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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, Jan. 4.—Well, a happy new year has arrived, but the outlook is so gloomy, that most of us are content with just the new year, the happiness seems to be lacking.

Mr. and Mrs. J. M. Dannelly's little son, Glen, is very sick at this writing, but we hope for the best.

Mrs. W. Max Walker is improving from a severe illness. Hope she will soon be out again among her friends.

Miss Marie Williams, of Allendale, was a welcome visitor in our town during the holidays.

The Misses Crapps, of Columbia, cousins of Mrs. E. F. K. Roof, visited her last week.

Mrs. T. D. Jones, of Augusta, Ga., is visiting her mother, Mrs. Sease, on Franklin street.

Rev. Smith preached his first sermon in the Baptist church here last Sunday. We welcome him to our town.

Mr. J. M. Smith has moved to the house recently occupied by Mr. S. W. Copeland, Mr. Copeland moving further down the same street to the property recently purchased of Mr. H. A. Hughes.

A good many of the clerks lost their jobs January 1st, on account of the hard times.

A free for all fight took place Sunday afternoon at a colored church near Colston. Some of the participants had to have their wounds sewed up by the doctor. Nobody killed, however.

A good many of our citizens attended court Monday as witnesses and jurors.

The K. of P. lodge will install the officers of the lodge for the coming year Monday night, January 11th, and serve refreshments. The public is cordially invited as the exercises will be for all. A speaker will make an address just after the installation. Will be glad to have you with us, Mr. Editor.

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Denmark Dots.

Denmark, Jan. 2.—Miss Inez Starr, of Olar, spent a short while here this week.

Mr. and Mrs. Milton Crum, of Clemson college, are here for a few days with the latter's parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. B. Guess.

Miss Lilla Byrd, of Bamberg, was the guest of Miss Louise Zeigler for a short while last week.

Miss Birge, of New York, is the guest of Mrs. S. G. Mayfield.

Mr. and Mrs. H. W. Goolsby and daughter, Frances, of Hartsville, with Mr. and Mrs. W. F. Marvin, of Yemassee, spent the holidays with Mr. and Mrs. G. W. Goolsby.

Mr. and Mrs. J. D. Milhouse, of Columbia, were among the Christmas visitors here.

The crowning event of the season's festivities was a reception tendered Mr. and Mrs. St. Claire Prothro Guess by Mr. and Mrs. J. G. H. Guess, parents of the groom, at their suburban home on Wednesday evening. The guests were received at the door by Mrs. Julian Guess, of Appleton, and ushered into the reception hall by Mrs. F. V. James, who introduced them to the bride and groom and others in the receiving line. Mrs. Percy Bethea, of Darlington, conducted them to the dining room where a salad course, with coffee, was served. The table was presided over by Mrs. A. P. Guess and Miss Ruby Guess. Repairing to an adjoining room a sweet course with mints was served by Misses Virginia Faust, Doris Goolsby and May Haynesworth. Miss Louise Guess favored each guest with a spray of mistletoe as a souvenir of the occasion.

The out-of-town guests were the Rev. and Mrs. William Haynesworth, of Sumter, Mrs. Percy Bethea, of Darlington, Miss Dorothy Hart, of Estill, Miss Reba Wiggins, of Augusta; Fred Faust, of Kitching's Mill, D. M. Eaves, of Bamberg, Ralph Walker, of Appleton and Mr. Prothro, of Wilkinston.

Jasper Sojourner was host to a number of his young friends on Thursday evening to watch the ushering in of the new year. The guests were met at the door by Mesdames E. P. Sojourner and Mrs. R. A. Goolsby and ushered into the parlors to participate in progressive reek. Miss Vera Wiggins was winner of the first prize and Miss Gene Fogle the consolation. A sweet course was

PALESTINE FOR THE JEWS.

One-Third Purchasable Now, Knights of Zion Are Told.

St. Louis, Jan. 1.—One-third of Palestine could be bought now for restoration as the home of the Jewish race if funds were available, according to Dr. Kaplan Kaplansky, of The Hague, speaking today before the annual convention of the Knights of Zion. Heretofore, the chief argument of opponents of Zionism has been that Palestine was unpurchasable.

Dr. Kaplansky is general secretary of the Jewish national fund bureau. The fund now totals \$11,000,000. He said, three-fourths of which is invested in Palestine farm lands. The total Jewish population of that country, he said, is about 120,000, though there is room for more than 3,000,000 people.

The Largest Thermometer.

The Eiffel Tower, rising high above the city of Paris, is in itself a thermometer, undoubtedly the largest in the world, says the American Boy. Just as the column of mercury in the glass tube expands and contracts with changes in the temperature, so also does this great tower of steel. And as we measure temperature by noticing the rise and fall of the mercury column, so do the French scientists determine temperature by measuring the expansion or contraction of this huge structure.

France's most powerful wireless station is located in the Eiffel Tower, and so it is the especial target of the German airmen who sail over Paris dropping bombs. The Germans would very much like to destroy this tower and interrupt wireless communications now maintained with London and Petrograd, as well as with all parts of France. It is guarded by rapid-fire guns and searchlights mounted upon it.

DROWNED IN THE CONGAREE.

Parties Search for Body of William Lester.

Columbia, Jan. 3.—Parties were searching today for the body of William Lester, native of Washington, D. C., who was drowned early Friday morning in the Congaree river, thirty miles below Columbia. He was employed by the government as a launch engineer. The launch was accompanying a sandsucker, which was being towed to Columbia from Georgetown. Friday morning young Lester tried to jump from a tug to the launch. He slipped on frost, formed on the bow of the boat and fell into the river. His mother arrived this morning from Washington.

Clear Pond School.

Honor roll of Clear Pond school for month ending Dec. 25th.

High school, first year—Wilhelmina Folk.

Seventh grade—Dorris Folk, Vera McMillan, Rosa Walker.

Sixth grade—Ruth Morris.

Fourth grade—Roy Morris.

Third grade—Reba Steedley.

Second grade—Adrine Morris, Joe Martin.

First grade—Mary Martin, Vera Pearson.

Married Christmas Eve.

Lodge, Jan. 2.—An event of interest to this community was the marriage, on Christmas Eve night, of Mr. Otis L. Copeland, of Ehrhardt, and Miss Ruby Freeman, of Talbotton, G. The ceremony was performed at the Baptist parsonage by the Rev. J. B. Lawson, in the presence of a few relatives and friends. The bride is a sister of Mrs. W. D. Bennett, of this place. She is a handsome brunette and presented a striking appearance in her bridal attire, a perfectly fitting coat suit of white serge. She has many friends here.

The groom belongs to a large and influential family and is a young man of sterling worth. Owing to the illness of Mr. Copeland's parents, the marriage was a very quiet affair. The young couple will reside in Ehrhardt.

served just before the midnight hour.

Miss Orle Brux, of Midville, Ga., is visiting friends here.

Miss Marguerite McMillan, of Savannah, Ga., and Miss Reba Wiggins, of Augusta, Ga., are guests of Mrs. John R. Martin.

Misses Louise Zeigler and Ruth Seymour are at home for the holidays from Winthrop college.

Miss Dorothy Hart, of Estill, is visiting her sister, Mrs. J. Wesley Crum.

Mrs. Von Etta and Helen Milhouse, of Columbia, have been spending this week with Miss Martha Ray.

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 recent election creating McDuffie county has been contested by the opponents of the new county.

A government building is being erected in Bennettsville for the post-office. The building will soon be completed.

A bill is expected to be introduced at the coming session of the State legislature for a referendum on the matter of State-wide prohibition.

Charles O'Day, paroled by the governor recently, was bound over in the United States court Tuesday, charged with robbing a postoffice in Virginia.

A seaboard train was derailed at Whitmire Tuesday. Several of the train crew were injured, but all of the passengers escaped injury. The engine and tender were demolished.

James Norman has been held for criminal negligence for the killing of his father, Mack Norman, at Gaffney. Norman was killed as he was getting into a buggy, young Norman shooting at toy balloons at the time.

EASY TO PRONOUNCE IT.

Name of Noted Fortress Familiar in Print as "Przemysl."

The proper pronunciation of Przemysl, the Austrian fortress so prominent in the war news, continues to be one of the mysteries of the war, says a London dispatch.

Grand Duke Michael himself has added zest to the controversy by offering to supply the pronunciation of the word to all Britishers who contribute 5 shillings to the "Comforts for British Soldiers" fund.

A well known British authority offers the following rule to pronounce the word:

"Say 'A damp chemise'll make you sneeze.' Extract from the sentence 'p chemise'll, throw the rest away, and you have 'Przemysl.'"

Boy Killed in Runaway.

Greenville, Jan. 4.—Oscar Black, a 14-year-old lad, was killed this afternoon when a team of mules ran away with him, catching the lines about his neck and dragging him to his death. His neck was broken and skull fractured.

PARDON CAME TOO LATE.

Negro Woman on Blease's Clemency List Dead Two Years.

Spartanburg, Jan. 5.—One of the governor's recent pardons was granted to Anna Drummond, a negro, two years after her death, it developed today when county authorities here received notice of the extension of clemency in her case. The woman was convicted for the murder of her husband nearly three years ago and died in the county jail soon after she was sentenced to a life term in the State penitentiary.

To Get South American Trade.

As a retired salesman who has traveled a good deal in Latin America, allow me to give your readers some suggestions that the experience has dictated to me. It is necessary to have your catalogues translated into good Spanish. Most of the translations of the American catalogues that I have seen down there were jokes. It is a good plan not to mention in your circulars and catalogues that you have the largest factory or store in the world, as your neighbor may say the same, and unfortunately, the Americans indulge themselves in this "autocelebration." It is better not to print or say that your articles are the best in the world; let the goods speak for themselves.

Pack your goods properly; remember that they are going to have many rough transfers and if they arrive in bad condition you may not have reorders. If it is possible use the metric system in your measures, and make your catalogues with such a system.

Advertise freely in the local newspapers of those countries. Not having trade publications down there, the daily papers and magazines (what are good and cheaper than the American) are the best channels to advertise in.—Letter to the New York Times.

BRITISH LOSE BATTLESHIP.

The Formidable is Sunk by Either a Torpedo or a Mine.

London, Jan. 1.—The British battleship Formidable was sunk this morning in the English channel by either a mine or a submarine, according to announcement given out by the official information bureau.

The text of the bureau's statement follows:

"The battleship Formidable was sunk this morning in the channel, but whether by a mine or a submarine is not yet certain.

"Seventy-one survivors have been picked by a British light cruiser and it is possible that others may have been rescued by other vessels."

The exact locality of the disaster has not been revealed, but the fact that it occurred in the British channel recalls the circumstances that British ships have been engaged in bombarding the German positions on the Belgian coast and that German submarines on several occasions in the past have attempted to torpedo them.

The British battleship Formidable had a displacement of 15,000 tons. She was 430 feet long and carried a complement of 750 men. She was heavily armored and carried four 12-inch guns, twelve 6-inch guns and sixteen 12-pounders. She was provided also with four submerged torpedo tubes.

The Formidable was launched in 1908 and was a sister ship to the Irresistible and Implacable.

The Formidable had assigned to her, according to the British navy list of December, various fleet officers, and consequently she undoubtedly was acting as a flagship at the time of her destruction. Her captain was Arthur N. Loxley and her commander Charles F. Ballard. Capt. John C. Deed was in command of the marines on board while the fleet surgeon was Godfrey Taylor and the fleet paymaster P. J. Ling. The chaplain is given as the Rev. George B. Robinson. On board the Formidable were also 16 midshipmen.

WOMEN LASSO WILD BOARS.

Mother and Daughter Capture Animals Escaped From Zoo.

Mrs. F. A. Alexander and her daughter, Ruth Mayfield, of 3,439 Delgany street, do not know how the two wild boars that escaped from the City Park zoo, in the latter part of June, got down in their neighborhood, but they will be glad when they receive the \$10 reward for the capture of the animals.

When the two hogs escaped from the zoo systematic search of the surrounding country failed to find them. It was supposed that they could not have gone far. The argument was that two hogs couldn't wander far from the park without being seen, and being seen would be reported to police headquarters and their capture would speedily follow.

However, the two animals did wander more than two miles across the city and were found by the two women in the block in which they lived. They captured them with lassoes and began a search for their owners.

One of the women notified the police and in this way the park department heard of the capture. Commissioner Thum, head of the park department, agreed to send the women \$10.—From the Denver Post.

1914 BANNER YEAR.

Crop Value Slightly Less on Account of 300-Million Cotton Loss.

Washington, Dec. 30.—American farm products during 1914 eclipsed all records for value, with a total of almost ten billion dollars. Secretary Houston announced today that the value of all farm crops, farm animal products and farm animals sold and slaughtered aggregated \$9,372,936,000. That was \$83,000,000 more than the grand total for 1913, the previous record year. It was more than double the value of all farm products in 1899.

Crops this year were valued at \$6,044,480,000 and farm animal products at \$3,328,456,000. The value of crops was slightly less than in 1913, on account of the reduced value of cotton. The corn and wheat crops were the most valuable ever produced. They brought the year's crop value total to only \$88,279,000 less than the total for last year, despite the loss of more than \$300,000,000 in the value of cotton.

Pumping engines in a large sewage plant in Australia are run by sewer gas.

LEGISLATURE TO DO MUCH

AMBITIOUS PROGRAMME OF CONSTRUCTIVE LEGISLATION.

Compulsory Education and Proposed Referendum on Prohibition Leading Questions.

Columbia, Jan. 2.—An ambitious programme of constructive legislation faces the general assembly of South Carolina, which convenes in annual session one week from Tuesday. Probably not before in a quarter of a century has a legislative session been looked forward to with greater hope that something will be done for the uplift and betterment of the State than is the one which is only ten days distant.

Organization of the two houses will consume the first part of the opening day. The house will be called to order by James A. Hoyt, the retiring clerk, and himself a member from Richland county. As soon as temporary organization is perfected Mr. Hoyt will be elected speaker without opposition. The clerkship of the house is attracting attention and a vigorous campaign from six candidates, J. Wilson Gibbs and E. O. DePass, both of Columbia; J. W. Hamel, of Kershaw; J. R. McGee, of Batesburg; H. C. Booker, of Spartanburg, and J. C. Mays, of Greenwood. John S. Wilson, of Lancaster, who is offering for reelection as sergeant-at-arms, is opposed by E. P. McCrae, of Pickens, a former member, while S. McG. Simpkins, of Edgefield, is encountering opposition for reelection as reading clerk from A. E. Hutchinson, of Rock Hill, who was a member of the last house.

The death of Senator P. L. Hardin, of Chester, leaves the position of president pro tem to be filled. The names of Senators Alan Johnstone, of Newberry, and Legrand Walker, of Georgetown, are mentioned for the position. Both are leaders of the upper chamber and both command the respect and popularity of their fellow members.

M. M. Mann, of St. Matthews, is unopposed for reelection as clerk and J. Fred Shumpert, of Newberry, will again be elected sergeant-at-arms without opposition. It is believed that Senator Christensen will be reelected chairman of the finance committee, a position to which he was elevated on the resignation of the late Senator Hardin in the extra session. Senator Carlisle will be again named as the chairman of the judiciary committee, it is generally accepted.

The annual message of the governor will be read in both branches immediately after the organization is perfected. The message has already been prepared and the governor has stated that this will probably be his only communication to the general assembly. His reasons for clemency in the various number of cases in which he has paroled or pardoned convicts will be reported to the Senate as required by the constitution.

On Lee's Birthday.

The birthday of Gen Robert E. Lee, the great Confederate chieftain, will be celebrated this year by the inauguration of Hon. Richard I. Manning, of Sumter, as governor of South Carolina to succeed the present governor, who will retire to private life. The inauguration of Mr. Manning as governor and Mr. A. J. Bethea, of Columbia, as lieutenant governor will take place at noon on January 19 in the hall of the house of representatives in the presence of the joint session of the senate and house, the chief justice and members of the supreme court, State house officials and the people. Chief Justice Gary will probably administer the oath of office to Governor Manning and Lieutenant Governor Bethea.

Governor Manning in his inaugural address is expected to outline the policies of his administration and urge on the legislature the adoption of those things which he advocated in his last platform in the race for governor last summer. Particular interest will attach to what the new governor will have to say on taxation, compulsory education, the liquor question, and appropriations.

Leading Questions.

Two of the main questions to come before the general assembly will be compulsory education and the proposed referendum on prohibition. Prohibitionists will ask for a referendum by the people along about next September on the question of the driving of liquor from the borders of the State. While compulsory education is a prominent issue many view the injection of the liquor

WITHOUT PENALTY UNTIL FEB. 1

Time for Paying Taxes Has Been Extended.

Columbia, Dec. 31.—The time for the payment of State and county taxes is extended until February without penalty, under an order issued tonight by Comptroller General Jones and approved by the governor. This power is given the comptroller general by the law. Without this extension the taxes paid after today would have entailed a penalty of 1 per cent. in January.

The order for the extension of time for payment of taxes was drawn up this afternoon. It was presented to the governor by Chief Clerk Carlton W. Sawyer and was promptly approved by the governor. The order follows:

"Columbia, S. C., December 31, 1914. To the county treasurers in the State of South Carolina: Under and by virtue of power conferred upon the comptroller general, with the approval of the governor, in section 767, of Volume 1, code of laws of South Carolina, 1912; I do hereby extend the time for the collection of taxes, without penalty, until the 1st day of February, A. D. 1915. You will please govern yourself accordingly.

"A. W. JONES, Comptroller General.

"Approved, Cole L. Blease, Governor."

The governor this morning addressed a letter to the comptroller general suggesting that he extend the time for the payment of taxes. The governor's approval is necessary. The general assembly at its extra session refused to extend the time for the payment of taxes as recommended by the governor. The interest on the State debt is in hand and will be paid promptly.

MORE THAN HALF MILLION.

Allies Held Prisoners of War in Germany.

Berlin, Jan. 1.—War prisoners held in Germany at the end of the year numbered 8,133 officers and 577,875 men, according to a summary issued from headquarters today, which points out that the list does not include civilians interned in Germany, nor the prisoners taken during the pursuit in Russian Poland, or those in transport.

Of the number the French contribute 3,459 officers, including seven generals and 215,905 men; the Russians, 3,575 officers, of whom 18 are generals and 306,290 men; the Belgians, 612 officers, including three generals and 36,852 men, and the British 492 officers and 18,828 men.

Headquarters declares the report that 1,104 German officers and 134,700 are prisoners of war in Russia is misleading since the list includes interned civilians. Probably not more than 15 per cent. of the total are military prisoners, it declared.

ANDERSON FARMER A SUICIDE.

U. E. Seybt Shoots Himself While Talking to Family.

Anderson, Jan. 4.—U. E. Seybt, large farmer and prominent business man of the county, committed suicide at his home, one mile east of this city, at 3 o'clock this afternoon. He had been in the city during the day and had returned home only a few minutes before he shot himself. Mrs. Seybt and their son, Harry, a student at Auburn, were in the living room with Mr. Seybt. They were talking about Harry's return to college tomorrow. Without any warning whatever Mr. Seybt picked up a pistol off his desk, placed the muzzle against his right temple and fired, the ball going entirely through his head. Harry Seybt saw the move and jumped to grab his father's arm, but was too late. Mr. Seybt fell to the floor and expired. Financial trouble is given as the cause. The Seybts moved into their new \$15,000 home only a few months ago. He is survived by his wife, who was Miss Watson; one daughter, Mrs. Thomas F. Hill, and one son, Harry. He was liked by all the people and the news of his act was a distinct shock to the people of the county. He was about 48 years of age.

question with apprehension. Child labor laws, workmen's compensation, readjustment of the taxation, assessment, good roads, and the policy to be adopted toward the State Hospital for the Insane are some of the leading matters to be acted on by the lawmakers.

The State officials are getting their reports ready for submission to the legislature. Some have their completed while others are now in the hands of the printers.