

# SELECT SITE FOR OFFICE BUILDING

STATE WILL ERECT STRUCTURE AT CORNER OF SUMTER AND SENATE STREETS.

## WILL COVER TWO CITY LOTS

Sinking Fund Commission Decides That Building Will Be Six Stories High.

Columbia. The state office building is to be erected at the southwest corner of Sumter and Senate street, and will be six stories high. It will cover two lots, and will front on Senate street 166 feet, running back 205 feet on Sumter street. The site was selected by the sinking fund commission at a meeting in the capitol.

One lot was purchased from Trinity Episcopal church for \$34,500. A lot adjoining was purchased from B. F. P. Leaphart for \$17,250.

The legislature appropriated \$500,000 for the state office building. The price of the two lots is \$51,750, leaving approximately \$448,000 for the building.

The sinking fund commission decided that the building would be six stories in height. All departments of state government, except those left in the capitol, and possibly a few other exceptions, such as some at the university, will be located in this building. The governor, the secretary of state, the attorney general and the comptroller general, and possibly the supreme court, will remain in the capitol, it was stated.

The members of the commission are Governor McLeod, Senator Gross, chairman of the senate finance committee; Claude N. Sapp, chairman of the house ways and means committee; Comptroller General Duncan, Attorney General Wolfe, and State Treasurer Carter, all members ex-officio.

### Governor Signs Number of Acts.

Governor McLeod signed a number of acts passed by the general assembly.

Among the were the following:

An act to regulate the importation and placement of destitute, dependent, rejected and delinquent children in South Carolina.

A joint resolution proposing an amendment to Section 16 of Article 4 relating to extra sessions of the general assembly.

An act to increase the appropriation for Confederate pensions.

An act to make it unlawful for any person to make, buy or sell or give away any duplicate key to any lock in use by a railroad company on switches or switch tracks.

An act to require the teaching of the constitution of the United States including the study of devotion to American institutions and ideals in all the public schools, universities and colleges of this state. Requiring that all applicants for teachers' certificates shall also pass a satisfactory examination thereon and show loyalty thereto, and providing a penalty for violation thereof.

An act to prohibit persons unlawfully killing other persons, from benefiting by reason of their unlawful act.

An act to regulate traffic upon the highways.

An act to provide for the erection, upkeep, equipment and supervision of a game propagation farm at Camp Styx, Lexington county.

An act to provide for the establishment and maintenance of a rural police system, Charleston county, and to abolish the present system.

An act to amend Sections 1, 2 and 3 of an act entitled "An act to raise revenue for the support of the state government by the levy and collection of a tax upon income approved March 13, 1922, by further defining taxable income by further making provision relative to foreign corporations and non-resident persons, by changing the method of paying the taxes and by repealing Section 13 of the act."

More definite procedure for enforcement of act to tax inheritances, devices, bequests and legacies by further providing penalties for violation.

### Teachers Body Has Good Year.

More than \$4,500 was in the treasury of the South Carolina Teachers' Association March 20, according to a financial statement given out by B. L. Parkinson, president of the association. The receipts for the past association year were \$8,862.50, which, with a balance of \$1,983.23 of June 22, 1922, gave a total of \$10,845.73 to be accounted for. Expenses for the year amounted to \$6,282.93, leaving a cash balance of \$4,562.80.

New Charters Granted.

The Rock Hill Oil company of Rock Hill was granted a charter by W. P. Blackwell, secretary of state. The capital stock of the company is given as \$10,000 and the officers are: T. Q. Blackwelder, president and treasurer; J. E. Glasscock, vice president, and C. B. Porden, secretary.

The Central Service station of Georgetown was also granted a charter, the capital stock being given as \$10,000. The president is George D. Anderson, Sr., and the secretary and treasurer, George D. Anderson, Jr.

Will Pay Check on Auto Theft.

Automobile stealing, so frightfully common now, will be reduced to the minimum, if not practically wiped out, by the new auto title registration law which takes effect next year, according to L. H. Thomas, secretary of the state highway commission, which will be entrusted with enforcement of the law.

"This is one of the fine acts of the recent legislature," said Mr. Thomas; "it will mean much for the protection of the motor car owner; if Georgia will pass such law South Carolina motorists will be relieved of the motor car thief nuisance which is so great now."

This new law takes effect January 1, 1925, when new automobile licenses will be due. Under the act ownership of a motor vehicle will have to be established and a transfer of ownership of a motor vehicle will have to be recorded. When the law first takes effect every motor car owner will have to establish title to his vehicle, and be issued a certificate of title. The highway department will issue this on payment of a fee of one dollar. When a car is sold by one owner to another, a transfer will be recorded and the fee for this transaction will be 50 cents. The motor car owner, after establishing his ownership in the car, will have to sign his certificate of ownership in case ownership is questioned. No 1925 license will be issued to person who does not establish clear title. The certificate of ownership will show from whom the car was bought.

Under this law, if an officer of the law suspected a person of not having clear title to the car he was driving, he could demand that the driver produce his certificate of ownership, and could then require him to write his name. If the name was not the same as the name on the certificate, it would be positive proof that the car did not belong to him.

The highway department would keep the records of titles. The first year of the law's operation, Mr. Thomas stated, the work devolving on the state highway department would be heavy; every car in the state would have to be recorded and certificate of ownership issued to each. Thereafter, the work would not be so heavy.

This new law was recommended by the state highway department, and Secretary Thomas and other officials of the department are enthusiastic over it. They believe it will bring good to the motor-owning public. The bill was introduced in the senate by Senator Crosson of Lexington, and in the house of representatives J. O. Sheppard of Edgefield. It is said that the insurance companies are also gratified at the enactment of the law. It has been signed by the governor.

North Carolina has such a law. Georgia has not. Motor car thieves do the work successfully by crossing state lines. When Georgia passes a similar law, it will mean the greatest possible protection for the South Carolina car owner. And by the same token South Carolina's law will bring benefit to all other adjoining states, as well as to South Carolina. Many other states have passed similar laws. The South Carolina act embodies what its authors consider the best features of other state laws on the same subject.

**Legion Offers Many Prizes.**

"Why Communism is a Menace to Americanism" is the subject this year selected for the national essay contest to be conducted by the American Legion, according to advices received by James H. Hope, state superintendent of education. Last year a similar contest was held and a number of boys and girls of the state submitted papers.

The rules of the contest this year are as follows:

"All girls and boys between the ages of 12 and 18, inclusive, are eligible to enter this contest.

"Only one essay to a person.

"Essays will not be over 500 words in length.

"Only one side of paper to be used. A margin of one inch must be allowed on either side of the paper.

"After essay is completed, paper should be neatly folded—not rolled.

"Spelling, penmanship and neatness will be considered in judging the winner.

"Age will also be given full consideration."

The prizes are as follows: First prize, \$750; second prize, \$500; third prize, \$250. First prize in each state will be a silver medal; second prize, a bronze medal; third prize, a certificate of merit issued by national headquarters of the legion.

The cash prizes will be used only toward scholarships in colleges designated by the winners.

Last year more than 362,000 children participated in the essay contest conducted by the American Legion, according to a letter received by Mr. Hope, and this year it is likely that even a greater number will take part.

The contest this year open April 1 and closes June 15.

### Governor Stops in Capital City.

Washington—En route to New York, Governor McLeod of South Carolina stopped over in Washington.

While here he interviewed Senators Smith and Dial and Representative Byrnes and the comptroller of the currency. Mr. McLeod is en route to New York for the purpose of borrowing \$3,000,000 with which to operate the state until the taxes are collected for the current year. He will be joined in New York by Sam T. Carter, treasurer, and Walter E. Duncan, comptroller general of South Carolina.

## THREE MEN ROB WALHALLA BANK

### NEARLY EIGHT THOUSAND DOLARS IN SMALL CHANGE MISSING.

### SECURED \$300 IN PENNIES

Policeman Grant and a Taxi Driver Bound and Gagged and Later's Car Taken.

Anderson.—Three unknown men bound and gagged Policeman Guy Grant at midnight and robbed the Enterprise bank of Walhalla, according to reports received here from Walhalla.

They succeeded in getting \$776.16, although there was more in a safe, which they were unable to open. Policeman Grant, who was lying in the rear of the bank bound and gagged, said that it took the men three hours to Jimmy the side door and get the money. They had blow torches and other implements of safe crackers, according to statement of Policeman Grant.

Approximately \$300 secured by the robbers was in pennies, the remainder in small change. After breaking in the men turned their torch on the door of the vault, melting a hole large enough for a man to get through.

Leaving Walhalla, they took Policeman Grant with them, and left him near West Union, still bound and gagged.

After several hours Grant made his way to a phone, describing the three men as one being less than medium height, one wore overalls, the other a blue suit. Policeman Grant stated that he could identify the men on sight.

Major James H. Moss stated that the officials of the bank said that the bank was fully protected by burglar insurance.

The three men arrived in Westminster a few nights ago, saying they were government men, a taxi driver said, and before getting to Walhalla bound and gagged him, robbing him of his watch and several dollars, and left him in the woods, taking his car.

This Ford touring car was found near Westminster.

### Legion Gets Health Body.

Walterboro.—The American Legion post in Colleton county has rendered the citizens a signal service by bringing to a successful conclusion its fight to have a health unit established for the benefit of the mass of citizens.

The post started its fight in this direction last August and did not meet with much enthusiasm until about two months ago when after good work by its publicity and through the efforts of E. J. Smith of the post's health and sanitation committee assisted by W. W. Smoak of the delegation and Dr. L. M. Stokes of the county medical association, it succeeded in having the bill passed.

### YORK FARMERS NEED NEGRO LABOR.

Rock Hill.—Speaking of labor conditions on the farms of York county this Spring, County Agent L. W. Johnson reported that a preliminary survey indicated that many planters are in acute need of negro labor. The scarcity of such labor is accounted for through the wholesale migration of the negro to northern industrial centers.

Those who predicted the return of the negro during the past winter in large numbers appear to have been wrong in so far as this section is concerned, for few that left are reported to have come back this spring to follow "Ole Beck" down a furrow.

### Board of Health in Session.

Columbia.—Among important matters to come up before a meeting of the executive committee of the state board of health, held in the offices of the secretary in Columbia was a discussion of plans for the use of the appropriations for the department for the coming year, the appointment of a committee to draw up regulations in regard to the sanitary making of mattresses and bedding, a discussion of the lack of regulations in regard to the contents of self rising flour, and a discussion of the use of the \$5,000 appropriation for state care of crippled children.

### Rock Hill to Reduce Tax Levy.

Rock Hill.—At the regular meeting at the Rock Hill city council a resolution providing that the tax levy for this city be reduced one mill was given its first reading. The levy is now 37 mills and if such a reduction is authorized, this levy would be dropped to 36 mills. Reports showed that the finances of the city are in excellent condition.

### Sum Appropriated Greenwood Church.

Greenwood.—Members of the local Associate Reformed Presbyterian church were elated over the news that the board of home missions and church extension at a meeting in Charlotte, N. C. appropriated the sum of \$30,000 for a new church building in Greenwood. The congregation recently purchased a lot on the corner of Calhoun avenue and Lander street, near Lander college, for \$7,350 and has raised a considerable sum by subscription to be applied, with the proceeds from the sale of property.

### Governor Makes Washing Machine.

Gaffney.—Allie Davis, a farmer living near Gaffney, has invented a machine which he claims will revolutionize the laundry business. He has opened a laundry in the J. W. Kennett building on north Limestone street and has installed therein five galvanized iron machines manufactured by Mr. W. R. Davis, who operates a tin shop in Gaffney. A number of these machines are already in use in Cherokee county and are said to be giving splendid service. Mr. Davis has had his invention patented.

### DAVID TAE DAIRY

### SUMTER FIRE DOES DAMAGE

Dry Goods Stock Totally Destroyed; Others Damaged; Chief's House Burns.

Sumter.—Sumter suffered from two disastrous fires when flames, discovered in McCollum Brothers' Dry Goods store destroyed the entire stock with more than \$25,000 loss and damaged adjoining establishments, and at the same time two dwellings in the residential section were destroyed with a loss of about \$8,000 or \$9,000. Insurance to the amount of \$15,000 was carried on McCollum's and about \$1,000 on one of the dwellings, which belonged to Chief R. E. Wilder of the fire department.

The fire in McCollum's seemed to smolder for some time, breaking forth only when the skylight broke. The crash was the first intimation persons on the streets had of the fire within. The entire stock of this establishment was destroyed, while the James M. Chandler Clothing store next door suffered damage from water and smoke. Considerable stock was damaged and lost in an effort to move it from the building.

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