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PERSONAL MENTION.

Dr. Sophia Brunson has been called to Woodford, S. C., on professional business. She will return in a day or two.

Dr. A. B. Merrill, who removed from this city to Florida five years ago for the purpose of developing property interest that he has in that state, has returned to Sumter and will make his home here in future.

Mrs. Walter Mims returned yesterday from Newark, N. J., where she has been for several months with her son, Walter Mims, Jr., who was formerly employed at the Spilldorf Magneto Company works, but who is now with the New Jersey National Guard, which has been called out for service at an unnamed destination. Mrs. Mims reports patriotism is "hot" here in Newark and surrounding cities and everywhere one hears praise of President Wilson, while "The Star Spangled Banner" and "America" are the most popular airs.

Rev. and Mrs. A. M. Fraser, of Staunton, Va., who have been visiting relatives in this city and county for the past two weeks leave for home this afternoon.

Miss Alice Gary is at home from Chicora College, Columbia, to spend the Easter holidays.

Mrs. Chas. W. Crouser and daughter, of Mt. Airy, N. C., are visiting Mr. W. Crouser, 524 West Hampton

Capt. Lieut. Sam Dinkins is at home from the Citadel to spend the week-end.

Mr. Dinkins is one of the members of the Citadel graduating who has recently been offered a second commission in the United States army, which commission he will accept, if he passes the physical examination successfully.

Prof. Henry L. Rember, of Poston, was a visitor to the city today.

Miss Sarah Williamson is at home from Chicora College for women to spend the week-end.

Mrs. Henry Deas, of Charleston, is in the city visiting her parents.

Prof. William B. McKell, dean of the Law Department of the University of Pennsylvania, is in the city on his sister, Mrs. F. M. Spann and Miss Jessie McKell.

James A. Ruddock, and Little James Murray, of Charleston, are visiting Mrs. Ruddock's mother, Mrs. W. G. Nelson, on Church street.

Mr. F. C. Huff of Lamar was a visitor to Sumter yesterday. Mr. Huff formerly lived in this city, but is now cashier of the Bank of Lamar.

Miss Sweet, of Winnboro is visiting in the city.

Mr. David Alexander, of Bath, is a visitor to the city for several days.

Mr. and Mrs. Clinton B. Walsh and child are visiting in the city.

VETS HOLD ANNUAL MEETING.

Dr. H. J. McLaurin chosen commander and Mrs. Solomons named sponsor for Dick Anderson Camp—delegates to Reunions.

Dick Anderson Camp, United Confederate Veterans, held a very interesting meeting Saturday in the auditorium. The meeting was well attended and a number of matters of much interest to the veterans were introduced to, as well as having the annual election and the appointing of delegates to the National and State Reunions.

Dr. H. J. McLaurin was elected commander of the Camp, vice Perry Thomas, deceased; who was formerly commander, and Dr. McLaurin vice commander. Mr. W. O. Cain was chosen vice commander. Capt. E. Scott Carson was re-elected adjutant and Dr. James Winn was chosen chaplain. Mrs. Nipa M. Solomons was chosen sponsor for the camp at Washington. The following delegates were named to attend reunions: The National reunion at Washington, Messrs. D. Jos. Winn, W. O. Cain, J. A. Nettles; alternates, J. W. Cooper, J. W. Bradford and T. E. Richardson; to the State Reunion at Chester, which will be held 24 and 25 of May, Messrs. W. H. Scott, D. W. Josey, W. J. Ardis; alternates, E. W. Rivers, M. H. Boykin and W. H. Cole.

A committee consisting of Messrs. H. J. McLaurin, W. O. Cain and E. S. Carson was appointed to draw up tributes on the death of members of the camp.

It was decided to hold semi-annual meetings of the camp hereafter and the first Saturday in October was set as the date for the next meeting.

A letter drawn up by Judge T. E. Richardson urging enlistment in army and navy was endorsed by the members of Dick Anderson Camp.

Birmingham, April 6.—Federal agents have announced evidence of a widespread movement of the German government agents to incite negroes in the South to rebellion.

GOOD PRICE FOR BONDS.

CITY MAKES MOST ADVANTAGEOUS SALE OF STREET IMPROVEMENT BONDS.

Price Paid is Better Than Ever Before by Reason of Fact That Bonds Had Been Approved Previous to Sale—Number of Bidders.

The sale of the \$75,000 street improvement bonds last night by the city of Sumter was the most advantageous ever made yet by the city in disposing of its bonds. In fact the premium paid for the \$75,000 bonds sold last night was almost as much as was paid for the \$225,000 bonds sold earlier.

There were a number of representatives of bidders, some of the local banks being present as representatives of purchasers, when the bids were opened and considered at a special meeting of Council, which was attended by Councilmen Booth and Rowland, the latter acting as mayor for the meeting. After due consideration motion was made by Councilman Booth that the joint bids of J. H. Hillsman & Company, Atlanta, and B. M. Marshall & Bro., Charleston, be accepted. This motion was passed and the bonds were awarded accordingly. Their bid was for the principal sum of \$75,000 with premium of \$1,593.75 and accrued interest.

TO GIVE FREE SEED.

Secretary Reardon to Be Sent Supply for Garden Purposes Among White and Colored.

Secretary Reardon yesterday wired Senators Smith and Tillman and Congressman Lever asking if it would be possible to secure a good supply of garden seed of different kinds for free distribution through the Sumter Chamber of Commerce to poor white and colored people.

Senator Smith replied by wire as follows:

"Telegram received. Although my quota of seed exhausted, I have been able to secure some seed from another senator which will reach you in a week's time."

Congressman Lever wired his reply as follows:

"Telegram received. Entire supply of vegetable seed exhausted by department of agriculture. Impossible to secure more."

Senator Tillman had not been heard from up to last night, but Senator Smith was requested by the secretary to see Senator Tillman and find out if he could also secure some seed from some other senator, if he has none.

OFFICERS WILMINGTON COMPANY.

David Worth Loring Chosen First Lieutenant of Cavalry Troop.

David Worth Loring, a son of Capt. Geo. W. Loring of this city, was chosen first lieutenant of a cavalry troop being organized at Wilmington, N. C., where he has been living for a number of years, during which time he has been actively associated with the militia of that city. T. J. Gause, a former officer of the Wilmington Light Infantry and a business man and militiaman of long experience, was unanimously chosen captain of the organization and Oscar P. Peck was elected second lieutenant.

The troop now has seventy members and is rapidly adding to its numbers. As soon as the troop has been inspected by an army officer and the men have passed the medical examination, they will be mustered into service of the National Guard of the State. The many friends here of Lieut. Loring will be pleased to hear of the honor conferred upon him, and they feel that the members of the company have chosen a man who will well fill the office to which he has been elected.

MOORE-SANDERS MARRIAGE.

Former Sumter County Legislator Married in Raleigh.

Columbia Stae, April 8.

Of interest to Columbians is the marriage of A. K. Sanders, superintendent of the South Carolina penitentiary, and Miss Ida E. Moore of Raleigh, N. C., which was solemnized at 4:30 o'clock yesterday afternoon in Raleigh, N. C. Mr. and Mrs. Sanders will reside at 900 Elmwood avenue.

Mr. Sanders is from Hagoood, Sumter county, and was a representative in the legislature from this county prior to his election as superintendent of the penitentiary. His many friends in Sumter extend their best wishes.

Cotton is King.

Do not forget to hear Hon. Jno. L. McLaurin on the cotton situation and the relation of cotton with the present European war. Ladies are most cordially invited to hear this noted speaker on Saturday morning, April 14 at 11 o'clock in the Court House.

NEGROES OFFER TO SERVE.

DELEGATION HEADED BY RICHARD CARROLL VISITS GOVERNOR.

Would be Loyal to United States, Whom They are Willing to Serve—Willing to Organize New Guard Units.

Columbia, April 7.—A dozen negroes, headed by the Rev. Richard Carroll of Columbia, appeared before Gov. Manning yesterday and through him offered their services to the United States government. The committee informed the governor that the negroes of South Carolina were ready to do their duty as soldiers in the army. The governor informed the committee that no new units of the National Guard are to be formed at the present time.

EARGLE CASE ON TRIAL.

Suit for \$60,000 Against Sumter Lighting Company Because of Death of Engineer.

The case of Mrs. F. M. Eargle, administratrix of the estate of 'A. W. Eargle, for \$60,000 damages against the Sumter Lighting Company because of the death of Eargle, was commenced in the court of common pleas yesterday and is progressing today with the probability of being completed tomorrow.

The plaintiff, through her attorneys, Messrs. R. D. Epps and W. N. Graydon, alleges that A. W. Eargle, an engineer of the Sumter Lighting Company was killed by coming in contact with a charged chain, while attending to his duties as engineer of the company, and that his death was due to the negligence of the company in that he had not been warned of the fact that the chain was charged, and that other precautionary measures, which the company should have taken, had not been taken. The defendant company, in its answer, denies that Eargle's death was due to any carelessness on its part, but that if he met his death because of a charged chain which he may have come in contact, that it was due to his own carelessness in not taking the proper precautions laid down by the company in its rules. Messrs. Lee & Moir, J. H. Clifton and Purdy and Blane are representing the defendant.

Eargle was found dead in the doorway of the supply house at the lighting company plant one night in February, 1916. The plaintiff is endeavoring to show that he met his death because of coming in contact with a live chain. Testimony on behalf of the plaintiff came to an end this afternoon just before court recessed for dinner.

The case of Geo. F. Lee against W. H. Shelley and Ernest Taylor was tried in court yesterday, resulting in a verdict of \$165.00, the balance due on mortgage on certain furniture which were in question in the suit, for Ernest R. Taylor against the defendant W. H. Shelley, or the return of the property to Taylor to the amount of \$165.00, the balance on a mortgage on the property. The Plaintiff Lee dropped out of the suit, practically before the trial began, and it was converted into a cause brought by Taylor against Shelley for the possession of furniture.

Mrs. Sallie E. Alford Dead.

Blenheim, April 5.—There passed away at her home, "The Cedars," in Dillon county on last Sunday afternoon at 5 o'clock Mrs. Sallie Elizabeth Alford, one of the most honored citizens of the Pee Dee section. Mrs. Alford was in her 81st year, and prior to the last few months had been unusually active for one of her age.

She was born in 1836 at Maxton N. C., but upon her marriage in 1855 to Capt. William Alford moved to Marion, now Dillon county, where she had since resided. At the age of 16, she united with the Presbyterian church, of which she was for so many years a faithful and most useful and efficient member, her membership being at Little Rock Presbyterian church, of which the Rev. John McSweeney is pastor.

The interment was at the Alford cemetery near Reedy Creek Presbyterian church, the funeral service being conducted by the Rev. John McSweeney of Dillon and the Rev. John Jordan Douglass of Blenheim. Mr. Douglass paying a high tribute to Mrs. Alford's life and character. The benediction was pronounced by the Rev. Mr. Phillips of Bingham.

Mrs. Alford is survived by three sons, R. L. Alford, Dr. Plummer Alford of Dillon and Dr. Yancey Alford of Wisacky, and the following daughters: Mrs. T. G. McLeod of Bishopville, Misses Ella, Annie, Douschka, Julia, May Grace Alford of Dillon, and by several grandchildren.

The funeral was largely attended by friends from both North Carolina and elsewhere.

ISLAND HOTEL DESTROYED.

BIG LOSS AT ISLE OF PALMS BY FLAMES.

Building of Two Hundred Rooms Lost in Unexplained Manner in Early Morning Fire—Only Theory Advanced.

Charleston, April 5.—Fire of an unknown origin totally destroyed the Isle of Palms hotel early this morning, the widely popular hostelry, valued at \$90,000, with total insurance of \$70,000, being consumed to ashes between the hours of 2:30 and 3:30 a. m. The blaze was discernible for many miles around, being plainly visible in this city. Nothing but the chimneys of the 200 room building now remain. A high wind fanned the flames to fury in a short while, and there was no chance of saving the building or any of its contents. No other property at the summer resort was touched by the flames. James Sottile is president of the corporation owning the hotel. He was at loss today to account for the starting of the fire, as electrical current had been cut off last fall when the hotel closed its season; and no suspicious person had been observed near the building yesterday or after the fire this morning. There is a theory that tramps may have used the east wing, where the first started, as a lodging place, however, and were careless with lighted cigarettes. The main hotel building of three stories was built in 1902, the two story east wing added in 1908, and the west wing of two stories in 1913. Only a few seasons ago, expensive furniture and other equipment were installed new throughout the building. James Sottile and his hotel manager, W. J. Hanlon, made the trip to the Isle of Palms at 3 o'clock this morning, when notified of the fire by phone, using a small launch, and were nearly swamped when just across the harbor, due to the darkness and heavy seas. No announcement as to plans for the coming season have been made today. The pavilion and general amusement facilities are unharmed.

BUY TICKETS THROUGH Y. M. C. A.

Association Gets Share of Receipts, if It Sells Chautauqua Tickets.

The sale of Chautauqua tickets started off most auspiciously on Thursday, when \$300 worth of tickets were disposed of. Friday the sale was continuing strong and it is expected that within the next few days all of the one thousand tickets allowed the Y. M. C. A., under whose auspices the Chautauqua comes, will be sold. These are sold at \$2.50. After the thousand tickets are sold tickets will cost \$3.00.

A number of the citizens of Sumter have seemed indisposed to buy their tickets now, saying that they will purchase them when the Chautauqua opens, if they decide to purchase tickets at all, rather than buy them now. There are two very good reasons why tickets should be bought now. The first is that they can be purchased for \$2.50 to the one thousand allotted. The other reason is that the Y. M. C. A. gets half of the money for all tickets it sells in excess of the thousand. Every citizen in Sumter wants to do his part towards local institutions. The tickets will cost no more to get them through the Y. M. C. A. and the association gets half of the receipts.

VISIT MAGNOLIA GARDENS.

Columbia, April 7.—One hundred and fifty Winthrop girls passed through Columbia last night en route to Charleston to spend today and tomorrow sightseeing in the historic city and especially visiting Magnolia gardens, now in full blaze of annual spring beauty.

The girls arrived in Columbia about 9 o'clock. S. H. McLean, district passenger agent of the Southern railway went to Rock Hill to supervise personally the details of the trip. The return journey will be begun tomorrow night.

President Phelps of the Chamber of Commerce will send a letter to every minister in Sumter county requesting that they address their congregations on the subject of preparedness and the conservation of food supplies. Every possible force and influence must be used to impress upon all the people the absolute and urgent necessity of making this county and State self-supporting insofar as food stuffs are concerned. In time of need the people can wear old clothes without inconvenience, but they must have food to exist. Sumter county has the soil, the climate and the opportunity that, if properly utilized, assure an abundance of food for every resident. If the opportunity is not now seized and made the most of there is almost certain to be want and suffering within the next twelve months.

BRYAN READY FOR SERVICE.

OFFERS HIMSELF FOR DUTY IN ANY CAPACITY.

Great Commoner Willing to be Enrolled as Private Soldier if His Country Calls.

Tallahassee, Fla., April 6.—William Jennings Bryan, three times candidate for president and former secretary of State, today sent this message to President Wilson:

"Believing it to be the duty of each citizen to bear his part of the burden of war and his share of its perils, I hereby tender my services to the government. Please enroll me as a private whenever I am needed. Assign me to any work that I can do until called to the colors. I shall through the Red Cross contribute to the comfort of soldiers in the hospital and through the Young Men's Christian association aid in guarding the morals of the men in camp.

Mr. Bryan, with the rank of colonel, commanded a regiment of Nebraska volunteers during the Spanish-American war.

DOMINICK OPPOSED TO WAR.

Third District Member Says His Conscience Forbids Him to Favor Measure.

Washington, April 5.—The only South Carolina member of the house voting against the war resolution is Representative Fred H. Dominick of the Third district. Before casting his vote he gave out the following statement:

"By voting against the resolution to plunge us into war, I am giving an expression to my honest conviction and judgment after mature thought and calm and deliberate consideration. Mr. Kitchen, the majority leader, in his speech against the resolution exactly expressed my position. This law will be passed on Good Friday, the day of the crucifixion, and may I ask if there is any significance in this coincidence?"

BIG HAUL OF DRUGS.

Narcotics Worth \$100,000 Seized by Federal Agent.

Tampa, Fla., April 8.—Narcotic drugs said to be worth \$100,000 were confiscated here today by Federal Revenue Agent Daniel L. Porter of New York in a raid on the quarters of Dr. R. C. Hammers, recently arrested in New York charged with violation of the anti-narcotic act.

According to Porter the raid brought to light traces of Dr. Hammers' connection with a traffic in narcotics in Chicago, New York, Baltimore, Philadelphia, Buffalo, Atlanta, Memphis, Nashville and other cities. Dr. Hammers was arrested in New York last Thursday and Porter stated was being held there in default of \$25,000 bond after arraignment.

BIG EMERGENCY FUND.

One Hundred Million Appropriated For Use of President.

Washington, April 6.—The appropriation of one hundred million dollars as an emergency war fund for use at the president's discretion was attached by the senate appropriations committee to the general deficiency bill.

ALLIES TO WITHDRAW SHIPS.

United States Warships to Patrol Atlantic and Gulf Coast.

Washington, April 6.—The Allied warships patrolling the Atlantic coast will be withdrawn and United States warships will take over the Allied patrol in the Gulf of Mexico and South Atlantic.

Death of Mr. John C. Rhame.

Just as we were locking up our forms, the sad news reached us that Mr. John C. Rhame was dead. He died at 7 o'clock this morning. Only a few days ago he was able to be out on the streets, but he never rallied from the last attack of leakage of the heart. He was nearly 70 years old. Another old veteran from Camp Lee County E. C. crossed over the river. Bishopville Vindicator, April 5.

Mrs. Mary DuRant Spears Dead.

Bishopville, April 5.—Mrs. Mary DuRant Spears, widow of the late J. M. Spears and a lady of most estimable character and worth, died Monday night of heart failure and was buried this afternoon in Bethlehem cemetery. She leaves a large circle of friends and relatives who mourn her death.

One of the men who indulged in the "Buy a Bale" plan on the ten cent basis for cotton, when it was selling for several cents less than that, sold out his bale Saturday and, after paying storage costs and interests, cleared 1322 on his investment.

WILSON PRAISES ALLIES.

GLAD TO BE ALIGNED WITH FAIR FRANCE.

President Tells Poincare That Two Nations Stand Firmly for Freedom.

Washington, April 8.—In response to President Poincare's congratulations upon the entrance of the United States into the war, President Wilson today sent this message:

"In this trying hour, when the destinies of civilized mankind are in the balance, it has been a source of gratification and joy to me to receive your congratulations upon the step which my country has been constrained to take in opposition to the relentless policy and course of imperialistic Germany.

"It is very delightful to us that France, who stood shoulder to shoulder with us in the Western world in our struggle for independence should now give us such a welcome into the lists of battle as upholders of the freedom and rights of humanity.

"We stand as partners of the noble democracies whose aims and acts make for the perpetuation of rights and freedom of man and for the safeguarding of the true principles of human liberties. In the name of the American people, I salute you and your illustrious countrymen."

CHILDREN PLAY CHAUTAUQUA.

Appreciate Its Merits and Catch on to Its Ideas, Reiterating its Numbers in Their Own Ways.

Young America has a new entertainment which has taken the place of the time-honored "show" with its "two pins" admission. Just as the chautauqua has replaced the melodrama in the hearts of the people, so has it taken its firm position in the pleasure of the young folks.

From Jacksonville to Chicago, the kiddies are now "playing chautauqua." For two pins you may now see the most famous men of the lecture platform—as they appear to the fancies of childhood. Many a barn has its hayloft fitted up as an imitation platform, where the amateur chautauquans perform.

Feats of magic, lectures, vocal selections and hair-comb bands can be witnessed and heard most any day throughout the summer if but you know where the "show" is going on. It is especially true after the chautauqua has appeared in any city, for the impression made on young America is exceptionally strong.

There are so many phases to a chautauqua program that the children have enough lines to follow to furnish them with material for their imitative amusement for weeks after the Redpath festival has left the community. A little of childhood's imagination used in connection with all the hints given in the various programs keeps the children working overtime.

When you find a Redpath pennant floating from the top of your neighbor's barn, borrow two pins from your wife and go to see the youngsters in action. It will be worth your two pins though they be set with diamonds.

BOY KILLS PLAYMATE.

Vernon Childs to Stand Trial at Greenville.

Greenville, April 6.—Vernon Childs, aged 15, is to stand a formal trial on a charge of murder for the death of his 15 year old playmate, Fletcher Short, whom he shot and killed at Poinsett mill village while playing soldier. According to the story of witnesses, the two boys with several others of the village, including a brother of Childs, were playing when Vernon Childs picked up a gun and pointed it at the boys, telling them to throw up their hands. As he swung the gun around, it accidentally discharged, the full load taking effect in the stomach of Fletcher Short. The coroner's jury returned a verdict that the shooting was accidental.

STOCK MARKET BREAKS.

New York, April 7.—The selling of securities in large volume was resumed at today's short session of the stock market. Leading stocks opened one to two points down and the same stocks greatly extended the losses. United States Steel declined three and three-eighths points.

FIGHTING NEAR ST. QUENTIN.

New York, April 7.—The French announce violent cannonading south of St. Quentin and on other sections of the front. French have made additional progress north of Landriocourt.

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