

COUNTRY NEWS LETTERS

SOME INTERESTING HAPPENINGS IN VARIOUS SECTIONS.

News Items Gathered All Around the County and Elsewhere.

Denmark Social.

Denmark, March 20.—Wednesday afternoon Mrs. John Martin entertained at a miscellaneous shower for Miss Julia Goolsby, a bride of this week. As the guests entered they were met by Mrs. J. S. Walker and Mrs. S. D. Guess, who ushered them into the reception hall, which was beautiful in its decorations of gold and green. Mrs. Grady Hardin served the guests with delicious punch, after which Miss Pauline Turner presented them to the hostess, the bride-to-be and her mother in the parlor. When the guests had arrived G. W. Goolsby, an express messenger, appeared with his wagon loaded with numerous and useful gifts for the bride. The dining room, in which the color scheme was pink and white, was then thrown open to the guests and a sweet course was served by Misses Josephine Faust, Katherine Wilkinson and Pauline Turner. Around the prettily decorated bride's table "toasts" added to the merriment of the afternoon. Miss Carrie Riley pinned souvenirs in the shape of bride's slippers on each guest as she retired from the dining room. Music was furnished the entire afternoon by Miss Sadie Richards.

The Embroidery club met on Monday afternoon with Mrs. Grady Hardin. After a pleasant hour had been spent in work, Mrs. Hardin was assisted by Mrs. J. S. Matthews in serving the members with a dainty sweet course.

Olar Items.

Olar, March 20.—Miss Belle Cook has returned home, after a visit with her sister in Georgetown.

Miss Elberta Rizer was the guest of Miss Inez Starr last week-end. Mr. and Mrs. W. C. Kearse were at home last Friday evening, in honor of their niece, Miss Robinson, and teacher. When the guests arrived they were invited in the parlors where tables were arranged for progressive heart dice. Athan Morris was awarded first prize for the highest score. The consolation fell to Miss Robinson, C. Chitty and Dr. Williams. Refreshments were served in two courses by little Misses Caroline Starr and Mary Robinson.

Meredith Walling, James R. and Chas. M. Chitty spent last Sunday in town with friends.

Cadet Earl Rizer returned Tuesday to Greenwood, where he is at school.

Branchville News.

Branchville, March 20.—On Thursday evening J. B. Williams, Jr., entertained a party of friends with a fish fry at Gressett's lake.

Mesdames Joseph and Richard Williams are visiting in Frankfort, Ky.

Miss Ethel Jones, of Orangeburg, spent a few days this week with Miss Josie Payscale.

STEGLER'S AIDS FOUND GUILTY.

Given Two Years or Fine of \$10,000 For Procuring False Passports.

New York, March 18.—Richard Madden and Gustave Cook, of Hoboken, were found guilty today of conspiracy against the United States in aiding Richard P. Stegler, a German naval reservist, to procure a false American passport. The jurors, who were selected because of their neutral opinions on the European war, made "a strong recommendation for mercy."

The men will be sentenced tomorrow and immediately afterward Stegler, who became a State's witness, will be called for trial. His counsel announced Stegler would plead guilty and throw himself upon the court's mercy. It is expected that in asking a light sentence for Stegler, his counsel will refer to international aspects of the case not brought out in the trial, but given publicity at the time Stegler was arrested.

The penalty for the offence is a maximum of two years in prison, a \$10,000 fine, or both. Cook was accused of introducing Stegler to Madden, and Madden of furnishing Stegler with his birth certificate to enable him to procure the passport in Madden's name.

At the end of the last year the total membership of the 1,135 registered and unregistered unions known to the British board of trade was 3,993,769, an increase of 21.5 per cent., compared with the aggregate of 1912.

KILLED BY SHERIFF.

Negro Shot While Resisting Arrest.

Allendale, March 20.—Lee Johnson, a negro, on W. I. John's place, near Baldock, was shot and killed by Sheriff Morris while resisting arrest Thursday afternoon. He had hidden in a negro cabin. On entering to make the arrest the sheriff and his deputies had a narrow escape from shots from the negro's pistol. The posse was forced to withdraw and Frank Grubbs, a deputy, on opening a window to locate the position of the negro received a slight bullet wound in his hip. Sheriff Morris then fired through the wall in the direction from which the shot came, and inflicted a mortal wound from which Johnson died in a few hours. Johnson was wanted for assault upon Magistrate L. C. Bennett, of Baldock, on the public road several days ago. Judge Bennett met the negro driving very fast at an early hour and when he asked the cause of his haste was answered with pistol shots.

GOVERNOR APPOINTS STAFF.

Mr. W. A. Klauber One of the New Lieutenant Colonels.

Columbia, March 19.—Governor Manning this afternoon appointed his military staff. The appointments are honorary, the members serving without pay.

The members follow: Military secretary of the governor, C. H. Cabiness.

Ajutant general, W. W. Moore. Colonels: John B. Adger, of Belton; George W. Dick, of Sumter; R. M. Cooper, of Waccamaw.

Lieutenant colonels: A. L. Gaston, of Chester; M. P. McCalla, of Lowndesville; T. W. Davies, of Beach Island; W. J. Muldrow, of Anderson; W. A. Klauber, of Bamberg; W. R. Darlington, Jr., of Allendale; W. K. Fishburne, of Moncks Corner; J. D. Shirer, of Lone Star; Arthur Young, of Charleston; E. G. Duvall, of Cheraw; J. M. Witsell, of Walterboro; L. Wigfall Cheatham, of Edgefield; Sam McCall, of Florence; Hugh L. Oliver, of Georgetown; Rion McKissick, of Greenville; H. D. Ingraham, of Greenville; H. T. Strange, of Lee county; C. K. Laroque, of Marion; Donald McQueen, Jr., of Marlboro; A. A. Manning, of Waihalla; C. L. Cureton, of Pickens; J. Stokes Sallie, of Orangeburg; O. R. Doyle, of Calhoun; L. W. Parrin, of Spartanburg; James McCutchen, of Johnsonville; C. L. Cobb and John T. Rodney, both of Rock Hill; H. J. McLaurin, of Sumter; E. E. Aycock, of Wedgefield; J. A. McKnight, of Sumter; W. R. Burgess, of Clarendon; George Warren, of Hampton; Allen Bradham, of Manning.

BOARD BEFORE GOVERNOR.

Richland Body Questioned Concerning Nepotism.

Columbia, March 18.—The Richland county dispensary board was called before Governor Manning this afternoon and questioned about complaints that there has been flagrant nepotism practiced by them, in that they have elected a number of employees of the dispensary who are kin to the board. This they denied, except in the case of Ben Harrison, a dispenser on Assembly street, whom they admitted was kin to Mr. Duncan, a member of the board. They said if the governor disapproved of this choice they would select another. The governor, it is understood, emphatically disapproves of any forms of nepotism.

The governor told the board that he would not commission Thompson as dispenser at Eastover and they might as well end the matter. He told the board that they are responsible for all the employees and that, no matter what recommendations the employees had, it was up to the board to investigate each and every one of them and to make it certain that the applicant was worthy and efficient. The governor told the board that they would be held responsible.

Messrs J. S. Verner and J. W. H. Duncan, two members of the board, were present. S. T. Westbury, the other member, was out of the city and could not be present. The governor told the board that he would call them to his office for another conference when Mr. Westbury returns.

There has been much dissatisfaction expressed in Columbia by certain citizens because of the election of dispensers and other employees of the dispensaries, on the alleged ground that nepotism was shown and it has been charged that five of the dispensers were kin to the board.

IN THE PALMETTO STATE

SOME OCCURRENCES OF VARIOUS KINDS IN SOUTH CAROLINA.

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

A mad dog bit two men in Columbia Saturday on the streets. The men are taking the pasteur treatment.

W. H. Darby, of Florence, has been named by Governor Manning to see that the regulations of the new drug law are carried out.

Mrs. Charles H. Yeager, of Charleston, had her purse, with \$12 in it, snatched from her hand on the streets of that city Saturday evening about dark by a man.

The 750 cadets of Clemson college went into camp Monday at Anderson for a few days. The camp has been designated Camp Riggs, in honor of President Riggs.

The case of Ben. Williams and George Miller and Otis Reed, charged with assault and battery upon Chief Game Warden A. A. Richardson, at Barnwell, resulted in a mistrial.

A negro went before a Fairfield magistrate last week and asked for a warrant against himself for violating a contract and then pleaded guilty and the magistrate gave him 30 days.

The census bureau at Washington on Saturday gave the final ginning figures for the crop of 1914. South Carolina's crop was 1,524,595—the largest since 1911, when it was 1,648,712.

W. S. Chadwick was found guilty of manslaughter by a jury at Greenville on Saturday, in the killing of Deputy Sheriff Lindsay the 5th of last October, and was sentenced to 15 years.

Col. August Kohn, a well known capitalist of Columbia, and member of the News and Courier staff, was operated on for appendicitis on Saturday at the Columbia hospital, and is doing well.

Belton Horne, a white man aged 45, of the Cambridge section of Greenwood county, committed suicide Saturday with a shotgun, shooting the top of his head off. He had been despondent for several days.

Citizens in Richland county are taking steps to try to prevent the bond issue of \$1,125,000 provided for by the legislature for permanent road improvement in that county. The matter will likely be carried to the courts.

A. F. McKissick, of Greenwood, chairman of the coal buying committee of the South Carolina mills, has placed a contract with the Clinchfield Fuel company for 300,000 tons of steam coal, amounting to something over a million dollars.

UNABLE TO OBTAIN BREAD.

Stock of Flour Said to Be Running Low in Vienna.

Venice, March 18.—Reports from Vienna say that thousands in the Austrian capital were unable to obtain bread Tuesday. Stocks of flour are declared so meagre that in many places bakers found it impossible to make bread, even with the lesser quantity prescribed by the decree.

Bread everywhere speedily was sold out, especially in the suburbs, and late customers, unable to obtain their portions, are said to have stormed the baker shops. The authorities are reported to have endeavored to calm the people by declaring that the bread shortage was only temporary. Bread and flour tickets will be issued in Vienna and in all towns in Austria with a population of more than 5,000 beginning April 4.

Who the Uhlans Are.

The Uhlans, of whom we hear so much just now, may be taken as a title descriptive of German cavalry in general. The name has struck because of the fame which they attained by their dash and bravery during the Franco-German war. But the Uhlans, or, as it is generally spelled now, Ulans, are a distinctive corps. The name is by no means distinctive of German. A body of Uhlans was formed for the French army by Marshal Saxe. They were introduced into the Prussian service in 1740, and forty years later the Austrians also had a corps of Uhlans—light cavalry armed with the lance. The modern Uhlans may be classed with the heavy cavalry, for they ride at over twenty stone.

RUSHES MAN TO COLUMBIA.

Negro Charged With Slaying White Woman.

Abbeville, March 17.—An aged woman was struck on the head by a negro named Logan as she lay in her bed at her home near Lowndesville last night, and died from the effects of the blow about 1 o'clock today. Logan has been arrested and was hurried away to Columbia to save him from a mob.

The woman lived alone with a young woman relative. The negro entered the house, confessedly with criminal intent. The two women were awakened and the negro struck the older woman. The younger woman escaped and ran to a near-by negro house and gave the alarm. Logan was apprehended by the constable of Magistrate Huckabee, and with the magistrate and two others, was brought by a circuitous route to Abbeville. Sheriff Lyon was informed of the probability of mob violence and hurried the negro to Greenwood to catch the train for Columbia. Fearing that the mob, disappointed at finding their man gone, would wreak vengeance on another negro who was in jail under sentence for manslaughter, Sheriff Lyon took that negro also to Columbia.

Will Order Special Term.

Columbia, March 17.—The negro Logan was brought to the State penitentiary tonight at 11 o'clock from Abbeville for safe-keeping.

"I will order a special term of court for early next week," said Governor Manning tonight after a conference with Solicitor Cooper over the telephone at Newberry.

BOMBS DROPPED ON CALAIS.

No Material Damage Done.—Seven Employees Killed.

Paris, March 18.—The following communication was issued by the war office tonight:

"A Zeppelin has dropped some bombs on Calais, aiming at the railway station. No serious material damage was done, but seven employees were killed.

"In Champagne, we have made sensible gains west, north and east of Ridge 196, northeast of Le Mesnil. The enemy made a counter attack but was repulsed. Our gains extend eastward into a ravine which runs from Ridge 196 in the direction of Beausejour.

"In the wood of Consevoye, north of Verdun, we have carried two German trenches and made prisoners.

"At Hartmanns-Weilerkopf we have gained a little ground in relation to our previous position. The enemy's losses were heavy. His trenches were filled with dead."

BIG REWARD FOR VANDALS.

\$500 for Men Who Damaged Tent of Evangelist.

St. George, March 17.—A reward of \$500 has been offered for the party or parties responsible for damage done to the big tent in which religious meetings are being held here. The tent was cut from the ropes which support it last night. The service of a series scheduled to last three weeks was concluded last night as usual and nothing was known of the damage until this morning, when it was discovered that so many of the ropes had been cut that the structure no longer remained standing. The tent was a large one and cost in the neighborhood of \$1,200, it is understood. The canvas was not cut by those who are responsible for the vandalism, but it was torn in coming in contact with some of the poles, and the actual damage will amount to several hundred dollars. The meetings are being conducted by the Rev. Baxter F. McLendon, who has the assistance of several singers and helpers. They began Sunday morning and large crowds have been attending.

The act has aroused the indignation and resentment of the people of St. George generally. Dr. Carlisle Johnston, in his capacity of mayor, this morning offered a reward of \$300 for evidence enough to convict, and this amount has been increased to \$500 by private citizens. A determined effort will be put forth to get the guilty ones, as sentiment locally has been aroused to the highest pitch. A number of people volunteered their assistance today, and although it was not possible to have services this afternoon, the tent has been replaced and the meetings were resumed tonight.

Glendale Spring Water delivered by J. A. Murdaugh for 50c for 5-gallon bottle.—adv. tf.

CROP BIGGEST ON RECORD

GINNING FIGURES PLACE NUMBER OF BALES AT 16,102,143.

Alabama Louisiana and Oklahoma Only States to Make New Records.

Washington, March 20.—The biggest cotton crop ever produced in the United States was grown in 1914.

Census bureau statistics, issued today, giving final ginning figures, officially place the 1914 crop as a record, with 16,102,143 bales of 500 pounds each. That is 409,442 equivalent 500-pound bales, or 204,721,000 pounds more than produced in the great crop of 1911.

In addition to the great production of lint cotton a record quantity of linter cotton, which is extensively used in the manufacture of military explosives, was obtained. This cotton, delinted from the seeds at oil mills, amounted to 395,732,000 pounds and brought the total 1914 crop to 16,892,604 equivalent 500-pound bales, or 8,446,803,500 pounds.

While the crop was a record one, the only States to make new records in production were Alabama, Louisiana and Oklahoma. The other cotton States all came close to their records.

Official Summary.

The 1914 cotton crop of the United States aggregated 15,873,002 running bales of lint, or 16,102,143 equivalent 500-pound bales, the census bureau announced today. The department of agriculture on December 10 estimated 15,966,000 equivalent 500-pound bales. These figures compare with 16,982,811 running bales, or 14,156,486 equivalent 500-pound bales in 1913, 12,488,539 running bales, or 13,703,421 equivalent 500-pound bales in 1912, and 15,533,073 running bales, or 15,693,701 equivalent 500-pound bales in 1911, the three largest crops prior to 1914. Included in the 1914 figures are 121,451 bales which ginners estimated would be turned out after the March canvass.

Round bales included numbered 57,618, compared with 99,962 in 1913, 81,528 in 1912 and 101,554 in 1911.

Sea Island bales included numbered 81,598, compared with 77,563 in 1913, 73,777 in 1912 and 119,293 in 1911.

The average gross weight of bales for the crop was 507.2 pounds, compared with 506.2 in 1913, 508.0 in 1912 and 504.5 in 1911.

Ginners operated for the crop numbered 24,522, compared with 24,749 in 1913, 25,297 in 1912 and 26,349 in 1911.

Linter cotton, not included in total ginning figures, amounted to 772,270 running bales, or 791,464 equivalent 500-pound bales, compared with 631,153 running bales, or 638,881 equivalent 500-pound bales in 1913, 602,324 running bales, or 609,594 equivalent 500-pound bales in 1912, and 556,276 running bales, or 557,575 equivalent 500-pound bales in 1911.

Production by States.

Production of States in equivalent 500-pound bales, exclusive of linters, follow:

Alabama, 1,750,281; Arkansas, 1,015,674; Florida, 80,963; Georgia, 2,733,470; Louisiana, 447,861; Mississippi, 1,244,703; Missouri, 81,587; North Carolina, 925,233; Oklahoma, 1,261,350; South Carolina, 1,524,595; Tennessee, 382,431; Texas, 4,584,933; Virginia, 25,182; all other States, 63,880.

The census bureau announced that the statistics of this report for 1914 are subject to slight corrections in the full report, to be published early in May.

Increased Production.

A feature of the crop was greatly increased production in California and Arizona, two States where the cotton growing industry is in its infancy, and where a superior quality of the staple is raised.

California's production amounted to 49,835 bales, or 24,917,500 pounds, while Arizona's was 7,142 bales, or 3,571,000 pounds.

Unofficial estimates place the value of the crop, which this season has been greatly reduced by the effect of the European war, at \$570,000,000 for lint. That is based on an average price of 7.2 cents a pound to producers and an estimate of 70 per cent. as the quantity already sold with the remainder selling at an average of 7.8 cents a pound. On the same basis the value of the seed is estimated at \$134,000,000. These make the estimated value of the 1914-15 crop to cotton farmers \$704,000,000.

PAY FOR WHEAT AND FLOUR.

British Prize Court Orders \$600,000 Paid for Cargoes of Three Ships.

London, March 22.—The prize court ordered paid today \$600,000 on American shipments of flour and wheat detained when British vessels captured the steamers Alfred Nobel, Kim and Bjornstjerne Bjornson and the Swedish steamer Fridland. So far as known this is the first money paid out by the prize court on American foodstuffs seized.

The owners of the American steamer Wilhelmina's cargo are becoming discouraged over the prize court's delay in hearing the case. It now seems likely that the case will come up March 29, the date for which it was tentatively set after a previous postponement. A. G. Hays, attorney for W. L. Green & Co., of St. Louis, owners of the cargo, said tonight:

"The admiralty says it is expediting the Wilhelmina case. Weeks ago we offered to stipulate the facts. Sir Edward Grey, the British foreign secretary, in his note of February 20, said the case would be tried 'in due course.' If this is due course, prize court procedure is buncombe. It is difficult to avoid suspecting that the case perhaps is being intentionally delayed so that if the court ultimately decides that the foodstuffs may proceed to Germany they will have rotted in the meantime. An American would find it hard to choose between indiscriminate destruction and regulated capture."

DISPENSARIES ORDERED CLOSED

May Have Expert Report on Condition of Barnwell's Liquor Business.

Columbia, March 19.—All the dispensaries in Barnwell county were closed this afternoon by order of Governor Manning, and will remain closed indefinitely. This order was issued in a letter sent to each dispenser in the county and was made public here tonight. The letter follows:

"Under authority of section 856, criminal code of 1912, you are hereby, immediately on receipt of this order, required to close the dispensary at —, Barnwell county, and to keep said dispensary closed until further orders from me."

The letter was addressed to the following dispensers: B. A. Best, at Ulmer; C. D. McClendon, at Fairfax; W. P. Wash, at Williston; D. E. Rice, at Allendale; R. M. Wise, at Blackville; M. C. Lee, at Kline; F. M. Cave, at Barnwell; S. J. Futto, at Elko; F. H. Gault, at Baldock, and E. G. Bolen, at Dunbarton.

Information was received today that the Barnwell county grand jury had been authorized by the court to employ an expert accountant to examine the books of the Barnwell county dispensary board which was recently removed from office by the governor. This audit will cover the dispensary from the time it was inaugurated until the present date. W. I. Johns, of Baldock, is the foreman of the grand jury.

STATE'S "CLEAN-UP WEEK."

Gov. Manning Designates Week Commencing April 5.

Columbia, March 18.—Governor Manning has issued a proclamation designating the week commencing April 5 as "clean-up week" in South Carolina. The women's clubs are responsible for this worthy movement, and Governor Manning has displayed his interest by designating that as "clean-up" week throughout the State. His proclamation follows:

"Whereas, the women of our land are striving in all ways to help towards better conditions; and

"Whereas, by careful attention and much hard work they have awakened all of us to a knowledge of and a desire for vastly better conditions in our civic organization and the conditions under which we live; and

"Whereas, it has been proved beyond all doubt that clean private premises and clean public spaces greatly conduce to the general health; and

"Whereas, the women's clubs are planning a great 'clean-up' movement for the week commencing April 5;

"Now, therefore, I, Richard I. Manning, governor, do name said week as 'clean-up' week and urge all authorities and all private citizens to give their time, attention and personal aid to this movement conducted by our women for our common good and benefit."

Governor Richard I. Manning will deliver the commencement address at Wofford college on June 7th.