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COUNTRY NEWS LETTERS

SOME INTERESTING HAPPENINGS IN VARIOUS SECTIONS.

News Items Gathered All Around the County and Elsewhere.

Colston Clippings.

Colston, Aug. 14.—The farmers are nearly all through pulling fodder now, as they had good weather for it last week.

Mrs. Anna Kirkland, of Ulmer, visited relatives here last week.

Mr. Willie Zorn and Miss Florie Zorn, of Charleston, who have been visiting their aunt, Mrs. Thos. Clayton, of this section, for some time, left Saturday to visit other relatives in Barnwell county.

The campaign meeting was held at the Colston Branch church last Friday. There was a large crowd present and all seemed to enjoy the day immensely.

Miss Bessie Kirkland returned home last Sunday after a few weeks' stay with relatives in Savannah.

The Colston and Govan ball teams crossed bats on the former's diamond last Friday afternoon. The score was 8 to 5 in favor of Colston, although they only played 5 innings, as it was too late to play any more.

Miss Nettie Clayton returned home last Friday after a week's stay with relatives around Denmark and Bamberg.

Mr. Albert McMillan and sister, Miss Ethel, of Bamberg, spent Sunday with their parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. C. McMillan, bringing with them as their guest their cousin, Miss Clara McMillan.

The many friends of Mrs. Jake McMillan regret to learn of her illness during the past week, but are very glad to know that she is now improving.

Mr. Lennie Zeigler, of Ehrhardt, is a regular visitor on Colston now. Some attraction for him, we guess.

Mrs. Lola Sandifer is at home now, keeping house for her mother, Mrs. Molly Kearse, who is visiting her sister in Orangeburg county.

Spring Branch Sayings.

Spring Branch, August 15.—The rainfall has been very generous through this section, and the crops were badly damaged, but we are glad to know that they are looking somewhat better.

Mr. J. J. Hughes' folks have been very ill, but we are glad to know that they are improving very much.

Misses Virginia and Johnnie Zeigler, who have been very ill for several weeks, are improving, and we hope that they will soon be well again.

The revival meeting was held at Spring Branch some weeks ago, and was quite a success.

Mrs. H. W. Herndon is visiting her daughter, Mrs. J. B. Padgett, of Denmark.

Miss Eula O'Quinn is visiting her cousin, Miss Nelle Hutto, of Bamberg.

There will be a picnic at Spring Branch church Saturday, August 19. The public is cordially invited to come and bring well filled baskets.

Oak Grove Greetings.

Oak Grove, August 14.—All the farmers have been very busy for the past week gathering their fodder.

Miss Nina Hayden has returned to her home near Cope, from a pleasant visit to her grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. J. S. Copeland.

Misses Polly and Essie Carter spent last week with their aunt, Mrs. John Miley, at Lodge.

We are very sorry to hear of Mrs. D. M. Smith's illness. We hope she will soon improve.

Mr. and Mrs. O. L. Copeland spent last Thursday with Mrs. Copeland's sister, Mrs. W. D. Bennett, at Ehrhardt.

Mrs. Williams Zeigler spent part of last week with Mr. and Mrs. L. W. Copeland.

Mr. Ola Zeigler is spending some time with his sister, Mrs. J. C. Beard, of Colston.

The cotton has begun to open and the farmers will soon start their hands to picking. The cotton crop has gone back lots since the big rains.

Mrs. L. W. Copeland is visiting relatives near Cope.

Misses Mamie and Clara Copeland gave a rook party last Thursday night in honor of their cousin, Miss Nina Hayden. There was music rendered by Misses Nina Hayden and Clara Copeland.

Misses Lonie Copeland and Nina Hayden spent last Wednesday with Mr. and Mrs. J. W. Copeland.

Hunter's Chapel Happenings.

Hunter's Chapel, August 15.—Mrs. Julia Cave and daughter, Mildred, of near Blackville, are visiting her brother, Mr. B. F. Smoak.

Miss Jessie Dyches, of Hilda, is visiting her sister, Mrs. W. M. Summers.

Mr. C. W. Rentz and sister, Mrs. Francis Folk, of Bamberg, attended church here Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. H. D. Steedly and little daughters, Annie and Edna, Miss Lula Hunt and Mr. Floyd Steedly, all of Branchville, visited relatives and friends here Sunday.

Mrs. C. E. Walker and grandson, little Ned Rhoad, have gone on an extended visit to her daughter, Mrs. Charlie Smith, of Florida.

Messrs. Irby and Aaron Rentz, of Branchville, visited their uncle, Mr. G. W. Hunter, Sunday.

Misses Gladys, Lois, and Annette Folk, of Holly Hill, are visiting their grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. D. O. Steedly, of this place; also their grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. Howard Folk, of Folk's store.

Mr. and Mrs. Ralph Rentz, and Messrs. Carson and Eugene Walker, visited Charleston and the Isle of Palms Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. "Major" Walker, of Barnwell county, spent a few days with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. C. E. Walker.

Mr. and Mrs. J. H. A. Carter, of the Bethany section, attended church here Sunday.

Mrs. Gladys Hunter and Miss Connie Carter, of Bamberg, visited at Mr. G. W. Hunter's last Thursday. Miss Thelma Hunter returned home with them.

Messrs. Thurmond Herndon and Clifford Kinard were among the visitors here Sunday.

Miss Eva Steedly is spending a few days in Ehrhardt with friends.

Master W. I. Hunter, of Bamberg, is visiting his grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. D. O. Hunter.

Mr. and Mrs. J. G. Rentz, after spending several days in the Colston neighborhood and in Bamberg, have returned home.

Mr. G. E. Sabin is spending some time at his old home in Tennessee.

The work on the Hunter's Chapel school building is progressing nicely. Mr. C. A. Pruitt, of Anderson, has the contract for the building.

Mr. Walter Keaton, of Anderson, one of the carpenters, has returned home for a while.

Schofield Sketches.

Schofield, August 15.—Mr. F. W. McMillan and son, Granby, of the Colston section, were visitors here last Thursday.

Mrs. J. I. Johnston returned home yesterday after spending several weeks in Columbia.

Mr. D. J. Delk, of Bamberg, was here last week.

Mr. F. G. P. Weigand and family spent Sunday afternoon with Mr. M. N. Rice, of the Odum bridge section.

Mr. and Mrs. A. D. Williams, of the Colston section, visited relatives here last week.

Mr. J. L. Tyler spent Sunday at Columbia. DRAEBLER.

Lemon Spur Locals.

Lemon Spur, August 15.—My! My! the mosquitoes. The rains that have fallen for so many days left the little winged insects in abundance.

The farmers are busy gathering fodder and for several days have had good success.

We are sorry to report several cases of illness near Crystal Springs. They are, however, improving and we trust will soon be on the road to recovery.

Mr. H. H. Hill, who operated an experimental celery patch for his brother, Mr. J. W. Hill, this year, has returned to his home in Sanford, Fla.

The watermelon crop of Lemon Spur vicinity has been quite a success. Mr. Clarence Moyer planted a large acreage at a good realization; also Messrs. J. W. Hill and W. F. Hughes have shipped a goodly number of cars at a good profit. All the melons were large and pretty.

Mr. and Mrs. W. A. Jordan and daughter, Miss Willie, and Mr. and Mrs. William Berry, and two children, all of Johnston, have been on a recent visit to relatives and friends in this county. Mr. Berry and family and father-in-law, Mr. Jordan, made the trip in Mr. Berry's touring car. This is Mr. and Mrs. Jordan's old home, and we were all glad to have "Uncle Allen" and "Aunt Lucia" visit us. Mrs. M. C. Sandifer and three children, of Tampa, Fla., accompanied them back to spend a few weeks.

Mr. Velus Beard, of Columbia, is

IN THE PALMETTO STATE

SOME OCCURRENCES OF VARIOUS KINDS IN SOUTH CAROLINA.

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

J. Emile Harley, Esq., has been re-elected mayor of Barnwell.

J. H. DuPre, U. S. government engineer, is stationed at Kingstree to direct the federal relief of the flood stricken people of that section.

Marian Mims, 19-months-old child of Mr. and Mrs. I. E. Mims, of St. George, died Sunday as the result of burns, sustained when the little girl was playing with matches.

Capt. James B. Allison, 7th infantry, U. S. A., has been appointed by the governor as lieutenant colonel of the 2nd S. C. infantry. Col. Allison is a native of York county.

Miss Kate Hampton, last surviving child of Col. Wade Hampton, of the war of 1812, and sister of the late Governor Wade Hampton, died last week in Columbia at the age of 92.

The Carolina Special has resumed service between Charleston, S. C., and Cincinnati, Ohio. This service was suspended at the time of the damage to the railroads and bridges by the floods.

In a personal encounter at a campaign meeting in Greenville last week, Ashley Sevier had one of his ears bitten off by Jim Rector, a brother of Sheriff Rector, of Greenville county.

The Anderson Intelligencer has filed a voluntary petition in bankruptcy. The liabilities are given as \$2,727.69 and the assets as \$15,999.70. L. M. Glenn is editor of the Intelligencer.

Major John D. Frost has been appointed by Governor Manning as assistant adjutant general, succeeding Major J. S. Caldwell, resigned. Major Frost was adjutant general several years ago.

Joel Jones, a prominent farmer of Greenville county, arrested last week for creating a disturbance at a political meeting, committed suicide Friday, the day previous to the date set for his trial.

Engineer John T. Harris is dead and several are injured, but not seriously, as a result of a collision between a freight and Southern passenger No. 11, at Crosswell, near Easley, Wednesday afternoon.

Barnwell county furnished the first bale of 1916 cotton. The bale was sold by B. J. Brown, a negro, on the local market at Barnwell last Wednesday. It weighed 417 pounds and brought 17 cents per pound.

The report of the bureau of vital statistics shows that during the year just ended there was a decrease in the number of deaths from 12,633 in 1915 to 10,973 in 1916. There was also a decrease in the number of births.

Lake Toxaway dam, in North Carolina, broke Sunday night, sending a great volume of water into the Savannah river, flooding portions of South Carolina territory. Lake Toxaway measured 550 acres in size, with an average depth of 30 feet.

Former Governor Blease stated at the campaign meeting at Marion Wednesday that he would be elected governor this year, and would be writing pardons again after the second Tuesday in January. He said he was proud of the 1,500 pardons he had granted.

A total of 37 cases of infantile paralysis have been reported in this State. In order to show that no serious apprehension may be felt, it is announced that in 1910, when there was a plague of the disease throughout the North, there were 85 cases in this State, ten of which proved fatal.

At Bishopville Tuesday Mr. Blease read an alleged alignment of the Blease candidates for State offices. On the list was the name of Albert S. Fant, candidate for railroad commissioner. Mr. Fant returned to the stand and stated that he was placed in the wrong category, and that he was not a Bleaseite.

The first regiment of S. C. national guard reached El Paso, Texas, last visiting his mother Mrs. W. F. Hughes.

Mr. Levi ("Kite") Folk, of Colleton county, visited his niece, Mrs. J. W. Hill, a few days last week.

Nearly all the fruit and vegetables have passed away because of the heavy rains falling so incessantly, but the bean crop, as reported, was better than for many years.

JAMES WHITCOMB RILEY.

Sketch of Famous Bard of Indiana Who Has Passed Away.

The following is a sketch of James Whitcomb Riley, the famous Hoosier poet who died recently at his home in Indianapolis. Mr. Riley was the author of "That Old Sweetheart of Mine" and scores of other songs and poems that are famous all over the United States:

James Whitcomb Riley, bard of the middle west, sang the joys, sorrows, fancies and humors of its folk, largely in its own dialect. The world was so touched by his inspiration and the realism of his homely symbols that he was one of the few, that, devoting their lives to poetry, gained a fortune.

Mr. Riley was peculiarly sensitive as to the advance of age and evaded inquiries as to the date of his birth but the most accurate information available indicates that he was born in 1848.

"Should you ask his age," one of his friends said, "he would answer 'This side of 40,' and leave you to guess which side."

The poet was the son of Reuben A. Riley, a lawyer and political speaker of Greenfield, Ind. The boy could not be brought to the dull routine of school days, but he was wise in the lore of streams and fields. His mother, who was Elizabeth Marine before her marriage, was a writer of verse and Riley in latter life attributed some of his impracticability to her.

Instead of preparing for the practice of law, as his father wished, the son turned itinerant sign painter. For ten years he roved through the Ohio valley, painting signs on fences. He had the trick of the brush and pencil and clearly drew sketches illustrating the virtues of merchandise. He was naturally musical and shone as a fiddler in the villages at which his party stopped at night. He played for dances and at concerts in country hotels. He wrote rhymes, which sometimes found their way into country newspapers.

The total income of the people of the United States is about \$35,000,000,000 a year. Of this, \$10,000,000,000 is derived from agricultural products, \$2,500,000,000 from minerals, and \$10,000,000,000 from manufactured articles.

Now is a good time to use the split log drag.

Friday, and the second regiment reached the same destination Sunday. The men were reported to be in fine health, and they stood the long trip well. The two regiments were accorded a royal welcome by the towns along the route to Texas.

The body of a baby boy between one and two months old was found in an old valise near Chauga, Oconee county, last week. It is believed that the baby was thrown from a passing railway train. For a long distance along the railway child's clothing was found scattered. No clue as to the murderer has been found.

Last Friday special whiskey constables in Charleston confiscated 107 barrels of beer and 15 barrels of whiskey on a side track just outside of Charleston city. The shipment was consigned to an unknown party, and was put on the siding by permission as a carload of bricks, it is said. No arrests have been made.

Mistaken for a burglar, Roy Smith, 8-year-old son of Sam Smith, of Greenville, was shot and instantly killed by John Sullivan, his brother-in-law Saturday. The boy was spending the night with Sullivan. During the night Sullivan heard a noise at the back door, and seeing a shadow, thought it a burglar and fired, and was horrified to find that it was his brother-in-law whom he had mistaken for a burglar.

Governor Manning on Thursday appointed Carroll H. Jones and Pierre Mazyck, of Columbia, H. C. Carrison, of Camden, W. B. Moore, of Yorkville, and T. W. Boyle, of Greenville, a central flood relief commission to cooperate with the corps of engineers of the United States army in the application of the federal appropriation and to administer funds placed in the governor's hands by various firms and corporations.

Aaron P. Prioleau, a negro of Charleston who recently lost his contest for the seat of Representative Richard S. Whaley, of the 1st congressional district of South Carolina, after six previous unsuccessful contests, is now trying to get the committee on elections to recommend an allowance of expenses for his contest. Chairman Stephens, of Mississippi, said that the matter would be considered "soon."

CANDIDATES AT EHRHARDT

THE COUNTY CAMPAIGN IS FORMALLY OPENED.

Meeting Was Devoid of Enthusiasm or Sensation.—All Candidates Given Careful Hearing.

The county campaign was formally opened last Thursday at Ehrhardt. A crowd of about 250 heard the candidates for the various county offices, each candidate being given a careful and respectful hearing. The meeting was absolutely devoid of anything that could be construed as enthusiasm; no unpleasant personalities were indulged in. The meeting was especially conspicuous for the absence of practically all applause. A few half-hearted handclaps marked the close of nearly all speeches, but no candidate was cheered.

The meeting was held in a grove on Main street, and was called to order by Mr. D. P. Smith, who presided and introduced the speakers. The speaking began at 11:30 and lasted until nearly three o'clock, by which time a good many of the crowd had left, and the balance was tired and hungry.

In calling the meeting to order Chairman Smith requested that every Democrat present give the sum of one dollar for the Democratic national campaign fund. He praised the administration of Woodrow Wilson, and called on the Democrats to stand by the party and help reelect Wilson.

Cotton Weigher.

The first candidates introduced were those who offer for cotton weigher at Ehrhardt, Boyce W. Bishop being the first to speak. Mr. Bishop promised, if elected, to give everybody a fair deal. He said he would provide good scales and hooks to handle the cotton with.

B. C. Hiers was next called, but was not present.

D. F. McMillan, Jr., was next introduced. The place he wants, he said, is not one for words, but of work, and he has "no better sense than to do it." He said the people are well acquainted with him, and if they elect him cotton weigher he promised to attend strictly to the business.

Magistrate.

J. H. Kinard, candidate for reelection as magistrate at Ehrhardt, promised, if reelected, to continue to do his duty as he has done in the past. He thanked the voters for electing him two years ago.

J. C. Copeland said he had served as magistrate once before, and he believed that he would serve again. If the office is not worth asking for it is not worth having—and he is asking for it.

J. A. Johns promised, if the people will elect him as magistrate, that he will do his full duty.

Coroner.

J. H. Zeigler, candidate without opposition for reelection, as coroner, thanked the voters for past favors. He has tried to do his duty, and will continue to do so—and he can promise no more.

County Commissioner.

W. D. Bessinger was the first candidate introduced for county commissioner. He offers for reelection as commissioner of the upper district, and has no opposition. He thanked the voters for their support in the past. He said he did the best he knew how, and promised to continue to do so in the future.

A. G. W. Hill is a candidate for reelection for commissioner from the lower district. He feels that he has done his duty. He had no help from the chain gang, but he did the best for his section that he could with the commutation road tax. He used the money to the best advantage, and built some new roads. He gave a detailed statement of the receipts and disbursements for the several townships. He has nothing to say against his opponents, and said if he is reelected he will not offer for reelection again.

Otis L. Copeland promised, if elected, to give his time and services in keeping the roads in good condition and carrying on the work of the office.

W. W. Steedly is running on his own merits. He stands upon the platform of letting all work out by contract to the lowest bidder, and would let this rule apply to all materials and supplies as well as road work. He stands also for economy, good roads and bridges. He was raised on the farm and is used to hard work.

Joe W. Zeigler has no record as

COUPLE WAKED BY LIGHTNING.

Strange Antics of the Bolt That Entered Their Bed Room.

News of the strange antics played by a bolt of lightning that invaded a home of this city has just come to light about town, and as recounted is probably the most singular incident of its kind Anderson has ever known.

During the height of the rain and thunder storm that passed over this city Sunday night, Mr. and Mrs. P. A. Dobbs, 26 Lyon street, Orr mill, were rudely awakened shortly after 1 o'clock by a shock that almost hurled them both from bed.

Standing in the middle of the room, stunned and almost incoherent from fright or amazement, the Dobbses slowly took in the results of the lightning's visitation. A circular hole was seen in the door, and near the bed lay an object but little larger than a piece of kindling wood. The lightning, it seems, had entered the house through the door and passed through the wooden bed post, neatly chiseling out a piece of wood from the centre of the post and leaving a surprisingly smooth hole, almost large enough to pass one's hand through. The post stood squarely under the bed, none the worse for the blow, it received, except for the portion slashed from its centre.

The lightning's exit from the home could not be located. Scores of people visited the Dobbs home during Monday to view the strange sight.

Other than being stunned and badly shaken, Mr. and Mrs. Dobbs were none the worse for the experience.—The Intelligencer.

county commissioner, but referred the people to his previous record as magistrate. He does not promise anything, but will hew to the line and let the chips fall where they will.

Supervisor and Treasurer.

L. P. McMillan, candidate for reelection as supervisor, without opposition, was next called, but was not present. A letter from him was read thanking the voters for their support two years ago.

G. A. Jennings, candidate for reelection as treasurer, without opposition, thanked the voters for past favors. He promised to continue to do his duty. He said he tried to have as few tax executions as possible, and if anybody had executions issued against them, it was not his fault.

Auditor and Supt. Education.

R. W. D. Rowell, for reelection as auditor and superintendent of education, was next called. He was not present, but sent a letter, which was read. He thanked the people for their vote in the past, and asked for reelection. He was detained on account of ill health.

G. W. Folk said he has a lot of friends at Ehrhardt. If elected he promised to fill the office and do his full duty. He regretted that there are so many people in the county who cannot sign their names on the club rolls.

E. L. Price was next introduced. He needed no introduction to most of the people. He is a graduate of the Citadel, having been the 26th in a class of 53. He has been a book-keeper most of the time, and feels that he is well qualified to fill the office, which he considers one of the most important in the county. He had nothing to say against any of his opponents, but he hopes that the voters would look at the matter from a business standpoint.

Sheriff.

S. G. Ray, candidate for reelection as sheriff, said that he had had a trying time since January first, but that he had succeeded well in the enforcement of the prohibition law. He considered that Bamberg city is the worst place in the county for blind tigers, but with the able support of the citizens' vigilance committee, the situation is well under control, and almost all of the illicit sale of whiskey had been wiped out. He promised to continue to enforce the laws. He read a report of the State board of charities and corrections commending the excellent condition in which the jail is kept. He will appreciate the votes of the people if he merits reelection.

D. J. Delk has lived in the county all his life, and has contributed of his means to schools, churches and other worthy objects. He said he had always been identified with movements for the betterment of the people. He declared conditions in the county had improved, but there was a lot of room for more improvement. Prohibition will prohibit, he said, if we have the proper officers to enforce the laws. He wants to serve the people.

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