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NEW ADVERTISEMENTS.

Alamont Moses—Look Here. A. A. Solomons—Grand Opening. W. R. Johnston & Co.—Racket Store.

Personal. Mr. Willie Villaveque, of Johnson S. C., is in the city visiting relatives.

Miss Annie Lafar, of Charleston, is in Sumter on a visit to Miss Annie Carson.

Col. D. J. Auld went to Manning to-day to inspect the Manning Guards.

We are glad to announce that Col. J. D. Graham and his daughter Miss Nina, are home.

The friends of Miss Mary Darr will be pleased to know that she is much improved in health.

Misses Marie Meise, Adele Kennedy, Hannah McLeone and others have raised quite a sum of money for the yellow fever sufferers.

After a pleasant visit to Sumter Miss Essie Wilson has returned to her home in the Waverly section.

Miss Annie DeRose, of Swimming Pond neighborhood, is in Sumter on a visit to her sister, Mrs. S. Brown.

Mr. T. O. Sanders, Jr., of Rafting Creek, left yesterday for Patrick's Military Institute at Anderson.

Arthur K. Sanders, representative-elect, was in Sumter to-day to attend the meeting of the Executive Committee and paid a visit.

Miss Belle Sanders left this morning for Columbia and hereafter she will be numbered among the pupils of the Female College of that city.

The many friends of Mr. Edzie V. Green will be delighted to know that he has returned from Baltimore where he went several weeks ago to attend to business for his house.

Mr. J. W. Davis, of this county, who has been at home spending his vacation, returned to Panama University on yesterday, accompanied by his brother, Mr. H. M. Davis.

Mr. B. R. Nash, the cleverest drummer on the road, is home on a short vacation on account of the sickness of his daughter, Miss Lelia, who, we are glad to say, is considered very better.

Misses Lucy Wilson and Hannah Fraser left Sumter on last Saturday for Columbia, where they are attending the Winthrop Training School for Teachers.

We are informed that the Rev. D. X. LaFar, of Charleston, a prominent divine and experienced educator of youth, is an applicant for the position of principal of the College School.—Port Royal Post.

The dance at the Jersey House on last Thursday evening was most delightful and everybody present had a most glorious time.

Stato Fair. We have received the premium list for the twentieth annual fair of the State Agricultural and Mechanical Society, which opens in Columbia on Monday, November 12th. Premiums to the amount of \$6,800 have been offered.

A Letter from Cleveland. Dr. John H. Furman's address on the Cotton-Tax is an able disquisition on that very important subject. It ought to be read by everybody. It will be time well spent. The Doctor has forwarded a copy of his address to the President and we had the pleasure of seeing the acknowledgment of the same on last Saturday.

A Serious Accident. Mr. John T. Hurst had the misfortune to have his right hand so badly lacerated while using the edge at the Sumter Planing Mill on last Saturday that it necessitated Drs. Chisholm and Mood amputating all of the same except the thumb. Fortunately for Mr. Hurst though, he is left-handed and even in this sad accident it might have been worse for him had it been other than just as it is.

Who Can Parse It? "That that that that that boy parsed should be read a continuation is absurd." The above sentence is an awkward looking affair. "Too many 'that's,' is apt to be the general opinion, but notwithstanding the five 'that's,'" "all in a row," it is a strictly logical and correct sentence. Who of our boys or girls can give a correct analysis, and afterwards parse it. R.

Meeting of Cartersville Y. M. C. A. CARTERSVILLE, S. C., Sept. 24, 1888. Mr. Editor: The Young Men's Christian Association of Cartersville, S. C., will hold its second anniversary meeting at the Baptist Church in this place on Monday, the 25th inst. at 4 o'clock P. M. The public is cordially invited to attend.

Chas. I. HAYNES, Sec. Cartersville, Y. M. C. A.

Rascality Exposed. Word was received here last Saturday of the departure of that thief and scoundrel who is known when he came in these parts as the "Booby" and who has been making his rounds in this paper over \$150 in hard earned cash. It was only Monday that he finished paying off a note of his \$24.58. He also left here carrying a poor widow woman several dollars for washing done for him. When last heard of he was on his way back to Neodesha, Wisconsin county this way. We were the people of that county that the least they have to do with him the better off they would be. He will make a good impression when you first meet him, but beware!—Dermot, [Kan.] Enterprise.

Rally Republicans. This is the heading of a hand bill now being circulated in every nook and corner among the negroes in this County. The call is made for a grand mass meeting of the Republicans of this County to be held on Saturday in our city. The specified purpose of this meeting is to rally the nomination made by the Republican National Convention at the city of the Congressional Convention at Lincolnville on the 11th instant. The programme says speeches are to be made by Thos. E. Miller, W. M. Tarr, E. M. Brayton, T. B. Grammer, and others.

Rally Democrats! and come out to this meeting and hear what is to be heard. It may have a good effect upon some of our Republican democrats in the Old Game Cuck County.

Books Adopted by County Board. Books adopted by County Board for use in Public Schools of Sumter County for next five years.

Readers—Appleton's Series, 1st to 5th inclusive; Reading Charts, Supplemental—Appleton's Instructive Reading Books, Johnson's Natural History series, Johnson's Historical series.

History—Davidson's History of South Carolina, Barnes' Primary United States Barnes' Brief United States, Barnes' General History.

Geography—Maury's Elementary Geography, Maury's Revised Manual Geography, Maury's Revised Physical Geography.

Arithmetic—Robinson's Rudiments, Robinson's Progressive Arithmetic, Robinson's Algebra—Bead & Kellogg series—Graded Lessons in English, Higher Lessons in English.

Dictionary—(For reference) Worcester's Primary, New School, Comprehensive, Peabody—Spencerian System, (Common School series).

Spellers—Swinton's series—Swinton's Primer, Swinton's Word Book, Swinton's Word Analysis.

Physiology and Hygiene—Smith's Primer, Smith's Elementary.

Drawing—Krusi's series, Nos. 1 to 6 inclusive.

Music—Loomis' Prog. Music Lessons, Nos. 1, 2 and 3.

Agriculture—Lupton's Elementary, Scientific.

Just received 100 Ladies' all wool Walking Jackets, will sell at \$1.75, worth from \$3.50 to \$5.00. Schwartz Bros.

Cigars, Cigars. We carry one of the largest stocks in the city. E. C. Green & Son.

Breakfast Shaws, 25c. up; Wool and Zephyr Shaws, \$1.00 up; Ladies' and Men's Jerseys, 50c. up, at F. Levi's.

Hymenial.

Married, in the Methodist Church, at Hampton, Thursday evening, September 13th, 1888, at half-past 7 o'clock, by the Rev. C. E. Wiggins, Dr. J. B. Harvey and Miss Ella E. Causey.

At the appointed hour the church was filled by friends of the bride and groom, who had come to witness the ceremony that bound these two hearts together. The happy union was witnessed by the following attendants: Mr. Willie Lightsey and Miss Annie Hughes, Mr. Cox and Miss Venie Brunson, Mr. W. J. Gooding, Jr., and Miss Minnie Steedly, Mr. Beulah Kirkland and Miss Ella Youmans, Mr. C. B. Addison, Jr., and Miss Mattie Murchaug, and Mr. R. E. Causey and Miss Helen Stokes. The marriage service was impressive and brief, and at its close the happy couple, with their attendants, immediately proceeded to the residence of Col. Causey, where they enjoyed themselves until a late hour. Dr. Harvey is a talented young physician, lately a graduate of the Charleston Medical College. He was his bright future before him. The bride is a charming lady, accomplished, kind, beloved by everybody for her goodness of heart and amiable disposition.

The groom and bride left for Midway, where they will in future reside.

Sumter Is Growing.

So pronounced is the tendency of our citizens to build and occupy their own dwellings, and so great has been the demand from newcomers for dwellings to let that at this moment it is most difficult to find a desirable dwelling that is unoccupied. This constant addition to the number of dwellings in our town has naturally enhanced the value of desirable building lots so that in this class of property there has been and continues to be steady appreciation.

Our mercantile interests are well represented by the most enterprising merchants, doing business in some handsome and fine stores as can be found in the South. Their stocks of goods are immense, and of all descriptions. Over seven hundred thousand dollars have been invested already this fall in goods. This will give an idea of the amount of business in this line Sumter is doing. Our merchants will do everything in their power to meet the competition of Charleston market.

The improvement in the character of the merchandise offered for sale has been most marked of late years, and the trade of Sumter has increased to such a large extent as to render necessary the establishment of many different stores devoted to special lines of merchandise. The result is that the articles offered for sale here will compare in quality and price with those that can be obtained anywhere in the South. So it is not surprising that our citizens point with pride to their beautiful stores, which would be a credit and an ornament to any city.

Sumter is bound to grow. Her geographical position and her natural advantage insure her greatness. She is right in the very heart of the Great Cotton Belt Section, and our County is one of the richest agricultural districts to be found anywhere. Our citizens are now wide awake to Sumter's possibilities, and fully realize that her progress means their progress, her wealth their wealth, her advancement their advancement and consequently they are putting forth their energies to make Sumter what she ought to be—a grand and prosperous city.

Sumter takes in an area of about four miles square and her population is estimated at thirty-three hundred. The total assessment of property within the corporate limits for taxation is now \$1,200,000, on a basis of about one-half of the actual marketable value, and even on this basis the actual value of the property of our people is not exhibited as it is a notorious fact that but few persons return more than a quarter of their personal property—many owning household effects, for instance, that are actually insured for \$1000 each, return perhaps only \$200 or \$300, and when personal property is in the form of bonds and mortgages, it is very seldom returned at all. So it is reasonable to believe that the amount of personal property returned to the town clerk do not represent more than one-fourth of the true value; and to a great extent the actual value of the real estate of Sumter is not returned to the town clerk. Therefore according to figures as given above, the public can form some idea as to Sumter's financial standing and as to her outlook for a bright future.

Sumter is one of the greatest cotton markets in the State. For the size of the place more cotton buyers can be found in Sumter than in any other place in the South. All this goes to show that this is a great cotton producing section and that a vast amount of cotton is sold and bought in Sumter yearly. Something over fifty thousand bales were made in this County last year. Our farmers made extensive preparations and planted for a larger crop of cotton this year, but owing to the unusual wet spell of weather we have had recently the cotton crop in this County will not amount to more than forty-two thousand bales this year. This is the calculation made by Mr. C. E. Stubbs who is a large and experienced cotton buyer and who is thoroughly posted on everything pertaining to the cotton crop of this State and more especially to that of Sumter County. After all we will not be so far behind the cotton crop made in this County last year, and there is no reason to be despondent in the least. The market is paying three quarters of a cent more for cotton this year than it did last year this time. All of the storm cotton that has been brought to Sumter made up its weight what it fell off in quantity, and all of that which we have sold cotton say themselves that they have not lost a cent so far on their cotton. On account of the wet weather not near as much cotton has been brought to Sumter this month as was expected here last September. Mr. Stubbs informed us yesterday that he is sixteen hundred bales short up to the present time. On yesterday he only bought sixty-five bales of cotton. His books show that on 25th of September 1887, he bought 99 bales. Mr. Stubbs says that the cotton has only been delayed a little by the recent bad weather, but that it will soon be coming into Sumter in wholesale.

Sumter is without doubt the best interior cotton market in the State. This statement without the proof would go for nothing, but fortunately there is abundance of it to substantiate the assertion. And Sumter is not a spasmodic market, all grades having ready sale the entire season, the Sumter Cotton Mills helping to keep the market up. It is with proud satisfaction that we speak of the Sumter Cotton Mills. It stands to-day a credit to the enterprise, pluck, energy and the faith of our citizens, who realizing the advantages of Sumter for cotton are anxious to do nothing undone to provide every facility and improve every opportunity to place Sumter alongside the other places now in the lead in the South in the manufacture of the chief staple of our section. To our President, D. James Winn, is the success of this establishment in great part due.

Our banking facilities are good and quick returns are made in business transactions. But our banking facilities could be improved upon and in all probability another first class bank will be established here at no distant day. At least efforts will be made in that direction, and there are a good many who are anxious to see the establishment of such an institution. Let us be unitedly subscribe to the capital stock of such an enterprise.

With regard to our public departments Sumter is rather poorly equipped, but vigorous efforts are being made to establish a system of water works and electric lights, and it all depends upon the amount of interest the citizens take to this matter whether Sumter is soon to accomplish this great end and have a good water supply, and thereby be the means to reduce the rate of insurance on the stores and residences in Sumter.

Sumter's excellent railroad facilities and greater still her great railroad possibilities and development are destined to make her a great city in South Carolina. The Seaboard and Roanoke Railroad Company are now seriously contemplating making connection with Charleston via Sumter, by the Estacville Rail-

road. This in all probability will be accomplished in less than a year's time by the Seaboard and Roanoke Railroad Company, and the citizens of Sumter will then be sixty-three miles nearer New York by this route which will be by way of Cheraw. When consummated, it will undoubtedly be of great advantage to Sumter by giving another connecting line to the North.

And the hope may yet be indulged that Sumter will yet become the centre of a perfect railway web. Our institutions of learning can be numbered among the very best in the South, and thus it is that the Sumter Institute, St. Gooding, Jr., and Miss Minnie Steedly, Mr. Joseph Academy, the Eclectic College and the other excellent schools here can not only be regarded the acme of civilization and progress, but can act as a stimulant and effective agency for increasing the population of the city and County.

One of the chief charms of Sumter is the refinement and religious sentiment of her people and the moral impress it makes upon the outside world.

Indeed Sumter's future is very bright. She is growing and will continue to grow into a great, big, wide awake city.

The Clemson Bequest.

Winnsboro, Sept. 24, 1888. Mr. Editor: I beg to reply to a few of the comments of the Spartanburg Herald on the Clemson bequest, republished in your last issue. The article is unjust, unfair and misleading.

The Herald says: "The Agricultural and Mechanical College should be established on the Fort Hill plantation consisting of 840 acres, which is devoted to the State so long as it, in good faith, donates said property to the purposes of the donation. Should the experiment prove a failure and the State desire to discontinue the enterprise, the land with all of the buildings placed thereon, will revert, of course, to the heirs of Mr. Clemson."

The will says: "I therefore give and devise to my executor, the Fort Hill place, where I now reside, formerly the home of my father-in-law Jno. C. Calhoun, consisting of 840 acres in trust, that whenever the State of South Carolina may accept said property as a donation from me, for the purpose of thereupon founding an Agricultural College, in accordance with the views I have hereinbefore expressed, then my executor shall execute a deed of the said property to the said State, &c."

The will gives the Trustees the right to make such changes in the government of the College as their judgment and experience may prove necessary; and to always bear in mind that the benefits therein sought to be bestowed are intended to benefit agriculture and the mechanic industries. Nowhere in the will does he say this request shall ever under any circumstances revert to his heirs. And as long as this is an agricultural State, with the privileges given the Trustees, how can it fail to benefit agriculture and the mechanic industries.

The Herald says, "He bequeathed the balance of his property, \$80,000, as an endowment for said institution. No provision is made for erecting buildings, &c." The balance of the Mississippi College cost \$140,000, it will certainly cost \$500,000 in South Carolina. The Herald heralds this bare assertion but does not give any reason for this great difference in cost and I know it is not true. Gen. Lee says "the college will not cost over \$100,000," and if the penitentiary convicts make the brick and perform the unskilled labor it will not cost so much. In the same city in which the Herald is published is Woodford College, a large, handsome building, and the professors' houses; they all cost \$50,000. Now the Herald is either grossly ignorant or intentionally misrepresents the facts. The Herald says the \$80,000 endowment would be worth to the State \$3,600 per year. The State gets all the money it needs at 4 per cent. I have been informed that the State did sell a few bonds, perhaps \$50,000, in Charleston, bearing 4 per cent interest, just to create confidence in the Richardson administration, but that not a bond had been sold out of the State bearing any rate of interest. The Herald should figure money at the market value. This would give \$8,000 instead of \$3,600. If the Clemson College gets what the farmers ask for it they will have each year the interest on the Clemson endowment, \$ 8,000

Hatch Fund, 15,000  
Land Scrip Fund, 5,750  
Privilege Tax, 32,000

This would make the Agricultural and Mechanical College the best endowed college of the kind in the Southern States and would enable the State to pay the boys enough for their labor to place this practical education in the reach of the sons of our poorest people. It would give us a college worthy of South Carolina, worthy of Calhoun, and last, but not least, worthy of Mr. Clemson. FAIR PLAY.

New Advertisers.

One of the handsomest establishments in Sumter is that of Mr. A. A. Solomons, who has purchased one of the most complete stocks of goods this fall ever brought to this market. His establishment is increasing its trade annually and its present large business attests its great popularity.

J. A. Montgomery, Esq., has swung his shingle to the breeze and is prepared to practice both in the Courts of General Session and Common Pleas. There is always room for us and it makes no difference how high it is. Mr. Montgomery's chances are good to get there.

A. P. Levy & Co. The gentlemen that compose this firm are wide awake business men and their experience in business is a guarantee that they will always keep the very best in their line of business. The Palace Saloon is first class in every respect.

One of Sumter's solid business houses is that of Altamont Moses, of Fair Play, strict attention to business and quick returns will tell. This firm has increased its business from year to year and now it is doing an immense trade in this County.

The Racket Store is quite a novelty for Sumter and it is daily increasing in popularity. Its great variety of goods and the exceedingly low price at which they are sold is now the talk of the County.

Bargains at Levi's.

Stock of fine Toilet Soaps at Levi's. Gents', Boys', Ladies' and Misses' Shoes in all styles, at Levi's. 36 inch Dress Goods (Broad) 8c. up, at Levi's.

Best Ticking, 10, 12c, and up; a good Feather Tick, 15 and 18c, at Ferdinando Levi's.

Blached and Brown Canton Flannel, 8, 10, 12, 15, 20, 25 cts., at F. Levi's. Full line Gents', Ladies' and Children's Underwears, at Ferdinando Levi's.

Ladies' and Misses' Linen Collars, 5c, at Levi's. Full line Ladies' and Gents' Collars and Cuffs, at Levi's. Ladies' and Children's Hose, 5c. up, at Levi's.

Latest styles in Gents' and Boys' Hats, at Levi's. At E. C. Green & Son. Soap and Fancy Groceries, of every variety, at E. C. Green & Son.

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THE MARKETS.

SEPT. 26, 1888. COTTON.—Receipts 700 bales. The market steady. We quote: Good middling 24; Middling 23; Low Middling 23.

CHARLESTON, S. C., Sept. 25, 1888. Cotton.—Sales, 500. Quotations: middling, 9 1/2; 13 1/2.

WILMINGTON, N. C., Sept. 25, 1888. SPIRITS TURPENTINE.—Sales at quotation. Market opened steady at 39 cents per gallon. Issues—firm at 97c. for strained and 70c for Good Strained. CRUDE TERPENTINE.—Yellow Dip, \$1.05; Virgin \$1.25, Hard \$1.20. COTTON.—Sales, none. Market steady. Quotations are: Middling 24.

LOOK HERE! GRAND OPENING.

Fall and Winter Goods. Dress Goods, in Great Variety, in Latest Styles, Large Assortment. Dress Trimmings in Latest Styles, Full Stock. LADIES', MISSES' AND CHILDREN'S GLOVES AND HOSE. All kinds, at Lowest Prices.

NOTIONS, IN GREAT VARIETY.

GALICOES and GINGHAMS in BEAUTIFUL PATTERNS and COLORS. WOOL AND CANTON FLANNELS, FINE ASSORTMENT. Ladies' and Misses' Underwears, in Great Variety. Cloaks and Wraps, of Various Kinds, in Latest Styles.

TABLE DAMASK, LINEN TOWELS, and TOWELING, ALL KINDS.

White and Brown Cotton Shirtings and Sheetings, full Stock. BED BLANKETS, In Fine and Medium Quality, at very Low Prices.

CARPETINGS, Rugs and Straw Mattings.

SHOES. This department is well supplied with Gents', Ladies' and Children's, in all styles and qualities, fine goods and Low Prices.

CLOTHING DEPARTMENT.

Gent's, Boys' and Children's Clothing in variety, at very low prices. Gent's and Boys' Linen Bosom Shirts and Collars of best make, Wool Underwears, Neckties, &c. HATS and CAPS, large assortment for Men and Boys.

HARDWARE, FULL STOCK.

WOODEN WARE, Pot Ware, and Tin Ware, Full Assortment. HARNESS and SADDLERY. DOUBLE and SINGLE HARNESS, Saddles, Bridles, &c., at all prices.

GROCERIES.

Heavy and Fancy Groceries of best quality, in large assortment, at lowest prices. My Stock has been bought with great care, with an experience of forty years as to the wants of the people, and consisting of everything useful, fashionable, and good, and prices are guaranteed against any house in this or other markets.

A. A. SOLOMONS.

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REMEMBER WE ALWAYS KEEP THE BEST.

ALTAMONT MOSES.

NEW ADVERTISEMENTS. TO ADVERTISERS. A list of 1000 newspapers divided into STATES and SECTIONS will be sent on application—FREE. To those who want their advertising to pay, we can offer no better medium for thorough and effective work than the various sections of our Select Local List.

Geo. P. Rowell & Co., Newspaper Advertising Bureau, 10 Spruce Street, New York. Sumter Classical, Commercial and Military College. CHURCH ST., SUMTER, S. C. H. ROYSTON, PRINCIPAL. SUMTER INSTITUTE. The exercises of the INSTITUTE will be resumed September 5th, 1888.

Every department is filled with most competent instructors, and nothing wanted to make the advantage of this school equal to any in the State. For circulars apply to Miss L. A. BROWN, Mrs. E. E. COOPER, Principals. Sumter, S. C. Aug. 8, 1888.

FOR RENT OR SALE.

DWELLING WITH FOUR ROOMS, out house and stable in good repair, in the Western part of town. Apply to J. M. SPANX, Sept. 12.

LODGINGS.

2 DESIRABLE FURNISHED ROOMS for gentlemen, on a married couple. Apply to Sumter and Republican Streets, Sept. 12.

TEACHER WANTED.

TEACHER IS WANTED FOR THE Public School at Fishak Church in Spring Hill Township for the ensuing winter. A Teacher holding a first grade certificate, getting the school, will be employed for some months after the expiration of the public school. Board can be had on reasonable terms. PATRONS. Sept. 12. Smithville P. O., S. C.

NOTICE. OFFICE OF County Commissioners, SUMTER COUNTY.

Sumter, S. C., Sept. 15, 1888. THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS will meet at Caseway Coop's Mill, on Saturday 20th inst. for the purpose of letting out to lowest bidder certain repairs on said Caseway. Specifications can be seen at their office, and also on day of letting out work. The Board reserve the right to reject any or all bids. THOS. V. WALSH, Clerk. Sept. 12-21

THE PALACE SALOON,

A. P. LEVY & CO., Proprietors. (Successors to Rosendahl & Co.) We have constantly on hand a complete line of WINES, LIQUORS, CIGARS AND TOBACCO. And desire to call especial attention to the following: Imported. FRENCH BRANDIES, FRESH WHISKEY, JAMAICA RUM, HOLLAND GIN, SCOTCH WHISKEY.

W. R. JOHNSTON & CO.,

Liberty Street, Sumter, S. C. Sept. 26 New York office, 406 Broadway, N. Y.

To the Public

THE LADIES ESPECIALLY. SEPT. 26, 1888. We beg to state that we have engaged the services of Mr. AARON SUARES.

Our Mr. Bultman and Mr. Suares have just returned from the North and have bought a fine line of the LATEST TRIMMINGS AND FABRICS FOR LADIES' WEAR.

Every line complete, embracing Fancy Baskets, Cologne, Fine Toilet Soaps AND NOTIONS, HOISERY AND GLOVES, Corsets, Cloaks and Jackets, Dress Goods, Passantaries, Silks, Sateens and Surahs, Plain and Plaids.

Best make French Henriettas in Black and Colors, which we guarantee to be such. ALSO CLOTHING, Boots and Shoes, HATS, Caps, Groceries and Hardware.

In the past, as you all well know, we have kept a fine selected stock of Groceries, and we now promise to continue the same. We will guarantee our prices to be as low as first class goods can be obtained in any large city. Politic clerks in attendance and no goods misrepresented. Samples sent on application and all orders by mail will receive prompt attention.

Thanking the good people of this and adjoining Counties for their liberal patronage, we remain, Very respectfully, DUCKER & BULTMAN. Sept. 19.