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For a Cotton Market.
The announcement that the firm of Hight & Co., of Sumter, have purchased a large tract on which to erect cotton warehouses and fertilizer plants, at a cost of \$100,000, is one that should attract attention in Florence. These progressive Sumter farmers have gone into the matter with the avowed determination of giving to Sumter better facilities for marketing the cotton and handling it to the mutual advantage of the farmer and the buyer.

Last year there were eighteen cotton buyers in Darlington, and real competition on the Darlington market during the entire cotton season. The competitive basis of the Darlington market was maintained by the business men of Darlington who were independently of the outside market represented there employed a thoroughly competent cotton grader and buyer and put him on the street. If the outside buyers did not offer the market price the business men of Darlington bought in the cotton at its true value. We are informed that the results were highly satisfactory and that the business men secured through this means better prices and more money themselves wherever their buyer took over cotton on the open market.

The Florence cotton market is what has been so for years. The amount of cotton sold in Florence does not compare favorably with Sumter, Darlington or Hartsville. It is the Chamber of Commerce wishes to render a real service to Florence. It will take up energetically the matter of improving the cotton market.—*Florence Times.*

Reasonable Increase in Creamery Output.

The sum of \$1,800 was paid to the farmers of Darlington county for cream used in the month of March at the Darlington Creamery.

The production of the now famous Palmetto Brand of butter at the local plant has made remarkable strides since operations were begun four months ago. In December only 1,341 pounds of butter were made, the cream being gathered from 46 patrons. In January 1,909 pounds of butter were produced, and the number of patrons had grown to 94.

February showed a big increase in both production and number of patrons, 3,221 pound prints of butter being manufactured from the cream furnished by 139 patrons. The butter made in March amounted to 5,000 pounds, and 165 patrons were on the books.

The officials of the Darlington creamery anticipate a production of 3,000 pounds in the month of April. Several of the most prominent farmers in this county have become patrons of the local plant in the last few weeks, showing that the value of the machinery is being more and more realized.

In spite of the greatly increased production, the demand for Palmetto butter continues to exceed the supply. The creamery management desires to add those who have cows for sale or want such animals. An exchange bureau is maintained at the local plant, and farmers are urged to avail themselves of its benefits.—*Darlington News and Press.*

Weekly Crop Summary.

Conditions for the week ending at 12 noon, Wednesday, April 19:

The week was practically rainless, with unseasonably cold weather at the beginning, followed by summer heat during the middle days; there was some complaint of slow germination incident to drought. Truck on the coastal plain and gardens in the interior show considerable damage from the frosts of the tenth. Some injury to fruit was reported from a few northern districts, but prospects on the whole continue good. Corn and cotton planting has become general throughout the section; young corn growth has been retarded by cold. Small grain and pastures were much improved by the rains of last week, but more is needed. The season generally continues backward.

ATTENTION DEMOCRATS.

Requirements as to Club Membership and Basis of Representation in County Convention.

The attention of the officials and members of the various Democratic Clubs for Sumter county, is directed to so much of the Statute Law of South Carolina, as provides that no person can be enrolled in any club except in the Club District in which he resides, so that if a member in any given Club district has removed from his original club district into another club district, he can only participate in the club in the district into which he has moved, and then is residing.

That the basis of representation in the County Convention is based upon the vote of the club at the first primary of 1914, each club being entitled to a delegate to the County Convention for each 25 members or majority fraction thereof.

JOHN H. CLIFTON,
County Chairman.

POST G. T. P. A. CHAIRMEN.

Committee to Serve in Getting up Booster Trips—Committee Heads.

Mr. Abe Ryttenberg, president of Post G, of Sumter of the Travelers' Protective Association has appointed the following members of that post to serve as a committee on cooperating with the Retail Dealers' Association, and Chamber of Commerce in arranging for the first business men's trade and diversification or booster excursions which begin next month.

Louis Lyons, chairman; W. R. Phillips, W. Percy Smith, L. B. Phillips, W. R. Boyle, John W. McKiever, C. B. Yeaton.

Mr. Lyons has been requested to arrange for the purchase of appropriate souvenir advertising matter, pennants, and other decorating material for Post G of the T. P. A.

Chairman of standing committees of Post G, T. P. A. of Sumter. President Abe Ryttenberg who has just assumed the reins of government of Post G, of Sumter, Travelers' Protective Association announces the appointments of the following chairmen of standing committees for the ensuing year:

Press Committee, E. I. Heardon.
Hotel Committee, I. A. Ryttenberg.
Legislative Committee, J. W. McKiever.
Railroad Committee, W. Percy Smith.
Good Roads Committee, W. R. Phillips.

NEW ENTERPRISES AUTHORIZED.

The Carolina Machinery company has been commissioned, with a capital of \$5,000. The petitioners are E. W. Moise and Louise Moise.

The O'Donnell Dry Goods company of Sumter has been commissioned, with a capital of \$25,000. The petitioners are Neill O'Donnell, Samuel Sanders and R. P. Monaghan.

The Sumter Bottling Works have been commissioned with a capital of \$3,500. The petitioners are E. F. Estridge and Sallie M. Estridge.

The Bishopville Lumber company of Bishopville has been commissioned, with a capital of \$5,000. The petitioners are L. J. Dixon and E. D. Parker.

ROCK HILL PLAN SWELCOME.

Rock Hill, April 19.—Preparations for the coming State reunion of veterans to be held in Rock Hill April 25-26, are going forward with marked enthusiasm and energy on the part of the various committees.

Homes have been freely offered for the entertainment of all veterans and the formal decoration of the city will begin in ample time to put the "Good Town" in holiday attire for its most welcome guests.

Very low rates are offered by the railroads, which, with the great interest of the occasion and the promise of good weather, will assure a large attendance. This is what Rock Hill desires and is prepared for.

The following events will occur in connection with the reunion.

Monday evening, informal dance for sponsors and other guests; Tuesday morning, luncheon in honor of U. D. C. president, given by U. D. C. chapters and women's clubs; Tuesday afternoon, reception at Winthrop college in honor of reunion guests; Tuesday evening, campfire scenes and stories by veterans, music program and presentation of dames and sponsors, Witherspoon lawn; Wednesday morning, reception in honor of dames and sponsors at residence of L. A. R. regent; Wednesday evening, veterans' reception and ball.

An added attraction will be the presence of Helen Keller at Winthrop college during the reunion.

The auto truck was called out about 1 o'clock today by an alarm of fire from way out on West Oakland Avenue, where the residence of Rev. R. E. Anderson, colored, caught fire. Little damage was done, the blaze being extinguished before the arrival of the truck.

PRESBYTERIAL MEETS AT KINGSTREE.

Tenth Annual Convention Now in Session in Williamsburg—An Interesting Programme.

Kingstree, April 18.—The 10th annual meeting of the Harmony Presbyterian is meeting with the Williamsburg Presbyterian church. The opening services were conducted by the Rev. George P. Graham, who gave an interesting talk on his work as a missionary to China.

In the afternoon Mr. Stevens spoke again to the Men's Bible class, while Mrs. J. R. Graham, missionary to China, spoke to the women and young people in the Sunday school room. Mrs. Graham is a speaker of wonderful earnestness and magnetism, and possesses a personality that makes a universal appeal. Mrs. Graham was introduced by Mrs. N. Y. Alford, president of Harmony Presbyterian.

On Monday morning the business session of the presbytery was opened at 10.30 with devotional exercises conducted by the Rev. P. S. McChesney, pastor of the church.

Greetings were brought to the presbytery from the Methodist missionary by Miss Amanda Edwards; from the Episcopal by Mrs. P. O. Arrow-smith; from the Baptist by Mrs. Reimer, and from the Presbyterian by Mrs. L. W. Gilland. Mrs. N. Y. Alford, in the absence of Mrs. W. L. Brunson, responded in a few appropriate remarks to the addresses of welcome.

The regular business of the presbytery was then taken up and continued until 1.30 o'clock, when the body adjourned to the Sunday school room where luncheon was served by the Kingstree society.

The afternoon session began at 3 o'clock, when Mrs. Graham was again heard in a beautiful discourse on the efficacy of prayer.

Marriage License Record.

Licenses to marry have been issued to two colored couples: Isaac Fullwood, South Lynchburg, and Sarah Benn, Shiloh; John Fringle and Janie Weathers, Rembert.

To Preach at Baker School. Mr. Gibbes of Columbia, missionary to Korea, will preach twice Sunday at the Baker School, at 11 and 4. All are invited to hear this devoted man.

NOTICE.

Democratic Clubs Called to Meet to Reorganize and Elect Delegates to the County Convention.

The Democratic clubs of Sumter county are hereby called to meet at their respective meeting places on Saturday April 22nd, being the fourth Saturday of said month, at 12 o'clock, noon, for the purpose of re-organizing and electing delegates to the County Convention, which will convene in the County Court House at 11:30 o'clock A. M. Monday, May 1st.

Delegates to the County Convention shall be elected on the basis "of one delegate for every twenty-five (25) members and one delegate for a majority fraction thereof, based upon the number of votes polled in the first primary of the preceding election."

The clubs in the City of Sumter shall meet on Friday, April 1st, at their respective meeting places at the usual hours in the afternoon.

JOHN H. CLIFTON,
County Chairman.

NOTICE.

Examination for Public School Teachers.

The regular spring examination for teachers will be held in the Court House, Friday, May 6th, and will begin at 9 o'clock. The questions will be taken from text-books adopted by the State Board of Education, and taught in the public schools of the State. For further information, write to the undersigned,

J. H. HAYNSWORTH,
County Supt. of Education.

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STUDENT GOVERNMENT OFFICERS.

Three Young Ladies From Sumter on Governing Board.

There was a regular meeting of the Student Governing Association immediately after breakfast Saturday, April 8, for the election of the officers for the year 1916-17.

The following officers were elected: President, Miss Elephare Hood; vice-president, Miss Mabel Reid; secretary and treasurer, Miss Virginia Thomas; Senior Class representative, Miss Anna Dell Heriot; Junior class representative, Miss Martha Wilkinson; Sophomore class representative Miss Minnie DeLorme.

Every one is delighted at the idea of having Miss Hood of Greenwood for our next president. She is known quite well at Winthrop, and has held other positions of honor. We feel sure that she will make an ideal president.

Miss Reid from Anderson is also well-known to all of us, and we know that she will be an unusually competent officer.

Miss Thomas is from Sumter. We wish for her the best success in her position. Miss Heriot from Oswego is an ideal class representative for the Senior class of 1917, and we know that all are happy over her election.

Miss Wilkinson from Bishopville, is welcomed again as her class representative, and we hope that she will be as successful, as she has been heretofore.

Miss DeLorme from Sumter has come to be well-known to us all through her successful management of the Freshman Basketball team. The class is glad to have her as their representative.—*Winthrop Weekly News.*

Commercial Hotel.

Realizing the urgent demand for a commercial hotel for Camden and everyone admitting that the accommodations for traveling men are inadequate, it is likely that some action will be taken within the next few days towards organizing a company. It is understood that Messrs. Henry Savage, David Crocker, of Boston, C. J. Shannon and G. T. Little, of Camden, are the prime movers in the proposed hotel. It is very likely that a company will be formed so that everyone interested in the welfare of Camden will have an opportunity to subscribe to stock.—*Camden Chronicle.*

News and Views of Pisgah.

Pisgah, April 18.—It is dry sure and the small grain crop is needing rain very badly. Cotton planting is about done, but none is up. Very little corn is up.

It is to be hoped that the fruit crop will be a success.

Miss Eva Hatfield's school at New Hope church closed Saturday with a picnic. Several addresses were made. The ladies had a most bountiful spread and all had a nice time. The writer regrets that he could not accept the kind invitations to be present. Misses Ila and Lula Baker and

brother, Len, spent Sunday and Monday, visiting relatives near Sumter. Miss Lula is one of the popular contestants for the prizes offered by this paper and her many friends hope she will be a winner.

The Lee county Union that was to be held at Pisgah church on the 5th Sunday of this month has been postponed in order for the churches of the Kershaw Association to attend a meeting at the Camden Baptist church on Saturday, the 29th, to hear Dr. Derieux of the State Mission Board, who wishes to get the association organized in better shape.

Easter.

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