

The Watchman and Southern.

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PERSONAL MENTION.

Miss Lois Bryant, of Orangeburg, is visiting Mrs. W. A. Kinard on West Liberty street.

Rev. J. H. Wilson, pastor of the Lutheran church is spending some time in Atlanta, Ga.

Mr. Guy L. Warren is in Athens, Ga., for two weeks.

Mr. and Mrs. R. M. Aman were in town last Saturday. Mr. Aman is one of our oldest and most successful farmers and he says in his many years farming he never saw corn burn and go to pieces faster. Three weeks ago he said there never was a finer prospect for corn, but now only the very earliest planted will make good.—Leader and Vindicator.

Mr. and Mrs. C. W. Hicks are spending a couple of weeks on Sullivan's Island.

Mrs. L. B. Lesesne and four children of Atlanta, Ga., are visiting the family of Mr. J. T. Lesesne on Harvin street.

Mr. J. W. McKiever is in Charleston attending the meeting of the Association of Door, Sash and Blind Manufacturers.

Mrs. J. B. Holliday of Summerton and Mrs. Ollie Yates and children of Sumter are visiting Mrs. J. D. McLeod at Rembert.

Miss Hattie Boatfield has returned to her home in Chadbourne, N. C., after a visit of three weeks to her sister, Mrs. D. F. Owens.

Mr. and Mrs. O. H. Folley have returned from San Francisco.

Mr. Dan E. Turbeville, of Turbeville, was a visitor to the city today.

Mr. and Mrs. W. H. Bradford and Master James have returned from a delightful visit to their daughter, Miss Mary Bradford at Charleston.

Col. W. F. Robertson, for many years a well known citizen of Wilmington, now a resident of Greenville, S. C., where he is the secretary of the commercial body, accompanied by Mrs. Robertson, is spending some time at the beach.—Wilmington Star.

Miss Helen Coker, of Society Hill, is visiting friends in the city.

Mrs. C. W. Kingman and Misses Eva and Sidney Kingman, are spending some time at Hendersonville.

Mrs. Thomas and Miss Louise Reid of Myrtle and Mr. J. Wilson of St. Charles, were in the city today.

Mr. E. W. Dabbs, Jr., of Salem, passed through the city today on his way to Clemson College, where he will attend the course of lectures given during the summer school.

Misses Ruth and Gertrude Wilson, of St. Charles, are visiting their sister, Mrs. E. W. McCollum on Broad street.

Mr. J. M. Kolb, of Privateer, accompanied by Messrs. W. E. Kolb and B. R. Barkley, passed through the city this morning on their way to Clemson College to attend the Farmers' Institute.

Announce Engagement.

Union, Aug. 7.—Mr. and Mrs. Paul E. Wilburn announce the engagement of their sister, Ruth, to William Bryan Gillespie of Effingham, the marriage to be celebrated in October. Miss Wilburn is a daughter of the late David N. Wilburn and is a charming and attractive young woman. She is a graduate of Greenville Woman's college and has been a successful teacher for several years. This announcement is received with genuine interest in Union and throughout the State.

Death of Mrs. J. T. Hays.

Mrs. Margaret C. Hays, widow of the late J. T. Hays, died at the home of her son, Joel Davis, near Brogdon, on Saturday night, aged seventy-four years. Today would have seen her birthday anniversary, had she lived two days longer.

The funeral services were held at the Davis Burying Ground at 4 o'clock Sunday afternoon and were conducted by the Rev. W. D. Spinx, of Graham church, of which the deceased was for many years a member.

Mrs. Hays was married three times. As Miss Margaret White she was married first to Mr. Edwin Plowden. On her second marriage she became the wife of Mr. Turner Davis and afterwards she became Mrs. Hays. She is survived by the following children: Edwin D. Plowden, Florida; M. H. Plowden, Kingstree; Joel Davis, Brogdon; Mrs. L. E. White, Sumter, and Mrs. N. W. Britton, Clarendon county. There were no children by her last marriage. She is also survived by thirty grandchildren and seven great-grandchildren. The grandsons of the deceased acted as pall-bearers and her grand-daughters placed flowers on the grave.

A raid was made on the Eagles' club rooms Saturday morning by Chief Sumter and police officers, but the raid was fruitless, for nothing was discovered on which a charge against the club officers could be lodged.

FIRE AT MORRIS COLLEGE.

Administration Building and Girls' Dormitory Burned Sunday Morning.

Morris College, the institution on North Main street just beyond the city limits for teaching colored students, suffered a serious loss on Sunday morning at about 1 o'clock, when the large two-story building used as the administration building and girls' dormitory was burned to the ground and every bit of furniture was lost. Two girls, Anna Goldsmith and Dorothy Haddon, students of the college, barely escaped with their lives, all of their clothing being burned, even to their shoes. Dr. J. J. Stark, president of the college, was away at the time of the fire, at Seneca. He lived in this building and all of his furniture and household appurtenances were burned.

What caused the fire is unknown. It was stated that there had been no fire in the building since early on Saturday morning and as the fire seemed to originate in the second story of the building, it seems that there is no reason to believe that the fire was incendiary. The building was a large frame structure two stories high. Dr. Stark returned last night, having made the trip from Seneca in his automobile. He stated this morning that the insurance of \$3,000 would probably cover about three-fourths of the loss in building and furniture. He stated that a meeting of the trustees would be held next week probably, when plans for rebuilding would be discussed.

Morris college in addition to teaching the usual literary branches, has a very practical course. Corn, potatoes and other crops are raised, the students furnishing the work required. A print shop is operated in connection and chickens and pigs are raised on a considerable scale, the teaching of practical subjects receiving a good share of attention and time of the students.

THE PROHIBITION RALLY.

Committee Appointed to Arouse Sentiment in Favor of Prohibition.

A well attended prohibition mass meeting was held at the Trinity Methodist church on Sunday afternoon to arrange plans for furthering the cause of prohibition in Sumter county. A committee consisting of Messrs. D. J. Winn, chairman; B. Walsh, H. L. Scarborough, R. E. Wilder, R. D. Epps, R. O. Purdy, E. F. Hiller, C. B. Epps was appointed with power to add any other persons they might desire on the committee. They were authorized to appoint a committeeman from each precinct in the county to work for prohibition and aid in arousing sentiment in its favor and also to see that everything was in readiness for the election on the 14th of September.

Dr. Harms, who was requested to make an address at the meeting, declined to do so, as he had two addresses already on hand and felt unable to make any more. Messrs. C. M. Hurst, D. J. Winn, W. P. Smith and others had a few words to say in encouragement of the cause. The meeting was presided over by Mr. Bartow Walsh.

DR. HARMS SPEAKS TWICE.

Preaches Two Fine Sermons at Grace Baptist Church.

Dr. J. Henry Harms, president of Newberry College, delivered two excellent sermons at Grace Baptist Church on Sunday, at the morning and evening services. Dr. Harms has preached and spoken here before and has made many friends in Sumter, who were glad of an opportunity to hear him again.

Baseball Here This Week.

Two good games of baseball are scheduled for this week. St. Matthews is the team which is to visit this city and they will be given a merry time by the locals. This team was here earlier in the season and won both games in a two-game series. However, at that time Drevenstedt, Frank Chandler, John Haynsworth and White were all out of the game and the weakened Sumter club was in no condition to contest successfully with this strong aggregation of hitters and base runners. This time the locals will be prepared with a loaded gun and hope to take both games.

There will probably be a small grain planting campaign this fall, with a corps of agricultural advisers touring the State to urge the farmers to plant oats and sufficient wheat for home use. This is well and good, but now is the time for farmers to plan their small grain crops. The secret of success is to prepare the land thoroughly and plant early.

INVITATION APPRECIATED.

Secretary Reardon of Chamber of Commerce Makes Reply to Hospitable Invitation from General Sumter Memorial Society.

Managing Secretary Reardon begs to express in behalf of the Sumter Chamber of Commerce, a high appreciation of the courteous and hospitable invitation from the General Sumter Agricultural Association, of Stateburg township, Sumter county, extended to the citizens of Sumter to attend the exercises and picnic in connection with the celebration of the birthday of Gen. Thomas Sumter at the old Gen. Sumter Memorial Academy grounds, next Saturday, August 14th.

The Sumter Chamber of Commerce, and its auxiliary organization, the Retail Dealers' Association, feel highly complimented and also grateful to our good friends of the rural districts for this exhibition of good will and friendship towards this city. It argues well for the future prosperity of Sumter county when the hospitable people of the agricultural sections take occasion to manifest their desire to get into closed touch with their fellow citizens of Sumter. The citizens of Sumter are very proud of the very friendly relations existing between Sumter and the agricultural districts of Sumter county, and other Pee Dee and Eastern Carolina counties.

The citizens of the Gamecock City, having the great honor and pleasure of being the county seat of the Gamecock county of Sumter are as proud of the fame and glory of the Revolutionary Gamecock General Thomas Sumter, for which this city and county are named, as are the people of the rest of Sumter county.

The city of Sumter belongs to the people of the entire county of Sumter, and is as much a part and parcel of Sumter county as any other section of the famous county.

The city of Sumter has been built up and developed largely by the intelligent, progressive, and successful business men who came from the agricultural sections of Sumter county, and from the farms of other counties. The men from the farms are notably among the leaders in finance, commerce, professions, manufacturing, educational and political advancement throughout the United States.

A very large per centage, if indeed not a majority of Sumter city's men and women are proud to boast that they are country bred and trained, and no small per centage of Sumter's native born citizenship are proud of their country blood and Sumter county blood, too, we are proud to be able to proclaim.

That is one of the main reasons why the Sumter Chamber of Commerce is conscientiously able to proclaim the slogan that Sumter is "Good place to visit; a better place to live; the best place for you."

It is to be hoped that every citizen of Sumter who possibly can will take advantage of the opportunity on next Saturday to participate with their hospitable friends of Stateburg in commemorating the glorious achievements of the hero who did so much for his country, and whose name and fame are blazoned upon the pages of history which time can never efface.

Gov. Manning Takes Rest.

Gov. Manning has gone for the week-end to Saluda, where Mrs. Manning has been for several weeks at their summer cottage. Several of their sons are there for the summer, and the governor anticipates much pleasure and benefit from this brief rest—the first real vacation he has taken since going into office.—The State.

Sumter as Vacation Resort.

Dr. H. R. Thompson has returned from his vacation which was spent this year in Sumter. Doctor says that Florence has every reason to be proud because the business done here is considerably better as compared with other sections. He says Florence must get those play grounds for the children. He was much pleased with the children's park in Sumter and says that he will not be satisfied until Florence has one just as good.—Florence Times.

Messrs. Richard Wells, of Rocky Bluff and Wesley McCoy, of Oswego, left this morning for Clemson College, where they will take a summer course as representatives of the Sumter county corn club. They will meet Mr. L. L. Baker, state agent for the boys' corn clubs, in Columbia, and will go on from there under his charge. The summer course to Clemson was awarded to the two boys in the county who made the highest average in their corn club last year. Expenses at Clemson are paid by the college and traveling expenses were paid by local business houses.

The attempt to block the prohibition election by an appeal to the courts will stir the prohibitionists to renewed efforts and make them more determined than ever to make South Carolina dry.

SUMTER GRABS FIRST GAME.

Frank Chandler Sets Record, Pitches No Hit Game.

From The Daily Item, Aug. 6.

Frank Chandler pitched a no-hit game against the Columbia Collegians yesterday. He set a record for these parts when he allowed only twenty-eight men to face him—the extra man was hit by a pitched ball. Not a man was given a base on balls and only one man reached second base. Duncan started for Columbia but had trouble locating the plate, and was hit pretty freely.

Frank started "strong" by fanning out two in the first and in the eighth he wiffed all three. Columbia did not get anything that looked like a hit.

He Sumter boys started their scoring in the first inning, after White had flied out to center, Drevenstedt was hit by a pitched ball, Joe Chandler given a walk and "Hoss Mabry" banged a sweet hit to left scoring Drevey.

Three more men were scored in the second on three passes and hits by Drevenstedt and Mabry in succession. In the third Flowers led off with a hit, breaking his long hard luck streak. Spann walked and with two out, White singled to left scoring two runs.

The locals did not score again until the ninth, White walked, "Ty Cobbed" second and third and then scored in a passed ball. Drevenstedt put a sweet one down in front of the plate, but White failed to come in on it.

Frank Chandler and Mabry boosted their batting averages by getting two out of three.

The game was fast and quite snappy after Columbia changed pitchers, but the attendance was small on account of the weather conditions. The same teams will play again this afternoon and either Nunnamaker or White will work for the locals.

The fast St. Matthews club will be here for two games next week and the following week the Athletics will come for another visit. St. Matthews won two games from Sumter last month when the locals were crippled and they are out to get revenue. The Columbia Athletics played three games here in the early part of the season, the Sumter team making two out of the three. George Turner always has a good team with him and battles galore will be on the bill of fare.

The score:

	R.	H.	E.
Collegians	000	000	000
Sumter	132	000	010

Batteries—Collegians: Duncan, W. Sims and Buitman; Sumter: F. Chandler and Mabry.

The official batting average of the local teams will be published this week.

SECOND GOES WAY OF FIRST.

Columbia Collegians Fall Before Fast Local Baseball Team.

The Columbia Collegians on Friday afternoon for the second time were the victims of the fast Sumter baseball team, the score at the end of the nine innings being 2 to 1 in the local's favor. The game was a pitcher's battle from the start to finish, with the edge slightly in White's favor. The game was a fast one and was interesting, as pitchers' battles always are. However, there was only a small attendance on hand to see the contest.

Columbia made its sole tally in the fifth, when Toney singled, stole second and scored on an error. Only twice was White rapped, each time for a single. Sumter's scoring machine started turning in the fourth, Drevenstedt made first on England's error, and came in on Joe Chandler's drive over the fence for three bases. Chandler scored a minute later on Booser's wild throw to third. Three hits were secured from Hornsby, Chandler's for three bases, and Frank Chandler and Mabry for two bases each. Twice the Columbia players reached third, only to die when White tightened down. White and Hornsby each walked two men and Hornsby hit one batter. Hornsby had thirteen strike-outs to his credit and White eleven.

In the seventh Clark was taken out, being unable to throw effectively as he had been hit on the hand by a ball, and Brown took his place.

Summary: R. H. E. Columbia . . . 000 010 000—1 2 2 Sumter . . . 000 208 00x—2 3 2 Batteries: Hornsby and Booser; White and Mabry. Umpire, Burrows.

Entertain for Miss Bennett.

Misses Wellie and Lillian Delgar gave a very fine porch party Saturday in honor of their lovely guest, Miss Eva Bennett, of Latta.

Five tables were placed for the game of rook. After two score of games were played, Miss Sallie Rembert was honored with the beautiful prize, a fan. Miss Mari-n Gentry got the consolation and Miss Eva Bennett the guest prize. A salad course was served and ice tea that hit the spot.

Miss Bennett wore a beautiful white dress. Miss Willie Delgar and Miss Lillian Delgar had on beautiful evening dresses.

SOME MORE ABOUT TREES.

Mr. Woods Gives Information on Planting Shade Trees.

Editor Daily Item.

While it is the duty of all who take pride, and this spirit should animate all citizens, in the adornment of the city with trees, their planting, as suggested in a former article, should always be done under the direct supervision of an expert in the employment of the city, letting each individual contribute a part of the expense incident to securing and putting out the trees. A simple illustration will show the unwisdom of individual planting.

Messrs. A. B., C. and D., all live on the same street and each one wishes to put out some trees to beautify the street. Mr. A. plants sycamores, Mr. B., oaks, Mr. C. elms and Mr. D. hackberries; each one with his own ideas as to the right distance to plant them apart and how far from the lot line they ought to be.

It needs no argument to show how fatal this would be to the future beauty of the street, to say nothing of the inconvenience that will arise if it becomes necessary to put down a cement sidewalk. Fifty feet is the proper distance to place trees and where the street is narrow they should not be planted opposite each other, but diagonally as that will give them the same distance each way. Some people who profess to know about the planting, a knowledge, by the way, that exists only in their imagination, advocate planting them, the trees, twenty-five apart and when they grow to some size cut out every other tree. In the first place this just doubles the expense, is a useless sacrifice of good trees that may be sorely needed elsewhere and, most of all, the ones that are left are sure to be fan shaped on two sides and will never be symmetrically shaped.

It is better never to top a tree if it can be avoided, but this is sometimes necessary when the tree is very high, and then it ought to be done at least fifteen feet from the ground, sixteen is better, as a topped tree never grows any higher and only increases

in girth. When topped too low, say 8 or 10 feet, and puts out limbs they are in the way and have to be removed, leaving the body practically bare and just in the condition it was when planted.

W. D. Woods.  
Darlington.

Automobile Damaged by Fire.

Saturday night about 10 o'clock an automobile belonging to William Dingle, a negro hackman, caught fire on Main street in front of the Wreck Store. There was a big blaze for a while, but the fire was speedily extinguished and comparatively little damage was done to the automobile.

Tobacco is bringing good prices on the Sumter market, but some sellers who have green cured sand lugs have been howling and kicking because they did not receive the top of the market. Poor tobacco means low prices and good tobacco high prices. It is well to remember this.

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Train leaves 12:30 P. M., and leaves Columbia, returning, Wednesday, August 18th, 8:00 P. M.

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AUGUST 11th.

Annual Mountain and Seashore Excursion.

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Washington, D. C., and Return	\$10.00
Baltimore, Md., and Return	12.00
Norfolk, Va., and Return	8.00
Richmond, Va., and Return	8.00
Morehead City, N. C., and Return	8.00
Asheville, N. C., and Return	6.50
Chattanooga, Tenn., and Return	12.05
Saluda, N. C., and Return	5.85
Wilmington, N. C., and Return	5.50
Winston-Salem, N. C., and Return	7.00
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