

## ASSOCIATES NOT INVOLVED.

James A. Carlisle, Formerly of Union Bank, Says Affairs Will be Arranged.

Columbia, March 13.—James A. Carlisle, formerly assistant cashier of the Union National bank, said yesterday:

"Referring to the unpleasant situation in which I am placed at the moment, an account of which appeared in your issue of Sunday, the 11th inst., will you kindly allow me space in your columns to thank my friends for their many expressions of confidence in me, and also to say that within a very short time I will arrange all the unadjusted matters mentioned in your article, and hope to be able to show my friends that whatever irregularities may have existed were technical ones rather than otherwise."

"In justice to my associates in the Union National bank and the Dixie Grocery company, I wish to say that none of them, nor any one else, had any connection with, nor, so far as I know, any knowledge of any of the so-called irregularities."

"This will in no way affect either the Union National bank or the Dixie Grocery company as both of those concerns will be fully protected by me."

## GLIMPSES INTO THE DARK CORNER.

Meeting of Assessors of Manchester—Negro Boy Disappears—Some Reflections on Liquor Law.

Dark Corner, March 13.—Things are moving along calm and serene on this part of the globe.

Very little corn has been planted here as yet. Mr. C. H. Johnston comes to the front with the first planting. He planted a small piece on the 7th. The Manchester Board of Assessors met at Mr. S. M. Coulter's last Friday, the 9th. The board consists of W. J. Ardis, J. H. Christmas, and F. M. Coulter. Mr. Christmas failed to meet the board on the 9th. Said board is to meet at the same place next Thursday, the 15th, which will be the last meeting until the assessors are ordered to meet in Sumter by the auditor.

Mat Felder, the colored boy I mentioned in a letter some time ago, has not been heard from yet, and I think our rural policeman should make some investigation, as it is thought he did meet with foul play.

I said in my last letter that I would have something to say about the speeches of Dr. Stearns of New York and Ex-Gov. Patterson of Tennessee. I think all who heard them were well repaid for their trip to Pinewood on the morning of the 13th of March. To hear Dr. Stearns tell of twelve hundred girls disappearing through the white slave trade and the thousands of boys, who fall victims to alcohol in a year was enough to make one's blood run cold. Yet what are we doing to put a stop to all of this? We should stop and ask ourselves what? And then go to work with all the God-given means to fill up those holes in the road of life that our lawmakers have (in part) allowed and voted for to prey upon the youth of our fair land. But some will say that we have no right to interfere with a man's privileges. What privilege does a poor man have from our government? Let us see some of them! Can he make a few gallons of booze for his own use? Oh no! He is hunted down like a wild animal and killed, perhaps, while those who make it by the hoghead full are protected. Is this right? Then again the poor drunkard who sends to those government protectors stills and get his booze and takes a little too freely and becomes a crazy man, the government will protect a policeman to almost burst his head open and thrust him into prison. And thence to the chameleon. And this and so much more is all protected by our laws. Oh my readers, what will God say to us on this great day that's coming by and by? "Where is thy brother? The voice of his blood crieth from the ground will be heard from the great white throne on that day."

L. E. White, county supervisor, was here yesterday, but I was not home. Come again brother Len, perhaps you will be at home and will sure be glad to see you. "Hard Times."

## PRESIDENT AT WORK AGAIN.

Busy in His Study Today, But Will Not Be Out for Several Days.

Washington, March 14.—President Wilson has so nearly recovered from his cold that he worked in his study today, but he is not expected to leave the White House for several days.

Washington, March 13.—The probable withdrawal of all Americans from the Belgian relief work, including Brand Whitlock, the American minister to Belgium, as the result of the German submarine campaign is forecasted by the State department.

## KEEP PLACES ON COMMITTEE.

Tillman Remains Chairman of Senate Naval and Smith Head of Immigration.

Washington, March 12.—In the reorganization of the committees by the senate today there is practically no change in the assignments of the two South Carolina senators.

Senator Tillman remains chairman of the naval committee and is placed also on appropriations, expenditures in the navy department, five civilized tribes of Indians, forest reserves and game protection, private land claims, and transportation, and sale of meat products, the last an added assignment as compared with last year's list.

Senator E. D. Smith remains chairman of immigration, ranking member of interstate commerce, post offices, manufactures, and conservation of national resources, and is placed on agriculture, geological survey, patents and railroads.

## TO HONOR FATHER RUSSELL.

Senator Ransdell Will Speak at Washington Farewell to Bishop-Elect.

Washington, March 12.—Senator Ransdell, of Louisiana, will be one of the chief speakers at the public testimonial by the citizens of Washington to Bishop-elect William T. Russell, in Poli's Theatre, at 3 o'clock next Sunday afternoon.

Other speakers will be John Barrett, director of the Pan-American Union; Dr. Hannis Taylor, and Bishop Shahan, of Catholic University.

Judge Martin A. Knapp, chairman of the United States Board of Mediation and Conciliation, will preside.

After addresses by prominent Washington citizens, in appreciation of the esteem in which Bishop-elect Russell is held here, opportunity will be given the audience to say "good-bye" to Bishop-elect Russell before he leaves that night for his see in Charleston, S. C.

The committee on arrangements for the testimonial include prominent citizens from every walk of life in the city.

Preparations are going on for the consecration of Bishop-elect Russell in Baltimore, Thursday. Many members of the Protestant clergy from here will attend.

Among those who made reservation to attend the consecration and leave Washington on the special train on Thursday are Senator Saulsbury, of Delaware, and Mrs. Saulsbury.

From Charleston a delegation of clergy and citizens will be headed by J. R. Rafferty, State deputy of the Knights of Columbus.

The installation of Bishop-elect Russell on March 22 at Charleston will be attended by many Washington and Baltimore friends of the Catholic father.

## GEORGETOWN TURNS TO CATTLE.

Twenty Dipping Vats to Be Constructed for Use in Campaign Against Tick.

Georgetown, March 12.—Cooperating with Dr. M. L. Lewis, inspector in charge, Columbia, who has had two recent visits to Georgetown county to set tick eradication work on foot, H. T. Prosser, assistant development agent, Seaboard Air Line railway, and R. E. L. Nell, secretary of the Chamber of Commerce, have influenced some 29 gentlemen to construct dipping vats. Four of these vats have been constructed and six more are under construction at this time. Much interest is now being taken in this splendid move and was being paved for a large cattle development in this county.

Mr. Prosser, who is handling the large colonization work at this point, has recently brought some large farmers from Indiana who will send down registered stock for the farms they have bought.

Plans are being perfected for a fair county fair to be held in Georgetown this fall.

## RELIEF SHIP SUNK.

Vessel Loaded With Grain for Belgium Destroyed Beyond War Zone.

London, March 12.—The Norwegian steamship Lars Fastenness (Lars Fastenness), bound from America for Rotterdam with grain for the American relief commission has been sunk without warning outside the blocked zone, according to the Norwegian Mercantile Shipping Gazette. The announcement is contained in an exchange Telegraph dispatch from Copenhagen. The Central News says that the steamer was sunk in the North sea.

## To Purchase New Mules.

At the meeting of the Sumter County Board of Commissioners yesterday, it was decided to organize a mule road gang. To do this the purchase of six more mules was authorized, and additional machinery was secured.

## PICNIC AT DINKINS' MILL.

Plans Already Under Way for "Get-together Celebration During Spring"—Other Interesting News of Rembert.

Rembert, March 12.—Grip has been epidemic the country over, and very many people have been prostrated by it. The doctors have been kept busy. From Rembert comes news among others of the severe illness of that excellent citizen, T. D. McLeod, and that excellent host, W. J. Young, the latter of whom we were pleased to meet in the city a few days ago.

Mrs. H. C. Pethen has been indoors for one week and is slowly improving.

D. G. Brown, his wife and little daughter have been prostrated by grip, but are up again.

Lawrence Hunter, an excellent negro, a good farmer, living on Robert Moore's farm died last week.

Another good negro, we do not give his name, after tanking up on "bush head" was paralyzed. Let the "bone-dry" law go into effect as soon as possible.

A lot of our farmers planted Burial oats in February, the fall planting being killed by the recent freeze. Wheat is looking well. It is a mistake to neglect the planting of small grain, especially oats and wheat.

More attention should be given to stock raising.

Hogs ought not to be allowed to run at large in the fall. A number of folks hereabout lost all their pork this fall from this cause. A measly pig, not worth twenty cents, can in this way as was the case the past fall, scatter cholera over a whole community.

Another matter, all dogs that run at large, all unleashed dogs, should be muzzled. Our community is still nervous over a mad dog abroad. No one knows where. Everybody, men, women and children, everything in peril from a mad dog abroad. When your dog, your cat acts strangely, will not eat, is savage, kill it. If it is bitten by another take no chances, but kill it and rid the community of a menace.

Eggs are becoming more plentiful and that will help to cheapen living.

What are the poor people to do with meat at twenty cents and more; corn at \$1.50 per bushel, flour at \$10 a barrel?

A young lady pricing some shoes found that they wanted nine dollars for the kind she desired. Nearly everything else has advanced in proportion. What are the poor to do again? Ask, especially where wages have not advanced?

The writer has a nice lot of grapes growing around his porch. He got the idea in the Piedmont. Preferring them to the creepers, vines of no profit save for ornament, and often positively hurtful. He planted them around his porch, training them on it, and last year had quite a nice crop of the luscious fruit. He noticed his finest vine was bleeding, where it had been pruned and took short pieces of corn stalk, cut evenly and put on the cut stems. Whether this helped we are unable to say, but the bleeding has stopped.

Of course we are going to have the get-together picnic this year, the experiment last year being so highly satisfactory.

And we will have it at Dinkins' Mill, so accessible, so convenient. Already one speaker, a drawing card, has been engaged for the occasion and others will be on hand. It is not too early to begin its discussion for there is much to be arranged for and settled. We will not come together simply for an outing, a day's recreation and pleasure, but for downright profit. We hope too that, as last year, it will be a commingling of city and country, rich and poor, high and low.

We now ask Mr. Reardon, than whom none other perhaps better knows the personnel of the county, to begin the listing of his lieutenants, men of success, men who do things, and let us see to it that, so far as human efforts can render, it is a success. "Harood."

## ON INSPECTION TRIP.

Orangeburg, March 13.—W. Eugene Atkinson, assistant warehouse commissioner, has gone to Sumter and that section of the State to inspect about 20 warehouses. Mr. Atkinson has been very busy engaged in his work since his appointment by State Warehouse Commissioner W. G. Smith. Mr. Atkinson is a practical cotton man, knowing the business in detail and is meeting with much success in his work. Commissioner Smith is pleased with the outlook for the warehouse system this year.

Washington, March 13.—The Federal trade commission has notified the leading anthracite coal producers that any failure to grant usual spring reductions in prices cannot be justified by claims of increased cost of production.

## WOMAN'S MISSIONARY SOCIETY.

Interesting Exercises Held at Home of Mrs. H. Cain, When Members Met.

Paxville, March 13.—On last Wednesday afternoon, the usual meeting of the Paxville Woman's Missionary society of the Methodist church was held at the home of Mrs. H. Cain with an unusually good attendance, not many members being absent. The reports from the different officers were encouraging, and showed much interest on the part of the members.

The program was a social service one, and was made very interesting by the leader, Miss Jessie Curtis. The topic entitled: "Social Legislation Regarding Public Health." The Bible lesson: Our Lord and Disease, was read by Mrs. H. Cain. Little Daisy Corbett recited "Missions and Mindings." The bulletin for the month was presented by Miss Lucile Geddings in a very unique manner. She wore a hood made of these papers and had them pinned about her. She read impressively the facts contained therein.

The following ladies garbed as trained nurses read as follows: Mrs. Alex Reynolds told of health legislation in Korea, and of the conditions existing there, that can be touched only by educating, and since you cannot teach an old head anything, the education of the children is the only hope. We who have the light have a responsibility that we must not shirk. Mrs. Ralph Reynolds told of the opportunities and needs of medical missions in Korea. One of our most urgent needs is more physicians and trained nurses, who will minister to the sick bodies of the Koreans, and thereby lead them to the great physician for healing of their souls. Surely there are gifted and consecrated physicians and nurses among our churches in the South who are willing to give their lives to such a noble work.

Miss Ruth Jones' article, "The South's Campaign Against Disease," tells us that the South has enlisted with enthusiasm and determination in the war upon preventable disease. Of the 600,000 persons who die in the United States of preventable disease, one-third are in the South. Dr. William Osler says of people in general, they "just naturally won't swallow medicine." There is no public interest so great as public health. Disease is an economic liability, a social scourge, a moral waste. Social responsibility is nowhere greater than in the crusade for the banishment of all activities that will bring, maintain and promote the health of all the people.

The leaflet "Needed Legislation Regarding Public Health" was given in the form of a quiz, every one giving their views upon this question. The subject terminated in a general discussion of the local conditions existing in our town and community and how they may be remedied.

After the singing of "Work for the Night is Coming," the meeting was adjourned to meet next at the home of Mrs. L. Weinberg.

## Paxville Personal News.

Paxville, March 13.—Mrs. S. E. Curtis, accompanied by Mrs. Madge Curtis, returned Monday from a short visit to Miss Vivian Curtis at Columbia College.

Mrs. W. L. Brunson, Jr., and children, from Sumter, are spending awhile at the home of her father, near town, Mr. M. B. Corbett.

Mr. Howard Tisdale spent a few days of last week at Congaree visiting his brother, Mr. Tom Tisdale.

Misses Alice Broadway and Leatha Edwards spent the past week-end at Davis Station, visiting at the home of Dr. R. E. Broadway.

Mrs. Madge Curtis, of Chesterfield came a few days ago for a month's visit at the home of Mrs. S. E. Curtis.

The young people are rehearsing a play entitled, "A Kentucky Bell," which they hope to give in the near future, for the benefit of the Methodist church piano fund.

Mrs. J. N. Brown, Sr., returned Saturday from Sumter, where she visited her son, Mr. T. P. Brown.

Florence, March 13.—The United States court has been busy this week on civil cases. J. C. Long and Kathryn Long got a verdict for \$2,000 against the Atlantic Coast Line railroad. They sued for \$50,000 for damages sustained on the road by reason of Mrs. Long stumbling, through the sudden jerk of the train, over a suit case left in the aisle. She was thrown violently against the arm of a seat and injured.

Washington, March 14.—President Wilson was amazed at the proposal for a nation-wide railroad strike at this juncture. It is stated authoritatively that he expects the railroads and brotherhoods to make every effort to agree at their conference in New York tomorrow, because of the international situation. It is possible he may appeal to both sides on that ground.

## SAYS FORD CLOSED MARKET.

S. B. McMaster, Columbian, Inventor of Tread Widening Device, Sues Motor Company for \$500,000.

Columbia, March 14.—S. B. McMaster, who operates a sporting goods store in Columbia brought suit against the Ford Motor company of Michigan yesterday for damages in the sum of \$500,000, by reason of losses alleged by the plaintiff to have been caused by the discontinuance by the Ford company of the employment of the McMaster axle extension device, which widened the tread of the machine from 52 to 60 inches.

It is alleged that Ford agents are ordered to discontinue the use of these devices and also to warn purchasers that guarantees on the machines will be withdrawn when the device in question is attached. In addition to the Michigan plant, the complaint also involves the Cuthbert Motor company of Georgia, the Universal Auto company of North Carolina, the DuPre Auto company of Columbia and Shifley & Frith of Orangeburg. A carload of Ford machines, belonging to the Ford company, was attached in Rock Hill yesterday afternoon.

Harry N. Edmunds is acting for the plaintiff and has associated with him E. L. Craig and W. H. Cobb as assistant counsel.

## LAWYER COMMITS SUICIDE.

Rudolph Matz of Chicago Jumps from New York Hotel.

New York, March 15.—Rudolph Matz, a Chicago attorney, was killed last night by falling or jumping from the eighteenth floor of the Hotel Belmont. Matz came here Saturday with his wife and a nurse, suffering from neurasthenia. His body was found on the pavement of the hotel court yard.

## REPORT OF THE CONDITION OF

No. 10660.

The National Bank of South Carolina, at Sumter, in the State of South Carolina, at the Close of Business, on March 5, 1917.

## RESOURCES:

1. a. Loans and discounts (except those shown on b and c) . . . . .	\$884,911.22
b. . . . .	
c. . . . .	
Total loans . . . . .	\$884,911.22
Deduct:	
d. Notes and bills rediscounted, (see item 53) . . . . .	89,964.78 794,946.44
2. Overdrafts, secured, \$554.01; unsecured, \$647.47 . . . . .	1,201.48
4. a. Customer's liability account of "Acceptances" executed by this bank . . . . .	93,043.39 93,043.39
5. U. S. Bonds:	
a. U. S. bonds deposited to secure circulation (par value) . . . . .	50,000.00
b. Total U. S. bonds . . . . .	50,000.00
6. Bonds, securities, etc.:	
c. Securities other than U. S. bonds (not including stocks) owned unpledged . . . . .	5,030.45
d. Total bonds, securities, etc. . . . .	5,030.45
7. Stocks, other than Federal Reserve bank stock . . . . .	6,310.00
8. Stock of Federal Reserve Bank (50 per cent. of subscription) . . . . .	9,750.00
8. a. Value of banking house (if unencumbered) . . . . .	37,023.64
b. Equity in banking house . . . . .	37,023.64
10. Furniture and fixtures . . . . .	4,109.10
11. Real estate owned other than banking house . . . . .	8,825.00
12. a. Net amount due from approved reserve agents in New York, Chicago, and St. Louis . . . . .	8,273.40
b. Net amount due from approved reserve agents in other reserve cities . . . . .	10,280.69 18,554.09
13. Net amount due from banks and bankers (other than included in 12 or 20) . . . . .	5,385.66
15. Other checks on banks in the same city or town as reporting bank . . . . .	3,618.04
16. a. Outside checks and other cash items . . . . .	118.86
b. Fractional currency, nickels and cents . . . . .	410.62 529.48
17. Notes of other national banks . . . . .	2,548.00
19. Federal Reserve notes . . . . .	1,400.00
20. Lawful reserve in vault and net amount due from Federal Reserve Bank . . . . .	47,243.00
21. Redemption fund with U. S. Treasurer and due from U. S. Treasurer . . . . .	2,500.00
Total . . . . .	\$1,092,014.77

## LIABILITIES:

23. Capital stock paid in . . . . .	200,000.00
24. Surplus fund . . . . .	125,000.00
25. a. Undivided profits . . . . .	\$53,063.93
b. Less current expenses, interest & taxes paid . . . . .	48,842.51
28. Circulating notes outstanding . . . . .	50,000.00
31. Net amount due to banks and bankers (other than included in 29 or 30) . . . . .	2,912.37
32. Dividends unpaid . . . . .	44.00
Demand deposits:	
33. Individual deposits subject to check . . . . .	264,449.59
34. Certificates of deposit due in less than 30 days . . . . .	2,065.61
35. Certified checks . . . . .	35.00
36. Cashier's checks outstanding . . . . .	462.14
Total demand deposits, items 33, 34, 35, 36, 37, 38, 39, and 40 . . . . .	267,012.64
Time deposits (payable after 30 days or subject to 30 days or more notice):	
41. Certificates of deposit . . . . .	85,007.04
43. Other time deposits . . . . .	220,144.92
Total of time deposits, items 41, 42 and 43 . . . . .	305,151.96
51. a. Acceptances executed for customers . . . . .	93,043.39
Total . . . . .	\$1,092,014.77
53. Liabilities for rediscounts, including those with Federal Reserve Bank . . . . .	\$9,964.78

STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA, County of Sumter, ss.

I, F. E. Hinnant, Cashier of the above named bank, do solemnly swear that the above statement is true to the best of my knowledge and belief.

F. E. HINNANT, Cashier.

Subscribed and sworn to before me this 12th day of March, 1917.

A. M. Broughton, Notary Public.

Correct Attest:

GEO. D. SHORE,

M. LEVI,

C. G. ROWLAND,

Directors.

## NEWS FOR GERMANS.

Senator Stone Introduces Resolution Calling for Shipping News.

Washington, March 15.—A resolution offered by Senator Stone calling on the secretary of commerce to furnish the senate a complete list of ships which have entered American registry within the last fifteen months and other facts connected with the transfer, was adopted without discussion. The resolution is believed to be intended to develop what allied ships have changed registry since the German submarine campaign begun.

## PROFESSOR KILLED MAN.

Shocking Tragedy in Blacksburg, Va.

Roanoke, March 15.—Stockton Heith, Jr., who was fatally shot Tuesday in the Blacksburg home of Prof. Charles E. Vawter, of the Virginia Polytechnic Institute, died in a local hospital this morning, accusing Vawter as his assailant in a deathbed statement said to have been given relatives.

## Opinions from Folks Who Know

For malarial headache, Granger Liver Regulator entirely relieved my trouble.—J. Height, Wetumpka, Ala. Had heavy headache. Vomited twice to six times a day. Four doses of Granger Liver Regulator made me well.—Leandus P. Brindley, Somerville, Ala.

Mother had sick headache. Granger Liver Regulator did her more good than all the medicine she had taken before.—Pearley Davis, Pao, Ala.

I never expect to be without it in my home.—Jennie Uscy, Gadsden, Ala. It is a great saver of doctors' bills.

—Louis N. Kent, Honorville, Ala. There is none better.—Dr. T. E. Cothran, Alexis, Ala.

All druggists sell Granger Liver Regulator—25c. Try it.