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PERSONAL NEWS.

Miss Rebecca Hall, of Florence, is visiting friends in town.

Mr. and Mrs. Edward W. McCallum are spending the summer in Hendersonville.

Mr. R. M. Jenkins, of St. Charles, was in town today.

Mr. Henry L. Rembert, of Rembert was in town today on his way home from Florence, where he spent yesterday.

Miss Susie Jenkins, of St. Charles, is visiting in the city.

Mr. T. A. Boswell, of Orangeburg, has been visiting Mr. and Mrs. Ralph Hill on Wright Street.

Mrs. H. W. King and little daughter, Louise, have returned to their home at Eastover, after a visit to Mrs. Ralph Hill.

A Coming Marriage.

Mr. and Mrs. J. B. Wallace have issued invitations to the marriage of their daughter, Clara, to Mr. H. O. Strohecker, Jr., of Charleston, reading as follows:

"Mr and Mrs. Jas. Benton Wallace request the honor of your presence at the marriage of their daughter, Clara, to Mr. Henry Oswald Strohecker, Junior, on Wednesday evening, the first of July, at nine o'clock at the Presbyterian Church, Camden, South Carolina."

The event will center interest in the coming weeks, as Miss Wallace is very popular in Camden society, and several functions have been planned in her honor. There will be a wedding reception at the Wallace home immediately after the ceremony.—Camden Chronicle.

Mr. Strohecker is the grandson of Capt. and Mrs. E. S. Carson of this city and has a number of friends here where he has visited frequently. Miss Wallace has also visited in this city several times and has friends here.

Miss Marshall Recovering Rapidly.

Her many friends in Sumter will be glad to know that Miss Frances Marshall of Greenville, who came so near death in an automobile wreck in Spartanburg county several days ago, is now rapidly recovering from her injuries. Miss Marshall was pinned under the car in water until the machine could be raised so that she could be pulled out.

Surely Not in The Head.

Jim Moore, colored, was instantly killed near Pineville colored church, about nine miles southeast of Yorkville last Saturday, by being struck in the head with a baseball. A ball game was in progress and Moore, who was catching received the full force of a ball which had struck the batter a glancing blow.—Yorkville Enquirer.

A Good Place to Be.

The Florence Times complains that Florence men wear the wrong kind of clothes in summer, the kind worn in Chicago, and recommends the kind worn in Florida, Cuba and Mexico. We have heard that in some of those countries, in the matter of clothes, they have very nearly "come to themselves."—York News.

Hot Weather Prevailing.

The hot weather which has been afflicting Sumter for the past week seems to be prevalent over the whole of the State. Reports indicate that at Sumter the heat was not more intense than elsewhere. Yesterday the thermometer registered 102 degrees in the shade, while at 11.30 this morning it stood at 100 degrees and was steadily rising. Yesterday was not so insufferable as the day before as there was a breeze throughout the day and none the day previous. There was very little breeze again today and citizens suffered greatly from the heat. Many report this the hottest weather they have ever experienced in Sumter.

UNIVERSITY OF SOUTH CAROLINA.

Scholarship Examination.

The University of South Carolina offers a Teacher's scholarship to one young man from each county. The scholarship is worth \$100 in money and exemption from all fees, amounting to \$158.

The examination will be held at the county seat Friday, July 10, 1914. General entrance examinations will be held at the same time for all students.

The University offers great advantages. Varied courses of study in science, history, law and business. Write at once for an application blank to

The President,
University of South Carolina,
Columbia, S. C.

DR. BROWN WILL LEAVE.

Declines to Reconsider His Resignation.

It was announced Sunday morning after service by Dr. C. C. Brown that he would not reconsider his resignation which was handed in to the secretary of the church several weeks ago. At the time the resignation was handed in it was thought that Dr. Brown might be persuaded to reconsider his action and at the subsequent meeting of the congregation the resignation was not accepted and a committee was appointed to call on Dr. Brown and acquaint him with the action of the congregation and ask him to reconsider his resignation. In answer to this Dr. Brown stated that he would not reconsider his former action and that he must decline to serve the church longer than the remainder of the present month.

DEATH.

Mrs. Vida A. Jones died at her home at Providence Sunday night, after an illness of several months, aged 84 years. Mrs. Jones was a native of this county and has lived at Providence for many years. The funeral services were held at Providence Methodist Church Monday afternoon and were conducted by the Rev. W. J. Wilder.

The deceased is survived by one brother, Mr. Henry M. Spann, and two sisters, Misses S. G. and M. F. Spann. She also leaves one son, Mr. J. Harry Jones, and two step-sons, Messrs. W. H., of Savannah, Ga. and Robert F. Jones of Providence, and one sister, Mrs. J. S. Dinkins of the St. James neighborhood.

Small Fire at Lumber Mill.

From the Daily Item, June 24. The hose wagons were called out today about 1.30 by an alarm of fire from the Penn-Sumter Lumber Co., where the fire caught in the blow pipe and threatened for a while to get away and destroy part of the mill. However, the company had the fire under control before the hose wagons arrived and these did not have to unload their hose. The fire alarm attracted a crowd as usual who went despite the sweltering heat.

Hottest Weather of Year.

From the Daily Item, June 24. The people of Sumter yesterday and last night suffered the hottest weather of the year. The reports as to exactly how hot it was varied, but all were seemingly agreed that it was entirely too hot to be comfortable. Last night was especially hot and the absence of any breeze made conditions almost intolerable indoors, although it was little better outside. Today was another hot day. At eleven o'clock at least one thermometer was noticed to register 100 and it was much hotter later in the day than at that time.

A Lot of Fine Horses.

Mr. J. P. Booth on his recent trip to St. Louis bought for the Booth-Boyle Livestock Co., a load of horses and mules that are said to be the smoothest bunch of stock that has been brought to this market in a long time. The horses are particularly good, there being in the lot several of the best buggy and all-round general purpose horses that this company has offered this season. The horses are young, well broken and good looking and stylish movers in harness. Those who may have been looking for an extra nice horse for sometime without success may be able to find just what they want in this lot. The mules are also above the average in quality, for as is well known it has been difficult in the recent past to find first class mules at a price within the reach of the average pocketbook.

Jacob David Dies After Extended Illness.

Jacob David, 1008 Taylor street, died at 5.45 o'clock yesterday afternoon after an illness of eight weeks. Funeral arrangements will be announced later.

Mr. David came to America when six weeks old from Poland with his parents, the late Mr. and Mrs. Joseph David. He spent the remainder of his life in Columbia, where until 15 years ago he was successful in the mercantile business, and more recently, as a large dealer in junk.

Mr. David was married in 1883 to Miss Madeline Manheim of Sumter, and she and six children survive him. The children are: Misses Beatrice K., Edna B. and Fannie M. David and Benj. M., Theodore and Hiram David. He is also survived by two brothers, Wolfe David of Philadelphia and Ben David of Columbia.—The State.

The political pot in the county has not yet begun to boil, but several of the candidates have made themselves noticeable to the voters by circulating around among those in the city during the week in attendance upon court.

INVESTIGATE TRUCK SELLING.

Federal Department of Agriculture Will Send Expert to Assist South Carolinians.

Washington, June 24.—Representative Byrnes today secured from the chief of the bureau of markets a promise to investigate the present system of marketing cantaloupes, melons and truck grown in South Carolina. The bureau will endeavor to send an agent to Blackville in Barnwell county who will trace the cantaloupes from the farm to the retailer for the purpose of ascertaining the condition in which the cantaloupes arrive at the Northern markets, the prices obtained by the wholesaler and by the retailer, comparing them with the price paid to the producer. The bureau has promised to give careful attention to this subject with the hope of devising some plan by which the producer can receive a greater proportion of the price which is finally paid by the consumer.

CROWD SEES AEROPLANE.

Flight Terminated Because of Leak in Tank.

From the Daily Item, June 24. There was a large crowd out at the savannah near Shady Side yesterday afternoon expecting to see a flight of the Robbins Aeroplane, in which it had been reported that Mr. Robbins would make a flight. The motor was started and the aeroplane rolled across the ground for some distance, then mounted a few feet into the air, jumping a ditch in its flight, but it speedily came down, as a leak was sprung in the tank and the gasoline was dropping on the motor.

Mr. Robbins stated today that he had a new tank for the machine and would make other minor changes in the machine before he would again attempt a flight. It is probable that a flight will be made sometime during the week, however.

FIVE KILLED IN ACCIDENT.

Auto Goes over Cliff to Beach 125 Feet Below.

Los Angeles, June 25.—One man, a boy and three women were killed late last night when their automobile plunged over a cliff a hundred and twenty-five feet to the beach below. Another fatal tragedy also occurred near White's Point, where the accident took place.

A. T. SMYTHE DEAD.

Well Known Charleston Lawyer Passes Away.

East Flat Rock, N. C., June 24.—Augustine T Smythe of Charleston, who had been for more than 40 years a leader of the South Carolina bar, died this evening at "Many Pines," his summer residence. He was 72 years of age.

KANSAS NEEDS LABORERS.

Wheat Crop in Danger of Loss—Where are The Unemployed Hordes?

Kansas City, June 25.—Because the farmers are unable to secure harvesters great losses in the wheat fields are threatened. The wheat in many fields is lying unshocked on the ground. The temperature is up to 100 to 104 in the shade.

Civil Court Adjourns.

A number of equity matters were taken up in court Wednesday afternoon and Thursday morning, court adjourning Thursday afternoon, upon the completion of equity business.

Marriage License Record.

Licenses to marry have been issued to W. L. Cordes and Estelle M. Davis of Sumter and Walter McKeiver and Lucile Johnson of Sumter, all colored.

The members of the Sumter Light Infantry and others here connected with the militia seem very much interested in the race for adjutant general, and are quietly working among their friends for the re-election of Col. W. W. Moore.

The chief amusement these hot days of the members of the "Never Sweat Club" seems to be to seek a shady place and incidentally, to cool a place as they can conveniently find, and talk politics.

What has become of the street sprinkler these days? It might lower the temperature on the streets several degrees, if the sprinkler was used on it occasionally during the day.

"I guess this wire will shock me, but I don't care if it does" said the little boy up the tree. A few seconds later a telephone call to the power house caused the current to shut off while the investigator was helped down from his perch. That's why the lights were shut off for a few minutes Tuesday night.

JURY ACQUITS BRADLEY.

Verdict of Not Guilty Returned in Case Against J. W. Bradley for Murder.

A verdict of not guilty was returned by the jury Tuesday afternoon in the case of the State against J. W. Bradley charged with the murder of Frank Pye last year some time. This is the second trial of the case, the first having resulted in a mistrial.

The evidence was practically the same as that in the former trial and which has already been printed in The Item. The defense was strengthened by the presence of witnesses, who did not appear in the former trial. Mr. M. W. Seabrook represented the defense, having been appointed by the court.

This was the only jury case and the rest of the afternoon and this morning was taken up in equity matters. Two appeals from decisions in the recorder's court were heard this morning, one being dismissed and the other sustained.

The appeal in the case of the City against Peter Curry for unlawful storing of whiskey was sustained and the recorder's decision reversed. In the appeal of the case against John Windham for transporting whiskey the recorder's court decision was sustained.

Vetch and Clover Seed to Advance in Prices.

I have just received information that there will be a decided advance in the price of vetch and clover seed within the next sixty days. I would thank you very much if you would call the attention of the farmers to the fact that it would be advisable for them to make their contracts and purchase at as early a date as possible. One dealer in this State has already sold 110 tons of vetch seed. I received information not only from dealers, but from the department of agriculture, that there would be great scarcity of these seeds. This is a matter of so great importance to the farmers of the State that I am sure you will aid me in getting this information out as soon as possible.

Respectfully,
W. W. Long,
State Agent and Supt. of Ext. Clemson College, June 10.

About the Thornwell Orphanage.

Clinton, June 23.—The Thornwell College for orphans has just closed its 38th commencement. The board of trustees, composed of representatives from the synods of South Carolina, Georgia and Florida, 20 in number were promptly present and took a deep interest in studying the work of the institution as conducted during the past year and providing for the year to come. The reports showed the completion of the Thos. M. Jones Museum, and the removal to it of the Museum proper. Also the completion (ready for the installation of the heating plant and the water plant) of the Lesh infirmary, a large three-story building 50x103, also the construction of a large and well furnished barn, and the completion after three year's work on the sewerage and water plant. These improvements add very much to the safety, health, conveniences and success of the Thornwell Homes.

The board had many important items up for discussion. One of these perhaps the most important, was the proposition to raise the scholarship fund of \$100,000, the interest only to be used, and the object being to bear the official expenses of the home, exclusive of the care of the children. The expense will cover specially the matrons' and teachers' salaries and will carry in fact all the work done for the orphans, excepting their food and clothing. It was decided to push the matter at once and the local board was asked to take it up. Within 36 of the adoption of this resolution, a check for \$1,000 was received by the president, to go to this endowment fund. It comes from a friend who asks that his name be kept out of the papers.

The work of Rev. J. B. Branch in the institution was fixed as professor in the Thornwell college, editor of the Thornwell Messenger and supervisor of the discipline of the children. His official title is that of supervisor.

The Lesh infirmary is to be opened on the first of September, 1914. The board approved the suggestion that the next building to be erected shall be a boys' association building, a regular boys' club house under Christian management and of the character of the building needed by the Y. M. C. A. It will not cost more than from \$5,000 to \$6,000 and will not be erected until some good friend of the fatherless boys decides to build this institute at his own charges.

The cost of sustaining the home is about \$32,000 a year. The year closed without debt.

Paris Postal Strike Settled.

Paris, June 24.—The strike of postal employees was settled by compromise this afternoon. The men have resumed work.

CREATION PICTURES.

Russell Photodrama Criticised by a Correspondent.

To the Editor of The State:

A long time ago Solomon said, "Surely in vain the net is spread in the sight of any bird." In order to snare any bird the net must be placed and covered very cunningly. Evidently "Pastor Russell of Brooklyn, N. Y., knows full well the meaning of this text. His "Photo-drama of Creation," which is now being exhibited in this city in the Columbia theatre, is so artfully devised that it is likely to deceive even some of the most wary. Look at the advertisements in the windows and read that expression, "Under auspices of International Bible Students' association." At first glance one would naturally think that the churches are back of this movement. As a matter of fact the churches of this country have probably no more bitter enemy this side of the pit than this association which is really nothing more than Russell and his friends.

While much of this photo-drama is biblical, interesting and dignified, some of the pictures are cheap, grotesque and some hardly decent. The poison lies chiefly in the lessons which the pictures as a whole are trying to teach. This photo-drama is illustratively teaching the many dangerous doctrines of Russell's pet scheme—"Millennial Dawnism." These are too numerous to discuss in this brief article, but among other things he teaches: That the millennium will begin this year; that all the wicked and impenitent dead will be brought back and given a second chance; that those who finally reject Christ will be annihilated; that hell is painless and really not to be feared. One of his pictures of hell is tagged "traditional theology."

One deliberate perversion of Bible truth ought to condemn Russell as much as twenty. Therefore think of his setting the date of the millennium for 1914, when Christ declared that even the angels in heaven do not know that day or hour!

This photo-drama is too weak and too ludicrous to hurt many of the people, but it places old Pastor Russell in the light as a great public benefactor and may pave the way for Russell's agents to sell thousands of his devious books. The great pity is that thousands of good people are going to be misled by this benevolent looking old fraud.

W. T. Ellis said, after interviewing Russell, "I went to see a prophet and found a business man." Mr. Ellis also makes note of the fact that Russell places his "Scripture Studies" above the Bible for spiritual improvement, saying that "if any one lays the 'Scripture Studies' aside, even after he has used them, after he has become familiar with them, after he has read them ten years—if he then lays them aside and ignores them and goes to the Bible alone, though he has understood his Bible for ten years, our experience shows that within two years he goes into darkness." That statement puts Russell's wisdom considerably ahead of the Bible, and if people should be so simple as to believe it the "Scripture Studies" would eventually outsell the Word of God.

Jesus said, "By their fruits ye shall know them" Let us take that yardstick and see what Russell's religion has done for him. It hasn't made him truthful. He poses as a student of languages giving the most accurate renderings of Greek and Hebrew, and yet when in court in 1913 (according to "Facts and More Facts About Pastor Russell" by Rev. J. J. Ross), he couldn't read even the Greek alphabet. He admitted also that he knew nothing of Latin or Hebrew. The Brooklyn Eagle exposed Russell for selling what he called "miracle wheat" at about \$60 a bushel. He sued The Eagle for \$100,000 in the civil court of New York. The court gave judgment against Russell, thus justifying The Eagle for exposing him. Another sad thing is that Russell's religion hasn't made a moral man of him. His wife divorced him on the ground of cruelty and also of having wrong relations with other women.

To make a long story short, Pastor Russell is a bad egg and his photo-drama reminds me of a poacher with a big bird trap trying to catch the unwary and innocent. It seems a pity to let his crafty scheme get by unchallenged and this is the reason for my protest. If any of his followers think my article severe, it may be well to mind them that since Russell has ex. unated hell from the future life he makes it necessary for us to give it to him now.

Raymond Browning,
1416 Richard Street, Columbia.

Big Springs will open its doors for the season on July 1st, when a big dance will be given at the hotel and arrangements made for a big time for all guests. Arrangements have been made for a big crowd and many interesting features will mark the opening.

SAMUEL F. FLOWERS.

A Fitting Tribute from an Old Comrade in Arms.

Samuel F. Flowers has crossed over the river to the great beyond. I hope that his name is written in the Lamb's book of life.

If a man die, shall he live again? Job has answered this question. "For I know that my redeemer liveth, and that he shall stand at the latter day upon the earth; And though after my skin worms destroy this body, yet in my flesh shall I see God."

Fifty-three years ago I met my deceased comrade, we were on our way to the State of Virginia, which we might call now, the dark and bloody ground; I might say the battlefield of the war of the sixties. I wish to say that my comrade Flowers was a splendid young soldier, a gentleman in every respect, considerate of his comrades, and that everyone should have a square deal. It mattered not what turned up comrade Flowers was always at his post, and willing to do whatever duty devolved upon him. The army is the place to find out the qualities of a man, good or otherwise. To be brief, I will say with sorrow in my old heart, for the way in which comrade Sam departed this life, apparently to me, when I last saw him, his mental vision was clear, disease no doubt unbalanced him. Just to think for a moment, that he, who breasted the storm of heated balls and shells, for four years and came home and lived a peaceful life for forty-nine years, he may have lived a few more years had he not severed the brittle thread of his existence with his own hand. Mental aberration was the cause. May I lay a perennial leaf upon his untimely grave?

Samuel J. Bowman,
Manning, S. C., June 20, 1914.

Commended by War Department.

President W. M. Riggs, of Clemson College, has received a commendatory telegram from the War Department which will be read with interest by Clemson men, both alumni and undergraduates, throughout the State. The telegram is signed by Adjutant General Heistand and is as follows:

"On recommendation of College Inspection Board, institution under your control especially commended for progress and improvement during the year, and announcement to that effect will be made in War Department Bulletin."

Clemson's New Y. M. C. A.

Clemson College will begin on January 1, 1915, to build a \$75,000 Y. M. C. A. building which will serve as the center of the social and religious life of the students. This building, when completed, will be the third finest Y. M. C. A. building in South Carolina and one of the finest college association buildings in the South. The Young Men's Christian Association at Clemson College has always enjoyed loyal support and has always been a strong factor in the lives of the students and the new building will doubtless enable it to increase its good work many fold.

ROCK HILL MAN MISSING.

Search for S. L. Boulware is in Vain

Rock Hill, June 24.—The relatives and friends of S. L. Boulware, a resident of the Manchester mill village, are fearful that he has taken his life. Mr. Boulware left home Monday morning before day and since that time all efforts to locate him have proved futile. He was traced to the Carhart station on the Catawba river and it is feared that he drowned himself. However, friends have dragged the river at that point without finding the body, so there is some hope that he is still wandering around.

Sunday night Boulware started to leave home, telling his people that it would be useless to search for him. He was persuaded to retire instead. Later in the night he slipped off. It is believed that his mind has become unbalanced, as he has been in feeble health for two weeks. Mr. Boulware was well known throughout the village and was liked by all. He was apparently well satisfied with his lot in life and unless he was demented no reason can be assigned for his disappearance from home.

Liquor Houses Burned.

Columbus, Ga., June 23.—Two wholesale liquor houses, a meat market, barber shop and two residences were burned at Girard this morning. The loss was \$40,000, only partially insured.

Geo. H. Hurst,
Undertaker and Embalmer.
Pror of Attention to Day or Night Calls.
AT J. D. Craig Old Stand, N. Main
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