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PERSONAL MENTION.

Mrs. F. M. Clements and little daughter, Grace, are spending a few days in Camden with Mrs. Clements' parents, Mr. and Mrs. Robert. Mr. and Mrs. Joseph J. Baker and their daughter, Louise, are home again after spending a pleasant week with relatives near Wedgefield. Mrs. Alice Brown, of Myers Mill, is visiting friends in the city. Mrs. E. I. Reardon and daughter, Mrs. Kate, have gone to Charleston on business. Mr. Robert and Miss Agnes Heriot are in the city to-day. Mr. W. D. Wilson, of Darlington, is a visitor to Sumter to-day. Mrs. M. F. Corbett has gone to Edisto Island to visit relatives. Mr. Thomas Adams returned home last night, after spending several days in Timmonsville with friends. Miss Sarah Wills, of Oconee, Ga., who has been the guest of her sister, Mrs. C. F. Whitted, at the Claremont Hotel, returned to Macon on Sunday. Miss Wills has been the guest of honor at several entertainments during the past week. Wednesday night a dance was given by Mrs. Thomas at the Imperial Hotel. Friday night a dance party at the Claremont and on Saturday night she was entertained at home by Miss Kristianson. Miss Wills was very popular with the younger set and by her charming personality won a great many friends. Mr. Thomas B. Flowers, who has made his home in Washington, D. C. for the past seven years, is in the city visiting his sister, Mrs. J. E. Bradford. Mr. Julius Alfred Stubbs has returned to Wedgefield College. Mr. Karl Distmar, Mrs. Leticia Distmar, Mrs. Leticia Raschke, who have been the guests of Mr. and Mrs. Sam Miller during the Christmas holidays, have returned to their home at Sainsville, Ohio. Mr. E. H. Cooper, of Winnsky, was one of the visitors in the city today to attend the farmers' meeting in the court house. Mr. A. E. Sanders, one of Sumter County's representatives, of Hagood, was in town today. Mr. A. A. Brantley, of St. Charles, spent the day in the city. Mrs. J. J. Dargan and daughter, of Sainsville, was in Sumter Monday. Mr. J. J. Blackwell, of Sainsville, was in town Monday. Mr. M. D. Wright, of Wedgefield, was in the city to attend the farmers' meeting today. Mr. W. M. Hudson, of St. Charles, was a visitor to the city. Mr. Julius A. Burgess of Fort Motte, who has been visiting his grandfather, Dr. J. A. Wood, left this morning to return to Clemson college. Mr. W. S. Chandler, of Mayesville, spent the day in the city. Mr. Lee Morrison, of Savannah, who has been visiting friends in the city for the past two weeks, left this morning for his home, going through the city in an automobile. Miss Julia Obenchain and Julia Rogers have returned to the city, after spending the Christmas holidays in New York city.

DEATH OF J. J. CROSWELL.

From The Daily Item, Jan. 1. News was received here this morning by relatives of the death at Fayetteville last night of Mr. James J. Crosswell, route agent of the Southern Express Company. Mr. Crosswell was 63 years of age. He was a native of this county and was generally known by the older people of Sumter. He was also known throughout the State through his connection with the Southern Express Company for more than forty years. The funeral services will be held at Fayetteville tomorrow morning. May or and Mrs. L. D. Jennings and others from here will attend the funeral exercises. Mr. Crosswell was a brother of Mrs. Hettie I. Dinkins, and Mrs. W. C. Broughton of this city; Mrs. R. E. McKoy, Columbia; Mrs. Mary Bowen, Laurens; Mrs. Alex. McEne, Greenville; Mrs. J. J. Ragin, Ashleville. Death of Mrs. Eugenia Rhame. Harvin, Jan. 3.—Mrs. Eugenia Rhame, wife of late Joseph Francis Rhame of Manning, S. C., died last night in Garfield Hospital, Washington, D. C., after an illness lasting nearly two years. They had no children and most of the time since his death Mrs. Rhame has lived at Harvin with her sister, Mrs. Kate McFaddin, who died on the 26th of November, just a little over a month ago. Her remains will arrive in Manning tomorrow morning at 10 o'clock and will be interred beside those of her lamented husband in the Manning cemetery. She is survived by two sisters, Miss Sallie Spears Hodge, and Mrs. Lillie Eliza Davis of Harvin and Alcolu, respectively.

INTERESTING TALKS MADE.

FOUR THINGS THAT MUST BE DONE TO DEVELOP PROSPERITY IN SOUTH.

Dr. W. W. Long Makes Address on How to Get Needed Fertilizers and Use of Them at This Time—Speaks on Dairying and Creamery Routes—Mr. Belser Urges Rotation. There was a large attendance at the farmers' rally in the court house today and those present seemed intensely interested in the talks which were made. Much good advice was offered the farmers on practical scientific farming which will bear good fruit in the future if those present put the advice offered them into operation. Mr. R. B. Belser, president of the Chamber of Commerce, called the meeting to order and presided. He made a short talk at the opening, calling on the farmers for a practical division of their farms into three parts, one cotton, one grain and the other legumes, which he urged as the proper rotation and diversification of crops. He stressed the importance of rotation and diversification at this time especially and urged the planting of grain and legumes. Dr. W. W. Long, head of the farm extension work in this State stated that there were four things which must be taught the farmers and developed to a scientific basis before the Southern farmers could become prosperous as they should be. These four things necessary were Methods of farming without commercial fertilizer; the proper marketing of farm products; the development of the live stock industry in preparation for the coming of the boll weevil, and the teaching of agriculture in the rural schools. Dr. Long in talking of the proper methods of securing home fertilizers read from Bulletin No. 182, which can be secured by any farmer by writing for it, which he stated was a concise and logical statement of what the farmers should do and should not do. He stated that there was a necessity of combatting ignorance, traditions and habits in getting farmers to operate their farms in the new way. He advised the small farmers to burn hardwood and keep their ashes for their cotton fields. Pipe straw was also good in that it contained much potash. He deplored the fact that many farmers still continued to burn the organic matter, instead of returning it to the soil. Concerning marketing farm products, he stated that it was a problem for the business men of Sumter to solve, as the prosperity of the city lay in the prosperity of the back country. He stated that the ladies who taught the rural schools did not know agriculture and could not teach it. Trained men were needed and Clemson college and the United States department of agriculture were trying to put trained men in the schools to teach it by having one man stationed in a county to teach certain number of schools. This had been done so successfully in Darlington county that Gov. Manning would make a recommendation along this line in his annual message. Following Dr. Long Mr. J. H. McLean, who is in charge of the department of dairying in the South, made a short talk on dairying, and the establishment and operation of creamery routes. Mr. W. W. Fitzpatrick also made a practical talk on dairying, telling of what had been done in Darlington county and what he hoped would be accomplished in this county. Ragin-Gross. Pinewood, Dec. 30.—A beautiful home wedding was the marriage of Miss Abbie Ragin, daughter of A. P. Ragin, and LeRoy Gross on Tuesday evening at the bride's home. The residence was decorated in flowers and plants, pink and green being the color scheme. The ceremony was performed at 8 o'clock, the Rev. S. D. Bailey officiating. The bride wore a tailored suit of blue gabardine and a large picture hat to match, with other accessories. She carried bride roses and valley lilies. The guests were met at the door by Misses Nora Ragin and Lena Whilden. These young women were the only attendants. Just before the ceremony Miss Sophie Sortor of Eastover sang "A Perfect Day." Miss Lois Benson presided at the piano during the evening. To the strains of Mendelssohn's wedding march the bridal party marched under a large arch of flowers and ferns, where the ceremony was performed. After the ceremony a reception was held. The decorations in the dining room were particularly pretty. Mr. and Mrs. Gross left on the 10 o'clock train for a short honeymoon, visiting winter resorts in the South. The lot for the curb market has been cleaned off and put in good condition for the curb market.

MRS. C. P. WRAY INJURED.

Automobile Leaves Embankment on Road Near Camden.

Camden, Dec. 30.—Wednesday evening at 9 o'clock, as Mr. and Mrs. C. P. Wray of Ridgeway were en route to Sumter to visit relatives, they met with a serious accident when their touring car left an embankment about four miles below Camden on the Sumter road, near "Mulberry," the winter home of D. R. Williams. Mrs. Wray suffered a fractured collar bone; Mr. Wray was cut and bruised about his hands, and the two children with them were not hurt. Dr. Corbett was summoned and hurried to the scene, whence in the meantime Mrs. Wray had been carried to the home of Mr. Williams, where she was cared for until Thursday morning when she was removed to the Camden hospital to remain several days, it is expected. That all in the car were not seriously injured or killed is miraculous. As the car left the embankment it turned completely over and the occupants were evidently thrown out as it was leaving the narrow causeway. One wheel was snapped off at the axle and the car is practically a wreck. Mrs. Wray is a daughter of Mrs. S. A. Williams of this city and has many friends here who will deeply regret to hear of the accident.

BRIGGS-RICKENBAKER.

Popular Young Folks of Summerton Married.

Summerton, Dec. 31.—On Wednesday evening St. Matthias Episcopal church presented a scene of rare beauty when the marriage of Miss Norville Briggs to Emmanuel Rickenbaker took place. A color scheme of green and white was carried out in the decoration of the church, the only other color being that of American Beauty roses which filled vases on the altar. The entire chancel floor was covered with white, which was lovely beneath the hangings of green flannel, and served admirably to display the handsome costumes. Upon the arrival of the bridal party Mrs. F. W. Truluck sang "Because Made You Mine" and "A Perfect Day." Immediately after which Miss Mabel Harper at the organ and Dr. C. E. Morris and Mrs. Truluck accompanying on violins, Mendelssohn's wedding march was begun and the party entered as follows: Ushers, J. S. Baskins and Julian Scarborough; Miss Edna Davis with Dr. Jefferson, Miss Vivian Eadon with Hall Nelson, Miss Lucie Mood with Claude Walker, Miss Catherine Capers with Mr. McMichael, Miss Myrtle Allen with Louis Wannamaker, Miss Maud Claffy with Irvine Richardson; Miss Martha Walker, maid of honor; Mrs. J. S. Baskins, dame of honor. Then followed the bride on the arm of her uncle, H. B. Richardson. The groom, with his best man, Dibble Rickenbaker, had entered from the rear and met them at the altar, where the ring ceremony of the Episcopal church was solemnized by the Rev. H. C. Mazyck. After the ceremony a reception was tendered Mr. and Mrs. Rickenbaker at the home of Mr. and Mrs. R. C. Richardson. Here again decorations of green and red were had in profusion, adding attraction to the scene. The guests were served with punch.

LAST LIQUOR HAUL.

Policeman McKagen Gathers in Eight Gallons and Three Quarts off Train.

Policeman H. G. McKagen made what will probably be the last haul of dispensary liquor which will occur in this city. Last night when train 50 from Columbia reached the city and was boarded by the officer, he found a sack and suit case containing eight gallons and three quarts, which he watched closely. However, the owner had seen Mr. McKagen first and decided rather to loose his liquor than to be arrested by the officer, so he never came near. Mr. McKagen remained on the train until it nearly reached the city limits, when he had the conductor stop it and he got off with the liquor which was carried to police headquarters.

Rattle Snake Springs News.

Miss Connie Hancock and Mr. Frank Scarborough were married December 9, 1915 at 4 o'clock at the home of the bride's parents, by Rev. J. P. Attaway, in the presence of a few friends. Rock Hill school closed last Wednesday afternoon, with recitations by the pupils. After the exercises the teachers surprised the pupils with candies and fruit, and a very pleasant afternoon was spent. The teachers returned to their homes the next day to spend Christmas. Mr. Eddie Mathis and Miss Ethel Hancock were married a few days ago. Misses Willie and Annie Hancock of Sumter are spending the holidays at home with their parents.—Leader and Vindicator.

DANCE PROVES BIG EVENT.

One of Largest and Best Dances ever Given by Holiday Eve Club Was That Last Night.

On Thursday night the annual New Year's dance of the Holiday Eve Club was held and proved one of the largest and best dances of the many dances given in the history of the club. There were nearly a hundred and fifty dancers on the floor of the old Armory Hall and everybody seemed in a fine humor and everything passed off as delightfully as any one could wish. All who attended say that the dance was by far the most successful given in Sumter in recent years. There were quite a large number of visitors in addition to the Sumter boys and girls, men and women, who attended, the list of club members being swelled by the large numbers of college boys at home who attended. The dance started at 9.45 and just before the time came for the forming of the line for the grand march the Rex Orchestra struck a fast tune for a rollicking two-step before the formal ceremonial formation ushered in the beginning of the card dances. Many beautiful women elaborately gowned for the occasion added to the beauty of the occasion. The hall was decorated in Christmas and New Year colors and presented a beautiful scene throughout the evening and until in the morning when the dance came to a close at 2.30 o'clock. The Rex Orchestra proved very responsive to the frequent and hearty applause, and encores were given after almost every dance. Punch was served during the evening and at midnight supper was served in the parlors of the hall. This was one of the daintiest and most satisfying bills of fare ever given the club at one of their dances and was enjoyed by all. A very unique and amusing feature of the German, which was led by Mr. Perry M. Brown, was the favors. The favors for the men were a la Charlie Chaplain and those for the ladies in keeping. First the men were given little Charlie Chaplain hats and the ladies paper hats; the men were next served Charlie Chaplain mustaches and the ladies paper whistles, then to complete the Charlie Chaplain effect, the men were given canes and the ladies were given driving reins which they hitched to their partners and the German closed with a grand parade. There were about fifty couples dancing with a large number of enthusiastic stags on hand to keep things lively. Among the many visitors present at the dance were: Miss Beulah Hall, Ocala, Fla.; Miss Jessie Williamson, Darlington; Miss Minnie Williamson, Columbia; Miss Patterson, Allendale; Miss Brand, Wilmington; Miss Louise King, Mayesville; Miss Edith Moore, Ocala, Fla.; Miss Edna Tobin, Philippine Islands; Marguerite Patterson, Barnwell; Isabel Williamson, Darlington; Agnes Severance, Timmonsville; Miss Levy, Texas; Miss Johnson, Hartsville; Miss Butler, Hartsville; Miss Law, Georgetown. Messrs. Bub Langston, Hasell Bristow, Geo. Brown, Darlington; Archie Jeffords, McFadden Gregg, J. L. Barringer, Jr., Lawrence Barringer, Furman Swails, Jno. Burch, Joe Brunson, Stakeleather, Florence; Tom Brand, Augusta; Minter, Davidson, N. C.; Henry Moore, Orangeburg; Chas. Moore, Charleston; "Mouse" Capers, Columbia; J. W. Fogarty, F. B. Stanley, Harry Sanders, J. C. McLeod, K. E. Johnson, E. E. Lucas, Florence.

Tax Return Notice

I will attend in person or by deputy at the following named places, and on the dates mentioned, for the purpose of receiving tax returns, on all personal property, polls, roads, and dogs: Tindal, Tuesday, January 4. Privateer, Wednesday, January 5. Levi Siding, Thursday, January 6. Wedgefield, Friday, January 7. Claremont, Monday, January 10. Hagood, Tuesday, January 11. Rembert, Wednesday, January 12. Dalzell, Thursday, January 13. Brogdon, Friday, January 14. Mayesville, Monday, January 17. Oawego, Tuesday, January 18. Pleasant Grove, Wednesday, January 19. Shiloh, Thursday, January 20. Norwood's Cross Roads, Friday, January 21. My office will be open for the purpose of receiving tax returns from January 1st, 1916 to February 20th, 1916, inclusive. R. E. WILDER, County Auditor.

VISITED HERE LAST WINTER.

News Received of Death of Miss Clara Nodine at Pittsburgh.

News has been received here of the death of Miss Clara Nodine at South Side Hospital at Pittsburgh on Wednesday, where she was a nurse, and contracted malignant scarlet fever. Miss Nodine is remembered by quite a large number of people in Sumter, who met her while she was here for several weeks visiting her uncle, Mr. H. L. Birchard, who will regret to hear of her death. Miss Nodine has a sister who contracted the disease in the same ward with her, who is now desperately ill.

Death.

David Browder, a former resident of Sumter, died at Cordele, Ga., on Friday, December 24, where he has been living since his departure from Sumter about twelve or fifteen years ago. Mr. Browder was in business here with W. H. Commander, selling monuments and tombstones, and is well remembered by many of Sumter citizens. He also had a large number of relatives in this county. He is survived by his wife and several children.

The ginner's report for this State shows that up to December 13th, 1915, 29,941 bales of cotton had been ginner in Sumter county against 48,474 last year up to the same date. Spartanburg county leads with 64,988 bales with Orangeburg, Anderson, Marlboro, Greenville, Laurens, York, Alken and Barnwell coming as the leading ten.

FIRE VISITS MEAT MARKET.

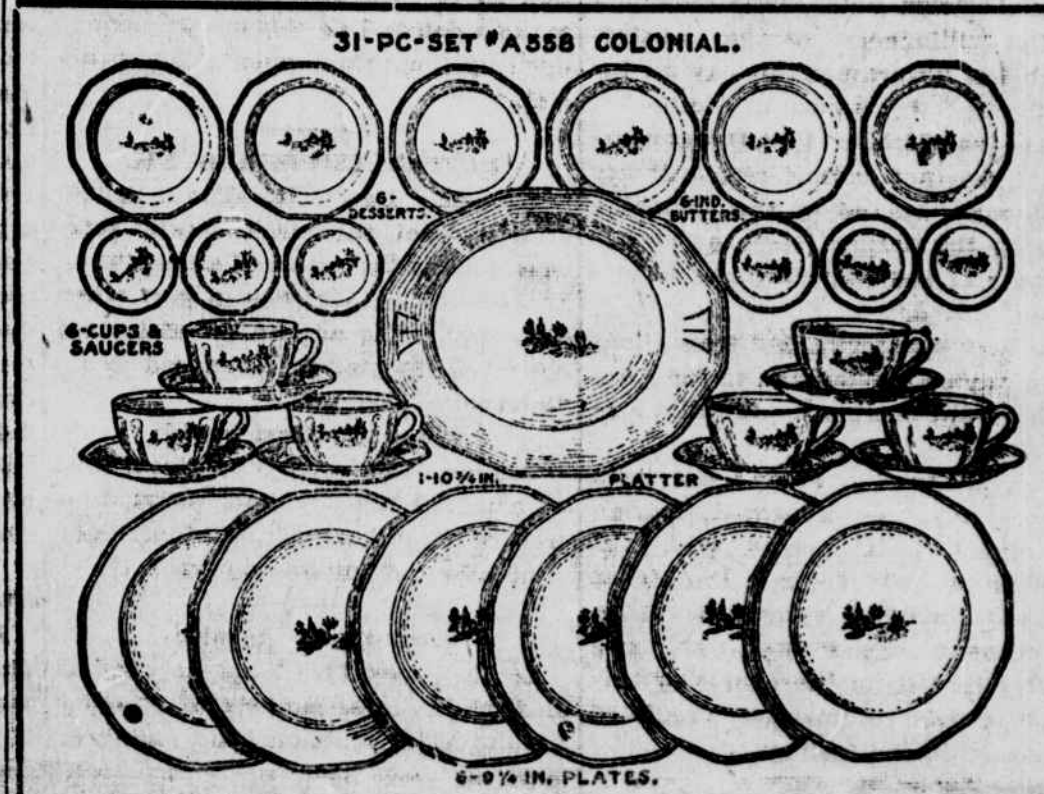
C. E. Jones' Place Thought to Have Been Set on Fire by Thief.

From The Daily Item, Jan. 1. Early this morning between one and two o'clock C. E. Jones' meat market on South Main street was found to be on fire and several police officers by quick work arrived on the scene and extinguished the fire in short order, as it had not then secured a good start. The fire caught in the back of the room and Mr. Jones stated this morning that he thought that it must have been set by some thief, who, probably, was locked up in the place, when he closed up last night. A window was found open by the officers. Insurance on the market and building will cover the loss, which was not heavy.

Miss Siddall Not to Return.

The many friends here of Miss Louise Siddall regret that she will not return to Winthrop on account of the health of her father, who resides in Sumter. For five years Miss Siddall has been the efficient head of the voice department of the college, and has besides, this has been deservedly popular in the city. For a time she was organist at the Associate Reformed Presbyterian church.—Rock Hill Herald.

The secretary of State has issued a commission to the Lee Wholesale Grocery company of Bishopville, with a capital of \$10,000. The petitioners are: S. B. DuBose, George E. DuBose, W. P. Corbett and C. E. Springs.



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