

WILSON FOX COMING.

REPRESENTATIVE OF IMPORT- ANT BODY TO BE HERE SOON.

National Rivers and Harbors Congress Will Send Director Fox to All Important Points Interested in Navigation—Will Address Meeting.

The following letter from Commissioner Watson, of the department of agriculture, commerce and immigration, will be read with interest by many citizens of Sumter and vicinity:

Dear Mr. Fox: Arrangements have been made at a conference between Mr. L. B. Doster, director for the South Atlantic seaboard of the National Rivers and Harbors Congress, Mr. Ansel and myself to have Hon. John A. Fox, of Arkansas, formerly a member of the United States Congress, who is the special director of the National Rivers and Harbors Congress, visit all the principal points in South Carolina interested in matters of navigation, both inland and coast.

There is nothing of more vital consequence to the commercial industries and agricultural interest of the State at this time when the opening of navigable streams and waterways and the active cooperation now being given by other sections of the United States and such work as can be done in the next six months may result in substantial provision for the pushing of navigation projects of greatest value.

Permit me to express the hope, however, that you will endeavor to secure a good attendance at your meeting and that your business interests be not neglected to give Mr. Fox every possible information bearing upon the subject of effecting your interests that it is possible to collect. Please be so good as to study the enclosed itinerary with a view to the arrival and departure of your trains and with consideration of the most successful point and time as early as possible as to when you will arrange for the meeting to be held. Please advise me as to the place of meeting.

Very truly yours, E. J. Watson, Commissioner.

NEW YORK AMERICAN TEAM MAY PLAY GAME HERE.

Secretary Reardon is trying to arrange for a series of games here between some of the big clubs—New York American's Reply.

Secretary Reardon is trying to get some good baseball for the summer this spring. He hopes to arrange exhibition games here between some of the big clubs that train in the winter every spring.

Dear Sir: Replying to your letter regarding the training quarters, we have already made arrangements with Atlanta. If I can see my way clear to play one exhibition game with your club will do so with pleasure, and will notify you in ample time.

Yours truly, A. M. Hahn, Secretary.

If these big games can be pulled off here, the many "fans" of the city will certainly appreciate them and Mr. Reardon is to be thanked for his interest in the matter.

BOYCE MENDENHALL DEAD.

Popular Traveling Salesman Passed Away in Charleston Friday Afternoon After Short Illness From Pneumonia.

The news of the rather sudden death of Boyce R. Mendenhall in Charleston Friday afternoon was a great shock to his many friends in Sumter, and will be received with extreme regret throughout the State. He was the most popular traveling man in South Carolina and the best salesman ever in the employ of Parke, Davis & Co., the drug firm, his annual sales in this State the past year totaling \$50,000, more than double the amount of business secured by any other man in the employ of this big concern.

The cause of Mr. Mendenhall's death was pneumonia and he was sick only a short time. The funeral will be held in Greenville, his home.

Cotton mills and banks in Greenville paid out \$300,000 in dividends. Mrs. Mary Hannis, of Spartanburg was fatally burned at the home of her son at Clifton on Wednesday.

CAMPAIGN GOSSIP.

Prospect of a Lively Contest in City Election—Probable Issues.

If the talk that goes on where men gather on the streets amounts to anything there will be something doing in a political way in Sumter county this year. The municipal election is the first political excitement on the program and the campaign will open in real earnest within a few weeks.

Various and sundry names have been mentioned in connection with the race for mayor and aldermen, but the candidates, if they have decided to enter the race, have been wary about making public announcement of their intentions. It may be accepted as a fact, however, that there will be no scarcity of candidates and there will be, as usual, plenty of good material from which to select a ticket.

The issues of the municipal campaign are, as yet, somewhat nebulous, but the signs of the times point to a strong fight being made for street improvement on an extensive scale while other candidates will tie their faith to municipal ownership of the city lighting plant when the present contract with the Sumter Ice, Light & Power Co. expires.

In the county campaign the talk is all of prospective candidates and not of issues, but there promises to be enough candidates to make good any deficiency of burning issues. The county officers will probably all have opposition while some of them will have to beat a whole squad of aspirants to hold on to what they have.

PUBLIC SALES TO-DAY.

Some Valuable Property Sold by Master Wilson at Public Auction, Sheriff Has Several Sales.

There was a good crowd in the attendance at the public sales today of Master Frank Wilson and Sheriff W. H. Epperson.

The following sales were made by the master:

Rosalie D. Moses vs Sarah Fannie Jenkins et al, Privateer township, tracts Nos. 1, 2, and 3, 1205 acres, bought by Lee & Moise, attorneys, for \$450. Tract No 4 245 acres, bought by M. H. Beck, for \$3,750.

Marion Moise vs Hattie A. Davis et al 3 roads, 37 1-2 poles, bought by I. C. Strauss, Attorney, for \$700.

Marion Moise vs Jas Spencer Troublefield 30 acres in Wedgefield, bought by Lee & Moise, attorneys, for \$100.

Rosalie D. Moses vs Sidney J. Bradley, 46 acres, bought by Lee & Moise, Attorneys, for \$100.

R. A. Chandler vs Fed Chandler, 25 acres, bought by Lee & Moise, attorneys, for \$25.

The following executor's sale was made:

Ell M. Cooper and Geo. G. Cooper, executors of the estate of Dr. J. W. Hudson, deceased, tract of land near town of Mayesville. Bought by R. J. Mayes, Jr., for \$2,551.

The sheriff made quite a number of sales of horses, vehicles and other like property, and it all sold for fair prices.

A negro who has evaded arrest for fifteen years was arrested by Sheriff Coleman, of Richland county, on Tuesday.

The prohibitionists of Unloin county will protest the recent election in that county in which the dispensary won.

A Higher Health Level. "I have reached a higher health level since I began using Dr. King's New Life Pills," writes Jacob Springer, of West Franklin, Maine.

Fire at Lamar on Tuesday night destroyed about 32 head of horses and mules and a large number of vehicles. Loss was about \$6,000.

REASON FOR PANIC.

FURRY CAUSED BY WITHDRAWAL OF DEPOSITS.

Cotton Has Ruled High And Value Of Crops Was A Record Breaker.

New York, Dec. 31.—The withdrawal of \$125,000,000 from a few large trust companies, precipitating a season of hoarding and sending currency to a premium at a time when it was most needed throughout the country is credited in R. G. Dun & Co.'s annual review of trade, published tomorrow, with having been one of the great factors in turning the year 1907 from its promise of new records in prosperity to a closing period of financial disturbance that caused many plans for future extensions of business to be either abandoned or postponed.

The review says in part. "Although in many cases the size of crops in 1907 fell below some preceding years, high prices made the return to the farmer much larger than ever before. To some extent short crops in other countries accounted for the high prices, notably in the case of wheat, for which foreigners were willing to pay more than a dollar per bushel during the closing months.

"Adding the value of cotton, meats, dairy products, poultry, eggs and all other items raised by the agriculturalist, this year's total attains the phenomenal value of \$7,400,000,000.

"Cotton has ruled at a high position throughout the year, while the latest statistics of the crop indicate a yield of 12,000,000 bales, or 10 per cent less than the high record established in the previous year. The old crop year ended on Aug. 31, with the largest total ever harvested, and with exports exceeding all other years, except 1905 as to quantity, while the high average export price of 10.7 cents per pound this year raised the total value \$70,000,000 above the previous high water mark established two years earlier when the average price was about 2 cents per pound lower.

"Conflicting influences united to produce a year in the dry goods market which has been without precedent for the volume of business done, but which has also been honeycombed with disappointments that reduced the average of what might otherwise be regarded as a most successful 12 months.

"Although hides broke to lower figures than had been reached before in about a decade, leather kept fairly steady throughout most of the year. The comparative steadiness of leather value has been due almost entirely to the curtailment of production.

"The year has been characterized as a period of retrenchment in the shoe trade, and prices have undergone a readjustment from the top rates that prevailed in 1906.

"Changes in the iron and steel industry during 1907 were more striking than elsewhere, particularly in respect to the volume of production. During the early part of the year there was a gradual increase in output, the weekly active capacity of blast furnaces constantly establishing new records until the high point was reached on July 1, with a total of 523,170 tons of pig iron per week.

"From this point a moderate decrease occurred until toward the end of the year it was estimated that not more than about 33 per cent of the entire iron and steel capacity was in operation. As to prices, moderate reductions occurred during the closing months, but no general change was made in list prices on standard shapes of steel."

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STATE FEDERATION OF WOMEN'S CLUBS STARTS.

An Important Work—Mrs. Beall, of This City, Head of Work in South Carolina.

A work of great importance has been begun in the State with the beginning in Sumter county; but we hope and feel that it will spread to the other counties. We refer to the war against tuberculosis which has been waged so successfully in other States and for which South Carolina up to this time has done nothing although she has one of the highest death rates. To understand what the work will be let us briefly outline what we hope to do in this State.

In October last there was a meeting of the directors of the South Carolina Federation of Women's Clubs in Columbia and at this meeting Mrs. McKissick, president of the federation, announced that Mrs. Decker, president of the General Federation of Women's Clubs in the United States, had created a new department of club work—that of the department of health. Mrs. Rufus P. Williams, of Massachusetts, is head of this department, and she with one woman from each State will constitute the health department of the General Federation of Women's Clubs of the United States.

Mrs. Beall, of Sumter, has been appointed head of the department in South Carolina, and she has divided the State into districts, corresponding to the judicial circuits, and appointed one woman head of each district. For this, the third judicial circuit, or as it will hereafter be known in this work, the Third District of the Department of Health, S. C. F. W. C., Mrs. Mitchell Levi has been appointed chairman. Mrs. Levi has appointed one woman in each of the five counties comprising her district to act as county chairmen, and Mrs. William Ingram is chairman for Sumter county.

PECULIAR BULLET WOUND.

Cartridge in Pocket Discharged by Blow From Stove Lifter, But Coin Saves Man's Life.

New York, Jan. 2.—Mrs. Josephine Comensky, 18 years old, of No. 11 Pearsall street, Long Island City, became angry last night with Caster Gussus, who boards with her and struck him in the side with an iron stove lifter. Immediately there was a loud report and Gussus fell to the floor screaming with pain.

The surgeon found that Mrs. Comensky's blow had exploded a cartridge that Gussus had carried in his pocket, and the bullet, striking against a 25 cent piece had driven the coin partly into his side. The hospital doctors cut out the coin and Gussus will recover. The coin undoubtedly saved the man's life.

Mrs. Comensky was not arrested, as Gussus corroborated her story of the accident.

Manning News Notes.

We have been informed that Magistrate A. P. Ragin at Pinewood has been waited upon by citizens and asked to resign his office, and that he has promised to do so.

Later: Last night the senator received notice from Gov. Ansel that Mr. Ragin has resigned, and requests a recommendation from the delegation for his successor.

Gov. Ansel has appointed J. H. Lesesne, Esq., magistrate at Manning to fill the unexpired term made vacant by the death of the late S. M. Youmans.

The many friends of Mr. W. H. Gaillard of Durant will be pained to learn that he was stricken with paralysis last Friday, and while not an extremely ill man, his condition is not assuring. Mr. Gaillard has not been well for several weeks, but this sudden attack was a sad surprise.

N. W. Hardin has been elected representative of Cherokee county to succeed the late W. F. McArthur.

The cotton mills in South Carolina have paid out large dividends the past year and are in prosperous conditions generally.

Gov. Ansel has removed the treasurer of Berkeley county.

All the laborers employed by the Virginia-Carolina and McArthur fertilizer companies in Charleston have gone out on a strike.

The young men of Winnsboro are organizing a military company.

At the headquarters of the Society of Friends, in London, were shown recently some manuscripts of great historic interests, among them being the Oliver Cromwell proclamation of liberty to many imprisoned for conscience sake, including John Bunyan, and the fine original manuscript of the journal of George Fox.

COTTON WAREHOUSE BURNED.

Seven Hundred Bales of Fleecy Staple Destroyed in Pickens.

Pickens, Jan. 3.—One warehouse at Catechee containing 700 bales of cotton, was burned last night. The loss was \$40,000, covered by insurance. The origin of the fire is unknown. The warehouse was the property of the Norris Cotton Mills.

Bad Stomach Trouble Cured. "Having been sick for the past two years with a bad stomach trouble, a friend gave me a dose of Chamberlain's Stomach and Liver Tablets. They did me so much good that I bought a bottle of them and have used twelve bottles in all. Today I am well of a bad stomach trouble.—Mrs. John Lowe, Cooper, Maine. These tablets are for sale by DeLorme's Pharmacy.

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