

ELECTRIC CITY SPARKLETS

Items of Interest and Personal Mention Caught Over the Wireless on the Streets of Anderson

Architects Are Planning Work.

Several architects are at work on the plans for the changes to be made in the court house and it is hoped that the work may be started within the next few days. They have made drawings of the proposed arrangement and these seem to meet with the approval of the officials. It is planned to expend \$1,500 in the work, changing the sheriff's office and that of the supervisor into one, which will be occupied by the clerk of court. The sheriff will move into the clerk's office while the supervisor will go up-stairs into one of the jury rooms.

Treat Today For The Baraca Class.

There is a treat in store today for the Baraca class of the First Baptist Church when Dr. Sprague of the chautauque service will speak before the members of this organization. Judge Cox, the teacher of this class, says that he hopes every member of the class will be in attendance and the public is also invited. Dr. Sprague will speak on "The Prodigal Son" and the opportunity is a rare one in every sense. This class meets at 10 o'clock and the address of the able visitor will be heard shortly thereafter.

"Dammed If You Do Damned If You Don't."

Some farmers are hard people to please. Some of them are very reasonable on some subjects, in fact it might be said that the majority of the farmers of the country are reasonable minded folks but when it comes to a question of rain or dry weather the farmer is a hard man to please. One week ago the farmers all said that if the fair weather would continue for another week they could catch up with their work and have crops in fine shape. Yesterday some of those who were in the city complained about the dry weather and said that it was awfully hard on crops and that rain just must come at once or crops would be a failure. This sounds to the weather man very much like a real complaint.

Holding Services At Lockhart Church.

Rev. and Mrs. J. T. Mann left yesterday for Lockhart, in Union county, where Mr. Mann will assist Rev. J. M. Culbertson in holding a revival service for the next week. Following the conclusion of the services they will visit various other points and all told they will be away from the city for about 10 days or two weeks. Mr. Mann is looking forward to his stay in Lockhart and likewise the people of that community are eagerly anticipating his visit.

College Annual Will Be Artistic.

No prettier piece of work has ever been done in an Anderson printing office than will be the Anderson College Annual, now coming from the presses of the job department of the Anderson Intelligencer. The book is bound in oiled sheep skin and has been prepared with utmost pains. It contains a number of beautiful illustrations, pictures of the various classes, photographs of the college authorities and in short it is a credit to Anderson college. The young ladies of the institution say that they are greatly pleased with the volume and that they will be proud of it when it is completed.

Swater People Have Experience.

Anderson people can easily imagine how any single citizen of the town would feel if every insurance agent in the city dropped in upon him at the same moment and possibly they can therefore have some conception of the feelings experienced by the people of Sumter on May 20 and 21 when the South Carolina Underwriters Association meets there. Insurance men from every part of the State will be present and there is a new experience in store for the people of the "hamecock city." A number of the local insurance men are now preparing to make the trip and they say that advices from S. M. Grist of Yorkville, secretary of the association, indicate that this will be one of the most successful meetings ever held.

Mercer Man Visiting Here.

Prof. J. Scott Murray of Mercer University, located at Macon, Ga., is spending a few days in Anderson with friends. Prof. Murray is a graduate of Furman University at Greenville and he came to South Carolina for the purpose of attending the oratorical meet between Anderson and Mercer, which took place in Greenville Friday.

People Coming From Everywhere.

It is being confidently predicted that some of the attractions on Anderson's chautauque program for today will draw the largest audiences seen here since the chautauque was started. Owing to the fact that this is Sunday, a day of rest and a day on which the people of the county have no work to do, many of them are planning to come here for the day and in all probability every train arriving in Anderson today will be crowded. It is expected that today will bring the largest crowd of the week.

Stolen Car

Constable John Smith of Belton succeeded in locating the Ford automobile, stolen from the J. I. Chipley Garage of Greenwood last Friday. The machine was driven off from its position in front of a moving picture show in Greenwood and the owners

could find no tract of it. Mr. Smith located the machine between Honea Path and Belton and it has now been taken back to Greenwood. Whoever made away with the car evidently knew little about driving and a number of mishaps had occurred to the machine. It finally got to the place where it would not run at all and the thieves gave up the job and took to flight. It is estimated that quite a sum of money will be necessary to put the machine back into good shape.

Former Citizen Is Going Upward.

Anderson people and the people of Anderson county are much interested in Richard W. Simpson, for some years city editor of the Richmond Times-Dispatch, who has joined the staff of the Associated Press and is assigned at present to the headquarters of the Southern division. Mr. Simpson is a son of the late E. W. Simpson of Pendleton and Anderson. He was a reporter on the Charleston News and Courier and afterwards was editor first of the Greenville News and later of the Raleigh Evening Times.

Service Is Not Curtailed.

It was announced several days ago that service on rural free delivery No. 5 from the Anderson postoffice would shortly be curtailed. This announcement meant much to the people of the Roberts section, now being served at the extreme end of the route and they at once filed complaints. Postmaster Cochran yesterday received advices from Washington that there will be no curtailment and that the service will be continued. This is good news to the people of the Roberts section and they appreciate the efforts of the Congressman from this district.

Interurban Cars Made First Passage.

The interurban cars on the Piedmont & Northern lines made their first passage over the new Blue Ridge bridge yesterday morning. For several days the street cars have been going over the bridge but the officials of the P. and N. feared to make the crossing before the dirt work had settled somewhat. All the cars got across yesterday without any mishap and from now on the former custom of turning the cars around Whitner street will be practiced.

CUT OFF WATER FROM SCHOOLS

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nished and bills presented for water furnished by Southern Public Utilities Company to the Schools of the School District since 10 February, 1914.

7. State that while the Anderson School District recognizes the validity of the new franchise and contract with the public Utilities Company, it disputes the right to make charges above referred to on the ground that the provisions of the old franchise are still effective in so far as they require the Water Company to furnish free water for these schools.

The intention of the company to cut off the water was signified to the chairman of the board, Mr. Brock, Saturday afternoon, and the attorneys of the board were notified by him. They had had no consultation up to a late hour last night.

The Tangle Started.

The tangle in these affairs grows out of two facts, one that the school district is not a part of the municipal government of Anderson, and another that the contract between the water company and the city of Anderson was superseded by the new contract, which was offered last fall and was finally adopted early in this year.

Under the old contract the city was to get water at \$50 per annum for each hydrant and all public institutions were to receive water free. Under the new contract the city is to pay \$40 a year for each hydrant, and there are about 175 hydrants. Provided that all water used by public institutions was to be paid for at meter rates. This would be a net saving to the city of about \$900 a year.

It is claimed that the school district, being as much of a separate entity as the township, is not in any way a party to the contract and should pay for its water just as the township or the county would pay. If the city government paid for the water, the outlying territory, including some of the cotton mills, would have no part in paying for the water used in some of the schools, and the wards of the city would really pay for the water used in suburban schools, where as the school district pays all other bills, including salaries, repairs, fuel, etc.

The matter will probably be settled in some form or manner in a few days, as Judge Prince is now at home and can be applied to at any time for mandamus, injunction or any other kind of writ that may be sought.

Peace Move Making Speed

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to confer with the Washington mediators.

Huerta Prefers Arbitration.

In well posted diplomatic quarters Ruiz's appointment as Huerta's foreign minister was accepted as meaning that Huerta would take a stronger and more direct hand in the mediation negotiations, but not to the extent of letting the mediation fail, as there was reason to believe Huerta now had come to recognize that attitude of mediation would carry him down with it.

It was definitely known that as late as Wednesday, after Portillo had given Huerta's acceptance of mediation, Huerta held a conference with one of the European ministers at Mexico City after which Huerta expressed doubts on mediation, and urged that European powers ought to get together on some alternative plan. His main desire was that they bring about arbitration binding on both parties, instead of mediation which is advisory. No action was taken, however, but Huerta's views then expected indicated his skeptical attitude toward mediation.

FROM VERA CRUZ TO MEXICO CITY

There are two main traveling ways into Mexico City. The first lies across the stormy waters of the Mexican gulf to the yellow strand of Vera Cruz, beyond which the star monument of the Aztes, Chilitate (Orizaba 12,250 feet high) rears its gleaming snow cap in midheavens above the clouds. It was here that Cortes landed four centuries ago, and it is the route followed by European travelers today. Here stands Ullua, the promontory fortress where more than one of Mexico's short-lived rulers languished and died of yellow fever, and which was the last stronghold of Spain. Beyond it arise the white towers and buildings of Vera Cruz, a dream city, as beheld from the gulf, of interest and beauty, and to the west are the broad coastal deserts. Piled up to the horizons are the wooded slopes and canyons of the great Sierra Madre topped by the gleaming Orizaba, towering upward in its solid majesty. We stand upon a torrid strand, yet gaze upon an icy mountain.

One of the most remarkable railways in the world ascends the steep zone, and serpentine among sheer descents to gain the summit or abrupt escarpments from which a remarkable feature of the eastern slope of Mexico—the traveler looks down into another country and climate, upon the tropical valleys which he has left below. This is the Mexican Vera Cruz railway. Rising from the tierra caliente, or hot lands, a tropical region of dense vegetation or jungle and in a goon where there are sierras, woods and groves teeming with animal and vegetable life, the road enters the more temperate zone, the tierra templada, extending upward toward the great plateau. The limit of the climatic zone is an elevation of 6,000 feet above the sea level. Rising then up to and over the escarpments of the Sierra Madre and the high plains, we enter the tierra fria, or cold lands, ranging from 6,000 to 8,000 feet above sea level. Above this rise the high summits of the Mexican Cordilleras, with their culminating peaks, some of which penetrate the atmosphere above the limit of perpetual snow.

The earliest railway of Mexico, that from the City of Mexico to Vera Cruz, traverses the country in the most difficult direction, traversing rising from tidewater and the Atlantic littoral, and ascending the steep escarpment of the eastern Sierra Madre to fall down into the valley of Mexico, bringing outside civilization to that isolated interior.

But Mexico's singular topographical position has not secured her from invasion. Three times the city on the lakes has fallen to foreign invaders, the Spaniards of the conquest, the French of Napoleon and the Americans of the United States. Indeed, the flat arid tableland stretching away to the north was a more potent natural defense than the Cordilleran heights which front the Atlantic seas, and the axiom of Lerdo is well brought to the mind in considering the geographical environment. "Between weakness and strength, the desert!"—From 'Mexico,' by Reginald Enock.

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The literary address on Monday is being anticipated with much interest. The college authorities have not yet decided upon just what speaker will be chosen for this occasion but they are considering a number of the best known educators in the State and it is a foregone conclusion that this address will draw a large crowd.

People of Anderson are all interested in the exercises to be held at Frazer Academy. Many of them have sons in the institution and all of them love the school, its principal and its director. The academy will certainly draw many people for each night of the exercises and Dr. Frazer has promised that these will equal any held by any fitting school in the State. The exercises at this school begin on the morning of the 24th with the baccalaureate sermon. It has not been announced who will preach the sermon but the other plans are already under way. Tuesday morning the oratorical contest, one of the features of the week with the students, will take place and on Tuesday evening will come the presentation of diplomas, the literary address, the awarding of the medals and the formal closing of the year. The awarding of the medals is a matter of importance to all the students of the academy and they are taking a deep interest in this.

There are three prizes to be delivered at the commencement, the James D. Hammett prize, to be given as a cash prize of \$25 for the best essay on a subject selected by Mr. Hammett.

The Beatty Bible prize of \$5.00 offered by Mr. Raymond Beatty for the highest proficiency in the first year Bible.

The faculty medal offered by the faculty for the best address to be delivered by a member from the senior class.

DAVIDSON WILL DRAW THE CROWD

Numbers of Anderson People Plan To Go To North Carolina For Commencement

Numbers of Anderson people, some of them with sons as students at Davidson college and others with friends there, will go to North Carolina May 16-19 to attend the seventy-seventh annual commencement exercises of the historic old institution. Davidson will this year graduate one of the biggest classes in its history and people from all parts of the county will be in attendance.

Several Anderson people have received programs of the following events, arranged for the commencement exercises this year:

Saturday, May 16—

8:30 P. M.—Reunion of Literary Societies. Alumni Orators: Philanthropic Society, Rev. William E. Hill, Atlanta, Ga., Eumenean Society, Dr. Reed Smith, Columbia, S. C.

Sunday, May 17—

11:30 A. M.—Baccalaureate Sermon, Rev. Theron H. Rice, D. D., Richmond, Va.

8:00 P. M.—Annual Sermon before the Young Men's Christian Association, Rev. W. E. Hill, Atlanta, Ga.

Monday, May 18—

10:00 A. M.—Entertainment by the Gymnasium Team.

12:00 M.—Annual Address, Hon. Josephus Daniels, Secretary of the Navy, Washington, D. C.

4:00 P. M.—Musical Entertainment in honor of the Alumni.

8:00 P. M.—Annual meeting of the Board of Trustees.

8:30 P. M.—Oratorical Contest between Literary Societies.

10:00 P. M.—Alumni Reception in Library Building.

Tuesday, May 19—

Commencement Day.

9:00 A. M.—Annual Meeting Board of Trustees.

11:00 A. M.—Senior Orators.

Announcements of Prizes, Honors and trophies.

3:00 P. M.—Meeting of Alumni association.

4:00 P. M.—Class Exercises.

8:00 P. M.—Graduating Exercises. Confering Degrees. Installation of New Professors. Announcements.

9:00 P. M.—Reception by Literary Societies and Fraternities.

HARPER TALKS OF FARM HELPS

Clemson College Agricultural Expert Tells How To Make Good Crops and Land

Clemson College, April 30.—Prof. J. N. Harper, director of department of agriculture and agricultural experiment station at Clemson College, has prepared a summary of methods by which the farmer can double his average yield per acre of cotton.

The world's demand for cotton," said Prof. Harper, "is becoming so great an extent that it becomes necessary for the southern farmer to make improvements in his methods in order to meet this increased demand without increasing the area devoted to cotton."

"The increased demand for cotton should be met by producing more pounds on a smaller area than is now devoted to that crop, thus reducing the cost of production by intensive cultivation. Every acre of well drained land cotton can be made to yield twice its present average production."

As methods for obtaining this increased yield, Prof. Harper offers the following suggestions, which summarize the results of experiments published in Bulletin 145, 143 and 162 of the South Carolina Experiment Station. The increased yields can be obtained:

1. By early and deep plowing.
2. By conserving the soil moisture, by increasing the humus contents of

soil and by frequent and shallow cultivation.

3. By turning under winter cover crops such as bur clover, crimson clover, vetch and rye, which are planted in the cotton field at the last cultivation.
4. By planting cotton on soils well drained and adapted to the cultivation.
5. By giving plenty of distance in row and between the rows.
6. By using the weeder frequently during the early growth.
7. By using large amounts of acid phosphate before or at all the time of planting.
8. By applying stable manure either broadcast or in drill twice in the year.
9. By using potash salts on coarse, sandy soil.
10. By applying 2,200 pounds of the ground limestone per acre every ten years.
11. By growing summer legumes to store nitrogen in the soil.
12. By using large amounts of ammonia applied in the form of blood, cotton seed meal, fish scrap, tankage, nitrate of soda and sulphate of ammonia before or at time of planting, or by later applications.
13. By applying 100 pounds nitrate of soda per acre when the first bloom appears.
14. By liberal use of acid phosphate if the cotton is making a weedy growth and not fruiting properly.
15. By liberal use of ammonia, if plants are growing slow and yellow in color.
16. By taking care never to plow the land when it is wet.
17. By breaking the crust after each rain, thus saving soil moisture and incidentally killing grass and the weeds.
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22. By starting early and raising promptly to a stand.
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