

PISGAH NEWS LETTER.

Pisgah, Jan. 3.—Christmas and new year's days passed off quietly here, happening on Sunday made them more quiet than otherwise. The little ones had their fun and enjoyment Christmas and every heart responded to their pleasure.

The Sunday school of Pisgah church had a Christmas tree on Monday 26th inst. The little ones and big ones too got many pretty presents. Rev. J. W. Kennedy made an interesting address before the distribution of the presents suitable for the occasion.

The new year has brought the usual change about. The letting down from 10 cents cotton to 6 cents has brought a kind of blue color over the people, which has hardened into a kind of stubbornness that is healthy to see. Any man with common sense knows that even if there are 14 million bales made, the price ought to be at least 8 cents and the contrary shows a conspiracy to get the cotton at less than its value. My advice to all is to hold your cotton. Borrow money and run your business as close this year as possible, but hold your cotton until you can get something for it. Whip the gamblers out, if you wear patched clothes as a result. Never mind what people say about them. Those who laugh at your clothes, never gave you any. It is better to be not "fony" and own nothing than to be "fony" and owe it all.

Rev. E. S. McDowell of Ninety-Six is visiting relatives and friends here. He says the up country is getting on well.

I am glad to notice a let up about Mrs. Chadwick. May a kind fate make it permanent.

Mrs. Alice Entaminger and children of Blytheville are visiting relatives here.

Mrs. W. S. Smith, of Smithville was visiting her friends here yesterday. She has been quite unwell of late, but is better.

A few marriages took place here quite recently.

Mr. James M. Jenkins is building a dwelling house on the up-to-date order, convenient as well as ornamental.

Rev. J. W. Kennedy and Mr. T. M. Rogers are putting additions to their dwelling houses.

Hugh H. Evans, Jr., and Thomas Jenkins returned to the South Carolina College this week.

Miss Ma Evans will also return to the St. Joseph's Academy in Sumter this week to resume her studies.

The teacher of the Pisgah school is a pleasant young lady, and a good teacher. It reports are true she will follow the fate of her sex and go to housekeeping soon. It is a pity we have to lose so many valuable teachers in this way. Man ever hunts for the best and nobody blames him.

Miss Mand Bradford is teaching the Hilliard school this term. Madam rumor says she too will soon go to housekeeping.

Miss Alice James who has been in business at Bishopville for sometime has returned home to the delight of her many friends.

Supervisor Seale will soon give a good road from here to Sumter.

Let us hope the legislature will do something more for the State at large than it has for some time.

Maaning News Notes.

Married at Orangeburg last Wednesday, Mr. Frank McEwen, formerly of this county, and Miss Bertie Hughes of Orangeburg.

Married last Thursday afternoon, at the home of bride's parent in Manning, by Rev. J. M. Holladay, Mr. Charles R. Harvin, Jr., and Miss Susie B. McCullough. The bride and groom took the evening train for Charleston, with the well wishes of a host of friends.

The newly elected county officers took charge of their respective offices last Monday.

Died at Spring Bank last Saturday, Mr. Ervin Smith age about 65 years. The deceased was an old Confederate soldier, and a highly respected citizen.—Manning Times.

The total sales of liquors at our county dispensary for the month of December, 1904, amounted to \$10,824.07. Of this amount, \$4,283.08 was sold during the week before Christmas, and the day before Christmas the sales amounted to \$1,263.50. The amount of net profits on the month's sales has not yet been determined.—Manning Farmer.

Health Officer Reardon, has received a supply of vaccine virus and began on last Monday the vaccination of all school children who have not heretofore been successfully vaccinated. This step is taken as a precaution to guard against the possibility of an outbreak of smallpox in this city. Smallpox is now prevalent in several parts of the State, and there is now a case at Frovidence in this county.

Mr. Eugene Hogan sold three large pumpkins a few days ago for shipment to China and has forwarded them by freight to the purchaser, a Chinaman living in Georgetown. This Chinaman stated to Mr. Hogan that he wanted to send them home to his people in China and that he would re-pack them in Georgetown for their journey half around the world.

Everyone has seen the poor, crippled woman on the streets, who is pulled around in a chair by a little negro boy. On the back of the chair is printed, "Please Help a Cripple." This morning she felt a large overcoat brush by her, and turning around she said, "Mr. please help, (then recognizing Officer Barwick) excuse me sir, you are a policeman, and I know you have no money.

Rev. P. F. Kilgo and family arrived from Darlington last week. They were met at the depot by a committee from the congregation of the First Methodist Church and taken to the parsonage, where a number of others were present to welcome them. The ladies of the congregation had a hot supper prepared and the new pastor and his family were given a warm and hearty welcome to their new home.

Mr. L. I. Parrott went to Magnolia last week to attend the installation of the officers elect of the nights of Pythias Lodge at that place. There was a large attendance of Pythians and the meeting was a pleasant and successful event. After the installation a bird supper was served.

STATESBURG NEWS ITEMS.

Personal and Items of Interest Concisely Stated.

Statesburg, Jan. 4.—The Christmas season is a thing of the past now and our people have settled down to their usual quiet lives. Most of the college girls and boys have gone and our people are feeling quite lonely as one by one the young folks go to their respective places of duty.

Miss Bettie Frierson returned to Charleston Monday afternoon after a pleasant stay of ten days at home.

Mrs. M. L. Burgess and family returned to Sumter Tuesday evening, after spending a week with relatives here.

Mr. A. M. Lee, of Charleston, spent Sunday at "Farmville."

Mr. E. F. Holmes, Mr. W. D. Frierson, Misses Annie Holmes and Emma Barnwell spent Monday in Sumter.

Mr. Frank Burgess returned to Bishopville Monday after ten days' holiday.

Miss Janette McLure has returned from a pleasant stay in Chester.

Mr. and Mrs. M. DeVeaux Moore and Mr. Enslow, of Sumter, were the guests of Mrs. James Pinckney Monday.

Messrs. W. W. Anderson, of Asheville, N. C., and B. M. Anderson, of Richmond, Va., are visiting their parents, Dr. and Mrs. W. W. Anderson.

Miss Anna P. Burgess returned on Sunday after a most delightful visit to friends in Berkeley county.

Mrs. T. S. Sumter is visiting her mother, Mrs. W. W. Rees.

Mr. Leon Palmer, of Charleston, was the guest of Mr. Guy Nelson on Monday and Tuesday.

Miss Virginia Saunders returned to the Confederate Home College on Saturday.

MR. I. W. BRADLEY DEAD.

Mayesville Loses One of Her Oldest and Best Citizens.

Mayesville, Jan. 5.—The entire community for miles around today mourns the loss of one of its most venerable and highly respected citizens Mr. I. W. Bradley. Mr. Bradley has been in falling health for several months. About a year ago he was stricken with grippe from the effects of which he never recovered. The illness settled on his heart and he died of heart failure at 11 o'clock yesterday.

Mr. Bradley was born and raised in Mayesville and through a long and useful career he was actively identified with the life of the town in all of its phases. He was a deacon in the Presbyterian church ever since its establishment here and was ever actively engaged in church work. He has served as intendant of the town and was magistrate for several years. He was a man of great moral integrity and force of character and his influence for good was felt by old and young alike. Always standing for what was highest and noblest, he has endeared himself to the hearts of the people of the entire community and all alike feel the loss that is sustained in his death. Having passed his allotted three score years and ten and having kept the faith, he has gone to his reward, "Well done."

The funeral services were conducted in the Presbyterian church today at 11:30 by Dr. W. J. McKay, pastor of Brick church.

Mr. Bradley leaves several sons and daughters, besides a number of grandchildren to mourn his death, and the heartfelt sympathy of the entire community goes out to them in their bereavement.

NORTH SEA COMMISSION MEETS.

FRENCH MEMBER ELECTED AS CHAIRMAN OF COMMISSION.

Secret Deliberations Begin Today—New Member Introduced This Morning.

Special to The Daily Item.

Paris, Jan. 9.—The international commission, formed to investigate the Dogger-Bank tragedy, convened this morning. Admiral Fournier, the French member, was unanimously elected chairman of the commission. After presentation of Admiral Spaun, of Austria, and Admiral Doubassoff, the new member, for Russia, the body retired for secret deliberation.

The Secret Session.

Three sets of laws governing methods of procedure of the body were presented to the international commission today. One set was presented by England, the second by Russia and the third by France. As yet no set of laws have been adopted and agreed upon by the public commission.

The appointment of Robert Nathan, of the British Indian civil service, to be private secretary of Lord Curzon, Viceroy of India, is one of more than usual interest, as he is the first Hebrew to obtain such a position in that service. He is a brother of Sir Matthew Nathan, recently appointed governor of Hong Kong.

Peoria, Ill. Jan. 9.—Bishop Spaulding was reported at 8 o'clock this morning to be still improving and his physicians hold out the hope of his ultimate recovery. He passed a good night. Bishop Spaulding suffered a stroke of paralysis last week.

THE FARMERS' CONVENTION.

THE FARMERS ARE IN EARNEST AND MERIT SUPPORT.

Business Men, Bankers, The Press and All Other People Whose Interests are Allied With the Cotton Growers Should Back the Movement.

Hogood, Jan. 5.—"Stagnation is death!"

"You are not going to accomplish anything!"

We hope to but not by lying supinely upon our backs and hugging the delusive phantom of hope."

Our farmers need the encouragement and help of all other industries, especially the bankers and merchants of this Southland—more especially the newspapers. Let the newspapers of our Southland throw wide their columns for discussion of this vital question, let them do more; let them invite discussion and more still let them discuss it in editorials, the best product of their brain; not something carelessly thrown off, once and again, as often as is needful. I do not say to one, but to every newspaper in the land, "Champion this noble cause; give the best that is in you to it and it will return to you in four-fold value not only in peace and satisfaction, but in the support of the yeomanry of our good Southland. We may expect opposition, discouragement, possibly the turn to bring in an evil report, but undismayed by these, with faith in ourselves, in one another, in our cause, above all faith in the "Great Good"—let us go on to that perfection of organization which in itself is formidable, so armed and fortified as to be impregnable. No interest ever suffers at our hands that is lawful and honest, but when we prosper all the rest prosper, when we fail to perform our functions all the rest pine and die. I have long since regarded the relationship of the agricultural element to the rest of human society as being the same identically as that of the stomach to the rest of the body.

It may seem strange to say so, but it is nevertheless a truth, that if this movement succeeds it must have opposition. A dead calm at sea was once regarded as a calamity. Anything to be at all must have opposition. So I say to all friends of this movement, don't grow appalled at what confronts, or appears to confront you. Many of the difficulties and the troubles of life are the creatures of imagination. John Bunyan's lion which menaced his way was chained.

There is a set I would speak to particularly who are friends to the movement, but who may do it incalculable harm—the men who have no faith in what we are attempting. Let me ask such a few plain questions, which I trust they will answer to themselves soberly and dispassionately.

Do you believe the success of this movement would benefit you?

You answer, "I do."

You would hate to see it hindered, crippled, fall?

You answer, "Certainly."

Is your conduct calculated to help or hinder the cause?

Answer that question without equivocation. Brother, many a good cause has come to grief in the house of its friends.

It was certainly gratifying to have some of the leading merchants of Sumter in active co-operation with us, aiding with presence and voice. I believe we have as large souled, broad-minded and capable a lot of merchants as are to be found, all of whom are ready to lend a hand to this great cause. I here make the suggestion that they come out in a card pledging the movement their hearty support and co-operation. I do hope they will. Those resolutions offered by Mr. O'Donnell were a surprise, coming from a merchant, but were proper.

Let every farmer reduce his cotton acreage with a corresponding reduction in fertilizer. This does not mean that if he used four hundred pounds last year that he use three this, but that if he used four tons last year, he use three tons this year. The one to hold the cotton was good. Everybody hold your cotton; you can draw money on it. That committee of five in each township will have plenty of work to do. Let them go to work at once and let them also get a collection from every man to defray the expenses of our delegates and other necessary things.

To the work every man. I do believe it would be well for us to have other township meetings in the near future, especially in those townships where no organization has been effected, and let all classes and colors be represented.

In this article I have done the best my time will allow; if it is worthy I hope every newspaper will publish it.

Hogood."

Ossining, N. Y., Jan. 9.—William Spencer, colored, who shot and killed Charis F. MacFarland in June, 1903, in New York city, was electrocuted at Sing Sing prison this morning. Spencer was pronounced dead after the first shock and the electrocution, according to the statement of Warden Johnson, was the most successful he ever saw.

CHARTER FEE RECEIPTS.

ANNUAL INCOME BY THE SECRETARY OF STATE.

Amount a Little Smaller That Last Year, But More Companies Were Organized.

The annual report of the secretary of state has about been completed and the figures regarding the money received have been made up. The totals show that the amount of fees received for 1904 was slightly under that of 1903, when the total amounted to about \$18,000, but this is explained by the fact that most of the companies organized this year were small ones with capital averaging \$10,000, while the year previous there were many new cotton mills and other large corporations formed, running up the total.

The figures as prepared by Chief Clerk McCown are as follows, subject to change until verified:

385 declarations . . . . .	\$ 962 50
318 charters . . . . .	795 00
101 Elymossinary charters . . . . .	303 00
313 notaries public . . . . .	1,017 25
3 commissioners of deeds . . . . .	9 75
Certificates . . . . .	53 50
Charter fees . . . . .	7,368 20
Foreign corporations . . . . .	400 00
Railroad charters and records . . . . .	276 10
Amendments . . . . .	66 59
Increase of capital . . . . .	2,976 30
Decrease and dissolutions . . . . .	20 00
Renewals . . . . .	384 00
Miscellaneous . . . . .	5 00
	\$14,577 70

The figures make an interesting study as to the development of the smaller industries.

COLORADO CONTEST.

PEABODY WILL NOT GIVE UP FIGHT.

He Will Contest Election of Adams—Exciting Times Expected Today.

Denver, Coy., Jan. 9.—An exciting contest is expected in the senate tomorrow when the nomination for judges of the supreme court made yesterday by Governor Peabody come up for confirmation. The Democrats held a caucus last night and declared they would fight the nominations to the supreme bench of Bailey and Goddard with all their power. They claim, moreover that with Republican Senators Campbell and DeLong voting with them they will be able to prevent the confirmation.

The Republican leaders declared this afternoon that they had received personal pledges enough from Republican senators to ensure the confirmation of the two men. They were not overconfident of the issue, however, and admitted that there would be something of a struggle before confirmation.

It is Governor Peabody's present intention to contest the election of Governor-elect Adams. Under the law he cannot file notice of contest before the fifth day of the session, which will be tomorrow. He has several days in which to file his notice of contest, however, and he may no do so until after the inauguration of Governor-elect Adams.

The latter said today:

"I do not know whether Governor Peabody will make a contest or not, but I expect that he will. I am in a much better position for such a proceeding now than I was two days ago. At that time the investigation was confined by the court to the city and county of Denver. Now it includes the whole state, and I feel confident that the Democrats can show as many or more fraudulent Republican votes in the outlying counties than the Republicans claim to be cast by Democrats in Denver. I am certain of the result if the entire state is brought into the contest, as it must be if Governor Peabody decides on such a course."

Notes From Statesburg.

Statesburg, Jan. 11.—As one drives along now things begin to look quite busy again. The farmers are beginning to prepare for their crops and on every side the plowman and his team greets the eye of the passerby.

Mrs. S. E. Nelson is spending a few days with relatives in Sumter.

Miss Janette McLure spent Saturday and Sunday as the guest of Miss Tillie Flud.

Mr. and Mrs. Cunningham, of Bishopville, visited their daughter, Miss Imo Cunningham, at Mrs. E. N. Friersons last week.

Miss Mayo Reed returned to Goodwill on Saturday after spending two weeks at home.

Mr. J. Singleton Moore spent Sunday at "The Ruins."

Mrs. James Frierson, of Clarendon, visited Mrs. J. Temple Frierson last week.

Miss Fannie C. Sumter, after a short stay with relatives here, returned to Sumter on Saturday.

Miss A. N. Barnwell spent Sunday at home.

Mrs. F. H. McLeod, of Florence, spent a few days last week with her mother, Mrs. S. E. Nelson.

PYTHIANS TO MEET.

District Meeting to Be Held in This City January 19th.

An important meeting of the Knights of Pythias of the district comprising the counties of Sumter, Clarendon and Lee counties will be held in this city on Thursday, January 19th, and the great cause of Pythianism is expected to receive from this gathering a great impetus.

The following circulars have been issued:

District No. 5—Circular No. 1.

Under authority vested in me by the Grand Lodge, Knights of Pythias, of South Carolina, I hereby call a district meeting of delegates from the Fifth district, comprising the counties of Sumter, Lee and Clarendon, to meet in the city of Sumter at the Masonic Temple on Thursday, the 19th day of January, 1905, at 10 o'clock.

Each lodge will be entitled to send one delegate for every ten members of the lodge. Any member of the lodge is eligible as a delegate. Each lodge will send the district deputy grand chancellor the number and names of the delegates who will attend the meeting at as early a date as possible.

Programme for District Meeting.

Meeting called to order by the district deputy at 10 o'clock a. m., in the Masonic Temple hall, Sumter, S. C.

1. Report of committee on credentials.
2. Organization.
3. Address of welcome.
4. Response.
5. Reports of lodges and discussion of same.

Afternoon Session.

Meeting called to order at 3:30 p. m.

1. Exemplification of secret work.
2. Ritual, the only guide in conferring the ranks.
3. Discussion.
4. The use and abuse of the grip and acrostic.
5. Social sessions, how they should be conducted.
6. Discussion.
7. Should the age of admission into the lodge be changed?
8. Discussion.

Evening Session.

8 p. m. Short addresses by prominent Pythians.

9:30. Banquet given by Game Cock lodge.

Geo. W. Dick,  
District deputy.  
Altamont Moses,  
Hugh C. Haynesworth,  
J. H. Levy,  
Walter Cheyne,  
J. M. Knight,  
H. F. Wilson,  
Committee.

LUTHERAN ENTERTAINMENT.

Congregation of St. James Church Celebrated the Payment of Church Debt.

The Ladies' Aid Society of St. James Lutheran church gave a very enjoyable entertainment, complimentary to the pastor, Rev. T. E. Epting, and the members of the church at the residence of Mr. E. W. A. Bultman on North Main street Thursday evening.

The entertainment was given to especially celebrate and commemorate the payment of the last installment of the debt on the church property, which was incurred when the edifice was erected a few years ago.

There was almost a full attendance of the membership and the evening was most pleasantly spent. Mr. D. L. Rambo furnished very delightful music and the Sunday school scholars gave a number of very enjoyable recitations and songs.

A bountiful, and at the same time, a dainty supper was served during the evening.

Rev. J. B. Epting is doing a most valuable work for the congregation and his services are so highly appreciated by the congregation that the entertainment was regarded as fully as much a tribute to his services as one of thankfulness for the lifting of the burden of debt.

Those who were present were:

Mr. and Mrs. W. G. Stubbs.  
Mr. and Mrs. John Laverty.  
Mr. and Mrs. J. D. Shira.  
Mr. and Mrs. J. L. Rambo.  
Mr. and Mrs. E. A. Bultman.  
Mr. and Mrs. E. I. Reardon.  
Mr. and Mrs. E. K. Coyner.  
Mrs. Henry Hammond.  
Mrs. J. L. Nunnamaker.  
Mrs. A. C. Ducker.  
Mrs. Willie Bultman.  
Misses Toney Kooft, Annie Muller, Myrtle Ferguson, Lizzie Muller, Edith Quincey; Mr. Joel Coyner, Rev. T. B. Epting.

Wilkesbarre, Pa., Jan. 9.—Rev. Henry L. Jones, rector of St. Stephen's church, this city, left today for Reading, Pa., to attend the meeting of the committee to inquire to the charges against Bishop Talbot, which are to be heard tomorrow. Dr. Jones, who is a member of the board, states that he has received no notice of the withdrawal of the presentment as was reported a few days ago.

A PROSPEROUS YEAR.

Sumter Banking and Mercantile Co., Closes First Year of Success.

The annual meeting of the stockholders of the Sumter Banking and Mercantile company was held Wednesday night with a full representation of the stockholders of the company present.

The annual report of the officers was submitted. This report showed that the company had a most prosperous and successful year, the cash balance evidencing a handsome profit on the year's business.

The action of the board of directors in passing the dividend and carrying the profits to the surplus account was approved.

The old board of directors, consisting of Messrs. W. A. Bowman, C. W. Boshamer, Abe Ryttenberg and W. B. Boyle, was re-elected and Dr. Archie China was added to the board.

The following officers who will serve during the ensuing year were elected:

President—W. A. Bowman.  
Secretary and Treasurer—C. W. Boshamer.

HOME B & L ASSOCIATION.

Old Directors and Officers Re-elected—A Satisfactory Annual Report.

The annual meeting of the stockholders of the Home Building and Loan Association was held in the office of Secretary and Treasurer H. F. Wilson Thursday afternoon with more than a quorum of the stock representatives.

The annual report of the secretary and treasurer was read and discussed. The association has had a successful and prosperous year and the stockholders were thoroughly satisfied with the financial condition of the organization.

An election of directors and officers for the ensuing year was held with the following result:

Directors—R. I. Manning, Wm. Graham, Marion Moise, T. B. Fraser, Bartow Walsh, J. A. Schwerin, H. F. Wilson.

President—R. I. Manning.  
Vice President—Wm. Graham.  
Secretary and Treasurer—H. F. Wilson.  
Attorney—T. B. Fraser.

STRENGTH IN UNION.

If Farmers Stand Together They Can Control Price of Cotton.

A father came upon his boys wrangling and quarrelling; procuring a bundle of sticks he produced it, telling them that the one who broke it would be handsomely rewarded. After each had essayed the task in vain he took the bundle and broke the sticks one by one till the bundle was broken. There is a lesson in this to the farmers. Aesop in his fables tells of two oxen, a lion vainly tried to destroy till they separated.

We want every cotton raiser, however small the amount, in this movement. Even members are formidable. The force of this will be seen when we remember the ravages of the locust and army worm. I think Central America is the home of army ant, that destroys everything, great and small, in its path. Let us ignore no one who is willing to join our forces, however insignificant he may seem. A passenger train stopped one day, unable to move another inch, because of the loss of a small screw. "Despise not the day of small things." The man of details is the man of the hour, it matters not whether he be lawyer, doctor, merchant, or what not. The late Captain James H. McLeod had a pet expression in which much is, "Never say I can't but I will try." We all learned long ago the words if not the lesson. "I can't never accomplish anything; I can have accomplished wonders." A man lay languishing in a prison. "I shall die," said he "from pure want of exercise." Just then a spider arrested his attention vainly trying to stretch its web across the transom, which efforts were unremitting till the task was accomplished. The lesson saved his life.

How many things in life you and I are trying to do once and again, thousand times, nor can we allow failure the thousandth time to baffle us. Are you so satisfied with yourself that you do not wish to be a better man?

Many of us farmers have failed year after year to make ends meet, but we did not quit. Carry this spirit into the farmer's movement. That was a timely suggestion of The Daily Item that the lien merchants could accomplish more than all the landlords combined in this movement by refusing to lien every Tom, Dick, and Harry. Let them line up at once. Will not Mr. O'Donnell take this matter in hand in Sumter and so let our county in this as in other good work, take the initiative?

Faith in the movement, believing it a good movement, that the steps taken for its success are needful, that it is succeeding, will succeed, giveth the victory. How can we have that? By association, in township and county meetings. We cannot meet too often.

It is unjust to say the least, of those Washington fellows to charge that the men who have cotton are speculators. Some may be, but of many it is a base slander, a lie.

"Hagood."