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Table listing various items for sale such as '1 but pole', '1 farming mill', '1 sock', etc., with columns for item description, status (e.g., 'No mark'), and location ('Columbia').

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MORE TROUBLE FOR THE CZAR'S GOVERNMENT.

Mobs Assault Prisons in the Crimea and Set the Convicts Free.

Special to the Daily Item. St. Petersburg, Jan. 30.—It is reported that a mob has burst open the prisons at Simpheropol in the Crimea and at Reval, setting all the prisoners free.

The Attack on British Consuls.

London, Jan. 30.—The foreign office confirms the report of the attacks on the British consuls, General Murray, and Pro-consul Muchukain by Cos-sacks at Warsaw. Ambassador Harding at St. Petersburg has been instructed to make an urgent protest against these indignities to the czar's government.

Martial Law in Warsaw.

St. Petersburg, Jan. 30.—A minor state of siege today declared at Warsaw where the situation became most serious yesterday.

DISASTROUS DEFEAT OF RUSSIANS.

GEN. KUROPATEIN'S ADVANCE COST HIM TEN THOUSAND.

Japanese Official Reports Indicate That A Big Battle Was Fought On The Shabke River Frontier.

Tokio, Jan. 30.—Further official dispatches supplementing those received yesterday state that the Russians choose the worst weather for their forward movement and attacks on the Japanese. They relied on their knowledge of the ground to enable them to outflank the Japanese. The Russian artillery at the time the dispatches were filed continued to bombard the Japanese left. Gen. Kuropatkin's main force, which attacked Chen Chie Pau and Lintaku have retired to the northwest.

Russians Lost Ten Thousand.

London, Jan. 30.—The Tokio correspondents of the Reuter Telegram Company reports that the casualties in the fighting at Chen Chie Pau and Heikuta to the south of Mukden last week were, Japanese 3,000 killed or wounded, Russians 10,000 killed or wounded.

Bomb Throwing in St. Petersburg.

St. Petersburg, Jan. 30.—A dynamite bomb was today thrown at the residence of the governor of St. Petersburg. The house was partially demolished. The governor was absent at the time.

St. Petersburg Strike Collapse.

St. Petersburg, Jan. 30.—The strike is collapsing in all directions. One hundred and ten thousand men have returned to work in the capital and nine of the biggest factories have resumed operations.

AMERICAN MEDICAL ASSOCIATION

Meetings to Be Held in Columbia and Georgetown to Perfect State Organization.

Mr. J. N. McCormack, of Chicago, chairman of the committee on organization of the American Medical Association, will begin his work in this district on February 7th by holding a meeting at Georgetown and at Columbia on February 8th. These meetings will be particularly interesting to all doctors who are interested in seeing the profession organized, and all are invited to attend one of these meetings. Only these two meetings will be held in this district.

NORTHERN SECURITIES AGAIN.

Harriman Wins a Point in His Fight Against the Pool.

Special to The Daily Item. Washington, D. C., Jan. 30.—Application for a writ of certiorari, made by E. H. Harriman and Winslow Pierce, of the Oregon Short Line, for review by the United States supreme court of the decision of the court of appeals for the third district holding that the Northern Securities company is not obliged to return identical stock deposited in the original Northern Securities pool was granted by the supreme court of the United States this morning.

MR FRASER COMPLIMENTED.

An Incident Today That Evidenced the Esteem in Which He is Held.

Columbia, Jan. 30.—An incident highly complimentary to Mr. Fraser, of Sumter, occurred as the house was adjourning today. Mr. Fraser asked to be excused from the special committee on biennial sessions because he had taken a position against the feasibility of putting the amendment into immediate effect, and, as one never gets credit for making a mistake in his own favor, he asked to be excused in justice to himself if not in justice to the house.

Mr. Morgan paid a high compliment to Mr. Fraser's integrity and ability and on his motion the house unanimously refused to excuse Mr. Fraser.

WHY CALL FOR BIDS.

County Board of Commissioners Did Not Elect Lowest Bidders to County Positions.

The principal business transacted by the county board of commissioners at the meeting Thursday was the election of county physician, druggist, attorney, etc. Bids for the foregoing positions were advertised for and the following sealed bids were filed.

County Physician—S. C. Baker, visit to jail 65 cents to each patient; to alms house \$1.10 with an additional charge of 25 cents for each subsequent prescription in both cases.

Dr. Walter Cheyne—Visit to alms house \$1.00, to chain gang \$1.00, jail 50 cents with an extra charge of 25 cents for every additional prescription.

Dr. C. P. Osteen—Visit to alms house \$1.00, jail 75 cents, with the same charge as the others for prescriptions.

Dr. Archie China—\$2.00 a visit to alms house, \$1.00 a visit to jail or chaingang, with no extra charge for prescriptions, present or subsequent.

Dr. S. C. Baker was elected.

The druggists submitted bids as follows:

China's Drug Store—25 per cent off regular cash price.

DeLorme's Pharmacy—33 1-3 per cent off cash price.

Durant's Drug Store—50 per cent off cash price.

The contract for the next two years was awarded to DeLorme's Pharmacy. L. D. Jennings Esq. was elected county attorney.

The members of the board are: Messrs. J. T. McNeill, T. E. Thomas and Supervisor W. H. Seale.

FIRE AT THE CHAIN GANG.

The County Sustains a Loss of About Two Hundred Dollars.

Thursday afternoon the trusty, who has charge of the washing of clothes for the chaingang, which is now located at Gaillard's Cross Roads, finished his work and placed the dry clothes in the cage and went off for a short while; he found on his return that through some mysterious cause the clothes had caught on fire, and that all of the wearing apparel, together with the blankets and the heavy canvas curtain that covered the cage in which the convicts sleep, had been entirely consumed.

The total loss to the county will amount to more than \$200. It was necessary to send to the city for blankets and clothing for the men.

NARROW ESCAPE OF ROYALTY.

King of Spain and Queen Mother Overcome by Gas.

Madrid, Jan. 30.—King Alphonso, the queen mother and other members of the royal family had a narrow escape from asphyxiation while dining in the palace Thursday night. The fumes escaping from the heating apparatus partially overcame the royal diners. The palace engineer has been arrested. The censor refuses to allow the details to be given to the press.

100 Miles in 78 Minutes.

Daytona, Fla., Jan. 30.—The hundred mile Vanderbilt cup race, the star event of the auto race meet, was run this morning. The race was won by H. W. Fletcher in a Dietrich car in 78 minutes and 24 seconds.

Beef Trust Loses Again.

Washington, D. C., Jan. 30.—The supreme court today rendered a decision adverse to Swift & Co., and other companies in the beef trust in their appeal from the injunction of the Federal court for the northern district of Illinois restraining their illegal combination to restrict competition in the purchase of live stock and in the sale of dressed meats.

Senator Carmack's Advice a Puzzle.

Senator Carmack tells this story of a colored man who called on him for legal advice at Columbia, Tenn. The elder of his church had advised his wife to get a divorce from him, and the negro asked: "If a elder come foolin' roun' you all's house mixin' up trouble, advisin' yo' wife fr to git a divorce, what'd you do?" "Take a shotgun and kill him, most likely," replied young Carmack.

Kill him—kill a elder? Den what de law do?" "Oh, hang you probably."

For a full minute the negro was silent. Then in great disgust he turned to go. As he shuffled along down the steps he turned a perplexed eye on the lawyer and said: "For the Lawd's sake Mr. Carmack, what so't attorney is you anyhow?"

Howard Gould has a large fortune, and doubtless it is well invested, but there is reason to believe it is not growing very fast. Persons living near his country place, Sands Point, speak in awed tones of the money that is being expended there. The sea wall, they swear, cost him \$1,000,000. His cow house, built of stone, cost \$250,000, and his chicken house, also of stone, \$150,000. The iron fence around the poultry yard cost \$10 a running foot. The Kilkarney castle duplicate is to represent an outlay of at least \$4,000,000.

CITY COUNCIL MEETING.

Committee Appointed to Take Action on Deficient Water Supply.

From The Daily Item January 26. City council held a regular meeting at 8 o'clock last night with Mayor Dick and Aldermen Barnett, Haynsworth, Hood, Rowland, Stubbs and Wilder present.

Absent—Aldermen Finn and Hurst. The minutes of January 11th and 13th were read and approved.

The mayor stated that insurance agencies of the city are complaining because there is no steam fire engine in the service of the fire department, although the city is credited with such a machine, and reduction of 10 cents on insurance rates is allowed therefor. He further informed council he had taken up the matter with Mr. Edgar Skinner, who has had the engine in hand for repairs for some time, and that Mr. Skinner had promised to have the engine back in service within ten days.

The mayor called attention to numerous complaints of poor service which the Water Company is providing for fire protection and losses resulting therefrom. He presented correspondence he had with the company more than six months ago, in which he had notified them of the existing state of their plant, and in which they had promised improvement. Yet no improvement had been made and council should take some action for relief. Mr. Rowland moved that a committee of three be appointed, of which the mayor shall be one, to take the matter into consideration, and advise with a competent attorney as to the proper course to be pursued. The motion was adopted and Messrs. Rowland, Haynsworth and the mayor were appointed.

An offer from Mr. Geo. T. Burnett to put a tin roof on the opera house for \$7.00 per square, valleys 30 cents per lineal foot, was discussed, but no action was taken.

M. D. M. Therrel, representing the Southern Bell Telephone company, submitted an ordinance permitting his company to erect and maintain a long distance station in Sumter. Dr. S. C. Baker, representing the Sumter Telephone Company, stated that his company had offered to handle the long distance business for the Southern Bell Company at less expense than they could operate a separate office, but they would not entertain such a proposition and were evidently endeavoring to obtain a foothold in the city and have no dealings with the local company. The ordinance was read for the first time, and on motion of Mr. Rowland, referred to the recorder for advice.

Mr. Barnett filed report of lights not burning. He stated that his committee desired to retain Mr. A. D. Owens on the police force for the present as it was considered necessary, although the time had expired for which he had been employed. Council decided to continue Mr. Owens in service as requested.

Mr. Rowland, for the finance committee, reported approval of claims referred to them. He suggested that all purchases for the city should be made through the clerk, by direction of chairman of committees and no others, his orders to accompany bills for goods and bills should be rendered every month, and it was so ordered.

In reference to fire department expenses in excess of the regular appropriations council directed that such should not be incurred except by its consent, or request of the fire department committee.

Mr. D. A. Minor appeared to request council to order a water main laid in West Oakland avenue for benefit of citizens who contemplate building residences there in the near future. No action was taken.

Major Marion Moise on behalf of Kennedy Bros. asked exemption for five years from taxes on the property employed in their manufacturing business. The request was referred to the finance committee to consider and report.

Mr. Haynsworth, for the committee of public works, reported that the recently acquired extensions of Purdy and Calhoun streets had been completed and the extension of Salem avenue to Oakland avenue would be started at once.

Major Moise asked for a franchise for a company now in process of incorporation which proposes to furnish electric lights and motive power to the people of Sumter. He was requested to submit for consideration of the council at its next meeting an ordinance granting the rights desired by his company.

Mr. Barnett, for the committee on sanitary, reported that there are now only five or six cases of smallpox in the city and of a mild type. The mayor expressed the opinion that the city should own a pest house, and urged upon the committee that they be prepared at next meeting with some recommendation to council. Council then adjourned.

Berlin, Jan. 30.—Prince Eitel Frederick is worse this morning. Hemorrhage of the right lung has set in, accompanied by extreme weakness.

BARBER SHOP CHAIR.

The Busy Man's Forum Where Many Valuable Suggestions Are Made for the Good of Sumter.

The usual Saturday night crowd had gathered at the barber shop waiting their turn, when a traveling man who makes this city about three times a year broke in by saying:

"Sumter is the best town in the state. I make them all. She is always on the hustle. I was reading in the Daily Item a few days ago that the franchise had been granted for an electric railway and power plant, and in the same paper I read this afternoon that the Armour Packing Company has established a branch house here. What town in the state is growing so fast as Sumter?"

"None," said the citizen who believes in Sumter, "and I dare say by the time you visit our town again you will see many more improvements. I venture to say that a stock company could be raised in our city at any time to promote anything that would tend to build up Sumter. Our citizens who have money also have confidence in our town, and will invest in anything that looks good."

"It seems to me that some one would establish a gas plant here, as it surely would pay," said the man who had just "been finished" in the back chair. "I would not mind taking stock in a company for that purpose myself and I am satisfied that in less than twelve months' operation that not a block of stock could be bought at par."

"I had not thought of that," said the good listener who was leaning against the door. "But would gas be in demand with two electric light plants in the city? and as soon as the new electric company starts the price of electricity will be much cheaper as the monopoly 'cunch' which is now enjoyed will cease."

"Certainly it will pay," replied the man who had "been finished." "The company would not rely altogether on the lighting proposition, as they could get enough consumers for cooking and heating purposes alone to make it a paying institution."

"That all looks good to me," said a well known hustler in the shop. "But you talk about your paying enterprises. Those just mentioned are all right; but what's the matter with a pants factory—there's the best of all. A man could organize a company here among our business men and capitalists in less than a day for a plant to manufacture pants, and it would pay a handsome dividend at that."

About this time Mr. T. M. Bradley, the publisher of Sumter's city directory "blowed in" to get a six days' growth of beard chopped (this being his first opportunity as he has been busy) and he was asked if Sumter was growing. In reply he said: "I have about completed the canvass for my directory and take my word for it, Sumter is growing and the best evidence of that fact is that the vacant houses in our city are few—in fact they are at a premium."

So there you are. Look at the possibilities. Let's all get a hustle and lend our energies to the Chamber of Commerce and help it in every way possible and let's have the gas plant, the pants factory and many other enterprises all of which Sumter will support and above all things never let a dollar go away from Sumter that can be kept in circulation at home. That's goes a long ways toward encouraging people to invest their money in any town.

THE VACCINATION CAMPAIGN.

Over 1,300 Vaccinated Within the Past Two Weeks—Health Officer and Chief of Police Strike.

With the increased number of cases of smallpox the work of vaccination has been steadily going on under the supervision of Health Officer Reardon. The people have acted with remarkable discretion and there has been practically no resistance to this necessary precaution to prevent the spread of that loathsome disease.

The physicians have vaccinated about 250 persons, nearly all white; the health officer, 453 whites and 575 colored; the chief of police, 50 white and colored, making a total of 1,328 persons vaccinated at the expense of the city.

However, serious trouble was narrowly averted among the vaccinating force. Dr. Archie China, the city's physician, was insistent in his demands that all the good looking young ladies in town be sent to him, to which proposition the chief and the health officer were not prepared to accede.

Then the trouble began. A compromise, agreeable to all parties, except the health officer, was finally effected; and to have his revenge for the injury done him, our over-zealous health officer attempted to vaccinate the dummy in front of Stubbs Bros. clothing store. After failing to accomplish this feat he appeared reconciled or subdued.