

**The Watchman and Southeron**

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**PERSONAL.**

Mr. Fred Nigles, who enlisted in the navy several months ago and is stationed at the Charleston Navy Yard, is in the city on furlough.

Mrs. Heppner, of Chicago is visiting her sister, Mrs. L. A. Ryttenberg.

Mr. A. S. Melver, of Darlington, spent yesterday in Sumter.

Mr. Alexander Nofal, a Persian merchant, of Darlington, has come to Sumter and opened business.

Sergt. S. L. Smith of Camp Jackson spent the week-end with his parents in the city.

Miss Katherine Murchison and her mother of Camden are spending a few days with Mr. and Mrs. S. R. J. Smith.

Mr. T. D. DuBose, of DuBose, was in the city today.

Mr. C. W. Sanders, of Hagood, spent the day in town.

Lieut. R. M. Cantey, who is with the engineers, U. S. expeditionary forces, has arrived safely in France.

**Death.**

From The Daily Item, Feb. 8.

Mr. John A. Whittemore died at his home on Harby avenue at 2 o'clock this morning after a long illness. The funeral services will be held at his late residence at 11 o'clock tomorrow, Saturday morning.

Mr. Whittemore was a native of New England and came to Sumter soon after the War Between the States and had lived here ever since. He was postmaster for a number of years prior to Cleveland's first term. He is survived by two daughters, Misses Louise and Emily Whittemore.

**Farmers' Union Meeting.**

There will be a meeting of the Bethel Local Farmers' Union, Wednesday afternoon, the 13th. Farmers desiring to join this local are invited to attend this meeting.

M. R. Jackson, Secretary and Treas.

The Primary Christian Endeavor Society gave a valentine social Saturday afternoon. About fifty boys and girls enjoyed the occasion. After playing games on the Presbyterian church lawn kodac pictures of the young Endeavorers were taken. Refreshments were served and before going home each little guest called by the "Postoffice" and was handed a valentine.

**Trezevant-Moore.**

St. Matthews, Feb. 9.—Miss Nena Trezevant and Lieut. DeSaussure Moore, of Sumter, stationed at Camp Jackson, were married at the home of the bride, a few miles from St. Matthews, yesterday afternoon by the Rev. Mr. London of Orangeburg. The bride came in on the arm of her father and the groom with McKenzie Moore. The bride wore a brown traveling suit with accessories to match. The bride is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. A. S. Trezevant. The wedding unites two well known South Carolina families. Mr. and Mrs. Moore will be at home in Columbia after a honeymoon in Florida.

**Hagood News Notes.**

Mrs. S. W. Allen and children have all been quite sick with some sort of measles.

Mrs. Sam Shirer while visiting relatives in Fairfield was prostrated with measles.

Mr. Sam Shirer will shortly move on the Ellerbe place, where Mr. Lenoir lived.

The Spencer children have had whooping cough.

Mesdames Alice Jackson and Mary Bethea ran down to St. Charles to see Mrs. James who is invalided at her brother's.

Thompson Allen, of Latta, paid a flying visit to his uncle, H. C. Bethea.

Folks are planting oats. The wheat (late planted) will give a fair stand.

The Woman's Missionary Society of Bethesda church meets at Mrs. D. O. McLeod's of Rembert today, February 9th.

**"Hagood."**

Rembert, Feb. 9, 1918.

Between five hundred and a thousand persons accepted the invitation of the Smith Greater Shows to visit their wild animal show Sunday afternoon. The animal show will be open to the public Sunday and Monday afternoons during the remainder of the stay of the Smith shows in winter quarters at the tobacco warehouse. The collection of animals is quite large and interesting for a carnival show and well worth a visit.

Waterford, Ireland, Jan. 31 (Correspondence)—All Waterford is in mourning as the result of the biggest catastrophe that has befallen this Irish east coast city in thirty years through the loss of seventy of its men at sea. The victims were in two steamers which left an English port but were never heard from again. They left 400 women and children so destitute here that relief funds have been started in all parts of the county.

**COURT IN SESSION.**

**Court of General Sessions Opens for Winter Term.**

The court of general sessions convened this morning with Judge T. S. Sease presiding.

The grand jury was organized with E. M. Hall as foreman and Judge Sease delivered the accustomed charge, briefly explaining the duties and powers of the grand jury.

Solicitor McLeod had a number of bills of indictment ready and the grand jury immediately got down to work.

The following bills had been reported before recess:

The State vs. Jake Butler, assault and battery with intent to kill. No bill.

The State vs. Ferdinand Martin, murder, true bill.

The State vs. Sam Davis, alias Sam Gathers, grand larceny. True bill.

The State vs. Frank Smith, alias Frank Davis, alias Frank Jefferson, housebreaking and larceny. True bill. Three cases.

The State vs. Willie Holliday, larceny from field. True bill.

The State vs. Hattie Holliday, receiving stolen goods. True bill.

The State vs. John Harris, manufacturing alcoholic liquor. True bill.

The State vs. Willie Anderson, alias Willie House, assault and battery with intent to kill. True bill.

The State vs. Limer Davis, assault and battery with intent to kill. Entered plea of guilty. Sentence 2 years and 6 months imprisonment.

The State vs. Manning Hall and Sally Hall, larceny of live stock. On trial.

**FATAL AUTO ACCIDENT.**

**Woman and Two Men Killed in Barnwell.**

Barnwell, Feb. 10.—One woman and two men were killed and another woman was seriously injured here this afternoon about 6 o'clock when an automobile in which they were riding dashed head-on into a west-bound freight engine at the Atlantic Coast Line depot, where the railroad intersects the public road leading from Barnwell to Allendale. The dead are: Miss Ready, Fred Lee, white, and a negro named Johnson; injured is Miss Moody. All of the occupants of the car were from Kline and were on their way home when the accident occurred.

Farmers who have corn on hand do not have to purchase corn meal or other cereal products to obtain flour.

**GERMANS AMBUSH AMERICANS.**

**Five of Pershing's Men Killed by the Enemy.**

With the American Army in France, Feb. 9 (By the Associated Press).—Five American soldiers are believed to have been killed, four are missing and one was wounded when an American patrol was ambushed in No Man's Land last night by a superior force of Germans.

The spot where the encounter occurred is an isolated one and reports concerning the casualties inflicted by both sides are meagre. Only one American is known to have escaped the trap of the Germans, which was laid in front of our wires. The one survivor, who crawled back to the American lines, with a bullet in his chest, is unable to talk.

Our artillery immediately laid a barrage around the ambushing Germans and some are believed to have been accounted for. The infantry accounted for others as it is certain the attacked patrol fought to a finish according to information trickling in from the front line. Our patrolling soldiers were walking in front of our wire entanglements when a big enemy patrol that had been divided into parties which took up concealed positions opened fire at close range. The night was clear and the forms of the Americans made the best possible targets for the hidden Germans. There is no doubt but that the Americans battled gallantly until completely overpowered. The artillery duel in our sector continued today. Scores of airplanes were out observing and making photographs. The men in the line were thrilled by a number of aerial duels high in the sky over their heads.

**AMERICAN SOLDIERS CAPTURED.**

**Berlin Announces Capture Near St. Mihiel.**

Berlin, Feb. 9.—Some American prisoners have been captured north of Xivry, ten miles east of St. Mihiel says the official statement.

The announcement fixes definitely for the first time the location of the sector held by American troops.

**SAFE IN PETROGRAD.**

**Cablegram from Ambassador Francis Disposes of Rumors.**

Washington, Feb. 11.—Ambassador Francis, telegraphing from Petrograd under date of February 6th, reported all at the embassy and in American colony, safe and well. This is regarded as disposing finally of rumors that diplomats of co-belligerents were being sent out of Russia.

**Over There.**

In the shadow of suffering are some, In the trenches of chill, and despair With shell and shot all around them, Feeling with horror and fear, A stone 'neath the head for a pillow, Not a friend, to offer a prayer, In the shadow of suffering are some, Our boys, who have gone over there.

In the shadow of death, are some, In the valley, so lone and so drear, The red, and the staff before them, Their Lord and their shepherd is near.

Goodness and mercy are following— A whisper in death, 'tis a prayer, In the valley of death are some, Our boys—who are going "Up There."

In pleasure and in glory are some, They have answered the call to appear.

Before their captain, our Savior And are watching and waiting over there.

For the bayonet, a palm, they carry, For the cross, a crown they wear, Our boys who have gone from battle, Our boys who are waiting over there.

—Nancy Thayer.

**Red Cross Seals.**

The following letter in reference to the sale of Red Cross Seals in Sumter will be of interest to those who have assisted in the work:

Dear Miss Wilson: Your letter received this morning. Your sale was splendid, hearty congratulations. You have sold one-third as many as was sold in the city of Columbia, and I have no doubt exceeded every other city in South Carolina.

I do not know the exact returns from the city of Greenwood. At last report Anderson had sold \$309.00 worth. Greenwood had sold \$929.00 in the entire county. We have not heard from Spartanburg, Greenville or Charleston. To date, we have reports of about six hundred thousand seals sold, and I believe we will reach our million.

I am sending you a report blank which will be of assistance to you. If I can be of any assistance to your association in further organization, I assure you I will be glad to assist you in any way possible.

With best wishes, I am,

Sincerely,

L. A. Riser.

Ex. Sec. S. C. Anti-Tuberculosis Association.

P. S.—I will appreciate it if you will give publicity in your home paper and also ask your correspondents for The State and News and Courier to write articles, telling what Sumter has done in the sale of Red Cross seals. This will stimulate agents to send in their reports.

Columbia, Jan. 17.

The sale amounted to \$438.14.  
Mary Wilson.

**Beans are Abundant.**

The United States Food Administration is urging wholesale and retail grocers to push the sale of colored beans, both dried and canned. The Food Administration declares that in food value the colored bean is equal, if not superior to the white bean.

There are about 3,000 carloads of these colored beans in the United States today. In response to a request for patriotic production the farmers of the West produced the largest crop of colored beans the country has ever known. They can be put on the market at a fair profit at a price which will average 30 or 40 per cent. lower than those for white beans.

**Red Cross Shipment.**

The Sumter Chapter sent to Atlanta today a box of the following: 21 hospital bed sheets, 25 pairs of pajamas, 8 hot water bag covers, 25 comfort pillows, 2 helmets, 42 pairs of socks, 15 pairs of wristlets, 29 mufflers and 70 sweaters.

This box was made up largely by the work done by some of our auxiliaries. We hope that those auxiliaries have not contributed to this box will have a share in the box that we expect to get off next Saturday.

Annie Purdy, Secretary Sumter Chapter.

Farm Demonstrator J. Frank Williams, who went to Washington last Monday night to carry the applications of the Sumter county farmers for nitrate of soda returned yesterday. Only one thousand, four hundred and twenty-four tons were applied for by Sumter county farmers.

The Jacksonville Times-Union states that "Gen. Grant's picture is printed on the new ten thousand dollar bill." In order that newspaper men may be able to verify that rumor all they have to do is to look over all their ten thousand dollar bills.—Wilmington Star.

**TAX RETURNS NOTICE FOR 1918**

I will attend in person or by deputy at the following named places and on the dates given, for the purpose of receiving tax returns for the fiscal year beginning January 1st, 1918. Returns of Real Estate, Personal Property, Pools, Roads and Dogs should be made. The office will be open to receive returns from January 1st to February 20th:

- Tindals, Tuesday, Jan. 8.
- Privateer, Wednesday, Jan. 9.
- Levi Siding, Thursday, Jan. 10.
- Wedgfield, Friday, Jan. 11.
- Claremont, Tuesday, Jan. 15.
- Hagood, Wednesday, Jan. 16.
- Remberts, Thursday, Jan. 17.
- Dabzell, Friday, Jan. 18.
- Brogdon, Tuesday, Jan. 22.
- Mayesville, Wednesday, Jan. 23.
- Oswego, Thursday, Jan. 24.
- Pleasant Grove, Tuesday, Jan. 29.
- Shiloh, Wednesday, Jan. 30.
- Norwood Cross Roads, Thursday, Jan. 31.

R. E. WILDER, County Auditor.

**Colored Red Cross Auxiliary.**

On January 25th a meeting of the ladies of Sumter and vicinity was called at the home of Mrs. Pearl Spears, out of which a Red Cross Unit was organized, and the following officers were elected: President, Mrs. Pearl Spears; Secretary, Mrs. L. B. Murph; Treasurer, Mrs. Mary James.

The president gave some instruction touching the work to be accomplished by our unit and the meeting adjourned to reassemble Friday afternoon at 4 o'clock.

The following named persons were present and enrolled as members of the unit: Mrs. Elizabeth Gibson, Mrs. Monroe, Mrs. Westbury, Mrs. Harris, Mrs. Lawson, Mrs. Levan, Mrs. Donnelly, Mrs. Prioleau, and Miss Young.

Mrs. Pearl Spears, President. Mrs. L. B. Murph, Secty.

**Carnegie Public Library Report.**

December 19 to December 31, 1917:  
Number members, 53.  
Number of books lent, 104.  
January 1 to January 31, 1918:  
Number of members during month, 237; members previously reported, 53; total membership to date, 290.  
Number of books lent during month, 880; previously reported, 104; total number of books lent, 984.  
Financial report.  
Received from rural memberships, \$2.90; received from fines, \$1.37; Total, \$3.37.

M. GRACE RANDLE, Librarian.

**FOR SALE**—One big Buick Four touring car, in good running condition. Price \$775.00. Quick sale. A good bargain. 16 S. Main St.

**STRAYED OR STOLEN**—Ash colored ox with horns. Notify Peter Prioleau, R. F. D. 1, Dalzell, S. C.

**BEST OAT**—To replant is Coker's Appler. A limited supply of seed at \$1.50 bushel. 98 per cent germination by State Department of Agriculture. Planted up to March 10th will beat the so-called early varieties. E. W. Dabbs, Mayesville, S. C.

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