

TOWN AND COUNTY NEWS

THE PRICE OF GASOLINE

Sec'y Reardon Puts the Question to Dealers

Many gas users are wondering if the price of gasoline in Sumter will drop two cents per gallon as it has in other places since the Standard Oil Company voluntarily reduced the price to dealers, and if not why not.

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One traveling man who gets about in his automobile has called attention to the Sumter prices in excess of other cities and towns and says that little matters in getting trade for a city cut in considerable extent very often because outsiders who want to trade in Sumter will conclude that if Sumter charges more for gasoline than other cities, Sumter will charge a little more for other things Sumter has to sell.

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An opportunity will first be given the Sumter gasoline dealers to show what they are going to do of their own accord. In the meantime there can be no possible doubt that many car owners are going to supply their needs whenever possible from places where gasoline is sold cheaper than Sumter, provided of course that this charge that Sumter asks more than other places is found to be correct.

Gasoline Prices in Columbia

The price of gasoline dropped 2 cents the gallon in Columbia yesterday. The general retail price is 29 cents and the wholesale price 25 cents in the city today as compared with the former price of 32 and 28 1-2 cents respectively.

Gun Club Notes

Interest continues to grow in the shooting, this being the largest shoot of the season.

The public generally is taking more interest and the crowds are larger each week.

The public is cordially invited to attend these shoots, which are held every Thursday afternoon, beginning 4:30 o'clock.

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APPROACH WORK BEING HELD UP

Blanding Discusses Matter With Officials

(The State). D. M. Blanding, clerk of the Sumter county road commission, was here yesterday conferring with state highway department officials and Richland road authorities in an effort to perfect plans for getting the \$10,000 promised by the Columbia chamber of commerce to ward the Wateree river bridge approaches in Sumter county.

The contract for the building of the approaches and swamp road is being held up pending some definite assurance, that the \$10,000 will be furnished. Simons & Maynard recently submitted the low bid for the work, approximately \$34,000, but this bid may be withdrawn after August 15 and much time lost unless the contract is signed before that date.

Mr. Blanding conferred with Charles H. Moorefield, state highway engineer; L. H. Thomas, secretary of the highway commission; Senator Tom B. Pearce and others, and it is possible that some plan may be developed whereby money can be raised. The plan discussed was to let Richland county guarantee the money and accept the pledge of the chamber of commerce.

Birthday Party

Little Miss Maude Minter Turner delightfully entertained a number of her friends Wednesday afternoon at her home on West Hampton Avenue in honor of her third birthday. Dressed in shell pink organdie, the little hostess received her guests on the porch.

After a merry hour spent in playing games on the lawn under the supervision of Mrs. E. B. Allen, the children were invited into the dining room. The menu consisted of a dinner of pink and white. A beautifully appointed table was centered by a snowy cake on which gleamed three small pink candles. Cakes, ice cream, and mints were served by Miss Junelle Williams, Sophia Vogel, Fannie and Sibbie Turner.

The children invited for the afternoon were little Misses Sarah Alexander, Esther Barfield, Hattie Bath, Jean Boyle, Frances Brown, Pattie Brown, Madeline Conway, Mary Epps, Emily Gantt, Kathleen Heidman, Dorothy Pate, Phoebe Louise Pines, Dorothy Platt, Virginia Sholar, Marie Haynsworth, Perra Frances Johnson, Lotus Hoidalay, Jean Sory, Mildred Brown, Catherine and Marion Palmer, Agnes and Sarah Harvin, Margaret and Henrietta Rose, Mary Louise Blanchard, Vivian Ray Cooper, Annette Roddy, Edna and Dorothy Pratt, Sarah Caule, Ida Wellow Howell, Jane Evans, Virginia Jeffords, Legare Womble and Janie Shupe, and Masters Judd Alexander, Richard Allen, William Boyle, B. O. Cante, Carl Epps, Dick Forester, Hudson McCollum, W. D. Sheridan, Hoyt Grant, Franklin McLeod, Roy Leonh, Junior and Bill Carr, Marvin Brown, Robert Cooper, Avery Howell, Norwood Middleton, Cordes Palmer and Irving Till.

Death

Mrs. A. A. Strauss died in Charleston at 11 o'clock Saturday night after a long illness. The family, who were with her at the end, are returning to Sumter tonight with the remains. The funeral services were held at 11 o'clock Monday at the Synagogue on Church St.

The funeral services of Mrs. A. A. Strauss were held at the Synagogue at 11 o'clock Monday morning in the presence of a concourse of sorrowing relatives and friends that filled the edifice to capacity. The services were conducted by Rabbi David Marx, of Atlanta. The floral offerings were exceptionally numerous and beautiful, friends of the deceased lady here, and in this and other states sending the most beautiful flowers as their last tribute to a good woman and esteemed friend.

Among the relatives and friends who were in attendance were: Mr. Lucian Strauss of Cho. Mr. Carlisle Strauss, Sumter; Mr. M. A. Strauss, Meridian, Miss; Mr. Isaac C. Strauss, Sumter; Mrs. Rosenfeld, Benning; Charleston; Miss Mary Pearlstone, Charleston; Miss Enitha Sternberg, Greensboro, N. C.; Mr. Edwin Pearlstone, Charleston; Mr. Milton Pearlstone, Charleston; Mr. J. E. Stoudenmire, 25 16; Mr. R. D. Epps, 59 37; Mr. W. G. Moses, 59 38; Harold McCoy, 25 14; J. V. Plowden, 59 44; W. R. Plowden, 25 21; W. E. Puley, 59 39; W. O. Staley, 59 39; B. R. Compton, 59 40; E. M. Staley, 59 41; David Cuttino, 59 39; A. E. Tisdale, 25 17; Dr. C. B. Epps, 25 20; Jake Harvin, 25 21.

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Delightful Musical Entertainment

The Woman's Music Club Gives a Charming Program

Mrs. J. Z. Hearon, the president of the Woman's Afternoon Music Club, and the other officers and members of the club, have every reason to be greatly gratified by the success of the delightful program of music that was given Thursday evening in the auditorium of the Girls' High school building.

The program was well balanced, surprising, and every feature of the program was an added pleasure.

It is remarkable how quickly the orchestra has developed its power to produce harmonious concord of sweet sounds. However great the skill of the director may be, such charming ensemble effect can be achieved in so short a time only by trained musicians. The work of the orchestra last evening reflects great credit upon the skill of the director and upon the musical ability of the members.

The instrumental solos, piano, violin, and xylophone, were all a source of delight to the appreciative auditors, as were the vocal chorus and quartet. The ladies' excellent voices blended in delightful harmony.

While the whole program was replete with charm, showing the unusual musical talent that Sumter has and promising to our people a series of entertainments throughout the fall and winter, still the piece de resistance of the evening's entertainment was the singing of Miss Ellen Blanding of Paris, Kentucky.

Miss Blanding has a lyric soprano voice of unusual sweetness and flexibility, cultivated to that high degree of perfection, wherein the art essential to the production of the desired effect is no longer manifest and yet managed even in the most difficult passages with an ease that is altogether pleasing.

Sumter has a right to claim a share in Miss Blanding's success; for her parents belonged to Sumter and the names of Anderson and Blanding have long been household words in the county's vocabulary. It is certain that the audience that was present Thursday evening will so advertise the concert that was given as to insure large audiences at any entertainment that may be given hereafter under the auspices of the Woman's Afternoon Music Club.

NEWS FROM WEDGEFIELD

Barbecue Dinner Will Be Served Campaign Day

Wedgefield, Aug. 4.—On last Saturday a mad dog bit three negroes in a radius of seven miles, before it was killed. They are taking the Pastor treatment.

Revival services will be held in the Baptist church beginning Sunday, August 6th, continuing through the following Sunday. The pastor, Rev. Wm. Haynsworth, has secured Rev. J. K. Goode, of Clemson College, to assist in the meeting. Tuesday is campaign day here, and the school improvement society has decided to serve dinner and barbecue for the benefit of the school. The candidates for solicitor and congress are all expected to be here.

The frequent rains are interfering seriously with the poisoning of weevils, and they are doing considerable damage to cotton.

The officers and directors of the Sumter County Fair Association who have made a bid of \$50,000 for the removal of the State Fair from Columbia to Sumter, have started something that they should follow up with energy and persistence. The whole town and county of Sumter should get in behind the movement and get the State Fair if it do so the bid must be raised to \$100,000. The State Fair has been for thirty or forty years one of the very biggest assets that Columbia has, the whole have done nothing to bring to make the fair worth while. They have seemed to regard it in the same light as the legislature, the hospital for the insane and the penitentiary—state institutions—that had to remain in Columbia, regardless of the support and co-operation of the community, extended or withheld. Sumter could use the State Fair very nicely and it could be made a profitable asset to the business community. The State Fair does not belong to Columbia and if Sumter can bring about its removal to this city by doing the things to make it a worthwhile institution that Columbia has failed to do in the long time it has dragged out an existence in the capital city, then let's go after it and get it.

Thursday night home of Mr. A. A. Chriner, which is about two miles from Sumter, was completely destroyed by fire. Mr. Chriner was not at home when the fire took place, but on arriving home, found the house banded to ashes. Neighbors, who were watching a tobacco barn, first saw the fire on the roof. They immediately went to the house to arouse the occupants. They could get no one to come to the door, so they proceeded to break in, which aroused Mrs. Chriner, who had retired. The fire spread very fast, and Mrs. Chriner and her children had a very narrow escape. Mrs. Chriner attempted to go back into the house, but upon doing so, a portion of the ceiling fell and she was badly burned on the foot. Absolutely nothing was saved. The house belonged to Mr. B. C. Cook.

In the country they are threshing wheat and in town they are threshing wild oats. Boys leave the farm because they hate to plow through life.

DINNER FOR MERCHANTS

Local Retail Merchants' Association Organize

On Friday evening the Retail Merchants of Sumter met at the Claremont Hotel to discuss the advisability of organizing a local Retail Merchants' Association.

After enjoying a most delightful and elaborate dinner prepared by the arrangement committee, Mr. Alfred Bryant, who presided over the meeting, made a few introductory remarks, stating the purpose of the meeting; then he introduced the speaker of the occasion, Mr. L. H. Wannamaker of Columbia, secretary of the South Carolina Retail Merchants' Association. After a short introduction of the question before the meeting, Mr. Wannamaker said that the retail merchant should know what such an organization can do for him, and what it has accomplished in the past. He expounds upon the association's accomplishments, and first sights the case of the luxury tax and tells how the association prevented the passing of this bill, thereby saving the retail merchants the hardship of being tax collectors. He said that such a tax would run thousands of dollars from the state, owing to the fact that no other state has such a tax. He said that the association did not do all that was done to stop this bill, but the greater part of it. He said that the association was not trying to impede the progress of the state, but it was the principle that they fought. He said the association was now working for a better law against giving bad checks, that the bill had been put up before, and was blocked in the senate, owing to the fact that a large number of senators were not present. He has no doubt that the bill will go through. He said that we have lower insurance rates in this state; that there should be equalization of taxes, that merchants pay heavy taxes on articles. He said that there were a few Sumter merchants in the state association, that there were associations in Greenville, Spartanburg, Charleston, Columbia, Anderson, Cheraw, Orangeburg and a number of other places. He gave a welcome to any who wished to come into the state association. Mr. Wannamaker then turned to the local organization and impressed the fact that you must be optimistic in the organization of a local association. He continued, saying that business associations are absolutely necessary in such times as we are having now; that without cooperation we can accomplish nothing. All other professions are organized, why not the merchants? He said that merchants in this state have been slow in seeing the good and advantage of such an organization; that Greenville and Spartanburg have the best local associations in the state. He said that cooperation was the source of progress and that the merchants were the backbone of every community. He then named the activities of a local association, giving examples of methods that had worked successfully in different cities. Mr. Wannamaker closed, saying that he hoped the merchants would do something tangible, and offered the support and assistance of the South Carolina Retail Merchants' Association.

Mr. Bryant thanked Mr. Wannamaker for what he had said, and spoke highly of the business men of the South Carolina association through the efforts of Mr. Wannamaker. Mr. Bryant then called on Mr. S. L. Krasnoff to say a few words, he, Mr. Krasnoff having attended the meeting of the South Carolina Retail Merchants' association in Columbia. Mr. Krasnoff spoke of his interest in the association, stating that he had learned many profitable things since he had been a member of the association. He gave his reasons why he thought Sumter should have an association. Mr. Bryant brought up the question whether Sumter is to have a local association and threw the meeting open for discussion. He called on difference men for their opinion. Mr. Sam Sanders said that he was in favor of such an organization. Mr. G. C. Cooper said that there should be no doubt of organizing the association; Mr. Hutchinson said that this was the logical time for such an organization; Mr. King expressed himself favorable to the association. The question was put before the meeting and it was unanimously passed that a local organization should be formed. A committee for the nomination of officers was appointed, consisting of Messrs. Frank Chandler (chairman), Sam Sanders, Hyman Love, P. M. Parrott, W. M. King, G. C. Cooper, F. T. McInval and Dr. J. G. DeLorme, which committee submitted the following nominations for officers: President, T. H. Clarke; Vice President, R. K. Wilder; Secretary and Treasurer, D. G. F. Bullman; and the following directors: Messrs. Folson, Willie Bullman, J. Z. Hearon, W. H. Shelley and S. F. Stoudenmire. These nominations were voted on collectively, and were unanimously elected.

President Clarke thanked the members for the honor which they had bestowed upon him, and promised to give the association his best. Vice President Wilder expressed his optimism and enthusiasm in the new organization. After a five minute talk by Rev. W. E. Thayer, the principal speaker of the afternoon, Mr. R. M. Cooper of Wisnacky was introduced. Mr. Cooper spoke of stock raising and its possibilities in South Carolina, and outlined the plans for reorganization and rebuilding of the South Carolina State Fair, stating that South Carolina could and should have a state fair, second to none.

This meeting was, as usual, a very enjoyable one. Maybe Ireland is fighting about paying her off an indemnity.

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WARNING ISSUED TO POSTAL CLERKS

Assistant Postmaster General Tells Them Not to Be Deceived by Propaganda

Washington, Aug. 6.—Postal employees have been cautioned by Assistant Postmaster General Bartlett not to be misled by "propaganda" or "misinformation," designed, it was said, to create unrest among the nearly half a million workers of the service.

The caution, contained in a statement made public tonight, was occasioned, it was said, by a declaration of the National Federation of Postoffice Clerks—that the postal service was not properly observing the eight hour law as it was "cheaper financially to work regular clerks overtime than to employ substitutes."

The statement addressed to "All postal clerks" said the department welcomed the co-operation of postal organizations and invited constructive criticisms and suggestions, but that nothing could be more harmful to the postal system than "a series of misunderstandings founded on misinformation."

The federation charged the department, Mr. Bartlett said in his statement to the clerks, "with a violation of the postal laws, and in addition to this general charge, it goes on to state that 'we are violating the law for the purpose of saving money.'"

"If it were true that those at the head of a great governmental department were violating the laws of the land deliberately for any purpose, it would be ground for removal," he added. "It is about the worst charge that could be made against high officials." We wonder if you, our postal clerks, really mean to make this charge, or to endorse the statements of those who make it.

"We do not save money working our clerks overtime, and we do not do it to save money, but in emergencies when we are obliged to resort to such a practice, the department has full and complete authority in the law."

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Mr. Hester said he had made an extensive investigation into the character of the carryover, his inquiries being of about July 15, which Texas has little nondescript cotton and that there were practically no "bollies" in this year's crop. Oklahoma has been pretty well combed of everything below strict low middling to middling values, and the supply remaining in that state is good spinning cotton, showing a higher average in grade than at any end season for the last ten years.

Louisiana has little or no unmerchantable cotton. Arkansas reports not over 1 per cent of unmerchantable cotton. Mississippi reports most of its carryover of fair grade, spinnable cotton and the Atlantic states show a very small percentage of undesirable descriptions.

The report placed the exports of cotton to foreign ports at 6,322,470 bales, against 5,797,590 last year and 6,588,091 year before last, an increase over last year of 524,880 and a decrease under the year before of 265,621 bales.

Cotton consumption in the south was placed at 3,942,000 bales of American cotton, while consumption in the north is given as 2,293,000, a total of 6,234,000 bales, including linters. In addition the report said American mills have consumed 298,000 bales of foreign cotton, making the total consumption of American and foreign growth by American mills of 6,532,000 against 5,399,000 last year.

STABILIZATION OF PRICES

Agreement For Government Action to Regulate Market Prices

To the Editor of the Daily Item: Permit an argument for government stabilization of prices of staple products, in lieu of the present "laissez-faire" practice of leaving the supply of the world to the unorganized activities of uninformed individuals, driven by suffering from fluctuating prices due to disregarded and therefore violated laws of nature.

My point is that we should use enough science in our government to promote the general welfare by guiding production and marketing so as to assure the supply of what the world needs and to insure a profit to the producer instead of leaving the mass of the people to suffer constantly from the inexorable penalties of supply not proportioned to demand and not financed and marketed to meet the demand as it develops. In short, it should not be necessary to wait for depressed prices to force men and money from unprofitable into remunerative lines of business activity, but by proper provision of government all business activity should at all times be remunerative.

The propaganda of agricultural papers and of politicians that the farmers should be kept on the farm has long pained me as a tragedy of impotency of leadership. They will stay on the farm if they can make a living on the farm. Living conditions cannot be elevated as long as industry and economy go unrewarded. "The laborer is worthy of his hire," but the farmer is not a wage hand, he is the fortunate condition of the railroads with the government guaranteeing to him a reasonable interest on his investment and wages for his labor.

It is a principle of political economy that prices and profits in different occupations are readjusted by the natural movement of men and money from a depressed industry to prospering industry. When the inflow of workers and of capital into a prospering industry surpasses the reasonable demand and brings depression there, then a new exodus must take place to escape suffering and even starvation.

The impoverished workman or unprofitable capital must seek an industry wherein the prices are remunerative, and can never know how long they will remain so. It always seemed to me that this ceaseless blind pursuit of a work that will afford a decent living ought, in this period of so-called science and enlightenment, to be no longer tolerated by organized society. It is a relic of an older period before the birth of science and before the widening of the scope of government to care for men in a humanitarian way and not merely to hold over them a policeman's stick.

There is a school of economics and of government taught by some intellectuals and extreme individualists that it is a perversion of the functions of government to interfere to help men to escape the penalty of these natural laws. Unwittingly these doctrinaires play into the hands of the money power and would deny to the masses of the people the chief service of enlightened democracy. Mere political freedom is not the end-all and the be-all of democracy. There is no adequate option in the freedom to take your choice between being idle or being industrious and poor.

Political freedom should be exerted to bring economic freedom. John J. McMahon.

Football Schedule of Presbyterian College Announced

Coach Walter A. Johnson is very enthusiastic about P. C.'s football season this year and expects a big opening on the fifth of September. The following schedule has been arranged.

Sept. 29—Davidson at Clinton. October 7—Carolina at Columbia. Oct. 13—Clemson at Clemson. Oct. 19—Erskine at Greenwood. Oct. 25—The Citadel at Charleston. Nov. 2—Wofford at Spartanburg. Nov. 10—Dalhousie in Georgia. Nov. 17—Trinity at Durham. Nov. 30—Newberry at Clinton.

HOMICIDE IN GREENVILLE

Jess Fuller Fatally Shot and Left Lying in Yard. Greenville, Aug. 5.—Jess Fuller, about 35 years of age, died about 7 o'clock this morning at the city hospital, as a result of wounds said to have been inflicted about 1:30 o'clock this morning in West Greenville by Cole Dodson, who is being held without bail in the county jail.

Fuller was found early this morning by officers, lying in a semiconscious condition on the ground in a yard at West Greenville, with a bullet in his abdomen. We were rushed to the hospital for treatment.

Don't Talk Too Much. Moderate exercise is good for everyone. This also applies to jaw-bone exercise. Some girls chase boys until the poor darlings (boys) are so out of breath that they have to lie down while the pursuing flapper gently fans them back to life.

Coal Situation in South Carolina

State Railroad Commission Making Every Possible Effort to Distribute Coal to Best Advantage

Columbia, Aug. 7.—The South Carolina Railroad Commission has been forced to take charge of the coal supply coming into the state, and already many cars have been diverted from their original destinations and allocated to other consumers. The commission is making every possible effort, according to its chairman, Frank Shealy, to handle the situation to the best possible advantage to all people of the state, but with less than enough coal to last two weeks, Mr. Shealy regards the situation as rather serious.

The railroad commission has made Spartanburg its point of division of fuel. As a large part of the coal used in the state comes in through Spartanburg, over the Southern and the C. C. & O., the commission has provided that these roads make reports to it twice each day as to the amount of coal received. These two roads make telegraphic reports every morning at about 9 o'clock and every afternoon around 4 o'clock as to the number of cars on hand at Spartanburg.

Yesterday afternoon, these two roads reported to the commission that they had forty cars at Spartanburg. In some cases cars had to be diverted from original destinations and sent elsewhere, to points where there was a shortage of fuel for industry. The roads at Spartanburg are not allowed to ship coal anywhere in the state without authority of the railroad commission, and they are told where every car of coal is to be shipped.

The railroad commission had not received any further instructions regarding the use of coal for domestic purposes, up to Saturday night. During the emergency the orders of the interstate commission at Washington and of Herbert Hoover's fuel administration offices have been against allowing the use of coal for domestic purposes. The commission is endeavoring to supply the needs of industries throughout the state, and while the situation is regarded as serious, there have been no reports of suffering as a result of fuel shortage.

The railroad commission is being flooded with applications for approval of coal orders. All orders for coal, according to the commission's instructions, are to be first approved by it, before coal can be received.

SHERIFF PREVENTS TROUBLE

Warfare Threatened in Lake City When Man is Put Out of Tobacco Warehouse

Florence, Aug. 5.—Only the prompt intervention of Deputy Sheriff Lattie Burch, officers say is believed to have averted serious trouble in Lake City yesterday afternoon, resulting from aversion of independent tobacco warehouse interests to the growers' pool.

According to the information gained through the sheriff's office, during the sale on one of the floors Thursday the auctioneer observed an Atlanta citizen, named Proctor, who seemed to him to be soliciting everyone else on the floor. The auctioneer is said to have suspected that Proctor was working the trade for the pool and to have gotten a couple of friends to aid him in putting Proctor off the floor. They are said later to have used force very roughly.

Resenting the treatment, Proctor, who is understood now to be an insurance agent and was soliciting policies at the time the auctioneer thought he was working for the pool, gathered some of his friends and returned to the floor yesterday. When this fact became known friends of each commenced to rally to their respective men.

Deputy Lattie Burch happened to be in Lake City on some other Sheriff Lattie Burch. His attention was developing. He called via long distance for Deputy Mary Burch, with Deputies Connor and Sims to come to his aid at once. He was able to keep the two warring factions apart till aid arrived and then the threatened outbreak was averted.

Sheriff Burch said this afternoon he understood all of the principals have been placed under arrest and bond to keep the peace and a hearing will be held by the Lake City Magistrate. This afternoon the trouble was reported all quiet and he does not look now for any further outbreak.

WAR FRUAD INDICTMENTS

Washington, Aug. 7.—Indictments were returned today by the special grand jury that is investigating alleged war frauds against Ernest C. Morse, former director of sales of the war department, Everly M. Davis, president of the E. M. Davis Chemical company of New York, and Alexander W. Phillips, associated with Davis, charging them with defrauding the government out of more than a million dollars in connection with sales of war built plant of the Old Hickory Power company, near Nashville, Tenn.

Anti-Prohibitionist. What's become of the hard-boiled, know-it-all type of man who refused to believe the women would ever be given the right to vote? Still, isn't it rather unethical for strikers to hold up trains and usurp the rights of the regular hold-up men?

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Mr. Hester said he had made an extensive investigation into the character of the carryover, his inquiries being of about July 15, which Texas has little nondescript cotton and that there were practically no "bollies" in this year's crop. Oklahoma has been pretty well combed of everything below strict low middling