

WEDNESDAY MARCH 16.

Checked on the Foundation of Sumner, S. C. ...

Mrs. H. O. Strohecker of Charleston is visiting Dr. and Mrs. J. C. Spann. ...

Mr. J. J. Shaw of St. Charles was in the city Tuesday. ...

Mr. Willie Willes of Columbia was in the city on business Tuesday. ...

Mr. and Mrs. J. F. Bland and Mrs. King of Mayesville, were in the city on Tuesday. ...

Mr. and Mrs. S. S. Richardson and Miss Frances Moore, of Manning, accompanied by Mrs. Manning to Sumter Tuesday afternoon. ...

Mr. and Mrs. J. W. Schwert, Jr., 30 South Magnolia Street, are entertaining Mrs. John H. Sautter, Mrs. ...

Miss Sylvia Istar has returned to Columbia after a visit to Mrs. W. ...

Mr. A. H. Sanderson, of Hagood, spent the day in town. ...

Mr. W. W. Swanson, of Manassas, was in the city on business today. ...

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PRELIMINARY WAIVED.

Case Against Gilberts Will go to Circuit Court.

The preliminary in the case of the State against Mrs. Susanna Gilbert, Miss Estelle Gilbert, Miss Ruby Gil- bert, Ella Gilbert, Lawton Gilbert and Rawton Gilbert of the Liberty Hill section of Lee county who are charged with assault and battery of a high and aggravated nature in making an assault on Miss Emily Broadway of Paxville, teacher in the Liberty Hill school, was waived Monday morning in the magistrate's court at Bishop- ville and will be taken into the circuit court for trial at the next term.

Monday morning several automobiles from Paxville and vicinity and a large number of others from that section passed through Sumter on the way to Bishopville to attend the preliminary, later returning when the preliminary was waived. Miss Broad- way was principal of the school and was set upon and beaten for expelling one of the Gilbert girls. The people of Paxville were much incensed at the treatment accorded Miss Broad- way.

Mr. J. W. Mims of Paxville loses Resi- dence and Stables by Fire.

Mr. J. W. Mims of Paxville and several of his children and grand- children, according to reports received here, had a narrow escape from death early Tuesday morning when Mr. Mims' residence was burned with his stables and other buildings adja- cent to his home. The family were asleep at the time and were awak- ened only a short time before the roof gave way and fell in. Nothing was saved from the residence, the mem- bers of the family having no time even to snatch up their clothing and take it out with them when they were awakened.

It is reported that Mr. Mims had no insurance on his house and other buildings and the loss is a heavy one to him, probably amounting to several thousand dollars.

Death of Low R. Hoyt.

From The Daily Item, March 15. Low R. Hoyt, a son of Mr. Harry A. Hoyt of this city, died this morning at about 10 o'clock at the home of his wife, Mrs. W. M. Graham, after an illness of several months, aged about 33 years.

He is survived by his wife and two children, besides his father. Mr. Hoyt was a graduate of Clems- on College and for a number of years has been in the employ of the Sea- board Air Line Railroad company at Jacksonville, Fla., where he was as- sistant engineer of the Southern Div- ision of the road.

The funeral services will be held at 12 o'clock Thursday from the resi- dence of Mr. W. M. Graham, 223 Church street.

GOING TO TRAINING CAMP.

Twenty-seven Young Men of State Enroll.

Columbia, March 12.—Twenty-seven young men from South Carolina have enrolled for the civilian training camp at Fort Oglethorpe, Ga., for the month of April. This camp, known as the Southern Military Training Camp, will be conducted by officers of the United States army and is for the purpose of training civilians for army service. It is similar to the camp which was conducted last year at Plattsburg, N. Y.

The South Carolina committee, which is working up enrollment of young men from this State, is com- posed of one member from each county. Edwin W. Robertson, of Columbia, is general chairman, and Charlton Wright, of Columbia, secretary. Young men from this State who de- sire to attend the training camp are notified to see the executive commit- teemen from their county or write to the chairman or secretary at Col- umbia and all information will be promptly furnished them.

The first period at the training camp will be from April 3 to 30, the second period in May, the third in June and the camp for college stu- dents will be conducted during July.

Reward of \$100 for Tipsters.

Spartanburg, March 14.—A reward of \$100 for each conviction under the anti-tipping law is one feature of a program for the vigorous enforce- ment of this statute now being pre- pared by the traveling men's organi- zations of South Carolina.

Announcement of some of the de- tails of the plan was made at the reg- ular weekly meeting of Spartan Council, United Commercial Travel- ers. The traveling men throughout the State, it was declared at the meet- ing, are determined that this law shall be enforced, and money is now being raised by the traveling men's organizations to employ special off- cers under a plan to pay a reward of \$100 for each conviction.

JUDGE CLEARS OSBORNE.

COURT DIRECTS VERDICT OF ACQUITTAL FOR WARDEN.

Former Prison Official's Course Before Dielbling Described as Standing by Pledges to Prisoners.

White Plains, N. S., March 15.— Thomas Mott Osborne, prison reform- er, Harvard graduate, twice mayor of Auburn, N. Y., and former warden of Sing Sing, was acquitted on the charge of perjury by direction of Justice Tompkins in a jury in the supreme court here today.

Justice Tompkins, in a long opinion, held that Dr. Rudolph Dielbling, a State prison commissioner, was with- out authority under the State prison law when he investigated, singlehand- ed, Osborne's administration of Sing Sing. It was before Dr. Dielbling that Osborne last October committed the alleged perjury by swearing, as charg- ed, that he was without knowledge of certain cases of immorality.

Justice Tompkins held there was no perjury committed by Osborne inas- much as the warden had the right to keep inviolate the pledges given convicts who had confessed their im- morality to him.

To make out the crime of perjury, the court held, it must appear that false testimony was knowingly and willfully given by Osborne under oath.

"The jury would not be justified in finding a wilful intent or purpose on the part of the defendant," he said. "His refusal to answer and his evasive replies were to keep good the promise he had made to the men when they confessed to him their offenses and received their punishment under pris- on management, namely, that they would not be subject to further pun- ishment thereafter and that he would go to jail rather than betray their confidence."

Justice Tompkins held further that "there can be no perjury unless the proceeding in which the testimony is given is authorized by law. There is no proof here that Dr. Dielbling was authorized by law to conduct this in- vestigation or administer an oath."

When Justice Tompkins had ren- dered his opinion and discharged the jury, George Gordon Battle, Os- borne's chief counsel, moved that the jury be kept in its seats and that the trial be begun immediately, on an- other indictment pending against Osborne charging neglect of duty and immorality. District Attorney Weeks said he was not prepared to proceed with the trial, and the court held this dispute was not a question for him to decide and dismissed the jury.

Seaweed May be Future Fertilizer.

Because of the shortage of potash, due to the European conflict, chemists of the United States are turning their attention to the production of other fertilizers for use in the South. One of the sources of supply is kelp or seaweed, as it is commonly called.

Practically an inexhaustible supply of kelp is to be found in the Pacific Ocean off the coasts of California, Oregon and Washington. This kelp is high in potash and makes an ideal fertilizer. Millions of tons of kelp grow annually in the Pacific Ocean. It can be transported to the South for between \$5 and \$8 a ton.

Death.

Henry Morris died at the home of his son-in-law, G. W. Hatfield, near Borden on Tuesday, aged 83 years. The funeral was held at New Hope church at 12 o'clock Wednesday. Mr. Morris was a Confederate veteran, having served in Capt. P. P. Gaillard's company, Hagood's Brigade.

MANNING TO FLORIDA.

Columbia, March 16.—Gov. Man- ning leaves Columbia this morning for some point in Florida for a short vacation. He will return to Colum- bia early next week. This will be the governor's first vacation since entering office.

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VISIT RURAL SCHOOLS.

Purpose of Visitors is Organization of Community—Home Demonstration, Pig and Corn Clubs.

The patrons of the rural schools of Sumter county, as well as the teach- ers, pupils and trustees, being visited by representatives of Clemson and Winthrop colleges, the County Board of Education, and the Chamber of Commerce of Sumter, are giving the officials a cordial and enthusiastic welcome.

Last week nine rural schools were visited as follows: Concord, Graham, Lawrence, Bethel, Ingram, Provi- dence, Wells, Oswego, and Baker. On last Monday the schools of Rem- bert and Hagood were visited, and on Tuesday of this week the campaigners visited Woods Mill, Norwood and Lone Oak schools.

Miss Mary Lemmon, Home Demon- stration Agent, Local Farm Demon- strator J. Frank Williams, County Su- perintendent of Education, J. H. Haynsworth, and E. I. Reardon, man- aging secretary of the Sumter Cham- ber of Commerce, constitute the party of visitors. These organization and government agents are holding meet- ings of the patrons of rural schools and the boys and girls for the pur- pose of organizing boys' pig and corn clubs, domestic science and canning and poultry clubs among the women and girls, and trying to interest the men-folks in increasing the amount of grain, cattle, hogs, poultry, truck, fruit, hay, etc. and in cooperative and intelligent marketing of farm products. District Demonstration Agent C. A. McFadden accompanied the party two days last week.

A splendid and cordial spirit of cooperation has been shown by the people of the rural districts. The visitors have been royally entertain- ed by sumptuous dinners and lunch- es, and other evidences of well known Sumter county hospitality.

Owing to the State Teachers' Asso- ciation meeting in Columbia this week the meetings have been called off un- til next week.

The schedule of meetings for next week are as follows:

Tuesday, March 21st. Shiloh School—9 to 9:30 to 11 a. m. Pleasant Grove School—11:30 to 1 p. m. Trinity School—1:15 to 1:30 to 2:30 p. m.

Thursday, March 23. Bossard School—9 to 10:30 a. m. Fraser School—11 a. m. to 12:30 p. m. DuBose School—1 to 2:30 p. m.

Friday, March 24.

Stateburg School—9 to 10:30 a. m. Argyle School—11 a. m. to 12:30 p. m.

Wedgefield School—1 to 2:30 p. m. Preparation for the coming of the Mexican cotton boll weevil, living and buying at home, community fairs, consolidation of rural schools, better and more sanitary school houses, hy- giene, beautifying, and economy in the homes with a view of making the country more attractive for the boys and girls are also discussed by the several visitors.

Orangeburg is endeavoring to in- duce the railroads that enter the town to build a union station.

FRENCH LINER ATTACKED.

Submarine Tries to Sink Unarmed Passenger Vessel.

New York, March 16.—The French liner Patria, from Mediterranean port was fired on without warning by a submarine off the coast of Tunis. The torpedo passed twenty feet astern. The ship carried a thousand passengers, including twenty Americans and was unarmed. The attack was reported to the State department.

Official Washington Disturbed. Washington, March 16.—Officials received the news of the attack on the Patria with gravity. An investi- gation has been ordered.

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