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PERSONAL NEWS.

Mr. Covington H. Woodley and mother, Mrs. J. M. Woodley, are in the city for a short stay. They are former residents of Sumter. Mr. Woodley is now engaged in teaching in Washington and Mrs. Woodley is living in Georgia.

Among the Winthrop students to return to college Friday morning were Misses Mary and Fannie Mellette, Corinne and Margaret DeLorme, Lillie Gregg, Mammie Edmunds, Margaret Cheyne, Bessie Walsh, Mattie Hill and Euecchia Shuler.

The following were among those to go from here to Florence Thursday evening to attend the dance there, given by the Elks: B. F. Scott, J. H. Myers, W. A. Allston, Ervin Shaw, Tom Brand Semple, Elmwood Myers, L. M. Green and Mr. and Mrs. Harry Green and Miss Ethel Green.

Mr. Alphas Baker of Mannville, who is visiting his daughter, Mrs. J. S. Richardson, paid this office a visit on Friday to renew his subscription to the Watchman and Southern, for which he has subscribed since 1850. Mr. Baker is our oldest subscriber and is one of the oldest men in this section of the State, having celebrated his 89th birthday last June. He is hale and hearty and is a younger and more vigorous looking man than many of his juniors by twenty years.

Miss Grady Rumph, of Charleston, is spending a few days in the city.

Miss Alta Anderson, of Edisto Island, stopped with Miss Susie Dick for a day on her return to Winthrop.

Messrs. R. M. Cooper, Wisacky; E. W. Dabbs, Mayesville; C. W. Josey, St. Charles; L. L. Baker, Elliotts, have been appointed by Commissioner Watson as delegates to the National Corn Exposition at Dallas, Tex.

Mrs. A. V. Snell is the guest of Miss Moneta Osteen.

Mr. A. V. Snell, Secretary of the Charleston Chamber of Commerce, spent Sunday and Monday in this city.

Mr. and Mrs. Eugene Stansil returned yesterday from Eastover where they have been visiting relatives.

Mr. Herbert Barnes conductor on the Pullman car between Charleston and Columbia, spent the week-end in the city.

Mr. James Lattimer, a former teacher at Oswego, was in the city for a while Sunday.

Death of a Gallant Officer.

Special to The Daily Item. Bishopville, Jan. 4.—There was buried here today in the Bethlehem burial ground a most worthy man, Capt. C. Sarget Davis. The captain was 82 years of age. He was reared in Georgia and enlisted for war in Mississippi, going out as captain of a cavalry company.

His war experience was stirring and remarkable with those dashing daredevil riders he soon attracted the attention of General Forrest and was incorporated in his command, and no one gave the commands more pleasure nor contributed to the success of his enterprises than did Capt. Sarget Davis.

It should be remembered that the command of General Forrest was early in its organization dubbed the "Rough Riders of the West" and we feel honored to have had one of the original "rough riders" in our midst, for such a long period of time. The writer has heard this war experience of Capt. Davis. An ambush had been set and the overwhelming numbers of the enemy rushed into it to be instantly torn with shot and shell, and escape from the yelling charge, soon became the paramount issue, and at the river crossing Capt. Davis' boys were on hand and did some ugly work, he cheering them on.

On the opposite bank there sat bolt upright and still a horseman seemingly waiting till all had cleared the stream and when they had, among the falling balls and yells of Capt. Davis' men he deliberately drew his sword and saluted the Confederates, which seemed to exasperate them and their carbines rang out with increased sputtering, but instantly Capt. Davis gave the signal to cease firing and the gallant Yankee officer rode out of the water unhurt amid the applause of his admiring foes. In 1867 Capt. Davis was happily married to Miss Martha Barrett, daughter of the late Ben. Barrett, Esq., and granddaughter of Hon. James Rembert, who lived and died in this section years ago. She survives him. They spent some years of their married life in Mississippi, but for the last 30 years or more have resided here. We shall miss the familiar figure of Capt. Davis on our streets and his hearty word of greeting, but the sting of it is that, when these old war heroes are gone we will never have any more.

Mr. Davis was an uncle of Mrs. H. G. McKagen of this city.

BIGGEST COLLECTIONS OF TAXES

\$33,450 Collected on December 31st. Largest Amount Ever Taken in in One Day.

The tax collections of December 31, the last day in which taxes were collectible without a penalty of one per cent, amounted in round numbers to \$33,450. This is the largest amount ever paid in in one day to the county treasurer's office. The next largest amount recalled by County Treasurer Wallace was the year before, when \$22,000 were collected on the last day of the year.

This brings the tax collections for this year up to \$100,450, leaving something like \$50,000 to be collected. Last year at this time \$96,702 had been collected, making a difference of \$3,748 in favor of this year's collections. The total amount of taxes for 1913 is several thousand dollars more than it was for 1912, the levy being for \$153,000 for 1913 against \$148,000 for 1912.

C. Turner Player Dead.

Mr. C. Turner Player died December 21st at his home at Shiloh, aged 63 years.

Mr. Player was a good neighbor and Christian. He was a devoted husband and loving father. He was married three times and is survived by his last wife and several small children; also by the following children by the first marriage: Messrs. J. B., W. H. and T. G. Player and Mrs. S. J. Tomlinson of Olanita; Messrs. W. T. and R. Player of Shiloh; Mrs. J. D. Frierson of DeLand, Fla., and Mrs. Henry C. Wedekind of Sumter.

The interment took place at Shiloh cemetery Monday, December 22, and was conducted by the Rev. G. Gings of Lynchburg.

Confederate Veteran Dead.

News was received here Friday of the death at St. Charles of Mr. R. J. Copeland, a Confederate veteran of company K, 23rd regiment South Carolina volunteers. Death occurred at 8 o'clock Friday morning, after an illness of some time.

The deceased was 74 years of age and leaves a wife and five children.

Reception to Congregation.

A reception was given at the Presbyterian Church Thursday evening to the members of the congregation, more than two hundred of whom attended. The occasion was a very pleasant one for all, the members of the church meeting each other and becoming better acquainted during the evening. Oysters, sandwiches and coffee were served.

Morris-Grier.

Miss Cora I. Morris and Mr. Alfred Grier were married Wednesday evening at 8 o'clock at the Methodist District Parsonage by the Rev. Walter I. Herbert.

These popular young people have the best wishes of their many friends for a long and happy life.

They are at home for the present to their friends at the Claremont Hotel.

Leak in Water Pipe.

A leak was discovered in an eight inch pipe leading to the water tank on Friday afternoon and the water had to be cut off for the rest of the afternoon from the houses in that vicinity so that the leak could be repaired. This took up all the rest of the afternoon and until far into the night, the final work, in fact, not being done until Saturday morning. During this time the water from the pumping station was pumped direct into the water mains.

The Little Colonel Club.

The Little Colonel Club of young ladies met at Miss Kittle Stubbs' residence on North Washington street at 3.30 P. M. on Friday the 2nd, January, 1914.

All but one of the members was in attendance and business of importance was transacted touching the management and progress of the club during the present year.

Meetings hereafter are to be held every alternate Friday during the year and the next meeting will be at the residence of Miss Elizabeth China on Bartlett street.

As the terms of office of the regular officers do not correspond with the calendar year the election of officers for the year 1914 will be taken up at meeting in the early future.

A dramatic production is one of the items on the program for this year and this club is writing and performing its own play. It is intended to offer this entertainment to the public during the spring, if not earlier, and as may be supposed, school life is the motive around which the imaginations of these youthful adventurers into the field of literature has found the most agreeable locale.

They are engaged industriously and earnestly in making this a club of permanent existence in Sumter and who can tell to what extent this little work may grow.

FERTILIZER SALES INCREASE.

Total For Last Year Larger by Eighty Thousand Tons Than in 1912.

Columbia, Jan. 5.—Farmers of South Carolina purchased last year over 960,000 tons of fertilizers, according to a statement issued from the office of the State treasurer yesterday. The receipts from the fertilizer tax amounted to \$240,448.43. The total fund for 1912 was \$221,999.68, which shows that the farmers used about 80,000 tons more fertilizers in 1913 than the previous year.

SUMTER CLUB RECEPTION.

Members and Their Friends Entertained Last Night.

The members of the Sumter Club and a number of invited friends of members, including many ladies, were entertained from 8 to 12 Thursday evening at a New Year's reception, in the club rooms located in the skyscraper.

The occasion while very informal, was thoroughly enjoyed by everyone present. Schumacher's Orchestra furnished delightful music, and at all times refreshments consisting of punch, ice cream and cake, were obtainable. An informal dance closed the reception.

RICHMOND WANTS REGIONAL BANK.

Delegation of Business Men Will Visit this City January 15th.

W. T. Dabney, Business Manager of the Richmond Chamber of Commerce telegraphed Secretary Reardon today that a delegation of Richmond business men will arrive at Sumter January 15th at 9.45 and remain until 5.50 p. m. of the same day. The object of the visit to Sumter is to confer with the Sumter Chamber of Commerce or its board of directors with the view of enlisting the cooperation of the Sumter bankers and other business men in securing a Federal regional bank for Richmond.

The Sumter secretary after conferring with President D. D. Moise of the Chamber of Commerce wired Mr. Dabney that the Sumter Chamber of Commerce will cordially welcome the Richmond delegation, but that these officers would not guarantee the cooperation of the Sumter Chamber of Commerce in advance of the proposed conference.

Columbia, S. C., is an aspirant for a Federal regional bank, and it may be that the Sumter bankers and other business men will prefer Columbia to Richmond or any other point.

A Generous and Gracious Act.

In order to take care of the interest on the building debt of the Y. M. C. A., Mr. L. D. Jennings and Mr. R. I. Manning volunteered to attempt to secure the names of ten gentlemen who would agree to pay \$100 a year for 5 years. These two gentlemen were not only successful in their efforts, but were delighted by the reception that was accorded them by the gentlemen who subscribed. They not only subscribed, but did so so cheerfully as to create the impression of welcoming an opportunity instead of conferring a favor. The following is a list of the names of the subscribers:

- L. D. Jennings,
- R. I. Manning,
- H. J. McLaurin, Jr.
- H. L. Scarborough,
- E. R. Wilson,
- Jno. H. Clifton,
- J. P. Booth,
- W. B. Burns,
- J. K. Crosswell,
- David D. Moise.

In addition to the amount subscribed above Mr. Neill O'Donnell gave \$100 for this year.

The members of the Board of Directors of the Y. M. C. A. were all exceedingly grateful by this very gracious and acceptable act on the part of these gentlemen.

Child Burned to Death.

The little 3-year-old daughter of William Hemingway, a negro, was burned to death at New Sumter on the morning of December 30th, death following from the shock of the burning several hours after the little girl was burned. The child was playing around the fire when her dress caught and before help could reach her her clothing was all on fire and she was burned from her knees up. Dr. W. S. Burgess, who was summoned, rendered what assistance was possible, but he was unable to save her as she was so badly burned.

There is promise of a large turpentine industry in the west and southwest, the raw product being supplied by the resinous gum of western yellow pine.

Columbia, Jan. 3.—Albert Cantey and Harry Thompson, two Charleston negroes convicted of killing a merchant in that city were electrocuted at the penitentiary today. Neither confessed.

TWO BROTHERS KILLED.

Third Wounded in Row in Anderson County.

Anderson, Jan. 4.—C. D. Ellington and Jay V. Ellington, negroes and brothers, were killed, and another brother, Press Ellington, was seriously injured at a "skyrocket" party last night on the John McClure plantation five miles west of the city. The row was begun when Rother Henderson escorted Janie Moore home from the party. Jay V. Ellington, it is said, had been "going" with the woman and he became jealous. The three Ellington boys followed the couple home and the shooting followed. Rother Henderson has escaped. Joy Lee and Charley Henderson have been brought to jail and officers are searching for Henderson.

CORPSE ON THE PILOT.

Man Was Struck by a Train Near Charleston.

Charleston, Jan. 3.—When train 82, on the Atlantic Coast Line, flashed by a signal tower, near the union station in this city tonight, the operator was horrified to see a corpse, face downward, on the pilot of the engine. It developed that Mark Nurring of Middletown, N. Y., had been struck and killed between this city and Ashley Junction. The engineer and fireman knew nothing of the accident until signalled by the operator.

How Nutting happened to be walking on along the track is not known. He was about 36 years old, and is believed to have come here for the horse races.

BEACHY'S LATEST FEAT.

Airman Turns Seven Somersaults During one Flight.

San Francisco, Jan. 4.—Turning seven somersaults in a biplane in one flight today, Lincoln Beachy established a new aviation record. One of the loops was executed directly above a crowd of more than twenty thousand persons. In another loop Beachy did what is known as the "corkscrew" twist while his aeroplane was in a perpendicular position.

A feature of the exhibition was a somersault performed around a hydro-aeroplane. Since he turned his first somersault in the air five weeks ago Beachy has done the act 43 times.

Latter-Day Confucianism.

China is tossing restlessly in her age-long sleep, and shows signs of awakening. This situation appeals to the United States only indirectly; but most of the land-hungry European nations are waiting at her bedside, and are guessing as to her present pathologic condition and her outlook for future health and strength. Competent judges near at hand agree that if China were to produce, soon, some great leader, he would become the center of crystallization for the saturated solution of loyal sentiment, which is latent in this mighty people. Lacking such a living leader, the Chinese may call upon Confucius, and unite the several diverse provinces under a potent bond of religious fervor. However the influence of the great ethical teacher may have waned during the past century, he has not become a negligible quantity, as the recent surprising observance of his birthday (September 27) fully attests. About a week before that date a circular letter was sent to all the governors of provinces, setting forth the virtues of Confucius. The intention was that this statement should be presented to local magistrates, and by them be brought before the plain people. Thus a way would be prepared for the subsequent elevation of the great and honored sage as the true leader of the new republic. Naturally, we would expect him to be held most highly in honor by the old de-throned Manchu dynasty. "Young China" however, realizes that the country greatly needs both a leader and a religion, and that these two needs could be met by a revival of the Confucian cult probably in a modernized form. Twenty years ago the sage's birthday was observed only slightly and sporadically, but this year there has been a widely spread and distinctly fervent expression of public devotion to him. Decorations, processions, and public meetings are reported from all the provinces. "Young China" is willing to concede much, if only it can gather in most of the factions, conservative and radical, throughout this heterogeneous nation. At one celebration, not far from Canton, hymns in favor of Confucius were sung by four graduates of the Canton Christian College; and the words were set to the music of "Ye Banks and Praes of Bonnie Doon," and to a favorite Methodist melody. The effect of this year's observances is to suggest the conjecture that China's awakening may have to be primarily religious and secondarily political. What will result from this call to Confucius?—Review of Reviews.

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Mrs. S. C. Osteen to J. Don Geddings, 5 acres in county, \$429.69.
Mrs. S. C. Osteen to John H. Ardis, 50 acres in county, \$429.29.

Marriage License Record.
Licenses to marry have been issued to the following colored couples: Isadore Wilson and Bertha Ingram, Frogdon; Willie Richardson and Rosa Johnson, Mayesville.

Broadway-Owen.
Paxville, Jan. 4.—A marriage of much interest occurred at the First Methodist parsonage at Sumter on Wednesday at 3 o'clock, when Miss Mary Broadway became the bride of T. Reynolds Owen. The ceremony was performed by the pastor, the Rev. D. M. McLeod. Both are residents of the community.

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