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PERSONAL.

Mrs. Albert Miller and daughter, who have been visiting Dr. and Mrs. Archie China, have returned to their home in New York State.

Mrs. C. E. Waters left this morning for her home at Rodman, S. C., accompanied by her sister, Miss Lottie Smith.

Mr. and Mrs. Neill O'Donnell have returned home from New York after a stay of several weeks.

Mr. W. J. Hawley and wife, of China, and Mrs. Geo. I. Daig, of Archer, Fla., are expected to arrive in the city tomorrow, coming from Florida by automobile, en route to Pennsylvania. They will spend a few days here as the guests of Mrs. J. D. Blandling.

Mr. and Mrs. Lawton Jones, of North, S. C., spent Sunday in town with relatives.

Mrs. C. W. McGrew is spending a few days with her son, Charley, at Raeford, N. C.

Red Cross Notes.

The Boston Candy Kitchen and Dixie Meat Market are the first stores to fall in line and buy the "Carry Your Own Parcel" stamps. Why not every store in town?

Those registering at the Surgical Dressings workroom yesterday were: Mrs. W. D. Boykin, supervisor; Mrs. S. W. Stubbs, officer of the day; Mesdames Horace Harby, A. D. Harby, G. L. Ricker, R. D. Epps, Abe Ryttenberg, officer of the day; J. E. King, C. P. Exum, Misses C. Fraser, M. Edmunds, A. Burgess.

As can be easily seen, the attendance is falling off. There are still 550 large paper back pads, 420 split irrigation pads, and 600 2x2 wipes to be made in order that the May allotment can be completed. This will be practically impossible unless there are more workers next week. Everyone is urged to remember the necessity for surgical dressings, and answer with a ready response the call for more workers. None of the pads are hard to make, and every spare moment that you can give is appreciated.

Beginning with Monday of next week, there will be a city-wide campaign for new Red Cross members. Every street will be canvassed, and it is hoped that by the following week, Sumter will be able to boast a 100 per cent. membership.

The following are those appointed for the procuring of these new members:

Ward 1—Mesdames R. C. Williams, L. W. Jenkins, A. P. Maurer, John Barwick, F. E. Roper.

Ward 2—Mesdames Ferd Levi, L. D. Phillips, A. Weinberg, W. W. Reese, Shep Nash, C. P. Barnum, H. C. Tucker, R. C. Forrester, A. Bogin, J. Strother; Misses Julia Rowland, Theo. Gregg, Reese Chandler, Hassie Parrott, Marie Phillips, Ethel Green.

Ward 3—Mesdames Ashley Mood, S. W. Coterider, A. A. Howell, C. S. Whitted, E. C. Lamb; Misses Natalie Norman, Isadore Teicher.

Ward 4—Mesdames R. K. Wilder, J. D. Wilder, Jr., E. H. Moses, G. W. Hutcheson; Miss Lizzie Smoot.

For the business section—Messrs. C. M. Hurst, Bartow Walsh and Rev. J. P. Marion.

C. P. McKnight Dead.

Blythewood, May 10.—This community was shocked and saddened Sunday morning at the news of the death of C. P. McKnight. He had been in failing health for about a month, but his death came unexpectedly. Mr. McKnight was born and reared in Clarendon county, but moved to this community seven years ago and had since been one of its most useful and valuable citizens. He was a member of the Sandy Level Baptist Church and lived a consecrated Christian life, being the senior deacon of the church. He is survived by his widow, who was Miss Leila Cuttino of Clarendon county, one brother, Frank McKnight of Summerton, three sisters, all of Hendersonville, N. C., and nine children, John A. McKnight of Sumter, Mrs. H. L. Timmons of Holyoke, Cal., Mrs. A. O. Lubchencho of this place, Mrs. H. M. Parker of Statesville, N. C., Dr. J. H. McKnight, of Haxton, Col., Cuttino McKnight of Charleston, David McKnight, Allie May and Lois McKnight of Blythewood.

Mr. McKnight had many friends throughout the State who will be grieved to learn of his death.

The funeral services were conducted at Sandy Level church Monday by the pastor, the Rev. Mr. Buckley. The floral tributes and the large concourse of friends present at the funeral attested to the high esteem in which he was held.

"Out of the mouths of babes" also comes ruination for Daddy's new suit. —Greensboro News.

MURDER IN COLUMBIA.

James McLoughlin Killed in Eagle's Club.

Columbia, May 12.—A horrible murder was perpetrated in the heart of the city at an early hour yesterday morning at 1330 Main street. James McLoughlin, for many years the faithful steward of the Eagle's Home was murdered while he lay on his bed asleep. Horrible indeed are the details of the tragedy. The man was assassinated within stone throwing distance of the largest banks in the city, and the sound of the blows which killed him could have been heard by Main street pedestrians.

McLoughlin occupied a bed in a room over Swan's Clothing store, the front room of the Eagle's Home. He retired about midnight Friday, and was found dead in his room at 11 o'clock yesterday morning. His head had been crushed by an instrument and it is thought that a hatchet was used. The man was found on the floor, and the bed was saturated with blood. The supposition is that he was struck while asleep, and in his death struggle fell to the floor. There was nothing to indicate that any robbery had been committed. Everything in the room appeared to be in its place.

The dead man's clothes were on a chair about six feet from the bed, an iron safe was intact, and two desks had not been disturbed.

At the foot of the bed lay a beautiful red rose and the flower was not picked up. It was later tramped upon. The rose may or may not be a clue. Mr. McLoughlin's watch was in his pocket, and \$5 was removed from his clothes.

A close examination of the premises show that the assassin made a mad rush for his man. He forced an entrance through a rear window by the use of a crowbar, this placed him in the rear room. He then encountered a locked door, the crowbar was used and the door was opened. Splinters lay on the floor showing the trouble and force that was necessary to effect an entrance. James McLoughlin lay asleep in the front room unaware of approaching danger. The murderer crept up to the front room where his intended victim lay. Eight blows were struck in the head, some of these penetrating the brain. The dead man also has a gash in the shoulder and a bone in one hand is broken. A life had been taken and the assassin made his escape. Every detail of the horrible tragedy shows that the murderer was prepared to kill or be killed.

Two members of the Eagles made the discovery. C. J. Niggel and Geo. Dickert met at the home about 11 o'clock yesterday morning and the place was not open as usual. There was no response to the bell or door knocks. Finally Mr. Niggel climbed over a porch and crawled through a front window. His eyes met the terrible sight. McLoughlin was lying in his own life blood. An alarm was given and a squad of men under Chief Richardson came upon the scene, and started an investigation.

Elbert Gray, a former porter at the home, was arrested at 1:10 p. m. yesterday and on his person was 71 cents. He was placed in a private cell at the station where he was put through a close examination. The police secured the shirt he wore on Friday, and supposed blood spots were located on one sleeve. He is being held for investigation.

Gray was discharged by Mr. McLoughlin on two occasions. Several months ago the negro was arrested on the charge of petty larceny, was tried and convicted. His lawyer appealed the case and put up a \$25 bond. Last week he notified the police that he would surrender his client to serve his sentence. According to statements made by a member of the Eagles the dead steward said Gray came to him for the \$25 to pay the fine so as to avoid going on the gang. His request was refused. He then told McLoughlin that he would have to mortgage a horse to secure the money. Later he came back and renewed his request for the \$25 so he could lift the mortgage. He was refused the second time. The last refusal was made on last Wednesday morning.

Red Cross Notes—Surgical Dressings Department.

The attendance at Surgical Dressings work room was an improvement Saturday. Those registering were: Mrs. W. D. Boykin, supervisor; Mrs. C. L. Stubbs, officer of the day; Mesdames C. M. Boykin, A. J. Stubbs, Abe Ryttenberg, Baker, Nina Solomons, officer of the day; Ferd Levi, J. G. DeLoraine, C. P. Exum, S. H. Edmunds, H. H. Reese, L. B. Phillips, Horace Harby; Misses McLean, L. C. McLaurin, Cornelia McLaurin, Ruth Harrington, Macaulay, Michaux, Ida Penny.

Death.

Legrand Davis of this city died this morning. Funeral arrangement will be announced later.

MEMORIAL DAY SERVICES.

Annual Ceremony in Honor of the Men Who Wore the Grey and Laid Down Their Lives in Defense of Their Country.

The annual Memorial services were held yesterday afternoon on the School Square with the usual large attendance. Camp Dick Anderson, U. C. V., the Daughters of the Confederacy, Sumter Light Infantry Reserves and the School Battalion formed in front of the Washington street school building and marched to the Girls' High School where the exercises were held. The ceremonies were opened with prayer by Rev. J. A. Brunson. Dr. S. H. Edmunds made a brief presentation address and Crosses of Honor were presented to Veterans L. R. Jennings, P. R. McGee and J. J. P. Lawrence.

Dr. E. W. Sikes, of Coker College delivered the address of the occasion. As usual he delighted his audience, his address being eloquent and at the same time instructive. His subject was Master Spirits of the War Between the States—Robert E. Lee and Abraham Lincoln. He drew an illuminating character sketch of the two men, showing in what particulars they differed and wherein they resembled each other, in mind, spirit, heart, body and achievement. The subject was so deftly and masterfully presented that it seemed simplicity itself, but Dr. Sikes' art as a speaker was never better exemplified. He has the cultivated gift of clear and forcible public speaking in its highest development and it is a pleasure to hear him discuss any subject, and those who hear him attentively never fail to be enlightened.

At the conclusion of the exercises Taps were sounded by Harold DeLorme of the High School Orchestra, which furnished the music for the occasion.

Married.

Mr. Jimmie Dlykin, of Cheraw, and Miss Ida Maner of Rockingham, N. C., were united in marriage at the Presbyterian Manse at 3 o'clock today, by Rev. J. P. Marion. They left immediately after the ceremony for their home in Cheraw.

Death.

From The Daily Item, May 11. Ollie May Drayton, the 4-year-old daughter of Mr. and Mrs. T. S. Drayton died at 2 o'clock this afternoon, after a long illness. The funeral services will be from the residence, 315 S. Salem Avenue at 10 o'clock tomorrow morning.

County Organized.

Dr. C. W. Birnie, chairman of the Red Cross Auxiliary of Sumter county, had a very successful meeting of the colored ministers of Sumter county. A complete organization of the county was made with a chairman in every township. On May 20th meetings will be held in every township with the following chairmen:

E. A. Walters, chairman Sumter township. Speakers, Mr. C. M. Hurst and others. Meeting will be held at Lincoln graded school building, 9:00 p. m. Rev. A. R. Howard, chairman Mayesville township. Speakers, Mr. P. G. Bowman and others. Meeting will be held at M. E. church Mayesville. Rev. I. W. Williams, chairman Concord township. Speaker Mr. Davis D. Moise. The meeting will be held at 4 p. m. at St. Paul church. Rev. C. F. Brogdon, chairman, Privateer township. Speakers, Mr. A. C. Phelps and others. The meeting will be held at LaGreese church, 9:00 p. m. Rev. G. C. Clark, chairman Manchester township. Speakers Mr. M. W. Seabrooks and R. W. Westberry. The meeting will be held at the public school building, 9 p. m.

P. B. Brunner, chairman Oswego township. Speaker, Mr. E. I. Reardon. The meeting will be held at 4 p. m. at Clark's Church.

R. H. Richardson, chairman Middleton township. Speaker, Senator R. D. Epps. The meeting will be held at 4 p. m. at the Presbyterian school Wedgefield.

Rev. Isalah Dixon, chairman Providence Township. Speakers, Mr. J. H. Clifton and Rev. J. L. Benbow. The meeting will be held at 4 p. m. at Joshua Baptist church.

T. B. Wright, chairman Rafting Creek township. Speakers, Mr. C. J. Jackson and others. The meeting will be held at Dinkins' Hall, Hagood, at 4 p. m.

Frank McLeod, chairman Shiloh township. The meeting will be held at 4 p. m. at Mt. Sinai Church.

Rev. R. B. Curry, chairman Stateburg township. Speaker, Mr. W. L. Sanders. The meeting will be held at High Hill M. E. church at 8 p. m.

The Charlotte News paragrapher positively refuses to credit the discovery of "odorless whiskey" because "we don't believe any sort of whiskey can be discovered these days."—Greensboro News.

CAMP DICK ANDERSON.

Tribute to Our Departed Comrades.

Friend after friend departs,
Who hath not lost a friend?
There is no union here of hearts
That finds not here and end.
Where this frail world our trial rest
Living or dying none were blest.

When the roll was called on the first Saturday in April, at the meeting of Camp Dick Anderson, twelve of our comrades failed to answer the roll call. Like our matchless leader, Stonewall Jackson, they had "crossed over the river, and rest under the shade of the trees." We shall miss their kindly greeting and near comradeship as they told of the days of 1861-65, when they were young, strong and active, and counted not their lives dear when the call of duty placed them among that noble band. They have gone from among us, and their work on earth is done, and their record is made; and in the years to come, as long as the flame of liberty burns in the human breast, its flame will grow brighter when these names are called:

- Thomas H. Harvin,
- T. J. Hudson,
- W. H. Yates,
- W. J. Andrews,
- W. H. Scott,
- G. W. Scott,
- J. W. Bradford,
- B. W. Powell,
- E. W. Rivers,
- Howard Jones,
- J. A. Foxworth,
- R. R. Thames.

Our comrades, farewell, we hope soon to meet you in that bright and beautiful world, where war's rude alarms are never heard, and where we meet to part no more. We the members of Camp Dick Anderson extend to their families and friends our warm, heart-felt sympathy in their hour of bereavement.

- H. J. McLaurin,
- N. G. OSTEEN,
- D. JAMES WINN,
- Committee.

Death.

From The Daily Item, May 10. Mrs. Moultrie Wilson died at her home on Broad street last night after a long illness. Mrs. Wilson was a native of this city, a daughter of the late John E. Brown, one of the leading ante-bellum merchants of Sumter. She is survived by two sons, B. D. Wilson of Washington, D. C., and C. H. Wilson of this city, and three daughters, Mrs. D. B. McLaurin of Wedgefield, and Misses Evie and Eloise Wilson of this city. The funeral services will be held at 11 o'clock tomorrow morning.

There has been recently more or less discussion of the cost of producing cotton and the margin of profit at the prevailing prices. There have been no reliable statistics on which to base an estimate for this immediate section, but in a general way it has been known that the cost of making cotton has risen more rapidly than the price and that at the present market price there is less margin of profit than on almost any other staple article of commerce. That this opinion was well taken is proven by figures obtained a few days ago from a citizen of North Carolina, who quoted statistics tabulated by government officials in that State. Official records have been kept as to the cost of growing cotton on 210 selected farms in North Carolina during the past five years, these farms being of various sizes and types and scattered throughout the State, so that they are representative of the average of the cotton farms of the State. The average cost of producing cotton on these farms for the crop year 1917 was 18.95 cents per pound, and the statistical experts who tabulated the reports from these farms estimate from reports on labor and fertilizer costs this year that the actual cost of producing cotton this year will be not less than 49 per cent higher than last year. At the market price of cotton today the margin of profit on cotton grown on the average farm this year will not be an adequate return on the investment and labor expended in producing it. No manufacturer engaged in doing war work for the government would be satisfied with a profit as small as the cotton farmer will receive, unless cotton advanced to a price considerably above thirty cents.

The Federal government, in cooperation with the State authorities, after a five or six-year campaign, has eliminated cattle fever in South Carolina, and cattle can now enjoy perfect health and freedom from fever and the ticks that produce it. Having done this for the cattle we should do as much for the people by ridding South Carolina of malaria. It can be done by draining the swamps and marshes and destroying the malaria carrying mosquito. Ticks cause cattle fever and mosquitoes cause malarial fever in human beings.

PRAY FOR VICTORY.

National Memorial Day, May 30, Designated by President Wilson, for Public Fasting and Prayer in United States for Peace Founded Upon Mercy, Justice and Good Will.

Washington, May 11.—National memorial day, Thursday, May 30 is designated by President Wilson in a proclamation issued today as a day of public prayer and fasting. The people of the nation are asked to gather that day in their places of worship and pray for the victory of the American armies which will bring a peace founded upon mercy, justice and good will.

The proclamation issued, in response to a resolution by congress, follows:

"By the President of the United States: A Proclamation: Whereas the congress of the United States on the second day of April last, passed the following resolution:

"Resolved by the senate, (the house of representatives concurring), that it being a duty peculiarly incumbent in a time of war humbly and devoutly to acknowledge our dependence on Almighty God and to implore His aid and protection, the president of the United States, be and is hereby respectfully requested to recommend a day of public humiliation, prayer, and fasting, to be observed by the people of the United States with religious solemnity and the offering of fervent supplications to Almighty God for the safety and welfare of our cause. His blessing on our arms, and a speedy restoration of an honorable and lasting peace to the nations of the earth."

"And, whereas, it has always been the reverent habit of the people of the United States to turn in humble appeal to Almighty God for His guidance in the affairs of their common life:

"Now, therefore, I Woodrow Wilson, president of the United States of America do hereby proclaim Thursday the 30th of May a day already freighted with sacred and stimulating memories, a day of public humiliation, prayer and fasting, and to exhort my fellow citizens of all faiths and creeds to assemble on that day in their several places and worship there, as well as in their homes, to pray Almighty God that he may forgive our sins and shortcomings as a people and purify our hearts to see and love the truth, to accept and defend all things that are just and right, and to purpose only those righteous acts and judgments which are in conformity with His will; beseeching him that he will give victory to our armies as they fight for freedom, wisdom to those who take counsel on our behalf in these days of darkest struggle and perplexity, and steadfastness to our people to make sacrifice to the utmost in support of what is just and true, bringing us at the last peace in which men's hearts can be at rest because it is founded upon mercy, justice and good will.

"In witness whereof I hereunto set my hand and caused the seal of the United States to be affixed.

"Done in the District of Columbia the 11th day of May, in the year of Our Lord, nineteen hundred and eighteen, and of the independence of the United States the one hundred and forty second.

Woodrow Wilson.

"By the President:
Robert Lansing, Secretary of State."

ARE YOU NERVOUS?

Maybe There is a Cause For It That You Can Correct.

Many who suffer from backache and weak kidneys are unnaturally irritable, fretful and nervous. Not only does constant backache "get on the nerves," but bad kidneys fail to eliminate all the uric acid from the system, and uric acid irritates the nerves, keeping one "on edge," and causing rheumatic, neuralgic pains. When suffering so, try Doan's Kidney Pills the medicine so well recommended by Sumter people. Read this Sumter resident's statement:

Mrs. A. D. Owens, 294 S. Council St., Sumter, says: "About eight years ago I was down in bed with kidney trouble and my back felt as if it were broken. I had headaches and dizzy spells, so bad, I simply can't tell how I felt! I was nervous, too and the slightest excitement would upset me. I felt languid and wanted to sleep most of the time, but couldn't, on account of the pains. Finally I used Doan's Kidney Pills and it wasn't long before I was out of bed and cured of all the trouble."

Price 60c, at all dealers. Don't simply ask for a kidney remedy—get Doan's Kidney Pills—the same that Mrs. Owens had. Foster-Milburn Co., Mfgs., Buffalo, N. Y.—Advt. (58)

While the Austrian Kaiser prepares to strike in Italy, his subjects are preparing to strike at home.—Charleston Post.

A Sister at Parting.

God gave to you a life, a soul,
Return it to him pure and whole.
Your mother gave you love and care,
O, give her back an answered prayer.
Your country gave to you a chance,
To prove your worth, your manliness.
Go then, my brother, fight the fight
And do your bit to prove the right.
And if God takes what first he gave,
We'll number you among his brave,
And know it was his will that you
Should die to save a land so true.

—Avis Congdon Walsh,
Boston University '20.

SUMTER COTTON MARKET.

(Corrected daily at 12 o'clock Noon)
P. G. BOWMAN, Cotton Buyer.
Good Middling 28.
Strict Middling 27 3-4.
Middling 27 1-2.
Strict Low Middling 26 1-2.

NEW YORK COTTON MARKET.

Yes/No
Open High Low Close Close
July . . . 26.15 26.66 26.00 26.45 25.98
Oct . . . 25.40 25.90 25.30 25.71 25.24
Dec . . . 25.21 25.80 25.21 25.59 25.08

Memorial Exercises at Oswego.

Memorial Day was observed at Ethel Church, near Oswego, Sunday afternoon, the people from that section of the county attending in large numbers, there being also a number from Sumter present. The exercises were simple and impressive, opening with a hymn by the choir, prayer by Mr. M. J. Micheaux and the address by Dr. S. H. Edmunds. After the address and another hymn, the flower girls, with a wealth of beautiful flowers, formed in line and led by Mrs. M. J. Michaux and Miss Sue Brown marched to the cemetery at the rear of the church and decorated the graves of the twenty-three Confederate soldiers who lie buried there. In addition to the wreaths on the graves of each of the soldiers a United States flag was placed. The exercises were concluded with America, sung by the choir and all present grouped in the cemetery.

Dr. Edmunds delivered an eloquent and appropriate address, in which he paid tribute to the heroism and patriotism of the private soldiers who wore the grey and their matchless leaders, Albert Sydney Johnston, Stonewall Jackson, Robert E. Lee and Jefferson Davis. In concluding his address he called upon the descendants of these patriots of the Sixties to acquit themselves as loyally and devotedly in this present crisis in the history of the world, when not only the fate of democracy in America is at stake, but the survival of civilization in the world is threatened by the scientific savagery of the Germans.

Mr. W. D. McLeod acted as chairman of the occasion and introduced the speaker.

Death.

Relatives of Mrs. Albert Falck were saddened today by the receipt of a telegram announcing her death yesterday afternoon at her home in Montclair, N. J. Mrs. Falck was the daughter of Mrs. Rebecca Moise Davis, formerly of San Francisco, and had been a frequent visitor in Sumter. She is survived by her husband and two children—a daughter and son.

Mayesville School Election.

A special election was held in Mayesville School district on Tuesday May 7th, for the purpose of electing school trustees. There was evidently little interest in the election, for only four votes were cast and the trustees who have been serving the district for several years were re-elected. The vote was as follows: R. F. DesChamps, 4; H. L. Thomas, 3; J. F. Bland, 4; J. H. Burgess, 1.

Russian dances appear to be less popular than formerly, although the army is still making one-night stands in the provinces.—Valdosta Times.

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.

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At J. D. CRAIG Old-Stand, N. E. in
Phones: Day 539 Night 201