

**CLIMBED THREE POINTS IN A WEEK.**

Other Counties are Climbing Too and a Letup Means Sumter Goes Back—A Pull All Together Takes Her Up.

The statement just issued from the State Director's office shows that during the week of March 16th-March 23rd Sumter county rose from 18th in the rank of counties to 15th. The per capita rise was five cents; in other words during that week Sumter county bought stamps to the extent of five cents worth for every man, woman and child in the county.

The counties we passed were Union, Saluda and Florence. These counties, you may be sure are going to hustle to get it back on us! Sumter county has to hustle to hold her own and to go higher up. Join the Tip Top Club.

Little Hampton county in the same time rose four places; we are not the only crowd that is climbing.

So far, thirty war savings societies in this county have sent in their papers. Of this number twenty are from schools outside of the city of Sumter, two are from adults in the country, and eight are from adults in the city.

Many more societies are in process of organization. By this time next month there should easily be 100 war savings societies in the county.

The really truly grownups on Salem way have formed a War Savings Society. This is the second grownup society formed in the county. The Gen. Sumter at Stateburg being the first. Miss A. A. Earrow is president of the Salem Society, and Mrs. C. M. Boykin is secretary. The other members are: Mr. A. M. Andrews, Mrs. A. M. Andrews, Mr. E. W. Dabbs, Mrs. E. W. Dabbs, Mr. J. H. Wilson, Miss Sophie Dabbs, Miss Elizabeth Dabbs, and Miss Virginia Warren.

Why cannot our Sumter people follow the example of Stateburg on one side, and Salem on the other and the Sumter ladies in the centre, and form War Saving Societies? And why cannot the men get into these societies? Why only the children and the women? Have the men so much money they do not need to save? Has the government so much surplus that the men do not feel it their duty to lend to the government?

Will not a five year saving look good when cashed in January, 1922?

The formation of many War Saving Societies did a lot to push forward the sales of stamps in Sumter during March. The members of these societies save and encourage savings among others, and they accomplish a lot of good work in raising revenue for the government. Without revenue the government cannot keep going forward a steady stream of supplies to the American boys in France, and they are fighting an army that is exceedingly well equipped with everything. The successes that the Germans have won so far have not been caused by the fact that German soldiers are better than other soldiers, for they are not, but they are well organized, well equipped, and the nation behind them is just as well organized and is sending to the front all the time the supplies that are needed.

Bethel School has four War Savings

Societies, and these held a nice celebration on March 26th which was Thrift Day. All the school sang America and then there was a reading by Master S. A. Harvin, Jr., and by Master Dwight Cain, Jr. Then the school sang Columbia, the Gem of the Ocean, after which an address was delivered to the audience of school children and grownups from the neighborhood by Mr. H. C. Haynsworth. Mr. Haynsworth made a stirring appeal to the patriotism of his hearers, and it may be added that the patriotism of the people of Bethel neighborhood is never slow to respond to whatever call is made upon it.

A short talk was made by Mr. J. M. Kolb, and then Superintendent of Education Haynsworth made a talk, after which benediction was pronounced by Rev. William Haynsworth.

The four Bethel school societies have already bought a large number of stamps and for the number of pupils in the school is going to make a mighty good showing when the reports of all the schools are read at County School Day on the 19th.

The ladies and gentlemen of Dalzell are forming a War Saving Society; their roll will be published as soon as it is sent in.

The merchants out in the country are slowly filling in agency application blanks and sending them in. Agencies in the country are especially desirable because the people do not get as often to the postoffice as they do in town. These merchants can do a lot of good patriotic work by showing Thrift Stamps to the people, if they will only realize that fact.

During the past week Lancaster county jumped from next to the bottom to just below Sumter. If some of our good people do not buy stamps this week we are very much afraid that Lancaster will give another jump and go clear over us.

Saving Sammy says: After you buy Liberty Bonds with your big money put your small change into Thrift Stamps.

Boost the bonds while they are with us—but don't forget the little stamps. Two Kaiser killers—Liberty bonds and Thrift Stamps.

**GERMAN LOSS ESTIMATED.**

American Officers Place Cost of Drive at 300,000. With American Army in France, April 8.—An American officer who has just returned from the battle fields of northern France estimates that the Germans thus far have lost at least three hundred thousand in killed, wounded and missing.

Richmond Pierson Hobson. A great man will be in our midst Wednesday evening to deliver a lecture on "Wartime Prohibition" or "America in War" and the people of this city ought to turn out in full force to hear this great orator of national reputation and fame.

Captain Hobson will lecture at Trinity Methodist Church on Wednesday evening at 8 o'clock.

It has long ceased to be remarkable that so small a country as Japan could be victorious over so big a country as Russia.—Washington Star.

**LUMBER FOR SHIPS.**

**War Industries Board Issues Orders to Curtail Other Industries.**

Washington, April 5.—Further measures were taken today by the war industries board to speed up ship-building and aircraft production. Priority orders were issued in favor of lumber shipments from saw mills for this work and an agreement was reached with the piano and musical instrument industry to curtail production 30 per cent. during April and May.

By a 30 per cent. reduction in the output of piano and instrument factories, officials declare, vast facilities will become available for aircraft and other war work now behind schedule.

Representatives of the industry have been in conference with the war industries board and a voluntary agreement was reached. As soon as possible war work will be transferred to these factories. This move is said to be a part of a general policy of the war industries board to restrict production of the less essentials wherever necessary to speed up the war preparation.

The automobile industry already has agreed to cut down pleasure car production 30 per cent. The glass industry recently curtailed its output 50 per cent. and box board manufacturers agreed to close down one day a week and brewers curtailed their brewing 30 per cent.

While aircraft production is chiefly affected by this action both the shipping board and the aircraft board will benefit by the lumber priority order.

**EXPLOSION AT BATIMORE.**

**Big Noise But No Damage and No Fatalities.**

Baltimore, April 8.—Hot slag being dumped into the river at the Sparrows Point works of the Bethlehem Steel Company early today caused a terrific explosion which shook the lower part of the city. It was first thought that there had been a serious accident, but no one was hurt.

**Work or Quit.**

(From the Oregon Journal.) Chicago breathes an aspiration to join the galaxy of cities which have grown great and virtuous under "work or quit" town ordinances. The "work or quit" ordinances will be wholesome if they are wholesomely enforced. If they apply to the hobo without money and pass over the hobo with a big bank account they are likely to do more harm than good. The people will submit to any law within the bounds of reason that is impartially applied. A law that is not impartially applied may deepen the chasm between social classes and tend to dissolve the unity of the nation. If rich idlers and poor ones can be set to work together everybody will rejoice except the idlers.

**All That Was Left to Do.**

An Ohio man whose son was an applicant for a position in the federal civil service, but who had been turned completely down, said:

"It's sure hard luck, but Bill has missed that civil service again. It looks like they just won't have him, that's all."

"What's the trouble?" asked the friend.

"Well, he was kinder short on spelling and geography, an' he missed a good deal in arithmetic."

"What's he going to do about it?"

"I don't know," said the father. "Times are not so good for us, an' I reckon he'll have to go back to teach in school for a livin'."—Everybody's

**No Pay Needed.**

"I done had to go out collectin' for de missionary society," explained the old colored woman who was wanted for some housework, according to Harris Dickson.

"But I have work for you to do, and you need all the money you can get. What do you get paid for collectin'?" asked Mrs. Dickson.

"I don't get paid," said Mandy. "I only gets what I collects."—Atlanta Journal.

**Had Heard it Before.**

"I'll attend to you in a minute," was the way her mother addressed Beth when she was to be punished. One day she sent the little girl to the store on an errand. She returned crying: "He was goin' to 'pank me an' I wunned home."

"He wouldn't do that," said mother. "Es um would," sobbed the child. "He kep' sellin' to odder folks, an sayin' to me: 'I'll attend to you in a minute.'"—Atlanta Journal.

In the saving of daylight we can set the clocks ahead, but what are we going to do with the sun dials?—Arkansas Gazette.

**KILLING FROST NOT LIKELY.**

**Average Date March 20, Latest Date April 17—What Weather Man Says.**

Richard E. Sullivan, the meteorologist at the weather bureau, gave some interesting figures yesterday showing the average number of growing days obtained by the difference in averages existing between the latest spring killing frost and the earliest autumn killing frost. The average date of latest spring killing frost around Columbia is March 20, according to the records and as that is 12 days past the chances are with the growers. The following interesting facts are given concerning Columbia, Charleston and Greenville.

In this section the average number of growing days is 243. The average date of the latest spring killing frost is March 20. The average date of the earliest autumn killing frost is November 18. The latest spring killing frost based on a temperature of 32 in Columbia occurred on April 17, 1905. The thermometer registered 30 on that date.

The earliest autumn killing frost on same basis occurred on October 30, 1910. The difference between the two average dates is 243 days.

In Greenville, the average latest killing frost since 1893 based on a temperature of 32 was April 6. The average date of the earliest killing autumn frost on the same basis was November 1. The latest killing frost a Greenville on a basis of a temperature of 32 was on April 24, 1903. The earliest killing autumn frost was October 11, 1906. The difference between the two average dates is 209 days.

The latest killing spring frost in Charleston since 1891 occurred on February 19. The average early autumn killing frost according to all records is December 11. No autumn killing frosts occurred in 1874, 1879, 1893, 1897 and 1908. The latest killing frost ever recorded in Charleston occurred on April 2, 1881. No spring killing frosts occurred in 1880. The earliest autumn killing frost was recorded on November 17, 1872, 1882 and 1901. The difference in averages is 295 days.

**A Rhapsody.**

More good, constructive thought comes through the haze and the smoke of a cigar or pipe than there would ever have come had they been absent. Tobacco chewing is a bad habit, but some mighty great men of this country have chewed tobacco. Tobacco in moderate use leads to a serenity of mind which places it in position for analytical thinking, and that is what this country is short on at present and has been for the last generation. If tobacco is good for the boys in the trenches and helps them, it is good for the boys back home. When it becomes necessary for us to give up tobacco in order that the soldiers may have bread, we will give it up, but serenity of mind is just as necessary as a full stomach and we know of nothing that is a greater comfort to one than tobacco used moderately.—Memphis Commercial-Appeal.

**Heredity.**

"Do you believe in heredity?"

"Yes," said the school teacher.

"There's a little boy in my class who has to return home every day for his books, pencils and pens. His father's a plumber."—Buffalo Express.

**Better Now.**

"When I was a boy I was glad enough to eat dry bread for my dinner," said father, at the head of the table.

"Well, daddy," piped up his small daughter, "you are having a much better time now you are living with us."—Life.

Some of our people do not yet realize fully that this country is in the war and that our own boys are in France fighting to the death for liberty and safety. Perhaps the next list of fallen heroes that comes from across the sea may contain the names of Sumter boys. When they do come to a full realization of what we have at stake they will count nothing too great to do for the cause of democracy. They will not count dollars when America calls upon them to buy Liberty Bonds.

We are waiting to hear Germany say that she invaded Russia to protect the Bolsheviks from Japan.—St. Louis Star.

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**KING HAROLD.**

**Cantata to Be Sung by The Choral Club Thursday Night.**

The cantata to be sung by the Choral Society of Sumter on Thursday evening. This work was written by Mr. Woods for Queen Victoria's jubilee. It was sung for the first time by three thousand voices. Since then, it has been used many times both in this country and abroad.

The libretto was taken largely from Lord Lytton's "Harold," and Lord Tennyson's drama, several deviations having been made for effective musical treatment.

In order to heighten the appreciation of the audience, the interesting argument of this work is given below. The program for the evening will be published later. Keep in mind the date, Thursday evening the 11th, and the visiting artists: Miss Florence Visanska, violinist; Miss Elsa Bargman, soprano; Mr. Richard Voight, tenor; and the orchestra.

**Argument.**

On the eve of the battle of Hastings (Saxon, Senlac) King Harold receives an ovation from soldiers, camp followers, and country people, by whom he was much beloved. Among the more timid there is a presage of coming disaster because of various strange portents. The soldiers dispel these fears by reminding them of the King's recent victory over the dreaded Viking host. A contingent of monks and nuns from Waltham Abbey (Harold's foundation) arrive in the camp, among whom is Edith the fair.

Harold has been led in to a marriage with Aldwulf by carefully laid stratagems, although his heart has long been given to Edith.

A meeting takes place between Harold and Edith, both of whom seem to regard it as a farewell one, since the King asks of Edith a farewell blessing, while Edith speaks of a speedy union, not on earth, but at celestial altars where "true love is a virtue." So they part.

Harold's rest is disturbed by visions of Norman and Saxon Saints and Spirits of the Sea, predicting death and disaster on the following day. The King prays that punishment may fall on him alone and not on England.

The next day the battle is watched from a neighboring hill by an anxious crowd of camp followers, country people, monks, etc., among whom is Edith. Victory seems well within the grasp of the English when the crafty Norman, by a pretended flight, turns and throws the English into confusion. The King is seen to fall, pierced by an arrow.

The English wives and mothers seek their dead by moonlight, and Edith obtains permission from the Normans to search for the body of the dead King. So disfigured were the faces of the dead that their recognition was only effected by certain marks on the body. On the breast of Harold were tattooed the words "Edith and England," on reading which Edith falls dead over the body of the King, rejoicing with her last breath at the con-

summation of that union to which she had so long looked forward.

The Spirits of the Sea predict that in one grave on the sea shore shall rest their two bodies, undivided in death, over which they will wait the bridal death dirge:

"Let his corpse guard the coasts which his body muddily defended. Let the sea wait his dirge and girdle his grave."

**Remarkable Manifesto.**

Following is a remarkable manifesto that was recently issued by a number of England's most noted ministers:

"First—That the present crisis points toward the close of the times of the Gentiles.

"Second—That the revelation of the Lord may be expected at any moment, when He will be manifested as evidently as to His disciples on the evening of His resurrection.

"Third—That the completed church will be translated, to be 'forever with the Lord.'

"Fourth—That Israel will be restored to its own land in unbelief, and be afterwards converted by the appearance of Christ on its behalf.

"Fifth—That all human schemes of reconstruction must be subsidiary to the second coming of our Lord, because all nations will be subject to his rule.

"Sixth—That under the reign of Christ there will be a further great effusion of the Holy Spirit on all flesh.

"Seventh—That the truths embodied in this statement are of the utmost practical value in determining Christian character and action with reference to the pressing problems of the hour."

This statement was signed by A. C. Dixon and F. B. Meyer, Baptists; George Campbell Morgan and Alfred Byrd, Congregationalists; William Fuller Gouch, Presbyterian; H. Webb Peepoe, J. Stuart Holden, Episcopalians; Dinsdale T. Young, Methodist.

**His Life's Mystery.**

There is a man in Bozeman, Mont., who will probably go through life bewailing the injustice of the draft board that certified him for service despite the fact that he presented a letter written by his wife to prove that he had a dependent family.

Here is the letter:

"Dear Un'ed States Army: My husband ask me to write a recommendation that he supports his family. He can not read so don't tell him. Just take him. He ain't no good to me. He ain't done nothing but play a fiddle and drink lemman essence since I married him, eight years ago, and I got to feed seven kids of his. Maybe you can get him to carry a gun. He's good on squirrels and eatin'." Take him and wecum. I need the grub and his bed for the kids. Don't tell him this but take him."—New York Tribune.




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