

STATE ORGANIZER OF NIGHT SCHOOLS

EDUCATORS ARE URGING THAT THE APPROACHING LEGISLATURE PROVIDE AID.

DISPATCHES FROM COLUMBIA

Doings and Happenings That Mark the Progress of South Carolina People, Gathered Around the State Capitol.

Columbia. Agitation is being urged in educational circles for the passage of a bill at the approaching session of the legislature which would provide for the appointment of a state organizer of night schools...

Miss Gray, who is the supervising teacher of Laurens county, went to Young's township, which according to statistics revealed the highest percentage of illiteracy...

A resultant of Miss Gray's efforts was the organization of night schools in seven districts in Young's township. The schools were conducted one month, with three night sessions of two hours each week...

Can./ates File Expense Accounts. Candidates in the second race for congress in the Fourth district have filed a statement of expenses for the period since the first primary with the secretary of state...

Governor Names Commissioners. Gov. Manning has appointed J. H. Turner and I. B. Carter as commission of state elections for Cherokee county.

Will Visit State Institutions. Delegates to the joint meeting of the Conference for the Common Good and the South Carolina Conference on Charities and Corrections will be given an opportunity to inspect the penal, charitable and correctional institutions located in and around Columbia...

Secretary Grants New Charters. The Florence Athletic Park Association has been chartered with a capital of \$2,000. The officers are: W. R. Barringer, president; N. W. Hicks, vice president; S. J. Royall, secretary; B. A. Early, treasurer.

Market Problem Given Attention. The new system in South Carolina of marketing live stock, the proper method of handling seeds after selecting them for planting and Rook Hill's curb market will be discussed at sectional meetings of the Conferences for the Common Good...

W. W. Long, United States farm demonstration agent for South Carolina in co-operation with Clemson college, will speak at the meeting of the Conference for the Common Good on the morning of September 9...

Ira B. Dunlap of Rock Hill will speak at the Conference for the Common Good on the morning of September 9 on the curb market of his city...

Body to Discuss Vital Questions. The National Association for the Study and Prevention of Tuberculosis has arranged a tentative programme for the second annual Southern tuberculosis conference which meets in Columbia October 8 and 9...

The purposes of the conference are to bring anti-tuberculosis workers together to discuss matters of especial interest to the Southern States and the above named topics will be viewed through the light of the South's needs and present conditions...

Seed Selection Subject of Talk. David R. Coker of Hartsville, widely known in seed selection, is preparing a notable paper on "The Selection and Handling of Seeds for Planting" to be presented at the session of the Conference for the Common Good...

Supreme Court Dismisses Petition. The supreme court in a decision by Associate Justice Hydrick held that Joseph A. Parler had been legally elected county superintendent of education of Dorchester county...

Running Races For State Fair. Premium lists for the approaching state fair, October 25-29, have been issued and the work of distribution begun from the office of D. F. Ehrd, secretary in Columbia...

Dairy Barn For Insane Asylum. As part of the general programme of improvements at the State Hospital for the Insane, the board of regents and the superintendent, C. Fred Williams, M. D., have recently had specifications drawn for the building of a modern and thoroughly sanitary dairy barn...

COURT DISMISSES PETITION

Supreme Court En Banc Refuses to Grant Injunction Against Whiskey Election Sept. 14.

Columbia.—Axtef extended arguments the supreme court en banc signed a brief order dismissing petition for an election scheduled Sept. 14. The petition for an injunction was filed several weeks ago by John Henry Chappell, a citizen of Newberry county.

The order of the court was as follows: "Upon hearing argument herein, and upon consideration thereof, we are of opinion that the injunction be refused as it is so ordered."

"The immediate pendency of the election forbids us to reduce to writing the reasons for our judgment; that will be done hereafter, and so soon as the circumstances shall permit of it." This order was signed by Eugene B. Gary, chief justice; D. E. Hydrick, associate justice; R. C. Watts, associate justice; T. B. Fraser, associate justice; Geo. W. Gage, associate justice, and the following circuit judges, who heard the case upon request of the supreme court: Geo. E. Prince, H. F. Rice, T. S. Sease, S. W. G. Shipp, J. W. DeVore, Frank B. Gary, John S. Wilson, I. W. Bowman, Ernest Moore and Mendel L. Smith.

The petition for the injunction was filed several weeks ago with Associate Justice Watts at Laurens. He refused to take action, but referred the entire matter to the full supreme court. Later the circuit judges were requested to sit with the court.

At the hearing argument for Mr. Chappell was made by Frank G. Tompkins and C. L. Blease. The state election officials were represented by Fred H. Dominick, assistant attorney general and D. W. Robinson of the Columbia bar.

In the complaint the constitutionality of the act, passed at the last session of the general assembly providing for the prohibition election, was attacked. It was also charged that the election would be an unnecessary expense to the taxpayers of the state. The petitioner contended that the legislature had no right to submit the question of prohibition to the people of the state for a vote.

The supreme court will later file an opinion setting forth the reasons for the order dismissing the complaint.

Begin Work on New Depot. Spartanburg.—Stakes have been driven preparatory to beginning actual construction work on Spartanburg's \$100,000 remodeled passenger station. Willard-Boggs Construction company of this city have been awarded the contract.

Friend of Bond Issue Wins. Greenville.—J. Terry Wood of Greer, advocate of the \$950,000 road bond issue, defeated Marvin R. Reese, also of Greer, an opponent of the bonds, for the vacant seat in the house of representatives by a majority of 669 votes.

MARKET REPORT. Prices paid for cotton, cotton seed, corn, wheat, oats, peas, etc., on the different markets in South Carolina during the past week.

SOUTH CAROLINA NEWS ITEMS. Lexington county's cotton crop has suffered severely on account of unfavorable weather. Representative R. S. Whaley of the First South Carolina district, who has been in Washington for some time on departmental business has returned to his home at Charleston.

ARMENIANS REPULSING THE TURKS



A scene in the trenches of the Armenians in the "Gardens" just outside of the city of Van, in Asiatic Turkey, during the recent siege of that place by the Turks.

WAR OF POSITIONS

Trench Warfare Graphically Described by Correspondent.

What It Means to Live for Weeks in a Ditch Seeking to Kill Persons in Another Ditch Within Hailing Distance.

London.—A British correspondent at the front with the expeditionary force in Flanders sends the following graphic description of life in the trenches:

"This war, particularly this trench warfare—the war of positions—as the Germans more correctly call it—is so utterly unprecedented that one often searches the mind in vain for some suitable parallel which will make people realize what it means to have to live for days, sometimes for weeks, on end in a narrow ditch seeking to compass the violent death of persons in another ditch within hailing distance with whom not a year ago one might have been lunching or dining."

"I was in some trenches the other day. We were having tea round a table in a dugout. The trench ran through a cornfield, as I remember, and as we drank our tea we had a fine view of some ruined buildings against the sky. The German trenches were very close, and if you had a fancy to finish with life all you had to do was to take two steps from the tea table and poke your head for an instant above the sandbags of the parapet."

"On the German side an officer had tried to do this that morning. Five minutes afterwards three men with a stretcher had taken the body away. Somebody remarked on the strangeness of our position. 'Here we are,' he said, 'in a ditch in a cornfield. Rather a good spot for a picnic it would have been, wouldn't it, with the old farm back there to furnish hot water for tea and this nice view in front of us? I dare say people used to come here on summer evenings like this a year ago. Yet here we are, a lot of men who probably never heard of Flanders in their lives before this war, living in an adjectival cornfield, with only one idea in life, and that to kill as many as possible of another bunch of fellows living in another corner of the same old cornfield. Funny war, ain't it? Who'll come and snipe?'"

"He and another man, having finished their tea, went off down the trench where the bullets were whizzing and popping and snicking great wads out of the sandbags of the paradises with a resounding smack that fairly deafens you if your head happens to be alongside. I could see them for a bit creeping doubled up along a stretch of low trench marked down as a bad corner. Later I caught sight of them in a ruined barn. They were kneeling motionless with their rifles at an opening. They were waiting. I know whom they were waiting for, a gentle German whom they had named Peter Weber, a sniper, whose perch was in a tree. They had waited for him for three days. They didn't get Peter Weber that day."

IS SMALLEST OF DOGS

Edna Goodrich, former wife of Nat C. Goodwin, arrived from Europe recently bringing with her "Hoko," her Japanese spaniel which has the distinction of being the smallest dog in the world.



Where Law Presumes. In cases where husband and wife are accidentally killed together, the common law presumes that the man, being the stronger, outlived the woman, no matter for how short a time.

MERRY DOGS OF WAR

Tale of "Ugly," Scarred Hero of a Hundred Battles.

Wins Fame and Corporal's Stripes With the British Troops in Northern France—A Challenge and What Came of It.

By GEORGE DUFRESNE, International News Service Correspondent.

Paris.—In the early days of this war, Ugly scrambled ashore in northern France a stowaway on one of the channel packets. He was a khaki-tinted cur of the most disreputable appearance. Nobody's dog; but with a soul so tuned to the doings of soldiers that as soon as he discovered that the great game was going on, he swore to be in it and of it. He was a natural fighter, scored and scarred with a hundred battles.

So they attached him here to B. X., which means any sort of job that's going at the base—"B"—standing for base, and "X" being the recognized algebraic symbol signifying an unknown quantity. He was signed on the A. S. C. (Pickford's Light Horse) to deal with the rats which ravage the bales down by the docks. Like the minister of munitions he was given a free hand with his subject, and so successful was he with these gray-jacketed rascals that he soon received a corporal's stripes, double rations (the dearly loved jam), and the offer, after another singularly successful raid among the rodents, of a commission. This last he refused declaring that he would never leave the ranks.

Ugly's progress was noted abroad. It reached the fighting line. G. H. Q. heard of it, so that presently a dusty M. T. driver, pulling up his car amid the shell-strewn debris of the dock, handed a packet to the young officer in charge, demanding a speedy answer. The communication read as follows:

Dugout 65, Battalion 110, Tuesday. "We always congratulated ourselves here on having the best dog and the fiercest fighter in Flanders. We hereby challenge Corporal Ugly, A. S. C., to meet Sergeant Smiler, G. H. Q., to fight at 25 rounds, catch-and-releasement, at any handy spot within or without the meaning of the act. Stakes—five pounds a side, names drawn."

Inquiries were immediately made as to the standing, skill and fighting weight of Sergeant Smiler, and those being considered satisfactory, the challenge was accepted, and Ugly was put into strict training, much to his disgust.

A heavy book was made on the forthcoming combat, and when the tense evening of the meeting of these growling Greeks arrived, the arena was packed with an eager, brown-faced crowd, all athrob with the sweet pleasures of anticipation. Sergeant Smiler arrived, due to time, in a carefully corded biscuit box.

Ugly was already in possession of the floor, striding up and down in the fierce pride of ownership, and snarling a challenge to the whole category of Crufts.

The box was dragged into the ring, the cords unfastened, the lid raised, the cage tipped at the necessary angle by a brave Tommy, who leaped back over the parapet as with a roar the incarcerated thunderstorm hurled himself into the lists.

Alert, savage and with his back hair bristling, Ugly crouched for the spring—crouched, and then sat down hard in absolute amazement; for there in front of him was his exact, his complete double in size and shape and color. Sergeant Smiler also crouched and sat down suddenly, as if frozen to the floor. In the silence which follows, the breathing of the two dogs could be heard—jerkily, like the spurts of a southwest squall at sea.

Then, with a glad gurgle of canine melody, the two animals flung themselves into one another's arms in a brotherly caress, in which yaps of joy were mingled with yelps of reminiscence, almost tear compelling to the sentimental soldiers gathered around. For none could fail to read the riddle.

Corporal Ugly and Sergeant Smiler were twins, and this was their first meeting since puppyhood. Truth is sometimes stranger than fiction. This is a true tale, and the British army is still laughing over it. A good chuckle now and again is a tonic.

NABBED ON ALLURING SOIL. Escaped Horse Thief Comes Back to Old Scenes and Lands in Prison.

Bismarck, N. D.—Edward Molen, who escaped from the penitentiary three years ago, after serving one month of a four-year sentence for horse stealing, was returned to the institution a few days ago from Marquette, where he was arrested while taking part in a circus parade.

Farmer Kills Big Owl. Hastings, Mich.—Norman Chambers of Baltimore township has killed one of the largest owls ever seen in this vicinity. The bird, which was brown and white in color, measured almost five feet from tip to tip. Its eyes were two inches in diameter.