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PERSONAL.

Mr. and Mrs. E. D. Whisonant, of Rock Hill, spent the day in town. Mr. Whisonant is pleasantly remembered here, having been a member of the boys' high school faculty for two years.

Mr. E. Taylor Keels and family have returned to Sumter to live. Mr. Keels has been connected with the Atlantic Coast Line for several years and has been living in Jacksonville, Fla., most of the time for the past five years.

Mr. and Mrs. W. T. McLeod, of Lynchburg, were in the city today. Mr. and Mrs. T. M. Owens and daughter have returned home after spending several months in Nashville, Tenn.

Mrs. G. W. Kraker and Miss Frances Kraker have returned to the city. Messrs. W. Percy Smith, C. S. Anderson and W. W. Rees leave this afternoon for Georgetown by automobile to attend the annual session of the Diocesan Council of the Episcopal Church.

Lieut. Earle Rowland who has been in France with the A. E. F. for the past year has received his discharge and arrived home last week.

McCathern-Dunlap.

Miss Willean McCathern and Mr. Fred E. Dunlap were united in marriage Sunday, May 11, at 1.30 o'clock, the marriage occurring at the home of the groom's parents on Railroad Avenue. Mrs. Dunlap is from the Providence section. Mr. Dunlap has just been mustered out from overseas service with the colors.

Death.

Mr. Augustus S. Flud died at his home near Oswego Friday night, after a brief illness, aged forty-four years. The news of his death was a shock to his many friends. The funeral services were held at the Church of the Holy Cross, Stateburg, at 11 o'clock Saturday morning. He was the eldest son of the late W. R. Flud, of Stateburg, in which community he was reared and lived until his removal to the Oswego section a few years ago. He is survived by his wife, who was Miss Ethel Dargan, the eldest daughter of Col. J. J. Dargan, and four children, his mother, Mrs. Sarah R. Flud and three sisters, Misses Mattie and Sadie Flud of Stateburg and Mrs. Boyet, of Statesville, N. C.

Attempt to Bribe Policemen.

Cephas Ford, colored, who is alleged to be a dealer in Jamaica ginger, was arrested Friday night on charges preferred by Policemen Carrigan and Chandler that he offered to pay them a regular sum, based upon the amount of his sales, provided the policemen would not interfere with his traffic in ginger. He stated that the amount he could afford to pay them would be approximately \$20 a week. The proposition was first made to Officer Carrigan, who led him along and encouraged him to believe that that the proposition would be considered. He then made a similar offer to Officer Chandler, and subsequently he made the offer to both of these at the same time in the presence of each other. Then he was arrested and charges preferred. The case has not been brought to trial, Ford having made application for release on bail. He was released today, having furnished bond in the sum of \$300.

Fire In Jail Yard

Trusty Convicts Have a Hot Time as Finale of a Joy Ride

Saturday night two convicts who were given permission to come to town for a few hours freedom, as has been the custom, it is stated, took advantage of the opportunity to act like sure-enough freemen. They changed into citizens' clothes and then picked up a Ford car that they found standing on the street and started off on a joy ride. After tearing around awhile they found the gasoline supply running low, so they went to the jail yard to replenish the supply from the gas tank of the big truck that was stored under a shed in the jail yard. Being rather careless they took a lamp or lantern to furnish light while dawning the gasoline. Naturally an explosion occurred and the truck and the shed were burned. The fire department was called out and the fire was gotten under control before it spread to other buildings. In the confusion the two joy riding convicts made their escape and grabbing another car that was handy made their way to Oswego, where they were subsequently rounded up and sent back to the gang. The loss the county will sustain by the burning of the truck has not been determined. The truck was insured in the usual way and it is stated that the county will recover about 47 percent of the cost, \$5,080, if the adjustors decide that it is a total loss. The loss on the shed will not be great.

Dry on Rio Grande

Mexico Considering Ten Mile Prohibition Zone

Laredo, Tex., May 10—A bill to create a ten-mile dry zone along international border will be introduced in the Mexican Congress, according to Mexican officials in Nuevo Laredo. The proposed law would become effective a month before the United States goes dry. The zone would extend from the Pacific coast to the mouth of the Rio Grande. To offset the revenue losses to Mexican border merchants incurred by the law, another bill will be introduced for a ten-mile free zone having the same radius which would admit imports to the dry territory free of duty.

Memorial Services.

The annual memorial services in honor of the Confederate dead was held Sunday afternoon in Trinity Methodist Church, under the auspices of the Dick Anderson Chapter, U. D. C., after the graves at the cemetery had been decorated by a committee of the chapter. The exercises were carried out according to the following program. Dr. S. H. Edmunds acting as master of ceremonies: Violin Solo—Mrs. Alexander. Prayer—The Rev. J. P. Marion. Song—"Just Before the Battle Mother"—Mr. Moore. Anthem—Choir. Address—Dr. J. A. Rice. Song—"We are Tenting Tonight"—Mr. Pearce. Benediction—The Rev. E. W. Reynolds. Dr. Rice made a very thoughtful and appropriate address, the theme being "No Cause is Ever Lost." The application of this proposition to the patriotic service of the Confederate soldiers and the leadership of Robert E. Lee, teaching a lesson that made a deep impression.

Woman's Auxiliary Convention

List of Delegates Enrolled To Date

The Thirty-fourth annual convention of the Woman's Auxiliary to the Board of Missions of the Episcopal Church will be held in this city May 21, 22 and 23. An attendance of 125 to 150 delegates is expected. The following list of the delegates whose names have thus far been enrolled with the entertainment committee is published for the information of the hostesses, in order that they may request assignments. Those who may wish to do so should communicate with Mrs. S. H. Edmunds, Chairman: Charleston.

Misses Jane Cornell, Isabel E. Heyward, Rowena D. Ravenel, Rev. Dr. W. W. Starr, Mesdames Robt. Wilson, Jr., Elias Ball, Misses Anne M. Hancock, May Tharine, Mesdames James S. Simmons, T. V. Hannaford, J. T. Salvo, T. M. McCarrel, Alex Marten, Misses A. S. Mazzyck, Virginia Porcher, Berenice Tilghman, Sallie Lockwood, A. Smith, Agnes Myers, F. C. Milligan Mrs. J. S. Myers, Bishop Guerry, Rev. Walter Mitchell, Rev. Alex Mitchell, Mrs. W. P. Cornell (Pres.), Mrs. A. V. Snell. Congaree.

Mesdames W. L. Arthur, H. G. Kaminer, Gadsden.

Stateburg. Misses Annie Moore, Virginia Saunders, Mesdames W. L. Saunders, Des-Saussure Bull, Mark Sullivan, F. M. Dwight, James Simons, James Pinckney.

Planterville. Mrs. Miles S. Bellune, Miss J. A. Fraser, Rev. J. E. H. Galbraith.

Aiken. Miss Eleanor Phelps, Mesdames Frank P. Henderson, W. W. Edgerton, Miss Emma Edgerton.

Darlington. Rev. O. T. Porcher, Mrs. Ogier Simons, Miss Ethel Brunson.

Eastover. Misses Jane Tillinghast, Leora Rivers.

Beaufort. Mesdames A. M. Blockford, W. H. Hull.

Union. Mrs. T. H. Garner, Rock Hill.

Miss Scotia B. Reid, Graniteville.

Miss Joe Thorpe, Mrs. Thomas P. Noe, Miss Genelle Gardner, Rev. Thos. P. Noe.

Georgetown. Mesdames D. T. Pope, J. S. Pyatt, Bennettsville.

Misses Lizzie Rogers, Inez Covington.

Boykin. Misses May Boykin, Sarah Boykin, Lesa Boykin, Mesdames B. H. Boykin, B. D. Boykin, J. T. Hay, J. M. Green, J. M. Cantey, Miss Annie Burgess.

James Island. Mesdames P. C. Coker, Allison Lawton.

Columbia. Mesdames T. H. Fisher, H. L. Forbes, Miss Kate Finlay, Rev. and Mrs. E. A. Penick, Mesdames George Dial, Jos. M. Bell, Fred Swadfield.

Spartanburg. Mesdames R. K. Carson, W. S. Manning, Alternate, Mrs. W. M. Fisher, Greenville.

Mrs. A. P. Gaillard, Mrs. Frank A. Juhan, Rev. Frank Juhan, Mrs. Frank N. Challen.

Mrs. George Tupper, Summerville. Camden.

Mesdames James Burns, E. C. Villepique, Rev. Harriman Harding, Miss L. A. Shannon.

Hazood. Mesdames Crawford Sanders, Charlie Sanders.

Rembert. Misses Ellen Ellerbe, Florence Ellerbe.

Mt. Pleasant. Mesdames Isaac Auld, Wm. H. Holmes, Sanders R. Guignard.

Charleston. Miss May Hart.

Eutawville. Mrs. R. E. Kirk, Rev. H. Mazzyck.

Eastover. Miss Julia L. Clarkson, York.

Miss Ida McCollough, Cheraw.

Rev. Albert S. Thomas, Miss Elizabeth Waddill.

New York. Deaconess Goodwyn, Rev. S. G. Wood.

Attendance Officer Elected.

At a meeting of County Board of Education, with all members—J. H. Haynsworth, W. H. Barton and H. G. Jsteen—present, the application of those desiring the position of County Attendance Officer were considered. There were a number of applicants, both men and women. After careful consideration of all the applications the Board elected Mr. C. S. Hutchinson, of Oswego. Mr. Hutchinson has been principal of the Oswego school for the past two years and has had about ten years successful experience in school work.

Mr. Hallet Burns an Honor Guest.

Mr. and Mrs. James Burns entertained a number of young people from 7.30 to 9 P. M. on last Friday in honor of their nephew, Mr. Hallet Burns of Sumter who has just returned from overseas service. The time was pleasantly spent in social chat, the hostess serving delicious fruit cake and punch. Mr. Burns leaves in the near future for Colorado where he will spend a year. He has many friends in Camden who wish him a pleasant stay in the West—Camden Chronicle.

Socialists Ask Interview

Amsterdam, May 12—The commission appointed by the executive committee of the International Socialist congress has examined the peace terms submitted to Germany and has decided to ask an interview with the council of four in Paris for the purpose of expressing the Socialist view point as to terms.

Fires in Cotton Gins Preventable

Static Electricity, the Chief Cause, Easily Combated by Grounding Machinery

Washington, May 10.—The main cause of the frequent and destructive fires in the cotton gins of the South is static or frictional electricity—an element easily controlled by simple methods. That was shown conclusively in recent investigations by the United States Department of Agriculture, through its Bureau of Chemistry, which now has issued a circular telling how to prevent blazes from static electricity, and also giving suggestions for the prevention of fires from matches or other foreign matter in cotton, from friction, from cotton hanging to ribs in the gin, or from other possible causes of less importance.

So frequent were the mysterious gin fires in 1917—the losses in Texas alone that year being estimated at a million dollars—that rumors of alien enemy activity spread through the country, and Uncle Sam sent several experts to Texas to determine the cause and the preventive. The experts found that most of the fires were caused by sparks of static electricity, but that it was easy enough to prevent the sparks from doing damage by the simple expedient of running wires from the gin machinery to the ground.

How to "ground" gin machinery is the chief thing that the experts have to tell in the new circular, "Cotton Gin Fires," number 28, which may be obtained free by application to the Bureau of Chemistry of the department. Diagrams show the best ways of wiring.

Cotton Market

Table with columns for LOCAL, NEW YORK COTTON MARKET, and terms for Austria. Includes prices for P. G. BOWMAN, Cotton Buyer, and various grades of cotton.

Terms for Austria

Paris, May 12.—The peace treaty with Austria is nearing completion and an official summary is being prepared as was done in the case of the German treaty. Although not so stated in the treaty, the new Austrian frontier is the one designated by the secret treaty of London giving Italy all the strategic heights and defensive passages.

Harden On Peace Terms

German Editor Says Conditions Are Not Harder Than He Expected—Criticises Officials

Berlin, via London, May 11.—Maximilian Herberich, editor of the Berlin Die Zukunft, writing on the peace treaty, says: "The peace conditions are not harder than I expected. They were unpleasant to the greater part of the people. But could one have really expected them otherwise?"

"The Germans have not given very convincing mental guarantees during the six months since the revolution that they have changed their system; on the contrary, the present government and the press have the same methods of incitement, the same tricks of bluff as under the old rule of the petty nobility."

"The government's proclamations and speeches are only bad copies of the Kaiser's time. The whole press resounds in protests and has started a campaign of incitement against the allies, couched in violent language. It is exciting for refusal to sign the treaty, and to what use? All must know that the allies, by keeping up the blockade and occupying the coal districts, can force Germany to sign whatever they want."

"The allies have been threatened that Germany would join the Bolsheviks. But that would be suicidal. The only way to rescue the country is by openness and honesty. The revolution has been a great disappointment. "Germany should have sent men who would have laid their cards on the table and got the allies to understand that some of the conditions were unacceptable. If Germany showed its good will to do what is in its power to comply with the allies' requests, the allies would see that conditions were changed in favor of Germany, because they know there must be a Germany and that it is impossible to destroy the German people."

Statistical Report of White Schools

The Reports of the Months Just Ended Show a Total Enrollment in the White Schools of 1228

A compilation of the reports issued by the teachers in the white schools shows that, in the whole white school system, there are in the Primary and Grammar Schools 461 boys, 467 girls; in the High Schools, there are 154 boys, 146 girls; in the whole white school system, there are 615 boys, 613 girls; making a grand total of 1,228. The first report issued by the present superintendent for the first month showed a total enrollment in all the white schools of 232. In the graduating class for this year, there are 24 boys and 24 girls.

Chautauqua Notes.

The Chautauqua tickets are selling fast, the thousand are about gone, then they go up. Buy now and boost the Chautauqua.

K. E. Driskel received word this morning from the office that they are putting on the program "The Dublin Girls." They are to start at Greenwood and appear on the big seven day program the rest of the summer. This is a special number the Redpath people are putting on. The program of the "Dublin Girls" will be given up to Irish songs, stories and character sketches.

Miss Werno and Miss Rich are capital enterprisers and the program is sure to meet with enthusiastic response.

The League of Nations will be discussed in lecture given by Dr. R. E. P. Kline on the second afternoon. Mr. Kline points out the tremendous power of Bolshevism and emphasizes the law of the "High Cost of Hate." This will be one of the vital lectures of the Chautauqua week.

The relation between capital and labor will be discussed in the Kline lecture and in the discussion of this topic Mr. Kline pursues his customary policy of not dealing in generalities, he draws upon experience and proves his contentions by accurate peculiarities.

The entire lecture is said to be an extremely interesting statement full of gripping intensely human and more than average thoughts. Mr. Kline is an eloquent, forcible speaker who talks from comprehensive study of his subject. Mr. Kline has been with the Redpath Chautauqua twenty years and has earned a great reputation as a platform speaker.

"Your new hired man seems to be pretty stupid, Ezry?"

"And he don't deceive his looks much, either," replied honest farmer Hornbeck. "He knows less around the farm here every day than the average person does on the witness stand."—Country Gentleman.

Mme. Augusta Lenska Prima Donna Contralto Third Night Redpath Chautauqua Mme. Lenska, Grand Opera Singer, has scored notable successes in New York, Chicago and European Musical Centers. ALSO THE Great Lakes String Quartet Four Musicians of attainment who accompanied President Wilson on two voyages across the Atlantic on the U. S. S. George Washington. Redpath Chautauqua Seven Big Days Season Tickets \$2.50 and War Tax CHAUTAUQUA WEEK, MAY 16 to 23

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