

EX-TREASURER KEELS' POSITION.

Minutes of Special Meeting of Board of Commissioners.

The County Board of Commissioners met Monday, having been called together by Supervisor Dorn at the request of three Commissioners—Messrs. Hawkins, Tallo and Mooneyham. Thirteen Commissioners were present, Messrs. Lenoir, Brownfield and Weldon being absent.

The minutes of meeting of October 3rd were read and confirmed.

The committee appointed to consider request for permission to erect building on Court House read report. As the statutes prohibit that use of the Court House square the committee reported unfavorably on the request of Delgar Reel Squad. The Committee report was adopted.

Capt. K. E. Keels was before the Board and made the following statements: That he had issued executions as directed by law, said executions going into the hands of the Sheriff. The law was changed and he was required to turn all executions over to Trial Justices and Magistrates.

He stated what had been done pro and con in the prosecution of said cases; that Mr. A. W. Suter on his examination had brought him in debt some \$8,000; that in the after examination it was found that he was not so indebted; that his last annual settlement brought him out in debt some \$200 and that he had paid that amount to Mr. Suter; that the investigation had not brought out any indebtedness not acknowledged by him; he had always admitted he owed \$600 and odd interest added making this amount over \$700; that he had paid out about \$400 in lawyers fees and costs; that he was ready to pay \$625, less expenses, about \$100, making due about \$225.

Mr. Lee, attorney, having been asked to be present, made statements as to duties of office of County Treasurer and what had transpired in the examination; the court ruled, the County Commissioners employed him to attend to the case, which he had done; that the Master had made his report and that, in his opinion, Mr. Keels owed the money as per the judgment. This Board has no authority in this matter to go behind the finding of the Master as approved by the Court. He read the Master's report and stated that the jurisdiction of the Board has passed and the Board cannot undo or go behind it.

Capt. Keels, in reply, did not dispute any statements made by Mr. Lee, but asserted that he had also stated facts; that the settlement as to railroad taxes referred to by Mr. Lee was made by other county officers and the Comptroller-General and not by him; that their error had made the balance against him.

The Board then went into executive session. Commissioner Manning made remarks on the matter as to the duties of the Board in the premises, after the examination made by the Master.

Commissioner Ryttenberg moved that the matter remain as the court decided it. On motion of Mr. Manning the vote was taken by a roll call. Every member of the Board voted aye, and Mr. Ryttenberg's motion was carried unanimously.

The decree of the court in the case of A. D. Moss, Coroner, vs. Sumter County, was read as information.

The matter of the account of E. R. Sanders, deferred from the last meeting until Commissioners James and Lenoir were present, was still deferred at request of Commissioner James.

PUBLIC SALES.

The following is a list of the property sold on Monday:

BY THE MASTER.

1 lot of William Cobia, purchased by Citizens B. & L. Associations for \$50.

200 acres of Estate of Hiram Logan, purchased by A. A. Strauss for \$585.

14 acres of James Robinson, purchased by Marion Moser for \$100.

10 acres of W. G. Frierson, purchased by Lee & Moser, Attorneys, for \$100.

37, 30 and 16 1/2 acres of Estate of Mrs. H. E. Sanders, purchased by Misses Jessie Saunders, Emma Saunders and Hallie Saunders, respectively, for \$150 \$100 and \$50.

113 and 201 acres of Estate of Mrs. H. E. Sanders, purchased by A. K. Sanders, Administrator, for \$100 and \$175.

77 acres of Estate of John Kingman, purchased by Attorneys for plaintiffs and defendants for \$100.

Masonic Temple, purchased by R. I. Manning and others for \$7,700.

52 1/2 acres of Wesley Gaillard, purchased by Adeline W. Harby for \$20.

127 acres of Miss Mary W. Rees, purchased by E. W. Moser & Hayesworth, Attorneys, for \$50.

10 1/2 acres of Jerry Maples, purchased by Isaac U. Strauss for \$700.

50 acres of Estate of John K. Brown, purchased by R. Mood Brown for \$400.

BY THE SHERIFF.

1 lot of G. E. Barrett, in Mayesville, purchased by Mrs. S. F. Foxworth for \$11.

1 lot of Estate of Nellie Pennington, in Lynchburg, purchased by A. L. Keels for \$25.

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Checks Without Stamps.

The First National Bank and the Bank of Sumter have taken advantage of the recent ruling in reference to the right of depositors to draw money from a bank and give a receipt for it without affixing a revenue stamp to the receipt. The following form of receipt has been adopted by the First National Bank and it is being used by depositors:

SUMTER, S. C. 1898

RECEIVED IN PERSON FROM

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Y. W. C. A. Oyster Supper.

The Y. W. C. A. of the Sumter Institute will give an Oyster Supper in the Institute dining hall, Thursday, December 8, 8 hours from 5 to 6 and from 7:30 to 10:30 p. m. Oysters will be served at reasonable prices, and it is hoped that the friends of the Institute will come and enjoy a social and pleasant evening.

For State Flower.

At Lincoln Graded School the following votes were cast for State Flower: Magnolia 51, Golden Rod 15, Cherokee Rose 36, Lily 27, Sunflower 13.

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NO DISPENSER ELECTED.

Candidates Fail to File Legal Applications.

The County Board of Control met yesterday to elect Dispensers for Sumter and Mayesville. When the applications of the various candidates were taken up it was found that with one exception all of the candidates had failed to file applications that conformed to the requirements of the law. The law requires that the applicants for the position of County Dispenser shall state their place of residence and occupation at the time of making application, and for two years prior thereto, shall swear to the application before a Magistrate or notary public and shall file the same with the County Board of Control not less than twenty days prior to the day of election.

The election was therefore postponed until December 30th in order that all applicants may have an opportunity to file legal applications.

FOR SWEET CHARITY.

The King's Daughter Will Hold a Bazar on Dec. 8th.

The King's Daughter will hold a Bazar in the old Planter's Warehouse on Thursday evening, December 8th. A wagen will be sent around on Wednesday for all articles promised, and on Thursday for the eatables.

THE MILITARY COMPANY.

The Organization a Certainty.

Notwithstanding the rainy and disagreeable weather Friday night, fifty or more men assembled in the Court House to take part in the organization of the military company. Sufficient progress was made to guarantee the completion of the organization of the company at an early day.

The meeting was called to order at 8 o'clock by Mr. W. A. Clyde, the chairman of the previous meeting. He then asked that some one more familiar with the procedure to be followed in presiding over a meeting be chosen in his stead. Col. D. J. Auld was nominated and elected without opposition.

Mr. W. Loring Lee, the secretary stated what had been done at the former meeting and read the reports of the committees appointed to enroll members. Others were invited to enroll their names and a number signed the enlistment blank. The total number of names on the roll was announced by the Secretary to be 36.

A proposition was made to proceed with the election of officers, but objection was raised that quite a number of those who had signed the roll were not present and that it would be unfair to them and liable to give rise to dissatisfaction if an election of officers should be held without allowing them a voice.

A motion was adopted that a meeting be held on Wednesday night next at 7:30 o'clock for the purpose of electing officers and completing the organization. Each and every signer of the roll is requested to be present and take part in the election.

A committee of five was appointed to secure additional members.

A committee of three, consisting of Col. D. J. Auld, Mr. R. I. Manning and Maj. S. G. Spann, was appointed to secure contributing members.

The meeting then adjourned.

ROLL OF MILITARY COMPANY.

I. H. Moses, Jr., Ashby Moore, E. O. Ingram, L. S. Carson, H. R. Norris, A. K. Burrows, E. C. White, W. G. Moses, Jno F. Jenkins, E. A. Jenkins, Sam Reid, W. A. Clyde, C. B. Yeaton, H. P. Folsom, J. K. Jennings, T. E. Flowers, A. T. Shaw, H. B. Reid, M. B. Clyde, J. E. Auld, O. L. Yates, S. Y. Delgar, Joe Warren, Elisha Carson, Marion Sanders, W. R. Sanders, Willie Bultman, C. W. Stansell, Jr., W. G. Spann, D. J. Auld, Jr., J. H. Darr, Jules Martin, Steadman Yeaton, W. Loring Lee, Tom Dennis, John Bagerton.

A month or more ago a key was stolen from one of the lock boxes at the post office, the renter of the box having carelessly left it in the lock. The thief was not captured and nothing more was heard of the key until last Thursday when Mrs. Whitmore received it through the mail. The negro boy who stole the key was recently arrested and sent to the chain gang at Rock Hill for some offense committed in that community. The key was found on his person by the overseer of the chain gang and he sent it to the manufacturers of the post office lock boxes and by them it was forwarded to Mrs. Whitmore.

Twenty-eight bales of a lot of cotton on the depot platform were damaged by fire Monday morning, and only quick work by the depot hands and cotton banders prevented a destructive fire and the loss of several hundred bales of cotton and a large amount of other property. The fire was started by a spark from the shifting engine, it is thought, as the engine passed near the platform a few moments before the cotton was discovered to be burning. As soon as the fire was discovered the burning bales were rolled to the extreme end of the platform and a space cleared between them and the rest of the cotton. When the real squads arrived two streams of water were turned on the burning bales and the fire was soon extinguished. Only the outside of the bales were burned, and the damage from water was greater than from fire. The cotton was the property of Zarby & Co., and was all insured.

The final touches have been put to the contract between the board of directors of the Sumter and Wateres Railroad and the Parsons syndicate, representing the South Carolina Railroad, and all the papers relating thereto were signed and delivered to Jos. W. Barwell, Esq., the attorney for the South Carolina and Georgia Railroad. Last Thursday all the deeds for the rights of way from this city to the river, the right to use certain streets in entering the city and the terminal sists were secured and nothing now remains to be done but to give out the contracts for the construction of the road. The chief engineer is expected to be in the city within ten days or two weeks and will give out the contracts for the road immediately. Under the terms of the contract work must be commenced within ninety days and pushed to an early completion. It is stated on the best authority that the road will be completed and open for traffic on or before the first day of March next. President Parsons of the South Carolina and Georgia Railroad, stated in his annual report that the road will be built and ready for business during the winter, and the people of Sumter now have every assurance the city will be unobtained at an early day.

ANY PERSON

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Meteorological Record.

The following is a report of observations of the weather taken at Stateburg, by Dr. W. W. Anderson, for the week ending Sunday, December 4, 1898.

Table with columns: Date, Temperature (Max., Min., Mean), Wind, Rainfall, Condition. Data for Dec 28-31.

* Partly cloudy. Nov. 29 and 30 wind variable, E, WSW, W and WNW, SE.

Farm work has been much obstructed by the unusual amount of wet weather during November and up to this time in December.

When you ask for Dr. Witt's Witch Hazel Salve don't accept a counterfeit or imitation. There are more cases of Piles being cured by this, than all others combined.—Hughson-Ligon Co.

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If you have cotton seed to sell, call on me. I will pay you the highest market place. W. B. Boyle.

When the Sumter and Wateres Railroad is completed we may expect to hear something that will be decidedly more important to Sumter than any enterprise that has been exploited in recent years. Nothing has yet been done in that direction, nor has any one with the right to make the statement said so, yet there is reason to hope and believe that the Sumter and Wateres will ultimately be extended into North Carolina via Bishopville, to secure another Northern connection for the South Carolina and Georgia Railroad. From Bishopville to the North Carolina line the new road would open up an entirely new country and would control, without competition, a great deal of local business that would pay handsomely on the investment. The terminus of the road would be at either Monroe or Wadesboro, with the chances in favor of the latter place, as that would give a shorter and more direct route to the north. If the people of Bishopville, the property owners, especially, are alive to their interests they will be prepared, when the opportunties arrive, to extend all the encouragement possible to the proposed railroad for the building of the road would be the making of Bishopville, giving the place the advantage of competing freight rates and more frequent and better passenger service.

New Book Free.

A valuable book giving complete information how I successfully cure consumption and other lung diseases will be sent free to the readers of this paper. Address Dr. Bartz, A., Inter Ocean Bldg., Chicago, Ill. Aug 24—6m

Prof. Smith Resigns.

Spartanburg, Dec. 3.—Prof. C. B. Smith, who has so acceptably filled the place of financial agent of Wofford college for the last five years, has resigned and will again enter the active ministry. In addition to his duties of agent he is also professor of political science and mental science. His successor will no doubt be appointed next week at the conference at Greenwood. Prof. Smith's leaving will be a distinct loss to Spartanburg, where he and his family are deservedly popular.

Sky-Scrapers Burned.

Some of New York's Tallest Buildings Afire.

New York, Dec 4.—In a blinding rain storm to night the massive block of buildings on Broadway, 253 to 259 and included, between Murray and Warren streets, was almost destroyed by fire. Within three hours more than a million dollars worth of property was destroyed. The fire began in the five story brick building occupied by the men's furnishing firm of Rogers, Peet & Co., on the south west corner of Broadway and Warren street. Adjoining the Rogers, Peet building and south of it was the magnificent white building of the Home Life Insurance company building, and next to this was the brown stone building of the Postal Telegraph company, erected at a cost of millions only a few years ago.

The first swipe the treasury will get after the \$20,000,000 go for the Philippines, is \$50,000,000 estimate for battleships and armored cruisers to watch that some one don't get away with our new possessions. As an example of undervalued idioity, the individual who bought the elephant without a thought of what he was going to do with it will not be in it with an administration that pays \$20,000,000 for a lot of cannibals and half civilized Indians and expends \$100,000,000 a year to keep them from cutting each others' throats.

Manila, P. I. Dec. 5.—Dr. Beasley and Dr. O'Gorman, with a third American, who recently arrived here accompanied the captain of the United States transport Zealandia up the Nivans in a launch. Yesterday they were arrested by the insurgents at Pueblo for carrying cameras and arms. Although Dr. Beasley had only a revolver he was taken to Santiago where he was detained for six hours.

Varsailles, Ky., Dec 5.—One hundred girls, inmates of the Cleveland orphan's home, this city, together with the matron, Mrs. Mary Bradford, and Mrs. Kate Vandervee, music teacher, are in a precarious condition tonight, having been poisoned. Physicians have not yet decided how they were poisoned, but think it was from drinking water that had been standing in lead pipes. Some of the children may die.

Whistling For Their Money.

THE MEN WHO SOLD BLANKETS TO GOV. ELLERBE FOR THE TROOPS.

Special to The News and Courier.

Columbia, Dec. 3.—When the call for State volunteers was issued Governor Ellerbe had no equipment for the men who were to come to Columbia in response to the call for volunteers. It took money to bring the men to Columbia and to buy blankets with which to cover the soldiers. Nineteen hundred dollars' worth of blankets were purchased from a firm in Charleston, and some were bought here. The men had to be fed until the Government took charge of the volunteers; tents had to be hauled and travel had to be paid for. In all, the bills for the very earliest movement of the troops, and before the Government took charge of them, aggregated \$7,500. These bills were not taken up by Capt. Fuller, representing the war department, but were to be handled through Governor Ellerbe. He was repeatedly assured by telegraph and orders that expenses incident to the mobilization of the troops would be paid by the Government. The bills were made out according to the form sent from Washington. They were sent back and fixed up again, exactly as the Washington authorities directed. Now, as has been stated in The News and Courier, the comptroller refuses to pay the claims from South Carolina, on the ground that the State owes the Federal Government about \$122,000, on some back claims, incident to the land scrip legislation.

It would appear that the only thing now to do is to wait until some Representative from this State has a bill passed, directing the payment of the money expended for the mobilization of the troops. Senator McLaurin has taken the matter in hand and promises to do whatever is possible.

It generally takes a great deal of time to get a bill through Congress carrying an appropriation, and it has been suggested that the General Assembly of this State should immediately upon its assembling, pass a joint resolution directing the payment of the money to those who assisted in the mobilization of the State troops here, under the first call, unless the war department gets the money for the State before that time.

The Government paid, of course, a great deal more than the amount involved for the support of the troops while here, and took entire charge of the mobilization of the volunteers under the second call.

It Depends on Whose Ox is Gored.

A colored man who made Democratic speeches in Indiana during the campaign was seized and unmercifully beaten by a mob of whites and blacks last week at Seymour, and then ordered to leave the town. Strange it seem, the Republican newspapers don't say to think worth while to mention this outrage. They can see political outrages only when perpetrated in the south and against Republicans.—Del. Co Democrat.

Yellow Jaundice Cured.

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BOOKS WORTH READING.

A Romance of Summer Seas—By Varina Anne Davis, \$1.25.

A Little Sister of the Wilderness—By Lillian Bell, \$1.25.

A House-Boat on the Styx—By John Kendrick Bangs, \$1.25.

The Lion of Janina—By Maurus Joki, \$1.25.

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Charleston Medical School.

The session of 1899 will begin April 7 and end July 7. The school furnishes the opportunity for students and post-graduates to continue their studies and receive clinical instruction during the recess of the regular medical college. Unrivalled opportunities for practical instruction in the special branches are a feature of this institution. For further information address, DR. C. M. REES, Secretary, Wentworth Street, Charleston, S. C. Dec 7—3m

A number of sportsmen have been discussing the question of how far a quail can fly. There are a good many contingencies to be considered in arriving at a definite conclusion of the question, and which cuts no considerable figure in the distance one of these birds can fly. If there is a stiff wind blowing and the bird's course is with the wind, a full grown quail could certainly go more than a mile with ease, and doubtless a much greater distance. Those who have noticed quail trying to fly across the Missouri river, where the distance is about a mile, recall that not all the birds make the trip safely. They usually pick a spot where they can make a halt on a sandbar in midstream, and thus cross the river in two flights. But sometimes they make the distance at a single flight, and this seems to be their full limit under normal conditions, for when they alight they are completely exhausted. It is generally believed that on an average a mile is about the limit of the flight of a quail where it is neither favored nor retarded by the wind. It happens very often that in crossing the Missouri river at a single flight quail drop exhausted into the water. Probably they are young birds.—St. Louis Republic

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TAX RETURNS FOR 1899.

OFFICE OF COUNTY AUDITOR SUMTER COUNTY.

SMITHER, S. C., Nov. 30, 1898.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that I will attend, in person or by deputy, at the following places on the days indicated respectively, for the purpose of receiving returns of Personal Property, and Poll Taxes for the fiscal year commencing January 1st, 1899:

At office Sumter, S. C., at all other times up to Feb. 20th, 1899, inclusive.

Tindals, Tuesday, January 3

Privateer, (Jenkins Store), Wednesday, January 4.

Manchester, (R. I. Mannings), Thursday, January 5.

Wedgfield, Friday, January 6.

Statesburg, Saturday, January 7

Hagood, Monday, January 9.

Remberts Store, Tuesday, January 10

Gaillards X Roads, Wednesday January 11.

Bossard's, Thursday, January 12.

Gordon's Mill, Saturday, January 14.

Mayesville, Monday, January 16.

Scottsville, (J. M. McElveen), Tuesday, January 17.

Sbiloh, Wednesday, January 18.

Norwood's X Roads, Thursday, January 19.

Lynchburg, Friday, January 20.

Magnolia, Saturday, January 21.

Raid's Mill, Monday, January 23.

Bishopville, Tuesday and Wednesday, January 24 and 25.

Mannville, Thursday, January 26.