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Faxville Items.

The stores and all places of business were closed here on last Thursday in order that special observance should be paid the day set apart for fasting and praying. Union prayer services were held in the Methodist church, conducted by Rev. A. S. Lesley in the evening for the purpose of praying for the cessation of war and its terror.
Mrs. Hattie Durant of Elliott is visiting her daughter, Mrs. W. R. Keels.
Miss Amelia Murr has returned to her home at Bridgeport, Conn., after a lengthy visit to her niece, Mrs. Henry Curtis. She was accompanied on her return by Mrs. Curtis and children, who will spend the summer there and at other northern points.
Mr. Eugene Whisonant, of Sharon visited last Saturday at the home of Mr. J. W. Mims, Jr.
Miss Jessie Curtis has returned from Dillon where she attended a meeting of the missionary societies of the South Carolina Conference.
Misses Iva Geddings and Pearl Broadway are at home from Winthrop College and Miss Tabitha Geddings from Coker College.
Messrs. Glennie Corbett and LeRoy Curtis left recently for service at Camp Jackson.
Lieut. H. C. Curtis was here last Sunday from Camp Sevier.
Miss Lorraine Lathan has returned to her home at Sharon after a visit to her sister, Mrs. J. W. Mims, Jr.
Miss Ethel Corbett came Wednesday from Fair Forest, where she has been teaching, to spend the summer vacation.
Mrs. J. H. Holladay and Miss Maggie Corbett have returned from a visit to friends and relatives at Forrester and Wilson Mill.
Miss Lizzie Hodge, of Columbia, visited this week at the home of the Messrs. Hodge.
Miss Jessie Curtis left Thursday for Winthrop college to attend the Home Demonstration course there.
Miss Emily Broadway has closed her school near Kingstree and is at home for the vacation period. She has as her guest for this week, Miss Margaret Kallahan, of Kingstree.
Mrs. G. H. Lackey and children left Friday to visit Mrs. M. J. Kyzer at Cordova.

HIS OWN MAN.

MR. LEVER CANDIDATE OF NO MAN OR FACTION.

Congressman Comments on Correspondence of Tillman With Wilson, Burleson and Manning.

Washington, June 3.—When shown the Sunday papers which reached here today and asked for a statement covering the correspondence between Senator Tillman, the president, and the postmaster general, Senator Tillman's letter to Gov. Manning and Governor Manning's reply thereto, Congressman Lever said: "No friend of mine has been authorized to say that the administration was backing my candidacy for the senate. I have not sought such endorsement. I am sure I have its good will, but under date of May 11, when I called the attention of Postmaster General Burleson to the fact that a certain prominent friend of Senator Tillman's was circulating the report that the latter would produce a letter from General Burleson saying that the administration wanted him to run and was behind him, General Burleson wrote me on the same date in substance what Senator Tillman has in his correspondence from the administration. I quote a single sentence. In reply thereto you may accept my assurance that as between you and Senator Tillman there has been no action taken by this administration which could be construed as a departure in the slightest from its fixed policy from which it does not vary, to refrain from any interference as between friends equally loyal to our country and with records of efficient service."

"General Burleson goes on to say that as between two Democrats, one for and the other antagonistic to the administration, the administration might take a hand, and then significantly adds, "With your entrance into the contest, of course the situation is changed."
"This is all I have to say touching this phase of the matter except to join with General Burleson in the hope that nothing will be said or done which will cause a breach in the long and friendly relations which have existed between Senator Tillman and me. I refuse to fuss. There is a common enemy to occupy our energies at our very door."

"As to the controversy between the senator and Governor Manning I have no comment to make further than to say that I have not entered this race as the candidate of any man, set or men or faction. I go into it with one creed, and only one, in mind—100 per cent. Americanism, coupled with 100 per cent. active efficiency for things necessary to win the war."

GOVERNMENT NITRATE SHIPMENTS.

Letter From Bureau of Markets Explaining Situation.

Messrs. Harby & Company, Sumter, S. C.

Dear Sirs: I have your letter of May 29th, relative to nitrate of soda. The information that has been furnished you relative to Lee county obtaining their entire allotment of nitrate of soda is entirely in error. Lee county applied for 2,525 tons. They were shipped 430 tons out of the first cargo and we have allotted them 230 tons out of the cargo now at Charleston. This is all the nitrate that has been furnished that county and all that will be until another cargo arrives. We have based the allotments for each county as equitably as it could possibly be done, based on the quantity applied for.

On account of the labor situation in Charleston, unloading the ship was delayed several days and, naturally, shipments on the railroads were delayed accordingly. It requires some time to unload a cargo of nitrate of soda and time to resack and load on railroad cars and have these cars forwarded promptly. Just because the nitrate is reported to have arrived at Charleston does not mean that it can be shipped out the same day. You can rest assured that every possible effort is being made by this department to get the nitrate out promptly, and, under the unusual conditions existing at this time, we are very fortunate in being able to get any nitrate at all. The shipping board has found it necessary to use every available ship possible to transport troops and supplies abroad and we have been unable to get tonnage after making strenuous efforts. We are expecting another cargo in Charleston about June 4 or 5 and another about June 15. We will advise you of your allotment just as soon as these cargoes arrive.

Very truly yours,
Charles J. Brand,
Chief of Bureau.

A cultured home is one in which the quarrelling is done in a moderate tone of voice.

ANOTHER DRIVE EXPECTED.

BLOCKED ON MARNE GERMAN ARE SEEKING ANOTHER OPENING.

Military Experts Have Expected Attack East of Montdidier and Fighting in That Section May be Beginning of New Drive.

Baffled in their efforts to batter a way through the American and French lines near the Marne, the Germans again turned their attention to the front further north in the sector which may be considered the connecting link between the Somme and Marne battlefields. The French report says that French forces east of Sempigny have continued to drive back bodies of German troops which crossed the Oise.
Military experts have expected an attack on the allied line running east of Montdidier, past Noyon and thence along the Oise to the new line formed since the German offensive on the Aisne began. It may be that the fighting reported marks the beginning of the attack there.

AMERICANS EXPECT ATTACK.

German Activity in Toul Sector May Indicate Blow.

Washington, June 6.—Demonstrations in force against the new portions of the western front are anticipated by the war department officials now that the German third drive has been slowed down west and south of Soissons. It is regarded as entirely possible that the increased enemy activity on the front of the American sector northwest of Toul may indicate an impending blow there.

COUNTY BOARD MEETING.

Commissioners Held a Regular Session on the 4th Instant—Matters of Interest Acted Upon.

The County Board of Commissioners held a regular meeting on the 4th instant with all members present.

The May minutes were read and approved.
Supervisor White reported that he had traded some of the county mules as authorized by the board.

The claim of Dr. C. H. Andrews, deferred for action, was explained by him. It appearing that the case in question needed immediate attention, and that the county had probably been saved from future expense, the board ordered payment of the claim.

Mr. T. B. Richardson, judge pro tempore, presented a letter from the superintendent of the State Hospital for Insane, advising that Martha Ellerbe, an aged and harmless lunatic, be taken to the county almshouse, because of the crowded condition of the hospital. There being no arrangements for the care of lunatics at the almshouse, the board decided that it would be necessary to send her to Columbia.

Monthly reports were received from home demonstration agents and rural policemen, also a certificate from the public cotton weighers that their scales are accurate according to standard test.

The term of Mr. A. C. Thompson, public cotton weigher being about to end, the board authorized advertisement that they would elect a weigher at their meeting on July 2d.

Dr. E. R. Wilson and Messrs. Neill O'Donnell, J. P. Booth and C. G. Rowland, trustees of the Tuomey Hospital, were present, by request, to discuss the question of charity patients.

Mr. McLaurin presented the matter from the standpoint of the board, and stated that on several occasions the county had applied for free treatment of charity patients, but had never had such a request granted. He desired some arrangement by which persons in need of hospital treatment and who become a charge upon the county, may have the benefit of free service.

Mr. O'Donnell explained that no provision had been made for county patients, but thought that they might be placed upon equal footing with other free patients, first come first served, at such times as accommodations are available. But in emergency cases, when no free room is unoccupied, then the county must pay the expenses.

Dr. Wilson thought that the physicians would render free service to patients thus admitted for the county, just as they do in other cases of charity. Mr. Oliver reported the Oswego road in very bad condition and asked that it be repaired as soon as possible.

After approving the usual batch of claims the Board adjourned.

New York, June 5.—The American auxiliary schooner Samuel C. Mengel was victim of the submarine attack. It was sunk Sunday afternoon one hundred seventy-five miles off New York. Eleven of the crew were brought here today by a Danish stamship.

We Were Asked to Buy of Liberty Bonds and We Bought Freely

☞ We were asked to contribute to the Red Cross, and we contributed freely.

☞ Now the Bloody Hun has crossed the ocean, and has committed his stealthy murders at our very door.

☞ Once more, we who stay at home, are called upon to support the arm of those who fight abroad.

☞ We are called upon to buy War Savings Stamps, and we MUST BUY.

☞ We are called upon to pledge ourselves to future purchases, and we MUST give the pledge.

☞ Each and every one of us MUST help with War Savings.

☞ DO YOUR PART.

☞ See that your Brother does his.

The Great War Savings Mass Meeting Will be Held on June 16th. See That You Are There.

This Space Contributed by DuRant Hardware Co.

CAMP JACKSON "Y."

Dear Co-Workers:
We are back again in camp—came back last Friday in all that terrible heat after having enjoyed the breezes of the mountains for two weeks. After getting to camp we worked hard and continuously to get the boys for the week-end trips to Sumter and Chester but found it impossible to get enough for either place. There are so many new boys and so few old ones in the camp that the old boys are kept to do the work, and it is difficult for them to get passes. I know it is hard on the hostesses who entertain them so beautifully, but I never know how many are going until they meet me at the Union station. I always ask the officers for as many as you send invitations for, and they promise me the right number, but at the last moment, for some reason, they can not come. I am more sorry than I can tell you to disappoint both you and the boys and I hear the regrets from both ends of the line. But the boys understand. They are loud in their praises of Sumter and Chester, and report a glorious time at both places. In this matter of entertaining the soldiers we must remember that no other guest would or possibly could enjoy it as much as they do, and that we must be willing to put up with any little inconvenience to give a very great pleasure, even if at some times we do not get as many as we looked for. Rest assured that we do the very best we can.
Yesterday the hospital truck came down and took us and the jelly you had sent to the sick boys. As soon as I went into the ward and met the nurse and told her where the things were from, she said, "Oh, the people in Sumter must be the best in the world," and when I asked why, she told me she had received so many flowers from the children there. The boys enjoyed your candy, jelly and cigarettes so much, and several of them told me they were going to write you. So I hope you will not be disappointed. As we had so many things we visited more wards than we had ever done, and I took quite a number of jelly glasses to the two tuberculosis wards. These poor fellows are so lonely because they have to be confined to the hospital for so long a time. As we were hurrying home, tired from walking through the wards I heard some one calling me, and a young boy ran out on the porch and stopped us. He knew me because he had seen me so often at the Y. M. C. A. building, but I did not know him. He told me that Corporal

Smith, who was in the ward, had seen me pass the window and had called to me, but as I did not hear him, he had gotten this boy to wlay me. I found that Corporal Smith's love for me had all come through a visit he had paid to Manning, where he had been so hospitably entertained on a week-end visit. Of course I had to read the last letter from his mother and hear all the news from home. Our baskets were empty so we could not give him any jelly, but I hope to go back today and take him some, and also to find a son for a lady from Hendersonville to adopt.
I want to ask you not to send any more flowers. They do not carry well and do not arrive in good condition this hot weather. I found that there was a dire need of needles and thread and buttons for the boys' pajamas, as they come off so badly in the laundry. I am going to the hospital soon and form a class of the convalescent boys and teach them to sew on buttons. With 1,800 patients the nurses have no time for this work. Another great need is for white soap, Ivory, Fair, or Castile preferred. If you cannot get this get some scented soap. The boys now have to bathe with common laundry soap and even this is hard to get. The thing most needed is wash cloths. Make them out of old gash shirts and send me at once. I also want any old cloth you can send me. One nurse told me she had only two wash cloths for 25 patients, and had used her old uniforms in the cause. Can't you Junior Red Cross young folks knit some wash cloths? One nurse told me proudly of two she had and of how she washed and boiled them, not daring to send them to the laundry for fear they would be lost.
I don't know what we would have done during this blinding heat without the shades you so kindly sent. The boys have appreciated them so much. Our conference room looks so nice with the pretty things sent from Wedgefield.
Excuse me for asking so much, but just send what you can. I am going to beg you not to send anything more directed to the Base Hospital, but send everything to me, care 136 Y. M. C. A. building. I have promised these things to special wards where they are most needed. I forgot to say that the nurses asked me to try to get some tooth brushes and tooth paste. There seems to be a famine of these things in Camp.
Thanking you for your great kindness to the sick soldiers, I am, yours truly,
Mrs. Beall.

War Savings Day.
To the Chambers of Commerce:
Dear Sirs: The South Carolina War Savings Committee has designated Friday, June 21st, as merchants and business War Savings Day. We wish to urge that business men in every community agree to invest their total cash receipts on that day in War Savings Stamps. This plan originated in Camden, S. C., where the business men observed a similar day.
It will be splendid advertising for the business people of any community. By helping the government they will be helping themselves.
We ask that you appoint a committee to arrange the execution of this plan—and we are relying on you to assist us in this patriotic program.
Yours very truly,
South Carolina War Savings Committee.
Charleston, May 29, 1918.
In compliance with the above request, a well attended meeting of the Chamber of Commerce, of Sumter on the evening of the 5th has endorsed the suggestion and unanimously agreed to carry out the plan, a committee on arrangements has been appointed and numerous signatures of merchants are already on file pledged to invest the day's cash business of June 21st in War Savings Stamps.
The names of all who have agreed to help the government in this way, as well as the names of those who refuse to do so will be published by the committee on arrangements, so that it should be known who is supporting the government and who is not.
Everybody is requested to make their purchases as large as possible on that day and to so swell the funds of the War Savings Stamps and put South Carolina on the non-slacker list.
All merchants are requested to make proper displays for that day and all shoppers are requested to notice those who fail to do so.
All merchants who have not yet signed the pledge to carry out the suggestions of the South Carolina War Savings Committee, will please do so at once by calling on either one of the committee on arrangements and information:
D. W. Cuttino, at O'Donnell & Co.
C. J. Dwyer, at Southern Brokerage Co.
E. T. McCollum, at McCollum Bros.
W. Bultman, at Bultman's Shoe Store.
S. L. Krasnoff, at The Battery.