

News Notes of Mayesville

Sale of Large Lot of Cotton Reported—Local News Briefs

Mayesville, Jan. 12.—Mr. J. P. Bland is selling some of his cotton. He states that five hundred bales are being moved at a price a little above seventeen cents. We would like to see five thousand bales get on the move, for business might pick up and business here is certainly quiet.

Miss Ruth Taylor, formerly of the Atlantic Coast Line, as freight clerk, was cut off here by the company in reducing the force January 1st. But she is still with the company as clerk in the A. C. L. yard office at Sumter.

Mr. A. F. Ragan, clerk-operator of the C. & N. railway office, has had his office in the Pinewood agency and expects to move very soon to his new position. He states this will suit him much better as it is his home town.

The Masonic Lodge here elected new officers for the coming year after a good series of meetings and adding a good many new members for the year 1921. The past officers: E. A. Alexander, W. M.; J. R. Hayes, Sr., S. W.; J. C. Parnell, J. W.; R. L. Grier, Secretary; Joe Kahn, treasurer; Lucian Keels, Treasurer; Joe Kahn, W. M.; J. C. Parnell, S. W.; Lucian Keels, J. W.; E. A. Alexander, Secretary; J. R. Hayes, Jr., Treasurer; J. M. Cooper, Jr., S. D.; D. A. Berry, S. D.; G. A. Simpson, Tyler. We hope to have a successful year and we know that the new officers will do their best in making it so.

Mr. Hunt from Columbia, the State Company representative, was in town today looking after business on the paper. Glad to have him with us.

The Farmers Supply Co., of the city has moved from the store recently occupied by them to the McEwen store, under the Kincaid Hotel.

We had quite an excitement here last of the week. It seemed that four men from the Sumter carnival hired a taxi and drove over to Lynchburg, S. C. On returning they stopped at the store of The H. P. T. Co., just out of town, and purchased smokes. After they had left the clerk noticed a five dollar bill they had given him for a ten and he and the proprietors raced in their car to town and with the police department halted them on the corner of Lafayette street. They pleaded not guilty and after some time they were turned loose upon a payment of \$25.00 to The H. P. T. Co. The impression got out that they had captured a band of robbers.

That incessant cracking sound you hear is the breaking of New Year resolutions.

The book that has the greatest influence on the average man's life is the cook book.

Some men work always under high pressure, and some think they have their jobs cinched.

Let's see, what was it we used to do before we thought up that word "crisis"?

"Operation restores sanity," says a headline. Huh. We've seen an accident do that.

Another reason why it is bad form to talk about the weather is because cussing isn't polite.

A historian says the chorus is four thousand years old. This is a record run with the original cast.

In a small town, a social leader is any woman who can say "coiffure" without looking self-conscious.

Whatever else the 100-per-cent American may be, he is a chap who doesn't know how to make a bomb.

Another difference between death and taxes is that death doesn't appear to have a spite at rich men.

Scrubbing a high price will make it feel cheap.

A man with a frown had better take another look.

The New Year is producing its usual number of prophets.—Evansville (Ind.) Courier.

In America



Ernest Lubitsch, the greatest movie director in Europe, recently arrived in America to study film conditions. He says Germany now believes that Chaplin is the greatest comedian in the world.

Wireless Market Reports Used

Department of Agriculture Providing Valuable Service to Public

The wireless is now being used by state and federal agencies to broadcast national and local agricultural market reports throughout virtually the entire country. Reports on the national markets are dispatched daily by the United States department of agriculture from wireless stations of the post-office department at Cincinnati, Omaha, Washington, North Platte, Neb., Rock Springs, Wyo., Elko, Nev., and Reno, Nev. These reports are received by hundreds of amateur wireless operators. National market reports are also received by state bureaus of markets and agricultural colleges, supplemented with local market reports, and relayed by wireless telegraphy and telephoned to farmers, shipping associations, newspapers, banks, and other agricultural interests, and a telephone company in eastern Illinois which receives the reports telephonically the news to its 5,000 subscribers.

At Lincoln, Neb., the University of Nebraska and the Nebraska Wesleyan University are cooperating in broadcasting crop and market reports furnished by the state bureau of markets. Both radio telephone and telegraph are used. At Wisconsin the state department of markets broadcasts national and local market reports from the University of Wisconsin wireless station at Madison. At Minneapolis, crop and market reports are broadcast from the University of Minnesota radio station. The Minnesota College of Agriculture has also assigned an extension representative to instruct the farmers in the use of wireless receiving apparatus. The College of Agriculture of Cornell University has assigned an extension representative to assist rural radio clubs that are being organized in New York.

A high-powered transmitting wireless telephone is being installed in the office of the Missouri State market bureau at Jefferson City, Mo., and will be ready for disseminating market information about January 10. Government reports from the larger market centers of the country will be received by means of a "drop" from the leased wire system of the United States Department of Agriculture, and transmitted by radiophone to all sections of Missouri. Demonstrations intended to interest farmers, dealers, and shippers in installing the necessary wireless receiving apparatus will be held in various rural communities of the state, and it is anticipated that telephone offices, newspapers, chambers of commerce, county agents, banks, high schools, and cooperative marketing associations will be among the first to install receiving sets.

A most complete program in the dissemination of market reports by wireless is being planned by the State bureau of markets in Ohio, a specially constructed radiophone transmitter of the most improved type is being installed in the radio station of the University of Ohio for that purpose. The Texas markets and warehouse departments are also planning a market news service by radiophone for farmers, dealers, and shippers in Texas, arrangements being made to use the radio equipment of the University of Texas at Austin.

The first national market report to be broadcast by wireless anywhere in the world was sent out by the United States Department of Agriculture from the radio station of the United States Bureau of Standards only a little over a year ago. The department soon demonstrated the practicability of utilizing the radio for disseminating market information, and rapid progress in expanding the work has been made possible through the cooperation of State and Federal agencies. To make the American farmer the best informed farmer in the world is the aim of these agencies, and equal progress during the coming year will go far toward securing that result, say officials of the Federal department.

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Red Cross Holds Annual Meeting

Officers of Previous Year Re-elected. Reports Read and Filed

The annual meeting of the Red Cross was held Thursday night, January 12th at the Girls' High school auditorium. The following officers were re-elected: L. D. Jennings, Chairman; Mrs. A. C. Phillips, vice chairman; Miss Anna Purdy, Secretary and Mr. R. L. Edmunds, Treasurer.

The following reports were submitted, received as information and ordered published: Report of Home Service Section for October, November, December, 1921.

The work of the Home Service Section was resumed on October 1st, after having been discontinued for two months. During October, November and December 1921 cases were handled by the home service section, 54 of these involving assistance to ex-service men in filing claims with the government; 32 being civilian families, and 21 cases involving only information service.

Four hundred eighty-seven visits have been paid throughout the town and county in connection with the work, an average of 162 visits a month, and 279 interviews, an average of 93 a month have been held in the Red Cross office.

Thirty-six disabled veterans have been assisted with claims for compensation; 3 with applications for vocational training; 8 with claims for unpaid allotment, and hospital treatment has been secured for eight men at the expense of the government.

\$59.38 was spent during the 2 months for relief to ex-service men. One man repaid a loan of \$13.00 as soon as his first compensation check was received.

\$113.24 has been spent from Red Cross funds to aid civilian families, in addition to donations from individuals and organizations.

Sumter County Budget

Recommendation of the County Board of Commissioners to the Legislative Delegation For Budget For Current Year 1922

Table listing budget items for Sumter County, including Roads and bridges (\$25,000.00), Chaingang (\$35,000.00), Road & chaingang equipment (\$5,000.00), Salaries (\$400.00), Sheriff (\$750.00), Treasurer (\$750.00), Clerk to treasurer (\$500.00), Auditor (\$500.00), Clerk of Education (\$1,400.00), County Attorney (\$200.00), Coroner (\$500.00), Janitor (\$480.00), Rural policemen (\$6,900.00), Commissioners (\$900.00), Clerk to board (\$1,800.00), Magistrates (\$3,163.90), Constable, 3rd Dist. (\$480.00), Jailor (\$900.00), Tax assessors (\$600.00), Engineer (\$3,000.00), City nurse (\$180.00), Board of Education (\$120.00), Fiscal agent (\$600.00), Clerk to Judge Probate (\$300.00), Alms House and pauper (\$6,000.00), Public buildings (\$2,000.00), Jail (\$1,200.00), Books and stationery (\$3,600.00), Camp Alice (\$1,200.00), Coroner and Janitor (\$200.00), Disinfectants (\$200.00), Gas, expense Rural Police (\$1,200.00), Gas, expense Sup't. Ed. (\$300.00), Interest on money borrowed (\$3,500.00), Interest on bonds (\$1,400.00), Plus provision for road highway bonds and bonds assumed from Clarendon county.

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Grand total exclusive of interest on Clarendon county bonds assumed \$136,975.40

Public Installation. The regular monthly meeting of Hollywood Camp No. 19 W. O. W. will be a public one and will be held Wednesday, next, at 8 p. m. sharp.

The officers are to be installed and we are to be entertained with music, short talks and light refreshments are to be served.

The Hon. Max G. Bryant, head consul of the society in this state, will be with us and give us a talk. The wives and daughters of all members of the W. O. W. are especially invited to be with us. Let us all turn out for a good time.

R. S. Hood, Clerk.

Farmers Need Help Now

Secretary Reardon Writes To Senator Dial Concerning Conditions

Secretary Reardon has again taken up with Senator R. B. Dial the question of the possibility of and the great necessity for the War Finance Corporation doing something to help thousands of poor white and negro share-croppers and heretofore tenants to get some assistance in farming. Mr. Reardon has very plainly told Senator Dial that unless something is immediately done to assist thousands of this class of farmers to get money, fertilizers, and other facilities to farm with, that hundreds of thousands of acres of fertile lands will be idle and that thousands of farm laborers will either have to leave this section or go hungry.

At a meeting of the Young Men's Business League of Sumter yesterday, Mr. L. D. Jennings, president of the Peoples Bank of Sumter, suggested that something ought to be done immediately in the shape of a temporary organization of farmers and other business men to see if the War Finance Corporation will let these farmers have money, because there will be thousands who will not be able to do a thing unless somebody or some number of responsible men take the lead to see what can be done to help them out.

Secretary Reardon has sent copies of his correspondence to the Young Men's Business League and Senator Dial has been urged to see what can be done along the line suggested by Messrs. Jennings and Reardon.

The Sumter secretary thinks that if every member of the Sumter County Chamber of Commerce, Young Men's Business League, and many other business men and farmers will write to Senators Smith and Dial, Congressman Fuller and other South Carolina representatives endorsing the appeals for War Finance Corporation assistance, as far as possible, that these letters will strengthen the appeals of the South Carolina representatives, and also cause our representatives to get busy trying to do something.

In writing these letters the actual distress as known by the writers should be legitimately and cordially expressed. Because every letter written will be just that much more ammunition and information and endorsement for our representatives in Congress to work on. There is no time to be lost as it is nearly time for the thousands of helpless farmers to get busy planting 1922 crops or get busy moving to some other sections. Farm laborers moving away in considerable numbers will prove as much of a menace as the boll weevil. It will only require a few minutes to dictate a letter to these representatives and will only cost two cents to mail the letter.

A Noted Russian Prison. Kholmogori. Near Archangel, Russia, Dec. 8.—Famine and privation are killing off the 6,000 or 7,000 men and women political prisoners here, mostly sent from Baku, Tiflis and other points of the Caucasus republics. Unless released under the clauses of the conditional amnesty, published November 7 it is believed all will perish of hunger during the winter.

Many of the 1,500 who came here last March have been robbed of their clothes and valuables, and their hunger is such that they are howling in the swelling stage of famine that prevails here.

Soft Lines Enhance Oval Face



Soft lines are the thing for the girl with the slimly oval face. Perhaps it was the consciousness of this which influenced Miss Ailsa Mellon, daughter of Secretary of the Treasury Andrew W. Mellon to select this hat with softly rolling lines and a suit with a similarly soft neck line.

A Solution of the Bath Problem



Recipe for the Saturday Night Bath: Take one tub, fill it with water, flavor with soap. Place in what one child. If child cries, add one pup. Never mind yelp of pup, child will stop crying. Jeanie Mahoney, of New York, wants to bathe twice a day since her mother followed this recipe. And who thought there were still tin bath tubs in New York?

The Limit. "My husband is laid up for repairs." Wife—Oh, Frank, and the garage isn't locked! "Exceeding the speed limit?" Frank—What's that got to do with it? "No, exceeding the feed limit." Wife—The engine will be stolen before we get back.

On the Road. Frank—My engine is missing. Wife—Oh, Frank, and the garage isn't locked! Frank—What's that got to do with it? Wife—The engine will be stolen before we get back.

Being Driven. "I saw you out driving yesterday." "No, my wife was driving." "But she was in the back seat." "Just the same, my wife was driving."

When every dog has his day he wants to make a night of it. Fine motto: Keep your mind on your work but not your work on your mind.

Jobless don't want to be helped out; they want to be helped in.

Ryder's Alley and Jacob street are two of the oldest New York streets that few New Yorkers can direct a stranger to.

That St. Louis man named William who married a Miss Boyle need not be surprised if she keeps him in hot water.

People might get enthusiastic about building houses if they could build 'em to pass neighbors on a hill.

Charity also covers a multitude of skin games.

Movie beauty is only screen deep.

Quickest way to reduce is weigh on the coal dealer's scales.

They don't have sleeping cars on the road to success.

The correct use of "he" and "lay" also worries a farmer every time a hen cackles.

Some men are wise, some otherwise.

Ravenna Shrine of Dante and Reliquary of Rome

Washington, Jan. 12.—"Many a mean place marks the shrine of a great man; but in Ravenna crowds are honoring Dante in a city as nearly unique as the singular genius of that poet," says a bulletin from the Washington, D. C., headquarters of the National Geographic Society.

"Its geographical position rendered it an 'impregnable City of the Sea' and preserved it as a 'Pompeii of the Byzantine Era.' Its present interest is associated with the 600th anniversary of the death of Dante who is buried there; but its permanent significance lies in the fact that it was the 'death bed' of the (Roman) Empire and its tomb."

"Ravenna is the Hamlet of Italian cities. To its isolation and solitude it owed the presence of the emperors of declining Rome, and the same quality has preserved the mystic spirit of the four centuries, the fifth to eighth, which it alone typifies.

How Geography Made Ravenna. "Recall that the Apennines cut across the upper part of the Italian boot from Genoa to Rimini, just north of Ravenna. There the range turns south, short of the Adriatic. Ravenna therefore has a strategic position in relation to Cisalpine Gaul, the Italian peninsula and the Adriatic.

"This position, in conjunction with its inaccessibility made the little town of Gallia Cisalpina, Caesar's rendezvous to plot with Roman adherents while he campaigned in Gaul, into the mighty Ravenna, where Honorius first established an imperial residence. Odoacer set up a kingdom, and Theodoric the Ostrogoth finally established a Versailles of the medieval world.

"Ravenna was inaccessible because it was laid out along canals among marshes. The tide was the sanitary agent. The principal complaints in this respect were against flies and frogs and an inadequate water supply. One writer says: 'We were thirsty in the midst of the waves.' Martial wrote: 'That landlord at Ravenna is plumbly but a cheat, I paid for wine and water, but he served wine to me.'

The Brooklyn of Europe. "Architecturally Ravenna is the Brooklyn of Europe. Its churches are unique because they exhibit the threefold influence of Roman, Byzantine and Christian art. A dozen or more of these edifices are counted of high artistic and historical merit, and about them entire volumes have been written. No place affords such an opportunity as Ravenna to study the years just before and after the break-up of the Roman Empire.

"Ravenna long had passed the zenith of her influence and power when Dante spent the last years of his life there. He was the invited guest of Guido Novello, lord of the city, whose patronage of art and letters kindled a flicker among the members of the city's great past.

Byron's Description of Dante's Tomb. "It is paradoxical that in a city noted chiefly for its architectural treasures the ashes of its most famous resident should repose in a shrine described by Byron as 'a little cupola more neat than solemn.' Byron, it will be recalled, lived at Ravenna in 1820-21. During the time he was enamored by the Countess Guiccioli.

"The sea has receded from Ravenna, its lagoons now are marshes. Two streams which are not navigable and a canal connect it with the Adriatic. It is capital of the modern province of Emilia, and lies 45 miles east of Bologna. It was among the first cities to cast its vote for Italian unity in 1859. Ten years earlier Garibaldi's wife, died in the marshes outside the city while she accompanied her husband in his flight from Rome."

Autos Before Trains. The first automobile was built and tested 50 years before the first railroad track was laid. Captain Nicholas J. Gagnot, in 1769, is credited with having constructed the first motor-propelled road vehicle that actually ran. Steam was the power.

A doctor says jazz is a germ. Well, the air is catchy.

If woman's place is in the home, lots of them are out of place.

The needle is mightier than the pin.

Greatest overhead expense is a roof.

Would you call a clock that fails to go off a false alarm.

Chicago man who claims relatives robbed him of his two hotels didn't know much about hotel keeping.

Most self-made men made themselves at home.

Lots of people are on the right track, but headed the wrong way.

All the king's horses and all the king's men can't get Humpty-Dumpty back down again.

Monks in the middle ages owned not a single thing of their own.

One manufacturing plant has installed a chewing gum stand for the benefit of its girl employees.

Some girls think they have got to be fast to catch a husband.

One down and out club is the war club.

Lookout will help the outlook.

She "Rotates" the Seasons



Peggy Hoyt, New York milliner, sells spring hats 12 months a year. When the spring season is ended in America her stores get busy in other countries where it is spring. As with other seasons, she will leave soon for China where one of her stores is located. Chinese women are demanding up-to-the-minute American hat styles, she says.