

The Watchman and Southron

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EXAMINE YOUR DATES.

We request each of our subscribers to examine the address on his paper, and particularly to observe the date upon it. This date shows the time up to which the paper has been paid for. Many of our subscribers will assure us that they have paid in advance; but there are many others who will discover to their regret that they have not.

NEW ADVERTISEMENTS.

Mason's Jewelry Palace. M. Sanders, Sheriff. Sealy's Emulation—J. S. Sealy. To Advertisers—Geo. P. Rowell. Presidential Year—James Gordon Bennett. Buggy House for Sale—T. M. Monaghan.

Personal.

Mr. Henry Whitlow, of Charleston, is in Sumter on a visit to friends. Miss Minnie Jewell, of Rock Hill, is in town on a visit to Mrs. Dr. George Dick. After a pleasant visit to Sumter Mrs. M. E. Geo. of Florence has returned home.

Married.

The orange-blossoms were made to bloom on Thursday afternoon at the residence of Mr. Anthony White, and it resulted in a bright and rosy period in the lives of the handsome groom, Mr. Samuel Cordes, of Charleston, and his charming bride, Miss Pauline Dick, one of Sumter's most lovely young ladies, both in disposition and form. It is with a reluctant heart that her many friends in Sumter now entertain the idea of her departure from our midst.

Death.

It is with profound sorrow that we announce the death of Major John B. Johnston, who, after three weeks illness, died on last Friday night. The funeral services were read on last Sunday at the late home of the deceased in the Brick Church neighborhood, by the Rev. John Kershaw of the Sumter Episcopal Church, assisted by the Rev. W. J. McKay, of the Salem Brick Church. Upon the occasion of the funeral the body was taken by an immense host of friends to Railroad depot and shipped to the family burial grounds at Lowell, Mass., for interment. The remains were attended on the last journey by the two brothers of the deceased, Mr. Charles Johnston (the oldest of the family) and Capt. Thos. B. Johnston and Mr. Samuel M. Graham.

Our town has just been enlivened by two or three hundred of the Baptist folk, who, as visitors and delegates, have been in attendance upon the State Convention.

The Baptist State Convention.

The exercises began on Wednesday by three papers, by Dr. Jas. C. Furman, Rev. R. W. Lide, and Rev. W. T. Huntley. These papers were topics of interest, and were listened to with delight. Each paper was followed by a free and general discussion. Mr. Huntley's paper was particularly striking, and created a sensation by its bright and striking views.

Conference Appointments.

The Annual Conference of the M. E. Church South, for this State which convened at Spartanburg last Wednesday, adjourned on Monday night. Willsboro was selected as the place for the next session. A class of fourteen young men were admitted on trial.

Hot Stopper.

The ladies of Wedgfield Baptist Church will give a Supper on Thursday evening, Dec. 22, for the benefit of the Church. In addition to the usual viands, &c., to be had on such occasions, oysters will be served at a professional caterer in any style desired. The public generally are invited to attend.

Christmas Presents.

Messrs. James Altan & Co., the reliable and popular jewelers of Charleston, whose advertisement will be found on our outside page, desires to call the attention of our readers to their large stock, suitable for Christmas presents. Their new advertisement came too late to be inserted in this issue, but will appear next week.

Christmas Goodies.

Messrs. G. L. & C. W. Kingman desired to have a new advertisement for this week, but have been unable to open a supply of goods suitable for the holidays, and cease to late to make the change. Look for their new advertisement next week, and in the meantime if you desire to purchase Christmas goodies, call on their fresh arrivals. Kingman's is a very pleasant place to deal at and their goods are fresh and nice.

Homicide.

About 8 1/2 o'clock on last Sunday night, while some of the negro railroad hands were sitting around the fire at Hardin's camp in the Green Swamp neighborhood, Henry Brown came up behind Abram Allen and struck him on the head with a part of an iron-bound hammer and death resulted almost instantly.

Light Wanted.

MANVILLE, Nov. 25, 1887. Mr. Editor: Some time ago while reading the report of the Grand Jury prepared by its Foreman, Capt. R. J. Brownfield, for the October term of the Circuit Court for Sumter County, among other matters contained in it was the charging that our old County, after a long struggle with the heavy burdens she has had to carry, was once more free and out of debt, and had a snug little cash balance to credit, amounting up to the published amount. I recently have seen an article published in your paper, and which was written by Mr. H. R. Thomas, of Wedgfield, in reply to an editorial in the Bishopville Enterprise on the Farmers' movement, in which, among the many logical facts contained in his argument, Mr. Thomas says, in fact, for the first time in years that the Grand Jury reports the County out of debt and now has to be credit \$5,000. The cost of running the County is about \$5,000 less than the year before. Still later on we have noticed a report published in the Charleston News and Courier from a Sumter correspondent who says the last report of the Grand Jury showed the County to be ahead financially nearly \$4,000, but this was a mistake, as the real state of affairs is that the County is behind to the amount of about \$2,400. Now, Mr. Editor, what conclusions would you require him to be familiar with all the means to arrive at from such reports as these—some of them from a high Court official, Foreman of the Grand Jury, a gentleman of rare intelligence, who, it is to be presumed, has his report made up in his report on the finances of the County another high official, the Clerk of the Board of County Commissioners, a gentleman whose duties would naturally require him to be familiar with all the financial details of the County? We would not for a moment entertain the idea that there is any crookedness in the money affairs of the County, but the taxpayers would be very glad to have a little more light on these reports. If the Sumter correspondent's report to the News and Courier is correct, and we have no reason to doubt it, it is a critical enough, in a degree. We are not critical enough, in the second place, or rash enough, in the second, to say which we considered the best, where all was good, and each, to use the expressive language of the beautiful school boy, "more sweet" than the other.

The S. L. A. Concert.

Seldom have our people been treated to such an entertainment as that given on Monday evening, under the auspices of the Literary Association. Whether we consider it musically, dramatically, or spectacularly, it was a great success. The funny things by the two doctors were comic to the last degree. The historic scenes were exceedingly well acted, and received decided commendation. The singing was beautiful, harmonious, patriotic and sweet to the ears. It was a critical enough, in a degree. We are not critical enough, in the second place, or rash enough, in the second, to say which we considered the best, where all was good, and each, to use the expressive language of the beautiful school boy, "more sweet" than the other.

Large and Still Increasing.

The quantity and variety and quality of the large stock of all kinds of furniture and other articles pertaining to that line of business will surprise a visitor to the establishment of J. D. Craig. Besides full lines of various kinds of furniture embracing single pieces and entire parlor or bedroom, in Walnut and other woods, he has a fine stock of window curtains and fixtures, looking glasses, pictures and frames, oil paintings and chromes, with elegant gilt frames and at wonderfully low prices. The fine wood cabinet lately introduced, has given much satisfaction and he keeps in several styles, also beds and mattresses—vermin proof—of the latest and in chairs it is needless to say what he has. They are in piles and stacks of all kinds, fully 150 dozen. J. D. Craig proposes to convince our people that they need not go abroad for anything in his line, either on account of quality or price. Give him a call.

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Orangeburg District.—T. J. Clyde, Presiding Elder.

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Sumter District.—J. S. Beasley, Presiding Elder.

Sumter, J. M. Pike; Sumter circuit, W. L. Wait; Lynchburg, J. S. Mattison; Wedgfield, E. O. Frazier; Bishopville, J. Shuff; Santee, T. E. Wannamaker; Port Royal, J. S. Porter; Manning, H. M. Mood; Oakland, W. D. Duca; Clarendon, W. C. Johnston; Camden, P. A. Murray; Hanging Rock, J. C. Davis; Charleston, G. H. Foster; East Kershaw, W. E. Barr; West Waterlee, E. E. Gatin.

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