

**The Watchman and Southern.**

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**PERSONAL.**

Mrs. Lacey McKinnon, of Fernandina, Fla., is in the city visiting relatives.

Father N. A. Murphy left this morning for Spartanburg to which parish he was recently transferred by Bishop Russell.

Capt. M. S. Chase has gone to New York.

Mrs. R. F. Haynsworth and daughter have gone to Florence to visit relatives.

Miss Nell Kinard of Greenwood is visiting Miss Louise Carson.

Mrs. A. V. Snell of Charleston, is spending the week-end with Mrs. H. G. Osteen.

Miss Ella McFadden has returned home from Little Switzerland, N. C., after a stay of several weeks.

Mr. E. Turner White spent Sunday at home on furlough from Camp Jackson.

Mr. A. V. Snell of Charleston spent Sunday in the city.

Mr. Walter Renneker of Wilmington, N. C., spent Sunday in town. Mrs. Renneker has been here several days visiting her sisters, Mrs. E. P. Pitts and Mrs. D. W. Cunningham.

Miss Emily Pope is visiting Miss Janie Mikell.

Mrs. James A. Gardner, of Summerton is visiting Mr. and Mrs. R. E. Hodge on South Sumter street.

Miss Madge Grossman, of Atlanta, Miss Pauline Gardner of Savannah, and Miss Helen Kohn, of Columbia, are the guests of Miss Rita Schwartz for the Schwartz-Aronstam wedding on Wednesday.

**Weeks-Roach.**

Miss Daisy Weeks and Mr. J. F. Roach were quietly married in Columbia last Wednesday afternoon. Rev. Rhett Turnipseed, pastor of the groom, performing the ceremony.

Miss Weeks is the attractive daughter of former Chief Weeks of this city. Mr. Roach is well remembered here, having worked in the shoe department of Schwartz Bros. for a number of years.

**Women Tools.**

(From the Baltimore Sun.)

It is said that Queen Victoria, of Sweden, a Baden princess, is responsible for the treacherous German machinations in Argentina. When we read list of German princesses who have been responsible for misfortune to their royal consorts, and for trouble in their adopted lands, it is impossible to deny that Wilhelm planned well for the downfall of royalty throughout Europe when he managed the royal marriages of members of the German feminine aristocracy.

**TRAITORS IN RUSSIA.**

**American Agitators Sowing Seeds of Discord in Petrograd.**

Petrograd, Oct. 1.—A Bolshevik mass meeting which was harangued by agitators recently from the United States adopted resolutions protesting against the imprisonment of Alexander Berkman in the United States and the report that he had been sentenced to death. When the speakers scoffed at American liberty they were only mildly applauded. A threatened demonstration at the American embassy was not carried out. The government sent troops there though the ambassador had not requested them.

**STRIKE IN BOSTON.**

**Dock Laborers Tie up Foreign Freight.**

Boston, Oct. 1.—If the strike of a thousand dock laborers inaugurated today is maintained a serious tieup of ocean going freight is feared.

**WANT LA FOLLETTE EXPELLED.**

**Protest from New York Presented in Senate.**

Washington, Oct. 1.—The petitions of New York organizations seeking the expulsion from the senate of La Follette, Gronna and Stone were presented today and referred to the committee on privileges and elections.

**COAL STRIKE SETTLED.**

**Tennessee and Kentucky Miners Will Go to Work.**

Lexington, Ky., Oct. 1.—It is semi-officially announced that a settlement has been reached in the strike of the seventeen to eighteen thousand coal miners in the Kentucky and Tennessee fields.

**STRIKE IN ARGENTINA.**

**Anarchistic Workmen Declare General Revolutionary Strike.**

Buenos Aires, Sept. 29.—A general revolutionary strike has been declared by anarchistic workmen, but the Socialist workmen refused to join.

**COLD WINTER COMING.**

**Dutch Prophet Says Much Inclement Weather Will Prevail With Excess of Precipitation.**

"It is possible now to make a forecast of winter temperature and amount of precipitation for the period ending with the vernal equinox of 1918," said the Dutch Weather Prophet yesterday. "A cold winter is indicated with a great deal of inclement weather which will begin to appear November 1.

The amount of precipitation will make up the deficiency of about ten inches which now exists and by April 1, 1918 have an excess on record.

"The forecast for killing frost on October 7, (central date) for the Piedmont section is renewed herewith. This period will be preceded by an area of precipitation, followed by northwest winds. Severe frost may be expected south of parallel 34 on the above central date.

"It is scarcely possible with much inclement weather indicated that the winter will pass away without snow. At least two snowfalls will occur south and east of the Blue Ridge since the old-fashioned winter is now to prevail, and when winter will not get mixed up so much with spring as has been the case in recent years. Summer will also be distinct from spring and of course, the seasons will thus begin to turn to normal conditions."—The State.

**STORM AT PENSACOLA.**

**Small Property Damage From Great Blow.**

Pensacola, Sept. 30 (Wireless to New Orleans).—Pensacola emerged from the battering last Friday of one of the most terrific tropical hurricanes that ever struck this section with no loss of life reported up to early today in this vicinity and with comparatively small property damage considering the storm's violence. For about eight hours Friday this city and nearby territory were at the mercy of the wind's fury, which for very brief instant reached a maximum velocity of between 130 and 140 miles an hour and blew for several minutes at the rate of 100 miles an hour.

The wind blew during several sustained periods between 80 and 90 miles an hour.

An accurate estimate of the property loss was not available early today but considerable damage was done along the water front to wharves and piers and a number of vessels, mostly of small size, were blown ashore, but apparently were not seriously damaged. There also was damage due to high tides.

In the city the principal damage appeared to be confined to roofs, porches, plate glass windows and frail frame structures and to telegraph and telephone wires.

A terrific rain accompanied the wind and tide. The work of clearing up the debris, repairing broken and tangled wires and putting the city back to normal appearance was begun Saturday.

**The Business Pledge of Loyalty and Service.**

(From the New York World.)

Half a million business men and every industry in every State of the Union were represented in the convention at Atlantic City of the Chamber of Commerce of the United States which unanimously passed this among other resolutions:

"Undismayed at the prospect of great taxes, facing the consumption of its accumulated savings, American business, without hesitation, pledges our government its full and unqualified support in the prosecution of the war until Prussianism is utterly destroyed."

The whole spirit of that remarkable gathering and every sentiment expressed were in harmony with this pledge of the entire industrial plan of the nation to the service of the government in prosecuting the war. Tell us what you want, these business men say to the government: Name what you think will be a fair price for all buyers—and we will cooperate all along the line to see that you get what you want with all possible expedition. We will hold war meetings among the people at home and stir the spirit of patriotic enterprise to the utmost.

No such demonstration of general and practical loyalty to the American government in war has ever before come from the country's broad business interests. Here and there have appeared balky industrial plants against the government's efforts to end the war profiteering. They have been the exception and not the rule. We may believe that, in the presence of this arousement and pledge to public service from the rank and file of business men over the land, the rule will cease to have even a few exceptions.

**Or Why It Doesn't.**

(From the Des Moines Register.)

Half the world doesn't know how the other half pays its grocery bills.

**Barrel Farming.**

Editor Daily Item.

Will you please ask some of the many readers of The Item, to give a report of the success of planting and harvesting potatoes in barrels? So as to encourage others who were not fortunate enough to procure barrels, and oblige one who is very much interested.

J. N. Brown.

Sumter, S. C.

(We second the motion, and suggest that those who experimented in the barrel method of growing Irish potatoes tell our readers all about the results obtained. If potatoes can be grown as easily and as profitably as alleged the public should be convinced of the fact by home-grown testimony so that all of us may become barrel farmers next spring. If the potatoes do not grow easily and prodigiously, then the people should know it.)

**To a Potato Barrel.**

(With apologies to Longfellow.)  
Tell me not in mournful numbers  
That you're not but an empty dream,  
That the lovely vines around you  
Have not rootlets as they seem.

The work was real, and I was earnest  
There were visions of your gold.  
Now after weary months of waiting,  
All that's left is earth and mould.

When I sought your hidden treasure,  
'Twas all to help you, Uncle Sam;  
What I found was not a rootlet,  
But a wordlet which is —

(Will some of the other "bugged" Potato Barrelers kindly supply the last word? Experimenters.)

**Another.**

I, too, need a word—yes, just one—  
But, alas; it's very hard to get,  
For I've been thinking long  
And haven't got it yet.

Of the potato-producing barrel  
I heard with great delight;  
Thinking the potatoes I'd corral,  
Would simply be a sight.

Printed directions I received—  
Exactly right I wanted to begin—  
For by growing potatoes  
The war I could help to win.

They grew fast and big—  
My prospects were very high—  
When above the barrel they had  
grown,  
Alas, they all began to die.

I was not completely discouraged  
Hoping that there was still  
A chance that I would not have  
To pay an Irish potato bill.

So a little later I went  
To my barrel, expecting to find  
Potatoes big and a plenty,  
But I've changed my mind.

My disappointment was complete,  
For not a one did I get—  
And for a word to express my feelings,

I have sought—am seeking yet.

I've now reached the conclusion—  
From experience I ought to know  
A thorough test goes to prove  
Tubers in a barrel will not grow.

**A Tale of Four Barrels.**

(By P. Tate O'Hickey.)

If taters in a barrel—nix  
Turn others to the poet's muse,  
Mhy may not all of us poor hicks  
Likewise in verse, proclaim our  
views.

In barrels four I cast manure,  
Eight inches deep in each;  
Mixed well with loam, for to be sure  
The rules did thusly teach.

Upon those mounds of fertile soil  
All round and round the taters laid;  
And inch by inch of daily toil,  
By reck of rule the game I played.

The tender shootlets upward shot,  
Some tall, some short, some medium.  
Of inward joy and happy thought  
My soul was full—yes 'twas, by  
gum.

True some did die, and others wilt,  
But still were left a few,  
And on those few my castle built  
Of part reward for what was due.

Now when the vines had shot their  
shoot,  
And clambered o'er the top;  
Me thought my time to gather loot  
For honest work, had come sure  
pop.

Those barrels upside down I turned,  
And grabbed in the muck;  
But nary tater—I'll be durned  
Was there, O' sonny I was stuck.

This faithful fable teaches us,  
More plainly than a sermon can,  
For all our pain, and hope, and fuss  
We still are slaves of the grocer  
man.

**A BARREL FARMER.**

**Potatoes Grew Vigorously But Produced Nothing.**

Editor Daily Item.

In reply to your request for information as to the success of potatoes growing in barrels. I planted two barrels as per instructions issued by the department and tended same carefully. They grew and grew and grew and we added soil and more soil until they reached the top. They were watered carefully and after they had grown about six or eight inches above the top of the barrel they died beautifully. I emptied out the barrels and found nothing whatsoever therein in the shape of potatoes.

I have spoken to several others who tried this and am yet to hear of one who met with any success whatsoever. I am afraid the proposition is too good to be true.

Yours very truly,

I. A. Ryttenberg.

**DEMAND LA FOLLETTE'S EXPULSION.**

**Protest From Governor of Minnesota Presented in Senate.**

Washington, Sept. 29.—The communication of the governor of Minnesota and the State committee of Public Safety demanding the expulsion of Senator LaFollette from the senate was presented in the senate today and referred to the committee on privileges and elections.

**Women Asked to Meet.**

All the women and young girls who are interested in the welfare of the enlisted men are asked to meet in the auditorium of the Girls' High School at 4.30 on Wednesday afternoon, October 3rd to discuss some plan to raise money for the Community Club for their benefit opened in Columbia. The club is under the care of the National League for Service and they are anxious for the help of all who care for the boys in the ranks.

Mrs. John Sumter.

**Has Edison Solved It?**

If the great majority of Americans, and not a few million people elsewhere, were not prepared to believe any announcement of an achievement by Mr. Edison, especially if it involves the use of electricity, no quite as much and not quite as serious attention would be paid as is now given to the story of an erratic torpedo just brought in by a steamer, arriving at an Atlantic port which of course, must be nameless. For really the doings of a single torpedo that acted as if its propelling machinery were out of order hardly supplied adequate data on which to found the large conclusion that a device has been found through the use of which the most terrible weapon of the German submarines—the weapon without which they would lose the greater part of their terrible efficiency—can be turned aside from its selected victim and made to sink harmlessly to the bottom of the sea at the termination of its brief course.

Naturally, faith in this news is much strengthened by the eager desire we all feel that it be true, and it is not intrinsically impossible to influence the steering apparatus of a torpedo as to divert it from its target. To be sure, compressed air, from which torpedoes get their motive power after they are launched is seemingly immune to electric interference, even of the so-called wireless variety. Still, after all, it is more credible that in some way or other the deflection can be effected from an attacked steamer than is the alternative theory that the torpedo observed behaved like a slightly demented porpoise because it had been made to do so by the Germans themselves, in order that it might be better to overtake a vessel steaming a zigzag course. That explanation of what was seen has two weaknesses the one due to the fact that the Germans never invent anything really new, but are content to improve and apply the inventions of others, and the second rests on the more important fact—one less disputable by Germans—that automatic zigzags by a pursuing torpedo would not help a bit toward overtaking a zigzagging steamer.

For the time being it is safest to suspend judgment on this most pleasing tale, hoping, meanwhile, that it is veracious.—New York Times.

**Civil Service Examination.**

An examination will be held in Sumter October 25th of applicants for positions of clerk in the Internal Revenue Service. About one thousand positions are to be filled. Those who desire to take the examination can obtain full information from the clerk of the local civil service board at the postoffice.

Most people are paying cash, but time prices prevail.—Anderson Mail.

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**WILL YOU HELP?**

**Important.**

**Food Administrator Appeals to South Carolinians to Save Flour and Meat.**

David R. Coker, United States Food Administrator for South Carolina, has issued an appeal to the people of the State advocating a meatless and wheatless day for each week.

The following is the appeal to the people of South Carolina: "The time has come for our people to prove their patriotism by a little self denial. While the soldiers of our allies are bravely fighting and our own splendid boys are getting ready for the big push we must do our part at home to support and encourage them.

"The United States Food Administration has asked every family of the nation to abstain from using wheat in any form during one day of each week, and also to abstain from the use of meat for one day. It is estimated that 80,000,000 to 90,000,000 bushels of wheat and 2,200,000,000 pounds of meat would be saved if the entire nation adopted this program.

"Most of our people thoroughly appreciate our great cereal, corn, and it would be no hardship for them to use it exclusively not only one day, but on several days of the week. With well boiled hominy for breakfast, cornbread for dinner and corn muffins or spoon bread for supper, none of us will feel the absence of biscuit or lightbread.

"The need of saving wheat and meat is very great, and I, therefore, call upon the people of South Carolina to respond to the call of the National Food Administration and abstain from wheat and meat on one day of each week."

**Proved His Patriotism.**

(From the Atlanta Constitution.)

Another "sign of the times" is this from the Cleo Springs (Ok.) Times: "Our esteemed friend, William Dunkhofer, has made a petition to the court to have his name changed to John Gun and to have his daughter's changed from Wilhelmina to E pluribus Unum."

Even Washington himself was once drafted into the service of his country. It was in 1798, long after the Revolution, and after Washington had been president for two terms and had gone into a well-earned retirement at Mount Vernon. France had broken relations with us, and war impended. Congress appointed Washington commander of the army, and the secretary of war, carrying the commission to him, found him in the harvest field. When Washington learned the errand on which his visitor had come, he said, "I am ready for any service that I can give my country."—Youths Companion.

Winthrop is now prepared to enter more effectively during the year 1917-18 into this field of Extension Work. Two people, Mr. Orville G. Brim and Mrs. Hetty S. Browne, will give practically their entire time to the service of those who are now teaching.

The following lines of work are to be developed as rapidly as conditions will permit:

1. Study Centers. Gatherings of six or more who wish to take up some definite line of study will be visited bi-weekly or monthly by some member of the faculty for discussions and conferences.

2. Correspondence work both for the purpose of obtaining credit here and for professional or general improvement.

3. Co-operation with rural schools. Mrs. Browne has given up her work with the Oak Ridge School to give her time to the working out of some rural problems in co-operation with a number of schools near Rock Hill. Any rural teacher in the State is invited to write Mrs. Browne, concerning any topic of interest to them.

4. Professional talks and discussions before county teachers' associations and other professional or community gatherings.

5. General lectures. Certain members are available for a more formal type of lecture suitable for women's clubs, rally days, graduations, etc.

A bulletin explaining more fully this field of work and giving in detail the help available will be issued soon. This will be sent free upon request. We invite correspondence concerning any of the lines of work mentioned here.

**Mrs. Dewey Resigns.**

Washington, Sept. 30.—Mrs. Geo. Dewey tonight resigned as honorary chairman of the comforts committee of the Navy League. Mrs. Dewey is president of the Woman's Naval Service, which recently changed its name from the woman's section of the Navy League because of the controversy between Secretary Daniels and the league.

Missouri seems to be anxious to escape from the Stone age.—Anderson Mail.

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