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COUNTRY NEWS LETTERS

SOME INTERESTING HAPPENINGS IN VARIOUS SECTIONS.

News Items Gathered All Around the County and Elsewhere.

Ehrhardt Etchings.

Ehrhardt, Aug. 28.—Some rain and plenty of wind Sunday afternoon makes one think of fall.

Seventy-five bales so far is the weigher's count. Guess with fair weather the count will be greatly increased this week.

Sunday about 2 o'clock, perhaps 3, some trimming sticks in the Hacker Manufacturing Co.'s yard caught on fire and was burning lively. The hose was gotten out and attached to the pipe from their tank. When the water was turned on could not do much with the fire. Their hose had been carelessly handled and holes in them from driving over them until the pressure was all spent before the water reached the nozzle. Then before the fire was extinguished the steam at the pump had to be raised so as to get a supply of water. Tank was neglected and nearly empty. Something loose about the attention paid to these parts of the business. If this continues and their works get on fire, will not be able to put it out. This should be a lesson to them; no use to lock the door after the horse is stolen.

From Dame Rumor I learn that wedding bells ring next Sunday, so will not mention any names until I find out for certain.

"Shumaker Ginger," as it is called in this section, asserted its handling of the human faculties when too freely used as a beverage. A colored man and a merchant were on the outside of too much of it Saturday afternoon. The colored man was put in the Red Top Inn; later the merchant went there and caught hold of the bars to keep his equilibrium in balance and commenced cursing the inmate of the inn in great style. Bars between them, but the chief put a sudden halt to the cursing by arresting him and placing a fine upon him for appearance before the council on the first Monday night of next month.

Mr. J. C. Kinard and wife have been in Hendersonville, N. C., for more than a week, and Dr. J. L. Copeland left Sunday to join them and rest a short while, as he is run down and not in very good shape from a cold.

How about the notice on our paper? Subscription expired, member, I will take the money and send it in without any cost to you and renew your subscription for you—just hand it to me at office. Jacob Ehrhardt.

Checkers are the go down here in the way of games. Counted five games going on at one time last week. That's playing them some.

Spring Branch News.

Spring, Branch, Aug. 29.—We are having some very bad weather on the cotton to-day. Plenty of wind and rain.

Messrs. G. E. Hutto, T. J. Crider, and W. R. Bessinger went to Charleston and the Isle of Palms Sunday.

Misses Maud and Ruth Crider spent Saturday and Sunday with Miss Merrie Smoak.

Mrs. Laura Bessinger spent a few days with her son, Mr. Aquilla Sandifer, last week.

Miss Nora Herndon has returned home after a week's stay with Mrs. Aquilla Sandifer and others.

There will be a picnic given at Spring Branch church next Saturday, September 2nd. Everybody is invited to come and bring well-filled baskets.

BAR SUNDAY ARRIVALS.

North Carolina Hotels Refuse to Admit Guests on Sabbath.

Asheville, N. C., Aug. 25.—The two large hotels at Montreat, an exclusive resort 20 miles from here, founded by the late John S. Huyler, of New York, announce that they will receive no persons who arrive on Sunday. The rule was put into effect last Sunday, when a number of persons were denied admittance.

The action is for the purpose of furthering Sabbath observance and preventing travel on Sunday. Montreat, with its thousands of acres of mountain parks, hotels and cottages, were sold by Mr. Huyler several years ago to the southern assembly, a corporation of the Southern Presbyterian church.

See the ad. of Mr. W. D. Bessinger in this issue.

DOINGS AT DENMARK.

Graded School Faculty—Visitors Coming and Going.

The Denmark high school will open about the middle of September. Prof. E. M. McCown, a graduate of South Carolina University, who has taught in the city schools of Anderson, Kershaw, and Darlington will be superintendent. He has had twelve years in this capacity. He will be ably assisted by Miss Emma Thompson, who is a graduate of Winthrop College, Miss Rosa Strait and Miss Marguerite Thorpe, who are also graduates of Winthrop. These teachers will constitute the high school department. The grammar school teachers will be: Miss Bertrand Perrett, a graduate of Winthrop, who comes to us highly recommended as a primary teacher of unusual ability; Misses Josie Pratt, of Greenwood; Ruth Stokes, of Mountville; Kate Dickert, of Jonesville; and Lucile Crawford, of Union, will finish the corps of teachers for the grammar school. These teachers are also highly recommended. The usual enrollment is expected, which is about 225 students. With an excellent corps of teachers and a good building, the trustees and patrons expect a good year.

The weather seems to be hurting the crops a great deal in this section.

Misses Beulah Watson, of Ridge-way, and Katherine McNab, of Barnwell, who have been visiting Mrs. John R. Martin, returned to Barnwell this morning.

Mr. H. B. Rice and family visited Charleston Sunday.

Mr. Henry Felder visited Charleston Sunday.

Mr. Clinton R. Hooton, district plant chief of the American Tel. & Tel. Co., is in the vicinity of Charleston superintending the repairing of the poles and wires torn down by the recent storm.

Mr. J. D. Baxter, who has been spending a week or ten days at Glenn Springs, returned Sunday.

The Seaboard Air Line and the Atlantic Coast Line railroads have replaced and lowered their drainage pipes which extend under the tracks in the city limits, which adds greatly to the drainage of the town.

Mr. J. F. Walker, who has been in the employ of J. D. Whittle, of Blackville, has returned to Denmark to accept a position as book-keeper for the firm of Garris & Corbett of this city.

Mr. E. Bart Price, of St. Matthews, spent Sunday in the city.

Misses Joe and Hattie Kitching, from Winnsboro, are spending some time with Miss Josephine Faust.

Miss Florence LaFitte and Mrs. Palmer are visiting Miss Josephine Faust.

Miss Dyals is spending some time with Miss Sadelle Guess.

Miss Goodman, of North, is visiting Miss Floride Garris.

Misses Hattie, Genevieve, and Lula Best are spending some time in Hendersonville, N. C.

Miss Carrie Riley has accepted a position in the Bank of Denmark.

Mrs. James Cleckley, of Cope, is visiting her family for awhile.

Mr. McDaniels, the agent at the union station here, has returned from a trip to the mountains.

Mr. McIver Ray returned to Timmonsville Monday.

Denmark, August 29, 1911.

HE SOLD BOOZE.

Aaron Varn Pleads Guilty to Violating the Liquor Law.

Yesterday morning after several trivial cases had been called up and disposed of by the mayor at city court, Aaron Varn was called charged with violating the ordinance, which prohibited the selling of intoxicating liquors. He pleaded guilty to the charge and asked the mercy of the court. Mayor Dukes, while feeling sure that he would have been convicted had he pleaded "not guilty," gave him the benefit of the plea of mercy. Sentence was \$50 or 25 days in the guard house.

It seems that on Sunday night a certain young man engaged with Varn for some liquor, and gave him \$5, with instructions to bring back the change. He failed to return with either the liquor or the change and consequently the young man informed the police. A warrant was sworn out by Officer Pickling and served by Officer Segrest. In a suit case Varn had thirteen pints stored away for future business, but which is now in the possession of the law.—Orangeburg Times and Democrat.

Just think of it! An all wool hand tailored suit at Klauber's for only \$15.00, and they are made by Kirschbaum.

IN THE PALMETTO STATE

SOME OCCURRENCES OF VARIOUS KINDS IN SOUTH CAROLINA.

State News Bolled Down for Quick Reading—Paragraphs About Men and Happenings.

Aleck Owens, colored, of Barnwell, is the first victim of the season of the deadly cotton gin. He was caught in a gin on Thursday and died on Saturday.

The congregation of the First Methodist church of Sumter are tearing down their old church building and have made a contract for a new one, to cost \$35,000.

Mr. Arthur Jeter, of Union county, received a check on Saturday from the Southern railroad as a settlement for damages in the death of his wife, Mrs. Irene Bobo Jeter, and their two children, who were killed by a train on the Southern at the crossing near Santuc, on the 4th instant. Mrs. Jeter and three children, the youngest a baby, were on their way to church and while crossing the track were struck by the train, she and two children being killed, the baby escaping unhurt. There had been no lawsuit in the case. The road offered Mr. Jeter \$10,000 and he accepted it.

An aggressive campaign is being waged throughout the State by the officers of the South Carolina State Farmers' Union to secure subscriptions for the stock in the proposed chain of warehouses to be erected at various points in the State to house the cotton crop. The company has been organized with an initial capital stock of \$200,000 and an ultimate capital of \$500,000. The plan to build the warehouses was launched at the same time with the movement to encourage the farmers of the State to hold their cotton for a better price because of the short crop.

According to the blanks that have been sent out to the local unions by Secretary Reid, of the State Union, 30 per cent. of the capital stock must be paid on Dec. 1, 1911; 30 per cent. on Feb. 1, 1912, and 40 per cent. on Nov. 1, 1912. The stock is valued at \$10 per share.

Boy Meets Death.

Greenville, Aug. 26.—Belated reports reached the city to-day concerning the accidental killing Friday afternoon of one member of a squirrel hunting party near Merrittville, 23 miles north of Greenville court house.

Loton Turner, the grown son of a highly respectable white farmer of Saluda township, and his first cousin, Willie Best, who lives in Greenville, went on the hunt early in the afternoon. Turner had a cartridge which he had been unable to fire in a double-barrelled shotgun, having snapped some five or six times on it without effect. Best carried a single-barrelled shotgun and asked Turner to let him see if he could fire the cartridge from the latter weapon. As the Best boy was closing the gun breech upon the cartridge it exploded. The load of shot took effect in Loton's right eye, tearing away the entire upper portion of the skull.

A verdict of accidental killing was returned by the jury of investigation.

News from Cope.

Cope, Aug. 23.—Miss Mary Livingston, of Bamberg, is here on a visit to her aunt, Mrs. R. K. Heneray, and other relatives.

Misses Louise Risher and Geraldine Bruce, of Bamberg, are spending a few days with Dr. and Mrs. V. W. Brabham.

Miss Valle Carter, who spent some time here with her brother, R. C. Carter, returned to her home in Timmonsville a day or two ago.

Rev. Paul Muse and his young bride are here on a visit to his mother, Mrs. Muse, and sister, Mrs. E. E. Ritter.

Mr. S. B. Cope arrived from Pendleton, on yesterday, where he had been to see his wife and children, who are spending some time in the upcountry.

We had a fine rain on Sunday night and another Monday afternoon and everybody is satisfied for the present.

Cotton picking is in full swing and had it not been for the rain on Sunday and Monday, which prevented picking it would be selling right lively. Everybody is calling for Ruta Baga and turnip seed; they are anxious to get something growing in the gardens that for the last month or two have had nothing.

The young folks have a pinder boiling every once in a while, but from some accounts the pinders are pretty scarce at times.

COMPANY GIVEN MORE TIME.

Conference Between Express Official and Commissioner Caughman.

Columbia, Aug. 25.—After a long consultation with General Manager John B. Hockaday, of the Southern Express Company, Friday morning, Mr. B. L. Caughman, chairman of the railroad commission, stated that the time allowed the express company to get in its evidence regarding tariffs, etc., would probably be extended from the 4th of September to some date between the 25th and 30th. The other two members of the commission were not in Columbia to-day, but Mr. Caughman said he had no doubt that they would agree to the extension of time.

The railroad commission, following its resolution to make a thorough investigation of the express company's affairs, has sent them a set of questions, according to Mr. Caughman, and Mr. Hockaday, pleading that the company would not have time to get up the answers satisfactorily by the time allowed, an extension of the time was agreed to.

Mr. Caughman stated further, at the conclusion of his conference with Mr. Hockaday, that the latter had agreed to some changes in the tariff, naming especially five breaks of mileage divisions below the hundred-mile mark, instead of three, as at present. "There will be some more reductions of the tariff," said Mr. Caughman, "I have no doubt that the commission and the company will come to a satisfactory conclusion on the matter."

ARRESTED IN DETROIT.

Youth Admits Killing Wealthy Savannah Negro.

Detroit, Mich., Aug. 27.—John Floyd O'Rielly, 27 years old, was arrested here to-night, charged with killing J. H. Turner, near Savannah on August 1. Worley and a youth named Hugh Boggs hired Turner to drive them from Savannah to a nearby town in his automobile. Turner's body was found in the road the next day and the machine and youth were missing.

Later they were traced to Olive, Ga., where they disposed of the automobile. Both boys came to Detroit, but later Boggs returned to his home at Decatur, Ala., and was arrested upon his arrival. Detroit police officers intercepted telegrams sent to Worley informing him of Boggs' arrest and urging him to leave Detroit immediately.

Worley admitted his guilt to-night, but asserts they killed the negro in self-defense. He says he and Boggs had an argument over the rental of the car while crossing a rough stretch of country and when he saw the negro reaching for a revolver he struck him on the head with a hammer. Then, Worley says, Boggs joined in the assault which resulted fatally.

FREE NEWSPAPERS DON'T PAY.

Two in Oklahoma City Give Up the Fight.

Oklahoma City, Okla., Aug. 26.—A test of the "free" newspaper ended here to-day when the Pointer and the Free Press were sold to the Times.

The Pointer probably was one of the first free newspapers of any magnitude ever started in this country. It established a complete plant and entered the field as vigorously as if its copies sold for cash. Later the Free Press was launched to oppose it. As a result Oklahoma City had five papers and at times its streets were literally filled with free copies of news journals.

RATE COMPLAINTS FILED.

Greenville Concern Lodges Protests with I. C. Commission.

Washington, Aug. 26.—Alleging that the Southern Railway and Dominion Steamship Company charged \$1.14 per 100 pounds on a shipment of lamp goods from New York to Greenville, S. C., the Gilreath-Durham Company, of the latter place, to-day filed complaint with the Interstate commerce commission on the ground that the published rate on such goods from New York to Atlanta is \$1.05 per 100 pounds, and that the higher charge to Greenville than to Atlanta is a violation of the long and short haul statute, as Greenville is nearer New York by the foregoing routes than is Atlanta.

The Lipscomb-Russell Company, of Greenville, enters a similar complaint against the same defendants for charging 60 cents per 100 pounds on shipments of coffee from New York to Greenville, whereas the published rate from New York to Atlanta is 56 cents per 100 pounds.

MOB CHEERS AT LYNCHING

WOMAN'S ASSAILANT IS BURNED AT STAKE IN OKLAHOMA.

Thousands View Gruesome Spectacle in Street of Purcell—Negro Fired Home.

Purcell, Okla., Aug. 24.—While 3,000 men, women and children stood by, shouting their approval, Peter Carter, a negro, who had previously been captured by three members of his own race and identified as the man who last night attacked Mrs. Minnie Spraggins, wife of a farmer, was burned to death on a brush pile, in the main street of Purcell, at 5 o'clock this afternoon.

Deputy Sheriff Hayes and Under Sheriff Farris, who attempted to rescue the negro from the crowd, were overpowered and locked in the court house.

Assaulted and House Fired.

Mrs. Spraggins was assaulted while alone in her room, one mile south of Purcell. After the deed the negro set fire to the Spraggins home. Mrs. Spraggins' husband saw the flames while working in the fields and rushed into the house in time to rescue his wife. She declared Carter, who formerly worked on the Spraggins' farm, had attacked her. Officers went to Carter's home and arrested him. He was turned over to a constable, but on the way to jail escaped. When it became known that the negro was free, farmers of the neighborhood organized a posse and an all night search was made. The negro was not found.

Found Under Box Car.

This afternoon Higley Henry, a negro janitor, noticed a strange negro riding under a box car near the Oklahoma Central Railway station. With the aid of two other negroes, who had armed themselves, the negro janitor pulled Carter from beneath the car. He was taken to the main street of Purcell, where a great crowd had gathered.

"Turn that negro over to me," said a tall farmer, who suddenly seemed to assume command of the crowd.

Officers Plead in Vain.

The janitor and his two aides obeyed. Carter was taken across the street and in an instant many men and boys were gathered. At this juncture Deputy Sheriff Hayes and Under Sheriff Farris arrived and pleaded with the mob to turn the prisoner over to them. The sheriff and his assistant were locked up and the negro was led out and placed on an oil-soaked brush heap, built around a telephone pole. He was tied to the pole and the torch applied. Cheers came from the crowd as the flames licked the victim's face, and men and women in motor cars watched him die. As he was lashed to the pole the negro shrieked for mercy. After the flames died down the crowd slowly dispersed. The negro's body was burned to a crisp.

Victim Describes Attack.

Mrs. Spraggins, who is not expected to live, said Carter entered her home last night and struck her on the head with a gas pipe, beating her until she was unconscious. An old mattress was torn up and scattered over her body. After the negro had set the mattress on fire he fled. As Mrs. Spraggins was crawling from under the fire the negro then reappeared and again struck her with the pipe, breaking her jaw and beating her badly. Her husband, rushing to the house, rescued his wife, unconscious. In a few minutes more she would have been dead.

Crowd Cheers Again.

The pile of wood and brush on which the negro's body was burned was still smouldering at 10 o'clock to-night. The town was quiet. The cheers of the crowd, when the first flames shot up, mingled with the piercing cries of the negro, and after the fire had burned for an hour and the body was nothing but a crisp, the crowd again cheered. Then it dispersed.

While the majority of those who gathered about to witness the black man's death were men, there were many women in the crowd.

Not a Shot Fired.

A remarkable feature about the affair was that while the crowd was determined upon the death of the negro, it was far more quiet than usual under similar conditions. Not a shot was fired. The escape of the negro, following his arrest, seemed to add to the fury of the searchers for the black man.

Talk about town to-night, following the lynching, bears the message of the negro that he was "the right man." As whispered from lip to lip comes a brief confession, made as he was led to his funeral pyre.

SIX DEATHS, \$1,000,000 DAMAGE.

Hurricane Passes After Working Much Injury to Charleston.

The hurricane which bore down upon Charleston Sunday evening, and which held the city in its grip throughout Sunday night, passed on early Monday, leaving behind it a trail of death and wreckage unparalleled in that community since the great storm of 1893.

Six deaths are known to have been caused by the hurricane. Besides that of Engineer Coburn, two young men and a negro woman were killed in Mount Pleasant, and two white women were drowned in Charleston. The names of the dead are:

Alonzo J. Coburn, of Charleston. E. V. Cutter, of Charleston. Robert E. Smith, of Columbia. Rosa Robinson, of Charleston. Ida Morgan, of Charleston. Unknown colored woman.

Besides these rumors of a number of other drownings and killings have been brought in, but these it has been impossible to corroborate.

It is impossible as yet to say just how great has been the property loss as a result of the hurricane's work. No reports from the sea islands or from the coast have yet been obtainable.

Damage Estimate Impossible.

In the immediate vicinity of Charleston estimates vary from a quarter of a million dollars upward. It is probable that the loss is about a million dollars. That is the figure which a number of the most capable observers hit upon.

Sullivan's Island and the Isle of Palms both came through the storm with no loss of life on either island, but the night was one of great terror on both, and much damage has been done on both. Many houses on Sullivan's Island have been wrecked, and the hotel on the Isle of Palms suffered severely. The transportation system has been put completely out of business.

The hurricane was at its height at midnight Sunday night, when the wind attained a velocity of 94 miles the hour and the barometer dropped to 29.43. The wind continued to blow fiercely until about daylight and then gradually subsided until the storm passed on somewhere to the south of Charleston and inland—the weather bureau does not know just where.

Water Front Damage Great.

In Charleston the greatest damage, of course, was done along the water front, but practically every house south of Calhoun street testified to the fury of the gale. Along Broad street, East Bay, King and Meeting streets scores of residences and places of business were unroofed and had the windows blown out. The rain, which fell heavily Monday night was in consequence most unwelcome, even though accompanied by but little wind. Hundreds of trees in all parts of the city were blown down or split to pieces.

The streets everywhere Monday were filled with wreckage of all sorts. Little business was transacted. The work of repairing the damage has already progressed well, however, and the street railway was in operation Tuesday and the streets were all open to traffic.

Communication with the outside world was established Tuesday, trains operating from the old Line street station, of the Southern Railway, the union station being put out of commission temporarily.

All telegraph wires were down to Charleston Sunday and Monday, but they were in working order Tuesday.

Up to Tuesday no news was heard from Beaufort and the near by islands, and it is feared the damage there was fully as heavy as in Charleston.

Railway Meeting Deferred.

Chicago, Aug. 28.—The expected conference between officials of the Illinois Central railway and representatives of the Federated Shop Employees, who threatened to strike unless their organization is recognized by the railroad, was postponed to-day. President McCleary of the federation and the delegation which came to Chicago met the officials of the nine unions which recently formed the federation twice during the afternoon.

Two saloonkeepers of Baroda, Mich., were recently made to pay to the family of a man who left their saloon drunk and on the way home froze to death, the sum of \$1,800. They had both been warned not to sell him liquor as he was a habitual drunkard. Because they sold, the courts imposed the above penalty on them.