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PERSONAL NEWS.

Mr. and Mrs. B. F. Carlisle have returned from their wedding trip and will be at home on East Liberty st.

Mr. and Mrs. R. H. Earle, of Greenville, are in the city for a short stay.

Mr. and Mrs. Leach have returned from their bridal trip to Boston.

Mrs. T. H. Auld, of Eastover, is visiting her daughter, Mrs. Eugene Stansell on West Liberty Street.

Miss Susie Dick is at home from Winthrop College to attend the Mason-Crowson wedding tomorrow night, at which she will be the maid of honor.

Mrs. Frank Harvin, of Pinewood, spent Monday in the city.

Funeral of W. D. Scarborough.

The funeral services over the remains of Col. W. D. Scarborough were held at his late residence at Dalzell Sunday morning in the presence of a large number of relatives and friends, the Rev. Mr. Wilder of the Horeb Baptist Church, of which the deceased was a member, conducting the services. From here the funeral procession left for Sumter.

The interment took place at the Sumter cemetery, where the final services were conducted by the Rev. J. F. Marion of the Sumter Presbyterian church. The grave was covered with lovely floral tributes, which had been prepared by friends of the deceased. A large number of friends were present at the interment, to pay the last sad rites to him who had been a friend to so many of them.

Death of Mrs. VanDeventer.

Mrs. Fannie Adeline Van Deventer, widow of the late Z. A. Van Deventer of New York city, died at the home of Mrs. Andrena Moses on West Liberty Street Sunday morning about 4 o'clock, after a long illness, and the burial services took place Monday morning at the Catholic cemetery. The services were conducted by the Rev. D. M. McLeod of the Trinity Methodist church, the deceased having been a member of the Methodist church.

Mrs. Van Deventer was a native of Charleston, but lived in New York for many years. She came to Sumter nine years ago and has lived here continuously since that time. She has been in bad health during the time she lived here and has been able to go out very little.

The only child who survives her is Mr. H. R. Van Deventer of this city.

Cotton Picking Machine.

Mr. Fredheim McCarter of Yorkville, R. F. D. 6, picked 617 pounds of cotton one day last week. The young man began early in the morning and worked until late in the evening. The result of the day's work, however was weighed in the presence of a number of parties whose veracity is unquestionable.—Yorkville Enquirer.

Hudson Company Buys a Bale...

The Hudson Motor Car Company, of Detroit, Michigan, has instructed their popular local agent, Mr. Harry V. Reid to purchase a bale of cotton for their company at 10 cents per pound and he has instructed the Chamber of Commerce to buy the bale.

Mr. Harry Reid has interested himself to a considerable extent in writing to distant cities endeavoring to get persons to buy a bale at ten cents per pound. The Hudson Motor Car Company does a big business in and around Sumter.

France Buys Horses in St. Louis.

St. Louis, Oct. 1.—Orders for 4,500 cavalry horses have been placed by agents of France with commission firms of the horse and mule market here. This is the largest army horse order given here since the Boer War. The agents, it is said, are authorized to order 100,000 horses. The order already placed amounts to \$750,000.

Americans Stay Until 11th.

Washington, Oct. 2.—American forces at Vera Cruz will not be withdrawn before October 11th, it was announced today at the war department. Brigadier-General Funston was given instructions to that effect to allay fears of Mexican civilians employed by the American administration who desire for their own protection to leave before the evacuation.

A steamer will sail from Vera Cruz tomorrow for the United States, and as there will not be another for a week Gen. Funston asked that he be in a position to assure the populace that in the meantime American forces would not leave.

Officials said today that no exact time had been set for withdrawing the troops.

YIELDS RESULT OF SEED.

Heavy Bearing Corn of Good Quality Not Matter of Chance, but of Careful Work.

Clemson College, Oct. 5.—Pure bred calves are not produced by scrub cows, nor are large yields of good corn the fruits of luck. This lesson is one that years of experience should have taught South Carolina farmers by this time and there is no farmer in this State, according to Clemson College, who will not profit largely by selecting his seed corn now for next year's crop. The indications are that more acreage than ever before will be planted in corn next year and the aim should be to make the yield as well as the acreage break records.

It is plain to any man that there is more profit in making four hundred bushels of corn on ten acres than in making the same amount on twenty acres. There are few men in this State who could not make forty bushels of corn to the acre, if they followed the principles of the good farming that have been preached and demonstrated to them for years. One of the most important steps in increasing the yield of corn is to secure good seed and one of the surest and safest ways to secure good seed is to make a field selection of seed ears at this season.

W. L. Hutchinson, professor of agronomy of Clemson College, advises that field selection of seed corn be carried on just before the corn is gathered. Select about fifty ears for each acre to be planted, as the corn must go through a germination test later on and there should be plenty of margin in the amount selected.

Three important things to look for in field selection of seed corn are type of stalk, height of ear on the stalk and growing conditions of stalk.

Select vigorous stalks that stand up straight. They should be stout at the bottom and tapering toward the top. Short stalks are usually more desirable, other things being equal.

Ears that are unusually high on the stalk are undesirable. They are likely to produce stalks with high ears, which tend to make stalks too heavy. A long shank is likely to be inherited and is a point to be avoided.

Do not select from a stalk that produces a fine heavy ear, but has grown up in the center of a cleared space. This stalk has had very favorable conditions, probably, and there is no reason to believe that seed taken from it will do as well under average conditions. Select rather from stalks grown under average conditions, or even under unfavorable conditions, which have shown by yields better than those of their neighbors that they have been able to do better work with equal opportunity.

OFFICERS DESTROY DISTILLERY.

Sheriff and Deputies Empty Out About 500 Gallons of Beer and Break up Plant.

Gaffney, Oct. 4.—Sheriff Thomas and his deputies destroyed a large distillery yesterday near King's Creek, in Cherokee county. Three men were working at the plant when the officers appeared, but made good their escape. It is probable that the men will be arrested later. The officers destroyed about five hundred gallons of beer and a large quantity of mash, malt, etc. The plant had the appearance of having been operated for some time, and doubtless large quantities of the "O be joyful" had been manufactured there.

ANOTHER WAREHOUSE.

Lynchburg Company Authorized to Store Cotton—\$2,000 Capital.

The secretary of State has issued a commission to the Lynchburg Cotton Warehouse company with a capital of \$2,000. The petitioners are T. M. Griffin, W. J. McLeod, C. E. Timmons and L. Lane. The company will do a general cotton warehouse business.

WOULD ELIMINATE COTTON.

Bishopville, Oct. 1.—At a meeting in the Lee County court house this morning by the Lee County Branch of the Cotton Congress it was decided by a large majority to memorialize the legislature of the State to pass a law eliminating the planting of cotton during the year of 1915. There was much discussion, but the general opinion was that a strong law absolutely eliminating a cotton crop in 1915 was our only salvation.

Spartanburg, Oct. 1.—Representative Wyche today announced he would introduce at a special session of the legislature next week bills prohibiting the production of more than five bales of cotton to a horse next year and postponing until next May the payment of taxes now due, for the benefit only of persons who pay less than \$500 a year taxes.

Wyche is Gov. Blease's floor leader.

WILL NOT LEAVE AT ONCE.

Mr. Hurst to Give up Position of City Clerk and Treasurer After Seven-Year Term.

From the Daily Item, Oct. 2.

Mr. C. M. Hurst, who for the past seventeen years has been the efficient clerk and treasurer of the City of Sumter, today stated that it was with a feeling of sadness that he leaves the position which he has held for so many years and severs connection which at all times have been pleasant to him. He stated that he would not leave the city's employ at once, but would remain until council had found a satisfactory man to fill the position. He had an understanding with the Bank of Sumter and with the council before he had announced his decision to accept the position with the Bank of Sumter.

Mr. Hurst has been with the city just seventeen years this month and has always been a competent, obliging and popular official. He has always had the friendship of every man who has served on council during that time and his associations with the other employees of the city have always been of the pleasantest. He stated today that during the whole time that he had been in office he had never had one cross word with any of the city officials or employees with whom he was connected, which is a record which few could claim.

While no definite date has been fixed for the election of a city clerk and treasurer to succeed Mr. Hurst, it is probable that it will take place at the next meeting of City Council, which is usually held on the second Tuesday night in the month. Several persons have made application for the position, but it is understood that no choice has yet been made.

PEACE SUNDAY OBSERVED.

Various Churches Have Special Prayers and Services for Day.

The various churches in the city on yesterday observed Peace Sunday, the attendance being large at practically all of the churches. At some of the churches special prayers were directed toward this subject at the morning services, while at others both prayers and sermon dealt particularly with this subject. At other churches the peace services were taken up at the night services, when special prayers and sermons were delivered in accordance with the wishes of the president.

At the night services at several of the churches a collection was taken up to aid the work of the Red Cross Association in its work in relieving the suffering of the wounded soldiers and the non-combatants in the European countries.

RAIN DEFEATS FIRE.

Scissors Blaze is Averted at Mayesville.

Mayesville, Oct. 4.—What came near being a serious fire early yesterday morning was prevented on account of the rain which was falling at the time. The fire started in the house of W. H. Swinton, a negro barber, and within a short time this building was completely destroyed with all its contents. The kitchen of W. M. Boley, president of the Lowry institute, which was close to the Swinton house, was also destroyed. The residence was the property of Eliza Swinton and was valued at \$1,200 with only \$400 insurance. W. H. Swinton lost his household goods and personal effects. It is not known whether he had insurance or not. Had it been dry and a strong wind blowing the stables of G. T. DesChamps, the cotton warehouse of R. F. DesChamps and the residence of N. D. Womble and J. F. Bland would have been in serious danger.

One evidence of the financial crisis which is on the country is noticeable in the falling off of the freight receipts at the Atlantic Coast Line depot, the receipts for September being considerably decreased from those of September a year ago. A lot of freight was handled here in August, goods which were bought in the spring before the war troubles when the merchants anticipated a good fall trade. The merchants are buying little now outside of groceries and the necessities of life. Cotton is being stored in vacant lots and old buildings and very little is being sold by anybody.

In the boll weevil districts of Louisiana and Mississippi peanuts have taken the place of cotton on many farms, as the money crop, there being a ready market for peanut vine hay as well as for the peanuts. The hay is said to be equally as good as peavine hay. Peanuts can be produced in South Carolina as well as in Virginia, North Carolina, Louisiana and Mississippi and some of the land that is not planted in cotton next year might be planted in peanuts and good results obtained.

There is more cotton stored in the local warehouse than ever before and it is still coming in.

TO RURAL SCHOOLS.

Miss Hite Sends out Statement Concerning Prizes for School Improvement.

Miss Eva May Hite, president of the South Carolina Rural School Improvement Association, has sent out the following to the schools of the State.

The South Carolina School Improvement Association is the only voluntary organization in operation in the State today which has for its aim the betterment of educational conditions affecting each white child whose name appears on the school registers. By means of local organizations in the various school communities, sentiment, and even demand, for improved school facilities is being created.

As a means of stimulating even greater activity in the improvement of schools the State department of education has provided forty prizes—ten first prizes of \$50 each, and thirty second prizes of \$25 each—to be awarded by the School Improvement Association.

This organization has adopted a regular prize score card as a basis in awarding these prizes for school improvement in country schools. The items given consideration on this card may be grouped under three heads: First, the school building; second, the equipment; third, community activities.

The School Improvement Association insists that all buildings be erected upon plans approved by the State board of education. Any variation from these plans lessens the chance of such school of winning a prize.

Good equipment in a school room is just as important as the building itself. The items of equipment named on the score card are considered necessary if the school is to be an efficient one. These embrace a sufficient number of single desks, a globe, a case of maps, a sufficient amount of blackboard, and a library.

There is one phase of the work of the School Improvement Association which cannot be measured in dollars and cents, and that is the phase which arouses public opinion in favor of better schools. This interest is manifested in some community activities which may be shown in the presence of a local school improvement association, pupils in the Boys' Corn Club or Girls' Tomato Club, a Home-makers' Club, and public meetings held at the school building in an effort to make the school the community centre. This phase of the work is given particular attention by the committee awarding the school improvement prizes.

The president of the State Association will gladly furnish prize application blanks upon request. These may also be secured from any county superintendent of education or county organizer of school improvement associations. All application blanks should be accurately filled out, and sent to the county superintendent or organizer on December 1. The prizes will be awarded as soon after that date as the publications can be sent to the State president.

Second Week Jurors.

The following is a list of jurors drawn for the second week of court which convenes here on October 12th.

- R. T. Brown,
- Marion Myers,
- H. T. McElveen,
- J. T. Hodge,
- G. A. Nettles,
- B. R. Sanders,
- S. J. Hudson,
- J. D. Joyce,
- William Burrows,
- C. H. Hatfield,
- W. N. Bradford,
- W. B. Boyle,
- W. F. Carr,
- W. E. McElveen,
- J. O. Hawkins,
- J. Singleton Moore,
- W. M. DeLorme,
- J. F. Tisdale,
- A. M. Pate,
- Geo. T. Geddings,
- T. E. Mims,
- G. W. Loring,
- J. W. Jones,
- A. A. Bradham,
- S. D. Richardson,
- W. H. Hudson,
- J. Edwin Rembert,
- J. D. McLeod,
- E. T. McCollum,
- W. L. Brunson,
- A. H. Truluck,
- J. B. Allsbrook,
- J. A. Reams,
- F. A. McCarthy,
- L. W. Myers,
- W. S. Reames.

Our New Merchant Marine.

Washington, Oct. 2.—Fifty-four ships, aggregating nearly 250,000 tons, worth approximately \$15,000,000, have been added to the American merchant marine since the new ship registry law went into effect. Although the vessels previously sailed under British, German or Belgian flags, they were really American-owned.

BISHOPVILLE NEWS ITEMS.

Protracted Meeting at Baptist Church—Miss Woodward Entertains—Personal.

Rev. and Mrs. D. Arthur Phillips were on a visit to Mrs. R. M. McLeod last week.

Miss Elise DuBose, who left two weeks ago to resume her studies at Winthrop, was taken suddenly ill and was brought home Monday on a cot. Her friends wish for her a speedy recovery.

Misses Jaunita Rogers and Floy Woodham have gone to Columbia College.

Mr. Jake Parrott left this week for Charleston to continue his studies at the medical college.

Miss Annie Williams has accepted a position as stenographer with D. W. Alderman & Son's, Alcolu. She left Monday to begin her work.

Rev. J. Dean Crain of Greenville arrived Tuesday to assist Mr. M. M. Benson in a protracted meeting at the Baptist church. Mr. Crain is a forceful and interesting speaker, preaching to large crowds every afternoon and evening.

Miss Alberta Woodward delightfully entertained the members of the McDowell Music Club Monday afternoon. An interesting program was rendered, after which refreshments were served by the hostess.

The W. M. U. of the Santee Association will meet in the Bishopville Baptist church on October 15-16. Mrs. Chapman, the State president, will meet with the union both days. All societies are urged to send delegates. In order to avoid confusion the societies should send name of delegates as soon as possible to Miss Carrie Mae Parrott, Bishopville, S. C.

The Sun Bros. Shows were in town Tuesday. Gov. Blease has appointed B. Frank Kelley, Esq., Messrs. J. A. Rhame and J. J. Watson commissioners for the federal election, and Messrs. R. L. DuRant, Henry Gatling and J. Manly Smith for State election to be held November 3rd.

Cotton is selling today for 7 1-2c. and very few buyers, even at that price.

A farmers' meeting was held here October 1st to discuss the cotton question.

ENTERTAINS FOR MISS MASON.

Mrs. C. G. Rowland Hostess at Elaborate Social Affair.

The most elaborate affair of the week was the reception given by Mrs. C. G. Rowland on Thursday afternoon to honor Miss Eleanor Mason, one of the season's most popular brides-to-be.

The reception hall and parlors were artistically decorated, smilax with goldenrod in lavish profusion furnishing a rich autumnal color scheme. Mrs. Rowland, becomingly gowned in white lace, was assisted in receiving by her charming mother, Mrs. Gulie Corbett, in black silk, Miss Julia Rowland, in yellow crepe, and Miss Mary Wilson, in green crepe. Punch was graciously served by Mrs. R. S. Hood in white silk and Miss Lucile DeLorme in black taffeta.

Several games of hearts were played, after which it was found that Miss Helen Bates had scored highest and she was presented with the prize, a pair of silk hose.

After dainty refreshments had been dispensed, the guests were asked into the dining room, where the principal feature of the decorations was the lovely centerpiece, a shower effect of goldenrod from the chandelier, from which was also pendant a dainty white inverted sunshade which was filled with beautiful gifts from the assembled friends of the bride-elect.

Among those present were: Mesdames Bates, from Baltimore; K. S. Hood, W. J. Crowson, C. T. Mason, Jno. Clark, Lila D. Knight, W. J. Hall, Ernest Friar, Stewart Mason, F. L. Scott, H. M. Crowson, J. J. Williams, R. T. Brown, Reynolds, B. K. DeLorme, Gulie Corbett, G. A. Lemmon, W. F. Alexander, Geo. W. Dick, M. H. Flaum, C. S. Kingsmore, Jno. Green, Simon Rowland, J. H. Guthrie; Misses Eleanor Mason, Lucile DeLorme, Julia Rowland, Estelle Crowson, Mary Wilson and Helen Bates, of Baltimore.

FARMERS PLANTING MUCH GRAIN.

District Agent Baker of Farm Demonstration Service Talks of Grain Campaign.

The State-wide campaign for grain is gaining ground, according to L. L. Baker of Bishopville, district agent for the United States farm demonstration work, who arrived in Columbia yesterday for a conference with E. E. Hall, agricultural agent for Richland county.

"The farmers in all sections of the State are planting more grain than ever," said Mr. Baker.

The demonstration work was recently inaugurated in Marlboro county.

A CIRCUS COMING.

The Sparks World's Famous Shows Headed This Way—Reports Credit This Circus With Being Greatly Enlarged and Now One of the Leaders in Their Line.

On Friday Mr. J. C. Tracey, general advance representative for the Sparks Shows was in town making contracts and paving the way for the coming of the big circus. Immense quantities of provisions of all kinds will be contracted for from our local merchants, and the grounds known as circus grounds, Hauser street, was leased for Friday, October 23, which is the date the big show will exhibit here.

From now until show day hardly a day will pass but what one or more agents of the circus will be in town looking after details, promoting public interest and thoroughly advertising the surrounding country. This circus employs over 50 people in the department of publicity alone.

Mr. Tracey, who is a very genial gentleman, has in his possession many newspaper criticisms of the show and they all speak in glowing terms of the excellent entertainment given and the honorable methods employed by the show management in doing business with the public—no gambling or short change artists being allowed among its employees.

Our people will undoubtedly turn out en masse if the weather is at all favorable.

BOOSTING BUY-A-BALE.

Northern Advertising Men Interested in Movement and Pushing It.

A number of the leading northern and eastern papers have been very kindly advertising the Sumter Chamber of Commerce and Retail Dealers' Association "Buy a Bale of Cotton Movement." A number of letters have been received from prominent citizens of New York city, Atlantic City, Philadelphia, Baltimore, Nashville, and other large centers stating that they had interested different commercial organizations and newspapers in the Sumter plan, as the result of the letters and circulars mailed out from the business men of Sumter.

Lucian I. Strauss recently sent circulars from the Chamber of Commerce to different advertising men in the country giving the movement an impetus from this class of "boosters." Replies have been received from all stating that they are doing all in their power to promote the success of the plan and are heartily in favor of it.

The large advertising agencies are joining committees in their respective cities and with their help Sumter is bound to be mentioned as being among the first to exploit intelligently and nationally the "Buy a Bale" slogan.

The following is a letter received from the New York American which has a special committee in charge of the work:

New York, Sept. 30, 1914.

Mr. Lucian I. Strauss, Sumter S. C.

My Dear Mr. Strauss: Your favor of the 17th was referred to me by Mr. Hecht, but owing to the unusual amount of work attached to handling the "Buy a Bale of Cotton" movement for Mr. Hearst in this city, an acknowledgement was not sent sooner.

As you probably know by this time, we have been influential in getting the Merchants' Association and the business men of New York started on an active campaign for subscriptions. The American has been running a daily story showing the progress and spreading the propaganda, and numerous cartoons on cotton have been placed before the public.

Trusting that we shall soon see the gratifying effect of a movement of this magnitude, I remain,

Sincerely yours,

H. Edwin Keller.

For the Committee.

Virginia Company Buys a Bale.

W. W. Putnam & Company, manufacturers of parlor and chapel organs, of Staunton, Va., have sent a check for \$50 to the Sumter Music House, M. B. Randle, proprietor, for the purchase of a bale of cotton under the "Buy a Bale of cotton" plan.

The extra session of the legislature that convenes next week will probably cost the taxpayers somewhere between fifty and seventy-five thousand dollars and it is extremely doubtful if the benefit derived by the State will equal the cost. There exists such a diversity of opinion as to what the State has authority to do in respect to curtailing the cotton acreage and in providing ways and means to relieve the financial stringency that it may be impossible for the legislature to agree on measures that will be constitutional and practical. The situation of the matter is largely in the hands of the farmers themselves and the bankers and merchants who must cooperate to save the State from financial disaster.