

**BLOWN TO ATOMS.**

**A Horrible Accident in Mexico—Car Load of Dynamite Exploded, Killing Forty.**

El Paso, Texas, Aug. 16.—The explosion of a car load of dynamite at the Chihuahua and Pacific Ry Depot, at Chihuahua late yesterday killed between thirty and forty people. The cargo was being transferred from one car to another when a Mexican workman dropped a box of dynamite, and the explosion set off the entire car load. Every laborer, and the foreman, the latter an American, were blown to atoms. Fragments of bodies were blown for miles, and the roofs in the vicinity were littered with pieces of human flesh. Many small buildings near the scene were wrecked and a number of people were injured in their homes. Windows were cracked in all parts of the city, and flying debris struck pedestrians, inflicting painful injuries in many cases. The earth was shaken as if by an earthquake.

**HURT IN FREIGHT COLLISION.**

**Engineer Mills and Postal Clerk Ortman Badly Bruised.**

Savannah, Aug. 15.—Atlantic Coast Line passenger train No. 89, due here at 2.20 o'clock this morning, crashed into freight train No. 209 while it was going on siding, near Hardeeville, S. C., and badly wrecked four or five freight cars. Engineer L. A. Mills of Savannah and Postal Clerk Henry C. Ortman of Charleston were badly bruised. When Engineer Mills saw that the collision was inevitable, he reversed his engine and then leaped down the embankment. The fireman also leaped, but did not suffer any injury.

**COTTON RED SPIDER.**

**Has Done Considerable Injury in the State.**

Washington, Aug. 15.—E. G. Titus, of the department of agriculture, has recently made a report on his investigations of the cotton red spider in North and South Carolina, Georgia and Alabama.

Injury to cotton by the red spider, this report says, has been prevalent in many sections of the cotton growing area during the past two years. The cause of the injury is a minute yellowish-red mite that feeds on the cotton plant, principally on the under sides of the leaves. The mites usually appear early in the season, but do little appreciable damage until mid-summer or later. The injuries rarely become serious unless accompanied by long and continued dry weather; in such an event the multiplication of the mites is very rapid, and the consequent injuries are often sufficient to kill the plants.

The species was first described to the department of agriculture in 1900, and the insects were found in Baton Rouge, La. In 1902 and 1904 they had caused considerable damage there. The pest is very probably distributed throughout the entire cotton growing area of the South, although during late years its appearance in injurious numbers had not been reported until the summer of 1903, when it caused considerable damage to cotton in South Carolina and Georgia. In 1904 red spiders were found at Batesburg and in other sections of South Carolina. During the summer of 1905 many reports of its occurrence were received from points in North Carolina, Georgia and Alabama, and in several of these States the insects were found in injurious numbers.

From investigations made in South Carolina in 1904 it was noticed that from a point on the margin of a field where there were growing large pokeberry plants the infestation by the red spider had spread over a fan-shaped area of the adjoining cotton.

The department believes that when a field is found to be infested with the spiders that they may be gotten rid of by spraying old plants and pulling up or burning the young plants.

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Only 685 aliens were naturalized in Great Britain last year.

**Summer Diarrhoea in Children.**

"During the hot weather of the summer months the first unnatural looseness of a child's bowels should have immediate attention, so as to check the disease before it becomes serious. All that is necessary is a few doses of Chamberlain's Colic, Cholera and Diarrhoea Remedy followed by a dose of castor oil to cleanse the system. Rev. M. O. Stockland, pastor of the First M. E. Church, Little Falls, Minn., writes: "We have used Chamberlain's Colic, Cholera and Diarrhoea Remedy for several years and find it a very valuable remedy, especially for summer disorders in children." Sold by all druggists.

**BASE BALL.**

**The Game of Games—This Is the Game of All—The Fats Against the Leans, Thursday, August 23rd.**

For the benefit of the Sumter Base Ball Association. This game will please the children and delight the old folks. The knockers can also enjoy it, as the management has promised to release any player that they are not pleased with. Merchants requested to close their stores at 5 o'clock. Game will be called at 5.30 p. m. One admission 25 cents for grown folks, large and small. Children 10 cents. For further information apply to Polly Parrott, Clerk's Office.

**OUTRAGE AT ATLANTA.**

**Negro Assaulted a Lady in Suburb—Posse Pursuing the Fiend.**

Atlanta, Ga., Aug. 15.—Mrs. Richard Hembere, aged 35, the wife of a prominent citizen of West Lake, was knocked down by a negro this morning and in a fight for her honor her face was badly beaten and her clothes torn into ribbons. The negro, frightened, fled before accomplishing his purpose. A hunt for the negro is being made with blood hounds. The last negro caught for a similar act was shot dead.

**DISGRACE TO SERVICE.**

**Two Naval Surgeons Courtmartialled For Cheating on Examination.**

Washington, Aug. 15.—Secretary of the Navy Bonaparte has sent to the President the findings of the court martial in the cases of Surgeons Theo Nease and Harry L. Brown, U. S. N., who were tried on the charge of cribbing in their examinations for promotion. It is unusual to send such cases to the President except when the verdict of the court is dismissal from the service, but in this instance it is intimated that such will not be the findings. The result will not be officially announced until after the President takes action.

A world of truth in a few words: "Nearly all other cough cures" are constipating, especially those containing opiates. Kennedy's Laxative Honey and Tar moves the bowels. Contains no opiates." You can get it at all druggists.

The professional campaign workers have about all signed up for the present season and they are in heavy training for the pulling and hauling at the polls. A certain candidate for a minor county office who is not altogether wise to the ways of the "workers" received a rude shock a few days ago when he remarked to a man he thought was friendly, "Well, I am counting on your support at the election." This fellow is a professional worker and never lets a little thing like friendship or past favors stand in the way of business. He looked his friend in the eye and without a wink or blink replied: "That depends upon how much my support is worth to you."

Professor Tyler of Amherst College, said recently: "A man can live comfortably without brains; no man ever existed without a digestive system. The dyspeptic has neither faith, hope or charity." Day by day people realize the need of the use of a little corrective after overeating. A corrective like Kodol For Dyspepsia. It digests what you eat. Sold by all druggists.

Governor Heyward has received a letter from the special commission appointed to survey the line between Edgefield and Aiken counties, stating that the appropriation for the work was too small and asking to be relieved of their duties. This will probably effect the efforts now being made to establish a new county out of territory in that section.

**A Mystery Solved.**

"How to keep off periodic attacks of biliousness and habitual constipation was a mystery that Dr. King's New Life Pills solved for me," writes John S. Pleasant, of Magnolia, Ind. The only pills that are guaranteed to give perfect satisfaction to everybody or money refunded. Only 25c. at Sibert's Drug Store.

There was a sale of cast-off police uniforms at Manchester, England, the other day. 200 pounds of police buttons sold for \$29.

**Cured Hay Fever and Summer Cold.**

"A. J. Nusbaum, Batesville, Ind., writes: "Last year I suffered for three months with a summer cold so distressing that it interfered with my business. I had many of the symptoms of hay fever, and a doctor's prescription did not reach my case, and I took several medicines which seemed to only aggravate my case. Fortunately I insisted upon having Foley's Honey and Tar and it quickly cured me. My wife has since used Foley's Honey and Tar with the same success." Durant's Pharmacy.

**THE MEMORIAL ACADEMY.**

**A Forecast of the Work To Be Done for the Educational Upbuilding of Sumter County.**

Editor of The Item: I wish the further use of your columns to tell the people of Sumter County more of the interesting character which will attach to the opening exercises of The General Sumter Memorial Academy on Monday, Sept. 17th.

I am sure that the time is coming when the county will feel a very great pride in the Academy which is erected at the grave of the famous hero whose name it bears. The intelligence and patriotism of the people afford a full guarantee that an enterprise of this character will enlist their hearty support.

In the momentous period of the country's history, General Sumter, with unsurpassed personal sacrifice, did such service that his name and fame have reached the utmost bounds of civilization, and his unconquerable and aggressive spirit find recognition in all the years as they pass, in the sobriquet of "the Gamecock of the Revolution." Counties in many parts of the union are called in his honor and good fortune attended his name when one of the most celebrated warships on the seas, during the conflict between the North and South, was called the "Sumter" and carried to all parts of the world the name which is inseparably connected with splendid heroism. The Fort in Charleston harbor, which is named for him is certainly one of the most interesting forts in the history of the world, not surpassed even by Sevastopol and Gibraltar.

Now the enterprise of erecting a school at his grave in place of a costly monument (for his grave has no stone upon it and is today unmarked, except by a stately oak that grows at its head) was not lightly undertaken. The difficulties of the task were fully understood by those who entered upon it. Yet teachers were found who were willing to relinquish fine and paying positions to assume this patriotic work, knowing full well that for a considerable time the pecuniary remuneration for their labors would have to be very small. As they toil in the arduous enterprise they derive a high satisfaction from the thought that they are building in honor of one who halted at no sacrifice for his country's welfare, and whose sufferings were such that no hero of war has ever been called upon to endure greater. It is a privilege and a strengthening of purpose to encounter trials in the erection of a proper memorial at his tomb.

Fortunately for the perpetuity of the institution, Gen. Sumter's tomb is in one of the loveliest and healthiest sections of the world and a section of the State made famous by the number of distinguished men and women who have had their homes here for more than a hundred years.

Of these hills "Light Horse Harry" Lee (the father of General Robert E. Lee) who camped on them, with his celebrated Legion during the Revolution, wrote with the greatest enthusiasm and characterized as the "benign hills of Santee" and General Greene refers over and over to the benefits its encampments here brought to his weary and sick soldiers, because of "the delightful breezes and the health-giving waters," which they enjoyed while refreshing themselves for further struggles with the British invaders. John Rutledge issued some of his proclamations, as Dictator of South Carolina, from Sans Souci, on these hills. The grave of Joel R. Poinsette, one of the most celebrated diplomats of his day, is here and that of the famous Demosthenian orator, McDuffie, is at the foot of the hills. On these hills was born "Fighting Dick Anderson," the ranking officer from South Carolina in the Confederate service. Here was the home of the gifted authoress, Mrs. Harriett H. Ravenel, whose former residence is now the academy building of the Memorial school. These and many other interesting memories are connected with the Academy's environment. Then the fact that this is a rural school enterprise, at the time when rural schools are the chief thought of the people, in connection with the further educational progress of the country, gives a double interest to the work and insures a success, if devotion and skill characterize the conduct of the undertaking; a success that should reach the highest bounds of educational advancement in the course of a few years. So that taken all in all there is no work for the upbuilding of the country that promises such splendid rewards to those who assist in it as does this educational and patriotic scheme. I, therefore, appeal to the people of Sumter, most confidently, to come to the help of this work and see to it that it is carried forward in a manner creditable to the Gamecock county. Other States may have counties proud to be called Sumter; forts and ships may have the name of so much honor inscribed upon them, military companies may glory in bearing the illustrious name, but only

one county, his home during his life time, the scene of some of the most memorable sacrifices for the cause of liberty and independence, only one county, this one, can have his tomb and it has been undertaken to erect at the tomb an institution of learning, which if properly founded and administered, must carry greater honor and do nobler service, in his memory in the long years to come, than all other agencies combined have done. Already the military companies that have taken his proud name have signified their desire to co-operate in the upbuilding of the Academy and we feel satisfied that this is going to be done thoroughly by the Sumter Guards of Charleston and the Sumter Light Infantry of the city of Sumter. But we call upon all the people in all lines of life and labor in the county, to watch the career of this Academy, to see that teachers of the proper spirit and high purpose are kept in place in the enterprise and that such pecuniary aid as is necessary to make it a success shall not be lacking. It is now that help is needed from the home people and how glad they all will be when generous assistance begins to come from many sections of the country to contribute to the advancement of the good cause; how proud they will be that their names are recorded among those who rendered service in the early days, when the Academy's needs were the sorest.

We trust that our people will come from all quarters to hear Prof. Hand on the 17th of September, and assist in the opening exercises. All the teachers of the county are specially invited. Committees that are working to improve their schools should send their best workers to receive suggestions from Prof. Hand about the ways and means of doing such work. No effort is going to be spared to bring large benefits to the enterprise of rural school improvement in Sumter county by this meeting and opening day exercises. Leading men and thoughtful, earnest women, from many sections will make short addresses or read papers relating to the matter of such immense consequence to the county.

John J. Dargan,  
Principal, G. S. M. A.  
Statesburg, S. C., Aug. 6.

**"Make Hay While the Sun Shines."**

\*There is a lesson in the work of the thrifty farmer. He knows that the bright sunshine may last but a day and he prepares for the showers which are so liable to follow. So it should be with every household. Dysentery, diarrhoea and cholera morbus may attack some member of the home without warning. Chamberlain's Colic, Cholera and Diarrhoea Remedy, which is the best known medicine for these diseases, should always be kept at hand, as immediate treatment is necessary, and delay may prove fatal. For sale by all druggists.

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**CANNON MAKES SPEECH.**

**Speaker of House of Representatives Outlines the Republican Plan of Campaign.**

Danville, Ills., Aug. 16.—In accepting renomination for Congress at the hands of the Republican convention of the 18th Illinois District here today, Hon. Joseph G. Cannon, Speaker of the House of Representatives, delivered a carefully prepared speech in which he handled in his characteristic fashion, the issues of the present campaign. He discussed the prosperity of the country as compared with the hard times during the second Cleveland administration. He talked of the glories of the protective tariff, praised Roosevelt, took a whack at the trusts and picked up the gauntlet thrown down by President Gompers of the American Federation of Labor. He warmly defended Congress from the charges recently made of unfriendliness and indifference to the cause of the workingmen.

Mr. Cannon's speech today was admittedly intended as a keynote from which other congressional spell-binders may strike up campaign tunes in their respective districts.

Don't drag with a dull, bilious, heavy feeling. You need a pill. Use DeWitt's Little Early Risers, the famous little pills. Do not sicken or gripe, but results are sure. Sold by all druggists.

A petition has been received from the bar of Barnwell asking for a special term of civil court to last 3 weeks, beginning in October. There are said to be a large number of cases on the docket.

**How to Avoid Appendicitis.**

\*Most victims of appendicitis are those who are habitually constipated. Orino Laxative Fruit Syrup cures chronic constipation by stimulating the liver and bowels and restores the natural action of the bowels. Orino Laxative Fruit Syrup does not nauseate or gripe and is mild and pleasant to take. Refuse substitutes. Durant's Pharmacy.

**GAINES PROPHECIES.**

Washington, Aug. 16.—En route to New York, where he will participate in the reception to W. J. Bryan, Representative John Wesley Gaines, of Tennessee, stopped over here long enough to hand out the following predictions: "I've figured it all out, Roosevelt is a Pseudo—Bryan president. He has popularized and forced through Congress measures that involve the principles for which Mr. Bryan, an other good Democrat stand. If this much reform has been brought about by man who is pseudo-Democrat the people will be more than willing to cast their votes so that they have all the reforms in legislation and government affairs that Bryan will give them. Bryan will be the next President.

**THE BRINK IS NEAR.**

**Few Sumter People Know How Near It Is.**

Every time you neglect backache, Allow the kidneys to become clogged, Fail to cure urinary disorders, You get nearer to the brink of Bright's disease.

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J. L. Hollis, residing at 221 Cheeves street, Florence, S. C., says: "Doan's Kidney Pills which I used for kidney and bladder troubles have greatly benefited me. I was very badly hurt on the railroad a number of years ago, had my back injured and I think my kidneys were badly hurt at the same time. My back got well enough for me to get around, but being paralyzed from my hips down I am unable to walk. I have suffered greatly with backache during the past eight years. The secretions from the kidneys were in a bad condition, very dark colored, full of sediment and accompanied with burning pain. I used numberless remedies, but none of them did me any good until I read about Doan's Kidney Pills and sent to a drug store for them. They gave me relief. The kidney secretions cleared up, the burning sensation left and I do not suffer from the terrible backaches. I attribute these satisfactory results entirely to the use of Doan's Kidney Pills. You are welcome to use my name as an endorser of Doan's Kidney Pills."

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