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PERSONAL.

Capt. T. H. Dick is in the city.
Mr. Alfred Owens is in town.
Rev. S. C. Hughson is visiting in the city.
Mr. H. B. Wise, of Prosperity, is in town.
Mr. John F. Jenkins, of Camden is in the city.
Mr. A. L. Byrd, of Columbia, is in the city today.
Mr. O. D. Harvin, of Pinewood, was in the city Friday.
Mr. J. M. Cook, of Columbia, was in the city Sunday.
Mr. E. J. Gross, of Georgetown, spent yesterday here.
Mr. J. D. McLeod, of Remberts was in the city Saturday.
Dr. D. E. Boyle and wife of Columbia, are in the city.
Miss Olivia Ingram of Manning, is visiting in the city.
Mr. W. K. McCoy, of St. Charles, spent Thursday in town.
Mr. R. M. Jenkins, of St. Charles was in the city Monday.
Mr. E. D. Andrews of Charleston, spent Friday in the city.
L. D. Jennings, Esq., went to Manning Tuesday on business.
Mr. R. N. McLeon, of Bishopville, was in the city Friday.
Mr. O. H. Cochran, of Abbeville, was in the city Sunday.
Mrs. E. C. Welling, of Charleston is visiting Mrs. N. G. Osteen.
Judge L. R. Williamson, of Providence, was in the city Tuesday.
Mr. J. M. Lawrence, of Columbia, is writing insurance in the city.
Mr. R. L. Fowlinson, of Cheraw, is stopping at the Jackson today.
Miss Estelle Cannon, of Orangeburg, is visiting Miss Edna Ball.
Mrs. Charles Bradley is visiting Mrs. J. T. Frierson at Stateburg.
Mrs. James Pinckney of Stateburg, is the guest of Mrs. A. P. Manning.
Mr. L. D. Jones, of Kershaw, will be in the city until this afternoon.
Messrs. W. B. and Mack McElveen of Salem were in the city Thursday.
Mr. R. E. Deans, of Darlington, is registered today at the Jackson.
Mr. H. J. McVeigh, of Florence, was in the city on business last week.
Miss Strader, of Eutawville is visiting the family of Mr. R. I. Manning.
Rev. N. W. Edmunds is confined to his house with a slight touch of grippe.
Messrs. J. H. Cummings and J. G. Cooner, of Columbia, were in the city Thursday.
Messrs. English Williamson and Charles Dixon, of Providence, were in the city Friday.
Mrs. Rosa Snyder, of Chicago, Ill., is visiting her daughter, Mrs. I. A. Rytenberg.
Mrs. J. A. Mood, after a visit of several weeks to relatives in Georgia, has returned home.
The condition of Mr. Horace Harby, remains about the same. He is improving very slowly.
Messrs. W. H. Burns, C. H. Jones and Geo. B. Reeves, of Columbia, were in the city Friday.
Messrs. R. A. Lawrence and N. L. Eroughton, of Pinewood were in the city Thursday on business.
Miss Marie McCullough, who has been visiting Mrs. C. P. Osteen, returned to Darlington Monday.
Mrs. J. W. Brunson, who has been living in St. Louis for the past two years, has returned to Sumter.
Messrs. Jno. T. Stevens, of Kershaw, and Robt. Workman, of Camden, were at the Jackson Sunday.
Mr. H. L. B. Wells, who has been to Atlanta and other points on business returned home Monday night.
Mr. R. C. Blanding, of Concord, was in the city attending a meeting of the County School Board Saturday.
Misses Marie McCullough and Aleen Ward, of Darlington, were guests of Mrs. C. P. Osteen the past few days.
Messrs. B. J. Nixon, P. M. Higgins and Lee Whitehead, of Charleston, are guests at the Hotel Sumter.
Messrs. N. F. Shirer, of Columbia, and N. G. Thomas, of Mayesville, were guests at the Sumter Hotel Sunday.
Mr. and Mrs. A. L. Jackson and Miss Pauline Zeigler of Lone Star, were guests at the Hotel Sumter last week.
Clerk Hamer, of the House of Representatives, passed through the city, on his way to Columbia Tuesday morning.
Miss Elliott who has been connected with the Sumter Dry Goods Co, for the past season, has gone to her home in Chester.
Mrs. S. H. Lewis and little daughter Marguerite, of Pynewood Va., are visiting Mrs. Felix Moses on Washington street.
Dr. Foster, of Providence, was in the city for a short while this morning, and left, accompanied by his brother, of Manning.
Misses Hallie Jones, Arrie Stuckey, Grace Randle Lucile Randle and Inez McCullough, after a short holiday in the city, returned to Winthrop Monday.

HYMENEAL.

Invitations have been received in the city to the marriage of Miss Floride Reese, of Abbeville, to Mr. Earle C. Page, of the Columbia State on Wednesday afternoon February 22 1905 at half after three o'clock.

MARRIED.

The marriage of Miss Ethel Mazingo and Mr. A. C. Cave at the residence of Mrs. Nora K. Britton, 15 Warren street, last Wednesday evening was a quiet but very pretty one.
Promptly at 7:30 o'clock, to the strains of sweet music from the deft fingers of Mrs. Britton the bridal party entered the beautifully decorated parlor. Miss Lola Mazingo, sister of the bride, as maid of honor and Miss Olga King Britton as only attendant were followed by the bride and groom who were made man and wife by the Rev. R. N. Pratt, of Columbia, in a most impressive and effective manner.
Miss Mazingo is from Baltimore and is a most lovable and attractive young lady, her many noble characteristics of head and heart have won many friends during her three months' stay in Sumter. Mr. Cave is a promising young business man of Columbia, steady, upright, he will fully appreciate the treasure he has won.
And thus, "Two souls with but a single thought, Two hearts that beat as one" now sail upon life's fairest ocean, may every breeze be freighted with the delicious perfume of perennial conjugal bliss.
Mr. and Mrs. Cave left next morning for Columbia, their future home, amid showers of rice and every good wish of friends for future happiness.

DEATH.

A telegram was received Monday announcing the death at Johns Hopkins hospital, Baltimore, of Miss Alice Poole. She left this city Friday for Johns Hopkins hospital to be operated on for the removal of a tumor, and death resulted from the operation.

STATE MEDICAL ASSOCIATION.

Dr. Cheyne Has Called a Meeting at Columbia on February 8th.
Dr. Walter Cheyne, councillor of the South Carolina State Medical Association for the counties of Richland, Sumter, Clarendon, Lee and Georgetown, has called two meetings for all the physicians of this district. One meeting will be held in Columbia, February 8th, under the auspices of the Columbia Medical Society. The other will be held at Georgetown February 6th.
The district is so large it has been divided in its meetings, so that all physicians in the section neighboring Georgetown can attend that meeting, and those finding Columbia more convenient to train schedules can attend at the capital city.

The special feature of the sessions will be an address by Dr. J. N. McCormack of Bowling Green, Ky., on "Organization and its Practical Benefits to the Individual Practitioner."
All physicians in good standing in their profession, whether members of the society or not, are invited to be in attendance.
Dr. McCormack has visited nearly every State in the union and tells most interestingly the conditions and vicissitudes of the doctor's lives under the varying conditions of the medical profession.
Georgetown's hospitality is proverbial and the doctors are anticipating with pleasure their meeting there, and in Columbia also.

The paper felt and tar roof on the opera house leaked like a sieve Monday, when the sleet began to thaw.

Some of the merchants were delivering goods on sleighs Monday morning.

The school children seemed to be the only ones that enjoyed slipping and falling on the sleet, but they were not the only ones to fall. Some of the steadiest and most dignified citizens found out how it felt to hit the ground quick and hard.

Valentine parties will be all the go next week.

Work on Bradley's Sumter City Directory is progressing rapidly The Osteen Publishing company has a force of hands working day and night on it and it is being put in type as rapidly as the copy can be furnished. This directory will be a valuable book to the business men of Sumter, inasmuch as it will contain not only a complete directory of the city, but of the county as well. A complete and accurate list of all the taxpayers of the county will be given in an appendix.

Sumter needs a steam laundry. It is an actual necessity, not something that is theoretically desirable.
Fast bicycle riding is a menace to old people and children. The reckless riders should be sentenced to the chain gang without the option of paying a fine.
After the fire at the Minor Store was extinguished Monday night, Mr. D. A. Minor, the manager, presented each fireman with an elegant pair of shoes.
As soon as a sufficient amount of dues are paid in Secretary Reardon of the Sumter Chamber of Commerce will subscribe to a few commercial magazines in order to keep posted on factories seeking suitable locations. He is also in need of stationery for correspondence and is badly handicapped by lack of funds.

Senator Manning states that the proposed increase in the salaries of the magistrates in this county, while agreed to by the county delegation have not yet passed the Senate. The increase in salary will probably be granted as it is understood that the increase is to be granted in lieu of all criminal costs and inguest fees heretofore allowed magistrates.

Mr. J. H. Levy of Levy & Moses on Tuesday sent a check for \$15 to each of the "hose wagon companies in token of his appreciation of the successful fight they made against the fire in the Minor Store Monday night. Mr. Levy's store being next door to the Minor Store was in imminent danger and but for the good work of the firemen would have inevitably been destroyed.

THE NEW BANK.

Directors and Officers of Farmers' Bank and Trust Company Elected.

At a meeting of the stockholders of the Farmers Bank and Trust Co., held Wednesday in the office of R. J. Blaud, Esq., the following directors were elected:

C. G. Rowland, R. F. Haynsworth, G. F. Epperson, W. B. Burns, J. K. Crosswell, Isaac Schwartz, R. J. Bland, G. A. Lemmon and Geo. D. Shore.
The following officers were elected: C. G. Rowland, President; R. F. Haynsworth, Vice President.
An advisory board of twelve stockholders was decided on and nine of the number were elected as follows: C. T. Mason, R. L. Manning, H. C. McLaurin, Jr., L. B. Durant, T. H. Clarke, D. J. Chandler, J. J. Britton, Jr., J. W. Weeks, of Pinewood and Thomas Wilson, of Cades.
The bank will be opened about March 1st, and will occupy part of the Cash Grocery Store. The store, which is a wide one, will be divided by a partition and an entrance will be put in at the corner.

THE CHAMBER OF COMMERCE.

The Standing Committees Have Been Appointed.

The following standing committees of the Sumter Chamber of Commerce have been appointed by President J. M. Knight:

Manufacturers and Commerce: E. L. Witherspoon, chairman, J. W. McKeiver, H. J. McLaurin, Jr., C. T. Mason, George Burchill, Edgar Skinner, T. B. Kennedy, H. J. Harby and D. J. Chandler.
Transportation: W. A. Bowman, chairman; C. G. Rowland, C. M. Hurst, A. W. Crosswell, Altamont Moses, H. J. Harby, I. C. Strauss, A. D. Harby, D. A. Minor.

Public Improvements: Altamont Moses, chairman; Neill O'Donnell, E. C. Haynsworth, John H. Clifton, M. Levi, L. B. Durant, J. H. Chandler, H. G. Osteen.
Public Entertainment: R. F. Haynsworth, chairman; Geo. W. Dick, H. E. Wilson, Wm. M. Graham, W. B. Boyle, R. D. Lee, H. C. Haynsworth, H. L. Scarborough and J. A. Mood.
Statistics and Information: S. H. Edmonds, chairman; Neill O'Donnell, H. G. Osteen, J. H. Chandler, G. A. Lemmon, Dr. S. C. Baker, L. D. Jennings, J. L. Alant, F. C. Manning.

Internal Trade and Improvement: Neill O'Donnell, chairman; R. I. Manning, W. H. Ingram, Marion Moise, F. Levi, William Moran, J. G. DeLorme, J. H. Levy, W. G. Stubbs.
Auditing Committee: W. B. Burns and G. E. Haynsworth.

THE LATE MRS. HANNAH LEVI.

Her Children Endow a Memorial Library to Her Memory.

Manning, Feb. 5.—Several years ago, after the death of the late Moses Levi of this place, his heirs desiring to perpetuate his memory in philanthropy to the community, purchased the graded school grounds and building, which was then heavily encumbered, and, freeing it from all debt and encumbrances, presented it to the town of Manning to be known as the Moses Levi Memorial institute, to be used as a graded school.

Mrs. Hannah Levi, widow of the late Moses Levi, died a few weeks ago, and the children of this aged and revered couple have decided to further memorialize their parents by contributing \$1,000 for the founding of a library in connection with the school for the benefit of the town, to be known as the Hannah Levi Memorial library. The school has already the nucleus of a library containing about 300 volumes, valued at about \$250, and the Levi heirs have informed the trustees that the \$1,000 will be available in a few days, to be properly expended in the purchase of suitable books, encyclopedias, etc. The philanthropic spirit of the Levi family is highly commended and is regarded as a most fitting way to memorialize their parents and at the same time do something which will greatly inure to the intelligence of the community where their parents so long lived and were esteemed and respected.

SUMTER'S PENSIONERS.

Meetings of the County Board of Pensioners Held Monday.

The County Board of Pensioners met in the office of County Auditor, J. Diggs Wilder, Monday afternoon. A number of applications for pensions were received and the great majority of them were approved.
The principal action taken by the board was to recommend to the Legislature that the age limit that is necessary to make widows eligible for a pension be removed. Under the existing law, a widow of a Confederate soldier must have attained the age of 60 years, before she can receive a pension. This provision works a great hardship upon many who are in dire distress, and prevents some poor women, who are in abject poverty, from obtaining a small monthly allowance.
A bill having that object in view is now pending in the Legislature, and it is believed that the recommendation of our board will carry some weight.

Chief Bradford and Officer McKagan conducted an inspection of all public hacks and drays, in the rear of the city hall, last Thursday. Some hacks were notified to make immediate repairs on both their vehicles and their harness. None, however, were deprived of their licenses.

A manufacturing house in Butler, Pa. has, for some time past, been in correspondence with Mr. D. G. Zeigler and the Sumter Chamber of Commerce, in regard to the establishment of a wood fiber plaster and building material factory in this city. Favorable reports having been submitted as to the desirability of locating such a plant in Sumter, information has been received that a special representative has been despatched to make a thorough investigation of the advantages that this city offers for an enterprise of that nature.

THE MINOR STORE FIRE.

Dry Goods Department Seriously Damaged Monday Night—Mr. Elisha Carson Injured by Falling Skylight.

The most costly fire that has occurred in this city for months broke out in the dry goods department of the Minor Store Monday night about 8 o'clock and for more than two hours the firemen had a hard and stubborn fight with the flames to prevent a disastrous conflagration in the heart of the business district.
The fire originated in the rear part of the second floor and when it was discovered had been burning for some time, for a large section of the ceiling was ablaze and the flames had gained a strong hold between the ceiling and roof. The goods stored on the second floor were also burning fiercely.

When the front door was forced open by the firemen the glass in the large sky light was broken by the rush of air carrying the flames upward and this created a draft that caused the fire to burn with greater rapidity. Added to this condition that favored the spread of the fire, the firemen were handicapped by the usual lack of pressure. When the water was first turned on the feeble stream that issued from the nozzle had too little force to reach the second floor until the hose was dragged upstairs. The firemen were equal to the emergency, however, and procuring ladders and ropes they mounted to the roofs of adjoining buildings and dragging up the hose fought the fire from above. After a time the pumps at the water station were started and with the direct pressure thus given a stronger and more abundant supply of water was secured.
The fight to save the building was made at close quarters otherwise the firemen would not have succeeded in confining the flames to the building in which the fire originated. For more than an hour the issue hung in the balance and few believed the shoe department could be saved, but by confining the fire to the second floor of the dry goods department the stock of goods on the first floor was saved undamaged, except by smoke and water, and the shoe department which communicate with the dry goods department by an archway was saved intact likewise.

The only accident was sustained by Mr. Elisha Carson, the secretary of the Minor Store Co. who entered the office to remove the books and papers from the safe. The office was situated directly beneath the skylight and while Mr. Carson was in the office, a large section of the skylight fell in upon him. He was knocked down and received severe and painful cuts on the side of the head, face and hands. He was taken to DeLorme's Drug Store and given immediate attention and his wounds dressed before being sent to his home. While his wounds are painful, they were fortunately not serious and he will be out again in a few days. His escape from death or very serious injury was marvelous and his many friends are truly thankful that he escaped so lightly, the circumstances considered.

The Minor Stores, dry goods and shoes, together contained about \$40,000 worth of goods as nearly as can be estimated.
The stock and fixtures were insured for \$24,500 divided between the local agencies as follows:

Sumter Insurance Agency, \$15,500 (\$14,500 in stock, \$1,000 on furniture and fixtures).
Citizens' Insurance Agency, \$5,000, on stock.
White & McCallum, \$2,000, on stock.
Mrs. Andrea Moses, \$2,000 on stock.

The extent to which the stock is damaged cannot yet be approximately estimated, but while it is quite large, it will not exceed the insurance.

The building which is the property of Mr. Neill O'Donnell was insured for \$3,000; (\$2,500 on the building and \$500 on fixtures.) The damage may be covered by this amount but this point cannot be determined until the repairs come to be made.
About 7 o'clock a. m. Tuesday the firemen were called out again to extinguish a small blaze that had started from the smouldering embers in the Minor Store. The fire was of small moment and was quickly extinguished.

THE RECORDER'S COURT.

Gabriel Black a negro man employed by Mr. W. M. Graham, at his stable on Hampton avenue, was found on the street Thursday night in a drunken stupor. He was arrested, and plead "guilty" before Recorder Hurst next morning. He was sentenced to pay a fine of \$2.

The Magistrate's Court.

On motion of Davis D. Moise before Magistrate Harby Tuesday morning, George Conyers, who was being held on the charge of assault and battery, was released from custody, on account of the non-appearance of the prosecutor and the State's witnesses.
Conyers, as may be remembered, was very actively engaged in the cutting scrape at the Southern Cotton Oil Company's mill. From what can be learned, he was acting only in self defence, and the prosecutor, who is really the person desired by the police, has gone to regions beyond the jurisdiction of Magistrate Harby's court.

The News and Courier suggests that if the state is going into the trust "busting" business that it give the newspapers some relief by establishing a paper mill. The newspapers are subject to the most arbitrary and tyrannical trust of them all. They are taxed by it without rhyme or reason, and severely taxed at that. If the legislature is going to relieve one class it ought to relieve all. A very large amount of money is invested in newspapers in this state, and thousands of dollars are weekly distributed through them, and they are deserving of consideration. No special privileges ought to be given farmers and if we are to have a fertilizer factory, the legislature ought not to fail to start a paper mill. If anybody can think of any other sort of factory needed he should not be backward about making application for it.—Columbia Record.

Moral Ethics—The Watch and the Walk.

It is all right for a man to go by his watch, provided it is regulated, wound up and properly set. Otherwise, it will surely mislead him. Many a man has a standard by which he boasts that he regulates his life, and what he says is the truth; but the trouble is, the standard he has chosen is itself false and untrue—a watch unregulated, unwound and unset.

To walk wisely through this world is not so easy, after all. Men are too willing to be content with food and raiment, forgetting the existence of anything higher or better. The average man seems to think it his duty merely to get through to the other side, whatever that is. I saw a huge pin driven into a rock at Niagara. From this, to a similar pin on the opposite shore, a rope had been stretched above the deep abyss that yawned below. Twenty-five thousand people gathered on the high bluffs to see one fool carry another fool across the chasm on his back. Blondin's idea was that, in case of an accident, he could let his man drop, and save himself. In the walk we are taking, however, the man and his burden are inseparable. We are not merely to get safely across, but we are to carry our burden with us. The loss of our burden is the loss of self. Oh, to change the figure, in the sea of life, there is never a disaster in which the passenger is saved, and the boat lost. The two go down or go over together. C. C. B.

Meeting of Methodist Pastors.

The Sumter District Missionary Institute and Pastors Conference will be held at the District Parsonage, Sumter, S. C., beginning at 10 a. m., Wednesday, February 8, 1905, and will close at 5 p. m., Thursday.

Every pastor will make some contribution for the benefit of the meeting. They will give their best thought on the subject of Missions—their Personal Relation to the cause—their estimate of its real power on their lives—and their Plans and Purpose to bring their people into closer touch with the movement. They will also bring any new book, recently read, and exhibit it—and give us their estimate of its value to a preacher.
They will also give a brief outline of their daily work, time devoted to study, preparation for pulpit, visiting, recreation, &c., and man other topics will be discussed peculiar to the life of a Methodist preacher.

The meeting will be held in the Library of the District Parsonage, at No. 3 Church street, and will be presided over by the Presiding Elder of the Sumter District, the Rev. H. B. Browne.

The following is a list of the pastoral charges, together with the names of the pastors now serving the six thousand six hundred Methodists in the district.

- Camden, C. C. Herbert; Chesterfield, J. J. Stevenson; Jefferson, Samuel M. Jones; Jorian, S. D. Bailey; Lynchburg, S. O. Cantey; Manning, A. N. Brunson; New Zion, B. J. Guess; Oswego, E. K. Moore; Providence, C. S. Feider; Richland, W. P. Way; Santee, J. G. Yonge; St. John's & Rembert's, S. H. Booth; Sumter, 1st Church, P. F. Kilgo; Sumter, Magnolia St., J. P. Inabnit; Wateree, W. D. Patrick.

The committee have reported unfavorably on the Calhoun county proposition. As they bear the testimony and the arguments it is presumed that the respective houses will adopt the reports, and thus defeat the aim of the promoters of the new county. It seems to get harder and harder to form new counties. Looking over the state generally, it is difficult to see wherein new counties would be beneficial. Our counties now, as a rule, are none too large, and plans for new ones usually originate in towns ambitious to be court houses. Nevertheless, when people vote in favor of everything possible ought to be done to carry out their wishes.—Columbia Record.

KUROPATKIN ENTRENCHING.

Russians Are Fortifying Themselves at Changtan, Near Mukden.

Tokio, Feb. 6.—A dispatch from the front states that the Russians are strongly entrenching themselves in the vicinity of Changtan, to the south of Mukden. They shelled the Japanese position there on February 4th and 5th.

THE DELINEATOR FOR MARCH.

Containing the first authentic reports of the Spring and Summer styles, the March Delineator is of special interest to the woman of fashion and a most attractive number throughout. A discussion of "The Use and Abuse of Armorial Bearings," by William Armstrong Crozier, is a noteworthy contribution, containing a fund of information in regard to coat armor that is little known or widely disregarded. N. Hudson Moore's article on "Old Pewter," the first in a series of kindred subjects, will appeal particularly to collectors, and the story of Charlotte Elliott's famous hymn, "Just as I Am," as related by Allan Sutherland, is of greatest interest. Other features are "Robert and Clara Schumann," by Gustav Kobbe, in the Composers' Series, "The Game of Politics as it is Played in Washington"—and more particularly, woman's part in it—by "Marie Columbia," and a reproduction of miniatures from the Marie collection. There are two notable pieces of fiction in "The Things That Are Real," by Zona Gale, and "His Honor vs. Cupid," by Virginia Woodward Cloud, in addition to delightful verse. For the young folks, L. Frang Baum gives an "Animal Fairy Tale," Grace MacGowen a Cooke a "Son Riley Rabbit" story, and Lina Beard an amusing pastime. There are the usual departments and other matter of interest to women within and without the home.

Low Rates Via. Southern Railway.

The Southern Railway gives below a few special low excursion rates to the following points:

To New Orleans, La., Mobile, Ala., and Pensacola, Fla.—One first-class fare plus 25 cents for the round trip from all coupon stations. Tickets on sale March 16, limited to March 11, 1905—may be extended to return March 25th, 1905, account Mardi Gras.
To Washington, D. C., Presidential Inauguration—For civilians rate one first class fare plus 25 cents for the round trip from all coupon stations. For military companies and brass bands in uniform accompanying them in parties of 20 or more on one ticket, at one cent per mile, plus arbitraries. Tickets sold March 2 and 3, limited March 8, 1905, but may be extended to March 18, 1905.
Very low rates to other points now in effect.

The Southern railway is the best route to the above points; operating through Pullman and dining cars on all trains.

For full information apply to any agent Southern Railway, or

R. W. HUNT, Division Passenger Agent, Charleston, S. C.

Colds

It should be borne in mind that every cold weakens the lungs, lowers the vitality and prepares the system for the more serious diseases, among which are the two greatest destroyers of human life, pneumonia and consumption.

Chamberlain's Cough Remedy

has won its great popularity by its prompt cures of this most common ailment. It aids expectoration, relieves the lungs and opens the secretions, effecting a speedy and permanent cure. It counteracts any tendency toward pneumonia.

Price 25c, Large Size 50c.

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The South's Greatest System, Unexcelled Dining Car Service

Through Pullman Sleeping Cars on All Through Trains.

CONVENIENT SCHEDULES ON ALL LOCAL TRAINS.

Winter Tourist Rates are now in effect to all Florida points.

For full information as to rates, routes, etc., consult nearest Southern Railway ticket agent, or

R. W. HUNT, Division Passenger Agent, Charleston, S. C.

TAX RETURNS FOR 1905.

Office of County Auditor, Sumter County. Sumter County, Dec. 14, 1904.

Notice is hereby given that I will attend, in person or by deputy, at the following places on the days indicated, respectively, for the purpose of receiving returns of personal property and poll taxes for the fiscal year commencing January 1st, 1905.
Tindal's Store, Monday, January 9th.
Privateer, (Jenkins's Store) Tues. Jan. 10.
Manchester, (Mr. Gardner, Levi's) Wednesday, Jan. 11th.

Wedgefield, Thursday, Jan. 12th.
Statesburg, Friday, Jan. 13th.
Hagood, Monday, Jan. 16th.
Rembert's Tuesday, January 17th.
Dalzell, Wednesday, Jan. 18th.
Gordon's Mill, Friday, Jan. 20th.
Mayesville, Monday, Jan. 23rd.
Shiloh, Tuesday, Jan. 24th.
Norwood's X Roads, Wednesday, Jan. 25th.
Oswego, Friday, Jan. 27th.

The law requires that all persons owning property or in anywise having charge of such property, either as agent, husband, guardian, trustee, executor, administrator, etc. return the same under oath to the auditor, who requests all persons to be prompt in making their returns and save 50 per cent penalty which will be added to the property valuation of all persons who fail to make returns within the time prescribed by law.

Taxpayers return what they own on the first day of January 1905. Assessors and taxpayers will enter the first given name of the taxpayer in full, also make a separate return for each township where the property is located and also in each and every case the number of the school district must be given.

Every male citizen between the age of 21 and 60 years on the first day of January, 1905, except those incapable of earning a support from being maimed or from other causes, are deemed taxable polls, and except Confederate soldiers 50 years of age, on January 1st, 1905.

All returns must be made on or before the 20th day of February, next. I cannot take returns after that date and all returns made after the 20th day of February are subject to a penalty of 50 per cent.
J. DIGGS WILDER, Auditor Sumter County.