

## PERSONAL NEWS OF BLACKVILLE

Blackville, June 29.—Friends of Mr. William Mims will regret to learn that he is still in a very serious condition from injuries received in an automobile accident recently. Mr. S. H. Rush, who was in the same accident, is up going around. His tongue which was badly cut, is healing nicely, but he suffering a good deal of pain from other bruises received.

"Annette Kellerman, the Venus of the South Seas, was shown on the screen at the Lyric recently, and the water stunts she performed were greatly enjoyed by the audience. She seems to have been quite an inspiration to the "bathing beauties" at Dyches Pool, who are now performing some of her stunts" remarkably well.

The cucumber business has lulled to be replaced by the cantaloupe season, which bids fair to be very successful, prices today (Monday) ranging from \$1.75 to \$2.00 a crate.

The Rev. Howard Cady filled his usual appointment here at the Episcopal church Sunday, and his earnest sermon made a deep impression on the hearts of his hearers.

Mr. J. L. Buist is some better after a serious spell of illness.

Mr. Stanley Brown is at home from college for the summer.

Miss Rebecca Blatt has returned from a visit to New York.

Master Sam Matthews is visiting Augusta and other places.

Mr. and Mrs. B. M. Baxley returned to their home in Savannah last Tuesday, after spending a week at the home of Mrs. C. R. Kelly.

Mr. and Mrs. Somers B. Pringle and little son, Somers, Jr. left Saturday for a visit in Charleston.

Miss Alice Inman, of Lockhart, is the guest of the Misses Grimes, at Lees.

After spending a month with Mr. and Mrs. Henry P. Dyches, and other relatives in Aiken, Mrs. Mary C. Carroll has returned home.

Mrs. George Wagener Giles and little daughter, Margaret Lee, have returned from Florida, where they have spent the winter. Mr. and Mrs. Giles are now occupying the Julius Sanders residence.

Mesdames C. S. Buist, Bessie Mathis, Daisy Boland and Mr. C. S. Wilson were visitors in Denmark Monday afternoon.

The illness of Mrs. Darling Walsh is a source of regret to hosts of friends.

To the delight of many friends Mrs. Ben F. Storne is at home, recuperating nicely after a serious operation in a Columbia Hospital.

Mr. and Mrs. Judson V. Matthews and son, Carl, and the Rev. Hugh Murchison were among the visitors in Denmark Sunday afternoon.

Miss Dot Mims, of St. George has been the guest of her sister, Mrs. Leroy Still.

Mrs. Merle Jewell and children Patricia, Jean and George, have returned to their home in Portland, Maine, after a two months visit to her parents, Mr. and Mrs. C. S. Buist. While here each of the children's birthdays came, and the important occasions were appropriately celebrated. Four generations were present, Mrs. Izler the great grandmother, Mrs. C. S. Buist, the grandmother, Mrs. Jewell and the children. May they all live to celebrate many more birthdays.

Mrs. Clifton Sandifer and children have returned from a visit to her sister, Mrs. Clayton, in Columbia.

Mr. and Mrs. J. V. Baxley and son, Mr. Bryan Baxley, were business visitors in Aiken Tuesday.

Misses Emma and Julia Kirkland are the guests of their sister, Mrs. E. E. Fickling.

Mrs. Annie Sanders and her daughter, Miss Willie Sanders, of Columbia have been recent visitors at the home of Mrs. Sanders mother, Mrs. Gribbin.

Miss Helen Weissinger has been visiting at Myrtle Beach.

Blackville is well represented at the Evangelistic Meeting (Presbyterian) which is going on at Denmark now, and the services are being enjoyed immensely.

Mr. and Mrs. Leon Marcha, of Gastonia, N. C., have been visiting Mrs. Marcha's parents, Mr. and Mrs. Jim Creech.

Dr. John Molony and Dr. Bill Molony were among the dentists from this section who attended the Dental Convention in Columbia.

An important event of last week was the birth day party given by Mrs. Leroy Still in honor of the

## OCTOPUS IS DEAD; WEALTH SERVES

### CORPORATIONS TAKE PLACE OF INDIVIDUALS IN OPERATING INDUSTRIES OF COUNTRY.

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Democracy and capitalism have no quarrel with each other. In fact, democratic America is fast becoming capitalistic America and in the process democracy is losing none of its potency. The change is being brought about by the democratization of capital.

Corporate wealth, once the octopus, now is the obedient servant of society. Corporations, once the fear of private business enterprise, now are the active agencies of progressive industry.

It is significant to note that in the year 1890 individual firms or limited partnership manufacturers produced a total value of \$5,000,000,000 while incorporated enterprises produced \$7,733,000,000 worth of commodities or approximately 59 per cent. In 1919 individual enterprises produced only \$3,500,000,000 in commodities while incorporated businesses produced \$55,600,000,000 or about 80 per cent. Taking all lines of industry into account it has been estimated that today 90 per cent of the business of the country is carried on by corporation.

#### Character of Stockholders.

In connection with the above figures a still greater significance is seen in the number and character of the stockholders of those corporations which are carrying on the business of the country. A few years ago those stockholders were limited to the wealthy few. In the year 1904 only an insignificant number owned all the stock of the great corporation, while in the year 1924 there were 2,000,000 who owned stock in public utilities alone. Twenty years ago or less there were 43,000 persons who owned United States Steel stock; now there are 159,000; from 6,000 stockholders in the Standard Oil group the number has jumped to 300,000; from 7,000 American Bell Telephone and Telegraph stockholders the increase has been to 343,000, and so on through the list. There are 45,000,000 persons in the country who are, in effect, stockholders in insurance companies, while 35,000,000 have invested their earnings in savings banks.

#### Main Street, Not Wall Street.

Bringing all the facts and figures together the conclusion is reached that "Main Street and not Wall Street" owns the business and industry of America. In other words, the people—not centralized wealth—own the great enterprises of the country; the people themselves are now the corporations.

This development has been gradual and at times painful; it has been in process since the War Between the States and is still in process. The ultimate is popular ownership of all business and industry. It is the solution of the problem of capital and labor.

There are those who have been blind to this great economic development. Senator LaFollette made his ripple of a presidential campaign with utter disregard of it, blind to the fact that those millions of the country's population who had invested their hard earnings in corporate enterprises were thereby writing their verdicts against him and his communistic doctrines.

seventh birthday of her little son, Leroy, Jr. All the little folks who participated in the lovely affair say it will never be forgotten.

Miss Joe Smith, of Atlanta, has been a recent guest in the home of Mrs. R. R. Chisolm.

Miss Sarah Molony was a visitor in Columbia recently.

Mr. Earl Delk, who has a position in Washington, has been on a visit to his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Henry Delk. Hosts of friends were delighted to greet him again.

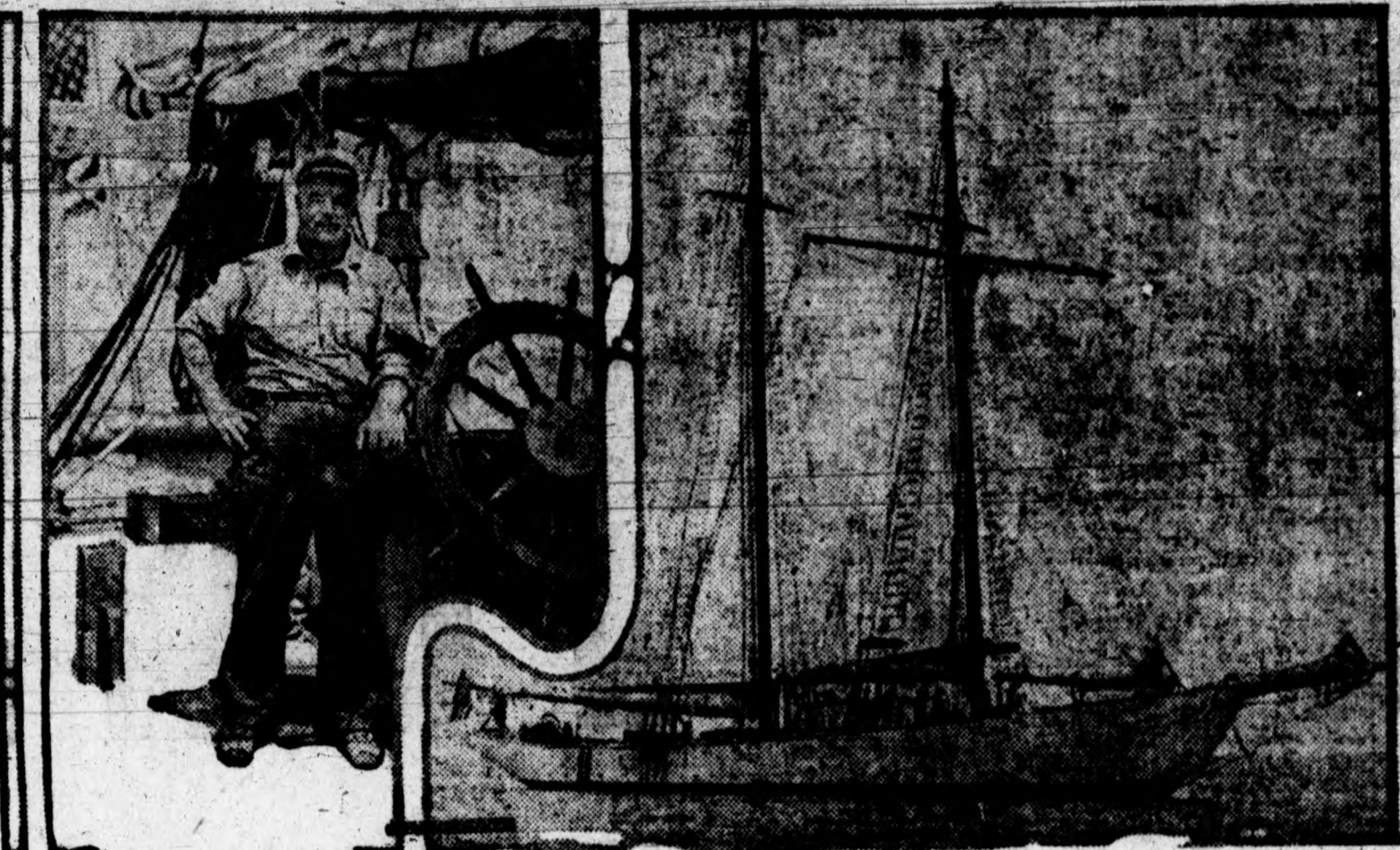
Mr. Leroy Fanning has gone to Baltimore on a business trip.

The home of Mr. and Mrs. Julius Strobel on Hampton Ave., which is being remodeled, is nearly completed and makes a nice appearance.

The revival services at the Baptist church in Elko are being attended and enjoyed by quite a number of folks from here.

Mr. and Mrs. Byran Croft and children visited her mother, Mrs. Googe, near Allendale, last week; while there they visited Mrs. Croft's uncle, Mr. Owen Barker, who is very ill at his home in Seiglingville.

## Ship That Carries Searchers for Lost Explorer



Another expedition to the Arctic regions started from Atlantic Highlands, N. J., on June 21, for the purpose of searching for William Nutting, an explorer who disappeared in northern Labrador about one year ago. The expedition sailed in the ship Zodiak, which is shown above. At the left is its captain, Norman Ross, at the wheel.

## Tenor's Singing Saved Two From Awful Death

The late Joseph Maas, the famous tenor, during a visit to the United States some years ago, was very fond of hunting the buffalo on the prairies. When engaged in this sport on one occasion with his friend, Boucicault, the celebrated Irish actor, they were suddenly attacked by a number of Indians in the dusk of the evening, while far from their encampment. Bound hand and foot, the captives were dragged to the Indians' halting place, where a fire was made. While awaiting their fate, fearing that that night would be their last, Boucicault said to his friend: "Joe, sing for me." Maas, who had never sung in such terrible circumstances, tearfully complied with his friend's request, and began to sing some old favorites, recalls the Family Herald. The Indians pricked up their ears and leaned forward to listen as the great tenor's voice thrilled through the night air.

When he stopped they pricked him with their spears, saying, "More, more," and he was compelled to continue. Song after song he sang, until at length he noticed that one by one the Indians were dropping off to sleep round the fire. When the last man had dropped off to sleep Maas crawled to a knife lying on the ground and managed to cut Boucicault's bonds, and his friend then quickly released him.

## Chinaman Sails Junk in His Own Fashion

The oldest seagoing vessels of the world are the junks of the Yellow sea of China. These junks are "highly decorated vessels, with tall poops and rounded sides, reminiscent of the days of Drake and Columbus."

"Junks of this type are in existence still which were built in the time of Kien-Lung, say some 150 years ago," says the London Yachting Monthly.

"A junk will not leave to, and John Chinaman is fully aware of this. He doesn't even try; his plan is far simpler."

And there are many of our would-be leaders in the Carolinas who have failed to sense the significance of this economic trend.

As to this development there are two concrete conclusions which I should like to mention. They are:

First: The growth of corporations as commercial and industrial factors must be recognized as a fact and economic soundness of the development admitted, results being taken as proof thereof.

Second: That the regulation and supervision of those corporate enterprises be entrusted not to capricious legislative bodies composed in large part by politicians, but to judicial bodies.

Bringing the matter down to cases, I do not wish the investments I have in savings, in insurance policies and whatever little stock I may own in incorporated business enterprises, subjected to the political whims of uncertain legislatures. Neither does my neighbor wish his hard-earned savings penalized in order to meet some unjust and inequitable tax demand.

It is generally conceded that the recent session of the South Carolina Legislature made it blunder of blunders in adding another and unwarranted tax on the business of corporations in the Palmetto State. The effect of that legislation will be to retard and hinder that economic development which is now under way all over the country. The progress of South Carolina has been temporarily held up by shortsightedness.

Let the legislative branch of our State government create a smaller, strong, and compact corporation commission supplying with the necessary expert technical assistance and entrust the supervision of corporate enterprise to that commission; itself being hands off; then we would witness the real beginning of industrial greatness in this State.

He lets his hairdags go with a run, and the sail is off his vessel in a moment. The high poop acts as a riding mizzen and brings him head to wind; the low bow prevents him from falling off the wind.

"If the blow is likely to last any time, he lays out a sea anchor. His next procedure is to burn a joss stick and probably a few pieces of paper to his household god. After that, as there is nothing more to do except eat or sleep—he does so."

#### Missed Accustomed Noise

Along the Irish coast are lighthouses which fire a signal gun at three-minute intervals during foggy weather. To a visitor the noise is irritating and unbearable, making sleep an impossibility; but to the seasoned lighthouse-keeper not only does the monotonous boom pass unnoticed, but a break in its regularity reacts as a disturbance.

An old Irishman of long service slept soundly and peacefully during a winter night while his wife fired the roaring three-minute signals—that is, he rested comfortably until by some shortcoming one of the charges failed to explode.

Instantly he awoke, sat up, gazed wildly around, and shouted, "Maggie! What the deuce was that?"

#### Coca-Chewing Evil Habit

The chief vice of the Indians and half-breeds of Bolivia is chewing coca. A man who has the habit can always be detected by the immense lump in his cheek. The general effect of the drug is to dull the nerves and stiffen the resistance to fatigue. Under its influence natives can endure great hardships and physical strain. Many of them will work for days at a time on nothing except coca leaves, which they begin to chew at breakfast time and continue to chew throughout the day. As with all narcotics, the persistent use of coca wrecks the nervous system and dulls the intellect.—Youth's Companion.

#### How He Felt

There had been a shipwreck and the passengers were taken to various houses in the neighborhood to be made comfortable. They were received as guests of importance in one home and conversation was essayed. "There were no fatalities, I understand," said one, "but how did you feel when the waves dashed over you and you thought each moment might be your last?"

"Very wet, madam, very wet," was the reply.

#### Took It Literally

The two were discussing the careless way in which trunks and suitcases are handled by some railway companies.

"I had a very cute idea for preventing that once," said one of them, smiling reminiscently. "I labeled each of my bags, 'With care—China.'"

"And did that have any effect?" asked the other.

"Well, I don't know; you see, they shipped the whole darned lot off to Hongkong."

#### Compositions of Oil

Olive oil is practically 100 per cent fat and has energy value of about 4,000 calories per pound. The Association of Official Agricultural Chemists includes among edible vegetable oils and fats of sufficient importance to warrant standardizing the oils of cottonseed, peanut, sesame seed, poppy seed, coconut, rape seed, sunflower and maize. Of these peanut oil bears the closest resemblance to olive oil in its chemical and physical properties.

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## Stem-end Treatment Is Very Important

Shipments of watermelons in carlots from this point began this week and "whether watermelons are to be sold at the other end of the line, in the markets or sold on the side-tracks or where they are loaded should not make any difference in using the stem-end treatment," says Harry G. Boylston, county agent. Continuing, Mr. Boylston says:

"Some farmers have felt that where they sell the melons for cash at the side track they do not care to be bothered with the stem-end treatment. Railroads have heretofore been requiring this treatment to be done, and we should do it properly, because if it is done it will reduce the losses from stem-end rot which occurs while the melons are in transit to the market. Treatment does not require much expense or extra labor, and it is quite an advantage to those who are shipping themselves, or to the ones who buy them.

The material used to apply the stem-end treatment is made with blue stone, starch and water. Two ounces of blue stone are dissolved in a quart of water, and this water is brought to the boiling point, after which while the blue stone water is boiling, a starch solution is slowly added. The starch solution is made by dissolving two ounces of any ordinary starch in a pint of cold water. Care should be taken to not use tin or galvanized ware, as the blue stone will attack these materials. Boiling of this solution after the starch solution has been added slowly to continue until the mixture begins to thicken and then it should be taken off to cool. If properly made it should be about the thickness of paint.

"The watermelons should be loaded in a car, stems are cut and then the paste applied with a small mop or brush, and those desiring to have assistance in the making of this paste will call on this office."

allowed a few moments for this to sink in and then added: "Do you know why I wish that?" For a moment or two there was silence, and then a childish voice from the back of the room was heard to say: " 'Cas you've forgot all you ever knowed.'—Atlanta Journal.

#### Storm Clouds' Visibility

The weather bureau says that the distance at which storm clouds are visible to the naked eye varies greatly with one's position and the kind of clouds. If a person is in an open flat country and the clouds are of the broad stratus or layer type, he may not see them more than 30 or 40 miles away, and even not half so far if the air tends to be misty or hazy. On the other hand, when the air is quite clear a well-developed cumulo-nimbus, or thunderstorm, cloud may, in favorable circumstances, be seen when more than 100 miles away.

#### Australians Know Snow

Snow falls in southeastern Australia during the winter months, and occasionally lies on the ground as far north as Melbourne and Sydney. On the mountains and in northeastern Victoria and southern New South Wales, the snowfall is very heavy. Forests are practically buried in snow and on the plateaus of northeastern Victoria the ground is sometimes covered to the depth of several feet from May to September. This also occurs on the highlands of Tasmania, although there are no mountains bearing perpetual snow-caps in either Australia or Tasmania.

#### Another Good Way

"That's a fine car. How did you get it?"

"Out of a prize competition."

"Did you win it?"

"No, I organized it."—London Fencing Show.

#### Fortified

One Sunday morning a southern pastor noticed a new attendant at the services.

When the meeting was over the preacher made it his business to speak to the newcomer.

"Rastus," he said, "this is the first time I have seen you at church for a long time. I'm mighty glad to see you here."

"I had to come," replied Rastus. "I needs strengthenin'. I've got a job whitewashin' a chicken coop and buildin' a fence around a watermelon patch."

#### The Only Way

"I was only acting the part of peace-maker."

Magistrate—But you knocked the man senseless!

Prisoner—I did. There was no other way to get peace.

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