

man and Southron.

DAY, JAN. 6, 1897.

ton in Flames.

s Disaster to a Very urishing Town.

he News and Courier.

ON, December 30.—At half-past to-night a watchman gave the once flames were discovered in Blackwell Brothers. The fire the interior of the building and spread beyond control. Efforts made to quench the flames, but avail. The fire now is raging to consume one of the finest The store of Blackwell Brothers, and several others, including the and the People's Bank, the law Nettles & Nettles, Boyd and Brown, & Floyd and others are in imminent and will probably be destroyed. and water works are in full play. All efforts a disastrous conflagration probable.

lock the fire is still raging. The by firemen has never ceased one but all odds are against them. Brothers and Strauss & Rhodes are asbes, and now J. H. Early is in with W. C. Byrd and the People's and the dispensary almost sure to

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well Brothers, \$15,000; insurance

ans & Rhodes, loss \$3,000, small in-; J. H. Early, buildings and stock, 00, no insurance; dispensary, \$3,000, covered by insurance; W. C. Byrd, and furniture, \$15,000, insurance \$10-; Boyd & Brown, law office, papers, and fixtures, total loss, small insur-; Nettles & Nettles, Townsend & Floyd, D. B. Graham and other offices are all loss, small insurance. S. Marco, build- \$10,000, insurance about \$6,000. The losses, if fire is stopped here, will not over \$75,000. Insurance light. Prob- because of the fire is unknown. Prob- originated from a kerosene lamp in the

heavy rain to-day and no wind were able conditions. The firemen did superb t, but one of our blocks is in ashes. The t of the square is piled with goods, wet, n, burnt and otherwise damaged. Four were hurt—none very seriously. The s of the dispensary were locked and ything was destroyed.

ore was wired for help, but so far has responded, good reasons preventing. The m engine kept three streams constantly ring, and this was supplemented for rs by the water works. The splendid t made saved Byrd's building in a badly aged condition. The People's Bank ilding is safe also with everything moved

J. E. N.

ot. Priestly Conyers Very Ill.

condition of Capt. W. P. Conyers, who x weeks has been more or less seriously reported to be unimproved. On Sun- the physicians despaired of any chances the recovery of the sick man and he was expected to live through the night, but the hour of our going to press he was uting against the grim enemy. The sym- bly of the community is extended to the ng wife and Capt. Conyers' family.— enville Mountaineer, Dec. 30.

The reports of Dun and Bradstreet, used yesterday, do not differ material- from those of the past two weeks. he liabilities of commercial failures s year are \$225,000,000, against \$173,000,000 last year.

The Attorney General has received a letter from a constable in the upper art of the State asking him whether would be lawful for him to break into a an's safe. He states that he is con- dent that the man is a blind tiger deal- and that he keeps his liquor in the safe, but he refuses to give the consta- le a peep in side of it. Judge Town- end instructed the constable that the Dispensary law did not contemplate constables cracking safes.

op't be persuaded into buying liniments out reputation or merit—Chamberlain's Balm costs no more, and its merits have proven by a test of many years. Such are as the following, from I. G. Bagley, neme, Cal., are constantly being re- ed: "The best remedy for pain I have used is Chamberlain's Pain Balm, and y so after having used it in my family for eral years." It cures rheumatism, lame s, sprains and swellings. For sale by Dr. J. M. China.

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James P. Francis, Alderman, Chicago, says "I regard Dr. King's New Discovery as an Ideal Panacea for Coughs, Colds and Lung Complaints, having used it in my family for the last five years, to the exclusion of physi- cian's prescriptions or other preparations."

Rev. John Burgus, Keokuk, Iowa, writes: "I have been a Minister of the Methodist Episco- pal Church for 50 years or more, and have never found anything so beneficial, or that gave me such speedy relief as Dr. King's New Discovery." Try this Ideal Cough Remedy now. Trial Bottles free at J. F. W. DeLorme's Drug Store.

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"Blight" costs cotton planters more than five million dollars annually. This is an enormous waste, and can be prevented. Practical experiments at Alabama Experiment Station show conclusively that the use of "Kainit"

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GERMAN KALI WORKS, 93 Nassau St., New York. \$500 REWARD. We will pay the above reward for any case of Liver Complaint, Dyspepsia, Sick Headache, Indigestion, Constipation or Costiveness we cannot cure with West's Vegetable Liver Pills, when the directions are strictly complied with. They are purely Vegetable, and never fail to give satisfaction. Sugar Coated. Large boxes, 25 cents. Beware of counterfeits and imitations. The genuine is manufactured only by THE JOHN C. WEST COMPAN- Y, Chicago, Ill.

For sale in Sumter by J. F. W. DeLorme.

LE-BRUN'S FOR EITHER SEX. This remedy being injected directly to the seat of those diseases of the Genito-Urinary Organs, requires no change of diet. Cure guaranteed in 1 to 3 days. Small plain pack- age, by mail, \$1.00. Sold only by J. F. W. DeLORME, Sumter, S. C.

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Notice!

AFTER an experience of twenty-eight years in the Cabinet shop of Mr. J. D. Craig, the undersigned have gone into the business of repairing and cleaning furniture, on their own account, and feeling confident of their ability to give perfect satisfaction, respectfully solicit the patronage of the people of Sumter and vicinity.

The preparing and dressing of dead bodies for burial will be promptly and carefully attended to. Shop opposite the Episcopal church. PETERSON & CUTHBERT. Sept. 1st, 1896. Sumter, S. C.

FIRST NATIONAL BANK, OF SUMTER.

STATE, CITY AND COUNTY DEPOSITORY, SUMTER, S. C. Paid up Capital \$75,000 00 Surplus and Profits 14,500 00 Additional Liability of Stock- holders of their stock \$75,000 00 Total protection to Depositors \$164,500 00 Transacts a General Banking Business. Careful attention given to collections.

SAVINGS DEPARTMENT. Deposits of \$1 and upwards received. Interest allowed at the rate of 4 per cent. per annum. Payable quarterly, on first days of January, April, July and October. R. M. WALLACE President. L. S. CARBON, Aug 7, Cashier.

"THE CHARLESTON LINE."

SOUTH CAROLINA AND GEORGIA RAILROAD.

PASSENGER DEPARTMENT.

Corrected to April 19th, 1896.

Table with columns for DAILY, DAILY, and train routes including Lv Charleston, Ar Summerville, etc.

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Fast Express, Augusta and Washington, with Through Sleepers to New York.

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Daily Except Sunday. Camden 8 45 a m 2 25 p m Camden Junction 9 35 a m 3 55 p m...

L. A. EMERSON, Traffic Man'g'r. Charleston, S. C.

Atlantic Coast Line. Manchester & Augusta Railroad. CONDENSED SCHEDULE. In effect December 13, 1896.

Table with columns for TRAINS GOING SOUTH, No. 35, No. 37, and routes including Lv Darlington, Ar Sumter, etc.

Table with columns for TRAINS GOING NORTH, No. 36, No. 38, and routes including Lv Denmark, Lv Orangeburg, etc.

\*Daily. †Daily except Sunday. Trains 50 and 51 carry through Pullman Palace Buffet Sleeping Cars between New York and Atlanta via Augusta.

Atlantic Coast Line. WILMINGTON, COLUMBIA AND AUGUSTA RAILROAD. CONDENSED SCHEDULE. TRAINS GOING SOUTH.

Table with columns for Dated Dec. 13, 1896, No. 55, No. 51, and routes including Leave Wilmington, Leave Marion, etc.

No. 52 runs through from Charleston to Central R. R., leaving Lanes 8:30 a. m., Monday 9:10 a. m.

TRAINS GOING NORTH.

Table with columns for No. 54, No. 53, and routes including Leave Columbia, Arrive Sumter, etc.

\*Daily. †Daily except Sunday. No. 53 runs through to Charleston, S. C., via Central R. R., arriving Manning 6:58 p. m., Lanes 7:37 p. m., Charleston 9:10 p. m.

Atlantic Coast Line. North-Eastern R. R. of S. C. CONDENSED SCHEDULE. TRAINS GOING SOUTH. Dated Dec. 13, 1896. Le. Florence 3 25 P. M. Ar. Kingstree 4 33 P. M. Ar. Lanes 4 33 P. M. Ar. Charl't'n 6 02 P. M.

HARBY & CO., WHOLESALE BROKERS, AND Cotton Storage Warehouse PROPRIETORS. UP-TOWN OFFICE: COURT HOUSE SQUARE.

1,000 Tons High Grade Am- moniated Fertilizer, 1,000 Tons Acid with Potash 500 Tons Dissolved Bone, 500 Tons German Kainit, 400 Tons C. S. Meal, For Sale. We are prepared to meet any and all prices for STAND- ARD GOODS. Get our prices before purchasing. Respectfully, HARBY & CO. Dec. 16.

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Patents, Caveats, and Trade-Marks obtained and all Patent business conducted for MODERATE FEES. OUR OFFICE IS OPPOSITE U. S. PATENT OFFICE...

TAX RETURNS FOR 1896-97.

OFFICE OF COUNTY AUDITOR SUMTER COUNTY. SUMTER, S. C., Nov. 27, 1896.

RETURNS of all Personal Property and Poll Taxes will be received at this office from January 1st, 1897, to January 12th, 1897, and at the following times and places:

Marysville, Tuesday, January 12th. Reid's Mill, Wednesday, January 13. Mannville, Thursday, January 14th. Smithville, Friday, January 15th. Mechanicsville, Saturday, Jan. 16th. Kingman's Store, Monday, Jan. 18. Rembert's Store, Tuesday, Jan. 19. Hagood, Wednesday, January 20th. Stateburg, Thursday, January 21st. Wedgefield, Friday, January 22nd. R. I. Manning's, Saturday, Jan. 23d. J. N. Tindal's, Monday, Jan. 25th. Bishopville, Tuesday and Wednes- day, January 26th and 27th. Magnolia, Thursday, January 28th. Lynchburg, Friday, January 29th. Concord, Saturday, January 30th. Johnston's Store, Monday, Feb. 1st. Shiloh, Tuesday, February 2nd. And at Auditor's office in the City of Sumter from February 3rd, to Feb- ruary 20th inclusive.

The law requires that all persons owning property or in anywise having charge of such property, either as agent, husband, guardian, trustee, executor, administrator, etc., return the same under oath to the Auditor, who re- quests all persons to be prompt in making their returns and save the 50 per cent. pen- alty which will be added to the property valuation of all persons who fail to make re- turns within the time prescribed by law.

Tax payers return what they own on the first day of January, 1897. Assessors and taxpayers will enter the first given name of the taxpayer in full, also make a separate return for each Township where the property is located and also in each and every case the No. of the School District must be given.

Every male citizen between the age of twenty-one and sixty years on the first day of January 1897, except those incapable of earning a support from being married or from other causes, shall be deemed taxable Polls, and except Confederate Soldiers 20 years of age, on Jan. 1st, 1897. All returns must be made on or before the 20th day of February next. I cannot take returns after that date and all returns made after the 20th day of February are subject to a penalty of 50 per cent.

A. B. STUCKEY, Auditor Sumter County.

Wilson and Summerton R. R.

In effect January 15th, 1896.

Table with columns for TRAINS GOING NORTH, No. 72, and routes including Leave Wilsons Mill, Jordan, etc.

TRAINS GOING SOUTH.

Table with columns for No. 73, and routes including Leave Sumter, W. & S. June., etc.

Trains between Millard and St. Paul leave Millard 10 15 a m and 3 45 p m, arriving St. Paul 10 25 a m and 3 55 p m. Returning leave St. Paul 10 35 a m and 4 10 p m, and arrive Millard 10 45 a m and 4 20 p m. Daily except Sunday.

Atlantic Coast Line. North-Eastern R. R. of S. C. CONDENSED SCHEDULE. TRAINS GOING SOUTH.

Table with columns for Dated Dec. 13, 1896, No. 35, No. 23, No. 53, No. 51, and routes including Le. Florence, Ar. Kingstree, etc.

TRAINS GOING NORTH.

Table with columns for No. 78, No. 32, No. 52, No. 50, and routes including Le. Charl't'n, Ar. Lanes, etc.

\*Daily. †Daily except Sunday. No. 52 runs through to Columbia, via Cen- tral R. R. of S. C. Trains Nos. 78 and 32 run via Wilson and Fayetteville—Short Line—and make close connection for all points North.

A. WHITE & SON, Fire Insurance Agency. ESTABLISHED 1866.

Representing other Companies: LIVERPOOL & LONDON & GLOBE, NORTH BRITISH & MERCANTILE HOME, of New York. UNDERWRITERS' AGENCY, N. Y. LANCASTER INSURANCE CO. Capital represented \$750,000. Feb. 28.

NOTICE.

-MULES and HORSES.-

55 Well Broken young Horses and Mules at Epperson's Stables FOR SALE.

This stock will be sold at private sale and guaranteed as represented. Prices as low as any dealer on the market. 26 Head more good young Mules to arrive December 31. Call and take a look. Prices are right.

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Rubber and Leather Belting, Paints and... CAN'T WE FURNISH YOU WITH... R. W. DURANT SUMTER S... SHEPHERD SUPPL... 232 Meeting Street, Charleston, S. C. STATE AGENTS FOR SALE OF