

The Watchman and Southron

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PERSONAL.

Misses Kathleen Bostic and May Harvin left Thursday morning for a visit to friends at Manning.

Col. Walker B. Logan, a prominent Knight of the Grip, of Florence, was in the city Thursday.

Mr. Julius Watts, of Mayesville, was in the city Friday.

Miss Emily Twittle, of Hartsville, who has been visiting relatives in the city for several weeks, returned to her home Thursday.

Misses May Lowry and Mattie Sanders have returned to the city from Saluda.

Mrs. Eli Jackson and Miss Minnie Lee Stroman, after spending some time with Mrs. C. W. McGrew, have returned to their home at Elloroe.

Miss Alice Wannamaker returned to the city on Saturday after a visit of several weeks to friends at Clio.

Hon. A. K. Sanders, of Hagood, spent Friday in town.

Mrs. Jennie Carrol, of Charleston, is visiting Mrs. Kingmore.

Miss Olive Sturgeon, who has been visiting her aunt, Mrs. Frank Welch, for several weeks, returned to her home at Lake City Saturday.

Mrs. Hartzog, of Cheraw, is in the city to visit Mrs. Spann.

Mr. M. DeVaux Moore and family, after spending the summer on Sullivan's Island, returned home Saturday.

Mr. and Mrs. L. B. DuRant have returned from the mountains, after a stay of several weeks.

Mrs. W. H. Millard, of Atlanta, who has been visiting Mrs. Pate for several weeks has gone to Knoxville, Tenn., to attend the exposition.

Mr. and Mrs. C. E. Stubbs have returned from Hendersonville.

Mr. John Sumter is spending a few days at his summer home at Stateburg.

Misses Kate Furman, Edith DeLorme and Kathrine Moses have returned from Europe, where they spent the summer, turing England, Scotland and the continent.

Mrs. J. L. Hartzell, of Cheraw, spent Saturday and Sunday in the city.

Mrs. Frank Welch is spending a few days with relatives in Camden.

Messrs. Hammond Bowman, Alva Green, Van Cleve Parrott, Francis Moise and Paul Bowman left this week for the University of South Carolina.

Mr. A. D. Rodgers left Monday to enter Furman University.

Mr. Robert K. Breeden, formerly of this city, but now of Bennettsville, is spending a few days in the city.

Mr. Dwight Hughes, of Columbia, spent Sunday in the city with Mr. Van Cleve Parrott, en route to the University of South Carolina.

Mrs. A. L. J. Bradham, who has been spending a few days with Mrs. B. J. Grier, returned to Manning on Sunday, accompanied by Mrs. Grier.

Mrs. E. T. Brailsford has returned after spending a week in Charleston.

Mrs. M. C. Rembert and Miss Susie Rembert, of Lynchburg, are spending a few days in the city with Mrs. C. W. McGrew.

Mr. W. E. L. Benson, of Marion, who has been visiting his mother on Broad street, left Sunday for his home in Marion, S. C.

Deafness of Mr. Blobsb.

(From the St. Paul Dispatch.) Mr Blobsb dined the other evening with some friends. When the guests were seated the host bent his head and began speaking in subdued tone.

"Eh, what's that?" demanded Blobsb, who sat beside him and who is rather deaf.

The host smiled patiently, and began again in a louder voice.

"Speak a little louder; I don't catch what you say," Blobsb persisted.

A low ripple of laughter went round the table. The host, his face crimson with embarrassment, raised his voice still higher. The poor old man did his best to hear, but failed.

"What did you say?" he demanded, frantically.

The host cast him an angry glance. "Hang it, I'm saying grace!" he yelled.

Augusta is a real State-wide prohibition town but the soft drink vendors must dispose a mighty mean quality of near-booze, judging from the antics of the excursionists who returned from that town Thursday night.

The People's Bank opened its office in the Masonic Temple, No 12, West Liberty street Thursday for the receipt of the first installment of the capital stock. Cashier S. M. McLeod who is in charge, states that the stockholders are paying up promptly and all of the first installments will probably be in within a few days. The bank will open for business October 1.

DEATH.

Mrs. William Dorn, formerly a resident of this city, and the mother of Mr. George Isler, of the W. G. Stubbs Haberdashery, died at her home in Savannah, Ga., Thursday afternoon at 3 o'clock.

MUCH COTTON IN TOWN.

About 700 Bales Sold in The Streets Saturday.

From the Daily Item, Sept. 17.

The largest number of bales of cotton sold on the local market this season was sold today, according to several dealers seen by an Item reporter, the amount being in round numbers about 700 bales.

At all times of the day wagons loaded with cotton could be seen on the streets, while their owners could be found with a fluffy roll of the fleecy staple in their hands, seeking for the best prices.

The prices paid by most of the dealers for strict middling, which the most of the bales were classed at, averaged about 13.55. This was about the highest price paid, but some bales were bought as low as 13 1-8.

A brisk trade was carried on by the merchants all day as the result of so much cotton being sold in the city, and they expect to be busy now for some time to come.

A WINTER COVER CROP.

The Way to Secure Winter Pasture and Improve it.

The farmer who does not try to get all he can out of his land annually and yet leave it in condition to yield more the following season has mistaken his vocation.

One way to do this is to plant cowpeas in the corn at the time of the last cultivation; harvest the corn in September and pasture the cowpeas in October. Early in November deep break and plant to rye, using about one bushel per acre. Our reasons for preferring rye are the following:

1. It is hardy. It will germinate and make a stand when other grains fail. Oats and barley will winter kill when rye will remain practically uninjured by the frost. It stands tramping and grazing better than other grains.

2. It takes kindly to poor soils, which is an important factor on most lands.

Where hairy vetch will succeed, the addition of a peck of vetch seed to a bushel of rye is an improvement.

Where there is no boll weevil infestation, rye or rye and vetch may be planted between the crops of cotton in October, and not later than the first of November. It is better to use a narrow drill in planting, but where farmers do not have this the seed may be sown by hand and cultivated or harrowed in.

Crimson Clover.

On lands adapted to it, crimson clover sown in the corn at the last working has given excellent results. About 15 pounds to the acre is generally used and by the first of the following April it furnishes a cutting of 1 1-2 to 2 1-2 tons of cured hay or, turned under, adds a great body of manure to the soil. The territory in which the crimson clover thrives best appears to be from the latitude of the northern portion of the Gulf States to the latitude of the Ohio River.

Oats or barley do well some winters. When they succeed they furnish a large amount of winter grazing and considerable humus for plowing under in the spring.

Facts About a Winter Cover Crop.

1. A winter cover crop largely prevents loss of soil fertility by washing (erosion); some lands suffer greater loss than others by washing, but all lands are more or less injured by it.

2. Soil without cover loses considerable fertility by evaporation during the fall and winter. A winter crop reduces this loss to a negligible quantity.

3. Such crops, to some extent, prevent the seeding of the land to fowl weeds.

4. They increase the porosity of the soil, and add the humus so essential to fertility.

5. They make a valuable crop while the lands would otherwise be idle, which is a net gain to the land. We must increase the vegetable matter in the soil to an amount sufficient to enable the soil to retain a much larger porportion of the rainfall than at present and to greatly increase the condition of the soil.

6. A very important consideration in the winter cover crop is the large amount of grazing that can be secured from it at a time when it is especially valuable for young stock, and its value is not limited altogether to the mere supply of food. It adds to the health and vigor of the stock. On an average of from 2 to 2 1-2 months grazing can be secured at a nominal cost of a little labor in preparing and seeding the land.

S. A. KNAPP, Special Agent in Charge Farmers' Co-operative Instruction Work.

NEGRO GAMBLERS FINED.

"Cullud" Sports Come to Grief as the Result of Rattling the Bones in the Negro Pool Room on Liberty Street.

If a few more raids could be made as successfully as the one made by Officer Ward on a negro pool room on Friday afternoon, the city would soon be able to pave Main street without going to the trouble of issuing bonds.

The pool room referred to is run by Barton Levan, a negro, in the second story of the building at No. 1 West Liberty street, and has been the cause of much complaint on account of the loud talking and cursing carried on there.

It has been hard for the police, to catch the offenders, as a boy is generally stationed in the window to watch for the officers.

Friday afternoon Officer Ward went around to the rear of the building to see if he could not find out who was causing the disturbance. While there he heard the "bones" rattling up stairs, and proceeded to get busy. He went through a store to Main street and again approached the building down Liberty street. A negro boy was sitting in a front window to watch for the officers, but instead of attending to his duty was talking to several negroes on the opposite side of the street.

The officer was therefore able to slip into the vestibule at the foot of the stairs without being seen. He went on up to the top of the stairs, and there gathered around a table were a large bunch of "cullud" sports interested in a crap game. They gave one glance at Mr. Ward, and there was where the fun commenced. Negroes jumped over tables, one jumping out of the back window, and most of the rest ran, or better, fell down the steps. The officer managed to get some money and the dice, which were produced as evidence in court Monday morning.

Those captured were: Harry Cantey, Wildan Sprott, Booker Thomas, Vinson Wilder, Sing Anderson, Edward Carter and Dave Winn, and Recorder Raffield sentenced each of them to contribute \$10 to the city.

The other cases tried were: John Green, carrying concealed weapons, viz: a pair of brass knucks, fined \$10.

Hilliard Cobert, public drunkenness and cursing, fined \$10, and for failure to pay street tax, fined \$1.50, and also required to pay the amount of the tax, \$1.

Mr. B. R. White sold two bales of cotton Thursday for which he received \$237.61, for the cotton and seed. Mr. W. H. Jennings sold one bale for \$100.85 for cotton and seed included. O'Donnell & Co., were the purchasers of all three bales.

ANOTHER PEST TO FIGHT.

Pecan Scale Played Havoc With Nut Crop in Barnwell.

Columbia, Sept. 20.—Reports from Barnwell county are to the effect that the pecan crop of Senator Geo. H. Bates will be at least a bushel per tree short this fall, owing to the "pecan scale," which has played havoc with a number of trees. He noted small black spots on the nuts in the spring, but paid no attention to them, but after the nuts ceased growing and were covered with colonies of small insects. Senator Bates then got busy, sent a sample of the faulty branches and nuts to Augusta and received information to spray early in the spring and again later—as much as three times. As the pecan industry is of some importance in South Carolina, Senator Bates' experience will be of general interest.

HORSE RAN AWAY.

Top of Buggy Torn off, But Elsewhere Uninjured.

A horse, belonging to Willie Nelson, colored, and attached to a buggy, ran away on Main street Sunday afternoon, throwing the driver, a negro man, out but not seriously injuring him. A very peculiar incident, however, occurred while the frightened horse was running down West Liberty street, and one which perhaps would not happen once in a hundred times. When the horse was just in front of the residence of Mr. Ryttenberg on Liberty street it turned in toward the curb, and a tree on the edge of the sidewalk knocked the top off of the buggy, but otherwise did not injure it. The horse continued his way up Church street, but was soon stopped.

The Recorder's Court.

Mr. Shelton Reid, charged with cursing, was fined \$5.

Mr. C. H. Burrows was fined \$1 for disturbance of the peace.

There have been fewer mosquitoes in Sumter this season than in any year since 1889. Prior to the great storm of August 31st 1893 mosquitoes were a rarity in this town, and there were few mosquito nets here, but within ten days after the storm mosquitoes appeared in myriads and nets became essential if one wished to get a night's rest. Since 1898 there have been more or less mosquitoes every season, but never such a pest as in that year. The comparatively few mosquitoes this season has been commented on by a great many people and various explanations have been offered, but the improved conditions are attributed to the installation of the sewerage system, the abolition of cess pools and the improved sanitary conditions of the town as a whole.

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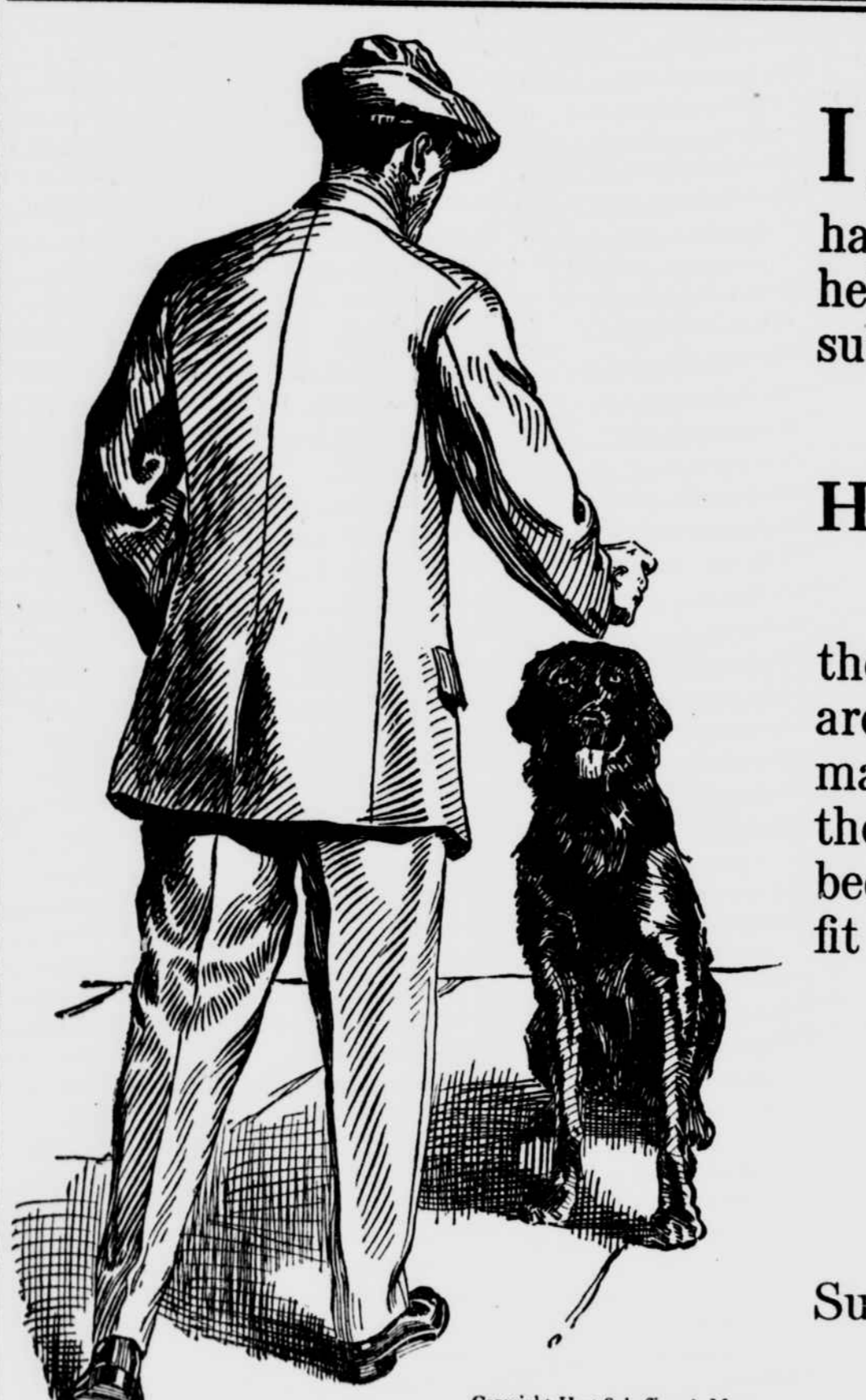
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