NEWS ITEMS.

Ten thousand people attended the Fourth of July celebration at Pelzer.

Among the midshipmen at large appointed by the President under the new naval appropriation bill is Bradley T. Johnson, Jr., son of Gen. Bradley T. Johnson, late of the Confederate

Among the numerous bills which were rushed through in the closing hours of Congess was one introduced by Senator Pritchard, of North Carolina, providing that those Confederate Veterans who enlisted and served in the Federal army prior to January 1, 1865, should be eligible to receive pensions from the United States Government. When this matter was brought up before Commissioner of Pensions H. Clay Evans, several years ago, he ruled that men in this class were not pensionable. By the passage of this bill about \$3,000,000 in pensions will be disbursed in North Carolina and Tennessee.

The Florence fire department is to be reorganized and a hose wagon and horses purchased.

Judge Dantzier has issued an in-junction against the establishment of a dispensaries in Lake City and Scranton, Williamsburg county. The point is raised by the opponents of the dispensary that Section 7 of the dispensary law violates the constitution of the State.

Dr. R. A. Buchanan, father of Judge O. W. Buchanan, and one of the oldest citizens of Fairfield county, died at Winnsboro on Tuesday night.

King Edward continues to improve so rapidly that it has been decided to have the coronation between August 11th and 15th.

A special from Offerman, Ga., July 7, says: Three white men and two negroes killed, one white man and one negro injured, is the result of a severe thunder and lightning storm here today. 'The men were employed in the construction department of the Southern Bell Telephone and Telegraph company, and were stretching wire when struck by lightning. The construction force was working in two sections about five miles apart. Three white men were killed and one injured in one section, two negroes killed and one injured in the other.

The cholera record Monday of Manila was 50 new cases and 30 deaths. For the provinces the record was 460 new cases and 335 deaths.

Secretary of the Navy Moody on Monday after consultation with his bureau chiefs, gave orders that one of the batttleships authorized at the last session of congress he constructed at the New York navy yard. Norfolk and Boston both made every effort to have the Secretary order the ship built at their navy yards.

The Boersenhalles of Hamburg publishes a dispatch from St. Petersburg which says that the Standard Oil Company and the Russian Oil Com- Jeff Richardson, at Greenville and pany have signed a contract dividing Harris at Charleston were emergency the British market, two-thirds going appointments, as Richardson who has the British market, two-thirds going to the Standard and one-third to the been psotmaster at Greenville for Russian company. The correspondent nearly a year under a recess appoint-of the Boersenhalles asserts that simment by the President and the failure ilar contracts in connection with other of the Senate to confirm the appointcountries are being arranged and he ment vacated the office; and in assumes that Germany will be parti-

A terrific thunder storm swept over Central Virginia Sunday evening. At the farm of C. J. Sledd, in Powhattan County, three of the children, Annie, Hugh and Florence, and a little girl from Richmond, named Wenlinger, went out into a field near the house to drive up the cows. Lightning struck a tree in the yard just as the children were driving the cows under it and tore it into pieces. Annie, aged 20, was instantly killed; Hugh and Florence, who are younger, were rendered unconscious, and the Wenlinger child was badly shocked. Mrs. Sledd, who was watching the children from a window, was stunned, but soon recovered.

ENDORSED BY HIS COUNTY.

W. Boyd Evans the Favorite of the Democracy of Marien in Convention Assem-

Whereas, W. Boyd Evans is a candidate for Railroad Commissioner, Resolved, That we, the Democracy of Marion County, in convention assembled, endorse his candidacy and commend him to the voters of the State as one qualified to perform the duties of the office with credit to himself and fidelity to the State.

The above resolutions were passed

unanimously. ENDORSED WHERE HE WAS BORN.

Those Who Know Him Best Speak in Highest Praise of Him.

Whereas, W. Boyd Evans is announced as a candidate for Railroad Commissioner; and, whereas, we, the Democratic voters of the township in which he was born and reared, knowing him to be qualified in every particular to fill the office to which he aspires with credit to himself and honor to the State; therefore, be it

Resolved, That we, the Democratic voters of Kirby Township, in meeting assembled, do endorse his candidacy, and instruct the delegates elected to the County Convention to offer suitable resolutions commending him to the citizens of this State for their

support. Won the Miniature Range.

Little Miss Gladys Hurst won the minature nickle-steel Buck range, offered by T. S. Gregory, the local representative of the Buck Range Co., to the little girl who clipped the greatthe local newspapers. The winner handed in 3,550 advertisements to the committee. Her closest competitors were Miss Carrie Winburn, 2,875; Miss Marie Gregory, 2,243. Sheriff H. W. Scarborough and B. D. Wilson acted as a commitatee to receive the advertisements and make the award.

Conley, an Indian, and Dick Fleming, were hanged on the same scaffold in this city today. Conley paid the last the property for the market of the property for th death penalty for the murder of a by nor Dr. Owens will serve on the young negro last November. Fleming was hanged for committing an assault was hanged for committing an assault of the murder of the name of the author of the article to which he took exception, as he was determined to make some one responsible and upon the name being divulged by a subject that part of the Charleston Division lying between Kinsgville and Sumter the name of the author of the article to which he took exception, as he was about to finish his earthly determined to make some one responsible and upon the name being divulged he would have relieved Blackman of all blame for its publication. on a white woman last February.

FOURTH OF JULY SHOOTING.

Vernon McLeod, Jr., Seriously Wounded by Jacob Bradwell.

There was but one row in the city on the Fourth, but that was quite a serious affray and Vernon McLeod, Jr., colored, a son of Vernon McLeod, the tinner is at the hospital suffering

from a serious, perhaps a fatal wound. The difficulty occurred at Jacob Bradwell's meat market in the Curtis builling opposite the old passenger depot. Jacob Bradwell and Vernon McLeod, Jr., got into a row between 10 and 11 o'clock, and it is said Bradwell struck McLeod with a stick. Mc-Leod threw a whiskey bottle at Bradwell and then got a rock. Bradwell grabbed a rifle which was leaning against the wall in the market, and McLeod ran. Bradwell fired and Mc-Leod fell with a bullet through his body. The ball struck him in the rear part of the right side and passing through the body lodged under the skin just below the breastbone. Mc-Leod was taken to Dr. Baker's infirmary and the ball extracted and the wound dressed. At first it was thought that death would ensue within a short time, but he rallied from the shock and at noon next day he was in better condition and there

is a chance of recovery. Bradwell was arrested immediately after the shooting and was put in jail,

but has been released on bond. Vernon McLeod, Jr., who was shot on Friday, is improving and it is now thought that he will recover from the wound that was at first believed to be necessarily fatal.

Jacob Bradwell who shot Vernon McLeod, Jr., after spending two days in jail was granted bail by Magistrate Wells on Saturday afternoon and released from confinement. If Mc-Leod should die from the wound Bradwell would be re-arrested and a new bond required before his release. The bond is for \$1,000, with H. Harby, W. B. Boyle and W. M. Graham as sure-

THE POSTMASTERSHIP.

Mr. Shore's Friends Confident of His Early Appointment.

Notwithstanding the statement made in the Washington correspondence of the News and Courier on July 4th, that Mr. Geo. D. Shore might not be reappointed postmaster at Sumter, Mr. Shore is still confident that he will shortly be reappointed by President Roosevelt and receive his commission.

His friends are confident that he will be the next postmaster, and neither the failure of the Senate to confirm his nomination nor the fact that he was not immediately reappointed by the President has lessened this confidence. The reappointment of Charleston, Postmaster Cunningham had been appointed U. S. Marshal for South Carolina and it was necessary to appoint his successor at once. There were a number of other presi dential appointments that the Senate failed to confirm and he has acted upon emergency appointments only, to which class the appointment of Maj. Micah Jenkins as Collector Revenue belongs, Collector Koester being out of office the day the Senate adjourned without confirming his appointment.

Mr. Shore is still a candidate for postmaster, and the impression that has gotten abroad in the community that he has abandoned the race is enrely misleading. On the other hard his friends are confident of his early

A DAY OF PIC NICS.

The Big Gathering of Woodmen of the World.

Last Friday was a day of picnics and barbecues, and the city was deserted by a large percentage of the male population, most of the men folks electing to celebrate the Fourth by going to the country.

The largest picnic of the day was the big Woodmen of the World picnic and barbecue at Graham's Grove on the boulevard in the suburbs of the city. Hollywood Camp has a membership of more than 250 and a majority of the members with their wives and children were present. Great preparations had been made and a bountiful repast of barbecued beef. mutton and pork was served with all the other seasonable viands and adjuncts that were needed to make up a first class picnic bill of fare. The large crowd spent a very pleasant and enjoyable day and everyone voted the Woodmen picnic a great success.

Shortly after dinner the rain and hail storm came up and broke up the picnic in short order. The wind blew a gale and the hail fell in such great quantities that the ground was covered in a few minutes. Nearly everyone got wet, and the women and children were terrified while the wind was at its worst.

The rain and hail storm Friday afternoon was entirely local and did not extend much beyond the city of assessment, and that the courts limits. On Graham's farm and on the have power to arrest acts of the State Manning road near the Hoyt place the storm was quite severe and there was an unusually heavy fall of hail. Trees were blown down and crops were badly cut up by the hail. A few est number of his advertisement from miles out of town there was neither

A Question of Color.

Columbia, July 7.—The following physicians have been appointed through the influence of Capt. John | ing station agents and others that Col. Salisbury, N. C., July 8.-Arch G. Capers pension examiners at this A. Tripp has been appointed Assistant under like circumstauces.

WHY THE DELGARS WON.

[By a Camden Coon.] Joe McCoy say dat Delguar win Fore de Lawd Joe, dat is er sin; For you know you hadn't orter When you know Camden couldn't get

Camden made de run in 16 flat, Look yer Joe! what you tink of dat? Delguar make it in seventeen 5-8 Which wid out preshure would ha bin

too late. When de Delguars run, de preshure bin so high, Dey trowd e wattah np t'ord de sky. But when Camden run, dey hold de noz'le low

Jest to gib dat wattah chance to flow, Yes, look yere nigger; you coal black Jes tell the burkra where dey chedk'd

de flow, Jes tell the burkra what mek some stables so wet, We know a few tings: We do you bet. One ting I'll say poet Joe to you,

REPLY TO CAMDEN POET.

Dis kind of controversy, hit won't do.

-Wateree Messenger.

By Joe McCoy. Camden boys seem to be offended, Just after the Fire Tournament is ended, But we don't like so many Budges, For the Tournament was controlled by earnest Judges,

The water stood alike all day long, Only Camden started the hose on When Jenkins jumped from Delgar wagon right,

To the hydrant he held the hose on tight, To the Grand Stand those horses did ran, George Warren held the nozzle in his

When he strucked the line, down he jumped, Then Ernst. Bultman that water did pump,

Now those boys they have done so Their wagon was made of yellow pine, Their nozzle was made out of tin, They broke the world's rekard when they came, in,

Now boys we dont want no fights, But we wants Camden to have her rights, Now we dont mean to insinuate, But Sumter boys don't hesitate,

If Camden did make it in 16 Flat, Sumter boys did not mind that For Sumter made it in 15 Flat And they broke the world's rekard with that. Now when Sumter boys made that

run, From the stage the cheers and echoes begun, Their colors was made of white and

You could see them waving as Sumter came through. Now Camden poet is out of sight, I hope they will win in Raleigh all

Now boys you must all be happy and Sumter will meet you the next time in Raleigh, Where Sumter boys will try to win, And if they get beat it is no sin,

Darkey Ways in Dixie.

We will meet you next time in Raleigh

Now we will bid you all adieu,

By Margaret A. Richard. The above is the title of a book of poems written in dialect, picturing the typical Southern negro, as he is in the land of his abode. His fanaticism in religion, his proneness to be "light-fingered" when opportunity offers, (especially when the proverbially loved watermelon and chicken are concerned); his various and amusing superstitions, and other things characteristic of him, are written of in a humorous wein. On the other hand, the author touches minor chords in singing of the love the faithful old servant bears for "Missus" and "Marsa"; of the prisoner serving a long sentence on the chain-gang for some minor offence; of the old and afflicted waiting patiently for the call to Heaven where gladness shall be theirs in the sweet "by-en-by." The book is illustrated with photographs from life, and is well adapted to fulfiling the purpose for whch it was designed, that of being offered as a souvenir of the South to all interested in the "cullud race," and especially to winter tourists from the North. Cloth, 12mo, one dollar. May be ordered through any bookseller, or will be sent postpaid for the price by The Abbey Press, Publishers, of one Hundred and Fourteen Fifth Avenue, New

Good Will of Newspapers.

The Supreme Court of Indiana held, in the recent case of Hart et al. vs. Smith et al., that the State Board of Tax Commissioners and other taxing officers have no authority to assess for taxation any species of property except such as the general assembly has selected to be taxed; that there is no law authorizing the taxation of the "good will" of newspapers and other businesses which does not inhere in any property strictly so-called owned by them; that shares of stock in the Associated Press are "taxable at their actual value, which the State Board has power to ascertain for the purpose Board of Tax Commissioners in excess of its jurisdiction in assessing property that is not legally taxable. The court found in this case that a proper assessment of the Associated Press stock and an improper assessment of good will could not be separated, and it held the entire assessment invalid.

Orders have been issued by the offi cials of the Southern Railway notifyand Marion, N. C., and Gaffney.

Wedgefield Items.

Wedgefield, July 9.—The rains of Monday and Tuesday were were welcomed by all; the crops were suffering badly, it being our first rain in seventeen days.

Dr. F. M. Dwight has moved up to Sherwood, his summer home. Rev. Louis J. Bristow is spending

some time with relatives at Darling-Miss Carrie Brown, of Branchville,

and Miss Fannie Nettles, of Privateer, are visiting at Mr. Jim Whilden's. Miss Annie Fort, of Mayesville, is spending some time with her brother,

Mr. W. G. Fort. We extend our sympathies to our fellow townsmen, Messrs. R. H. Ramsey, C. G. Keels, G. S. Hinson and D. C. Blackman, whose families are

A pleasant sociable was given at the home of Mr. W. H. Ramsey yesterday evening in honor of the visiting young ladies.

visiting in different parts of the State.

A FORGOTTEN STATUTE.

A Fool Law and Nearly Every Firm in South Carolina Violates it.

There is one law in the statute books which is violated by nearly every firm doing business in this State, and the Greenville News calls attention to it as follows:

"With hardly a single exception every merchant in Greenville has a signboard or plate in a conspicuous place at his or her business stand. In fact, such boards are noticeable in every

"In conversation with a reporter of the News, Major John H. Earle referred to the following section, which, on the contrary, is violated by nearly every merchant in Greenville:

"Section 143 of the Revised Statutes of South Carolina, vol. 1: 'Every mercantile partnership in this state, in addition to a proper or conspicuous signboard or plate containing the name and style of the firm, shall post up in some conspicuous place at the business stand and stands of the firm the given and surname of each member of the firm, under pain, in case of default, of being sued and proceeded against, without naming the individual members of the firm, and also of forfeiting and paying, individually and each, the sum of fifty dollars to any one who shall sue for the same, of each and every month they shall make such default as aforesaid. Every person conducting any business as agent shall post up and keep posted in like he was under treatment at the time of manner the name of his or her principal, under the like penalty.' "

SLAPPED AND SPANKED.

Editor of the Greenville News Assaulted by Hub Evans on Account of Defamatory Communication of Anonymous Correspondent.

Special to The State. Greenville, July 7.—A personal altercation took place tonight in front of The Daily News office between H. H. Evans of Newberry and J. K. Blackman, editor of the Greenville News. Mr. Evans came here this afternoon to make a pressing demand upon the editor of The News for the authorship of an article signed "A Looker on in Vienna," which appeared in Saturday's issue, and alleged that a member of the State dispensary board living in Newberry had profited largely by his connection therewith -buying farms, wearing diamonds,

Evans telegraphed the editor of The News Saturday night asking for the name of the writer, to which the following response was made: We decline without his consent to give the name of author of the article to which we presume you refer, and unless you are prepared to deny its truth, we do not recognize your right to demand anything about it. We are responsible for the article. —Editor Greenville News.

Soon after reaching Greenville this afternoon Mr. Evans saw the business manager, Mr. J. F. Richardson, who disclaimed any responsibility for the the stock yards in Chicago to northpublication of or knowledge of the article before its publication and at Evans' suggestion he telephoned Mr. B ackman, who said that he was unwell, to which Evans replied that he would stay here until Blackman got | tions and the cost are already definite-

Between 7 and 8 o'clock Blackman went to the office, Mr. Evans crossed from the Mansion house and accosted him, telling him that he had come for the name that he had been refused, to which Blackman replied that he would not give it. Evans then asked if he stood by the telegram and if he was the man who sent it, to which no affirmative answer was given, when Evans immediately landed a left handed lick upon Blacman's face, knockking him down, beating him severely and then taking him across the lap and spanking him. No weapons were drawn or used, and Evans was not

Evans was at once arrested by the police, and friends went with him to the residence of Mayor Jones, who released him upon \$10 for his appearance to answer for disorderly conduct. Evans preferred no charge against News office.

all blame for its publication.

EDITOR OF THE GREENVILLE NEWS MAKES A STATEMENT.

According to His Version He Was Struck Before He Knew What Was Up.

Special to The State. Greenville, July 8.—The following has been handed to the correspondent of The State this afternoon, and is intended to correct some portions of the account given in today's State of the altercation between Messrs. H. H. Evans and J. K. Blackman, the facts being given to your correspondent last night by Mr. Evans, who was the only one of the parties accessible at the time, and the honr was too late for investigation. Mr. Evans can make his own comments upon the discrepancies as to what took place when they met in front of The News office, which is the only material difference in their statements.

Blackman's story, corroborated by several witnesses, is as folows:

"After getting Mr. Richardson'

message that Mr. Evans was in the city and wanted to see me, I got up from a sick bed and went down to The News office between 7 and 8 o'clock, as I had said I would do. I was met near the bottom of the steps, leading from the ground up to our offices, by Mr. Evans-as I learned afterward. He approached me and asked if I was Mr. Blackman, and, upon being answered affirmatively, held out a copy of the telegram I had sent him Saturday night, asking if that was my message. I looked at it and replied that it was. I was standing partly sidewise to him reading the telegram and before I could raise my head he muttered; 'Then I'll kill you,' and struck me a terrific blow from behind, landing about the base of the brain at the back of the head. I fell forward semi-conscious. He continued to beat me after I was down. I was helpless, the blow on the back of the head having temporarily paralyzed me. I was entirely unarmed, but had I had an arsenal I would have been powerless to use it, from the fact that the attack came so unexpectedly and from the rear. I had no idea of impending trouble, and had Mr. Evans asked for the name of the author of the article, asserting its incorrectness, I should certainly have endeavored to obtatin the author's consent to give it

STILL PARTIALLY PARALYZED Mr. Blackman's physician stated today that for two days past Mr Blackman had been suffering from an acute attack of cholera morbus, for which the assault. He saw Mr. Blackman about a half hour after Monday evening's occurrence, and again Tuesday morning and afternoon. 'Ie told a reporter that Mr. Blackman was suffering from concussion of the brain caused by a blown on the back of the head at the base of the brain, similar to what might obtain in a person who had been sand-bagged, and that the resultant partial paralysis in the limbs still persists at this writing. He hopes to have Mr. Blackman out in a day or two.

A New Food For Cattle.

It is understood that plans that were first taken into consideration about a year ago have been developed in the last few months to the point where some of the great packing establishments in Chicago have begun experiments on what may prove a revolution of the cattle industry of the country. The project involves the settlement of several hundred thousand acres of what is at present nearly valueless land in northern and northwestern Florida and southern Alabama, the cultivation on a large scale of the cassava root and its use in feeding cattle and hogs. If the plan develops, as it is now in the minds of the leading packers, the southern states will become a great cattle-raising center. It is stated that arrangements are now being made for the accommodation of a considerable number of cattle to be shipped from ern Florida to be fed on cassava root. The results of the fattening process will be compared with similar work in the west, regarding which the condily known. The result obtained will determine the future of the cassava

HE WAS 113 YEARS OLD

Remarkable Case of Longevity in Marlboro County.

Bennettsville, July 8.-Jeremiah Polson, the oldest man ever known in this section, died at his home ten miles southeast of Bennettsville last Friday and was buried at the Haskew cemetery, near Clio Saturday. He claimed to be 113 years old, and he claim is not doubted by those who knew him. The oldest citizens of this place remember him as an old Blackman, who was carried into The man in their boyhood. He has a numerous progeny, and some of his grand children are now old men and Bishop Alexander Coke Smith.

'The General Conference did well in the election of Bishops, when E. E. Hoss and A. Coke Smith were elected to the Episcopacy. I voted for the latter at Baltimore in 1898. If I had been a voter at Dallas, I would have voted for both of them. A good deal of merited praise has been published about both of these godly men recently. I have cordially endorsed all I have seen. We have made no mistake in making these two brethren Bishops.

A personal word about our Bishop Coke Smith. I knew him before he was a preacher. I knew his exxcellent and now sainted father and mother. When I was in charge of Bishopville Circuit in 1871 and 2, Rev W. H. Smith, the Bishop's father, a saintly and useful local pracher on the Lynchburg Circuit, used to come occasionally to my appointments and sometimes to help me at my protracted meetings. Our common work and our mental sympathies brought us close together. This relationship was cemented still more closely through my interest in his promising son, and my outspoken admiration for him, after that he came into the conference and soon took a very high stand among the brethren.

I have written all this to mention a short correspondence between the father and me about the then rising son. After he-the coming Bishophad been five or six years in the ministry; he helped in protracted meetings which I frequently attended. I was delighted and edified with his preaching; and sat down and wrote to my friend, his father, about it. The old gentleman's reply I shall never forget. It was so sensible and candid and true to the occasion. He said that he had discovered early in the life of his son, his brilliant ability, and at first feared that his head might be turned by the spontaneous praise he was receiving. But said the thankful father, "whenever I have heard him he just preached the plain and simple gospel." And so it has always been when I have heard him. Like the Apostle, he preaches not himself but Christ Jesus the Lord (2 Cor. 4:5) I am so glad that our younger preachers are to have just such a model and inspiration as is promised in the magnettic and Apostolic ministry of Bishop Coke Smith as he goes in and out amongst us. -S. A. Weber in Southern Christian Advocate.

Bennettsville, July 8 .-- Arch D. Gray was yesterday excluded from the Bennettsville Baptist Church because he had become a Mormon. The Mormons have been doing missionary work in this country for several years and have established a church with a dozen or more members five miles west of town.

Seattle, Wash., July S.-Harry Tracey, the convict who has killed six men and wounded several others since June 9, is being hotly pursued by men and dogs in the country southeast of Seattle and will probably be slain or captured within a few hours. His pursuers who have with them two fine bloodhounds are only a short distane behind him.

Bennettsville, July 8.—Yesterday afternoon while a crowd of colored youths were swimming in Crooked creek, in the edge of town, Pat Richardson tied Mat Thomas' clothes into knots. Mat was angered and attacked Pat with a scantling, fracturing the latter's skull. He has since been unconscious and is not expected to recover. Thomas escaped.

The Skin of My Teeth.

In the book of Job appears the sentence. "I am escaped with the skin of my teeth." which is modernized "by the skin of my teeth" and gives the idea of a narrow escape, one so close as to be just by the thickness of the skin on the teeth, which is so thin that no microscopist has yet been able to find it. "To cast in the teeth" means to throw defiant reproaches or insults spitefully, as one would cast a stone at the exposed teeth of a snarling dog. "Tooth and nail" denotes the manner of an action full of freuzied fury. typified by biting and scratching, as when two belligerent cats make the fur fly.

A Diligent Police Official. A man who was "wanted" in Russia had been photographed in six different positions, and the pictures were duly circulated among the police departments. The chief of one of these wroter to headquarters a few days after the issue of the set of portraits and stated: "Sir, I have duly received the portrait of the six miscreants whose capture is desired. I have arrested five of them. and the sixth is under observation and will be secured shortly.'

According to Gunter.

The phrase "according to Gunter" remains in our language as a perpetual memory of Gunter, the English mathematician, who was born in 1581 and died in 1626. Almost to the present time the works of Gunter were considered standard. He was the inventor of the surveyor's chain, of the logarithmic line, of the quadrant, of the scale bearing his name, and anything in mathematics to be right must be "according

