

WEDNESDAY, MAY 4, 1892.

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NEW ADVERTISEMENTS.

Kingman & Co.—The Crocers. Ducker & Bultman—Toasted Leaves.

Personal. Mr. Marcus G. Ryttenberg is in the city. Mr. H. C. Moore has gone to Philadelphia.

Religious. The annual services will be held by the Rev. John Kershaw at the Church of the Holy Comforter, Sumter, on Sunday next at 11 o'clock a. m. and 5:30 p. m.

The Diocesan Convention. The one hundred and second annual Convention of the Protestant Episcopal Church in the Diocese of South Carolina, will be held in the Church of the Holy Comforter, Sumter, on Wednesday next, the 11th inst.

Program for Memorial Day. Wednesday, May 11, 1892. The 33 little girls selected to decorate the 33 soldiers' graves will assemble at Armory Hall at 10 o'clock p. m.

Candidates Cards. David E. Durant, of Bishopville, is announced as Treasurer of Sumter County.

Graded School Holiday. The city Graded Schools are having the regular spring holiday this week and teachers and scholars are enjoying untroubled freedom.

Dr. LaSferty's Lecture. The lecture of Dr. LaSferty on last Thursday night was highly amusing and was enjoyed by the audience present.

Sumter Orators. Dr. J. A. Mood has been selected to deliver the Commencement oration before the Graded School at the commencement in June.

Entertainment at Wedgfield. The entertainment of the Christian Endeavor Society at Wedgfield on last Saturday was a complete success.

Complimentary German. The young gentlemen friends of Miss Leslie Tally, of the Germania, who is visiting in the city, gave a German in her honor on last Thursday evening.

Homicide Near St. Charles. Green Wilson was shot and killed by George McGill during a row at a base ball game near St. Charles on last Saturday afternoon.

Stealing. Complaints are heard from all portions of the county that stealing among the negroes is more general and that the robberies are more daring than ever before.

Fire. The house of Theodore Cummings, on the Bishopville road beyond DeChamps' mill pond, was burned on Wednesday, April 27th.

Confederate Survivors. In compliance with the invitation of the Ladies Memorial Association, all Confederate Survivors are requested to assemble opposite Armory Hall at 4:30 May 11th, to march in procession to Monumental Square.

Electric Light Crane Co. At the meeting of local capitalists on last Wednesday a company was formed to manufacture the Cardwell Electric Light Crane.

New Jail. The contract for the new jail was signed by Will I. Lambdon, for the Pauly Jail Co.

Tomorrow Night. Everybody should go to the Election Contest. The exercises will be held in Academy of Music at 8:30 o'clock, p. m.

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

Mr. Oscar B. Jordan, of Lamar, Darlington County, and Miss Annie E., daughter of Mr. Frank J. Bradford, were married on Wednesday evening, 27th ult., at the residence of the bride's parents, this county, by Rev. J. C. Chandler.

The Masons of Sumter have cause to congratulate themselves on the imposing ceremonies at the laying of the corner-stone of the new Masonic Temple last Thursday and Friday.

Following is a list of the articles deposited in the corner-stone by Grand Treasurer, C. F. Jackson, of Columbia.

List of officers and members of Claremont Lodge, No. 64, A. F. M. History of Claremont Lodge by H. C. Moore, P. M.

Souvenir worn by every one connected with laying of the Cornerstone. Dispensation from the Grand Lodge for Claremont Lodge to lay Cornerstone.

Copy of proceedings Grand Lodge A. F. M. of South Carolina December 1891.

Roll of officers and members of Gatheville Lodge No. 17, K. of P.

Roll of officers and members of Gamecock Division, Uniform Rank, K. of P.

Historical sketch of Sumter Lodge No. 81, O. G. T.

List of officers and members of Beulah Chapter No. 25, R. A. M.

Roll of officers and directors of the Masonic Temple, Sumter, S. C.

Roll of officers and members Sumter Lodge No. 107, K. of H.

Roll of Fidelity Lodge No. 251 Knights and Ladies of Honor.

Roll of the municipal government of the city of Sumter, with notes.

History and statements of the Sumter National Bank and also of Bank of Sumter, with list of officers and directors.

Coins and Confederate money contributed by different persons.

Address of Altamont Moses, Past Grand Chancellor K. of P. S. C.

Copy of the order of ceremonies of the laying of the Cornerstone of the Watchman and Southern, April 27, 1892.

Copy of the ADVANCE, April 23, 1892.

Copy of the Freeman, April 26, 1892.

Copy of the News and Courier, April 28, 1892.

Copy of the State, April 27, 1892.

Copy of the trade issue of Watchman and Southern, Nov. 20, 1889.

Sketch of the history of Watchman and Southern.

Letters from different distinguished Masons in reference to the laying of the Cornerstone.

List of officers and members of Claremont Lodge, No. 108, A. F. M.

Statement of the Mutual Life Insurance Company of New York.

Roll of Sumter Council No. 649 American Legion of Honor, Sumter, S. C.

Roll of Summerton Lodge No. 105, A. F. M., Summerton, S. C.

Roll of Packville Lodge, Packville, S. C.

Copy of the By-laws of the Investment Association of Sumter, S. C.

Names of the family of R. M. Jones.

List of members of the 4th Regiment Band South Carolina Volunteers.

After a brief address by Grand Master Barron the assemblage turned their steps to the Academy of Music, which place had been selected for hearing the oration of the day, Hon. J. Adger Smythe, Past Grand Master of South Carolina.

The stage was occupied by a number of prominent gentlemen and a large number of ladies graced the occasion by their presence and attention.

Mr. Smythe was introduced by J. T. Barron, Esq., of Columbia, and after paying a tribute to the ladies, he announced the subject of his address to be Masonry, the beauties of which he portrayed in eloquent and choice language holding the undivided attention of his large audience to the close.

At 7:30 o'clock the music and the their hall with the visiting Masons and initiated several candidates into the mysteries of the order, and about 11 o'clock they adjourned, with their guests, to Mattheissen's Hall, where a most sumptuous repast awaited them. The banquet was prepared by that prince of hotel keepers, Mr. James E. Jervey, but one could see at a glance that the beautiful decorations and tasteful arrangements of the tables and store of luxuries bore the impress of fingers more skilled than his and we learned that he and Mrs. Jervey were assisted by Mrs. Sam'l. Hardy, of Baltimore, Mrs. H. B. Bloom, Miss Daisy Bloom, Miss Katie Monahan, Miss Mamie Mulligan, Miss Nannie Broughton, Miss Clem China, Miss Fannie China, Mrs. R. P. Monaghan, Mrs. D. Rosendorf and daughter, and to these ladies, Mr. Jervey through us, begged to extend his regards, to Mr. He says that without them he would have been at a loss what to do and the success of the banquet was largely due to their untiring energy and skill.

The banquet was the most complete thing of the kind ever given in Sumter and the whole thing was conducted with perfect order. Before and after partaking of the bountiful repast, the blessing of the Great Architect was asked. When supper was nearly over the following toasts were proposed and eloquently responded to:

1st. "Our visiting brethren, one and all—a hearty welcome," Marion Moise.

2d. The State of South Carolina *animus opibusque parati*. Altamont Moses.

3d. The City of Sumter—the city of progress, W. H. DeLgar.

4th. The Masonic fraternity—the emblem of the brotherhood of man. H. F. Wilson.

5th. The Press—the arbiter of the destiny of nations. H. E. Edmunds.

6th. Woman—All must love her who behold thee. H. T. Thompson, of Darlington.

On behalf of the Press we extend our congratulations to Mr. S. H. Edmonds, correspondent of the *Watchman*, for his specially eloquent response.

After two hours spent in this pleasant way the assemblage broke up and returned to their homes for rest, but not until the thanks of the Masons and their guests had been extended to Mr. Jervey and the ladies in three hearty cheers.

In conclusion we would say that the success of the day was due largely to the committee on arrangements, headed by Messrs. H. C. Moore and A. B. Ryttenberg. They were surely the right men in the right place and, as a committee, deserves great credit.

Smithville Amateur Theatricals. SMITHVILLE, S. C., April 23, 1892. Most assuredly, the Springfield section of our county, or "Smithville" proper, is making intellectual strides. On Friday evening, the 22nd inst, we were witness to this fact, in a line not heretofore attempted in this locality. The admirable school which was efficiently established by their late instructor Prof. Massebaux, and now controlled by Prof. W. M. Melton—a cultivated, refined, and polished gentleman—are occupying their time at the schoolhouse, and it has been thought advisable to reconstruct the building. A happy expedient was hit upon to interest the public and to accomplish this useful purpose, by introducing a series of dramatic entertainments, by a service of humorous comedies, performed by amateurs in that vicinity at a reasonable charge, consequently we were one of a large audience in the "Masonic Temple" at Smithville to enjoy these representations.

At about 8:30 p. m. an overture was executed by the orchestra, who were composed of members belonging to Westberry's band, under the leadership of LeGrand Westberry himself, with great power and execution, when the curtain was raised, and the audience beheld a motley array of blackened faces suggesting the far famed Ethiopian Minstrel band of our youth, only the personages were standing in a group, seated in animal and witty passages of arms, their wit and humor eliciting bursts of applause from an intently listening house. Upon their retiring after some bon mot from one of the group, a little more spicy than its fellows, the curtain was again raised, and the interlude, and so throughout the evening, upon each interval did Westberry sustain his reputation as an excellent leader of an orchestra. But now again, raising the curtain, appeared the first main feature of this very enjoyable evening, in the comedy of "The Black Statue," with the following cast of characters.

W. M. Melton. Old Squintum. Prof. W. M. Melton. Pete. C. L. Kirkley. P. S. Bell. Juligair. Robt. M. Munnery. Mrs. Squintum. T. M. Munnery. The humor of this piece lies in the delineation of negro character, and the amusing contrasts which are so aptly and so effectively brought out. It is enough to write, that each character was wonderfully well executed for mere amateurs, as may be equally well written of every successive piece in which our native talent has been so ably and so successfully displayed. Mr. W. M. Stevens being however less of a novice than the rest of his company—he being the manager of this impromptu theatrical company—of course, exhibited much more familiarity with the stage and with stage effects, whilst Mr. C. L. Kirkley rivaled him in ease of deportment, sprightliness, and gay humor. Somehow, we could not but think, that the good Professor, notwithstanding, that he assumed the role of admiring character, and gave due expression to his utterance, in his air and manner suggested a monk who had rambled from his cloistered cell, or a student forced from his seclusion into the outer world; while Mr. Bell's enunciation of his part made him a distinctive figure and Messrs. Weldon and Munnery in female guise brought down the house by their grotesque and masterly execution, as did Mr. Janus Gaughman, in the same guise—his length of stature adding force to the presumption—in the succeeding piece, whose list of characters was as follows, and entitled, "Uncle Jeff."

W. M. Stevens. Uncle Jeff. C. L. Kirkley. Dr. Cole. Prof. W. M. Melton. Simon. James Barfield. Mrs. McEachern. Mrs. Grimes. Junius Gaughman. This play, was, if anything, more replete with humor than the preceding one, and each sustained their part admirably. It was remarked that Mr. James Barfield was particularly expressive, and that Mr. Robt. McEachern as Jumbo well portrayed the character. His earnestness was most admirable, that Mr. C. L. Kirkley's versatility was astounding, for notwithstanding he had his hands full in supporting his several parts in the successive comedies, in grotesque disguises, at intervals, he would excite merriment by lengthy, ponderous and unintelligible harangues.

The performance closed with the farcical "Rooms to Let," in which Mr. Stevens and the brilliant Kirkley vied in a final contest brim full of jest, fun and real wit.

One word more, Mr. Editor, and I am done. The appearance of the audience was a most gratifying feature, and the sincere interest exhibited by our better citizens in this beneficial cause excited admiration. Without special mention we must add, that Mr. C. L. Kirkley's versatility was astounding, for notwithstanding he had his hands full in supporting his several parts in the successive comedies, in grotesque disguises, at intervals, he would excite merriment by lengthy, ponderous and unintelligible harangues.

Very respectfully, J. S. HUGHSON & Co. VI. When Chang Lin awoke, and saw what had happened, he was frightened, for he knew his father would be very angry, yet he had sense enough to know that the plant so much prized was of more value than all the rest. He rushed into the burning hut—his grandmother, who had been sick, in one corner, was burning, but he had not time to pull her out—he took the plant in his arms; its beautiful leaves were scorched with the heat, but at least it was saved.

VII. While he was thinking what he should say to his father, and wringing his hands over the scorched leaves of the plant, an odor assailed his nostrils unlike any scent he had before experienced. What could it proceed from? It appeared to come from the plant, and he put his hand to the scorched leaves. They burnt his fingers, which he quickly put into his mouth to cool; but some of the leaves had stuck to his fingers, and when in his mouth a sensation of joy came to him. Again and again he caught at the plant, only to find joy, succeeding joy.

VIII. The truth at last broke into his slow understanding, that it was the scorched leaves of the plant that infused the exhilarating joy to his sluggish heart. He fell to tearing whole handfuls of the leaves from the bush and devouring them, when his sire entered amid the smoking hut, armed with retaliatory cudgel, and finding how affairs stood, began to rain blows upon the rogue's shoulders as thick as hailstones. Chang Lin heeded them not; his father might lay on, but he could not beat him from his toasted leaves.

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