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NEW MASONIC LODGE FORMED.

It was Instituted Last Friday Evening.

H. B. HUMBERT, W. M.

Organized With Full Knowledge of Officers and Will Be Known as Laurens Lodge.

A new Masonic Lodge has been instituted in this city under authority recently granted by the Grand Lodge of South Carolina.

The new lodge will work for a year under this authority at the expiration of which time application will be made to the Grand Lodge for a charter. At a meeting held in Masonic Temple Friday night Dec. 23d, the lodge was organized with a full complement of officers as follows:

H. B. Humbert, Worshipful Master; C. H. Roper, Senior Warden; R. A. Cooper, Junior Warden; C. A. Power, Secretary; R. F. Jones, Treasurer; A. C. Todd, Senior Deacon; L. George Balle, Junior Deacon; J. H. Parks and R. A. Babb, Stewards; W. H. Gilkerson, Jr., Tyler.

The personnel of the officers is representative of the leading young business and professional men of the city and the new lodge starts out most auspiciously.

JOHN GARY WATTS.

Former Adjutant General of the State is Dead.

Columbia, Dec. 25.—John Gary Watts, former adjutant general of the State, died at the Columbia Hospital this morning. The news of his death was unexpected and occasioned a shock in the community, where he has lived for nearly fourteen years. For a week or more Col. Watts has been quite indisposed, suffering from asthma or a light attack of pneumonia. On Thursday of this week he went out of his room and was greeted by his friends on the streets. Then he went to his room and was quite sick.

Dr. McIntosh attended Col. Watts and on Friday evening Dr. Lester, who was Col. Watts's regular physician, was called in. Dr. Lester soon discovered that Col. Watts was a very ill man and gave him constant attention. It was found that Col. Watts could get better attention at the Columbia Hospital than in his private room, and yesterday afternoon he was taken to the hospital and in twelve hours was dead.

Dr. Lester thinks that the immediate cause of death was bronchial asthma and he doubts if there were any other causes, such as organic heart trouble, because he made a careful examination before Col. Watts was taken to the hospital.

John Gary Watts was born at Gary's Lane, Newberry County, on September 14, 1860. His father, Capt. John W. Watts, was a gallant soldier and officer in the 31 South Carolina volunteers, brigade, and served with distinction through the whole war from Gettysburg to Chickamauga, and from Manassas to Johnson's surrender. He was much beloved by his friends and comrades. He was exceedingly popular and was at one time the sheriff of Laurens County. His mother was Miss Josephine Gary, the accomplished daughter of Dr. John K. Gary, deceased of Newberry county.

Col. Watts received his primary education at the Laurens Male Academy and at the age of 17 entered the Citadel of South Carolina Military Academy, where he remained until he graduated in 1880. He had already become a member of the militia while a cadet at the Citadel.

In 1890 he was appointed assistant adjutant general under Gen. Farley, the latter having been a member of his father's company in the war between the States, and held that position during Gen. Farley's administration. In 1894 he was elected Adjutant General of the State and was re-elected for a subsequent term of two years. He served four years in the office of Adjutant General and made a very good officer.

After he retired from public life he went into the life insurance business, and he has been doing very well in that work and had worked up a good business.

The body, accompanied by relatives, will be taken to Laurens to-morrow for interment.—Correspondence News and Courier.

Everybody in Laurens heard of the death of Col. Watts Sunday morning with profound regret.

His mother, Mrs. Josephine Watts and other relatives reside here.

The body was brought to Laurens Monday afternoon for burial, the service, conducted by Rev. J. D. Pitts, taking place at the city cemetery at 4 o'clock.

The pall bearers were: Dr. W. D. Ferguson, J. K. Vance, W. H. Anderson, C. D. Barksdale, J. F. Bolt, C. H. Roper, Col. H. Y. Simpson, C. C. Featherstone.

Honorary—Dr. H. K. Alkon, C. W. Tine, T. F. Simpson, W. H. Gilkerson, Maj. W. A. Watts, Col. J. W. Ferguson.

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PERSONAL AND OTHERWISE.

Miss Josephine Fuller expects to return to Winthrop next week.

W. W. Ball of Charleston is visiting his mother, Mrs. W. W. Ball.

Miss Olivia Ingram is spending the Christmas at Sumter.

Jack G. Brown was up from Newberry a few days this week.

R. F. Fleming will go to Greenville today for a brief visit.

Marvin Yeagin of Union spent a few days this week in the city.

Mrs. Geo. M. McDaniel and children are visiting in Greenville and Pickens.

Reuben Clardy of Mullins is visiting relatives in the city.

Miss Jessie Stall and Mr. Jennings Stall of Greenville are visiting their sister, Mrs. W. W. Dodson.

Miss Jennie Owings of Columbia is visiting the family of R. P. Milam on West Main street.

Congressman J. T. Johnson and family of Spartanburg are visiting in the city.

B. G. Peterson of Manning is visiting his mother and other relatives in the city during the holidays.

T. K. Huggins went to Easley Sunday to spend a few days with his mother.

Mrs. W. O. Prentiss and children left Monday for a visit to relatives and friends at Orangeburg.

Miss Mazie Little of Clinton is visiting her parents Mr. and Mrs. J. R. Little.

Mrs. W. H. Garrett is visiting her son, Claude W. Garrett at Greenville this week.

Eugene D. Langston is off for a ten days visit at Johnston, his former home.

H. D. Mahaffey and Miss May Mahaffey spent Sunday and Monday with relatives in the Rabun Creek section.

Miss Dorcas Calmes, who is teaching at Albermarle, N. C., is with relatives here during the Yuletide.

Mr. and Mrs. H. L. Poo'e of Jonesville have been the guests this week of Mr. and Mrs. L. B. Blackwell.

Samuel F. Garlington, Esq. of Augusta, is visiting his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Creswell Garlington.

Mr. and Mrs. J. C. Garlington are in the city from Spartanburg visiting relatives and friends.

Daniel Beeks of Roanoke, Va., arrived in the city Friday to spend the holidays with friends and relatives.

Miss Rosa Lee Burton of the Chester Graded Schools is spending the holidays with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. F. Burton of the city.

Mr. and Mrs. W. C. Blakeley are moving to Copeland, Darlington county, this week, where Mr. Blakeley will engage in farming.

Ernest Sandberg, a polite salesman at The Hub goes to Columbia to-morrow for a brief visit, thence to Knoxville, Tenn., to visit his parents.

Prof. Thos. F. Jones of Ninety Six passed through the city yesterday on his way to Columbia to attend the State Educational Rally there.

Miss Eloise Boyd, who has been at The Hub this season is spending Christmas with her parents in Spartanburg.

Miss Carrie Lou Dorroh, teacher of the New Harmony school, is spending the holidays with her parents in the city.

Monday evening, January 9th, is when the Hon. Geo. R. Wendling will deliver his lecture "The Man of Gallies," instead of Saturday, January 7th, as stated last week.

Misses Rosa Lee Franks and Eleanor Duckett visited in the Rabun section the first of the week and attended the Christmas tree at Rabun Creek Church Monday.

Rev. M. W. Hook, the new pastor of the First Methodist Church, will arrive in the city tomorrow with his family from Bamberg. He will probably preach his first sermon Sunday morning.

Miss Olinthis Jones is at home from the Presbyterian College for Women, Columbia, spending the holiday season with her parents and other relatives in the city.

William Lancaster, stenographer and secretary in the office of N. B. Dial, president of the Enterprise Bank, is spending Christmas at his home in Spartanburg.

Franklin Pierce Pyles of Brazil, who is taking a special literary course at the University of Virginia, is spending the holidays with friends and relatives here and at Cross Hill.

Miss Josephine McSwain of Agnes Scott Institute, where she holds the chair of Modern Languages, arrived in the city yesterday and is the guest of Misses Sullivan, Meng and numerous friends.

Mr. and Mrs. John N. Hudgens have as their guests this week Mrs. B. K. Humphries and little son B. K. Humphries, Jr. of Gaffney, Harry McCauley, Misses Macey, Heisle, Clara and Elise McCauley and Miss Fawcena Knox of Seneca.

THE GERMAN MONDAY NIGHT

Was Quite a Brilliant and Successful Affair.

The Christmas dance given by the Laurens German club Monday night was a very delightful event, many fashionably and beautifully dressed women and handsome men gracing the occasion.

The German was led by Sam'l R. Todd with Miss Talulah Calne. Other couples dancing were: Elizabeth Calne and McFarland Irby, Claudia Crews and R. G. Franks, Annie Richey and Brooks Sullivan, Lizzie Richey and R. B. Childress, Bessie Fore of Greenville and W. R. Richey, Mary Bowen and Chas. A. Elliott, Griffee Dorroh and Albert Teague, Annie Wheeler and Gus Simmons, Miss Thamey of Charleston and T. C. Switzer.

The Stags: Billy Copeland, Tom Little, Tom Robertson, and Jas. Davis; Clinton, Y. H. Vance, Norwood Vance of Columbia, J. K. Vance, Nat Richardson, Billy Sanders, E. Wilson, and R. E. Copeland.

Mrs. T. H. Nelson, accompanied by Willie and Teddy Nelson, is visiting her sister, Mrs. J. C. Tucker, in Columbia.

Miss Katherine W. Jones is spending Christmas week at her father's on Harper Street. She will return Monday to her duties as music teacher at Taylor's, Greenville county.

Lois, the twelve months old daughter of Mr. and Mrs. David R. Mahaffey, died Friday morning from a brief attack of laryngitis. The little one was laid to rest Saturday at Highland Home Church.

The afflicted parents have the sympathy of all their friends.

Fine Fox Chase.

A party of young men from this city enjoyed a fine fox chase Monday morning. A "red" was imported for the occasion and he gave them a superb run of two hours. About fifty dogs composed the pack. Burk Clardy, one of the most enthusiastic devotees of the sport secured the trophy, the brush.

Mrs. Arthur Shockley and Miss Wil-

CHRISTMAS EVE PARTY WAS NOVEL.

Knights of Pythias to Banquet—Ten Days Vacation for the College—Visitors and Others.

CLINTON, Dec. 26th.—Mr. and Mrs. A. V. Martin are visiting relatives in Atlanta this week.

Miss Etta Lee leaves today on a pleasure trip to Florida.

Misses Marion and Emmie McCrary are with their aunt, Mrs. Wade Thompson at Abbeville.

Mrs. J. A. Bailey's home was never more attractive than on Christmas Eve with the decorations of holly and Christmas wreaths. Each guest was asked to tear from paper some animal.

In the contest Miss Katherine Bean was given the prize for guessing the names. Miss Howe for tearing out the best animal and Miss Clara Duckett was presented with the consolation prize. On leaving the dining room, where a delightful salad and sweet course was served, Christmas favors were given, and being opened proved to be caps and hats of tissue paper, which were donned amidst much merriment. Those who enjoyed the afternoon were: Misses Lea and Laura Vance, Duckett, Hale, Howe, Davis, Horton, Katherine and Elizabeth Bean, McOrary, Spencer, McCaslan, Adams, L. e. Wright, Bailey, Young and Kennedy. Messames J. Q. Phillips, J. W. Copeland, J. L. Wright and H. L. Todd.

Miss Howe of Greenville was with Miss Hale from Saturday until Monday. James Davis and Tom Robertson of Clemson are at home during the holidays.

The College closed on Thursday for a ten days vacation and most of the students left for their homes by Friday.

Jam's Hill of Atlanta who has just returned from a four year cruise on the U. S. S. San Francisco, stopped over for a few days with W. M. McCaslan.

Dr. J. J. Bozzer and Miss Anna Bozzer are in Laurens this week with Mrs. Ran Little.

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Mr. Hix Weds Miss Wallace.

Clarence E. Hix of this city and Miss Arianna Wallace, daughter of Watt Wallace of Youngs township, were married Sunday night at the home of J. T. Ouzts in Spartanburg, Rev. J. W. Shell, officiating. Mr. Hix is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Jesse Hix and holds the position of assistant electrician and engineer at the city power house.

He is expected to return to the city Friday with his bride.

Happy Home Coming.

Mr. and Mrs. W. A. Putnam of Barksdale have had a family home party at their elegant home during the Yuletide, two of their handsome sons and two accomplished daughters, being the guests of honor. The younger men are Prof. E. E. Putnam, manager of the music department of the Co-Educational Institute at Orangeburg and W. A. Putnam, Jr., student at Clemson and the young ladies, Miss May Putnam, principal of the high school at Wagner and Miss Lila Putnam, student at the Greenville Female College. It has been a splendid Christmas with this happy family.

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POPULAR WATERLOO COUPLE WED

Miss Vashli Fuller Becomes Bride of Mr. John Sims.

A marriage of interest to a large circle of their friends throughout this section of the State was that of Miss Vashli Fuller, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. H. C. Fuller, to Mr. John N. Sims, which occurred at the Waterloo Baptist church on the evening of Thursday, December 22d.

The church was beautifully decorated with evergreens and flowers. While the guests were arriving Lohengrin's wedding march was skillfully rendered by Miss Marie Henderson. The wedding ceremony was performed by Rev. J. A. Martin, pastor of the bride, in a solemn, impressive manner.

The attendants were Miss Elizabeth Wharton, maid of honor, and Mr. Algile Sims, best man; Miss Laura Walker with Prof. R. B. Watson; Miss Ola Culbertson with Mr. A. C. Long, Miss Helen Sims with Mr. R. C. Smith.

After the ceremony a small number of relatives and friends were received at the bride's home, and later a buffet luncheon was served. Many elegant presents bespoke the esteem in which the young couple were held.—The State.

Christmas Tree for Sunday School Pupils.

The children of the second Methodist Church Sunday School were given a Christmas tree Saturday evening at the church. The tree was loaded with all kinds of presents for the little ones and they greatly enjoyed the occasion.

Lycium Attraction January 4th.

The next number of the Gray Court-Owings Lycium course will be given by Earl Ward Pearce, humorist, Wednesday evening, January 4th. Admission 25 cents.

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STATE AND GENERAL NEWS.

The DeKalb Cotton Mill located at Camden was sold last Wednesday by a special master of the United States Court to Geo. M. Wright of Union for \$170,000.

Congress adjourned last Wednesday until January 4th.

At Seneca last Wednesday a crazy negro created a panic by running through the streets, armed with an axe and screaming: "I am Elijah Dowie, get out of the way." For a time he was given all the room he wanted and no one disputed his claim. Finally he was arrested and lodged in the guard house.

Col. E. H. Aull of Newberry has been appointed chief clerk of the engineering department for the coming legislature. He succeeds W. W. Bradley, who has been elected to a county office.

The Broad River Light and Power Company capitalized at a \$1,000,000 with head offices in Charleston has been chartered and will develop Lockhart Shoals, Union county. J. L. Davis is president and M. V. Haselden, Secretary and Treasurer of the Company.

Last Tuesday morning a young white man and a woman called at the home of Mrs. Padgett, near Saxon Mill, Spartanburg county, and asked Mrs. Padgett to take charge of their little three year old daughter until they could go into the city and do their Christmas shopping. The lady consented, the couple departed and have not been seen since. Their names are unknown to Mrs. Padgett. She is taking good care of the child.

After a trial lasting three weeks, the proceedings of which were featured daily in all the newspapers of the country, a mistrial was ordered in the case of Nan Patterson, a show girl of New York, who is charged with the murder of Ceasar Young, a race track sportsman, several months ago. Young was shot and killed in a cab as he was being driven to the pier accompanied by Miss Patterson. He was about to leave New York for a trip abroad and was going to the pier to join his wife for the trip when he met his death.

Hattie Walker, a white woman of Switzer, Spartanburg county, was found dead in a wagon at Glendale, Thursday morning last. Two white men, Tom Donahue and P. A. Blake were with the wagon and it is said the men had two quarts of whiskey when they left Spartanburg the evening before. The woman began drinking freely. During the night they stopped and built a fire and had something to eat. After resuming their journey the woman took another drink and fell forward on the frontage of the wagon. She was picked up by one of the men. She lay down and died in about two hours.

R. A. Adams, the Colleton county murderer, who escaped jail last summer while under sentence of death and for whom a \$1,000 reward was offered by the Governor only a few days ago, was captured Wednesday night by the Sheriff of Colleton county, assisted by a posse. Acting on advice from the Governor's office, Adams has been placed in the State Penitentiary for safe keeping. Adams killed Henry Jacques, a neighbor, two years ago. He was convicted of the murder and sentenced to be hanged. The case has attracted much attention, both families being prominent in that county. Adams will be carried before the next court of sessions and sentenced.

WEDDING AT HURRICANE.

Miss Clary Oxner and Mr. Carl Martin Principals.

Miss Clary Oxner and Mr. Carl Martin were married at the home of the bride near Hurricane church Christmas day. The ceremony, which was witnessed by a large number of friends and relatives, was performed by Dr. Bean of Clinton.

Mrs. Martin is a daughter of Mr. and Mrs. E. T. Oxner and is a popular and attractive young woman.

Mr. Martin, the groom, is a farmer of Owingsville and is a young citizen of sterling qualities.

Mr. and Mrs. A. E. Hill, Mrs. W. H. Campbell of the city attended the wedding.

THE NEWS OF MADDEN

Madden, Dec. 26.—Christmas is here and 1904 will soon be numbered with things of the past. As 1905 looms up before us may we all resolve to live a better life in the future than we have in the past.

There is quite an ingathering of our young people for the holidays. Mr. A. B. Langston, who is teaching near Westminster, Miss Emma Cunningham at Cross Anchor, Miss Carrie Langston at Shady Grove, are spending the week here.

Mrs. Ella Hudgens has moved near Mounville.

Rev. E. C. Watson filled the pulpit at Prospect yesterday in the absence of Rev. J. D. Pitts.

Pension Notice.

John M. Hudgens, the Laurens county Pension Commissioner, will attend in the county Auditor's office each Saturday in January 1905, charged with the duty of preparing all pension papers in a condition to go before the county board, which meets on the first Monday in February next. All persons not on the pension roll who are entitled by law to a pension will file their application on a Saturday in January next, and all persons on the pension roll entitled to be raised to a higher class will so make application at time above named.

W. P. COOKER,
 Ch'n County Pension Board.

NEGRO KILLED FOR HIS MONEY.

Dan Fuller Found Dead in His Home.

The Murdered Man Lived Alone and Had Been Dead Several Days When Body Was Discovered.

Dan Fuller, colored, was found dead on the floor of his one room cottage in the town of Monntville Christmas morning. Fuller had been dead a week perhaps, but there was no mistaking the fact that he had been dead to death in a brutal and horrible manner, his throat having been cut from ear to ear and his head crushed in with the pole of an axe or some blunt implement.

The ghastly discovery was made by Mr. Conway Smith, Fuller's landlord. The house was locked and Mr. Smith had to force an entrance. Later the key was found in the yard.

Robbery was undoubtedly the motive for the foul deed as it is said by the white citizens of the vicinity that it was known or generally supposed that Fuller had a considerable amount of money. He was about 50 years old, lived by himself all his life, worked hard and saved his earnings. For his savings he must have forfeited his life as no one so far as known had aught against Dan Fuller.

So far there seems to be no clue as to the murderer and robber. A negro woman has told of seeing Fuller and another negro sitting by the fire in Fuller's house a few evenings ago just at nightfall and after that time, as she remembers, the house was closed daily. This fact, however, does not seem to have caused suspicion among the neighbors or passers by as no investigation was made. Mr. Smith visited the place with a prospective tenant with the view of ascertaining when the old man intended to vacate the house as he had given it up for another year.

The finding in the vicinity of a pocket book which has been identified as Fuller's removes all doubt, if any existed, as to the theory of robbery.

Small Fire Saturday Night.

What would have been a serious conflagration was narrowly averted Saturday night about 11 o'clock. A show window of W. G. Wilson & Co's store, was discovered on fire. The plate glass front and sash at rear were intact and the latter closed. The proprietor had put out all lights and closed up an hour before. Passers by broke the front glass, pulled the contents out on the wet sidewalk and extinguished the blaze. The window was trimmed in holiday garb of holly, hosiery, towels blankets, etc. The loss will not exceed \$100. The building and stock were both covered by insurance. The only explanation is that a spark from fireworks discharged on the square gained entrance through some crevice and ignited the inflammable contents.

CITY DEMOCRACY ORGANIZED.

Officers Elected and Machinery Put in Motion For City Primary.

At a meeting held in the court house yesterday afternoon the Democracy of the city was organized for the purpose of ordering and holding a Primary election in which a mayor and six councilmen will be nominated for the ensuing term, beginning March 20th.

The Primary will be held some time prior to the general election which is in March.

The Laurens City Democratic Club is the name of the new organization and its officers are: A. C. Todd, President; Dr. W. C. Irby, Vice President; R. E. Babb, Secretary; J. B. Brooks, Treasurer.

An enrolling committee, one from each ward, was chosen as follows: Ward 1, J. B. Brooks; 2, J. O. C. Fleming; 3, G. P. Smith; 4, C. M. Babb; 5, R. F. Jones; 6, T. H. Nelson.

The president, secretary and treasurer constitute a committee to prepare a constitution and by-laws for the club.

The next meeting will be held in the court house, Wednesday morning at 10 o'clock.

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