

The Watchman and Southeron

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PERSONAL

Mrs. H. J. Harby and her grandsons, Henry and Robert Shelor, have gone to Pawley's Island for the summer. Mr. Harold Moise is at home from Atlanta where he has been attending the School of Technology. Mrs. G. E. Smith, of Houston, Texas, is on a visit to her sister, Mrs. L. I. Parrott. Mr. Ralph Flowers, of Georgia Tech, arrived in the city this morning to spend the summer months. Maj. Bernard Manning arrived in the city today after nearly a year's service in France and with the Army of Occupation. Mr. and Mrs. J. C. Huger left Tuesday for their summer home in Hendersonville, N. C. They were accompanied by Mrs. Sewell. First Lieut. George D. Levy of the 81st Division spent yesterday in the city. He will receive his discharge at Camp Jackson next week and will return home to resume the practice of law. First Lieut. J. Pringle Brunson of the 81st Division was in the city today. He arrived at Camp Jackson from overseas several days ago and is at home on a fifteen day furlough before being discharged. Franz Teicher, of the 81st Division has received his discharge and returned home last night. Capt. W. L. McCutchen has received his discharge and is at home again. Mr. H. C. Bland left Sunday on a business trip to Detroit where he expects to spend several days. Mr. Bland states that he is taking the trip with the object of trying to hurry shipments on cars that he has orders for and has not been able to fill. Mrs. Robert C. Gulley, of Brookhaven, Miss., who has been visiting Mrs. Heyward Crowson on Salem Avenue, left last evening for Johnston, Pa. Lieut. J. D. Pendleton, of the Aviation Corps, is in the city for a few days. Lieut. George D. Levy and Sergt. Waverly Levy, of the 81st Division, have received their discharges and are at home again. Lieut. S. Y. Dinkins, who has been stationed in Texas for several months, is at home for a few days stay before proceeding overseas.

Married

Mr. R. F. Haynsworth and Miss Elizabeth Brown were married at the home of Mrs. O. L. Yates Saturday afternoon at 5 o'clock. Rev. J. P. Marion performing the ceremony. Only the immediate family and a few friends were present.

Baseball This Summer

Everything looks good for the prospects of a good baseball team in Sumter this summer. Practice has already been started with sixteen men out for the team. The team will be captained by Bob Hornsby an ex-South Atlantic League man. The first game has already been scheduled with Florence on the Fourth of July. The game will be called in the morning at 11 o'clock on account of the auto races in the afternoon. Games are being arranged with Charleston, Georgetown, Darlington, Columbia and other teams. Anybody that is interested in the team can see them in action every afternoon at the ball park at six o'clock.

Entertains for Mrs. Stuckey

(Washington Post, June 19.) Mrs. Kincheloe, wife of Representative David H. Kincheloe, entertained yesterday at luncheon in honor of her house guest, Mrs. Henry Mortimer Stuckey, of Sumter, S. C. Other guests at the luncheon were Mrs. A. B. Rouse, Mrs. J. Campbell Cantrill, Mrs. Joseph Thompson, Mrs. Charles J. Bell, Mr. Albert Barkley and Mrs. C. C. Givens, of Madisonville, Ky. Last evening was made a gala occasion by a delightful musicale Mrs. Stuckey, who is an accomplished pianist, was quite the center of interest in two groups of MacDowell piano numbers. Earl Carbow was heard in several songs, Miss Helen Gerrer and Chester La Follette both contributed violin numbers, with Miss Margaret Ripky accompanying and last, but not least, the hostess gave several whistling improvisations. Dr. and Mrs. Stuckey will leave tomorrow for their Southern home.

Big Auto Races July 4th

For the past few weeks the Sumter Race Track Association has had a large number of men at work on the race track getting it in shape for the big races to be held here on July 4th and they now report that everything is about in readiness. Since the association took over the track this spring something like \$5,000 has been spent on improvements to the track and grounds and they believe that when the present work is finished Sumter will have without question the best mile track for automobile racing in the southeast. Recently a large crew of men under the supervision of an engineer have rebuilt and graded the track with banked curves which will allow an unlimited amount of speed impossible on the flat track. The new grand stand is now completed and the entire grounds have been enclosed with a high board fence. The races to be held on July fourth will include a fifty mile race which will no doubt prove more thrilling and furnish more excitement than any race ever witnessed in this section. If the weather is favorable the largest crowd that has ever attended races here is looked for.

Superintendent S. H. Edmunds left for Winthrop College Monday to deliver a series of five lectures. He had fully intended to be at Winthrop for six weeks; but President Johnson consented to reduce the time from six weeks to one week.

The Price Of Gasoline

Comparison of Prices in South Carolina Towns

Editor Daily Item: Some days ago I started out on an inquiry into the price of gasoline at various points. It has taken some little time to get in the replies, and several points have not responded at all. The price then in Sumter was 30c a gallon; Friday one dealer here cut his price to 28 1/2c, and at this writing, now Saturday, it looks as if there will be further cutting by the various dealers, or that there will be a restoration to the 30c point. I am giving the list below, and the gasoline users can draw their own conclusions, and take action if they care to, and if they can. I am only pointing out that the 30c town are a little group in this immediate vicinity. The prices as given me are: Aiken, 29c. Anderson 29c. Bishopville 30c. Camden 30c. Charleston 27c. Cheraw 28 and 30c. Chester 28c. Columbia 28c. Darlington, 28, 29 and 30c. Florence 28c. Greenwood 29c. Manning 28c. Orangeburg 28c. Pinewood 30c. Rock Hill 28 and 28 1/2c. Spartanburg 27 1/2c. Yours, H. A. Moses, Secretary Sumter Auto Association.

MR. LEVER HANDS OFF

Has No Voice in Selection of Postmaster

To the Editor: Since the resignation of Dr. Dick as postmaster at Sumter, I am receiving a great many letters in the interest of persons who desire the appointment to this place. I take this opportunity of saying this vacancy will be filled through the civil service examination, and that I have absolutely nothing whatever to do with the appointment. The only thing the postoffice department calls upon me to make any statement about whatever, is with reference to the character and bona fide residence of those who have become eligible for appointment through the examination. I cannot make this statement too emphatic. If I had the responsibility of appointment, I would exercise it, but there is absolutely nothing that I can do in behalf of any of the various applicants for the postmastership at the various places in the district where there are vacancies except, I repeat, to testify as to their character and residence. A. F. Lever, Washington, D. C., June 20, 1919.

Executive Order

Hereafter when a vacancy occurs in the position of postmaster of any office of the first, second or third class as the result of death, resignation, removal, or on the recommendation of the First Assistant Postmaster General, approved by the Postmaster General, to the effect that the efficiency or needs of the service requires that a change shall be made, the Postmaster General shall certify the fact to the Commission which shall forthwith hold an open competitive examination to test the fitness of applicants to fill such vacancy, and when such examination has been held and the papers in connection therewith have been rated the said Commission shall certify the result thereof to the Postmaster General who shall submit to the President the name of the highest qualified eligible for appointment to fill such vacancy unless it is established that the character or residence of such applicant disqualifies him for appointment. No person who has passed his sixty-fifth birthday shall be given the examination herein provided for. (Signed) Woodrow Wilson, Dated March 31, 1917.

Cotton Market

Table with columns for LOCAL, P. G. BOWMAN, Cotton Buyer, and prices for Good Middling, Strict Middling, Middling, and Strict Low Middling.

NEW YORK COTTON MARKET

Table with columns for Open, High, Low, Close and prices for July, Oct, and Dec.

Walking On Hot Stones

Papeete, Island of Tahiti, May 13. (By Mail)—Walking over stones heated white hot is, the recent experience of an English newspaper correspondent who makes his home here. He emerged without injury or the slightest trace of fire on shoes or clothes and said he felt no discomfort whatever. He participated in the ceremony of "passing through fire," or "Limiti" as it is called by the Tahitians. Whatever trick there may be in performing this ceremonial is a secret religiously held by a small clan of natives on the island of Raiatea. A large pit is dug in which are placed huge, dry logs of wood overlaid with a thick layer of large river stones. The fire then is kindled and made to burn fiercely until the stones become white hot. Native priests, or wizards descend into the pit, notwithstanding the fact that the intense heat radiating from it keeps the on-lookers at a distance, and walk barefooted over the heated stones inviting those who have the courage to follow them. Many theories have been advanced as to why the naked feet of the natives are not scorched but no satisfactory explanation of the phenomenon yet has been advanced. The Englishman wore his shoes.

Returns from Texas

Dr. John A. Rice Lectured in Dallas Preachers' Assembly

Dr. John A. Rice has returned from Dallas, Texas, where he gave a course of fourteen lectures to a combined Preachers' Assembly and Sunday School Training School, at the Southern Methodist University. There were a hundred and seventy-five preachers from thirteen Annual Conferences as far west as California and a hundred and fifty Sunday School workers in attendance. It was the greatest assembly of the kind that ever met in the church. A hundred and fifty certificates of graduation in as many courses were awarded. The doctor met a good many old friends and had a great trip. He was given a tentative invitation to go to the Pacific coast next year for similar work. He is announced to preach at the University of Chicago August 10th. Next Sunday he is to address an audience expected to number ten thousand at the great Centenary in Columbus, Ohio. He has done more of this kind of work than any other pastor in the South for twenty years. While he never neglects his pastoral duties, he somehow finds or makes time to help the great outside. He is a prodigious worker, never idle, never triflingly employed.

Lee County Court

Bishopville, June 19.—Promptly at 10 o'clock Clerk of Court Singletary called court last Monday, but as Judge Wilson did not get here until 11 o'clock, he adjourned the court till 11 o'clock. The train was on time and by 11.15 court had convened and Solicitor McLeod made no delay in handing 10 to 12 new bills to the clerk for the grand jury to act on. The jury then retired and at 5 o'clock Monday afternoon had acted on all cases handed them, and rather remarkable, a true bill was found in every case. They also handed in their court report and Judge Wilson complimented them for the prompt dispatch of business. The first case called was that of J. W. Arrants against John Truesdale and his brother for assault and battery with intent to kill. The whole of Monday and until 1 o'clock Tuesday was taken up in the trial of this case and hearing arguments. It was hotly contested by both sides. Mr. J. H. Clifton of Sumter assisted the solicitor in the prosecution, while the defense was ably represented by McLeod and Dennis and B. Frank Kelly, Esq. Just before recess for dinner, the judge concluded his charge to the jury and they went in the room. The jury could not agree and made a mistrial. It is the only case tried, but several cases have been disposed. State vs. Jessie Benjamin, use of mule without consent of owner. Plead guilty, two months. Two or three minor cases of misdemeanor are on docket for trial. Jessie Benjamin, grand larceny. Plead guilty. One year to begin at expiration of first sentence. Mansel Perkins, assault and battery of high and aggravated nature. Plead guilty. \$75 or 3 months. George Wesley, Malicious mischief. Plead guilty. 6 months at hard labor. The case of the State against Beattie Wilson for murder is on trial for killing a colored man, Charlie Groom, his brother-in-law. Tatam, Jennings & Dusenbury, and L. D. Jennings of Sumter assisted the solicitor, and McLeod & Dennis and E. F. Kelley represented defendant. Another murder case is set for Thursday. Isabel Navey, colored, for killing a negro man. Presentment of Grand Jury. To the Honorable John S. Wilson, Presiding Judge. The Grand Jury beg leave respectfully to report: That we have passed upon all bills handed to us by the Solicitor and returned the same to the court with our finding endorsed thereon. Our committees on Court House, Jail, Good Roads, etc., will make their report at the next term of court. It has been reported to us that some of the magistrates are not complying with the law in filing with the clerk of court their criminal papers thus delaying the court and grand jury. We recommend that the Court House sewerage be connected with the town sewerage. We thank your Honor for the clear and full explanation of the law, etc. We also thank your Honor and other court officials for courtesies extended to us. Respectfully submitted, J. D. Hill, Foreman, June 16, 1919.

University of South Carolina Entrance Examinations

Entrance examinations to the University of South Carolina will be held by the County Superintendent of Education at the County Court House, Friday, July 11, 1919 at 9 a. m. Entrance examinations will also be held at the University, September 17 and 18, 1919. The University offers varied courses of study in science, literature, history, law and business. The expenses are moderate and many opportunities for self support are offered. A large number of scholarships are available. Military training compulsory for freshmen and sophomores. Reserve Officers' Training Corps. For full particulars write to PRESIDENT W. S. CURRELL, University of South Carolina, Columbia, S. C.

HAPPY WOMEN

Plenty of Them in Sumter, and Good Reason for It. Wouldn't any woman be happy. After years of backache suffering, Days of misery, nights of unrest, The distress of urinary troubles, When she finds freedom. Many readers will profit by the following.

Mrs. A. Hancock, 108 Blanding St., Sumter, says: "Last year I had a slight attack of kidney trouble and there was a bad pain through the small of my back. My head ached, my nerves were all unstrung and dizzy spells bothered me. Black specks floated before my eyes most of the time and blurred my sight. My kidneys acted irregularly and I knew I would have to do something. Finally I bought a box of Doan's Kidney Pills and used them. Doan's acted like magic and after I had finished the box, the trouble disappeared. I haven't been bothered since and it gives me great pleasure to recommend Doan's." Price 60c, at all dealers. Don't simply ask for a kidney remedy—get Doan's Kidney Pills—the same that Mrs. Hancock had. Foster-Milburn Co., Mfgs., Buffalo, N. Y.—Advt. 61

Wealthy New Yorker, Who Owns an Orange Grove at Palmetto, Fla., Declares Dreco the Best Medicine He Ever Took

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Unpopular in Germany

American Officers Who Are Disliked By the Civilians

Coblentz, May 7. (Correspondence of The Associated Press.)—The two most unpopular American officers among the Germans in Coblentz are Major George Cockrell, assistant provost marshal, and Captain Theobald F. Fieker, in charge of the billeting office which must furnish accommodations for something like eleven hundred officers and thousands of soldiers. Major Cockrell, whose home is in St. Paul, is in command of more than twelve hundred military police and five to twenty or more Germans pass through his office every day on their way to jail. So among the civilians who buy stolen American food and who try to sell cognac to American soldiers and commit other acts contrary to army regulations, Major Cockrell is a most unpopular man. Sometimes he receives threatening notes and also letters in German with skull and cross bones at the bottom of the page but they do not frighten him in the least. It's all a part of the job, the major says. Captain Fieker, who lived in Chicago before he went to war, has been going about Coblentz for five months selecting choice billets for generals and others and for soldiers too. And so most all the civilians in Coblentz have had a glimpse of Captain Fieker from time to time and they do not like him one-bit. Many of them tell him so, in a nice way of course, each time he comes around. Every house in the city has been listed in Captain Fieker's office, and he knows just how many members there are in each family and when there is a spare bedroom or two handy he takes it over for a general, a colonel, a major, a captain or a lieutenant, according to the furnishings and the location of the home. Being unpopular is incidental to the duties of the billeting officer. But the work appears to agree with him. Since he came to Germany with the Army of Occupation Captain Fieker has gained ten pounds.

Bicycle Races

Do you remember the bicycle racing in the good old days. The bicycle and bicycle racing is coming back with all the thrill and excitement they used to furnish. If you don't believe it be on hand Wednesday afternoon at 4.20 at the "Green," corner Liberty and Washington streets. The names of those wishing to enter any of the races should be left at Mikel, Sneed, Phares Co., Tisdale & Sumter or the Y. M. C. A.

Claremont Filling Station

The first tobacco was sold at Lynchburg on Friday, the 20th, two loads being sold by Puddin' Swamp farmers.

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Storks and Omens

Superstitious Dutch Interpret Action of Amorengen Storks

Amorengen, May 17. (Correspondence of The Associated Press.)—The people of Amorengen, old fashioned in their ideas, have been given recently what they regard as a token of the future of Germany. Two storks every year make their nest on a tower of Amorengen Castle, where the former German Emperor is staying. This year the female stork returned alone and built her nest. Soon came three male storks but all were beaten off with violent peckings. Two days later a lone male stork arrived and he too was accorded a hostile reception. However, he hovered about perseveringly and fought off a fourth. The combat was watched with intense interest by the occupants of the castle, among them the two Hohenzollerns. Next day the male stork shared the nest with the female on the nest, from which the eggs had been ejected. The two birds appeared quite happy. Superstitious villagers compare the nonappearance of the male stork after the winter absence with the disappearance of the erstwhile Emperor from Germany after the war. The first woovers of the widowed female stork are likened to the various parties which tried to fill the place of the former imperial ruler and were rejected. The persevering male stork is taken as the emblem of the German people determined to become their own rulers. The last fight of the male storks is said to represent the struggle of the German nation to shake off Bolsheviki. The ejection of the eggs from the nest is assumed to mean the casting out of all that belonged to the old imperial system of rule, while the happy outcome of contented family life in the nest is looked on as the portent of the happy future of Germany.

Martial Law at Hamburg

Copenhagen, June 20.—Martial law has been proclaimed in the entire zone of Hamburg harbor as the result of increased raids on food depots.

Advertisement for 'Green Flag' Motor Oil. Includes illustration of three men and text: 'WHERE YOU CAN GET IT!', 'Boys! There's a Bunch of 'Live Wires' Who Sell 'Green Flag' Motor Oil in This County'. Mentions Claremont Filling Station.

Advertisement for O'Donnell & Company. Large text: 'JULY 1ST WILL SEE A BIG DROP IN NITRATE OF SODA'. Includes text about shipping after July 1st and contact information for O'Donnell & Company.

Advertisement for The National Bank of South Carolina of Sumter. Includes illustration of a clock and text: 'Capital, \$200,000.00 Surplus and Profits 207,000.00'. Lists C. G. Rowland as President and F. E. Hinant as Cashier.

Advertisement for The First National Bank. Includes illustration of a building and text: 'A Satisfied Customer. Is the best asset that any Mercantile or Banking Institution can possess. If your Banking arrangements are not perfectly satisfactory come in and Tell Us Your Troubles. And if we can help you, be assured that it will be our pleasure to do so.' Lists O. T. Yates as Cashier.