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NEW ADVERTISEMENTS.

Meeting Sumter Democratic Club. For Sheriff—Harry W. Scarborough. Groceries & Co.—Prices on Groceries. O'Donnell & Co.—The Wrong Way to Buy W. J. Roddy, Rock Hill, S. C.—Resident Agent Wanted.

PERSONAL.

Mr. Jackson Herby is in the city on a visit. Dr. Haskell Durant, of Bishopville, is in the city. Mr. W. S. Manning, of Spartanburg, is in the city. Mr. W. A. Clyde is in the city for a few days stay. Col. Joe F. Adams, of Manning was in the city Monday. Mr. Frank M. Brinkham is spending a few days in the city. Miss Kate Gaston, of Chester, is visiting at Col. R. D. Lee's. Mrs. Frank M. Mikell, of Atlanta, is in the city on business. Mrs. George Dargan, of Darlington, is the guest of Mrs. S. H. Edmunds. Dr. W. G. Brown, the celebrated optician, is in the city for a short stay. Mrs. Alfred D'Ancona, of Chicago, is the guest of Mr. and Mrs. Mitch Levi. Mr. and Mrs. Louis Levi, of Manning, are visiting Mr. and Mrs. Mitch Levi. Mrs. Hugh Fraser, and little Erskine, of Charleston, are visiting relatives in this city. Mr. Eugene Hogan after an absence of six weeks returned to the city Monday afternoon. Miss Maudie O'Brien left yesterday afternoon for a visit to Baltimore, Md., and New Brighton, Pa. Mrs. Wm. G. Kennedy has gone to Columbia to visit her daughter, Mrs. W. H. Ingram. Mrs. S. H. Edmunds and children have returned from Camden after an absence of several weeks. Mr. E. G. Ryttenberg, who has been in New York for some time, returned to the city Saturday morning. Dr. H. M. Stucky, S. O. Baker, J. O. Spang and C. P. Ostrow returned from Charlotte Friday morning. Messrs. H. Ryttenberg and H. O. Moses who attended the meeting of the Grand Lodge K. of H. in Columbia returned home Thursday afternoon. Messrs. P. Moses, A. C. Phelps and M. Moses, of the Atlantic Cotton Oil Company of Sumter, are in the city. They are here pending negotiations now on between that company and the Mutual Refining Company, of this city.—News and Courier. Mr. William A. Vail, of Providence, R. I., who came to Sumter last November for the benefit of his health, left for his home Monday. He stayed in Sumter restored him to health and strength and he returned North a new man. He made many friends in Sumter, all of whom wish for him a continuance of the health he found in the South. Miss Mamie Richardson, of Pinewood, is visiting Mr. and Mrs. W. B. Murray. Mrs. John T. Green and little John have gone to Wincely to visit Mr. and Mrs. Arthur Green. Mrs. H. A. Lowry and son, Clarence, who have been visiting relatives in the city for several weeks past, accompanied by Miss Alma Standish, left for their home at Georgetown Thursday afternoon.

MARRIED.

Mr. J. W. Dennis and Mrs. W. D. Smith were married at 8 o'clock last Thursday evening at the home of the bride on Main street. Rev. W. A. Kelly officiating. Mr. William Yeadon and Miss Magdalene Hayesworth were married last Sunday afternoon at the home of the bride in this city, Rev. C. O. Brown officiating. Married this afternoon at the home of the bride's father, Mr. Junius E. Scott, by Rev. James McDowell, Dr. W. E. Brown and Miss Ria Scott. After the service the couple with their guests set down to a luncheon, and then left for their bridal tour; they went to Charleston, and from there they go to Washington and Baltimore; they expect to be at home on the 25th inst. The groom is a prosperous business man as well as one of the largest practitioners in the county. He is incumbent of the town, and prominent in business enterprises. The bride is one of Manning's most beloved young ladies, pretty and accomplished, and a ray of sunshine wherever she goes. We extend our congratulations, and wish them both a long, happy and prosperous life.—Manning Times, April 18.

ATLANTIC COTTON OIL CO.

Capital Stock Increased—Refinery Bought in Charleston. At a stockholders meeting of the Atlantic Cotton Oil Company held at the office of the company in this city on the 18th instant, it was unanimously decided to increase the capital stock of the company by \$100,000 making the total stock of the company \$250,000. At the same time it was decided to build a 500 barrel oil refinery in Charleston. A few days later President Perry Moses and Secretary and Treasurer A. O. Phelps visited Charleston for the purpose of securing a site for the proposed refinery. Several suitable lots were offered them, but while negotiations for a lot were in progress, it was ascertained that the plant of the Mutual Refinery Co., could be purchased at a fair price and they made an offer for it. On Saturday a telegram was received from the president of the Mutual Refinery Co., accepting the offer. Messrs. Moses and Phelps went to Charleston yesterday to close the deal, and the transfer will be made this week, it is thought. The Mutual Refinery has a daily capacity of 200 barrels of oil and is said to be a first class plant in every respect, with an established business. The Atlantic Cotton Oil Co. will have the plant thoroughly overhauled as soon as possession is obtained and will proceed to enlarge it so that the daily capacity will be 500 barrels. The most improved and best machinery will be purchased and when the improvements are completed the refinery will be the best equipped and most modern and up-to-date in all its appointments to be found in the south. The growth of the Atlantic Cotton Oil Company has been phenomenal and there seems to be no limit to the enterprise of the men who have directed its affairs from the organization of the Sumter Cotton Oil Co., about four years ago. From one 60-ton mill in this city the company has grown until it now has the original 60 ton mill, a 60-ton mill in Bennettsville, a 40-ton mill in Gibson, N. C., a 60-ton mill in process of construction in Camden, and a 500 barrel refinery in Charleston. The prosperity of the company has been as great as its growth in capital. The last sale of stock, of which the writer has information, was made at \$300 per share, the par value of which was \$100.

The Best in the World.

We believe Chamberlain's Cough Remedy is the best in the world. A few weeks ago we suffered with a severe cold and a troublesome cough, and having read their advertisements in our own and other papers we purchased a bottle to see if it would affect us. It cured us before the bottle was more than half used. It is the best medicine out for colds and coughs.—The Herald, Andersonville, Ind. For sale by A. J. China.

Harry W. Scarborough for Sheriff.

Mr. Harry W. Scarborough, of Bishopville, is placed in nomination today for the office of Sheriff of Sumter county. Mr. Scarborough is one of the best known and most popular young men of Bishopville, and his friends are numerous in all sections of the county. He is a strong man, and will make the race interesting to the other candidates.

O'Donnell & Co.

The new advertisement of D. J. Chandler, the clothier, is interesting reading, and no one should skip it.

Gambling in Futures.

The following paper was unanimously adopted by the Sumter Baptist Church at a recent meeting: "The fluctuations during some months past in the price of cotton and the consequent excitement in the minds of people, tending to stimulate the spirit of speculation, indicate the propriety of an expression of opinion on the part of Christian churches as to at least one form of speculation, the purchase and sale of 'futures,' to which there is a great temptation in all such periods of fluctuations in prices. To continually buy or sell at a future time anything, of which neither party is the present or prospective owner, and an actual delivery of which is intended by neither, is in fact nothing else than to bet on future prices, which cannot be distinguished from gambling. The principles involved are unholily, the consequences are disastrous. This is the view of society outside of religious associations. The laws of the country declare such contracts void—not to be enforced by legal machinery. Christian churches should go further, and should declare such acts to be inconsistent with Christian profession and with membership in a Christian Church. This Church, therefore declares that its members must abstain from such acts hereafter, if they desire to remain in fellowship with us."

Remarkable Cure of Rheumatism.

Kenna, Jackson Co., W. Va. About three years ago my wife had an attack of rheumatism which confined her to her bed for over a month and rendered her unable to walk a step without assistance, her limbs being swollen to double their normal size. Mr. S. Maddox insisted on my using Chamberlain's Pain Balm. I purchased a fifty-cent bottle and used it according to the directions and the next morning she walked to breakfast without assistance in any manner, and she has not had a similar attack since.—A. B. Parsons. For sale by A. J. China.

PUBLIC SALES.

The following sales are advertised for next sale day: BY THE MASTER. That lot or parcel of land, in the city of Sumter, bounded on the north by a lot of land conveyed by B. K. DeLorme, to Dr. A. H. China; on the east by a lot of land of E. H. Rhame, conveyed to him by W. F. B. Haynesworth, on the south by a lot on which Mrs. Agnes P. Bartlett resided at the time of her death and on the west by Harvin Street of said city—having a frontage of sixty-six (66) feet, a little more or less, on said street, and having a depth of three hundred and twenty-two (322) feet, be the same a little more or less, the same being the lot conveyed to Charles W. Kingman by B. K. DeLorme. BY THE SHERIFF. All that piece, parcel or tract of land, situate, lying and being in Sumter County, State of South Carolina, containing 30 acres more or less, and bounded by lands of Mrs. Hogan, the Atlantic Coast Line Railroad Company, and others; levied upon and to be sold as the property of Harvey Wellen or an unknown party at the suit of the State for taxes. All that piece, parcel or tract of land, situate, lying and being in Sumter County, State of South Carolina, containing one hundred and seventy-five acres (175 acres) more or less, bounded on the North by the parcel of land containing one hundred acres assigned to E. M. Cooper as his homestead, and separated therefrom by a ditch and a line extended Westward from said ditch, on the South by lands of George L. Cooper, on the East by Long Branch and lands formerly of the Estate of W. O. McCutchen, on West by Scope O'er Swamp, levied upon and to be sold as the property of E. M. Cooper at the suit of Carrie E. Cooper.

Has Returned.

Dr. W. G. Brown, the well known, thorough and reliable Optician is again at the Nixon House, fully prepared to treat all defects of vision with his superior glasses, in every style and quality of frames. Consultation and examinations free. He will be in Sumter this week and next. April 21.

New Trial For Taylor.

George Preston Taylor, colored who was convicted of rape and sentenced to life imprisonment in the penitentiary at the November term 1898, has been granted a new trial by the Supreme Court. The decision was filed on Thursday. Taylor has been in jail since his conviction pending the appeal and it is thought that he will now be released on bond. Taylor's chances for an acquittal are now much better than when he was tried, for considerable evidence has been discovered and it was mainly on account of the after discovered evidence that a new trial was granted.

The Club Dance.

The dance last Thursday night at the Sumter Club was a most enjoyable and a most successful affair, and the forty dancers all join in declaring as having had a "fine time." In strict accordance with Sumter's own patriotic notion of the proper time for social affairs it was 10:30 before the dancing began, and then several couples had not arrived. At the present rate of progress the Sumter balls will soon become matinees. The German was lead in excellent style by Messrs I. C. Strauss and W. R. Burgess.

Accidental Shooting.

Piggab, April 22.—Johnnie W. DuPre, son of J. E. DuPre, Reg., accidentally shot himself in the left breast with a rifle yesterday afternoon while hunting. The ball is still in the shoulder. His physician says he is no worse today. Jas. E. D.

Stephen Bradford Dead.

Stephen Bradford, colored, died last night from acute peritonitis which resulted from a blow on the side received when he was waylaid and beaten by Lewis Larkin some two weeks ago. Stephen was severely beaten with a club, his scalp was badly lacerated and many bruises inflicted on various parts of the body. At first it was thought that the scalp wound was the most serious, but peritonitis developed from the bruises on the stomach and side and death resulted. Lewis Larkin is said to have fed the county yesterday or Monday, when it became known that Stephen was in a dying condition.

Cold Steel or Death.

"There is but one small chance to save your life an that is through an operation," was the awful prospect set before Mrs I. B. Hunt, of Lime Ridge, Wis, by her doctor after vainly trying to cure her of a frightful case of stomach trouble and yellow jaundice. He didn't count on the marvelous power of Electric Bitters to cure stomach and liver troubles, but she heard of it, took seven bottles, was wholly cured, avoided surgeon's knife, now weighs more and feels better than ever. It's positively guaranteed to cure stomach, liver and kidney troubles, and never disappoints. Price 50c at J. F. W. DeLorme's drug store.

Recital at Sumter School of Music

A recital will be given in studio of the Sumter School of Music, this evening Miss Ewell and the pupils of the school extend a cordial invitation to the public to be present.

The Mayesville Colored Industrial School.

A letter of late date received from Emma J. Wilson, who has been at work for several years, mostly at the north, raising funds for the above named school, says: "I am still racking friends for our school at Mayesville. I think we will be able to dedicate our new building next autumn free of debt, and will then be able to open the industrial department, which the institution stands for."

The Band Concert.

The Fourth Regiment Band scored a great success with the concert last week, and the people of Sumter have greater cause for pride in the organization than ever before. The Opera House was well filled with an appreciative and sympathetic audience and the members of the band had every incentive to do their best, and that they did was proved by the enthusiastic applause and the general verdict of approval that was given at the close of the entertainment. The band as a whole has made marked improvement since its last public appearance and in the case of some of the individual members the improvement has been so decided as to evoke very complimentary comments from those who are qualified to pass an opinion on musical skill. The band is making great strides toward perfection and even now there are many bands, composed entirely of professional musicians, that cannot surpass the band in the correct execution of difficult music. The concert was, as already stated, a great success and the members of the band have every reason to be proud of their achievement and the reception with which their efforts met at the hands of the public.

NOTICE.

SHEEP FOR SALE—One full blood South-down ram, two or three fine lambs—half blood—of same. Also a few native ewes. Apply to R. R. DeRant, Jr., DuRant P. O., S. C. Apr 25—21*

MEETING SUMTER DEMOCRATIC CLUB.

PURSUANT to the call of the county chairman the Sumter Democratic Club is hereby called to meet in the Court House at 6 p. m., Saturday, April 28th, for the purpose of reorganizing, electing officers and delegates to the county convention. A full attendance is desired. J. M. KNIGHT, Secretary. H. G. OSTEN, President. Apr 25

The Position

OF RESIDENT MANAGER OF THE EQUI-TABLE LIFE ASSURANCE SOCIETY for Sumter and vicinity, is open to a man of character and ability. A favorable contract, carrying renewals, will be given to the right man. W. J. RODDEY, Manager. April 25. Rock Hill, S. C.

AFTER-EASTER ATTRACTIONS AT THE Sumter Dry Goods Co.

Do you feel any interest in WHITE GOODS for the coming warm weather? We are showing at present many exceptional values in this department, which will not last all Summer. Wide Barred Piques for Skirts—a high class novelty. Mercerized DIMITIES and Silk-stripe effects for Waists. Swivel Silks, China Silks, Hemstitched Madras—a beautiful fabric. French Organdies, Wash Organdy 10c per yard, &c., &c. This will be a great Lace Season, and our stock of Lace Allovers, Combination Sets, Embroideries, French Vals and Yokings, include many new and confined patterns which cannot be found elsewhere. That extraordinary Ribbon Sale shows no signs of diminishing. Try and remember these widths and prices: Nos. 5 and 7, 5c.; Nos. 9 and 12, 10c.; Nos. 16 and 22, 12 1/2c.; Nos. 40 and 60 20c.; Nos. 80 and 100, extra wide, 25c. All shades and all silk. Not elsewhere in Sumter. LINEN EFFECTS still hold their own in popular favor, and in this serviceable fabric we show thirty-seven different styles from which to select your picnic costume, ranging in price from 7c. to 62 1/2c. per yard. LADIES' FINE SHOES. You can buy our Shoes without any risk whatever. We guarantee every pair. The fitting qualities cannot be excelled, and we think very seldom if ever equalled. We handle Val Dullenhoffer and Drew Selby Shoes. Don't fail to see our line of dainty and durable Oxfords in Patent Leather Vici Kids. A trial is all we ask of you. Very truly,

THE SUMTER DRY GOODS COMPANY. Closing Out Sale OF THOROUGHbred HOGS.

Several Essex and Berkshire Hogs and Pigs for sale, at my farm one mile west of Sumter. H. H. HARBY. Sumter, S. C., Mch. 16, 1900.

THE WRONG WAY TO BUY A SUIT OF CLOTHES

Is to look around for something that's cheap—a cheap suit is an expensive suit at any price. It may look passably fair on the counter—in fact a cheap suit is made to look its best while on sale, but after a week's wear it bags at the knees, pushes up in the back, frays out at the bottom, while the pockets have a hang-dog look, and the general appearance of premature decay that lingers about the wearer is evidence that he has been making a futile attempt to save money by indulging in a cheap suit of clothes. We don't keep the cheap kind. We do have some good suits at reasonably low prices, but they're not the cheaply made kind. They're made not alone to sell, but to wear.

The Right Way to Buy Clothing. Clothing, Hats and Furnishing Goods

From which the citizens of Sumter can make a selection. Our steadily growing business is evidence that our actions and methods are fair and honorable. As proof of this we can point with pride to the hundreds of families who commenced trading with us years ago and who are today our staunchest friends and warmest patrons. They have tested thoroughly the 'Truth of the Old Adage—"The Proof of the Pudding is in the Eating." They have eaten and are satisfied—so would you be—and so will everybody be who trades at D. J. Chandler's.