

The Watchman and Southern.

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PERSONAL.

Mrs. H. L. Spence, of Cheraw, is visiting her mother, Mrs. A. N. Wannamaker.

Mr. W. A. Bryan has returned from a business trip to New York.

Mr. Leon M. Green of New York is in the city for a few days' stay.

Mr. John Flemming of Kingstree is in the city today.

Mr. Fred Auld, of Eastover, was in the city for a short while last night.

Mrs. J. M. McCollough, of Hendersonville, N. C., who has been visiting her son, Mr. L. C. McCollough, on W. Calhoun Street, left yesterday for Columbia, where she will visit before returning home.

Miss Ruth Dixon returned to Greenville this morning, after visiting her parents, Mr. and Mrs. R. O. Dixon on Wright Street.

Mr. R. F. Carr left for Norfolk, Va., last night where he has accepted a position with the government.

Mr. C. M. Hurst went to Charleston this morning on business.

Mr. S. M. Nabors, agent of the Metropolitan Life Insurance Co., at Sumter, left for New York last night to attend the convention and banquet given by his company. Mr. Nabors made a record for his company, leading all agents.

Miss Minnie Blanding will leave tomorrow night for Wilmington, N. C., to visit her aunt, Mrs. B. W. Bradford.

Mr. I. C. Ingram is in the city.

Miss Wilma Poplin, of Charleston is visiting Mrs. Hattie Boardfield, 24 Levi Street.

MOVING PICTURES ON MERCHANTS.

Practical Ideas Along Lines of Efficiency to be Shown to Merchants, Clerks and Professional Men—Expert Lecturer with Pictures.

Every successful merchant in business at the present time is utilizing every means possible to help him advance and build up a better trade. Realizing this, the Sumter Chamber of Commerce has secured one of the most instructive, educational moving pictures ever put on the screen, entitled, "The Troubles of a Merchant and How to Stop Them." The pictures will be shown at the Y. M. C. A. auditorium on Tuesday night, January 29th at 8 o'clock sharp.

The film is a three-reel Essanay feature and is brim full of ideas relating to retail business. It shows an old-style store building, high windows preventing a good display of goods, bad arrangement of stock, lack of proper management and no system, which makes the clerks indifferent—resulting in the proprietor almost becoming a failure. The scene changes, however, when the merchant concludes to adopt system—the store takes on an attractive appearance, goods are displayed so they will attract the attention of the customer, the clerks become more valuable through courteous and prompt attention to the trade—in fact, there is such a transformation that new customers are attracted to the store, and the merchant again becomes prosperous.

Mr. W. J. Burns will lecture with the pictures. By aid of stereopticon slides, he will deal with the following subjects:

1. Retail failures and their causes
2. Store organization.
3. Newspaper advertising.
4. Window display.
5. Clerks' efficiency.
6. Selling methods.
7. Credit business.
8. The delivery problem.
9. System in retail business.

This lecture was secured through the courtesy of the National Cash Register Company, of Dayton, Ohio. It has received the highest commendation from business organizations wherever it has been shown.

There will be no charge for admission and every business man and clerk in the city should take advantage of this unusual offer. All business establishments of the city and county, whether members of the Sumter Chamber of Commerce or not will be most cordially welcomed, free of charge.

The Sumter Chamber of Commerce is the central bureau of general commercial, agricultural, and financial activity of this entire county, the forum from which may emanate any legitimate movement for the general good of this community and county.

Cold Weather Ahead!

The Sumter Dry Goods Co., believes that there is more cold weather ahead, and they also believe a pair of those North Carolina Wool Blankets which they placed on sale today would be a good thing to have on hand should their weather guess prove correct. Extra large, extra warm.—Advt.

BELSER AND O'QUINN.

Practically Complete Returns Give Them Large Majority.

Returns from all save two precincts show that R. B. Belsler and S. O'Quinn were elected to the house of representatives to fill the unexpired terms of A. K. Sanders and W. L. McCutchen who resigned. There was little interest in the election Wednesday and the vote was light at every precinct. The returns received follow:

Ward	Belsler	O'Quinn	Merrimon
Ward 1.	21	18	9
Ward 2.	81	66	17
Ward 3.	28	26	8
Ward 4.	27	26	5
Oswego.	14	9	5
Concord.	22	18	6
Mayesville.	7	7	7
Privateer.	20	23	5
Wedgfield.	9	1	1
DuBose.	15	18	1
Shiloh.	10	10	10
Stateburg.	10	1	1
Rembert returns not received; Manchester voted 6, but votes received by candidates not reported.			
Total votes reported:			
Belsler	260		
O'Quinn	231		
Stuckey	71		
Merrimon	61		

CHRISTIAN ENDEAVOR LECTURE

Field Secretary Wyatt A. Taylor Will Speak Monday Evening.

Wyatt A. Taylor, Field Secretary of the All-South Extension Committee of Christian Endeavor, will come to the city on Monday evening to speak to the Endeavorers and their friends. Mr. Taylor is one of four Christian Endeavor Field workers who are organizing and strengthening Christian Endeavor societies and unions in the South. He is a South Carolina man and he has done a great service for the young people of this State. He is one of the finest young men in the South and a splendid leader of young people.

Mr. Taylor is now making a four weeks' tour of the State, visiting societies in every section. Many of the districts are holding their conventions at this time in order that they may have this young Field Secretary with them. On last Sunday Laurens District held a fine convention full of pep and enthusiasm at Clinton. Florence District is planning for its convention to be held in Darlington on January 29 and 30, and the Winnsboro Endeavorers will be the hosts to the Columbia District convention of February 1st and 2nd. Mr. Taylor is holding rallies in the other four districts and these will have their conventions in the spring or early summer.

A most cordial invitation is extended to everyone to attend the rally at the Primary Sunday School room of the Presbyterian Church on next Monday evening, January 28th, at 8 o'clock. Mr. Taylor is a fluent speaker and he has a very attractive personality. A delightful evening is promised to all who attend.

Travel Under Difficulties.

The difficulties and hardships of travel under weather and fuel conditions now existing are illustrated by the experiences of B. J. Chapman of Mont Clare, N. J., a former resident of Stateburg, who was called to his old home by the illness of his brother, Porter Chapman. He was thirty-five hours on the road between Washington and Sumter, the train being delayed by snow and other troubles. Chapman has been away from Sumter for a number of years and wants his old friends to know that he will be at Stateburg for a week or ten days.

GARDNER-LEVY.

Evening Wedding in Drawing Room of Hotel Savannah.

Savannah News, Jan. 22. The marriage of Miss Pauline Gardner, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. M. S. Gardner, to Lieut. George Davis Levy of Sumter, S. C., took place last evening at 8 o'clock at Hotel Savannah, and in the drawing room where the ceremony was performed was a canopy formed of palms and an American flag. The Rev. George Solomon officiated.

The young bride was charming in her girlish wedding gown of duchess satin. The winged-draped skirt was in soft folds, and the short-waisted bodice, which was made of princess lace combined with silk tulle, had sleeves of tulle edged with tiny pearls. A deep girdle of folds of satin was caught at the side with sprays of orange blossoms. The long tulle veil worn with a semi-wreath of orange blossoms in front, and arranged in coronet effect at the back, hung over the court train of duchess satin. She carried a shower bouquet of bride's roses and lilies of the valley with a center of orchids.

Miss Mildred Byck, who was the maid of honor and only attendant, wore a dress of cerise velvet and white satin. The bodice of velvet, made high neck in the back, was low in the front and cut square. Over the shoulders were rhinestone, straps covered with cerise tulle, and the sleeves were old-fashioned double puffs. The skirt of white satin was made with double bustle of velvet in the back, and from this fell a cascade of cerise tulle. Her bouquet was of Russell roses.

Julian Levy of Sumter, S. C., the bridegroom's brother, was best man, and the master of ceremonies was Joseph Byck. The ushers were Seina Collat, Meyer Collat, Charles Byck and Joseph Gardner, the bride's brother. Jacobson's orchestra furnished the music and played the "Bridal Chorus" from Lohengrin as the bridal party entered.

Mrs. Gardner, the bride's mother, wore black Georgette crepe over flesh-colored satin, and her corsage bouquet was of white roses and violets. The bridegroom's mother, Mrs. C. A. Levy of Sumter, wore black lace over satin, and Mrs. Dave Gardner, an aunt of the bride from Chicago, wore a dress of light gray chiffon. Mrs. A. C. Phelps of Sumter was in black velvet trimmed with fur and Mrs. Philip Hammerschlag of Philadelphia wore black Georgette crepe.

After the ceremony a reception was held and in the tea room where a seated supper was served later in the evening, the bride's table was decorated with green and white. In the center was a basket of white roses and hyacinths, and on the handle were tied bows of white tulle. Garlands of smilax surrounded the centerpiece, and at each end of the table was a large iced cake. Individual souvenirs of small white wedding bells filled with salted almonds were at each plate.

Among the out-of-town guests were Mrs. C. A. Levy, Julian Levy, Mrs. A. C. Phelps, Raymond Schwartz, John Sibert, Mr. and Mrs. Dave Gardner and their children of Chicago; Mrs. Phillip Hammerschlag of Philadelphia, Wavely Levy of Camp Jackson; Morton Visanska of Columbia, S. C.; Leon Greene of New York, Harry Bershon of Atlanta and Arthur Rosenchal of Fort Screven.

Lieut. and Mrs. Levy left after the reception for Florida, the bride wearing a coat suit of reindeer-colored cloth, and hat of straw braid and satin of the same color. Her furs were taupe fox. After a short trip South they will visit Mrs. C. A. Levy in Sumter and a large reception will be given by Mrs. Levy in their honor. From Sumter, Lieut. and Mrs. Levy will go to Columbia, S. C., where Lieut. Levy is stationed in the Three Hundred and Twenty-third infantry.

The Real Things!

Yes, they are the real things from North Carolina. We mean those big Wool Blankets at the Sumter Dry Goods Co.—Advt.

It was a cynic who suggested that cheatless day would save more money than a dozen meatless ones.—Florida Times-Union.

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A FARMER'S INCOME TAX.

Deductions Allowed for His Business Expenses.

"What deductions are allowed a farmer for 'business expenses' in making out his income tax return?"

This is one of the many questions which revenue officers who will visit every county in the United States during January and February will answer in detail. Briefly, they include the amount expended for labor in the preparation of land for crops and in the cultivation, harvesting and marketing of the crop.

Deductions may be made for the cost of seed and fertilizer, the amount expended for labor in caring for live stock, cost of feed, repairs to farm and other buildings, but not the cost of repairs to the dwelling. The cost of repairs to farm fences and machinery is deductible, as well as the cost of small tools and material which is used up in the course of a year or two, such as binding twine, pitchforks, spades, etc.

The cost of machinery, such as tractors and thrashing machines, cannot be deducted, but the cost of their operation is a deductible item.

The value of farm products is not considered taxable until reduced to cash or its equivalent. If crops and stocks were produced in 1916 and sold in 1917, the amount received therefor is to be included in the farmer's tax return for the calendar year 1917. Crops produced in 1917 and on hand December 31 need not be considered. Persons in doubt as to any of the provisions of the income tax section of the War Revenue Act are advised by the Bureau of Internal Revenue to see the revenue officer who will visit their county to assist taxpayers in making out their returns, which must be filed on or before March 1, 1918.

SUMTER COTTON MARKET.

P. G. BOWMAN, Cotton Buyer.  
Corrected daily at 12 o'clock Noon  
Good Middling 30 1-2.  
Strict Middling 30 1-4.  
Middling 30.  
Strict Low Middling 29 3-8.  
Low Middling 28 1-4.

NEW YORK COTTON MARKET.

	Open	High	Low	Close	Close
Jan.	30.85	31.00	30.82	31.00	30.62
Feb.	30.70	30.94	30.70	30.82	30.59
May	30.35	30.51	30.32	30.40	30.04
July	30.05	30.17	29.97	30.02	29.60

New York spot, 31.95.

ROOSEVELT BUTTS IN.

Disclaims Any Purpose of Making Reply to Stone's Speech in Senate.

Washington, Jan. 22.—Col. Theodore Roosevelt came here today and frankly said his purpose was to help speed up the war and to confer with his friends in congress. He did not claim any purpose of making a reply to Senator Stone's speech in the senate.

"I am infinitely less interested in what Senator Stone says about me than in what the president says about Senator Chamberlain," said Colonel Roosevelt. "The national motto at this time should be 'Tell the truth and speed up the war.'"

Before he leaves town later in the week Colonel Roosevelt will make a statement on the conduct of the war. Tonight he called in Republican congressional leaders for a conference which began with a dinner at the home of Representative Longworth and lasted until far into the night.

Colonel Roosevelt is here chiefly, he made plain, to urge passage of a universal military service law. He saw Senator Chamberlain, author of a bill now before the senate, during the day and will see him again tomorrow.

Married.

A marriage which will be of interest to many in Sumter is that of Miss Gladys Gregorie Bailey to Lieut. Xenophon King on December 24th, by the Rev. R. D. Baldwin of St. John's Episcopal church, Richmond, Ind.

Mrs. Bailey will be pleasantly remembered here as the guest of her grandmother and aunt, Mrs. R. F. McLellan.

Lieut. King received his commission in the first officers' training camp and was sent to Hattiesburg, Miss., where he is now located.

Death.

Florence Nell, the nine-months-old daughter of Mr. and Mrs. W. R. Rember, died Saturday afternoon of pneumonia after only three days' illness. The funeral services were held from the residence, 104 So. Sumter street at 3:30 o'clock Sunday afternoon.

The Real Things!

Yes, they are the real things from North Carolina. We mean those big Wool Blankets at the Sumter Dry Goods Co.—Advt.

Avoid Dangerous Drugs

Don't dose yourself with poisonous drugs that destroy the delicate lining of the stomach and the intestinal tract, when you can stimulate your sluggish liver by using Granger Liver Regulator. This standard medicine contains no poisonous alcohol. It does not cause unpleasant after effects. A dose or so will soon relieve sick headache, indigestion, constipation, depression, languor and all other ailments caused by a torpid liver. Granger Liver Regulator is composed entirely of selected roots, barks and herbs of special medicinal value. It may be freely taken by any member of the family. Just try a few doses, and see for yourself what a splendid medicine this is and how thoroughly it cleanses the system of impurities. Price, 25c a box. Sold by all druggists. Demand Granger Liver Regulator and accept no substitute.

SUBMARINE SUNK SIX.

London, Jan. 23.—Again the sinkings of British merchantmen by mine or submarine have been held at a low point. Only six vessels of 1,600 tons or over and two under that tonnage were destroyed in the past week, according to the admiralty report tonight.

Arrivals, 2,255; sailings, 2,242. British merchantmen, 1,600 tons or over, sunk by mine or submarine, 6; under 1,600 tons, 2; fishing vessels, none.

British merchantmen unsuccessfully attacked, 6.

The sinkings of British merchantmen for the past week duplicate the sinkings for the previous week—six large ships and two small ones. In the previous week two fishing vessels also were sunk; in the past week the fishing craft escaped entirely.

The admiralty reports of January 2 and January 9 gave the sinkings as 21 merchantmen, of which 18 were over 1,500 tons in each case.

Notice to Knitters.

The Sumter Dry Goods Co. have on sale for a few days the gray and olive drab wools for sweaters, scarfs and helmets. This is excellent quality and hard to get, so don't delay if interested.—Advt.

FOR SALE—Horse, buggy and harness. Horse safe and sound. Apply Rev. J. W. Elkins, Oswego, S. C.

FOR SALE—F. O. B. cars, Camp Jackson, stable manure; very little straw. Car load lots only. Chemical and Fertilizer value rated very high by Clemson college. A. A. Strauss, Sumter, S. C.

# Are You Going to Help Win the War?

The future of democracy will be fought out this summer on America's farms and in her gardens. The war is a test of natural resources; to win quickly we must produce an abundance of food.

Plant more acres and make each acre produce more. Use plenty of plant food to enrich the soil.

Now is the time to order.

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We are shipping manure from Camp Jackson to some of the largest users of fertilizer in the State. And have orders booked for several thousand tons.

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If you are interested in prompt delivery, get in touch with me at once. Write today for quotations and convincing facts regarding the economy and efficiency of manure as fertilizer.

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