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NEW ADVERTISEMENTS.

Dr. J. H. Phillips—Improved Cotton Seed.

PERSONAL.

Mr. R. T. Bradford, of Summerton, was in the city Saturday.

Mr. J. C. McLeod, of Oswego, spent Saturday in the city.

Rev. William Haynsworth, of Princeton, was in the city Saturday.

Mr. John DuRant, of DuRant, was in the city Saturday.

Mr. W. D. Carson, of Dalsell, spent Saturday in the city.

Mr. J. C. Frierson, of Paxville, was in the city Saturday on business.

Mr. J. M. Woodley, of Dalsell, was in the city Saturday.

Mr. J. N. Robinson, of Oswego, was in the city Saturday.

Mr. K. Workman, of Salem, was in the city today.

Mr. W. D. Scarborough, of Dalsell, was in the city today.

Mr. M. M. Sanders has returned from Sumter, N. C., accompanied by his wife, Mrs. Ada Allen.

Miss Fannie Ergle and children returned from a visit to New York.

Miss Marion Moore of Stateburg, was in the city.

Mr. C. C. Brown and Mr. J. McFarland went on Monday for Flagler's boat hunt.

Miss Varnie Simpson returned to her home at Charlotte Saturday, after a pleasant visit to her uncle, Mr. C. L. Simpson.

Miss Crome, wife and two children of Winston-Salem, N. C., have been visiting Mr. and Mrs. I. C. Crome.

Miss Nevada Wall, who has been visiting relatives near here, has returned to her home in Marion.

Mr. J. R. Foster and Joe Foster, of Newberry, were in the city yesterday on their way to Mexico.

Mr. A. B. Jackson has returned from a visit to his home in Statesburg, N. C.

Mr. S. J. Beck and daughter, Miss Isabel Allen, of Augusta, Ga., are visiting Messrs. C. C. and M. H. Beck.

Mr. Eli Jackson, after spending several days in the city with Mrs. C. W. Jackson, has returned to her home in Sumter.

Miss Maud Wright and Myrtle Wright had returned from a pleasant visit to Cartersville.

Mr. Joel I. Allen, of Dillon, is in the city a few days.

Miss Gertrude Parkus, of Albany, is visiting Mrs. J. M. Harby.

Miss Marion Myers and L. J. Myers spent the Christmas holidays in Florida.

Miss Louise Murray returned to Washington College Thursday afternoon.

Mr. Laura Schneider, who has been visiting her father, Dr. J. A. Schneider, for several months, left for New York Monday.

Col. J. L. Alnutt has gone to Charleston on a business trip.

Miss Annie Anderson, of Mayesville, who has been visiting in the city, returned home Monday night.

Mr. Frank Hill, who has been living at St. Charles for the past four years, has returned to the city and has a position with B. J. Barnett.

Miss Fannie Eytzenberg returned home this morning after a stay of four months in New York.

Miss Theo Thomas is in Camden on professional business.

Mr. W. L. Heaner, of Orangeburg, has been visiting his sister, Mrs. T. E. White, on his way to the Medical College of South Carolina, in Charleston.

Mr. Marion Antley, of Cameron, is spending a few days with Mr. J. D. Oliver.

Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Palmer, of Charleston, arrived in the city Monday night from Schenectady, N. Y., where they were married on Christmas day. They will make Sumter their home, Mr. Palmer having associated himself with the firm of Lee & McLellan.

The alarm of fire Thursday night was caused by a small blaze outside of the city limits.

Who will make the next move to secure a street railway franchise in Sumter? It seems to be up to somebody now.

Cotton receipts on the local market have been very light of late and it is reported that much cotton that generally comes to this market is being held by the farmers.

All of the college girls and boys have left the city for their respective institutions and their presence will be missed. They will not be seen again until the delightfully hot June weather comes upon us.

MARRIED.

At the parsonage of the First Baptist church, on Saturday afternoon at 5 o'clock, Mr. H. O. Bradham and Miss C. Hodge.

At the parsonage of the First Baptist church on Sunday afternoon at 5 o'clock, Mr. Henry Webb and Miss Mamie Bradham.

SHANNON-GUNTHER.

On Jan. 1, at 3.30 o'clock, Miss Jeannie Stoner Shannon, of Camden, and Mr. Guy Gunter, of Sumter, were quietly married at the home of the bride in Camden. The many friends of the young people congratulated them and wish them all happiness.

McINTOSH-BRUNSON.

Lynchburg, Jan. 3.—The Methodist church of Lynchburg was the scene of a charming matrimonial display on the evening of Jan. 1st. The contracting parties were Miss Annie Louisa McIntosh, the youngest daughter of Mr. J. F. McIntosh, Sr., of our town, and Prof. Harry Alexander Brunson, principal of the Batesburg graded school. Promptly at 6 o'clock to the strains of Mendelssohn's wedding march the ushers, Mr. Thomas H. Miller and Mr. J. Ernest McFadden, marched down the left aisle followed by the attendants, Mr. William Ernest McIntosh and Miss Annie E. Griffin, Mr. Herbert E. Brunson and Miss Annie O. Keels. The groom came in on the arm of his brother, Mr. Peter Brunson, and the bride on the arm of her sister, Miss Martha Lizzie McIntosh.

After a beautiful ceremony excellently rendered by the Rev. S. O. Canteley, the bridal party were driven to the home of the father of the bride. Mr. and Mrs. Brunson left on the 9 o'clock train for Batesburg, their future home.

The bride was beautifully gowned in white liberty satin with veil artistically caught with lilies of the valley and carrying a shower bouquet of white carnations and asparagus plumosus. The maid of honor, Miss Martha Lizzie McIntosh, wore a handsome gown of white crepe de chine with real lace and carried a bouquet of pink carnations and ferns. The bridesmaids, Misses Annie E. Griffin and Annie O. Keels, were charmingly and becomingly attired in white, Miss Griffin wearing a gown of white silk elaborately trimmed in princess lace and Miss Keels wearing a white point de'sprit over white tulle, each carrying bouquets of pink carnations and ferns.

The bride's traveling costume was a handsome coat suit of Yale blue chiffon broadcloth with hat and gloves to match.

DEATH.

Mrs. J. S. Cunningham died at her home at Indiantown, Williamsburg county, Wednesday after an illness of some months. The deceased was the mother of Messrs J. H. Cunningham, of this city, and D. W. Cunningham, of Darlington, and the sister of Messrs. D. J. and J. H. Chandler, of this city. She is survived by her husband, Dr. J. S. Cunningham, of Indiantown.

The many friends and acquaintances of Mrs. Cunningham, and of her relatives here, will be pained, to learn of her death.

A big deal has been put through within the past few days in Broad street real estate. A tract of sixty acres abutting on Broad street was sold by Mr. W. M. Graham to a Columbia real estate man for \$350 an acre.

The books of registration for the municipal election will be opened within the next fifteen days. It is thought that the total number of voters to be registered will be fully twenty per cent greater than two years ago.

George Spivens is still in jail here, but he and his numerous friends hope to have his release secured in the near future. He was remembered by many people on Christmas day, who sent him good things to eat and to cheer him up in his confinement.

Rev. E. O. Watson is scheduled to deliver an address in this city on prohibition in the near future. He will speak under the auspices of the Sumter County Prohibition League. Rev. Jno. A. Erunsen, of Elloree, will also speak here on the same subject at a later date.

People from far-away points, who have travelled much and seen many handsome public buildings, are continuously complimenting Sumter county's beautiful court house. One gentleman says it is one of the finest county court houses to be found in any State of the Union.

The man-hole for the sewerage system at the corner of North Main street and Hampton avenue has been completed and the many persons who like to watch the building of these man-holes will have to wait until another one is reached, which will not be long. The work on these man-holes is extra good work, the masonry being as good as any to be found anywhere.

WAS IT A. N. FREELAND?

DID SUMTER MAN COMMIT SUICIDE AT LITTLE MOUNTAIN?

Engineer Graham, of C. N. & L. Railroad, Says That Unknown Man Who Took Poison Was Freeland, of Sumter.

Little Mountain, Jan. 6.—The stranger who committed suicide by drinking poison here last Friday night was buried in the cemetery this evening at 5 o'clock.

All possible efforts were made to establish his identity, but to no avail until about an hour after his burial. Engineer Graham of the Columbia, Newberry & Laurens railroad gave very nearly an exact description of the deceased, whom he said was A. N. Freeland, of Sumter, and had at one time been connected with the Atlantic Coast Line railroad. Mr. Graham stated that he saw Mr. Freeland about 10 miles north of here on Friday morning last sitting by the railroad track and feels almost certain that this is the same man.

Magistrate B. B. Davis, in the absence of the coroner, came at once, empaneled a jury and held the inquest. The result of the inquest was that the deceased came to his death by poison administered by his own hand.

Certain parties suspected him of being a Dr. Johnson from Salley's, S. C., but no answer has been received from an inquiry made at that place by wire.

The inquest brought out the additional facts that he had five gold filled teeth—two jaw teeth on each side and a gold-crowned incisor; that he stood about five feet eleven inches, and that his laundry bore the mark of "V. J."

Inquiry this morning could not clear up the above statement and it does not appear that the identity of Freeland has been established. His family here knew nothing more than what appears above, and until the body is exhumed and positively identified, the truth will never be positively known from present indications.

MR. R. L. COOPER ILL.

Stricken With Paralysis Sunday Morning and Has Not Regained Consciousness.

Mr. R. L. Cooper, the oldest member of the Sumter bar, was stricken with paralysis Sunday morning, the entire right side being affected, and he has been unconscious ever since. His condition is very grave and it is feared that there is but faint ground to hope for his recovery, although there having been no perceptible change for the worse since he was stricken.

A Prohibition Lecture.

Rev. E. O. Watson will deliver an address in the court house on Thursday, Jan. 16, under the auspices of the Sumter County Prohibition League. Other addresses will be delivered in the near future.

THE MUNICIPAL LEAGUE.

No Meeting to Organize Thursday Night Because There Were Only Three Persons in Attendance.

Thursday night was the date for the meeting to be held to organize the municipal league. The time was set for 8 o'clock and the place was the court house. It would not be hard to give the names of those present, for there were only three, Messrs. J. L. Albitt, Geo. E. Brown and G. M. Zeigler. Clerk of Court L. I. Parrott was on hand to open the court room and an Item man was there to report the proceedings.

Between 8.30 and 9 o'clock, after sometime spent in social intercourse between the above parties, in the hall of the court house, the "crowd" dispersed. It is said that another meeting will be called in the near future.

Attention is invited to the advertisement of O'Donnell & Co. Have you learned to write it 1908 yet?

The new school building is rapidly nearing completion and is expected to be ready for occupancy by the middle of the month.

The general assembly will meet on next Tuesday, Jan. 14, and the lawmakers from Sumter are probably busy preparing new bills to be presented at the coming session.

The agitation now in regard to the proposed repeal of the lien law is getting to be somewhat warm and there are many arguments being put forth both pro and con.

The organization of a new building and loan association is the best possible assurance that there will be no halt in the building of homes and the growth of Sumter. The local building and loan associations have contributed more within the past twenty years toward the growth of this town than any other single thing.

ENGINEER LYON REPORTS.

As to the Progress of the Work on the Sewerage System—Four-fifths of the Deep Work Completed.

The Sewerage Commission.

Gentlemen: I am pleased to state that we have constructed 4-5 of our deep work (14 to 18 feet) on the Turkey creek system. In connection with this work we have constructed one mile of pipe line, average depth of eight feet, and one mile average depth of six feet, with 15 man-holes, average depth of eight feet.

The work has been done for \$1,000 less than the lowest contract bid. Considering that it takes time to organize, that our labor was new to the business, and that for the first six weeks we only worked a small force of hands, I think we have every assurance that the balance of the system can be constructed at a saving from lowest contract prices.

Yours very truly, (Signed) W. W. Lyon, Consulting Engineer.

Bank of Sumter Statement.

The bank of Sumter today publishes a special statement showing the condition of the bank at the close of business Dec. 31st. Comparison with the statement of Dec. 31st, 1906, shows that the loans are \$6,000 greater now than then, the overdrafts \$1,000 less, cash on hand \$32,000 less, undivided profits \$5,800 greater, unpaid dividends the same, bills payable \$30,000 less and the deposits only \$8,000 less. These figures prove that the bank is not only in a healthy condition, but that the year has been a profitable one and one of growth for the bank.

It will be necessary to have an inspector of plumbing when the time comes to make connections with the sewerage system, as it is important that this work be properly done as a matter of protection to the health of the public. Unless the house connections are made in a sanitary manner the system of sewerage will be of little benefit.

The effort to collect a special license tax on dogs resulted in fiasco and only a comparatively small number of dog owners paid the tax, but there is no reason why the dog tax levied by the State should not be collected. There are certainly more than a thousand dogs, probably twice that many, in this city and if a systematic effort was made every one of them could be put on the tax books. A dog census should be taken this year.

MILLS AND MARKETS.

New York Commercial Thinks That Banks Will Have Big Reserve Account in About Four Weeks—Situation is Normal.

Expectations of a favorite bank statement were realized on Saturday and Wall street welcomed an improvement which means that the banks are approaching the level usually considered normal. The statement was by far the most satisfactory since the first deficit was returned in early October and few had hoped for a more favorable return. Reserves increased \$8,350,175, making a total gain in reserves of more than \$22,000,000 in the last four weeks, and cut that amount from the great deficit of \$54,103,600 returned on November 23d.

This formidable reduction came about by reason of a gain of \$6,507,200 in cash and a contraction of \$9,581,000 in loans. Deposits decreased about \$2,000,000 under the decrease in loans and circulation increased \$1,661,700. Now that the banks have cut down the shortage by nearly one-half and the season is approaching when it is customary for them to augment reserves, the outlook is very promising, and leading financiers advance the opinion that within four weeks the banks will hold in their vaults reserves much in excess of the amount required by law. The gain in cash is the largest since mid-summer and represents the deposit of hoarded money and the re-depositing of money paid out in the preceding week to the government loans.

As yet the interior has done nothing to relieve the situation in New York and the enormous shipments of currency to the inland banks are not being returned with any great degree of rapidity. It is not believed that the interior will ship currency to this center until the premium disappears. During last week there was at all times a demand for currency and rates held around 1 per cent. Most of this, however, was for State banks and trust companies which wished to replenish their holdings in anticipation of a call by the State banking department for their conditions. Now that this call has been made, the demand for currency may diminish, and as the large corporations have ceased buying currency for pay roll purposes, the premium is expected to disappear soon. Christmas shopping has brought enormous sums of currency into circulation which will tend to relieve the stringency, and as the importation of

gold continues and has now reached an amount in excess of \$110,000,000, the banks are expected to be on a sound basis early next year.

The gain in reserves was due largely to the decrease on outstanding loans, this item having decreased more than \$33,000,000 in the last four weeks. With the decrease in loans there was a decrease in deposits of \$7,371,900, which cut down the excess of loans over deposits by \$2,220,200 to \$105,925,800. This excess compares with one of \$5,534,500 last year.

NORTH AUGUSTA DISPENSARY.

Said to be Defeating the Georgia Prohibition Law—Resolutions Prepared by City Council to be Presented to Legislature.

Augusta, Ga., Jan. 6.—Finding it impossible to kill the North Augusta dispensary by putting a toll on the bridge connecting Augusta with North Augusta, city council tonight decided by strong resolutions to take the matter up direct with the South Carolina legislature. Three committeemen and the mayor will appear before the legislature. The resolutions adopted follow:

"Whereas, the State of Georgia has enacted a prohibition law, prohibiting the sale of liquor within the confines of the said State; and

"Whereas, the city of Augusta is a municipal corporation within the said State of Georgia, and by virtue of said law in the territory covered by the said city of Augusta the sale of liquor is prohibited; and

"Whereas, the State of South Carolina, an adjoining State to the State of Georgia, has enacted a local option dispensary system, whereby each county is allowed the option of deciding whether dispensaries shall be established within its territory; and

"Whereas the county of Aiken, in the State of South Carolina, is separated from the State of Georgia by the Savannah river at Augusta; and

"Whereas, the county board of dispensers of the county of Aiken has seen fit, under the power given them under the recent local option dispensary act of the State of South Carolina, known as the Carey-Cothran act, to establish a dispensary at the foot of the bridge located only a few hundred yards from the city of Augusta; and

"Whereas, the location of said dispensary and the selling of liquor without restriction at said point is absolutely destructive of the effect to be obtained by the prohibition law of the State of Georgia; and

"Whereas, the State of South Carolina and the State of Georgia have ever acted in unison for the common good of each other; and

"Whereas, the establishment of a dispensary at this point tends to nullify, if not absolutely destroy, the intention of the prohibition law of Georgia; be it

"Resolved that the city council of

Augusta do have addressed to the legislature of South Carolina a memorial setting forth the preambles herein contained, and petitioning that honorable body for the reasons hereinbefore set forth, to so amend the law now in operation in that State as to not destroy completely the desire of the people of Georgia, as evinced by the overwhelming majority of its chosen representatives, that the sale of liquor should be forever prohibited in its confines, and to sent to the legislature of South Carolina a committee from this body to present that memorial and to urge that the State of South Carolina grant to this municipality relief from what will apparently be a condition of unmixed evil."

FAVOR LARGER PENSIONS.

Spartanburg Veterans Pass Resolution at Largely Attended Meeting.

Spartanburg, Jan. 6.—At a largely attended meeting of Confederate veterans, held here today, a resolution was passed calling on the State legislature to raise the appropriation for pensions from \$250,000 to \$600,000. The veterans also urged their representatives in congress to support the bill introduced by Congressman Hobson to aid the Confederates.

She was the pride of the country 'round,

Envi'd by other girls was she; In beauty and health she did abound By taking Rocky Mountain Tea. —Sibert's Drug Store.

Hot Supper at Greenland School House

Miss Eunice Osteen will give a hot supper at the Greenland Savannah school house, on Wednesday night, Jan. 15, for the benefit of the Reid school. The public is cordially invited to attend.

Treasurer Epps, of Spartanburg, has received from the Southern Railway company checks amounting to \$14,118.94 in payment of the company's taxes to the county of Spartanburg for the year just ended. The Southern is one of the largest tax payers in the county, having about 65 miles of track in the county.

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