

COUNCIL MEETING

The City Council met at 6 p. m., Wednesday, at the City Hall...

Mr. Finn stated that the committee in charge of drainage of Factory Branch had not succeeded in getting the Southern Railway to cooperate...

Mr. Flowers for special committee stated with reference to seats and band stand on Monumental square...

REPORT OF FINANCE COMMITTEE. To the City Council of Sumter: Your finance committee herewith submit their final report for the term now ended...

At the beginning of our term of office we found the city about \$2,500 in debt, exclusive of bonds...

The necessary and unavoidable expenses have caused already an outlay of more than \$5,000 in the way of extraordinary expenses...

Mr. Fian reported that the tin roof on the Opera House had been completed, but had not been inspected.

Messrs. Lee & Moise were granted permission to build a room at the rear of their office...

The Mayor stated that on the 2d inst. a loan of \$1,000 for a year at 7 per cent had been offered by Mrs. Alice C. Smith...

The report of managers of election of 10th inst. was presented whereby the following City Council was declared elected to serve the ensuing two years...

These gentlemen subscribed to the oath of office and entered upon their duties.

Before retiring Mayor Hughson thanked the old council for their kindness and courtesy to him...

On taking the chair Mayor Stuckey made a short address in which he requested the action interest and support of every Alderman for the next two years...

The following standing committees were announced: Finance: Hurst Epperson, G. F., and Rowland.

Public works: Boyle, Rowland, Finn and Chandler.

Fire department and police: Purdy Epperson, W. H., and Finn.

The Mayor is ex officio a member of all standing committees.

The Mayor stated that the suggestion had been made to him that appropriation of certain amounts should be made to each department for the year to be exceeded except in dire necessity.

On motion of Mr. Purdy the annual report of the Clerk and Treasurer was ordered published in concise form.

The members of the City Board of Health were present by invitation to reply to a question by the Mayor, Dr. H. M. Stuckey, President of that body...

On motion of Mr. Purdy a slide and spring catch was ordered put in to hold the doors when open and thus obviate as far as possible the danger to the team when coming out.

Mr. Finn suggested that a vagrant law be enacted. The clerk was directed to prepare an ordinance accordingly.

It was also referred to the same committee to take steps toward widening the sidewalks by securing dedication of necessary land from property owners.

On motion of Mr. G. F. Epperson police whistles were ordered for the members of City Council.

Bills on file were referred to the finance committee and the council then adjourned.

Improved Order of Red Men.

Newberry, S. C., April 10.—The Great Council of South Carolina, Improved Order Red Men, elected the following officers: John H. Steenken, of Charleston, great sachem; J. Frank Pace, of Sumter, great sachem sagamore; J. H. Hair, of Newberry, great junior sagamore; Walter Cameron, of Pelzer, great prophet; R. A. Williams, of Charleston, great chief of records; William M. Fitch, of Charleston, great keeper of wampum.

News From Stateburg.

Stateburg, April 10.—Matthew Geddis, a well-to-do, very respectable colored preacher living near Cape Savannah, lost his dwelling house and all of his outbuildings by fire on Monday morning just before daylight.

Farmers have pretty well finished planting corn; some of it is coming up, and cotton is being rapidly planted.

The mad dog scare still continues and a great many curs have been killed, even the negroes seeming to realize the danger from them.

It has become a very common thing for people who plant near the public roads, to plow into the road, making it very disagreeable driving over the places where they turn their plows.

There are many cars here of every denomination, and several camp meetings are in progress down the river.

Horace Greeley introduced me to Spurgeon and old Peter Cartwright, and we had a very pleasant little lark together.

They expect Talmage to join them before long. I have also shaken hands with Tom Paine and Voltaire and they seem very pleasant gentlemen.

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Ben Franklin called on me this morning. He is wearing his hair short and crisp and has quit inventing stoves; is forming a stock company for the manufacture of ice.

Of course there is a trust down here—Solomon and Brigham Young have all the women cornered.

The politicians are organizing to defeat the present administration and elect a new devil. They want me to make the nominating speech.

You know I once nominated Blaine for president and did it up in shape. Don't know who will be the nominee.

Jay Gould is running well on account of his money and Judas Iscariot and Ananias are quite popular.

I wish you could send me the paper, would like to know what is being said about me. Suppose they'll print a lot of my old letters and publish enough pictures of me to start a rogue's gallery.

and every preacher will tell how it happened, and water-brained spiritualists will communicate with my spirit and all that sort of thing.

I wish the whole dotteddrot pack were down here for a while—they wouldn't feel so all-fired gay. Well, I must close.

We need rain the worst kind, crops almost a failure, if you're ever down this way, drop in. Yours truly, Bob Ingersoll.

P. S.—A beer saloon would pay big down here.

Why Should They Distrust Us?

From the Boston Record, Rep. Gen Wheeler, who has got back from the Philippines, continues to iterate those thoughtless and ill-judged remarks of his to the effect that the Filipinos are:

A very superior people, Ambitious, Finely educated, Easily governed, Capable of self government, Sensitive, Unwilling to be treated as inferiors.

It is unkind of him to cap the climax by adding that they are "a little distrustful of us." Why should they distrust anybody who has stood ready to hand out the Bible and shotgun to them in close connection with such generosity?

Perry Belmont, of New York, has come out for Admiral Dewey for president. Belmont is a gold democrat.

Sixty hands of the Abbeville cotton mill have been discharged for joining a labor union.

An Epistle from Bob Ingersoll.

From an unknown Author.

Dear Friends:—I will endeavor to write you a letter I promised before leaving New York. Sam Jones inadvertently told the truth, for just as he predicted, I am in bad; came straight through on a flyer without a stop.

I am sitting on a hot cinder writing this letter on a piece of slate gouged from the ceiling with my trident. A trident, you know, is one of those funny looking pitchforks like Neptune used to carry with him at the seaside.

Everybody has one, and it makes a fellow think he's at a populist convention. When I was on earth I didn't believe in hell, for I had traveled in Kansas and didn't think there could be two places so much alike.

But I had been here half a day till I believed in it a whole lot. It is much more genuine and realistic than I anticipated, but I think I'll like it when I get acclimated.

Just now my feet are blistering from walking on the hot pavement, and I'm dabbling them in the river Styx to cool them off.

I was talking to Moses a while ago and he says they will soon get calloused and then I'll be all hunkydory. He has read my Mis-takes of Moses and laughingly admits that he made a good many when he was new to the business.

He is a jovial old cuss and I rather like him; he told me the dead (everything is on the dead, here) that he didn't write the Pentateuch, but knows who did.

There are lots of people here, and strangers arriving daily. But I would not advise you to come till fall or winter, and even then don't bring anything but a light summer suit.

You won't need an overcoat or umbrella or skate, but you might bring along a palm leaf fan or two. For an imaginary, mythical figurative, allegorical and unorthodox hell this is about the hottest one I ever got into.

But say! I got here just in time to strike a snag. Henry Beecher had just been retired on account of age, and Mephistopheles appointed me to succeed him as boss of the New York colony—the largest one here.

I have a lovely new trident with cute little spear points, and his Satanic Majesty has promised to get me a long red tail and a pair of horns like his when he goes to the city next week.

He seems to have taken a fancy to me. There are ministers here of every denomination, and several camp meetings are in progress down the river.

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Accounted For.

"Henry, I dreamed of planting sweet peas last night." "Oh, yes, and of course you dreamed you made me dig up the ground for you, and that's the way I got this awful cold."

Through the calling out of the reserves of the English army, 2,479 railroad employes gave up their positions, the companies agreeing to re-instate them while some agreed to give assistance to the families of the men if they require it.

The attorney general takes issue with Judge Brown as to the correctness of his ruling, but with a view to a final settlement of the question has sent to the chairman of the judiciary committee of both houses of congress, a draft of a bill which, if it becomes a law, will have the effect of compelling the removal of persons indicted for offense against the United States from the place of arrest to the district where the offense is committed.

There is said to be no longer any doubt about the sale of the Atlanta Journal to Mr Henry M. Atkinson and the capitalists whom he represents. How Hoke Smith has sold his stock at \$300 a share and will receive \$156,000 in cold cash on next Monday.

The minority stockholders have been offered \$250 for their shares and give a certain time in which to accept or decline the proposition.—Augusta Chronicle.

SKIRTS.

Those Shown in the Newest Spring Gown Models.

Plaited and gathered skirts are made over entirely plain separate linings, but those skirts which are simply gathered at the back or plaited there are lined in the usual manner, the lining being attached to the inside of the skirt.

Silk is the most expensive and lightest lining, but not the most serviceable for ordinary wear, as it soon cuts through and tears easily. There are many substitutes made of cotton which answer the purpose, but light weight moreen is probably the best and most durable of any lining for woolen gowns for general use.

Of course silk or elaborate cloth costumes require a silk lining. Skirts cut in the circular style are abandoned. The circular flounce is still worn, but the newest gown models have the skirt cut in breadths, and the back is laid in a single or double box plait or in stitched side plaits.

In this summer goods it is often gathered. The picture shows a princess gown of mastic cloth. At each side of the bodice are three plaits, and the back is laid in two box plaits.

The fronts of the bodice are triple, corresponding with the three plaits of the skirt. The revers of the middle vest are of pink silk; those of the other two brown velvet.

The chemise is of pink silk; the belt of brown velvet, closing with a clasp. The sleeves have three revers at the wrist, corresponding to the revers of the front. A pink mouseline cravat is worn.

The hat of mastic straw is trimmed with brown velvet, a jeweled ornament and white feathers. Pink flowers are placed under the brim.

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Notice of Registration.

The State of South Carolina—Sumter County—Office of Supervisors of Registration, Sumter County, S. C., February 1st, 1899.

Notice is hereby given that in accordance with an Act of the General Assembly, and in conformity with the requirements of the State Constitution, the books for the registration of all legally qualified voters, and for the issuing of transfers, etc., will be open at the office of Supervisors of Registration in 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, 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. The requirements for a qualified voter are that the applicant for registration shall be able to read and write correctly, or possess in his own name property to the amount of three hundred dollars, upon which he pays taxes.

E. F. BURROWS, T. D. BURDICK, J. M. KNIGHT, Supervisors of Registration Sumter Co. Feb 1

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