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COUNTRY NEWS LETTERS

SOME INTERESTING HAPPENINGS IN VARIOUS SECTIONS.

News Items Gathered All Around the County and Elsewhere. Spring Branch Items.

Spring Branch, June 21.—On Wednesday afternoon of last week Mr. H. W. Herndon lost three fine horses by being struck by lightning. It is stated that his hands were plowing in a field some distance from the house when the thunder storm came up. They hitched the horses under a tree, and during the storm the tree was struck by a bolt of lightning. The horses were instantly killed, and a negro hand, who was near the tree at the time, was badly shocked, but not seriously hurt. We sympathize with Mr. Herndon in his misfortune.

The annual picnic held in memory of Mr. Bessinger, a brave soldier of the Confederacy, will be held this year on July third, the fourth, the usual time for the picnic, coming on Sunday this year. There will be recitations by the Sunday-school scholars. The exercises begin promptly at 11 o'clock, a. m.

Mrs. G. H. Bessinger and children visited their mother, Mrs. W. R. Bessinger, last Sunday.

Mr. O. H. Sandifer and family visited the former's mother, Mrs. W. R. Bessinger, last Sunday.

Miss Blanch Crider was the guest of Mrs. Mollie Herndon last Sunday.

Misses Bertie and Ellie Goodwin were the guests of Miss Mattie Goodwin on Sunday.

Misses Eula and Clara O'Quinn visited Miss Mattie Goodwin last Sunday.

Mrs. R. L. Sandifer and children visited the former's mother, Mrs. W. R. Bessinger, on Sunday.

Mr. Elijah Goodwin visited Mr. Mayfield Bessinger on Sunday.

E. M. O.

Hunter's Chapel News.

Hunter's Chapel, June 22.—The farmers of this section are getting their crops in good shape now after a long fight with the grass, and improvement is noticed in nearly every field.

The community grain thresher is now at work, in the neighborhood and lots of grain is being threshed.

Prof. N. H. Fender, Clifton Rhoad and Herbert Steedley are at home from their schools for the vacation.

Mr. St. Clair Rhoad, of Clemson, is spending his vacation at home.

Dr. M. Simms Fender has finished his course in medicine at the Atlanta Medical college and, after spending a few days at home, has returned to Atlanta for work in the hospital for a short time.

Mr. Roy Hunter is at home from Washington, D. C., where he attended school.

Misses Eva Steedly and Bessie Lee Walker are at home from Carlisle school, where they graduated.

With all these young people at home, the big meetings of our two churches close at hand, picnics, and other entertainments, we expect enjoyment for the old as well as the young, especially since Capt. D. Rice Steedly is ever ready with his automobile to add pleasure to the occasion.

A. B. C.

PROBE FOR DISPENSARY.

Aiken Grand Jury Appoints Committee for Inquiry.

Aiken, June 19.—Before adjournment the Aiken county grand jury appointed a committee of three, composed of B. J. Boyleston, Alex. Carswell and Judge Henry Getzen, to probe the affairs of the Aiken county dispensary, especially with reference to the administration that ended when the new board, commissioned by Gov. Manning, took charge of the institution. The grand jury committee will begin its work next Monday, but it is doubtful whether a report of its findings will be made until the grand jury meets again in September.

The grand jury, as a whole, looked over the books at the headquarters of the dispensary and, in its presentments, deplored the fact that J. J. Southall, former dispenser at Aiken, had been checked up short in his account something over \$2,000. The grand jury added that this is not the first time that Mr. Southall has been short and that he had been permitted to violate the law.

The average man's conscience is more elastic than his suspenders.

T. U. VAUGHN LOSES.

Decision of Federal Tribunal Against Condemned Man.

Columbia, June 21.—Attorney General Peeples received a telegram today announcing that the United States supreme court had affirmed the sentence of death upon T. U. Vaughn and had dismissed Vaughn's appeal with cost. The telegram also stated that the supreme court had dismissed the appeal of Joe Grant, a negro, wanted in this State on the charge of murder, and who has been fighting extradition. Grant will be brought to South Carolina at once for trial.

The following is the telegram to the attorney general from James D. Naher, clerk of the United States supreme court:

"Vaughn vs. South Carolina. Affirmed with costs. United States ex rel Brown vs. Cooke. Dismissed for want of jurisdiction."

The Grant Case.

The negro, Joe Grant, alias Brown, is wanted for the alleged shooting of a white man in Edgefield county in 1906. He fled to Pennsylvania and has been fighting efforts of the South Carolina officials to get him back here for trial. After an extended hearing the governor of Pennsylvania issued extradition papers for the return of Grant to South Carolina, and it was an appeal from this decision which Grant took to the United States supreme court, and which that body dismissed today.

It is the expectation of Attorney General Peeples to expedite the return of Grant to this State for trial.

Case Against Vaughn.

T. U. Vaughn, who also lost his case before the supreme court today, is under sentence of death on a conviction of criminal assault. He was former superintendent of the Odd Fellows Home in Greenville, and his trial attracted wide attention. He based his appeal on the ground that the mode of legal execution had been changed, after the time his alleged crime was committed, from hanging to electrocution, and he contended that this was in the nature of an ex post facto law. But the supreme court overruled him on this point. Vaughn will be resentenced at the next term of the general sessions court of Greenville county.

Insane or Feigning?

Vaughn is at present confined in the State penitentiary, and it is stated that he has not spoken a word in nearly two years, and that he constantly acts as if he is insane. It has been thought for some time that Vaughn was either insane or is a splendid actor, for he has been acting as one demented. During the early part of this year Dr. A. P. Herring, of Baltimore, while in Columbia, made a close study of Vaughn and gave it as his opinion that the man was only acting. During Gov. Manning's visit to the penitentiary last week one of the newspaper men who was along observed Vaughn. At that time he was seated on the floor, head bowed and fingers constantly interlacing. Although addressed in a loud tone of voice he did not seem to notice that he was spoken to, nor would he utter a word or pay attention to any one near him. It is likely that a committee of medical experts will be asked to pass on the question of whether Vaughn is insane or not.

Vaughn was convicted in October of 1912, and has been confined in the penitentiary ever since for safe-keeping.

Other Capital Cases Won.

Two other capital cases from this State, Joe Malloy, of Bennettsville, under sentence of death for the murder of Prentice Moore, and Will Bethune, of Clarendon county, also under sentence of death, have been affirmed by the United States supreme court on the same point involved in the Vaughn case.

Attorney General Peeples has won all six of his cases before the United States supreme court this year. In addition to the four mentioned above, he won two insurance cases, which were taken up on appeal.

The Union County Neighbor.

The neighbors who are neighbors are those who do something when it is needed to be done. These are the kind of neighbors that Mr. Willis Melton, of the Zoar community, has. Mrs. Melton has long been sick and this, of course, keeps Mr. Melton from his work. Last fall his neighbors gathered his crop at the right time. Last Friday twenty-one of them gathered at his farm with nineteen plows prepared the land and planted his cotton seed.—Monroe Journal.

IN THE PALMETTO STATE

SOME OCCURRENCES OF VARIOUS KINDS IN SOUTH CAROLINA.

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

Emmett Lee, a white boy, was shocked from a stroke of lightning striking near him Tuesday at Georgetown. He was not badly hurt.

Hampton Bunch, an Orangeburg boy, was accidentally shot with a rifle near the Edisto river Tuesday, and is in a serious condition. The rifle was in the hands of Bunny Enloe.

John Pearson, a negro accused of attempted criminal assault, was arrested in Bennettsville Tuesday, and lodged in jail. The negro escaped at the time, but was arrested after an exciting chase.

A recent issue of the Confederate Veteran states that of a family of sixteen children, eleven brothers served in the Confederate army. They were sons of Mr. and Mrs. George Anderson, of Waterloo, S. C.

A mule 35 years of age died in Newberry county the other day. The animal had been owned by one person for 29 years, and was the second mule he ever owned. The mule had a good record, never having been in a runaway.

Creighton Bradley, a Sumter farmer, lies in a serious condition as a result of being stabbed in one lung last Friday. It is stated that three men and three women, all white, raised a disturbance near Bradley's house. He told them to move on, when he was attacked and stabbed. All were arrested.

MUST OBSERVE LAW.

Gov. Manning Says He Regrets Grand Jury Failed to Do Its Duty.

Columbia, June 16.—"The failure of the grand jury to do its duty will not have any effect on our endeavor to enforce the laws; our efforts will not be relaxed, but will be greater than ever," stated Governor Manning this morning in an interview discussing the failure of the Charleston grand jury to bring in true bills yesterday against alleged "blind tigers."

Governor Manning today gave out the following statement:

"I regret to see by the newspapers that the grand jury in Charleston failed to bring in true bills in the liquor cases, notwithstanding the statement of the foreman that the action was regardless of the law and the evidence in the cases, but was caused by prejudice against the dispensary law. I am glad to note that some of the members of the grand jury stood for upholding the law. The failure of the grand jury to do its duty will not have any effect on our endeavor to enforce the laws; our efforts will not be relaxed, but will be greater than before."

Governor Manning also addressed a letter to Sheriff Martin asking that he redouble his efforts to suppress the sale of whiskey in Charleston. He cautioned the sheriff not to be discouraged by the action of the Charleston county grand jury.

AVIATORS IN FIGHT.

Frenchman Shoots German Opponent.—Machine Drops.

Paris, June 19.—The following official account of an engagement between a French and a German airplane was given out in Paris today:

"An enemy aeroplane having been observed over our lines at Aspach, near Thann, in upper Alsace, one of our aviator sergeants took wing and mounted in 30 minutes to a height of 10,500 feet. At this altitude he engaged his enemy with a machine gun.

"The German replied with his machine gun, and one of his bullets struck the motor of the French machine. The sergeant again ascended to a position above his adversary and fired three bands of cartridges. During the third round the German aviator was seen by the Frenchman suddenly to throw his arms into the air. His machine then began to fall and it came down like a stone inside of our line.

"The French aviator came down under control. Once on the ground he examined his machine. He found that bullets fired by his antagonist had perforated his cylinder, penetrated the steel shield at the back of the motor and riddled his sails. The Frenchman himself was slightly wounded in the neck.

NOTED CLIMBER GETS FALL.

Crowd Horrified When "Satanet" Slips from Capital Dome.

Columbia, June 15.—Hundreds of people massed in front of the State Capitol this afternoon were horrified when Harry Gardner, of Ohio, exhibiting under the non de plume of "Satanet," was hurled from the cooping surrounding the bottom of the copper-sheeted roof of the dome of the State house to the base.

It was at first thought that he was dead, but when assistance reached him, he was found to be semi-conscious, and badly hurt. With difficulty he was gotten off the roof and out of the Capitol building and rushed to a local hospital. The man claims to have lost his hold, the copper covering of the dome being wet and slippery following a driving rain. He had four ribs broken and was badly bruised, but is reported last tonight as resting easy.

"Satanet" is styled the "human fly" because of his ability to climb buildings seemingly impossible of ascent from the exterior. It is said that he has successfully scaled some of the tallest buildings in the country, including the Flat Iron structure in New York. Yesterday he climbed the Palmetto Bank building, a fifteen story structure.

SHERIFF HOOD MEMORIAL.

Sheriff of Newberry Suggests Sheriffs Raise Fund.

Columbia, June 16.—A memorial to the late Sheriff Hood, of Fairfield county, to be provided for by funds subscribed by the sheriffs, is proposed in a letter from Sheriff Cannon G. Blease, of Newberry, to every sheriff in the State.

MT. LASSEN ACTIVE AGAIN.

Huge Pillar of Smoke Shoots Mile Skyward.

Redding, Cal., June 16.—Lassen Peak erupted for the one hundred and first time at 1 o'clock today, belching from its main crater a pillar of smoke, reported to reach a mile skyward. Today's eruption was the first since May 31.

RAILROAD FIGURES TOO LOW.

State Treasurer Refuses Tenders on 3-Mill License on Gross Earnings.

Columbia, June 19.—The State treasurer has refused tenders made by attorneys of the Seaboard, Southern, Charleston and Western Carolina, and the Blue Ridge railroads of what the railroads say is the three-mill license on gross earnings for the year. The tender in each case was made in currency and refused by State Treasurer S. T. Carter, on the ground that the three-mill tax was on all gross earnings originating in South Carolina as reported to him by the State tax commission. The railroads contend that the law means only the gross earnings in intrastate business.

Mr. B. L. Abney, attorney for the Southern and Blue Ridge, tendered the State treasurer \$9,289.14 for the Southern and \$290.92 for the Blue Ridge as their three-mill tax on gross earnings. This was refused because the treasurer calculated that the Southern's tax was \$27,242.23 and the Blue Ridge \$553.07. Mr. J. Berry Lyles, attorney for the Seaboard and Charleston and Western Carolina, tendered the treasurer \$1,857.06 for the Seaboard and \$1,412.80 for the Charleston and Western Carolina as the three-mill tax on their gross earnings. This was refused because the treasurer calculated that the tax of the Seaboard was \$6,790.84 and the Charleston and Western Carolina \$3,239.

Tax Commission's Figures.

According to the calculation of the State tax commission the total gross earnings of all railroads in South Carolina for the past year was \$22,588,918, and the three-mill tax, according to the State treasurer, amounted to \$67,766.75. The previous year the returns of the gross earnings of the railroads, according to the books of the State treasurer, totalled \$9,481,938.64 and the three-mill tax amounted to \$28,445.81.

Mr. Abney told the State treasurer he did not yet know what process of law the railroads would take in contesting the ruling of the tax commission.

His Ambition.

"Has your son any particular ambition?"

"Well, yes. I heard him say the other night that he wished he could find a way to get money without working for it."—Detroit Free Press.

FRANK GETS LIFE TERM

BEGINS SERVING LIFE SENTENCE FOR PHAGAN MURDER.

Strong Pressure Brought to Bear on Governor Slaton Results in Commutation.

Atlanta, Ga., June 21.—Leo M. Frank today began serving life sentence at the Georgia prison farm for the murder of Mary Phagan, the 14-year-old employee of the pencil factory of which Frank was superintendent. His hurried secret trip by train and automobile from the Atlanta jail to Milledgeville preceded by a few hours the issuance of a long statement by Governor Slaton giving his reasons for commuting the death sentence to life imprisonment.

Frank was delivered at the State prison farm at 4:30 o'clock this morning and soon after extra editions of newspapers announced the fact here. Within a short time crowds began to gather on downtown street corners and within three hours their demonstrations had resulted in calling out two-thirds of the police force and later an order closing all near-beer saloons and clubs where liquor might be obtained. At about noon a crowd, conservatively estimated at 2,500, gathered on the Capitol grounds and listened to several speakers. Most of this crowd later assembled in the hall of the house of representatives, where several speakers said they doubted Frank had been removed from Atlanta.

Committee Visits Jail.

A committee of five was selected to visit the jail here and try to find Frank. They reported that he was not there. Then Sheriff Mangum, who with deputies took the prisoner to Milledgeville, gave the crowd his word he had delivered him there and explained the trip in detail. The crowd, which packed the floor and galleries, then decided to make another demonstration downtown. They marched to "Five Points," in the centre of the business section, and then went to the city hall. As this had been the scene of a demonstration earlier in the day the police took stern measures. Within a few minutes the list of arrests had been increased to ten, all charged with failure to "move on."

Mounted officers rode in circles in the crowd, cutting them off in small detachments. Apparently disheartened by such methods, the crowd gradually dispersed.

At Marietta, twenty miles from Atlanta, the former home of Mary Phagan, Governor Slaton was hanged in effigy. An inscription on the dummy read "John Slaton, Georgia's traitor Governor."

Issues Long Statement.

The governor went fully into the details of why he commuted the sentence, his 15,000-word statement not being completed until almost noon.

Frank did not know until a few minutes before he started on his trip that he was to leave his cell last night. His heavy, distinctive eyeglasses were removed, which in itself was somewhat of a disguise. The officers, however, placed a slouched hat on him and he was not recognized by the few persons at the station at 12:01 a. m., when his train left. He was recognized when the train reached Griffin and at Macon he was reported to be very nervous, needing the support of Sheriff Mangum when he walked.

At the prison farm today Frank changed his demeanor, assuming the outward calmness that has characterized him throughout the case. He again protested his innocence, expressed gratitude to Governor Slaton and said that he had intuitively believed he would at least get a commutation of sentence. He was given No. 965, donned a suit denoting the lowest grade prisoner and tonight apparently had begun the routine of prison life.

Solicitor General Dorsey, who prosecuted Frank, issued a statement tonight in which he declared that the "action of Governor Slaton nullifying the judgments of the State and federal courts and overriding the recommendations of the State board of pardons was unprecedented." He added that no defendant in his recollection had had the benefit of more appeals to both the State and supreme court.

"I cannot find in the record of the Frank case or in the governor's lengthy statement of attempted justification one reason why the governor should annul the judgment of the

IN PENITENTIARY.

Governor Orders Winnsboro Prisoners to Columbia for Safekeeping.

Columbia, June 16.—Ernest Isenhower, Jim Rawls and Jesse Morrison, three men charged with the shooting of Sheriff Hood at Winnsboro on Monday, were brought from Winnsboro in automobiles, in charge of Coroner Smith, who is acting sheriff, and escorted by eight deputies. The men were placed in automobiles at Winnsboro after dark, and the run to Columbia was made without incident. They were placed in the penitentiary at 9:30 o'clock.

Governor Manning ordered the men brought to Columbia as a precautionary measure and because of the condition of the Winnsboro jail. After investigating conditions himself the governor instructed Coroner Smith to take the prisoners to Columbia and place them in the penitentiary.

When the front of a large building in Piccadilly, London, was being cleaned some years ago, a nest was found belonging to a pair of pigeons, and the curious thing about it was that it was made of hairpins.

"courts in this case," said the solicitor.

Demonstration in Atlanta.

Atlanta, Ga., June 21.—Governor Slaton tonight called upon the State militia to protect his country home, near this city, after several hundred men and boys had attempted to enter the estate through the front gates, which had been barricaded by barbed-wire entanglements, and had threatened to overpower the twenty county policemen, armed with riot guns, who were on guard. The demonstration was a protest against the governor's decision today in commuting the sentence of Leo M. Frank to life imprisonment.

Upon arrival of sixty militiamen from Atlanta, who had been held under arms for emergencies, the governor proclaimed martial law in a district extending half a mile in the front and rear of his residence and about a quarter of a mile on either side.

When the militiamen lined up with fixed bayonets to disperse the crowd, stones, bricks and bottles were thrown at them. A brick struck Lieut. Arnold Parker in the stomach and rendered him unconscious for a short time. A bottle, thrown at Private W. W. Foose, struck his gun and cut his hand. The commanding officer, Major Sheron, was struck by a stone, as were several of the men.

Proclaims Martial Law.

The governor proclaimed martial law at 11 o'clock and by midnight the crowd had practically been dispersed. There was no firing.

A telephone message from Milledgeville, where the State prison is located, said that trouble was feared there tonight and asked that the governor order out the Milledgeville company of militia. The governor told his informant that such a request would have to come from the sheriff of Baldwin county.

At midnight, however, the sheriff had not requested troops.

The governor was surrounded in his home by about a dozen friends, nearly everyone of whom was armed with a rifle or pistol. The unexpected arrival of a member of the family at a dark corner of the front porch caused the governor himself to hastily pick up a large pistol.

In front of the governor's house were more than 100 automobiles filled with persons evidently there to see what the crowd would do. The troops had great difficulty in clearing the road of these machines and many of their orders were met with the retort of "shoot."

Crowds Throng Streets.

Early tonight the principal streets were crowded with men and boys and crowds gathered on many corners. A large force of patrolmen paced back and forth along Marietta street, which was a centre for the throngs. There was no indication, however, of serious trouble.

About 8:30 several hundred men started a march through the streets and finally halted at Peachtree and Pine streets. The police then started to break up the gathering. "Come on, let's go out to Governor Slaton's," shouted several members of the crowd, and a large number of men marched north, on Peachtree street, in the direction of the governor's country home, which is several miles from the centre of the city. Members of the party declared they intended to make a call upon the governor. A number of county policemen were on guard at the governor's home.