

The Watchman and Southern.

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PERSONAL MENTION.

Mr. H. H. Brunson, principal of the Mayesville school was a visitor to the city today.

Mr. D. L. Shaw and daughter, Miss Roberta, of St. Charles, spent the day in the city.

Mr. B. W. Segars, of Lee County, was in the city Saturday.

Mr. H. E. Parker, of Dillon, was in Sumter today.

Mr. W. N. Wells, of St. Charles, spent Saturday in town.

Mrs. W. R. Bishop, of Raleigh, N. C., is visiting Mrs. Charles T. Whitted, at the Claremont Hotel.

Mr. and Mrs. D. B. Anderson, of Memphis, Tenn., are visiting Dr. C. P. Osteen and family.

WARNING TO FARMERS.

Governor Manning Tells Cotton Growers to Prepare for Boll Weevil.

To the Farmers of South Carolina:

I desire to call to your attention a matter that, to my mind, is of grave concern to every citizen of our State.

The boll weevil has reached the Atlanta district, in Georgia. The agricultural committee of the board of trustees of Clemson college, at a meeting held September 29 and 30, has considered the alarming aspects of this matter, and has taken steps to bring this situation to the attention of our farmers so that they can at once prepare for this disaster when it strikes us. The government maps and reports show that the boll weevil has advanced between 90 and 100 miles towards us this season. They have another month or more in which to advance still further in our direction. I am not an alarmist, but together with the other trustees of Clemson college, I do regard the situation as so serious that active steps should be taken at once in order to meet this threatened calamity, and plans are now being formulated by the Clemson college board looking to this end. I will at a later date, give these plans and suggestions to the public. In the meantime let me urge our farmers throughout the State to sow wheat, oats, rye, clovers and other winter crops, in preparation for money crops other than cotton, to be grown next year.

I urge our people also to fix their minds on plans for raising hogs, cattle and other live stock. I urge this matter most seriously, and assure them that I will advise only what I know to be facts. The increased price of cotton and the spread of the boll weevil, still further reducing the yield of cotton, will have a tendency to attract our farmers to the raising of cotton in preference to other crops, and to fix their efforts on an increase in cotton acreage. This, in my judgment, will mean disaster. I say it advisedly. Again I urge that everything points to the appearance of the boll weevil in South Carolina within a much shorter time than previous calculations would indicate, and it behooves us as sensible people to give this matter our best thought and to prepare for it accordingly. We must not regard it as one of those misfortunes which may or may not come to us in a distant future. We believe that the boll weevil will soon be here.

Again, I urge upon our people to plant food crops and raise more live stock. I hope that this warning will be heeded.

Richard I. Manning,
Governor.

Y. M. C. A. Notes.

The Senior and Junior Leaders Clubs have been organized for the year and commenced on their special course of study. The object of the Leaders' Club is to have men specially prepared to assist the physical director at any time, or to take his place in case of his absence.

The members of the Senior Leaders' club are: E. Murr Hall, Robert T. Brown, Joe S. Chandler, P. E. Chattham, Vivian Middleton, and Charles Bradham.

The Junior Leaders' Club consists of Henry Spann, Ralph Flowers, Aubrecht Bradham, Junius Pitts, Johnnie Sandel.

In The Police Court.

The following cases were disposed of in the police court Monday:

Andrew Jackson, non-payment of back fare, \$10 or 20 days.

Joe James, disorderly conduct, continued.

Albert Turnage, disorderly conduct, \$5 bond forfeited.

Joe Barrett, drunk, \$15 or 30 days.

Frank Ross, failure to pay back fare, \$12 or 30 days.

Marriage License Record.

Licenses to marry have been issued to James Muldrow and Nellie Tindal, Sumter; Willie McBray and Julia Conyers, Sumter; Major Colclough and Estelle Richburg, Sumter.

NEW DRUG STORE IN TOWN.

Sam B. Mitchell and Louis L. Bradham Open Mitchell's Drug Store.

Messrs. Sam B. Mitchell and Louis L. Bradham have opened up an up-to-date drug store in the Antler's old stand at the corner of Main Street and Hampton Avenue and are now prepared to give satisfaction to their customers in anything in the line they handle.

Mr. Mitchell is an experienced druggist, having been a licensed graduate for fifteen years and actively engaged in this work for twenty years. He will have charge of the drug department, while Mr. Louis L. Bradham will look after the soda water fountain and assist in taking care of the business in the front of the store. Both of these young men are well and favorably known and should do a successful business, as they have started out right and will continue to let the public know what they have through the advertising section of the Item.

Let us Be Just Toward All the People.

Our legislature at its last session created a tax commission for the purpose of "effectively carrying into execution the equitable assessment of property for taxation." It goes without saying that the act contemplated this commission's keeping within the scope of the constitution which provides, "taxation and assessment." The general assembly shall provide by law for a uniform and equal rate of assessment and taxation and shall prescribe regulations to secure a just valuation for taxation, of all property, real, personal and possessory"—State Constitution of 1895, Article X, section 1. How has this commission in its work thus far, treated all classes of property alike, as the constitution provides shall be done? As I understand what they have attempted to do is to make a uniform valuation for banks in the State, of about fifty per cent. of the value of their capital, surplus and undivided profit, without disturbing the valuation of real estate and personal property. Now is this right or within the constitution, which is supposed to guide us? Should we value for taxation one class of property at fifty per cent. of its worth when we know that a much larger class is only valued at fifteen to twenty-five per cent. of its worth? There has been unnecessary muddying of the water by the statement from the commission that the banks are returned at a higher valuation in some counties of the State than others. No one has ever denied this. The same condition prevails with other classes of property in the State also. Is it right to readjust the taxes against the banks in the State, without at the same time making a corresponding readjustment of all other property? If I own a farm worth ten thousand dollars which is returned for taxes at two thousand dollars, and sell that farm to a bank, would it be right to assess that farm in hands of the bank for taxation at five thousand dollars, while I as a private citizen was allowed to return it at two thousand dollars? If that would not be right, and I feel that all fair minded men agree that it would not be, is it right to assess for taxation money invested in corporations at a higher valuation than the same money invested in real estate? I think not. In order to deal justly in this matter, a readjustment of one class of property should call for a readjustment of all classes of property, where undervaluation exists. And this readjustment should be made to apply to all at one and the same time. Less than this would be unfair, and should not be attempted or countenanced. Right is right and should be upheld, it matters not whether corporations or private parties are concerned. Let us deal justly with each other and we will be a happier and better people. C. G. Rowland.

BLIND TIGERS CAPTURED.

Thirty-nine True Bills Returned in Charleston.

Columbia, Oct. 2.—As evidence of the effective work being done by the special constables sent to Charleston by Gov. Manning for the purpose of enforcing the liquor laws, it is noted with a great deal of interest here that the Charleston county grand jury this week returned thirty-nine true bills out of forty indictments handed them by the acting solicitor, Wm. H. Grimbald, Esq. Judge M. L. Smith is presiding and his forceful, manly charge to the grand jury on the question of law enforcement brought forth many complimentary remarks from law-abiding citizens all over the State. Gov. Manning is deeply gratified that the work he is attempting to do is beginning to bring forth such good results. Law enforcement and good citizenship go hand in hand.

There will be a meeting of the Sumter County Trustees' Association on next Wednesday. The chief address will be made by Superintendent Edmunds.

HOLIDAY EVE CLUB OFFICERS.

P. M. Brown Heads Organization, Which Arranges for Four Dances During Season.

The annual meeting of the Holiday Eve Club was held at the office of Wallace and Moses last night. President H. A. Moses declined reelection and Mr. P. M. Brown, treasurer of the club was elected president. Mr. E. Murr Hall, secretary, declined reelection, and Mr. B. F. Scott was elected secretary. Mr. W. M. DeLorme, Jr., of last year's executive committee was elected treasurer. Messrs. J. Z. Heaton and J. H. Levy of last year's executive committee, were re-elected, and Mr. I. A. Ryttenberg was elected to the third membership of this committee.

The club decided to give four dances this year as it has each year of its long organization, except last year when hard times visited this section; then it gave two. The dates were left to the committee but will probably be one near the end of November, one Christmas week, one during February, and one Easter week. The dues for the year as is fixed by the constitution, will be \$10.00, payable before the first dance. The membership is limited to fifty. All details for the season were left to the officers.

Sumter's Free Library.

There has been such a great demand for standard works at the library that the library committee want to raise money to purchase the books at once. In order to do this they have asked Mr. Miller to put on a feature picture Thursday afternoon and evening. He is going to present the beautiful picture called "After the Ball," taken from the famous song by Chas. K. Harris.

Miss Effie Shannon and Mr. Herbert Keley take the leading parts. It is needless to introduce them and they are well known.

In the afternoon for the children's special benefit the tickets will be ten cents. Adults twenty. At night all tickets will be twenty cents. We hope that everybody will be interested enough to purchase their tickets from us, as we only get a commission on what we sell.

Library Committee.

Her Tenth Birthday.

Little Miss Willa Parker celebrated her tenth birthday yesterday afternoon by having a number of friends come around to a party given in her honor by her grandmother, Mrs. W. J. Reetham, at No. 3 Blanding street. Pink and white was the color scheme for the decorations. Games were played and songs were sung, affording the children much fun and pleasure. Delightful refreshments were served which all heartily enjoyed.

Second Week Jurors.

The following jurors were drawn Saturday for the second week of court which convenes here on Monday, October 11th, with Judge Shipp presiding:

- B. F. Myers,
- W. H. Bradford,
- D. B. Brunson,
- T. J. Brown,
- L. W. Jenkins,
- B. F. Ardis,
- J. B. Gordon,
- D. W. Allsbrook,
- F. L. Allen,
- W. W. Rees,
- H. F. Estridge,
- D. M. Boykin,
- J. L. Davis,
- W. J. Jenkins,
- J. A. Seale,
- A. W. Newman,
- R. T. Brown,
- J. O. Lynch,
- N. M. McNeal,
- D. Wannamaker,
- G. K. Mack,
- T. L. Strange,
- Isaac L. Holliday,
- F. O. Jennings,
- W. H. Pate,
- T. E. Newman,
- G. D. Hatchell,
- F. N. Tryon,
- Edgar Skinner,
- L. B. Ingram,
- John Haynsworth,
- J. W. McKiever,
- W. E. Brunson,
- W. T. Brown,
- J. S. Moore,
- S. W. Benson.

SUMTER COTTON MARKET.

Corrected Daily by Ernest Field, Cotton Buyer.

Good Middling 12.	12.75
Strict Middling 11 7-8.	12.29
Middling 11 3-4.	12.79
Strict Low Middling 11 1-4.	12.62
Low Middling 10 3-4.	13.06
Staple cotton 12 to 15.	12.81

New York Cotton Market.

	Opened.	Close.
October	12.75	12.36
December	12.29	12.61
January	12.39	12.79
March	12.62	13.06
May	12.81	13.27

POLICE CHIEF TO INVESTIGATE

RICHARDSON TO INQUIRE INTO CHARGES AGAINST MAYOR.

Council Meeting Called to Take up Matter of Refunding of Fines—Chief Says He Has Not Sufficient Information to Lodge Charge Against Executive.

Columbia, Oct. 4.—"I think I shall make a personal investigation in regard to the charge of disorderly conduct urged by Columbia citizens to be lodged against Mayor Griffith," said John W. Richardson, chief of police, yesterday. The decision of the chief was reached, he said, after much consideration of the resolution adopted by a mass meeting of citizens Friday night, requesting him to lodge such a charge for certain alleged acts on the night of September 18, and requesting him also to compel the presence of all witnesses "to the end that there may be a thorough investigation of the charges."

"The resolution placed me in an embarrassing position," he said. "I trust that the citizens of Columbia realize that I can not arbitrarily docket a charge against any person, and especially in an instance like the present one. I conferred with Patrolman Hinnant, who was on that beat, and Sergt. Swearingen, to whom he reported, and they assured me that as far as they could discover at the time there were no grounds on which to base a charge."

"My official knowledge of the alleged disorder, therefore, will not permit me, without further investigation or an order from city council, to lodge such a charge against Mayor Griffith, unless I find that the investigation warrants it."

"In my investigation, which I expect to make early this coming week, I shall secure statements both from the inmates of the house where the disorder is said to have happened and also from those who were present at the time."

The committee authorized by the mass meeting of Columbia citizens Friday night met last night to consider the provisions laid down in the resolution creating the committee. After much deliberation the committee drafted a letter which was delivered last night to all members of the city council.

The letter, signed by W. Anderson, Clarkson, Christopher Atkinson, T. S. Bryan, W. B. Summersett, S. W. Parham and B. R. Heyward, is as follows: "We, the undersigned, in pursuance of the appointment made by a mass meeting held in the court house in this city last night, respectfully request you to call and hold a public meeting of the city council not later than Tuesday, the 5th of October, at 11 a. m., for the purpose of investigating the charges against the mayor of disorderly conduct on September 18, and to ascertain and determine whether or not the position of head of the police department should be taken out of his hands and control and reassigned."

"Also to ascertain and determine whether he has the power to remit fines, and if so, has it been properly exercised, and should this power be revoked and reassigned."

A special meeting of city council has been called for 10 o'clock tomorrow morning to discuss with the mayor the "refunding of fines."

THORNWELL 40 YEARS OLD.

Birthday Exercises Held—Address by Ex-Governor Ansel.

Clinton, Oct. 3.—Friday night the Thornwell Orphanage observed its fortieth anniversary. The day, as it is every year, was given over to a holiday to the children, but its significance this year is deeper in that it was the fortieth birthday of this great institution. The board of trustees of the Orphanage appointed Ex-Gov. M. F. Ansel to deliver the address. The exercises were held at the Orphanage church at 7.30 P. M. Besides the address of Mr. Ansel, there were songs and speeches from the children. Three original songs were sung, "The Birthday of Thornwell," "Save the Kiddies" and "Thornwell," the last being the song of the institution. The address of the ex-governor was on "The Duties of Citizenship." Dr. D. M. Douglas, of the college, introduced the ex-governor. The Rev. F. D. Jones, D. D., opened the exercises with prayer.

The president and founder of the orphanage, Dr. W. P. Jacobs, made pertinent remarks after Mr. Ansel's address. During his remarks he showed the first fifty-cent piece that the orphanage ever received. It was given by Mr. W. P. Anderson, now of Greenville. The townspeople were out at the exercises in pleasing numbers, thereby attesting their interest in the orphanage.

The money to pay the managers in the recent election has come and the managers can obtain same from Mr. M. H. White on South Main Street.

RELATIONS ARE AMICABLE.

NO TENSION IN NEGOTIATIONS BETWEEN UNITED STATES AND GERMANY.

Latter's Assurances Considered Entirely Satisfactory, but Wilson Wants Them to Be of More Specific Nature.

Washington, Oct. 4.—Administration officials today made it plain that there is absolutely no tension in the negotiation with Ambassador von Bernstorff at the present time. Secretary Lansing is optimistic but made no official statement, but it is learned that Germany's assurances as to the submarine question are entirely satisfactory so far as they have gone. The president believes they should be more specific, but it is believed Ambassador von Bernstorff will comply with this at once, when President Wilson's wishes are made known at the next conference on Wednesday.

SUMTER DEFEATS FLORENCE.

Opens the Season by Decisive Victory Over Gate City Team—Score 26 to 7.

The Sumter High school football team opened its season Friday at Florence, defeating the Gate City team by the decisive score of 26 to 7. The game was fiercely fought throughout. Florence outweighed the Gatecocks but the speed of the local's backfield overcame this, the Florence defense being unable to smash up plays.

The first quarter was a scoreless one, the ball see-sawing up and down the field. Each team resorted to kicking tactics. In the second period Sumter scored two touchdowns, one on a perfectly executed forward pass, Spann to Flowers and the other on a fake play with DesChamps carrying the ball.

In the third quarter Sumter scored two more touchdowns. Flowers intercepted one of Florence's forward passes and ran a good distance for the third touchdown. Goal was kicked. By a series of end runs and line plunges later in the quarter the ball was carried within striking distance of the goal when Spann by a line play made the final touchdown. Goal was again kicked.

Florence scored in the final quarter, by a beautiful forward pass and kicked goal. For Sumter Spann and Flowers starred and did the brunt of the offensive work. The line displayed good form, despite the fact that for the most part that they were all new men. Coach Woods deserves credit for the team he has turned out and when Sumter meets Hartsville next Friday on the Calhoun street grounds a large crowd should be out to show their appreciation of his work and to help the boys wallop their opponents.

HORSE SHOW TICKETS.

Sale of Season Tickets by Ladies of Trinity Church.

Season tickets for the horse show will be sold exclusively by the Ladies' Church Building Society of Trinity Church.

The price will be \$1.00 and when the society completes the canvas of the town and withdraws the season tickets from sale they will not again be offered.

This society will also sell boxes for the season. A box seats five persons and the price for the season is \$5.00.

Please note that box tickets do not admit you to the grounds; holders of box tickets must also have tickets for admission at the gate.

Seats in the grand stand, excepting in the boxes, will be free to ladies. Gentlemen will be charged 25c extra for grand stand.

The regular admission at the gate will be 50c daily to those who do not hold season tickets. Children half price.

Automobiles and carriages will be admitted and given space at the ring side for \$1.00 each day. Occupants of vehicles must have admission tickets.

Notes of College Students.

Miss Lilly Gregg has been appointed a marshal for Wade Hampton Literary Society at Winthrop College.

Miss Sallie Rembert will leave for Charlotte Friday to attend the meeting of annual members of the student department as a representative of Converse college. This is a part of the Y. W. C. A. work, and proposes to affiliate the students and the leaders of the Y. W. C. A. work.

Wilson Spann, a son of Mr. Henry Spann of this city, was one of the Citadel football players who played throughout the whole game with North Carolina Saturday.

Roland Boyle, half back on the Sumter high school football team last year, is now playing in a line position on the Wofford football team.

James McBride Dabbs of Salem, Sumter county, who was elected president of the senior class at the University of South Carolina several days ago, has by reason of that position become head of the student body at Carolina. He is also president of the Student Young Men's Christian Association.

DARLINGTON SCHOOL WON.

Marion Defeated by Overwhelming Score by Porter's Academy.

Among the results in foot ball of the past week of local interest were the victory of St. John's high school of Darlington over the Dillon school team and the defeat of Marion high school by Porter's Military Academy on Saturday, for the local team will have to face both of these teams later on on the season.

The St. John's boys overwhelmed Dillon on Friday afternoon by the score of 77 to 0, outplaying them at every stage of the game and scoring almost at will. The Marion boys struck a superior team in the Porter's bunch and were snowed under by the score of 62 to 0, although they showed grit and fight in their contest against a heavier and better trained team.

In reference to the game in Florence Friday in which the locals were victors, although Florence scored for the first time against a Sumter team, The Florence Times of Saturday says in part:

"Twenty-seven to seven, with Sumter High school as the winner, was the final score of yesterday's football game at P. H. S. park."

This score indicates a bigger victory for the Gamecocks than the actual playing showed. The first quarter was full of pep, and good playing was done on both sides. No scoring.

"The second quarter started off in much the same way but old man 'Nod' put 'Sleep' into the Florence ends. Then 'old, old story' of 'Asleep at the Switch' a favored pass by Spann to Flowers, a fifty-five yard run through the whole Florence team by the aforesaid Ralph Flowers, and Sumter had scored. A few more line bucks by Sumter in the next line up. 'Sleep' caught the Florence defence again, a triple pass and a Sumter half back was seen reposing under the goal posts, while the Florence ends continued furiously to tackle the man who didn't have the ball.

"Just such plays as these composed the Sumter boys attacks, and their fast, quick thinking, and generalship, showed superior to the extremely slow work of the Florence backfield and ends on both offense and defense."

Death.

From The Daily Item, Oct. 2.

Mrs. Emma L. Kennedy died this morning at 8 o'clock at her daughter's Mrs. T. N. Smith, No. 106 S. Harvin street, after a long illness, age 78 years and 2 days. Mrs. Kennedy was the widow of the late A. B. Kennedy of Fairfield county, who preceded her to the grave 31 years. Surviving here are seven children, namely, J. S. T. B., J. E., and R. J. Kennedy. Three daughters, Mrs. T. N. Smith of this city, Mrs. W. E. Baxter, of Ridgeway; Mrs. L. M. Foxworth, of Oswego; also a number of grand children and great-grand children.

The funeral procession will leave the house, No. 106 S. Harvin Street, at 4.30 o'clock Sunday. The funeral and interment at the city cemetery at 5 o'clock. Services conducted by the Rev. W. E. Thayer.

Deacons Ordained and Installed.

From The Daily Item, Oct. 2.

Last night at the First Baptist Church the two recently elected deacons, Messrs. T. V. Walsh and H. L. Witherspoon, were ordained and installed as officers of the church. The address of ordination was made by the Rev. M. M. Benson of Bishopville and the prayer was made by the Rev. J. N. Tolar of the Grace Baptist Church. The exercises were conducted by the Rev. W. E. Thayer, pastor of the church.

DON'T BE MISLED.

Sumter Citizens Should Read and Heed This Advice.

Kidney trouble is dangerous and often fatal.

Don't experiment with something new and untried.

Use a tested kidney remedy.

Begin with Doan's Kidney Pills.

Used in kidney troubles 50 years.

Recommended here and everywhere.

A Sumter citizen's statement forms convincing proof.

It's local testimony—it can be investigated.

J. K. Drakeford, retired farmer, 101 W. Hampton avenue, Sumter, says: "I was in such bad shape with my back and kidneys that I could hardly stoop, and it was just as hard to straighten. I had headaches and spells of dizziness, and the kidney secretions annoyed me by passing too freely. When I heard of Doan's Kidney Pills I got a box at DeLorme's Pharmacy. They relieved all signs of the trouble and put my kidneys in good shape."

Price 50c, at all dealers. Don't simply ask for a kidney remedy—get Doan's Kidney Pills—the same that Mr. Drakeford had. Foster-Milburn Co., Props., Buffalo, N. Y.