

DEMONSTRATION MEN MEET.

Farm Agents Hold Annual Session at College Under Leadership of W. W. Long.

Clemson College, Jan. 26.—The farm demonstration agents of South Carolina are in annual session under the leadership of W. W. Long. Forty or more agents are here, representing practically every county in the State. Sessions are held morning, afternoon and evening, and exceedingly helpful discussions are held on vital topics. The meeting was opened with prayer by Mr. Lott, after which an address was made by Professor W. M. Riggs. In the course of his very pertinent remarks Dr. Riggs stated that the demonstration agents were doing a work worth more to South Carolina than that done by any other organization in the State. He stressed the importance of personality in the agent, and warned the men not to allow criticism of any sort to creep in from their work. He stressed the missionary spirit that kept the men in the great work of helping others though they received small salaries for their services.

Among the demonstrators there are many Clemson men. This fact is of course gratifying to the college. One can not help wondering at the possibilities for good in the seemingly unorganized services of these young and enthusiastic men. Their work has helped greatly during the hard times through which the State has been passing. The loyalty of the men to their retiring leader, W. W. Long, is remarkable. There is the utmost confidence in all the discussions, and every man seems to be eager to get the best possible results out of the meeting and to be eager for information that will help his people.

The meetings will continue until Friday.

WORKERS STAND BY COLORS.

Labour Congress Votes Down Socialists.

Bristol, Jan. 26.—British organized labor on the first day of a conference which has attracted worldwide attention, rejected the extreme Socialist platform and adopted two resolutions demanding the resolve to carry the war through.

James Ramsay Macdonald, Socialist and labor member of parliament for Lancaster, and Philip Snowden, Socialist member for Blackburn, by the power of their eloquence, tried to persuade the delegates to vote against the war, but when requested to explain their position were unable to do so at the conference.

The conference was a representative one. A large section of labor and farmers attended, while seated on the platform were two French Socialist delegates and Robert Applegart, one of the three founders of trades unionism in Great Britain. Many of the addresses were patriotic in tone and James Ramsay Macdonald was criticized in unmeasured terms by his fellow Scots for speaking about the resolution without making his own party's position clear.

George James Wardie, member of the parliament for Stockport and editor of The Railway Review, demanded an expression for or against carrying on the war and it was after that that the convention responded by voting the resolutions.

Saved by Narrow Margin.

A straight track, a powerful electric headlight, airbrakes, sand and an engine equal to the emergency, all contributed to the stopping of Southern passenger train No. 117, Columbia to Yorkville, at a road crossing below Kernaw Saturday night and by the quick stop the destruction of an automobile on the track was prevented. Two men in the automobile were running down the public road almost parallel with the track and as they turned on to the crossing, which was in a cut, they were confronted with a mule. The passage was narrow and it was either run into the mule and possibly kill it and its rider and perhaps themselves or run into the ditch. The car driver chose the latter alternative and the car slowed around on to the track and stopped. After the mule was out of danger and the car occupants found themselves unhurt, efforts to move the car were unavailing because of a badly bent rear axle. The train was almost due and one of the car occupants rushed down the track to flag the train. The headlight brought the man and the car into view at about the same time. Engineer Pierson put on the emergency brakes and applied the sand blast to the wheels to help the brakes to hold and the engine came to a stop within ten feet of the damaged automobile. The car was moved from the track with the assistance of the train crew and No. 117 passed on its way with the profuse thanks of the unfortunate automobilists.—Yorkville Enquirer.

Argument for a new trial of Willie Seathune was made before Judge DeLoach at Manning yesterday. The Judge took the matter under advisement.

DESCRIBES TRENCH LIFE.

Lieut. Percy Worthington, Young American, Former Oxford Student, Writes of Experiences With Allies.

Baltimore Sun.
Lieut. Percy Worthington, a former student at Oxford and son of an American physician residing in Paris before the war, has written interesting letters of his experience at the "front." Lieutenant Worthington received his early education at Harrow and had completed his second year at Oxford when the war broke out. He enlisted in the British army one month later. At the request of a friend in Baltimore he has given an account of his experiences from that time until his return to England, after being wounded at Loos, the battle in which John F. Poe was killed. Lieutenant Worthington is hardly more than 21 years old. His experiences are probably similar to those of many other Oxford undergraduates, who, though little more than boys and without previous military training, offered their services in answer to Lord Kitchener's call for volunteers. The letter follows:

"Tunbridge Wells, Dec. 19, 1915.

"You say that any personal document of the war interests you; so, at the risk of being tedious, I will try to give you some idea of my own sensations and experiences.

"I was in Wales when the war broke out and at first was merely an interested spectator, but by the end of August all my English friends had joined, and, indeed, many of my school friends were already dead. Sunday, September 1, 1914, I enlisted as private in an infantry battalion, the Public School Battalion of the — Regiment.

"We went into training at once at — race course, though we had neither arms nor uniforms. It was a pretty rough life at first. We slept on straw, 10 in a loose box. Knives, forks and plates were conspicuous by their absence. Few of us had been in the army and food was at first a scramble, and he who had best who looked first, but we gradually settled down to the routine of the line soldier. A life in which hard physical exercise and food were the chief constituents was not very intellectual, though we were all supposed to be public schoolmen; ergo, people of education.

"It soon became apparent that every one of officer class would be needed in that capacity, for in the British army the ex-ranker, despite experience of war, is not altogether satisfactory as an officer, and the Tommies do not like him. Consequently about the end of October I applied for a commission and was gazetted second lieutenant in the — Regiment at the end of November.

"My new regiment was one of Kitchener's army and was then in tents on the south coast. They were, in an overwhelming majority, civilians, mostly London artisans and laborers; a very keen, cheery and intelligent crowd, but without the remotest idea of discipline and quite unused to marching or shooting.

"The conditions were very trying on the morale; insufficient clothing, poor food, continual rain and mud inches deep and no way to get things dry, yet they stood it like bricks and gradually developed into soldiers instead of civilians in uniform. In December we moved into billets and there we stayed till March, busy all the time drilling, marching and shooting and maneuvering. Then back to camp on the coast, where huts had now been built for us instead of tents. In June we moved to —, near Aldershot, and shot with our service rifles and put on the finishing touches by big-scale maneuvers.

"Till April I had had command of a platoon; that is to say, I was parading, spiritual and temporal guide, and pastor to some 50 men, and a nicer set of fellows I never expect to meet. My sergeant was the foreman of a big photographic works, my corporal an electrical engineer in the London underground; my orderly had driven engines on railways in England and even in Buenos Aires, while my chronic drunkard was an elisted parson.

"After April I became for some time a machine gun officer and had charge of a section of four of these particular inventions of Satan. It was very interesting both mechanically and tactically; for, in so far as defense is concerned, this war has, in France, become largely a war of the machine gun.

"At last, on September 1, 1915, we got our long-awaited orders and embarked for France. It was an uneventful night journey, though the lights of the guide ships and the shadows of our escorting destroyers added a touch of realism to the menace of submarines.

night, whereby some of us acquired wisdom and others debts.

"On the twentieth we got orders to move up to the front. We knew that there was something on and as we got closer to the front it became quite obvious, for the artillery was thundering all day and on our last night's march we came over a bridge from which we could see half a dozen burning villages.

"On the morning of the twenty-fifth, the day of the assault at Loos, we were some five miles from the firing line, and though moved up early in the day as supports, we were kept waiting till nightfall behind V. village. It was pretty gruesome marching up and meeting the dozens of wounded men limping back, or every now and then a batch of sullen, dejected German prisoners; and above and through and over all the everlasting roar of the guns.

"At night we moved up and occupied the German trenches taken that morning by the — Division in front of the Hohenzollern Redoubt. The next four days were absolute hell. From Friday morning till Tuesday morning we got no food or drink and all the time we were shelled and toward the end, bombed. We could not rest our wounded away and got little rest and rain added to our sorrows.

"I knew what really physical fear of the most compelling sort meant; but by the mercy of God, managed to avoid running away. I can't hope to give you an idea of what that life was like. I was in charge of my company, for my brother officers were wounded.

"Without orders or knowledge of exactly what had happened on either bank or in front, it became a hideous nightmare on which even now I don't care to dwell. At last, on Tuesday afternoon, it became necessary to charge a party of German bombers with the bayonet. Starting was like the start of the eights (boat races at Oxford), perhaps worse. After 50 yards I was stopped by a bullet through my life shoulder. I managed to regain our trench and got to the dressing station and, after ages, back to Dublin hospital and finally joined my people here. The bone is mended and the wound healed, but I am still unfit for service, though perhaps by the time you get this, I shall be out there again and I doubt whether this time I shall come back."

SIX ENTER GUILTY PLEAS.

Good Start Made in Clarendon Court —The Sentences.

Manning, Jan. 25.—Court of general sessions convened here yesterday, Judge J. W. DeVore presiding. As soon as the grand jury could be organized and charged, work was begun. Six pleas of guilty were entered in succession and then actual trials were taken up. Following is a list of the pleas of guilty: Fritz Ladson, housebreaking, to six months; Anglo, DuBose, violation prohibition law, twelve months or \$500 fine, but upon payment of \$75 fine, balance of sentence suspended; David Young, housebreaking and larceny, one year; Eugene Marshall, housebreaking and larceny, one year; Sam Burgess, larceny of live stock, one year; John Stukes, larceny of live stock, one year. Judge DeVore charged the grand jury fully along the line of their general duties looking to the welfare of the county generally and especially the public schools, the roads, and the management of the county affairs by the county officers. M. L. DuBose was elected foreman of the grand jury.

WILL MAKE TEST CASE.

Cotton Mill Superintendent of Pacolet Defendant.

Columbia, Jan. 26.—A test case will be made, by the defence, of the law forbidding cotton mill owners to work their employees more than sixty hours a week, in the case of the State vs. J. P. Lancaster, superintendent of the Pacolet Cotton Mills, in Spartanburg county. Mr. Lancaster was indicted on warrants sworn out by factory inspectors working under Commissioner Watson, on the technical charge of working an employee over eleven hours in one day. Attorney General Peoples recently ruled that employees could not be worked over sixty hours a week. He has asked Solicitor A. E. Hill, of Spartanburg, to represent the State in this action.

Brand New.

(From the St. Louis Globe-Democrat.)

The Rev. E. C. Hilsmann, pastor of the Cote Brilliante Church, is telling this on a member of his congregation: A good elder, hearing his young he -ful in a quarrel with a neighbor boy, went out to investigate in time to hear the following: "You shut up! My mamma's baby is just as good as your old baby," said the neighbor boy.

"Tain't neither," retorted the elder's youngster, whose parents had recently purchased a new auto. "Your baby is an old last year's one, and ours is a 1916 model."

TWELFTH MONTHLY REPORT

December 1-31, 1915.

COUNTY SUPERVISOR'S OFFICE, SUMTER COUNTY.

Roads and Bridges.

9478—E. Boney, Agt., freight,	\$.80
9479—Warren & Skinner, lumber,	42.72
9480—Sam Green, rpg. bridge,	5.55
9485—W. H. Brown, cutting tree,	.50
9487—F. A. Taylor, cut. 2 trees,	1.00
9489—J. A. Hodge, rpg. bridge,	1.30
9490—Tom Benenhaly, road wk	24.00
9491—Sumter Rose, digging clay,	58.97
9492—Robert Christmas, cutting tree,	.75
9493—J. J. Christmas, ftg. gang wages,	18.25
9495—Chas. Carter, deepening drain,	3.50
9496—J. B. Warren & Son, lbr.	59.08
9501—H. S. Nesbitt, rpg. roads,	41.25
9502—Neal Spann, rpg. bridges etc.	7.21
9526—Bultman Shoe Co. rubber boots,	8.00
9536—T. J. DuBose, repairs,	6.50
9547—Sumter Ry. & M. S. Co. drags,	5.25
9564—J. J. Christmas, ftg. gang wages,	16.80
9565—Sumter Rose, grading & ditching,	123.05
9614—A. W. Newman, ditching,	7.23
9616—Pete Williams, road wk.	1.50
9617—H. S. Nesbitt, road wk.	8.19
9621—S. Buckner, road wk.	4.00
9625—Jos. Palmer, surveying,	7.50
9626—L. W. Warren, road wk.	6.50
9628—A. T. Haynsworth, dragging,	3.50
9629—J. B. Warren & Son, lbr.	100.40
9632—T. B. Brunson, hauling lumber,	8.00
9675—S. Lang, rpg. bridges,	10.50
9676—I. M. Truluck, repairing bridges, etc.	14.07
9678—S. J. Blackwell, repairing bridges,	3.90
9680—T. B. Brunson, lumber,	32.00
9682—Sumter Rose, ditching,	212.03
9683—J. J. Christmas, laborers,	29.50
9684—Isaiah Lennau, ditching,	9.75
9685—D. T. DuBose, lumber & repairs,	64.70
9686—R. W. Trimnal, repair bridge,	2.50
9687—Ezra Hodge, rpg. bridges,	31.75
9689—Horace Prescott, dragging	7.20
9701—J. C. Tomlinson, laying pipe,	5.00
9704—S. P. Moore, rpg. road,	2.25
	\$996.55

Fees and Salaries.

9612—W. J. Young, Co. Com.	31.60
9624—W. S. Burkett, Co. Com	27.80
9627—J. I. Rogdon, Co. Com.	27.40
9630—W. B. Cooper, Co. Com.	28.00
9631—E. T. Mims, Co Com	31.30
9633—R. E. Wilder, Auditor,	44.15
9634—G. W. McManus, Guard,	46.00
9636—D. W. Owens, Jailer,	8.33
9637—S. H. Edmunds, Board Education,	15.00
9638—H. G. Osteen, Board Education,	15.00
9641—J. H. Haynsworth, Supt. Education,	125.00
9642—L. D. Jennings, Atty.	12.50
9643—B. C. Wallace, Treas.	44.45
9644—B. C. Wallace, Asst. for year,	150.00
9645—J. H. Holland, Supt. Ch. Gang,	83.33
9646—H. B. Boykin, rural police,	83.33
9647—C. P. Barksdale, Supt. Scraper,	50.00
9648—Hazel Boykin, Constable,	30.00
9649—J. K. Bradford, Sheriff,	183.33
9650—R. L. Burkett, Magistrate,	29.16
9651—J. J. Christmas, Supt. Fltg. Gang,	50.00
9652—G. T. DesChamps, magistrate,	16.66
9653—J. J. Geddings, Constable,	25.00
9654—J. L. Gillis, Magistrate,	16.66
9655—J. A. Hodge, Magistrate,	16.66
9656—J. F. Hodge, Constable,	16.66
9657—Geo. Holmes, Janitor,	30.00
9658—C. M. Hurst, Clk Co. Coms.	90.00
9659—W. E. McBride, Rural Police,	83.33
9660—M. J. Moore, Magistrate,	52.08
9662—Sam Newman, Rural Police,	83.33
9663—Alex Norris, Rural Police,	83.33
9664—J. L. Nunamaker, Guard,	45.00
9665—P. M. Pitts, Supervisor,	141.66
9666—F. L. Player, Magistrate,	16.66
9667—James Reeves, Constable,	16.66
9668—W. J. Rees, Magistrate,	37.50
9669—Chas. Richardson, Constable,	16.66
9670—H. L. Scarborough, Clk. Court,	33.34
9671—J. H. Seale, Constable,	20.00
9671—W. J. Seale, Coroner,	41.66
9672—M. D. Weaver, Constable,	16.66
	\$2,014.49

Alms House.

9483—S. L. Wilson, transpotg. Inmate,	\$1.00
9512—Dr. W. S. Burgess, Med. Fees,	10.00
9523—Booth-Shuler Co., lbr.	58.73
9532—T. C. Scaffie, pump,	4.90
9538—DuRant Hardware Company, hnges, etc.	3.18
9557—Palace Dry Goods 'Emp. sheeting,	2.00
9688—LaFayette Fraser, rprs.	.75
9692—Ed Davis, Transporting Inmate,	.50
9702—Mrs. B. D. Mitchell, Diet Account,	273.30
	\$353.46

Chain Gang.

9481—J. W. Touchberry, Potatoes,	\$6.00
9484—J. T. China, Agt. frt.	.82
9486—Carolina Groc. Co. groceries,	53.58
9494—W. H. Shelly & Son, mattresses,	84.50
9500—W. S. Chandler, oats and hay,	77.34
9504—R. W. Bradham, shoeing mules,	16.45
9507—W. B. Boyle Co., corn & hay,	161.71
9508—City of Sumter, convicts,	30.10
9512—Dr. W. S. Burgess, Med. Fees,	2.00
9520—Champion Supply Co. tent flys,	82.99

9521—Ferd Levi, corn,	163.14
9523—Booth-Shuler Co., corn,	11.00
9524—E. T. Brailsford, rpg. cages,	8.75
9527—W. B. Burns & Son, shovels, etc.	22.35
9528—J. M. Chandler, clothing,	8.00
9531—J. I. Brunson, treatment mule,	12.00
9534—Cutting & McKnight, Groceries,	10.25
9537—Ducker & Bultman, groceries,	4.35
9538—DuRant Hardware Company, Traces, etc.	5.63
9539—Moses Green, groceries,	1.35
9543—Ryttenberg & Co. groceries,	34.60
9546—Sumter Machinery Co., repairs,	.85
9549—J. J. Whilden, repairs,	3.85
9551—M. H. Beck, groceries,	9.85
9553—Dr. C. H. Courtney, dentistry,	1.00
9554—G. F. Epperson, plow point,	.80
9555—Harby-Epperson Co., hay,	40.48
9559—Wreck Store, caps,	2.23
9560—D. W. Owens, transptg. prisoners,	1.50
9563—J. J. Christmas, fodder etc.	7.58
9566—R. L. McLeod, hay,	9.00
9610—P. K. Bowman, corn,	95.00
9611—J. H. Holland, transptg. prisoners,	2.50
9615—Mrs. J. H. Holland, mkg. bed ticks,	1.00
9619—R. T. Touchberry, Potatoes,	5.40
9622—G. A. Nettles, hay,	24.75
9681—C. P. Barksdale, sharpening plows, etc.	3.00
	\$1,005.49

Public Buildings.

9518—Cudahy Packing Co. Soap,	\$12.00
9519—Sumter Lighting Co., Lights,	31.50
9522—A. J. Ard, Plumbing,	5.25
9529—Sumter Lighting Co., Lights,	24.80
9533—J. P. Commander, coal,	93.71
9535—Dixie Elec. Co. lamps,	3.24
9674—James Scott, keeping lawn,	6.00
	\$176.50

Jail.

9510—J. K. Bradford, dietg. Acct. etc.	\$144.40
9512—Dr. W. S. Burgess, Med. Fees,	.75
9519—Sumter Lighting Co., Lights,	5.20
9523—Booth-Shuler Co. lime,	1.25
9529—Sumter Lighting Co., Lights,	5.20
9533—J. P. Commander, coal,	89.18
9538—DuRant Hardware Co., Heaters,	25.25
9635—Warren Evans, repairing gates,	1.00
	\$272.23

Contingent.

9482—People's Bank, interest,	\$6.03
9488—J. D. Epperson, Inquest Fee,	2.00
9498—Burroughs Adding Machine Co., ribbon,	1.50
9505—Dr. W. H. Burgess, Lunacy exam.	5.00
9506—Osteen Pub. Co. printing,	16.66
9509—Dr. F. M. Dwight, Lunacy exam.	5.00
9510—J. K. Bradford, transportation,	31.05
9513—Dr. W. S. Burgess, Inquest and Lunacy fees,	10.00
9514—T. E. Richardson, Lunacy fees, etc.	20.50
9515—Wallace & Moses, prem. on bonds,	88.50
9525—Sumter Motor Co., auto parts,	22.75
9530—City Auto Co., repairing car,	2.85
9540—Knight Bros. printing and stationery,	33.06
9541—Dr. H. A. Mood, Autopsy,	10.00
9542—Dr. M. L. Parler, Lunacy exam.	5.00
9544—Shaw Motor Co., auto parts,	2.05
9545—Standard Oil Co. gasoline,	12.00
9548—Sumter Telephone Co., Phone Rent,	19.91
9549—J. J. Whilden, repairs,	2.50
9552—Harold Chandler, Coffin,	5.00
9554—G. F. Epperson, gasoline,	1.49
9556—Dr. T. R. Littlejohn, Inquest fee,	5.00
9613—M. D. Weaver, transporting prisoners,	19.65
9618—W. W. Moore, Inquest Fee,	2.00
9620—J. A. Parris, drayage,	.50
9623—J. J. Geddings, transportation prisoners,	6.25
9639—Miss Antonia Gibson, Public Nurse,	10.00
9640—H. C. Haynsworth, Office rent,	25.00
9661—M. J. Moore, Office rent,	5.00
9677—Herbert Morris, Inquest fee,	2.00
9690—M. R. Umberhind, pens,	6.75
9691—Transfer Products Co., Carbon sheets,	6.00
9694—County Treasurer, Coroner's jurors,	24.10
9695—County Auditor, postage, etc.	10.63
9696—Miss Mary Lemmon, bal. appropriation,	70.00
9697—Rescue Orphanage, 3 children December,	15.00
9709—Barnard & Co., record books,	62.75
9703—Postmaster, envelopes,	21.62
9705—National Bank S. C. bond interest,	1,350.00
	\$1,945.40

Court Expenses.

9550—L. E. Wood, pens,	1.00
9693—Co. Treas. court exp's.	820.45
	\$821.45

Loans Paid.

9679—People's Bank, note,	\$1,000.00
9698—Chase Nat. Bank, note,	4,000.00
	\$5,000.00

Road Improvement Fund.

9497—Austin Bros. casting,	.92
9511—Hayward Co. mud bucket,	131.63
9516—C. W. Smith & Co., hauling,	3.80
9517—Butt Joint Culvt. Co. culverts,	46.20

9699—Good Roads Machinery Co. axle, etc.	6.50
	\$189.05

Pensions to Ex-Confederate Soldiers.

9499—R. R. Thames,	\$3.00
9508—H. N. Idol,	3.00
9558—J. M. Geddings,	3.00
9561—J. C. Compton,	3.00
9562—W. R. Lackey,	3.00
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