

PERSONAL MENTION.

People Visiting in This City and at Other Points.

—Mr. J. M. McKenzie, of Walterboro, was in the city last Saturday.

—Mr. T. D. Antley, of the Cope section, was in the city last Saturday.

—Mrs. John Cart, of Orangeburg, is visiting Mrs. G. Frang Bamberg.

—Mr. Austin R. Neal, of Roanoke, Va., is in the city on a visit to relatives.

—Miss Nan Osborne, of Spartanburg, is visiting Miss Mary Livingston.

—Mr. and Mrs. J. E. Felder, of Cope, spent Sunday in the city with relatives.

—Mrs. C. J. S. Brooker left last Friday for a visit to relatives in Richmond, Va.

—Mr. and Mrs. J. R. Owens returned Monday night from a week's visit to Charleston.

—Mrs. J. A. Brabham is at home again from a visit to her daughters at Denmark and Olar.

—Miss Mell Kearshe, of the Kearshe section, is in the city on a visit to her sister, Mrs. W. P. Jones.

—Headmaster J. C. Guilds and Mr. W. D. Rhoad left yesterday for Rock Hill to attend the Methodist conference.

—Mr. Vernon Brabham, of Columbia, spent yesterday in the city on a visit to the family of his brother, Mr. H. J. Brabham.

—Mrs. H. M. Felder, of Mullins, who with her two little children has been visiting her relatives in Bamberg, has returned to her home.

—Mrs. Adelle J. Brabham and Mrs. LeRoy Wilson, of Allendale, arrived in the city yesterday afternoon for a visit to Mrs. H. J. Brabham.

—Mrs. LaVerne Thomas, of Columbia, spent a few days in the city this week on a visit to the family of her parents, Mr. and Mrs. C. W. Rentz.

—Rev. W. H. Hodges, pastor of Trinity Methodist church, left Monday morning to attend the session of the annual conference at Rock Hill. He will be away all the week.

—Mr. and Mrs. J. W. Barr, Mr. and Mrs. J. A. Wyman, Mrs. F. M. Bamberg, Mrs. F. M. Stubbs, Mrs. J. Norman Walker, and Miss Llewellyn Cleckley, of this city, attended the marriage of Miss Alma Wannamaker to Dr. Adam Cherry in Orangeburg last Wednesday evening.

—Col. John F. Folk, Mr. W. M. Brabham, Mr. H. F. Spann, and Capt. E. L. Price went to Charleston on Monday evening for a cruise down the Carolina coast. At Charleston several other invited guests will join them. The party leaves Charleston on Tuesday morning aboard the handsome launch "Cricket," which was awaiting them in port. The party will be out for about one week.

Don't Burn the Leaves.

One of the important contributions of nature to the fertility of the soil is the great mass of leaves that fall when frost comes. They decay and compensate the soil for what it has done; they prepare it for future demands. Their falling and their restoration of soil fertility illustrate the great law of compensation in nature.

It is common at this season of the year to hear complaints about the leaves. They pile up in the yard and many consider them unsightly. Many accordingly hasten to gather and consign the leaves to the flames, careless of the waste involved in their destruction.

Don't burn the leaves. Withered and dead, they still have their natural function to perform. If one must keep them off the lawn, pile them in a secure place, sprinkle dirt over them and let nature prepare its natural fertilizer for the soil. Sprinkle it in the flower bed next spring and note the result. Put it about the trees and keep them in health.

Nature is wise in all its plans. Since the first tree spread its arms and the new monarchs defied the storms, the falling leaves have thus aided in soil replenishment and helped succor all forms of plant life. Why not permit the plans of nature to be carried out for producing that which nature delights to produce for the comfort of man? Don't burn the leaves.

Dam Breaks in Texas.

Ablene, Texas, November 23.—Six hundred million gallons of water were released near here to-day by the breaking of the Lyttle Lake dam. A torrent twelve feet high was precipitated on the surrounding country, but spread over the plains without causing loss of life.

Dropped Dead in Church.

Montgomery, Ala., November 23.—C. D. Shell, aged 65 years, a Confederate Veteran, dropped dead in the Methodist Protestant Church shortly after noon to-day during the service. He had just completed a short talk when heart disease overcame him.

TRAMPS COST MILLIONS.

United States Yields Vast Daily Tribute to Knights of Road.

Tramps cost the United States \$200,000 a day, according to the estimate of Prof. William Bailey, of the chair of economics in Yale university. In a recent address at Springfield, Mass., he called attention to the tramp evil and declared the only way to eliminate the undesirable loafers is not to give a penny or a bite to eat to a tramp unless he works for it. The tramp is naturally voracious, Prof. Bailey observes, and once he is compelled to work for what he eats he will seek steady employment so that he can command what he desires as his food.

"Jails are of no value in solving the tramp problem," says Prof. Bailey. "Tramps discuss jails as most people do summer resorts and then select the town in which they will commit a depredation so as to have a winter home."

There are four grades of tramps in the United States, according to Prof. Bailey's classification, ranging from the lowest, the "tomato can" tramp to gypsies, the only class that is tolerated at law. The "tomato can" tramp is not misnamed. He carries a tomato can over his shoulder. He uses it to go about in the back yards and alleys near saloons to drain the last dregs of beer kegs that are ready for the brewery. Without the can he could not do this. He knows he has not long to live but he doesn't seem to bother much about that.

Next to the "Knights of the Tomato Can" are the "dossers." They have the price to buy lodging in a doss house at from five to 15 cents a night. The "dossers" are quite vain and consider themselves as highly respectable. The everyday "hobo" comes next in the scale.

The gypsy is the highest grade of tramp. He has a few horses, many dogs and numerous children. His chief business is "swapping" horses. His wife usually tells fortunes and the children earn nickels by doing athletic stunts. These gypsies are usually clever as pickpockets and follow country fairs. They are compelled to move from place to place which amounts to communities swapping undesirable.

Prof. Bailey states that most tramps start out to get work but find they can live without working. Many never work after their first attack of wanderlust and become tramps.

Answers The Times.

Editor Florence Times:—I note the following in The Bamberg Herald taken from your paper. "You want to know something about Charles Carroll Simms who figured so prominently in that Blease conference in Columbia. All that we can tell you is that he is a small lawyer from Barnwell with a big moustache. He inherits the ability to tell good romance." Since you are from Barnwell county, don't you think it a remarkable coincidence that you are a small editor with a big moustache? However, you both were eligible to the arena of the last Barnwell county fair and should have been entered. I am inclined to believe that Sims would have taken the blue ribbon.

Once a Barnwell county boy, I am, Yours truly,
W. G. SMITH.
Orangeburg, S. C.

APPEAL IN SUMTER CASE.

Heard By Supreme Court, Which Opens Fall Session.

Columbia, Nov. 25.—Argument of the appeal of the dispensary forces of Sumter county from the decision of the State board of canvassers, throwing out the election for the dispensary in that county on account of alleged irregularities, was heard by the Supreme Court, which convened this morning for the fall and winter term. Mayor L. D. Jennings and Senator J. H. Clifton represented the dispensary forces, which are appealing, while former Judge R. O. Purdy appeared for the prohibitionists.

THREE MORE PAROLED.

Brings Thanksgiving Clemency List Up to 103.

Columbia, Nov. 25.—The number of convicts to receive clemency for Thanksgiving at the hands of Governor Blease shot up to 103 to-day, when he paroled three more, two negroes serving life terms for murder, and one white man serving a chain gang sentence in Richland county for disorderly conduct.

The papers in the pardon and parole cases were sent to the office of Secretary of State R. M. McCown this morning for him to sign, and he spent most of the day attaching his signature, there being five copies of each paper, making a total of 515 times he had to sign his name. The papers were mailed to the Penitentiary and the county chaingangs this afternoon and the prisoners will be released to-morrow in time to eat Thanksgiving dinner with home people on Thursday.

DEAD MAN ALIVE.

As Body Lay in Coffin Supposed Corpse Raps at Door.

While relatives and friends surrounded a coffin in which lay the body of a young man identified as John Thompson, of Hamilton, Ont., a victim of the recent storm on the Great Lakes, the real John Thompson rapped at the door and was admitted to the house. His mother collapsed and was made seriously ill. Young Thompson's father did not know on what boat his son was employed and when he read of the finding of the body of a John Thompson, fireman on the lost steamer Carruthers, he went to Kettle Point and identified it as that of his son.

The body was shipped to the parents' home and preparations were being made for the funeral when the young man suddenly returned very much alive. He explained he had been in Montreal during the great storm and had just heard of his reported death. Before going to his home, the son stopped at a hotel conducted by James Duffy. Duffy, who had been at the Thompson home and seen the body there, fell in a faint, thinking he had seen a ghost.

Poison Given Through Mistake.

Spartanburg, November 24.—From the effects of a dose of strychnine administered through mistake by his wife and brother, J. W. Lawson, a substantial farmer, of near Woodruff, died Saturday afternoon, twenty minutes after the drug was taken.

Mr. Lawson had been suffering with a severe cold, and to relieve him the members of his family procured what they thought was a vial of quinine. The brother tasted the powder and noting that it had the bitter taste of quinine, proceeded to fix a powder, which was given to the man.

The effects of the drug set up immediately, and within twenty minutes Mr. Lawson was dead. When the physician reported the case it was deemed not necessary by the coroner to hold an inquest.

Mr. Lawson is survived by his wife, several brothers and sisters. He had been married three times and was reputed to be wealthy. The funeral services were conducted yesterday afternoon and the interment was in the Antioch church cemetery.

President of Southern Dead.

Washington, Nov. 25.—President W. W. Finley, of the Southern railway, died suddenly at his home in this city this morning from a stroke of paralysis.

He was stricken at the breakfast table this morning and sank rapidly.

Mr. Finley had been apparently in good health and the fatal stroke came without warning. With his family he had recently returned from his country home at Warrenton, Va., and reopened his town house in the capital. He is survived by a widow, a son and three daughters.

President Finley was stricken with apoplexy and hemorrhage of the brain while he was preparing to leave his home for his office. Before medical attention could be summoned he was dead. Although he was stricken before noon, word of his death did not reach the Southern railway offices for several hours.

Yeggs at Work in Spartanburg.

Spartanburg, Nov. 24.—When J. T. Blackwell, manager of the Palmetto Roller Mills, went to his office this morning he found the safe blown open and the floor littered with papers. There was evidence that the robbers were expert safe blowers. The job was skillfully done but the robbers obtained nothing of value as Mr. Blackwell had taken the money home Saturday night. A negro in the neighborhood said he heard a muffled explosion early Sunday morning.

Killed Traveling Man.

Birmingham, Ala., Nov. 24.—F. J. Ransom, a traveling salesman of Newark, N. J., was shot and instantly killed to-day by William L. Reeves, a clothing salesman, at Reeves' home near here. The shooting occurred when Reeves returned to his home unexpectedly and found Ransom there. The tragedy was witnessed by Mrs. Reeves.

Reeves telephoned the sheriff to come and arrest him. Ransom's body is being held pending advices from relatives in Newark.

KILLED BY RIFLE BALL.

Former Magazine Editor Victim of Fatal Accident.

Portland, Me., Nov. 25.—Herman D. Umbstatter, of Boston, a writer and former editor of the Black Cat magazine, to-day died at his cottage at Lovell, of an accidental rifle wound. As he was climbing a wall his rifle was discharged and the bullet penetrated his body just below the heart.

ATTEMPTS SUICIDE TWICE.

While Drunk Greenville Man Makes Two Efforts at Self Destruction.

For the second time within a month, Pink Bishop, a young white man of the city, attempted self-destruction yesterday while locked in a cell at the city jail in a raving condition brought on by drink. Bishop was arrested near the Carolina mill yesterday shortly after noon on the charge of being drunk.

In his cell he became raving and cursed, shouted and groaned for three hours. When he became quiet the members of the police department who were at the station suspected that something was wrong, and on going back to his cell they found Bishop standing on his cot, with one leg of his trousers tied to the grating above the cell and the other about his neck. Before one of the policemen present could go to the desk and get the key to the cell, Bishop jumped from the cot, in the presence of the other policemen, remaining swinging by his neck for an instant. Fortunately the trousers by which he was hanging tore in two pieces, and he fell to the floor without injury.

Probably fifteen minutes later Sergeant Cooksey went to the cell again to investigate as to Bishop's condition, and he found the crazy man again attempting to hang himself, a blanket being used this time. The cell was opened and three policemen rushed in and took Bishop down before he had time to complete tying the blanket to the roof of the cell. He resisted desperately the efforts to prevent his killing himself.

About a month ago Bishop was arrested for being drunk, and was taken to the police station in a frenzied condition. He attempted to commit suicide by battering his brains out against the walls of his cell. Bishop was unable to leave the station for two or three days on the occasion of that attempt at self-destruction.—Greenville News.

WHIRLED ON PULLEY.

Chester Youth Loses Clothes But Saves His Life.

One of the most remarkable escapes from death that has recently been reported occurred at Wilksburg, a town in the Western part of Chester county on Tuesday when Lonnie Harris, a boy, who is employed at the gin of C. F. Wade, went down the main shaft of the gin in an endeavor to fix the belt back on the pulley, which ran the apparatus that conveyed the seed from the gin. The machinery was still running at a rapid clip. As he tried to slip the belt back on his sleeve, hanging down, caught in a set screw in the pulley and in a moment he was being whirled around like a loose windlass.

It was at least five minutes before the machinery was stopped. All the time he was going so fast that it was difficult to discern the outlines of his body. After the machinery of the plant had been stopped everybody rushed to him expecting to find him a corpse; instead, upon being closely examined, it was found that he had sustained only a few bruises, but he was minus his clothes, which had consisted of two shirts, a pair of trousers, a brand new pair of overalls, socks and shoes. Everything was torn into threads and all had gone save a piece of sock and shoe on one foot. As he whirled round he passed by a place in the wall that had two long nail projecting, and the young man was whirled in between these long nails, and it was these that did the tearing.

BEAUFORT BRIDGE PROJECT.

Again Being Agitated—Would Cost About \$67,315.

Beaufort, Nov. 25.—The proposition to build a bridge across Beaufort river from the town of Beaufort to St. Helena Island, which was very much discussed and agitated several years ago, but which was broken up by the storm of 1911, is again before the public. A bill was passed recently by the House of Representatives permitting the townships of Beaufort and St. Helena Island to enter upon this undertaking. While there are some here who do not think it wise to go into an undertaking that would involve such a large expense, the large majority think it would do wonders in opening up and developing these islands, especially Port Royal and St. Helena.

The bridge proposed is to stand 14 feet above low water, to be sixteen feet wide, 1,585 feet long, and to have two draws of 50 feet each. The causeways and fills at the approaches would be 1,600 feet, requiring 490,000 bushels of shell. The cost has been estimated to be \$58,115, and the causeway of shells \$9,200, a total of \$67,315. This cost could be reduced by using a lighter weight of iron, but it is thought that the substantial weight would be the cheapest in the end.

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