

A BUSINESS LANDMARK.

The J. D. Craig Furniture Company...The Oldest Business Enterprise in This Section of South Carolina.

The veteran business man of Sumter started in a little rented frame building on Main street in 1866, and has been continuously in business ever since.

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James Carswell.

a main thoroughfare can be embellished by establishments of such a nature.

The carriage repository is 40x107 feet and contains equipages from noted factories east and west, from Gotham and the land of the Buckeye.

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Southern Pacific to Use Oil.

Omaha, Neb., March 26.—Coal strikes will not in future be one of the worries of President Harriman of the Southern Pacific.

Before long all the engines on the system will be converted into oil burners, and coal, with its cinders and smoke, and its scarcity in time of labor troubles in the mines will no longer be used on the lines of the Southern Pacific.

The new engines ordered for the road will be oil burners, and the work of converting those now in use into oil burners has been in progress for sometime.

During the past year nearly 300 locomotives which had burned coal were changed in the company's shops at Reno and Bakersfield into modern oil-burning engines and equipped with the necessary tanks for the liquid fuel.

This makes a total of over 600 locomotives that burn oil on the Southern Pacific lines. The change has involved the erection of great storage tanks at various points in Nevada and California on the overland route and at others on the Shasta route.

Oil fuel is now used exclusively on the Coast line and the overland route, and Harriman's recently acquired oil lands in southern California are a large source of supply.

Women to Walk Across Continent.

New York, March 26.—Bright and early next Monday morning, according to present arrangements, Mrs. Annette L. Place, of the professional Woman's League, will start from this city in an attempt to walk across the continent.

THE MASS MEETING.

The Court House was Crowded With an Interested Audience of Voters.

The mass meeting which was held in the Court House Friday night at the call of the city Democratic executive committee, was a great success, and the large attendance was the best possible evidence of the lively interest that the citizens of Sumter take in municipal affairs.

The meeting was called to order shortly after 8 o'clock by Chairman Altamont Moses, of the Executive Committee, and by vote of the crowd he was chosen to preside.

He stated that the citizens of Sumter had been called to assemble by the Executive Committee for the purpose of hearing the candidates for Mayor and Aldermen discuss the issues of the municipal campaign, and to declare their positions respecting the policy of the city government.

He stated that under the rules of the organization the candidates had until 6 o'clock p. m. Saturday, to sign the pledge and pay their assessments; that lists would be open for the signatures of candidates until that hour and no longer, it having been positively decided by the committee to enforce this rule to the letter.

Mr. W. B. Boyle, candidate for Mayor, was the first speaker introduced. He spoke of his six years service as an alderman, and that he could promise no more for the future than his record would substantiate—that he had performed his duty as an alderman to the best of his ability, honestly, faithfully and without personal bias.

He believed in improvement and in an economical administration of the city's affairs. He could make no pledges, for he could not foresee what conditions would arise, and could only promise to meet the conditions to the best of his knowledge. He thanked the voters for the handsome support given him in former elections when he was a candidate for alderman, saying that this evidence of their confidence in him was gratifying and he had spared no effort to prove himself worthy.

Dr. Geo. W. Dick, the other candidate for Mayor, was next introduced. Dr. Dick, who has served two years as a member of council, is a ready speaker, and his speech was the longest of the evening. It was punctuated with jokes and anecdotes and was yet a serious and forcible presentation of his views of the needs of the city and the duties of the Mayor to be elected.

He said that he does not consider the sewerage question an issue, inasmuch as the sewerage must wait on the water contract, by which the city is bound hand and fast. He still believes that the city should have a sewerage system as soon as it can be had without burdening the city with taxes. He spoke of our fine system of public schools and pledged to them his enthusiastic support as an ex-officio member of the board of education, should he be elected. He believes in the economical administration of the city finances and in systematic public improvements as the means of the city warrant expenditures therefor.

He quoted statistics showing the growth of the city in population and in business, and referred to the steps that have been taken to secure an appropriation for a public building from Congress. He would not make any specific pledges because he could not do so honestly, but would and did promise his best efforts to give the city an administration such as business men would approve and support.

The candidates for aldermen were then introduced in alphabetical order. They one and all confined their remarks to a brief announcement of their candidacy and asked the suffrage of the voters of Sumter, provided they thought them the proper men for the positions to which they aspired, at the same time promising to discharge the duties incumbent upon them to the best of their ability.

Mr. W. Loring Lee, who was nominated yesterday, when introduced stated that, while he appreciated the compliment paid him, he would be forced to decline the nomination, owing to the fact that his business frequently required his absence from the city for several weeks at a time and he would therefore be unable to give the position the attention it should have, and he preferred not to undertake anything which he could not do right.

Mr. P. P. Finn was unexpectedly called out of town yesterday afternoon, having to take the run of an engineer who was taken sick, and consequently was unable to be present.

Mr. C. G. Rowland sent a letter stating that he was prevented from being present by an affliction in his family. His letter, which was read by the chairman, outlined his position, and stated that he was a candidate at the urgent solicitation of citizens.

Mr. H. Levy, whose candidacy was announced for the first time in the meeting was not present. Mr. E. H. Moses was not present, but Mr. J. J. Harby explained his absence by saying that he was detained at the electric light station by an accident to one of the boilers which he had to repair.

The candidates for aldermen who were present and addressed the meeting were: Henry D. Barnett, H. T. Edens, R. F. Haynsworth, H. W. Hood, E. W. Hurst, J. A. Schwerin, W. G. Stubbs and R. K. Wilder.

ther on this line, and he was supported in his ruling by the meeting, there being a practically unanimous demand for adjournment.

The passage between Mr. Boyle and Dr. Dick was the only incident of the meeting that was at all exciting, but as neither reflected upon the veracity, motives, honesty or sincerity of the other and both disclaimed any ill will, the incident passed off without destroying the good will and harmony that marked the meeting.

CHARLESTON LODGE OF ELKS.

Visiting Team Put Reorganized Lodge Through Paces Thursday Night --Then Smoker.

The Charleston Lodge, B. P. O. E., was formally and noisily reorganized last night in the entertainment hall of the Commercial Club building.

The fancy work was conducted by a team from the Sumter Lodge, under direction of Exalted Ruler Abe Ryttenberg. As far as could be learned by an outsider the new Elks had a lively time and there was fun enough and to spare. The degree team from Sumter is said to be one of the finest in the south and every preparation had been made to have things go through like a clycone.

Persons passing the Commercial Club during the process of tying the antlers upon some new Elk-let might have imagined that representatives from Tokio and St Petersburg were amicably discussing the relative strength of Cossack and Jap, but of course this might have only been an echo from the bowling alleys.

When the smoke of battle had cleared in the pro tem lodge room, which, however, was not until about 1 a. m., and the candidates found themselves alive and able to articulate, there were suggestions of coffee and cigars and other things, and an adjournment was made to the dining rooms of Riddock & Byrns, on the second floor. Here Charleston Elks and visitors from several near-by cities enjoyed an hour or two in social converse, while partaking of a well prepared collation.

The rejuvenated Charleston Lodge begins work under auspicious circumstances and will, no doubt, soon be among the largest and most influential of Charleston's many splendid social and benevolent organizations.—News and Courier, March 25.

SUMMER SCHOOL AT WINTHROP.

Announced Date Opening, June 29---May be Changed.

Columbia, March 25.—Hon. O. B. Martin, State superintendent of Education, left yesterday for a conference at Rock Hill with President Johnson, of Winthrop college to decide on a date for beginning the next summer school for teachers at Winthrop. The date was fixed for the 29th of June, but a letter from Mr. Johnson says that inasmuch as it will be necessary to finish the work on the buildings in two months the date might be fixed earlier.

The summer school gets \$8,000 for expenses this year.

DeKalb Mills to Be Sold.

Charleston, March 23.—Judge W. H. Brawley in the United States circuit court today ordered the sale of the DeKalb cotton mills of Camden, this State, for the benefit of creditors. The upset price is fixed at \$150,000 and the date of sale is left with Special Master Thomas C. Duncan.

Darlington, March 24.—Robert Wilson, colored, was shot and fatally wounded at Lumber this morning by Robert Register, also colored. Register was arrested by Deputy R. G. Parnell and lodged in jail here. Further than this no particulars have been learned.

Colds Cause Pneumonia.

One of the most remarkable cases of a cold, deep-seated on the lungs, causing pneumonia, is that of Mrs. Gertrude E. Fenner, Marion, Ind., who was entirely cured by the use of One Minute Cough Cure. She says: "The coughing and straining so weakened me that I ran down in weight from 145 to 92 pounds. I tried a number of remedies to no avail until I used One Minute Cough Cure. Four bottles of this wonderful remedy cured me entirely of the cough, strengthened my lungs and restored me to my normal weight, health and strength." Sold by Olin B. Davis.

Muscles Sore, Joints Painful.—Rheumatism.

Sore muscles or painful joints may mean an approaching attack of rheumatism. Elliott's Emulsified Oil Liniment, rubbed on the affected parts will relieve the pain and soreness, and prevent rheumatism. Elliott's Emulsified Oil Liniment is a satisfactory rubbing liniment for all soreness, stiffness and lameness of joints or muscles. All dealers.

SO DIFFERENT.

Lots of Claims Like This But so Different—Local Proof is What Sumter People Want.

There are a great many of them. Every paper has its share. Statements hard to believe, harder to prove. What people say in Florida. Public expression from California. Oft times good indorsement there. But of little service here at home. Sumter people want local proof. The sayings of neighbors, friends and citizens. Home indorsement counts. It disarms the skeptic; is beyond dispute.

This is the backing that stands behind every box of Doan's Kidney Pills. Here is a case of it. E. McCloud, farmer, residing on the outskirts of Sumter, says: "Both my wife and I used Doan's Kidney Pills procured at Dr. A. J. China's drug store and obtained a lot of benefit from them. I thought it must be the climate which did not agree with us or the water, for we never had the backache until we moved here some four years ago from Pennsylvania but we certainly have had it since. The sections from the kidneys were irregular and much too frequent in action, especially at night when our rest was much disturbed. Since we used Doan's Kidney Pills neither of us has the backache and the normal action of our rest is not disturbed at night. Doan's Kidney Pills are the best remedy that ever came into my house. Foster-Milburn Company, Buffalo, N. Y., sole agents for the United States. Remember the name—Doan's—and take no substitute."

THOMAS B. JENKINS.

Resolutions of Respect from Hollywood Camp, W. O. W.

We are again called upon to mourn the loss of a brother. Death has entered our Forest and stricken down our friend and comrade, the veteran Woodman, Thomas B. Jenkins, who was faithful in every duty and obligation imposed upon him from the day of our organization to the time of his departure. None took a more active interest in our chosen Fraternity. No one contributed more to the growth and prosperity of our Camp. In recognition of his worth, and in token of our love and esteem, be it

Resolved, That in the death of Bro. Jenkins, Hollywood Camp has sustained an irreparable loss. We will miss his words of counsel and his happy smiling face in times of joy and his brotherly sympathy in seasons of sorrow. Our Camp fires will be less cheerful because he is gone. Yet we bow humbly to the will of Him who doeth all things well, while we cherish the comforting hope that our brother has exchanged the cares and toil of earth for the joys of Heaven.

Resolved, That we extend our sincere sympathy to the loved ones he has left behind.

Resolved, That a page in our minute book be appropriately inscribed to his memory, and that our Camp be draped in mourning for a period of thirty days.

Resolved, That these resolutions be published in the local papers and copies of them sent to the family of our deceased Brother.

L. I. Parrott, J. M. Brogdon, C. M. Hurst, Committee.

Bishopville News Items.

Hon. T. G. McLeod and family are spending awhile with relatives at Lynchburg.

Dr. McLure will soon commence the erection of a commodious warehouse just opposite Mr. Barnett's for the Heath-Massey-Morrow Co. It will be an adjunct to the department stores and extend back 70 feet.

Mr. Elijah R. Josey of the St. Charles neighborhood died last Sunday evening about 7 o'clock at the home of Mr. J. B. Tallon.

Mr. Willie Chewning, of Ionia, died at his home last Sunday about 2 o'clock p. m.

The election held last Tuesday to vote on issuing additional bonds to complete the Graded School building was very quiet and resulted in favor of bonds by a vote of 76 to 18.

Mr. Nat Barnett and the Heath-Morrow Co. are putting in a side track to their warehouse in order to handle more easily their immense freight.

Mr. D. Ed DuRant, the present incumbent, has declined to make the race for re-election. Mr. W. K. Crosswell, after being urged by his friends, has consented to run. We have not heard of any other being in the race for intendancy.

Rev. R. T. Marsh with his family left last Tuesday for Baltimore, where for six weeks he will supply the Hampden Baptist church of that city for the pastor. Rev. H. C. Riseur, who is taking a trip to Europe.

The hourly stroke of the town bell has been silent for a week or more on account of the erection of the new steel bell tower which is being erected near by the old one.—Bishopville Vindicator.

Proper Treatment of Pneumonia

Pneumonia is too dangerous a disease for an one to attempt to doctor himself, although he may have the proper remedies at hand. A physician should always be called. It should be borne in mind, however, that pneumonia always results from a cold or from an attack of the grip, and that by giving Chamberlain's Cough Remedy the threatened attack of pneumonia may be ward off. This remedy is also used by physicians in the treatment of pneumonia with the best results. Dr. W. J. Smith, of Sanders, Ala., who is also a druggist, says of it: "I have been selling Chamberlain's Cough Remedy and prescribing it in my practice for the past six years. I use it in cases of pneumonia and have always gotten the best results." Sold by China's Drug Store.

The Rhodes Scholarship.

Columbia, March 24.—The papers for the examination for the Cecil Rhodes scholarships at Oxford have been arrived and an examination has been ordered to be held in this city on April 13. There are two scholarships from this State and a large number of applicants, and it will be several months before the result will be finally known.

FOUR FREE FRIENDS FOR FARMERS

Potash. They are needed by every man who owns a field and a plow, and who desires to get the most out of them.

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Capital Stock, \$25,000. Liability of Stockholders, 25,000.



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The Sumter Savings Bank. And this duty is performed with satisfaction to all concerned.

Money is absolutely safe here and every dollar deposited, be it principal or interest earns 4 per cent per annum. A small sum will open up an account and secure a bank book.

Begin to save now. Interest payable quarterly.

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