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PERSONAL.

Mr. R. M. Warren returned this morning from a short visit to his wife at Hendersonville.

Miss Louise Grady, of Norfolk, is visiting her brother, Mr. Henry Grady in the city.

Misses Nan and Jane Ball, of Charleston, are the guests of Miss Harriet Herbert, on Church street.

Mr. J. D. Graham has returned from a trip to Asheville and Hendersonville.

Mrs. R. D. Graham left Tuesday morning for a stay at Hendersonville.

Mrs. L. B. Phillips went to Camden Wednesday morning to spend a few days.

Mrs. O'Neal Smith, of Rowland, N. C., passed through the city Wednesday on her way to Rock Hill.

Mr. and Mrs. A. L. Lesene and daughter have gone with Mrs. E. A. Cuttino to the mountains in the hope that a change will improve the health of the latter.

Mr. P. H. Mellette has returned from a two weeks stay at Chadbourne and Wrightsville.

Mr. Heyward Crowson has returned to the city after spending two weeks at Myrtle Beach.

Miss Mary Hayes and Miss Frances Marshall who have been visiting relatives in the city left Wednesday morning on their return to their homes at Greenville.

Mr. R. A. Brand of Wilmington, fourth vice-president of the Atlantic Coast Line railroad, is in the city.

Miss Louie Bowman, of Sumter, is expected here about the middle of the coming month to spend the remainder of the summer with her grandmother.—Charleston Post.

Thames-Arrowsmith.

Manning, July 31.—There was a surprise marriage in Manning yesterday afternoon when Miss Helen Thames became the bride of Philip Arrowsmith, a prominent young lawyer of Kingstree. The ceremony was performed by the Rev. F. H. Shuler at the Methodist parsonage. After the ceremony the happy couple left in an automobile for Sumter to catch a train for a bridal trip North. They got out of town before their friends had time to extend congratulations. Miss Thames was the second daughter of Mr. and Mrs. P. B. Thames and was one of the most popular young society belles of Manning.

Cotton Being Ginned.

Wednesday afternoon in passing DesChamps mill we observed that cotton was being ginned by Mr. McLeod. Upon inquiry we found that he had ginned several bales during the day, all of it being last season's picking.

Pass Examinations.

The following persons are some of those who passed the recent examination held by the State Medical Board and are now licensed physicians: W. S. Burgess, Sumter; Ezra M. Davis, Mayesville; F. M. Griffin, Lynchburg; W. S. Harvin, Jr., Manning; Henry P. Moore, Charleston; P. J. O'Neal, Bishopville. The following passed the examination for trained nurses: Katie M. Hodge, Rosaling M. Jackson, Mattie Kennedy, and Mattie Murray, all of Sumter.

Death of W. O. Lockhart.

Timmonsville, July 30.—W. O. Lockhart, who has been magistrate at Cartersville for a number of years, died this morning at 2 o'clock after a week's illness.

Open Cotton.

Mr. Arthur Green, of Wisacky, picked a boll of open cotton on Monday and sent it in to us, this being the first we have received this season.

The "Sumter Plan" provides that the candidate for councilman receiving the highest number of votes shall serve for four years and the one receiving the next highest shall serve two years. This does not refer to the vote received in the primary, but to the regular election that will be held on August 13th. In the event that the two nominees of the primary receive the same number of votes at the regular election, what will be done about the length of terms? Every man who voted in the primary took an oath to support the nominees and those who vote in the regular election cannot consistently scratch either of the candidates for councilman.

Several bales of cotton were ginned at White's Mill Wednesday, something very unusual for this season of the year. The cotton was last year's cotton.

A VISIT TO PRIZE CROPS.

CROPS IN PRIZE CONTEST LOOK FINE BUT MOST OF THEM NEED RAIN TO HELP OUT.

Party Went in Automobiles on All Day Trip but Were not Able to Visit All of Contestants—Much Interest Taken in Contest—Differences Between Prize Crops and Other Crops Noted—Those on the Trip—May Enter Contest.

The party of farm experts, bankers, merchants and others who left here at 9 o'clock Wednesday morning to visit the farms of those who had entered the City National Bank prize contest returned to the city about dark in the evening after having visited farms north and south of the city, having seen some fine and some poor crops, having spent an enjoyable, if strenuous day of it, and after having traveled about fifty miles, more or less through the county.

The party in the four automobiles consisted of Messrs. G. A. Lemmon, President of the City National Bank, Prof. W. L. English, of the department of farm demonstration work at Clemson College, District Agent L. L. Baker, Farm Demonstration Agent J. Frank Williams, who is also president of the County Farmers' Union, R. E. Belser, A. V. Snell, H. L. Scarborough, A. J. Stubbs, E. F. Miller, C. L. Stubbs, W. T. Rowland and Andrew Williams. In the afternoon some of these gentlemen dropped out and others took their place. The automobiles for the trip were furnished by Messrs Scarborough, Rowland, Belser and the Shaw Motor Company.

Of course the twenty odd farmers who are competing in the contest were not all visited during the day, but a number of them were visited and it is hoped that an opportunity will be afforded in the near future for a visit to the others in the contest. The visit was made for the purpose of allowing Messrs English, Baker and Williams, the farm experts in the party to see and make comparison between the prize crops and the other crops and sufficient difference was seen, without having to be pointed out by the experts, to make it plain that it would be better to plan less and cultivate it more," as Mr. English tersely remarked.

All of the crops visited were very good, taking all things into consideration. Some places much more fertilizer was used than others and the different kinds of land and the varying seasons on the different farms had all tended to help or hinder some of the farmers more than others.

However, one thing was noticeable about all of the farms visited. The farmers were intensely interested in the result of the contest and the experiment which was being carried on and each one showed his interest in his own individual way. A great many of the crops needed rain, especially in the sections around Dalzell, Stateburg and Wedgefield. South and east of Sumter the rain was needed in some places, but not as badly as on the other side of the city. At many of the places visited the farmers had laid by their corn and cotton. Mr. English in most cases advised these farmers to continue to run harrows through their crops as long as it was possible.

At most of the places visited the farmers were ready and waiting for the party. At all of the places the party were treated to various farm delicacies, watermelon being offered at almost every place. At Mr. E. F. Miller's grapes were passed around and at Mr. L. I. Parrott's place the party were invited to partake of a big dinner which was spread out on tables under the trees, but there was not sufficient time to stop, no matter how much those in the party would have liked to. Much interest was taken in some places in the coming of the party and around Providence a number of the farmers had gone to work and cleared the roadsides of weeds and bushes and put the road in better condition, so that the party could see the crops better and have easier riding. Most of the roads were found to be in very good condition considering the dry weather, but there were plenty of places where the automobilists got bumps in passing.

So much pleased were the bank officials at the interest shown in the contest which they originated that they have decided to continue the contest another year and will probably do so on a larger scale. So those who are now in the contest and those who expect to get in it another year will do well to begin preparing their grounds as soon as possible. Of course proper rotation of crops will be expected in the contest for another year.

Those who are in the City National Bank prize four acre contest are competing for two prizes of \$100, one for the farmer who makes largest yield on the four acres of cotton, corn, peas and potatoes, and one for the contestant who makes the greatest net gain on the four acres. Those in the contest are: J. M. Braihan, Sumter, R. F. D. No. 2; L. I. Parrott, Sumter; W. O. Cain, Sumter, R. F. D. No. 2; E. W.

Dabbs, Mayesville; T. D. Lackey, Tindal, R. F. D. No. 1; R. D. Tisdale, Sumter, R. F. D. No. 4; W. D. Rowick, Mayesville; C. J. Jackson, Horatio; J. W. Odom, Sumter; E. R. and L. H. Jackson, Sumter, R. F. D. No. 2; S. J. White, Sumter, R. F. D. No. 1; S. J. Mims, Lynchburg; R. M. Jenkins, St. Charles; Richard Sanders, Dalzell; William Brown, Sumter, R. F. D. No. 5; M. H. Beck, Sumter; A. C. Thompson, Sumter; H. L. Scarborough, Sumter; W. H. Jennings, Sumter, R. F. D. No. 3; E. W. Parker, Sr., Providence; E. F. Miller, Sumter; J. J. Hatfield, Sumter, R. F. D. No. 5; E. Lemmon, Elliotts; C. H. Chandler, Reubert, R. F. D. No. 2; J. B. Raffield, Dalzell; A. W. Newman, Sumter, R. F. D. No. 1; J. Frank Williams, Sumter, R. F. D. No. 3; L. Weinberg, Paxville; J. K. McElveen, South Lynchburg; A. J. Jones, Tindal; T. S. DuBose, Oswego; Jas. C. Bryan, Sumter; Jas. L. Gillis, Rembert.

The first place visited by the party was Mr. E. F. Miller's on the outskirts of the city. From there to Mr. A. C. Thompson's was the next spurt. Mr. Thompson's farm was small and he did not have his prize cotton and corn separated from his farm, but expected to select an acre from the field to have in the contest. Mr. E. W. Parker, Sr., was visited next. His corn was young, but looked fine and will probably yield abundantly, if it has a good season. The other crops were good. At Mr. J. Frank Williams' place the crops needed rain. The place here has been farmed by Mr. Williams only a short time, and showed that it had been much improved since he took possession.

Mr. L. I. Parrott also had a small farm and his prize acre of cotton would be selected from the field. His corn was exceedingly good, but needed rain badly. His potatoes and peas were also good. From Mr. Parrott's place the party returned to town, where they stopped for dinner. In the afternoon the first place visited was that of Mr. M. H. Beck. Mr. Beck had already harvested one crop of about 3,500 pounds of forage off his prize acre and was preparing to plant more peas, thus raising two crops on his acre.

Mr. S. J. White was next visited. He had about the best all around four acres seen, his peas and potatoes being especially fine, where the others were very good. He was picking the peas from his prize acre, preparing to harvest the vines and planting more peas on the acre. Mr. Walker Newman's cotton, peas and potatoes were good. His corn was not visited as it was some distance from the house and the party did not have time to spare. Mr. R. D. Tisdale's place was the last stop of the evening. He had some good corn and cotton, but the peas and potatoes were not visited as they were some distance from the house.

It would be a hard matter to judge from present prospects which of the farmers in the contest will win the prize, as all of the contestants have exceedingly fine crops. A great deal depends upon the weather and the attention the crop receives from now on. The officials of the bank seemed delighted with the interest taken and the farm experts gained much data on their trip which they will give out to the farmers hereafter from time to time.

Something of a Financier.

A drummer tells a good one on an Edgefield ducky, which shows that all the financing talent is not confined to Wall Street, as we have been led to suppose; but that in sporadic cases, right here in our own rural districts, there sometimes occur examples of high finance which have got the street backed off the boards.

Last year Sambo had an old blind mule worth about forty dollars. He mortgaged the mule for a first-class brand new wagon. He then went to Johnson and mortgaged the mule and wagon for a Jimdandy mule. He then came to Augusta, where he mortgaged the whole outfit for supplies and guano enough to run him until he could gather his crop.

Going back to Edgefield with his accumulated possessions he pitched in and the way that old darkey worked was a sight to behold. The crack o' day found him and his wife and children in the field plowing, and when the neighbor's horn blew to knock off, he kept at it and stayed right there till dark.

The Lord was with Sam in the hour of trial and tribulation. Last year was one of the fat years you read about but seldom see. At the wind up of the season, Sam had gathered twenty-eight bales of cotton, besides corn, peas and potatoes. After paying off all the mortgages, he had four bales of cotton left and provisions and roughage enough to do him until the next crop comes in.

He's all right now, but he had a close shave. That rabbit was jessed to claim a tree.—Augusta Chronicle.

There was a very large crowd at the Olanta picnic Saturday, some went from Manning.—Manning Times.



THE KINGDOM A PRIZE. Matthew xiii, 44-53—Aug. 4.

"Seek ye first the Kingdom of God and His righteousness, and all these things shall be added unto you." Matthew vi, 33.

TODAY we have further precious lessons from the Great Teacher respecting His Kingdom.

The parable of the "Treasure hid in the Field" is not one of the parables which Jesus expounded. His people, therefore, are left to exercise their judgment of its meaning, under the guidance of the Holy Spirit and the light shed upon it by other Scriptures. Indeed, there might be more than one application of it.

But our preference of thought is that the Great Teacher referred, not to Himself, but to those whom He instructed. By virtue of His own covenant of sacrifice, the Kingdom was already promised to Him, and He, in turn, in the Father's name, was inviting those who had ears to hear, and heart to appreciate, to become members of His Kingdom class.



He recommends that these should view the Kingdom after the illustration of this parable. Suppose in their journeying they saw a field for sale at a certain price, and suppose, upon examination, they found it to contain a great treasure. The treasure might consist of very excellent soil, especially suited to their purpose, or of a valuable vein of precious metal, or of money buried centuries ago and forgotten, and not belonging to the owner of the field more than to others who might find it. In such a case any one of ordinary intelligence would be willing to invest everything that he possessed to acquire the title.

So the Master declared to those who heard Him then, and to us who receive His words now, that He has information to give respecting a Great Treasure, a Priceless Treasure, which can be obtained only by the expenditure of great energy and the investment of everything of value. The Great Treasure is the share in the Messianic Kingdom—that by negotiating the terms of discipleship we may become not only sons of God, but heirs of God and joint-heirs with Jesus Christ our Lord to His heavenly inheritance.

A Pearl of Great Value.

In the days of our Savior pearls were amongst the most precious of jewels, and the larger and more nearly perfect the pearl the greater its value. The Great Teacher used this familiar matter as the basis for a lesson on the value of the Kingdom. The Merchant of the Parable found a Pearl so superior in every respect that he considered it cheap to give everything that he possessed to become its owner.

This, said the Master, illustrates the value of the Kingdom, with its glory, honor and immortality, which I am inviting an elect, saintly little flock to share with Me. Those who prize it properly will show their appreciation by the amount they will be willing to pay for it. Whether a man be wealthy or poor, learned or ignorant, influential or otherwise, the cost of this Kingdom Pearl will be—his all.

The wealthiest or most talented person in the world could not obtain a share in that Kingdom if he kept back one atom of his possessions; the price of the Kingdom is self-sacrifice, even unto death, and nothing less will secure it. Nor would any sacrifice that we could make secure a share in this Kingdom for us, except as our sacrifice should first be made acceptable in God's sight through the precious merit of our Redeemer's sacrifice.

The Parable of the Fish Net.

We are not to think of the Kingdom as a net, but that the embryo Kingdom resembles a fishing experience with a net, in which were gathered all kinds of fish. This is a parable of the embryo Kingdom because it relates to a work done in this Age, in connection with the finding of the "little flock" who will constitute the Kingdom in glory. The Lord during this Age has not been seeking all kinds of people. He has been calling, drawing especially, and dealing with, only the "elect," only the saintly.

But, incidentally, a variety of other kinds of fish have gotten into the Gospel Net, some from worldly ambitions, some because religious systems are a good matrimonial field, others because of social privileges and standing, others because they would use religion as a cloak for business enterprises, etc. The parable tells us that "when the net was drawn ashore" and the fish were gathered together, the "net" as one of the kind the Lord is seeking almost at an end? The Gospel Net, with its t of churchianity of not soon be drawn ashore, the elect, may the Kingdom?

SHOE FACTORY DOING WELL.

Building for Factory Being Put on Dugan Street—Plant Will be Thoroughly Equipped—The Good the Factory Will Do to Sumter—Business Men of Sumter Interested in Work of Factory.

The foundation of the building for the Witherspoon Bros Shoe Manufacturing Company has been laid. It is being built of brick with mill construction, and will be forty feet wide by sixty-five feet long, two stories high. Will be equipped for manufacturing five hundred pairs of shoes per day, and the contractors have obligated to have the house completed by November first.

In the meantime the company is turning out shoes in the Bultman Bros. building, having purchased the Bultman Bros plant at a very satisfactory price to the mutual advantage of both Bultman Bros and the new Company.

After getting into the new building the old machinery will be installed as well as the new without shutting down the plant. For the amount of money invested the management figures that an average of two hundred pair per day will be the amount the company can manufacture, and the best the management can figure is a gross profit of fifty-five to sixty-five cents per pair. After deducting sales burden, it will average a gross profit of fifty cents per pair, which will mean putting in the town one hundred dollars per day, which is equal to thirty thousand dollars per year.

What does this mean for Sumter? Thirty thousand dollars is the equal in value of six hundred bales of cotton. If six hundred bales of cotton is brought to Sumter, what does it mean? Thirty thousand dollars is more to Sumter than the sale of six hundred bales of cotton, because the farmer, when he sells his cotton, carries a lot of money back home which he uses to buy from the country merchant, improve his farm and pay for his laborers, who trade with country merchant also, and the farmer to quite an extent at this date is buying from catalogue houses (not altogether to his advantage, however.)

The town man does not do this. He appreciates getting his living from the town, and largely spends his money in the town, so it is safe to say that thirty thousand dollars brought from all parts of the world to Sumter, is worth as much as the sale of at least one thousand bales of cotton, especially to the merchant, landlord, and business men of the town.

The company is composed of sixty-five subscribers, which fairly represents most of the business men of Sumter. The business men of Sumter will, therefore, stand together to make it a success.

A large number of the stockholders hold no more stock than it would well pay for to donate as a gift to locate such a factory, much less get a direct dividend on the investment.

Some, of course will get good benefit from the enterprise who never subscribed at all, who of course, probably have done their part towards getting other things. But the benefit to be derived from such enterprises does often go, all things being equal, to the subscribers or owners.

It has been often asserted, which is true, that Sumter and a great many Southern towns depend too much on the cotton crop. If this little investment of thirty-five thousand dollars is worth to Sumter as much as one thousand bales of cotton annually, it is easy to figure how few enterprises of the kind it would take to equal the value of the annual cotton crop that Sumter is now depending on.

A ten per cent dividend is insignificant as compared to its value to the town indirectly. If it does not pay any dividend at all it would be a handsome investment.

But this does not relieve the management of the responsibility of making it yield a direct dividend because it has a few subscribers depending on the direct income to make it pay, having nothing to sell, or having no reason for what they have to advance in price.

The writer is ambitious to see the good work go on.

B. SANDERS WINS SCHOLARSHIP.

Gets City National Bank Agricultural Scholarship to Clemson College.

Mr. G. A. Lemmon, President of the City National Bank, Wednesday received a letter from President W. M. Riggs of Clemson College informing him of the fact that B. Sanders, of Dalzell, had won the scholarship to Clemson College which was offered by the City National Bank.

The scholarship is for a one-year's course in agriculture and is worth \$117.55. There were several contestants for the scholarship at the examination.

Mr. Benton, of Florence, came over last night for the dance.

Candidates' Cards.

Announcements of candidates will be printed in this column until the close of the campaign for \$5. No cards accepted on credit.

For Sheriff.

Capt. E. S. Carson is hereby announced as a candidate for Sheriff at the ensuing election, having before discharged the duties of that office with promptness and efficiency, we take pleasure in recommending him for said office, subject to the rules of the Democratic primary.

MANY VOTERS.

I hereby offer myself as a candidate for the office of Sheriff of Sumter County, subject to the rules of the Democratic party.

J. K. BRADFORD.

Capt. Geo. C. Warren is hereby announced as a candidate for the office of Sheriff of Sumter county, subject to the rules of the Democratic primary.

VOTERS.

For Coroner.

I hereby announce that I am a candidate for the office of Coroner of Sumter County, subject to the action of the Democratic primary.

D. W. OWENS.

For House of Representatives.

I am a candidate for re-election to the House of Representatives subject to the rules of the Democratic Primary.

R. B. BELSER.

I hereby announce myself a candidate for the House of Representatives from Sumter County, pledging myself to abide by the result of the Democratic Primary.

R. D. EPPS.

Dr. F. M. Dwight is hereby unanimously nominated, as a candidate for the House of Representatives, subject to the rules governing the Primary. We bespeak for him the suffrage of his fellow countrymen.

The Wedgefield Democratic Club.

For Supervisor.

I hereby announce myself a candidate for the office of Supervisor of Sumter County, subject to the rules of the Democratic Primary.

L. E. WHITE.

I hereby announce myself a candidate for re-election to the office of Supervisor of Sumter County, subject to the rules of the Democratic primary.

P. M. PITTS.

For Clerk of Court.

I hereby announce myself a candidate for re-election to the office of Clerk of Court for Sumter County, subject to the rules of the Democratic party.

L. J. PARROTT.

The name of H. L. Scarborough is presented as a candidate for Clerk of Court for Sumter County in the coming Democratic primary election.

I hereby announce myself a candidate for Clerk of Court of Sumter county, subject to the action of the Democratic primary.

JOHN R. SUMTER.

FOR MAGISTRATE.

The friends of Mr. J. A. Hodge hereby nominate him for Magistrate at Privateer, subject to the action of the primary. His friends think he is entitled to the place on account of his past record, and hope all good thinking men will look at it the same way.

VOTERS.

For Solicitor.

I announce myself a candidate for the office of Solicitor for the Third Judicial Circuit, subject to the rules of the Democratic Primary.

THOS. H. TATUM.

I hereby announce myself a candidate for re-election to the office of Solicitor of the Third Judicial Circuit, subject to the rules of the Democratic Primary.

PHILIP H. STOLL.

For United States Senate.

I hereby announce myself a candidate for the United States Senate, subject to the rules of the Democratic party. Your support and influence will be appreciated.

N. B. DIAL.

Laurens, S. C.

For Congress.

I hereby announce myself as a candidate for the nomination for Congress from the Seventh Congressional District of South Carolina, subject to the rules of the Democratic primary.

A. F. LEVER.