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PERSONAL

Mr. Percy Rhame left this morning for Camden. Mr. Mike Rice left for Columbia this morning. Mrs. R. B. Furman is in the city today. Miss Ida Boykin left for Atlanta on last Friday to begin her work in the dental profession in that city. Mr. and Mrs. J. H. Black, of Varnville, have returned home after spending a few days with Mrs. Black's mother Mrs. T. E. Jones, on Blanding street. Mr. and Mrs. J. G. DeLorme have been spending a few days in Charlotte, N. C. Mr. and Mrs. John T. Green, John and Charles Green left this afternoon for Elliott, where they will attend a reception given by Capt. and Mrs. H. W. Lucius in honor of Miss Jessie Marshall and their son, Henry, who will be married Wednesday evening at Bishopville. Mrs. C. J. Lemmon and Milton Weinberg have gone to Chicago to spend two weeks in postgraduate study. From there they will go to Rochester, Minn., to visit the Mayo Brothers' hospital. Mr. and Mrs. W. Lee Morrison, who have been visiting in the city for several weeks, left on Saturday by auto for Savannah, where they expect to remain through Christmas. They stopped in Columbia for a few days with Mr. and Mrs. W. O. Courtright, formerly of Sumter. Mrs. Courtright will leave with them for Savannah on Wednesday. Mrs. J. H. Holliday has returned from a visit to her former home in Georgia. Mr. L. B. Woodson is in the city today. Mr. I. A. Lyttenberg has returned to Sumter from a visit to his sister in New York. Mr. Henry Harby left this morning for Columbia. Mr. Clare Bull returned to the city this morning. Mrs. C. C. Beck has returned to the city from Bishopville where she went to attend the funeral of Hal Scarborough. Miss Elizabeth Osteen left this morning for Greenville where she is to visit for a few days.

COTTON LETTER

(Furnished by MacDowell & Co.) New Orleans, Nov. 4.—The reported ending of the British coal strike, men expected to return to work next Monday was without much influence on Liverpool which ruled easier than anticipated, attributed to the bad state of trade and finances in Europe. Except for the formation of some heavy frost at scattered points in the interior, weather conditions were favorable for harvesting, no rain except a heavy shower at Brownsville, Southwest Texas. Accordingly American markets ruled quiet and easy in early morning for want of better outside support and because of the absence of any demand of consequence for spots. New York reports cotton goods and yarns continue quiet with more inquiry in gray goods. The more reasonable weather and the lower prices for goods will likely stimulate the trade demand but there is not much activity as yet. A favorable feature attracting attention is the rapidly with which exports from the United States are increasing now amounting to 1,147,000 bales against 1,090,000 last year or 57,000 more than one year ago whereas about six weeks ago they were 355,000 smaller than last year. That the market is in a peculiar position hard to explain is noted in the following comparisons: Stock at New York this year 24,000 against 101,000 last. Stock at New Orleans 313,000 against 424,000. Stock at all United States ports 1,113,000 against 1,583,000. Stock at Liverpool American 443,000 against 444,000. World's visible supply American 3,292,000 against 3,401,000. Middling New Orleans 20.75 against 20.50. Aside of the high cost of producing this year's crop, it is not surprising to find farmers holding their cotton for a higher price when they have such a strong statistical exposition of facts and the comparatively very low price of the staple to back them up. The fly off the market just now however, is the pessimistic feeling regarding trade and financial conditions in Europe but any improvement in that quarter or a revival in the demand for spots would likely be reflected in an advancing market, meanwhile the outlook for the immediate future remains uncertain.

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LIVERPOOL COTTON

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A New Price on Cotton. Read what Schwartz says are going to pay for cotton...

Night Riders Out

Several Farmers Who Are Reported to Be Paying More Than a Dollar for Picking Cotton Visited

It is stated on what appears to be good authority that a committee of farmers (fifty or more), who are strictly observing the agreement to pay one dollar a hundred for cotton picking and no more, made a trip through the county in the vicinity of Sumter Monday night calling on those farmers—several whites and negroes—who are reported to have refused to recognize the agreement fixing the price of cotton picking at one dollar a hundred and have been paying more—in some cases as much as \$1.50. None of the committee was disguised as white cappers or otherwise and no effort was made to conceal their identity. No threats are said to have been made, and the farmers who were visited were simply urged to fall into line and co-operate with the majority in paying no more than a dollar for cotton picking. This is the statement made by one who claimed to have reliable information respecting the action and purpose of the committee. Mr. Murray Griffin, who lives on the Rocky Bluff road, about four miles from the city, states in an advertisement today, that his place was visited by a party last night and warns visitors not to come on his place in the night in future, on penalty of being shot without notice. Mr. Griffin states that he was aroused about 1 o'clock a. m. by some one knocking on his front steps. He got up and looked out of the window and saw two men standing at the steps. He asked what they wanted and they replied that they wished to talk to him. He asked who they were and one of the men gave his name, which Mr. Griffin says was correct as he recognized his voice. He told the men that if they wanted to talk to him they could come into the house and do so. They said they were not coming in, and after standing in the yard a few minutes, they left. Mr. Griffin says he saw a number of automobiles standing in the public road in front of the house while the men were at his door steps, but saw only two men. The men said nothing about cotton picking and made no threats, nor did they say anything except that they wanted to talk to him. Mr. Griffin says that his family were terrified by the occurrence, especially his aged mother who has been in a critical condition for months as the result of heart trouble of a serious nature, which the least excitement aggravates, and that she was very ill all the balance of the night. There are the two sides of picture. Those who are in sympathy with the movement to secure complete co-operation in the fixing of the price for cotton picking are satisfied that it is legitimate for a committee to make visits by night to persuade or induce those who are not cooperating to fall into line with the majority of the community. Mr. Griffin feels that his rights have been infringed and that he has been the victim of injustice, notwithstanding the fact that no violence was done, nor threats made. It all depends upon the point of view. But a calm, dispassionate consideration of the circumstances and conditions, leads to the conclusion that visits by large committees or committees of any size is unwise and ill-advised at night. If argument or persuasion is the only purpose of these visits the desired end is much more likely to be attained by a free, open and above board discussion in the light of day. Night riding is too likely to lead to trouble, no matter how good the motives or how peaceable the intentions of those who participate in the night visits to the premises of those who do not agree with them, to be lightly condoned.

Hal Scarborough Killed in Florence

Terrible Automobile Accident in Which Young Man From Bishopville Lost His Life

Florence, Nov. 2.—Hal Scarborough, 21 years old, and son of the late Capt. Harry W. Scarborough, Atlantic Coast Line conductor, who died suddenly on his train at Titini about six weeks ago, was killed, and five other young men more or less injured when a big, high powered car overturned on the Burlington road near the Pee Dee fair grounds late this afternoon. The young men were returning to Florence from a trip over a newly built road and were driving at a high rate of speed. It is alleged that Lonnie Harris, owner and driver of the car, swerved too far to pass an approaching automobile with the result that the front wheels of his car straddled the ditch. In the effort to jump back into the main road he put on all the power the car would stand with the result that it jumped the ditch and then turned over, possibly twice. Young Scarborough was caught underneath the automobile and crushed almost beyond recognition. Both of his legs were also broken. His death was instantaneous. Others injured were Manning Saunders, Joe Lucas and Lonnie Harris of Florence and C. A. Outlaw and Clarence Doyle of Darlington. All were taken to the Florence infirmary immediately after the accident where their wounds were dressed. Harris, Saunders and Lucas were stunned and did not regain consciousness for a while. While none of them are seriously injured, all of the young men bear bruises and cuts about their faces and bodies. Doyle and Harris were on the front seat with Scarborough who was killed. Doyle was hurled through the windshield as was Harris, the driver of the car. It is thought that Scarborough was caught under the car as it turned over. The coroner will hold an inquest over Scarborough's body tomorrow morning. It has been removed to an undertaker. The funeral services will probably be held in Bishopville. The young man leaves a widowed mother, Mrs. N. W. Scarborough, and two sisters.

Supper Enjoyed by Volley Ball Team

Monday night a splendid chicken supper was served to 48 volley ball champions at the "Y" dining room. This was the regular monthly supper that the stars claim necessary to their well being. The time the men spent in the dining room could be divided into two distinct periods, namely the first period when silence reigned supreme, punctuated perhaps by frequent clicking of silver and china ware and then the last period when someone was talking all of the time or all were talking some of the time. What kept that bunch of men quiet during the first few minutes you cannot help but guess for there is only one thing that could keep them quiet. It follows:

- Fried chicken, Rice and gravy, Hash browned potatoes, Hot rolls and hot biscuits, Fruit salad, Lemon pie and coffee.

Shortly after dinner impromptu speeches were made by Messrs. R. D. Epps, who acted as toastmaster, C. E. Hurst, Bryan, Riley, Heidt, Weinberg, Atkins, McKnight, Green and Rice. Supper speeches, "everything" was truly enjoyed by all present. It was decided that the Sumter "Y" have a representative "Varsity" volley ball team and arrangements are being made to furnish said team with the sufficient practice. Also it was decided to divide all of the men into six teams and have only one big league. The court behind the "Y" is in good condition for play and it is stated that those who have ever played on an out-of-doors court are always very enthusiastic about it. By the use of this court two games can be carried on at the same time with separate referees, etc. The following is a list of the names on the new teams for this month that are to fight for the championship.

- No. 1—McKnight, Captain; Shaw, Crompton, Archie; Purdy, Eugene; Andrews, C. H.; Brown, H.; Williams, H. H.; Brown, E. L.; Eryan, Jas; Blanding. No. 2—Heidt, Captain; Rice, Atkins, Bryan, W. A.; Cuttino, David; Dunne, Burgess; Barnes, Bryan, Hurst, M. No. 3—Levi, Captain; Beck, Epps, R. D.; Green, Dr.; Dikins, Purdy, Jas; Rivers, Ward; McCollum, Hill. No. 4—Hurst, Captain; Chandler, Lee; Todd, Bultman, Jackson, Shirer, Creech, Kinard, A.; Polson, Hodges. No. 5—H. M. Crowson, Captain; Edwards, Tucker, Boykin, Wilson, Rembert, Womers, R. H.; Pritchard, Warren, Dorr. No. 6—Shore, Captain; Hall, Beetham, Nash, Boone, Stubbs, Epps, Andrews, E. Parham, Weinberg.

Sumter County Sunday School Booth

An urgent request is made to every Sunday school superintendent, teacher and pupil to help make the Sumter county Sunday school booth at our county fair, November 16, 17, 18, 19 a success. The county Sunday schools, especially, are asked to send their cradle rolls, attendance charts, maps, banners, certificates, pictures, anything that has proved of help and interest to them. Please have name of person and Sunday school marked plainly on each article and send to Miss Abbie D. Bryan, 141 N. Main St., by November 15th.

MARRIAGE LICENSES

A marriage license has been granted to Ely Ball and Amanda Murphy, colored, of Hagood.

Taxes are now due and payable, but few are taking advantage of the opportunity.

County Board Meeting

County Engineer Jeffords Reports Bridges and Road Machinery in Bad Condition

The regular monthly meeting of the County Board of Commissioners was held on November 2 with members E. M. Oliver, J. J. Britton, W. M. Lenoir and E. T. Mims present. The minutes of the meeting of October 5 were read and approved. Mr. L. R. Frierson appeared before the board relative to a claim of \$42.50 for damage to a mule and stated the particulars in the case. His claim was ordered referred to the county attorney for his advice. Mr. Prince appeared before the board relative to the opening of a new road 2 1/2 or 3 miles long in the Shiloh section and filed a petition of the property holders. The petition was not accompanied by the grants of land by property holders, so same was returned to him to obtain these. Sanders Gains appeared before the board relative to the arrest of his boy for vagrancy and the forfeiture of his bond of \$20 for non-appearance in the magistrate's court. He asked that the case be re-opened. The board advised him that it had no jurisdiction in this matter. Martin Rhodes appeared before the board relative to the damage of his mule by breaking in a bridge near Brogdon. The claim was ordered referred to the county attorney for advice. County Engineer Jeffords reported the main chain gang force now in the Pinewood section, working out the main road. About 15 miles of the main road is yet to be worked, after which he stated that the citizens in that section wanted other roads between Pinewood and Remini worked. He reported this work progressing slowly but satisfactorily. Reported secondary chain gang force still in the Shiloh section. Advised that he had organized another road force which was now working on the Black River road. The atlas house gang is doing emergency work. He reported that he had obtained five additional mules on trial which could be bought for \$1,085. He reported that he found the equipment in poor condition. He also advised that he had found the bridges throughout county in bad condition and practically all of them needing overhauling. He recommended the organization of a paid bridge force for repairing and overhauling bridges. The force is to consist of a foreman and eight men. After discussing the matter the board authorized that this force be organized. Repairs on the Ford and Scripps-Booth cars and also repairs on the county trucks were reported. The board authorized the purchase of five mules and appointed Commissioner Britton and Engineer Jeffords to make this purchase. The clerk reported that other offices in the court house would close at noon on November 12th on account of the Pinewood celebration. The board authorized the closing of the commissioners' offices. The board expressed its intention of attending the celebration. The application of Mr. T. S. McEveen for the increase of his Confederate pension to \$5 per month was granted. The like petition of James E. Price for such increase was granted, contingent on proper papers being filed as to his age, income, etc. Reports from the rural policemen and home demonstration agent were received and ordered filed. The clerk advised that no report had been received from the cotton weighers as to scale tests and was directed to take this matter up with the cotton weighers and ask that in the future they have the reports in promptly by the first of the month. After approving claims before it the board adjourned.

Old Ice Plant Burned

The old Moses ice plant situated near the A. L. Depot caught fire at about 1:30 today and was totally destroyed. When the fire trucks reached the scene of conflagration the whole plant was one mass of flames. The Pen-Sumter Lumber companies' force of workmen was immediately called from their work to stretch their lines of hose and place water upon their buildings and lumber lying near the fire, for it seemed that at any minute the fire might spread to their side of the tracks. Good work was done by the fire department to keep the fire from spreading to adjacent buildings. Shifting engines of the A. C. L. were busy for a time moving freight cars out of danger. At one time a small negro house nearby was shrouded in smoke and looked as if it would inevitably catch, but with the careful and timely attention of the fire department, the shanty was saved. The fire was well under control at about 2:15. The old ice plant was bought about November of last year by the city, along with other property and at the time of the fire was not used for any purpose. The building was covered by about \$10,000.00 insurance.

New Companies Chartered

Columbia, Nov. 3.—The Sumter Farm Products Co., of Sumter, was today chartered by the secretary of state, with capital stock of \$20,000. The company proposes to buy and sell farm products, cattle, fertilizers and farm implements. E. S. Booth is president, J. Frank Williams is vice president, E. E. Gibson is secretary and G. A. Lemmon is treasurer. Amended charter was issued to the Abbeville County Memorial Hospital, of Abbeville, with capital stock of \$40,000. J. C. Hill is president; G. A. Nutter is vice president; D. H. Hill is secretary and J. R. Power is treasurer. The Edgemoor Warehouse Co., of Edgemoor, in Chester county, was chartered with capital of \$2,000. J. D. Glass is president, A. G. Westbrook is secretary and treasurer. The Village Store, of Woodruff, was chartered, with \$3,000. A. E. Fisher is president, E. T. Zimmerman is vice president, W. E. Swink is secretary, and G. H. S. Jones is treasurer.

THE SOLID SOUTH BROKEN

Tennessee Gives Republican Presidential Candidate Ten Thousand Majority and Elects Governor

New York, Nov. 4.—Tennessee swung into the swelling Republican column, shattering Democratic traditions of the solid south, unofficial, but nearly complete returns show today. Tennessee, coupled with a similar upset in Oklahoma, assured Harding of 386 electoral votes, against Cox 127, leaving 18 doubtful, divided among Arizona, Montana, Nevada, New Mexico and North Dakota. The Commercial-Appeal on returns from 93 out of 95 counties in Tennessee give Harding a lead of ten thousand. Governor Roberts was beaten by Alf Taylor decisively. No further actual upsets reported from south, although several towns in Florida and Louisiana and several counties in Georgia and Alabama have broken precedents by large Harding pluralities. The Republicans secured two hundred and fifty-four sets in the house of representatives and Democrats one hundred and thirty-one and other parties four, with forty-three contests. Former Speaker Champ Clark is beaten. The Republicans assured of a lead of ten in the senate, with five undetermined. The coroner's report in the case of Hal Scarborough, who was killed in an automobile accident here yesterday afternoon in which five other young men were more or less seriously injured, rendered a verdict this afternoon declaring that Scarborough had come to his death through the reckless driving of Lonnie N. Harris. Harris has been arrested and has given bond for his appearance at the higher court. The five young men, Manning Saunders, Joe Doyle, Lonnie Harris, C. A. Outlaw and Lawrence Doyle, who were injured when the automobile overturned and killed Hal Scarborough near the Pee Dee fair grounds, are not seriously hurt.

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Restriction on Coal Exports

Washington, Nov. 4.—Secretary of Commerce Alexander advocates limitations on the export of coal to insure an adequate supply for some industries and to direct the trade to countries that are the natural markets for American coal and to those whence American ships sail in ballast. He said the export coal comes almost entirely from the Appalachian field, which supplies the most highly developed industrial districts and to a too extensive export development is likely to result in high prices.

DEATHS

Columbia, Nov. 4.—Mrs. Mary Alice Bateman, wife of W. G. Bateman, died at her home at 1509 Blanding street, at 1:15 o'clock this morning after an illness of several months. Funeral arrangements had not been completed this morning, but the funeral will be held some time Friday, the hour to be announced later. Interment will be in Elmwood. Mrs. Bateman was in her 64th year, having been born in Columbia June 8, 1857. She was the daughter of the late Samuel David and Anna Gladden Friday. Besides her husband, she is survived by one daughter, Mrs. James Carter, 1509 Blanding street, and one son, W. G. Bateman, Jr., of Sumter. She is also survived by one brother, Samuel D. Friday, of Columbia. Mrs. Bateman was a member of the Washington Street Methodist church and led an exemplary Christian life, bearing her suffering with much fortitude. She was also a member of the Girls of the 60's, and in this capacity always took an active part in many affairs pertaining to the welfare of the community.

State Boys' Work Conference to Meet Here

The State Boys' Work Conference of South Carolina is to be held in Sumter on December 3, 4 and 5. About 150 boys from all parts of the State are expected to be present at this conference at which some of the biggest speakers in the State are to make addresses. This conference has been brought to Sumter this year by the Y. M. C. A. and the H. Y. Club. All possible arrangements are being made to make this meeting a perfect success. One of the biggest problems just now is the making of arrangements for placing the boys in homes in the city during their stay here. Comfortable entertainment during the three days that they will be here. The following are the committees of boys appointed to serve on their respective tasks: Committee for the securing of homes for the visiting boys—Frank Sholar, Chairman; Harry Price, Frank Clarke, Ernest Frier and Harold Whitfield. Transportation Committee—George Wray, Chairman; Jack Wright, Stanley Weinberg, and James Burns. Committee for the Arrangement of the banquet to be given on Friday night of the meeting—Henry Shelor, Chairman; Edward Buck, Clint Wheeler, and Henry Shaw.

SAVED HIS HORSE

Mr. R. L. McIntyre, of Altoona, Ala., says: "Dr. LeGear's Antiseptic Healing Powder quickly healed some bad wire cuts on my horse. I defy any stranger to find the slightest scar on him." Dr. LeGear's Advice and Remedy saved this valuable animal. He warns you not to leave a wound, sore or cut exposed, but to dust on Dr. LeGear's Antiseptic Healing Powder, which instantly forms an antiseptic protection and promotes healthy healing. In his 28 years of Veterinary Practice and Expert Poultry Breeding, Dr. LeGear has compounded a remedy for every curable ailment of stock or poultry. Whenever they require a remedy, it will pay you to get Dr. LeGear's Antiseptic Healing Powder, which instantly forms an antiseptic protection and promotes healthy healing. Money back guarantee.—Advertisement.

Automobile

One of the Big Features of the Fair Week

Any business concern in Sumter county or any owner of an automobile who has any sporting blood can afford to try for the five hundred dollars in prizes offered by the Sumter Automobile association in the spectacular automobile and trades play parade during Sumter's fall festival and bargain week in connection with the Greater Gamecock County Fair, November 16th to 19th, inclusive. In addition to the local pride that should be manifested by owners of automobiles, whether in business or not, any automobile owner, and by business concerns in every line of business, the opportunity to do some splendid advertising should be an inducement. Remember there are two prizes of \$250 each, one for the best decorated private owned car, and one for the best decorated commercial automobile or automobile float. Mr. W. T. Harmon is the chairman of the department. He got the Sumter Automobile association to put up this five hundred dollars in less than two hours. Thousands of people will be here to view this parade—many from different parts of South Carolina. Will the Sumter business concerns show that the "Sumter spirit" of which we hear so much is still in existence, or will they lay down because cotton is selling for less than it should. Will thousands of owners of private cars stay out of this big opportunity to win two hundred and fifty dollars, or will there be hundreds of contestants. The time is short. Sumter's reputation is at stake. Where are the Sumter boosters, male and female? Oh they will be there, never fear if the Sumter spirit is once stirred. Let us all pull together and make Sumter's Fall Festival and bargain week a howling success, no matter what cotton or sugar is selling for then. The gamecock must crow—and hens must cackle. Anconas and Carneaux. Sumter, one of the most enterprising cities that can be found anywhere in this section of the country, may well be sized up as a leader in quite a number of respects. The activities of her citizens are varied and sundry and their interest extends in many directions. There are a number of good citizens who are always ready to venture beyond their pale or rather their profession and get into a new field for investigation and interest. This field of experiment very often turns out to be the source of much profit, not of money value necessarily, but of pleasure in accomplishment. Among the varied activities of our Sumter citizens we have represented a fancier of Carneaux pigeons and Anconas chickens. Of course "A prophet is not without honor save in his own country" so, perhaps, there are a few of us who are slow to realize Mr. Wendell M. Levi has the goods when it comes to his side line of raising pigeons and chickens. We have to take what the judges at the fairs have to say on the subject of his birds. Mr. Levi sent a few of his Anconas chickens over to the state fair in Columbia during the past week and brought back the following ribbons: For best cockerel, 1st and 3d prizes. For best pullet, 1st, place 4th, state champion, Ancona male and state champion female. At the fair in Augusta Ga., his chickens won 1st and 2d prizes for the best cockerel and 1st, 3d, 4th and 5th places for the best pullets. Mr. Levi has been elected recently to the office of vice president of the State Ancona and Fanciers association, which was formed at the fair this year, and is also a member of the executive committee of the South Carolina Poultry committee. The Carneaux pigeons raised by Mr. Levi also proved their prize winning abilities. Mr. Levi sent a number of his representative birds to the Tri-State fair which was held at Memphis, Tenn., this year, and was amply rewarded for his troubles by winning one 1st prize, three seconds, two thirds one each of 4th, 5th, 6th and 7th places. This fair is the third largest fair of its kind in the United States. There were about 1,000 birds from all over the United States competing. Every time there is a fire the fact that the water supply of Sumter is not adequate to cope with a big fire is emphasized. Just as soon as the city gets the electric power plant completed steps should be taken to put the water system on a modern basis and provide an adequate supply of water for emergencies. The burning of the old ice factory clears the ground for some productive enterprise. The old plant, which the city acquired with the purchase of the light, ice and power station, has been in service for a long time and there was not much probability of its being rehabilitated.