

THE HOTEL SUMTER.

It is a Credit to the City in Every Way—The Opening Monday.

The Hotel Sumter was thrown open for the reception of the public Monday and hereafter the latch string will hang on the outside and all who come will be made welcome within its hospitable portals.

The opening was attended by circumstances that could not be otherwise than gratifying to the proprietors, for they received the most substantial and satisfactory demonstration that their efforts to provide a handsomely furnished, well equipped and thoroughly modern and comfortable hotel has met the approval and best wishes of the people of Sumter and of the traveling public as well.

From 3 o'clock, the hour of opening, until 6 o'clock Monday afternoon the hotel was crowded with town people, a large majority of whom were ladies, who accepted the invitation of the proprietors to participate in the opening and inspect the hotel.

The band was stationed on the upper piazza and during the hours of the reception gave a most delightful musical programme, contributing greatly to the success of the occasion and the entertainment of the visitors.

Again in the evening, from 8 to 11, the hotel was crowded, and then the guests were not all town people, for the evening trains brought in a crowd of traveling men and they made a base line for the new hotel, the fame of which had spread abroad in advance of the opening.

The dining room was crowded for several hours, more than a hundred and thirty persons being served. The menu, which was as follows, speaks for itself:

- MENU: Oyster cocktail. SOUP. Mock turtle, aux quinquilles. FISH. Broiled whiting, Matre de Hotel. Sliced tomatoes, Chicken salad, Kalamazoo celery, Mixed pickles, Queen olives, Hot stuff. ROAST. Prime rib beef, au jus. Young turkey, Cranberry sauce, Chick-a-Maryland style. Loin of pork with jelly. BOILED. Virginia sugar cured ham. Champagne sauce, Smoked tongue with spinach. ENTREES. Veal cutlets, Breaded tomato sauce, Banana fritters, aux cogonac. VEGETABLES. Mashed potatoes with cream, Boiled potatoes, Waukasaban green peas, Cabbage, Turnips, Portorico beans, Steamed rice, Re-colpiced tomatoes. DESSERT. Vanilla ice cream, Cocoanut pie, Lemon pie, Assorted cakes, Fruit. Mixed outs, Roquefort cheese, Crackers, Tea. WINE. Scuppernon.

The Hotel Sumter is one of the most comfortable and handsomely furnished hotels in the State, there is not one that is its superior in these particulars, though there may be several that are larger and more costly. It is new throughout, the old part has been so changed, remodelled and rebuilt that it would never be recognized and the new part entirely alters the appearance of the whole place.

The reading room which is situated in the southern end of the house, adjoining the lobby, from which it is entered through an arch, is finished in polished oak and is simply but handsomely furnished. To many the broad piazzas that extend the full length of the front on both the first and second floors, with a balcony on the third floor, are the chief attractions, for in this climate the piazzas are the most pleasant and comfortable parts of the house throughout the greater part of the year.

The contractor was M. C. Kavanaugh, the paper hanging was done by J. A. Scherwin and the plumbing and electric wiring by R. T. Carr.

Blown to Atoms.

The old idea that the body sometimes needs a powerful, drastic, purgative pill has exploded, for Dr King's New Life Pills, which are perfectly harmless, gently stimulate liver and bowels to expel poisonous matter, cleanse the system and absolutely cure constipation and sick headache. Only 25c at J F W DeLorme's drug store.

ELECTION IN BISHOPVILLE.

Mayor Crosswell and Council Re-elected.

Bishopville, April 10—The municipal election was held here yesterday. The present mayor, W. K. Crosswell, and his entire Council, Messrs T. E. Davis, D. E. Durant and G. O. Rogers were re-elected by a good majority over an opposing ticket. Mr. R. E. Carnes was elected as a member of the council to fill a vacancy Mayor Crosswell, whom the people of Bishopville said by their ballots yesterday was worthy to fill the position as chief magistrate of the town for the third term, is an energetic business man and takes great pride in watching after the interest and welfare of the town. Through his wise and prudent management there have been many improvements made during his administration. The streets have been kept in excellent condition, the lights have been improved, a new brick guard house built, the sanitary condition of the town has been closely looked after, a valuable lot purchased on Main street, and still there are several hundred dollars in the treasury.

Mayor Crosswell and his council are the prime movers in advocating the town to mortgage its lots to the extent of \$5,000 for the purpose of erecting three brick stores and an Opera House. An election has been ordered for today to decide this question, and it is safe to estimate that at least two-thirds majority will vote yes.

Mr. T. E. Davis, who is to fill the position as chairman of the street committee for the next twelve months, also enters upon his third term. He is one of the most prominent farmers in this portion of the county. Mr. Davis does not only know how to watch with a skillful eye over the many acres of fertile land that he owns in this and Darlington county, but sees that the streets are kept in fine condition at all times.

Mr. D. E. Durant was first elected to the position of warden in 1893 and has been re-elected at each successive term. He is a prominent business man and as a member of the finance committee he takes great interest in watching after the financial condition of the town and sees that the "filthy lucre" is properly handled.

Mr. G. O. Rogers, who is also a member of the finance committee, is one of Bishopville's largest and most popular merchants. He believes in running the town government on an economical plan as possible, and takes the utmost interest in watching after the expenditure.

Mr. R. E. Carnes, the newly elected member of the council, is a popular dry goods merchant. He has the honor of having been the only senator that was elected from Lee county. Mr. Carnes will no doubt be a great acquisition to the old council.

Bank Hours for the Summer.

The First National Bank and the Bank of Sumter will close at 2 p. m. from May 1st to September 1st.

PREPARING FOR A BIG TIME.

The Fire Companies to Banquet Visiting Firemen.

Last week the Winyah Fire Engine Company held a meeting, and a committee was appointed to confer with the Salamander Hook and Ladder Company, to consider a proposition suggested by Mayor Morgan and Chief Johnson to invite and entertain the chiefs of the fire departments of Charleston and Sumter during our annual inspection, which takes place on the 8th of next month. The Salamanders readily agreed, and appointed a committee to be associated with the committee from the Winyahs. The joint committee will make arrangements to give a banquet at the armory on the evening of May 8th.

The committee from the Winyahs is composed of the following: J. W. Doar, J. E. Taylor, J. H. Fraser and D. S. Beck. The committee from the Salamander is as follows: H. S. Higgins, J. K. Freeman, E. T. Sian and W. E. Doar.

While the meeting of the Winyahs was in progress last Monday night, Mayor Morgan informed President Haselden that Capt. R. S. Hood of the Monaghan Hose Company was in the city, and inasmuch as the Winyahs were in session, the company extended to Capt. Hood an invitation to attend the meeting. Chief Johnson escorted Capt. Hood and Mayor Morgan to the hall. After being introduced to all the members present, the Mayor introduced Capt. Hood, who made quite an interesting talk to the boys, and enlightened them a great deal in regard to how he conducted his company in Sumter.

Capt. Hood said he had no idea of coming to Georgetown to make a speech, but to sell some hose. He took a great deal of interest in his company. That the rivalry which existed between the two companies in Sumter was one thing that made the members take so much interest in the fire department. The city council of Sumter, said Mr. Hood, does not look at the fire department as your honorable Mayor does. They don't want to give us anything. We have to buy everything we need, and the boys have to go down in the pockets for what they want. We have our rooms fitted up very nicely, and require two members to sleep in the house each night. Intoxicating beverages and card playing are strictly prohibited. We are not fixed up as nicely as the Delgars, said Capt. Hood; we haven't the money those boys have, but we make them bustle to beat us to a fire. We only get \$480 per year from the city all told. We bought a pair of horses which would now cost us \$850, and are well pleased with them. Doesn't pay to get cheap horses. A great many people criticize you and try to show you how to put out a fire, but it is not as easy as it looks. When they come around, we generally turn the hose on them; we acci-dentally, of course, on purpose. We only have 32 members and the other company 29. Capt. Hood thanked the company for the courtesies extended. After a rising vote of thanks to Capt. Hood for the interesting talk he made, the meeting adjourned. Light refreshments were served after the meeting and all present enjoyed a very pleasant evening.—Georgetown Outlook.

Strikes a Rich Find.

"I was troubled for several years with chronic indigestion and nervous debility," writes F. J. Green of Lancaster, N. H. "No remedy helped me until I began using Electric Bitters, which did me more good than all the medicines I ever used. They have also kept my wife in excellent health for years. She says Electric Bitters are just splendid for female troubles; that they are a grand tonic and in vigorator for weak, run-down women. No other medicine can take its place in our family." Try them. Only 50c. Satisfaction guaranteed by J. F. W. DeLorme.

Lectures on Christian Church.

Rev. M. B. Ingle, State Evangelist for South Carolina of the Christian Church, will lecture at the Y. M. C. A. hall Friday, Saturday and Sunday nights. His subject, Friday night will be "Heaven, Where and What is It?" Saturday night, "The Creed of Christianity?" Sunday night, "What is the Christian Church?" The lectures will begin at 8:30 o'clock. A general invitation is extended to the public. All welcome, admission free.

WILL NOT REMOVE JAIL.

The Question Settled at Special Meeting of County Board.

A called meeting of the County Board was held on Thursday with Supervisor Seale and Commissioners McNeil and Kilgore present. A numerously signed petition was presented that asked that the jail be removed or rebuilt on some other lot.

The Board considered the petition and after a full discussion it was decided that, "it is the sense of the Board that it is the duty of the Board to rebuild the jail at its present location and for the amount of the insurance, if possible, as any removal would necessitate an increase of county debt," provided, however, "that if the city of Sumter will secure a 1/2 of an acre lot and build a jail, duplicating the original jail as before burning, with what material there is now on hand and the amount of \$4500 insurance, the present jail lot to be deeded to the city of Sumter by the county Board."

The Supervisor was directed to advertise as circumstances might direct as to rebuilding the jail. Supervisor Seale stated that the Southern Railway had, after being asked by him, agreed to let the county Board have a lot near their depot for the purpose of building a cotton weighers' platform. He also stated that Mr. Griffith would rent a pair of mules for churning at \$5 a month each for not less than 40 days. The Board decided to rent the mules, not being responsible for death of same by sickness.

On motion it was decided not to employ Mr. Griffith to repair crossing at Scottville, on Black river at price offered, but that the Supervisor should have necessary repairs attended to at once and make further repairs with chain gang as soon as possible.

Mr. J. D. Craig was before the Board as to a line fence between jail lot and his property. It was decided to pay for one-half of line fence with Mr. Craig and Mr. McPadden.

The Board inspected ground offered by Southern Railway and instructed the Supervisor to write said railroad company requesting the preparation of a lease for five years, subject to a renewal for a like term if desired at the expiration of first term at a rental of \$25 a year.

The Board adjourned to meet May 7th.

It Dazzles the World.

No discovery in medicine has ever created one quarter of the excitement that has been caused by Dr King's New Discovery for Consumption. Its severest tests have been on hopeless victims of consumption, pneumonia, hemorrhage, pleurisy and bronchitis, thousands of whom it has restored to perfect health. For coughs, colds, asthma, croup, hay fever, hoarseness and whooping cough it is the quickest, surest cure in the world. It is sold by Dr. J. F. W. DeLorme, who guarantees satisfaction or refunds money. Large bottles 50c and \$1. Trial bottles free.

Associated Charities Society.

A meeting was held at the residence of Maj. Moise Monday evening which in its purposes and the scope of the work contemplated by the leaders of the movement was indicative of that unity of spirit in behalf of the unfortunate in our city which ought to prevail in all communities.

The purpose for which the meeting was held was to discuss and formulate a plan of intelligent, systematic charitable work in the city by aiding the needy and worthy poor, while compelling the unworthy to work and endeavoring to rid the community of vagrants and professional paupers.

The gathering was thoroughly representative in its composition and met with the hearty endorsement of the clergy of the city; all of whom were present. Rev. H. H. Covington was requested to call the meeting to order and after stating its object called on Rev. Wm. Aiken Kelly to explain the nature, needs and scope of the proposed work. The matter was fully discussed by Revs. J. A. Clifton, C. C. Brown, H. C. Grossman, F. M. Satterwhite and Messrs. R. I. Manning, Marion Moise, Harry Ryttenberg, Joo F. Laughery, Edgar Haynsworth, Neill O'Donnell, J. H. Chandler and others, after which, the following resolutions were adopted:

First: "It is the sentiment of this meeting that the time has come when there ought to be established in our community a civilian charitable organization for the intelligent and systematic aiding of the worthy poor, and the discountenancing of indiscriminate alms giving to professional beggars, said organization to be known as 'The Associated Charities Society of the City of Sumter.'"

Second: "That a committee be appointed by the chairman with full power to draft a constitution and by-laws and present a plan for the organization of said society, and to call a mass meeting of the City of Sumter at such time and place as they may deem expedient and to arrange the order of business for said meeting, and with such other powers as may be necessary for said purpose."

The following committee was appointed: Rev. Wm. Aiken Kelly, Harry Ryttenberg, Neill O'Donnell. The meeting was adjourned subject to the call of the committee.

Southern Railway the Official Route--On to Chickamauga and Memphis.

For the unveiling of South Carolina Monument, Chickamauga Park, May 27th, and United Confederate Veterans' Reunion, Memphis, Tenn., May 28th, 29th and 30th, 1901.

Special reduced rates via Southern Railway for both those occasions. Rate for the round trip: From Sumter, S. C., to Chattanooga and return \$12.40. From Sumter, S. C., to Memphis and return \$14.15. Round trip tickets from Chattanooga to Lytle Station (Chickamauga) twenty-five cents (25c).

Tickets to Chattanooga and return, account of unveiling ceremonies, on sale May 24th, 25th and 26th good to return until May 30th, 1901. Tickets to Memphis and return, account of Confederate Reunion, on sale May 25th, 26th and 27th, good to return until June 4th, 1901. These tickets may be extended until June 19th by deposit at Memphis with the joint agent and payment of a fee of fifty cents (50c.) at time of deposit. A stop-over of one day will be permitted at Chattanooga, Tenn., either on the going or return trip, to enable the South Carolina Veterans to visit Chickamauga Park to witness the unveiling and dedication of the South Carolina Monument.

These tickets will be sold by all principal agents of the Southern Railway.

Confer with nearest Southern Railway Agent, or write R. W. Hunt, O. P. A., Charleston, S. C., W. T. McGee, T. P. A., Augusta, Ga., S. H. Hardwick, G. P. A., Washington, D. C., W. H. Taylor, A. G. P. A., Atlanta, Ga. April 16--TF.

An Opera House for Bishopville.

Bishopville, April 11—At an election held here yesterday, the freeholders by a vote of 24 to 9 instructed the town council to proceed with the erection of an up-to-date Opera House.

Cow Thief Captured.

John Bethea, a negro cow thief, was given a preliminary hearing in Magistrate Wells' court this morning and committed to jail for trial at the next term of court. Bethea brought a cow to town on Saturday and sold it but was later in the day captured after a long chase by the police. The cow was stolen from a negro woman in Clarendon county.

Fire Last Night.

The fire department has been called out by false alarms a number of times within the past few days and the firemen were beginning to grow tired of the calls. But last night a few minutes before 12 o'clock an alarm was sent in and the squads had work to do, for the kitchen of Mr. W. T. Hall's home on Salem avenue was burning briskly when the firemen arrived. Two streams were quickly turned on the fire and the flames were extinguished without being permitted to spread to the body of the house. The firemen did good and quick work. Mr. Hall's furniture was removed from the house and was consequently damaged to some extent.

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Manchester Items.

Dark Corner, April 15, 1901.

As usual news is scarce. Farmers are about done planting corn and putting down beans, and the most of them are planting cotton or will start to do so in a few days. The stand of corn is pretty good on the highest places; the bottoms are drowned out. The gardeners are very backward on account of so much cold wind last week. I saw frost three or four mornings last week.

The fruit crop, I think, is about safe so far, and we will hardly have cold enough to kill it after this.

I spent the 6th (Saturday) in your city for the first time I have been there in the new century, and met our new sheriff and superintendent of education for the first time. Since I have got off of the grand jury I do not see much of Sumter. While in your city I had the pleasure of dining with my old friend E. T. Windham and his setemmed family.

I had the pleasure last Friday night of hearing my friend McDonald Farman lecture to the Clarendon High School at Clarendon, S. C. He had a fine audience and he kept them entertained for an hour or more.

I hear that Miss Bozinger's school, here, will close in about two weeks from now. She has proved to be a good teacher.

I heard today that Miss Vernon Moore, daughter of Mr. Tim Moore formerly of Wedgefield, was married to Mr. John J. Broughton of Clarendon last night. A negro woman went to Mr. Henry Bartlette's last Thursday, while Mr. Bartlette was off in the field, and ordered Mrs. Bartlette to cook for her and tried to go to bed in Mrs. Bartlette's bed. The woman's face and hands were bloody. She told Mrs. Bartlette that she and her sister had been fighting. She frightened Mr. Bartlette greatly, but when she saw Mr. Bartlette coming to the house she left.

Mr. Mack Avin's little son that was burned on the 10th day of October, 1898, has gotten so he can walk around his bed at last.

We had a fine rain and some hail here last Saturday night. Well, must go to ploughing, so good day.

Remarkable Family Record.

C. E. Stubbs, Agent for "The Mutual Life Insurance Company of New York," insured a gentleman in this county a few days ago who gave the following family record: The age of his father at his death was 87. The age of his father's father at his death 90. The age of his father's mother at her death 97. The age of his mother who is living and in good health 74. The age of his mother's father at his death 91. The age of his mother's mother at her death 99.

Meteorological Record.

The following is a report of observations of the weather taken at Stateburg, by Dr. W. W. Anderson, for the 14 days ending April 14, 1901:

Table with columns: Date, Max, Min, Mean, Wind, Rainfall, Condition. Rows for days 1 through 14.

*Partly cloudy. Thunderstorms occurred on the 2d and 13th. That of the 21 was quite distant though heavy rain fell. The rain of the 6th fell entirely during the night between midnight and early daylight. Temperature has been generally too low for the rapid progress of germination of seed. Oats and wheat look well.

"I have been troubled with indigestion for ten years, have tried many things and spent much money to no purpose until I tried Kodol Dyspepsia Cure. I have taken two bottles and gotten more relief from them than all other medicines taken. I feel more like a boy than I have felt in twenty years." Anderson Riggs of Sunny Lane, Tex. Thousands have testified as did Mr. Riggs.—J. S. Hugheon & Co.

The Woman's Paper.

Mrs. Agnes Bogin has received a letter from the chairman of the Press Committee, Women's Department, South Carolina State and West Indies Exposition, in reference to the forthcoming one day issue of a Woman's Paper, as a supplement to the News and Courier. This paper will be issued early in May and the price will be 10c a copy. Mrs. Bogin will arrange for the sale of the paper in Sumter and for the advertisements of any of our merchants or manufacturers who may desire space in it. Those who desire copies of the paper should notify Mrs. Bogin prior to May 1st, so that she may order the papers in advance of issue, otherwise it may be impossible to obtain them. Mrs. Bogin has the schedule of advertising rates and is prepared to make contracts for advertising space.

The Red Men.

The meeting of the Great Council of Improved Order of Red Men of South Carolina, which was held in Spartanburg last week was a pleasant occasion, with a good attendance of delegates. The two local tribes of Spartanburg entertained their visiting brethren with a banquet, at which Congressman Johnson presided as toastmaster. Hon. Stanyarne Wilson and several of the I. O. R. M. delegates made happy remarks in reply to toasts.

Sumter was represented in the Great Council by J. F. Pate, B. C. Wallace and N. G. Osteen. Mr. Pate went up the office of Great Saobem, the highest in the Council, and Mr. Wallace retains the office of Great Mibebewaw.

The next Council meets in Charleston in April 1902.

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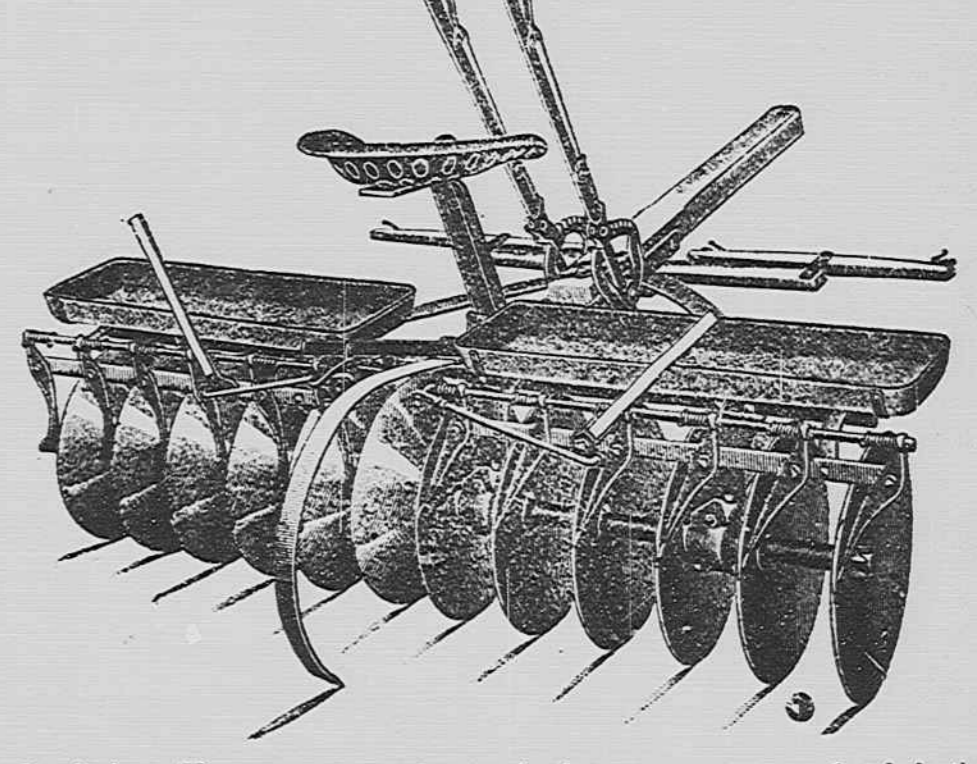
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H. HARBY, Sumter, S. C., April 12, 1901.

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