

PROPERTY OFFICER REPORTS.

Sergeant Robert A. Howard, Retired, Arrives in Columbia to Fill New Office.

Columbia, April 25.—Robert A. Howard, sergeant, United States army, retired, who was recently appointed by Adjutant General Moore as property officer for the South Carolina National Guard, arrived in Columbia yesterday from Fort Huachuca, Ariz., where he has been stationed for some time. Sergt. Howard was retired after 30 years' service. The last legislature created the position of property officer for the National Guard and appropriated \$1,500 for salary and traveling expenses.

DINKINS WINS ORATORICAL CONTEST.

Senior Law Student at Carolina Awarded Euphradian Medal for Oratory.

Columbia, April 27.—J. G. Dinkins of Manning, a member of the senior law class at the University of South Carolina, won the Euphradian oratorical contest held in the society's hall last night. His subject was "A Relic of the Primitive Past."

Six speakers took part in the contest. They were: T. T. Carroll, J. E. Bolt and H. C. Brearley of the senior academic class, J. D. E. Meyer and J. G. Dinkins of the senior law class and D. S. Poller of the junior academic class. The judges were: Irvine Belser, Alan Johnstone, Jr., and William Banks. The first two named are former members of the Euphradian society.

J. G. Dinkins is well known in Sumter, where he spent the summer two years ago and has visited often since.

CLEMSON'S SUMMER COURSE.

Instruction in Agriculture at Small Cost.

Columbia, April 27.—J. E. Swearingen, State superintendent of education, has addressed a letter to the county superintendents, trustees and teachers of the State, calling attention to the short course in agriculture to be conducted by Clemson College officers during the month of August.

The letter of Mr. Swearingen follows:

During the month of August the authorities of Clemson college propose to conduct a short course for agricultural teachers, farmers and prize winning club boys. The short course is to be under the immediate supervision of President W. M. Riggs, State Agent W. W. Long and Assistant State Agent W. H. Burton. This plan is a guarantee of practical and efficient work.

"The scope and nature of the short course instruction have not yet been outlined. The importance and the possibilities of such teaching should appeal at once to the friends of rural school progress. Agriculture is our basic industry. Its intelligent pursuit is vitally connected with the development of our school system and of our State.

Rural school teachers needs first to master and to apply the fundamental subjects taught in the first five grades, and upon this basis of reading, writing, arithmetic, spelling, language, geography, history and sanitation there can rest a valuable course in practical agriculture. The body of this truth has already been made available for teachers. The boys enrolled in sixth, seventh, eighth, ninth and tenth grades of the public schools are eager for this instruction. Teachers need merely to acquaint themselves with the facts and methods of their presentation in the class room and on the school demonstration plots.

"The cost of the Clemson short course is reasonable. I hope this experiment will receive from you and your coworkers the active support it deserves."

Pisgah News Notes.

Pisgah, April 27.—It is hot and dry. Rain is needed very much to bring up the cotton and help the oats. Cotton planting is about finished, but very little is up. Very good stands of corn, as I learn from all sections. Wheat looks promising. It now looks as if we will have some peaches.

Potato beds have rotted badly and draws will be scarce.

The Pisgah public school closed with a picnic Saturday at Boykin's mill. Miss Rembert, the teacher, has given full satisfaction to the patrons of the school. She is a fine teacher. Memorial services were held Sunday afternoon at Pisgah church over Mr. T. W. Hawkins, its senior deacon, now deceased. Mr. J. E. DuPre prepared the memorial which was unanimously adopted by the church. It was spoken to by him and Rev. T. L. Cole.

What is there given by the gods more desirable than a happy hour.—Catalius.

PLAN FOR DEFENSE.

Counsel for McAdoo and Williams Make Arrangements for Meeting Attacks by Bank.

Washington, April 26.—Counsel for Secretary McAdoo and Comptroller Williams have completed preliminary plans for the defense to be made when the Riggs National bank injunction proceedings are taken up in the District of Columbia supreme court, May 12. It now is regarded as almost certain that no attempt will be made to institute criminal proceedings against the bank, if at all, before the defense in the civil case has been begun.

Government lawyers are expected to base their defense largely on the ground that there has been no conspiracy between Mr. McAdoo and Mr. Williams to injure the bank; that anything they have appeared to do in concert was done lawfully and with entire propriety. The government will maintain that neither official exceeded his lawful power. The complaint of the bank was directed mainly at Mr. Williams and the defense will devote more attention to his power under the national bank laws than to justification of acts in which the secretary of the treasury figured.

Reports of a compromise in the case are denied vigorously both by officials of the bank and by those on the government side.

It was said today on high authority that Samuel Untermyer has not been retained in the case by the government or by Mr. McAdoo or Mr. Williams as individuals. It was the understanding, however, that he probably would appear in the case as personal counsel for one or both officials.

FAKE MONEY FOR MEXICANS

Millions of Dollars of Counterfeit Being Sent from San Francisco.

San Francisco, April 29.—Millions of dollars of Mexican counterfeit paper money are being freighted toward the Mexican border. The United States authorities, though knowing the fact, are taking no steps because this government recognizes no Mexican faction.

A Line or Two From "Hard Times."

Dark Corner, April 27.—Farmers are about done planting their cotton, but rain is greatly needed to bring it up. Corn is small for the time of year. Some ploughing has been done for corn. Oats are small on account of the cold weather in March and the first part of April. And now it keeps so dry until farmers cannot apply soda to their oats. Gardens are very backward for the lack of moisture. It looks as if we will have some fruit, if it did snow on the blooms.

A good deal of sickness has been and is still around here. Mr. J. E. Johnston and two or three of his children and one of Mr. L. E. Avin's children have been quite sick, but are better. Mrs. C. H. Johnson and Mr. Y. F. McLeod, youngest son of Mr. J. M. McLeod are still very sick with pneumonia.

Drs. R. B. Furman and K. O. Rhinehart are kept on the go most all the time and they, the doctors, have been handicapped, the former with the grip, and the latter with a sprained wrist.

Miss Mae Griffin of Pinewood and Miss Nora Ardis of Soeven visited Miss Eunice Osteen at the Sycamores one evening this week.

Mrs. Della Wooten of the Sumter alms house visited her sister, Mrs. W. R. Lackey, the past week.

Mrs. Joe H. Geddings of Ramsey is spending sometime with her sick mother, Mrs. C. H. Johnson.

The Reynolds brother, of Paxville killed a 6-foot alligator in R. P. Weeks' mill pond a day or so ago.

The Reid Sunday school will have Children's Day on the first Sunday in May.

"I am sure proud of the way Gov. Manning is enforcing the law. I have said, and still say, he can make us an ideal governor. I would have been delighted to have heard the address he made to the 'old soldiers' in Columbia on the 22nd. I believe we are lucky to have R. I. Manning for governor and Woodrow Wilson for president. I admire Wilson's words when he said: 'Let us love truth and right.' Would to God every man did that, what a paradise this old world would be. But I hope I am not a pessimist, yet it looks like the great study of a great many men is: 'How can I take the advantage.' When men charge 15 cents for 10 cents-bacon, 29 cents for 12 1-2 cent coffee, and all other necessities in like manner and taxpayers make false returns of their property. It seems there are a great many men like soldiers in ambush they are lying in wait. I saw and heard something along that line at the county board of equalization meeting last Wednesday in Sumter. And I ask how are we protected while we are asleep? It is only by the taxes we pay. Oh, that every man high and low, white or black, rich or poor, could see it in that light is the wish of old 'Hard Times.'"

LOCAL NEWS OF TINDAL.

Cotton Planting About over, with Tobacco Planting Delayed by Dry Weather—Death of Ben G. Hodge—Personal Mention.

Tindal, April 28.—Cotton planting is now about over, and I think the acreage is about 25 per cent. less than last year. Oats are needing rain very bad. Tobacco plants in the beds are looking well, but transplanting has been very much delayed on account of the dry weather.

Mr. Ben G. Hodge of the Home Branch neighborhood died on Tuesday, April 27th. Mr. Hodge has been in ill health for several months, and his death was not unexpected. He leaves a wife and six small children.

The Providence school closed with a picnic on last Saturday.

Mrs. Louise Taylor, after spending several days with relatives here, returned to her home in Columbia on Sunday.

Mr. Hugh Hodge of Woodruff spent the week-end at his father's Mr. T. E. Hodge, and returned to his home on Sunday.

Mr. J. J. Rivers, who has been sick with pneumonia, is able to be up again.

CLOSES AIKEN DISPENSARIES.

Gov. Manning Issues Order After Injunction is Secured—Delegation to Discuss Situation.

Aiken, April 28.—All the dispensaries throughout Aiken county were closed today by order of Gov. Manning. This action of the governor follows the securing of a temporary injunction by certain deposed officials of the institution at Aiken restraining Bennett Smith from continuing to serve on the dispensary board.

Senator John F. Williams was notified by the governor today that since the meeting of the county delegation held several days ago, at which time a recommendation was made for a third member of the dispensary board, was held without Representative Toole being notified, he would require that another meeting of the delegation be held before considering any recommendation.

Representative Toole was then notified by Senator Williams that a meeting would be held tomorrow, but Mr. Toole, after asking that the meeting be postponed replied, when his request was refused, that, as he has been given no opportunity to consider a suitable man for the place, and that, as another recommendation made at this time would further complicate matters, he would not attend the meeting.

WELL KNOWN ATTORNEY DEAD.

E. M. Thomson of Columbia Passes Away Suddenly at His Home in Columbia.

Columbia, April 29.—Edgar Means Thomson, aged 43, of Columbia, assistant division counsel for the Southern railway, died suddenly here this morning at 5:15 o'clock from uric poisoning. He had been ill for only a few hours. He is survived by his widow, who was Miss Reba Ehrlich of this city, a son, Francis Ehrlich Thomson, two daughters, Jessie Means Thomson and Louise Thomson; his mother, Mrs. Waddy Means Thomson, of Spartanburg; three brothers, W. L. Thomson and Evins Thomson, of Spartanburg and Albert Thomson, and one sister, Mrs. Vernon Muckenfuss of Greenville. Mr. Thomson, who was one of the best known lawyers of the State, was born at Spartanburg, July 13, 1872. His parents were the late Waddy Thomson, an attorney, and Mrs. Waddy Means Thomson, daughter of the late Gov. Means.

JOHN BUNNY DEAD.

Famous Movie Comedy Actor Succumbs to Complication of Diseases.

New York, April 26.—John Bunny, whose antics as a moving picture comedian have made millions laugh, died at his home in Brooklyn today. He had been ill for three weeks from a complication of diseases. Members of his family were with him when he died. For a week he apparently had been on the mend.

A strenuous month of work, it is believed, caused the breakdown which resulted in his death.

John Bunny was 52 years old. He had been before the footlights 29 years before he entered the moving picture field four years ago. He had leading roles with many old time stars, among them Annie Russell. He had attained countrywide popularity as an actor before he achieved his greatest success on the screen.

Mr. Bunny was born in New York city of English parents, was educated in the Brooklyn public schools and was a clerk in a general store until he went on the stage at the age of 19. In the moving picture world he was regarded for a time as the country's leading comedian and was said to be receiving more salary than the president of the United States. He will be buried in Brooklyn.

MAYESVILLE SOCIAL NEWS.

Tuesday Afternoon Book Club Meeting—Number of Mayesville People Attend Sumter Chautauqua.

Mayesville, April 29.—The Tuesday Afternoon Book Club held a most pleasant meeting this week with Miss Alice Cooper. There were quite a number present including a few invited guests. In the usual contest, the game of rook, Mrs. M. C. Mayes won the prize, a beautiful embroidered center-piece. Delicious refreshments consisting of a fruit salad and cake were served.

The Rook Club met this week on Thursday afternoon instead of Wednesday on account of the Sumter Chautauqua. A very delightful afternoon was spent by the members with Mrs. E. G. Spencer.

Mrs. J. W. Thames and Miss Mary S. Anderson are attending the Federation of Women's Clubs convention in Bennettsville this week.

Mrs. Geo. C. Warren spent the past week with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. L. I. Parrott, in Sumter, to attend the Chautauqua.

A large party of the lovers of fishing went to the well-known "Seine Yard" in Clarendon county on Thursday for a fishing trip.

Mr. and Mrs. J. A. Nettles, of Dillon, visited the former's mother, Mrs. Tance Nettles, this week.

Hazel Mayes, who has been confined to a hospital in Columbia from the results of a railway accident, is at home for a few days.

Mrs. J. R. Mayes visited Mrs. C. L. Tisdale in Sumter this week.

Miss Carrie Anderson attended the Chautauqua in Sumter this week.

Among those attending the various entertainments of the Chautauqua in Sumter were: Mesdames E. W. Mayes, M. C. Mayes, W. S. Chandler, W. W. Gardner, Robert A. Chandler, C. G. Criffin, T. L. Kahn, Misses Nettie and Sadie Mayes, Lucy Pugh, Annie Mazursky, and Messrs. R. J. Mayes, M. C. Mayes, T. L. Kahn, T. H. Newman, W. S. Chandler, D. C. Chandler, B. C. Chandler, H. D. Anderson and others.

Miss Annie Mazursky, of Barnwell, is visiting her sister, Mrs. T. L. Kahn.

CONGRESS MOVES TO COLUMBIA.

Commissioner of Agriculture Watson is Again Chosen Head of Congress, Serving Second Term.

Columbia, April 27.—Columbia has been selected as headquarters for the National Drainage congress, of which E. J. Watson, commissioner of agriculture, has been re-elected president. The meeting of the congress was held yesterday in Chicago.

Mr. Watson was elected president of the congress at the Savannah meeting in April of last year to succeed Edmund T. Perkins of Chicago. Since the congress was organized several weeks ago the headquarters have been in Chicago.

The international session of the drainage congress will be held at San Francisco in September.

SERVICES AT ST. MARK'S.

Rev. W. H. Barnwell to Hold Annual Exercises in Sand Hills.

Pinewood, April 27.—The Episcopal congregation of this town and vicinity with their rector, the Rev. W. H. Barnwell, will on next Sunday, May 2nd, at 11.30 o'clock, hold their annual service at St. Mark's Episcopal church up in the sand hills. Public welcome to attend this annual celebration.

STATE WINS IN THAW CASE.

Secures Temporary Writ Against Jury Hearing on Sanity of Prisoner.

New York, April 28.—The appellate division of the supreme court today granted the attorney general's application for an alternative writ restraining Supreme Court Justice Hendrick from empaneling a jury to test the sanity of Harry K. Thaw. Argument on whether the writ should be made permanent will be heard May 7.

Justice Hendrick decided he had power to call in a jury to aid him in determining Thaw's sanity and announced he would do so. State authorities who are fighting to have Thaw returned to Matteawan contend the justice had no such power.

Feed the Young Chicks.

Farmers should not make the mistake of leaving their young chicks to shift for themselves for the first few months. The chicks should be well fed and cared for and everything done to make them grow rapidly. In this way, chicks hatched in early spring will be laying in the fall and early winter. Where the fowls are stunted, on the other hand, it will be difficult to get eggs from them while egg prices are high. F. C. Hare, poultry husbandman at Clemson College, will be glad to help any one with his poultry feeding problems.

MANNING COMMUTES SENTENCES.

Acting on Recommendation of Pardon Board, Governor Extends Clemency in Cases.

Columbia, April 28.—Gov. Manning, acting upon the recommendation of the State board of pardons, has commuted the sentence of James McGowan, convicted in Greenville on the charge of murder, from death in the electric chair to a life term in the State penitentiary. McGowan killed his brother-in-law several months ago and was tried at the March term of court and found guilty of murder in the first degree. Hew as sentenced to be electrocuted April 30.

The governor has also commuted the sentence of Will Goggans of Newberry from electrocution to life imprisonment. He was convicted at the March term in 1913 on the charge of killing Spurgeon Johnson.

In passing on the Goggans case the board of pardons said: "All 12 of the jurors asked that this negro's sentence be commuted from electrocution to life imprisonment. In addition the judge hearing this case joins in this request. While we do not consider it the province of the board of pardons to re-try the case, we have gone into the records of this case very carefully because the life of a human being is at stake. The case against Goggans is, in our opinion, extremely weak,

and we unhesitatingly recommend to your excellency that the sentence be commuted from electrocution to life imprisonment."

Millionaire Druggist Dead. Memphis, April 28.—P. H. Vanfleet, the famous drug manufacturer, who was worth several million dollars, died this morning.


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