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## 1ST S. C. REGIMENT EN ROUTE HOME

Will Reach State Capital Today.

MUSTERED OUT IN SEVERAL DAYS

Advices Received from Texas Indicate that the Laurens Boys and Others of the 1st Regiment will Arrive in Columbia Some Time Today.

According to dispatches in the daily papers, the 1st South Carolina Regiment, of which the Traynham Guards is one unit, left El Paso, Tex., Monday and will arrive at Camp Moore, near Columbia, about Friday. It was thought that they would leave there Saturday, but they were delayed by an accident in the railroad yards. The trip from El Paso to this state does not ordinarily take as long as this one by the soldiers, but the traveling time is made longer because the soldiers make stops along the way to take exercise and rest.

The exact length of the stay in Columbia cannot be foretold, as the details incidental to mustering out are uncertain. However, it is thought that the soldier lads will be at Camp Moore for at least a week and probably longer.

When the announcement was made that the local boys would reach home at an early date an agitation was begun for some kind of suitable reception upon their arrival here. Although definite plans have not been laid yet, it is understood that some form of entertainment will be provided when they reach here. Big preparations are also being made in the state capital for a celebration, so the boys will no doubt receive a royal welcome upon their return.

The following is the roll of the company as at present constituted:

Captain—Arthur Lee.  
1st Lieut.—Dixon R. Simpson.  
2nd Lieut.—Joe. F. Smith  
1st Sergeant—John R. Eichelberger.  
Supply Sergeant—William H. Dial.  
Mess Sergeant—Warren M. Snoddy.  
Sergeants—Ben A. Sullivan, James Lewis, Charles F. Alexander, James C. Cannon, Lucius S. Bolt, William F. Martin.  
Corporals—Claude Weathers, Laurens T. Fuller, John P. Caldwell, Murphy T. Sumner, James L. Prince, George L. Templeton, Jesse B. Couch.  
Cooks—John R. Ledford, Willis L. Burton.  
Mechanic—John T. Whaley.  
Buglers—Pierce B. Irby, Robert T. Barnett.

Privates, First Class—  
Ludie F. Avery, William H. A. Baldwin, Lewis H. Bagwell, James W. Barnett, Oscar W. Bobo, William C. Bdt, Dock J. Buchanan, Glenn Bull, Luther R. Corbin, John W. Cremer, Tillman Green, Johnnie Hamilton, Mossie Howard, John T. Lisenby, Sanford B. Medlock, John Radford, Allen E. Sumner, B. Walker, Luther F. Walker.  
Privates—  
Rufus S. Ayers, John T. Barnett, Samuel S. Barton, Carl C. Brown, John C. Butler, Ben Campbell, Leonard Coggin, Christopher C. Craddock, Albert B. Edwards, George Y. Ferguson, William W. Gavittney, Edward P. W. Hartin, John R. Little, Ellis C. McMillan, Julian R. McAllister, Loyd P. Moon, Robert Nelson, Noah C. Power, Cecil J. Radford, Robert R. Rickman, White L. Roberts, Benjamin L. Rush, Winslow P. Rushton.

The First South Carolina infantry, ordered home from the border several days ago, has had more than three months of duty on the frontier. Mobilized June 23 at the State rifle range near Columbia, the regiment left its camp there Monday, August 7, in three special trains and arrived at El Paso Friday, August 11, with a strength slightly in excess of 1,000. The other South Carolina units mobilized were started for El Paso Wednesday, August 9, and arrived after five days. These units, all of which remain in the southwest, are the Second infantry, Troop A, South Carolina cavalry; Company A, South Carolina engineers, and South Carolina Field

## JERSEY COW SELECTED AS OFFICIAL DAIRY BREED

Live Stock Association Met in the Court House and Laid Plans for Active Campaign in the Interest of Live Stock.

The Laurens County Live Stock Association met in the Court House Wednesday afternoon, after the Boll Weevil meeting, and transacted some important business. Mr. J. Wade Anderson was elected president for the coming year and Mr. C. A. Power, secretary and treasurer. The association selected the Jersey as the official breed of dairy cattle for the county, and a special effort will be launched at once through its officers, together with the help of the county Demonstration Agent, to secure as many clubs as possible throughout the county for the purchase of pure bred bulls for the breeding up of dairy herds in this county.

The association adjourned to meet Monday afternoon, Dec 4th, at 2 o'clock. It is hoped that all farmers interested in live stock will make it a point to be present.

Mr. Moore, the Demonstration Agent says that he is able to secure Joel G. Winkler, expert in organization of bull clubs, for Thursday the 7th, to meet with the Live Stock association if they can get together at that time. His territory comprises all the States. As he is considered an authority on live stock breeding, Mr. Moore is particularly anxious to use him for one day just at this time, having assurance of the important part live stock will play in the plans for getting ready for the boll weevil.

## MRS. J. J. ELLARSON DIES FROM EFFECTS OF BURNS

Dress Accidentally Caught on Fire and Burns Cause her Death.

Mrs. J. J. Ellarson, of the Laurens Cotton Mills village, died Friday evening from the effects of burns she received Monday when her clothes caught afire while she was standing by the fireplace. The body was carried to Cedar Shoals cemetery in Spartanburg county, and interred by the side of relatives.

Mrs. Ellarson was standing in front of the fireplace or leaning on the mantelpiece when the accident occurred. Her clothes became ignited from the flames and before the blaze could be smothered she was so seriously burned that little hope was held out for her recovery. She lingered in intense agony for several days when the end came.

The deceased is survived by her husband and three step-children. Her mother, Mrs. Smith, is a resident of the Watts Mills village. She was about thirty years of age.

"Uncle Jack" Glynn, who is now domiciled down around Clinton, was circulating among his friends in Laurens Monday. "Uncle Jack" can't stay away from Laurens for any length of time, so comes up every now and then to get a breath of the court house air.

Hospital No. 1.  
Col. E. M. Blythe of Greenville commands the First regiment. Lieut. Col. P. K. McCully, Jr., of Anderson is second in command. The chaplain is the Rev. R. C. Jeter of Aiken.

The line and auxiliary units of the regiment are as follows:

First battalion, commanded by Maj. R. F. Watson, Greenville, comprises: Company A, Greenville, Capt. W. D. Workman; Company B, Anderson, Capt. L. L. Ligon; Company C, Pelzer, Capt. R. C. Heyward; Company D, Laurens, Capt. Arthur Lee.

Second battalion, commanded by Maj. T. B. Spratt, Fort Mill, comprises: Company E, Union, Capt. J. F. Walker, Jr.; Company F, Spartanburg, Capt. B. F. Justice; Company G, Fort Mill, Capt. S. W. Parks; Company H, Rock Hill, Capt. L. C. McFadden.

Third battalion, commanded by Maj. E. C. von Tresckow, Camden, comprises: Company I, Cheraw, Capt. W. L. Gillespie; Company L, Hartsville, Capt. R. E. Craig; Company K, Anderson, Capt. R. D. Henderson; Company M, Camden, Capt. E. J. McLeod.

Auxiliaries are as follows: Headquarters company, Greenville, Capt. G. H. Mahon (regimental adjutant); supply company, Greenville, Capt. W. E. Seybt; Machine Gun company, Anderson, Capt. Ralph Ramer.

## NO MORE SOLDIERS AT ANDERSON MILLS

Last of the Five Companies of Coast Artillery Decamp from Strike Zone.

Anderson, Nov. 27.—The last of the five companies of coast artillery which have been on guard at the Equinox and Gluck mills for the past two weeks returned home this afternoon. The Greenwood company left at 10 o'clock this morning and the Jonesville company left at 5 o'clock. The orders for the Jonesville company to return this afternoon came from the Governor's office this morning. Quiet prevails at both mills tonight. The number of operatives at work at the Equinox mill has reached three hundred and twenty-five, while the number at work at the Gluck mill has gotten up to one hundred and ten.

Four writs of ejectment against the residents of each mill village were issued today and others will be issued tomorrow.

Before leaving the city Major Robertson issued a public statement, thanking the people of the community for the courtesies and kindness shown his men during their stay here. He also thanked the men of his command for the splendid services rendered. The members of the five companies made many warm and fast friends in Anderson and they left a splendid impression on all the people.

## Mrs. Louise Bolt.

Mrs. Louise Bolt passed away at her home near Shiloh Friday. Although Mrs. Bolt had been ill for several months her death came as a shock to her friends. Mrs. Bolt was highly respected by all who knew her. The remains were laid to rest at Rabun cemetery Saturday. Mrs. Bolt is survived by her husband and several children.

## Dollar for Democracy.

The Advertiser has received and remitted to the State \$1.00 for the Democratic election fund from the former Laurens county citizen, Mr. T. H. Nelson, now living in Etowah, Tenn.

## Card of Thanks.

We want to thank our neighbors and friends for their kindness shown us during the short illness and death of our darling little Bernice, whom the Angels have called home. May God's blessings rest upon every one of them. Mr. and Mrs. Edgar Blakely.

## Change in Pastorates.

Announcement has been made of a change in the appointments of the Upper South Carolina Conference by which Rev. M. T. Wharton returns to Fountain Inn and Rev. R. F. Morris to Ninety Six. These two preachers were stationed at these points last year, so they will not have to move this year.

## Greenville Downs Laurens.

The Laurens high school foot-ball team met its Waterloo on the fields of Greenville last Friday afternoon, when the Greenville high school team defeated them by a score of 27 to 7. In this game Laurens lads were scored on for the first time in two seasons. They came back game, however, putting up no excuse except that the Greenville boys were just too much for them. The Laurens boys put up a good game, but were unable to cope with the well oiled machine of the mountain lads. This game put the Laurens team "out of the money" for the championship of the Piedmont. This will likely be declared after the battle between the Greenville high school and the Spartanburg team.

## Box Supper at Lisbon.

A box supper will be given at Lisbon school house Friday evening, December 8th. The Laurens quartette is expected to furnish music. The public is invited to attend and assist in the worthy cause.

## Play at Barksdale.

A play will be given at the Barksdale school house Thursday night for the benefit of the school. An admission fee of ten cents will be charged. After the play oysters will be sold by the ladies of the improvement association.

## Entertainment at Mountville.

Miss Beulah Elwood McNemar, an impersonator of Keyser, W. Va., will give an entertainment in the auditorium of the Mountville graded school building next Friday night, Dec. 1st at 7:30. Adults 25c, children 15c.

## ROMANCE AND THRILLS GALORE IN "MISTER 41"

Metro's New Lockwood-Allison Vehicle Colorful Picture.

Harold Lockwood and May Allison, the popular and talented stars now appearing together in Metro wonder-plays, will be seen on the screen here at the Opera House on Monday, Dec. 4th in "Mister 41", a five part feature filled with romance and beauty. This production is said to be the best that this brilliant couple has ever appeared in and it carries a wide appeal. Mr. Lockwood and Miss Allison are surrounded by an unusually strong supporting cast headed by Lester Cuneo, the well known leading man, Franklin Hall, Yonda Landowska, Henry Otto, Aileen Allen, Bell Hutchison.

## MINTER COMPANY ANNEX.

Well Appointed Little Store Opened by Minter Company to Handle Men's Wear.

Minter Company Annex is the name of a well appointed little store which has been opened by Minter Company next to their main store on the public square. A complete line of men's ready-to-wear, haberdashery, etc., will be carried, the store being especially intended to appeal to the menfolks. Mr. Yancy Gilkerson will be in charge of this place and he invites all of his friends to call on him there. He expects to make it the busiest little place in town and promises to carry everything in the latest styles and fabrics.

## TRAINMEN MAY STRIKE.

Head of N. C. & St. L. Refuses to Confer with Labor Committee.

Nashville, Tenn., Nov. 25.—Engineers, firemen, conductors and trainmen of the Nashville, Chattanooga and St. Louis Railway company were polled on the question of a strike on that road as the result of the refusal of President J. H. Peyton to confer with a joint committee representing the employees. The result will be announced Thursday.

## Stores to Close Tomorrow.

According to the usual custom, the stores of the city are expected to close for the Thanksgiving holiday tomorrow. Housewives are expected to anticipate their needs for the day and order their supplies today.

## Serious Fire Narrowly Avoided.

Hot coals falling on the floor in the home of Mr. T. C. Switzer Saturday night about ten o'clock came very near causing a serious fire. The room was vacant at the time and a large hole was burned in the floor before Mrs. Switzer discovered it. A bucket of water conveniently near at hand saved the fire department from a hasty run and the fire was put out.

## Rev. McLendon Here.

Rev. Baxter L. McLendon, the evangelist, preached to a large congregation in the First Baptist church Monday night. The church was overflowing with people and the evangelist preached a very powerful sermon. He has just closed a meeting at Clinton, where there were many conversions.

## Japanese Sale.

The Davies Missionary Society of the Methodist church will conduct a sample sale in the store room next door to Power Drug Co., next Wednesday, Nov. 6th, instead of the 8th as formerly advertised. Japanese articles, tea and sandwiches will be on sale.

## Services in Presbyterian Church.

Rev. Geo. W. Belk, of Charlotte, began a series of special services in the First Presbyterian church Sunday morning. Services will continue for probably two weeks, two services being held daily. The morning service is held at 10 o'clock and the evening service at 7:30. A feature of the meeting will be the song service before the preaching. Prof. Lowdy, who has been with the McLendon party in Clinton, is in charge of the music. The public is invited to attend all the services.

Miss Blanche Shell, who has been undergoing treatment in Columbia for several weeks, has returned to the city very much improved in health. She is not yet able, however, to take up her duties with the Switzer Company, where she is employed.

## FIND NO SOLUTION OF INSURANCE MUDDLE

Insurance Commission Adjourns After Considering Numerous Proposals. Commissioners and Insurance Men Disagree on States Right to Review Rates.

Columbia, Nov. 25.—The commission named by Gov. Manning to consider necessary steps towards clearing up the fire insurance situation adjourned at an early hour this morning without coming to any conclusion on the many proposals submitted by representatives of the companies at the hearings yesterday. The committee went into executive session last night at 11 o'clock and after threshing over the whole programme until 1:30 this morning adjourned to meet again on Tuesday week. It is hoped that by then the commission will be able to agree on the situation and begin forming a tentative draft of the bill to offer at the approaching session of the General Assembly.

The main bone of contention between the withdrawing companies and the State is over the matter of control of rates. The companies contend that they were doing business at a loss in South Carolina under the old rates of the Southeastern Tariff bureau and that it is unfair for the State to interfere with the rates until such time as the companies are showing an unreasonable profit on the aggregate business. This was the point stressed by J. H. Doyle, attorney for the National Board of Fire Underwriters and he suggested that the Pennsylvania law be adopted and that, in his opinion, the companies would not object to a provision written in that law allowing the State to review rates after a period of five years should it develop that the profit on the aggregate business in that period was in excess of a reasonable amount.

Some of the commission were not disposed favorably towards surrendering the power of the State to review insurance rates and if found excessive to substitute a rate fixed by the State. Senator Lancy, of Chesterfield, author of the Lancy-Odom anti-compact bill and one of the members of the present commission indicated that he might be willing to agree to a modification of the anti-compact law but that he would hold out for the right of the State to review rates. This was the rock on which the representatives of the companies and the State split and unless something more develops than what took place at the conference of yesterday more work is going to have to be done before any steps can be taken to clear up the situation. One of the representatives of the companies yesterday made it plain that in his opinion the companies would not return to the State unless they had the power to make rates unhampered by the State or the Insurance Commissioner.

That the valued policy clause should be repealed seemed to be generally agreed on and it was also developed that something must be done in the matter of municipal taxes on insurance companies. The proposal of the commission to recommend a fire inquest law was received favorably by the companies as was the suggestion to employ an expert to teach the fire departments of the towns how to fight fire. It was pointed out that some step towards reduction of the enormous fire loss must be taken before anything could be done towards lowering the cost of fire insurance.

All of the companies proclaimed the most friendly feeling for South Carolina and said they withdrew simply because it was impossible to do a business in the State under the present laws and at a profit. They say they are ready to come back just as soon as the laws and conditions permit them to do so and make a reasonable profit.

## WOODMEN MEETING.

Special Called Meeting of Pecan Camp No. 237, of Gray Court.

There will be a called meeting of Pecan Camp No. 237 at Gray Court on next Friday night, Dec. 1st at 7:30. The degrees will be conferred on a large class at this meeting. We want all the candidates to be on hand, and especially request every member of our camp to attend. Members of other camps are cordially invited to be with us. J. E. Johnson, Nov. 27, 1916. Clerk.

## AN ATTENTIVE HEARING ON BOLL WEEVIL

Large Number of Farmers Here Wednesday.

## GOVERNOR MANNING AMONG SPEAKERS

Gov. R. I. Manning, Dr. W. W. Long and Prof. McLain Talk in Plain and Unmistakable Terms on Damage which May Result from the Weevil. Gov. Richard I. Manning, Dr. W. W. Long and Mr. McLain spoke before a large and attentive body of farmers in the Court House Wednesday, the meeting having been called by Farm Demonstrator Moore. The meeting was presided over by Mr. Moore. Among those in attendance were many from adjoining counties. Sen. Wharton and Representatives Richey and Boozer were also present.

The purpose of the meeting was to inform the farmers of Laurens and adjoining counties as to what they may expect from the inroads of the boll weevil in case no preparation is made for his coming. Gov. Manning and Dr. Long were asked to be present to give their views on the situation and to tell of their trip through the boll weevil section during the early fall.

Gov. Manning made the first address of the day. The governor spoke in earnest tones, indicating by his words and manner how serious he considered the situation confronting the farmers of this state should they fail to make due preparation to ward off the devastating effects of the boll weevil. The governor introduced his remarks with a reference to his duties and obligations as governor of the state. He spoke of the value of education and training, pointing out that the manufacturers of other sections were profiting by the labor of the southern farmer because the former had reduced their work to a businesslike and scientific basis. He pointed out the losses to this state by reason of the failure to grow necessities at home. "We are an extravagant and wasteful people," he said, stating that there is not a single county even in North Carolina where its people grow their own food supply.

Taking up the subject of the boll weevil, the governor gave some impressions of his visit to Louisiana and other states as a member of the boll weevil commission. At first, he said, the states appeared to have suffered a disaster, when the cotton crop fell from over a million bales in Louisiana to 233,000. In one county the crop fell from 22,000 to 431 bales. Business was demoralized and credit appeared to take wings. In some sections, especially where the farms were in large tracts and the landlord did not live on it, the land grew up in weeds because the renters, especially the negroes, could not stand the losses and left. In another place he visited, the merchants and farmers got together and determined to stick to each other. The merchants continued to make advances and helped the farmers to buy pigs, cattle, seed, etc., and encouraged a diversified farming. They grew grain, peas, wheat, potatoes, stock, etc. They organized a creamery and shipped their butter to the cities. At first, this section went through a period of privation and want, but the people finally emerged in better shape than they had been before the boll weevil attacked them. While they still grew cotton on a small scale, they diversified their other crops and lived at home. The banks, he said, and the merchants in this section were in better shape than ever before. Taking the example of this section, where all classes co-operated to fight the common evil, the governor urged co-operation as between merchant, banker and farmer as the key to the successful weathering of the storm. Keep the labor on the farm, he said, raise everything at home, live economically and practice close attention to business, and the evils will be partly avoided. "Divest yourself of any illusion," he said, "that the boll weevil will not come for he is already on the border of the state and may be expected next year and certainly the year after."

Prof. McLain, of the Dairying Department at Washington, followed Gov. Manning and pointed out the value

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