

COUNTRY NEWS LETTERS

SOME INTERESTING HAPPENINGS IN VARIOUS SECTIONS.

News Items Gathered All Around the County and Elsewhere.

Fairfax Fancies.

Fairfax, Dec. 21.—Truly the spirit of Xmas prevails here now, and has for a week past without any of the rowdiness generally noticed at that season.

Mrs. Sam Talley gave a Christmas tree to the teachers of our school. Merriment, sentiment and "usefulness" characterized the gifts, and the occasion was a very pleasant one to all present.

Miss Margaret Youmans had the teachers and their gentlemen friends on Tuesday evening to partake of the hospitality always prevalent at Duck Branch Place, especially when the yule log glows brightly. They enjoyed the occasion immensely.

On Wednesday evening the high school boys and girls gave a cantata, "Jolly Times With the Santa Claus Band." Prof. Coker represented "Grandfather Clock;" J. B. O'Neal was "Uncle Sam;" Ethel Simpson was "Columbia;" Ruth Wilson was a Japanese girl; Miss Harrison played all the songs in her spirited way; Prof. Coker sang a solo real well. The parts were all well acted, and we hear nothing but praise of the whole performance.

The Baptist bazaar came off on Thursday, and was quite a success. Mesdames Fannie Loadholt, Lily Myrick, and Misses Jennie Durant and May Brunson were working hard for several days for its success and deserve great credit.

Thursday afternoon Misses Harrison and Kenney gave a Christmas tree to their pupils at school hall. They felt fully rewarded for the trouble they took when the grateful happy young folks showed the joy in their hearts by loving glances and bright smiles.

On Friday evening Miss Margaret Youmans entertained all of her pupils. They are enthusiastic in praise of how well she treated them. They enjoyed of course the ride to Duck Branch, besides meeting with so many pleasant persons.

Miss Carrie Deer, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Thos. Deer, and Mr. Counts Priestner were married on the 10th instant at the Baptist parsonage here by Rev. Wm. Simpson. Many friends wish eternal happiness for this young couple.

Mrs. Raymond Ginn is visiting in Florida.

W. T. Brooker, of Columbia, was a recent guest of Mrs. Wm. Simpson.

Miss Kathleen Moye is with Mrs. Harvley.

Mrs. Rosa Platts, of Hickory Grove, is spending some time with Mrs. Julia Harter.

Miss Willie Timmons, of Lowndesville, is visiting Sadie Harter. She has many friends here.

Mrs. Julia Sanders, Mrs. Audrey Sanders, and Lucile Jenniss are about to leave to spend some time in Florida with Mr. Jessie Sanders.

Misses Alma Knight, Hattie Gooze, Gladys Buckner, of Winthrop, Misses Zelle Loadholt, of the Barnwell school, and Lucile Youmans) teaching in Mississippi are expected home this week.

Jas. Buckner and Russell Loadholt are also with home folks for Christmas.

Our teachers are leaving for their homes.

Shower to Miss Brabham.

Olar, Dec. 23.—On Friday afternoon from 3 to 5:30 o'clock a miscellaneous shower was given by Mrs. Frank Starr in honor of the bride-elect, Miss Evelyn Brabham. Mrs. Starr's home was beautifully decorated in bamboo and pot plants.

The first part of the afternoon was spent in a contest. Miss Elberta Riser was the winner of the prize, a pair of silk hose, which she gracefully presented to the guest of honor.

The many costly and beautiful presents given were brought into the room in a snow white wagon by Cupid himself. They were there received by Miss Brabham, who was beautiful in a dress of old rose satin.

The refreshments consisted of a salad course and a sweet course.

The out-of-town guests were: Misses Cressie Breland, Bessie Lee Black, and Alma Black, of Bamberg; Miss Mace, of Marion; Miss Jessie Boyd, of Chester; and Miss Elberta Riser, of Leesville.

Monday was a wet and disagreeable day.

GOV. DIX SPENT \$120,000.

The New York Executive Gave Dinner that Cost \$2,000 Each.

Albany, Dec. 21.—John A. Dix's term as governor has cost him \$120,000. It is estimated that he spent \$60,000 each year of his term. The money went largely for entertainments at the executive mansion which are said to have been on a larger scale than in any administration since Levi P. Morton's time. Some of the dinners or receptions by Gov. and Mrs. Dix have cost more than \$2,000 each.

The governor's salary is \$10,000 a year, having in addition the use of the mansion, but he must pay the servants and bear the cost of official dinners. The coming change of occupancy has renewed the discussion for the increasing of the governor's salary to \$25,000 a year that he might better bear the expenses of official entertaining.

Gov. Hughes found official life in Albany expensive, and when the question of raising the salary was agitated during his administration, he said, that \$10,000 annually was not half enough to meet the needed expenditures.

It will be remembered that Gov. Black refused to live at the mansion because of the expense. He lived at his residence in Troy and rode to Albany every morning in an electric car.

Governor-elect Sulzer is not a wealthy man, and it is believed that he will not entertain on any very extensive scale. Gov. and Mrs. Dix had from ten to twelve servants at the mansion.

SEVEN-YEAR-OLD BOY ON TRIAL

Charged with Killing Playmate of Same Age.

Atlanta, Ga., Dec. 21.—The unusual spectacle of a small child on trial for taking the life of a playmate was presented here to-day, when seven-year-old Frank Wilson was arraigned for the killing of Elmonte Herndon, aged seven, at Carey Station, near here, December 5. Judge J. T. Pendleton made no decision in the case, pending an examination of the child's mental condition.

It was brought out in the testimony that the Wilson boy was an almost constant user of tobacco in all forms. The boys are said to have quarrelled, after which young Wilson ran into the house, secured a rifle and shot the Herndon boy, the bullet entering the brain.

In Honor of Miss Brabham.

Olar, Dec. 21.—Mrs. F. H. Starr entertained with a miscellaneous shower on December 20th, given in honor of Miss Evelyn Brabham. The home was beautifully decorated with Southern smilax, palms, and ferns. Mrs. M. T. Johnson, of Ellenton, assisted as hostess. The name, Evelyn Brabham, was written on a piece of paper and one was given each guest. The one making the largest number of words to receive a prize. Miss Elberta Riser won the prize, making seventy-five words, the largest number made. She was presented with a pair of silk hose. Then comes cupid with a little white wagon loaded with gifts from those present to the coming bride. Next was the dining room, where a delightful lunch was served, consisting of salads, hot chocolate, and cake. Those present were: Miss Evelyn Brabham, Master Percy Brabham, who acted as cupid, Mrs. C. F. Rizer, Mrs. P. H. Starr, Mrs. L. A. Hartzog, Mrs. B. Caves, Mrs. Paul Cook, Mrs. W. H. Varn, Mrs. J. H. Kirkland, Mrs. F. O. Brabham, Mrs. Lige Bessinger, Mrs. H. M. Brabham, Mrs. G. B. Kearse, Mrs. B. V. Kearse; Misses Zelma Rizer, Ada Kearse, Pearl Kearse, Lena Kearse, Mildred Kearse, Ettie Kearse, Mary Ables, Emma Bessinger, Ethel McMillan, Jennie Rodgers, Cressida Breland, Bessie Lee Black, Miss Boyd, Elberta Riser, Sallie Neely, Alma Black, Eloise Brabham, Minnie Lee Ayer, Sada Still, Salome Brabham. Many useful and pretty gifts were made, also presents were sent by Mrs. Asbury Kirkland, Mrs. Milhouse, Miss Kathleen Kearse, Miss Kitty Hooton, Mrs. Ollie Chitty. J.

The largest electric sign in the world is now being displayed on Broadway, New York City. The sign is 85 feet high and 106 feet wide, and covers a total space of 9,010 square feet. The sign depicts a baby's face that alternately smiles and sheds tears. The smile is some 12 feet in width, while each tear measures two feet in length by ten inches in width.

IN THE PALMETTO STATE

SOME OCCURRENCES OF VARIOUS KINDS IN SOUTH CAROLINA.

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

Pee Dee Presbytery has gone on record as favoring the removal of Chicora College from Greenville to Laurens.

Two automobiles collided on Sunday on the streets of Gaffney, and Mrs. R. C. Howard sustained a broken hip and R. C. Howard and Olin Curry were badly bruised. Both machines were demolished.

Albert Wood, the 14-year-old son of Mr. and Mrs. W. C. Wood, of Edgemoor, Chester county, was seriously hurt in a runaway yesterday. He fell between the wheels of the wagon and his head was badly cut.

The general assembly will convene on January 14th, and will be in session for forty days, at least that is as long as the members are paid for, and they are not likely to extend the session much beyond that time.

The governor has ordered an election to let the people of Ballentine and White Rock school districts of Lexington county decide whether they will become a part of Richland county. The election will be held the 31st instant.

There has been a good deal in the papers recently about moving the S. C. C. I. from Edgefield. Greenwood and Aiken are both after the school, and the citizens of Edgefield have held a mass meeting and taken steps to retain it. The matter is not yet settled.

At a meeting of the directors of the Bank of Branchville, held last week, Cashier J. W. Black and Teller T. M. Patrick tendered their resignations, which were accepted, effective January 1st. Mr. P. M. Wimberly, who has been agent for the Southern Railway at Branchville, was elected cashier. It is likely that Mr. J. M. Williams, now assistant agent, will be appointed agent, as a petition of the business men and merchants has been sent to the railroad, asking for his appointment.

Allen Emerson, a white man of Anderson county, who has been in the penitentiary for some time, is trying to get a pardon. Emerson went to an old white man's house at night and when found by the father in his daughter's room, he shot and killed the old man. He was given a term in the penitentiary for the killing. Petitions for and against the pardon have been circulated, and the governor gave a hearing to the parties interested last week. He has not announced his decision yet, but it is to be hoped he will not pardon Emerson.

C. J. Hebert, who was one of the principal figures in the Seminole fraud, has been fighting to keep from being brought back to South Carolina and tried for his connection with this scheme of high finance. He is now living in Tennessee, and after the governor and the courts of that State decided that he be turned over to the South Carolina authorities, he appealed to the United States Supreme Court, and his case was before that body last week. No doubt he will finally be brought back and made to answer for his part in that notorious swindle.

SON TO MAKE SHORTAGE GOOD.

Young Sickles's Promise May Stop Action Against General.

Albany, N. Y., Dec. 21.—Stanton Sickles, son of Gen. Daniel E. Sickles, of New York, to-day promised to see that the State is reimbursed for all funds unaccounted for by his father as chairman of the New York State monuments commission, totalling about \$28,000. At the conclusion of a half hour's conference between Deputy Attorney General Kellogg and young Sickles, it was announced an agreement had been reached for the postponement of legal proceedings on the part of the State to recover the money.

"Mr. Sickles told me," said Mr. Kellogg, "that his father had lost the money in Wall street. If the agreement entered into is fulfilled it will be unnecessary for the State to look to any of the other members of the monuments commission for any of the money unaccounted for by Gen. Sickles."

Tuesday night at the Pastime from 7.30 to 11 p. m. only, Sarah Bernhardt in 4 reels.

PICTURE POST CARD TRAGEDY.

Alleged Sender of Offensive Pastebord Killed by Girl's Brother.

Quitman, Ga., Dec. 22.—David Waldron, of Screven, Wayne county, was killed to-day by Bryant Folsom because of a "picture post card" alleged to have been sent by Waldron to Folsom's sister.

Waldron came to Quitman last night and went to the Folsom home, three miles in the country, this morning. The girl, her brother and his wife were at home. In discussing the post card, Waldron is said to have made a remark which increased the girl's resentment, and her brother ordered Waldron away.

Waldron went to a neighbor, who advised him not to return and followed him. He saw Waldron enter the front door of the Folsom home and heard a shot. When he reached the house he found Waldron shot through the heart. Folsom came to Quitman and surrendered. Both young men are highly connected. The post card has not been exhibited.

TO SURVEY TWO COUNTIES.

Prof. Agee Will Make Detailed Plat of Orangeburg and Bamberg.

Orangeburg, Dec. 21.—Prof. Agee, of the United States agricultural department, has arrived in this city for the purpose of making a soil survey of Orangeburg county. The others of the surveying party are expected to be in the city within the next few days. A complete soil survey of Orangeburg and Bamberg counties will be made at once.

Under the instructions of the department the survey of this county will be complete in every particular. The map to be made will be the most complete of its kind ever made in this county. The survey will not only embrace the work connected with ascertaining the various kinds of soils to be found in the county, but will also be an excellent geographical map of the county.

The surveyors will go carefully over the section and will mark every public road, and practically every private road of importance; every school; every stream, churches, etc. These maps will be printed and can be obtained from the department in Washington. It will probably take several months to complete the survey.

Wife Slayer Puts Up Bloody Fight.

Memphis, Tenn., Dec. 19.—Spaulding I. Parsons, drug clerk, and Patrolman Jesse Wooten are in the hospital probably fatally wounded and the bodies of Adolph J. Boehler, tinner and his young wife are in the morgue, as the result of a series of tragedies in Memphis beginning last night with the murder of Mrs. Boehler and ending with the death of Koehler who was shot by a squad of policemen in a room in which he had barricaded himself early to-day.

Parsons was wounded by a riot gun in the hands of a sergeant of police who believed his victim was Boehler. Wooten has a bullet in his right lung. He was shot while the officers were endeavoring to capture Boehler, who a few hours previous had killed his wife by cutting her throat because she had applied for a divorce.

Boehler ensconced himself in a rooming house on the principal business street of Memphis and armed with a rifle and two pistols engaged in a desperate battle with the officers from 3 o'clock this morning until nearly noon to-day.

In their efforts to dislodge him the police fired through the ceiling in the room below that, where Boehler had taken his stand. Boehler returned shot for shot. Shifting the base of the operations to the story above they fired through the floor. Meanwhile a squad of men stationed on an adjoining roof riddled Boehler's room by shooting through the rear windows. Finally a sheet of iron was obtained, a hole bored through it and the floor above the man at bay and amid the roar of his fusillade a quantity of formaldehyde poured into the opening. When it was believed Boehler was sufficiently overcome the aperture was widened. With a last effort before surrendering to the fumes of the drug he raised his weapon, but at that instant the watchers above riddled his body with bullets.

Boehler was hurried to a hospital, but died on the way.

BUSINESS ADVERTISEMENTS.

Go to Hunter's Store for your Hardware and Christmas goods. Cash paid for peas.

LYNCHING NEAR NORWAY.

NEGRO TAKEN FROM JAIL—PUT TO DEATH IN WOOD.

John Felder Slain by Mob Near Norway After Arrest on Charge of Obtaining Money Falsely.

Norway, Dec. 21.—In jail on the charge of obtaining money under false pretenses, John Felder, a negro, was taken from the guardhouse here last night and slain at a spot about two miles from this town. The negro was shot in the head several times and broken pieces of a revolver butt indicate that he was severely beaten about the head. No motive has been assigned for the killing of the negro. It is certain that the charge under which he was incarcerated did not figure, for that had been settled or was on the eve of being disposed of.

The negro was arrested Friday by Magistrate Tyler on a warrant sworn out by J. R. Leyseth, of North. The negro had contracted to work on the farm of S. D. M. Guess and son at Denmark for the next year and Mr. Leyseth, learning this, communicated with the Messrs. Guess. They agreed to reimburse Mr. Leyseth. During the early evening two sons of the negro came to the Messrs. Guess and urged them to speed in securing the release of their father as they feared that harm would come to him if he had to remain in the Norway guardhouse over night.

The events of the night showed that their fears were well founded. Some time between sunset and sunrise a party of men broke into the guardhouse and secured the negro. He was taken some two miles from the city, where his hands were tied before him and his body was riddled with bullets. Either before or after the shooting the victim was horribly beaten about the head with the butt end of revolvers.

A large black dog was found guarding the body of the slain negro this morning. The animal did not belong to the negro nor can any one be found who can name the owner of the sympathetic canine.

The motive for the killing of the negro is a mystery. It is conceded by all that the killing did not result from the Leyseth arrest as this was amicably settled in the early evening. It is said that a few days ago the negro and a white man engaged in an altercation in which the negro drew a revolver and used some ugly threats but the story is not confirmed, nor can the name of the white man involved be ascertained.

A coroner's jury was secured and an inquest instituted but for lack of witnesses it was necessarily postponed until Tuesday. The hearing will be resumed at that time. Sheriff Salley came to Norway from Orangeburg this afternoon and spent some time in an investigation before returning to the county seat. A significant clue is the fact that evidence of only two buggy tracks can be found leading from the jail and the "mob" must have been a small one to use but two conveyances.

School Building Collapses.

Greensboro, N. C., Dec. 22.—Six persons were probably fatally injured and a score seriously hurt when a section of a school building at Elkin, N. C., collapsed last night during a Christmas entertainment, according to a report received here to-day. Elkin is in a remote mountain section and only meagre details have been obtained.

According to the report fire broke out when more than 100 people were dropped 20 feet by the collapse of a section of the structure. Two women and a girl are said to have been fatally burned, and three men sustained fractured skulls. Uninjured members of the audience put out the flames and summoned physicians. A score are said to have sustained broken bones.

Only Political Friends.

Several days ago a man called on Mayor Shank and asked for a permit to peddle until January 1, saying he would take out a license at that time and it could be dated back, says the Indianapolis News. The mayor was accommodating and accompanied the man to the city comptroller's office.

"Here is one of my very best friends," said the mayor to Fred B. Akin, deputy city comptroller. "He wants a permit to peddle to January 1."

"I guess we can arrange that," replied Akin. "What is his name?" "Say," said the mayor turning to his "friend," "what is your name?"

WOMAN'S HUSBAND ACCUSED.

New Turn in Dublin, Ga., Sensational Shooting Scrape.

Augusta, Ga., Dec. 21.—A special from Dublin, Ga., says: On a warrant issued at the instigation of Chief of Police J. B. Hightower to-day, A. L. Lynn has been arrested, charged with the murder of F. M. Hightower, father of the chief, about midday last Tuesday.

F. M. Hightower, who was between 65 and 70 years old, was shot through the head and body seven times in Mrs. A. L. Lynn's room. She surrendered to the sheriff, saying that Hightower had tried to assault her and she fired to protect herself.

Examination of the body revealed the fact that there were more bullet holes in the body than there could have been bullets in the revolver used by Mrs. Lynn, according to her own story. Chief Hightower believed the woman's story a trumped up one to protect some one else, and went to work on that theory. He now says he is able to prove that Mrs. Lynn's story is absolutely false and that the prosecution will make out a strong case against Lynn at the commitment trial Tuesday. No warrant has ever been issued for the woman.

Lynn says he did not know what he was arrested for; that he was not at home when the shooting occurred, and knew nothing of it until his wife told him she had killed Hightower and why.

It is said that some sensational facts are to be brought out at the trial.

WIFE GETS ALIMONY.

She Brought Suit in Court for Separation Account of His Cruelty.

Mr. James M. Langley, a wealthy citizen of this county has agreed to pay to his wife \$6,000 for alimony. At the November session of the court of common pleas Judge Devore signed an order requiring the defendant to show cause why he should not pay the relief and ordered that the testimony in the case be heard before Master in Equity J. W. Gray. He also signed a paper to the effect that Langley should pay his wife an attorney fee of \$400 and give her \$30 a month while the suit was pending.

The counsel of Mrs. Langley and Mr. Langley agreed yesterday morning just before time for the case to be heard, that it could be settled by Mr. Langley paying \$6,000 for alimony.

Mrs. Langley alleged that her husband whipped her, slapped her, called her indecent and vulgar names, and outrageously abused and maltreated her in other ways and that a self-respecting woman could not endure such treatment. She was forced to leave her home at last and was eventually driven to sue for alimony.

The defendant also agreed to deliver to the plaintiff certain personal property which is now in his possession.—Greenville News.

"Get a Pure-Bred Pig" and Then Stay in the Business.

If the South had continued to increase its hog crop, instead of becoming discouraged about eighteen months or a year ago, because of slightly lower prices and the ravages of cholera and other troubles, what a rich harvest she could have made this fall, with hogs selling at from eight to nine cents a pound live-weight, on the large hog markets.

This illustrates a fact in stock raising which was well established long years ago, that the man who is to make money out of the business must keep at it through seasons of discouragement as well as in seasons of high prices. There is only one really correct and safe and successful way to raise hogs, and that is to produce a good crop—all that can be fed economically—every year. With our knowledge of how to prevent cholera and our abundance of good grazing crops the South should never buy a pound of hog meat or lard.

Start now, and keep everlastingly at it. Buy a good pure-bred boar and a few sows—pure-bred or grade—but before you do so, not only learn how to feed and care for hogs by more study, but prepare to feed them economically. A hog that is not fed at all is not much more profitable than one red only on corn at a dollar a bushel. Prepare to feed the hogs properly, and then never fail to raise a good crop every year. A good crop cannot be raised without a good pure-bred boar.—Progressive Farmer.