

The Watchman and Southron.

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PERSONAL.

Mrs. S. W. Stubbs and children, Mrs. C. E. Stubbs and Miss Emma Wood have gone to Waynesville, N. C. for the summer.

Hon. R. H. Stackhouse, of Dillon, was in the city Friday.

Mr. Thomas Griffin, of Panola, spent Thursday in the city.

Mr. W. R. Phillips left on Friday for Pate Springs, Tenn., and Hendersonville, N. C.

Mrs. J. P. Commander is visiting relatives at Alcolu.

Mr. and Mrs. T. T. Hamilton have gone to Sullivan's Island for several days.

Mrs. T. N. Smith and daughter, Miss Mary, are spending the week at Alcolu.

Mr. W. Hampton Flowers left on Friday for Los Angeles, Cal., and Seattle, Wash.

Mr. and Mrs. Henry Harby, and Mrs. Robert Shelor left Saturday for Sullivan's Island.

Mrs. R. L. Wright and daughter, Julia, went to Beaufort Saturday morning.

Mrs. E. W. Hurst and two daughters, and Mrs. L. E. DuRant went to Charleston Saturday.

Mr. Isaac Ingram, of Charleston, is in the city.

Misses Marie and Holly Brown have returned from Norfolk; and were accompanied by the Misses Robert of that city.

Misses Miriam and Nellie Mellett have gone to Laurens to visit their sister, Mrs. W. M. Cain.

Miss Jennie Walsh has returned home after a pleasant trip to friends in Petersburg, Va., and Rocky Mount, N. C.

Miss Sadie Fuld, of Stateburg, was in the city today.

Mrs. C. H. Dorn has gone to Waynesville, N. C., to spend the summer.

Mrs. W. S. Chandler, Mrs. Walker, Mrs. Linda Mayes and two daughters were registered at the Central Hotel Monday.

Miss Agnes Blanding, of Corsicana, Tex., is on a visit to Mr. D. M. Blanding.

ST. GEORGE SINKLER MANNING.

One of Sumter's Brightest and Most Able Youths Dead.

From The Daily Item, July 19.

All of the people received with sorrow the news yesterday morning that St. George Sinkler Manning was dead. His death occurred early yesterday morning after several weeks' illness with enteric fever.

The many friends of Hon. and Mrs. R. I. Manning extend to them their most sincere sympathy in their bereavement in the loss of their son. St. George was a very bright, promising and popular youth, only fifteen years of age. He was greatly loved by all who knew him well.

The funeral services were held at the Church of the Holy Comforter, in this city, at 9:40 o'clock this morning. Rev. H. H. Covington officiating. The remains were taken to Columbia on the noon train, and the interment made in the Manning family lot at Trinity church immediately after the arrival of the train.

MR. WILLIAM T. KEELS DEAD.

Brought From Wilmington This Morning—Funeral This Afternoon At 4 O'clock.

The remains of Mr. William T. Keels, of Wilmington, N. C., were brought here on the morning train today.

Mr. Keels was 51 years of age, and has been an employe of the Atlantic Coast Line Railway for 32 years.

The deceased leaves a wife, six children, five brothers and two sisters, to whom the sympathy of their many friends is extended.

The funeral took place at 4 o'clock this afternoon at the residence of Mr. John M. Barwick, 109 Salem avenue; after which the remains were interred at the city cemetery.

Dr. S. C. Mitchell, President of the University of South Carolina, will address the citizens of Sumter on the prohibition question on next Wednesday evening at 8:30 o'clock in the First Baptist church. Dr. Mitchell is not only one of the most distinguished educators in the country, but an orator of note. Dr. Mitchell always has something to say that is worth hearing and says it in a charming way. He has consented to make six addresses in South Carolina on this subject, and Sumter has been assigned one of these. It was thought that the First Baptist church would furnish the largest and at the same time the most comfortable auditorium available.

NEGROES BURIED ALIVE.

Embankment Caved in at Creston—Three Negroes Met Sudden Death—Remains Sent Home.

Elloree, July 19.—Three negroes, Abraham Dyson, Addie Wilson and Tug Togerson, employes of the Atlantic Coast Line Railway, were killed at Creston this morning at 10 o'clock, while excavating sand from an embankment along the railroad right of way.

The negroes were at work under a steep embankment when it gave way. They slid under the car roof protection but the weight of the dirt broken the car in two, and the men were buried alive. Two were dead when the dirt was removed. The other died shortly afterward.

The men were sent to their respective homes on the first train after the accident.

MISS BROWN ENTERTAINS.

An Enjoyable Evening for Members Of the Epworth League.

On last Tuesday evening, the Epworth League of the First Methodist church and a few other young persons were entertained by Miss Lela Brown in her home on Salem avenue. The occasion was an enjoyable one; for the charming hostess made each person feel that he or she was the honored guest. There was a contest in filling blanks with State abbreviations for the completion of a story. The winner in this contest was Dr. Lemmon. Vocal and instrumental music were furnished during the evening by Misses Woodley, Purdy and others. Delightful refreshments were served by Misses Helen Beaumont and Christine Williamson was their usual graceful manners.

These present were: Madames Hook and Vogel; Misses Mary Britton, Pauline Woodley, Arrie Stuckey, Mamie Chandler, Bradham, Ludlock, Christine Williamson, Violet Beach, Mamie Chandler, Bradham, Ludlock, Elizabeth Britton, Mabel Parrott, Annie May Vogel, Helen Beaumont, Nellie Chandler, Marie Durant, Annie Purdy, Ellen Beach and Mary Purdy. Rev. Hook, Messrs. V. Parrott, J. Lummon, J. King, B. Britton, E. W. Vogel, C. W. Smith, P. Brown, J. Woodley, Dr. Lemmon, M. Ramsay, R. Keels, Rowland, Dr. Munneville, and R. Brown.

Young Folks Dance.

From Daily Item, July 16.

Last night was a regular dancing school night at the residence of Mrs. Mary S. Nelson, on N. Church street, and a number of young folks met and had a jolly time. The crowd gathered about half after eight, and the dancing commenced. The music was sweetly rendered by Mrs. Nelson and Mrs. Spann and Miss Lizzie Richardson assisted her. Mr. DeSaussure Uphur accompanied by Miss Hallie Nelson, also played a grand two-step. Those present were Misses Eleanor, Lizzie and Nannie Richardson, Miss Alice DeVaux, of Dalsell and Miss Louise Shannon, of Camden, who has been visiting the Misses Nelson for the past week. Miss Annie Strohecker, of Charleston, Misses Alice Childs, Emma Baker, Virginia Reynolds, Mamie, Hallie and Lizzie Nelson; Messrs. Willie Haynsworth, William Reynolds, Willie Jones, Wm. Crowson, DeSaussure Uphur, Moultrie DeLorme, James Bradley, James Bryan, Herman Myers, Irvine Richardson, Claremont Moses, and Murray Nelson. Chaperones: Mr. and Mrs. J. C. Spann and Mrs. Nelson. They danced German, Virginia Reel and Military Schottische, also some lively two-steps and waltzes. The crowd left about 12 declaring they had had a most delightful evening. There will be another meeting next Tuesday and Thursday nights.

Baseball at Hagood.

Hagood, July 19.—Dalsell defeated Hagood here yesterday afternoon in a poorly played game by the score of 4 to 1. It was the visitors' first game of the season, but they surprised everybody by the splendid game that they played. Parker pitched a good game, fanning eleven men, and keeping the locals' hits scattered. To him more than any one else is due the credit for the victory. The fielding of the locals was the poorest ever seen here. Hagood will probably play at Elloree this week.

Score:  
R. H. E.  
Hagood 001 000 000—1 7 9  
Dalsell 010 003 000—4 4 1  
Batteries—F. Sanders and Kirkland; E. Parker and P. Moore. A. K.  
Mr. J. D. Jennings handed the following "wireless telegram" to the Item man Monday afternoon:  
Wireless Telegram, West Coast of Africa.  
To J. D. Jennings,  
Sumter, S. C.  
Fifty-three hundred miles out. Breakers heavy. Fish scarce. Party is hearty.  
H. T. EDENS.

MR. LIGON REPLIES.

CONTROVERSY ABOUT HEALTH OFFICER'S NEGLECT OF DUTY.

Mr. J. R. Ligon Makes Reply to Dr. E. S. Booth's Letter, Which Was Published Saturday—Affidavit by Chief of Police Bradford.

In reply to the letter submitted by Dr. E. S. Booth and published in the Item last Saturday, concerning the action of the City Council in regard to the Health Officer's neglect of duty and the work done by Chief Bradford and Officer McKagen in the absence of the regular Health Officer, Mr. J. R. Ligon submits the following letter and affidavit to Mayor Boyle:

Sumter, S. C., July 19, 1909.  
Hon. W. B. Boyle, Mayor,  
Sumter, S. C.

Dear Sir:—It is not my purpose to indulge in a newspaper controversy, nor, in my opinion, would it be becoming in me to do so, on the matter to which I am about to refer, but inasmuch as my good and highly esteemed friend, Dr. E. S. Booth, President of the Board of Health, has addressed to Mr. Hurst as Clerk of the city, a letter, the same "to be submitted to Council at its next meeting," a copy of which, however, was published in the Daily Item just eleven days before the next regular meeting of Council, or, in other words, just eleven days before Council will have official notice of the existence of such letter or can reply to same, and inasmuch as reference was made, in that letter, to the Chairman of the Police and Sanitary Committee, and the writer happens to be that individual, I deem it but right that, as you are my superior officer in the line up of the city officials, I inform you of the facts as I believe them to be; hence this letter:

First. I wish to say that I was unintentionally misquoted in the minutes of last Council, in which it appears that my resolution requested the Board of Health to secure a new Health Officer. What I did say was, and I here reiterate it, that the city is in urgent need of the continuous and active service of a Health Officer; and requested Council to suggest to the Board of Health that they make provision along this line, in order that the city would not be without the services of such an officer, when the present incumbent became incapacitated, and which, in my humble judgment is occurring too often "for the good of the service." I do not ask Council to request the Health Officer's resignation, for, in my opinion it would have been useless, as he seems to be unique in this respect and seemingly enjoys a "cinch," all I could hope for was to secure an emergency man to take care of his duties when he was unable to do so.

As to that part of Dr. Booth's letter, which refers to the detaching of two police officers to take care of the Health Officer's duties while he was absent, without comment I herewith enclose an affidavit handed me by the Chief of Police, and which, in order not to break the continuity of this letter, I herein quote in full:

STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA,  
COUNTY OF SUMTER.

Personally appeared before me, J. K. Bradford of the City of Sumter, County and State aforesaid, who being duly sworn, deposes and says as follows: That he is now and has been for the past sixteen years Chief of Police of the City of Sumter; that he has never been detailed by the Chairman of the Police and Sanitary Committee, or by any one else to look after the duties of the Health Officer during that gentleman's absence, nor has any of the Officers under him been so detailed by him or has he ever been instructed to do detail any one of them. That during the Health Officer's absence, he inquired into such nuisances as were reported, and attended to such as did not conflict with his duties or that of the police force, but in no sense could such service be considered as attending to the duties of a Health Officer. In doing this, and by his own authority, he was at times assisted by one of his officers, as directed by him solely.

Sworn to and subscribed before me this 19th day of July A. D. 1909.  
(Signed) J. K. Bradford, (L. S.)  
(Signed) T. V. Walsh, (L. S.)  
Notary Public for South Carolina.

In closing it might not be amiss to add that what little work was done unquestionably evidenced the fact that the inspection of premises, as a rule, was a dead letter here, for I am informed that where such inspections were made, which did happen in a few instances, the occupants were very much surprised, stating that while in years gone by, it was the custom to inspect, it had not been done in so long a time that they thought this was a new rule. For the correctness of this statement, I respectfully refer you to Mr. Bradford, Chief of Police. I would further add that the City of Sumter is paying for the services of a Health Officer, the citizens have a right to expect it, and you, Mr. Mayor, have a right to demand it.

There is one thing I came near forgetting. The President of the Board of Health advises in this same letter that the Health Officer "was absent from his duty, taking his ten day vacation and ten day sick leave of absence by the consent of the Board of Health." If I am correctly informed (and I have questioned several in a position to know), his "vacation" and "sick leave" began on May 29 and ended on July 12, inclusive. If this be true the actual time was forty-two days or six weeks. In view that he had his vacation last year at a much later date the two "vacations" come well within one year, and you will note the last "vacation and sick leave" is two days more than any officer gets in two years.

Apologizing for the length of this letter, I am, sir,  
Yours truly,  
JAS. R. LIGON,  
Chairman of the Police and Sanitary Committee.

ZACH MCGHEE COMPLIMENTED.

Dedication of "The Dark Corner" Picked Out for Republican in Educational Journal.

Washington July 18.—Zach McGhee, author of "The Dark Corner," is placed in distinguished company by the editor of The New England and National Journal of Education of Boston in the issue of that paper for July 8. In the midst of articles contributed by President A. Maurice Lowell of Harvard and other leading educators the dedication written by Mr. McGhee for his novel of Southern life is printed in bold-faced, double-column type, under the caption, "The Teacher—An Appreciation." It is the custom of The Journal of Education to print some literary gem in this way in each issue, and the compliment it pays the author of "The Dark Corner," by using his dedicatory sentences, is an extraordinary one, in view of the fact that it is from his first real literary effort.

The paragraph in question is as follows:

"Among my friends are a few men of talent, strength, energy and culture; possessed though, of all the human appetites and passions of other men—fond of riches, with all the ease, independence, luxury, position and power that riches give; love the plaudits of men and smiles of women; covet honor such as the world bestows upon its heroes of war, politics, art, literature, or productive industry—yet, who, impelled by some spirit within them, which I must believe is not merely the voice of God but God himself, deliberately and cheerfully renounce both the cravings of their carnal natures and the lofty yearning of their spiritual beings to pursue lives of toil, poverty and obscurity, that they may brighten the minds, ennoble the souls and increase the opportunities of other men's children."

OXFORD EXAMINATIONS OCT. 20.

President Mitchell of the University Has Received Notification That There Will be a Vacancy.

Columbia, July 17.—Rev. Dr. S. C. Mitchell, president of the University of South Carolina, has just received from Mr. George C. Parkin of London, a letter fixing the dates for the holding of the next "qualifying examination" for the Rhodes scholarships at the various centres throughout the United States. The sealed packages of the examination papers will be sent, as in previous years, to each centre, while the time tables and regulations governing the examination will be forwarded in advance in sufficient time to complete the necessary arrangements for holding the examination.

Tuesday, the 19th, and Wednesday, the 20th, of October, have been fixed as the dates for holding these examinations, and the place will be the University of South Carolina. Prof. C. W. Bain of the department of ancient languages will act as supervising examiner, and will see that the examination is conducted with strict fairness and impartiality. Any further information about the examinations or about the scholarships can be obtained by writing to President Mitchell.

Mr. William H. Verner of Columbia was the first South Carolinian to hold one of these scholarships. He was followed in the same scholarship by Mr. W. P. Mills of Camden, who is still in England. The present examination is to select a successor to Mr. Mills at the end of his three years, which means that the man who is sent in his place will go in September, 1910. The other scholarship assigned to South Carolina has been held by Mr. Towles of Charleston and by Mr. Hydrick of Spartanburg, who went to Oxford last year.

Fools and children tell the truth, and generally at the wrong time.

"I have decided to suspend your sentence," the judge began. "For the Lord's sake, judge, you don't mean to say lifting a few chickens is a hanging matter!"—New York Herald.

CURTISS "GOING SOME."

Aeroplane Flight of Nearly 25 Miles On Long Island.

Mineola, N. Y., July 17.—A climax to the aeroplane flights Glenn H. Curtiss has been making at Hempstead Plains, L. I., with increasing success, came today when he sent his flyer 24.7 miles in 52 minutes and 30 seconds, and qualified as the first candidate for the cup offered by the Scientific American.

This flight is not only Curtiss' best, but the longest made with an aeroplane this year. The cup was offered for the longest flight of this kind during the current year, the only condition being that the winner must cover at least 25 kilometers over a measured course before judges of the Aero Club of America and land within one hundred metres of the starting point. Curtiss came to earth today barely within the required distance, but the judges decided in his favor. He will win the Scientific American cup, which he also captured last year at Hammondsport, N. Y., unless his flight is excelled before the end of the year.

Curtiss rose easily and circled the course at a variety of altitudes, showing that he had his machine well in hand. At times his speed increased to forty-five miles an hour, but the average for the whole distance was 28 1-4 miles an hour. At no time did he rise above sixty feet, and most of the time he sped along within fifteen or twenty feet of the ground.

At the beginning of the twentieth round, he encountered a strong head wind, and fearing that his gasoline would fall before he could make another round he shut off his motor and descended. After alighting he found that he still had two quarts of fuel left, enough to have carried him several miles further.

"After yesterday's flight," said the aeronaut, "I was never in doubt about breaking all records for this year. I remained up in the air as long as the wind was safe."

FARMERS OF STATE TO MEET.

Convention to be Held at Columbia, Beginning July 23.

Columbia, July 17.—The farmers of South Carolina were never so well organized as at present. The State Farmers' Union is gaining in strength and efficiency every day. The farmers, more alive to their interests and needs than ever before, have been stimulated through the agency of the Farmers' Union to better methods of farming and better ways of conserving their interests. It is this practical work of the union that is attracting the attention of the farming class all over the State, the effect of which has been and is a great increase of membership. Nearly every county in the State has a strong county union, made up of many loyal unions, of which there are about five hundred in South Carolina.

At the next State Convention, which meets in Columbia on the 23th instant, all the counties with the exception of a few will be represented. Should all the delegates who have been elected attend there will be at least 175 here at that time.

The Convention will have before it for consideration many matters of great interest, not only to the farmer, but to all others whose prosperity is bound up with that of the farming class. It is expected, therefore, that the sessions of the Convention, which will hold for about three days, will be largely attended. The railroads will give reduced rates, and as the Convention comes off at a time when farming operations are not so pressing, there is every reason to expect full delegations from the thirty or more counties entitled to representation.

Bradstreet's Weekly Review.

New York, July 16.—Bradstreet's tomorrow will say:

"Despite irregularities in crop and weather conditions, mid-summer influences in trade and industry and conservatism in placing orders ahead, business is of fairly good volume for the season of the year and shows a perceptibly steady advance toward normal proportions. In retail trade clearance sales are universal. Wholesale trade for immediate needs and jobbing business in summer goods is of a light volume.

"There are increasing evidences that advancing prices, as, for instance, cotton goods, are causing some hesitation among buyers for the future. Industry seems to be expanding.

"Business failures in the United States for the week ending with July 15 were 206 against 182 last week and 215 in the like week of 1908.

"Wheat, including flour exports from the United States and Canada for the week ending July 15, aggregate 1,468,108 bushels against 1,412,613 last week and 1,482,136 this week last year."

Dr. Billem—You needn't worry about your wife. She has a remarkable constitution! Henpeck—Say, doc, you ought to see her by-laws and regulations!—Life.

WATSON FOR INDUSTRIES.

Leaves for Washington—He Works For South Carolina.

Columbia, July 19.—Commissioner Watson will leave for Washington this afternoon on several very important missions. He will be accompanied by Capt. W. C. Davis and Mr. Charlton DuRant of the Manning Board of Trade.

This committee will try to secure a tobacco experiment station, to be located in the Pee Dee section of the State, for the benefit of the tobacco farmers.

The commissioner will confer with the president in reference to the federal government sending a cotton expert from the cotton belt territory to the various foreign countries for the purpose of collecting data as to the length of staple used, what mills use different grades of cotton and other information that would be of great benefit to the cotton producers. This action is taken as a result of a resolution passed at the last meeting of the State Farmers' Union, held in Columbia some time ago.

The commissioner will also have a conference with the chief of the bureau of animal industry and try to secure an expert to be located in Columbia.

He will also confer with Mr. Stuart, assistant chief of the census bureau, in reference to the taking of the census of 1910 in South Carolina. By cooperative work between the federal government and the office of Commissioner Watson, South Carolina would be one of the first States to announce the result of the census. It is not possible for the commissioner to take charge of this work as the State constitution forbids an officer to hold two offices at the same time.

A conference will be held with Dr. Seaman A. Knapp concerning farm demonstration work in South Carolina.

Mr. Watson will return from Washington on Wednesday. On Thursday he goes to Lamar to deliver an address before a large gathering of farmers of that part of the State, returning to Columbia on Friday. Saturday the commissioner will address a farmers' meeting in York County.

LONELY AND SHY THIS YEAR.

The Fashion in Lovers as Depicted By the Summer's Song.

The position of the lover in the popular ballad changes each summer. This year's style of swain is a beautiful youth who is so lonely that the most devout wish is that he had a girl.

Ballads which deal with affairs of the heart are more effective, publishers find, if there is a plaintive appeal in them. All the world loves a lover, but the song buying public does not care much for the successful lover. The more sorrowful his plight the better the public likes it.

There always is a crop of girl songs, but the midsummer 1909 variety is the shyest youth that the lyric writers have taken for their hero in many years. The stage last summer had an unusually large crop of songs dedicated to the eyes of women. In these compositions the lover was a courtier gallant and bold, who paid beautiful compliments to the windows of his loved one's soul. He described their color with enthusiasm, although there is a popular belief that few men can tell the color of a woman's eyes, or her hair either for that matter.

Then everyone remembers the descriptive songs where the gallant lover sang that his heart was not moved because "her hair is curly," or "because her eyes are blue," but "because you're you." Likewise the man who courted the girl in the song because "You're just my style, or a laconic "You look awfully good to me" is readily recalled.

One collection of songs was written about the doubtful lover, the man who was not sure whether his courtship was or could be successful. He constantly asked: "Tell me that you love me," and implored just one look "from your dear eyes."

The changes in the girl songs have been rung in a thousand or more ways, but the present plight of man in a dozen or so compositions is unusual in the song writing world. Many of these songs come from Chicago, and as songs run in cycles publishers are deluged now with plaintive ballads of this species.

A Parting in High Life.

"What were the terms of the divorce?"

"She keeps the poodle."—Birmingham Age-Herald.

When a woman has poor luck with her cake she doesn't save any of it for company.

Many a man gets a reputation for being good natured because he is too lazy to stand up for his rights.

If you are going to ask a favor ask for twice as much as you expect to get.