

The Watchman and Southron.

WEDNESDAY, FEB. 24, '92.

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NEW ADVERTISEMENTS.

Wanted—Satchel Lost. Pringle & Rivers—Disolution. Estate of Jefferson R. Webb—Citation Notice. Estate of Martha J. McKay—Final Discharge. Estate of Eliza Agnes Herring—Final Discharge.

Personal.

Mr. W. McD. Green was in the city Tuesday. Mr. Albert Harrell, of Darlington County spent last week in the city.

Mr. Joel E. Branson attended the W. C. T. U. Convention in Columbia last week. Dr. A. J. Chalmers, of Darlington, returned to Darlington on Friday, after a week's trip.

Mr. O. B. White, of Smithville, this County, left for Birmingham, Ala., yesterday.

Mr. Otis Shannon, of Camden, was in the city Monday and Tuesday on business.

Mrs. Ida Dick and Miss Leila Dick are spending the week in the city with relatives.

Mr. James Miller left this morning for Atlanta, Ga., where he will take a position in a machine shop.

Mr. J. H. Chandler, of the clothing firm of Brown & Chandler has gone North to purchase spring goods.

Rev. John C. Kilgo, of Woodford College, Spartanburg, was in the city Sunday and presided over the meeting and at the Methodist Church.

Dr. Frank Darby, of Lynchburg, Sumter County, is in the city. He intends to move to Hamburg and locate there next week—State 19th.

Mr. R. E. Ayers, of Summerson, stopped in to see us in the city last Saturday. He reports himself as being in getting ready to get settled in his new house.

Rev. James McDowell, of Manning was in the city Monday and Tuesday.

Mr. N. T. Purdy, of Browns & Purdy, has gone North to purchase spring goods. He stopped over in Virginia with relatives for a few days.

It is with regret the illness of Mr. E. R. Gordon of Governor to resign is announced. Mr. Gordon has been ill for some weeks past, and is now partially paralyzed.

Colonel D. P. Duca, commissioner and manager of the State Alliance Exhibition, has decided to reside in Columbia and his wife and children will arrive from Union to-day. The family will board with Mrs. Darby on Laurel street—Register 19th.

The Sumter Fertilizer Works are now running night and day turning out a first class high grade fertilizer, for which ready sale is found.

The Department of Agriculture has now in press "Farmers' Bulletin No. 67," which treats of raising and curing of tobacco. It is written by Mr. John M. Bates, a practical tobacco raiser, who has recently made a careful study of the subject in the tobacco-raising States. Copies of pamphlet can be had by addressing the Director of Agriculture, Washington, D. C.

Johnson W. Ramsey, Esq. of Boston, Mass., a young colored man who was raised in this city spent last week here on business. He is now attending the Boston University and will graduate therefrom in June. He recently passed the examination before the Superior Court and was licensed to practice law. He is not taking other than a through his own unaided efforts and deserves great commendation for the successful effort he has made to better his condition.

Loafers Warned Off. An official notice posted at the C. S. & N. E. R. depot warns all loafers about the company's yard that their room is preferred to their company, and gently intimates that if they do not get on their feet, their names will be used to assist their comprehension.

The Minstrels in Darlington. The Happy Geo. Skiff Minstrels played to a crowded house in Darlington on Monday night. It is certain that our boys were appreciated, for they pronounced the trip a financial success, and lots of fun thrown in, free of charge.

Court. The Court of General Sessions will convene here on next Monday, the 29th inst., Judge Wallace presiding.

The business of the court will be very busy, as there are many trials on the docket besides a number of minor cases.

Attention Court Frequenters. The ladies of the Parsonage Aid Society of the M. E. Church South, propose serving breakfast and dinner every week, at Ingraham Bro's office, Court house square. A liberal patronage should be given the ladies as their efforts are in behalf of a worthy cause.

Delinquent Taxes. The taxes unpaid amount to about \$20,000, including the unpaid railroad taxes, in all about \$16,000, for the third quarter of the year. The amount due between \$3,000 and \$4,000. With the exception of the railroad taxes the delinquent taxes will be seen to be very little more than last year.

Almost a Bizoz. On Monday night at the regular meeting of Gamecock Lodge K. of P., and as a number of candidates were being put through the third degree, the following candidates were: The oil instantly blazed up. Something of a panic ensued for a few moments, but some of the cooler headed knaves smothered the flames with covers, and a conflagration was happily averted.

The Cotton Harvester Shops. The Mason Cotton Harvester Company has removed the shop from the old location on the edge of the town to a more central locality. As soon as the new shop is ready and the machinery in position work will be commenced on a lot of harvesters for the next crop. This enterprise is a great acquisition to the city, as nothing but the most skillful machinists will be employed, and we will just such additions to our population.

An Attempted Assassination. Chief of Police Albert Weiss had a close call on Saturday night. A few minutes after he retired a pistol ball was fired from the window immediately over his head and struck the mantel piece on the opposite side of the room. Mr. Weiss is in the habit of sitting in front of the fireplace, and when he addressed for the night he hangs his clothes on a chair where he had been sitting and placed his hat on top of the clothes. It is supposed that the would-be assassin crapt up to the window and mistook the dim fire-light, the clothes and hat for the Chief himself.

Damaged Cotton. Mr. C. E. Stubbs, the cotton buyer, last week returned to him from Wilmington last week a bale of cotton, the whole interior of which was rotten, while the outside was coated with good cotton. Mr. Stubbs knows the party from whom he purchased the cotton, but does not care for us to publish his name. He says that it is useless for a person to try to defraud a cotton buyer in this manner, as a record is kept of every bale and the fraud is certain to be discovered.

This reminds us to add that a gentleman who was present when this bale was opened, remarked that many years ago, near the North Carolina line, before the days of railroads, a farmer lived, who habitually wagoned his cotton to Charleston, and sold it there, and in a supply of goods for the return trip. One year he packed a large stone in a bale, and sold it as usual, congratulating himself on his smartness. A year later he went again and sold to the same party, carrying back groceries as before. Arrived at his home, his wife proceeded to explore the sugar barrel. Suddenly she summoned her husband to come and see how he had been imposed upon. He went and there was the stone he had sold in the bale of cotton the year before! He said to his wife, "Don't say a word! I know that old rascal. I carried it down last year in a bale of cotton which I sold to the same man from whom I bought the sugar."

The moral is too obvious to need an exposition. If a fellow does not want to be exposed to a public rebuke, let him take care not to pack his cotton too wet.

Death.

At Georgetown on the evening of the 23rd inst. Mrs. Richard D. Dooze, wife of the Hon. R. Dooze, State Senator from Georgetown. Her remains will be brought here to-morrow on the 9:30 a. m. train, for interment in the city cemetery. Mrs. Dooze was the mother of Mrs. R. D. Lee of this city.

Religions.

The Rev. J. S. Hartzell will preach at the Episcopal Church next Sunday at 11 a. m., and 5 p. m.

Rev. Dr. Woodbridge, of China, will preach in the Methodist Church, on the first Sunday in March, at 11 o'clock, a. m.

Masonic.

At the last regular communication of Clearmont Lodge A. F. M. in this city the degree of Master Mason was conferred on Messrs. T. E. Richardson, Barto, Walter, J. F. Pate and W. Thompson. After the exercises of the evening were concluded the new members set up a collation to the members of the Lodge.

Knights of Pythias.

At a meeting of the Uniform Rank K. of P. held on last Friday night the following officers were elected:

Sir Knight Captain, Alton Mose. Sir Knight Lieutenant, S. Phelps. Sir Knight Herald, H. B. Bloom. Sir Knight Treasurer, J. Frank Pate. Sir Knight Recorder, Sam Sanders.

The Wallace Relief Fund.

Mr. Editor: On behalf of the Relief Club for the benefit of W. M. Wallace and family, I respectfully report the receipt of the following additional contributions:

C. L. Williamson, \$1.00. H. Dixon, 50c. W. H. Adams, 25c. Maj. M. Sanders, 50c. Daughters of Israel, Circle No. 2, \$5.00. J. F. Laughrey, \$1.00. W. H. Chandler, \$2.50. D. W. Adams, 25c. W. Brown, load of wood.

Mr. Wallace is improving slowly, but still his critical condition has not yet passed. To those kind and benevolent people who have so generously contributed to the relief fund, we feel inclined to bid in his behalf can still do so, as funds are needed for paying the physician and medical bills, &c. At a proper time a full report will be made.

Sec. & Treas. Relief Club. Sumter, S. C., Feb. 24, 1892.

Political Movements.

A meeting of the Straights Executive Committee of Sumter County was held in this city yesterday, but no action was taken, though the whole situation was thoroughly canvassed and discussed in all its phases. It was finally decided to do nothing until after the meeting of the State Executive Committee in March.

Later in the day a conference of Democrats was held and the petition requesting Mr. W. F. B. Haynsworth to call a mass meeting of all Democrats for the purpose of re-organizing the party, which has been circulated throughout the county during the past week, and has been generally signed by members of both factions, was presented. Mr. Haynsworth after consideration has decided to comply with the request, and will call a meeting for the 4th of March, to be held in this city.

It was also decided by the conference to call a County Convention to elect delegates to the convention to be held in Columbia on the 4th of March, if it shall be found that it meets with the approval of the people of the county.

So the campaign has been formally opened by the Democratic party, and the first move is in the interior of the heart and harmony, and it comes from those who are opposed to Tillman.

The Leap Year Ball.

As anticipated, the Leap Year Ball given by the young ladies to their gentlemen friends on Monday evening, was a model of what a ball should be. There was no element wanting whose absence would have marred the unrivaled pleasures of the evening.

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A Romance of Two Continents.

WASHINGTON, February 17.—There has been a rather romantic marriage in the family of Chief Justice Melville W. Fuller, of the Supreme Court of the United States. He has eight daughters and four of them have married either contrary to his wishes, or in such a way as to create an impression that all of the Misses Fuller are extremely self-willed in love affairs.

Miss Mary, the eldest daughter, is the latest victim of that silly rogue cupid, and the happy bridegroom is in Italy. On Monday, a son of an Ex-Governor Manning, of South Carolina.

Young Manning came to Washington several years ago to act as private secretary to the late Chief Justice Roger Taney. He was introduced to the daughters of Chief Justice Fuller. It was soon apparent to all who knew him in Washington that he was deeply in love with Miss Mary Fuller. This affection was reciprocated and they made no attempt to conceal the fact.

For reasons not known Chief Justice and Mrs. Fuller did not look with entire favor upon young Manning's marriage prospects. He is an estimable South Carolina family, but they probably thought he had not made sufficient progress up the ladder of fame and prosperity. They so respect the fact that one of their daughters who participated in an elopement, might have made a more desirable choice in selecting a husband.

In spite of the mild but determined opposition on the part of the two old ladies, young Manning continued his attentions to Miss Mary until it was thought best for all concerned that she should be sent to Berlin to finish her musical education. After Chief Justice Fuller's daughters are more or less accomplished in musical or literary affairs it was thought absent might make the heart of P. Keeney, 23c.

She was not abroad to take a musical course at one of the famous conservatories at Berlin.

In the meantime she kept up a constant correspondence with Manning, and never for several weeks ago Mr. Manning went abroad and joined Miss Fuller. About the same time Mrs. Fuller learned that her daughter's health was not good, so she also went to Berlin with the intention of bringing her home.

While traveling in Italy, so the story goes Mr. Manning met Mrs. Fuller and her daughter and without delay induced the young lady to marry him. When Mrs. Fuller learned what occurred she expressed her surprise and disappointment, but finally gave him her blessing and after attending the wedding immediately started home, leaving the young couple to spend the winter in Europe and come back to America at their own sweet will.—E. M. L. in News and Courier.

The above article is incorrect in several important particulars. There was no opposition to the marriage by the family of Miss Fuller, to the contrary Judge Fuller says that he would have been glad had the marriage taken place two years ago.

The young couple, he did so in response to a telegram from Washington, from which place he proceeded immediately to Berlin, Germany, where Miss Fuller was very ill at the time. As soon as Miss Fuller's health permitted she was taken to San Remo, in Riviera, where she and Mr. Manning were married on January 17th.

The facts of the marriage were known in this office several weeks ago, but were not published, as it was Mr. Manning's request that it should not be given to the public at once.

Mr. and Mrs. Manning will sail for home in about two or three weeks if Mrs. Manning's health permits.

The Railroads and Taxes.

The action taken by the railroads in tendering payment of taxes on the increased assessments, instead of on the increased assessment placed upon them by the State board of assessors has created a sensation. There was concerted action by all the important roads in the State and the move was made by all the roads on the same day—last Friday.

In this county the amounts tendered were refused by Treasurer Keels as he had no authority to accept less than his books called for. The State board of assessors tendered were as follows:

The Charleston, Sumter and Northern Railroad's taxes are \$953.35; the amount tendered \$501.35. The South Carolina and Northern Railroad's taxes are \$2,817.71; the amount tendered \$3,076.13. The Wilmington, Columbia and Augusta Railroad taxes are \$5,619.35; the amount tendered \$4,347.63. The Central Railroad taxes are \$1,391.61; the amount tendered \$606.50.

The Bishopville Railroad paid in full without protest, as the increased taxes amounted to only about \$20. The Lancaster and Augusta Railroad paid the amount of \$39.26 under protest. All the roads offered less than the amounts paid last year.

In every county the roads pursued the same course, consequently the State board of assessors fully realizes the amount due from the railroads. The matter is a question for the courts to decide and in the meantime the State is out between \$300,000 and \$400,000 of the usual income.

The fact remains, also, that the roads seriously incommode State and county, but this is not all, as the State will have the expense of a number of big lawsuits added upon her. For this state of affairs we have to thank the R-form administration.

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To the Democrats of Sumter County.

By no desire of my own, but yielding to the written requests of various persons representing, as they state, both factions of the Democratic party of Sumter County, I assume the responsibility of inviting the Democratic voters of our county to assemble in mass meeting on Friday, March 4th, at 12 o'clock, in the city of Sumter, for the purpose of considering the political situation of our county and devising some plan for the amicable settlement of the existing difficulties.

I make this call in the interest of neither "faction," but with a serious appreciation of the evil consequences of divisions and dissensions among those to whom the highest interests of the people are intrusted, and who should be animated by a common love of our country and desire for its well being and prosperity; with the hope that meeting together as fellow-citizens and friends, the differences affecting the integrity of the party may be adjusted and harmonized. Very respectfully, your fellow citizen,

W. F. B. HAYNSWORTH.

Feb. 24th.

TAX EXECUTIONS.

Delinquent tax-payers are to be summarily dealt with this year and as there are quite a number of that class in the county we publish the following circular from the Comptroller General to the sheriff:

COLUMBIA, S. C., Oct. 1, 1891.

In making Tax levies on Delinquent Real Estate, before advertisement and sale the law requires that the Sheriff must be in Actual Possession by himself or Agent at the time of advertisement and sale of land. Therefore whosoever the Sheriff leaves in possession or occupancy of the land, or any part thereof, levied on must acknowledge that he occupies and holds as the Agent of the Sheriff. The within, or rather accompanying form has been prepared for the use of Sheriffs. In executing the Tax Levies Sheriffs are therefore advised to require each and every person whom he leaves in possession of the land, or any part thereof, levied on, to sign in the presence of some subscribing witness the within acknowledgment, after the Sheriff or his Deputy shall have properly and fully filled out all blank spaces therein. The Sheriff or his Deputy cannot sign as a witness. Each and every person whom the Sheriff finds in possession or occupancy of the land or any part thereof, be he owner or the tenant, renter or the cropper, &c., of whom, must sign the acknowledgment, and Sheriff will reject any occupant failing to sign after the acknowledgment with its contents has been explained, and Sheriff should notify persons so ejected that a return to the premises will be a trespass on their part.

Sheriff's attention is called to Comptroller's Circular No. 4 issued to them on February 10th, 1891, and to the fact that upon the back of the original Tax Execution filed in office, and particularly on the back of the Duplicate, Tax Execution attached to tax title must be endorsed the personal property Nulla Bona Return or certificate signed by the Sheriff stating that he took possession and made the levy only after he had exhausted personal property.—this endorsement on the back of both the original filed in office and on the back of the Duplicate attached to the Tax Title must be in the following words: I certify: Sheriff's Office—County

To wit: Sheriff's Office—County

having failed to find sufficient personal property out of which to make and collect the taxes, costs and charges as directed by the within Execution, I have this day—of 189—levied upon and taken exclusive possession of the following land to wit: a tract of—acres, more or less situated in—County, bounded by lands of—

Sheriff of—County, Respectfully,

W. H. ELLEBEE, Comptroller General of S. C.

The following blank acknowledgment must be filled and signed by the owner or tenant in possession of land:

I (or we as the case may be) do hereby acknowledge that— Sheriff of—County, did this day—of 189—by himself or Deputy, pursuant to a Tax Execution by him directed levy upon and take Exclusive possession of the following tract of land to wit:—acres in—township in—County and State of South Carolina, bounded by lands of—levied upon as the property of— and that I (or we as the case may be), hold and occupy the said real property as the Agent, (or Agents as the case may be), of the said Sheriff.

In testimony whereof witness our Hands and Seals.

Signed, sealed and delivered in the presence of,

(L. S.) (L. S.) (L. S.)

Circular No. 4 referred to above reads as follows:

EXECUTIVE DEPARTMENT, OFFICE OF COMPTROLLER GENERAL, COLUMBIA, S. C., Feb. 10, 1891.

To Scott Carson, Esq., Sheriff of Sumter County.

In order to facilitate the work of Sheriffs under the tax laws, and ascertain authoritatively the remedies against such as fail to perform said duties, the Comptroller General sought and obtained the following opinion from the Attorney General, which will govern Sheriffs in the discharge of their duties bearing upon this particular part of their duties:

"The Attorney General says: 'On receipt of the warrant and execution from the County Treasurer, the Sheriff must without any unnecessary delay, seize and take exclusive possession of so much of the defaulting taxpayer's estate (personal first, but if there be no personal, or not enough, then land) as may be necessary to raise the sum of money named therein and charges thereon.'"

"In this connection, it is well to note that, in my opinion, in order to seize and take exclusive possession of the property of the defaulting taxpayer, the Sheriff must actually go on the land and seize and take into his possession

the personal property; and in case the personal property is insufficient in his judgment, or if he finds no personal property, then he must take possession of the land, and to do this must eject the occupant.

"All this must be done before advertising the property for sale.

"After having taken possession of the property (which he must hold in order that he may deliver the same to the purchaser after the sale,) his duties as to advertising and selling are laid down so plainly in the different Acts that it is not deemed necessary to state them here.

"The remedies against refractory Sheriffs, or such as fail to do their duty, are plain, simple and effective, requiring them to show cause before the Court of Common Pleas why the penalties in such cases provided should not be inflicted upon them; and the Comptroller General is charged with the duty of enforcing the law.

"Nothing is more important to the State than the prompt and proper action on the part of the Sheriffs in these matters, as the validity of thousands of tax titles hereafter to be made will depend upon it."