

BIG AVIATION MEET AND SPECTACULAR CARNIVAL

Aeroplanes Will Make Daily Flights, Weather Permitting.

**12--Big Shows--12
3--Riding Devices--3
12--Piece Royal Italian Band--12
Daring Free Acts**

There will be thousands of out-of-town visitors in attendance.

Invite friends and relatives for a week of enjoyment in Sumter.

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**SUMTER
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Aeroplanes That Really Fly.

**Venetian Spectacular
Carnival--Day and
Night.**

This Will be Sumter's Greatest, Grandest and Most Glorious Event.

One Solid Week--December 29th to January 3rd, Day and Night.

CARNIVAL SHOWS COMING.

WILL BE PART OF AVIATION MEET TO BE IN SUMTER NEXT WEEK.

J. E. Berger Company to Give Flights in Wright Aeroplane Twice Daily--Airman Will Fly Over County Distributing Literature of Carnival--Coming in Interest of the Chamber of Commerce.

The much discussed Krause Greater Shows and the Berger Aviation Company that have been endeavoring to exhibit in Sumter under the auspices of the Sumter Chamber of Commerce have succeeded in making arrangements for their exhibitions in this city next week for six days.

Acting under authority of the Board of Directors, managing secretary Reardon last night signed contracts with Messrs. Krause and Berger whereby liberal guarantees percentages were made to the local commercial organization for permitting the exhibitions under the auspices of the Chamber of Commerce.

The Berger Aviation Company will put on two or more aeroplanes flights daily, weather permitting. The Krause Greater Shows were attended at Florence by a special committee representing the Chamber of Commerce, Messrs. George D. Levy, Robt. Graham and Secretary Reardon, who reported them to be absolutely clean, educational and wholesome exhibitions, attended by no objectionable exhibitions, gambling or other questionable features.

This committee was favorably impressed with the Krause Shows and the people connected therewith. They, the committee, witnessed two magnificent and spectacular aeroplanes flights by the Berger aviators and recommended the Krause and Berger people to exhibit under the Chamber of Commerce auspices, provided the right kind of financial arrangements could be made agreeable to both sides.

City Council granted to the Chamber of Commerce the right to exempt the shows from the regular license tax for the benefit of the Chamber of Commerce treasury and to provide clean and wholesome amusement for the masses under Chamber of Commerce regulations and direct supervision, the Chamber agreeing to see that nothing objectionable or unlawful was put on, and the show people making the same guarantee. A petition was circulated and a meeting of business men was called November 14th to protest against admitting the shows. After a thorough discussion and the report of the special committee it was decided to refer the whole matter back to the directors to use their judgment as to whether they would book in these shows under the auspices of and for the financial benefit of the Chamber of Commerce. The directors and Messrs. Krause & Berger could not reach a satisfactory agreement. Mr. Berger usually receives from six hundred to fifteen hundred dollar guarantees for his aeroplane exhibitions alone.

Under the contract just signed Mr. Berger and Mr. Krause have made very liberal concessions. They will also, in addition to the shows, have free high dive acts, and aeroplane exhibitions, put on a Queen of the Festival

contest for a one hundred dollar diamond ring, the ring to be purchased from a local jeweler under the direction of the Secretary of the Chamber of Commerce, and the jeweler's written guarantee. The Chamber of Commerce shares to the extent of 25 per cent of the gross receipts from this contest, the Krause and Berger people paying for the ring and all expenses incidental to the contest. The contest is to be managed entirely by the Chamber of Commerce officers or any committee they select, and the finances to be handled by the Secretary and Dr. Hearon, the treasurer.

An attractive advertising program will be issued daily giving the numbers on the program and the Chamber of Commerce receives 25 per cent of the gross receipts from the advertising. A liberal per centage is given the Chamber on gross receipts of the shows and concessions.

In order to advertise the festival week Mr. Reinhart, the chief aviator will fly from Manning to Sumter this week and for miles around Sumter, at a height of one thousand feet and scatter advertising matter concerning Sumter's aviation meet and the Krause Greater Shows. Look out for the flying machine and the rain of pamphlets. Since Messrs. Berger and Krause have exhibited the finest endorsements and exhibited in other nearby towns the opposition to the carnival shows has died away practically. It seems the consensus of opinion that the organized business interests of Sumter ought to furnish some amusement for the masses, who do their trading at Sumter. It is suggested that the Sumter merchants inaugurate a clearance sale during festival week.

A QUEEN OF THE CARNIVAL.

Young Lady to Be Chosen Queen of Aviation Meet to Be Held Here.

That there will be a social side to the Chamber of Commerce aviation meet that will be held in Sumter next week, commencing Monday, December 27, to continue all week, is very evident from the fact that at an informal meeting held by the Board of Directors of the Chamber of Commerce it was decided to elect a queen of the Sumter Aviation Meeting.

In so doing the board is following out the same plan as is always promoted by all large expositions held in the large cities which is done to meet the social demand.

The plan as outlined by the Chamber of Commerce is to present to the lady securing the largest amount of votes a beautiful diamond ring, which is valued at one hundred dollars. There will also be a second and third prize, which will be an exhibition at a local jewelry store window tomorrow.

At the meeting last evening the board elected a committee to select a list of desirable young ladies of Sumter which is published below. Among the names are some of the most popular of Sumter's young ladies. With such a number the contest promises to be a very interesting affair.

Any one may be nominated as the contest is open to all eligible young ladies.

The contest will open at 10 o'clock Wednesday, December 24, and will

continue until the last day of the Aviation meeting, Saturday, January 3rd. Voting boxes will be located at the following stores:

Hearon's Pharmacy, Sibert's Drug Store, Watson Drug Store, Antler's Pharmacy, DeLorme's Pharmacy, Zump's Pharmacy.

Below is a complete list of the young ladies selected by the Chamber of Commerce. Each will be presented with one thousand votes free to start. Votes may be had at one cent each, printed envelopes will be found at all voting places or may be had at the Chamber of Commerce offices, in voting write the name of the party you are voting for on the envelope and enclose the amount of votes you wish to cast at one cent each in the envelope and seal and drop in the ballot box.

Votes will be counted each afternoon and published in The Item, starting Friday, December 26.

The Item has arranged with the Chamber of Commerce to give to the young lady having the largest number of votes by 2 o'clock Monday the opening day of the Aviation meeting, five hundred free votes.

- Miss M. C. Jacobs,
- Miss May Harvin,
- Miss Helen Broughton,
- Miss Natalie Norman,
- Miss Marie Rothols,
- Miss Minnie Moses,
- Miss Fanny White,
- Miss Laura Carr,
- Miss Margie Monaghan,
- Miss Miriam Mellette,
- Miss Bertha King,
- Miss Mary Wilson,
- Miss Nokie Boyd,
- Miss Lula Cooke Boykin,
- Miss Eva Keller,
- Miss Theo Gregg,
- Miss Schuler Cooper,
- Miss Ethel Green,
- Miss Gussie Hood,
- Miss Mabel Bowman,
- Miss Lucille Ryttenberg,
- Miss Hasele Parrott,
- Miss Olive Nettles,
- Miss Myrtle Pont,
- Miss Beatrice Nealy,
- Miss Florence Baker,
- Miss Theo Stukes,
- Miss Willie Delgar,
- Miss Alpha Barnum.

BATTLESHIP LEAVES CHARLESTON.

Ohio Goes to Delaware to Be Fumigated.

Washington, Dec. 23.—Because of lack of quarantine facilities at Charleston the battleship Ohio sailed today for the Delaware breakwater where it will be thoroughly fumigated and quarantined to prevent a recurrence of the smallpox epidemic.

WILL NOT PARTICIPATE.

Paris, Dec. 23.—It was learned today that after diplomatic interchanges England, Germany, Austria, Hungary and Italy agreed not to participate in the Panama Exposition at San Francisco in 1915.

Rules Against Western Union.

Miami, Fla., Dec. 23.—The Florida supreme court has ruled that the occupation tax against the Western Union Telegraph Company is legal. The company resisted the tax on the ground that it transacted business.

WORK OF BOYS AND GIRLS.

President Harrison of Southern Railway Points out Fact That Southern Boys and Girls do Better Work Than Those in North and West.

Washington, Dec. 23.—Commenting on the statement issued by the United States Department of Agriculture, showing the results attained by the boys and girls who won prizes in the Boys' Corn Clubs and Girls' Canning Clubs in their respective States in the season of 1913, President Harrison, of Southern Railway Company, said today:

"The work done by the boys and girls in all of the States was remarkable. It is very gratifying to me to note that first honors, both in the Boys' Corn Clubs and the Girls' Canning Clubs held by Southern contestants. The wonderful record made by Jerry Moore, of South Carolina, who grew 228.75 bushels of corn on a single acre in 1910, directed attention to the great advantages of the Southeastern States as a corn-growing locality. Now comes Walker Lee Dunson, of Alabama, with a record of 232.7 bushels on a single acre, setting a new mark for the members of the Boys' Corn Clubs throughout the United States. The superiority of the Southeast for corn production is demonstrated not only by Walker Dunson's remarkable record but also by the fact that the yields obtained by the prize winning boys in each of the States of Virginia, North Carolina, South Carolina, Georgia, Florida and Tennessee exceeded the highest yield obtained by any boy in a Northern or Western State.

"No less remarkable than the record made by Walker Dunson in the corn club work was that made by Miss Clyde Sullivan, of Georgia, who grew 5,354 pounds of tomatoes on a tenth of an acre, surpassing by 1,374 pounds the highest record made by any girl in the North or West. Other Southeastern girls did remarkably well, notably Miss Lizzie Kelley, of South Carolina, with a record of 4,375 pounds on a tenth of an acre.

"Taken as a whole, the records of the Southeastern boys and girls demonstrate the superior agricultural and horticultural advantage of the Southeastern States, not only for purely Southern crops, such as cotton and early fruits and vegetables, but also for crop which are usually associated in the public mind with the North and West. They demonstrate that the States south of the Ohio and Potomac rivers and east of the Mississippi offer unsurpassed advantages for the man seeking to engage in profitable diversified agriculture."

LADY GODIVA UP-TO-DATE.

Missouri Woman Scandalizes Small Town by Riding Horseback in Birthday Suit.

Old Horton, Missouri, Dec. 23.—Accusing her of riding through the town streets nude on horseback with a male companion, night riders called Mrs. Parmalee Collins, aged 23, and, coming from her house, severely horsewhipped her, ordered her to leave town and burned several small houses she owned. A bitter feud resulted.

APPEALS TO HIGH TRIBUNAL.

T. U. Vaughn Carries Case to Federal Supreme Court--Alleges Two Errors.

Washington, Dec. 22.—T. U. Vaughn, a preacher, formerly in charge of the Odd Fellows' Home for Children at Greenville, S. C., appealed to the supreme court today to set aside his conviction of assault upon a 14-year-old girl at the home. The court will review the case.

Vaughn, who was sentenced to be electrocuted, claims that this sentence can not be imposed upon him because electrocution was authorized by a law enacted after he had been indicted. He also claims that the trial judge erred in charging the jury that he confessed to the technical charge. Vaughn's attorney claims that he merely confessed to great moral wrong.

THE GOVERNMENT'S FORESTS.

Washington, Dec. 23.—More than 2 billion board feet of timber, with a value of 4 1-2 million dollars on the stump, was sold by the forest service last year, according to the annual report of Henry S. Graves, forester, published today. This is an increase of 167 per cent over the sales of the preceding year. The timber sold was largely for future cutting under contracts that will run for a number of years. The actual cut was a little less than 500 million board feet, an increase of 15 per cent over 1912. Still larger sales are in prospect.

The timber sale policy of the forest service is summarized as aiming first of all to prevent losses by fire, and secondly to utilize the ripe timber which can be marketed. Other aims are to cut so as to insure restocking and forest permanence; to get the full market value for the timber sold; to prevent speculative acquisition and private monopoly of public timber and to maintain competitive conditions in the lumber industry so far as possible; to provide first for the needs of local communities and industries; to open lands of agricultural value to settlement without allowing them to be tied up by timber speculators; and finally, to secure as soon as possible the cost of production and administration to the government and a revenue to the national forest States, to which go 25 per cent of all receipts.

A large number of national forests already more than pay operating expenses. The revenue from the Alaskan forests now exceeds the cost of administration. The same is true generally in the southwest.

More than 700 thousand acres have been acquired for national forest purposes in the southern Appalachians and White mountains, of which considerably more than half was secured during 1913. These lands are being protected against fire and the work of the government has greatly strengthened local sentiment against forest fires. Some 250 miles of trail, to help in fire control, were completed during the year.

Cooperation with States in protecting forested watersheds from fire has brought about a cooperative field organization in fifteen States and the same arrangement is contemplated with three others.

HOUSEWIVES LEAGUE NOTES.

The Object of This Organization Set Forth.

That the National Housewives League, of which all branches are a part, was organized to meet a very real need of the present day, and that its aims and objects are essentially in the interest of home life, is a fact that should recommend it to thinking people everywhere.

In former days much that the Housewives League is now striving for was under the careful supervision of the mistress of the house, whether it was of the thrifty New England type or on the lavish scale of Southern life.

The supply of meat came from home-raised and home-butchered stock, and everything, from bread to the most elaborate dishes, was made at home.

Now that we are, at the present time, depending so largely upon canned goods and delicatessen products, it behooves the wife and mother to read labels carefully, to see that the food stuffs she buys are screened from the deadly fly and protected from handling, that bakeries and dairies are sanitary, and in the interest of the family purse, that weights and measures are correct.

The endeavor to make possible a classified and trained household service and an effort to bring about co-operation between the women of cities and country places, to put wholesome country products at the disposal of city consumers, at a fair price would all seem to be objects which would excite the interest and recognition of all people who are not satisfied to merely exist.

With such purposes as these in view, it would seem that every city and town in the State would desire to form a branch of the League.

The criticism has been made that the work undertaken by the League was too diversified, that too many things are attempted, but if one will consider that they are but different lines or radio, of activity, leading out from one center, which is the home,—it will be found to be consistent on the whole.

The work of the Housewives League has nothing whatever to do with the enfranchisement of women, but is in every particular concerned with domestic interests, and raising to a higher level all the various branches of home-building, which means a pleasanter and more healthful life for families of all classes.

Inquiries regarding the formation of branch Leagues will be promptly answered by Mrs. R. M. Masters, State Secretary Housewives League, 65 Queen Street, Charleston, S. C.

SNOWING OUT WEST.

Illinois and Indiana Wrapped in Sheet of White.

Chicago, Dec. 23.—Heavy snow covers Illinois and Indiana today. West of the Mississippi it has been snowing since Sunday.

\$100,000 WASHINGTON FIRE.

Ten Cent Store Destroyed by Early Morning Blaze.

Washington, Dec. 24.—The American ten cent store was burned this morning. The loss is \$100,000.