

The Watchman and Southern.

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PERSONAL MENTION.

Messrs. E. J. ... and R. B. Belser have rented a cottage on the island and their families will make their home there for the remainder of the summer.

Mrs. M. H. Flaum left this morning for Hendersonville. Mr. ... and Mr. Sydney Stubbs left Sunday. Mr. Flaum's car for the trip.

Miss Ora Gandy, of Darlington, is visiting relatives in the city.

Mr. H. L. Birchard has gone to Union City, Pa., to spend his vacation.

Mr. Charles T. Yates is spending some time in the city.

Mr. and Mrs. L. W. Jenkins have gone to Saluda, N. C., to spend the rest of the summer.

Miss Nancy McKay left this morning, for Columbia, where she will join a party who will make a trip through the western part of the United States, visiting the San Francisco exposition.

Dr. and Mrs. W. J. McKay left today for a stay at Charlotte, N. C., and at other points in the North Carolina mountains.

Mrs. T. E. Jarrott, of Florence, has returned home after spending some time with Mrs. Harry Green.

Mrs. H. C. DesChamps and children have gone to Atlantic City to join Miss Jennie Barnett, who has been there for some time.

Miss P. E. Wright has gone to Eastover to spend several weeks with her brother. From there she will go to North Carolina to visit her sister.

Mrs. B. A. Johnson and daughter, Miss Mary Johnson, of Manning, are visiting Mr. and Mrs. J. H. Johnson on Broad street.

Miss Marian Satterwhite who has been visiting in the city left this week for Landrum, where she will spend some time.

Mr. and Mrs. S. W. Walker and children, Miss Leonora and Robert, and Mr. and Mrs. R. E. DuRant, Jr., left Wednesday for Welton, Dayton and Cincinnati, Ohio, to spend a month.

Mrs. Emily C. McKagen left this week for Columbia to visit her daughter, Mrs. Morrison.

Miss Lucie Johnson of Manning is spending some time with Mr. and Mrs. J. H. Johnson.

Miss Betty Aycock, of Wedgefield, spent Wednesday in the city.

Mr. H. M. Webster, of Mayesville, was a visitor to town on Wednesday.

Mrs. W. B. Uphur and children left Tuesday for Virginia to visit relatives.

Much to the regret of the island colony Mr. Henry Harby and family of Sumter, and Mr. Lachicott and family of Columbia, have returned home.—Pauley's Island Correspondent to Georgetown Times.

Misses Ann Carroll and Norine West, of Bennettsville, are the attractive guests of Miss Bessie Walsh.

Miss Hattie Sloan, of Statesville, is visiting Mr. and Mrs. A. L. Jackson at their home on West Calhoun street.

Mr. T. E. Lagrone, member of the house of representatives from Saluda county, was in the city for a short time last night.

Mrs. C. W. Kingman, Miss Eva Kingman and Miss Sydney Kingman have gone to Waynesville, N. C., for a few weeks stay.

Mr. Tommie Monaghan is spending sometime in Asheville, N. C.

Col. and Mrs. Thomas Wilson, Dr. E. R. Wilson, Miss Mary Wilson and Mrs. G. A. Lemmon left last night for Tate Springs, Tenn., where they will spend a month.

Mr. C. A. Maul, Advertising Agent of the Atlantic Coast Line who will address the business men of the city at the court house at 4 o'clock this afternoon, arrived in the city this morning.

Mr. B. W. Seegars, a member of the Board of Regents of the State Hospital for the Insane, was in the city today.

Misses Bessie, Mamie and Virginia Ives have gone to the North Carolina mountains to spend several weeks.

Miss Eva Bennett, of Latta, is the attractive guest of Miss Willie Delgar.

Winthrop's New Gym.

The contract for the construction of the new gymnasium at Winthrop college has been awarded to the Willard-Boggs company of Spartanburg. The heating and plumbing contract was given to L. F. Waldrop of Rock Hill. The contracts call for a total expenditure of \$60,000. This information was given yesterday by D. W. McLaurin, who returned from Rock Hill, where he attended a meeting of the board of trustees.

Sinking Fund Met.

Members of the sinking fund commission meeting yesterday at the State house considered the offer of \$5,000 by W. F. Stevenson of Cheraw for one-half interest that the State of South Carolina owns in the property of the Richland Distilling company in the city of Columbia. Final action was not taken in the matter.

THE COTTON SITUATION.

FEDERAL RESERVE BOARD MEMBER DISCUSSES SITUATION.

In Order to See Broad Market Established South Must Not Embarrass President Wilson.

Washington, Aug. 4.—Conditions that confront the South in handling the 1915 cotton crop and the conditions a year ago are contrasted by W. P. G. Harding of the federal reserve board in the current issue of the federal reserve bulletin.

The position of cotton today is much stronger and financial and other conditions are much better than a year ago in Mr. Harding's opinion, and if the people of the South will not weaken their position "by unwise action," they have little to fear.

"The cotton tragedy of 1914," says Mr. Harding, "will be succeeded in 1915 by nothing more serious than a drama."

Mr. Harding warns the South in its desire to see a broad market established for cotton to do nothing to embarrass President Wilson in his conduct of international affairs.

"It should be remembered," says Mr. Harding, "that the president owes a higher duty to the South, to the whole country and to mankind at this juncture than the establishment of cotton values. Serious complications between this country and any great foreign power certainly would not enhance cotton values."

After comparing conditions affecting the market this year and last, Mr. Harding says:

"Under the most adverse conditions conceivable, with demoralization in every money market, with high interest rates, with emergency currency being issued daily in large volume, with enormous gold shipments abroad, with crippled shipping facilities, without adequate insurance protection and, with ocean freights three to five times normal, we began in August, 1914, to market a crop of nearly 17,000,000 bales of cotton. Financial institutions, already hard pressed, were unable and unwilling to make advances on cotton. In addition to this, the Southern farmers, who have this year planted record breaking food crops were faced with a deficiency in home-raised foodstuffs and were in many cases forced to sell cotton to pay off pressing indebtedness and to secure adequate food supplies."

"Attention is called to the fact that the high prices for cotton now prevailing in Germany and Russia, about 30 cents a pound, will attract cotton to those countries in spite of apparently insurmountable obstacles, just as high prices paid for cotton abroad during the War Between the Sections made blockade running a steady business.

"There seems to be no question that ample funds can be obtained to finance in a normal way a much larger volume of cotton than was taken care of last year, and that even if Germany and Austria-Hungary should be forced to suspend cotton manufactures entirely. Statistics show that the mills of the United States, Great Britain, Spain, Russia, Italy, Japan, China and India have spindles sufficient to absorb every bale of cotton that is likely to be cultivated.

"It should be noted that the reduction in American cotton acreage this year amounts to more than 5,000,000 acres and that Egypt and India have also made radical reductions in cotton acreage. It is probable that the world's cotton crop, based on an average yield an acre, will be about 5,000,000 bales less than last year.

"Cotton, unlike grain, is a commodity the market value of which depreciates in time of war, and the South as a producer of that commodity has suffered. The actual position of cotton, however, is so much stronger than was the case a year ago, the financial and other conditions are so very much more favorable that there can be no doubt that if the South will keep cool and will refrain from merely weakening its own position by unwise action, the present nervousness regarding the market for the growing crop will soon disappear.

"Even in the face of all adverse conditions during the last 12 months, the average price of cotton has been about that might have been expected for a 17,000,000 bale crop had there been no war, and there is every reason to believe that the average price of cotton during the next 12 months will be higher.

"The real question is: Will Southern merchants and Southern bankers and all others interested in Southern trade cooperate in securing for the producers the benefit of this average price and will the cotton producers themselves do their part? My knowledge of Southern character and of Southern business conditions justifies a confident belief that an affirmative answer will be given."

In the Richmond district the cotton crop is reported late, but in excellent condition, though prices are low. Business generally is holding a steady position.

There is a tendency to improvement in the Atlanta district, but conditions do not show material change. Cotton mills are at full capacity and new mills are under construction. Agricultural prospects are bright.

The Dallas district cotton crop will be materially required and much of it probably will be held under warehouse receipts to save the market. Live stock, lumber and oil show improvement.

Boston reports optimism and belief that improvement, although slow, may be expected. New York reports improvement in the steel, leather and textile industries, but building operations are curtailed.

The outlook in Philadelphia is said to be uncertain, with improvement in other parts of the district.

The steel business in the Cleveland district shows a decided advance and there is a better feeling among wholesalers and retailers.

In the Chicago district there are signs of general improvement. The St. Louis district shows little change.

Confidence in the crop outlook is reported from Minneapolis. The harvest in the Kansas City district will be less than last year, but crop conditions are good. Crop conditions in the San Francisco district are reported good, but lack of bottom for export is filling warehouses and delaying trade activity.

ABOUT SUMTER'S TREES.

W. D. Woods Calls Attention of Value of Giving Trees Proper Care.

Editor Daily Item.

Please allow the writer space to most heartily endorse the articles, which have recently appeared in your columns, urging the citizens to take an interest in the trees of the city and to contribute something for their care and for the planting of others.

The writer is well acquainted with the condition of the trees in Sumter, the beauty and comfort they afford, and no work or expense ought to be spared for their preservation. The city is growing and provision ought to be made for the systematic planting of trees in all the places where there are none growing. It is more than probable that city and town in the State has spent enough money in planting out trees to have every street well supplied with them, but the trouble is that the money has been practically thrown away by ignorance in putting out trees that were of worthless varieties and when the right varieties were used planting them in the wrong way, with no attention to proper spacing or anything else, so far as the future was concerned. The planting and care of trees is a business or profession of itself, and any knowledge of it can only be gained by years of study and experience. Trees are often planted and after the lapse of some years found practically worthless and then, of course, it is seen that both time and money has been thrown away, and that it would have been cheaper to have hired the services of an expert. In fact no tree ought to be put out on the street unless the work is superintended by some competent man who is employed by the city for this purpose, for it is of the utmost importance that there should be uniformity in the planting, if the best results are to be expected. If a street is ten miles long it ought to have the same variety of trees for the whole distance, placed at a uniform distance apart and then properly cared for, instead of, as is usually the case, being allowed to look out for themselves. Trees that receive proper attention will never have any holes or rotten places on them.

The writer earnestly trusts that arrangements can be perfected that will make it possible to put out a great many young trees in the fall, but the trouble is to arouse public sentiment to the point of backing the Civic League and the individual citizens who are so anxious to provide for the future beauty of the city.

Beauty has a financial aspect, but very few people recognize this and think that everything is useless that can't be converted into money. The people of Sumter are noted for their liberality in contributing to worthy objects and the writer earnestly trusts that they will make a generous response to the appeal in behalf of the trees, and in this way very largely enhance the beauty of their city.

W. D. Woods.

Darlington.

In The Recorder's Court.

Only two cases were tried in the Recorder's court today. Richard Pringle forfeited a bond of \$5 for disorderly conduct, and Lawrence James pleaded guilty to driving his car with the muffler open and was sentenced to \$5 or ten days.

Makes Annual Visit.

Comptroller General Carleton W. Sawyer made his annual visit to Sumter Monday afternoon to settle up with the county treasurer and balance with other county officials. Mr. Sawyer completed his work in less than two hours, finding everything correct.

NEWS FROM WISACKY.

Crop Condition Seemingly Unfavorable—Little Interest in Election—Families to Move Away.

Wisacky, Aug. 3.—News is as scarce as the rain. We are sweltering with the heat, suffocated with the dust and if the corn crops continue to burn, as they have done the past week, in another week we will have no fodder to save, and not much corn to harvest. The corn crops are badly injured, especially young corn. Our cotton stands the heat and dry weather remarkably well and is green and throwing off very little. Peas planted in corn are a failure.

Our forage crops are promising, so is the potato crop. Fruit to a great extent is very inferior. Gardens are gone. Our people show very little interest in the coming election on the question of State prohibition, and I fear many will be prevented from voting, for want of registration certificates. Very little has been done to arouse the people on either side for or against the movement. Those who favor prohibition have little hopes of removing the evil if we carry the election. And those who oppose prohibition have no fear of the results, if the measure is enacted into law, therefore the indifference.

There was a goodly number of our citizens who met in Bishopville last week organized, elected committees, took up collection and adjourned. I trust the committee will bestir themselves to awaken in the voters of Lee county a determination to improve this opportunity to free our State from this curse.

Miss Marguerite Scott, who had entered the McLeod infirmary to prepare herself as a trained nurse, was forced to return to her home on account of a sore foot. I admired her independent spirit and regret that she was disappointed in her noble purpose, for the present, any way.

Mr. Read will soon move his family to Columbia.

Mrs. Hill expects to move her family to Hartsville, where she can educate her daughters. We regret to lose these two excellent families and cannot hope to have them refilled with more excellent neighbors.

There will be a protracted meeting held at the graded school building in Elliotts for St. Luke's and Wells' churches to be conducted by Rev. J. S. Bethea, pastor, assisted by one of his brother ministers, beginning the second Sunday of August. Hope it will result in a gracious revival.

The death of Judge Hill was a sad misfortune to his family and a great loss to his (Baptist) church. He was an excellent young man and enjoyed the love and confidence of all who knew him.

Mr. Wm. Brearly is still quite sick. Is confined to his bed most of the time, but is a patient sufferer.

John Reb Drake Dead.

Florence, Aug. 2.—Johnny Reb Drake of Darlington died in a local hospital here this morning. He was brought here for an operation, but passed away before the operation was performed. Mr. Drake with his brother, W. G. Drake, moved to Darlington from Wilson, N. C., about 25 years ago, his brother having died about four years ago. He was an auctioneer and was employed at one of the tobacco warehouses in Darlington for this season. He was a deputy of the Woodmen of the World and organized several camps of this order through the Pee Dee section, and besides being a Woodman he was a member of the Masons, Knights of Pythias and Junior Order United American Mechanics. He leaves a wife, who was Miss Frankie of Cuero, Texas, before her marriage and one son, Carl, 14 years of age, and a daughter, Miss Minnie Drake, who was graduated at Winthrop college this year. His remains were sent to Darlington yesterday afternoon, accompanied by a delegation from Gate City council, J. O. U. A. M., of Florence and the funeral was held in Darlington this afternoon at 5 o'clock.

In The Police Court.

The following cases have been disposed of in the police court: John Belser, riding passenger trains, \$10 or 20 days.

Ralph Fraser, riding bicycle on sidewalk, \$2 bond forfeited.

R. A. Jones, riding bicycle on sidewalk, \$2.00 bond forfeited.

Julius McGill, disorderly conduct, \$5.00 or 10 days.

Anderson Buddin, Rosanna Buddin and Julia Zuel, disorderly conduct, \$30 or 30 days for Anderson Buddin and \$15.00 or 30 days for the other two.

STOCKMEN TO MEET.

Southern Cattlemen's Association in Birmingham, Aug. 18 to 20.

The Third Annual Meeting of the Southern Cattlemen's Association will be held at Birmingham, Ala., August 18, 19, and 20, 1915. Special reduced passenger rates for the round trip have been secured on all lines in the territory of the Southwestern Passenger Association, and summer tourist rates, 2 cents a mile, from points in Southwestern Passenger Association.

On the program are a large number of men who are prominent among the cattlemen of the South because they have done things. The program is one of instruction, because we have passed the stage where we need to be

told "What to do," we now want to be told "how to do."

A big auction sale of 60 head of pure bred breeding cattle will of itself be a liberal education for any one starting to raise or handle cattle.

No man interested in the development of the cattle industry in the South can afford to miss this meeting. For program and other information write the secretary, Tait Butler, Box 335, Memphis, Tenn.

Death at Florence.

Florence, Aug. 2.—Mrs. A. A. Seymour, a well known and most highly esteemed Christian woman, widow of the late Mr. B. B. Seymour, of this city, formerly of Sumter, died at her home, 114 South Barringer street, yesterday morning, aged 52.

"A ROLL OF HONOR BANK."



CAPITAL \$100,000.00
EARNED PROFITS \$125,000.00
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C. G. ROWLAND, President G. L. WARREN, Cashier

A Shoe Store Without Shoes.

A shoe store without shoes would not do very much business—would it? And each shoe store buys its shoes from those makers who manufacture the kind of shoes for which it has a market. It must have shoes adapted to the requirements of its trade. How many men—yes, and women, too—are trying to do business without a Bank Account. You can no more do a successful business without a bank account than a shoe store can sell shoes without stock. You need a Bank of Personal Service. One that takes a hearty, personal interest in you and your individual needs. This is a Bank of Personal Service. It gives the same individual attention to the small depositor that it does to the large.

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