with a commercial traveler, who had promised to marry her. After spending sometime in Cincinnati and other cities they reached New York penniless, and the man induced Miss Angel to go with Harris. A week later Harris put her out on the streets, and there detectives sent out by Mayor Gaynor at the request of the mayor of Louisville found her. The girl will be sent back to her home. Harris faces a sentence of from five to ten years in prison.

## \$50,000 FIRE AT BATESBURG.

### Cotton Oil Company Plant Destroyed. Insurance \$25,000.

Batesburg, S. C., April 27.—A large portion of the plant of the Batesburg Cotton Oil Company was destroyed by fire today. The entire buildings and machinery of the oil plant proper were destroyed. The ginny and the fertilizer plants, operated by the same company, were saved with little damage. The loss is estimated at from \$50,000 to \$60,000, with \$25,000 insurance.

It is difficult to account for the origin of the fire. The theory most generally advanced is that it caught from a passing locomotive.

The plant being out of the zone of the town's water system, it was impossible to extinguish the flames, and all energies were bent to the saving of the nearby buildings.

The only stock destroyed was about 2,000 tons of hulls. All the seed had been crushed, and the last car of oil was shipped out a few days ago.

The stock of the Batesburg Cotton Oil Company is held principally by E. A. C., A. S. and C. E. Jones.

## Arrested on Assault Charge.

Greenwood, April 29.—D. D. Dixon, a white man, was arrested last night on the charge of assault and battery with intent to kill, the assault having been made on Mr. Henry Counts, a young man from Laurens, who is employed by an automobile concern here. The affair grew out of an accident, it is said, to an automobile in which Dixon and others were riding, and which was being driven by Counts. Counts, it is claimed, was struck by Dixon with a piece of iron and was unconscious for some time afterwards. Dixon was released on bail in the sum of \$200 by Magistrate B. L. McDowell today.

## "PORTLAND NED" ESCAPES

### NOTED YEGGMAN WALKS OUT OF GOVERNOR'S OFFICE.

#### James Johnson Steals Out of Blease's Office While Officer Awaits With Warrant in Adjoining Room.

Columbia, April 26.—"Portland Ned," alias James Johnson, the yeggman, who was paroled yesterday afternoon, vanished from the inner office of the Governor this morning and left a deputy United States marshal with another warrant for him guarding the outer office. The famous cracksman deliberately and coolly took advantage of the Governor's absence and walked out of the door which leads into the inner office and disappeared.

#### Just Walks Away.

"Portland Ned," who served a seven-year sentence in the Federal prison in Atlanta for robbing a post-office at Enoree, in Spartanburg County, and who had served two years of a ten-years' term in the State Penitentiary for the same offence when he was yesterday afternoon paroled by Governor Blease, was being held awaiting a reply the Governor had sent the Federal authorities asking them if they had any further charges against the prisoner. Johnson, or "Portland Ned," as he is better known, had been brought to the Governor's office this morning, dressed in citizens' clothes. He was taken into the inner office and was present while E. D. Green and John L. Paige, the two Spartanburg prisoners, were being given their paroles.

#### Was Wanted in North Carolina.

United States Commissioner Beverly Sloan had issued a warrant for the arrest of James Johnson, alias "Portland Ned," charging him with having dynamited a postoffice safe at Plymouth, N. C., in 1898, and Deputy Marshal Senn was present in the outer office awaiting to nab "Portland Ned" when he came out. The warrant had been sworn out on information furnished by Postoffice Inspector Gregory, who rounded up this man and landed him in the Penitentiary for the Enoree robbery. Federal Judge Smith had telegraphed that there were no cases on the docket against Johnson, and District Attorney Cocran had wired the same thing, but had stated that he was telegraphing the postoffice department asking them if they had any further charges against Johnson.

#### Leaves Prisoner in His Office.

Governor Blease stepped out into the outer office, leaving "Portland Ned" and a lady in his inner office. Deputy Marshal Senn being in the outer office with a warrant for "Portland Ned." This latter individual, according to what the lady told—and she never dreamed he was the famous yeggman, as he was dressed in citizens' clothes—strode up and down the office a few times, then coolly unlocked the door leading into the lobby of the State House and left. The Governor on returning to his private office asked the lady where the man was and she replied that he had walked out.

#### Newspaper Men Notified.

The newspaper men were called in and told of the occurrence, and then Marshal Senn was informed that "Portland Ned" had flown, not more than five minutes after the disappearance. "I didn't know I could serve the warrant on that man in your inner office," said Marshal Senn to the Governor. "Why certainly you could, no one said you could not," replied the Governor. The marshal thought Johnson would come through the outer office, but the latter went out through the private office into the lobby and vanished while the marshal was waiting for him outside.

The cool way in which "Portland Ned" disappeared surprised everyone. He is said to be an old hand at the game of safe-cracking and has a noted career.

#### Governor Denies Report.

Rural Policeman Hipp having been quoted this afternoon as saying that he was ordered out of the Governor's office when he went there this morning as a deputy from United States Commissioner Sloan to serve a Federal warrant on "Portland Ned," before the latter "faded away," Governor Blease was asked about the report and dictated the following reply: "I was sitting in my office, and Col. John K. Aull, my secretary, came in and stated that there was an officer outside who wanted to see James Johnson. I told him to come in. He walked in my office. When he came in I asked him to let me see his papers. He showed his warrant to me. I saw it was a warrant issued by the United States commissioner. I also

## BODY FOUND IN BASEMENT.

### Notes State Crime Was Done By Negro Employee.

Atlanta, Ga., April 27.—With clothing torn in shreds and other indications of violence conspicuous, the body of Mary Phagan, 15-year-old daughter of Mrs. J. W. Coleman, of Atlanta, was found early today in the basement of the National Pencil Company's plant at 37 Forsythe street. Newt Lee, negro night watchman at the building, who discovered the body, was arrested shortly after he notified the police. A young man, giving the name of A. Mullanox, also has been taken into custody. The police assert that the latter is alleged to have been seen with the Phagan girl at 12.30 this morning. Both prisoners are being detained under the blanket charge of "suspicion," and both deny any knowledge of the alleged killing.

#### Notes Tied About Throat.

The body was found, according to the negro, at 3.30 this morning, when he was making a round of the building. In addition to a gaping wound in the back of the head, bruises and lacerations on the body, a handkerchief was found knotted about the throat. Tied to this was a short piece of rope, with which, the police believe, the body was lowered into the basement through a small hole in the floor above.

Physicians who were summoned from a local hospital immediately after the body was found expressed the belief that death was due to strangulation.

Besides the body were found two almost indecipherable notes scrawled upon scrap paper. According to the police the contents of one of these notes was as follows:

"That negro hired down here did this. He pushed me down that hole. A long, tall negro, black, that did it worked. Long, lean, tall negro. I write to people with me."

#### Not Her Handwriting.

Despite the fact that the basement floor was littered with pencils from the factory above, J. W. Coleman, a local carpenter, and the girl's stepfather, is quoted as saying that the handwriting in the notes is not that of Mary Phagan.

The girl was employed at the plant where the body was found. The police have the names of several people who claim to have seen her in the vicinity of the building, which is in the business district of Atlanta, between 10.30 o'clock last night and 12.30 this morning. Adam Woodward, a negro night watchman employed in an adjoining building, told the police today that he heard a woman scream shortly after midnight, but thinking that the noise came from a party of brawlers, he did not investigate.

The Ehrhardt Cotillion Club has issued invitations to a dance to be given in Copeland's hall Wednesday evening, May 7th.

saw that he was a rural policeman for Richland County.

#### A Rural Policeman.

"I said to him 'are you not a rural policeman for this county?' He said, 'yes, sir.' I said 'haven't you enough to do to attend to your own duties as rural policeman without trying to run the business of the United States Government and of the Governor's office?' He said he supposed so. I then said, 'well, if you want to hold your job you had better try to attend to the business of Richland County, for which you are employed; I don't know of any business you have serving warrants for the United States Government when you are in the employment of the people of Richland County; and don't you in your position put your hands on this man Johnson.'

"With that he left the office, and the next I heard from the warrant I learned it was in the hands of the man who was sitting in the outer office of the Governor's offices when Johnson walked out of the other door. Rural Policeman Hipp was not ordered out of my office and was not treated impolitely, either by my secretary, so far as I know, or by myself. I spoke positively to him, as I always speak positively on a matter of immediate business to everybody.

"Neither I nor my secretary or stenographer have any duty to perform either as detectives or as marshals or policemen, and if the marshal sent by the United States commissioner wanted to sit down in the outer office, to which I was called by my secretary on a matter of business, while James Johnson walked out the other door, it was none of my lookout and none of my business."