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## Palmetto Affairs

The News of South Carolina in Condensed Form

### A WOULD-BE SUICIDE.

**Mrs. Mamie Roseman Attempts Her Own Life.**  
Manning, Special.—Mrs. Mamie Roseman of Alcolu endeavored to take her own life by taking an overdose of laudanum, but fortunately she was found before the poison had taken sufficient effect to put her beyond recovery. It was later sought to find out if possible the reason for this attempt at suicide and from the information gained it seems that some time ago this Mrs. Roseman and a Mr. Barfield had a misunderstanding about a dog of one of the parties eating some chickens belonging to the other. They met and had a fight, Mrs. Roseman striking Mrs. Barfield, whereupon Mrs. Barfield prosecuted her for assault and battery and the case was sent up to the present court, Mrs. Roseman giving \$500 bond for her appearance. She has been revived but is not yet out of danger.

### Railroad Assessment Raised.

Columbia, Special.—The figures on the assessments for the railroads doing business in South Carolina will be made public in a few days. The assessments were practically decided upon by the State board of railroad assessors some time ago, but there has been much discussion as to the basis for taxation. It is understood that the Southern railway has been assessed on a basis of \$20,000,000, which is a raise of about \$6,000,000, and the Atlantic Coast Line on a basis of \$14,000,000, a raise of about \$3,000,000. There has been no material change in the assessments of the Seaboard Air Line Railway. On the increased assessment the two roads would pay \$45,000 additional to the State on the 5-mill levy for general purposes and \$27,000 on the constitutional 3-mill tax for schools not to speak of an average of 4 mill for general purposes in each county through which the roads pass.

### More Charleston Tickers Out.

Charleston, Special.—Sheriff Martin reports that nine country liquor sellers have surrendered or cancelled their revenue licenses in the territory covered by the rural police. This is something of a record for the rural territory and Sheriff Martin is much pleased with the results of the raiding which he has kept the rural police at. The dealers who have taken their licenses down from their walls or decided not to renew them are colored, and did a quart-or-two-a-day business. It did not pay them to keep on, with the raiding to which they were subjected, and so they surrendered to the law. As is the case in the city, the country "tiggers" do not dare to do business without that magic revenue license, and therefore nine illicit liquor dealers of the rural districts may be scratched off the list.

### Negro Murdered in Laurens.

Laurens, Special.—After an interval of several weeks another negro murder is recorded in Laurens. Monday night Constable Elledge of Sullivans township brought to jail Moses Herbert who is charged with shooting and killing another negro by the name of Ned Roseman near Boyd's mill. The killing occurred about 4 o'clock and is said to have been the result of a dispute between the two men over 50 cents. Only one shot was fired and Roseman was killed instantly. The inquest was held by Magistrate J. P. Elledge.

### Record Snake Story.

Greenwood, Special.—Mr. Sebron Agnew, a well-to-do farmer of the Ross section of this county, reports a "snake killing" that will beat the record of the orkville killing of a few days ago. Last week he had a negro, Butler Ross, digging for him. In the course of the digging a moccasin was turned up. Ross killed the snake and found 91 little ones inside.

### Judge Aldrich Ill.

Columbia, Special.—Gov. Ansel received a letter from Judge James Aldrich, stating that he would not be able to preside at court here next week on account of illness. Judge Aldrich wrote that he had been ill for some months and on the advice of his physician had to give up all work until December. This means that a special judge will have to be appointed for the term of criminal court in Richland, commencing next week. Judge Aldrich has been ill some time and the Columbia bar was unanimous in expressing the hope that he would soon recover.

### New Knitting Mill.

Spartanburg, Special.—At Fair Forest, in this county, a knitting mill company was organized with a capital stock of \$150,000. The capital is largely local.

### New Winthrop Students.

Spartanburg, Special.—The following young ladies were awarded the Winthrop scholarships from the country: Misses Elvina Erwin, Zula G. Willis and Margaret Morrison.

### Spartanburg Man Promoted.

Spartanburg, Special.—It became known here last week that Manager Wise of the local Western Union office has been summoned to Atlanta to accept a position as traveling auditor for the company. This is a promotion for Mr. Wise, but it leaves the Spartanburg Western Union office with but one man, which will probably inconvenience business interests here more than at any time since the telegraphers' strike began. Mr. C. M. King will probably be appointed manager.

### JUDGE PURDY MAKES DECISION

**Also Construes Contract Between Railroads and Employees as to Disability Clause.**  
Charleston, Special.—Judge Purdy filed his decision in the case of Joseph R. Sturgess against the Atlantic Coast Line in which he declared the act of the legislature allowing recipients of benefits in the sick relief fund of the Atlantic Coast Line to sue for damages to be unconstitutional. The case was recently argued and the opinion filed in the office of the clerk of the court, is of great interest and importance.

### Knitting Mill at Montmorenci.

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### New Bank Building.

Batesburg, Special.—The First National Bank of Batesburg has outgrown its present quarters and at a meeting of the board of directors on the 27th they bought the corner lot on Main street and Railroad avenue, running back to Rutland street, 25 feet by 115 feet. On this lot they purpose to erect a pressed brick granite front and corner banking building, in beauty and convenience the equal of any banking house in the State.

### Small Fire in Bennettsville.

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### Samples Were Sold.

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## THE TRI-COUNTY FAIR

### Citizens of Lexington, Aiken and Saluda to Join in Celebration.

Batesburg, Special.—In a little more than six weeks from now this prosperous little city will be crowded with people intent upon having a good time and everything will be a bustle of activity. The Tri-County Fair association will open on October 15, and continue until the 18th. This will bring crowds of people here from Lexington, Aiken and Saluda counties. The buildings and stalls are now being rapidly pushed to completion, and when completed Batesburg will have a fair ground worthy of a more pretentious place. The main building, a large, two-story structure, is nearing completion and when painted will present a neat and attractive appearance. There will be several smaller buildings, and a large number of stalls for cattle and horses. The grounds cover a space of 10 acres and will be enclosed. The departments consist of field crop, household, horse, cattle, swine, needle and fancy work, fine arts, manufacturing and mechanical and floral. The departments are in charge of competent hands, and are sufficient in number to embrace and kind of display one may care to make.

Whatever success may result from the fair, much of it will be due to the general manager, Mr. J. Walter Dreyer, who has spared neither time nor expense to make it a success. The people of the three counties are manifesting much interest in the project, and it will be worth attending. Numerous prizes are offered and there will be no scarcity of entries.

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## SHOT CLOSE FRIEND

### Rash Act of a Young Man at Asheville, North Carolina

**NO CAUSE FOR THE TRAGEDY**  
Hugh Postell Shoots and Kills Almost Instantly His Room-Mate, Ed Edwards—Much Excitement Attending the Killing, Which Took Place in Bicycle Establishment.

Asheville, N. C., Special.—A Sad tragedy occurred Saturday afternoon about 4 o'clock when Hugh Postell, a former street car conductor and well-known young man of Asheville, shot and almost instantly killed Ed Edwards his erstwhile good friend and close companion, the killing occurring in the rear of the J. M. Hearn & Co. bicycle establishment where Edwards was at work.

According to the best information obtainable the killing was the result of a slight quarrel started Friday of a trivial matter, a matter of one dollar. Postell fired but one shot, the bullet taking effect in Edwards' head. As he fired the shot Postell dropped the pistol and ran out of the bicycle establishment, going in the direction of the French Broad river. A physician was summoned but Edwards was dead in a few minutes.

Officers at once started after Postell and met him in the vicinity of the river. The slayer at the time was headed back to the city. He did not know that Edwards was dead and the first question he asked the officers was "How bad is he hurt?" When deputy Sheriff Poland informed Postell that Edwards was dead, the prisoner broke down and cried like a baby, declaring that he "loved him as a brother." Edwards boarded at Postell's home.

After his arrest Postell requested that the officers allow him to go home and "tell the folks." When the prisoner and the officers went to Postell's home they found Postell's mother there and two of Edward's brothers. The meeting was pathetic. Postell spoke a few words to the brothers of the man he had killed and again broke down. When placed in jail he was on the verge of collapse.

Whether there is any motive for the killing aside from that apparent on the surface is not known, none, however, is hinted at. Postell, while reluctant to a degree, said that he was afraid of Edwards, that Edwards had threatened him bodily harm. He avers that, when he shot, Edwards had reached for something, he doesn't know what.

### Morgan New Tractor

New York, Special.—The Morgan New Tractor has stepped into the arena of the traction king, dethroning Belmont. The great banker, according to reports current in the best quarters of Wall Street has purchased \$20,000,000 shares of Metropolitan bonds and will undertake the reorganization of the local traction trust. His purchase of bonds has relieved at least one big banking house from desperate trouble. Morgan got the bonds at 50. These bonds were issued in exchange for Interborough Rapid Transit stock at the rate of two for one and Morgan gets equivalent Interborough railroad transit stocks at par. It is paying 9 per cent. and is earning much more.

### France to Pursue Warring Trigonem.

Paris, By Cable.—The French government telegraphed instructions to General Druce in Belgium, while the war is still on, authorizing him to pursue a relentless campaign against the warring tribesmen in the Casa Blanca region and specifically permitting him to make a two days' march into the interior. He is told, however, not to make any campaign in the nature of an expedition.

### Reduction in Ocean Rates.

New York, Special.—The International Mercantile Marine Company announced a reduction in outward bound first-class cabin minimum rates on the White Star and American lines. Rates on the White Star Liner Oceanic have been reduced from \$105 to \$82.50 and on the Majestic from \$90 to \$67.50. On the four American line ships the rate has been reduced from \$90 to \$67.50.

### Good Pecan Crop.

Austin, Tex., Special.—Reports received from various parts of Texas indicate that the pecan crop this fall will be exceptionally good. In some sections the hot dry weather has caused the nuts to drop from the trees, but the damage is not widespread and there will likely be an unusually large quantity of pecans gathered in October. The reported shortage in other sections will likely result in good prices for the owners of Texas pecan forests.

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## SAYS PANIC MAY FOLLOW

### Comptroller Plant Says in Case This Should Result From State Legislation North Carolina Would Have to Share Its Burden of Responsibility.

Washington, Special.—The probable adverse effect of State legislation on the prosperity of the railroads and the people of the country, was the feature of the testimony of Comptroller Plant, of the Southern Railway, in the North Carolina rate hearing case. He pointed out that if a panic should result from the lowering of passenger rates, the State of North Carolina would have to share the burden of responsibility.

Discussion of this phase of the controversy was brought about by a question asked Mr. Plant by Mr. Justice, Speaker of the North Carolina Legislature, as to whether there was congestion on the Southern Railway lines in North Carolina.

Mr. Plant replied that congestion had been relieved to some extent during the last six months by means of improvements to the Southern system. Asked if he attributed the congestion to the recent act of the North Carolina Legislature reducing passenger rates, Mr. Plant replied that the more the rate legislation the less congestion there would be because legislation would have a tendency to decrease business in the country as a whole. "I mean to say," added Mr. Plant, "that the greater the agitation against the railroads of the country, the greater the probability of a decrease in general trade."

The reason why the Southern Railway does not increase its facilities for moving traffic faster than now Mr. Plant explained was that the Southern has not the cash to pay for such additional facilities. To get the money for these improvements, it must go into the money markets and sell its securities. "It annoys," he said, "and a market for securities in the face of State legislation tending to reduce its rates below the point where it can earn the money to pay for the necessary improvements."

### Paper Will Appear as Usual.

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## 15 KILLED; MANY HURT

### Confusion of Orders Results in Collision Between Inter-Urban Express Train and Traction Car.

Mattoon, Ill., Special.—Fifteen persons were killed and about fifty injured in a head-on collision between an inter-urban express train, consisting of a motor car and a trailer, and a traction car on the Mattoon & Charleston electric line at a sharp curve one mile west of Charleston, Ill. A confusion of orders received over telephone is said to have been the cause of the accident.

### Eighty Lives are Sacrificed.

Quebec, Special.—Steps to begin a criminal investigation into Thursday night's terrible disaster, when perhaps eighty men lost their lives in the collapse of the gigantic cantilever bridge five miles from here have already been taken. At the scene of the disaster the people are literally crushed by the awfulness of the calamity. Little has been done in the way of recovering bodies. No list of dead has yet been compiled and no steps taken to explore the great mass of broken and twisted steel. Hundreds of workmen rushed by the construction company to the scene and commanded by skilled engineers, are exploring the wreckage, taking out the crushed and broken bodies of the victims. So far as known only ten of the 102 workmen employed were believed to have escaped and two of these are dying. Of the other eight four are believed to have a chance of recovery. Traffic on the St. Lawrence is practically blocked.

### Richard Mansfield Dead.

New London, Special.—Richard Mansfield, the actor, died at his summer home from disease of the liver and other complications. He had been ill since he broke down at Seranov while playing Pere Gyant. He sought rest first in New York and then in Europe and failing to find relief, returned to this country. His condition had been reported as improved, but a change for the worse set in about three days ago, and since then he has been confined to his room.

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## A HOLD-UP OF PENSIONS

Money to be Given for Spanish Veterans.

Columbia, Special.—From reports received from the war department by Gov. Ansel it is evident that there will be some contest over the payment of claims filed by soldiers of the Spanish-American war during the past four years, under a special act of congress. Some time ago Gov. Ansel wrote a letter to the department calling attention to the lack of attention to the requests and urged that the claims be attended to at once. Receiving no reply to this letter Gov. Ansel later wrote that some action should be taken at once and that those interested would be very glad to hear that it had been closed. In reply Gov. Ansel received the following from Hon. M. F. Ansel, Governor of South Carolina, Columbia, S. C.

Dear Sir: I have the honor to acknowledge the receipt of your communication of the 21st instant relative to the South Carolina war claims. Since writing you the 19th of June, your State's claim has been in progress of settlement and it is now in the hands of a reviewer. There has been no unnecessary delay and I have to advise you that there has been allowed in this case the sum of \$10,539.94.

The review of this settlement will be completed by the first of September.

Yours very truly,  
B. F. Harper, Auditor.

Mr. W. Boyd Evans, attorney for the soldiers, said that the settlement might be delayed 90 days and that protests would be filed. The settlement is for about \$10,000 and the claims amounted to over \$100,000 so that it is believed more money will be given after further proofs are rendered.

### No Appointment Made Yet.

Columbia, Special.—Mr. Geo. H. Huggins has not yet received notice of his appointment as postmaster, but there is no doubt that he will get the nomination. There is no opposition to his appointment from Republican ranks and the business men of Columbia will be glad to see Mr. Huggins get the place. The appointment of Mr. Huggins will leave a vacancy in the office of collector of internal revenue, where Mr. Huggins has been chief clerk for several years. As Maj. Mich Jenkins was appointed collector because he served with President Roosevelt in the Rough Riders and it will not follow that he will appoint a Republican to the vacancy, but will

### Anderson Lady Drowned in River.

Anderson, Special.—The waters of Portman dam at the Portman shoals Monday claimed the life of one of Anderson's beautiful and popular young ladies. Miss Carrie Bailey, the 19-year-old daughter of Mrs. Carrie Bailey was drowned. Miss Bailey in company with Misses Estelle and Fannie Beck and Mr. Belton Dwyer of this city, had gone to the bath house, at the upper edge of the dam, with the intention of taking a swim. A small wire was stretched along one side of the river and on this the three ladies were sitting, when suddenly it broke, precipitating all into the water. Mr