

Positively No New Display Advertisements Will be Received, or Old Ones Changed, Later Than Tuesday Morning.

## LOCAL ITEMS OF INTEREST.

### AFFAIRS CAUGHT BY OUR LOCAL REPORTER AND NOTED.

Written in Condensed Form and Printed in Like Manner for the Sake of Our Busy Readers.

Don't forget to write it 1901.

The damp, bad weather of the past few days has been very productive of colds.

Mr. A. Mc. Alford, of Maxton, N. C., spent several days last week at Dr. D. C. Scott's.

Miss Senie Riser, of Newberry, is on a visit to her sister, Mrs. LeRoy Lee, on Railroad Avenue.

Prof. H. W. Ackerman, of Cottageville, stopped over a few hours in transit to Indiantown last week.

Since the great robbery the dispensary has been closed, and some of the thirsty souls are complaining.

Miss Bertha Hodge has been for several days the guest of Mrs. C. M. Chandler at the Coleman House.

Mr. Frank Hucks, of Georgetown, has been enjoying the festivities of Christmas week in town.

Dr. Rosa Hirschman, of Charleston, came up Friday and attended the masquerade ball at the Casino House.

Matrimonial events clustering around Christmas seem to suggest "Peace on earth and good will toward men."

Mr. J. V. Little, foreman of THE RECORD office, took a few days off this week to visit his parents in Charleston.

Rev. J. E. Dunlop will preach at the Presbyterian church at 4 p. m. on next Sunday, the first Sabbath of the new year.

Revs. W. H. Hodges and G. Floyd Clarkson, of Gaffney and Walhalla, respectively, are visiting at Capt. W. H. Kennedy's.

We have been requested to call the especial attention of those concerned to the pension notice which appears in this issue.

Miss Pearl Orum, of Orangeburg, is the guest of Miss Li'a Epps, who is home from Columbia Female College for the holidays.

The Masonic oyster supper billed for Thursday night failed to materialize. The oysters were not sent, as expected, on the afternoon train and the affair was called off.

Mrs. Louise Sweet has returned home after a short stay with her sister, Mrs. Geddings, in Sumter. Mr. and Mrs. Hoxie G. Askins came over from Lake City one last week for a brief visit to and Mrs. Louis Jacobs.

Mr. Charles J. Epps came up in Charleston last week and the holidays with his patients near town. For some time Mr. Epps has held a position at Frierson's Pharmacy. From he will go to Columbia to engage the employ of the Murday & Co., of that city. Mr. Epps is a first-class pharmacist, and we wish him every success for him in his home.

Several belated communications were crowded out this week. They will appear in our next issue.

Mrs. W. V. Brockington and her little daughter, Miss Ada, are spending the holidays with relatives at Blackville, S. C.

We extend the greetings of the new century to all our readers and advertising patrons, wishing them, one and all, health, happiness and prosperity.

The negroes celebrated Emancipation Day with appropriate exercises in the Court House Monday. Rev. Palmer, of Sumter, was orator of the day and spoke to a crowded house.

If there is any reliance to be placed in wireless telegraphy a chime of wedding bells will peal forth early in the first month of the new year near enough to town to be distinctly audible.

The executive committee of the Southeast Baptist Association met here on Monday, the following members being in attendance: Rev. D. F. Crosland, Edwin Harper, J. G. McCullough and Dr. J. K. Brockington.

The editor begs to express his appreciative thanks to the committee in charge for an invitation to an "auction party" at the residence of Mrs. D. E. Gordon, Laues, Monday night, and regrets that he was not able to be present.

Mrs. T. S. Hemingway and her two sons, Theodore and William, visited the family of Capt. Kennedy Saturday. Master Theodore is spending the holidays at home from Porter Academy, Charleston.

Mr. C. J. Lesesne, on Monday, January 1, removed his stock of general merchandise from the store at the corner of Main and Jail Streets, where he has done business for the past five years, to the building lately occupied by Gagg, Oliver & Co., on Academy Street.

Christmas week closed gloomily Sunday with the heaviest rainfall for many a day. All day long the windows of heaven were opened and the waters covered the earth, as if nature had made a contract with a time limit attached for wetting the earth thoroughly and effectually.

While in town Tuesday Dr. Robert Henry, of Gourdin's, was an appreciated visitor at this office. Dr. Henry is one of our oldest and most eminent physicians, a gentleman of the old school and withal an excellent conversationalist. He has many friends in town, to whom his visits are always a source of genuine pleasure.

Messrs. M. J. and Edwin L. Hirsch, under the firm name of Hirsch & Hirsch, have entered into a partnership for the practice of law, commencing on January 1, 1901. The senior member of the firm, Mr. M. J. Hirsch, has been a member of the local bar for a number of years and is well known throughout the county; the junior member, Mr. E. L. Hirsch, is a young man of fine ability and is well equipped for his profession. Success to the new firm.

## THE DISPENSARY ROBBED.

### DISPENSER PLAYER HELD UP BY FOUR MASKED MEN.

Over \$800 in Cash Stolen, Besides Two Crocus Sacks Full of Whiskey.

Special to The State.

Kingstree, Dec. 28.—Early this morning, as business people were entering upon their duties for the day it was whispered around that the dispensary had again been robbed and that dispenser F. M. Player had been "held up" and relieved of over \$1,800 in cash just before daylight this morning.

Mr. Player, it appears, had related full particulars to Mr. R. R. Stutts, town marshal. Mr. Stutts says he and Mr. Lemoa were in the dispensary last night with Mr. Player until nearly midnight, counting up Monday's sales of liquor; that he went to bed about midnight, and was aroused by Mr. Player about 5 o'clock this morning, who stated that he had been robbed, and gave the following particulars:

Player stated that he heard some one calling him from the outside. At the back door of the dispensary, that he opened the door and was immediately covered by two guns in the hands of masked men, who demanded his money or his life, and, being unarmed and unprepared for any such emergency, he was powerless, and offered no resistance, simply saying: "Gentlemen, I is in your power."

Two others, making four men in all, then came forward and entered the dispensary, and took all the contents of the safe and two bags of liquors and deliberately walked off, telling Mr. Player to be careful and not give any alarm for at least 30 minutes, or his life would be in danger. As soon as Player thought they had left he ran to Stutts's house, which is directly in front of the dispensary.

Mr. Stutts says that after being aroused he distinctly heard the buggies going across Black river bridge, which is on the west side of Kingstree, nearly half a mile distant from the dispensary. Mr. Stutts says he went on to awake Mr. H. O. Britton, the county jailer and also clerk of the board of control of this county. Stutts recited everything to him and then went on to arouse Mr. Lemoa, whom he found drunk in bed, and being unable to arouse him, he then went back home, and he and Mr. Player stayed there until daylight, when Mr. Britton came and ordered dispensary locked up.

It is a heavy blow to the town, to say the least of it, and will give Kingstree a black eye for many days to come.

Mr. Player has always been looked upon as a straight man, and the business people all seem to have confidence in him. He had not deposited any money for about two weeks, and up to a short time ago he had been depositing his money in the safe of Messrs. Heller & Co., which made it perfectly safe. The county treasurer states that Mr. Player's bond expired about the 15th of December, and he promptly notified H. O. Britton, clerk of the board, and Mr. Britton states that he promptly notified the State board of control that Mr. Player was without

bond, and they paid no attention. The county board, knowing Mr. Player to be without bond, quietly let him go on acting dispenser in the full discharge of his duties. To say the least of this, it amounts to almost criminal carelessness, and the sentiment of the people demand at least the prompt removal of the board, as by this act alone they have shown their unfitness for filling any such important business position.

Mr. Stutts says that he is confident that he knows the four men who robbed the dispensary, that he has no proof, but that one of the men wore a peculiar kind of mackintosh coat that gave him dead away.

If this wholesale robbery be allowed to pass unnoticed as has been done in the case of every other robbery connected with the dispensary here, the people will vote to put it out of town. The graded school is almost wholly run by the profits of the dispensary at this place, and if the town were to lose this money it would cause the school to be closed one year or longer.

Capt. W. H. Kennedy, mayor of Kingstree, has tried time after time to get Mr. Player to deposit the dispensary money as the law requires once a week, with the county treasurer, but without avail, as it seems that he deposited when he pleased. Mayor Kennedy further states that he appealed to Mr. Britton, who is manager for the board, to help him to get Player to deposit the money, but was given no satisfaction. The county treasurer, R. D. Rollins, states that he also advised Mr. Player to be more regular in depositing money. Mr. Player had deposited only \$285 during the month December. It is not known how much the shortage will aggregate probably \$1,800 or may be as much as \$3,000.

Player has been dispenser about a year and in that time has had three robberies, the last time being a complete cleaning up. Every dispenser who has been connected with it here has been robbed.

Gov. McSweeney is appealed to offer a reward for the apprehension of the guilty parties. G. S. B.

THE INSPECTOR THERE.

Special to The State: Kingstree, Dec. 28.—The State authorities have at last begun to take some action in the great dispensary robbery. Inspector Stansell arrived here tonight and will endeavor to put the officers on the track of the robbers.

Mr. Stutts claims that he heard burglars leaving town and yet not an officer or any one else has raised a finger toward making an effort to catch them. Mr. Stutts, the day before the robbery, told Mr. Player that this very thing might happen.

It is rumored on the streets tonight that the shortage will exceed \$3,000, but as I said last night no one knows what it is, and will not know until the inspectors makes it known. G. S. B.

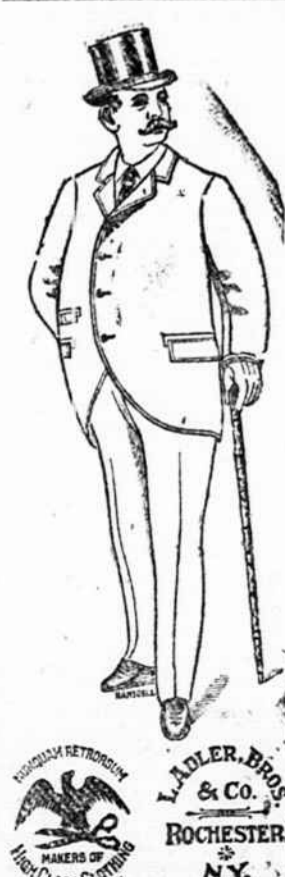
The Kingstree dispensary scandal continues to get more interesting and there are some broad hints about the whole matter. Governor McSweeney has received the following telegrams relative to the robbery:

Kingstree, December 29, 1900, Governor M. B. McSweeney, Columbia, S. C.: Don't allow old board here to take action until you have investigated thoroughly and appoint new county board. The people demand it. W. H. Kennedy, Intendant.

Kingstree, December 28.—Governor M. B. McSweeney, Columbia, S. C.: See my letter of to-day. Stansell and Wesley have arrived. Geo. S. Barr.

Kingstree, December, 28, 1900.—Governor M. B. McSweeney, Columbia, S. C.: Unless prompt action be taken, and something done towards ferreting out the wholesale robbery of dispensary here, it will be voted out of town by an uprising of the citizens. There is a man here who says he can put his hand on the four men who did the act, although he says he he has no direct proof, but he continues to say that one man gave himself away by the mackintosh he wore. It would be advisable to send the attorney general of the state here, if necessary, as this thing should not be allowed to pass unnoticed, as has been done in every other instance where the dispensary was robbed here, and that is not a few times. It would at least be advisable to restrain any further action by present board until everything is fully investigated. They allowed Mr. Player to run the dispensary without a bond and it seems that no money has been turned over to the treasurer, as the law requires, for some time. This of itself is enough to show that the present board is entirely unfitted for the position that they have undertaken to fill. Take prompt action and advise. Geo. S. Barr.

Mr. H. O. Britton is chairman of the board. He is also jailer for the county and deputy sheriff. The (Continued on 8th page.)



## The Fat Man's Fear.

Most stout men dread to take the plunge into ready made clothing. They say a satisfactory fit is impossible; they're suspicious of the seams and button-holes; the trimming and general makeup are not what they have been accustomed to. Their experience has been with the wrong sort of clothing, that's all. We are dressing up stout men right along in clothing that carries the above label as neatly and as securely as their tailors ever dressed them, and at half the expense. We fit the man who is 5 feet 2 by 2 feet 5 as well as we fit the very Apollos of humanity. "Rochester Adler" clothing is made to fit. Its manufacturers do business on a mammoth scale and can afford to take chances on all sorts of odd sizes that small concerns would never dare to tie up their money in.

The Adler make suit and overcoat \$10 to \$25. We are offering a \$3 hat in stiff and soft hats, all shapes, at \$1.50, and an all-wool, fleece-lined undershirt and drawers, 50 cents each. These two special offers are good only for the next thirty days.

A. H. BROWN'S GRANITE CLOTHING HOUSE, 224 King St. Opposite Academy of Music, Charleston, S. C. Mail orders promptly attended to.