

PERSONAL MENTION.

People Visiting in This City and at Other Points.

—W. I. Johns, of Allendale, visited relatives in the city Saturday.

—Rev. Simon Peter Hair, of Fountain Inn, spent Monday in the city.

—F. M. Smoak, of Charleston, is visiting his mother, Mrs. E. A. Smoak.

—Miss Ida Brabham is visiting Miss Sarah Cecile Meetze in Lexington.

—Capt. John C. Lanham, of the faculty of Carlisle school, is in the city.

—Miss Jerolyn Adams, of Walterboro, visited relatives in the city last week.

—Miss Margaret Milhous, of Columbia, visited friends in the city last week.

—Rev. Philip A. Mickel returned last week from his vacation trip to Virginia.

—Mrs. D. P. Matheny and children, of Mt. Pleasant, are visiting relatives in the city.

—Dr. and Mrs. Geo. F. Hair spent a few days in Spartanburg during the past week.

—Miss Marguerite Townsend, of McDonald, N. C., is the guest of Mrs. B. D. Carter.

—Miss Adelaide Chandler has returned to the city after a visit to relatives in Georgia.

—Miss Harriet Wiggins has returned to the city after a visit to relatives in Clinton.

—Mrs. Janie Sojourner, of Denmark, is the guest of her sister, Mrs. A. L. Kirkland.

—Mrs. J. A. Klein has returned to the city from Asheville, where she spent a few weeks.

—Mrs. John H. Cope has returned to the city after spending several weeks in Asheville.

—Mrs. J. A. Murdaugh returned Saturday from North Carolina, where she spent a few weeks.

—G. W. Whitaker, of Williston, spent Sunday in the city with his brother, Paul Whitaker.

—Mrs. H. G. Driggs and daughter, of Denmark, spent Tuesday in the city with Mrs. S. A. Hand.

—H. W. Whitaker, of Dorchester, spent a few days in the city last week with his son, Paul Whitaker.

—Roy and Ralph Whitaker, of Newberry, have returned home after a visit to relatives in the city.

—Mrs. O. R. Wemple and daughter, Betsy, of Florence, are the guests of Mr. and Mrs. LaVerne Thomas.

—Miss Ruth Hodges, of Brownsville, returned to her home this week after a visit in the city to friends.

—Mrs. Rob Patterson, of Barnwell, spent a few days in the city last week with Mrs. L. C. Smoak.

—Mrs. R. B. Still and children, of Blackville, are visiting the former's parents, Mr. and Mrs. H. C. Folk.

—Rev. and Mrs. George P. White and children returned Monday from Asheville, where they spent a month.

—Mrs. R. C. Jones and little daughter, Daisy Martin, are spending some time with relatives in Westminster.

—Miss Bessie Travette, of Richmond, Va., returned to her home Sunday after a visit to Mrs. James T. Burch.

—Miss Alice Smoak has returned to her home in the city after a visit of a few weeks to friends in Richmond, Va.

—Mrs. J. B. Black, Jr., returned to the city Saturday from McClellansville, where she spent a few weeks with relatives.

—Mrs. T. C. Bethea and T. J. Bethea, Jr., of McColl, have returned to their home after a visit to Mr. and Mrs. L. C. Smoak.

—Mrs. J. E. Bandy, of Macon, Ga., is visiting her parents, Prof. and Mrs. J. A. Klein. She will hereafter live at Griffin, Ga.

—Miss Marguerite Nolte, of Charleston, returned home Monday after a visit of several weeks to her sister, Mrs. H. J. Stuckey.

—LeVerne Thomas and C. W. Rentz, Jr., returned to the city Sunday after a week's visit to friends and relatives in Florence.

—Mrs. J. Heard and little son, J. J., returned Monday from a month's visit to relatives and friends in Macon and Atlanta.

—Mrs. J. F. Carter returned to the city Saturday from Savannah, accompanied by her sister, Mrs. Lewis, of Kline, who is spending some time with her.

—Rev. C. J. Thompson, of the conservation commission of the Baptist twenty-five million campaign, Columbia, was in the city Sunday and occupied the Baptist pulpit.

—Dr. R. M. Graham, of Florence, spent a few days in the city this week with LaVerne Thomas. Dr. Graham is proprietor of the wholesale establishment of the Gate City Drug company.

SIGN PEACE TREATY IN GERMAN CAPITAL

TEXT OF DOCUMENT MADE PUBLIC IN WASHINGTON.

Gives Explanation.

Mention Made of Reaffirmation Government's Share in Renounced German Overseas Possessions.

Washington, Aug. 25.—The treaty with Germany which was signed today in Berlin was made public tonight by the state department. It puts into force the economic, reparations, military and various other provisions of the unratified treaty of Versailles but provides specifically that the United States shall not be bound by the covenant of the league of nations or by other enumerated parts of the Versailles settlement.

The declarations of the peace resolutions are reaffirmed in the treaty and it contains in addition a blanket provision that any benefit which might accrue to this country under the Versailles pact is to be regarded as of full force. Government's renunciation of her overseas possessions jointly to the big five powers is reaffirmed, as are the military clauses of the Versailles treaty, the sections relating to prisoners, reparations, finance, economic settlements, commerce and abrogation of all other existing treaties between the two countries.

In dissociating the United States from the league of nations, the document provides not only that this government will not be bound by the covenant, but that no action of the league shall be considered as placing an obligation upon America. The United States also stipulates that it will not be bound by the sections of the Versailles treaty relating to the boundaries of Germany, to political readjustments in Europe, to the settlements affecting China, Siam, Liberia, Morocco, Egypt, Turkey, Bulgaria, or Shantung or to the establishment of an international labor organization.

State Department Speaks.

In a state department statement issued to announce the signature of the treaty, special mention was made of the reaffirmation of this government's share in the renounced German overseas possessions, the statement declaring that this provision "confirms the rights of the United States with respect to Yap and other former German overseas possessions upon an equality with the other powers."

The department's statement reviewed the treaty in detail, emphasizing that any advantage which might have been gained by ratification of the treaty of Versailles is fully preserved under the present instrument. Regarding such further settlements as may be necessary between the two nations, the statement said:

"It is understood that diplomatic relations will be resumed upon the exchange of ratifications of the treaty, and then negotiations can be undertaken with respect to commerce and other matters through the ordinary diplomatic channels."

Administration officials are understood to feel, however, that commercial questions between the United States and Germany are as fully covered as seems necessary for the present by the reaffirmation of the financial and economic clauses of the Versailles treaty. "In that connection there is a provision in the treaty reaffirming the present attitude of this government toward the reparations commission by declaring that the United States reserved the right to participate in the commission's deliberations but would not be bound to any such participation except by its own decision."

—Mr. and Mrs. F. M. Moye and baby returned to the city Tuesday from the North Carolina mountains.

—Mrs. G. Frank Bamberg and Miss Nelle Bamberg are spending some time in the mountains of North Carolina.

—Misses Pauline and Georgie Brooker, of Columbia, Mr. and Mrs. J. C. Matthews, of Blackville, and and C. R. Matthews, of Birmingham, Ala., visited Mrs. D. R. Matheny and family last week.

—J. E. Bryan, chief commissioner of Allendale county, was in the city yesterday. Mr. Bryan is going to Columbia today to confer with the state highway commission in regard to the proposed concrete bridge over the Salkehatchie river.

—Harold Simmons and Manor Graham, of Greenwood, who have been spending some time in the city, returned to their home Tuesday morning accompanied by Will Kirkland and R. M. Bruce, Jr., who will spend some time with friends and relatives. They made the trip by automobile.

OLAR BUREAU

R. Fair Goodwin, Manager.

JOKE WAS NEAR-SERIOUS.

Much Excitement Prevailed in Olar Result of Fun Making.

Olar, Aug. 30.—Some laugh at the jokes they "pull" on the other fellow; others laugh at the fellow who tried to "pull" one, but on whom the joke rebounded, etc.—but never did I come in contact with an excellent joke until last Thursday evening, at which there was none to laugh.

Several young men in these parts thought on last Thursday night they would "pull" one on another young man, also of Olar. After minute planning, several being well armed, placed themselves in hiding along the public road about a mile from town, and one certain party accompanied the party on whom the laugh was to have been, for a car ride along this road. All worked fine, so far, and there was a make-believe break down that seemed real to the innocent one. As soon as the autoists were out of the car, the ambushers ran out with murderous threats of robbery on their lips, and turned loose a regular fusillade into the air. The guilty autoist fell, feigning imminent death. The innocent one fled precipitately toward home, of course. And to speed him on his way, there were other plotters hidden along his path, who used their firearms rather indiscriminately.

When this young man reached town and told his tale, it took but a short time to have more than a hundred men on the scene of the supposed tragedy, trying to locate the body of the murdered man, and follow up the trail of the murderous automobile thieves. The sheriff of Bamberg county was notified, and he in turn notified all the surrounding towns.

In a short time there were parties here from Ehrhardt, Barnwell and surrounding communities, prepared for action. Since, we keep hearing how the streets and roads for twenty years the escape of the evil doers.

When we learned that there was nothing real about it, except the appearance, everybody was afraid to laugh for fear he would be numbered among those who had gone quite a bit too far in trying to "pull" a joke.

Next day there was still none to laugh, and especially those who had planned such immense machinations. These parties, I understand, found consolation only in the earnest apologies to the one on whom they had planned the laugh. They planned to laugh, but were glad to apologize.

And let me say, Mr. Editor, that I wish, just as humbly to apologize to all our friends in the surrounding towns and communities, who so nobly offered their services when we thought we needed them. It is especially regrettable that this should happen when the whole country was expecting something just like what this appeared to be, and as a result was keyed up to the point that every one, practically speaking, was ready at a moment's notice to come to the rescue.

Speaking for our town and community, I can say that we do not uphold carrying a joke to this extent at any time, much less at a time when we might need help at any moment to chase murderers or thieves. We trust that this will not be remembered against us as a community. I also feel that I can say for those who did the stunt that they never intended to allow it to take the turn it did. It was more of bad judgment on their part than evil intentions. In conclusion allow me to say, to whom it may concern, that a joke is not a joke when it goes beyond a certain point. I saw a man sentenced to two years hard labor whose only charge was carelessness in the methods he used in pulling a joke. Let us beware.

SECURES POSTMASTERSHIP.

J. Gordon Brabham Confirmed as the Postmaster at Olar.

The Congressional Record last week contained the news of the confirmation by the United States senate of the nomination of J. Gordon Brabham as postmaster at Olar.

An examination was held last March to fill this position. There were four applicants in the examination, Mrs. E. D. Bessinger, J. W. Chitney, J. Gordon Brabham and Mr. Morris. The name of Mr. Brabham was submitted to the senate and the nomination has been confirmed.

Mr. Brabham is a life-long resident of the Olar section. For the past several years he has been connected with the automobile sales agency of C. F. Rizer. He is widely connected throughout the county, and the news of his good fortune will be received with delight by his many friends and acquaintances.

Personal Mention Items.

Misses Clyde and Rubye McKinney.

DENMARK BUREAU

J. E. Steadman, Manager.

Dwelling Burned.

Denmark, August 30.—W. R. Laird, who lives about three miles south of here, had the misfortune to lose his dwelling by fire last Thursday night about one o'clock. The origin of the fire is unknown. It is understood that the property was insured.

Reservoir Completed.

The large reservoir which is being built in connection with the town waterworks, is practically completed. The Edisto Public Service corporation of this place has the contract and they have given the town a first-class job.

Injured by Falling Tin.

John S. Tyler, yard clerk for the S. A. L. railway at this place, had the misfortune of having a heavy piece of tin fall on his foot last week. We are glad to report, however, that while the accident was very painful, it is not serious.

Short Items.

Born to Mr. and Mrs. Winchester Graham on last Friday night, a fine baby boy.

Wesley Morrison, of Savannah, Ga., is spending several days with friends here.

C. B. Pond, president of the Pond Brothers Peanut company, is spending several days in Suffolk, Va.

Rev. and Mrs. O. J. Frier, who have been spending the past month in Florida, will return this week.

OLD CRIME RECALLED.

Mysterious Murder in Fort Mill During Civil War.

"I was just wondering," said a day or two ago one of the older citizens of Fort Mill, "how many people now living in the community know that a murder about which there seemed to be a mystery that has never been cleared up and perhaps never will be, was committed during the Civil War close to the spot on which the Catawba Indian monument stands in Confederate park. Not many, perhaps, but it is a fact nevertheless, says the Fort Mill Times. Two men, one of whom bore the name Brezeale, the other Baugh, drifted into the community some time after the war started. I do not recall how it happened that they were not in the Confederate army. Neither had any relatives here, so far as was known and neither apparently had very much business in the community. It was stated at the time that both were reluctant to talk of their past life and no one here knew whence they came. If they had known each other before they began to live here, that too was a matter which neither discussed, but the end of their relationship led up to the belief that at some time in life they had crossed each other's path.

"One Saturday afternoon the two men met in the public hitching lot, now the site of Confederate park. Angry words were heard to pass between them by bystanders and without any threatening demonstration being made against him, Brezeale, who was the older man of the two, whipped a pistol from his pocket and shot Baugh through the heart, killing him instantly. Brezeale immediately ran away and that was the last ever heard of him in Fort Mill. In those days it was much easier to commit a crime and escape arrest than it is now. The body of Baugh was buried beside the railroad track near where he was killed."

After August 1st I will sell only for cash. I will have no books and will not charge anything. G. O. SIMMONS.—adv.

of Sparks, Ga., have been spending several days with Miss Daisy Rizer. They and Miss Rizer have been in the meantime visiting friends in Colleton county and Bamberg city.

Miss Alice Black, of Millette, has gone to Cope after a few days stay with her cousin, Miss Eloise Kirkland.

Hagood Schaffer, of Columbia, is at the home of his cousin, J. E. Neely, for a short stay.

Harry Manning Brabham, of Ehrhardt, was in town a few days ago.

The following have been vacationing where the air is more or less bracing, but have returned to their respective homes and work: Rev. and Mrs. C. M. Peeler, Mr. and Mrs. R. F. Goodwin, E. D. Bessinger, G. V. Kearse, Misses Leona Thain, Edna Thain, Marie Bessinger, and Eunice Hiers.

Miss Marguerite Cook has just returned from a visit to her sister, Mrs. L. C. Howell, at Georgetown.

Miss Myrtle Barker is off for a while in Bluffton.

Dr. C. B. Ray has gone to Columbia to carry three patients, Mrs. J. G. Brabham, Mrs. T. W. Morris and W. M. Browning, to the hospital. May the fates favor them and return them to us in normal health.

Fats Have Jolly Shop.

Just between us girls—it's no fun being fat, but it isn't half as bad as the rest of the world outside the feminine heavyweight class thinks it.

When you get to straining the penny scales over near the 200-pound mark and you wear size 48 camisoles and 42-inch girdles, and—but why continue?—you're fat, officially classified as "stout," but the chances are 50 to 1 you have a better disposition, digestion and demeanor than the featherweights who enjoy trying to kid you about it.

And the same odds prevail on the chances that being fat doesn't worry you. No woman ever weighs more than 120 pounds. When she gets heavier she stops weighing. But among sympathetic persons the fat—stout—woman will admit her avoirdupois. Like the Texas girl on her first visit to Washington, all that she wants is a kind word.

These observations upon a little-understood class of individuals were deduced from the philosophy of the fat—should it be the philosophy of the fat—that is known to Mrs. M. Zion, whose business is exclusively in clothing admittedly stout women.

Mrs. Zion is proprietor of the Exclusive Stout Shop, in the Arcade, the only one of its kind south of New York. She weighs 235 pounds and admits it, has a jolly disposition and is proud of it, understands the business of making stout women forget there is anything in their size to be ashamed of and has made a success of it.

Her philosophy is a cheerful, good-natured one. For example, she says stout people pay little attention to the jests of their friends because all of them have heard the same jests and jokes so often they think nothing of them.

Here's another bit of the philosophy of the ponderous—"Any woman who will tell her weight will tell her age, and a woman who will tell her age will tell anything to anybody at any time."

Women who qualify in the stout class come to Mrs. Zion's shop not only because she offers clothing to fit them, but because she is one of them and they can ask for garments large enough for them without embarrassment.

Trading at her shop is an admission that you are "exclusively stout," but as Mrs. Zion said:

"When a woman asks for a 48-inch girdle in a department store she always feels that the clerks and the other shoppers near her are wondering how she ever got that way. And she has to ask for that size because can't wear a smaller one. So there you are."

Her shop is another Atlanta enterprise that is attracting trade here from many states. Orders are filled for regular customers who live as far apart as Mississippi and Virginia.—Atlanta Georgian.

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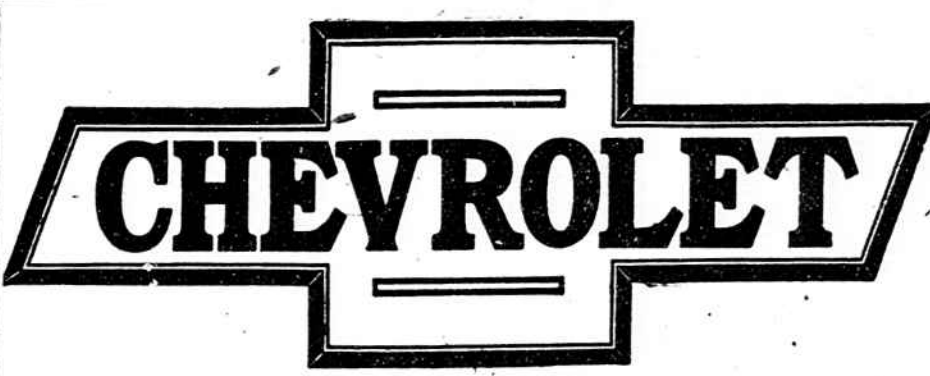
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