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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.—The annual Christmas ball, given last Wednesday evening by the Ehrhardt Social club in Copeland's hall, was a grand success. The ball room was a scene of beauty when all the dancers were in full swing. The music (Bearden's orchestra of Augusta), was superb for the occasion and all those who participated in the dances regretted very much when the band struck up "Home, Sweet Home," even if it was after the clock had begun to show that the hours were wee-wee. The fair dancers were all clad in their special ball attire and never did they look any prettier than on this occasion. All left for their homes wishing that the time be very short before another such social delight would come again.

Those attending were: Mr. and Mrs. L. P. McMillan, Bamberg; Mr. and Mrs. H. C. Glover, Walterboro; Mr. and Mrs. B. V. Kearse, Kearse's; Mr. and Mrs. J. F. Chassereau, Ehrhardt; Mr. and Mrs. J. J. Farrell, Ehrhardt; Mr. and Mrs. J. M. Smith, Ehrhardt; Mr. and Mrs. L. Copeland, Ehrhardt; Mr. and Mrs. Horace Kearse, Ehrhardt; Misses Moselle Copeland, Harriette Free, Lalla Byrd, Bamberg; Marie Gibson, McColl; Kate Felder, Bamberg; Elise Griner, Brunson; Anna Fickens, Newberry; Maude Farrell, New York; Ettie Kearse, Kearse's; Messrs. McSweeney, Hampton; Squier, University of South Carolina; Lightsey, Hampton; Dick Addison, Brunson; Vernon Padgett, Walterboro; Montie Preacher, Brunson; T. J. McDaniel, Walterboro; Lucian Patterson, Walterboro; Dr. Dan Halford, Fairfax; O. W. Ramsey, Ehrhardt; W. H. Ritter, Kearse's; C. C. Moore, Ehrhardt; Carl Kearse, Kearse's; Jim McGowan, Bamberg; G. B. Kearse, Kearse's; John Clayton, Walterboro; Raleigh Kibard, Ehrhardt; and others.

Mr. Carl Kearse passed through town Friday evening on his way back to Tatum, S. C. Mr. Kearse is a Wofford graduate, and was elected principal of the Tatum high school for the session of 1915 and 1916.

Mr. Laurie Kinard, after spending a few of the holidays with his parents, returned to Columbia, last Tuesday. He is bookkeeper for the wholesale grocery firm of Thomas & Howard Co.

Mr. Allie Kinard, after spending a few of the holidays with his parents, returned to Columbia last Thursday.

Mr. Eber Herndon is quite ill at this writing with pneumonia.

Miss Pearl Copeland, after spending the holidays with her parents, returned to Columbia last Tuesday. She is stenographer for the National Biscuit Co., of that city.

Miss Ruth Schuler returned Sunday, after spending the holidays with her parents at Elmoree.

Miss Lillian Sandifer returned to Bamberg Friday after spending the holidays with Mr. and Mrs. J. W. Goodson.

Miss Thelma Goodson returned to Elmoree Sunday, after spending the holidays with Mr. and Mrs. J. W. Goodson.

"Now is the time for all good men to come to the aid of the law," if we are to have prohibition, and unless this is done all efforts made last year are in vain.

Someone is going to be kept very busy if the whiskey traffic is completely shut out. The express office will be to watch. Look out for the spit-case, hand bag, trunk and misbranded package. If all this is stopped, our branches, bays and swamps will be in danger, as most anyone can distill good booze with an old wash pot and some iron piping.

The old year is gone and now let each and every one resolve for this new year that no whiskey or any of its products shall in any shape or form be tolerated. When anyone is seen drunk or known to be drinking let some authority get him and if necessary jail him until he will tell and show from whom he secured the drink. It is going to be a hard and long fight, but we do sincerely hope that prohibition will conquer.

Mr. James W. Priestner, the city's chief of Police for the past ten years (or longer), handed in his resignation last week. A petition was at once circulated, (which received the hearty indorsement of all citizens), asking him to reconsider and remain

at his post of duty. We do not know at present what will be his definite decision. Mr. Priestner is a daring officer; he has faced what looked to be sure death several times in the discharge of his duty and his place on the police force will be a hard one to fill.

The merchants have about finished taking stock, all are well pleased with last year's business and now are ready to begin this new year's business, which they hope to be still better.

The banking institutions had a prosperous year, especially the Farmers & Merchants Bank, which declared a dividend of 14 1-2 per cent., of which 8 per cent. was added to the surplus fund. This banking house has Mr. S. W. Copeland for its president, Mr. W. Max Walker for cashier, and Mr. Chas. S. Henery for bookkeeper and assistant cashier. This bank is very young and with small capital. Don't know at this writing what the Ehrhardt Banking Co., declared for its dividend.

The Ehrhardt Telephone Co. declared a dividend of 15 per cent., which was paid out to the stockholders. Mr. F. H. Copeland is manager, with Mr. A. L. Baxter as lineman and operator in charge.

The K. of P. lodge will hold their annual installation of officers in Copeland's hall January 10th (Monday evening.) With some degree of work to confer, all officials and members are requested to be on hand.

School opened Monday with a good enrollment; prospects are good for a fine scholastic year.

Miss Grace Moore, daughter of Col. and Mrs. W. B. Moore, left for Bamberg Tuesday to resume her studies at Carlisle school after spending the holidays at home.

The farmers are getting busy planning their work, arranging for supplies etc., and figuring how and what they will substitute for fertilizer as the main fertilizer (kaintit) is not to be had. Very near all our farming lands require this fertilizer (kaintit) to grow cotton and the farmers are at a loss to find something to take its place.

We (everybody) down this way join in the chorus when "Good-bye booze" is being sung. JEF.

### Colston Clippings.

Colston, Jan. 4.—Everybody is quite lonely since the holidays have gone. All of the pupils at the C. H. S. have resumed their work.

Miss Rosalie Kirkley returned to Colston Saturday after a pleasant visit to her mother during the holidays.

Miss Nina Henry returned Saturday to resume her work at the C. H. S.

Misses Mamie McMillan, of Bamberg; Cleo Kearse, of Ehrhardt, and Bessie Kirkland were the guests of Miss Frozine McMillan last week.

Miss Cleo Kearse returned home Thursday morning.

Last Tuesday evening Messrs. Elgin McMillan, Marion McMillan, Vernon McMillan, Clyde Padgett, and Misses. Frozine McMillan, Mamie McMillan, Cleo Kearse, Alberta Kearse, went on a 30-mile straw ride.

Miss Frozine McMillan was the guest of Misses Alberta and Natalie Kearse Thursday night and Wednesday.

The young folks in our section had a party every night this past week; danced from sundown to 12 o'clock last Friday evening.

Misses Evelyn, Minnie and Bessie Kirkland, Frozine and Mamie McMillan and Alberta Kearse; Messrs. Claude, Frank and Eldon Kirkland, Clyde Padgett, Elgin and Marion McMillan went out straw riding and reported a great time.

Miss Claire Kearse, of Winthrop college, spent the holidays with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. W. G. Kearse.

Miss Elvie Kearse, of Statesburg, Ga., spent the holidays with her mother, Mrs. W. G. Kearse.

### Oak Grove Dots.

Oak Grove, Jan. 4.—A merry Christmas is now ended. All enjoyed the visits and good wishes that were extended.

Mr. G. E. Copeland and family, of Charlotte, N. C., were the charming guests of his father and mother, Mr. and Mrs. J. Laz. Copeland, and near relatives.

Miss Ethel Smith has returned to her work after spending the holidays at home.

Misses Ada Clayton and Grace Hoffman left Saturday to resume work again Monday. Miss Clayton is teaching in North Willow graded school, near Neeses, and Miss Grace at Ruffin.

Miss Rilla Thompson, of Rowesville, S. C., is visiting Miss Clara

## IN THE PALMETTO STATE

### SOME OCCURRENCES OF VARIOUS KINDS IN SOUTH CAROLINA.

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

Jim Scott, colored was run over and instantly killed by a freight engine in the Southern railway yards in Greenville Wednesday night.

Rev. Walter E. Wilkins, a prominent Baptist minister died in Greenville, Friday morning, after an illness of several weeks. He was 43 years old.

The Greenville Trust company has purchased the grounds and buildings in Greenville formerly occupied by Chicora college. The purchase price was \$125,000.

The Chester county board of county commissioners has given notice that they will discontinue their appropriation of funds for the support of special deputies for the sheriff's office.

C. G. Galloway, an insurance writer of Easley, shot and instantly killed his wife with a shotgun Thursday. The shooting is said to have been accidental. Galloway claiming that he did not know the gun was loaded.

Fire in Lake City at midnight Thursday destroyed property valued at about \$60,000 with insurance of only about \$2,000. This is the second disastrous fire to visit Lake City within the last two weeks, entailing a total property loss of about \$100,000.

S. F. Boyles is in jail in Greenville charged with obtaining money under false pretenses. It is charged that Boyles got Sheriff Rector, of Greenville, to sign a note of his for \$80 on the promise that he would give the sheriff a mortgage on a horse and carriage. It is further charged that Boyles does not own a horse and carriage.

### Belle Copeland.

Mr. Tillman Thompson, of Rowesville, returned home Sunday afternoon after spending a few days with Mr. William Copeland.

Mr. Ralph Lindar and sister, Miss Effie, are visiting at Mr. L. H. Carter's.

Mrs. Joe Beard and children, of Colston section, were the guests of Mr. and Mrs. L. W. Copeland last Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. Herbert Hayden, of Cope, spent Sunday at Mr. and Mrs. J. Laz. Copeland's.

On Tuesday evening, Dec. 28th, Misses Mamie and Clara Belle Copeland gave a fruit party in honor of near-by residing friends and visitors. The parlor was beautifully decorated with pot plants and flowers. After several games of progressive rook, Miss Copeland and Mr. Ola Zeigler entered the parlor bearing a tray of lovely ferns, and among them a card for each young lady present. Each gentleman drew one, thus choosing a partner to accompany him to the dining room. Receiving in the dining room were Mr. and Mrs. J. Willie Copeland and Mr. and Mrs. O. L. Copeland.

The guests entered as follows: Mr. Ola Zeigler with Miss Clara Belle Copeland, Mr. Ham Carter with Miss Louise Copeland, Mr. Marion Smith with Miss Essie Carter, Mr. William Copeland with Miss Ada Clayton, Mr. John Copeland with Miss Grace Hoffman, Mr. Clemmons Carter with Miss Ruby Goodwin, Mr. Stacy Kearse with Miss Mamie Copeland, Mr. Talmer Clayton with Miss Sallie Carter, Mr. Albert Smith with Miss Joe Carter, Mr. Tillman Carter with Miss Ethel Smith.

The dining table was tastefully decorated with many kinds of fruits, cake, and pickles. After much enjoyment in the dining room the guests returned to the parlor, and spent the rest of the evening enjoying many interesting games.

### St. John's News.

St. John's, Jan. 4.—Mrs. Florrie Folk and little son, Roy, spent new year's day with Mrs. J. C. Folk.

Mr. and Mrs. Jesse Copeland spent Thursday with Mr. J. Frank Folk.

Mr. J. C. Richardson, of Lodge, spent Saturday with Mr. Jacob Folk.

Little Otto Copeland and Tommie Copeland spent Thursday with Ernest Folk.

Misses Clara Mae, Edna and Leila Sease visited Miss Dora Lee Folk last Wednesday.

Mr. Percy Hiers, of Charleston, spent the holidays at home with his parents.

Miss Edna Bishop visited Miss Do-

### SHOT BY NEGRO.

#### Sam Wilson in Jail at Darlington After Firing Three Shots.

Darlington, Jan. 3.—Curtis Byrd, a young white man employed at the lumber company's plant at Lumber, in the lower part of the county, was shot this morning at an early hour by a negro, Sam Wilson. Mr. Byrd was shot three times, the weapon used being a .44 calibre revolver. The bullets were made for a rifle. The wounded man is in an infirmary at Florence. The negro has been arrested and is in jail here.

It seems that Mr. Byrd left Lumber this morning on the train from Bennettsville to Sumter, which passes Lumber between 7 and 8 o'clock for Montclare, to search for a negro woman who had seriously cut another negro on Saturday at Lumber. On getting to Montclare he located the woman and went to arrest her. Sam Wilson, who lived with her, followed them back to the station. As Mr. Byrd started back to Lumber with his prisoner he inquired of Wilson if he was going with them and received an affirmative reply. Mr. Byrd told him to take the woman's suitcase and bring it along and to surrender whatever weapons he had with him. The negro then drew his revolver and began firing.

Immediately after the shooting the negro fled. He was pursued by Robert Whiters, who succeeded in overtaking him and arresting him after a chase of a few hours. The sheriff was notified in the meantime and arrived on the scene shortly after the arrest.

Wilson has told several incoherent stories of the shooting, at one time stating that he did not intend to shoot Mr. Byrd, and at another that he did it because he was afraid. He and the woman arrested early this morning at Montclare are both in jail.

While Mr. Byrd's condition is serious, hope for his recovery is entertained by the physicians.

### Bamberg Cotton Market.

Quotation for Bamberg cotton market, Wednesday, January 5th:

Opened .....	11 1/2
Closed .....	11 1/2

ra Lee Folk Wednesday.

Miss Bessie Folk and Miss Alma Bishop spent new year's day with their cousin, Miss Dora Lee Folk.

The Saltkeatchie Lumber company began work again Monday morning.

### Christmas at Cope.

Cope, Jan. 2.—The Christmas holidays passed more quietly than any in the history of the town, and the new year was ushered in equally as quiet. Although great quantities of whiskey were bought up to the time of closing the dispensary, there was no drunkenness or disorder of any kind, and no arrest has been heard of during the week of holiday.

New year's morning the front and side door of the dispensary had black bows nailed to same, and a sign suspended from the awning frame read as follows: "Notice—Dead, but not forgotten," and on the other side, "Here lies the remains of a popular but cursed institution."

Later in the morning a square quart bottle filled with vinegar or colored water, with an empty gun shell for a stopper and a black bow tied around its neck, was also hung to the front door.

### Ott's Outings.

Ott's Jan. 4.—Christmas and new year have come and gone and everything around our busy little burg is hustling again. Farmers are preparing lands for another crop.

"Tis very lonely—visitors have returned to their homes, girls and boys to their work and schools.

Mr. G. L. Sandifer, wife and little son, Herman, Mrs. Florrie Free, Miss Germaine Sandifer and Mrs. James Sandifer and little daughter, Hazel, were guests at the home of Mr. and Mrs. L. D. Odom Sunday.

Mr. Harry Free came through Ott's Sunday en route to his home at Blackville from a visit to friends and relatives at Cottageville.

Misses Eva and Lila McCue have returned to their schools at Manning and Sumter.

Mr. Robert Sandifer returned home Sunday from a very pleasant visit to relatives and friends at Cottageville.

Mr. and Mrs. Ennis Jones, of Branchville, were guests at the home of the latter's parents, Mr. and Mrs. C. E. Sandifer.

Mr. and Mrs. L. D. Odom and little daughter, Myrtle, have returned home from a visit to her daughter, Mrs. L. S. Dennis, of Kingstree.

## ASSEMBLY MEETS JAN. 11

### BOTH HOUSES ORGANIZED AND READY FOR WORK.

#### No Indication on Eve of Session of Any Matters of Unusual Interest.

Columbia, Jan. 1.—The second session of the 71st general assembly of South Carolina will convene in Columbia on Tuesday, January 11, at noon. Both houses are organized and the preliminaries should consume very little time. The house will be called to order by Speaker James A. Hoyt and the senate by Lieut-Gov. Andrew J. Bethea or, in his absence, by Senator Legrand Walker, of Georgetown, the president pro tem. The lieutenant governor went to Europe with Henry Ford's pacification expedition, and he may not get back until after the opening day of the session.

The annual message of Governor Richard I. Manning will probably be read in both branches on the opening day. The referring of this message to the proper committees will likely be all that is accomplished at the initial meeting.

### New Members.

There will be three new members sworn in by Speaker Hoyt in the house of representatives. J. Terry Wood, of Greenville, takes the place of A. M. Hawkins, who resigned to devote his time to teaching; R. B. Belsler, of Sumter, will occupy the seat of George W. Dick, of Sumter, who resigned to become postmaster of his native city; R. H. Hicks, of Spartanburg, succeeds W. G. Query on that delegation. Mr. Query resigning to accept a position on the State tax commission.

There will be only one new face in the senate, from Clarendon county, succeeding to the seat made vacant by the death of Louis Appelt, which occurred after the close of the session last year.

The resignation of Representative Dick of Sumter, left vacant the chairmanship of the ways and means committee and Speaker Hoyt appointed Representative J. T. Liles, of Orangeburg, to the vacancy.

### Nothing Startling.

There are no indications on the eve of the session of any matters of unusual interest to come up. There may be considerable discussion of proposed amendments and changes in the tax commission act, but it is not believed that any considerable alterations will be made. It has been intimated that a fight may be made in the senate on the confirmation of the tax commissioners, for the act provided that they should be appointed by the governor, by and with the consent of the senate. It has been rumored that because of opposition of certain ones to the actions of the commission in assessing the banks a fight might be made when they come up before the senate for confirmation. The names which will be sent in by Governor Manning as the members of the commission are: A. W. Jones, chairman; J. P. Derham and W. G. Query.

Another appointment which will be submitted to the senate for confirmation by the governor is that of Dr. C. Fred Williams as superintendent of the State Hospital for the Insane.

### Warehouse Commissioner.

The most interesting election to be held by the general assembly will be that of warehouse commissioner. John L. McLaurin is the present commissioner and he will be opposed for reelection by John J. McMahan, of Columbia, at present a member of the delegation from Richland county. This fight is beginning to attract attention and may take on considerable of a political significance before it is through.

An effort to strengthen the local option compulsory school attendance law may be made in the legislature. Some of the advocates of compulsory education are not satisfied with the present act, but want to make it State-wide immediately. Others propose to make the change gradually.

One of the recommendations which will be made by the governor in his annual message will be the passage of the Torrens system of land registration, and there are indications that this may be done. The governor will point out that this step is necessary before a rural credits system can be enacted, and it is believed that he will make strong recommendations toward the passage of a system of rural credits.

### Warehouse System.

The recommendations to strengthen and perfect the State warehouse system, education, rural credits, di-

### AMERICANS LOST.

#### When British Passenger Steamer is Torpedoed.

London, Jan. 1.—The British liner Persia carrying approximately 200 passengers, and a crew of between 250 and 300 men was sunk by an unidentified submarine at 1 o'clock Thursday afternoon off the Island of Crete, in the Eastern Mediterranean. Reports to the Peninsular and Oriental Steam Navigation company said that nearly all on board were lost. Robert McNeely, of Monroe, N. C., American consul at Aden, Arabia, and Robert Grant, of Boston, were on the liner.

Four boats are known to have got away from the sinking vessel, each capable of carrying sixty persons, but it is not known if the boats were full. The rescued were picked up by a steamer bound for Alexandria, where they were expected to arrive today.

Peninsular and Oriental Line officials said they had received no details concerning the disaster, and did not know whether the Persia received warning. They also were unable to give any information concerning Americans on the ship.

### Consul Skinner Busy.

Every effort is being made by Consul General Robert P. Skinner at London to get some information about Robert N. McNeely and Robert Grant. The British admiralty informed Mr. Skinner that it had no information with regard to the fact of individual passengers. A cablegram has been sent to Alexandria requesting any news available regarding the survivors.

The Persia sailed from London on December 18, for Bombay, with sixty-one first class passengers and eighty-three cabin passengers, including eight children. Some of these, including Edward Rose, a Denver school boy, were landed at Gibraltar, Marsellia, and Malta. At Marseilles 231 passengers, including eighty-seven women and twenty-five children, were taken aboard, but line officials say that after deducting those leaving the ship at various ports of call, approximately 200 passengers were on the vessel.

Mr. McNeely sailed from New York for England on November 27, on the steamer Ryndam, being a fellow passenger of Consul General Skinner. Mr. Skinner advised him to sail for the East by the Dutch Line, but the young man already had engaged passage on the Persia. He was appointed consul to Aden in October.

### Says No Warning Given.

London, Jan. 2.—The Peninsular and Oriental Steamship company received the following telegram from Col. C. C. Bigham, who was among the survivors of the Persia disaster: "A torpedo struck the ship on the port bow at 1:05 o'clock in the afternoon, when about forty miles south of the east end of the island of Crete. No warning was given, nor any attempt to assist. Within five minutes the ship had sunk."

"It was impossible to lower the starboard boats owing to the heavy list. Five or six boats were lowered on the port side. I didn't see this myself, as I was washed overboard when the boat capsized."

"The conduct of the passengers and crew was splendid. There was no struggling and no panic. Four boats, after thirty hours at sea, were picked up by a warship."

versified farming and economy will be among the main points in the governor's message. He will devote a good deal of his remarks to the public appropriations.

It is believed that more stringent laws for the punishment of violators of the prohibition laws will be made at this session. Representative Liles will introduce a measure doing away with the option of fines and requiring judges to give straight chain gang sentences to all persons convicted of violating the prohibition laws. It will be necessary for the general assembly to provide the governor with a fund for enforcing the law, for the appropriations heretofore made by the counties for this purpose came out of the dispensary profits and will undoubtedly be discontinued.

Rumors that the lawmakers will devote a big part of their time to playing politics are discounted here and little credence is given to such reports. The general assembly has very little reason for playing politics—that is, any more politics than is always visible in all lawmaking bodies. It is believed that the spirit of harmony and a desire of constructive legislation for the good of the State, which was evident throughout the last session, will again prevail.