

The Watchman and Southern.

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PERSONAL MENTION.

Mrs. J. E. Gillard, of Rembert, is spending some time with Mrs. B. J. Grier.
 Mr. A. A. Brearley, of St. Charles, was in the city today.
 Miss Ruth Wilson, of St. Charles, was a visitor to the city on Wednesday, having come over to attend the performance at the Academy of Music.
 Messrs. J. L. Gillis and L. S. Vinson, of Rembert, were in town today.
 Messrs. Albert Brogdon and Henry Shaw left this morning for Clemson College.
 Mr. E. W. Dabbs, Jr., of Salem, was in the city today.

Weekly Weather and Crop Summary.

For the week ending at 12 Noon, Wednesday, September 29, 1915.
 Third week of insufficient rainfall. The weather continues too dry for gardens, field truck, pastures, germination of fall and winter seed already planted and for further preparation of soil. Cotton continues to open rapidly, and picking is general throughout the section, including the crop on the highest elevations. A large hay crop is being harvested. Forage peas are generally good, but there is some complaint of local shedding, due to dry weather. The corn crop is being gathered. Sweet potatoes and late grapes continue promising.

Men Disqualified.

A rule of the United States war department requiring nine months' service has disqualified Sergt. Peter G. Marshall and Sergt. William Belk as members of the South Carolina rifle team. Sergt. W. S. Fore and Private Alfred W. Thames, who made the next highest scores, have been designated as members of the team.

CLARENDON COURT ENDS.

Two Jury Trials Conclude Work of Common Pleas.

Manning, Sept. 29.—The court of common pleas ended here yesterday with two jury trials. The case of Mrs. Rebecca Walker and Mrs. J. C. Hodges against T. Heyward, McFaddin and Ulysses June resulted in a verdict for the defendants. This was for damages caused by the automobiles of the defendants frightening the horse driven by the plaintiffs and backing the buggy into a ditch. The next case was that of F. C. Thomas against the Hartsville oil mill, resulting in a verdict for the plaintiff for \$274.
 Several cases have been settled since court started Monday morning, and other important ones continued on account of the sickness of witnesses and in some cases sickness in the families of the attorneys.

FIRE IN LYNCHBURG.

Barn, Stables and Sheds of J. E. Tomlinson Destroyed.

Lynchburg, Sept. 29.—On Sunday morning the barn, sheds and stables belonging to J. E. Tomlinson of this place were destroyed by fire, supposed to have originated from spontaneous combustion, caused by a large amount of freshly stored pea vine hay.
 A large lot of the hay and a quantity of oats and a number of buggies and farm implements were destroyed in the fire. Mr. Tomlinson's residence was in danger at one stage of the fire but by fast work on his part and others who were helping, it was saved, with very little damage.

AMERICAN SHIP BURNED.

Vincet Reported Destroyed by Lloyds of London.

London, Sept. 30.—A Lloyds message announces the burning of the American ship Vincet. The crew was saved. No details of the disaster have been received. The Vincet was a ship of two thousand tons.

Washington, Sept. 30.—Ambassador Marve at Petrograd, cabled today that the sailing ship Vincet was destroyed by a Russian mine off Cape Orlov.

If the same plan of financing the street paving as has been adopted in several up-country towns is followed in Sumter the \$225,000 bond issue will be found adequate for paving all the streets for which property owners are likely to petition at present.

The Sumter Clothing Co., has on display in their window a bicycle that they are going to give away Christmas Eve day to some boy who wears knee pants. They have an interesting proposition for the knee pants boys, and it will be to their interest to call at the store of this firm, and let them explain how the bicycle can be obtained.—Adv't.

WORKING ON POCALLA ROAD.

Supervisor Pitts Putting This Road in Good Condition—Work on Bridges.

Supervisor Pitts reports that the work on the Pocalla concrete and steel reinforced bridge is getting along slowly but surely and it is probable that with no unforeseen delays it will be complete in the next few days.
 At the same time that the work on the bridge is going on a gang is at work laying the road between Pocalla and Manning Avenue. This road is probably more used than any other road in the county and Supervisor Pitts is doing some work here which will prove of great value to those who have to pass over it in the future. Much of the clay has to be hauled and at the same time the earth removed in the grading of the road has to be hauled back to fill in the excavation from which the clay is removed.
 As worthy of mention, Supervisor Pitts states that from his observation he considers that more farm produce for household use is brought into Sumter over this road than any other two roads into town.

SCHOOL AT WEDGEFIELD.

Outlook for Successful Session Most Encouraging.

Wedgfield, Sept. 28.—The Wedgfield graded school opened Monday morning under good conditions. Several of the patrons were present. The enrollment is large and the outlook for the school promises a most successful year. The teachers are Henry Wallin and Misses Muncaster, Irby and Thomas.

The following have left for college: Mortimer Weinberg, a graduate of University of South Carolina, '15, to Harvard; Marshall Brice, Jameson Cain and Jerome Weinberg to Clemson; Misses Ida Dwight and Rosa Weinberg to Winthrop.

THORNWELL ORPHANAGE TO CELEBRATE.

First of October Sees Celebration of Fortieth Anniversary—Ansel to Deliver Address.

Clinton, Sept. 28.—The Thornwell orphanage was opened for the reception of children on October 1, 1875. On October 1, 1915, it will therefore have filled out 40 years of work for the orphans. All this time it has been under the direction of Dr. W. P. Jacobs, its original promoter. It has grown from eight children to a family of 349, occupying 125 acres in the city of Clinton.

At the annual meeting of the synodical board of trustees in June, last, it was decided that some notice ought to be taken of the 40th anniversary of the institution. It therefore elected ex-Gov. Martin F. Ansel of Greenville to address the people of Clinton on this occasion. The whole county is asked to send a representation for the occasion will be one of interest. The exercises will be held Friday evening in the Carolina Memorial chapel and a large attendance is expected.

NOT FOR GOVERNMENT.

No Restrictions on Loans to It.

Washington, Sept. 29.—John Skelton Williams, comptroller of the currency, has ruled that a government is not considered to be a person, company, firm or corporation within the meaning of the national bank act, and therefore the limitation on the amount of a bank's loan to 10 per cent of its capital and surplus does not apply in connection with loans to a government.

The ruling was given in answer to inquiries from national banks which, it is understood, were interested in the \$500,000,000 loan to the allies.

It was pointed out tonight that the comptroller was without authority to control national banks in such matters and that the question of participation in the loan was entirely a question for the officers of banks to pass upon.

FOR SPECIAL SESSION.

Georgia Governor Issues Call to Solons. Atlanta, Sept. 27.—Gov. Nat. E. Harris tonight issued a call for a special session of the Georgia legislature to convene November 3, next.

G. A. R. Honored.

Washington, Sept. 29.—On the order of President Wilson all departments of the government were closed today in honor of the G. A. R. encampment. Nearly all business houses were closed during the parade.

The price of cotton seed has gone way up and is still steadily rising. Thirty dollars a ton or one dollar and fifty cents a hundred is the price paid here for cotton seed bought from the wagons, although the farmers are not selling their seed rapidly this year like they did last.

Five per cent interest on cotton loans by a local bank sounds almost too good to be true.

LOAN HEARTENS ENGLAND.

London Holds That American Loan Shows American Belief in Success of Allies.

London, Sept. 29.—The announcement that the Anglo-French mission had succeeded in securing a half billion loan in the United States is received with great satisfaction, but the terms are considered high. It is asserted that the success of the loan has shown American belief that the allies will be victorious. While Russia did not participate in the loan she will benefit from it through England.

M'LEOD-NEWMAN MARRIAGE.

Popular Young Couple of Mayesville Married in Sumter Yesterday.

Mayesville, Sept. 29.—A marriage of much interest and some surprise to their many friends was that of Miss Lucile McLeod and Thomas Hampton Newman, which was solemnized in Sumter on yesterday afternoon. Rev. J. B. Wilson officiating. The bride is one of the most attractive young ladies of this town. She has lived nearly all of her life with her brother-in-law and sister, Mr. and Mrs. S. C. Foxworth, and has been a resident of Mayesville for the past several years. The groom is one of the leading business men of this town, having conducted a fancy grocery business here for about 12 years. Mr. and Mrs. Newman left on the six o'clock train for points in Florida. They have the best wishes of a host of friends and acquaintances for a long and happily wedded life.

NEWS OF WEDGEFIELD.

School Opens Successfully—Little Cotton to Gin.

Wedgfield, Sept. 29.—The Wedgfield school opened on Monday under most favorable circumstances with Prof. N. A. Walling of North Carolina, as principal, with Miss Lillian Muncaster of Florence, Miss Irby of South Boston, Va., as assistants, and Miss Janette Thomas, music teacher.

Mr. Mortimer Weinberg left for Harvard a few days ago, where he intends taking a course in law.

Jerome Weinberg and Marshall Brice are our representatives at Clemson this year, and Miss Ida Dwight and Rosa Weinberg at Winthrop.

Mrs. E. M. Mellett has accepted the position as matron of the just completed Eason Home at Connie Maxwell Orphanage.

The gins in these parts are only running on half time, a condition unheard of before here. The crop is opening very slowly and what is being marketed is being carried to Sumter.

There was a time when cotton could be sold here, less the difference in freight between here and Sumter, but now there is a difference some days of 30 to 40 points, the result is cotton that should be sold here is going to Sumter and Pinewood. This to the detriment of business here.

STAMPS ARE REQUIRED.

Collector Issues Warning to Banks.

Columbia, Sept. 30.—It has come to the attention of the collector of internal revenue for the district of South Carolina that some of the banks in this State have failed to comply with the emergency revenue act in that revenue stamps have not been placed upon notes and other papers handled by banks. The law requires that a documentary stamp of 2 cents for each \$100 or fraction thereof be placed upon all notes, and if banks fail to do this it will be necessary for the collector to institute proceedings against them.

POPULAR YOUNG CONCERT SINGER DEAD.

Miss Mildred Potter, of Spartanburg, S. C., Succumbs to Appendicitis.

Spartanburg, Sept. 25.—Miss Mildred Potter, one of the most popular of the younger singers on the concert stage, died of appendicitis Friday night in New York, according to a telegram from her mother received here today by Edmon Harris, director of the Spartanburg Music Festival, in which Miss Potter was the featured star the past two seasons.

Miss Potter's voice had won for her a wide popularity, especially in the South and West, and such critics as Walter Damrosch and Oscar Saenger had predicted a great future for her.

Miss Potter was born in St. Paul, Minn.

A warrant was sworn out yesterday before Magistrate M. J. Moore for the arrest of Frank Taylor, the negro who is alleged to have shot Robert Skinner, a white boy, Saturday night. Taylor had not been arrested this morning, but Mr. C. P. Exum for whom he works put up bond for his appearance for trial. The warrant was taken out by S. M. Richardson, one of the young men in the party alleged to have been fired on.

INSTALLING BIG DRAIN PIPE.

Railroad Taking out Wooden Drain and Laying Bronze Iron Piping—City Claying Telephone Street.

The Atlantic Coast Line Railroad has a force of hands hard at work now installing a big corrugated iron pipe for drainage purposes. The drain when completed will extend from Harvin street crossing to the foot of Kendrick street. Already part of the old wooden box drain, which was installed about fifteen years ago has been taken out and the iron piping laid from the foot of Kendrick street to Magnolia street crossing. The workmen are now taking up the wooden box between there and the passenger station and preparing to lay the corrugated iron pipe on to the station. From Harvin street through under the umbrella shed at the passenger station cast iron piping will be laid for the drainage. In laying the new pipe the workmen are digging down about two feet deeper than the wooden drain was laid and are striking some good clay along Telephone street, which was recently opened up by the donation of right of way for the street by the railroad company and the Sumter Electrical Company.

Mr. White is taking advantage of this fact and has a supply of city hands present and he is using the best part of the clay to clay Telephone street, putting it in good condition without much cost. At the same time the railroad has given private parties permission to remove the dirt embankment along above the track on East Railroad Avenue and the removal of this dirt aids much in the appearance of the street.

DEATH OF L. D. SMITH.

Well Known Farmer of Near Mayesville Passes Away.

Mayesville, Sept. 28.—L. D. Smith, a well known planter and Confederate veteran, died at his home about three miles from town, on Sunday night from the effects of a stroke of apoplexy. The deceased was about 70 years of age and was engaged in farming all of his life, paying especial attention to orchard crops. He served all through the War Between the Sections and made a good record as a soldier. He was a man of most genial temperament and of a sunny disposition. He is survived by his wife and two sons, E. D. Smith of Sumter and Melvin Smith of near this place, who lived with his father. The funeral and interment took place at Bethany Baptist church near St. Charles on Monday afternoon.

Makes Good Record.

Sgt. J. A. Owen, a member of the Sumter Light Infantry, of this city is one of the fifteen members of the State rifle team which will go to Jacksonville to participate in the national rifle shoot at that place. Sgt. Owen is the only man of the company to make the State team, his record being an exceptionally good one. He tied for second place on the State team, his score being second largest made at the Styx rifle range. Sgt. Owen has for several years been the crack shot of the Sumter Company and he will probably help his State in making a good score at Jacksonville.

His Son Seriously Ill.

From The Daily Item, Sept. 29.
 Mr. J. M. Harby last night received information that his eight-year-old son, Horace, was seriously ill and would have to be operated on at once, in Atlanta. Mr. Harby has gone on there. Friends here are hopeful that the little fellow will pull through safely.

A GOLDEN WEDDING.


Mr. and Mrs. Harvey George Peery, of Tazewell, Va., have issued invitations to the celebration of their golden wedding, at their old homestead, October 9th. Mr. and Mrs. Peery are the parents of Dr. Mary W. Peery, of this city and have many friends in Sumter, having spent a part of each winter here for several years.

Marriage License Record.

A license to marry was granted to Gabriel Brown and Carrie Cain of Mayesville this morning.

There is reported to be some talk on the street of holding a public banquet one night during the horse show with Gov. Manning and Commissioner John L. McLaurin as the guests of honor and chief speakers of the occasion. Exactly what plans have been made or with what success the efforts are meeting is not known, but it is probable that a big gathering could be secured for dollar plates, if plenty of eatables were promised and the two gentlemen mentioned promised to be on hand to make addresses.

Have You a Boy, Then give him a chance to own the bicycle on display in the windows of The Sumter Clothing Co. This wheel will be given away Christmas Eve day. Absolutely Free.—Adv't.

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