

STATEMENTS OF SHOOTING.

J. D. Haselden and J. C. Sellers Give Their Versions.

Special to The State. Sellers, Nov 15.—All the wounded are doing as well as can be expected. Messrs. J. Dudley Haselden, John C. Sellers, are the only ones confined to their beds; Mr. L. M. Haselden was only hurt by a bullet. Mr. Aubrey Evans was not hurt at all and Dr. Edwards is about with a great many scars from bird shot.

The following are signed statements from Mr. J. Dudley Haselden and Mr. John Sellers. Mr. J. Dudley Haselden said:

"Yesterday morning Mr. Ben Sellers and myself had some talk about the letters. I told him I did not hold him responsible for the letters for I did not believe that he wrote them; I told him I heard that he had been making reference to them and to my home, that I could not and would not allow. I then asked him if he had made such reference, that it was hard to believe it, and he did not deny it. I told him he would either have to affirm or deny; it resulted in my striking him, afterwards we apologized to each other, shook hands and then transacted our business. As he was leaving, I said I suppose we shall meet as friends or how. He suggested that we meet without speaking. I suggested that he seemed dissatisfied and that it would be best to settle it. I told him I would give him satisfaction any way he wished it, he got a friend to represent him. He said, oh no, after reflection, I am not satisfied. I will give you ample notice. The notice I got was while passing the depot in my buggy. He rushed out pistol in hand and opened fire on me, hitting me in the leg as I jumped to the ground. I returned the fire promptly and general firing began. Mr. Ben Sellers returned to the waiting room, and Mr. John C. Sellers ran out and then guns were fired from the waiting room, only Mr. John C. Sellers and his son Ben showed themselves at all. Mr. John C. Sellers taking refuge behind the mail crane we exchanged several shots. I think Mr. Sellers was well armed as he fired at least ten times."

(Signed) J. Dudley Haselden. Upon being interviewed, Mr. John C. Sellers said: The first intimation of any trouble was after my son returned from Mr. Haselden's gin and told me how outrageously he had been treated by the mob at Haselden's, after having been invited there on a matter of business by Mr. J. Dudley Haselden. Just after my son informed me of the trouble, they drove up in buggies, Messrs. J. Dudley and Luther M. Haselden, in one buggy and Mr. Aubrey Evans and Dr. Edwards in another buggy. Mr. J. D. Haselden, the father of Messrs. J. Dudley and Luther M. Haselden, in a buggy behind the others. As Dudley and Luther reloaded the railroad track, Luther jumped down and shifted his pistol from one pocket to another, Dudley put his in the foot of the buggy. Luther went to the north side of the depot as if looking for some one. Dudley got out and went on the opposite side of the depot, taking his pistol with him. Evidently not finding who they were looking for they drove towards Marion.

"I expected trouble that evening and we prepared ourselves for it. The mob returned about dusk, coming by way of Ben Sellers' which was about half a mile away from the traveled route from Marion, and when they reached the depot they stopped both buggies. Luther Haselden jumped out and ran up the steps on the south side of the depot. My son Ben was in the front of the office door on the west side and I was in the office writing. Without a word being spoken, Aubrey Evans fired at Ben and struck him in the left hand and immediately Dudley fired at him, striking him in the breast. As soon as possible Ben pulled his pistol and began firing and emptied his revolver at the crowd. I then ran out and as I passed through the door I was shot through the left forearm, I think by Luther Haselden, through the window I ran down the steps, firing at Dudley and Aubrey Evans, who were both running and firing back. About then Ben fired at Henry Edwards, with his shot gun, but after exchanging a few shots with him he whipped up his horse and ran off. I was shot in the back by either Luther or Dudley Haselden, while shooting at Henry Edwards."

"Dudley Haselden ran through a house and yard and took refuge in a negro's privy; Aubrey Evans jumped in a window of a lady's house, Luther Haselden went under the platform on all fours and left the depot running like a hawk. It is currently reported that the crowd had coats of mail manufactured and had them on."

(Signed) "John C. Sellers"

Death of Thaddeus E. Horton.

Atlanta, Ga., Nov 15.—Word was received here today of the death in New York city of Mr. Thaddeus E. Horton of the New York Times. Mr. Horton was well known in Atlanta, and was at different times managing editor of the Atlanta Journal and correspondent of the Associated Press. He was a native of South Carolina.

Shooting Stops The Douthit Trial.

In dispensary circles yesterday the principal actors in the recent upheaval which has led to the shedding of blood at Sellers, seemed to think of nothing else but that unfortunate occurrence, and further news from the scene of the battle was anxiously awaited. As soon as the news of the affair was made public it was pretty well understood that the affair meant a postponement of the trial of the Douthit case until some future date, as only four members of the State board could be present to hear the case and in case of a division among them could lead only to a deadlock. Besides, Mr. Haselden as chairman of the special investigating committee was really the prosecutor, and the case could hardly have proceeded without him. He was shot through the leg, and no matter how slight the wound it was realized that it would be impossible for him to come to Columbia under a week at least.

The board was to meet at 4 o'clock to take up the case, but before dinner it was known that a postponement would result. In the meantime every one anxiously inquired for further news from Sellers. The only information to reach the city came in the form of a telegram from Mr. Haselden himself to Chairman Miles saying that he could not come to Columbia at present and stating that he would write the chairman last night.

When the board met at the appointed hour the situation was talked over, and it was determined to postpone the whole matter until Dec 6, which will be during the next regular meeting. Chairman Miles was instructed to communicate with Mr. Haselden in the meantime and ascertain when he could be here. If Mr. Haselden cannot be on hand Dec 6, then a further postponement will be had until he can be present.

The board, after taking action looking to the immediate removal of the office of Constabulary Clerk Harris to the State dispensary, adjourned.

Public opinion as to the effect of the blood letting at Sellers on the dispensary situation is much divided, though there are none who believe that it had done the institution, its management or the men concerned in it any good. On all sides the affair is much deplored. Many expressed surprise that the shooting should have taken place at Sellers and that the participants should be who they were.—State, Nov 16.

THOSE BREASTPLATES

Did Marion Iron Works Make the Steel Plates?

Thursday the State telegraphed to Sellers to have the reported use of breastplates by the Haselden party investigated. The statement below was sent, but was not used because later a telegram from its author asked that it be withheld. However, another paper having profited by the State's enterprise, and printed the substance of the statement, it is used here. There was bad faith somewhere.

Dillon, Nov 16.—In reply to your telegram, received at 5 30 o'clock this afternoon, inquiring if there were any grounds for belief that the Haseldens wore breastplates during Tuesday's battle at Sellers, will say that a report to that effect has been freely circulated throughout the county, but no confirmation of the report can be obtained. The report circulated is to the effect that the Haselden party went to Marion Tuesday morning ostensibly for the purpose of having breastplates made and that after reaching that town proceeded immediately to the Marion Iron Works, where they secured the plates.

I called Mr. E. A. McDuffie, manager of the iron works, to the phone this afternoon and asked him if he would or could confirm the report, but he positively refused to discuss the matter further than say that the matter was a private one and that he did not feel at liberty to discuss it.

A. B. Jordan.

MUCH TALK AND MANY RUMORS ABOUT ALLEGATION

There was no end of talk yesterday in political and dispensary circles about the allegation that Mr. Haselden wore a metal breastplate in the affray at Sellers' depot. The statements in the cards of the Sellers, father and son, to that effect, being repeated, caused much discussion, and these statements in connection with a number of stories that drifted here, presumably from Marion, made many believe that there was foundation for the story.

One of the stories heard during the day was that one of the men at Marion who was alleged to have had them made had stated that two plates, weighing 12 pounds each, had been made; that Mr. Haselden had gotten one of them and had ordered the other sent to him at Columbia. Where the story originated is not known; it is merely given here for what it is stated to be—a story in general circulation.

Mr. W. Boyd Evans returned from Sellers' last night. He said he knew nothing of any breastplates; all parties denied knowledge of any; and he was certain that his young brother wore none. He reported all of the wounded doing well. From what he could ascertain the elder Sellers seemed to be more badly wounded than any one else. Mr. Haselden had a painful wound in the calf of the leg, and would probably have to remain in bed two or three weeks. Dr. Edwards was badly peppered with shot and his hat and coat had literally been shot to pieces. There were four bullet holes in the buggy in which young Evans was seated.—State, Nov 8.

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The B. L. C. & C. R. R. Surveyors in Camden.

The Chronicle office received a pleasant call on last Saturday from a party of surveyors for the Bristol, Lenoir, Chester and Camden Railroad, consisting of Chief Engineer J. W. Fletcher, W. B. Horae, W. McD. Westbrook and Samuel Murphey, who had just arrived in Camden having made a preliminary survey of the proposed route for the new railroad from Bristol, Tenn., to Camden, S. C.

They reported that they found the route from Chester to Camden a comparatively easy one and that it was expected that work would be commenced upon it about the 15th of the present month.—Camden Chronicle, Nov. 13.

Latham, Alexander & Co. Estimate.

Latham, Alexander & Co. issue a new estimate of the cotton crop of this season, based on 2,800 replies of average date of Nov. 7th from banks, cotton commission merchants, brokers, ginners, railroad men and planters, covering every cotton growing county. They show the following results:

Alabama, 297 letters make 17 per cent. decrease from last season's crop of 1,159,000 bales, or a yield of 961,970 for this season.

Arkansas, 240 letters make 30 per cent. decrease from last season's crop of 834,000 bales, or a yield of 583,800 for this season.

Florida, 23 letters make 10 per cent. decrease from last season's crop of 700,000 bales, or a yield of 93,000 for this season.

Georgia, 566 letters make 19 per cent. decrease from last season's crop of 1,536,000 bales, or a yield of 1,244,160 for this season.

Louisiana, 116 letters make 14 per cent. decrease from last year's crop of 590,000 bales, or a yield of 507,400 for this season.

Mississippi, 299 letters make 12 per cent. decrease from last season's crop of 1,522,000 bales, or a yield of 1,339,360 for this season.

North Carolina, 233 letters make 23 per cent. decrease from last season's crop of 583,000 bales, or a yield of 448,910 for this season.

South Carolina, 268 letters make 22 per cent. decrease from last season's crop of 1,012,000, or a yield of 789,360 for this season.

Tennessee, 135 letters make 23 per cent. decrease from last season's crop of 414,000 bales, or a yield of 318,780 for this season.

Texas and other cotton districts not named, 623 letters make 31 per cent. decrease from last season's crop of 3,555,000 bales, or a yield of 2,452,950 for this season.

The total of 2,800 letters estimates this season's crop at 8,709,690 bales, as against last season's yield of 11,275,000.

Two thousand one hundred and forty correspondents report that the crop has been more rapidly marketed or shipped to market as quickly as in former years; 442 correspondents say that from 5 to 15 per cent more than last year has been held on plantations, towns and cities for higher prices.

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A FEW WORDS TO OUR FRIENDS.

MR. EDITOR: You may have had us in mind when referring in a recent issue of your paper to the peculiarity of merchants in regard to advertising, in which you quoted them as saying that "in good times it was not necessary to advertise, and in hard times it did not pay." While we have always found that advertising paid us, we must confess that for the past sixty days any increase of business that we might secure by that means, could not have been satisfactorily waited on, as our clerical force has been taxed to its utmost capacity.

Now that the rush of cotton is over and we have an opportunity to say a few words to our friends in the country, we desire to acknowledge, through the columns of the Watchman and Southron, our grateful thanks to them for the liberal patronage bestowed upon us, for which we can offer nothing in return except our promise that their interests will be as carefully guarded by us in the future as they have been in the past.

It is particularly gratifying to us to acknowledge a very liberal trade during the months of September and October from our farming friends, to whom it was our pleasure to extend a credit during the summer. It proves to us that they appreciate our endeavor to be just and reasonable with them, when they need assistance, as we have always tried to be—our motto being

LIVE AND LET LIVE

Although we tried to anticipate this season's wants by buying a heavier stock than ever before, our trade has so far exceeded our expectations, that we have been obliged to replenish frequently and freely every department of our store.

In Dry Goods

We bought a very heavy stock of staples, a fair percentage of which we still have on hand and are selling at old prices. Those

Tar Heel Blankets

Which you have been waiting for so long have come at last. It was not our fault that they were not here sooner as our contracts were made in May for September delivery, but the mill has been so crowded with orders it was impossible to deliver them sooner. These goods are made in

A Southern Mill. From Southern Wool, By Southern Men

and there are none better. They are improving on the finish every year. We are selling at the same price as last year; but if we have to duplicate we will be obliged to charge an advance. We only have about

FIFTY PAIRS, SHOES.

so don't put off buying, or you may get left.

With the advance in cotton should have affected the price of shoes, but strange to say they too have gone up. We don't know whether it was judgment or luck, but our purchases for Fall were nearly double our usual contracts. We are buying now for Spring and paying 10 to 15 per cent more for the same class of goods, but those on hand will go at the old prices while they last.

In our write-up about Shoes last Fall we had something special to say about

The H. C. Godman Line for Women and Children.

Our increased sales for these goods prove that we told the truth. Bear in mind we are still the SOLE AGENTS FOR THEM AND GUARANTEE EVERY PAIR

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CLOTHING.

This has certainly been our banner season in the clothing business, and if there are any of the men or boys in the county who have not bought a suit, it has not been our fault; but fearing there still may be a few unprovided, we are keeping up our stock by telegraphing orders for shipment by express.

If you need an overcoat see us before buying, as we have some great values.

In our Hat and Furnishing Goods Department will be found some values that compare favorably with the balance of our stock.

This announcement would not be complete without a word about our

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