

Largest Class Ends Days at University

One Hundred and Nineteen Students Receive Diplomas

Columbia, June 9.—The exercises of the 116th commencement of the University of South Carolina came to a close with the graduating exercises in the university chapel yesterday morning, 119 young men and women receiving diplomas from the institution. This is the largest class to be graduated from the university in its over a century of existence.

Parties for Miss Kingman.

On Tuesday afternoon, Mrs. Graham Moses was hostess at a lovely party given in honor of Miss Sidney Kingman, one of the attractive young brides. The house was tastefully decorated with masses of spring flowers and eight tables were arranged for bridge on the shaded porch and in the living rooms.

E. W. DABBS DESCRIBES INTERESTING TRIP

Editor Daily Item: Readers of the Item and Watchman and Southerner may be interested in an account of our trip to Asheville and Biltmore a few days since. Taking lunch we left Warrior mountain at 10 o'clock, at 12 o'clock we were at the entrance to Biltmore estate, about 40 miles from here. The road in Henderson county beginning just beyond Saluda is not so good as the roads in either Polk or Buncombe counties.

gas ferry to connect up the farms on the two sides of the river and many miles of roads other than those visitors are allowed to travel. The gate-keeper gives each party leaflets with a map of the place in the fork of the two rivers with the roads that are open to the public and on the other side a brief story of the route "with the object of graphically pointing out the several thoroughfares that will afford a comprehensive glimpse of Biltmore, its forests, fields and farms."

Find Dead Whale Near Georgetown

Big Fish Washes Up on North Island Beach—Parties Visit Scene

Georgetown, June 8.—Word was brought up from North Island yesterday that a dead whale, about 100 feet long and huge of body, was ashore on the beach. Immediately a number of boats were made ready and parties formed for going down to see the unusual sight.

Closing Exercises of Sumter High School

Manual of Arms Drill, Presentation of Medals and Orations Feature of First Night

The impressive closing exercises of the Sumter high schools were attended by a large audience which on last evening filled the opera house. The first commencement night was, as is customary, devoted to the competitive declamations made by a selected number of boys of the graduating class.

Trial of West Opens

First of Twenty Negroes Faces Georgio Jury

Vienna, Ga., June 8.—Lavarga West, first of 20 negroes indicted on charges of murder growing out of the shooting at Byronville on May 17, was placed on trial here today. The state endeavored to show that West was in a conspiracy to kill Police Officer Cunningham, which resulted in the death of L. C. Davis, Jr., of Sommersville, N. J., one of the sheriff's posse.

Further Views on County Court.

Editor Daily Item: It is an acknowledged fact that self-interest is the first law of nature and while our friends who are engaged in the practice of law are very much in favor of the county court, and while I am proud to say that I am broad enough not to censure them for it, I feel it is not to the best interest of the county to establish such a tribunal under the present depressed conditions.

Trial of Two Well Known Cases.

Columbia, June 8.—Two well-known state cases are on the roster for the term of court which starts in Columbia June 20, the now famous Sandel case and the old "Hosiery Mill case." In both the state is defendant.

Telephone Rate Hearing.

Columbia, June 7.—A. L. M. Wiggins of Hartsville, President of the South Carolina Telephone Subscribers Association, is to be in Columbia this week, according to officers of the association, to confer with leaders in the telephone rate test movement in regard to the plan of action to be taken to bring the phone rate fight to head.

POPPIES AS CUT FLOWERS.

Many gardeners seeing vases of Shirley or silk poppies in florists' windows wonder by what trick of the trade the commercial grower of these most delicately beautiful annuals induced them to remain intact, for ordinarily it is impossible to cut poppies for bouquets when the flower is in full bloom. They fully justify the poetical simile:

GOVERNMENT ISSUES PROPOSED DRAFT

London, June 9.—Government issues (white paper), purporting to be a draft proposed of the treaty between the Russian soviet government, and the Republic of Ireland.

New Gymnasium for the University.

Columbia, June 8.—Tentative plans for a new gymnasium and a new stadium at the University were outlined for this correspondent today by J. O. VanMeter, athletic director at the University. A drive will be put about the last of this year, according to these tentative plans, and the city of Columbia and alumni of the University will be asked to contribute upwards of \$200,000 for an athletic plant that will put the University in line with other institutions of the south. The trustees authorized the drive at the commencement meeting which ended yesterday.

WOULD HAVE WEEKS RELIEVE AS CHIEF

Washington, June 9.—Major General Menoher, chief of the air service recommended that Secretary Weeks relieve Brig. Gen. Mitchell as assistant chief of air service.

MARINE AVIATOR KILLED TODAY AT COLONIAL BEACH

Washington, June 9.—Brown, a marine aviator, was killed today when his plane crashed to earth at Colonial Beach.

SENATE WILL INVESTIGATE ADMIRAL SIMS SPEECH

Washington, June 9.—The senate adopted a resolution ordering the investigation of speech of Rear Admiral Sims in London touching the Irish question.

Beat Leaves as Greens.

Young beets are popular when cooked with the leaves as greens when they are only an inch or so in diameter. All of this class of vegetables will stand considerable frost so they may be put into the ground as soon as it can be worked. The crops should be well under way in the more southern sections and a succession crop is due to go in just about this time.