

**The Watchman and Southern.**

WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 1, 1908.

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**NEW ADVERTISEMENTS.**

Farmers' Gin Co.—Notice.  
 Lee & McLellan—Civil Engineers.  
 Berry's Drug Store—Our Stock is  
 Large.  
 O'Donnell & Co.—Stock-Taking  
 Week.  
 The D. S. Chandler Clothing Co.—  
 Clean Sweep.

**PERSONAL.**

Mr. Harry Carr is spending the holidays in the city.  
 Mr. R. F. DesChamps, of Mayesville, was in the city Thursday.  
 Capt. J. E. Atkins, of Mayesville, spent Thursday in the city on business.  
 Mr. J. B. Raffield, traveling auditor for the Atlantic Coast Line in Florida, spent Thursday in the city.  
 Mrs. M. A. Wells, of Florence, and Miss Hattie Mayes, of Mayesville, are visiting Mr. and Mrs. O. B. Nettles.  
 Mr. A. A. Strauss and son, Mr. Charles Strauss, of Mayesville, were in the city Monday.  
 Jev. J. F. Mahoney, who conducted a mission here in May, is visiting Mr. and Mrs. Neill O'Donnell.

Mr. S. H. Edmunds went to Columbia on Monday to attend the annual Convention of City School Superintendents.  
 Miss Mulligan, of Rock Hill, is visiting Mrs. Granville DeLorme.  
 Miss Addie Burney, of Columbia, is visiting Mrs. W. H. Ingram.  
 Mr. J. M. Woodley, of Dalsell, spent Friday in the city.  
 Mr. R. W. Raffield, of Goodwill, spent Friday in the city.  
 Mr. and Mrs. J. H. Spann are visiting relatives in Mayesville.  
 Miss Agnes Richardson went to Greenwood Thursday night to visit her sister.  
 Mr. and Mrs. R. M. Warren returned Monday night from Hendersonville.  
 Mrs. A. A. Strauss, of Mayesville, is visiting in the city.  
 Miss Kate Roper, of Flat Rock, N. C., is visiting Mrs. D. P. Kelly on W. Liberty street.  
 Mr. J. V. Wilson has returned from a visit to Columbia.

Mr. H. G. Osteen and family have returned from Cheraw, where they spent Christmas week.  
 Mr. W. T. Cooper and son, Lauren, of Mayesville, were in the city yesterday.  
 Mr. R. C. McFadden, of Concord, was in the city yesterday on business.  
 Mr. J. B. Goldman, of Mayesville, spent yesterday in the city on business.  
 Mr. C. T. Evans, of Smithville, was in the city yesterday.  
 Rev. W. H. Workman, of Salem, was in the city yesterday.  
 Mrs. Eli Jackson and Miss Minnie Lee Stroman, of Elloree, are visiting in the city.  
 Mrs. J. W. Witherspoon and niece, Mrs. Rocky Mount, N. C., are visiting Mrs. V. H. Auld, on West Calhoun Street.

Mr. Chester Hutchinson and sister, Miss Ethel Hutchinson, who have been visiting their sister, Mrs. H. M. Stuckey, returned to their home in Henderson, Ky., Monday.  
 Lieut. L. S. Carson, of the U. S. A., stationed at Fort Robinson, Nebraska, is on a visit, with his wife and child, to Capt. E. S. Carson and family. They were accompanied by Misses Ethel and Mary Carson who have returned home after spending the summer with their brother and family at Fort Robinson.

Harmony Presbytery held a called session at the Presbyterian church yesterday morning.  
 It is all over and everybody had a good time, so they say. The greatest of all holidays passed off quietly in Sumter and there were no serious disorders.  
 The sewerage work is still progressing very satisfactorily. One force of hands is at work on Telephone street, near Harvin and the other on Hampton avenue, near Main.

It is reported that Mr. Nick Britton, of the Zoar section of this county, shot and killed a negro Wednesday in Clarendon County. It is said that the affair was accidental and the coroner exonerated Mr. Britton.  
 The announcement of the death of Rev. Jas. H. Thornwell was received with deep regret in Sumter, especially among the many Pythians, who probably knew him better than most people.

The work of remodeling the old court house is progressing rapidly. The archway in the centre of the building, facing Main street, has been cut in and the steps leading to the second story are being built. It will not be a very great while before this old building, which has become an eye-sore to nearly everyone, will be transformed into a handsome bank and office building that will be a credit to the city.

**MARRIED.**

Monday, December 23, at 5.30 o'clock, at the home of the bride's parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. J. Teams, on North Main street, Miss Hattie Teams and Mr. Robert M. Sanders, son of Mr. and Mrs. B. R. Sanders, were united in marriage, Rev. J. P. Marion, officiating. The newly wedded couple left on the evening train for Charleston to visit relatives. The many friends of Mr. and Mrs. Sanders wish them much happiness.

Mr. Frederick W. McIntosh and Miss Cornelia M. Bellamy, both of Oregon, were married on Tuesday evening, Dec. 24, 1907, by Rev. W. B. Duncan. Mr. and Mrs. McIntosh will make Sumter their home. Mr. McIntosh is a traveling man having this city as his headquarters.

**DEATH.**

Mrs. Catherine Rowland, died at Henderson, N. C., her home, on Dec. 24th, at 5 o'clock. Mrs. Rowland was the mother of Mr. C. G. Rowland of this city and was in the 89th year of her age. The many friends and acquaintances of Mr. Rowland sympathize deeply with him in this great bereavement.

Willie Jones, of Jordan, Killed Accidentally Last Thursday.

Willie Jones, the son of Mr. T. L. Jones, of the Jordan neighborhood, was accidentally shot and killed last Thursday by a shotgun which was held in the hands of his brother. Very meagre details only of the deplorable accident have been received here, but the above facts are reported to be the truth.

**A BRUTAL MURDER.**

Walter Blanding, a Negro, Killed in His Store Last Night.

From the Daily Item, Dec. 24. Coroner Flowers returned this afternoon from Pinckney's Cross Roads, near Stateburg, where he investigated the death of Walter Blanding, colored. The negro was the owner of a store and was found brutally cut up in his store this morning. No one knew anything of the affair, and Coroner Flowers did not empanel a jury. Dr. H. A. Mood made a written statement concerning the cause of death.

From all appearances, the murder was caused for purposes of robbery as only 98 cents were found in the store and the deceased was said to have been doing a good business and well off. The body was horribly mutilated with gashes inflicted with a hatchet and a knife that were found near the body and that were covered with blood.

The affair is being investigated and further light may be thrown on this cold-blooded murder, and it is hoped that the assassin may be brought to justice.

Adam James, colored, lost his house by fire Thursday. The fire was accidental, from all accounts, and James lost everything in the building. The negro was one of the well-to-do farmers of the Dalzell section.

The drawing for the handsome gold watch, valued at \$60, which W. A. Thompson, the jeweler, advertised to give away, took place on Thursday, and Miss Annie Telcher received the watch, holding the lucky number, which was 7602. Atta M. Pate was the one who drew the number.

Daniel Gillis, of the Pisgah section, who is charged with shooting young Jessu Hurst, gave himself up to Sheriff Epperson and is now in jail in this city. Mr. Hurst is reported to be doing well. Mr. Gillis did not attempt to escape as first reports indicated. The buggy used by Gillis and Hurst was owned by a brother of Mr. Gillis, and was returned to him by Mr. Daniel Gillis after the shooting.

New garden seed at Sibert's Drug Store. 12-30-27

**A TERRIBLE RECORD.**

Five Men Killed in Louisiana and Mississippi Within 24 Hours.

New Orleans, Dec. 24.—Five men killed by pistol or knife in Louisiana and Mississippi during the last 24 hours, is the record of Christmas week's fights in this section.

At Covington, Henry Route, a negro, was shot by Bradley, white, inviting the latter to settle a money matter by "coming out to shoot it out." Bradley killed the negro.

At New Albany, Miss., Ed. F. Hillhouse, a section foreman, shot and killed Martin Arnold, also a section man. Both white.

Valden, Miss., was the scene of a terrible fight which cost the lives of both parties Maury Davis, and William Spinx, a negro.

A love affair at Greenville, Miss., caused Ed Smith, a negro to seek out and kill Jim English, another negro.

**A "League" for Sumter.**

A call has been promulgated in the city of Sumter for the formation of a municipal league, the plan proposed being similar to that of the organization formed recently in Columbia. The Sumter Item ably and vigorously rebukes the proposition, asserting that it is in no way necessary, that the Democratic primary plan is not a failure in Sumter, and that through it municipal officers of character and intelligence have been regularly chosen.

If the Municipal League of Columbia had no other object than the inducement of good men to stand for municipal office no serious objection might be urged against it; but a league would be a cumbersome machine for so small an achievement. The ancient method of petition is effective enough to bring any man who has a decent conception of public duty into activity.

Our objection to the Columbia organization is that it includes, by clear implication, a pledge that the members support as a unit such candidates as the League nominates. Let us suppose that the Democratic voters of Sumter number 1,000 and that 600 are members of the League. The League meets, 300 members are present, and 151 vote for a "slate." The result is that 600 Sumter Democrats must, if they do not violate the obligation voluntarily assumed by joining the League, step up to the polls and elect the "slate." The 151 are thus able to overcome a possible majority party numbering 849. Obviously such a plan is utterly destructive of the Sumter City Democratic organization, and converts it into an empty and lifeless shell. This, of course, is predicated on the assumption that the Sumter League would follow the Columbia line.

For years the towns of South Carolina had no municipal Democratic organizations with the result that the negro vote became a corrupt and corrupting factor in elections. Municipal elections in many instances were conducted in a scandalous manner. The Democratic primary plan was then generally adopted, and has met all reasonable demands. The spread of the Columbia idea would, in all likelihood cause the abandonment of the primary and return to the old plan with all its disgraceful incidents. —News and Courier.

**VEGETABLES IN DECEMBER.**

The following letter is self-explanatory and of interest to many people: Stateburg, S. C., Dec. 30, 1907.

Editor the Item: The Stateburg Improvement League offered a premium for the best display of vegetables, fresh from the garden, by any member of the league, made on the 12th day of December; and Mrs. T. S. Stuckey displayed twelve varieties and carried off the premium. Several others reported five and six varieties. See what an improvement league can do for a rural community. Twelve varieties of vegetables on the 12th day of December!

This shows, too, what a wonderful soil and climate we have here in Sumter county.

(Miss) Georgia Dargan, Secretary of the League.

**Progress of the Canal.**

Some idea of the progress which is being made in the construction of the Panama canal may be gathered from a few items from reliable sources in Washington. The excavation of last month, which amounted to 1,838,486 cubic yards, would, it is said, cover ten city blocks to a depth of forty feet, far exceeding the record of any previous month. As further illustration it is claimed that every fifty days the commission is moving an amount of material equal to the pyramid of Cheops, which required the labor of 100,000 men twenty years. At this rate the Suez canal, which was built by De Lesseps in ten years and regarded as a wonderful feat, could have been finished in one-third of the time. The same relative progress applies also to the Manchester and the Kiel canals, in the saving of time, as to their completion, had equal activity in the throwing of dirt prevailed. It must be borne in mind, however, that the work now under construction is attended with less complication and can be much more speedily carried on that will be the case before a great while, being chiefly the excavation of earth which can be done with steam shovels. Later, when excavation of rock and the laying of the foundations of the locks and dams constitute the chief work, the visible progress will not be so great. But with the excellent sanitary conditions on the isthmus and the thorough organization of the labor as indicated by the statistics given, there is every reason, should there be no war or pestilence to retard the work, to look for the completion of the canal at an earlier day than seemed possible a year or two ago.

Onion sets at Sibert's Drug Store. 27

Send us your Job Printing.

**Christmas Bundle Contains Bottle of High Explosive and Igniting Apparatus.**

Erie, Pa., Jan. 24.—While distributing Christmas bundles in the seventh sub-postoffice an employe became suspicious of a package, the end of which had broken open, and upon making an investigation the package was found to contain an infernal machine so constructed that the opening of the box would cause an explosion that would have undoubtedly killed all persons near and set fire to everything in the vicinity.

The package was addressed to Archie Carr, 2208 Cherry street, and had been mailed in this city. The box was turned over to Postmaster Stobel who called in Chief of Police Wagner. The chief cut out the side of the box and exposed a bottle and contrivances so arranged that the opening of the lid would pull the cork and ignite several matches.

The following inscription was on the inside wrapper:

"You may perhaps find the cover will catch a little when you open the box, but pay no attention to it. Merry Christmas."

Dr. J. W. Wright, health officer and chemist, after an examination of the bottle said it contained a high explosive.

HA! HA! HA!

**Good Digestion and Good Health Bring Joyous Life.**

Do not blame the poor dyspeptic for being blue, cross, nervous, irritable and grouchy. He hasn't got a hearty laugh in his whole system.

Before there is any joy or merriment, it is necessary to tone up the weak stomach muscles and get digestion working naturally by using Mionna stomach tablets. This prescription cures all stomach troubles by strengthening the digestive machinery and putting it in such perfect order that it will care for all food that is eaten without distress or indigestion.

So certain and reliable is Mionna to cure indigestion and all stomach weakness, that J. F. W. DeLorme sells it under an absolute guarantee to refund the money unless it cures. Try a 50-cent box and see how quickly you will get relief from indigestion and forget you have a stomach.

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 We guarantee Sibert's Mentholated Cough Syrup. 12-30-27

Remember to make that advertising contract for 1908 as soon as possible. Don't lose a day.

The night came on, the good wife smiled  
 To herself as she softly said,  
 "Thank God, we're happy, healthy and bright,  
 We all take Rocky Mountain Tea at night."—Sibert's Drug Store.

**RAILROAD WORK IN SOUTH.**

Estimated That More Than \$75,000,000 Has Been Spent During the Past Year.

Chattanooga, Tenn., Dec. 29.—Several hundred miles of railroad have been constructed in the Southern States during 1907, and it is estimated that more than \$75,000,000 has been spent by the railroads of the South in improving the systems during the past 12 months.

The largest contract given during the year was in Southwestern Virginia where the Virginia and Southwestern railroad is being constructed. This work has been from different points and coal sections of Virginia and West Virginia via Bristol, to points in North Carolina where connections will be made with the Seaboard and kindred lines. It is said to be a part of the great Tidewater system. When completed the line will be over 150 miles in length and will cost nearly \$100,000,000. It is through a very rough section and the 35 or 40 miles completed during 1907 aggregated a total cost of nearly \$15,000,000. The cost of one tunnel was in excess of \$2,000,000.

The Queen and Crescent has done double tracking to the extent of over \$15,000,000.

Work continues on the Southern's Lookout Mountain tunnel, but other improvements are suspended.

Thirty miles of the Savannah, Augusta & Northern have been graded. The contract for construction from Savannah to Chattanooga are for \$12,000,000.

The Tidewater developments, the Flagler and other systems in Florida and numerous enterprises in Louisiana and Mississippi have been very active in the year just completed. There are numerous coal lines and minor branch systems of different railroads which have been started and completed during 1907.

If you want the Sanitol Toilet preparation you must send in order today. Sibert's Drug Store. 12-30-27

When making New Year resolutions, resolve to advertise more in 1908 than in 1907.

New garden seed at Sibert's Drug Store. 12-30-27

**Local Cotton Market.**

Receipts today, light.  
 Good middling, 11 cents.

**Daily New York Cotton Market.**

	Open	High	Low	Close
Jan.	10 59	10 73	10 59	10 73
March	10 77	10 94	10 77	10 94
May	10 87	10 98	10 87	10 98
July	10 82	10 95	10 82	10 95

Tone—Very Steady.

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**AN ENTIRE FAMILY CREMATED.**

Mr. and Mrs. John Clark of Boston and Their Three Children Die in the Flames.

Boston, Dec. 27.—Five persons were burned to death in a fire which destroyed the house of John Clark at Every member of the Clark family Watertown, a suburb, early today, met death in the flames.

The dead are: John Clark, his wife and their three children, John, aged 11, Phillip, aged 9, and Doris, aged 2.

The flames had made great headway when first discovered by a neighbor, shortly after 1 o'clock. The house was about two miles from the centre of the town and by the time the firemen reached the scene the house had been burned almost to the ground.

The firemen were able to locate the bodies of the father and two boys, but the mother and little girl were not found until the ruins of the house had cooled sufficiently to permit a more thorough search.

Mr. Clark was a salesman in a seed store on Faneuil square, Boston. Mrs. Clark was a Southern woman.

**CATARRH A GERM DISEASE.**

Success of Hyomei Guaranteed by J. F. W. DeLorme.

Catarrh is not a blood disease, but is caused by germs that lodge and grow in the air passages, causing irritation with poisonous and offensive mucous discharges. It is an insidious disease of most destructive tendency. Its approaches are alarming, and its victims are well on the road to a chronic state of dread consumption before they realize their danger.

Stomach dosing is ineffective in the treatment of catarrh. The only healing agent is Hyomei, which is inhaled with the air you breathe, killing all catarrhal germs and driving them from the system.

The sooner you use Hyomei the sooner you will be free of catarrh. J. F. W. DeLorme will sell you a dollar outfit with the understanding that if it does not give satisfaction your money will be refunded.

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**NOTICE.**

Office County Board of Commissioners, Sumter County, S. C., Dec. 29, 1907.

The annual meeting of the County Board of Commissioners for Sumter County will be held at Sumter Court House on Thursday the 9th day of January, 1908.

All persons holding claims against Sumter County, not previously presented, are required by law to file the same with the Clerk of this Board on or before the first day of January, 1908 in order that they may be examined previous to the annual meeting.

THOS. E. RICHARDSON,  
 Clerk County Board of Commissioners. 12-10-1aw4t.

**Executor's Sale.**

Pursuant to the terms of the will of the late Dr. James W. Hudson, deceased, we will sell at public auction, to the highest bidder for cash, on salesday in January next, the same being the 6th day of said month, between the usual hours of sale, a certain lot of land directed in said will to be sold, and described as follows:

All that lot of land situate in the County of Sumter and State of South Carolina, containing twenty-eighth acres, more or less, the lines of the same being delineated on a plat made by Lee & McLellan, surveyors, dated the 5th day of December, 1907, and bounded:

North by lands devised to W. H. Hudson under the will of Dr. J. W. Hudson; east by the LaPayette public road; south by the public road to Sumter, and west by Scape Oer Swamp.

E. M. COOPER,  
 GEO. G. COOPER,  
 12-18-27 Executors.

**REMEMBER**

Our stock is larger and more complete than ever before, and we are prepared to handle a much larger business this coming year than ever. Would be pleased to have you come and look when you need anything in our line.

Sibert's Drug Store.  
 W. W. SIBERT.  
 Phone 283 - 8 S. Main Street.

**Stock-Taking Week.**

Christmas has come and gone, but the most disagreeable part of our year's work is now upon us, that of taking stock. We are obliged to do this for two reasons, one of which is, an insurance protection, and the other,

To Know Where We Are At.

A glance through our stores will prove to even a casual observer, that we are not overloaded on any particular line, but there are many items that we would like to

CONVERT INTO CASH,  
 as it is much easier to count money than goods, and we will be glad to

SWAP DOLLARS  
 on anything in our

Dry Goods, Clothing or Shoe Department during

Our Stock-Taking Period.

O'Donnell & Company