

CHILD'S BODY FOUND.

Remains of Infant Placed in Fair Forest Creek—Second Discovery of Week.

Spartanburg, Dec. 1.—The body of an infant was found today in Fair Forest creek just outside the city by W. M. Williams, who lives in the suburbs of Spartanburg. The baby was wrapped in three black cloths and the inside cloth was covered with lime which had caused the body to be in such a decomposed condition it has been impossible to determine whether the baby was white or a negro.

Mr. Williams passed by the place where he found the body earlier in the day and it was not there then, but when he passed back along the same way he saw the black object in the water and upon investigation discovered the baby. A coroner's inquest was called for this afternoon but no clues could be established. The baby was perfectly developed.

This is the second deed of this kind that has occurred in this county this week, the other case being the finding of the body of a baby girl in the Appalachia mill pond near Greer. Police are working upon both these cases but so far no arrests have been made.

PHILHARMONIC CLUB ENTER-TAINED.

Miss Atrial's Selections are Pleasing Numbers of Program.

From The Daily Item, Dec. 2.

The regular monthly meeting of the Philharmonic Music Club was held last night in the Elks' Club rooms. The program was well presented before the club, and proved interesting and instructive. Mrs. Truesdale gave an account of some of the pieces she had heard while on her recent visit to New York, and told also of the artists she had seen, in these operas. Her paper was greatly enjoyed, as was Mrs. Stuckey's well arranged treatment of the subject of the evening, which she delivered in forceful manner on Wagner and some of his operas.

Several visitors made the evening doubly attractive. Miss Kathleen Atrial's high soprano voice, was well suited to the Ava Maria arranged by Gounod from a Bach's prelude. In Miss's Dream Miss Atrial further delighted the club by her singing. Miss Wilhelmina Atrial played the piano selections in good style and with fine musical interpretation. Miss Beattie was also a visitor for the occasion, added to the pleasure of the evening by playing a composition of Hoffman. Mrs. Schwerin, always an attraction, was in fine voice in her two numbers. Miss Beatrice Sumter is never better enjoyed than when playing Chopin, and on this particular occasion, her performance of one of Chopin's Impromptu was especially good. Miss Marguerite McLeod, one of the brilliant pianists of the club, rendered some of Grieg's Wedding Day, with her usual clearness and accuracy, in a manner that pleased all in attendance.

The last number on the program was the Spinning Chorus, sung by a number of the club members. On the whole the evening was quite a success, and the social meeting of the members of the conclusion of the exercises was a pleasant feature.

Special attention is called to the chorus practice on Monday night at the home of Mrs. Truesdale.

BANK FIGHT EXPECTED.

Small Banks Demand Repeal of Section of Federal Reserve Act.

Washington, Dec. 2.—McClane Tilton, a banker of Pell City, Ala., arrived today to lead the fight for the repeal of the section of the federal reserve act which deprives country bankers of collection charges on checks. Tilton claims the support of two thousand small bankers. A big fight between large and small banks is expected to develop.

German Allies Turn Heavy Guns on Roumanian Capital.

Zurich, Dec. 2.—The German allies have begun the bombardment of Bucharest, according to a report received today.

Marriage License Record.

A license to marry has been issued to Walter Osborne, Hagood, and Rose Jackson, Rembert.

No Changes in West.

Paris, Dec. 2.—Nothing important has occurred on the western front the war office announced today.

Deep-seated coughs that resist ordinary remedies require both external and internal treatment. If you buy a dollar bottle of Ballard's Horehound Syrup you get the two remedies you need for the price of one. There is a Herrick's Red Pepper Porous Plaster for the chest, free with each bottle. Sold by Sibert's Drug Store.—Adv't.

DISCUSS LAND PROBLEMS.

Will be Taken up at Meeting of Lumbermen and Agriculturists in Washington.

Washington, Dec. 1.—It is known here today that an important conference of lumbermen and agriculturists from various parts of the country including South Carolina, will shortly assemble in Washington for the purpose of deciding some method of conserving cut over lands which are not entirely unproductive and placing them in condition to become crop producing. In this way it is believed that at least one method may be found for reducing the high cost of living.

The exact time for this meeting has not yet been fixed but it is said that all over the South there are thousands of acres of cut over lands not now producing anything whatever and it is to put these lands on a money making basis that the conference is to be called.

Representative Lever of South Carolina will be among those in attendance.

ATHENS CASUALTY LIST.

Two Hundred Killed in Street Fighting With French. London, Dec. 2.—The casualties in the fighting in the streets of Athens are estimated at two hundred in the dispatches from there this afternoon.

EVENTS OF GREAT IMPORTANCE.

German War Office Issues Puzzling Statement.

Berlin, Dec. 1.—The war office reports that events of great importance have transpired on the western front. But the statement gives no information as to their character.

SUCCESS IN FRANCE.

British Announce Capture of German Trenches at Armentieres.

London, Dec. 1.—The war office announced that the British last night penetrated the German trenches at several places south of Armentieres. A German assault northeast of Neuve Chapelle was driven back.

VILLA SLAUGHTERS CHINESE. Refugees Bring Reports of Killing of Fifty at Chihuahua.

El Paso, Dec. 1.—Refugees report that fifty Chinese in Chihuahua were slaughtered by the Villistas.

FLEEING FROM VILLA.

Carranza Troops Destroying Railroad South of Juarez.

San Antonio, Dec. 1.—Carranza troops are destroying the railroad south of Juarez to retard Villa's advance, according to refugees. Gen. Funston has no information on the fate of Americans at Chihuahua.

In The Police Court.

Geo. Singleton, transporting whiskey for unlawful purposes, \$30 or 30 days.

C. A. Bradford, violation of dispensary law, by delivering package of whiskey from express office without its being properly signed for, case set for Thursday.

M. Floyd, drunk, \$5 bond forfeited. Teddy Schwerin and Herbert Morris, disorderly conduct, \$1 bond forfeited.

Ernest Ballard, disorderly conduct, dismissed.

Aida Wright, transporting whiskey for unlawful purposes, and vagrancy, \$50 or 30 days on each charge.

Willie Strother, vagrancy, dismissed.

Miss Edith Moore to Wed.

An approaching wedding of much interest to the people of Sumter and the surrounding county, is that of Miss Edith Earle Moore, youngest daughter of Mr. S. M. Moore of Miami, Fla., to Mr. Martin Luther Hampton, of Miami, Fla.

Miss Moore will be pleasantly remembered here as the attractive guest on several occasions of Miss Lizzie Nelson on Church street.

Death.

From The Daily Item, Dec. 2.

Mrs. Blake Steadman, formerly of Camden, died at her home in Hendersonville, N. C., Friday morning. The funeral services were held in Camden today. Mrs. Steadman was a sister of Mr. William Yeardon of this city and was herself a resident of Sumter prior to her marriage and removal to Camden.

The annual mass meeting of Sunday schools will be held in the Presbyterian church on next Sunday afternoon, December 10th, at 4 o'clock.

Children take Ballard's Horehound Syrup willingly because it tastes nice, there isn't a better remedy anywhere for children's coughs, hoarseness and bronchitis. It's a good medicine and easy to take. Price 25c, 50c and \$1.00 per bottle. Sold by Sibert's Drug Store.—Adv't.

LIVE STOCK WINNERS.

Those Who Secured Prizes in Exhibit of Hogs, Cattle and Horses at the County Fair.

The following is a list of the winners in the live stock department of the Sumter county fair. As will be noted in some of the exhibits there was no competition and only a ribbon was awarded. There were no second prizes, the red ribbon being given Messrs. H. L. Tisdale, H. L. Scarborough, J. Frank Williams and J. J. Whilden, who were large exhibitors and winners in the live stock department, declined to accept the prize money, returning to the fair association.

Swine Department.

Duroc Jersey: Best boar over two years old, H. L. Tisdale, first; J. Frank Williams, second.

Best boar over one and under two years, H. L. Tisdale, 1st; H. L. Scarborough, 2nd.

Best boar under one year, J. J. Whilden, 1st; S. W. Raffield, 2nd.

Best sow over two years, H. L. Tisdale, 1st; H. L. Scarborough, 2nd.

Best sow, one or two years, H. L. Tisdale, 1st; H. L. Scarborough, 2nd.

Best gilt under one year, H. L. Scarborough, 1st; Walter Whitehead, 2nd.

Best sow and pigs, H. L. Scarborough.

Best display of not less than ten of any breed, H. L. Tisdale, 1st; S. J. White, 2nd.

Berkshire.

Best boar, J. M. Kolb, 1st; Jas. C. Bryan, 2nd.

Best sow, T. S. DuBose, Jr., 1st; S. D. Cain, 2nd.

Best sow and pigs, J. M. Kolb, ribbon.

O. I. C.

Best boar, S. J. White, 1st; Frank Andrews, 2nd.

Best sow, S. J. White, ribbon.

Sweepstakes, boar over two years, H. L. Tisdale, 1st; J. Frank Williams, 2nd.

Boar one to two, H. L. Tisdale, 1st; H. L. Scarborough, 2nd.

Best boar under one year, J. J. Whilden, 1st; H. T. Edens, 2nd.

Best sow over two years, H. L. Tisdale, 1st; S. J. White, 2nd.

Best sow, one to two, H. L. Tisdale, 1st; H. L. Scarborough, 2nd.

Best sow under one year, H. L. Scarborough, 1st; Walter Whitehead, 2nd.

Best pair of pigs, one each sex, under six months, Walter Emerson, 1st; Horace Prescott, 2nd.

Best litter pigs, under three months, H. L. Scarborough, 1st; J. M. Kolb, 2nd.

Best display not less than five, H. L. Tisdale, 1st; H. L. Scarborough, 2nd.

Heaviest hog, any age, H. L. Tisdale, 1st; J. Frank Williams, 2nd.

Heaviest hog under one year, H. L. Scarborough, 1st; Walter Whitehead, 2nd.

Sumter County Pig Club.

Best sow and pigs, Thomas Kirvin, Jr., 1st; Horace Prescott, 2nd; Bryan Odum, 3rd.

Pig making greatest gain, J. Miller Fraser, Jr., 1st; Burt Smith, 2nd; Willie Hinson, 3rd.

Best Duroc pig under six months, J. J. Whilden 1st; Walter Emerson, 2nd.

Cattle Exhibit.

Best Ayrshire cow, Sumter Sanitary Dairy, ribbon.

Best Holstein cow, Sumter Sanitary Dairy, ribbon.

Best Jersey, Sumter Sanitary Dairy, 1st; S. J. White, 2nd, ribbon.

Best Jersey bull, H. L. Tisdale, 1st; J. M. Kolb, 2nd.

Best Guernsey bull, Sumter Sanitary Dairy, ribbon.

Best Holstein bull, Sumter Sanitary Dairy, ribbon.

Best grade cow, Sumter Sanitary Dairy, 1st; J. M. Kolb, 2nd.

Best Angus bull, J. Frank Williams, 1st; C. L. Cuttino and S. A. Harvin, 2nd.

Best display beef battle, W. B. Boyle Company, 1st; J. J. Whilden, 2nd.

Best bull, any breed, J. Frank Williams, 1st; H. L. Tisdale, 2nd.

Best cow, any breed, Sumter Sanitary Dairy, 1st; S. J. White, 2nd.

Horses and Colts.

Best home raised mule colt, under three years, H. T. Beaton, ribbon.

Best horse colt under one year, S. B. Kolb, 1st; T. S. DuBose, 2nd.

Best horse colt under three years, S. P. Gaillard, 1st; W. B. Blanding, 2nd.

Best horse colt under two years, S. P. Gaillard, ribbon; W. B. Blanding, 1st; S. B. Kolb, 2nd.

Best mare and colt, J. M. Jackson, 1st; S. B. Kolb, 2nd.

ANOTHER GERMAN VICTORY.

Ninth Army Has Defeated Roumanians Near Bucharest.

London, Dec. 4.—It has been officially announced in Berlin that the ninth Austro-German army has won a decisive victory over the Roumanians along the Arjosha river between Piteshti and Bucharest, according to dispatches received here today.

MAY BE CALLED IN.

Government Cotton Grader Will be Removed from Sumter Unless More Cotton is Brought to Him.

Information received by the Sumter Chamber of Commerce regarding the length of time the government cotton grader C. E. Killingsworth, will remain in Sumter at Chamber of Commerce quarters indicate that he will be called in within the next 7 to 10 days.

It is probable that the commercial organization can have Mr. Killingsworth ordered to remain here for a longer period if within the next week a large amount of cotton samples are brought in for grading.

The number of samples brought in to the Chamber of Commerce the past four days was very gratifying and sufficient to keep the grader busy, but he must be kept busy if the farmers wish him to remain here.

MUST BOIL DOWN SPEECHES.

Champ Clark Says That is Only Way to Clear Calendar.

Washington, Dec. 1.—Speaker Clark said today that if congress wanted to clean the legislative slate and go home next March 4 he would urge a movement to eliminate useless oratory by cutting down gallery space and abolishing the Congressional Record and to introduce voting machines.

"It isn't difficult to see that the galleries and The Record cause an awful waste of time and money," the speaker declared today.

"Any time that the galleries are full the orators on the floor are posing and wasting time. And everybody knows there are any number of congressmen who talk for The Record a great deal more than is necessary."

"The Record isn't necessary. The English house of commons has none. A journal is kept. Mr. Johnson used to write it after the day's proceedings were over. He simply recorded who spoke and which side they were on."

"I haven't much hope, though, that I'd receive much support if I started to make a fight for smaller galleries and no Record, so I won't start it. But there is hope that the present method of taking roll calls will be abolished. It is archaic and a waste of time."

HOME, SWEET HOME.

Letter From Soldier Boy on Border to His Mother.

The following extracts from a letter from a member of Company M, 2nd S. C. regiment, to his mother shows how the boys on the border feel about returning home:

"It has been quite a while since I wrote to you last, but things have been so exciting and stirred up for the past week till I have not had sense enough to write hardly."

Well, the first regiment left here day before yesterday, and I have never had anything to impress me so strongly. We were all out to see them off, and as they were marching into the cars they were, instead of being very noisy, as quiet as if they were going to a funeral. Their band was the last thing to get on the train, and the last thing they played was "Home, Sweet Home." Then our band came out and started "Dixie."

Well we tried to cheer them, but the whole regiment could not make enough noise to be heard two hundred yards off. I tried to holler but such a lump came into my throat that I could no make a sound. Then our band played "Home, Sweet Home," and you could not find a dry eye in the crowd. We then told the boys good-bye and they seemed to hate it awfully that we had to stay."

PROTEST ON DEPORTATION.

America Acts in Case of Belgians.

Washington, Dec. 1.—Acting on its own behalf, the American government has informed Germany anew of its deep concern over the deportation of Belgians from their own country by the German military authorities. This action has been taken as a result of information about the deportations gathered from different sources and after fruitless inquiries as to the Belgians made by American Charge Grew at Berlin.

Germany has been informed that the treatment of the Belgians has made a very bad impression in this country and that the United States can not avoid taking notice of the situation, basing its stand on the broad grounds of humanity.

The American government, it was learned today, was led to move not only because of the expressed feeling that the deportations have been looked upon with disfavor by the American people and government but because of fear that Belgian relief work, which is administered by Americans, may be interfered with.

"Community Christmas Tree."

It is the custom in many cities throughout our country to celebrate Christmas with a "Community Tree," which is usually erected in the open on a city lot or children's public play ground, and I wish to suggest to the good people of Sumter the inauguration here this year of such a public celebration, irrespective of creed or denomination, the Honorable Mayor to appoint representatives from each church and civic organization, they in turn to form themselves into a permanent committee, with chairman and treasurer, to look after the success of the annual event.

The "Community Christmas Tree" will add much to the Yuletide observance in Sumter and should be a permanent institution for the enjoyment of the children of the community and the good of the poor who cannot afford to have the Christmas tree for their little ones.

It is a beautiful custom and typical of the real spirit of Christmas.

The singing of Christmas carols, the illumination of the tree with its Star of Bethlehem high in the boughs, and all the other pretty features which may be suggested by the committee, make an appeal not alone to the heart of childhood, but to all the grown-ups who love the sweet old story of the Babe of Bethlehem and who hold fast to all the traditions and customs surrounding the holiday so dedicated to the joy of little children and the poor.

Presents can be given to the little tots whose parents cannot afford the price and baskets, filled with the necessities for a Christmas dinner, can be distributed to the deserving poor. A real Christmas would thus be enjoyed and we would all feel better for it.

The choirs of the churches could join with the local Philharmonic Club in rendering Christmas carols at the tree and then throughout the city by means of automobiles, thus conveying the spirit of Christmas over the entire community. Let us have the "Community Tree" this Christmas and every Christmas thereafter.

If everyone will take an interest in the preparations and manifest it in a practical manner, it will be a big success, unless I mistake the real spirit of the good people of Sumter, but I am sure that I have made no error in offering the suggestion.

Once the "Christmas Community Tree" is tried it becomes an annual event, forever, for it brings real joy to the community, "Glory to God in the highest and on earth peace to men of good will."

Having heard that a permanent organization already exists here, a committee from which annually distributes baskets to the needy during the Christmas holiday, probably this organization would not object to adding the "Community Tree" feature to their charitable work.

W. B. Daughtrey.

The idea underlying the custom of having a "Community Tree" at Christmas for the children who would otherwise miss some if not all of the cheer and happiness that makes the Christmas-tide dear to childhood is born of the real Christmas spirit that prompts those blessed with an abundance of the world's goods to share with those less fortunate. It is a beautiful custom and in many communities has been a blessing to both the rich and the poor and has brought joy and happiness into the lives of countless thousands of little children. But whether or not a "Community Tree" is needed in Sumter is merely a matter of sentiment.

For twenty-five years the people of this city have each Christmas provided gifts and holiday cheer for the children and all others who were in need and no one has been without the essentials for a comfortable and happy Christmas. Each child has been given the things that a child wants at Christmas time and the substantial that go toward bodily comfort have been generously supplemented with toys and similar articles that plain systematized charity never takes into consideration. Sumter has had a community Christmas in the true sense of the word for a quarter of a century, and save as a matter of spectacular entertainment a Community Tree is not needed. Whether it would be better to supplement the work that has always been so well done with a Community Tree is a question that the committee that has charge of the Christmas fund must decide. We fear that gain in mere spectacular enjoyment of a Christmas tree fete on a public square would be more than counterbalanced by the loss in the efficiency in the distribution of Christmas cheer that has been attained under the long established custom in Sumter.

Whooping in the lungs indicates that phlegm is obstructing the air passages. Ballard's Horehound Syrup loosens the phlegm so that it can be coughed up and ejected. Price 25c, 50c and \$1.00 per bottle. Sold by Sibert's Drug Store.—Adv't.

CHOSEN TO HIGH OFFICE.

Dr. E. S. Booth Elected Oriental Guide of Omar Temple at Greenville.

Dr. E. S. Booth was on Thanksgiving day elected Oriental Guide of Omar Temple of the Ancient Arabic Order of the Mystic Shrine, what is in fact the only elective office in the Temple, as the other offices are filled each year by promotion. The election came on the first ballot and was with an overwhelming majority despite the fact that there were two other candidates for the office put forth by other cities.

This honor is a signal one for the Sumter Shrine Club and the nobles of this place, as Dr. E. R. Wilson is the retiring Illustrious Potentate, and Dr. Booth by promotion will reach this high office in Omar Temple in five years. The fact that there was local opposition in Greenville to Dr. Booth and that he was elected by a large majority over the other candidates, shows his popularity in Shrine-dom.

Dr. Booth is a Sumter man and is popular in the city as well as among the Shriners. He has always taken an active part in the affairs of the order and was president of the Sumter Shrine Club for several years.

There were six victims taken from here to Greenville to be initiated into the mysteries of the Shrine, passing the novice stage at the Greenville meeting, Messrs. R. F. Haynsworth, C. J. Lemmon, S. F. Tweed, W. E. Bynum, Frank Thomson, and Dr. Harvin of Pinewood.

A fund was appropriated by Omar Temple to send the entire Patrol, the band and drum corps to the Imperial Council at Minneapolis in June.

Messrs. Geo. G. Tweed and Geo. D. Levy were elected officers of the Patrol in the re-election of officers at Greenville.

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Doan's Kidney Pills have stood the test.

The test of time—the hardest test of all.

Thousands gratefully testify.

To quick relief—to lasting results.

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E. W. Vogel, 401 W. Jampton Ave., Sumter, says: "For several years I suffered from pains through the small of my back and whenever I stooped, I was in misery. My back became very weak and several times I had to give up work. A physician treated me, but his medicine as well as a number of others, brought no relief. After using one box of Doan's Kidney Pills, the pains disappeared and six boxes completely cured me."

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Over two years later, Mr. Vogel said: "Doan's Kidney Pills made a permanent cure in my case."

Price 50c, at all dealers. Don't simply ask for a kidney remedy—get Doan's Kidney Pills—the same that Mr. Vogel has twice recommended.

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Sickly children need White's Cream Vermifuge. It not only destroys worms, if there be any, but it acts as a strengthening tonic in the stomach and bowels. Price 25c. per bottle. Sold by Sibert's Drug Store.—Adv't.

STIRRING LETTER SENT TO ELBA, ALA., DRUGGIST.

Customer Desires Contents Made Public.

Mr. Dan Brooks, the popular druggist at Elba, Ala., recently received the following letter with a request to make its contents public:

Mrs. R. H. King, the writer, who lives at Elba, Route 2, said: "This is to tell you the wonderful benefits I have received from Sulfero-Sol which you recommended to me. I had bought almost every other remedy in the world but my pellagra only got worse every day. Sulfero-Sol seems to have been sent to me by Providence for I commenced to improve at once."

"My pellagra is all but gone and I feel like a new woman. I have only taken three bottles. It is just wonderful. I do not think I can ever say enough for Sulfero-Sol. The people who put this nature remedy on the market ought to receive the blessing of every sufferer."

Sulfero-Sol is sold and recommended by every Druggist in Sumter and vicinity. Murray Drug Co., State Distributors.

Heartburn is a symptom of indigestion. Take a dose of Herbine in such cases. The pain disappears instantly. The bowels operate speedily and you feel fine, vigorous and cheerful. Price 50c. Sold by Sibert's Drug Store.—Adv't.