

## COUNTRY NEWS LETTERS

### SOME INTERESTING HAPPENINGS IN VARIOUS SECTIONS.

News Items Gathered All Around the County and Elsewhere.

**Ehrhardt Etchings.**  
Ehrhardt, Oct. 14.—Sunday afternoon five colored men got into a row over a bottle or two of fire water and chief was told of the affair and it was not long before they were inmates of the Red Top Inn. The amount of board bills will be adjusted and handed them by our city fathers at an early date.

Brick bats seem to be the best weapon to use in this town. A certain citizen has two of them, one on either side of his gate on the railing of the fence, so he will not even have to stoop down to get them. There is no doubt but a brick bat judiciously put to the side of an unruly party's head will bring him to terms as quick as any other weapon.

Rev. D. B. Groseclose left this afternoon, after preaching, to go to Springfield, Ga., to help Rev. Shelly with his big meeting. Will return on Tuesday.

Two little negro children from the Calvin Rentz section, over Colston, were bitten by a mad dog in the road. Both children were bitten in several places. Dr. Copeland is attending them, and giving the treatment sent him from Columbia, each day. Some one had been after the dog before the two children were bitten, as one of the dog's legs was broken as if it had been shot. Would be a good idea to follow a dog when mad until it is killed.

There is very little money exchanged for goods now. Seems as if the farmers have enough for the time.

Mr. A. W. Brabham was in town Saturday talking cotton. Says his crop is not more than one-third of what he usually makes.

The ladies are busy trying to see who can get the prettiest hat and costume for winter. Can't blame them much, as they all want to look pretty. They get no praise from the men about their hats as they invariably look at the cost for one season's wear, and compare them to a toad stool or something about as insignificant.

Messrs. J. B. Ramsey and Frank H. Copeland went to Denmark Sunday morning in Frank's machine. They returned the same day.

It is reported on a conductor on a passenger train that he went with some friends to take a deer hunt. The conductor was placed on a stand, got somewhat lonely, and the dogs jumped a fine 200-pound or more buck, and the buck came behind the tree on which he was leaning and looked at him good, then ran off in front of him slowly. The conductor, waking from his trance, when he saw the buck, jumped up, with gun in hand, and yelled "all on board," at the top of his voice. The excitement made him forget his gun and that he was left there to shoot Mr. deer, instead of riding him.

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### St. John's News.

St. John's, October 14, 1912.  
Editor The Bamberg Herald.—Please give me space in your valuable paper to make a few remarks in connection with the praises from old St. John's, that was published in the Ehrhardt news of October 10th.

St. John's is one among the best communities of Bamberg county. She has furnished some as good business men as can be found. For instance, she has furnished one boy to Stokes's Business college who won the medal among ten thousand other contestants. She has furnished Charleston with three book-keepers, Savannah, Ga., with several, and other large cities, and still preparing more business men; has some at Furman University and at Newberry college.

As the writer spoke of the 'phone line which is now in operation in our community, it was gotten up by one of our young farmers who is under the age of twenty-one. This same young farmer raised thirty bushels of corn per acre on a patch of four acres this year, last year raising 48 1/2 bushels per acre on a patch of three acres. (How is this, Mr. Editor, for a young farmer?)

Our school opened Wednesday, October 9th, with Miss Belle Nichols, of Abbeville, S. C., as principal. Miss Nichols comes to us highly recommended, being a teacher in public schools for the past seven years.

Miss Rena Kinard, one of our popular young ladies, left us Saturday. She goes to Round, S. C., as one of the teachers in the graded school at

## TAKE TWO MORE PRISONERS.

Only One Escaped Spartanburg Desperado is Now at Large.

Gaffney, Oct. 13.—A third member of the party of four convicts that waged a battle with officers and citizens on the edge of Gaffney last night was captured this morning. Ellis Sampson, the leader of the convict band at large all day supposedly in the vicinity of Blacksburg, was captured to-night. George Fleming, the convict who shot Arthur Hooper, a member of the posse, was captured in the Austell woods about 10 o'clock this morning. B. B. Byars, rural policeman, Lloyd Austell, special officer, were searching the forest for the fugitive, when Mr. Austell suddenly stumbled upon him. Fleming was found to be shot in the leg and unable to get away. On his person was the pistol used in shooting Hooper and Fleming acknowledges that he was the one that did the shooting. He was taken into custody and brought to the county jail. This makes three of the party now in jail with only one missing.

Earle Coleman, who was shot last night in the course of battle by Chief Lookhart, died in the county jail at 6 p. m. At first it was thought that the negro was only suffering from a flesh wound, but the bullet seems to have passed entirely through the body.

The attending physician states that Mr. Hooper's condition is now most satisfactory and that he will probably recover from his wounds if no complications set in.

Sampson was captured by a posse at Cherokee Falls at 6 o'clock and is now in jail. Sheriff White is en route from Spartanburg to take charge of the prisoners.

### Fairfax Fancies.

Fairfax, Oct. 14.—On Friday evening all of our townfolks, visitors from surrounding country and other towns turned out to hear the Fairfax Minstrels. Realizing that in union there is strength, our town ladies and the teachers worked together to produce as amusing a play as has ever been acted here. "The Bells of Blackville" 'twas called. The dramatic personae were: Misses Crumpler, Joella Padgett, Ruth Wilson, Sadie Harter, Mary Harrison, Margaret Youmans, Albergotti, Kenney, Lightsey, Porter, Best; Mesdames Harter, Talley, Youmans, Myrick, and Lightsey.

'Twould not be fair to discriminate when all did so well. The costumes were amusing and were those of the ambitious, imitative darkey. Some of the songs were weird and scary, others rollicking, and all of them full of tune, impelling them to dance as well as sing. Many instruments of the bones and tambo order were used, but the piano was the chief accompaniment. The program was beautifully carried out, and Allendale and Brunson must go out and see and hear for themselves when our artists visit their towns. Miss Harrison very obligingly played while the crowd was waiting and conducted most of the music during the play. We were proud of our Fairfax amateurs and they showed what women folks can do, for there was not a man in the play.

Miss Geneva Gray, of Brunson, is visiting Mrs. Lilly Myrick.

Miss Shaw, of Allendale, is at Mrs. Otis Lynes's.

The teachers and some of their friends had a pleasure gathering at Mrs. M. Lightsey's Saturday evening.

Prof. Munro, of Ridge Spring, is here greeting old friends.

Miss Zelle Loadholt is with us for a little visit; we sure will hate to see her leave, even at stern duty's call. The venerable father of Rev. Wm. Simpson is visiting at the manse.

Interesting services were held at Baptist church Sunday, "Missionary Day" was observed. Miss Zelle Loadholt read a suitable piece beautifully, then Miss Margaret Youmans recited as she alone can do. Rev. Wm. Simpson gave a good talk.

### BUSINESS ADVERTISEMENTS.

Cotton Baskets, Stilyards, Mowing Machines, Grass Blades, Lace Leather, Harness Leather, Lanterns, Field Fence and Everything else at Hunter's Hardware Store.

that place.  
Mr. Editor, I can't near stop until I mention something about our Sunday-school. We have in our Sunday-school some as young officers as any other Sunday-school in the Bamberg and Barnwell Association. Our superintendent, under the age of twenty-one, is doing good work; our secretary under the age of eighteen, is in the same row. If this can be beat by any other community, let it be known.

## IN THE PALMETTO STATE

### SOME OCCURRENCES OF VARIOUS KINDS IN SOUTH CAROLINA.

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

The board of pardons has recommended that a pardon be granted John J. Jones, the Branchville man who shot and killed Abe Pearlstone.

Tom C. Hamer was nominated last week as clerk of court of Marlboro county, this being the fourth primary for that office. The vote in the second and third primary was a tie each time.

At a meeting of the Orangeburg city council, held last Friday night, R. F. Jennings was elected chief of police of that city, succeeding A. Fischer who has been chief for the past fifteen years. Jennings has been a member of the police force for several years.

Rev. Bunyan McLeod, D. D., who is pastor of the Central Presbyterian church in Anderson has tendered his resignation in order to accept a call from Harrodsburg, Ky. The congregation in Anderson has refused to accept his resignation and asks him to withdraw it. He has been pastor there four years and has been exceedingly successful.

### CAR STRIKE ENDED.

Secures More Money for the Strikers Than They Asked for.

Augusta, Ga., Oct. 10.—Mayor Barrett has finally demanded, and yesterday afternoon succeeded in securing from the street car company, an increase of about 12 1/2 per cent. in the wages of its motormen and conductors, effective January 1st, next, and that the very fairest and most liberal spirit will be displayed in reinstating the men who recently went out on strike.

In other words, Mayor Barrett has on his own motion, and without pressure from any source, demanded and secured for the striking conductors and motormen, in a very material and practical way, even more than was embraced in their own demands, and more than they could have hoped to secure through mediation, arbitration or otherwise.

To make a long story short, Mayor Barrett put it squarely up to the company, in a strong communication yesterday morning, and before night he had received the company's unequivocal reply, agreeing to increase the wages of its motormen and conductors an average of 12 1/2 per cent. or from \$75 to \$100 per year each or a total of about \$1,000 per month or \$12,000 per year.

Which is going some for one man, without a union committee, or an arbitration board, or anything, behind him, except the justice of his position and an inflexible will.

But Mayor Barrett didn't stop there. Here is what he had to say to the company about the "broad and liberal spirit" which it should display in reinstating its men and in employing "bona-fide citizens of Augusta" in its service.

"I shall further ask and expect you to be as liberal as possible in the matter of re-employing your men, and that you use your utmost endeavors to recognize bona-fide citizens of this community in giving out places in the service of your company."

And that, too, the company willingly accedes to; for, be it now said to the company's credit, it came to time on all of Mayor Barrett's propositions in a most fair and gracious spirit, indicating a desire to have amicable relations with its men restored at once and maintained.

Thus has some several barrels of oil been poured on its troubled waters at last, and a situation brought about that will, no doubt, lead to good feeling all around and a complete restoration of conditions in the city to normal.

### Points in Favor of Wilson.

He is not a lawyer.  
He has no war record.  
He is not connected with an uplift magazine.  
He does not care for hunting bears or other wild creatures.  
He has never been a judge and does not boast of a judicial temperament.  
He has done something else in his life besides hold political office.  
He does not come into prominence on account of either the death or the favor of his predecessor.—Life.  
Write for the enterlined collars, they look like linen, need no washing, price 2 for 25c. Write F. G. MERTINS, Augusta, Ga.

## BATTLE WITH CONVICTS.

Arthur Hooper, of Gaffney is Shot by Fugitive.

Gaffney, Oct. 12.—Arthur Hooper, a member of a sheriff's posse, attempting single handed to capture four escaped convicts from Spartanburg on a Cherokee county road was shot and perhaps seriously wounded at midnight by one of the escaped convicts. Following the wounding of Hooper one of the convicts was shot and slightly wounded by Thomas H. Lockhart, chief of police of Gaffney, and subsequently captured. After receiving a nasty wound Hooper continued his advance on the desperadoes and succeeded in capturing one of the number.

The remaining two escaped from the posse and a large body of Cherokee county citizens, hastily arming themselves with shotguns and rifles secured from hardware stores opened for the purpose, are carrying on a systematic search of the county for the other two.

Just how serious is Hooper's wound can not be at once determined. Dr. J. G. Pittman, the attending physician, thinks he has a chance to recover. He came near bleeding to death before the physician could be reached. The shot took effect in the groin.

Hooper is well known in Gaffney and the Piedmont section of the State. Several years ago he was one of the best known semi-professional baseball players of this part of the State, being a southpaw pitcher of ability. He is a house mover.

Sheriff W. W. Thomas was advised to-night of the escape of four convicts from the Spartanburg chain gang and asked to make an effort to capture the fugitives. The sheriff secured his deputies and rural policemen and with the chief of police of Gaffney and several citizens mounted a posse to institute a search for the convicts. The sheriff and his men proceeded one mile from Gaffney on the road between this city and Spartanburg, where the party was divided to make the search.

Arthur Hooper, while riding near the store of Sing Sang, saw the fugitives hiding behind a small bush. He dismounted and advancing on the men, called on them to surrender. One replied by firing at Hooper with a revolver, the first shot taking effect. The volunteer officer seized one of the crowd, and notwithstanding the attack of the quartet, he was able to hold his man until the arrival of the other officers. The chief of police shot one convict and he, too, was captured, the other two escaping for the moment.

The two captured convicts have not been identified.

The convicts escaped from the Spartanburg chain gang near Paoclet mills by overpowering a guard and escaping by a boat across Broad river, six miles from the camp. It is said that only the agility of a prisoner serving a life sentence prevented Ellis Sampson, the leader of the escaping crowd, from shooting the guard. Sampson was serving a sentence of 12 years for housebreaking and larceny. The guard's revolver was carried away by the men, and it was probably with this weapon that Hooper was shot.

### KILLS HUSBAND AND SELF.

Six-Year-old Son Finds Dead Bodies of His Father and Mother.

Adele, Ga., Oct. 13.—The dead bodies of M. A. Crosby, cashier of the Bank of Adele, and his wife were found in their bedroom this morning by their 6-year-old son.

The woman was lying on the floor with a 38 calibre revolver tightly clasped in her cold fingers and a bullet through her brain. Crosby was in the bed with the covers still drawn over him and had met his death by a shot in the right eye.

The little lad fearful, ran to neighbors, and upon discovering the tragedy, a coroner's inquest was held. The verdict held that both had come to their death at the hands of Mrs. Crosby. That sudden insanity on the part of the woman caused the tragedy is the only solution that intimate friends can offer.

She had been somewhat despondent for some time because of slightly failing health.  
The couple lived happily as far as is known. The will of the dead man was found in a bureau drawer. It left everything to his wife and children.  
Crosby was a prominent and well-to-do man.

Rub-My Tism will cure you.  
Light weight rain proof automobile dusters, also fine for traveling men, price \$6.00. Write F. G. MERTINS, Augusta, Ga.

## WM. GILMORE SIMMS DEAD

SON OF NOTED AUTHOR DIES AT HOME IN BARNWELL.

Popular Official Dies After Very Brief Illness—News Shock to Community.

Barnwell, Oct. 15.—Barnwell, town and county, were greatly shocked this morning to learn of the sudden death of the Hon. William Gilmore Simms, clerk of the court for this county, at his residence on Marlboro avenue, after a brief illness of one week. On last Monday, while at his office, he was seized with a chill, and upon the advice of his doctor, went home. Fever followed this attack, but it was thought that he was well on the road to recovery. This morning at about 7 o'clock he complained of nausea and his physician was summoned. Mr. Simms was apparently much better at 9 o'clock, and was talking with members of his family when a turn for the worse came. At 9:15 o'clock he passed away.

The news of the death of this son of old Barnwell spread like wildfire, casting a gloom over the town in which he had spent so many years of his useful life, and for whose moral and social uplift he had striven so earnestly.

Mr. Simms was born at Charleston, sixty-nine years ago. His parents were William Gilmore Simms, the author, and his wife, who was Miss Chivelette Roach. To this union fifteen children were born, Mr. Simms being the eldest of the sons. When the War Between the States began he was a cadet at the Citadel in Charleston, and was one of those who left school to lay down his life, if necessary, for the beloved South. He served from his enlistment to Appomattox, and at no time during those years that tried men's souls did he fail to answer the call of duty. He was in many bloody battles and received a number of wounds, but he always returned to his command at the earliest possible moment. He rose to the rank of lieutenant and was only prevented from being promoted to a captaincy by the ending of the war.

After the close of that bitter struggle he returned to Barnwell county and gathered together the broken threads of a life made desolate by the ravages of war. He was one of the organizers of the Red Shirt campaign of '76, and no man did more for the redemption of the State from carpet-bag rule than did William Gilmore Simms. He, together with Col. Geo. D. Tillman and others, met Chamberlain and his cohorts in joint debate and degraded them in the presence of their negro followers, filling the negroes with contempt for the governor and his officials.

In 1878 Mr. Simms was elected judge of probate and served one term. He was later appointed master of Barnwell county by Gov. Thompson. He resigned this office to succeed Maj. J. J. Brabham as clerk of court in 1883. He has served continuously in this capacity since that time, his nomination over two opponents in the recent primary making the eighth term to which he has been elected. The record that he made in public service is above reproach and is one to which his friends will point with pride as a vindication of the confidence placed in him.

Mr. Simms married Miss Emma G. Hartzog, daughter of Mr. Samuel J. Hartzog, of Bamberg. Several children blessed this union, five of whom are living. Besides his wife Mr. Simms is survived by one sister, Mrs. Donald Rowe, of Charleston; one brother, the Hon. Charles Carroll Simms, of Barnwell; two sons, Messrs. W. G. Simms, Jr., and Harold A. Simms; three daughters, Mrs. R. Boyd Cole, and Misses May and Annie Lee Simms, all of Barnwell.

### GEORGIA JUDGE FINED \$5,000.

Found Guilty of Contempt of Court of Appeals.

Atlanta, Ga., Oct. 12.—Judge A. W. Fite, of the Cherokee circuit court, to-day was found guilty of writing a newspaper article in contempt of the State court of appeals. He was sentenced to pay \$5,000, and given ten days in which to pay it. In the event of his failure to do so, he must serve ten days in jail.

The article in question was a criticism of the court of appeals for twice reversing his decision, sentencing a negro to twenty years for attempted assault on a white woman.

Judge Fite appeared in person for the hearing. His counsel, T. C. Miller, after presenting his case, dropped dead late this afternoon in a down-town office building.

Judge Fite's answer cannot be construed as an apology to the court. It partakes more of the nature of a disclaimer. In it he says:

"Respondent did not by anything stated in the article intend to charge this court or any member thereof with corrupt motives, or in any manner reflect upon the judicial integrity of the court, or any member of it, and it contends that they do not do so."

## TWENTY CONVICTS ESCAPE.

Reign of Terror in Wyoming Town. Nine Recaptured.

Rawlings, Wyo., Oct. 12.—Twenty convicts, led by Jim Dalton, member of the Whitney gang of bank robbers, escaped through a broken fence in the penitentiary yard this afternoon. Eleven still were at large to-night and the possibility of their recapture is remote. It is believed they gained the hills north of the town before nightfall.

The reign of terror which holds the town to-night began at 3 o'clock this afternoon, when from the penitentiary burst a bedlam of shouts of convicts and through the streets nineteen men in prison uniform ran in a body. Horses hitched in front of stores were seized by the leaders and bore them away to the hills, outdistancing the guards that closed in on the rear of the fugitives after losing some time investigating the cause of the uproar in the cells.

Meanwhile four of the convicts seized a grocery wagon and compelled the boy driving it to race for the hills. When the horse gave out they loaded themselves with provisions and ran.

Four of the fugitives hiding in a canyon north of Rawlings were caught half an hour after the outbreak and a fifth was captured while making for the railroad tracks. Three were cornered in another canyon a mile west of the town by mounted pursuers, but have not been taken.

The guards returning with the five prisoners were greeted by the convicts with groans and it was then discovered in the excitement of pursuit that another prisoner had escaped, making twenty in all.

Shortly before 7 o'clock to-night four fugitives were discovered in a barn within a block of the prison. Two were caught by guards, but two got away from the officers, who feared to fire because of a crowd in the vicinity. A little later Warden Alston arrived at the penitentiary with two men he had taken single-handed.

A searching party of citizens is scouring the vicinity and armed men patrol the streets to prevent a possible night descent of the convicts in search of clothing and arms.

### TORRENS LAND SYSTEM.

Matter Will Probably Come up in the General Assembly This Year.

The Torrens land system will probably come up for consideration at the approaching session of the general assembly.

The following from the Charlotte Observer, will therefore be of interest:

"The Observer does not intend to hold up in its fight for an improved North Carolina system of registering land titles as long as there is hope of persuading the legislature to give the State a good thing. It is admitted on all sides that an improved law is needed. Under the present system, in order to sell or mortgage a piece of land, of say 100 acres, the following things are necessary:

- (1) A lawyer must examine the titles, at a charge of say.....\$25.00
- Every new transfer or mortgage means the same.
- (2) A lawyer must draw a new deed, at an expense of say.....\$ 5.00
- (3) Recording deed.....\$ 1.50
- A total of.....\$31.50

"Every time the land is sold or transferred this expense is charged, and nothing is guaranteed. According to the proposed new way to transfer or use 100 acres of land on mortgage to borrow money: The State would have it surveyed, and if necessary, put it through the courts and give a title guaranteed by the State. Then in case of sale, deliver the new paper for keeps by signing it over. In case of use for mortgage, sign it and hand it over to the man or banker loaning the money. It is a private transaction and no publicity or expense is incurred unless this debt is defaulted. This is in effect the same as is sometimes called the Australian or Torrens system."

### New Artificial Milk.

New York, Oct. 12.—Synthetic milk is the latest product of the chemical laboratory. The new milk is the discovery of three German chemists. It is the same color as the animal liquid and according to scientists more nourishing and more easily assimilated than the cows' product, and non-tubercular.

The artificial milk is composed entirely of vegetable ingredients digested by machinery instead of by the cow and is said to keep sweet longer than ordinary milk. Its strength, it is said, can be standardized for the use of the family, infant or invalid.