

The Watchman and Southern.

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NEW ADVERTISEMENTS.

Carolina Furniture Co.—Easter Sale
O'Donnell & Co.—Easter Novelties.
A. C. Dupont—Reaper and Binder For Sale.

The D. J. Chandler Clothing Co.—Hart Schaffner and Marx Clothes.

MARRIED.

On Sunday at 3:30 p. m. Mr. Dutton and Miss Eliza Horn were united in marriage at the bride's home on Bradford street. Rev. F. M. Satterwhite officiating.

DEATH.

Mrs. Maggie Lou Oliver, wife of Mr. J. D. Oliver died at her home on Myrtle street this city Monday morning 1 o'clock, after the illness of only a few hours. She is survived by her husband and two little girls, one an infant less than a day old. Mrs. Oliver was the daughter of Mr. Eli Jackson, of Orangeburg county and a sister of Mrs. C. W. McGrew of this city. The remains were taken to Cameron this morning and the interment was made in the cemetery at that place at 4 o'clock this afternoon.

Mrs. T. Scott DuBose, of Mechanicville, died on Thursday, April 2nd, and was buried on Friday.

Mrs. J. S. Tisdale, of Lucknow, died on Friday, April 3rd, and the funeral was held on Saturday.

Mr. Peter Mellett died at his home in Wedgefield last night. Mr. Mellett was about sixty-seven years old and was one of the best known and most popular men of his section. He was generally regarded as one of the most skillful, progressive and successful farmers in this section of the State, and was for many years the manager of the Aycock farms at Wedgefield which have a reputation that is state wide.

The burial services will be held at the Oak burying ground at 11 o'clock tomorrow, Thursday morning.

COURT PROCEEDINGS.

The business of the Court of General Sessions has been practically concluded. All cases that could be reached at this term, save one, having been disposed of. The case of the State vs. Simon Dingle is still on the docket for this term, but his attorney informed the court that Dingle would plead guilty, and the case was passed over yesterday and the court of common pleas was opened.

The following cases have been disposed of:

The State vs. Frank Wright, larceny of live stock. Not guilty.

The State vs. Alex Ludd, burglary and larceny. Guilty. Sentence of six years on the chain gang.

The State vs. Horace Mack and Nelson Clarkson, housebreaking and larceny. Guilty. Notice of motion for new trial.

The State vs. Shadrack Nathaniel, grand larceny. Guilty. Sentenced to five years on chain gang.

The State vs. Abram Davis, housebreaking and larceny. On trial.

Ed Trimal, white, who was convicted yesterday on the charge of petit larceny, was sentenced to thirty days on the chain gang.

The grand jury handed in a true bill against Missy DeChamps and Dillon Cooper, charged with assault and battery of a high and aggravated nature. This case was continued and the defendants admitted to bail.

The State vs. John Murray, violation of the dispensary law. Plea of guilty entered. Sentence, four months on chain gang or \$100 fine. The fine was paid.

The State vs. Mack York, forgery. The defendant failed to answer called and a motion was made that an order be issued to estreat York's bond. The Spivens case which has been on trial since Thursday afternoon, was given to the jury this morning. A verdict of acquittal was rendered in about twenty minutes.

The State vs. Joe Colclough, assault and battery with intent to kill. Not guilty.

The State vs. Sam Davis, violation of the dispensary law. Mistrial. The jury was out last night until 10 o'clock, but it was impossible to agree on a verdict.

A motion for a new trial in the case of Jim Davis the boy convicted several days ago of manslaughter, was argued and refused. Davis was sentenced to two years in the State Reformatory.

Horace Mack and Nelson Clarkson, convicted of housebreaking and larceny, were denied a new trial and were sentenced to two years on the chain gang.

Base Ball Friday.

The Sumter High School expects to put a stronger team on the field Friday and are hoping to defeat Summerton. Tickets can be bought from members of the team. This is done to defray the expenses of the visiting team. Come out Friday and witness a good game.

LOCAL NEWS PARAGRAPHS.

What threatened to be a very serious and costly fire broke out Wednesday about 11 o'clock in one of the dry kilns at the C. M. Betts lumber mill at New Sumpter. Only the excellent system of waterworks maintained by the company prevented a disastrous conflagration that would have, in all probability, destroyed the entire plant. By a hard fight the fire originated, and the damage was not very great. The boiler room roof caught several times, but was quickly extinguished each time. The loss, which is estimated to be about \$3,500, is covered by a general insurance policy.

The loss sustained by the C. M. Betts Lumber Co. by the fire Wednesday was in the neighborhood of \$20,000. The incidental loss in consequence of the interruption of work and delay in shipment of lumber to fill orders will be quite large in addition to the actual loss.

County Supervisor Seale is carrying his right arm in a sling, his right wrist having been broken by a fall from his horse Saturday. His horse fell into a hole in the rear of the court house and horse and rider both got a severe fall. Only one of the bones of the wrist was broken and the recovery will probably be rapid.

The county board of commissioners held a regular meeting Wednesday for the transaction of routine business. The usual number of claims and accounts were audited and ordered paid. No business of any special importance came up for consideration.

The cement pavements around the court house and on Main and Canal streets around the square is being taken up and new pavements will be put down. The work was done by the McKenzie-DeLeon Co., and a first class job guaranteed. The work was unsatisfactory and the county board of commissioners refused payment. The McKenzie-DeLeon Co. admitting the justness of the position of the board have agreed to take up all of the imperfect pavement and replace it. They have sent an experienced concrete worker to superintend the job and when the new pavements are completed the county will have a first class job.

Dr. Ernest Carson, of this city, who has been taking social courses at Mt. Sinai Hospital, N. Y. city, has received an appointment as a member of the house staff of the hospital. There were 12 vacancies and there were 73 applicants, who stood a competitive examination. Dr. Carson stood second on the list and received the appointment.

The Jackson Hotel has changed hands, R. D. Crawley & Co., of Charleston, S. C., having purchased the lease of Mr. A. J. Moses, Jr., on the hotel.

The recent cold spell killed the first crop of figs in this section. Some few, in protected places, may have escaped.

There will be a special communication of Beulah Chapter No 25 R. A. M. Thursday evening beginning at 8.30, for the purpose of conferring degrees on a class of 45. All degrees will be worked and the session will be a lengthy one. Supper will be served at midnight. Several of the officials of the Grand Lodge will be present and an interesting meeting is anticipated.

Dr. Geo. B. Comer, of Newberry accepted the invitation extended him by the Daughters of the Confederacy to deliver the address on Memorial Day. Dr. Comer is one of the ablest and most eloquent public speakers in this State and his address will be looked forward to with pleasant anticipation by the people of Sumter. The Daughters of the Confederacy made a happy selection and were fortunate in securing an acceptance from Dr. Comer as he is in great demand for this occasion.

Recorder Hurst had several cases of minor importance before him this morning. One negro who created a rough house at a church interment last night failed to appear for trial and forfeited his cash bond of \$15.

The D. J. Chandler Clothing Co., the old reliable clothiers and men's outfitters, have a special Easter advertisement today that is timely and interesting. Read it and go to the store and see for yourself.

Easter shoppers will find a wealth of novelties as well as an immense stock of staple and seasonable goods at O'Donnell & Co's store.

It is stated on what is believed to be reliable authority that Mr. Peter M. Pitts may enter the race for county supervisor. Mr. Pitts is a successful and progressive farmer and is popular in all sections of the county. Even a poet will stumble unless he is sure-footed.

PROCEEDINGS OF COURT.

Robert Heffner, White, Convicted of Breach of Trust—Presentment. of Grand Jury.

When court adjourned for dinner Wednesday the trial of Abram Davis, for housebreaking and larceny was in progress. The trial was concluded in the afternoon. A verdict of not guilty being rendered.

Samuel McRae entered a plea of guilty to the charge of common law burglary and larceny. The plea was submitted to a jury and McRae was recommended to the mercy of the court. The sentence was five years and two months at hard labor on the chain gang.

The next case was the State vs. Robert E. Heffner, breach of trust with fraudulent intent. Heffner was convicted, but his counsel gave notice of a motion for a new trial. Heffner is the white man who obtained a suit of clothes and other goods from Stubbs Bros. under false pretences and left the city and was subsequently arrested in High Point, N. C., and brought back to the city upon requisition of Gov. Ansel.

James Davis, the negro boy who killed another negro boy about his own age in Concord township several weeks ago, was placed on trial for murder today. He entered a plea of not guilty, claiming that the killing was an accident. The remarkable part of the defense was the claim that the gun was discharged without having a percussion cap on the tube. Davis swore positively that he had removed the cap from the gun shortly before it was accidentally discharged. Several expert witnesses were put on the stand to prove that it is possible under certain conditions for a muzzle loading gun to be discharged without a cap being on the tube. The arguments were concluded before the recess for dinner. Solicitor Wells appeared for the State and H. C. Haynsworth conducted the defense. A verdict of guilty was found by the jury.

The grand jury handed in true bills against Toney Moses and Daphne McDaniel, charged with the murder of Policeman W. A. Clyde. Moses has not been apprehended, but the woman is in jail. The case was continued.

A true bill was also found in the case of the State vs. Daniel J. Gillis, assault and battery with intent to kill and carrying concealed weapons. The case was continued.

The grand jury made its final presentment and was discharged for the term.

Presentment of Grand Jury.

To His Honor, Chas. G. Dantler, Presiding Judge:

We, the grand jury for said county, beg to submit this our first present-

ment.

We have examined into and returned all bills given us by the solicitor. We have, through our several committees, visited the various county offices, chain gang, alms house, jail and dispensaries and we make the following report in reference thereto:

Master's Office—We find the books neatly and intelligently kept.

Judge of Probate—Same is neatly kept; we note that the indexes for this office as recommended by previous grand jury have not been furnished. We recommend that the county board furnish same.

Auditor's Office—Office and books are neatly kept.

Treasurer's Office—Books and surroundings very neat.

Sheriff's Office—Books are neatly kept; we note the custom of the attorneys in waiting until the court is in session before filing with the sheriff subpoena writs for witnesses, causing extra expense by delays, &c. We submit the matter to the consideration of the court.

Clerk's Office—We find the office equipment and general surroundings in perfect condition, in fact, a model office.

Alms House—We find everything pertaining to the farm and quarters for the inmates in good condition and no complaint heard from any source.

We find 18 inmates. There are two blind males and three idiotic females who need special attention, and we recommend that the superintendent be empowered to employ additional help when necessary in caring for these special cases.

Jail—We find the county jail quite clean and the sanitary conditions appear to be satisfactory. We recommend the repairing of doors in the dwelling portion, repairing of fence, and four additional bunks in the jail.

Dispensaries—We find that the dispensaries are being conducted in conformity with the law as to hours, but a strict conformity with the law in reference to securing signatures to requisit blanks is not always enforced.

Chain gang—We find the chain gang in a satisfactory condition as to health and humane treatment, with general conditions very good.

We recommend that the county supervisor be empowered to employ competent road overseers, whose duty it shall be to warn out hands and superintend the work done on the roads that he, the supervisor, may indicate, and have general supervision of the roads at all times, particularly in reference to the plowing into the public roads by citizens. Said road overseers to be under the direct control and supervision of the county supervisor.

We note with a great deal of pleasure the cleanly condition in

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which our new Court House is kept. Thanks to the clerk of court, the custodian of the building.

We have the annual report of the county supervisor before us, and will, during the year, make a more extended examination of the same.

We beg to thank your honor and all court officers for all courtesies shown us during this term.

All of which is respectfully submitted. R. F. Haynsworth, Foreman.

GREAT FURNITURE SALE.

Carolina Furniture Co., Place immense Stock on Market at Cut Rates.

The Carolina Furniture Company is forging to the front as the leader in their line of business in Sumter but their growth has been so steady and unobtrusive that few people realize the magnitude of the business nor the extent and variety of the stock of furniture and house furnishing goods that fills to overflowing the two large stores on South Main street. They have now a large line of customers but they want everybody in Sumter

county to know their store and to take advantage of the close prices they make on furniture. For the purpose of introducing themselves to new customers they have decided to cut out the profit on all lines for one week and will inaugurate a great cut price sale lasting one week. This is the greatest opportunity ever offered Sumter people to obtain furniture at reduced prices. Read the advertisement and note a few of the Easter sale prices.

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