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NEW ADVERTISEMENTS.

Estate of Mrs. Sarah Gordon—Citation. H. Harby—Two car loads of stock, also iron safe and cabbage plants for sale.

PERSONAL.

Dr. B. M. Badger of Marion, is in the city for the day. Mr. F. M. Mikell of Atlanta, Ga., is in the city on business.

MARRIED.

Miss Leonora G. Russell, of this city, and Dr. Van Tisbury Hoffman, Surgeon of the Atlantic Coast Line, were married on Sunday evening, Dec. 10, at the parsonage...

Mr. John W. Shaw, of New Zion, and Miss Eva, daughter of Capt. and Mrs. E. G. Pierson, were married at 3:30 o'clock last Wednesday afternoon at the family residence on Sumter Street...

The attendants were: Miss Maud Pierson and Mr. W. R. Burgess, and Miss Etta Shaw and Mr. J. N. Brand, of Wilmington. The ceremony was performed in the parlor where a number of the friends of the bride and groom and their immediate families were assembled.

Sudden Death of Mr. Jas. Caldwell.

Wedgfield, S. C., Dec. 11.—Mr. James Caldwell died very suddenly on last Saturday morning of heart disease. His funeral took place in the Presbyterian Church and his remains were laid to rest in the church yard yesterday, Sunday. The attendance was perhaps the largest that Wedgfield ever saw.

RELIGIOUS.

The Magnolia Street Methodist Church was dedicated Sunday, Bishop Duncan conducting the dedicatory exercises. The church was filled to overflowing at 11 o'clock when Bishop Duncan preached. After the sermon, the church was formally dedicated, and the members of this church are happy at the consummation of their dearest wish.

A union mass meeting of the Sunday Schools of the city will be held at the Presbyterian Church at 4 o'clock next Sunday afternoon in the interest of the poor.

New President for the Columbia Female College.

In the report of the proceeding of the S. C. Conference the correspondent of the State, under date of Dec. 8 says: Your correspondent has just learned that Dr. Joo A. Rice has tendered his resignation as president of the Columbia College, to take effect June 4th, 1900.

Better Rates Asked by Compress Company.

Messrs Henry J. Harby, W. A. Bowman and Altamont Moses went to Columbia Friday and appeared before the railroad commission in behalf of the Sumter Compress Co. They have appealed to the railroad commission to have the Sumter compress put on the same footing as other compresses, so far as freight rates on compressed cotton is concerned.

Christmas Holidays.

The Board of School Commissioners at its last meeting fixed the Christmas holidays for the Graded Schools. The schools will close on Friday, December 22d, and will reopen for the Spring session on Tuesday, January 2.

Election of Dispensers.

At the meeting of the County Board of Control held in this city last Wednesday the following elections were made, in addition to the reelection of Dispenser J. M. Reames, which was announced in our last issue: Dispenser Smith was reelected dispenser for Mayesville and Dispenser L. L. Baker was reelected for another year at Bishopville.

Dr. Bull's Cough Syrup will prove a quick and sure cure for croup Mothers, when your children are attacked with that dreadful disease, you can depend on this marvelous remedy. It never fails to cure at once. Price 25c.

THE TAX ON CITY HALL.

Sinking Fund Commission Agrees to Reduce Valuation to \$7000.

Mr. C. M. Hurst, Jr., Clerk and Treasurer of the city, went to Columbia Thursday and appeared before the Sinking Fund Commission to effect an adjustment of the assessment of the City Hall for taxation. It will be remembered that the Sinking Fund Commission made a demand on the city a few weeks ago for back taxes and penalties on the City Hall on an assessed valuation of \$17,000.

On Wednesday Mr. Hurst received a telegram from Secretary of State Cooper, saying: "The Sinking Fund Commission meets tomorrow. Have money and representative present."

Mr. Hurst went over on the morning train, and, appearing before the commission, presented the case of the city to such purpose that the commission agreed to reduce the valuation of the City Hall for taxation to \$7,000, the figure agreed on and recommended by the township board of assessors and the county auditor.

The valuation is based upon the portion of the property not used solely for municipal purposes and is full and ample when compared with the basis upon which all private property is assessed.

The part of the City Hall that is used for municipal purposes is not liable for taxation at all, and if no part of it was rented or used to produce an income for the city it would not be liable for taxation no matter how great the original cost of the building may have been.

City Clerk and Treasurer Hurst has settled with the Sinking Fund Commission and has received the receipt and discharge for all taxes and claims on the City Hall property.

BAZAAR, DEC 19 & 20

The Delgar Squad to Raise Money to Furnish New Quarters, and Liquidate Indebtedness.

Fire! Fire! Fire! When in the midnight hour of a winter's night, or in the noontime of a scorching summer's day this terrifying cry is heard, the people of Sumter can always look to their volunteer Fire Department to render prompt and efficient service. The Fire Department of this city is a model of its kind and our people can always point, with pride, to its achievements at home and abroad; its reputation as a first class department has gone abroad, and many cities of much greater size than ours would be proud to have the department have entered contests in other States the gamecock has flapped his wings and crowed, and the people of Sumter were glad.

The young men who compose the two squads give of their time, thought and energy, and oftentimes of their pennies, to keep the department up to its high degree of excellence; not only this, but there are times when they risk their very lives for the sake of people and property.

In view of these facts, one arm of the department, the Delgar Squad, feels no hesitancy in calling upon the people of Sumter for assistance in time of need. Therefore, it is announced that on the evenings of December 19th and 20th the Delgar Squad will hold a bazaar. Will you contribute anything? W. S. Graham, A. G. Flowers, J. G. DeLorme, or E. A. Baltman will be glad to receive your contributions.

The special features of the bazaar will be announced later.

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Smallpox Near Wedgfield.

On last Saturday Dr. Dwight diagnosed a case of smallpox on a negro, about three miles South of Wedgfield, and again next day two new cases appeared in the same locality.

Dr. Dwight at once telegraphed to Dr. Evans, chairman of the State Board of Health, who wired him to isolate the parties and vaccinate parties around; and also to place a guard over the patients, which has been done.

The disease is supposed to have been carried there by a negro named Gib Michau, some two weeks ago, who is reported to have gone from the factory suburbs of this city.

Mrs. R. Churchill, Berlin, Vt., says, "Our baby was covered with running sores. DeWitt's Witch Hazel Salve cured her." A specific for piles and skin diseases. Beware of worthless counterfeits. J. S. Hugbison & Co.

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A FOX CHASE

A crowd of fox hunters went on a chase last Thursday night, and to make sure of the game they procured a fox ahead of time, and had him led through the streets and out into the open fields beyond the water works pumping station, where he was liberated.

The bounds were put on the trail after the fox had been given a good start and the sport began. The bounds followed the trail through the streets to the point where the fox was set free and then they gave tongue and followed the trail in full cry for about twenty minutes. Then the chase came to an end in the swamp; but whether the dogs caught the fox in the swamp and killed him there or lost him is not known, for none of the hunters saw the fox after he was liberated.

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Augusta's Welcome to A. C. L.

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THE MALT EXTRACT TAX.

Internal Revenue License and Penalty Not Required of Druggists Selling Malt Extract as Medicine.

When the demand was made on all druggists who have been selling malt extract, for two years back license and penalty on retail dealers in malt liquors Dr. J. S. Hugbison wrote to Senator Tillman requesting him to see the Commissioner of Internal Revenue and obtain from him a ruling as to the liability of druggists for the tax and penalty imposed for non-payment during two years past.

Senator Tillman's reply and the ruling of Commissioner Wilson are given herewith: Washington, D. C., Dec 8, 1899. Dr. Jno S. Hugbison, Sumter, S. C.:

Dear Sir: Your letter of December 3 received. I went to see the commissioner of internal revenue yesterday. In view of the contradictory statements that have appeared in the State papers I asked him to give an official statement in regard to the druggists who have been selling malt extract. I enclose the same for your information and as the matter is one of interest to all druggists similarly situated I hope you will give it to the press. The meaning of Mr. Wilson's letter is, that where parties can show that they are selling malt extract medicine as only and not as a beverage the tax will not be required.

The claims should be promptly made and put with the necessary proof and sent to Mr. Webster the collector of internal revenue. Yours respectfully, B. R. Tillman.

Washington, D. C., Dec 7, 1899. Hon. B. R. Tillman, United States Senator, Washington, D. C.:

Sir: In reply to your inquiry of this date made to this office personally in regard to druggists of South Carolina, against whom assessments have been made as retail dealers in malt liquors on account of sales of malt extract, you are informed that the collector at Columbia, South Carolina, E. A. Webster, Esq., has been authorized to postpone the collection of these assessments for thirty days, in order to give time for the presentation and consideration of claims for abatement. He will, upon application, furnish these parties with the prescribed form for making such claim. Respectfully, G. W. Wilson, Commissioner.

Mr. J. Sheer, Sedalia, Mo., saved his child's life by One Minute Cough Cure. Doctors had given her up to die with croup. It's infallible cure for coughs, colds, grippe, pneumonia, bronchitis and throat and lung troubles. Relieves at once. J. S. Hugbison & Co.

The New Road a Necessity

Mr. Editor: We notice with much satisfaction your article in the issue of the 6th instant regarding the opening of the road across Black river, and congratulate you upon the very strong position you have taken to sustain the rights of the people against the very few who have undertaken to try to obstruct the efforts of the many to secure for themselves the right of a highway which will largely benefit the entire country lying southeast of their county seat. We trust that you will continue to advocate the measure until this road is an accomplished fact. There is no question as to the great necessity of this road, which, as you say, has been needed for more than a century past.

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TESTIMONIALS.

From one of our first graduates. He has a COMPLETED SHORTHAND IN THREE MONTHS.

Columbia, S. C., Jan. 8, 1897. Prof. W. H. Newberry, President Columbia Business College, Columbia, S. C. My Dear Sir: During the month of January, 1895, was the first I began a business course in the Columbia Business College. Although I do not hesitate to say that I have received substantial and beneficial results, I do not hesitate to say that I have received a business education. During my course of study at the college there was uniform kind and courteous treatment and attention. Close attention was given the students by the instructors to insure accuracy and thoroughness in their studies, and my progress was rapid, and I presume, efficient, as I obtained a situation as soon as I reached home, and, so far as I know, am giving satisfaction. I completed my shorthand course in three months. I do not think the Columbia Business College can be excelled by any other in the State. Ever wishing your college grand success, I am Your friend and old student, (Miss) DAISY STOKES.