

Big Fire in Sumter.

FIREMEN MAKE A STUBBORN AND WINNING FIGHT AGAINST THE FLAMES.

Loss Estimated at Not Less Than \$22,000.

Last Wednesday night about ten minutes of nine o'clock large volumes of smoke and flames were discovered issuing from the rear portion of Schwartz Bros. store. The alarm was given at once and the entire department was called out for it was to be seen at a glance that unless prompt measures were taken a disastrous and extensive conflagration would result.

The immense volumes of dense smoke that issued from the building at every point of view rendered the firemen's work at close quarters a considerable time a fight at close quarters. A few goods were removed from the stores of Schwartz Bros. and R. C. McManus and saved in a damaged condition.

The contents of the Freeman office and the stock of C. F. McFadden who occupy the upstairs and first floor respectively of the adjoining building were damaged to some extent by smoke and water.

The fire was thoroughly extinguished at 2 o'clock and the firemen went home to obtain a well earned rest, but at 4 o'clock the flames broke out again and the second alarm was sent in to call them out to renew the fight.

There was only one accident during the fire, and this, fortunately, did not result seriously. While several members of Delgar Koel squad were close under the wall on Republican street a portion of the parapet gave away and a shower of bricks came down upon their heads.

The estimated losses and the insurance on building and stock are as follows: Schwartz Bros.—Loss on stock about \$13,000 to \$15,000. Insurance with the A. C. Phelps Co. Agency, \$3,500—\$7,000 in Palatine Insurance Co. and \$1,500 in the Hartford, with A. White & Son, \$5,000—\$3,000 in the Liverpool & London & Globe, \$2,000 in the Lancashire.

Mr. Isaac Schwartz—Loss on building \$6,000. Insurance with the A. C. Phelps Co. Agency \$2,000—\$1,000 in the Palatine and \$1,000 in the Royal; with A. White & Son, \$2,000—in the Liverpool & London & Globe.

R. C. McManus—Loss on stock about \$2,500 to \$3,000, insurance \$1,500, divided between the agencies of the A. C. Phelps Co., Brown & Spauld and the Newberry Mutual.

C. F. McFadden—Stock damaged by water. Fully covered by insurance placed with the A. C. Phelps Co., A. White & Son and Brown & Spauld.

The Freeman printing office—Damaged by water and smoke. Fully covered by insurance with the A. C. Phelps Co.

MAYESVILLE HAPPENINGS.

Boy's Arm Broken—Dr. Barron Goes to Florida.

Mayesville, Jan. 27—Plummer McIntosh, the sixteen year old son of Luther McIntosh had an arm broken yesterday while wrestling with another boy about his own age.

Dr. C. W. Barron who has made this place his home for two years or more has sold his drug store and practice to Dr. T. M. McCutchen, of Lynchburg, and will go to Florida for the benefit of his health within a few days.

Mr. H. Pearlstone, of Charleston, is visiting Mr. and Mrs. A. A. Strass.

To Make Home Attractive.

Four special pages in the February Ladies' Home Journal are devoted to explaining the way to make the home attractive. One treats of "The Draping and Dressing of Beds," another of "Buying and Arranging Bricks," a third tells "How to Make Attractive Screens," and a fourth is on "Doing Bamboo Work at Home." The illustrations make the task of following out the instructions a very easy one, so the articles are certainly practical and useful.

A Horse Book Free. We have a number of Dr. Kendall's "Treatise on the Horse," for distribution to subscribers, as a premium to those who pay in advance. The book contains much valuable information including descriptions of diseases and remedies for same. We will be glad to have our subscribers call and get copies—free to all who pay up.

The Lesson of Good Roads.

The New York Mail and Express says that New Jersey has gained an enviable reputation for the lead it has taken in improving its roads. The lesson should be instructive to the people of our own state who have not yet awakened to the advantages that follow the inauguration of a system of good country roads.

It seems that New Jersey has been selected by the postoffice department for one of its experiments in the practicability of rural mail deliveries by carriers; and in this connection The Mail and Express says:

The report of the commission of roads shows that this work is making such gratifying progress that, as soon as a few connecting links have been finished, it will be possible to travel on macadam from Jersey City to Atlantic City, and from Paterson to the Delaware River. The state Aid law, at first opposed by the farmers, has won their enthusiastic support, since they have learned that the additional tax is far more than offset by the lower cost of transportation of their products, and by the greater frequency with which city folks go into the country.

Some striking figures bearing upon the cost of transportation have been collated by the New Jersey road commissioner. He shows that the saving on a bushel of wheat carted over good roads for five miles is equivalent to the cost of 600 miles of transportation by steamer or canal or of 375 miles by rail. It costs \$2 a ton to haul the farm produce of the American farmer to market; and if all the hauling were over good roads, the total saving to the farmer would be \$600,000,000.

The most expensive part of the journey of wheat from the field to the market is that portion which lies between the farm and the town or railway station. This truth is becoming more and more widely known, and the practical economy of good roads is giving every year greater impetus to the movement for the improvement of these bands of civilization. It is to be hoped that the New Jersey legislature will pass the bill giving a rebate of taxes to farmers who use tires more than three and one-half inches wide.

The use of broad tires may in time be supplemented by the laying of steel tracks, which will save four-fifths of the power expended in hauling over even an improved macadam road. It strikes us that this New Jersey report should make interesting and instructive reading for the members of our legislature. Good roads will do more to advance the material interests of the state than any other one thing that could be devised, and it is hoped that the recent memorial to the general assembly will bring forth ample and speedy fruit.—Columbia Register

A Dismal Failure.

The Spartanburg Herald relieves its feelings over the defeat of Epton in the following words: For several reasons the defeat of Comptroller Epton is unfortunate and very much to be regretted. We know nothing of Mr. Darham. He is no doubt a very efficient and competent man. But the fight made upon Epton was a fight over his shoulders at the Governor, and we do not approve any such indirect warfare. It is bush-whacking. Mr. Epton is particularly well qualified for this office. He was chosen not on any political or sentimental grounds, but purely because of his familiarity with work and fitness for performing the duties of the office. He was defeated because a majority of the legislature desired to express their want of confidence in the Governor. It was a blow administered to the Executive, albeit a blow below the belt.

Governor Ellerbe has proved a dismal failure as a Governor and there is no need to try to disguise that fact. Having supported him loyally we stood up for him as long as we could. Being impressed with the fairness of the man, his conscientiousness, his desire to serve the whole State and not a political faction, we excused his errors until he liberated red handed murderers who had been convicted in a fair trial. This was an act that struck at the root of the government. Coming immediately on the heels of another brutal killing by a constable, coming while the slayer of Turner was yet a fugitive from justice, the pardon of Buice and May was little short of criminal. In the campaign Governor Ellerbe's friends confidently asserted that he would never set aside the verdict of the jury which held even a State constable responsible for shooting a man in the back. The same jury which brought in that verdict also convicted a policeman for killing a man under similar, but more extenuating circumstances. Campbell happened to be a policeman and not a State upholder of the great moral monopoly and hence he languishes in jail while the Constables have been reinstated in their jobs until all the constables were withdrawn, are now free men. This being Governor Ellerbe's idea of right, proved a very great disappointment to his friends. He has managed to disappoint very nearly all the friends he ever had since he has been Governor and while it is unfortunate that they should have taken their spite on Mr. Epton, it is not surprising.

In the language of Governor Ellerbe's personal organ the Columbia State, "Trust 'em 'e throw you."

Five and ten cent novels—big values for the price—at the book store of H. G. Osteo & Co.

Dr. Charles R. Taber Dead.

Prominent Physician and Chairman State Board of Health.

At 10 o'clock yesterday morning Dr. Charles R. Taber, president of the State Board of Health, died. Once again the grim reaper has taken home another prominent South Carolinian. His death was not unexpected. For several days it has been known that Dr. Taber was past recovery and it was only a question of time when the end should come.

For a number of months Dr. Taber's health has been failing, but up to a comparatively short time ago he has continued to discharge his duties both as a physician and a member of the State Board of Health. At last, however, he had to give in, and he came to Columbia to receive medical treatment at the home of his nephew, Dr. Knowlton, on Lady street. His condition, however, was not favorable and he gradually grew worse until yesterday when death relieved his sufferings. The news will be received with profound regret by his friends, both in Columbia and throughout the State.

Dr. Taber was well known as a man of high character and wide influence. His record as a soldier and surgeon in the Confederate army was the admiration of his comrades. He was the youngest full surgeon in the army and on account of his capacity was promoted to first assistant surgeon general. As a member of Gen. Joseph E. Johnston's staff in the western campaign, his gallantry as a soldier won for him a recommendation for further promotion. Since the war he has served the State and its people in many honored capacities.

His remains will be carried to Fort Motte on the early morning train today and the funeral services will be conducted there by the Rev. Dr. W. W. Daniel, pastor of the Washington street church of this city.—The State, 28-b.

Oil Instead of Knife.

The rare success which attends surgical operations for appendicitis has led to a discussion, and a rather warm one, among New York doctors as to whether the treatment of this affliction should not be transferred from the realm of surgery that of medicine.

Dr. M. O. Terry, an eminent physician and surgeon general of the New York National Guard is a strong advocate of castor oil and sweet oil as a remedy for appendicitis. He says: "Evolution is all right, but we have noted no great changes in the appendix for ages in man; therefore we believe that the Creator left it there, not for the knife of the surgeon, but for some purpose."

The Medical Times gives Dr. Terry's treatment of appendicitis: "At first cathartics of castor oil and sweet oil followed by hot water are given, until the bowels are thoroughly cleaned out. This treatment is followed by enemas of glycerine and sweet oil. Flaxseed poultices soaked in sweet oil are kept on the abdomen. The diet is restricted to very light, easily digested foods. The oil treatment removes the friction of the inflamed tissues and relaxes them during resolution. In this way, he says, he has cured cases of chronic, recurrent appendicitis. To prevent a return of the trouble after the original treatment, he prescribes a tablespoonful of sweet oil, followed by a glass of hot water, before each meal for several weeks."

A number of New York surgeons have attacked Dr. Terry, rather savagely it seems to us, but he has his stout defenders also.

Dr. Terry says he judges his treatment by its results; that he has tried it on fifty-one persons who suffered from appendicitis and that forty-nine of them have recovered. He wants to know if any one who believes in the knife for appendicitis can show an equal percent age of cures.—Atlanta Journal.

An Answer to the North.

From The Columbia State's account of the funeral of the late Captain R. S. DesPortes, of Columbia, it is taken: There was a great outpouring of the people, it being perhaps the largest and most representative since the late Dr. A. N. Talley was laid to rest. Even colored business men of the city could be seen in the congregation. Eleven of the former servants of the deceased, Negro countrymen, came behind the casket into the church and were given a pew at the front. Five of these were old family servants who lived at Ridgeyard. They heard on Sunday that "Mars Ribhard" was ill, and, having no money to come on the train, they walked every step of the way to Columbia.

No more striking answer to a part of the Northern press, happily and rapidly growing smaller by the way in its misrepresentation and abuse of the South could be given. Capt. DesPortes was a brave soldier and was to his death loyal in his affection for the Southern cause. Yet we see his old slaves, too poor to buy railroad tickets, plodding for many miles to pay him a last tribute of respect. We doubt if instances are common in the North where a dead employer is shown such affection by those who had been his hired servants many years before.—Greenville News.

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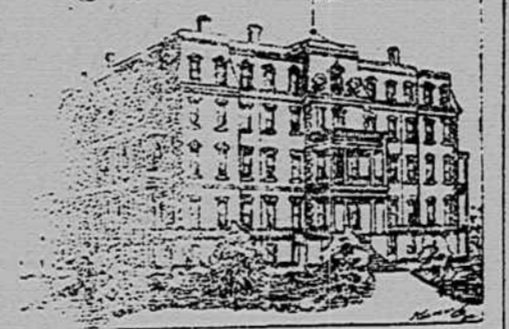
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