

The Watchman and Southron.

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NEW ADVERTISEMENTS.

Southern Land Advertising Agency. Belitzer & Spann—Dissolution Notice. Cemetery Association—Annual Meeting.

Winthrop Normal College—Competitive Examination. Nomination—W. J. DuRant for School Commissioner.

Key & Co.—Jobbers and Distillers in Pure N. C. Liquors. The Phosphate Company—Pea and Oil Fertilizer.

Personals.

Mr. E. D. Kyle is in the city to-day. Miss Edith DeLorme is visiting friends in Aiken.

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Mr. J. J. Bagin, of Summerton, spent Monday in town. Miss Leah Miller is visiting relatives at Mechanicsville.

Miss Susie Ferguson is the guest of Miss May Bosard. Miss Edna Keels, of Boykies is visiting Mrs. E. E. Rembert.

Railroad Commissioner, H. R. Thomas, was in the city Monday. Miss Lois Perry, of Lancaster, is the guest of Mrs. W. J. DuRant.

Mr. D. M. Stading left last week for a short stay in Baltimore. Maj. Abe Levi, of Manning has been at reading court for several days.

Miss Lily Pate is visiting her brother, Rev. J. Thomas Pate, of Greenville. Misses Lillian and Olive Hoyt have gone to Eiberton, Ga. to visit relatives.

Mrs. H. F. Wilson left on Monday for Savannah, Ga., to visit relatives. Mrs. J. O. Sanders, of Rembert, is visiting her daughter, Mrs. E. E. Rembert.

Miss Rosa Lou Wuckenfuss, of Summerville, is visiting Mrs. A. A. Brown. Dr. King of Florence, and wife, are in the city.

Col. E. L. Peck, of Spring Hill, paid one pleasant call on Monday morning. Misses Conrade Waddell and Jane Mikell have been visiting friends at Rock Hill.

Miss Alice King, sister of Miss Ella King, has been visiting friends here for several days. Miss Vista Dudley, who has been visiting Miss Lily Delgar returned home on Monday.

Maj. H. F. Wilson has gone to Bishopville on business, and will go thence to Darlington. Miss Mary Jones returned to Darlington, on Thursday, accompanied by Miss Mamie Fraser.

Mr. Anthony White has gone Statesville N. C., on a visit to his son Dr. Leonard White. Messrs. W. J. E. B. and Joe Muldrow and J. R. Hayes, of Mayesville were in the city Monday.

Miss Florence Hayesworth, of Darlington, has been the guest of friends in the city for several days. Miss Emily Sanders has returned from Rembert, where she has been visiting for several weeks.

Mr. Jos. B. Hayes is spending this week with relatives at Summerton and the "finny tribe of Seatoe. Miss Ayres, the accomplished music teacher of the Sumter Institute, left this morning for Richmond, Va.

Messrs. Ansley and Jackson Barbey have returned home from Davis School, N. C., for the summer vacation. Misses Bertie and Fannie China, who have been attending College in Virginia returned home on last Friday.

Miss Minnie Scott, who has been visiting in the city, returned to her home at Wixom on Saturday, accompanied by Miss Beth Duvall. Bishop A. W. Wilson, of the Methodist E. Church, South, has decided to make Durham, N. C., his home—so says the Wilmington Messenger.

Misses Harriet Kershaw, of this city, and Maggie C. LaCote, of Mayesville, recent graduates of the Peabody Normal College, Nashville, Tenn., have returned home. Rev. and Mrs. T. P. Burgess, of Lithuania, Ga., spent yesterday with Mr. and Mrs. D. J. Chesler. They have been visiting friends in Mayesville and are now in Summerton.

Rev. Wm. Haynsworth, of Denmark, while riding on near Seven Pines Thursday, a horse ran away with his causing very painful injuries. Mr. Haynsworth was brought to Mr. Lingo's. He is doing as well as could be expected.—Banner Daily. Mr. S. H. Edmunds, of the Rock Hill High School, is at home for the summer vacation.

Mr. Edmunds has had a most prosperous and successful season and the outlook for next year's work is encouraging. He will spend a portion of the summer traveling in the interest of the school. Misses Margaret Waring and Daisy Bissell of Charleston have been the guests of Mrs. C. L. Martin for several days. Mr. and Mrs. Martin gave a progressive euchre party on last Friday evening, complimentary to their guests, which was one of the most enjoyable social events of the week.

City Tax Returns are due from June 1st. Board of Health to make your City Tax returns for 1894. The commencement exercises of the Stateburg High School will be held at "Needwood" on the 19th instant, at 8.30 o'clock p. m.

The game of ball on last Friday afternoon between Sumter and Mt. Cleo was interesting. Mt. Cleo was shut out. Score: 14 to 0. The low freight rates from Northern points will be revoked on the 18th, so that the benefits derived by merchants were only temporary. Catharin McFaddin, a negro lunatic, was taken to the Asylum on Saturday by Sheriff Sanders. She was very violent and made things lively. A leather belt was found, on Tuesday morning, in vicinity of Methodist Church. Owner can obtain same by proving property at Ryttenberg's Store. The capacity of the Electric Light plant will be increased within a few days by the addition of a new ninety-horse power boiler and several new dynamos. Dr. J. A. Mood, Mr. C. E. Stubbs and a number of other gentlemen went fishing at Scott's lake, Clarendon County, last Thursday and had unusual luck. The party secured about fifteen hundred pounds of fish of various kinds. They brought home six carp that weighed sixty-five pounds.

Hymeneal.

Cards are out announcing the marriage of Mr. A. W. Knight, of this city and Miss Heenie Ingram Legg, of Manning, on June 21st. Mr. Knight is a member of the firm of Knight Bros., editors and proprietors of the Sumter Herald. Miss Legg is also well known and has many friends in this city, having attended the Sumter Institute.

Married.

Mr. Geo. E. Bruner, Road Master of the C. S. & N. R. R., and Miss Martha Ard were married on Wednesday afternoon, June 6th, at the residence of Mr. C. F. H. Bultman, Rev. John Kershaw, officiating. The bridal couple are spending the honeymoon in New York and on Staten Island.

Religious.

Presiding Elder W. C. Power will preach in the Methodist Church Sunday morning. Services in the Baptist Church now begin at 11 o'clock a. m., instead of 11.30 as heretofore.

Rev. W. C. Power will preach at the City Mission room on Mill St., next Sunday afternoon at 4.30. Those who have joined the church will be taken into full membership.

Death.

Report reached the city yesterday afternoon that Rev. B. C. Lamplly died at his home in Summerton yesterday.

Miss Maria Lynch, age 29 years, died on the 5th was buried on 6th at the cemetery. She had been sick two weeks, with heart disease. Died, on June 7th, near McLeod's (Cato's) Mill, Rafting Creek township, Thomas W. Morris, aged 45 years. He was a good citizen and a man of influence in his community. He was ill for about three weeks.

Dr. Willis A. Ramsey, a brother of Mrs. Marion Sanders and a former resident of this county, died suddenly on last Wednesday at his home in Atlanta Ga. Dr. Ramsey removed from this county to Atlanta about fifteen years ago and has been quite successful in the practice of his profession.

The Death of Col. Frederick L. Childs at Stateburg.

Frederick L. Childs, late colonel of ordnance Confederate States army, whose death at Stateburg on the 10th inst. was announced in The News and Courier yesterday, was a man who had led a long and varied career, not free from sacrifice and sorrow, and who had filled many positions of responsibility and trust, ever with honor to himself, gaining from all with whom he came in contact respect, admiration and affection.

Col. Childs came of old army stock, his father and his grandfather having both been in the service before him. His father was Major Thomas Childs, a very distinguished officer in the Mexican war, who was famous in his day for his conspicuous gallantry at the battle of Chapultepec and was brevetted brigadier general in recognition of his gallant and valuable services at that battle.

Col. Childs was born in Maine in the year 1831 and was graduated at St. James College, Maryland, in 1851. From this institution he went to the Military Academy at West Point, where he remained until July 1, 1855, when, at the age of 24, he was graduated and promoted to the rank of first lieutenant of artillery. He was commissioned upon the 14th of the same month as second lieutenant of artillery. He served in the hostilities against the Seminoles in Florida in 1856 and 1857 and held the position of assistant professor of geography, history and ethics at the Military Academy from September, 1857, to February, 1859. The remainder of 1859 he was in garrison at Fort Moultrie.

At the close of 1859 he was assigned to frontier duty at Fort Clark, Texas, and was afterwards transferred to Fort Duncan, where he remained until the news of the secession of South Carolina reached him. Coming as he did of army stock on both sides, and having all his interests bound up in the army, the wrench of severing his connection with the service cannot be appreciated by anyone who has not been placed in the same position. Col. Childs in resigning his commission relinquished not only what he held most dear, but also the certainty of a brilliant future. These considerations, however, did not deter him for a moment. He straightway resigned his commission and, returning to Charleston, entered the service of the State of South Carolina.

Col. Childs served the Lost Cause throughout the war in the positions in which his superior officers thought him best needed, most of the time as commandant of the Charleston Arsenal, and afterwards of the Fayetteville Arsenal and armory.

At the close of the war he engaged in cotton planting near Stateburg, the home of his wife. In the year 1870 he entered the service of the New York and Charleston Steamship Company. He remained in this position until '78, when he was appointed inspector for the Government on public works at Charleston and Savannah, which position he held until '86. During the last years of his life he has been in Governmental service under Capt. Abbott at this port.

Col. Childs married first a sister of Gen. Anderson, of this State, ("Fighting Dick Anderson"), by whom he had several children. Of these three survive him—Mr. Wm. W. Childs, of Middleboro, Ky., Mr. Thos. Childs and Miss Mary Childs, of Stateburg. His second wife was a daughter of the late Mr. Geo. H. Ingraham. This lady died in this city after a long and painful illness on the 31st ult., and it was probably the grief of her death which caused his, which was by heart failure, and which occurred at the residence of his brothers-in-law, Dr. Wm. W. Anderson, at Stateburg, where he had gone after his recent bereavement on a visit to his sister, Mrs. Anderson, and his children.

There could be no more fitting epitaph for the tomb of Col. Childs than—"He did justly, loved mercy and walked humbly with his God."—News and Courier, June 12th.

Bicycle Excursion: Accidents.

A party of twelve or more enthusiastic wheelmen went on an excursion to Bishopville last Sunday. They left this city early and followed the A. C. L. track to Mayesville. From that place they took the public road, going through the growing new town of St. Charles. The trip to Bishopville was made in three hours time, without accident or incident.

Mr. B. H. Baker while out riding with the party in the suburbs of Bishopville ran his wheel against a tree, smashing it and seriously injuring himself. His head struck the tree, and two severe cuts, one above and the other below his left eye, were the result of the contact. Dr. McClure was called in, and sewed up his wounds, taking fourteen stitches in the two cuts.

Mr. W. A. McLwaine ran into Mr. Baker's wheel just as the above accident occurred and received a wound or two on his legs from the broken spokes. The other members of the party got home Sunday evening without accident. Messrs. Baker and McLwaine returned home by rail Monday morning. Mr. McLwaine is all right again and attending to business, but Mr. Baker is still kept indoors, nursing his wounds.

Real Merit is the characteristic of Hood's Sarsaparilla, and it is manifested every day in the remarkable cures this medicine accomplishes. Hood's Sarsaparilla is the kind. Try it.

Sudden Deaths.

Stacey Flowers, a colored man employed for a number of years by Mr. Wm Graham, and generally known by the patrons of the stable as "Bull" died suddenly on Saturday morning, of heart disease, while at work in Mr. Graham's old field near Turkey Creek. He was riding on a wagon load of oats and fell off dead. Prince Winn, a well known colored carpenter, died of heart disease on last Thursday.

Fire

The ginney and mill of Mr. David Levi, of St Paul's were burned on the 6th instant. The loss is estimated at \$2,000, with no insurance. The fire occurred about 2 p. m., and is supposed to have been accidental.

Fire originated in the shavings room of Harvin's Mill near the C. S. & N. A. C. L. Junction yesterday afternoon about 5 o'clock. The whole fire department turned out in short order. The shavings room and boiler shed were built of galvanized iron on a framework of wood, and the fire, consequently made little headway. There was a little delay in stretching a line of hose, but when this was accomplished the fire was extinguished promptly. The stream was thrown through one thousand feet of hose by the pressure from the stand pipe.

The Election.

The election for School Commissioners was held yesterday, and was one of the quietest and most uneventful ever held in this city. Votes were at a premium and the managers spent the day baiting passers by and persuading them to stop and vote.

There was only one ticket voted for—the one nominated at the recent Primary—which explains the light vote and lack of interest.

There were 114 votes cast and each of the candidates received the full number.

The Board which will have control of the schools of this city during the ensuing two years is: J. A. Mood, Neill O'Donnell, Marion Moise, P. P. Gaillard and Mayor B. G. Pierson, ex-officio.

The Clock for the City Hall was hauled up from the depot yesterday and unpacked. It will be placed in position this week, as the tower is almost ready for it.

The residence of Dr. Archie China on Bartlett Street is now complete. It is one of the prettiest cottages in the city, and adds to the appearance of that part of the city.

Main Street is in a condition that would disgrace a cross-roads with one store, a post office and a watering trough. While the weather is dry lets have the holes filled in, if nothing more.

School Commissioner DuRant is announced in this paper as a candidate for re-election. His record during the past two years will furnish the claim upon which his friends will press his continuance in office.

Work on the grand stand at the Bicycle Track is progressing rapidly. The track is having a large amount of work done on it, and it will be in well-nigh perfect condition for the great meet on the 28th and 29th.

The new vault of the Simonds National Bank has come and will be put in position in the City Hall Building within the next few weeks. The vault is made of chilled steel, and is both fire and burglar proof. In addition to the facilities required for bank business the vault will contain a number of safety deposit boxes for rent to patrons of the bank.

Dr. John S. Heggson's handsome residence is nearly completed and will be ready for occupancy by the end of this week. His new home is one of the handsomest in the city and is an ornament to the West End. Contractor E. J. Doane has superintended the work throughout and everything has been done in the most thorough manner.

The 30th Annual Distribution Hop will be given in the Armory on the evening of June 21st. Invitations will be issued in a few days by the Committee of Arrangements: Messrs. Paul Kennedy, H. C. DesChamps and F. A. Bultman.

The firm of Belitzer & Spann has been dissolved by the withdrawal of Mr. F. M. Spann. Mr. Belitzer has purchased the interest of Mr. Spann, and will continue the business on his own account. Mr. Spann will open business in another line in the early fall.

The burnt district in Mayesville is to be rebuilt at once. Mr. R. C. Hudson has purchased a lot owned by Rev. Geo. G. Mayes and has contracted for the erection of an office and warehouse. The post office will also find a home in the new building.

Everybody from every where should be on hand to see the bicycle races on the 28th and 29th. The races between Baird and Fitzsimons for the championship of the South promise to be the most exciting events in the bicycle line ever witnessed in the South.

Capt. B. G. Pierson, owner of the old Suares House, which is now used as an annex to the Nixon House, is having erected a large addition to the former building. The growth of the business of the Nixon House has made the demand for more room imperative.

The Citadel Cadets will pass through this city on Friday morning at 9:30 o'clock, en route for Rock Hill. The people of Sumter should show the Cadets some attention during their brief stay of a half hour. They come from all parts of the State, and a few of them are our own boys.

Mr. J. C. McKinney, of Mayesville, has just completed two very neat cottages for citizens of this city. He had the contract for the new residence of Mr. W. S. Shaw, and the cottage of Mr. C. G. Rowland on Main Street; and both are good recommendations of his skill as a builder.

The members of the Henry Timrod Society, and a few friends, met at the residence of Dr. J. A. Mood on Monday evening, and organized a Social and Literary Club to continue during the summer, the work of the Timrod Society, which disbanded for the vacation at the close of the Graded School.

About three hundred went on the Excursion to Etaw Springs last Thursday, and the day was one of pleasure to all. This historic spot is one of the most beautiful in the State, and is remarkable also by reason of the peculiar geological formation of the surroundings. Had it been situated in a Northern State it would long ere this, have been made a public park and the battle field appropriately laid off, and the lines of battle defined; and this would have been done with public money by the national government.

Surrendered to the Sheriff.

Mr. G. Ben. Kelly, of Bishopville, who, sometime ago killed a negro, and has evaded arrest, came in on Monday and surrendered to the sheriff. He said that he was not able to give bond, and as he did not want to stay in jail had evaded arrest; having determined to be on hand when wanted for trial. His trial is going on to-day. He is represented by A. B. Stuckey, Esq., and G. W. Brown, Esq., of Darlington.

Fire Near Mayesville.

The barn and stables of Mr. George Muldrow, one of most substantial farmers of the Mayesville section, were burned on Saturday morning after daylight. Mr. Muldrow attended to the feeding that morning and had been no smoking around the lot, consequently there was no known cause for the fire. Sometime after returning to his home from the lot he noticed the barn in flames, and had time to save only his horses and a reaper, rake and wagon. All his corn, forage and oats were destroyed. He had no insurance.

The Treasurer's Report.

The Annual Report of the Treasurer of Sumter County was published in the last issue of the Sumter Herald, June 8th. The Report is quite lengthy, covering something more than eight hundred inches of space. The following recapitulation of the Report is given for the benefit of the readers of this paper, who may not have had an opportunity of examining the Report in detail, so that they may not be in total ignorance of how the county funds have been expended:

Table with 2 columns: Item and Amount. Includes: Repairs for court house and jail, \$ 55 01; Public Buildings, 439 93; Support of poor, 1 123 03; Roads and Bridges, 3 045 57; Fees, services, etc., 8 893 52; New jail, 5 020 17; Deficiency, '91-'92, 1 275 33; Road tax Shiloh Township, 16 00; Licenses, costs, etc., 1 928 35; Tax abatements, 928 21; Court claims—June Term, '93, 993 21; Court claims—October term, '93, 888 16; Court Claims—March term, '94, 2 363 32; School District No. 1, 1 454 34; School District No. 2, 990 33; School District No. 3, 588 45; School District No. 4, 1 094 50; School District No. 5, 870 00; School District No. 6, 962 85; School District No. 7, 710 00; School District No. 8, 494 00; School District No. 9, 451 00; School District No. 10, 540 93; School District No. 11, 1 126 24; School District No. 12, 389 00; School District No. 13, 627 70; School District No. 14, 706 77; School District No. 15, 1 400 00; School District No. 16, 474 75; School District No. 17, 691 45; School District No. 18, 67 64; School District No. 19, 67 64; School District No. 20, 1 550 63; Incidental, \$ 45 535 21.

In yesterday's Freeman the subjoined article appeared, which, in consequence of subsequent developments, is deemed of sufficient importance to merit republication here:

THE FREEMAN wishes to call attention to the fact that heretofore the three papers of the city of Sumter have shared equally the work and compensation for the publication of the County Treasurer's Annual Report. This was done so that all the people of the County could read the report, and it was published in the three papers without extra cost to the taxpayers—the amount charged by each paper being one-third price—16 2/3 cents per inch.

For reasons best known to himself the Treasurer this year gave the printing to the Sumter Herald and the Herald; we are informed, agreed to give the County Banner, Bishopville, S. C., a certain proportion of the work. THE FREEMAN learned a short time ago that it was probably the Treasurer's intention to share it out of the publication of this report, and then, with the Treasurer's assurance that he would consider a bid, we wrote him offering to do the work at one-third less than the rate allowed by law. We received a letter from the Treasurer in reply to ours a few days later enquiring in case he accepted our bid, what we proposed to do in regard to a division with the other papers. Our prompt answer in reply was that we would do the work at the rate mentioned in our bid and would divide work and money with any papers he named. To this last letter we have never received a reply and on Friday night last the report was published as a supplement to the Herald, in an entirely uselessly extended form—costing the County about \$100 more than ever before and about \$200 more than our bid would have called for.

The statutes require the publication of the report two weeks before court convenes. Under the old division plan the work of each paper was comparatively light and the report was published as the law requiring. This year, it will be observed, the Treasurer has failed to comply with the law—the object of which is to make an itemized statement of public expenditures known to the people a sufficient length of time before court convenes that any error, &c., may be reported to the grand jury.

Our columns are open to the Treasurer for the explanation which is in order.

Late yesterday afternoon the proprietor of the Watchman and Southron was summoned before the Grand Jury and examined in regard to the cost and form of the report as it appeared in the Herald, the form and cost of the report in previous years, the cost of the report had been published in the compact form of previous years, and the probable cost of the report had the bid of the Freeman at the regular rates been accepted. Mr. Miller, of the Freeman and Mr. A. W. Knight, of the Herald were also summoned and examined by the Grand Jury. Thus the matter has assumed a form, concerning which the public have a right to be informed.

As stated in the article copied from the Freeman, the Treasurer's Report has been published for years by all the papers in Sumter without additional cost to the county, the work and pay having been equally divided. When there were two papers here, the Watchman and Southron and the Advance, this plan prevailed, and since the establishment of the Freeman, the work and pay have been divided between the three, until the publication of the present report. This has been done without disagreement, notwithstanding the fact that the Watchman and Southron has at all times had a larger circulation than any of its competitors, and on this ground entitled to a greater portion of the price fixed by law.

It is also true that the Report this year has been extended and made to fill more space than necessary and has, at the legal rate, fifty cents per inch, cost the county more for the publication in one paper than it cost in previous years when published in three.

Again it is true that the law requires the publication of the Report two weeks before court convenes, and the Friday before court convened on Monday. This is the status of the case now being investigated by the Grand Jury.

About a month ago, as has been the custom of the proprietor of this paper in previous years, in default of an understanding, a business proposition was submitted, in writing, to Treasurer D. E. Keels to publish the Report conjointly with the other papers for one price, thus giving the Report the widest possible circulation without additional cost to the county. In the same letter a second proposition was made—that in the event of Treasurer Keels' decision to select one paper for the publication of the Report, the Watchman and Southron would be entitled to consideration on account of its large circulation by reason of which a larger number of taxpayers would be enabled to examine the Report. To this letter Treasurer Keels has never replied, although he received it at least a month before his Report was published. Having received no consideration for this plain business proposition, at the hands of Treasurer Keels, we bothered no more about the matter. Since the Grand Jury has taken

hold of the matter the whole thing will be sifted and the public can judge of the merits, or more correctly the demerits, of the case.

Our latest information is that the bill for publication of the Report is \$434.00, of which \$50 goes to the Bishopville Banner, by virtue of an agreement between the Herald and the Banner. When the amount of this bill is contrasted with the Freeman's bid which would have amounted to about \$200 less, the tax payers have a right to kick, and the Grand Jury does right in forcing an investigation. On the face of the case Treasurer Keels seems to have disregarded the business principle to get the largest value for the least money, to the injury of the tax payers, in addition to not having complied with law in regard to the time of publication. The Grand Jury has not completed the investigation, but if there are further developments of public interest the next issue will contain a full report.

Commencement Hop.

The Annual Hop in honor of the graduates of Sumter Institute was given on last Wednesday evening in the S. L. I. Armory. The Orchestra furnished delightful music, and the evening slipped away amid pleasure and mirth. The number of dancers from other places was a noticeable feature of the occasion, and their presence added much to the pleasure of those who gave the dance; Sumter and Sumter people are never so happy as when entertaining friends. The following were present: Misses Lily Delgar, Emmie Saunders, Beth Durall, Jessie Moise, Bessie Lee, Kate Moise, May Bosard, Addie DesChamps, Margie O'Neill, Tarrie Moise, Madeline Fraser, Janie Spann, Boss Barnett, Myrvin, Emmie James and Florence Haynsworth, of Darlington, Miss Dudley, of Bennettsville, Minnie Atkins, of Mayesville, Bettie Aycock, of Wedgefield, Mrs. W. H. Ingram, Mrs. F. M. Spann, Mrs. A. S. Isaac, of New York, and others.

The gentlemen were; R. H. Jennings, J. N. Brand, H. W. Cooper, A. T. Cooper, W. D. McLeod, Paul Kennedy, E. O. Ingram, R. F. Jackson, H. C. DesChamps, J. H. DesChamps, F. K. Winn, J. E. Gaillard, Jr., J. McF. Spann, W. J. McKain, Chas. McFaddin, Donald Auld, Greenville DeLorme, N. G. Osteen, Jr., Sol Ryttenberg, I. A. Ryttenberg, J. H. Burns, Douglas Weeks, Sparr Vinson, Leonard Brown, Robert Breden, Douglas China, Wallace Epperson, Robert Sanders, F. M. Spann, John K. Crosswell, Eugene Aycock, W. T. Mizon and others.

The costumes of the ladies were handsome and becoming, and all in all, the Hop was a brilliant and charming success.

Citadel Commencement.

The editor returns thanks to Messrs. A. C. Jaskin and George M. Stuckey of the South Carolina Military Academy for an invitation to the Anniversary Exercises of the Calitupian and Polytechnic Literary Societies to be held on the evening of the 14th inst. Messrs. Jaskin and Stuckey are members of the graduating class and will receive their diplomas at the approaching commencement.

Court.

Court convened on Monday morning with Judge Norton on the bench. E. O. Purdy, Esq., acted as Solicitor. The business of the court has been disposed of expeditiously, and at the time of going to press all of the cases on the criminal docket except the Kelly murder case have been tried or continued.

The following are the cases disposed of: State vs. Nelson Shaw—Burglary and Larceny. Guilty.

State vs. Richard Wilder—Breaking and Entering Railroad Car. Plead Guilty.

State vs. Will Love—Larceny of Live Stock. Plead Guilty.

State vs. John Ludd, Thos. Owens and James Anderson—Burglary and Larceny. John Ludd plead guilty. Thos. Owens and James Anderson, guilty, recommended to mercy.

State vs. William Holmes—Housebreaking and Larceny. Plead Guilty.

State vs. Ben Green—Housebreaking and Larceny. Plead Guilty.

State vs. C. C. Rodgers and Daniel Wright—Indictment for Killing Fish With Dynamite. Nol. pros.

State vs. Dave Mack—Entering House with Intent to Steal. Guilty.

State vs. Peter Conyers and Rachel Conyers—Assault and Battery with Intent to Kill. Discharged.

State vs. Thos. Friserson—Larceny. Nol. Guilty.

State vs. Jacob Mack—House Breaking. Guilty.

State vs. Dan Davis and Hammie Brown—House Breaking and Larceny. Hammie Brown Guilty. Dan Davis not Guilty.

State vs. Benny Spann—House Breaking. Guilty. Recommended to Mercy.

State vs. Ben Murray—Selling Crop Under Lien. Discharged.

State vs. Geo. Singleton—Assault and Battery, with Intent to Kill. Plead Guilty.

Solicitor Wilson.

Solicitor John S. Wilson, who has been quite ill for some weeks, was taken to Columbia last week for the purpose of having an operation performed. The operation proved to be a very severe one, necessitating three incisions into the abdominal cavity; for the removal of an abscess affecting the liver and kidneys. He stood the operation well, and up to this time his condition has been as favorable as could be expected.

The State of this morning says: Solicitor John S. Wilson, of the Third Circuit, is quite ill at the Columbia Hospital from the effects of an operation performed a few days ago. He was getting along as well as could be expected yesterday.

Alumnae Reception—Gen. Youman's Address.

The annual meeting of the Alumnae Association of the Sumter Institute was held last Wednesday immediately after the commencement exercises, and routine business transacted. A number of new members were received—graduates of this year and of other years who had not united with the Association. The following officers were elected to serve during the ensuing year: President—Miss Eloise Wilson. Vice President—Mamie Fraser. Sec. and Treas.—Mrs. E. F. Miller.

Gen. Youmans delivered the address in Institute Hall, Wednesday evening, in the presence of a large and appreciative audience.

The address was followed by the annual reception of the Alumnae Association. The refreshments were served in the Hall instead of on the lawn as anticipated, on account of the heavy rain during the early part of the evening. The reception was very pleasant, the social features add so much—the meeting between old friends—is always, to many of us, the most enjoyable and satisfactory of the whole commencement season. Without the Alumnae evening the commencement week would be robbed of much of its charm.

Go to D. M. Campbell's for ice cold meats. Hood's Pills are the best family cathartic and liver medicine. Harmless, reliable, sure. China's Soda is cold and fine, and good enough to quiet any one's mind.

Every person interested in Music should get a catalogue of 10c Sheet Music and Music Books from Kennedy's Book Store.

Winburn, the Photographer, will be off for the mountains in a short time, so have your picture taken before he goes, while they are made at the reduced price. Use Excelsior Baking Powder, prepared only by Dr. A. J. China. Guaranteed to be chemically pure. Price 35 cents per pound, 2 ounces for