

THE AUTUMN OPENING.

Magnificent Display of Millinery at the Sumter Dry Goods Company.

From the Daily Item, Oct. 12. The elaborate display of the Sumter Dry Goods Store yesterday was a feast of beauty that the ladies of Sumter fully appreciated.

The decoration of the windows was the handiwork of an artist. In one was displayed superb evening gowns, brilliant with iridescent trimmings and spangled nets.

There was, also, a choice collection of silks and evening hats. The other window contained a collection of wearing apparel for the little folks—a veritable Lilliputian Bazaar.

Entering the store, we found displayed on the first counter a rare and varied assortment of dress patterns for street costumes in silks, mouseline, taffeta, foulard, crape-de-chine, poplin and pea-de-cygne.

The next counter, in the center of the store, presented an array of elegant dress patterns in broadcloths of the season's most fashionable colors. House furnishings, net curtains, portieres, silk lambrequins, furs and ready made tailored suits and coats were displayed in lavish profusion.

To say that the millinery department is under the management of Mrs. L. Atkinson is synonymous with announcing that there could be found hats and bonnets, whose beauty and style is seldom equaled, and that rivaled the displays to be found in the largest establishments of northern cities.

Noticeable among this display of rare and beautiful hats were those in the directory shape, large picture hats, and others made of chenille and ecrú applique.

Special attention was given to the large collection of black hats, whose varied style almost beggars description. Among those most admired were the taffeta hats and annique a assortment of turbans.

The shoe and carpet departments gave evidence of the same care and attention, as that bestowed on the other lines.

Taken as a whole, no more beautiful display of merchandise has ever been exhibited in Sumter.

Meeting Sumter Gymnasium Club.

From the Daily Item, Oct. 12. At a meeting held last night in Sheriff Scarborough's office, a club to be known as The Sumter Gymnasium Club was organized, with the following members:

J. E. Gaillard, A. J. Stubbs, J. N. Edens, James Lenoir, J. O. Teicher, E. Hogan, Jr., H. V. Reid, P. R. Felder, Geo. D. Levy, Hugh C. Haynesworth, J. R. Glack, C. F. Schwerin, E. Turner White, J. E. Auld, W. R. Parker, Eugene Miller, Jim Ard, Robt. Keels, J. B. Cunningham, W. J. Jennings, D. J. Burns, P. M. Parrott, J. D. Blanding, Jr., P. Gallagher and W. V. Caughen.

The following officers were elected for the ensuing year.

President—J. E. Gaillard. Vice President—H. V. Reid. Secretary—J. H. Cunningham. Treasurer—P. M. Parrott. Floor Committee—H. V. Reid, Chairman, A. J. Stubbs, P. M. Parrott.

Committee on Rules and Regulations—Hugh C. Haynesworth, Chairman, J. E. Gaillard, H. V. Reid.

The initiation fee for charter members, or any others who desire to join this club within next 30 days from date of this meeting, was fixed at \$4.50 which includes one month's dues of fifty cents.

The initiation fee after thirty days will be \$5.00.

Each member is requested to leave with Mr. P. M. Parrott, at the Sumter Savings Bank, \$4.50 not later than Monday, Oct. 17th. A suitable place for the Gymnasium has not yet been decided upon, but Mr. H. C. Haynesworth has been appointed a committee of one to confer with several parties about a hall and it is thought that there will be little trouble in securing a suitable place. Every one is enthusiastic, and it is the purpose of the members to fit up an up-to-date Gymnasium, where its members may go and spend a pleasant and profitable afternoon.

New York, Oct. 10.—Edward M. Field, a son of Cyrus W. Field, looking like a pitiable tramp was arraigned before Magistrate Barlow in the Center Street police court today, charged with larceny of an overcoat. As complainant failed to appear, Field was remanded back to the Tombs. As the prisoner was being taken away he said to his attorney: "If you can't get bail don't worry. The three meals I'm going to get will be good. Field has been rapidly going down the road to misfortune for the last ten years. He inherited a large fortune from his father and went into business but failed. He was later adjudged insane and sent to an insane asylum. He was afterward released and dropped out of sight until 1900, when he was arrested on the charge of being a vagrant. Since then he has been but little better than a tramp."

Baltimore, Md., Oct. 14.—Andrew Leonhardt was hanged in the jail here this morning for the murder of his wife on June 27th last.

This newspaper wants your Want Advertisement for the selfish reason that if your "want ad." pays you it will make you a better friend to the paper than you have ever been—and your want ad. will pay you there is not the shadow of a doubt.

Salt Lake, City Utah, Oct. 14.—Because the negro families at Mountain Home, Idaho, sent their children to the town public school twenty-five masked men last night drove all the colored people from the town. The colored people will appeal to the Governor for protection.

Fewer gallons; wears longer; Devoe.

Estate of James S. Pinckney, Dec'd

ALL persons having claims against said Estate will present the same, duly attested; and all persons indebted in any way to said Estate will make payment without delay to MRS. MARION S. PINCKNEY, Executor, Oct. 19—24.

CITY TAX RETURNS.

Treasurer's Book Show an Increase in Valuation of \$112,680.

City Clerk and Treasurer Hurst has completed his tax books for the year and will be ready to receive taxes as soon as the time for payment arrives.

He finds that the total returns of real and personal property for taxation amount to \$1,806,770. Last year the total was \$1,694,090. The increase this year over last year is \$112,680. The net gain should have been much greater and would have been but for the fact that there were material reductions in the valuation of many blocks of property. Where some property owners increased their returns others reduced theirs despite the rapid enhancement in the value of all property in the city within the past twelve months. If property was returned at an average of even three-fourths of its market value it is well within the limit to say that the city tax books would show a total of at least \$2,250,000 but until some means can be found to equalize taxes throughout the county and state no change can be hoped for. Property owners in town are not going to return their property at full value when farming land that sells readily for \$25 to \$40 an acre is returned for taxation at \$3 to \$8 an acre.

CITY COUNCIL MEETING.

City Council held a regular meeting at 6 o'clock Wednesday evening. Present: Mayor pro tem R. F. Haynesworth, Aldermen H. D. Barnett, H. W. Hood, G. G. Rowland and W. G. Stubbs. Absent: Mayor G. W. Dick, Aldermen P. P. Finn, E. W. Hurst and R. K. Wilder. The minutes of September 28th were read and confirmed.

The Annual Tax Ordinance and the License Ordinance, for 1905 were read, adopted and ordered published, under a resolution suspending the rule which requires two readings.

The Mayor and Clerk were authorized by unanimous vote to borrow one thousand dollars from the Sumter Savings Bank for necessary current expenses, and to execute and deliver therefor the city's certificate of indebtedness in required form.

A communication was read from Mayor Dick directing attention to the following matters:

1. The necessity of providing fire escapes for the Opera House; a necessity emphasized by the recent fire in that building. He asked immediate action by Council.

2. The need of a well equipped Hook and Ladder Truck with a chemical engine for the fire department.

3. Complaints which had been made to him of the soiled and obstructed condition of certain streets. It being claimed by some persons that too much latitude is allowed traders in exhibiting and selling live stock on the streets; making our thoroughfare disagreeable to pedestrians and dangerous to school children.

The Acting Mayor appointed a committee consisting of all members present to consider the question of fire escapes for the Opera House. No action was taken with reference to other suggestions of the Mayor.

Mr. Barnett, for the police committee submitted a report of lights out from September 28th to 11th inst., inclusive. The subject of street lights was discussed and the Clerk was directed to request the Sumter Electric Light Company to improve their service, as the present system is unsatisfactory.

The committee of public works was authorized to adjust losses resulting from fire in the Opera House on 7th inst. with the insurance companies.

Request was made by Edgar Cuthbert for permission to move a small building through Live Oak street, a distance of seventy-five feet, and referred to the committee of public works.

The Clerk and Treasurer's report for September and claims presented were referred to the finance committee. Council then adjourned.

DATE IS NOT CHANGED.

Charleston Gala Week Will be November 21 to 27 as Planned.

The weekly meeting of the Fall Festival committees was held last night in the Elks' rooms at the Commercial Club, and a representative number of the business men of the city was present. In the enforced absence of the chairman of the executive committee the chair was occupied by Mr. T. W. Pas-saligau, and the secretary of this association, Mr. Montague Trieste, kept notes of the proceedings.

The first important matter which occupied the attention of the executive committee was a consideration of the request received from the Sumter Fall Festival Association that the date of the Charleston Fall Festival be changed, as it would take place during the same week which they had selected for the time of their own carnival. But it was found impossible for the committee to accede to this request, as the changes which moving the date already announced over a month ago, either forward or backward, would insure a heavy financial loss, and possibly the ruin of the project for which so much hard work has been done.

In the first place the Gaskill Colossal Show Company has sent several thousand big posters to the Charleston Association with dates printed and, secondly, the petition for the reduced fare has gone into the hands of the Southern Tariff Association asking for rates for November 21-26. In addition it was shown that contract had been made with the show people, who had in their turn secured extra attractions for November 21-26, and, lastly it would be practically impossible to collect the large amount subscribed by the merchants if the time for holding the festival should be changed, for they do not want the careful planned date altered. The committee expressed great regret that such a conflict of dates had occurred, but after a warm discussion of the matter a majority voted in favor of retaining the original time selected at the first meeting.—News and Courier.

London, Oct. 14.—The morning bulletin on the condition of Lady Curzon reports that she passed a quiet night. The seriousness of her condition, however, is not diminished.

A SHOCKING ACCIDENT.

Delgar and Monaghan Hose Wagons Collide on Liberty Street—Barney, One of Monaghan's Horses, Had Both Front Legs Broken.

From the Daily Item, Oct. 14.

The two fire companies had just returned from responding to a false alarm, and had hardly gotten back into their respective houses, when a second alarm was sent in. Both teams were hitched up with great dispatch, and came out of their houses, the Delgars going west and the Monaghans in the opposite direction on Liberty Street. No electric lights were burning, and the streets were in such darkness that it was almost impossible to recognize passersby on the side walks. The two teams, neither having the remotest idea that the other was in such close proximity, came dashing towards each other; and the wonderful alertness of Rivers, the Delgar's driver, in pulling his team to one side alone prevented the horses from meeting breast to breast between the corner of Main street and the Post Office. The front wheel of No. 3 wagon hit Barney, one of Monaghan's big bays on the chest and broke both of his front legs. The beautiful horse went down to the ground without a groan, and just after that a very touching incident took place. The two horses were rapidly unhitched, and while members of the team were leading Billy off, Barney, even in his terrible condition, endeavored to follow his brother, from whom he had never been separated. Chloroform was administered to the suffering animal to alleviate his pain, and while under the influence of the drug, Chief Bradford put end to his usefulness in this world by firing a bullet through his head.

The following statements have been made concerning the accident.

The Statement of Franklin Anderson Monaghan Hose Company's driver:

When the alarm came in, we hitched up and got out of the house as soon as possible. I took the left hand side of the road, could see nothing of No. 3, there was no light on the corner. We came together very unexpectedly. No. 3's front wheel hit Barney in the chest and on front legs; the horse went to the ground, was very quiet. We unhitched, and found out what damage there was. The condition of the horse was discovered, the frame part of the wagon was bent and broken in several places.

Rivers, the Delgar driver said: The alarm was given in by central; said fire was on South Washington street; recognized Anderson's voice at the phone, and was not looking for him to come in my direction. I took the center of the street; saw Anderson leave the house but it was so dark that I could not tell in what direction he was going. When I saw him, I pulled to the right; he went diagonally across the street, which threw me on the left. I tried to avoid the collision, and just did get my horses sufficiently to one side to prevent No. 2, from hitting them. One singletree, two front tires, and back axle of my wagon were broken. I was so worried about my horses that I knew nothing of the damage done to Barney.

Mr. R. S. Hood, gave out the following statement:

The first thing that I knew of the accident was a jar to the wagon, which dislocated my finger. I was on the wagon. I jumped to the ground to remove harness from the right hand horse. We were to the right of the center of the street. It was so dark that I could not recognize men on the wagon only a few feet away. Have afterwards found out who they were, and am well acquainted with them. It was very dark on the street.

Mr. W. S. Graham: I was standing in the postoffice, and had just come out to get my wheel. I was in the act of mounting, when the teams came out of their houses. No. 3, came out first, going west, and appeared to be in the center of the street. No. 2 was about to meet my team; I thought that a head-on collision was inevitable. Just as they were about to meet, I saw my horses go to the left of No. 2, then I heard the crash.

The scope of the three rings, elevated stages, coliseum course and highway pageants of the Forepaugh and Sells Brothers Shows has been enlarged to include mammoth expert and historical military features which would mightily please even Mars himself.

Did you marry the first girl you proposed to? Probably not. Sometimes it's that way with want advertising—you have to try it again. But, its as sure as courtship in the end.

The ancient law, made for "him who hath not," has never been repealed. And to "him who hath" is still "given"—if he "hath" "gumption" as well as goods. The old statute is enforced without mercy in the advertising world.

Unattended ladies and children need not hesitate to visit the stupendous Adam Forepaugh-Sells Brothers exhibition. Special instructions are given to all employees to protect them.

Esopus, Oct. 14.—No visitors came to Rosemount today and Judge Parker passed almost the entire day horse back riding.

The general invitation that has been sent out to the militia of the State to participate in the big prize drill during the Fall Festival should bring at least a full regiment to take part in the exercise on military day.

Street Superintendent White is rapidly completing the clay and sand roadway on Manning avenue. It will be in perfect condition for the automobile race during festival week.

A Judicious Inquiry.

A well known traveling man who visits the drug trade says he has often heard druggists inquire of customers who asked for a cough medicine, whether it was wanted for a child or for an adult, and if for a child they almost invariably recommended Chamberlain's Cough Remedy. The reason for this is that they know there is no danger from it and that it always cures. There is not the least danger in giving it, and for coughs, colds and croup it is unsurpassed. For sale by all druggists.

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