

The Watchman and Southron.

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PERSONAL NEWS.

Mrs. A. L. J. Bradham and daughter, of Manning, spent Wednesday with Mrs. B. J. Grier.

Mrs. Wall and son, of Marion, spent Wednesday with Mrs. B. J. Grier.

Game Cock Lodge, Knights of Pythias, will meet on Monday evening at 8.30 o'clock. The rank of Esquire will be conferred.

Little Miss Margaret Beaumont is visiting in Atlanta.

Miss Estella Brunson, of Summerton, is visiting Miss Lillian Epperson.

Misses Mell and Lillie Gregg, Rosa Brogdon of Sumter and Britannia Gregg of Florence have gone to the mountains.

Mrs. J. A. Ruddock and little son, James, of Charleston, arrived in the city this morning for a visit to Mrs. Ruddock's mother, Mrs. M. E. Nelson.

Miss Lizzie Nelson left this afternoon for St. Charles, where she will be the guest of Miss Estha McCoy.

Mrs. J. L. Watson and children, of Fairmont, N. C., are spending a few days in the city with Mrs. J. F. Tisdale.

Mr. H. W. Scott of Winacky, Mr. J. C. Heaner of Orangeburg and Little Misses Bertha Doyle Leitch and Louise Leitch, of Eastman, Ga., are visiting Mr. and Mrs. H. P. Scott on Harvin St.

Mrs. J. Walter Doar, of Georgetown, is visiting Mrs. E. S. Booth.

Mr. and Mrs. C. D. Schwartz and Miss Reta Schwartz have returned from New York where they spent the past month.

Mrs. Louis Darr has returned from a visit of two weeks from Florence.

Mrs. D. W. Cunningham, and children, of Florence, are visiting Mr. and Mrs. E. P. Pitts.

Mrs. C. W. McGrew and children have returned to the city after a stay at the Isle of Palms and in Orangeburg, where they visited relatives.

Miss May Antley is visiting Mrs. C. W. McGrew on Myrtle Street on her way to her home at Cameron from Walters, where she spent the past week with friends.

Miss Alma Hennies, of Blackville, has returned home, after a pleasant visit to Miss Maude Bradham.

Misses Hannah and Myrel Phillips, of Kingstree are visiting Miss Ainsley Felder on West Liberty St.

Miss Lucia Roach has returned to the city after a stay at Saluda.

GO TO WASHINGTON.

Party to Attend Cotton Conference to Devise Means to Aid Farmers.

There were six in the party from here to go to Washington Tuesday night to attend the cotton conference at that place and to attend a conference with the secretary and comptroller of the treasury to see if funds could not be secured for the Sumter banks to loan the farmers and cotton growers of this and neighboring counties who do their banking here.

In the party were Messrs. C. G. Rowland, Neill O'Donnell, G. L. Ricker, Bernard Manning, R. B. Belser and S. O'Quinn.

PROMISE TO INVESTIGATE.

Sumter Claim Just, Says Officials, Who Will do What They Can to Aid.

The committee of bankers from Sumter, has recently returned from its trip to Washington, where they attended the cotton conference and saw the secretary of the treasury, Comptroller Williams and other treasury officials in the endeavor to secure some of the government funds for crop moving in Sumter county. While their trip was not directly successful, it may result in some good, for the officials stated that they recognized the justness of the claim set forth by Sumter and would make a further investigation and endeavor to do what they could to aid the Sumter bankers and farmers.

The committee consisting of Messrs. O'Donnell, Rowland, Ricker and Bernard Manning met the officials of the treasury in conference, as stated above, and set their claims before them as needing and being anxious for some of the government money, showing that the price wanted from other banks which received this money made it prohibitive for them to get it and re-loan it to the farmers so as to benefit them in moving their crops. It was stated by the government officials that facilities at present were not such that the Sumter banks could get some of the money now, but that the matter would receive due consideration and it would be seen what could be done to remedy the situation.

Tomato Club Notes

To Girls in Canning Clubs:

The most important work of the season is now at hand. Our girls can not hope to make the reputation they should have unless they take great care in the canning. Follow the instructions, especially about sterilizing the cans. Be sure to put up good sound fruit, with full pack. One spoiled or short weight can sometimes ruins not only the trade of the individual but the trade of the whole club or county. A reputation for purity, cleanliness and good quality of products is worth more than money, because you can not buy it, you have to make it. The marketing problem is a difficult one, but we will soon find a ready market for a good product. It is important that every can to be sold, be weighed after packing, to make sure of full weight.

Some things to be observed when canning:

1. Keep water at a jumping boil. Do not allow fire to die down for an instant while cans are in canner.
2. Keep cover on canner. Steam plays a large part in cooking contents of cans.
3. To scald place tomatoes in wire basket, plunge in boiling water for one minute, then immediately into cold water. The skin will then slip off easily. Do not peel more than you can immediately can.
4. Be careful to remove hard part of tomato at stem end with sharp knife, but do not cut into seed cells.
5. Use only red ripe tomatoes. One green or lightly colored tomato will ruin the grade of your whole pack.
6. Put into your can as many whole tomatoes as possible, cutting only when they are too large to slip in. Fill to within 1-2 inch of the top, pressing gently and shaking down fruit to fill crevices.

7. Use no water. If properly filled the juice will be sufficient.

8. The quality of the grade of your pack depends on: 1st number of whole tomatoes in cans; 2nd color of fruit, 3rd, weight; 4th, flavor.

9. The flavor is often injured by letting peeled fruit stand too long before cooking.

10. Keep capping and tamping irons clean and well tinned. If surfaces of either become dull and lose the coat of solder, clean thoroughly with sandpaper, brick, or old file before heating, and after heating moderately plunge and rub in small amount of salammoniac into which some solder chips have been melted. This will clean surfaces and the free solder will readily adhere to both the irons. With ordinary care of tools, a flux made by following formula will be found to give excellent results.

To 1-2 pint commercial muriatic acid, add small strips of sheet zinc until bubbling ceases, then add 3 table spoonfuls of salammoniac and 1-2 pint of water. Plunge irons quickly before using.

11. Weigh every can and see that it does not fall below regulation weight.

No. 3, from 38 to 40 ozs.

No. 10, 1 pound, 4 ounces.

We would like to give the following from Dr. Bradford Knapp's letter:

"Let me make an announcement in this letter that I think is important. Your mothers have been greatly interested in this work, from now on let us consider every mother as an honorary member of the Girls' Canning Club. How would it do to call the mothers co-operators? We have been trying to help the farmers in the South to adopt new methods of farming. I believe you see how this helps girls and to help the homes. Would you and your mothers be interested in an extension of this work so as to include other helpful suggestions for the home, that most important part of the farm?"

With best wishes,

Very respectfully yours,

Mary Lemmon,

County Supervisor of Girls' Canning Clubs.

Bethel Tomato Club.

For more than three weeks past our club girls have had very little idle time, for canning tomatoes has been the order of the day. Not since our delightful demonstration picnic at Pocalla have we been able to get in a club letter. The weather has been hot and the tomatoes have been ripening fast. The long dry spell has seriously injured the tomato crop in this section (Club). The canning will soon be over, with hardly as large yield as last year. We are not discouraged, for although we have not come up to our expectations in the quantity of fruit we hoped for, we are learning valuable lessons in canning, preserving, etc., and how to successfully take care of products of our tenth.

May Haysworth, President.

Vice thrives and lives by concealment.—Virgil.

CANAL OPEN TO ALL.

HENCEFORTH SHIPS MAY PASS TO AND FRO.

First Big Loaded Steamer Goes From Atlantic Ocean to Pacific in Nine Hours—Goethals Well Pleased, Says Time Made by Ancon Will be Reduced.

Panama, Aug. 15.—The Panama canal is open to the commerce of the world. Henceforth ships may pass to and fro through the great waterway, which establishes a new ocean highway for trade.

The steamship Ancon, owned by the United States war department, with many notable people on board, today made the official passage, which signaled the canal's opening. She left Cristobal at 7 o'clock this morning and reached Balboa, on the Pacific end, at 4 o'clock this afternoon. The Ancon will remain at the Balboa docks for some time, discharging her cargo, this being the first commercial voyage made through the canal.

The canal will be used tomorrow for the transfer of four cargo ships.

The Ancon's trip was the fastest yet made by a large ocean steamer. The steamer went through the Gatun Locks in 70 minutes, a speed never before equalled. The other lockages were equally rapid.

Col. G. W. Goethals, builder of the canal and governor of the Zone, watched the operations closely and was pleased at the improved handling of the locks. He declared that even this would be made much better with time. Capt. Hugh Rodman, superintendent of transportation, who directed the trip, voiced similar sentiment.

BIG POLITICAL WEEK.

Senatorial Campaign Meeting on Thursday—County on Friday and Saturday.

This will be a big political week in Sumter for there will be several meetings of interest during the week. The senatorial campaign meeting will be held at the court house at 11 o'clock on Thursday, this being the big meeting of the week.

The county campaigners will speak at Wedgefield on Tuesday and at Sumter in the court house on Friday night and on Saturday morning. All of these meetings will be of much interest in local political circles and politics is on the boom just now, despite the great interest being felt in the European war situation and the anxiety felt by farmers at the threatened depression in the cotton market.

FIRST SOUTH CAROLINA BALE.

Fleecy Staple From Bamberg Shipped to F. W. Wagner & Co., by Grower.

The first bale of cotton to be produced in the State of South Carolina the present season was shipped yesterday to F. W. Wagner & Co., of Charleston, by the owner, A. Rice, of Bamberg, according to a telegram received by the brokers. The bale weighs 436 pounds, and the cotton will grade fully middling, it is said.

The first bale of this season is somewhat later than it has been reported in recent years, but this fact is probably due to unfavorable weather. The late spring and cool weather of the cotton growing months is said to have retarded the maturity of the crop to some extent all over the South.—News and Courier, Aug. 16.

SUMTER 4—DURANT 4.

Teams Play Tie Game at Baseball Grounds on Thursday Afternoon

The Durant and Sumter baseball teams played a 4-4 game of ball at the local grounds on Thursday afternoon, Levi pitching for Sumter and Mayes for Durant. The two teams were about evenly matched and the few persons who witnessed the game saw a splendid exhibition of baseball. For Sumter Levi allowed only five hits, while six hits were gained from Mayes of Durant.

Batteries: Durant, Mayes and Reeves; Sumter, Levi and Craven. Umpire Calk.

Another game of ball is being played this afternoon between Sumter and Oswego.

Death.

Manning, Aug. 13.—Charles L. Ridgill, an industrious, thrifty farmer who lived about two miles west of Manning, attended the county campaign meeting at Sardinia yesterday and while there was stricken with apoplexy. He was conveyed to his home as promptly as possible but died shortly after reaching there without regaining consciousness. He was about 52 years old and is survived by his wife and six children, besides several brothers and sisters. The body was buried this afternoon in the Ridgill family burying ground near the home of the deceased.

LIGHTNING DAMAGES HOUSE.

I. D. Mathis and Family Have Narrow Escape From Death.

Mr. L. D. Mathis and his family had a narrow escape from death on Friday afternoon about 5 o'clock, when lightning struck the chimney of their residence in the St. James neighborhood on the Burch and Stackley place. Practically all of the roof and ceiling of the building was torn off or rent to pieces and damage was done all around the sides of the building.

Mr. and Mrs. Mathis were sitting in the hall of their home when the bolt struck and had it not been for a curtain rod extending from one side of the hall to the other which stopped the fall of most of the ceiling, they would undoubtedly have been seriously injured. Their youngest child was struck by splinters from the ceiling and another child, who was standing in the back door, had both legs burned, but none of the others suffered any serious effects.

Lightning skimmed off through the cotton field for a distance of several acres, singeing much of the cotton and killing some of it. Pieces from the chimney and roof were thrown for a distance of two hundred yards. The bottom of the wire screen door at the rear of the passage was torn off and a hole burned through the top of the door. The wire clothes line was burnt up.

Mr. and Mrs. Mathis were very much frightened, but after a doctor had been called in and had found that none of the children were seriously hurt, they gathered up such of their things as they needed and moved into one room not so badly damaged as the others, where they spent the night. Mr. Mathis stated today that he would send his family off and he would live in one of his barns until the necessary repairs could be made on the house, as it was uninhabitable at present.

There is a saying that lightning never strikes in the same place twice. This has been disproved, for about a month ago lightning struck the chimney of Mr. Mathis home and about two weeks ago it struck a negro house in a few hundred feet from the house.

Marriage.

Mr. E. A. Terry and Miss Melle L. Brown of Oswego were married about 7.30 o'clock on Thursday evening by Mr. H. L. Scarborough in his office at the court house immediately after they had secured a license. Both have many friends at Oswego, who wish them much happiness.

Michaux-Brogdon Marriage.

A marriage of interest to many people in Sumter, where one of the contracting parties taught for a number of years and where she was well known, was that of Miss Mary Alice Michaux and Mr. J. Edwin Brogdon at the home of the bride's brother, Mr. L. B. Michaux, at Wilmington, N. C., at 6 o'clock on Tuesday evening, August 12th. Only members of the immediate families were present to witness the ceremony.

After the marriage they left at once for their future home at Montgomery, Ala.

Sewerages in the Country.

One great problem peculiar to the rural districts is that of the proper disposal of poisonous organic refuse and similar waste matter. In the cities, such matter is completely and satisfactorily taken care of in the modern sewerage systems, and thus the city is enabled to preserve a cleanliness which is its greatest aid in fighting disease.

When such matter is allowed to stand in the open, as every rural resident knows, it becomes a swarming place for flies and a hot-bed for disease germs; it pollutes the soil and drinking water, and is always an unsightly and embarrassing nuisance. Such conditions are generally the cause of sickness and disease.

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STOMACH TROUBLE FOR FIVE YEARS

Majority of Friends Thought Mr. Hughes Would Die, But One Helped Him to Recovery.

Pomeroyton, Ky.—In interesting advices from this place, Mr. A. J. Hughes writes as follows: "I was down with stomach trouble for five (5) years, and would have sick headache so bad, at times, that I thought surely I would die. I tried different treatments, but they did not seem to do me any good. I got so bad, I could not eat or sleep, and all my friends, except one, thought I would die. He advised me to try Theford's Black-Draught, and quit

taking other medicines. I decided to take his advice, although I did not have any confidence in it.

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