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PERSONAL.

Mrs. John L. McLaurin, Mrs. T. B. McLaurin, Miss Mary McLaurin, Miss Grace Jones and Mrs. C. E. Sligh, wife of Capt. C. F. Sligh, United States Army, of Bennettsville, accompanied Hon. John L. McLaurin and attended the meeting Monday night.

Mrs. Altamont Moses and Miss Arma Moses have returned from Charleston.

Misses Madge, Gertrude and Daisy Pope of Florence spent the week-end with Mrs. J. D. Shirer.

Mr. Vernie Watts, of Camp Jackson, spent Sunday with his parents near Mayesville.

Mrs. L. Strauss has received a letter from her son, Lieut. Herbert Morris, announcing his safe arrival in France.

Mr. Delmar Wadford has received a postcard from his brother, Thomas Wadford, saying: "The ship on which I sailed has arrived safely overseas."

Miss Jaunita Dohrmann is visiting friends in Florence.

Miss Alice Martin, Assistant Home Demonstration Agent, was called to her home in Greenville county Saturday by the illness of her mother.

Mrs. Henry Harby, Mrs. J. J. Williams, Mrs. H. M. Stuckey, Mrs. R. S. Hood and Mrs. Irving Ryttenberg have gone to Aiken to attend the State Federation of Clubs which is meeting there this week.

Mr. T. W. Pace has received a card from his son, A. S. Pace, saying that he arrived safely over seas.

Mrs. Andrena Moses has gone to Washington on a visit to her son, Mr. Claremont Moses. Mr. Moses, who has been in the office of the department of signal service for some time, leaves Monday for Camp Mead where he goes into military service.

Capt. and Mrs. R. F. Rumph, of Macon, Ga., are visiting Mr. and Mrs. W. P. Rivers on Warren Street.

Miss Fannie David, of Columbia, is visiting her aunt, Mrs. R. L. Butts on Salem Ave.

Notice.

The Democratic Clubs of Sumter County are hereby called to meet at their respective places of meeting on Saturday, April 27th, 1918, at such convenient hours as the officers of the clubs may designate, except that in the city of Sumter, the clubs of the said City of Sumter shall meet Friday afternoon, April 26th, 1918, not earlier than six o'clock P. M. on said day.

Said clubs shall re-organize, by the election of officers, executive committeemen, and delegates to the County Convention, which will meet in the Court House for Sumter county, on Monday, the 5th day of May, 1918, at twelve o'clock noon. Each club is entitled to a delegate to the convention for every twenty-five members or majority part thereof, based upon the vote at the last primary.

The Club officers are requested to give this notice all possible publicity, that a full meeting of the clubs may be had.

JOHN H. CLIFTON,
County Chairman.

H. G. Osteen, Secretary.

FOR SALE—Choice baled hay and oat straw. Heavy seed oats for feed. Corn in shuck. Choice hams, sides and shoulders from young thrifty hogs, cured and smoked just right. With our own flour and meats and feeds we are nevertheless observing all the food regulations. Why tax the railroads when better food supplies can be obtained at home? Help feed our soldiers and Allies by buying home products. We have bought bonds to the limit. Have you? E. W. Dabbs, Pineland & Egypt Farms, Mayesville, S. C.

WE HAVE—In stock in our warehouses in Sumter, tobacco, corn and garden and cotton fertilizer. Also Acid Phosphate. Call or write us for prices. Southern Brokerage Co. Phone 89.

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.

METEOR AT SPARTANBURG.

Same Celestial Visitor that Startled Sumter Folks Was Seen at Spartanburg Also.

Spartanburg, April 23.—One of the most remarkable meteoric phenomena of which local scientists have any record burst over this county this evening at 8.30 o'clock and was witnessed by the soldiers at Camp Wadsworth. Although it was yet daylight, the illumination in the heavens cast shadows of every object. The shadows of electrical wires overhead were suddenly outlined on the pavement, and a red glow filled the heavens. Those who looked up saw hanging a little to the southeast in the center of the sky, a floating white cloud, as if a shrapnel shell had burst, and the smoke remained stationary.

Three minutes after the bright flash there came the sound of three distinct explosions. Many said it was a signal sent up from camp, perhaps a star shell they are trying out, and many of the soldiers accepted that explanation. At the office of the signal corps it was said that no such thing had been undertaken, and that the cloud was too light to have been caused by an explosion sent up from the earth. A short while after the explosion reports came from many nearby towns of the same experience, showing that it had been witnessed thirty and forty miles from Spartanburg. Authorities of local colleges say it was a remarkable meteor.

A MARVELOUS METEOR.

Yesterday afternoon just after the sun dropped below the western horizon, and while it was still bright day a marvelous meteoric display was seen in the western sky by a large number of people. A very large meteor flashed across the heavens and exploded producing a fleecy cloud, in which appeared a long bar of vivid light, with a large ball of light at each end. The illumination became gradually diffused, taking on weird and eccentric forms, variously described by those who saw the phenomenon as snakes, letters and signs. These forms gradually disappeared but for many minutes there was an unusual glow in the heavens. Many persons were terrified by the occurrence and it was hard to convince them that it was only a falling star of exceptional size. They attribute to the incident a mystical significance and saw it in a portent and a warning, needing only a Daniel to give the interpretation thereof.

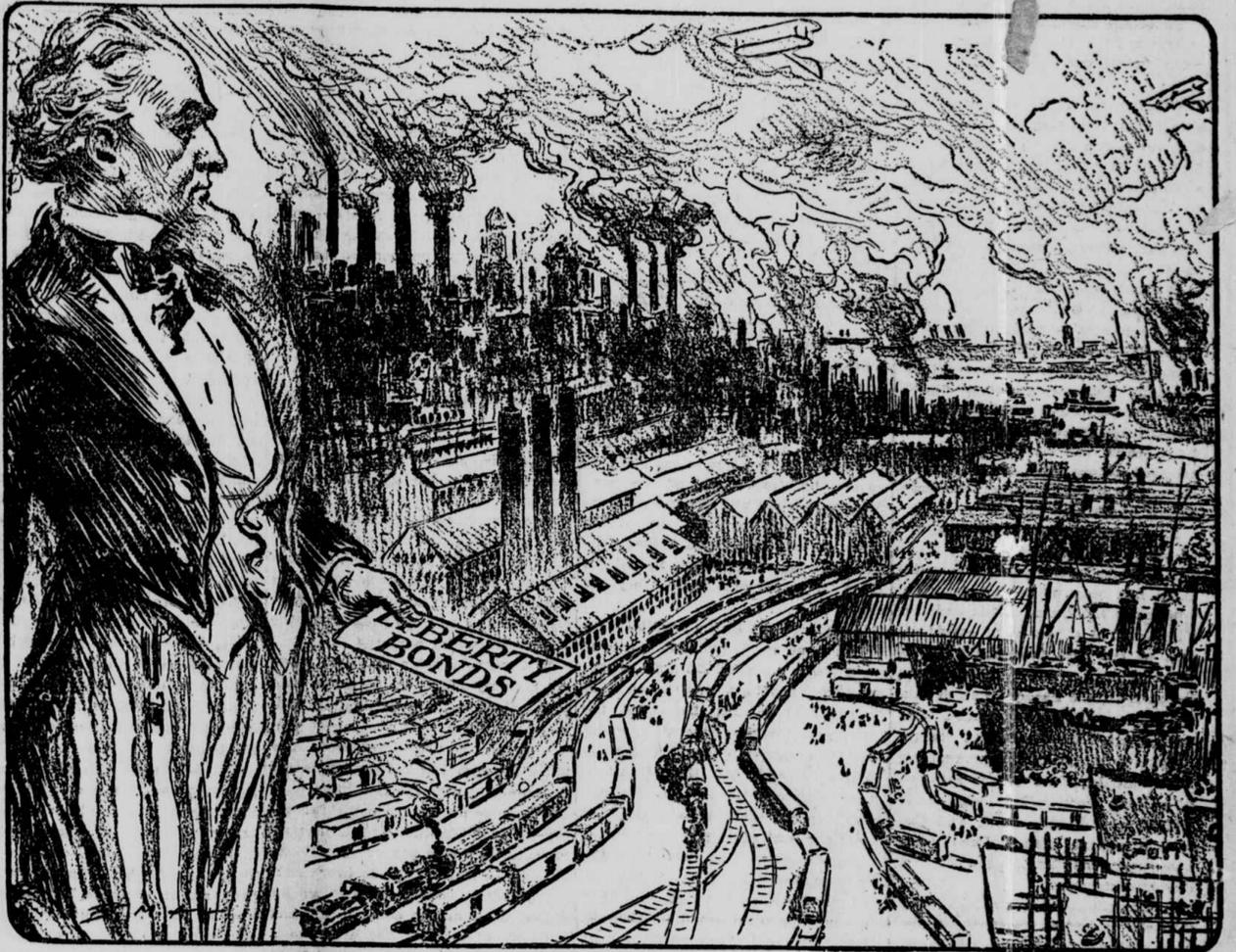
Will Cool Meat Free for Farmers.

The Sumter Lighting Co., through its manager, Mr. E. H. Moses, has announced to the Sumter Chamber of Commerce that it will cool meat for all farmers in this county in reasonable quantities for home consumption only, up to May 15th, free of charge in order to encourage the home raising and curing of meats. This generous offer on the part of the Sumter Lighting Company is made to the farmer in the true spirit of patriotism for the purpose of enabling him to cure his own meat for future use, rather than carry it over, as live stock to another season at great expense, or be forced to kill it and place it on the market for immediate use, because of a lack of facilities for chilling.

Every farmer who has hogs ready for slaughter should avail himself of this offer to provide his own meat throughout the year by taking advantage of this free cooling to be followed by the process of curing which Mr. C. W. Suber of Columbia has found to be entirely satisfactory.

Asked by Mr. Geo. L. Baker of Columbia about the result of the meat he had cooled Mr. Suber said: "I have just examined my meat piece by piece and so far as I have been able to see the condition of it is all that could be desired. It was thoroughly chilled and cut up in the usual way, when I put it in a barrel of brine, strong enough to float an egg. I left it in this condition for three days. At the end of this time I took the meat out and wiped it off thoroughly with a dry cloth and made a new brine into which I put it where it will remain for three weeks, at the expiration of that time I will take it out and wipe it dry and smoke it or treat it with 'liquid smoke' as suits me best at the time and when dry will be ready for use." Mr. Suber further stated "I consider it a fortunate thing that this cooling offer was made me for otherwise I would have been obliged to put it on the local market, since the risk of losing it to say nothing of feeding the hogs for another year would have been too great an expense to undertake. As it is I have my own meat and lard for another year and will not have to buy it on the open market."

The Chamber of Commerce realizes the great need of increasing our meat supply and is encouraging by every means in its power, the farmer to take advantage of this free cooling of meat as a help towards winning the war.



Where Your Money Goes

WE are now building more naval and merchant ships than we have constructed in the last generation.

We are building a vast fleet of airplanes, and enormous supplies of artillery, motor trucks, machine guns, rifles and ammunition. We are feeding, clothing and training an army of a million men, and preparing for a million more. We have loaned billions of

dollars to our allies to be spent in the United States.

From the shipyards of the Pacific to those of the Atlantic; on our farms and in our mines, mills and factories in every State in the Union; back of the firing lines in France, where men are training, camps are being erected and railroads built, billions upon billions are being expended for labor, for transportation, for materials and supplies of every description.

The mind can hardly conceive the sums of money required for our war preparations. Yet these expenditures are absolutely essential.

We must win the war quickly if possible; we must carry it on for years if necessary. We must do the job with American thoroughness, let the cost be what it may.

Remember, when you invest in your Liberty Bonds, that there is immediate, urgent, imperative need for every dollar you can spare.

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