

S. A. L. CHARLESTON BOUND?

LAYING OF 80-POUND RAILS REGARDED AS SIGNIFICANT.

From Hartsville Towards Bishopville and on to Sumter, Laying of Heavy Rails Taken to Mean Extension to Charleston.

Hartsville, S. C., March 12.—The South Carolina Western (Seaboard) has begun laying rails from this point toward Lyda and Bishopville, and the work already extends four miles out of town and laying of the track is progressing at a rapid rate. The rails on this road are 80 pounds in weight and there must be some significance in this fact. It is not usual for this weight rail to be laid on short lines; it is about the heaviest rail used on any railroad hereabouts. Many believe that this road will be continued on from Sumter to Charleston and that the connection with the Clinchfield Railroad at Bostic will give the Seaboard plenty of coal to carry to Charleston through Charlotte, Monroe, McBee, Hartsville and Sumter.

The line to Bishopville should be in operation within six weeks, and it is said that the road will be in full operation by June through to Sumter.

COTTON DISEASES CURABLE.

Loss from Wilt and Black Root Unnecessary, Says Department.

Washington, March 11.—Attention was directed by the department of agriculture, in a special circular today, to the spread of cotton wilt and black root, or knot root, in cotton, which has occurred in scattered localities from North Carolina to Texas and are estimated to cause an annual loss exceeding ten million dollars.

"There are thousands of acres of land already so infested that ordinary varieties of cotton cannot be grown, and the area enlarges each year," says the report.

"In addition to the loss of crops, this land has depreciated in market value; it costs more to cultivate and the farmer often must use it for crops less profitable than cotton. This situation is unfortunate because it is unnecessary. These diseases may be controlled."

The circular describes in detail means of controlling these two diseases.

HALF OF HEAD BLOWN OFF.

Calhoun County Boy's Awful Death While Hunting.

St. Matthews, March 9.—Perry Dantzer, a colored boy 13 years of age, on the farm of Mrs. A. M. Jennings, in this county, met with a horrible accidental death this afternoon, while hunting. Two smaller boys were with him. Coroner Spigener held an inquest and all the signs tended to show that when he stumbled the hammer of the gun struck a pine log and blew off about half of his head. His brains were scattered over the log and leaves nearby.

OCONEE WOMAN KILLS HERSELF.

Uses Shotgun, Pulling Trigger with Toe—Dies Almost Instantly.

Walhalla, March 9.—Mrs. Teague, wife of William Teague, committed suicide at the home of B. D. Isbell, about two miles west of Walhalla, Friday evening about 6 o'clock, using a shotgun. It seems that the act was deliberately planned. She removed one shoe and stocking, leaving her foot entirely free, and with her toe pulled the trigger of the gun, sending a load of shot into her abdomen and breast, resulting in almost instant death.

SPOKE IN TIMMONSVILLE.

Rev. J. L. Harley Referred to Union Times Fire.

Timmons ville, March 11.—Rev. J. L. Harley, superintendent of the Anti-Saloon league, made two addresses in Timmons ville. In the afternoon he addressed a man's meeting at the armory. At this meeting he held a hand primary, and all, except one, voted for closing up the dispensary at Timmons ville. About 175 men were present at this meeting.

In the evening he addressed a large audience at the Baptist church. In the course of his address Mr. Harley reviewed the liquor fight in Union county, and said that the threat of the liquor people to burn down the Union Times plant had been carried out last week, when the plant was destroyed by fire.

Many sufferers from rheumatism have been surprised and delighted with the prompt relief afforded by applying Chamberlain's Liniment. Not one case of rheumatism in ten requires any internal treatment whatever. This liniment is for sale by all dealers.

TO WAR AGAINST MERGER.

GOVERNMENT FILES BRIEF IN CASE OF HARRIMAN COMBINE.

In Written Argument for Highest Tribunal Department of Justice Censures Inferior Judges' Ruling.

Washington, March 12.—The government's fight to split the merger of the Union Pacific and Southern Pacific railway systems opened today in the supreme court of the United States. Attorney General Wickersham and his special assistants, Frank B. Kellogg and C. A. Severance, filed a comprehensive brief of their arguments to be made orally in court shortly after April 1, when the legality of the merger will be presented for decision.

In addition to the brief of arguments, a second brief of 600 pages was required to set forth the "facts" in the case.

The court was told in the second brief that the railroad combination which ought to be dissolved originated with E. H. Harriman, John H. Schiff and associates. It brought under a common control, the government claims, the Union Pacific, the Southern Pacific, the San Pedro, Los Angeles and Salt Lake, with various ocean steamship lines, among which was the Pacific Mail Steamship company, which forms a part of the Panama route from New York to San Francisco, and, in addition, had secured an influential voice in the management of the Atchison, Topeka and Santa Fe Railway company.

The government criticized severely the circuit court of appeals of the Eighth circuit which dismissed the petition for dissolution of the merger, Judge Hook alone dissenting. The brief declares that the government could not understand how the court below got the impression that the government did not claim that the Union Pacific was a competitor of the Southern Pacific for any business originating nearer than a thousand miles or more away from its lines.

"This statement is contrary to the claim of the government in the petition and in argument," says the brief "and is contrary to the evidence of scores of witnesses."

The decision is attacked because the court held the Union Pacific could not be a competitor of the Southern Pacific by reason of the fact that its traffic moved to California points over the Southern Pacific from Ogden.

"Is it possible," asked the brief, "that the Union Pacific with its thousands of miles of railway and steamship lines reaching from the Missouri river to Portland and San Francisco has no appreciable effect on commerce in its competition with another complete system reaching the same general territory?"

The government declared the trial court was wrong in holding two railroads could not be competitors unless the competitive business could be handled by them wholly over their own rails. Instead of there being no impairments of service, the government asserted, the merger has resulted in the gross increase of rates, the prevention of the construction of new lines into competitive territory and a "sensible deterioration" of service.

Government attorneys contend that the "rule of reason" applied by the supreme court in the Standard Oil company and Tobacco cases was not to be applied in this merger.

"The court did not decide that where it appears that there is a restraint upon two great systems of competing roads," said the government, "it is proper for it to substitute its judgment as to whether such restraint is reasonable or unreasonable. Such restraints were declared illegal in these cases."

FIRE TUESDAY NIGHT.

Two Story Structure Belonging to J. D. Diggs Destroyed—Building of Jake Singleton Damaged.

The fire department was called on Tuesday night shortly after midnight to fight a fire at the corner of Bartlette and Purdy streets. The department had a hard time to prevent the fire from spreading to adjacent buildings but finally it was extinguished without any other building burning, although one owned by Jake Singleton was somewhat damaged by the flames.

The house on fire was said to be vacant at the time. It was the property of J. D. Diggs, a negro, and was a two story frame structure. The house was completely destroyed.

A notice has been received from the secretary of State by the clerk of court that Gov. Blease has appointed for rural policemen in this county the three men recommended by the county board and that their commissions will be forwarded as soon as their bond is sent to the secretary of State to be filed.

OFFICERS COMMEND COMPANY

CAPT. McMASTER SAYS SUMTER LIGHT INFANTRY IS IN GOOD CONDITION.

Inspection Was Held in Armory Hall Last Night and Company Made Good Showing—Inspecting Officers Made Remarks—Spectators Present.

The annual inspection of the Sumter Light Infantry, Company L, National Guard of South Carolina, was held Tuesday night in the Armory Hall and as usual the company received only complimentary remarks from the inspecting officers. There were a number of spectators present at the inspection who manifested much interest in the doings of the company and the work of the inspectors. Among these were the chaplain, Rev. J. P. Marion, and surgeon, Dr. H. M. Stuckey.

Besides the members of the company the staff officers attached to headquarters at this place were also present and came in for their share of attention from the inspecting officers. Capt. McMaster and Adj. Gen. Moore arrived in the city Tuesday morning and spent the day in looking over the armory and the equipment, also visiting the rifle range during the day.

The inspection was somewhat late in commencing and took a considerable time, Capt. McMaster going somewhat out of the way of such things by lecturing to the men in the company on the new drill regulations and in giving an illustration of extended order drill during the ceremony. He examined all of the equipment and pronounced it in good condition, as well as were all of the guns except one. He told the men how to clean their rifles and the value of keeping the guns in good condition in order to obtain effective firing. He also stressed the value of thinking in carrying out the new drill regulations, which gave each man great chance to execute orders in his own way. He stated that the most particular feature of the uniform was the shoe and warned the men in the selection of their encampment shoes.

When Capt. McMaster had ended his lecture to the men Gen. Moore made a short speech, telling the men that they must support those men for office who would do most for the militia. He complimented Dr. Geo. W. Dick, a member of the Ways and Means Committee, of the manner in which he had worked for an appropriation for the National Guards at the recent session of the General Assembly.

After the company was dismissed a short talk concerning the new drill regulations was held with the officers and the value of teaching the various features of soldier's life to the men.

REPORT OF POLICE COMMITTEE.

Number of Arrests Made and Fines and Days Imposed on Persons Convicted.

The following report of arrests with sentences of fines and days during February was made Tuesday night by Mr. Wright.

Officer.	Arrests.	Fines Paid.	Days
J. K. Bradford.	2	10.00	60
J. M. Barwick.	6	140.00	
A. D. Owens.	6	125.00	30
H. G. McKagen.	18	124.00	120
G. D. Hatchell.	11	38.00	130
T. P. Ward.	8	145.00	
P. Gallagher.	0	0	
W. A. Tribble.	0	0	
W. J. McKagen.	7	50.50	85
Total.	38	\$633.50	425

LAST CROSSES OF HONOR TO BE GIVEN.

After Awards This Spring The Practice Will be Discontinued.

Confederate Veterans who have not Crosses of Honor are asked to make application for blanks to Mrs. Lila D. Knight, West Hampton avenue, Sumter. In making application, state whether or not you are a member of a camp.

The general convention of the Daughters of the Confederacy has decided to discontinue giving Crosses of Honor, and May 10th is the last date that the Sumter Chapter can give the crosses. It is important, therefore, that every Veteran, or descendant of Veterans, who has not yet received a cross should apply at once for the necessary blank.

Scarborough for Clerk.

Mr. H. L. Scarborough is nominated in a card appearing today for Clerk of Court. Mr. Scarborough served the county as Treasurer for several terms and would have continued in this office had he not declined to be a candidate for re-election. He was one of the most efficient and deserved popular officials this county has ever had.

WOULD SAVE MILLIONS.

SMOOT PROPOSES REFORM IN PUBLIC PRINTING.

Utah Man Tells Statesmen of Results of Investigation of Government's Printing Office.

Washington, March 12.—Reforms galore in the nation's public printing, estimated to save the government millions of dollars, were described to the senate today in a statement by Senator Smoot on the seven years' work of the printing investigating committee in the preparation of the bill revising all the laws relating to printing. Mr. Smoot said the commission discovered ten million practically worthless documents accumulated in Washington within 17 years and he believes that the actual loss due to defective methods of distributing public documents had cost not less than \$25,000,000 in 17 years. He said that not even the presidents of the United States have had such discretionary power except in war emergencies as public printers have had in expending for printing machinery and material more than \$1,000,000 in one year without approval or advice of any government officer.

Senator Smoot said the committee which so far has cost the government less than \$35,000, had effected a saving of several million dollars and he estimated \$600,000 annual saving in further economies, besides stopping the sending of prints of millions of useless publications through the mails.

The bill he advocated would effect a permanent organization for the government printing office.

MASONS WANT COUNCIL IN SUMTER.

Masons Go to Orangeburg to Make Petition for Council Here.

A party of masons went to Orangeburg Tuesday afternoon to file a petition with the commandery there that a council be established in Sumter. The matter will be taken up later and it is probable that the result will be the establishment of a council at this place.

Those in the party who went Tuesday afternoon and returned to Sumter Wednesday morning were: Bartow Walsh, H. L. Scarborough, W. R. Parker, R. A. Bradham, J. A. Parish, J. C. Cooper, Junius Parrott.

Arrested for Stealing a Cow.

Anthony Felder, colored, was arrested Tuesday for stealing a cow. The animal was said to be the property of William and Fanny James, white.

Felder was arrested by D. W. Owens, the jailer, who had purchased the cow from Felder on condition that he would get back his money if it were found that the cow had been stolen. Mr. Owens got back his money when he made the arrest. An effort was later made by the owners of the animal to have the case dropped, but Judge Wells refused to do this.

Surveyors are now at work running a line from a point on the North-western railroad midway between Dolzell and Seals' siding toward Meritts Cross Roads and Rose Hill.

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