

**The Watchman and Southern.**

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**PERSONAL NEWS.**

Mrs. Armida and Minnie Moses have gone to Yorkville to attend the State Convention of the United Daughters of the Confederacy.

Chief of Police J. R. Sumter has gone to Charleston to attend court at that place.

Mrs. D. J. Willis, of Newberry, who has been visiting Mrs. T. B. Reynolds, has returned home.

Messrs. T. G. McLeod and R. E. Denny, of the Bishopville Bar, were here in attendance on court Wednesday.

Mrs. Vergil Duffant and Mrs. S. A. Daniels, of Bishopville, who have been visiting the family of Mr. and Mrs. G. McKagen during the Methodist Conference, have returned home.

Miss Ruth DuBose, of Lamar, was a visitor to the city Tuesday night to attend the play at the Academy of Music.

Mrs. C. H. Courtenay has returned from Columbia, where she has been visiting relatives.

**WRECK ON A. C. L. ROAD.**

Diaper and Three Sleepers of Fast Train Ditched.

Florence, Nov. 2.—Train No. 36, the fast Palmetto Limited, north-bound, was badly wrecked at Wade, N. C., on the "Short Cut" division of the Atlantic Coast Line, between Florence and Rocky Mount, N. C., Monday night. The dining car and three sleepers were turned almost broadside in the ditch and ploughed their way into the embankment. The accident happened at the switch at Wade, and was caused by a broken equalizer under the diner. A most wonderful feature of the accident was that no one was injured in the slightest. Engineer Leon Pearsall, with the big 414, and Conductor J. R. Nelson were in charge of the train, which was moving along at a 55-mile gait, so it is stated. Considerable crockeryware was smashed in the diner, but the cars were damaged very little.

**WONT GIVE UP FESTIVAL.**

Annual Feast of Music Will be Continued in Spartanburg.

Spartanburg, Dec. 2.—"Not until Gabriel blows his horn will Spartanburg consent to abandon the music festival." This is the way one of the directors of the Spartanburg music festival expressed sentiment of the meeting of the directors of the association held this afternoon, as he came out of the room in which the matter of giving or not giving the festival next spring had been under discussion for two hours. In the final vote on the question of abandoning the annual musical event only one director voted in favor of doing so.

It was the sense of the meeting that the festival should be held as in the past, that additional effort be made to increase advance sales of tickets locally and that contracts be kept within the amount of money subscribed for tickets. Contracts have been signed with the Damrosch orchestra and with Mildred Potter, who was one of the most popular artists appearing in the concert last year.

**DENIES ANY PROTEST.**

Ecuador Disclaims Receiving British Objection.

Washington, Dec. 2.—The minister from Ecuador, Dr. Gonzales Cordova, informed Secretary Bryan today he had received a cable from his government denying that Great Britain had protested to Ecuador or had charged that Germany had occupied and used the Galapagos islands off the Ecuador coast as a naval base.

**DOG SUPPORTS FAMILY.**

Rufus Jones, of Etna, gave Press Williams two and one-half tons of good hay for a fine hunting dog, which only three months ago sold for a profit. Jones can keep his family in meat this winter and sell enough to buy shoes for his children and other necessary things about the place, and does have finer sport than any man ever got out of poker or golf.—Ozark (Ark.) Democrat-Enterprise.

Encouraging reports are reaching Clemson College from the county demonstration agents. In most sections of the State more wheat is being sown than ever before in the history of those sections. Clemson's records have been conducting a grain and live-at-home campaign ever since the outbreak of the European war and effects are beginning to be noticed on every side.

The curb market plan will reduce the cost of living and increase the profits of the farmers by cutting out the middleman and substituting home grown products for imported.

**NEW MINISTER ARRIVES.**

REV. W. E. THAYER HERE TO ASSUME PASTORATE OF FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH.

Comes Here From Chester, After Seventeen Years' Service in Ministry—Welcome Service Sunday Night by Ministerial Association.

The Rev. William E. Thayer, recently called to the pastorate of the First Baptist church of this city, with his family arrived in the city Tuesday evening. Mr. Thayer is a graduate of the Richmond College, of Richmond, Va., and of the Southern Baptist Theological Seminary, of Louisville.

His initial pastorate was at Ridge Springs, where he remained four and a-half years. His next call was to the First Baptist Church at Rock Hill. He was there five and a-half years. From there he went to Winchester, Ky., to the First Baptist church. After being there two years, he accepted a call to the First Baptist church at Laurens, and filled that pastorate for five years and four months.

From there he was called to the pastorate of the First Baptist church at Chester, S. C., where he served as pastor for about eighteen months, and from Chester he comes to Sumter.

Mr. Thayer was by the unanimous vote of the members of the First Baptist church, tendered a call to the pastorate of this church on the fourth day of October of this year. On Sunday evening at 8 o'clock the Sumter Ministerial Association will hold a welcome service at the First Baptist church for Mr. Thayer, to which all are cordially invited.

**PASTOR SAYS GOODBYE.**

The Rev. William E. Thayer Leaves Chester.

Chester, Dec. 1.—The farewell services of the Rev. William E. Thayer, pastor of the First Baptist church, but who leaves tomorrow for his new pastorate at the First Baptist church at Sumter, were held Sunday night at the former edifice. All of the congregations in the city united with the Baptists and a congregation was present that taxed the seating capacity of the church.

Prior to the sermon, which was delivered by Mr. Thayer, a number of musical selections were rendered. The sermon was an appeal for the manifestation of more spiritual power in church work. It was an eloquent valedictory message and made a profound and lasting impression.

At the close of the sermon the Rev. D. G. Phillips, D. D., of the Associate Reformed Presbyterian church, the Rev. A. D. P. Gilmour, D. D., of Purity Presbyterian church, and in the absence of the Rev. J. C. Roper of Bethel M. E. church, James I. Dye, all told of the constructive work that had been accomplished in Chester by Mr. Thayer and of the entire city's sorrow at his departure.

**Dr. Potat to Preach Sunday.**

The Rev. E. E. Potat, D. D., president of Furman University, will preach at the First Baptist Church on Sunday morning. The service will be preparatory to the welcome service on Sunday evening in which the pastors of the other churches in the city will join in giving a welcome to Mr. Thayer, the new pastor.

**EXAMINED FOR BAR.**

Applicants for Admission Appear Before Board.

More than a score of applicants for admission to the practice of law appeared yesterday before the State board of law examiners at the State house. The examination will continue through Thursday and the result will be announced Friday morning by the board of examiners.—The State.

**TOBACCO MEN SUFFER.**

Swanson to Ask Aid for Producers.

Washington, Dec. 2.—Senator Swanson of Virginia will urge Secretary McAdoo next week to undertake some relief work for the tobacco growers of Virginia and other tobacco-growing States similar to the measures to aid cotton growers. The exportation of tobacco is said to have been greatly handicapped by the war.

**GIVES LIFE FOR DOG.**

Negro Killed Trying to Save Hound.

Spartanburg, Dec. 2.—Andrew Fowler, a negro, lost his life on Madison Dean's farm, four miles west of the city, yesterday afternoon in an effort to save his dog. His hound was being beaten by two other dogs when he went to his rescue, using the butt end of a shotgun he carried to beat off the attackers. As he struck one of the dogs a blow the gun was discharged and its contents entered Fowler's abdomen, killing him almost instantly.

**THE CURB MARKET.**

Joint Meeting of Committee Held Tuesday—Plan Has Backing of League and Co-operation of Farmers Promised.

A committee from the Civic League met with the Curb Market Committee of the Retail Merchants' Association and Mr. J. Frank Williams, President of the Sumter County Farmers' Union in the Chamber of Commerce rooms today for the purpose of discussing the curb market plan and to endeavor to formulate a practical, working basis for the establishment of a regular market for the sale of all descriptions of country produce.

The joint meeting was productive of good results by the interchange of ideas. It was made clear to the Civic League committee that the success of the curb market rests wholly in the hands of the housekeepers of Sumter. If they really want a regular market place for country produce, fresh vegetables, potatoes, poultry, eggs, butter, fresh pork, beef, etc.—they can have it by going to the market regularly and patronizing the farmers who place their produce on sale at the market. If there is not regular patronage of sufficient magnitude to make it worth while the farmers will become discouraged and will not persist long in the effort to maintain a market that lacks patrons.

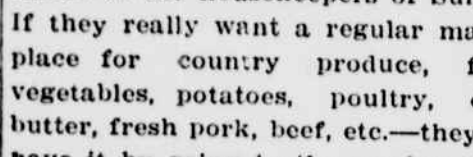
The Civic League committee assured Mr. Williams and the merchants' committee that great interest had been manifested in the curb market plan and that the Civic League would heartily cooperate in the effort to establish and maintain a regular market.

Mr. Williams will bring the curb market plan before a meeting of farmers to be held Friday and will also work in every way possible to interest the farmers who sell produce in the plan and to enlist their cooperation. He feels reasonably certain that a sufficient number of farmers are already interested to make a beginning and that with the proper patronage the market will soon become a permanent institution.

A committee representing the Retail Merchants' Association, the Civic League and the farmers will go before the County Board of Commissioners and the City Council at an early date to request that Harvin street in the rear of the court house square and Canal street on the side be set apart by the County and City authorities for use as a curb market place. Market days and hours will be fixed by agreement with the farmers through the agency of Mr. Williams, and City Council will be requested to promulgate and enforce rules to regulate market days and hours, so that the curb market will not be interfered with by hucksters. It is suggested that the market hours be from any time the farmers see fit to come in the morning until 10.30 or 11 o'clock; and that during these hours of the market days, two or three each week—no one shall be permitted to go from house to house selling produce. Other days and after market hours there will be no restriction on house to house selling. Of course the details of the organization and management of the curb market have not been worked out, but the plans are working toward that end. There is good grounds for belief that the curb market will be given a trial at least.

**RED CROSS STAMPS.**

Supply of Christmas Stamps on Sale at Drug Stores.



The annual sale of Red Cross Christmas stamps is now on, a supply having been received by Mrs. Nina Solomons who has charge of the stamp sale in Sumter. Stamps can be purchased at the drug stores or from Mrs. Solomons.

**Elks' Memorial Services.**

The Elks' Memorial services will be held Sunday afternoon at 4 o'clock in the lodge rooms. The services will be of a simple nature, but will retain the solemn impressiveness which always marks the Elks' memorial.

**Belgian Relief Fund.**

Hon. R. I. Manning who has charge of the Belgian Relief Fund here acknowledges the following contributions:

Mrs. S. W. Wilson, Mayesville...	\$2.00
Julius Wescoat...	1.00
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Mrs. H. C. Haynsworth...	2.00
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Besides this there is the clothing given by Mr. and Mrs. G. W. Reardon and already acknowledged. Gifts of clothing will be welcomed for this purpose, and may be left at the Sumter Clothing Co., which has kindly consented to look after the receiving end. Reports from Belgium say that the people there are suffering and that money and supplies are needed soon.

**BONSAL RAILROAD TRAIN.**

Sand Hauled to Points Near Freight Terminals—First for a Merry Season.

The first train of any kind to pass over the tracks of the Carolina, Atlantic and Western Railroad before the Union station since the tracks were laid some time ago passed through Bay street yesterday morning and quietly made its way down Bay street through Washington and on down. The train hauled sand, and with it was a work crew.

For weeks the "filling-in crew" as this work train has come to be known, has been easing its way into the city by filling in and leveling. Day by day the work progressed, until yesterday morning shortly after 10 o'clock the work of filling in above the Union station was completed. As the tracks then passed through paved streets of the city, the crew did not have to do any more work until it almost reached the terminal. Two more train loads of sand were brought during the day, one shortly after 1 o'clock and another about 4.30 o'clock.

The ringing of an engine bell and the noise of the slowly moving train as it was steaming along Bay street and other streets attracted attention. People along the route went to their windows and watched the locomotive and sand cars of the new railroad. Employees of the Union station sniffed the smoke of the Carolina, Atlantic and Western Road's first train to pass.

**Marriage License Record.**

A license to marry has been granted to Junius Pringle, Sumter, and Rosa Jackson, Paxville.

**COUNTY BOARD MEETING.**

Commissioners Discuss with Delegation County Finances.

The County Board of Commissioners met Tuesday in their regular monthly session. The greater part of the meeting was taken up in a discussion by the board with the county legislative delegation the county finances. The board showed how the county money was being spent and how much it took to run the county each year. It was shown that under the present tax levy, the county can be run next year, unless money is appropriated for some other purposes, when an added levy will be necessary.

Messrs. J. D. Pace, H. C. Grady and J. C. Compton were granted Ex-Confederate soldiers' pensions.

A number of bills were audited and ordered paid.

**R. S. TRUESDALE COMES HERE.**

Rev. D. M. McLeod Sent to Trinity Church, Charleston.

From The Daily Item, Dec. 1.

While the members of the Trinity Methodist Church are very sorry to lose the Rev. D. M. McLeod, who was necessarily moved because of the four year limitation rule of the Methodist Church, they are congratulating themselves upon the fact that they will have for next year the Rev. R. S. Truesdale, one of the ablest pastors and preachers in the South Carolina Conference. Mr. McLeod has been appointed to the Trinity Methodist Church at Charleston, one of the best pastorates in the State, at which place the South Carolina Conference will meet next year, and for which place he will leave in the next few weeks, much to the regret of the many friends of himself and his family here.

The Rev. J. M. Rogers of the Broad Street Methodist Church was returned to that church, which he has served very acceptably as pastor during the past year.

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**A VISIT TO CONFERENCE.**

Hon. J. Preston Gibson of Bennettsville Tells of Trip Here and People He Saw.

Editor Daily Item:

Saturday afternoon as the guest and companion of Evangelist B. F. McLendon, of this city, I went to Sumter for the purpose of attending the annual Conference of the Methodist Church. Twenty-one years ago I ran an excursion from Gibson, N. C., via Bennettsville to the annual Conference which convened at that time in Sumter. Bishop Hargrove presided, and the appointments were read out on Sunday night, but it has never been done since. I also attended the dedication of the old Methodist church in Sumter. My good friend and loyal Methodist, Mr. C. E. Stubbs, now deceased, always kept me informed as to events in your splendid city. Oh, how much did I miss his genial face on this trip. His son C. Elvin is a "chip off the old block;" chock full of hospitality and gentlemanly qualities. I dined with him Sunday. I also experienced great pleasure in meeting my old friends, Mr. B. C. Wallace, the County Treasurer, and Mrs. Dr. M. C. Wallace, a lady of rare culture and accomplishments. Brother McLendon and I stopped at the Claremont Hotel, one of the few real good hotels in South Carolina, clean, inviting rooms, comfortable beds and everything in the dining room to tempt the most delicate appetite.

The Methodists in Sumter have one of the best churches in the State, and with the 750 members in one of the strongest charges in the Conference. I heard that giant mind, Dr. S. A. Steele, lecture Saturday night to the Epworth League, his subject, "The Bible," and his delivery was a masterful effort which electrified the great audience.

Sunday I attended the "love feast" and experience meeting. In many places these old-time-honored functions of the church, have become obsolete—may they with the old time "class meetings" be speedily revived. At 11 I heard Bishop Denny, for one hour and three-quarters preach to an immense congregation from the text, "Whatsoever a man soweth that shall he also reap." Nothing is truer and this able divine most impressively verified the truthfulness of the Biblical statement. It was a great sermon by a great man, and every Methodist in South Carolina should feel proud of him. Sunday afternoon I heard the memorial exercises and felt very much inclined to say something relative to the life and work of my remarkable deceased brothers and friends, Revs. W. B. Baker and Geo. M. Boyd, both of whom I knew well and could have testified to their long and continued Christian fidelity and faithfulness in their Master's vineyard. Sunday night I again heard Dr. S. A. Steele preach on the crucifixion of Christ, and his sermon should be a revelation and great stimulus to the ministers of the conference.

I witnessed the impressive ordination of the class of fourteen young ministers as deacons, among them being my young friend Evangelist B. F. McLendon, who is electrifying South Carolina with his fervent zeal and burning messages to a lost world. Brother McLendon, this year under his ministry has taken into the church 984 members, and something like ten thousand souls have professed religion. I learned while in Sumter that quite a number of the young men of that city were contemplating calling him to conduct a series of revival services soon in Sumter. I know of no man in the United States who could do more effective work and produce more good in your city than my friend McLendon. Dr. Peter Stokes should be returned to Bennettsville, is anxious for Mac to conduct a meeting for him at once under his large new tent 80x120 feet. By all means secure McLendon for a meeting and he will induce the great crowds of young men to turn godward and connect themselves with the churches.

Respectfully,  
J. Press Gibson.

**Winthrop College News.**

Winthrop College, Rock Hill, Dec. 1.—Winthrop College has again on its rolls a full representation from Sumter county. The following Sumter girls are seniors this year: Anna Brown, Agnes Bryan, Susie Dick, Fanny Mellette, Mary Mellette, Adele Pitts, Maggie May Seale, Margaret Cheyne, Carita Randle.

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