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PERSONAL NEWS.

Misses Sallie and Annie Patton, of Flat Rock, N. C., are visiting Mr. and Mrs. Frank Patton on Liberty Street.

Mr. and Mrs. A. A. Cohen are spending some time with their daughter, Mrs. Harry Green.

Miss Marian Satterwhite of Winthrop College is spending the Christmas holidays in the city.

Mr. Fred Nigles is at home for the holidays from Georgia School of Technology at Atlanta.

Davidson, Clemons and other college students at the various institutions in this and other States have returned home for the Christmas holidays and are now enjoying themselves as only students can at Christmas time.

Miss Mary Nash of Charlotte is spending the Christmas in the city.

Miss Julia E. Gruber arrived in the city Saturday night from Savannah, Ga., and will spend the Christmas holidays with her sister, Mrs. Walter M. Folsom.

Mrs. A. N. Wannamaker is at home to spend Xmas, after having spent the fall months in St. Matthews with Mr. Wannamaker, who is engaged in business at that place.

Mr. H. O. S. Jackson, of Florence, spent Christmas in the city with Mr. and Mrs. C. W. McGrew.

Mrs. Joel I. Allen, of Dillon, is visiting relatives in the city.

Master Charley McGrew is spending a few days with relatives in Calhoun county.

Miss Lois Ballough, who is teaching in St. Matthews, is spending some time in the city her with her aunt, Mrs. Tom C. Williams.

Mr. and Mrs. E. H. Jackson have returned to their home near Ellmore.

Mrs. W. B. Costin and children, of Florence spent Christmas in town with Mrs. Tom C. Williams.

Mr. and Mrs. J. A. Surles, of Columbia, spent the week-end with Mr. and Mrs. A. P. Surles on Wright Street.

Mr. W. D. Carson, of Summerton, was a visitor to the city today.

Mr. L. Arthur O'Neill, Sr., is on a visit to his niece, Mrs. Charles E. McCormack.

Mr. and Mrs. A. Wright and niece, Sophie Wright, of Atlanta, are the guests of Mr. and Mrs. Joseph M. Chandler.

Wolfe-Brunson

From The Daily Item, Dec. 27.

Miss Pearl Wolfe, a popular and attractive young lady of this city and Mr. Emmett Brunson a well known young printer formerly of Sumter but now of Marion, where he is pianist of the plant of the Marion mill were quietly married this morning at the home of the bride's brother, Mr. E. C. Wolfe at No. 1 Warley St., Rev. T. G. Herbert of the Central Methodist church, officiating. The bride wore a lovely traveling suit of green and was particularly sweet in her appearance. The young couple managed to keep their intentions from the public pretty well so the announcement of their wedding this morning was quite a surprise to their host of friends here who had to extend to them their happy congratulations. They left on the Southbound train for an extended trip after which they will return and make their home in Marion.—Florence Times.

Mr. Brunson has many friends in Sumter, who will hear with interest of his marriage and who extend their best wishes to the young couple.

Gregg-Williamson.

Florence, Dec. 26.—Announcements were received by the large circle of friends of Miss Lee Gregg and William Eugene Williamson of their marriage on Wednesday evening at 7 o'clock at the home of the bride's parents, Mr. and Mrs. W. E. D. Gregg, at their home on Kuker avenue, Rev. E. W. Gillespie officiating. Mr. and Mrs. Williamson left to spend their honeymoon in Florida, after which they will make their home in Florence. Mrs. Williamson was gowned in a becoming traveling suit with accessories to match. She is a charming young woman while the groom is United States postoffice inspector, formerly from Greenville.

Miss Gregg was employed in Sumter for several years and has many friends in the city.

Reese-McElveen.

Alcoo, Dec. 26.—Charles McElveen of the Turbeville section and Miss Jimmie Reese of this place were married yesterday afternoon at the residence of the bride's sister, Mrs. E. H. Hodge. The ceremony took place at 5 o'clock and was performed by the Rev. H. K. Williams. The bride has many friends here.

J. L. McCallum Dead.

CASHER OF FIRST NATIONAL BANK FOUND DEAD IN HIS HOME ON BROAD ST.

Had Slept in House by Himself and it is Thought He Suffered an Attack of Apoplexy When he Went to Bath Room This Morning—Had Been Dead Several Hours.

From The Daily Item, Dec. 28.

J. L. McCallum, cashier of the First National Bank and a well known citizen of Sumter, was found dead in his home on Broad Street today about 2 o'clock. Efforts were made to revive him, but were unsuccessful, as he had evidently been dead for several hours when his body was discovered.

The discovery was made when Mr. McCallum did not come down to work during the day and some one went to his house to see if he were there. The body was found in the kitchen and it is thought that he suffered a stroke of apoplexy this morning when he went to heat water for a bath. He had slept in the house by himself last night, his wife being away on a visit to her father in Columbia, and it was on this account that he was not found sooner.

Immediately after the body was discovered, several doctors were summoned and all possible efforts were made to revive him, if there was any spark of life left, but it was soon decided that these efforts were useless.

The death of Mr. McCallum created quite a sensation on the streets, when it became known this afternoon and was a great shock to members of his family and to his friends. He had been cashier of the First National Bank for a number of years and was well known and popular in Sumter and throughout the county. He was also engaged in real estate business and was considered an enterprising business man.

He is survived by his wife, who was before her marriage, Miss Lucy Quattlebaum of Columbia, and one small child, three brothers, Messrs. Len, E. W., D. R. McCallum and two sisters, Mrs. V. R. Gaston, Norfolk, Va., and Mrs. A. C. Carson, Columbia.

Mrs. C. A. Baskin Dead.

Mrs. C. A. Baskin of Anderson died at the home of her mother, Mrs. P. G. Bowman in this city. The funeral was held Friday afternoon from the residence, with the Rev. R. S. Truesdale of Trinity Methodist church reading the services.

Mrs. Baskin, who was Miss Ellen Harrell of Sumter, was married just two years ago and has been living in Anderson since. She had been in ill health for several months and had been with her mother here. She was 36 years of age. A woman of sweet and gentle disposition she will be mourned by many friends beside her kindred. Beside her mother and husband, Mrs. Baskin is survived by a young son and several sisters and brothers.

Death of a Little Child.

Inez, the four-year-old daughter of Mr. and Mrs. A. D. Owens, died at the residence of its parents Thursday evening between 7 and 8 o'clock after an illness from pneumonia of several days. The funeral services were held at the residence and cemetery on Saturday morning, when the little child was laid away. Mr. and Mrs. Owens have the deepest sympathies of their friends in their bereavement.

Death.

Manning, Dec. 26.—Alexander Heriot died last night of acute typhoid at the home of his son, John Heriot, near this place in the 75th year of age. He was born on the Waccamaw near Georgetown and lived there until 20 years ago, when he moved to Charleston and lived there about eight years ago when he came to Manning to be with his sons. Mr. Heriot made many friends among the people of this vicinity. He is survived by his wife, three sons and three daughters, Mrs. J. C. Sims of Columbia, Mrs. J. C. Sims of Columbia and Mrs. J. C. Sims of Summerton. The body will be taken to the town to be buried and interred in the Episcopal cemetery tomorrow.

Marriage License Record.

Marriage licenses have been issued to the following white couples: J. D. Thompson and Miss Lettie DuBose, both of J. C. Laborde, Columbia; Mr. and Mrs. Jean J. Dargan, Stateburg; Mr. and Mrs. Remus Bradley and Alice Bradley, Sumter; Louis Frierson and Miss Martin, Sumter; Thomas McElveen and Caroline Johnson, Mayesville; James Porcher, Dalzell and Miss Edom, Horatio; Marion Evans and Maggie Argo, Sumter; Sidney Francis and Susie Mack, Sumter; William White, Jr., Sumter and Beulah Hilton, Oswego; Levi Prescott, Dalzell, and Alma Spann, Sumter; Willie Kennedy and Orphelia Elmore, Sumter; Alex Robertson and Hattie McMillan, Sumter.

NEGRO KILLED BY TRAIN.

William Law Run Over Near Wisacky on Saturday Night.

William Law, colored, was struck by a train near Wisacky on Saturday night and he died at the Toumey Hospital, where he was brought following the accident, early Sunday morning from the wounds received. Law said that he was sixteen years of age, but apparently he was about twenty-one. He is said to have been drunk at the time of the accident and had not recovered when he reached the hospital. The inquest was held Sunday and a verdict returned that Law came to his death by being struck by an Atlantic Coast Line train. The body was shipped to Wisacky for interment.

HOUSE ROBBED IN ABSENCE.

Mr. R. L. Wallace of Atlanta Suffers from Depredations of Thieves.

From The Daily Item, Dec. 24.

Mr. R. L. Wallace, of Atlanta, Ga., who is in the city to spend Christmas with relatives, yesterday received a telegram that his home in Atlanta had been entered during his absence and free use of his household articles had been made by the robbers. His brother-in-law, who examined the place, stated that he could not find that anything except a revolver was missing, but that the thieves had been all over the place, broken into practically all drawers and closets and scattered things around in a promiscuous manner.

Mr. and Mrs. Wallace were much worried at first, but after a conversation over the telephone with relatives in Atlanta, who had been to the house after the raid was made, they decided that it was not necessary to go back home immediately, as they could do no good. Thieves have been making merry in Atlanta for several weeks and recently their acts have been worse than ever before. Those who went into Mr. Wallace's home used the stove, cooking food from his pantry, found his razors serviceable in shaving and used or "tore up" everything in the house.

SENSIBLE TALK FROM THE COLONIAL FARM DEMONSTRATOR.

What Shall the Farmers Do Now?

This should be the beginning of a new era of farming in the South. The diversified farming is the only method to succeed under all circumstances. If the Southern farmers had planted one-third of their crop in cotton and two-thirds in corn, oats, potatoes, sugar cane, wheat, German millet, sorgho, cow peas and alfalfa, the present panic could never had the effect upon the farmers and the country that large as it has now. To my mind the cotton farmers are the poorest among farmers. There are 48 States in the Union and among them ten cotton States. And the ten cotton States are poorer than any other ten of the 48 States. The question was asked why? There are several reasons why: first, because the cost of making cotton is greater than the average price received; second, the price every year is so varied that the farmer cannot regulate his expenses so as to have a net profit at the close of the year; third, the farmer can never expect full value for his cotton when he forces it upon the buyer, before the factory is ready for it; fourth, no man will pay the valued price of an article, except he believes the owner can hold it longer than the time he needs it in his business; fifth, it takes longer to make cotton with more expense, than any other plant on the farm.

Our State can be richer by producing enough varieties to supply the people. Whenever money is sent out of the State for supplies, the State becomes poorer, and on the other hand when money is sent in the State for any article the State becomes richer.

If the farmers raised all the food stuff they need, there could never be a panic to do us harm.

Some farmers have said: if the farmers plant too much grain the market will be as bad as the cotton market is today; it will never be so, because if you raise more grain than you can use or sell; you can raise more hogs, horses, cows and poultry. In other words, the farmers can manufacture grain and hay into horse power, beef, butter and milk, bacon, poultry and eggs. If you cannot sell the grain itself, when you change it to some of the above named, you can always find a purchaser.

Yours truly, R. W. Westberry, 102 Council St., Sumter, S. C. Dec. 23th, 1914.

The county chingang has recently been moved from the Shiloh section, where it has been for several months, and located on the Sumter-Mayesville road beyond Rocky Bluff swamp. The gang will be engaged in putting this road in good condition for some time.

MEN HAVE CLOSE CALL.

Brought Out of Building Stified by Smoke and Unconscious—Heavy Loss.

Mullins, Dec. 26.—The residence of L. W. Smith was destroyed by fire at a late hour Christmas night. The amount of insurance carried was only \$700. The house was occupied by French Smith and his brother and John Scarborough, who were asleep in the building when the fire was discovered. The front rooms were filled with smoke and the top was falling in when two of the young men were brought out stified with smoke and in a semiconscious condition. There was absolutely nothing saved, not even the clothing worn by the three young boys who had such a miraculous escape. The fire was first discovered at midnight, and the supposition is the origin was incendiary. L. W. Smith and his wife left the day before for Florence to spend Christmas and were away when the home was lost. The residence was built during the summer. This is the second fire here within three days. Tuesday night the home of W. H. Smith was destroyed, and it was only by the hard work of the firefighters that two nearby residences were saved. Just two hundred feet away was a cotton storage warehouse in which was stored two thousand bales, and much fear was felt that the flames would spread to the storage warehouse, but fortunately for the town the fire was controlled. The residence burned Tuesday night was insured for \$1,400, which only partly covered the loss.

BAD FIRE SUNDAY NIGHT.

Fire Horse Balks and Two Negro Residences Burned—Other Fires.

Two negro residences were burned to the ground Sunday night near the city limits on Hampton avenue, when fire started about 11 o'clock in the residence of Joe Green and spread to the house next to it occupied by Ukio Smith. The fire department was powerless to save the second house, as there was not sufficient hose on one wagon to reach the fire from the nearest hydrant and the gray horse balked in the other wagon and a change had to be made of the black horses from the steamer to the other wagon before it could proceed to the fire.

The houses belong to C. F. McFadden and E. W. McCallum and were insured, although not to their value. The fire started in the house occupied by Joe Green, who barely had time to get his family out before the roof gave in. Smith saved practically all of his furniture.

The members of the fire department are much wrought up over the fact that the gray horse secured from Asheville balked Sunday night in going to the fire. This is not the first time that the horse has balked, for it has balked repeatedly before. They claim that it is a menace to the city, besides being a great handicap to the department in its work. The second house could easily have been saved last night, they say, if both wagons had gone directly to the fire.

The fire department was called out Sunday afternoon shortly before 5 o'clock by an alarm from the residence of Dr. Archie China, but the alarm proved a false one, as a small explosion, which had done no damage, had occasioned it.

A small blaze from the flue of the Chero-Cola Bottling works was the occasion for an alarm of fire on Saturday morning about 9 o'clock. Little damage was done.

On Friday morning the fire department was called out by a fire on Manning Avenue, the blaze being a house owned by Heck Pierson outside of the city limits. The building was destroyed, but the department by use of the chemical engine and the organization of an extempore bucket brigade prevented the fire from spreading to adjacent buildings.

SHOT THROUGH CAT HOLE.

Blind Merchant Victim of Assassin in Williamsburg County.

Kingstree, Dec. 26.—A mysterious assault was made upon old Henry McDowell, a blind merchant, in the Suttons section Wednesday night by an unknown assassin. McDowell, known in the community as "Blind Henry," conducted a little mercantile business and the day's business was over. He was preparing to retire in his usual way in the store about 10 o'clock when a shot was fired at him through the opening in his store door allowed for the entrance and exit of his cat. The assassin had to lie on the ground in order to shoot through the aperture. The gun charge entered the old man's left forearm and abdomen. He was rendered helpless and lay motionless on the ground.

It was later in the night when one passing the store called an alarm. The victim was Kingstree where Dr. Kellogg left the arm. The shot did not penetrate and was not serious. It is thought that McDowell is not an enemy anywhere.

MAY BE THE SOLUTION.

Wade Stackhouse Explains Plans of the Cooperative Cotton Company—States Must Join.

To the Editor of The State:

Have we found a solution of the cotton problem? I think so, if cotton farmers will determine to solve it through self-help. They can do this by subscribing cotton at 10 cents per pound to the Cooperative Cotton Company. The charter of this company contains all the best features of the cooperative societies of Europe. The capital of the company can be used only to finance cotton, cottonseed and their products for stockholders of the association. Its plan is to retire 2,000,000 bales of the surplus of this crop as the capital stock of the company, and this is to be held for a minimum price of 10 cents per pound. As soon as 20,000 bales of cotton are subscribed, representing a capital stock of \$1,000,000, the company is to secure a charter and begin business. The cotton congress of South Carolina has merged into the Southern Cotton association, and we stand pledged to endeavor to secure at least 20,000 bales of cotton in this State. The farmers and merchants of South Carolina are today holding more than 800,000 bales of cotton which has an average value of about 6 1-2 cents per pound. We feel confident that they will subscribe at least 20,000 bales of this or only 2 1-2 per cent. of it to put the company into operation.

The objects of the company are: To stabilize the value of cotton.

To own, lease or operate cotton warehouses and to handle warehouse receipts for its stockholders. It is confidently believed if we had only \$1,000,000 of capital in the South Carolina division that we can secure loans on at least four bales of cotton to each one pledged the company. If a farmer having ten bales of cotton pledges two bales to the capital of the company, it is believed we can secure a reasonable loan on the eight bales he holds and help him to finance it till the war is over. If this can be done I believe the eight bales kept will be worth more money than the ten bales under existing conditions. By cooperating with other farmers, he will make his \$100 stock in the company without costing him a cent and will provide help for all times of depression in the future.

To buy, sell or handle on commission cottonseed and cottonseed products for its stockholders and others and to make loans on same.

To buy, sell and handle on commission cotton for its shareholders and others direct to domestic and foreign spinners and to other parties desiring to purchase the same.

The plan of the company provides that when the cotton is sold at least 80 per cent. of the money is to be kept on deposit with banks in the county where subscribed, and only 20 per cent. is to go into the general treasury. In this way no county can be drained of its resources. The par value of shares is \$10 each, and any person holding a share of stock can vote in the election of officers. No person can have but one vote, regardless of stock he may have. The charter provides that only a 7 per cent. dividend can be paid out annually, the balance of earnings to go to surplus or to building warehouses or other purposes for the general welfare of cotton producers. The Southern Cotton association is acting as agent to secure the capital stock of the company. When \$1,000,000 stock has been subscribed a meeting is held in each county where shareholders live, and they elect a delegate to a State meeting where they select a member of the governing board, which can not exceed 33 members, and no State can have more than three members. This governing board will meet at the city selected as headquarters of the company and elect the officers who will conduct the business.

Some of the best financiers of New York and other money centres have looked into the charter and plans of the company, and say it is feasible, desirable and practical. It offers the only practical plan of self-help that has been proposed. If we only get \$1,000,000 each from the cotton States this season it will be well worth the effort. When the full authorized capital has been paid in, this company can do all that we have asked the national or State governments to do for us. From the time we start, the financial world will respect us because we will show we are determined to help ourselves. Having \$100,000,000 capital, we would rank among half a dozen of the greatest corporations in this country. This combination of capital, though deposited in county banks all over the South, would give us power to do big business such as has been done by Standard Oil, Pennsylvania railroad or United States Steel. With a 10,000,000-bale crop on hand and a 3,500,000-bale surplus carried over of American cotton, we could well afford to give away to Mr. Morgan or Mr. Duke or some other financial magnate 2,000,000 bales of this crop, provided we knew they would use this money

for our benefit till the war is over. The bigness of the project need not frighten us as one-eighth of this cotton crop would start it with its full capital. We have a monopoly crop and we can cooperate and for all time to come get a monopoly price. Will we do it? Our enemies say it is a dream of a few idealists. They do not and can not say it is not practical, but they say it can't be done.

We are getting a district manager in each congressional district who, with the county presidents of the cotton congress, are asked to secure one or more canvassers in each county to solicit cotton subscriptions. In the next few days these district managers will advertise meetings in their several counties and will distribute literature fully describing the company and explain its operation in detail. Go to these county meetings when called and take your friends. Let us prove to the world that we can and will form the greatest cooperative enterprise of any set of farmers in the world. We can then demand—not ask—a fair price for our great money crop cotton.

I request county papers to publish this letter.

Wade Stackhouse, President South Carolina Cotton Congress.

STEEL NET CAUGHT SUBMARINE.

Proved Fatal to Curie Which Was Attempting to Attack Austrian Ships at Pola.

London, Dec. 27.—A steel net stretched across the entrance to Pola harbor, the great Austrian naval port, proved the undoing of the French submarine Curie, says a dispatch from Milan to Lloyd's News.

In company with other submarines the Curie was attempting to force an entrance into the harbor to torpedo an Austrian squadron. The Curie collided with the net. A merchantman gave the alarm and the forts opened fire. Two shots struck the Curie, which slowly sank. The captain and crew, except one officer, swam clear and were captured.

MR. MANNING CALLED AWAY.

Will Be Absent from City From Now Until First of Year.

Mr. R. I. Manning has been a busy man for the past year, that is more especially so during that time than ever before, for besides his work in a political way, he has had to look out for the other numerous business enterprises in which he has been engaged and these numerous duties have quite occupied his mind and entire time. In fact he has had little opportunity for rest or recreation night or day during the past several months.

Recently his efforts to convert the Bank of Sumter into a national bank have added to his otherwise heavy duties. He went to Washington Sunday for the finishing up this work and will be absent from Sumter in other duties which will occupy his entire time for the next week or two, at least into the New Year, if not until nearly up to his inauguration as governor of the State.

Marriage License Record.

From The Daily Item, Dec. 24. Several more licenses to marry were issued yesterday to white and colored couples at the Clerk of Court's office.

To White was V. K. McLeod, Tindal, and Miss Fannie M. Hodge, Sumter.

To Colored couples were: W. A. Hawkins, Boomville, N. C., and Lou W. Mitchell, Sumter; Gussie Caesar and Sadie Harvin, Mayesville; Nehemiah Franklin and Mabel McKoussie, Sumter; Edmund Gadsden and Essie Howard, Claremont; Elmore Murray and Maria Yates, Privateer; Willie Isaacs and Clara Jackson, Dalzell; Allen Mack and Carrie Montgomery, Mayesville; Willie Wilson and Lucile DuRant, Oswego; D. E. Edwards and Emma Bradham, Olanta.

The split-log drag is being used on the streets today and if its use is continued when the streets are slightly drier, much good will be accomplished.

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