

COUNCIL MEETING.

The South and Cuba.

The total number of men liable for duty in the Union is 10,139,788 War gives not only these men active work but it serves in a great measure to shake off the lethargy of a large portion of the non-producing elements in this country who are clamoring for something to do, giving them not only breastworks and fortifications to build, but railroads, bridges and internal improvements generally.

When we remember that a war with Spain cannot be a war of invasion, but entirely a naval conflict and that the uses to which our soldiers and fatigue service will be confined to our own fortifications and the upbuilding and strengthening of our own coast States, what pretext have we in discouraging a ready response to the call "to arms."

No, Gen. Hampton, recall those words. Rather tell the young men of the South their motto should be: He who dallies is a dastard— He who doubts is damned!

S. G. S.

The Way to Fight It.

The Baptist Courier says: "It has come to our editorial ear that Bro O C Brown is possessed of a more or less developed intention of writing a tract on Mormonism. We believe that such a tract will do good, and that Dr. Brown would do the work admirably. The need of such a tract has its basis not in any probability of any intelligent Baptist being misled into believing the Latter Day saint errors. It is reported that there are forty Mormon elders now operating in South Carolina. They claim more than a thousand adherents and twenty-five Sunday schools. In view of these facts it is desirable for our people to be well posted as to the pernicious claims of these errorists, that they be able to save the weak brother from stumbling. It is because of the presence of these Mormon elders in the State that the Courier is now running a series of editorials on Mormonism."

Believed to be Crazy.

Spartanburg, March 3.—The friends of Dr. Bivings now say he was crazy when he committed the awful deed of Tuesday afternoon. It is only on this hypothesis that they can account for his actions. T. J. Trimmer had been perhaps the best friend he had in the world and he had made Trimmer's book store his headquarters for a year or more. Mrs. Bivings states that Mr. Trimmer had always treated her in a perfectly gentlemanly manner and she had not seen him since just before the Christmas holidays. If Mr. Trimmer had ever said any thing derogatory about Mrs. Bivings to anybody it has not yet been divulged. Such seems incredible, for Mrs. Bivings is above reproach and is highly respected by all who know her. Bivings' health has been bad for several months and he had given up the practice of dentistry. Mrs. Bivings stated to a reporter that on the afternoon before the tragedy a physician had stated to her that her husband was suffering from mental aberration. These facts, taken together with his actions in the telegraph office both before and after the shooting, cause some to doubt his sanity. If this be not the case a cause for the deed has yet to be found.

Robbed the Grave.

A startling incident of which Mr. John Oliver of Philadelphia, was the subject, is narrated by him as follows: "I was in a most dreadful condition. My skin was almost yellow, eyes sunken, tongue coated, pain continually in back and sides, no appetite—gradually growing weaker day by day. Three physicians had given me up. Fortunately, a friend advised trying 'Electric Bitters,' and to my great joy and surprise, the first bottle made a decided improvement. I continued their use for three weeks, and am now a well man. I know they saved my life, and robbed the grave of another victim." No one should fail to try them. Only 50 cents per bottle at J. F. W. DeLorme's Drug Store.

It appears that a great many members of the South Carolina Legislature have been in the habit of obtaining frequent and copious samples of whiskey from the State Dispensary free of charge. It will doubtless be explained that the 2000s statements have indulged in this practice merely to make thorough tests in order to protect the State saloon from being imposed upon in purchasing its liquor.

NOTICE OF REGISTRATION.

THE STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA, SUMTER COUNTY. OFFICE OF SUPERVISOR OF REGISTRATION, SUMTER COUNTY, S. C., May 1, 1897. Notice is hereby given that in accordance with an Act of the General Assembly, the books for the registration of all legally qualified voters, and for the issuing of transfers, &c., will be open at the court house, between the hours of 9 o'clock a. m., and 3 o'clock p. m., on the first Monday of each month, and on three successive days, until thirty days before the next general election. Minors who shall become of age during that period of thirty days, shall be entitled to registration before the books are closed, if otherwise qualified. E. F. BURROWS, Supervisor of Registration.

THE DANGER

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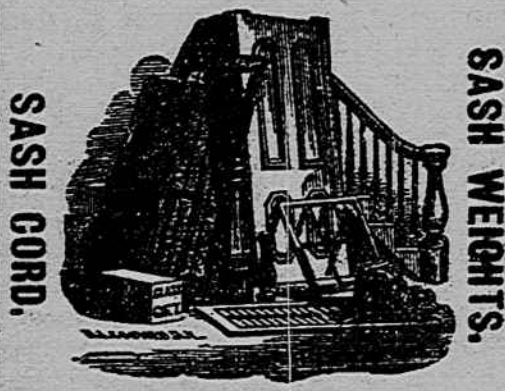
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THE REGULAR MONTHLY COMMUNICATION of Claremont Lodge, No. 44, A. F. M., will be held on Thursday Evening, March 3, at 7 1/2 p. m. Brethren will take due notice and govern themselves accordingly. L. S. CARSON, W. M. Attest—P. C. MOSES, Sec.

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The Transactions at Regular Semi-Monthly Session.

The regular semi-monthly meeting of the City Council was held last Wednesday night. Mayor Bossard and Aldermen Reid, McLaurin, Shore, Fraser and Moses were present.

The minutes of the last regular meeting and of the special meeting held last week were read and approved.

A communication from Gen. E. W. Moise was read asking for an abatement of \$1,000 on the valuation of the old Jersey House property on account of the removal of the buildings and the consequent decrease in the value of the property. The Clerk was instructed to inform Geo. Moise that the city would grant the same abatement that he could obtain from the Comptroller General on State and County taxes, provided no abatement could be made unless it was first obtained from the Comptroller General.

A letter from the General Superintendent of the Sumter Water Co., in reference to the extension of the water main on Republican Street was read. The whole matter was referred to the street committee, with power to act.

Bids for surveying the city, making the boundaries and making a map were opened. There were only two bidders: H. D. Moise and John R. Haynaworth. Both bids were so much higher than the Council felt able to go that it was decided to refer the entire matter to the street committee with power to advertise for new bids for a superficial survey of the city for the purpose of determining and making the boundaries concerning which there exists at the present time considerable confusion and doubt.

Alderman Fraser gave notice that he would offer a resolution at the next meeting to provide for advertising for bids for the contract to light the city during a term of years. He said that he proposed to fix the time for opening the bids in June next, so that the duty of making the award would be left in the hands of the Council to be elected in April, during whose term of office the contract with the Sumter Electric Light Company expires. He called the attention of Council to the fact that unless bids were called for a sufficient time in advance of the expiration of the present contract for a new company to install a lighting plant, the city would be at the mercy of the Sumter Electric Light Company and would either have to pay any price it should see fit to demand or leave the city in darkness for several months.

Mayor Bossard announced that he would proceed to have executions issued for the collection of delinquent license taxes, as he is empowered and required to do by the license ordinance.

Alderman Fraser moved that the collection of the license tax be postponed for two months. The motion was seconded by Alderman Shore. The motion was put to a vote without debate. Alderman Shore and Fraser in favor of postponing the collection of the license tax. Alderman McLaurin and Reid voted No, and Alderman Moise did not vote. Mayor Bossard decided the tie by voting against the motion. He will therefore proceed to enforce the collection of the license tax.

Clerk and Treasurer Hurst was instructed that he was required by law to issue executions against delinquent taxpayers.

Alderman Shore spoke of the condition of Main Street and of the necessity of some steps being taken to improve it. Alderman McLaurin of the street committee, stated that everything had been done that the means at their disposal permitted. The discussion of the street issue was quite interesting and animated, but no plan for the improvement of the street was suggested. A motion to adjourn was made and carried and the meeting adjourned.

LAMAR LOCALS.

Live News Items From a Live Town.

LAMAR, March 3.—This little town has been very quiet until a few days ago, and for the past week all I can hear is war and rumors of war. Some are ready to take up arms, while others are not. I also hear that terrible anarchy at Lake City condemned on every hand, and we do sincerely hope that the mob that committed that outrageous crime will be wiped up and justice meted out to them to the fullest extent of the law. I see that a mass meeting of the citizens of this county has been called to pass resolutions condemning the murder of postmaster Baker and his infant child. I hope there will be a full attendance.

Prof. Walter L. Wilson, who was editor of the Lamar X Rays has moved to Bishopville to edit the Lee County Ledger, the first paper published at the new county seat. We wish the editor and his paper much success.

I heard on the streets to-day that the Perry holiness band was expected here on or about the 17th inst. If this be true they will be welcomed by some, while on the other hand their return will be regretted by some.

There was to be a big orator supper to-night at the residence of Mr. G. W. Stith, but on account of the weather it has been postponed.

The boys had an old time chicken supper at the residence of Mr. W. S. Reynolds last night.

The influenza is having a full swing here.

A GEORGIA VETERAN READY.

Fix up my knapsack, Molly, an' make her good an' stout, Fer things air gittin' crosswise, an' Spain an' we air out; We've lived in peace an' plenty fer a century—nigh about— But things air topsey-turvy, an' Spain an' we air out.

An' Billy—git my rifle—she's purty shore ter win; An' lay her on the table, an' I'll grease her up ag'in; She ain't seen any service sence them ol' days with Lee, An' she's lookin' right reproachful from the rusty rack at me. An' Molly—fill the canteen—the battered one of old, With some o' that ol' applejack, fer keepin' out the cold; An' the ol'-time regimentals—I don't keer what they say; I kin fight a blade sight better in that faded coat o' gray!

I moat as well git ready fer the trouble—of it comes; An' not be settin' idle till I hear the rollin' drums; So, fix my ol' contraptions, before they start the fray, An' let the band play "Dixie," an' here's one'll about "Booray!"

—Atlanta Constitution.

Rev. E. Edwards, pastor of the English Baptist Church at Minersville, Pa., when suffering with rheumatism, was advised to try Chamberlain's Pain Balm. He says: "A few applications of this eminent remedy of great service to me. I subdued the inflammation and relieved the pain. Should any sufferer profit by giving Chamberlain's Pain Balm a trial it will please me." For sale by A. J. China.