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PALMETTO STATE GLEANINGS.

THREE NOTED CROOKS.

They Are the Men Who Robbed the Williston Postoffice.

Chief Deputy United States Marshall E. Brooks Sligh and Postoflice Inspectors Move and Bulla, arrived in Charleston from Barnwell on the 14th with three of the slickest rascals that have ever operated in this part of the country. The prisoners, who were lodged in the Charleston county jail, were the ringleaders of the gang which opened the Williston postoffice and cracked the safe with dynamite, and, after a hot run with the authorities, managed to break jail in Barnwell in February last. Recently they were captured in Knoxville, and carried back to Barnwell, but on the 14th they were turned over to the Federal courts for a final settlement of their case. The men are Joe Jones, alias C. Brooks; Herry Johnson, alias A. St. Clair, alias Danny Murphy, alias Frenchy Smith, prize fighter, and Charley Jones, alias C. Brooks, Jr., alias Edward Brooks. They were given snug berths by Jailor Graddick, and will sleep in jail until the next term of the United States District Court.

Moral Reform League.

The "Citizens' Moral Reform League of Charleston" was recently organized by a number of Charleston colored men, who are striving to clevate and help their race. The objects and purposes of the League are best set forth in the following extract from the con-

stitution and by-laws: "Preamble--We, the citizens of Charleston, appalled at the startling lack of moral stami-na among many people of our race in this city, recognizing these untoward conditions to be largely the outcome of a levity toward moral precepts on the part of the young, and indifference on the part of elders; believing such uncorrected evils to foreshadow our de cline and fall as a people, and with a further endeavor to keep qurselves above reproach, the sanctity of our family altars inviolate, and to exercise a chivalrous protection for the women of our race, do herewith organize ourselves into the Chizens' Moral Reform League of Charleston."

Three South Caronilians.

In the San Antonio, Texas, Daily Light, of May 14, is published an account of the departure from Fort Sam Honston of the 5th cavalry. In this splendid regiment are three sons of South Carolina, of whom the State may well be proud. The first is Lieut. and Adjt. John M. Jenkins, so well and pleasantly known in Charleston. The others are Lieuts. Jervey and Parker. Both of these officers come from fighting stock, says Light, and will doubtless make their native State proud of them again, as they did when they graduated.

Pardoned a Boy.

Governor Ellerbe granted a full pardon to Clarence Long, the 16-yearold boy, who in June, 1896, shot and killed his brother-in-law, Ben Parsons, in Spartanburg county. Ho was con-victed before Judge Gary, and being recommended to the mercy of the court by the jury was given a life sen-tence. The petitions presented were unusually strong, being signed by 4,-000 Spartanburg men, the judge, the jury, the solicitor and a large number of ladies.

Solution Roads Notes.

Value of Gobl Roads Everywhere. For many years past the farmers and suburbau residents of this great in. He says: remaining have been hard at work help- "It costs 91 cents per bushel to

By their means he has been en-

way could be improved and made even more useful to him than the steel tracks of the great trunk lines.

There is at present under consider ears, of very light and strong con-to do this hauling over good roads." regardless of the grade, and, to some extent, of the state of the roads. any effect upon it.

The horseman's worry is his horse and harness, and all anxiety on this score is done away with by the horseless carriage. The running gear of the vehicle will be placed under a metal guard, resembling an old-fashion dripping pan inverted. This affords protection to the gear, and coninues the mud to the lower portion of a high rate of speed would be desiraexcellent time can be made where the roads are good. This plan will unof the ordinary track; but this is a purposes. matter very easily managed. If only wide-tired vehicles were used, the cost of work on roads would be reduced to a very low figure. Imagine a horseand smooth down most of the irregularities on the roadway.

of the jolting could be avoided, and, bump on.

of the good-roads enthusiasm has been must have a good road, and there be- Bulletin. ing so many of him, the beginning of the movement was not in the least difficult.

Too much cannot be said against the inertness of certain localities and bits of road. There are regions where then suddenly the rider encounterswhich is a veritable Slough of Desridges and cut-up surface, which is a disgrace to the community that tolerates it. that such pieces of road cannot be the importance of intelligent and Leader. painstaking work from the foundation to the surface .- New York Ledger.

A New Jersey Estimate. The annual report of the State Road Commissioner of New Jersey makes the following statement of the cost of haulage on various roads, and shows very concisely where the advantages of good surface and light grades come

ing the railroads extend their lines ship wheat from Chicago to New York, everywhere. "Just get a railroad a distance of 900 miles; it costs three through my property, and my fortune cents a bushel to haul wheat ou a levelis made," has been the expression of | road a distance of five miles, and on a more than one extensive handowner. sandy road it would cost nine cents And he has gotten the railroads, with per mile to haul it. The saving on a great benefit to himself and his vicin- bushel of wheat with good roads for a distance of five miles would be equivabled to get out to the centres of civi- alent to that of 600 miles of transporlization, and to bring his produce to tation by steamer or can/l boat, or good markets. Long ago he should have devised good roads would make a saving equal some way by which the public high- to seventy-five miles of railroad transportation. Thus every mile of good roads places the producer seventy-five miles by rail nearer to the markets. It is estimated that the cost of hauling ation a plan for the introduction of 500,000,000 tons of farm produce to horseless carriages, with wide-tired market is \$2 per ton, or just about wheels, for the main thoroughfares, \$1,000,000,000; it is also estimated through thickly settled localities, the that about sixty per cent. of this last carriage itself to be of the ordinary amount, or \$500,000,000 would be pattern, and coupled to it one or more | saved each year if farmers were able

One Way of Preserving Roads.

To protect and preserve the high-Ruts and ridges of any ordinary char-actor will not obstract the progress of lie use at times when they are likely this car, neither will the weather have to be injured by heavy travel is certainly a unique method of providing for the public welfare, but this is what the Kentucky statutes say:

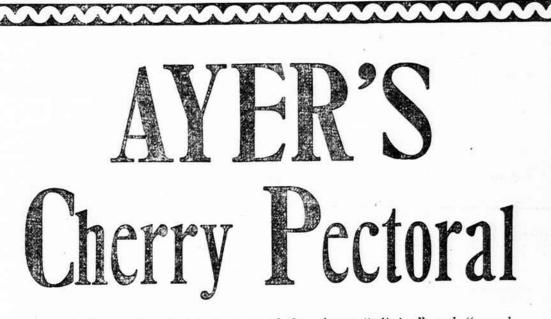
"Any corporation, company or individual who may, by unusual use of a road, materially damage the same, shall repair all damages caused by the use of such road or roads. The supervisor or overscer of roads shall, at any time when necessary, notify said corthe equipment, conducing generally porations, companies or individuals of to the comfort and the cleanliness of the passengers and car alike. While high rate of and should the said parties so notified fail, in a reasonable length of time, to able, it is not expected that this will be filed in the notice, to make such be one of the main points, although | repairs, such parties shall be deemed guilty of obstructing the public roads and shall be subject to a fine of not questionably necessitate the widening exceeding \$100, to be applied to road

The Weakest Link.

Like a chain, a road is no stronger or better than its weakest link. In a less carriage with a six or eight-inch highway there are many links which steel tire, which would act like a roller, may be poor, weak or defective. Whatever or wherever the cause of inferiority may be, the efficiency of The suggestion that there would be the whole road is thereby reduced to bumping and bouncing is scarcely a level with that of its most inferior worth consideration. Jolting comes part. If drainage is inadequate, and from sudden contact with a single water accumulates, theavy hauling point. A wide tire wheel would cover results; if there is a single steep so much surface at one time that most grade, the size of load that can be transported is materially reduced; if except upon very hard, frozen ground, the connection between points is inwould wear down the surface as it direct, due to square corners, much went, leaving nothing to bounce and time is wasted; if care and repair are irregular and unintelligent, money and It is an interesting fact that much labor are spent in vain. The remedy is, lay out the course of the road justirred up by the manufacturers and diciously, build it scientifically and riders of bicycles. The wheelman care for it constantly .- Good Roads

Distanced by Europe.

Americans must feel some disappointment, since their country has long been famous for its quickness the atrocious management of certain and skill in adopting mechanical and scientific discoveries for business purone may ride for miles upon roads poses, when they realize that Euthat are almost as smooth as a floor; ropean cities are far surpassing any of ours in the use of horseless vehicles. Until we have better roads and better pond-a long stretch of deep holes, street pavements we must submit to the humiliation of being distanced by Germany, France and England in one of the most interesting and important It is the sheerest nonsense to say phases of modern progress. It is one of the penalties we pay for make-shift made passable. Such assertions show | highways and for the folly which permore and more clearly the need of mits the use upon them of destruc-Government supervision of roads, and tively nerrow tires. - Cleveland



is not to be confounded with any of the cheap "elixirs" and "cough syrups." Such remedies (so called) simply soothe the sufferer. They are mere palliatives. They never touch the root of the disease or cure a chronic cough. Dr. Ayer's Cherry Pectoral is a real remedy; it is the prescription of a practical physician, and not the preparation of an irresponsible medicine maker. It

Bronchitis, Asthma, CURES Croup, La Grippe, Whooping Cough,

and all colds, coughs, and lung diseases. It's a standard and a staple remedy, and should be kept on hand in every household.

"About a year ago, I had an attack of bronchitis, accompanied by a dry, hacking cough. This soon developed into quick consumption. I had heard of the curative properties of Ayer's Cherry Pectoral, and commenced using that medicine at once. Before I had taken one third of a bottle I felt better, and in a short time I was entirely cured." W. A. COKER, Allis, Ark.

"I caught a bad cold which resulted in asthma so severe that I was threatened with suffocation whenever I attempted to lie down in bed. A friend, recommending Ayer's Cherry Pectoral, I began to take it and soon obtained relief, and, finally, was completely Since then I have used this medicine in my family with great success for colds, and croup." S. HUTTER, Editor "Kolink," Steven's Point, Wis. coughs, and croup."

"I contracted a severe cold which settled on my lungs and did not yield to the various remedies I tried. I had noticed Ayer's Cherry Pectoral extensively advertised where I had traveled and decided to give it a trial. I purchased two bottles and before I had finished the first one, I was almost cured and I am now in perfect health. My work subjects me to very severe weather, but I find that a timely dose of Aver's Cherry Pectoral acts as a preventive against colds and coughs." CHAS. HULL, Whortley Road, London, Ont.

"Some time since I had a severe cold and could not sleep on account of coughing... A friend at Van Buren, Ark., recommended Ayer's Cherry Pectoral. I procured a bottle, and never had anything afford me such quick relief or a more permanent cure." J. E. WRIGHT, Chester, Ark.

Half Size Bottles, Half Price, 50c.

Sumter Has a Ricker's Row.

Late one evening last week there was a shooting affray between two negro men in Ricker's Row, a tough negro quarter in the suburbs of Sumter, that created a ripple of excitement for a Deputy Sheriff Gaillard and Constable Winn went in pursuit of the negro who did the shooting, and after an exciting chase across the country effected his capture. The negro who was shot was not killed but dangerously wounded in the thigh. The row was an ordinary negro fight about a woman.

A Creditable Appointment.

Mr. A. H. Miller, of Greenville, now a student of Furman University, has received the appointment as assistant observer at the weather bureau station in Columbia, Mo. Mr. Miller has ac-cepted the position and will take up his duties there on the 1st of June. The appointment was secured princi-pally through Senator Tillman, whose efforts in the matter are highly appreciated by Mr. Miller and his friends.

> 40> Fatal Accident at Columbia.

Frank Cardwell, a youth 14 years old, and Mrs. Frank Leidy, were out for a pleasure drive on the afternoon of the 18th, when the horse became frightened and dashed off at a furious rate hurling the cart against a tree. Both Mrs. Leidy and young Cardwell were violently thrown from the vehiele, causing the death of Cardwell and the serious injury of Mis. Leidy.

Gave Governor a Wheei.

Recently Governor Ellerbe mastered the art of riding a bicycle and only a short time ago placed an order for a good machine. He won't need it now, for lately he was presented with a handsome Spalding by his friend, Mr. F. H. Hyatt. It was furnished through McMaster's agency,

Charleston's Auditor Dead.

Wm. Eason, auditor of Charleston, died at that place on the 18th. This makes another vacancy in Charleston which Gov. Ellerbe will have to fill by appointment.

The fund of the new Y. M. C. A. building at Columbia received an impetus in the sum of \$8,500, donated by seventy-four young men.

She-I've seen twenty-two summers. He (the brute)-Since when?-San Francisco Examiner.

The Ravages of Narrow Tires.

For the first few days after the steam rollers are taken off the new highways "they are dreams," says the Springheld News, "the best thing on livers mail from house to house in the earth, smooth as a table, and yet country, as well as in the city, is beyielding and elastic. Then the narrow tire begins to put in its work, condition that the work of delivery is cutting them like a knife, first disintegrating the surface, and later on knocking the foundations to pieces. Once the surface is disturbed, the rain does the rest, even if the constantly passing narrow-tired vehicles tions.-Syracuse (N. Y.) Post. did not help it out.

"As long as narrow tires are allowed for heavy loads, no such thing as a

satisfactory macadam roadbed is possible. The case is much worse with dirt roads. The knife tire cuts through quicker, and the water tears them to nothing quicker. There is no reason why dirt roads should not prove satisfactory in country districts if wide tires for loaded teams were required, with wheels which do not track. The sooner a State law is enacted to carry out this idea, the sooner will taxpayers have relief, and good roads be in sight.

"But do not let our legislators forget for a moment that wide tires without a provision that the back wheels shall run in a different track from the forward wheels is only half the battle, if as much as half. Six-inch tires, with the rear wheels running right behind the forward ones, would only smooth one foot of the road on a trip. Make the wheels run in different tracks, and we will have two feet rolled each trip. Allowing for teams passing each other, each keeping to its side of the centre line, and we find four feet rolled, and, making due allowance for teams not taking their e. reme right, bed would, in turn, receive its share cut deeply and disastrously with every *rip.

Good Roads and the Mails.

If country roads were generally improved by the modern plan of road building there would not be much delay in providing free delivery through the more populous parts of the country. One reason why England decause the country roads are in so fine greatly expedited. If there were English roads all through the Middle and Eastern States it would not be a great ple often besought him to help them undertaking for this Government to establish free delivery in those scc-

Tires.

If our political providences insure that only wide tires for heavy loads shall be used on the new roads they will be a permanent blessing. But if the old style of tires is permitted to tear them to pieces it will not be many years before we have nothing but the tax bills to remember them by .- Pittsburg Dispatch.

Good Roads Are Good Investments.

When the farmers can be brought to see that good roads constructed with State aid mean money in their pockets, as has been demonstrated in New Jersey, good roads will become as common as bad roads are now .- Philadelphia Press.

A "Bad Roads Map."

A "bad roads map" of Illinois is being prepared by the State Division, L. A. W., to be sent to the Legislature and all the newspapers in the State. Such a map would be an "eye-opener" in almost any State in the Union .-L. A. W. Bulletin.

Rope Skipping and Meningitis.

A New York school girl died recently from meningitis, brought on unless required, it is reasonable to from over-indulgence of rope skipping. expect that nearly the whole road- This fact may be of interest to mothers of sundry small maidens too of rolling instead, as now, of being much addicted to a practice which is healthful enough when moderately indulged in.

GENERAL ROSECRANS.

Was One of This Country's Most Picmissed by Baltimore.

turesque Soldiers. General William Stark Rosecrans,

who died recently at his home, near Los Angeles, Cal., was one of the most picturesque soldiers ever produced by the United States. He will be known in history as a soldier only, although as a citizen he deserved highly of his countrymen. As a man and a citizen it may be said that few Americans lived a more useful life or were less selfish in taking their part of the public burden. Born and reared in the East. the General became fascinated with the climate of California and decided that he would spend the last years of his life in the golden State. Its peoadminister their affairs. But he always declined these honors, which he regarded as the rewards of past services. He might have been Governor



of the State and have occupied other lofty offices that were freely offered No American in California had more honors than "old Rosy" in his last days.

ington quietly remarks that "up to this that this ratio will be reversed.

The National Game. Keeler's timely batting is being sadly

The Louisville Wagner and the Washington Wagner are brothers.

The Chicagos have exceeded the expecta tions of their supporters.

From all accounts the Washingtons are sadly lacking in team work.

Wallace is pushing Burkett hard for the batting honors of the Cleveland team.

Yeager, of the Brooklyns, has a delivery similar to that of the famous Nichols, of Boston.

Swaim, the Washington pitcher, has been teaching school during the last six months down in Florida.

The champion Bostons are receiving the most pronounced defeats of the season.

St. Louis gave second baseman Bierbauer en days' notice of his release, and he was laimed by Columbus.

The Chicago team has lost the name of Colts in Chicago, and the men are now known as the Orphans.

War and weather have already had a damaging effect upon baseball, particularly in the National League.

Neither Tenney, ef Boston, nor Doyle, of Washington, the erack dirst basemen, are playing any better ball than Tucker, of the Brooklyns.

Hoy, of Louisville, is playing his usual sensational game in the matter of fielding fly balls, but errors on ground balls are as numerous as ever.

Pitchers Yeager, of Brooklyn; Hughes of Baltimore, and Willis, of Boston, are the most promising pitching novices in many a season in the League.

McGarr, the old Cleveland third baseman, has bought the New Haven team of the Connecticut State League. McGarr will captain the team and play first base.

President Brush, of the Cincinnati Club, has posted a notice in his players' clubhouse that any member of the team who is put out of a game for kicking will be fined 525 by the management.

It was a happy thought of Manager Barnie, of Brooklyn, to put Lachaneo at short field. There is little doubt now of his ultimate success in this very difficult sosition, for he handles himself well and isn't afraid to take chances, no matter how these come his way. they come his way.

"I often wonder just what she thinks of me," said the young married man. "It is easy to find out," said the elderly married man. "Just sit down on her hat, and she will tell you what she thinks of you in less than a minute .-Tit-Bits.

A New Yorl: man says he can make diamonds by electricity. Very likely. A great many in this city are made by stances. He-Eh? She-Meet and real estate deals.

Spanish Spies at Work.

A plot to blow up the water works which supply the camp at Tampa, Fla., is said to have been discovered and a guard had been mounted. At attempt to poison the reser-voir at Camp Hastings, in Pennsylvania, is reported.

Bounty For Dewey's Men.

Under section 4635 of the Revised Statutes, which provides for the payment of \$100 for each man on an enemy's ship that is destroyed in action, about \$200,000 will be divided among the men in Dewey's

Girl Appointed Train Dispatcher.

Miss Edith Jarnagin, a young Georgia girl twenty years of age, has been appointed to the responsible place of chief train dispatcher of the Chattanooga Southern Railway, at Chattanooga, Tenn.

War Made Him a Suicide.

Alonzo Hedges hanged himself at Mountainville, N. Y., while insane from reading war news. He believed that he had been commissioned by the Lord to shell Havana and he killed himself because he could not carry out his mission.

A Trust in Envelopes.

A big envelope trust has been formed with a capital of \$17,000,000.

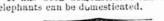
Grain Crops in Russia.

Reports received at St. Petersburg as to he condition of the grain crops throughout Russia show that the state of winter wheat is generally satisfactory and that only a few of the central districts have suf-

Cable Broke, Three Killed.

Leander Small, Joseph Morris and Willam Hardy were killed and six others inared at Thacker, W. Va., by a cable oreaking and a car dashing down an incline.

It has been demonstrated that African



A mob of white men killed a negro postmaster and helpless members of his family down in South Carolina. If Gen. Weyler invades this country he should feel himself at home in that neighborhood.

He-The sight of an old schoolmate is-er-well, it might be called both meat and drink. She-Yes, that's what you men usually do under the circumdrink .- Indianapolis Journal.

him.

The Government geologist at Washtime more money has gone into the Klondike region than has come out." There is no flattering prospect either