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PERSONAL MENTION.

Mrs. B. J. Grier, little Miss Kate Campbell, of Sumter, and Mrs. Jud Bradham, of Paxville, have been visiting Mr. and Mrs. J. M. Bradham—Manning Herald.

Misses Aline and Grace Reynolds, of Sumter, and Miss Jennie Reynolds, of Auburn, who have been visiting in Florence, Darlington, Hartsville and Auburn, are now attending a house party in Society Hill, given by Mrs. J. E. Sumner. Many dances and other social functions have been given in their honor.

Mr. and Mrs. Seamon Richardson, of Sumter, have arrived and are boarding at Mrs. C. R. Harvin's. Mr. Richardson is one of our best cotton buyers and we are glad to have him back.—Manning Times.

Mr. William Winn left Tuesday night for Birmingham, Ala., where he has accepted a position as assistant physical director of the Young Men's Christian Association.

Mr. John C. Heaner, of Danburg, is visiting his daughter, Mrs. Hal P. Scott on Harvin Street.

Mr. L. P. Scott, of Columbia, is the guest of his brother, Mr. H. P. Scott.

Miss Rebecca Hall, after visiting her sister, Mrs. L. R. Williamson, left yesterday afternoon for Columbia, where she will teach in the Columbia city schools this winter.

Miss Irene Bryan left today for Florence, where she will teach this winter in the Florence city schools.

Miss Inez King has returned home after a pleasant visit to friends in Charleston and Florence.

Mr. Motte Lawrence, who has been visiting his parents for several days has returned to Jacksonville, Fla., where he is a salesman for Swift & Co.

Messrs. James Sanders and Sam Dinkins left yesterday for Charleston, where the former will enter the Citadel and the latter resume his studies. Mr. Wilson Spann left for the same place several days ago, in order to be on hand for early football practice.

Miss Hallie Cuttino, who has been spending the summer in Sumterton, has returned to the city to resume her studies at the Hampton school.

Mrs. W. A. Brown has just returned from New York, where she went to visit her brother, Mr. H. S. Macken-fuss.

Mrs. C. W. McGrew has returned from a visit to her mother, near Elmore.

Death.

Miss Mattie Pate, died very suddenly some time this morning at her home, No. 201 East Liberty street, her death coming as a great shock to the members of the family, as she appeared in her usual state of health up to the time of retiring last night. This morning she was found dead when her sister went to her room to call her to breakfast.

The funeral services will be held at the cemetery at 6.30 o'clock this afternoon, the funeral procession leaving the house at 6 o'clock.

Miss Pate was the daughter of the late L. G. Pate, a prominent citizen of Sumter in his day. Out of a large family of children she has only two sisters to survive her, Miss Lou Pate and Mrs. Blanche Cox.

New Clerk for County Board.

Mr. C. M. Hurst this morning entered upon his duties as clerk to the county, to which position he was elected several days ago at a meeting of the board. Mr. Hurst spent Saturday in the office getting acquainted with the routine of office work.

Mr. R. L. McLeod, the former clerk to the county board, today began work in Mr. L. D. Jennings' law office, where he accepted a position some days ago. Mr. W. J. Crowson, Jr., assistant cashier of the National Bank of Sumter is at the teller's window in the bank, taking the position vacated by Mr. Hurst.

The Opening of the City Schools.

The public schools reopened this morning under most favorable auspices. The enrollment is very large. Some of the rooms are crowded at present, but arrangements are being made to relieve the congestion. Additional desks have been ordered and they will reach here in a day or two.

All of last week had been spent in arranging for the admission of new pupils and the work ran smoothly today. The teachers and pupils were all in fine spirits and health and everything gives promise of a most successful year's work.

All were delighted with the condition of all of the buildings. They are all new and fresh and spotlessly clean.

Licenses to marry have been issued to Lonza White and Elizabeth McCoy, Sumter; and Frank Peterson and Nela Davis, Mayeville.

REV. J. N. TOLAR RESIGNS.

Leaves Grace Baptist Church to Accept Call to Brunson Church.

Rev. J. N. Tolar, who for the past five years has filled the position of pastor of the Grace Baptist Church, yesterday at the close of the morning service handed in his resignation as pastor, the same to take effect on the first of November. At a subsequent meeting of the members of the church the resignation was accepted as handed in.

Mr. Tolar in leaving Grace Church will go to Brunson, Hampton County, South Carolina, where he has accepted a call. Mr. Tolar stated this morning that in this new pastorate he thought he would have a larger field in which to work and more opportunity for accomplishment in his chosen work. It was stated this morning by a member of the church board of deacons that Mr. Tolar's resignation had been accepted, but that as yet no steps had been taken to secure a successor.

However, he supposed that steps to this effect would be taken at the regular meeting on next Sunday.

Mr. Tolar came to Grace Baptist Church from Sumterton five years ago, lacking three months, and much has been accomplished during his pastorate. A new building was erected in 1913-14 at a cost of more than \$20,000 and the membership of the church has probably doubled, there being now more than 400 members. With the completion of the new building the attendance on services has increased to about three times what it was before and the Sunday School has increased in the same proportion, the average attendance at the latter being from 185 to 200.

Mr. Tolar leaves many friends in the city outside of Grace Church who regret that he is going to leave the city, but whose wishes for his success accompany him to his new pastorate.

GINNED TO SEPTEMBER 1.

Government Cotton Figures on South Carolina Crops.

Sam L. Rogers, director of the census, department of commerce, announces the preliminary report of cotton ginned by counties in South Carolina for the crops of 1915 and 1914. The report was made public for the State at 10 A. M., on Wednesday, September 8.

County	1915	1914
Lee	33	392
Sumter	39	1,111

Reports of War Babies Exaggerated.

Since the beginning of the European war, accounts, mostly of a sensational nature, have appeared regarding the excess of illegitimacy in the communities in England or near which large bodies of enlisted men are encamped for war instruction purposes. The British Medical Journal says that many tales were told in most circumstantial detail which indicated that there would be thousands of illegitimate children born on account of lax conditions accompanying the mobilization of large bodies of men in military camps. For instance, it was reported that in one town of 18,000 inhabitants 2,000 girls were expecting war babies; another story was to the effect that in a certain maternity hospital fifteen new wards were to be provided. New stories appeared almost daily and the public was wrought up into a state of excitement and distress on account of this supposed condition of affairs. The confusion and excitement grew so that the Archbishop of Canterbury with a few representative persons formed a committee to investigate the alleged facts. The committee after inquiry reported that the sensational accounts as to the large number of "war babies" were without foundation. "The committee did not deny that there had been grave cause for anxiety on account of the prevalence of a low moral standard as well as on account of intemperance, which was often the result of thoughtless treating, nor did it deny that there had been much giddiness and foolish excitability among young girls which often led to undesirable conduct. The committee stated that everything it had learned pointed to the need of providing opportunities for wholesome recreation for the girls and also for the soldiers and sailors, but expressed the opinion that there was no reason to pass any harsh judgments on them or to distrust them in the future."

Business Outlook Good.

Pinewood, Sept. 15.—The outlook for a good business during the approaching fall and winter is very promising at this time. Cotton brought on today's market for the best grades 19 1-2c, cotton seed \$25 per ton.

One Egg out of Fifty Gets Broken.

Farm and Fireside says: "Two per cent of all eggs sold are broken before they get to the consumer. Two per cent more are dirty. The total loss from all causes is over one-sixth the total egg crop."

NEGROES CUT ON TRAIN.

Arthur Hall Cut by Felix Pringle and Unknown Man Cut by Jonas Allen.

From The Daily Item, Sept. 17.

Last night returning from the excursion between Sumter and Augusta, there were two known cutting scrapes to disturb the peace and dignity of the festival. Arthur Hall was stabbed in the side by Felix Pringle, who was nabbed in this city this morning by Policeman W. J. McKagen, and an unknown man was cut by Jonas Allen, who was arrested here last night by Detective Wheeler of the Coast Line force on the charge of carrying a pistol. Both cutting scrapes occurred in Orangeburg county and both men will be taken back to that place to stand trial—Allen when he completes his term of 30 days on the gang here. Hall is from Darlington and the other negro from Orangeburg.

RESPECTED FARMER DIES.

G. A. Bowers Succumbs to Brights Disease—Lived in Concord Section.

From The Daily Item, Sept. 18.

G. A. Bowers, an industrious and highly respected farmer of the Concord section died yesterday at his home there, after an illness of about three weeks from Bright's disease. Mr. Bowers was 60 years of age and is survived by his wife and fourteen children, eight of them by a former marriage. The body was taken from Concord to Lancaster, Mr. Bowers' old home, where the funeral will be held today.

Mr. Bowers purchased land in the Concord section about five years ago, moving there with his family and that of his son-in-law at that time. Since then he has been actively engaged in farming in which he had made an eminent success. He was known in the neighborhood for his activity and energy, he and his family being constantly at work in building up their farm. His death will be a loss much felt in the neighborhood in which he lived.

LOST HOME BY FIRE.

Residence of Harold V. Bradley at Providence Burned.

From The Daily Item, Sept. 18.

Harold V. Bradley, who lived at the top of Dogleg Hill, on the Providence catchall road, lost his home by fire on Thursday at about 11 o'clock. The fire catching from a defective fuse, the house was a total loss, but some of the furniture was saved.

Insurance of \$800 on the house will about two-thirds cover the loss, while \$500 insurance was placed on the furniture.

WITNESS DEMONSTRATION TESTS

Fire Chiefs See Charleston's New Engine Work Successfully.

Charleston, Sept. 16.—Three fire chiefs of South Carolina were among the visitors here today to witness the five-test demonstration of the new triple combination motor engine, about to be put into commission as part of this city's fire fighting equipment. The Seagrave company, builders of the big engine, also had a representative here specially to watch the test, which was held at Colonial lake. Chief Jackson of Anderson, Chief Finn of Sumter and Chief Beaudrot of Greenwood were the visiting firemen, guests of Chief Behrens, and they this morning were taken about the city and shown the local fire department equipment, being hugely interested in all they saw.

DISCUSS WAREHOUSE SYSTEM.

Manning and McLaurin Consider Changes in Cotton Storage Law.

Columbia, Sept. 18.—John L. McLaurin, State warehouse commissioner, and Gov. Manning held a long conference last week when the State cotton warehouse law was discussed. It was said that the two officials reached a full understanding as to the needs of the system and that Gov. Manning will recommend certain changes in the law in his message to the general assembly.

VESSEL AND CREW LOST.

Many Sailors and Men Die in Hurricane.

Galveston, Sept. 18.—The Gulf fisheries schooner Mary Silvers with her captain and crew of nine men, was lost in the recent gulf hurricane.

Negro Woman Drops Dead.

Thursday night Coroner Seal was called to the Jordan neighborhood by a report of the sudden death of a negro woman in that section. The woman, Judy Spann, died about sundown, as she was going home after picking cotton all day and it is thought that she was overcome by the heat and her hard work. The woman had previously had several attacks of heart trouble and had been warned by Dr. Burgess against overexerting herself.

THE Y. M. C. A. ENTERTAINMENT.

Interesting Demonstration in Gymnasium Work Pleased Spectators.

The open house at the Young Men's Christian Association building on Thursday night was a success from every view point. The attendance was larger than the Y. M. C. A. could conveniently seat in the gallery. The audience seemed much impressed and pleased with the exercises which were demonstrated by the boys and young men's classes and the exercises were executed in an excellent manner, considering the fact that the regular drills and exercises have not started yet this year and the participants had to act on their last year's practice. The volley ball game was something new to many of the spectators and produced many thrills.

After the exhibition and demonstration in the gymnasium, music was furnished in the lobby by Miss King and Miss Smith for some time, where an informal reception was given with the members of the "Jolly Jyms" in charge and looking after the entertaining.

The demonstration last night under the direction of Physical Director White inaugurates the class work season for 1915-16. Regular work has not been carried on before because of the heat, but classes will meet daily in future. The season opened auspiciously and indications are that there will be more class members this year than ever before. Now is the time to see Physical Director White about joining and taking exercises for the winter months.

SUMTER GAINS VANTAGE.

For First Time Local Players Win Match From St. Charles Teams.

The tennis match was won by Sumter tennis players from the St. Charles players on Thursday afternoon. The matches resulted in a three to two victory in completed matches, while the locals had the advantage on uncompleted matches in two cases. Sumter lost two double matches, and won one double match, one mixed doubles match and one singles match, with leads in two other singles matches.

The matches were: Brearly and R. Wilson lost to Green and Levi 5-7, 6-2, 6-2. Shaw and McCutchen again defeated Crowson and Bryan 6-4, 6-1. Bryan and Miss Irene Bryan won from M. Wilson and Miss Edna McCutchen, 6-4, 1-6, 7-5. Leon Green defeated R. Wilson 6-4, 6-2. Moses defeated M. Wilson one set 6-1 and Crowson defeated McCutchen 6-0. Green and Moses lost to Brearly and Shaw, 4-6, 1-6.

This match closes the series for the season with three won by St. Charles, one tied, and one won by Sumter.

HOUSE BURNED THIS AFTERNOON.

Bungalow of Oakland Avenue Destroyed by Fire.

From The Daily Item, Sept. 17.

A bungalow on Oakland Avenue was burned about 3 o'clock this afternoon, the fire having spread so far when the hose wagons reached the scene that it was impossible to save the building. J. B. Goldman and family occupied the house which was owned by McCallum Realty Company.

In the Recorder's Court.

In the Recorder's Court on Thursday afternoon a jury found H. T. Edens guilty on the charge of non-payment of license on pool tables. There were three counts, but only one was taken up and on the return of the jury's verdict the Recorder passed sentence of \$65 or 30 days, \$50 of the amount to go for the license, if the fine is paid. Two more counts on the same charge are still open for trial. Mr. Edens in 1914 had eight pool tables, afterwards disposing of two of them. He paid license on three of the tables, but the amount was never paid on the other three and the city is now suing for these unpaid licenses.

John McMillan, riding on sidewalk, forfeited bond of \$2.00. Jonas Allen, carrying concealed weapon, \$30 or 30 days.

The Organ Fund Concert.

From The Daily Item, Sept. 17.

Quite a large audience gathered at the Academy of Music last night to hear the concert given to raise funds for an organ for St. Anne's Catholic Church and all seemed delighted with the music. The selections covered a wide range and many of them were very beautiful, the program being of such a varied character as to please all attendants. The singers and players were liberally applauded and responded to encores with exceptional good nature.

The Premium List of the Forty-Seventh Annual State Fair to be held October 25th to 29th, has been issued. Copies may be obtained from D. E. Ebird, Secretary, Columbia, S. C.

BRYAN AND MARSHALL TALK.

Former Secretary of State Stands Against "Preparedness"—Praise for President.

Boston, Sept. 19.—Lessons from the war in Europe were discussed by W. J. Bryan and Vice President Marshall before different audiences here today.

Mr. Bryan in a lecture at Braves' Field, opposed "preparedness."

"I believe if we were as well prepared as some would have us be, we now would be in this war. The preparedness now asked if effected will probably lead to war, instead of preventing it," he said. "If you would realize the results of the doctrine of preparedness, just imagine what condition we would be in if we had in the White House a jingo with his hand on the trigger."

"We have reason to be grateful," Mr. Bryan told his hearers, "that we have one who loves peace and longs to keep the nation in peaceful ways."

The former secretary said that no nation challenged us now, but that "if any of the madmen of Europe should challenge us our nation would be justified in saying 'No we will not battle with you; we have 100,000,000 people to guard, we have countless ideals to preserve, and we will not go down and wallow in the mud of war with you.'"

Speaking of the world peace series, conducted by an organization of Odd Fellows, Mr. Marshall said there was a need for "adequate steps to preserve our republic." He disclaimed being a militarist, but added:

"I would like to have a citizen soldiery, by which I mean a body of citizens, whose first choice would be the flag of the United States and who would know which end of a gun to put to their shoulder."

The country should be resolved, he said, to maintain peace so long as it could be had with honor, and to preserve neutrality and to uphold the president.

RECOGNITION FOR CARRANZA.

Chief of Constitutionalists Will be Recognized if He Agrees to Conditions.

Washington, Sept. 20.—The immediate recognition of the Carranza government, if it meets the demands agreed on at the New York conference, is certain from the United States, Argentina, Uruguay, Bolivia and probably Chile, Guatemala and Brazil are expected to hold back a short time. The fight for Carranza's recognition is led by Ambassador Naon of Argentina. Meanwhile it is certain severe fighting will continue in northern Mexico. Villa's advisers here have sent him word that there is no hope for his cause if does not demonstrate within a fortnight that the claims of Carranza are not borne out by the facts.

RAID AT BROWNSVILLE.

Mexicans Dash Through Suburbs Firing Volleys.

Brownsville, Sept. 20.—Mexican raiders slipped through the suburbs in an automobile this morning, firing a volley, killing a Mexican girl. Two others were wounded. A party of Mexicans earlier burned their house, owned by an American situated toward San Benito.

NOVEL CASE COMES UP.

Unusual Charge Involving Eight Hour Law.

Savannah, Ga., Sept. 17.—What is believed to be the first case of the kind came up in the federal district court here today when the grand jury indicted Capt. E. P. Westcott, master of the United States dredge Augusta, for violation of the federal eight hour labor law in connection with the operation of the dredge. Government officials throughout the country are keenly interested in the outcome of the trial, which probably will come up for hearing at the next term of the district court.

The law which Capt. Westcott is charged with violating is that affecting the civil employes of the United States engineer corps and other branches of the service under the war department which provides that employes shall not be required to work more than eight consecutive hours in a single day.

QUIET ALONG BORDER.

Only Demonstration in Mexico for Woman's Suffrage.

Brownsville, Texas, Sept. 19.—No disorder occurred along the Texas-Mexican boundary today and other than the presence of the United States military patrol the only unusual incident on either side of the border was a demonstration for woman suffrage at Reynosa on the Mexican side of the Rio Grande.

Reports that 16 Mexicans, wounded in a fight across the Rio Grande near Donna, Texas, last Friday, arrived at a hospital today could not be verified.

BALKANS MAY JOIN SOON.

Rome Newspaper Declares Austro-German Movement of 500,000 Men is Planned.

Rome, Sept. 19 (via Paris).—Active operations are likely to be under way soon along the frontiers of the Balkan States. The Tribuna declares it learns from competent sources. It says that an Austro-German movement has been planned for the last of October, the plan involving diversion of 500,000 men from the Russian campaign to the Balkans, with the simultaneous securing of Bulgaria's adherence in the move to open a route from Budapest to Constantinople.

The Tribuna and other journals argue the necessity of off-setting this by the concentration in the Dardanelles of all possible forces of the entente allies, declaring the issue turns on which side reaches Constantinople first.

TREAT WITH BOTH SIDES.

Bulgaria Will Be in Dangerous Position as Result of Negotiations.

Paris, Sept. 19.—The Temps and The Journal Des Debats describes the Balkan situation as growing more serious as a result of presentation of the allies' note to Bulgaria. The Temps declares Bulgaria's position to be equivocal, as she is treating with the allies on the basis of joining them in the war, and treating with Turkey on the basis of remaining neutral. It characterizes this as a dangerous attitude, one that will have to be speedily changed or lead to serious results in the Balkans.

The Milan correspondent of The Journal Des Debats quotes a report that Turkey intends to cede territory to Germany which Germany afterwards will cede to Bulgaria.

DUMA MEMBERS ARRESTED.

Socialist Deputy and Seventeen Others Seized.

Berlin, Sept. 19 (by Wireless to Tuckerton).—Stockholm dispatches say the Socialist deputy Tcheldse and 17 other members of the Russian duma have been arrested. The duma buildings in Petrograd and all the railway stations have been occupied by the military, the advice added.

Considerable dissatisfaction was evidenced last week when the Russian duma was prorogued by imperial decree to the middle of November. The cabinet had objected to the programme of reforms proposed by the majority, comprising the liberal and progressive elements, and had threatened to resign.

Premier Goremykin visited Emperor Nicholas at field headquarters and sanctioned the prorogation. When the decision was announced last Thursday a few members left the chamber muttering, "It is a crime."

It was announced later that Premier Goremykin had conferred with the civil and military authorities at Petrograd and Moscow for the purpose of forestalling popular demonstrations.

POISON PROVES FATAL.

Rock Hill Woman Dies From Accidental Dose.

Rock Hill, Sept. 18.—Mrs. A. Rembert Barrett of this city, residing on Oakland avenue, died tonight as a result of taking a dose of poison this morning. Mrs. Barrett's health had been bad for several months, and it is said that she swallowed a dose of poison by mistake in attempting to take a dose of medicine. Upon making the discovery that she had taken the liquid from the wrong bottle, Mrs. Barrett telephoned for a physician and several responded upon learning of the urgency of the case. Every possible effort was made during the day to save Mrs. Barrett's life, but the end came at 8 o'clock tonight.

Mrs. Barrett was the wife of a well known citizen, who holds the position of registry clerk in the postoffice, and was a daughter of Mr. and Mrs. R. C. Rogers of Aiken. Mrs. Barrett returned home only last night from a visit to Aiken.

Had Leg Broken by Shaft.

While working at the Camden Milling Co's place on lower Broad street Wednesday morning, young Sterling Bennett, a lad of sixteen years had his leg caught in the driving shaft of the mill, causing a compound fracture of the limb. He was carried immediately to the Camden Hospital in the McCormick ambulance and it is said that his leg will not have to be amputated. It was a close call for the young man, and only the quick stopping of the engine prevented a much more serious accident. When taken out of the shaft it had torn nearly all of his clothes off. Young Bennett came to Camden from Spring Hill in Sumter county, and had been residing with Mr. and Mrs. R. L. Moseley.—Camden Chronicle