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COUNTRY NEWS LETTERS

SOME INTERESTING HAPPENINGS IN VARIOUS SECTIONS.

News Items Gathered All Around the County and Elsewhere.

Clear Pond Cullings.

Clear Pond, Jan. 16.—We are having very cold weather this week.

The pound party given at the home of Mr. J. B. Folk Saturday night was very much enjoyed by the large crowd present.

Mr. P. M. Johns, of Lodge, was a visitor in this section Monday.

Miss Meta Hughes has been visiting relatives in and around Ehrhardt.

Messrs. Berry, Nobles, Fulton and Johnson Drawdy, of Branchville, were guests of Mr. J. B. Folk Sunday.

Mr. James Beard has returned to Columbia to begin work, after spending the holidays with relatives and friends.

Dr. Ed. Kirkland and Mr. Joe Brabham, of Olar, spent Monday of last week at Mr. G. W. Folk's.

Mr. and Mrs. Charlie Ehrhardt, of Ehrhardt, spent a few days last week with their sister, Mrs. R. F. McMillan.

Mrs. Sallie Sandifer and children visited at the home of Mr. and Mrs. G. W. Folk last week.

Miss Clara O'Quinn was the pleasant guest of Misses Pet and Dorris Folk, last week.

Messrs. Mayfield Bessinger and Charley Goodwin were visitors near here Sunday afternoon.

Miss Virginia Zeigler was the guest of Miss Pet Folk Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. Herbert Folk and Mrs. J. B. Folk were at Chrystal Spring Sunday.

Oak Grove Greetings.

Oak Grove, Jan. 15.—The good old pindar shellings have started. Mr. and Mrs. Joe Fender gave one last Wednesday night. There were a good many folks who attended, and all reported that they had a jolly good time.

Miss Mamie Copeland spent last Friday with Mr. and Mrs. B. H. Carter.

Misses Jennie Lou Martin and Pearl Martin spent last Wednesday night with Mr. and Mrs. Joe Fender.

Miss Joe Carter is spending some time with her aunt, Mrs. Bennie Goodwin, of Little Swamp section.

We are all glad to know that Mr. G. W. Clayton is able to sit up again.

Mr. Murphy Long, of Barnwell, S. C., spent last Sunday with Mr. and Mrs. B. H. Carter and Mr. Willie Carter returned with him.

Miss Minnie Sease spent last Wednesday night with Miss Lonie Copeland.

Mrs. W. D. Bennett, Mr. Dick Roberts, and Miss Grace Moore, of Ehrhardt, motored to Mr. and Mrs. O. L. Copeland's last Friday night.

Colston Clippings.

Colston, Jan. 17.—The weather is somewhat colder than it has been for the past two or three weeks, but those who have hogs to kill are glad to see it.

Miss Alberta Kearse was the pleasant guest of Miss Minnie Kirkland Saturday night and Sunday.

Miss Dora McMillan, of Bamberg, spent last week-end at home with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. C. McMillan.

Miss Hattie Kirkland spent Saturday night and Sunday with her cousin, Miss Bessie Kirkland.

Miss Nelle Clayton, of the Spring Branch section, spent last week-end at her home bringing with her as her guest Miss Inez Zeigler.

Miss Evelyn Kirkland and Mr. Gerald Kearse spent Saturday night at the home of Mr. and Mrs. J. F. Kearse.

Mr. Ramsey Rice, who has been very ill at the home of his sister, Mrs. J. A. McMillan, for some time, left last week for a hospital in Savannah. His many friends hope for him a speedy recovery.

Mr. Roy Williams and Miss Reba Williams spent Sunday with Miss Fannie Lou Free, of the Springtown section.

Mr. and Mrs. B. D. Bishop and family spent Sunday with Mr. and Mrs. J. C. Beard.

Mr. and Mrs. Maurice Clayton spent Sunday with Mr. and Mrs. Thomas Clayton.

Dr. and Mrs. C. B. Ray, and son, Cecil Browning, visited Mrs. Ray's sister, Miss Sadie Boyd, last Sunday afternoon.

Mrs. B. F. Storne, of Blackville, will lecture at the Colston Branch

DON'T WANT HIM.

House Tables Motion Asking McLaurin to Reconsider.

Columbia, Jan. 16.—The house of representatives by a vote of 70 to 22 tabled a motion last night asking John L. McLaurin to reconsider his resignation as State warehouse commissioner.

When the joint resolution calling for the election of various officers by the general assembly came before the house, Representative O. K. Mauldin of Greenville, offered the McLaurin amendment. He spoke at length of Mr. McLaurin's service and of his fitness to carry on the work. Representative N. G. Evans, of Edgefield, said the State warehouse system "was conceived in politics, born in politics and will die in politics." He said that the annual report showed that it cost the State \$15,000 to store 15,000 bales.

A Spelling Lesson.

Everyone could see that they were Newlyweds, and as they sat at adjoining desks in the big hotel and wrote post cards to all their friends and relatives their lovey-dovey questions and answers provoked an old gentleman nearby almost to apoplexy. Soon the bridegroom left the room. Unaware that she had been deserted, the little bride got stuck on a word and asked: "How do you spell Cincinnati, honey?"

"C-i-n-c-i-n-n-a-t-i-h-o-n-e-y," responded the grouch.—Chicago Tribune.

Baptist church Sunday January 21, at 11 o'clock. The public is invited to attend.

Mrs. Ogretta Beard is visiting her daughter, Mrs. Irene Bishop.

Mr. and Mrs. Henry Beard and family, of Bamberg, spent Sunday with Mr. Beard's mother, Mrs. S. P. Chisolm, of this section.

Buford Bridge Budget.

Buford Bridge, Jan. 16.—The North wind doth blow; are we going to have snow? What will the robins do then? Poor things! Why, they will fly away from the hunters, and hide their heads under their wings.

Mr. H. C. Kirkland is in Bamberg this week attending court.

Mr. J. H. Kirkland left this week for Florida and will be gone for several weeks.

Mr. Kirkland has business there and much success is wished for him.

Mrs. Roscoe Kearse has returned from Charleston. She has been visiting her mother and sister in the city by the sea.

Mr. A. L. Kirkland, our present clerk of court, is now at his office in Bamberg and will only come home on Saturday nights.

Mr. Max Walker and family, of Ehrhardt, were visitors at the home of Mr. R. M. Kearse last Sunday.

BOAGUS.

Honor Roll of Denmark Schools.

The following is the honor roll of Denmark public schools:

First grade—Laura Abstance, Mary Boozer, Martha Council, Ethel Hartzog, Thelma Lee, Esther Riley, Rosa Sanders, Mary Smoak, Annie Turner, Francis Wiggins, Jennings Keller, Robert Sojourner.

Second grade—Albert Bean, J. Z. Brooker, Jr., Leslie Easterling, G. W. Goolsby, Hoyt Smoak, Louis Spann, Fletcher Sojourner, Govan Zeigler, Margaret Bogen, Dorothy Hightower, Dorothy Stevenson.

Third grade—Clyde Gillam, Clifford Ray, Grace Wiggins, Charles Council, Koger Smoak, Olive Hutto, Helen Brooker, Hagood Zorn, Mamie Turner, Miriam Turner, Winnie Cox.

Fourth grade—John Turner, Edward Zeigler, Edwardine Sojourner, Ada Hutto, Lena Stevenson, Julia Ray, Sarah Califf, Inez Finch, Blanche Collins.

Fifth grade—Frances Dozier, Albert Folk, George M. Hope, George Hightower, Stanwix Hutto, James McCrae, Richard Sojourner, Emma Bogen, Margaret Brooker, Everdell Hartzog, Leona Hartzog, Sadie Spires.

Sixth grade—Helen Turner, Dorothy Riley, Jennie Gillam, Evelyn Cain, Pernelle Collins.

Seventh grade—Selma Seymour, Louise Ray, Thelma Ray, Mabel Gillam, Georgia LeCroy, Leoline Walker, Louise Thomas, Ruth Califf, Roger Council, Fred Wiggins, Edward Cox.

Eighth grade—Pearl Barr, Mary Finch, Anna Goolsby, Anna Matthews, Samuel McGiever.

Ninth grade—Leila Gillam, Julia McCrae.

Tenth grade—Willie Dell Hutto, Laura Ray.

Eleventh grade—Martha Wiggins, Clara Wyman.

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 Hardin, a negro, was run over and killed by a train in Spartanburg Thursday.

Citizens of Sumter on Thursday, by a vote of 81 to 6, decided to issue bonds in the sum of \$75,000 to be used for street paving extension.

Will McGraw, a white man, is in jail at Gaffney charged with arson. It is alleged that he set fire to the house of Tillie Warren, of the Battleground section of Cherokee county.

The Pomaria Lutheran church in Newberry county, will entertain the 1917 convention of the Evangelical Lutheran synod of South Carolina. The convention will be held next November.

The South Carolina Lumber Vulcanizing company, which was recently chartered with a capital of \$300,000, will make headquarters in Charleston, and will do a business of installing over the State patented lumber drying plants.

At a meeting of the Spartanburg county delegation in the general assembly Thursday in Columbia, a bond issue of \$1,000,000 for the building of permanent roads in Spartanburg county was determined upon. Bills looking to this end will be introduced in both houses at once.

Curtis Beckett, a negro storekeeper of Hampton county, was assassinated last Thursday night by unknown parties as he was leaving his store. The motive for the murder is unknown. Beckett had a large sum of money on his person when his dead body was found.

Calvin Campbell, a young man of the Barker's Creek section of Anderson county, was seriously injured last week when the mules he was driving to a wagon became frightened and ran away. Mrs. Campbell and her child, who were with Mr. Campbell at the time of the accident, were thrown out; but were uninjured.

The body of a new born white infant was found in a yard in Anderson last Thursday. It was dragged into the yard by dogs, which had eaten both arms and one leg. Doctors examining the body stated that in their opinion it had been dead about two weeks, had been buried, and was dug up by dogs. The coroner of Anderson county is investigating.

WILSON'S PLURALITY.

Record Increase in Votes for President Running Second Time.

Only five presidents of the United States have been elected by a larger plurality than the one now officially recorded for President Wilson. Complete official returns show that Wilson received 9,116,296 votes and Hughes 8,547,474, which gives the former a plurality of 568,822.

With the exception of William McKinley, no president running for a second term ever received a larger plurality and no president ever gained such an increase in votes running a second time.

The official figures show that nearly 20,000,000 people in the United States voted at the last election. This is nearly one-fifth of the total population, which indicates that more persons are taking an interest in politics than ever before.

The population of the United States is now probably around 105,000,000 people. Considering the large percentage of women, minors and foreigners disqualified from voting, it must be admitted that the average American citizen is now doing all that can be expected of him in the way of participating in the control of the government.

The representative system of government was vindicated by the percentage of the population that took part in the last election. Described during the campaign as the quietest presidential contest in years, it is evident now that the people were vitally interested and took an earnest part in the political battle.—Washington Post.

Happy Horace.

"Haven't seen Horace at the club lately, Mrs. Bossy. Is he sick or what's the matter?"

"Horace," said Mrs. Bossy severely, "stays at home now, and enjoys life in his own way as I want him to."—Washington Post.

GOVERNOR INAUGURATED.

Manning and Bethea Take Oath of Office for Second Time.

Columbia, Jan. 16.—In the presence of the general assembly in joint session today in the hall of the house of representatives, members of the supreme court and an audience of people which packed the galleries and overflowed into the lobby of the Capitol, Hon. Richard I. Manning was for the second time inaugurated as governor of South Carolina. The ceremonies were held at noon and the oath of office was administered to the governor by Chief Justice Eugene B. Gary, of the supreme court.

With the two houses of the general assembly in joint session Senator LeGrand Walker, president pro tem. of the senate, presided over the joint assembly.

Seated on the speaker's stand during the ceremonies were the governor, lieutenant governor, members of the supreme court, State officials and

R. I. MANNING.



other high dignitaries of the State.

Chief Justice Gary administered the oath of office to Governor Manning, the governor repeating the oath in a clear voice.

Before entering on his set inaugural address Governor Manning expressed his appreciation of the loyal support of Mrs. Mary Butler Evans, an aged lady of Newberry, who came down for the inauguration and was given a seat on the floor of the house directly in front of the speaker's stand. The governor's tribute to Mrs. Evans brought applause from the floor and galleries and Mrs. Evans rose and bowed her acknowledgements.

The governor's delivery of his inaugural address was in a clear voice which carried easily to all parts of the hall and galleries and it was

ANDREW J. BETHEA.



followed closely by the legislators and audience.

In the audience were many ladies and when the governor reached that part of his address in which he quoted the declarations of the Democratic national and State conventions on woman suffrage, there was a visible "leaning forward" of the legislators and audience. But when the governor simply contented himself with quoting the woman suffrage planks and commending them to the legislators and did not comment on the issue himself, the crowd settled back and the suppressed movement which ran through the house and galleries

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STATE WIDE PROHIBITION

MEASURE TO PROHIBIT IMPORTATION OF LIQUOR.

Important Insurance Measures Introduced.—Free Houses for Mill Operators Provided in Bill.

Columbia, Jan. 15.—Little of interest featured the first week's session of the house of representatives, except the introduction of new bills, some of which were of more than ordinary importance. There seems to be the best of feeling among the members of the lower body and the predicted clash of partisan forces so far has failed to materialize, but the pessimistic ones still maintain that the element of battle is in the composition of the house and will appear when important administrative measures are up for consideration.

The bills of the insurance commission are the most weighty so far presented. They consist of the measure prepared by the Manning insurance commission, providing for regulation of fire rates, for the naming of the insurance commissioner as attorney for the companies, for a graduated license tax of insurance companies by municipal corporations, for the repeal of the "valid policy" law, for defining the qualifications of insurance agents, for inquiring into the origin of fires and for a building code for incorporated cities and towns. They were introduced by Representative Moise, a member of the commission, following the reading of a special message from the governor urging their passage, without amendments and were referred by the speaker to the committee on banking and insurance.

Liquor Bills.

Next in probable importance is a bill by W. R. Richey, Jr., of Laurens, providing for absolute State-wide prohibition, allowing the shipment into South Carolina only of intoxicants for sacramental and medicinal purposes. Mr. Richey is a minority faction leader and his measure has the approval of former Governor Cole L. Blease.

Another liquor bill presented to the house was that of Representative Fromberg, of the Charleston delegation, submitting to a referendum of the people the question of allowing a high license system under old dispensary regulations for cities of 40,000 inhabitants or more. This measure is intended for the city of Charleston and is similar to the one introduced in the general assembly last year and which failed of passage.

Several bills providing for lower rates of interest were introduced, as was one by Representative Bradford, of York, providing for a system through which State banks may make loans on agricultural land in the aid of farming.

Non-Payment of Taxes.

Representative Liles, of Orangeburg, introduced a bill providing for a 5 per cent. penalty after the first of January of each year for non-payment of taxes as an amendment to the present law and a concurrent resolution providing for an increase in the traveling expenses of judges to \$1,000 per annum.

Representative Boyd, of Spartanburg, on Thursday presented a bill providing for the abolition of the State warehouse system which is creating a great deal of interest, particularly as Governor Manning favors the system with certain amendments to the present law. He recommended a commission composed of three members, of which the warehouse commissioner should be ex-officio chairman.

Two bills providing for a State highway commission, one by the Chester delegation and the other by Representative Berry, of Orangeburg, were introduced in the house. It is probable that these measures will be consolidated, the best features of each being retained in a new bill.

Representatives Moore, of Abbeville, and Hamblin, of Union, are the co-authors of a bill providing for two-cent passenger rates on all railroads in South Carolina. This is a perennial measure and has the same characteristics as "Banquo's ghost."

New Constitution.

A joint resolution placing before the people in a referendum during the general election of 1918 the question of calling a new constitutional convention was introduced in the house Thursday by Representative Leese, of Marlboro.

Other bills introduced on Thursday were one forbidding probate judges marrying couples to whom they had issued marriage licenses, another placing license tax on "soft

UNDERGROUND CITIES OF DEAD.

Between Six and Eight Million Bodies Interred in Catacombs of Rome.

Nature has been kind to the Palatine, that hill where dwelt the shepherd kings and where later rose the tremendous palaces of emperor after emperor, clothing its scanty ruins with lavish verdure. The silence of oblivion broods over the fragments of the halls where Domitian played with his fleas and Caligula bathed in shimmering seas of minted coins. The most compelling thing upon the whole bosky hill is the little stone altar chiseled, "Sei Deo, Sei Deivae"—To the unknown God.

This was really the shrine of the protecting deity of the city, the patron god of Rome, and only the priests knew the dread spirit's name. It was never written, but handed down verbally from generation to generation because if the common people knew whom they worshipped any traitor could reveal the sacred name to an enemy, who might bribe the deity to forget Rome.

What a contrast!—the home of the unknown god on the pleasant hillside, in the sun-sweetened air, and far underground, pent in the damp chill of the catacombs, the altars—often of the sarcophagi of martyrs—of the stouthearted who worshipped the known God.

Originally cemeteries, perfectly well known to the pagan authorities, these remarkable vaults and galleries and chapels, 20 to 50 feet below the surface, became hiding places for the faithful in time of persecution. More than 40 of these cities of the dead, which extend around Rome in a great subterranean circle, have been explored, and it has been estimated by an Italian investigator that between 6,000,000 and 8,000,000 bodies were interred in them.—National Geographic Magazine.

Try This on Hubby.

"What do you suppose has come over Mr. Blank this morning?" asked Mrs. Blank, astonished. "I never saw him so happy. He started out of the house whistling like a bird."

"Maybe, I'm to blame, ma'am," replied the new maid. "I got the packages mixed up and gave him birdseed instead of his breakfast food."—Life.

drinks," a third to require examination of drivers of motor-propelled vehicles, a fourth requiring registration of pharmacists of other States and a fifth providing for a standard system of textbooks in the public schools of the State.

A joint resolution providing for a referendum vote on the question of equal suffrage for women was introduced in the house by Representative Horton, of Spartanburg, one of the youngest members of the general assembly, who is having his first year of legislative experience.

The South Carolina Equal Suffrage league is maintaining an effective "lobby," composed of some of the most prominent women of the State, who attend each day's meeting of the general assembly, and they are seeing that no member is going to be unapproached. They claim to be making converts to their cause and are very optimistic over the ultimate fate of the referendum bill.

White Slave Act.

A measure enacting the terms of the Mann national "white slave" law, making its terms applicable to South Carolina, was introduced in the house Friday by Representative Neuffer, of Abbeville, at the request of the South Carolina Medical society. It is thought that there will be a spirited fight on the measure when it is placed on the calendar for passage.

On Friday the house concurred in a senate resolution prohibiting the sine die adjournment of the general assembly on or during Saturday night.

An interesting bill introduced in the house was that of Representative Hamblin, of Union, providing for free dwellings for all employed textile operatives and their families in the State, the houses to be supplied by the mill management. A companion bill, collaborated by Mr. Hamblin and Representative Moore, of Abbeville, requires the mill managers to establish bathtubs in and make sewerage connection with all dwellings.

Representative Cothran, of Greenville, introduced a bill in the house providing for a training school for the feeble-minded of the State. This bill was recommended by Governor Manning in his message and has the indorsement of the State Board of Charities and Corrections. A similar measure has been presented to the senate.