

CRIMINAL STATISTICS

Gathered From the Police Records for 1900.

That during the past year the Sumter police force has been kept busy it would appear from the statistics given below.

City Clerk C. M. Harst, Jr., who kindly gave the information, said that it was the largest number of offenses he had ever known to come up before the mayor's court in one year.

The following are the statistics as classified under the various heads:

Drunk and disorderly, white, 23, colored, 124; disturbance of the peace, white, 20, colored, 138; boarding railway trains without purpose, colored, 3; leading horses loose on streets, colored, 4; gambling, colored, 35; interfering with officer in discharge of duty, white, 1; violation of license law, white, 1, colored, 6; vagrancy, white, 2, colored, 7; reckless driving, white, 1, colored, 10; keeping disorderly houses, colored, 6; violation of bicycle ordinance, white, 19, colored, 23; violation of hog ordinance, white, 4; backman soliciting patronage, white, 1; committing nuisance, white, 1, colored, 6; taking water from pipe, colored, 1; discharging firearms, white, 1, colored, 4; mutilating shade trees, white, 1, colored, 1; obstructing travel with railway train, white, 2; refusing to pay street tax, white, 1, colored, 491, total females 54; total whites 77, total colored 378.

It may be interesting to note that in only three classes of offenses do the whites exceed the colored. All the females were colored.

Among the above headings there were 24 cases of carrying concealed weapons. The large number of drunk and disorderly cases may be accounted for by the fact that the dispensary has sold more liquor than ever before.

The city can't be congratulated on its large criminal business, but the treasury has been materially helped by the numerous fines. The amount of fines collected was \$1,091.71.

Master's Sales.

In the case of Woodward vs Woodward, Bishopville, 240 acres of land. Bought by Hayworth & Hayworth for \$2,950.

In the case of McHair & Pearsall vs B M Carpenter, one lot in town of Mayesville. Bought by A B Stucky for \$95.

In the case of Tindall vs Tindall, 350 acres of land in Privateer Township. Bought by Miss L B Tindall for \$2,400.

In the case of Tindall vs Tindall, 100 acres of land in Privateer Township. Bought by B H Wells for \$1,225.

In the case of Shular vs Moore, 102 acres of land in Stateburg Township. Bought by Chas S Blierbe for \$950.

In the case of Dinkins vs Dinkins, 54 1/2 acres of land in Stateburg Township. Bought by L D Jennings for \$378.

In the case of Johnson vs Muldrow 50 1/2 acres of land in Mayesville Township. Bought by Chas B Johnson for \$20.

In the case of Johnson vs Harvey Peterson, 16 1/2 acres of land in Mayesville township. Bought by Chas B Johnson for \$25.

In the case of Johnson vs John Peterson, 7 1/2 acres of land in Mayesville township. Bought by Chas B Johnson for \$50.

In the case of Johnson vs James Peterson, 6 acres of land in Mayesville township. Bought by Chas B Johnson for \$25.

In the case of Johnson vs Peter Peterson, 7 1/2 acres of land in Mayesville township. Bought by Chas B Johnson for \$450.

In the case of Johnson vs Chas Peterson, 30 acres of land in Mayesville township. Bought by Chas B Johnson for \$300.

New Group of Churches.

A new group of Presbyterian Churches has been formed in this county which will be supplied by Rev John C Bailey, Jr. The group embraces Wedgefield, Tirzah, Hebron, and Hepzibah. Mr. Bailey will be located near Dalzell on the Northwestern Railroad, his post office address being Scarborough, S. C. Services have been arranged as follows:

First Sunday—Hebron, 11 a. m.; Hepzibah, 3 30 p. m.

Second Sunday—Tirzah 11 a. m.; Wedgefield 4 p. m.

Third Sunday—Hepzibah, 11 a. m.; Hebron, 3 30 p. m.

Fourth Sunday—Wedgefield, 11 30 a. m.; Tirzah 4 p. m.

Daughters of the Confederacy.

The regular quarterly meeting of Dick Anderson, Chapter U. D. C. was held at the residence of its president, Mrs. Altamont Moses, Monday afternoon. The members were out in larger numbers than usual, and with the New Year and Century a greater zeal and interest seems to have awakened in the work of the chapter.

It was decided to hold meetings, hereafter, bi-monthly instead of quarterly as now in force. Also, at each meeting two or three members are to read the record on which they entered and thus local history will be disseminated.

The representatives to the recent State Convention in Rock Hill read a paper on the proceedings, and reported officially that the convention had accepted the invitations to meet next year in this city. Already plans of entertainment are discussed.

Public Document.

Congressman J. Wm. Stokes asks us to say to the public that he has a limited number of copies of the memorial addresses on the late Senator Joseph H Earle which he will be glad to send to those who write for them as long as the supply holds out. "First come, first served."

Short and Pointed.

Editor Daily Item: I dislike to do so, but feel it a duty to the public as well as myself to correct my friend Mr Dorn's statements. I will not say he told an untruth in saying that I did not have to make a demand of him more than once for the office.

Now, Mr Editor, I told you in general conversation that Mr Dorn refused to give up the office until Jan. 1901 and that he (Mr D) also stated that his commission would not be out until April 1901. The matter was referred to the Attorney General for the reason that Mr Dorn claimed that I was not then entitled to the office. Had the office been turned over to me as it should have been there would have been nothing at issue.

Respectfully, W. H. Seale.

They Must all Go.

Our excess in business, not carrying old goods into a new season, hence our anniversary clearance sale, beginning Monday and until further notice our entire stock woolen dress goods, cloaks, tailor suits, hannels, skirts, and all woolen and knit underwear will be sold at cost. No goods charged to this sale. This is your chance. Choice selection can be had from this stock. Jan 5-21 Schwartz Bros.

THE MYERS CASE.

The Shortage Not Yet Paid to the Surety Company.

The case of young Joel E Myers, recently money order clerk of the Southern Express Company at Charlotte, N. C. who is short in his accounts more than \$1,800, is now familiar to all of our readers. How he became short for a small sum, and then began gambling to cover his loss, and then began drinking, and finally having played his last card, attempted suicide, is a short, but sad history. He attempted to end his life in Columbia, but not being successful, he was guarded for a few days, until Mr. Russell, the representative of the surety company which held his bond, arrived in Columbia. Mr. Russell brought Mr. Myers to this city, in order that the shortage might be made good by his relatives. Mr. Myers was taken to the home of his father, the Rev. J. J. Myers, at Providence, last week where he was for several days.

The Columbia papers of yesterday announced that the money had been paid.

A Prominent Chicago Woman Speaks

Prof. Roxa Tyler, of Chicago, Vice-President Illinois Woman's Alliance, in speaking of Chamberlain's Cough Remedy, says: "I suffered with a severe cold this winter which threatened to run into pneumonia. I tried different remedies but I seemed to grow worse and the medicine upset my stomach. A friend advised me to try Chamberlain's Cough Remedy and I found it was pleasant to take and it relieved me at once. I am now entirely recovered, saved a doctor's bill, time and suffering, and I will never be without this splendid medicine again." For sale by A. J. Ohio.

New Water Mains

The city will soon have some new water mains put in which are very much needed. The work will be done under the direction of Mr. T. Durkin, of Philadelphia, representing the American Pipe Mfg. Co., who is now in the city, and work has already been commenced. The first line of new mains will be laid from the corner of Church and Republican Streets, up Republican Street to the corner of Republican Street and Salem avenue, formerly New Street. On this line will be one fire hydrant—at the corner of Salem avenue.

The other line will begin at the corner of Church and Calhoun Streets, and will continue up Church Street to Bladings Street, or the Providence road. This line will have two fire hydrants on it—one at the corner of Hayworth Street and the other at the corner of Bladings Street.

The Water Co., at the request of the city, will move a hydrant from the neighborhood of the Presbyterian Church, where there are more hydrants than are needed, to the corner of Republican and Haskell Streets.

With these improvements the city will have a better water system, and certain sections that have heretofore been without protection against fire will be within reach of a hydrant.

Y. M. C. A. State Convention

The State Convention Y. M. C. A. will meet in Sumter next month, and are expecting an unusually pleasant and profitable meeting. An entertainment committee has been appointed consisting of two from each of the churches as follows:

Presbyterian—H. L. Scarborough, Geo. W. Dick.

First Methodist—A. B. Stucky, C. M. Harst.

Episcopal—Geo. D. Shore, Singleton Moore.

Baptist—W. M. Graham, A. G. Flowers.

Magnolia St. Methodist—Geo. E. Beaumont, and R. J. Kennedy.

Inquest at Privateer.

Friday afternoon Coroner Flowers was summoned to Privateer in the Mellett neighborhood, to hold an inquest over the body of Martha James, a colored woman more than 70 years old.

From the facts obtained it was found that death had resulted from neglect on the part of her son, Peter Coyners. From the testimony of one Mose Ballard, colored, it appears that he brought Martha James to her son's house and Coyners refused to admit her. She was left out in an old field in front of the house, where she stayed all night, or until she died. The coroner's jury brought in the verdict that "Martha James died from exposure caused by the criminal neglect of her son, Peter Coyners."

Coyners was arrested in the city on Saturday morning by Officer Weeks and Deputy Sheriff Galliard. He was placed in jail where he will await his hearing at the April term of court.

MAYOR'S COURT.

Hiram Poole was before the Mayor Friday on the charge of drunkenness and disorderly conduct. He was arrested for obstructing a lady on Main Street while he was begging for money. The lady was very much frightened and the negro had to be pulled aside by some gentlemen standing near. On account of the seriousness of the charge and the character of the negro, the Mayor imposed a heavier fine than usual in ordinary drunk and disorderly cases. Poole is well known by most of our readers and may be remembered as Health Officer Reardon's "star small-pox patient." His fine will help in a small way to repay the \$75 the city spent on him while a small-pox patient.

The following cases were before the Mayor's court Monday:

Abie James and Henry Thomas fighting. James was fined \$1, or 2 days and Thomas \$3 or 6 days.

William McFarland, drunkenness and firing pistol, \$3 Paid fine.

Shot in the Foot.

Waverly, the youngest son of Mr. J. H. Levy, accidentally shot himself in the right foot last Friday. Several shot entered the foot, but the wound, while painful, is not at all dangerous.

Young Prisoners.

On Saturday, Magistrate Barrett, of Bishopville, sent two colored children down for petit larceny. Their names were Sylvester and Calvin Lucky, aged about 8 years. Their crime was chicken stealing and they were given 30 days, or \$7.50. They took the days. It is said that they have stolen quite a large number of chickens during the past year.

County Board of Control.

The County Board of Control met Monday. The regular routine business was transacted. The dispensary profits for the last quarter of 1900 were counted. The following were the profits for the three dispensaries for the past quarter: Sumter, \$2,889.95; Bishopville, \$1,295.64; Mayesville, \$342.85. The board adjourned to meet on Wednesday, Feb. 6. It will also meet on the 25th inst. to elect a dispenser for Mayesville.

SEMI-ANNUAL DIVIDEND PAID.

Prosperous Year's Business of the Cotton Mill.

The regular annual meeting of the directors of the Sumter Cotton Mill was held Wednesday. The report of the secretary and treasurer was presented, which showed that the mill has made money during the past year and the affairs of the mill are in a most satisfactory condition. During the past year the mill has earned 1 1/4 per cent on the capital stock. A 4 per cent semi-annual dividend was declared and ordered paid, and the remainder of the net earnings was carried to the surplus account. The new machinery purchased last spring at a cost of \$16,000 has all been paid for out of the earnings and the financial condition of the mill is now such, that equipped as it is with new and thoroughly overhauled machinery, it is in a better position than ever before to earn big dividends.

At the annual meeting of stockholders held to-day the directors were re-elected to serve for another year, and the following officers were also re-elected:

President, R. M. Wallace; Vice President, Marion Moses; Secretary and Treasurer, Altamont Moses.

The accumulated mud has been removed from the macadam on Main Street, to the great improvement of the appearance of the street.

Quality and not quantity makes DeWitt's Little Early Risers such valuable little liver pills. J. S. Hugbison & Co.

For a concern that was for years unprofitable, and was held up as a warning to all who advocated the establishment of a big cotton mill in Sumter, the Sumter Cotton Mill makes a pretty fair showing for 1900.

A. C. Phelps & Co., the general agents of the Union Casualty and Surety Company, of St. Louis, sent out a unique and valuable Christmas present to a number of their friends. It was an accident policy in the above named company for \$100, good for one year, which will afford the recipients of Messrs. A. C. Phelps & Co.'s Christmas remembrance protection in case of accidents or death from accidental causes.

This season there is a large death rate among children from croup and lung troubles. Prompt action will save the little ones from these terrible diseases. We know of nothing so certain to give instant relief as One Minute Cough Cure. It can also be relied upon in grippe and all throat and lung troubles of adults. Pleasant to take. J. S. Hugbison & Co.

Mr. Newman Objects.

Editor Watchman and Southron: In your issue of Dec. 26, 1900, you state that when Mr. Seale took charge of the chain gang, that I thereupon resigned resignation to take effect at once, the inference naturally being that I left Mr. Seale, in a very awkward predicament. In order that the record may be kept straight and in justice to myself I desire to say. That on the evening of the 19th, I notified Mr. Seale, I would resign, as soon as he took charge, and told him to secure another overseer, but that I would remain as overseer until he could procure some one to fill my place. Respectfully, Sam Newman.

Mr. Boyle Injured.

Mr. W. B. Boyle was severely injured last Wednesday, but fortunately the injuries are not of a dangerous character. He was kicked in the face by a mule, his nose broken and deep gash cut across one cheek.

The accident happened in the mule pen at Mr. Boyle's stables, into which Mr. Boyle and one of his hands had gone to catch a mule. While trying to catch one of the mules, a big mule let drive with his heels striking Mr. Boyle full in the face. He was knocked senseless for a time, but soon regained consciousness and was taken to the infirmary for treatment.

He suffered very much for several days, but is much better, and expects to be out in a few days.

A Red-Headed Coincidence.

Three red-headed men were shared at Edwards' shop on Xmas day at the same time by accident. "It was not a pre-arranged plan." The last Xmas in the 19th century and only three chairs in the shop. Something don't often happen.

To Buy an Engine.

Mayor Atkins and Alderman Foxworth, of Mayesville, representing the town council of Mayesville, were in the city Monday inspecting the hand engines formerly used here, with the view of purchasing one.

Mayesville Items.

Mayesville, S. C., Jan. 2.—The Mayesville High School resumed its session to-day. Mr. R. J. Mayes, the enterprising hardware merchant of our town, has enlarged his store and is now in a position to carry a full stock of all the goods in his line.

All the students who were home for Christmas have returned to their work.

Mr. Frank Barron, who has been bookkeeper for Mr. E. E. Barnett for the past year, has gone to his home at Manning for a short visit.

Miss Steele, of Yorkville, is visiting her sister, Mrs. R. A. Chandler.

Miss Cleo Burgess, of Foreston, has returned to resume her studies at school here.

Mayesville, Jan. 4.—The store of Mr. R. A. Chandler caught on fire yesterday morning from the stove fire. It was soon discovered to be on fire and a few buckets of water extinguished it. Mr. Chandler is contemplating the erection of a large brick store in the near future.

One of the cotton seed warehouses near the railroad track caved in on one corner on Wednesday afternoon, but no serious damage was done.

Mr. R. M. Cooper, of Scranton, Florence county, is in town, visiting relatives.

Miss Maggie Barringer has been on a visit to her brother at Florence.

Everything is dull since the holidays and the lien business has not yet opened up.

Mayesville, Jan. 7.—Mr. Fred Stuckey, of Mannville, has accepted a position with Mr. J. E. Barnett.

Mrs. Margaret Gregg, of Sumter, is visiting relatives in town.

Dr. W. M. Bradley, of Brogdon, is visiting at his father's.

Messrs. Daniel Evans and Dowe Player, of Workman, are in town on their return to Orangeburg College.

Mrs. J. E. Stevenson is sick at her home with la grippe.

Mr. I. W. Bradley met with a painful accident a few days ago. His horse became unmanageable in some way and kicked him on the arm, breaking one of the bones. He is still confined to his home, but is improving.

Items From the Dark Corner.

Dark Corner, Manchester, Jan. 7. I tried to get up a few items for last week's paper, but the rain prevented.

There has been some moving as is usual at this season.

Mr. Jos. H. Geddings has moved here from near Pinewood.

Mr. R. R. Ardis and wife, of Levi, visited here last week.

Mr. Henry Bartlett visited at Levi last week.

Christmas passed off very quietly: no drunks or parties in this corner.

Miss Entzinger's exhibition proved to be a fine one, all things considered.

The Pinewood brethren are rejoicing, as they have just placed their bell in the steeple of the new Methodist church. I was there last Saturday and heard its first tones.

A negro dropped dead on the platform at Pinewood last Friday morning, after he had bought his ticket. He was going to Florida to work, and was there to meet the train from Sumter, when he dropped dead.

I dined with Mr. J. J. Kolb, of Pinewood, last Saturday. I found him all right on the living line, fat horses, fat hogs, a barn full of corn, bay stacks and seven or eight bales of the fleecy staple still on hand. Pretty good, I think, for a renter. I was pleased to meet Miss Norah Ardis, Mrs. Kolb's sister, at Mr. Kolb's.

Well, Mr. Editor, as I can so seldom find time or ovens to write for your paper, with the consent of you and your readers I will now make my bow and retire as one of your pencil pushers, as I don't think it pays you. With the best of wishes for the Watchman and Southron and all of its many readers, I will say Good bye. Sidra.

Persons who suffer from indigestion cannot expect to live long, because they cannot eat the food required to nourish the body and the products of the undigested food they do eat poison the blood. It is important to cure indigestion as soon as possible, and the best method of doing this is to use a preparation known as Kodol Dyspepsia Cure. It digests what you eat and restores all the digestive organs to perfect health. J. S. Hugbison & Co.

Mrs. Crane's School Celebrates the Holidays.

"Oh, I am so glad it is Christmas time, Christmas time, Christmas time, Oh, I am so glad it is Christmas time, The happiest day of the year!"

This opening chorus sung with glees, At the Cotton Factory Christmas tree, Came echoing from our heart of hearts, With all the swing that joy imparts.

What fairy vision on our sight, With distant gleams across the night! What rapture our attention drew, What ecstasy a nearer view!

From floor to roof a splendid holly, Laden with things to make life jolly; With gifts for scholars great or small, Useful, ornamental, one and all.

Impatient Santie at the door, Until the recitations o'er, Soon entered, stamping with his wife, And very welcome, on your life.

His arms could reach up to the top, And then most to the floor they'd drop; Each journey watched with anxious gaze: In outstretched hands your gift he lays.

And then the table piled with fruit, From distant clime, each taste to suit; And all those pretty bags of candy, With nut and raisins, just too handy.

"Oh, we're so glad 'twas Christmas time, Christmas time, Christmas time, Oh, we're so glad 'twas Christmas time, The happiest day of the year!" B. S.

Beat Out of an Increase of His Pension

A Mexican war veteran and prominent editor writes: "Seeing the advertisement of Chamberlain's Colic, Cholera and Diarrhoea Remedy, I am reminded that as a soldier in Mexico in '47 and '48, I contracted Mexican diarrhoea and this remedy has kept me from getting an increase of my pension for an every reasonable dose of it restores me." It is unequalled as a quick cure for diarrhoea and is pleasant and safe to take. For sale by A. J. China.

Parable of the Advertiser.

Behold an advertiser went forth to sow. And, when he sowed, some seed fell into handbills and dodgers, and the street cleaner came and gathered them up.

Some fell among concert and theatre programmes, and the people being interested in the performance, and not in bargains, they were left on the seats or crumpled and thrown on the floor.

And some fell among fake schemes and gift enterprises, and popular contempt sprang up and choked them.

But some fell into legitimate newspapers, which found their way into the homes of the people who had time to read them, and they brought forth fruit, some one hundred fold, some sixty fold, some thirty fold.

Who hath ears to hear let him hear.—Palmetto Post.

Complicated Situation at Pekin.

Pekin, January 7.—This afternoon agreements, identical for each nation were presented to Prince Ching. Those close to Prince Ching and Li Hang Chang say they have decided to sign, even if they lose their heads, without regard to the latest orders of the court.

Others, who are apparently equally close, say they will not sign immediately, asserting also that there are two factions surrounding the court, equally strong, and that it would be impolitic for the Chinese plenipotentiaries at present to act for themselves.

A Tariff War Proposed.

Berlin, Jan. 7.—The Berlin papers reprint an alleged interview granted by Prince Herbert Bismarck to a representative of Il Corriere della Sera, of Milan, in which the prince is represented as asserting that the great German industrial organization, with the approval of Emperor William and Count Von Buelow, imperial chancellor, have compromised with the agrarians and will meet the United States with a sharp protective policy. Sixty marks per ton on grain is mentioned as an illustration.

Some of the papers cast doubt upon the authenticity of the interview, but the Berliner Tageblatt sees in it a fresh confirmation of the recent statements of Count Von Klinkowstroem, the agrarian leader. The Tageblatt severely deprecates a tariff war with the United States, the cost of which, it contends, will be borne by German trade. Germany's flourishing shipping and German consumers generally.

Tests which have been made, says the New York Journal of Commerce, show that the manufacture of steel rails has passed beyond the stage of experiment, and it adds: "It has also been demonstrated that steel can be made in the Birmingham region cheaper than anywhere else in the world. Therefore, it is not surprising to hear that a large mill for the manufacture of steel rails is in process of construction near Birmingham, and that there are no obstacles to prevent an immense expansion of the iron and steel industry of Alabama. All the leading trade journals agree that the Southern steel will have practically an unlimited market, both at home and abroad, and this means that the South will have another source of prosperity and wealth."

Norfolk, Va., Jan. 7.—E. St. John, vice president and general manager of the Seaboard Air Line, has tendered his resignation, to take effect not later than January 15. During his administration Mr. St. John has greatly improved the property, increasing the value of its stock seven fold. Mr. St. John declines to indicate his future movements, but his friends say that several important positions, one of them in connection of a leading rail way, are offered him.

From all reports it appears that Florence is a very healthy place in which to live. The health report for 1900 shows up remarkably well for the city.

Col and Mrs. O. M. Schumpert, of Newberry, celebrated their silver wedding on Saturday last.

Mrs. Mary Devine, 60 years of age, was burned to death on last Thursday in a tenement house fire in Jersey City.

Princeton, Ind., Jan. 7.—The ear department building of the Southern Railway shops was destroyed by fire early today. Loss \$50,000. Origin of the fire not known.

Acting Governor Jenks, of Alabama, has excited favorable comment by thwarting the members of the Legislature in some of their proposed junkets at the expense of the State. The Legislators had planned to make a tour of the normal and agricultural schools of the State, but the acting Executive vetoed the enabling resolution on the ground that the expense would be more than the trip would be worth.

A curious case has arisen in Osborne County, Kansas, where Alvin Williams, the Republican nominee for county commissioner, died suddenly at noon on election day. The fact of Mr. Williams' death became known, but the Republicans, not knowing what else to do, went right on voting for the dead man and defeated the deceased's Populist opponent by a majority of 52 votes. Will that defeat stand in law? Can a dead man beat a live man for office? That is the question Kansas Courts are called upon to decide.

Albany, N. Y., Jan. 6.—The collateral inheritance tax act has brought into the State Treasury during the past three months over \$700,000, which is above the average for a period of that length.

The bulk of that sum has come from New York City. The estate of Emma S. Sahley, late of New York City, paid the largest amount of taxes during the three months. Its contribution to the State cash was \$261,494.

NOTICE TO TAXPAYERS.

OFFICE OF COUNTY TREASURER SUMTER COUNTY, SUMTER, S. C., Sept. 22, 1900.

NOTICE is hereby given that I will be in my office in the County Court House at Sumter from October 15th to December 31st, 1900 inclusive, for the collection of taxes for the fiscal year 1900. The levy is as follows:

For State purposes, 5 mills. For County purposes, 2 1/2 mills. For School purposes, 3 mills.

Total levy, 10 1/2 mills. Also the following special school levies: School District No. 1, 2 mills. School District No. 16, 2 mills. School District No. 18, 2 mills. School District No. 20, 3 mills. Mt. Clio, 2 mills. Concord, 2 mills. Privateer, 2 mills. No. 5, 1 mill. No. 17, 1 mill. Commutation Road Tax for 1901 \$1.00, payable from Oct. 15th 1900 to Feb. 1st 1901. H. L. SCARBOROUGH, Treasurer Sumter Co.

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