

The Watchman and Southern

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PERSONAL

Mrs. Silas Mellette has gone to Greenville.

Miss Hinda Manheim went to Columbia Tuesday.

Mr. W. W. McIver, of Spartanburg, passed through the city Tuesday on his way from Darlington to Columbia.

Miss Lizale Winn went to Columbia Tuesday.

Rev. H. H. Covington went to Columbia Tuesday.

Miss Lula Cooke Boykin left for Camden Tuesday morning to spend a week with relatives there.

Mr. A. L. Jackson went to Columbia Tuesday.

Miss Bertha Bultman went to Columbia Tuesday.

Mrs. George McKagen and Miss Katherine Bostick have gone over to Columbia to spend this week.

Mr. W. D. Carson, of Dalzell, was in the city Tuesday.

Miss Estelle Moore of Dalzell was in the city Tuesday.

Mr. and Mrs. Walter Renneker, of Charleston and Mrs. D. W. Cunningham, of Darlington, were here to attend the Dove-Pitts marriage.

Miss Louise Reid, of St. Charles, was in the city Wednesday.

Miss Jeannette Henry went to Kingstree Wednesday morning to visit friends.

Mayor W. Rogers Scarborough, of Bishopville, passed through the city Wednesday on his way to Columbia.

Misses Barnett, of Washington, Robertson, of Charleston and Kohn, of Orangeburg are visiting the Misses Brown on Hampton avenue.

Mrs. Wallace Plowden and her two daughters of Manning are visiting Mrs. E. M. Cooper on Salem avenue.

Mr. E. W. Ware, formerly of this city, but now of Darlington, came over Wednesday afternoon to attend the dance given on Wednesday night by the German club, and spent Thanksgiving in the city, returning to Darlington this morning.

Mrs. S. A. Williamson went to Providence this morning to visit her son, Mr. L. R. Williamson at that place.

Mr. Francis Moise came over from the University of South Carolina to spend Thanksgiving at home and to attend the Laurens-Sumter football game.

Mr. D. L. Wannamaker is home from the College of Charleston for a few days stay with his parents in this city.

Mr. M. B. Randle went to Charleston yesterday to attend the Carolina-Citadel football game and to see his son, Edwin, who is attending college at the Citadel.

Miss Bertha Wannamaker, who has been teaching school at Clio this year is at home for a few days to spend the Thanksgiving holidays with her parents in this city.

Mr. Barnwell Sanders, of Wisacky, was in the city Thursday to spend Thanksgiving with his parents.

DEATH.

Mr. Charles W. Stansill died at 7 o'clock Thursday night at his home on West Liberty street after an illness of several months. For several weeks it was apparent that death was inevitable within a short time, but, while fully realizing his serious condition, Mr. Stansill was hopeful to the end that his life would be prolonged. He was resigned, however, and calmly and quietly awaited the end with the courage and fortitude that characterized him when in the full vigor of his robust manhood.

The deceased was in his fifty-fifth year and until stricken with the fatal malady that caused his death was the picture of physical health and strong virile manhood with every promise of a long life of usefulness before him. He was born in Cheraw, but his father moved to this city when he was but a child and his entire life was spent in Sumter. He was known throughout Sumter and adjoining counties and had a wide circle of friends who will hear of his death with sincere sorrow and regret. He is survived by his wife, three sons and three daughters.

The funeral services were held at the house at 3:30 o'clock this afternoon and the interment was at the cemetery.

In a multitude of majorities there danger.—Indianapolis Star.

AVIATOR'S WRONG COURSE.

PHILADELPHIA FANS FOLLOW CLOSELY DREXEL'S FOOTSTEPS.

New World's Record for Height Established in Philadelphia Meet—Aviator Lands at Wrong Town.

Philadelphia, Nov. 24.—Followers of aviation here were kept busy today watching the fortunes of J. Armstrong Drexel of this city, who yesterday established a new world's altitude record, and Claude Grahame-White, the Englishman, who brought to a close the series of successful exhibitions at the Point Breeze race track in the southern section of the city.

Drexel again proved to be the star attraction. He attempted to fly back to Philadelphia in a Blériot monoplane from Oreland, where he landed yesterday after his record-breaking flight, but he lost his bearings and was forced to land at Trenton Junction, four miles from Trenton, N. J. Oreland is about 13 miles from Philadelphia, but Drexel in his flight of one hour and 10 minutes today traveled 20 miles. Mr. Drexel landed because of a shortage of gasoline, having started with but little more than sufficient to carry him from Oreland to Point Breeze. He landed on a chicken farm and said he had mistaken the Delaware river for the Schuylkill and had traveled north instead of south. He had intended following the Schuylkill river to Point Breeze.

Mr. Drexel, after he had landed telephoned the following statement to Philadelphia:

"I found myself over a river, and thinking it was the Schuylkill I started, as I thought, down it. Instead I afterwards discovered it was the Delaware. I knew I was lost before I made my landing. The landing was made without mishap. I can not tell what altitude I reached for there was no barograph on the monoplane. I doubt, however, that I was at any time very high."

Mr. Drexel, after arranging for the safe storing of the air craft, returned to Philadelphia.

Claude Grahame-White gave several exhibition flights today and on one of his trips took aloft Gen. James Allen, chief signal officer of the United States army.

FUNERAL OF VICAR GENERAL

Rt. Rev. Mons A. J. McNeal to be Buried Wednesday.

The funeral services over the body of the Right Rev. Mons Augustus J. McNeal, Vicar General of the diocese of Charleston, will be held this morning in the Cathedral of St. John the Baptist. The Right Rev. H. P. Northrop, Bishop of Charleston, will officiate. Every priest in the Charleston diocese received a telegram yesterday from Charleston, giving notice of the death of the high church dignitary, together with an invitation to attend the funeral services this morning. The interment will take place at St. Laurence Cemetery.

Matins and Lauds for the dead will be said at 9:30 o'clock A. M. Pontifical Mass of Requiem will be held one hour after. The services this morning will be of an elaborate and solemn character. The body of the dead Vicar General was taken to the Cathedral of St. John the Baptist, where it now lies in state. Many people of the city took the opportunity of looking for the last time at the remains.

The clergy of the diocese of Charleston, the Sisters of Our Lady of Mercy and many of the friends of the deceased from the city and whole State will be present at the funeral services this morning. The pallbearers will be as follows:

Active—Dr. D. M. Maguire, H. C. Lauray, Col. James Cosgrove, A. W. Litschgi, Sr., James F. Condon, Patrick Carter, M. Clair and J. J. O'Connell.

Honorary—W. J. Condon, D. O'Brien, Dr. A. P. Aymar, H. P. Soubeyroux, S. Fogartie, J. W. Wallace, L. Cantwell and W. Coulfield.—News and Courier, Nov. 23.

No Tax Extension.

All taxpayers should take due notice that City Council has declined to extend the time for payment of city taxes without penalty. The time for payment without penalty expires Nov. 30th, and after that date delinquents will be required to pay a penalty of one (1) per cent.

President Taft, returning from Panama, landed at Norfolk at noon today. He decided after sailing from Panama to land at Norfolk instead of Charleston, as he had an engagement in Richmond Wednesday.

All the members of the Boys' Corn Club of Sumter County should exhibit at the Corn exposition in Columbia December 5-8. A number of valuable prizes are offered for exhibition.

EXAMINATION FOR WEST POINT.

A Good Chance for A Young Man to Go to The United States Military Academy.

Senator B. R. Tillman announces that on December 9, 1910, a competitive examination for the selection of a principal and two alternates to fill a vacancy at the United States Military Academy at West Point will be held in Davis College, University of South Carolina, Columbia, South Carolina. This examination will be open to all young white men of the State, but no candidate shall be admitted to the Academy who is under seventeen or over twenty-two years of age, or less than five feet four inches in height at the age of seventeen or five feet five inches in height at the age of eighteen and upward, or who is deformed or afflicted with any disease or infirmity which would render him unfit for the military service, or who has at the time of presenting himself, any disorder of an infectious or immoral character. Candidates must be unmarried.

The mental examination will cover the following:

Algebra, through quadratic equations and progressions, plane geometry, English grammar, composition and literature, descriptive and physical geography, and general and United States history.

No physical examination will be held, but all candidates are warned now that before they are admitted to the Academy they will be given a rigid examination. Unless one is practically perfect physically there is no use in his taking the mental examination as he is sure to fail of admission.

The successful candidates will receive the nominations and stand entrance examination on second Tuesday in January at West Point, and if they pass, they will be admitted to the Academy on March 1st.

The successful candidates are expected to have themselves examined by a board of physicians to ascertain if they are physically fit to pass the entrance examination at West Point in January.

Should the principal fail in either the physical or mental examination, the first alternate will be nominated, and so on down the list until a candidate is found who can pass both successfully.

For detailed information in regard to this examination address Senator B. R. Tillman, Trenton, S. C.

The examination will begin at 9:30 and will be conducted by Prof. L. T. Baker and Prof. H. C. Davis.

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Charles R. Whitney, formerly of Columbia, was found dead in the Y. M. C. A. building, at 42nd street, New York Monday. His death was accidental, being due to gas asphyxiation. He was to have been married in Charleston, November 25.

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SEED CORN—The committee for the Boys' Corn Club has remaining on hand about fifteen bushels of the selected corn entered for seed corn prize. Each bushel was selected with care and is the best seed corn to be had in Sumter County. It will be sold for \$2 per bushel. Apply to S. D. Cabn, County Superintendent of Education. 11-22-8t w

FOR SALE—Several sows and gilts, some with pigs and some due to have pigs soon. Several pure bred Berkshire pigs, both sexes. Something choice in both lots. E. V. Dabbs, Mayesville, S. C. 11-19-1-2t aw-tf—W-taw-tf.

FOR SALE—Seed corn from prize acre. None but choice ears, 70 pounds in ear for \$3.00. Without extra selection, rated third by Judges in seed contest. Jas. McBride Dabbs, Mayesville, S. C. 11-19-1-2taw-tf—W-taw-tf.

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FUN THAT FAILED.

Mark Twain's Burlesque of Emerson, Longfellow and Holmes.

IT SHOCKED THE IMMORTALS.

W. D. Howells' Description of the Dismal Effect of the Humorist's Attempt to Make Game of the Dignified Literary Trio at the Boston Dinner.

In his memories of Mark Twain in Harper's W. D. Howells tells of the dinner in Boston when Mark Twain, with fatal effect, made game of Emerson, Longfellow and Holmes:

"He believed he had been particularly fortunate in his notion for the speech of that evening, and he had worked it out in joyous self reliance. It was the notion of three tramps, three deadbeats, visiting a California mining camp and imposing themselves upon the innocent miners as respectively Ralph Waldo Emerson, Henry Wadsworth Longfellow and Oliver Wendell Holmes. The humor of the conception must prosper or must fail according to the mood of the hearer, but Clemens felt sure of compelling this sympathy, and he looked forward to an unparalleled triumph.

"But there were two things that he had not taken into account. One was the species of religious veneration in which these men were held by those nearest them. They were men of extraordinary dignity, of the thing called presence for want of some clearer word, so that no one could well approach them in a personally light or trifling spirit. I do not suppose that anybody more truly valued them or more piously loved them than Clemens himself, but the intoxication of his fancy carried him beyond the bounds of that regard and emboldened him to the other thing which he had not taken into account—namely, the immense hazard of working his fancy out before their faces and expecting them to enter into the delight of it. If neither Emerson nor Longfellow nor Holmes had been there the scheme might possibly have carried, but even this is doubtful.

"I was the hapless president, fulfilling the abhorred function of calling people to their feet and making them speak. When I came to Clemens I introduced him with the cordial admiration I had for him as one of my greatest contributors and dearest friends. Here, I said, in sum, was a humorist who never left you hanging your head for having enjoyed his joke, and then the amazing mistake, the bewildering blunder, the cruel catastrophe was upon us. I believe that after the scope of the burlesque made itself clear there was no one there, including the burlesquer himself, who was not smitten with a desolating dismay. There fell a silence, weighing many tons to the square inch, which deepened from moment to moment and was broken only by the hysterical and blood curdling laughter of a single guest, whose name shall not be handed down to infamy. Nobody knew whether to look at the speaker or down at his plate. I chose my plate as the least affliction, and so I do not know how Clemens looked, except when I stole a glance at him and saw him standing solitary amid his appalled and appalling listeners, with his joke dead on his hands. From a first glance at the great three whom his jest had made its theme, I was aware of Longfellow sitting upright and regarding the humorist with an air of pensive puzzle, of Holmes busily writing on his menu with a well feigned effect of preoccupation, and of Emerson holding his elbows and listening with a sort of Jovian oblivion of this nether world in that lapse of memory which saved him in those later years from so much bother. Clemens must have dragged his joke to the climax and left it there, but I cannot say this from any sense of the fact. Of what happened afterward at the table where the immense, the wholly innocent, the truly unimagined affront was offered, I have no longer the least remembrance. I next remember being in a room of the hotel where Clemens was not to sleep, but to toss in despair and Charles Dudley Warner's saying in the gloom, 'Well, Mark! You're a funny fellow.' It was as well as anything he could have said, but Clemens seemed unable to accept the tribute.

"I stayed the night with him, and the next morning after a haggard breakfast we drove about, and he made some purchases of bric-a-brac for his house in Hartford, with a soul as far away from bric-a-brac as ever the soul of man was. He went home by an early train, and he lost no time in writing back to the three divine personalities which he had so involuntarily seemed to flout. They all wrote back to him, making it as light for him as they could. I have heard that Emerson was a good deal mystified and in his sublime forgetfulness asked, 'Who was this gentleman who appeared to think he had offered him some sort of annoyance?' But I am not sure that this is accurate. What I am sure of is that Longfellow a few days after in my study stopped before a photograph of Clemens and said, 'Ah, he is a wag!' and nothing more. Holmes told me, with deep emotion, such as a brother humorist might well feel, that he had not lost an instant in replying to Clemens' letter and assuring him that there had not been the least offense and entreating him never to think of the matter again. 'He said that he was a fool, but he was God's fool,' Holmes quoted from the letter with a true sense of the pathos and humor of the self abasement."

Nothing is difficult; it is only we who are indolent.—Haydon.



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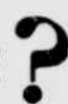
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