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Washington, March 23.—No decided change in the weather is indicated for the South Atlantic States during the coming week. The temperatures will average somewhat lower and more nearly seasonal.

The news from the war front this morning and today, while not as optimistic as all of us would have it, is not as black and as discouraging as Pro-Germans and worshipers of the German efficiency would have the people believe. The British and French have not been crushed and demoralized. The front line forces have been driven back a distance of eight to twelve miles, but they have fallen back fighting and the losses inflicted upon the thickly massed German troops have been frightful and unprecedented. The British and French are still fighting obstinately on the main line of defense in the Bapaume and Peronne region and the German advance has been slowed down if not entirely checked. The Allies have not been crushed, they have not been thrown into a panic, the road to Paris has not been opened, the French and British armies have not been separated and the unity of action of the great army destroyed. The Anglo-French army and the American forces are still on guard at the bulwarks of civilization and once again they say to the Huns "You Shall Not Pass." We feel confident that within the next three days news will come that the Huns have failed to accomplish what they set out to do at such great risk, and that they have paid a price that will prove a death blow to the great German military machine.

Dr. H. N. Snyder, President of Wofford College, addressed the pupils

of the Boys' and Girls' High Schools this morning, the topic of his address being, "Is a Cultural Education Worth While." Dr. Snyder treated the subject in terms of the development and advancement of the human race from the rude and savage human animal of prehistoric times to the educated, refined and efficient man of the twentieth century, demonstrating how and why this advancement and improvement had been the direct and certain result of the mental and moral development of man by the training and culture of the intellect. By training the mind man had been lifted to higher ideals and endowed with the power to branch out into new lines of thought and endeavor. The mind made strong and more efficient by cultural training had dominated the world and had made the purely physical operations of wresting a living from nature subservient and secondary to the spiritual and intellectual processes, which by the exercise of trained intelligence utilized human energy to greater advantage and accomplished the great transformation that separates savagery from civilization. If men had never learned to use the mind in the realm of pure thought and had not so developed the mind by intellectual exercise that it could reason and speculate the man of historic times would have differed little from the primitive human animal who existed prior to the stone age. If all human energy had been concentrated upon the effort to do practical things in a more thorough and a more remunerative manner the progress of the race would have been retarded if not arrested altogether. Dr. Snyder made his talk as interesting and illuminating as he usually does any subject that he discusses and the high school pupils and the small audience of patrons were entertained and edified.

The time for making income tax returns expires at 6 p. m. March 31st and those liable to an income tax not making a report before April 1st will be subject to a heavy penalty.

**Novelties in Draperies and Cretonnes.**  
Spring cleaning time is at hand, and the Sumter Dry Goods Co. are showing a very attractive line of window draperies in voile, madras and marquisettes. Also the new spring patterns in cretonnes.—Advt.

The auto-scavenger carts now being used by the city are a great improvement on the old mule power vehicles.

**Hagood News and Views.**

Went out to Hagood yesterday where abidde "Guss Hicks." You know him don't you, Mr. A. H. Saunders? If not broaden your acquaintance a bit for he is one of those souls so full of sunshine that there is little room for shadow. And then I met affable and genial Ben Myers, plain, practical Bob Moody and J. L. I once thought he, Laval Jackson, had grown fat laughing, but am changing my opinion. He married one of the best cooks God ever made, a Miss Mary E. Creighton, she was, of Lancaster, whose mother was a Gilbert, whose ancestors long ago come over in the Mayflower.

But even the best of cooks must have something to cook. "Oh, you say, 'that fat fellow provides it.'" Not much, believe me, and yes, too, for there's many another wife with the good things of earth around who is—well the least said is the soonest mended. I just dropped in there at dinner time and took "pot licker." I wish you could have seen it, there was ham, spinach, peas, rice, beets, hot pickle, and such pickle, bread, corn and wheat and mince pie. All of it was good home product but that mince pie! Mr. Editor were you to eat it you'd always have a "hankerin after dat table." Not alone as a cook does Mrs. Jackson excel but at anything to which she puts a hand. At the county fair last fall her work was the talk of the town. There are some people who, figuratively speaking, always put a good taste in your mouth. Not that they try to, but that they are so constituted. Well, Mrs. Jackson's activities are finding constant expression in benevolent work.

It does one good to see what a live man can do. One time, and this is no fairy story, an Irishman bought eight acres of land to make a living on, and when asked if he could make a living on it he replied that if he failed he could sell off half and then he knew he could make a living on four acres. You just ought to see what "the Colonel" has on a small plot of land, with sleek cows, horse and hogs all running out on some part of it. I once thought he did nothing but read if that were true he has turned over a new leaf.

We found the old Scotch preacher, none of your driveling German sympathizers, a patriot to the core down at Hagood booked for two addresses for the week and one Sunday to the colored people, in the interest of the Red Cross.  
Mrs. H. C. Bethea is quite weak

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Mr. S. W. Allen continues to have sickness in his family, but not so serious as lately.

Folks here are planting corn and preparing land for cotton. Many of them have not fertilizer for small grain which makes a serious situation for some.

Did you ever see a green lizard? He did not look green when I saw him. Some men are like your lizard. Are they of our crowd? Do you want to claim kin with them, the worse than Revolutionary Tories?  
Hagood.

Rembert, March 21.

**AMERICAN CASUALTY LIST.**

**Two Men are Killed in Action.**

Washington, March 22.—Sixty-two names appear on today's list of casualties among the American expeditionary forces, including two men killed in action and 13 missing in action.

Fifteen died of disease, one was killed by accident, one died of wounds, nine were severely wounded and 21 slightly wounded.

The list follows:  
Killed in action: Corp. Henry H. Fall, (previously reported wounded) Private Richard Gross.

Died of accident: Private Sylvester P. Sullivan.

Missing in action: Sergt. Joseph Stoniea, Corps. John J. Payne and Edward E. Struck.

Privates Rudolph M. Backus, Barney Bogin, William O. Carander, Marcus Hansen, Hans Larsen, Adelbert Morey, Hugh O'Neill, Samuel J. Peters, Hector E. Holman and John Tracka.

Died of disease: Sergt. Michael L. McElhinny, pneumonia; Corp. Alfred H. Israel, Corp. Alfred J. Renaud; Privates Harman Bezel, Charles E. Boggs, Rylan E. Brillhart, Allen K. Hartman, Henry K. Larsen, Milton L. Michaelson, Walter H. Owens, Henry

Perry, William T. Robbins, Robert Smith, Elmer Spears, John Trimble.  
Died of wounds: Private Boleslaw Grochowski.

Wounded severely: Lieut. Harry W. Goos, Corp. Harry G. Stickley; Privates: Stanley Arezey, Simon Gondol, Oliver W. Morison, James J. O'Donnell, Carl Anderson, George B. Grier, Abraham L. Lepofsky.

Wounded slightly: Lieuts. Lee Morgan Picket, Charles Glenn Roberts, Chief Mechanic George LaVictorie, Sergts. Kenneth V. Hughes, Lonnie Winstead, Corps. Floyd Heath, Elmer J. Partlow, Jack Peavy, Mechanic Frank E. Blossom. Privates Robert A. Foster, Salvatore E. Beatrice, Edward Bollinski, Charley Cain, Leslie S. Emerson, Easil Glass, Frederick V. Gould, Oliver W. Holmes, Earl E. Kastner, Mike Peoris, Michael Tymchoke, Fred S. Yates.

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