

SOUTH CAROLINA NEWS ITEMS

News of Interest Gleaned From All Sections of the State and Arranged for Busy Readers

Monument Design Accepted.

Columbia, Special.—The monument commission met in the office of Governor Ansel last week and accepted the design for the monument to the women of the Confederacy offered by Sculptor W. Ruckstuhl. The design, which is in wax is very beautiful, and the monument is placed on the grounds it will be greatly admired. The commission will be glad to complete the work by the end of this month. The State has appropriated \$7,500. Capt. W. E. Ruckstuhl reported to the commission that there has been collected for the State \$6,100. So there will be needed about \$4,000 in addition to the funds now in hand, which is thought can be easily raised for such a worthy cause. The bronze monument will commence just as soon as Mr. Ruckstuhl finishes the Calhoun statue and delivers the same. He leaves for Genoa, where he will complete the work on the Calhoun statue and return to this country, and will then commence the monument. Mr. Ruckstuhl's work is well known here, as he did the imposing statue of Wade Hampton, which is so much admired. The monument to the women of the Confederacy will give expression to a beautiful thought. The wax model shows that there will be represented in bronze a woman embodying the characteristics of Southern beauty. The figure—sitting—will show a woman in a quiet attitude, thoughtful and serene, dressed in the plain modes of the time, a woman with a slight expression of care to show that she has suffered. Back of this figure there will be the Genius of the South holding in her outstretched arms a crown—all action here—for she is about to crown the women of the South. On the right is a Cupid, the boy of the South, bearing a gift—flowers, a wreath. On the left a Cupid, bearing a scroll—the Act of the Legislature signed by the Governor—symbolical of what the monument represents.

Woman's Monument Fund. Fund by Counties.

Richland	\$20.00
Marlboro	510.18
Anderson	479.65
Sumter	403.75
Marion	403.25
Aiken	364.35
Darlington	336.25
York	321.60
Spartanburg	293.25
Newberry	250.45
Greenville	204.24
Chesterfield	199.00
Greenville	186.95
Abbeville	185.75
Kershaw	178.50
Lexington	172.23
Lee	164.25
Farfield	161.75
Chester	158.10
Edgefield	136.50
Orangeburg	126.25
Lancaster	121.25
Barnwell	91.50
Calhoun	90.02
Laurens	75.50
Cherokee	73.25
Bamberg	71.00
Florence	68.75
Oconee	50.25
Clarendon	44.25
Horry	40.00
Union	37.00
Pickens	31.80
Williamsburg	26.50
Georgetown	25.00
Dorchester	23.00
Hampton	21.45
Colleton	18.75
Saluda	18.00
Charleston	16.00
Berkeley	13.50
Beaufort	10.00

Branchville Jail Burned to Ground.

Branchville, Special.—On Sunday morning about 2:30 o'clock the jail here was destroyed by fire. One prisoner (colored) was the victim of the flames. The origin of the fire is not known. The general opinion is that it was started by the prisoner in an effort to escape.

Phosphate Works Inspected.

Columbia, Special.—Governor Ansel, who has returned from the phosphate inspection trip, reports that the plants inspected were found in good condition. He was struck with the amount of work that is going on in the mines. "We hope to make this a great industry," said Governor Ansel. "It will be developed more and more each year." This year there were several experts on the trip, who will make observations on the phosphate mining. The members of the commission and the guests report a fine time on the trip.

Tar Heel Elected Superintendent of Gaffney Schools.

Gaffney, Special.—At a meeting of the trustees of Gaffney's graded schools Friday, Prof. Will J. Frances, of High Point, N. C., was elected superintendent for the coming school year. Professor Speers, who has filled the position satisfactorily since the resignation of Professor West, did not offer for the place. Mr. Frances comes very highly recommended.

Orders From Gen. Davis.

Charleston, Special.—Brig. Gen. Zimmerman Davis of Charleston, commanding the South Carolina division, U. C. V., has issued the following general orders: "Headquarters, South Carolina Division, United Confederate Veterans.

"Charleston, S. C., May 15, 1900. "General Orders No. 2, Series of 1900.

"1. The general reunion of U. C. V. will be held in Memphis, Tenn., on June 8, 9, and 10, prox.

"The usual reduced rates have been published by the railroad, together with the schedule of special train from South Carolina, leaving Columbia at 1 o'clock p. m., June 7, via Southern railway to Birmingham and Frisco System to Memphis.

"The committee of arrangements in Memphis, requests all veterans who expect to be entertained in free quarters to carry their blankets with them, and to notify W. R. Barksdale, chairman of the committee on hotels and accommodations, in advance, of their intended acceptance of this hospitality.

"2. The annual reunion of the South Carolina division, U. C. V., will be held at Chester, S. C., on June 23 and 24. Application has been made for the usual reduced rates over all railroads.

"It is hoped that a large number of the veterans of the division will attend both of these reunions.

"3. The following appointments are announced: Miss Margaret Childs Columbia, maid of honor; Miss Nan Walker, Barnwell, maid of honor; Mrs. L. C. Crenshaw, Chester, matron of honor.

"Also the following members of the division staff: Col. Stephen E. Welch, Charleston, adjutant general and chief of staff; Lieut. Col. S. Dwight, Columbia, assistant adjutant general; Lieut. Col. John O. Lee, Charleston, assistant adjutant general; Lieut. Col. J. W. Reed, Chester, assistant adjutant general; Lieut. Col. W. H. Edwards, Chester, assistant adjutant general; Lieut. Col. W. M. Graham, Sumter, assistant adjutant general; Lieut. Col. David Cardwell, Columbia, quartermaster general; Maj. J. O. C. Fleming, Laurens, assistant quartermaster general; Lieut. Col. A. Moultrie Brailsford, Camden, inspector general; Maj. D. F. Bradley, Easley, assistant inspector general; Lieut. Col. O. L. Schumpert, Newberry, judge advocate general; Lieut. Col. J. H. Wharton, Waterloo, commissary general; Lieut. Col. F. L. Parker, Charleston, surgeon general; Maj. M. J. D. Dantzer, Ellmore, assistant surgeon general; Lieut. Col. W. B. Gordon, Camden, chaplain general; Lieut. Col. Wm. E. James, Darlington, chief of Ordnance.

"By command of "Zimmerman Davis, "Brig. Gen. Commanding."

"Official: "Stephen E. Welch, "Adj. Gen. and Chief of Staff."

Mill Asks For Receiver.

Greenville, Special.—At a meeting Monday afternoon of the stockholders of the Reedy River Manufacturing Company, a resolution was passed declaring that a temporary receivership, for the repair and enlargement of the plant, was expedient. In pursuance of this resolution proceedings will be commenced at once looking to the appointment of a receiver and the readjustment of the affairs of the corporation. This, however, will not involve the shutting down of the plant or any stoppage as arrangements have been made to continue the operation of the plant without interruption.

Leases Silica Springs.

Gaffney, Special.—Mr. Z. A. Robertson has leased from W. Sam Lipscomb the Lipscomb Silica Springs, and will not only supply the people of Gaffney, but will arrange to ship the water to people out of the city. The springs are situated a few miles from Gaffney, and numbers of our people go out daily to get the water on account of its medicinal qualities.

Cheraw Teachers Chosen.

Cheraw, Special.—At the session of the Cheraw school board held last Friday, the annual report of the superintendent was read and showed this to have been an excellent year both as to attendance and work done. The entire teaching force was re-elected: B. C. McIver, superintendent; H. C. Sheridan, Mrs. J. S. Hartzell, Misses Lizzie Malloy, Hattie Godfrey and Mattie Duvall. An additional teacher in the high school department is to be elected before the close of school, and a teacher of music and a teacher of typewriting and stenography are also to be selected.

Prisoner Makes Leap From Moving Train.

Anderson, Special.—From a Southern train running 50 miles an hour near Greenville, Robert Sams, a white man, being brought here for trial for attempted assault, leaped to the ground in hopes of gaining freedom. The train was stopped and Sams was found in an unconscious condition with face and nose broken. He arrived here in the care of a physician.

SPRECKLES ON THE STAND

Cro's Examination of the Millionaire is Bitter in the Trial of Pres. Calhoun For Bribery.

San Francisco, Special.—Rudolph Spreckles, millionaire, whose name has been blazed into the record of every day's proceedings in the trial for bribery of President Patrick Calhoun, of the United Railroads, began more than five months ago, was a witness again Tuesday.

Through a cross-examination, replete with stinging inferences and insinuations, he sat undisturbed, disclosing the innermost secrets of the great prosecution, reciting the substantial payments he has made to officers and agents and disclaiming utterly the motive imputed to him by Attorney Earl Rogers, who conducted the inquiry for the defense.

Mr. Spreckles admitted that he had paid the rent and expenses of Mr. Heney's private law office for a long time and that these items amounted to between \$500 and \$600 a month. It was likewise admitted that Mr. Spreckles had for a long time paid a considerable sum to Charles W. Cobb, Mr. Heney's partner, to whom in pursuance of an agreement made at the outset for the prosecution, Mr. Spreckles is to pay \$20,000 more.

Wickersham Takes Action.

Washington, Special.—After receiving a long telegram sent Monday by Henry E. Asp, counsel for the defendants in the Oklahoma land fraud cases, to Senator Curtis, of Kansas City, and forwarded by the latter to the Department of Justice, Attorney General Wickersham Tuesday decided to suspend further proceedings in these cases, pending the receipt of testimony in support of charges alleging improper conduct on the part of the government attorneys.

The Attorney General also decided that it would not be for the best interests of the government to substitute other counsel for those now conducting the cases. In commenting upon the matter, Mr. Wickersham stated that it was his firm conviction that the government attorneys were performing their duties faithfully and efficiently and that, at this long range, he certainly would not interfere with their efforts. He recognized that the government attorneys were conducting these cases under adverse circumstances and no doubt were doing their full duty and doing it well, and should be sustained.

A Million Dollar Fire.

Akron, O., Special.—Fire in the seven-story Hower Block Tuesday destroyed the building and its contents, causing a loss which it is thought will aggregate \$1,500,000. Several girls employed in the building had a narrow escape. Firemen were in danger from falling walls. There were upwards of two hundred employes in the building when the fire was discovered. The blaze started in the basement and the occupants of the block had plenty of time to escape, although the young women were thrown into a panic. No injuries were reported. The cause of the fire is unknown. The losses of these companies will run from \$5,000 to \$35,000 each. Both the Goodrich Rubber Company and the Diamond Fire Company many thousands of dollars worth of automobile tires stored in the building. The tires are a complete loss. There is about \$800,000 insurance on the building and its contents.

Girl Has Hydrophobia.

Winston-Salem, Special.—Miss Mande Kinnel, 16 years old, daughter of a Forsyth county farmer, who was bitten two years ago by a rabid dog and who for the past two days has been manifesting signs of hydrophobia, was declared Monday by attending physicians to be suffering from that dread disease. It is said she can live but a few days.

George Meredith Praised.

London, By Cable.—The British public and press are making ample atonement on the death of the foremost English novelist for any neglect he suffered during his lifetime. Not even the death of Swinburne called out such universal warm tributes of admiration and affection as that of George Meredith. The death of the novelist is felt as a more intimate personal loss than that of the poet.

Ice Still Strong at Moose Head Lake.

Portland, Me., Special.—Word from Moose Head lake states that it was as cold as midwinter down there and that the ground was not yet thawed. Teams and men and large loads of supplies are being transported over the ice without the slightest show of weakening, and the ice is just showing signs of turning black or softening up materially in any part.

Petrosino's Friend Killed.

New York, Special.—Pio Puccio, the schoolmate and life-long friend of Detective Petrosino, was shot and killed in the hallway of his home early Tuesday morning. He had been a leader in the funeral arrangements of Petrosino and in the plans for the benefit of his widow. He had been repeatedly warned that he must cease his activities in behalf of Petrosino or he would meet a similar fate to his, but he paid no attention to the threats. The assassin escaped.

GEORGIA ROAD TIED UP.

General Manager Scott Makes the Announcement That "No Trains Are Moving"—The Governor Instructs Authorities to Take All Steps Necessary to Protect Life and Property.

Augusta, Ga., Special.—The Georgia Railroad was completely tied up Sunday night. The management is not trying to move trains, simply announcing that it has the men, the moneys and the equipment to proceed and will do so when the State announces that it is ready to protect its property and employes. The strikers are standing pat. They assert that they have not been and will not be parties to any violence. Sympathizers with the strikers, it is set out, have done all the hurt that has been done.

General Manager Thomas K. Scott, at 6 p. m., made the announcement that "no trains are moving." Governor Hoke Smith his wired the sheriff of McDuff county to co-operate with the municipal authorities and to summon all deputies necessary to protect life and property. It is in this country that Thomson is located and it is at Thomson that the crowd issued their ultimatum Saturday night that no trains should pass carrying either non-American firemen or negro firemen. Governor Smith has also asked the sheriff there to keep him fully advised of the situation. The Governor has also wired the sheriffs of Rockdale and Dekalb counties, giving them information that engineers claim to have been rocked at Conyers and Lithonia and urging upon them prompt action for the protection of the railroads and property.

From the offices of the Georgia Railroad here Sunday night it was announced that all freight accumulated at Atlanta for Augusta and points beyond would be moved that night by the Central and Seaboard. The Georgia road freight station here was opened Monday for delivery of freight to consignees, but shippers are requested to withhold all shipments until further notice. After thus admitting how complete is the tie-up the road says: "The Georgia road is omitting nothing that offers promise of early resumption."

Williams on Dixie.

Natchez, Miss., Special.—The big formal event of the stay of the battleship Mississippi at Natchez was the banquet Saturday night to the officers of the vessel. Governor Noel was present and spoke on "Mississippi, a loyal member of the sisterhood of State, a leader in moral and material progress."

The feature of the stay was the speech of John Sharp Williams Saturday afternoon at the presentation of a magnificent beaten silver punch bowl to the battleship by the City of Natchez. The bowl was made for exhibition at the Jamestown Exposition. Mr. Williams said:

"As a complete and crowning testimonial of the sincerity and fervor of this welcome, Captain, you will soon, at Horn Island, receive as the gift of the State herself, a silver service with the noble lineaments engraved upon it of the steadfast chief of a storm-craddled Confederacy, which has passed, not unworthily to history. As a partial testimonial, I have the honor now to present these pieces of silver. Let them remind you in distant seas, not only of the duty hereafter doubly beholden to be well performed, but of the sweet land of Dixie, the fairest part of the whole earth. When you meet an enemy's ship, and I hope you may never have to meet one, sink her and then quaff from these cups a toast to victory—victoria Americana—but if she sinks you, as she has chanced to many a brave ship, well handled, then for the honor of the sweet women of Natchez, let these modest pieces of silver go down with the ship, and not become enemy's booty to shame their name."

Runaway Horse Kills Young Lady.

Augusta, Ky., Special.—Effie Townsley, the 16-year-old daughter of Samuel Townsley, of Johnsonville, Bracken county, was Saturday found dead on the road near her home. She had been riding a spirited horse which became frightened and ran away with her, throwing her off, dragging her over the rough road with her foot caught in the stirrups.

Are Denied Licenses.

Jefferson City, Mo., Special.—The Missouri Supreme Court Saturday sustained the State law, which denies licenses to insurance companies, which pay any of their officers salaries in excess of \$50,000. The decision was on an application from three large eastern companies for a writ of mandamus to compel the State Insurance Department to issue license to them. The writ was denied to the petitioners—the Equitable Life Assurance Society, of Prudential Insurance Company and the Metropolitan Life Insurance Company.

Shops Curtail.

Spencer, N. C., Special.—Again a cut has been made in the working time of the force at the Southern's shops. The men were put on nine hours, six days a week, a month or more ago, but recently the work day was cut to eight hours, Saturday the entire force, with the exception of the round house men, are off, an order having been sent out to begin on a five-day-a-week schedule.

WASHINGTON NOTES

Senator Gore's resolution, directing the committee on finance to conduct an investigation into wholesale and retail prices of commodities, was discussed before the Senate Tuesday at some length. Seeking to have the resolution adopted, Mr. Gore said he wished to have statements concerning the extortionate prices of retail dealers fully probed so that the country might know just where the responsibility for high prices rests.

That the cotton manufacturers sell their products, with an agreement as to the price at which they are to be sold at retail, was the substance of a charge made by Mr. Gore. Demanding proof of this assertion Senator Gallinger said that what the country is demanding is prompt action on the tariff bill. He added that it had been ascertained that the business interests of this country were losing \$10,000,000 a day by the holding up of the tariff bill.

At times provoked much merriment by his ready retort and denouncing the protective tariff policy, Senator Gore spoke at length and until 12 o'clock, when, under the rules of the Senate, the unfinished business which was the tariff bill, was to be taken up. Before that was done, in response to an appeal from Mr. Bailey, the Senate agreed to vote on Mr. Gore's resolution, amended as suggested by Mr. Bailey so as to require the appointment of a select committee of four Republican and three Democratic Senators to conduct the investigation asked for, and by a vote of 50 to 29 it was referred to the committee on finance, Senators Bristow, Crawford and LaFollette, voting no with the Democrats.

Mr. Simmons, of North Carolina, while speaking in the Senate in support of the contentions, made by Mr. Stone, relative to the price of imported razors, said that the Democrats were ready to vote on the tariff bill at any time and that it was the recalcitrant element of the Republican party, which was delaying the measure. "As soon as you can get their consent to take a vote on this measure," he said, "you can get ours."

A vote was then taken on an amendment by Mr. Stone restoring the Dingley rate on razors. It was rejected by a vote of 36 to 43, the Republicans voting in the negative with the Democrats being Beveridge, Bristow, Brown, Clapp, Crawford, Cummins, Dooliver, Gamble, LaFollette and Nelson.

Describing the men who have come before the committee on finance in connection with the tariff bill, "silk hats and kid gloves and carrying gold-headed walking sticks," Senator McLaurin on the floor said he had failed to see any one there who could be classed as a consumer. "I have not seen any one there," said the Senator from Mississippi, "the cut of whose job would indicate to me that he is a farmer, a mechanic, a blacksmith or other laboring man."

The most important happenings in the nation's capital Saturday were as follows:

Senator Aldrich failed in his effort to have the Senate name a day for a final vote on the tariff bill. Senators Daniel and Cummins, both raising objections, when the chairman of the finance committee suggested June 2 as the date.

Two battleships and either five torpedo boat destroyers or one modern repair ship are provided for in the Navy Department's building programme for the fiscal year ending June 30, 1911, it was officially announced.

By presidential proclamation, about 700,000 acres of government lands in Montana, Idaho and Washington, are to be opened up for settlement and entry.

The Senate sub-judiciary committee, appointed to pass upon the nomination of Judge Connor, decided to report in favor of confirmation. The action of the committee was unanimous. Similar action is expected by the full committee which meets Monday. No opposition to the confirmation of Judge Connor's nomination has made its appearance before the judiciary committee and none is expected.

Charges against the government attorneys conducting the prosecution of the Oklahoma land fraud cases were received at the Department of Justice, but Attorney General Wickersham subsequently announced that no action would be taken in regard to them, until the cases in which the attorneys were engaged, have been disposed of.

The day's session of the Senate resolved itself into a talk-fest, in which Senators Bailey, McCumber, Elkins, Scott, Burton, Hale and Clapp participated. The lumber schedule was under discussion for the greater part of the time but no vote was taken on any subject.

The House rates were retained on polished plate glass, but with the understanding that when the bill is taken up in the Senate proper, there will probably be some alterations. The so-called "progressives" criticised the House rate as too high, while Senator Oliver, contended that the rate was entirely inadequate to the proper protection of the plate glass industry of the United States.



THOSE CONFERENCES. When a statesman meets his fellow, They confer. Do you think they loudly bellow? Hardly, sir. They converse in whispers mellow, As it were. To confer in secret sitting Or they go. There is sly and stealthy fitting To and fro. What about? It isn't fitting That we know. —Will S. Adkins, in Puck

THE MARKS. Bacon—"And does your son show any signs of his college training?" Egbert—"Oh, yes; he's quite lame from an injury received on the football team." —Yonkers Statesman.

TWO BIRDS. "What! Your husband is dead?" "Yes; a year ago. And last week I married again." "My sincerest condolence and heartiest congratulations." —Flegende Blaetter.

FATE. "They used to say I was a man with a future." "And now?" "Now they refer to me as a man with a past. Wish I could have a present one." —Cleveland Leader.

FORESHADOWED. "You look so pale and thin. What's got you?" "Work. From morning to night and only a one hour rest." "How long have you been at it?" "I begin to-morrow." —Success.

ROMANCE IN REAL LIFE. "Duke, my father has lost his money." "I will marry you, anyhow." "Can I believe my ears?" "Yes; a man like your father can easily make another fortune." —Kansas City Journal.

A PEDESTRIAN. "What is a pedestrian, papa?" asked a juvenile whose parent had just begun to run his own motor. "A pedestrian, my son," said the irritable papa, "is a person who gets in the way of motor cars to annoy the poor chauffeurs." —The Era.

FAULTY POEM. "I have a serious criticism to offer against this exquisite little sonnet entitled 'The Charge of the Light Brigade.'" said Roudon Rimer, producing his monthly gas bill. "How is that?" asked the cashier. "Well, you see, the meter is wrong." —Puck.

UNPARDONABLE. "Sir," said the imperial ruler of all the Russias, "do you realize what a gulf of inequality yawns between ordinary humanity and an autocrat?" "Dear me!" answered the Doumaite in mild surprise. "Is this gulf proposition a czar-chasm?" —Baltimore American.

LOOKS LIKE AN INSINUATION. "So this patent savings bank isn't complete enough for you?" "No; I want something that will take my pay envelope away from me every Saturday and dole me out money by the nickel." "Then you'd better get married." —Pittsburg Post.

HARD TO UNDERSTAND. "I can't see how it could be," mused the man who gets puzzled over odd things. "How what could be?" asked his friend. "I don't see how there could have been bad provisions in the Pure Food bill." —Chicago News.

EITHER WAY. "I would hate to be considered a wise man." "Why?" "Because all the fools would be quoting me." "Well, that is the kind of people that quote you now, isn't it?" —Springfield Journal.

FORCE OF HABIT. The street car conductor was about to sit down to breakfast, when a messenger boy brought him a telegram announcing that a rich relative had died and that he was the sole heir. "Easy street!" shouted the conductor, reaching up for an imaginary bell rope. —Chicago Tribune.

GREENLAND PLAN. A traveler stopped at a hotel in Greenland, where the nights are six months long, and as he registered asked a question of the clerk. "What time do you have breakfast?" "From half past March to a quarter of May." —Cleveland Leader.

MOST IMPORTANT. Giles—"What do you consider the most important of your senses?" Smiles—"The sense of touch." Giles—"How do you make that out?" Smiles—"But for it there are times when I wouldn't be able to raise the price of a meal." —Chicago News.