

S. F. FLOWERS SHOT.

ATTEMPTS TO END HIS LIFE IN OFFICE AT COURT HOUSE.

Shot Himself Twice with Pistol and Was in Dying Condition When Discovered—Was Confederate Veteran and Coroner of Sumter County.

From The Daily Item, June 16.

Samuel F. Flowers, coroner of Sumter county, this morning tried to end to his own life by shooting himself in the head with a pistol, which he had taken to his office in the basement of the court house. Two shots were fired, the alarm being given immediately after the second shot and the poor old man was found in a dying condition seated in his chair.

The doctor was summoned at once and Mr. A. R. Flowers, a son, was notified of the shooting. It was only a few minutes before the news of the attempted suicide spread over town and many of his friends gathered around the body of the dying man whom none could help. The body was allowed to remain seated in the chair, with the pistol in his hand which was lying in his lap, until the doctor arrived, when preparations were made and the body was stretched out on a canvas on the floor. There was nothing that the doctor could do to aid, as the bullet had penetrated the brain and there was no hope.

Those in the court house heard the first shot and some of them remarked on it, but no further notice was taken until the second was fired, two or three minutes later. The negro janitor, who was working in the basement, then gave the alarm and investigation revealed the sad event which had occurred.

Mr. Flowers had been in bad health for a long time and had been on a noticeable decline for the past few months. It is thought that his state of health brought about a mental condition which was the cause of his act. The shooting took place at 11.25 o'clock and it was thought death would follow in a few minutes, but at 4 o'clock Mr. Flowers was still in the same dying condition.

Mr. Flowers was seventy-three years of age and was one of the oldest of Sumter's native residents. He was a Confederate veteran, having enlisted and entered service in the Sumter Guards, the first company to go from here to the scene of battle. Later in 1861 he enlisted in Garden's Battery, in which he served during the remainder of the war. At home on a furlough, he was one of those to participate in the battle of Dingle's mill. He was employed in a clerical position in Sumter for many years. For the past ten years he has been coroner of Sumter county, having been elected for his third term two years ago.

He is survived by two sons, Messrs. Allen R. and Julian Flowers and one daughter, Mrs. H. W. Sholar. His wife also survives him.

Funeral of Mr. S. F. Flowers.

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The funeral services over the remains of Coroner S. F. Flowers were held this afternoon at 4 o'clock from the residence on Haskell street and the interment took place at the cemetery immediately following, a large number of former friends and relatives being present to pay their tribute of respect to the dead.

Mr. Flowers died last night at about 10 o'clock, having never regained consciousness after receiving his fatal wound. He was taken from Mr. Hurst's undertaking establishment to his late residence early this morning.

Master Donald Auld Entertains.

Master Donald Auld celebrated his ninth birthday on last Saturday afternoon by entertaining a number of his little friends from 5 to 7 o'clock. After a number of games were played, the little folks wended their way to the dining room, where delightful refreshments were served.

The table was beautifully decorated, pink being the color scheme.

Among those to enjoy his hospitalities were:

Reba Spann, Alva Spann, Ward Morgan, Allie Andrews, Orrice Andrews, Gladys Barringer, Angie Stoull, emire, Lucille Lynam, Helen Ingram, Ollie Brown, Guignard Wilder, James Felder, Florence Hurst, Emma Hurst, Don Blanding, Jack Wright, Richard Wright, Willie McKagen, Marion Foxworth, Daisy White, Randolph Guthrie, Henry Ligon, Genie Buck, Edward Buck, Carlton Whilden, Lucille Pate Cox, Clarice Wise, Tess Sternberger, Catherine Sternberger.

Miss Maurine Ligon has gone to Atlantic City and New York for a stay at those places.

Malaria or Chills & Fever

Preparation No. 686 is prepared especially for MALARIA or CHILLS & FEVER. Five or six doses will break any case, and if taken then as a tonic the Fever will not return. It acts on the liver better than Colocyn and does not grip or sicken. 25c

AGRICULTURE IN THE SCHOOLS

PRACTICAL COURSES GIVEN IN FARM METHODS.

W. W. Long, State Agent, Discusses Demonstration Work in South Carolina.

Columbia, June 16.—A practical course in agriculture is being given the public school children in South Carolina. It is possible for a boy or girl who can not afford to attend an agricultural school to get three years of soil building and crop rotation, two years of animal husbandry, and a year of study of plant diseases and insect pests.

W. W. Long, State agent of the United States farm demonstration work, who was in Columbia yesterday, spoke enthusiastically of the work.

"At the present time," said Mr. Long, "farm demonstration work is being carried on in connection with 143 schools in this State. Each school is visited by the county farm demonstration agent for the purpose of taking the children on the plots and teaching them in a practical way the principles of soil building, the home mixing of fertilizers, cultural methods, and in the fall, seed selection.

"In every case where the teacher has taken an interest the work has been eminently successful. The fact that the children have the lesson written on the ground rather than in text books aroused interest that is not very difficult to maintain. In some of the schools the agents have been so successful that 75 per cent of the children not only can figure out fertilizer formulas but seem to have an intelligent idea of the effect of the different plant foods.

"It was my good fortune to be able to visit some of these schools during the spring months and to have the children out on the plots covered with vetch and clover. It was of the greatest interest to see the little fellows pulling up vetch plants and clover plants looking for the nodules, and to hear them talk of bacteria and just what bacteria were surprising.

"They would be hunting for these nodules as the children of my childhood hunted for eggs on the farm to see how many they could find. The department at Washington had an expert to visit a number of these schools recently and he was so much pleased that a bulletin will be published describing the method of teaching practical agriculture in these schools.

"It is our purpose next year to put on a course in the simple fundamentals of animal husbandry. The third year we will have a simple course in plant diseases and insect pests. The boy who attends one of these schools and is in earnest and works under a teacher who is interested, can get three years of soil building and crop rotation, two years of animal husbandry and a year of study of plant diseases and insect pests. This would give him a pretty good foundation with which to pursue the study of agriculture in an intelligent way if he could not attend an agricultural college.

NITRATE OF SODA PRICES.

W. W. Long Warns Farmers of the State.

Columbia, June 16.—South Carolina farmers should avoid rushing into contracts for nitrate of soda to be delivered in 1915, according to W. W. Long, State agent, who was in Columbia yesterday.

"I have received," he said, "a number of letters from farmers stating that dealers were offering them contracts for the purchase of nitrate of soda for next year's delivery at \$3 a ton less than last spring prices. They have requested me to advise them just what to do in this matter.

"I am not in a position to know anything more than they do, but it strikes me that I should be very loath to enter into a contract at this time for the purchase of nitrate of soda to be delivered next spring in face of the fact that the Panama canal will be opened the latter part of this year or the first of next and that the nitrate of soda mines of Chili will be about 3,000 miles nearer to us than at the present time. The tremendous saving in ocean freight will necessarily mean a considerable reduction in the price of nitrate of soda.

"The very fact that the dealers are so anxious at this time, which is very unusual to say the least, to make contracts naturally makes one believe that there is a 'negro' in the wood pile' somewhere.

"Our distributing points for nitrate of soda will be Charleston and Savannah out of Valparaiso."

Philadelphia, June 16.—Edward McCarick, a police sergeant, this afternoon, identified the body of a boy found floating down the Delaware river today as that of his nephew, Warren McCarick. The search for the McCarick boy has been country-wide.

PARIS HIT BY CYCLONE.

FIFTEEN KILLED IN TERRIFIC STORM MONDAY NIGHT.

Several of the Principal Streets Wrecked by Bursting Sewers and Rushing Waters—Damages Will Exceed Two Million Dollars.

Paris, June 16.—Fifteen are dead today and two and a half millions dollars damage was done by the cyclone which raged last night over Paris and environs. Many roadways collapsed and floods poured from the bursting sewers. Soldiers and workmen today are clearing away the debris and searching for corpses. Some bodies which were carried through the sewers into the Seine will probably never be found.

Great chasms fifteen and twenty feet deep were torn in the streets by the rushing waters. St. Lazaire, Place de la Opera, Rue Boetis, St. Augustine, St. Philippe and Avenue D'Antin were the worst damaged.

Miss Kathryn Moore, of Columbia, is visiting Miss Reese Chandler.

Mrs. Julian Chandler has returned from Marion. She was accompanied by her niece, Miss Ruthupó.

M'LAURIN NOT IN RACE.

LIST CLOSED AT NOON TODAY WITH ELEVEN GUBERNATORIAL CANDIDATES.

Cansler of Tirzah Signs up at East Minute for Another Race for Railroad Commissioner—Marlboro Man Who Has Been Talked of for Months as Probable Candidate for Governor or Senate Falls to Specify.

Columbia, June 16.—Cansler, of Tirzah, the unfailing candidate for Railroad Commissioner was the only new candidate when the lists closed today at noon.

John L. McLaurin did not enter for anything.

L. M. Gasque, of Florence, is unopposed for solicitor of the 12th circuit.

The official list as given out by State Chairman John Gary Evans showed eleven candidates for governor, four for lieutenant governor, two for adjutant general, two for attorney general, six for railroad commissioner and one each for superintendent of education, State treasurer, secretary of State and commissioner of agriculture.

VILLA'S AGENTS SAY NO.

DENY SERIOUS BREAK BETWEEN COMMANDER AND CHIEF.

Says That a "Mistake" Has Been Made. However, Villa's Men Continue to Hold Juarez and Their Leader's Objective Attainments are Much in Doubt.

El Paso, June 17.—There was no serious break between Villa and Carranza, according to Villa's agents at Juarez. Despite the fact that Villa's soldiers seized the customs house and reins of the civil government at Juarez, representatives of Villa explained today that a "mistake" had been made. Juarez, however, remains in control of Villa's men. An unconfirmed report says Villa is about to start from Torreon for Juarez. Thirty Carranza officials were arrested when Juarez was seized and put aboard a special train sent to Chihuahua City under heavy guard. Wires are under strict censorship. Indications are that Villa is preparing for aggressive action.

Dorchester, Mass., June 17.—Frost fell in this vicinity this morning. Snow fell for four minutes.

Lamentations of Lost Desire; More Pitiful than Jeremiah.

The picture puzzles come and go, And fill the land with heavy woe, In feverish haste we scan "The State," And know what's right, alas! too late. The Kitten was that lean old cat, Meowling on the walk he sat— While round him flew the brush and bat.

The Dame, who looks so very good, While posing in her solitude, With burning lamp and boiling pot, I'll warrant many guessteth not; The public has received a shock, She's sitting down to mend her sock. "Comrades in Arms" their troubles share,

"The Firing Line" does not appear. And so our brains have gone to waste, Our pennies, patience, time and paste, Matrons and Maids of high degree, Are groaning in their misery. Their castles high have tumbled down, They'll spend the summer close in town.

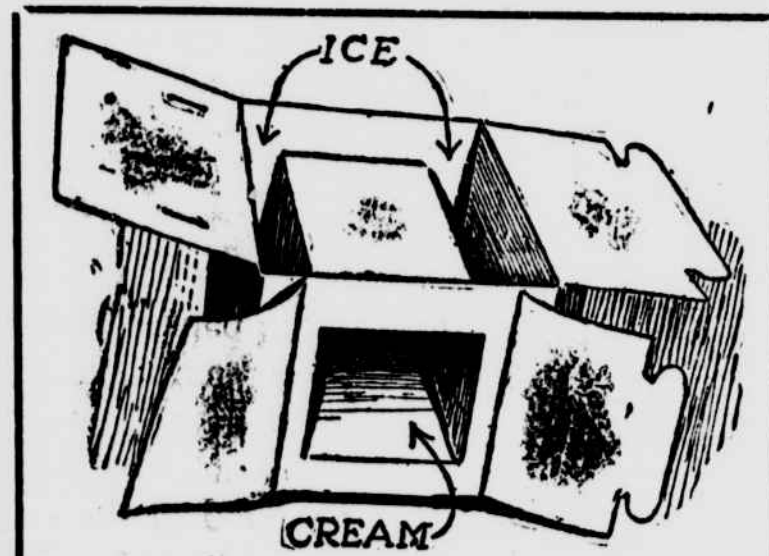
No drifting over summer seas! No cooling in the sea-shore breeze. No solace comes where'er they look! They've lost the pretty picture book!

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Miss Mattie Hill, of Wisacky, is visiting Miss Bessie Hood.

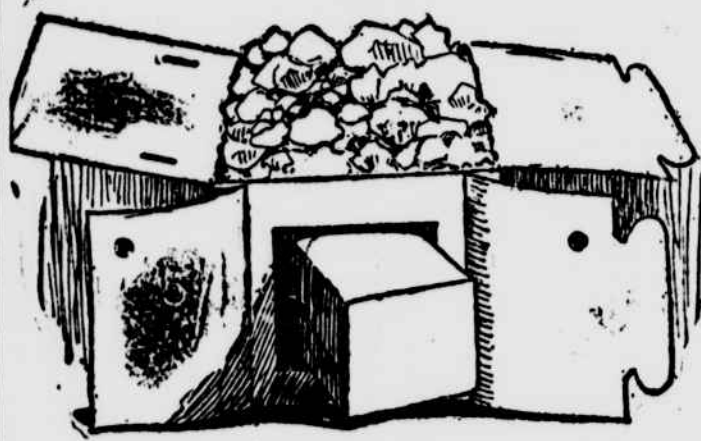
THIS IS THE "ROGER'S WAY"



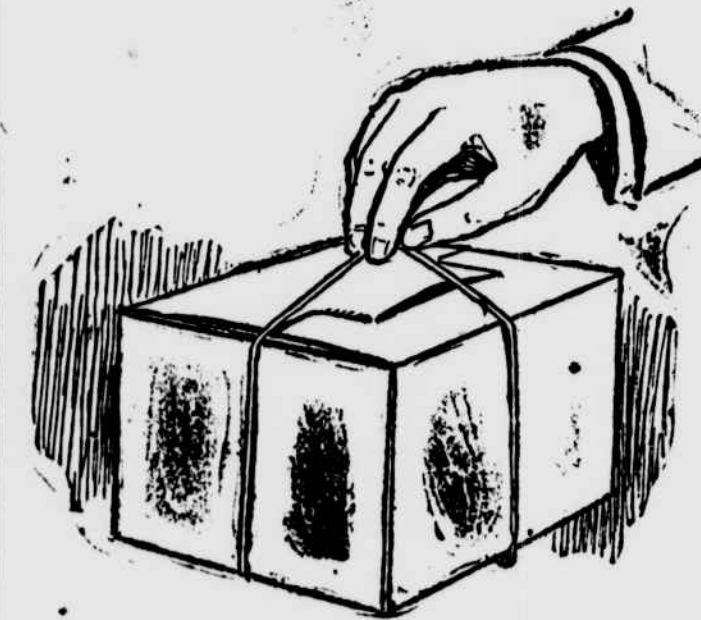
And Explains why Rogers Factories Serve You the "Cream" of the Ice Cream Trade.

The Rogers Box—empty, showing its patented construction, which is the greatest improvement in packing brick cream in the ice-cream world today.

The cream compartment in the centre, surrounded by ice, keeps cream in perfect condition for hours.



Showing the Rogers Box packed with cream and ice. It is impossible for the salty ice or water to reach the cream. It's easy to remove the brick, use part and replace the remainder in box where it will keep for hours. When used, throw the box away.



When closed the box is easy to carry. If you're down town and decide you want to take home some cream, the Rogers Box is just the thing. Makes a compact, neat package, easy to carry—no annoying dripping.

You can now carry a brick of delicious Ice Cream for miles on the hottest day, or you can take it home in the morning, and serve it long after dinner—all made possible by the patented "Rogers" Ice Cream box.

The Rogers box is absolutely sanitary—used only one time. You don't have to worry about whether the old bucket that formerly served as a cream carrier is thoroughly cleaned or not.

The Rogers box insures your cream remaining firm because it is packed right in the center of an ice coating and yet no ice or salty water can touch the cream.

The Rogers box is convenient—it is a neat package, when closed, that you don't mind carrying. You wouldn't know it was cream, judging from the package, it's made so handily.

Rogers Ice Cream Bricks, any flavor, packed in Rogers boxes, are the ideal refreshment to serve after dinner, after tea, or for a party or when your friends drop in for a chat, or anytime that a pure, delicious refreshment is wanted.

Suppose you drop in to-day or phone us to send you some cream packed the "ROGERS WAY"—You'll be genuinely surprised that cream can be made so good or packed so well. Phone us a large order or a small one. We give the same attention to both.

If it is more convenient to you—phone your druggist, he will supply you with Rogers Ice Cream Bricks, packed the "Rogers Way"

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