

By a man and a woman.

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PERSONAL.

Mr. W. T. Brown, city manager, spent the day in Hartsville on business.

Mr. H. Rhame has returned from Battle Creek, Mich., where he went last week to accompany Dr. C. C. Brown.

Messrs. Hubert Lawrence, Dock Boney and Vick Phelps attended a dance in Orangeburg last night.

Mr. and Mrs. Lane, of Saluda, N. C., are visiting Mr. and Mrs. R. K. Wilder.

Mrs. Cecil H. Wilson and Mrs. Harry Pitts have gone to Cuba for a month's stay.

Mrs. D. B. McLaurin, of Wedgefield, is spending the week in town.

Miss Ila Parler, of Ellmore, S. C., is visiting her uncle, Mr. H. W. Cuttino, on Church street.

On Friday afternoon Mrs. R. J. Purkett, A. T. Mann, A. L. Bradford, and W. D. Ratfield motored to Lamar to an afternoon party given by Mrs. W. J. McInnis.

Miss Edna Pack is visiting Mrs. Warren McCollam. Miss Pack will be sponsor for Camp Pulliam, of Greenville, during the Reunion. Miss Emily Jordan, of Greenville, will be her maid of honor.

Mrs. Henry Hodge and little daughter have returned home after a week's stay in Charleston.

Mrs. Nina Solomons attended the meeting of the executive board of the State Tuberculosis Association in Columbia Friday.

Mrs. Willie Boatfield and mother left Sunday morning for Atlanta and Lexington, Ky., for several weeks' stay.

Mr. R. B. Griffin left Saturday afternoon for Goldsboro, N. C., for several weeks' stay.

Mrs. J. C. Tulkner of Mount Airy, N. C., and Mrs. W. B. Fort of Great Falls are visiting Mr. and Mrs. O. H. McKagen.

Mr. H. C. Bland will leave tonight for a ten days' business trip to Detroit.

Mr. L. C. Moise, Mrs. L. R. Williamson, Mrs. Davis Moise and Miss Alice Moise have returned from Atlanta where they have been attending the grand opera.

Married.

Miss Ruth J. Mitchell and Mr. John J. Team, both of Sumter, were married Friday at the district parsonage by Presiding Elder Rev. D. W. McLeod.

Miss Nettie Wilbur Nettles and Mr. John Keith Strange were married on Thursday evening at 6 o'clock at the home of the bride's father, Mr. C. B. Nettles, Broad street. Rev. J. P. Marion performed the ceremony.

A marriage of much interest was solemnized on Thursday afternoon, when Miss Wilbur Nettles, the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. O. B. Nettles, of this city, became the bride of Mr. John Keith Strange, of this city.

Promptly at 6 o'clock the bride entered on the arm of her sister, Mildred Nettles and the groom with his brother Wilson Strange. Rev. J. P. Marion performed the impressive rite ceremony.

The bride was handsomely attired in a taupe coat suit with accessories to match, and carried a bouquet of bride's roses and fern, while her maid of honor wore a gray embroidered georgette and carried pink carnations and fern.

The house was tastefully decorated in cut flowers and ferns.

Immediately after the ceremony the guests were invited into the dining room where a delightful ice course was served.

The out-of-town guests were: Mr. and Mrs. J. A. Nettles and Miss Rebe Nettles, of Dillon, S. C.; Mr. and Mrs. Hector McNeill and Mrs. H. A. Wells of Florence, S. C.; Mr. and Mrs. C. L. McEvee, Miss Annie Dickson and Mr. Richard Cain of Manning, S. C.; Mr. G. W. Dickson of Johnsonville, S. C.; Miss Rena Lucas of Leesburg, Fla.; Mr. and Mrs. R. C. Mayes and Misses Edna and Kathryn Mayes of Mayesville, S. C., and Mrs. S. W. Folsom of Darlington, S. C.

Death.

A telegram was received Friday announcing the death at his home in Kingstree of State Senator Hugh McCutchen. He is survived by his wife and a large family connection in Sumter, Lee and Williamsburg counties. He is a brother of Capt. W. L. McCutchen, of this city. Mr. McCutchen was well known throughout the State, especially in agricultural and banking circles. He was prominently connected with various enterprises in Williamsburg county, but gave the greater part of his time to the Wee Wee Bank of Kingstree, of which he was president. The funeral was held at Kingstree at noon Saturday.

Gin Company Chartered

Columbia, May 3.—The Co-operative Gin Co., of Sumter, has been chartered, with \$10,000 capital. M. J. Sanders is president; E. W. Williams is vice president; M. J. Frederick is secretary, and Ely Johnson is treasurer.

The Bishopville Ginning and Trading Co., of Bishopville, to do a general ginning and cotton seed business, has been chartered, with \$25,000 capital. D. C. Stuckey is president; V. M. Durant is business manager and R. W. McCutchen is secretary and treasurer.

The City Police department took into custody yesterday, a white man by the name of R. D. McDonald, who is wanted in Richmond, Va., for stealing an automobile. McDonald is being held here waiting orders from Richmond.

LAUGHED AT REAL HEROISM

Soldier Inlets Authorities Conferred Decoration for Deed That Was Merely Second Rate.

He had come back with the croix de guerre, but he would not talk about how he won it. Of course his family and friends knew the formal citation, but they wanted him to tell them the details, and he modestly and persistently evaded them.

"I think it's simply silly," declared an irate cousin in her teens. "What's the use of ducking and dodging, and pretending you're not a hero, when you know perfectly well you are?"

The worm turned. "Yes, of course I know I am," he assented coolly. "The trouble is, they didn't give me my cross for the right thing. Do you expect a fellow to talk about his heroism when he gets a decoration for doing what lots of other fellows did who weren't lucky enough to be noticed, and then finds the bravest thing he ever did, or ever expects to do, treated lightly or ignored altogether? At least, I was a hero once. Before we were ordered abroad, I was invited to luncheon by my colonel's daughter. Now, you know I am a country boy from an inland state. It was the first luncheon I'd ever attended—and the first time I'd have been served raw oysters. I hate shellfish, and when I saw those six, soft, slimy, stithery horrors set before me I nearly fainted. But I didn't know whether anything much was to follow or not; and I couldn't decline a main dish under the eye of my hostess. I shuddered with disgust. I wasn't sure they would go down; I feared they might come up. But I ate those oysters, all six, and smiled as I ate them! She told me so two years afterward, when I confessed. Now, I call that true heroism. But it wasn't what I got the cross for."

"Maybe," said the saucy young thing in her teens, "it's that you're going to get the girl for."

"No," sighed the unappreciated hero, "she agrees with the rest of you and General Mangin. She only laughs at my real claim to glory!"—Youth's Companion.

NEW SOURCE OF TURPENTINE

Tree in Central India to Be Looked To for Supply of Really Good Quality.

Turpentine oil and rosin are already being produced on a commercial scale in India by the distillation of pine rosin. A new source of supply which, though comparatively small, may be valuable, especially for Indian use, has now been found in frankincense or oilbanum. This material is obtained by the natives by making incisions in the stems of Boswellia serrata, a tree widely distributed throughout the dry zone forests of Central India. The resinous substance which exudes from the cuts contains a kind of turpentine, a rosin and a gum.

Investigations of the methods of separating these constituents in a marketable form have been conducted since 1912 by the forest authorities in India in co-operation with the Imperial institute, and the results have been published recently in a paper by R. S. Pearson, forest economist, and Puran Singh, chemical adviser, at the Forest Research Institute, Dehra Dun. The general conclusion reached, based on the results of numerous trials, is that the turpentine oil is equal to good quality American turpentine oil.

Abyssinian Likes American Styles.

"I would like to see Abyssinian women dress like American women," is a remark credited to Prince Nadoa, the head of the Abyssinian mission in this country. This may be merely a bit of oriental flattery or it may be an indication of the prince's bravery. It should be remembered, first, that the sovereign of Abyssinia is a woman, and a descendant of the queen whose elegance and beauty of costume dazzled King Solomon's court, and in the next place that in Abyssinia style does not change more than once every thousand years, and that for that length of time the life of a man is free from all pecuniary worries incident to changing fashions and new dresses. Without any intention of forecasting trouble for the prince, it might be suggested that if this story should precede him he will have some explanations to make either to the queen or to the husbands and fathers of Abyssinia.

Faith in Adversity.

Joe Fountain of Bootjack, Mich., was willing to plead guilty in court to the charge of making liquor, having a private still in his home. Prosecuting Attorney Lucas told the court that he tried to get a promise of reformation from Joe, a promise at least that he would refrain from drinking for the remainder of his life. "Not me," was Joe's answer. "It might get wet again."

As Joe's infraction included only making a little spirits for his own use he was released on payment of the costs.—Daily Mining Gazette.

Rather Ominous.

Among the presents given to a rural bride was one from an old lady in the neighborhood with whom the bride and the groom were prime favorites. Some years before the old lady had accumulated a number of cardboard mottoes, which she worked and framed as occasion arose. In cheerful blues and reds, suspended by a cord of the same colors, over the table on which the other presents were gathered, hung this motto: "Fight On; Fight Ever."

Knew Something About Mothers.

Ralph went to visit a neighbor's little boy. While there another boy came to play also; but he was something of a bully and Ralph did not like him. When he reached home he told his mother some of the mean things the boy had said and done. "He was so disagreeable I am sure nobody could like him," he said. Then after a moment's meditation he looked up into her face and added: "I suppose, though, his mother loves him, no matter how bad he is."

SINGAPORE TO HAVE TAXIS

Far Eastern City Will Abandon the Rickshaw, Long Used as Method of Transportation.

According to advices from Consul General Edwin N. Gonzales at Singapore, that city is to have an internal transportation system of thoroughly modern taxicabs.

Whether American automobile manufacturers will secure the order for these motors is problematical, but the most significant part of the news is that it marks a further development of the use of modern methods in the far East.

For several years in Singapore there has been a most consistent and vigorous agitation against the institution of the well-known rickshaws. Most of this agitation came from the tongue and pen of the educated Chinese, who maintain that the system of making a horse out of men is wrong from the standpoint of the degrading influence which it has on the individuals as well as the harm it is claimed to work upon the coolies.

Distances are great in most far Eastern cities, and while the rickshaw makes transportation reasonably convenient and comfortable, the rickshaw most certainly is a primitive vehicle and doomed to early abandonment because of the rapid advance now being made in the industrial and social life of the far East.

The new company to operate in Singapore is to be officially known as the Singapore Motor Taxicab and Transport company, Ltd., and will have capital of \$350,000. The initial equipment will be made up of 40 handcart taxicabs, five one-ton trucks and five three-quarter ton trucks. Singapore has a population of 300,000.

HIGH PRICES FOR DIAMONDS

Value of the Highly Desired Sparklers Has Been Soaring to Unheard-of Heights.

The economic situation of the world at large is said by jewelers to be more responsible for the present high prices of diamonds than any shortage of diamonds in the South African mines or any manipulation of the output by the De Beers Diamond company.

The following figures concerning diamond prices were obtained from Antwerp, the European center of the diamond market. An uncut diamond before the war cost \$23 a carat and \$32 after cutting. Immediately after the declaration of war, the price slumped. In 1915 the Germans began to get nervous regarding the value of paper money and started buying all the diamonds they could find.

France, Switzerland, Italy and England followed suit and the price went up rapidly. On the eve of the armistice, an uncut carat diamond was worth \$70. Since the war ended, the diamond market has boomed, owing to the depreciation of European money, the difficulty of exchange and the embargo on the export of currency from one European nation to another. Today a carat of uncut stone finds a ready market at \$150.

The Antwerp merchants no longer seek customers. The market is swamped with buyers. Credit is no longer given. The sales are for cash. The buyer frequently resells and the new purchaser sells again at fat profits. Thus the price keeps going up. Large stones are snapped up at unheard of prices.

The Kaiser's Kitchen.

In what is destined to be the last stage of its travels, the field kitchen of William Hohenzollern, which had followed the former Kaiser in all his wanderings about Europe during the war, is on its way to the United States. As if to give the changing of hands a more significant aspect, German prisoners of war were requisitioned to load the field kitchen—with all its elaborate accessories—aboard the westbound transport at St. Nazaire. The portable "kochenhaus" shows no sign of the wear and tear of war, indicating a certain remoteness to the battle front of all connected with the once imperial suite. The trophy, it is intended, shall be added to a notable collection of war relics at the American capital; whether it is to be utilized in the ways approved by the former Kaiser is, of course, another matter.

Dreadful Threat.

"Late again!" cried the irate moving picture director to the members of his company. "Do you actors think that you can stroll into the studio at half-past ten every morning and get away with it? This isn't a national bank. But, by humprey, I'll get even with you! Tomorrow we start filming that Alpine drama with the fog and cloud effects. Report at the old quarry at 4:30 a. m. You are all going to be shot at sunrise every morning for a week." Being shot at sunrise is harder hardship for a movie actor than it is for a prisoner of war.—Film Fun.

Rural School Declaimers Contest

There will be no Field Day for the schools of Sumter County this year. The letter which follows gives the decision of the teachers, and their reasons for thinking it best not to attempt what, for nine years, has been a great event with the schools of the county.

The rural school declaimers' contest is expected to be a big event, and everybody in the county is invited to be present. This event will be in a way a substitution for the Field Day but will take scarcely any time from the school work.

The County Board of Education is pleased with the idea of this contest and feels that it will do good. Many of the teachers have shown their interest by sending in the names of contestants, who will cause the walls of the opera house to resound with their oratory. A letter from Mr. Davis D. Moise explains where the money for the prizes and expense comes. All who have heard of Mr. Moise's generosity in such a liberal donation commend him for helping the schools, which mean that the children of the county will have an interesting and profitable event.

Another donor in this event is Mr. W. I. Whitehead. Mr. Whitehead offers a talking machine to the declaimer who makes the very best record in all the divisions of the contest. This is to be a school prize, and to be kept by the school, the honor resting upon the winner.

Everybody should remember the date, May 7th, at the opera house, and the time 4 o'clock in the afternoon, and 8 at night. Mr. Ryttenberg gives the opera house free of charge. This is highly appreciated.

Mr. J. Herbert Haynsworth, County Superintendent of Education, City.

Dear Sir:—At the last session of the General Assembly the members saw fit to pass a joint resolution providing additional compensation of \$100 for each member. I was opposed to this because I considered this contrary to the spirit and the letter of the Constitution of the State, Section 19, of Article III, providing that no General Assembly shall have the power to increase the per diem of its own members.

I am now in receipt of a voucher for the sum, which I do not feel that I am entitled to. However, without in any way attempting to criticize any member, I understand that some of them expect to accept this money, and as a portion of this money is derived from taxation from the citizens of this county, it occurred to me that the best disposition to make of this matter would be to put this money to some public use for the benefit of the people of this county.

I have, therefore, decided to turn this money over to you as County Superintendent of Education to be used at the next Field Day for the school children of the county, either toward the expense of the occasion, or for prizes, as may be determined

by the teachers of the schools. I beg to enclose herein my voucher duly endorsed to you for the above purpose, Yours truly, David D. Moise.

To The Teachers of Sumter County—Greeting:—

At the regular meeting of the county teachers' association, March 27th it was decided not to have the usual Field Day. This decision was made because of loss of time in many of the schools on account of influenza, making it difficult to arrange for an carry out an attractive program without interfering with the regular school work.

For some time we have wanted to get up a declaimers' contest. As the teachers' association had decided not to have the regular Field Day the matter of the declaimers' contest was considered and passed upon favorably, as this contest would, in a measure, take the place of Field Day and take but little time from the ordinary school work.

The teachers are urged to consider the rules governing the contest and where possible, to send contestants. The following are the rules governing the rural school declaimers' contest, as adopted by the county teachers' association:

1. Contest to be held at Sumter Friday, May 7th, at opera house, with two main divisions, namely: Intermediate and high school departments.

2. In the intermediate contest (5, 6 and 7 grades) there shall be two divisions, one for girls and one for boys.

The intermediate contest will be held at the opera house at 4 o'clock in the afternoon, with the girls' division first. The boys' division will immediately follow that of the girls.

3. In the High School contest (8, 9 and 10 grades) there shall be two divisions, one for girls and one for boys.

This contest will be held in the opera house at 8 o'clock in the evening, with the girls' division first followed by the boys.

4. Not but one may enter each division of the contest from any one school. (Four in all from one school.)

5. There shall be a first prize of \$10 and a second prize of \$5 offered in each of the two divisions for the girls, and the same in each of the two divisions for the boys.

6. A talking machine will be given to the school, as a school prize, which makes the highest record in any one of all the contests. (In other words the best speaker in the whole contest.)

7. Teachers are requested to notify Mr. C. S. Hutchinson, chairman of the committee on arrangements, as to contests the school expects to enter and give names of contestants as soon thereafter as possible, so that adequate arrangements may be made.

8. Contestants shall be at place of contest at least 30 minutes before contest begins, in order to register and receive their order numbers.

J. H. Haynsworth, Co. Supt. Educator C. S. Hutchinson, Chm. of Committee.

Howard Payne's Great Song

The song "Home Sweet Home" was written by John Howard Payne, and was introduced by him into the play "Clari, the Maid of Milan," which was later changed into opera. At the time of the writing of this lyric, Payne was almost starving in an attic in Palais royal, Paris. Most authorities agree that the music of the song is a Sicilian air, adapted by Sir Henry Rowley Bishop.

Many Have Felt the Same Way

Nothing is to be said in commendation of the spirit of the man who recently advertised in a London newspaper: "Loud, second-hand gramophone, wanted for reprisals." Many people, however, not only in London but in many other towns the world over, are only too familiar with the circumstances which provoked this vengeful and mistaken determination. Such circumstances certainly constitute one of the things which will need to be "seen to" sooner or later.

Crocodile's Record Swim

How far can a crocodile swim? Perhaps it would be more practical to ask how far crocodiles do swim? J. Stanley Gardiner claims the record for a crocodile (Crocodylus porosus) that recently landed in the Fiji Islands, where he took its photograph. No crocodiles of this species inhabit the Fiji Islands, and the nearest spot where they are known to live is the New Hebrides, 683 miles distant. Therefore, this crocodile must have swam 683 miles in the open sea.

Writer's Cramp

Writer's cramp has been defined as a disease of those who do too much writing, especially with the hand too tightly contracted. A person with this trouble has not complete control over the muscles of the thumb and middle and fore fingers, which are brought into use in writing. The various methods of treatment used so far have not proved altogether successful. Among the methods used are surgical operations and application of electricity.

Woman's Brainiest Age

A woman's brain reaches its greatest weight about the age of twenty-five, while in the case of a man, this does not occur until ten years later. This explains the assertion that a woman at the age of twenty-one is in a better position to give a matured judgment than a man at the same age.

Light Waves' Pressure

By the use of delicate apparatus which he invented a Russian scientist has demonstrated that light waves exert a measurable mechanical pressure.

HAVE BOUGHT THE Sumter Corset Shop AND HAD SAME REMODELED In addition to GOSSARD CORSETS will carry a line of Gage, Stern and other exclusive models in hats. Onyx Hosiery, Vanity Fair Silk Underwear, Georgette and Crepe De Chine Blouses. OPENING THURSDAY, MAY 6th Sumter Corset and Hat Shop 112 South Main Street, Sumter, S. C.