

# SUMMERTON BUREAU

H. H. MEDLIN, Correspondent.

## Specials for This Week

Maine grown Irish Potatoes, peck	50c
Best grade Rice, per peck	\$1.00
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It is often said that a new broom sweeps clean. This has proved to be a reality with the new city authorities and Sunday was a real Sabbath; that is the lid has been put on tight so far as the Sunday traffic is concerned, the only thing that is allowed sold is medicine. Even the boot-blacks have been run out of business. We don't know how this will sound to the public generally, but we are certainly tickled and we have no hesitancy in saying that we believe at least ninety per cent will stand behind the present administration for law enforcement from every angle.

Capt. J. C. Lanham, traveling salesman for E. F. A. Wieters & Sons has handed us a communication given him by his house as information for the trade. We believe this letter will be read with much interest and contains some sound logic. We also have a communication from Mr. W. D. Carson, ex-Mayor of our town and a large farmer, which also contains some thoughts worth our consideration.

Capt. and J. J. Wilkie and Willie Wilkie spent Sunday with Mr. and Mrs. J. I. Lesesne of the Brewington section.

Capt. J. D. Bowen and family who have been living here several years have moved to Sumter. Summerton people regret very much to lose such people as Mr. and Mrs. Bowen, but wish for them the very best of everything in their new home.

Mrs. Gertie Skinner of Charleston, is spending sometime with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. S. Cantey.

A song that is attracting a great deal of attention among the school children as well as some of the old bachelors was written by Willie Carver, the title being "Beautiful Elizabeth." If we hear much more said about this song we shall endeavor to get it published in the valuable columns of the Times.

Among the college girls who spent the week-end at home were: Misses Grace Allen of Coker, Mary Gentry, Coker; Dorothy Carson Columbia College.

On last Friday night there was from forty to forty-five young girls and boys entertained at the home of Mr. and Mrs. M. A. Brock in honor of their guest, Miss Grace Cobia. All report a splendid time.

Messrs. Harry Copeland, Jeff M. Davis, Dr. A. F. Jacobus and Sam James are in Florence attending the Woodmen's Convention.

Mrs. Lila Briggs of Chicora College, is at home on account of the flu epidemic at the college.

Messrs. Alphonso and McSweeney Billups of Draughton's Business College, Columbia, spent the week-end at home.

Messrs. Wieters letter:

The South, burdened with a crushing load staggers on the verge of an abyss. In many respects the situation is more appalling than that following the Civil War. Then, the war which was fought in the cotton fields of the Southland, left the world bare of cotton. There was hope of reward in cotton growing. The World War was fought in the great factory districts of the world, crippling their spindles, destroying productive power. An enormous surplus of cotton has accumulated. There is no hope that the man who grows cotton during the next twelve months will be rewarded—he may but further depreciate the value of cotton already in the bale, he may labor long and diligently, and if he cannot sell his cotton he cannot pay taxes or debts with it, neither can he eat it.

Cotton has declined in value, until there has been a loss of a billion dollars on the 1920 crop. Cotton, the South's chief commodity, has ceased to be a cash article. Quoted values are far below the cost of production. There is little demand for cotton at prices even below quotations.

If this condition is aggravated by further increasing the supply of cotton it will mean utter destruction to farming and to the commercial and financial existence of the South. Years, more than a generation perhaps, will be required for recovery.

A convention of farmers, merchants and bankers was held at Memphis early in December. There were more than 1500 delegates representing every cotton growing state. Plans were adopted to prevent, if possible, further over-production, and thus to avert disaster. A campaign urging the necessity for acreage reduction, and stressing the vital importance of producing enough food and feed stuffs

for home needs, is now being waged. We feel warranted in saying that adherence to the plan adopted at Memphis will insure against heavy loss on the 1921 crop, if it does not actually enhance the value of cotton now on hand. Furthermore it will place farming and financial and commercial enterprises of the South on a basis so fundamentally sound, it may be hoped, that forever there will be no recurrence of the ghastly conditions that now prevail.

Let us appeal to the good sense, to the business judgment of every farmer not to contribute to the bankruptcy of this Southland, by being party to a new crop of more than 6,000,000 bales.

Yours very truly,  
E. F. A. Wieters & Sons, Inc.  
By O. F. Wieters,  
Vice-Pres. and Gen. Mgr.

Mr. Carson says:

Mr. H. H. Medlin:  
"Dear Sir—Replying to your request to give you my views in re, to the condition of things in general, will say I believe that the financial condition in this neighborhood of Summerton, is the best of any place I have heard of. While the farmers are of course short of funds on account of holding cotton, there is an abundance of foodstuffs from last year's crops and the farmers of both races seem to realize that it is necessary to cut the cotton acreage and devote more attention to raising hogs and grain than heretofore. Some are trying small acreages of truck crops, beans, potatoes, etc. This is encouraging; I do not think there is a better trucking section in the State than this, but of course it will take several years to develop the trucking industry. Take strawberries for instance: we have raised berries on a commercial scale right here in Summerton and said to be the finest ever seen by people who ought to know. I think it will be two years before we see 20 cents cotton again. If we look at this thing in the right way, we will see that it is probably best for us in the end, as we all know that with two more years of 40 cents cotton the unreasonable demands of labor and the unwillingness to work at any price would have ruined the farming industry more effectively than low prices or the boll weevil.

I say let us take our medicine standing up, and do the best we can. We are in good condition compared to some parts of the world. Look around us and forget our little troubles and take an interest in the momentous events taking place in the world. No one generation since the dawn of history has seen such wonderful changes, such fearful catastrophes the downfall of age-old Empires, the passing of Kings and Kingdoms, the vision of world-wide democracy and disarmament of the nations. The insistent and threatening demands of the laboring classes for the control of things. The fearful retribution for ages of oppression, they have taken in those countries where they have taken control. Never since the fall of the Roman Empire ushered in the Dark Ages has civilization been in such a desperate condition. If our leaders are wise and careful we might come through with a better social and economic order established, if not the catastrophe will be climatic, overwhelming. In any event it is a time that behooves thinking men to humble themselves and pray with Kipling "Teach us to know that we are dust. Have mercy on thy people Lord, Amen" etc.

Yours truly,  
W. D. Carson.

## RECEPTION HELD AT FITTING SCHOOL

Spartanburg, March 13.—The reception given by the young men of Wofford Fitting School last evening complimentary to their friends, the young women of Hastoe School, the High School and Converse College, was a delightful affair.

A well planned surprise in the nature of a "womanless wedding" was staged very successfully, affording the guests considerable pleasure.

After the guests had been seated some time there came a request for silence. And when silence had brooded over the hall for the space of a minute it was broken by an orchestra composed of students playing the wedding march, with Mrs. W. C. Herbert at the piano. Miss Helen Jones sang, "I Love You Truly." A

## TO THE PUBLIC:

Since prices started falling, our policy has been to mark our goods down and let them go. Our sales for January 1921, were larger than they were January 1920. We have moved most of our high priced goods, and are receiving daily goods bought at the low level, hence we feel that we are in position to save you real money on lots of your purchases.

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squad of six cadets with fixed bayonets marched in, crossed arms, forming an arch for the ring-bearer, Montgomery Littlejohn, bearing the signet on a shield of onion foliage. Following the ring-bearer was the minister, clad in ministerial robes, wearing large glasses, carrying a big book, etc.

J. B. Finkler, standing six feet, three, half back on the football team, played the part of the bride. The groom was impersonated by C. G. Smoak, the midget. After the ceremony the groom sprang into the air, alighted on the extended arms of the

bride to receive the kiss. With this the wedding party filed out.

The next feature consisted of acrobatic stunts, and these brought many thrills. Mats were drawn in and placed in the center of the dining hall floor. The remarkable grace and skill of Edward Wilson was the cause of much comment. He did standing back somersaults and back somersaults from exalted positions. Wilson plays saxophone in the orchestra.

Messrs. Smith, Wiggins, McCray and Wellborn, as black-face comedians, did their part well, their sayings and antics eliciting much applause.