

The Watchman and Southern.

WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 10, 1906.

NEW ADVERTISEMENTS.

Coca-Cola—Harmless.  
O'Donnell & Co.—Fertilizers.  
Merchants of the City—Notice.  
Neill O'Donnell—Land for Rent.  
Farmers' Bank and Trust Co.—Statement.

PERSONAL.

Miss Hallie Sanders spent Friday in the city.  
Mr. D. W. Alderman, of Alcolu, spent Monday in the city.  
Mr. C. H. Glaze, of Orangeburg, came to the city Sunday.  
Mr. Wm. H. Tucker, of Charleston, came to the city Friday.  
Mr. D. S. Cottingham, of Dillon, was in the city on Friday.  
Mr. James McCutchen, of Pinewood, was in the city on Sunday.  
Dr. E. M. Whaley, of Columbia, was in the city Thursday night.  
Mrs. P. A. Dick, of Abbeville, is visiting relatives at Pineville.  
Mr. L. M. Rembert, of the Concord neighborhood, was in town Monday.  
Miss Irene Clarke returned Thursday night, after spending her holidays in Georgia.  
Mrs. J. G. DeLorme and Miss Theo Gregg have returned from a visit to Spartanburg.  
Miss Lena Kirkley has returned from Smithville, where she spent the Christmas holidays.  
Mr. Sam Presley, of Abbeville, was in the city Thursday as the guest of Mr. Frank Patton.  
Mr. and Mrs. J. C. Dove, of Dovesville, are visiting the family of Dr. J. F. W. DeLorme.  
Mrs. W. H. Commander, of Florence, is on a visit to her mother, Mrs. L. M. Rembert, in the Concord neighborhood.  
Honorable R. I. Manning, John H. Clifton, T. B. Fraser and E. W. Dabbs went to Columbia yesterday to take their seats as members of the General Assembly from Sumter County.  
Messrs. L. L. Parrott and T. O. Sanders have gone to New Orleans to attend the Southern Cotton Growers' Convention. Mr. W. A. Bowman, the other delegate elected by the Sumter County Association, is prevented from going by business engagements.

Mr. August Schilling, who was for awhile in charge of the Sumter water works under the old company, has been employed by the city as superintendent of the pumping station. Mr. Schilling is well qualified for and thoroughly familiar with the work.  
Mr. Merrit Mouzon, of Manning, has accepted the position of bookkeeper with O'Donnell & Co. Mr. Mouzon has moved his family to this city. Mr. Moses Moore resigned the position that Mr. Mouzon will fill in order that he may devote more of his time to his wood and coal business.

Work on the buildings for the Mutual Ice Company's factory will be commenced in the near future, as it is the purpose of the company to have the plant in operation at the opening of the season.  
The books of City Clerk and Recorder Hurst show that during the month of December the revenue of the city collected from licenses, taxes, fines and other sources amounts to \$35,503.71. This is the largest amount of money ever collected by the city in any one month of its history.

Auditor Wilder states that there has been a decided and very gratifying increase in the valuation of property returned for taxation. The outlook is that a good many thousand dollars' worth of property will appear on the tax books this year for the first time.  
The cotton warehouse now has more than 2,000 bales of cotton in storage and more cotton is coming in almost daily. Most of this cotton is in small lots showing that the farmers are holding their surplus crop. The warehouse will be enlarged during the summer as is evident that greatly increased storage capacity will be needed next season.

The Sumter Coca-Cola Bottling Works is one of the several prosperous and rapidly growing enterprises established and conducted by the Messrs. Crosswell. It is long past the experimental stage and the managers are reaching out after more and greater business. The advertisement in this paper is one of the means adopted to obtain the business and it will accomplish the desired result, for every advertiser who has used space in this paper has found it a paying investment.

A gentleman who spent a few days in the city last week commented on the unsightly signs that are suspended across the sidewalks on Main and Liberty streets. He remarked that in a great many progressive cities such signs are absolutely prohibited and the result is a marked improvement in the general appearance of the business districts. These signs are not only unsightly but are really dangerous, falling frequently during high winds and injuring people. His remarks recalled the fact that only a short time ago one of these signs was blown down and broke a handsome plate glass show window on Main street. Why not start the New Year by removing these signs?

Col. John Bell Towill has accepted a position with the Armour Packing Company as inspector of agencies for North and South Carolina and Alabama, and will begin work March 1st, at the expiration of his term as dispensary director.

A rough estimate of the cost of the new buildings erected in this city during the past year places the total at more than \$290,000. The growth of Sumter is not sensational or spectacular, but each year shows a greater and more substantial development than in the year preceding. The only noticeable falling off in any line of business was in the cotton receipts. This falling off was due to the reduction of the acreage planted in cotton and the short crop. Nevertheless, while there was a decrease in the number of bales received, the high price that cotton brought during the past fall fully counterbalanced the falling off in actual receipts.

Washington, January 9.—The Census Bureau's report on cotton ginned to January 1st issued today was 9,721,777 bales.

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And say it good and strong,  
And say it pretty frequent  
Push Rocky Mountain Tea along.  
—China's Drug Store.

MARRIED.

Brogdon, S. C., January 5.—Miss Lottie Holladay and Mr. Gilbert Frost were married at 3 o'clock Thursday afternoon at the home of Mr. J. B. Holladay, the bride's father. Rev. Mr. Toler performing the ceremony.

DEATH.

The friends of Mr. and Mrs. A. P. Vinson will be grieved to hear of the death of their daughter, Miss Adele Vinson, which sad event occurred in Brooklyn on Monday of last week. The funeral was at the cemetery on Thursday morning immediately after the arrival of the 8:20 train.

Mr. Marvin Andrews, son of Mr. Welborn J. Andrews of Oswego, who was brought to the city recently with a desperate case of typhoid fever, died at the Mood-Osteen Infirmary last Tuesday night. His remains were taken to Oswego for interment.

Mrs. Carrie J. King, who has been living in this city for a number of years, died Friday night at 10:30 o'clock in the 76th year of her age. Mrs. King was in failing health for some time.

Her two daughters, Mrs. B. B. Breeden, of this city, and Mrs. Henry C. Barnes, of Providence, R. I., survive her. The funeral services were held at the residence of Dr. B. B. Breeden, No. 111 Washington street, Sunday afternoon at 2:30 o'clock.

Mr. J. M. Richardson died at his home near Panola, Clarendon county, on Saturday, after a brief illness. The funeral was held Sunday afternoon. Mr. Richardson was well known in this city and had many friends here and throughout the county who will regret to hear of his death.

Mr. W. T. Strange, of Wedgefield, died Saturday morning at 4 o'clock, aged 73 years. He was a member of the Masonic order and well known in Sumter. He is survived by six children. The funeral was held Sunday afternoon and the body was interred in the Joyner burying ground.

It is to be hoped that the Sumter water system can be made as successful and profitable an enterprise under municipal ownership as a similar system in Cumberland, Md. There is no reason why it cannot.

If congress does not make an appropriation to build a postoffice for Sumter in the near future the postoffice department will be forced to lease another building, for the one now occupied is too small for the business of the postoffice.

The retail dry goods merchants of this city have decided to discontinue the practice of premium giving and have signed an agreement to take effect on February 1. It is a good idea, for it will enable them to sell goods at a closer margin and at the same time get rid of a great deal of annoyance. Premium giving, trading stamps and all similar schemes have been an incubus on the retail trade everywhere for a number of years and it is a healthy sign when the merchants unite to rid themselves of it.

The total lack of interest in the special election held Thursday to fill the vacancy in the legislative delegation does not indicate by any means that there will be nothing doing in county politics this year. There will be politics and office-seeking galore this summer, and some of the wise ones are already shaking hands and laying wires preparatory to the primary. There are sub-surface indications that the stir in the Sumter county political arena will be livelier this year than for some time.

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A CORRECTION.

Error in the Statement Referring to First National Bank.

In the comparative statement of the conditions of the banks of this city at the close of business December 30, published last week, there was an error in the figures given for the First National Bank. The correct statement for the First National Bank December 31, 1904 and December 30, 1905, are:

Deposits.	
1904.	1905.
\$351,000.	\$300,000
Undivided Profits.	
36,015.	44,100

This bank paid 8 per cent. dividends on the capital stock of \$100,000—4 per cent. July 1st and 4 per cent. January 1st. After paying \$8,000 in dividends and \$500 more taxes than in any previous year, \$8,085 was added to the undivided surplus. The past year was the most profitable the First National Bank has ever enjoyed. It will be remembered that two years ago this bank declared a cash dividend of 33 1-3 per cent and the capital in-

creased from \$75,000 to \$100,000, the stockholders all using the dividend in paying for their additional stock. On the basis of the original capital this stock is now worth nearly two for one to the original stockholders.

Levan Monument Fund.

Editor Daily Item:  
I have received since last report the following contributions to the above fund:

Previously acknowledged...	\$17.00
Maj. Marion Moise.....	5.00
Cash.....	50
Total	\$72.00

J. Diggs Wilder.

Success is stamped on every package. It is the most successful remedy known. It makes you well and keeps you well. That's what Hollister's Rocky Mountain Tea does. 35 cents. Tea or Tablets. China's Drug Store.

You can turn nowhere without seeing signs of the constant growth and wonderful prosperity of the Game Cock City.

The City Now in Charge of the Water Works.

The formal transfer of the water works plant to the city of Sumter took place Friday. The entire cost of the plant was \$123,088.66, of which amount \$116,500 was received from Todd & Co., of Cincinnati, from the sale of the bonds, and the difference was paid from the cash fund of the city on deposit in the banks. The city did not have to borrow one cent. The board of commissioners, consisting of Messrs. H. Lee Scarborough, R. L. Edmuns and W. B. Burns, are now in charge of the plant. Mr. C. M. Hurst, the city clerk and recorder, is constituted by an enactment of the State legislature, secretary of this board.

Mr. Smith, formerly superintendent of the plant, will remain in the city to assist the city officials for a few days, until arrangements can be perfected for the future management of the system.

Street Commissioner White has a force of hands at work putting down a clay roadway on West Hampton avenue.

"O'DONNELL & CO., (INC.)"

The Permanency of the Biggest Establishment of the City Provided for—Employees Become Stockholders.

The business of O'Donnell & Co., so long conducted by Mr. Neill O'Donnell as sole owner, has been incorporated under a charter granted by the secretary of State, and will be known as O'Donnell & Co., (Incorporated.) The total capital stock of the company is \$75,000, divided into 750 shares of the par value of \$100 each. The stock of the company was all subscribed for by Mr. O'Donnell and the employees who have been longest in the service of the firm.

The company was organized by the election of Neill O'Donnell, D. W. Cuttino and S. R. Chandler as directors. The officers are:

President—Neill O'Donnell.  
Vice President—S. R. Chandler.  
Secretary and Treasurer—D. W. Cuttino.

The business will be conducted at the same place and there will be no change in the methods or policy that have resulted in building it up from a small beginning to the largest retail mercantile establishment in eastern South Carolina, if not in the entire State.

The firm of O'Donnell & Co., was established January 1, 1883 and it has been managed by Mr. O'Donnell continuously from its inception to this time.

Mr. Cuttino, who is secretary and treasurer of the corporation, has been connected with the business since 1887 at which time he entered Mr. O'Donnell's employ in the capacity of book-keeper. This position he held for many years, discharging his duties with entire satisfaction to his employer. A few years ago he was promoted and became assistant to Mr. O'Donnell, with general supervision of the establishment.

Mr. S. R. Chandler, the vice president, also entered Mr. O'Donnell's employ in 1887 and for years has had charge of the clothing department.

In talking of the incorporation of his business Mr. O'Donnell stated that he had two reasons for making the change.

First he desired to protect his employees and customers in case of his death or accident that would incapacitate him for the active management of the business. By incorporating the business he insures permanency and guarantees employment to the men who have assisted him in making it a success.

The second reason was to give the employees who had been with him longest an opportunity to acquire an interest in the business and thereby reap a share of the rewards of their years of faithful and intelligent effort and loyalty.

Mr. O'Donnell stated further that he was very much gratified by the response to his invitation to his employees to take stock in the company. The stock was all taken by them and Mr. O'Donnell and no outside stockholders were solicited, and it goes without saying that the business under Mr. O'Donnell's management and with the cooperation of the members of the company will continue to grow and prosper in the future as it has in the past.

It is a matter of congratulation to Sumter that the permanency of the O'Donnell business is assured. For some years it has been the largest establishment of the city, with a trade extending over several counties, and each year it has done an important and valuable work in extending Sumter's business and adding to her commercial prestige.

DISPENSARY PROFITS.

Appalling Business Done by the Local Dispensary—County and City's Revenue.

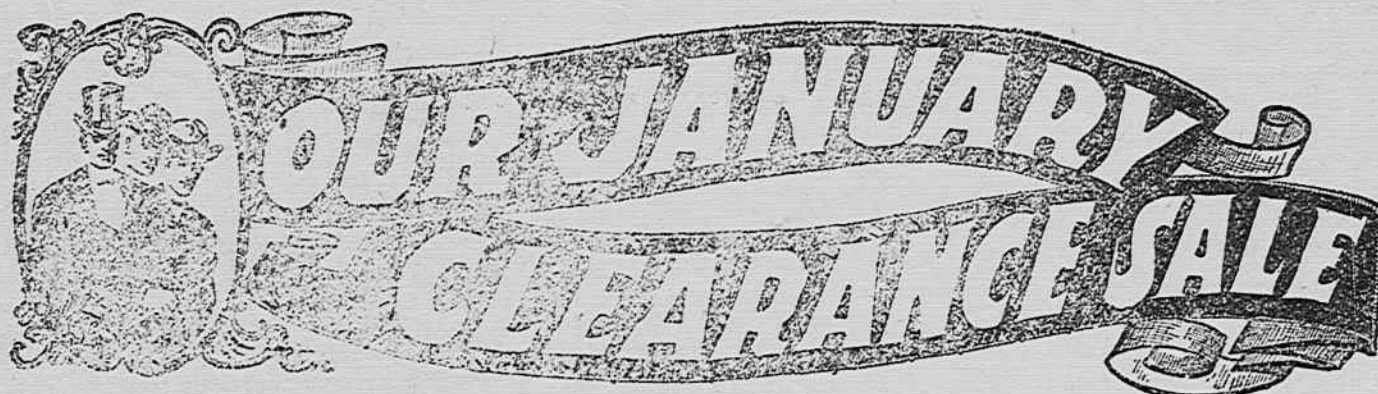
During the month of December the business done by the county dispensary totaled the enormous sum for a month's sales of a little more than \$18,600.00. Of this amount the profits of the city and county to be divided in equal proportions amounts to over \$6,000.

Possibly the most phenomenal day's business ever transacted by the dispensary was done on the 23d of December, on which day the sales aggregated \$2,364.85. This was an enormous day's work for the force employed at the dispensary, and it strikes one particularly forcibly when the day of ten hours is reduced to 600 minutes and then divide the minutes into the sum total of the day's business, which will show that the average number of sales during the day amounted to nearly \$40.00 per minute.

The town and county will each receive for their share of the net profits of the dispensary's business for the year more than \$16,000., which is \$4,000.00 more than the revenue derived from this source in 1904.

Leave a dollar or whatever amount you can spare, with Auditor Wilder for the Levan memorial.

Don't let your face grow old, sallow, hollow and wrinkled. If you care at all for beauty, take Hollister's Rocky Mountain Tea. 35 cents. Tea or Tablets. China's Drug Store.



A Money Saving Opportunity

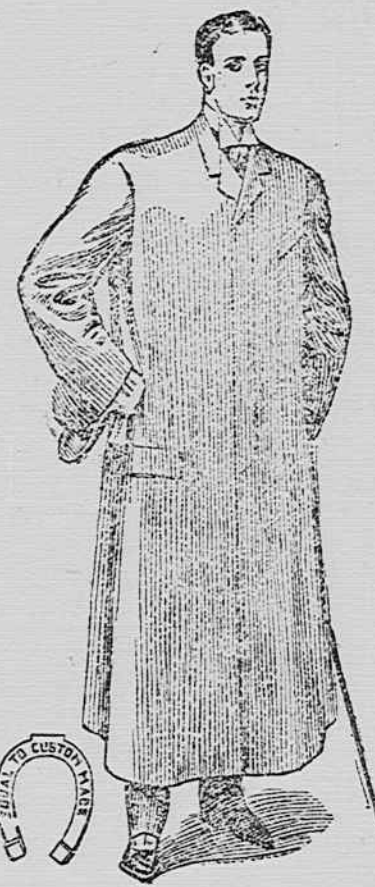
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Thursday, Jan. 4th,

We will Commence to Dispose of the Remainder of OUR WINTER STOCK

AT

Greatly Reduced Prices



At this sale you will have an opportunity to get, at very low prices

THE BEST CLOTHING THE COUNTRY AFFORDS

Nothing Charged at Cut Rates.

Strictly Cash!

THE D. J. CHANDLER CLOTHING COMPANY,

Phone 166

Sumter, S. C.