

SUMTER GETS NO MONEY.

Our Firemen Meet Hard Luck in Charlotte.

Charlotte, May 19—Sumter had hard luck in the hose wagon contest. Delgar made the run in 40 seconds, but the hose burst and they were ruled out. Monaghan made the run in 43 seconds and was ruled out. Greensboro made the winning run in 43 seconds and gets first prize. The Columbus team won the second prize in this contest and first prize in the steamer contest. The Phoenix team of Columbia won the second prize in the hook and ladder race.

Charlotte, May 20—Monaghan Hose Company has gone home. George McKagen was too sore to run in the reel race.

Charlotte, May 20—The reel races are over and again Sumter loses. The time made by the several teams entered was as follows: Palmetto of Columbia 24 seconds, Greensboro 26, Charlotte 21, Anderson, busted Delgar 26, Greenville 23 2-5. Columbia and Charlotte divide first money. Delgar's slow time was due to the hose kicking. The grab race will be held immediately.

I. A. RYTTEBERG

Charlotte, May 20, 12:35—The time in the grab race was: Columbia 22, Charlotte 21 1-5, Greensboro 21, Anderson, busted, Asheville 22 2-5, Delgar won hydrant time and busted.

WON THE FOOT RACE.

Charlotte, 12:50—Sumter wins at last. Gallagher won foot race in 10 3-5 seconds.

Sumter acknowledged by everyone to have the best horse teams, best running team and fastest runners in Charlotte.

I. A. RYTTEBERG.

The firemen have returned from Charlotte. They arrived in two contingents, a part of the crowd arriving Thursday night and the others on the 7:15 train Friday morning. A few of the party were not satisfied with two days of pleasure and they remained in Charlotte and did not reach home until Saturday. The firemen without exception are loud in praise of the handsome treatment accorded them by the Charlotte people.

They enjoyed every moment of the stay in Charlotte, and the pleasant time they had in a great measure compensated them for the failure to capture the prizes. The only accident that marred the pleasure of the trip was the injuries received by George McKagen when he jumped from the Monaghan Hose wagon to make the connection at the hydrant in the hose wagon race. His injuries are painful but not in anywise serious, and as soon as his bruised and lacerated cuticle has had time to heal he will be in the ring again and ready for another race. The trip to Charlotte has had the effect of arousing still greater enthusiasm among the firemen and they appear to be more interested than ever, which seems scarcely possible, for they have been keyed up to the top notch for months.

Goonie Gallagher ran a great race in the 100 yards dash for the championship of the Carolinas, and the way he went ahead of all of the twenty crack sprinters made glad the hearts of the Sumter crowd. There were so many entries for this contest that the sprinters were divided into three squads. In the first squad John Miller led, in the second Connie Gallagher crossed the line in the lead and in the third Eugene Ingram was a close second. Gallagher's time was the best which entitled him to the purse and the championship.

Delgar squad did not return entirely empty handed, for they made the quickest run to the hydrant of any team in the race and won a silk umbrella and silver mounted case offered by one of the Charlotte merchants for the best time from the starting point to hydrant.

The Facts of the Charlotte Tournament.

In justice to both Sumter teams it should be said that in reporting the race during the excitement, the word "estimated" was omitted in the telegram sent The Item. Delgar's hose having parted no time was entered, but the judges gave as their opinion that had water come as quick as for others, the time would have been 40 seconds. Their official decision ruled both teams out.

Sumter's two teams were as one in Charlotte, having left all rivalry at home. Be it also said that Monaghan's time would have been less than the official time, but for their accident of McKagen falling.

I herewith attach a statement signed by all of the judges of the race, showing their opinion of the Sumter teams, which was also the universal opinion of all in Charlotte:

"Sumter wins foot race, 10 3/5 seconds, Gallagher.

Sumter acknowledged best horse teams, best running teams and best runners on the grounds, but in hard luck

(Signed) **TODD, GIBBALDI, DODSWORTH, Judges.**

In proof that all the companies were afraid to run against us again, I herewith attach challenge copied from the Charlotte Observer, which no company there was brave enough to answer.

AN OPEN CHALLENGE.

The circumstances under which our teams were beaten this afternoon being such that we could not control, we hereby challenge any team that was on the ground, (the two winning teams preferred) to race with the Sumter fire department for any amount over \$100. We are ready to run in the morning or noon before shipping our horses. We have the permission to run on the streets of Charlotte and will have the same judges as in to-day's race.

IRVING A. RYTTEBERG, Buford Hotel.

Although winning only two prizes, all of the Sumter men are pleased with their trip and the treatment from the Charlotte people, and are willing to try over again, wishing for better luck, being satisfied more than ever that we have the finest fire department in the two states

IRVING RYTTEBERG.

The Delgars Return Thanks.

Editor of Daily Item: Please publish the following resolutions, which were unanimously adopted by Delgar Reel Squad, at a call meeting held Friday afternoon, May 21:

Resolved 1st. That to the generous-hearted citizens of Sumter we are indebted for a most delightful trip to Charlotte.

Resolved 2d. That we extend, to those who so willingly contributed to the fund which enabled us to attend the Firemen's Tournament at Charlotte, our sincere thanks for the portion of the subscription received by us.

Resolved 3d. That to Messrs. Neil O'Donnell, R. O. Purdy and H. B. Bloom, the soliciting committee, who so willingly performed that duty, we tender especial thanks.

Resolved 4th. That these resolutions be published in The Daily Item.

W. S. GRAHAM, Foreman Delgar Reel Squad, No. 3.

Resolutions of Thanks.

At a called meeting of Monaghan Hose Company No. 2, held Monday evening, May 24, the following resolutions were adopted:

Resolved 1st. We, the members of Monaghan Hose Company, No. 2, are indebted to the citizens of the City of Sumter, S. C., who so liberally contributed to the fund which helped to defray our expenses at the International Firemen's Tournament held in

Charlotte, N. C., on May 19th to 23d, 1897. Resolved 2d. We hereby tender especial thanks to the soliciting committee, Messrs. Neil O'Donnell, R. O. Purdy, and Chief H. B. Bloom, for so kindly acting in this capacity.

Resolved 3d. That a copy of these resolutions be printed in The Daily Item and weekly papers of the city

R. S. HOOD, Captain Monaghan Hose Co. No. 2.

A CARD.

Mr. Editor: In looking over the list of application for 1897, I find that the following names have been approved, subject to the physician's examination, and they have not yet appeared before the physician of the board. Respectfully,

P. P. GAILLARD, Chairman Pension Board.
J. C. Compton, Privateer.
T. D. Gardner, Bishopville.
W. R. Farnell, Shiloh.

Engineer Nettles, Demented, Kills Himself.

A blow on the temple from a rock about a month ago unsettled Engineer Z. W. Nettles' mind to such an extent that Sunday at 6 o'clock p. m. in Florence he took his own life by cutting his throat with a carving knife, from ear to ear. A month ago he was as usual bringing his train into Columbia from Wilmington when, between Sparrow Swamp and Timmonsville, a rock was hurled with great force into the engine cab. It struck Engineer Nettles on the temple and made such a bad wound that the train was stopped and his head dressed. Resuming his position at throttie he brought the fast passenger train into the city on time. The wound was dressed and he given permission to "lay off" for a few days. That was the last time he ever pulled open a throttie.

Externally the blow appeared to have done little harm, but during the few days "lay off" his friends noticed that he was affected mentally. They cautioned Mrs. Nettles to keep an eye on her husband, which she did with a wife's devotion. Last Sunday about 6 o'clock Engineer Nettles casually remarked that he was going to step out for a few minutes. He did so, and unperceived by any one carried with him a carving knife.

Time passed by and his wife went to look for him. She found him in an out-house in rear of the dwelling. His throat was cut, and lying at his feet was the implement of death all covered with blood.

The blow over the eye had demented the engineer and he had taken his own life. The apparently harmless wound had caused his death and the coward who maliciously caused it is unknown.

Engineer Nettles was one of the oldest men in experience on the Coast Line. He had one of the best runs over the entire system and never failed to bring his train in on time. The very blow that caused his death did not keep him from coming in on time. He leaves a widow and two children.—The State

The small boys around town can tell you all about how the firemen didn't do it.

Gallagher saved Sumter's reputation, and kept the crowd from returning without a single prize.

The best night's work the City Council has done in months was that of last Wednesday night. They decided to purchase a bicycle for the use of Chief of Police Bradford.

The Columbia fruit dealers are advertising "Sumter strawberries." This is a striking testimonial of the superior quality of Sumter berries.

It would be a most excellent idea for City Council to put Street Commissioner Tribble on a bicycle. He would be brought forcibly to an appreciation of the discomforts endured by bicyclists when riding over the average sidewalk in this city.

Hard luck seemed to follow Sumter firemen with discouraging persistence in Charlotte. Excuses are, however, the poorest sort of an apology for victory, and the Game Cock firemen need no excuses nor apologies; they can stand on their record. Besides there will be other tournaments and they will have the opportunity of proving themselves winners.

The representatives of Game Cock Lodge K. of P. returned home Thursday night from Anderson where they attended the Grand Lodge of South Carolina. The Anderson Knights and the people of that hospitable city entertained the visiting Pythians in a most elegant and generous manner. There were a great many Knights in attendance but the hospitality of the Anderson people was fully equal to the occasion and the stay of each of the visitors was made so pleasant that it will be long remembered.

Mr. Lea Elected.

The Maysville Tobacco Warehouse Company have elected Mr. W. E. Lea as manager. Mr. Lea is well known in the county and understands everything concerning tobacco, from its culture up.

No mystery about it. When the Shakers offered some time ago to give away a bottle of their Digestive Cordial to any one who might call at their New York office, there was a great rush and a great many people thought they were crazy.

Subsequent events proved it to have been a very clever advertising transaction, for although they gave away thousands of bottles, it was in the end profitable; nearly every one that took a free bottle came back for more and paid for it with pleasure, saying they had derived better results from its use than from any other medicine they had ever used.

There is nothing so uniformly successful in the treatment of stomach troubles as the Shaker Digestive Cordial, and what is better than all, it relieves at once.

Laxol, the new form of Castor Oil is so palatable that children lick the spoon clean.

Religious.

Rev. W. J. Dowell will preach at Brown's School House next Saturday at 7 p. m., and Sunday at 11 a. m., and also at Wedgefield Sunday at 8 o'clock.

Meteorological Record.

The following is a report of observations of the weather taken at Statesburg, by Dr. W. W. Anderson, for the past week ending May 23, 1897:

Date	Temperature.			Wind.	Rainfall.	Condition.
	Max.	Min.	Mean.			
17	80	64	67.	ESE	.00	Clear
18	82	52	67.	SE	.00	Clear
19	85	56	70.5	SE	.00	Clear
20	88	64	76	W	.00	Clear
21	90	64	77.	SW	.00	Clear
22	87	64	75.5	S	.00	Clear
23	86	62	74	S	.44	*Cloudy

*Partly cloudy. Sharp thunder and lightning accompanied the rain which fell after midnight yesterday evening, but not much wind. The oat crop may now be regarded as safe here, and promises a fine yield.

The best bargain offer in Sumter is a pound of excellent writing paper for 15 cents, two pounds for a quarter. You get this at book store of H. G. Osteen & Co.

Seemingly Settled

That Jno. L. McLaurin Will be Junior Senator.

It is scarcely a matter of speculation any longer who will be the successor of the lamented Earle to the United States senate. As indicated in The State yesterday morning, it seems that the man will be Congressman John L. McLaurin. In political circles yesterday it was generally conceded that he was the man whom the governor would appoint, and all talk about the chances of others whose names have been mentioned in connection with the place was abandoned. A few who had not consulted the men who are prominent in politics continued to talk a little of possibilities, but the opinion is practically unanimous that Mr. McLaurin will be appointed by Governor Ellerbe. It is also considered practically settled that the appointment will be announced before many more sunsets.

So much for the situation as viewed outside of the executive office. Yesterday Governor Ellerbe talked pleasantly about the situation, indicating that his mind was fully made up in regard to the matter, but he had very little to say that was indicative. The governor was very discreet and non-committal. He intimated however, that the appointment would be announced in a day or two.

Since the death of General Earle, friends of the gentlemen named below have urged their claims for the appointment upon Gov. Ellerbe, and these are, he says, the only names he has considered. Here they are: Congressman McLaurin, Solicitor G. Duncan Bellinger, Gen. Wade Hampton, State Senator S. G. Mayfield, ex-United States Senator J. L. M. Irby, Dr. James H. Carriale, Railroad Commissioner W. D. Evans, C. A. Woods, John C. Duncan and Col. D. K. Norris.

To give an idea of how the friends of men in certain localities have been looking after the appointment, while the mass of the people seemed to desire the selection of Congressman McLaurin, the following contents of a postal card received yesterday by a well-known public man from a friend in Colleton county is published: "The friends of Col. B. Stokes are urging his appointment for United States senator in place of Earle, deceased, in a card circulated to-day in our midst. Anything that you may do personally to promote his appointment is earnestly solicited by his many friends."

Governor Ellerbe has received a large number of letters from all over the State in regard to the appointment and the future race for the unexpired term. Many of the writers have suggested to the governor that he himself make the race for the senate in the election next winter. Governor Ellerbe some days ago however, announced that he would not be a candidate for this position under any circumstances.—The State, May 25.

McLaurin Appointed.

The spotless toga of the lamented Earle has fallen upon the shoulders of John Lowndes McLaurin, the able young congressman from the Sixth district of South Carolina, and his friends predict that he will wear it in a manner to reflect credit upon himself and his State.

The very first announcement from Governor Ellerbe in regard to the matter was made at 1:40 o'clock yesterday afternoon. He stated positively that he had not authorized any one to state that Mr. McLaurin would be appointed. He very unexpectedly made the announcement at the hour named yesterday that to-day he would issue to Mr. McLaurin his commission as United States senator to succeed Gen. Earle.—Columbia Register, May 26.

The Relief of Destitute Americans in Cuba.

Washington, May 24.—President McKinley to-day signed the resolution appropriating \$50,000 for the relief of destitute American citizens in Cuba.

The President, at the suggestion of Secretary Alger, is considering the plan of assigning an officer from the commissary department of the regular army to take charge of the assembling of relief supplies for Americans in Cuba. This department is trained in the handling of supplies and has advantages in contracting for large quantities of necessaries. Through the good offices of the Spanish government, it is probable that, in the event it is decided to send food supplies to Cuba, in addition to the remittance of money, our government will be able to send much more than would be the case if duty were exacted upon the goods imported. An intimation has been given that such supplies will be admitted duty free. The importance of this remission can be perceived when it is realized that the duty on flour is \$4.50 per barrel, or about its original cost. In other words, the \$50,000 appropriation will be practically doubled in value by the saving of tariff deductions.

It was said this afternoon that the President to-morrow would begin to plan details of the distribution, so the subject doubtless will come before the full cabinet at its regular meeting.

Base Balls, Bats and supplies at H. G. Osteen & Co's.

WHAT THE POWERS ALLOW TURKEY.

London, May 22—A dispatch to the Daily Mail from Constantinople says: "The ambassadors will present a note to the porte to-morrow embodying the terms of peace to which they will agree. The note will refuse to permit the abolition of the capitulations in the case of Greek subjects or the annexation of Thessaly, but will consent to a strategic rectification of the frontier and to an indemnity not exceeding 115,900,000 francs."

Constantinople, May 21.—The ambassadors are still waiting instructions from their respective governments as to the capacity in which they are to act when presenting the note, which it is understood will be presented to-morrow.

It is understood that the powers will consent to the demand of the Turkish government that the Gulfs of Volo and Arta be opened for the revictualing of the Turkish troops and that peace negotiations be conducted here.

RUSSIA STEPPED IN.

London, May 22.—The Vienna correspondent of the Daily Chronicle says: "I learn from a reliable source that the fate of dynasty of King George trembled in the balance last week. Serious attempts to depose him were frustrated by the direct action of the powers. The Russian government warned M. Ralli in the plainest terms that the powers were doing more for the sake of the dynasty than for the nation itself."

Did You Ever

Try Electric Bitters as a remedy for your troubles? If not, get a bottle now and get relief. This medicine has been found to be peculiarly adapted to the relief and cure of all Female Complaints, exerting a wonderful direct influence in giving strength and tone to the organs. If you have loss of Appetite, Constipation, Headache, Fainting Spells, or are Nervous, Sleepless, Excitable, Melancholy or troubled with Dizzy Spells, Electric Bitters is the medicine you need. Health and Strength are guaranteed by its use. Fifty cents and one dollar at J. F. W. DeLorme's Drug Store.

Woman's Diseases

Are as peculiar as unavoidable, and cannot be discussed or treated as we do those to which the entire human family are subject. Menstruation sustains such important relations to her health, that when Suppressed, Irregular or Painful, she soon becomes languid, nervous and irritable, the bloom leaves her cheek and very grave complications arise unless Regularity and Vigor are restored to these organs.

Is a receipt of one of the most noted physicians of the South, where troubles of this sort prevail more extensively than in any other section, and has never failed to correct disordered Menstruation. It restores health and strength to the suffering woman.

"We have for the past thirty years handled Bradfield's Female Regulator, both at wholesale and retail, and in no instance has it failed to give satisfaction. We sell more of it than all other similar remedies combined."

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SALE UNDER MORTGAGE.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN, that the undersigned will, on Monday the seventh day of June, A. D. 1897, during the legal hours of sale, sell, before the Court House door in the City of Sumter in the County of Sumter and State of South Carolina, the lot of land below described, at public auction, to the highest bidder for cash; said sale to be made under and by virtue of the power of sale contained in a certain mortgage, executed by Frank O'Donnell to secure his bond to McDonald Furman, said mortgage being dated the eighteenth day of January, A. D. 1896, and recorded in the office of the Register of Messe Conveyances for Sumter County in Volume 23 of Real Estate Mortgages at page 285; Said Mortgage having subsequently to the maturity of the bond secured by said mortgage, consented to the amount due thereon, such consent being in writing and recorded on the face of the record of said mortgage in the book above mentioned.

The lot of land above mentioned, is situate in the City of Sumter, in said County and State, and is described in said mortgage as situate in the Western part of said City of Sumter, bounded North by land now or formerly of Salina B. Walker; East on a new street of said City; South by lot now or formerly of Caesar Simons; being in shape a rectangular parallelogram measuring on its Eastern and Western boundaries, each fifty-nine feet seven inches, and on its Northern and Southern boundaries each one hundred and twenty-six feet and seven inches, and being the lot of land conveyed to said Frank O'Donnell by Catherine Spears, by her deed dated the fourth day of March, 1892, and recorded in said Register's office in Book E. E. E., page 436.

HAYNSWORTH & HAYNSWORTH, Attorneys for Mortgagee. May 22, 1897—29 6-5

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When seeking for honest values give us a call.

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Something Seasonable.

We still hold to our offer, giving you prices on seasonable goods that are sure to tempt you, because they are cheap.

It is getting warmer every day. Ice comes in handy for every one. Remember we have a n ice offer—100 lbs. to every \$5 retail cash purchase, delivered in any quantity, 1 to 100 lbs at a time.

CUT THIS OUT FOR THIS WEEK.

72-in White Organdies at 27c for commencement dresses
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White Lawns at 5 3/4, a regular 7c article.
" " at 7 3/4, a " 9c "
" " at 9 3/4, a " 12 3/4 "
" " at 11 3/4, a " 15c "
White Persian Lawn from 19c to 28c per yard.
Black India Linen 9 3/4, worth 12c.
Black India Linen 17 3/4, worth 20c.
White Nainsook, 40 inches wide, price 15c, for this week special 12 3/4
Plaid Nainsook, 5c, 8c and up.
Dotted Swiss, our 12 3/4 goods at 11 3/4.
Dotted Swiss, our 15c goods at 13 3/4.
Dotted Swiss, our 20c goods at 18c.
These are our regular prices and the cut in price is a regular slash.

Flower Baskets for Commencement—at all prices.

Ladies' Belts—The nicest assortment we have ever seen from 15c to 75c

Ladies' Summer Neckwear.

Our stock is well assorted and the very latest, consisting of Bows Neck Bows, Stock Collars, Tecks, &c. Prices, well they are the smallest things about them.

Tam O'Shanter Caps for children from 25c up.
Straw Sailors, all styles and colors, 15c to 50c. Our 50c. line comes some 75c and \$1 goods

Shoe Department.

We offer the best values for the money that can be gotten anywhere. What more can you ask? Our line of Ladies' Slippers and Oxford's cannot be surpassed for style, fit and price.

Clothing and Furnishing Department.

Children's Wash Suits, 48c to \$1.50.	Big drive in Underwear. Just see the line we have in our window. Undershirts all colors, at price 50c., special price this week
Knee Pants, 4 to 14 years 25c. 4 to 15 years 50c.	39c.
Men's Crash Suits, \$2.98	Boy's Blue Bicycle Caps 25c quality, 20c.
Men's Blue Bicycle Caps, 25c quality, 20c.	Men's Wash Ties, 10c per doz. 25c per doz 5c each.
Men's Crash Caps, 25c.	Trousers.
Straw Hats.	They fit both your figure and pocket. They have style and durability as well.

Our Shirts are the best value, best styles and cheapest price on the Sumter market, 20c to \$1.50.

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