

The Watchman and Southron.

WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 30, 1908.

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NEW ADVERTISEMENTS.

The Bank of Sumter—A Prize Contest.
The Farmers' Bank & Trust Co.—Begin the New Year.
Schwartz Bros.—Cost Sale.
O'Donnell & Co.—Happy New Year.
Booth Live Stock Co.—Notice.
Sumter Brick Works—Early King Cotton Seed.

PERSONAL.

Miss Martha Gourdin is visiting Mrs. Ross Jenkins.
Misses Maggie and Jessie Belle Ratcliffe, of Lucknow, are spending the holidays with their uncle, Mr. W. T. Hall, on Salem Ave.
Miss Alice Stokes, of Lucknow, is visiting Miss Eva Hall, on Salem Ave.
Master Ben Hodges, of Topsheld, Mass., is visiting relatives in the city.
Messrs. C. C. Smith and Julius Smith have gone to Charleston to spend the holidays with relatives.
Miss Ester Gentry is at home spending the holidays.
Miss Edna Epperson who is attending school at Wilmington, Del., is at home spending the holidays with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Geo. F. Epperson.
Mr. Law R. Hoyt of Jacksonville is in the city spending the holidays with his parents.
Mr. William Haynsworth is at home from the University of South Carolina, to spend the holidays.
Mr. Herbet Bell is at home from Clemson to spend the holidays.
Cadet Charles Yates, of the South Carolina Military Academy, is at home for the holiday season.
Mr. Hubert Green, of the University of South Carolina, is at home.
Mr. I. Harby Moses of Charlotte, has come home to spend the holidays.
Miss Marguerite (former) has gone to Newberry to spend the holidays with her parents.
Misses Elizabeth Satterwhite, Louise Yeason, Abbie Bryan, Irene Livan, Louise Carson Oretus Pitts, Sarah Mellett, Lucile Randle, Viva Rando, Louise Murray and Essie Murray who are attending Winthrop College are at home for the holidays.
Misses Octavie Schwerin and Frankie Lesene are at home from Winthrop College.
Miss Emma Bruner has gone to her home in Orangeburg to spend a few days.
Mr. C. Wilbur Cook spent the holidays at Batesburg and Greenville with friends and relatives.
Miss Lela Stubbs, of Tampa, Fla., is visiting the family of S. W. Stubbs.
Mr. Nelson Brunson of Orangeburg, spent Saturday in the city.
Miss Ines McCullough, of Darlington, is visiting Mrs. C. P. Osteen.
Mr. T. S. Rogan, of Summerton, was in the city Monday on business.
Mr. Ernest Grant and the Misses Whitney, of Wilmington, N. C., are the guests of Mr. and Mrs. Lucius LeGrand.
Miss Davis is visiting at Dr. S. C. Baker's.
Miss Hodges, of Topsheld, Mass., is visiting Mr. and Mrs. Mark Reynolds.
Mr. S. W. Raffield, of Salem, was in the city Monday.
Miss Emma Baker is at home from college for the holidays.
Mr. and Mrs. L. J. Markey are spending awhile with Mr. Markey's parents at Clio, S. C.
Miss Anna Smith spent the week end in Columbia with friends and relatives.
Miss Eloise Fagan and Miss Katie McKiever went to Charleston to visit friends and relatives.
Miss Belle Brinkley returned Monday night from St. Charles.
Miss Percha McCullough, of Flat Rock, is visiting Misses Mabel and Edna Randle on Harby avenue.
Mrs. D. P. Kelly is visiting relatives at Flat Rock, N. C.
Mr. and Mrs. C. W. McGraw have returned from a short visit to relatives in Orangeburg county.
Mr. C. D. Majowski, of Palm Beach, Fla., and Misses Sadie and Lena Young, of Georgetown, S. C., are spending the holidays with Mrs. Ligon Allen, on Magnolia street.
Mr. and Mrs. R. H. Mason, of Greenville, Texas, are at home for the holidays with their parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. Y. Mason.
Mrs. F. W. Werhan and children, of Florence, are at home with their parents for the holidays.
Mr. Jim Kennedy and Mr. J. William Cox went to Columbia Tuesday.
Misses Bertha Bultman, Ollie Delgar and Emma Bruner have returned from Orangeburg, where they spent Christmas.

LOCAL PARAGRAPHS.

Prof. W. S. Schumacher is at present engaged in the organization of a symphony orchestra, which will be composed of from twenty-five to thirty musicians. In the orchestra will be all of his pupils, the cornetists, saxophone and reed instrument players of the band, and a cellist and a harp player from Columbia. This is the most difficult work yet undertaken by Prof. Schumacher, but with the number and efficiency of the musicians that he has to draw from, he expects a very successful realization of his present plans. About the middle of March he expects to give his first concert for the benefit of the band.
After February 1st the Opera House will be less like a cold storage warehouse than heretofore.
The item carriers who are all school boys were more anxious for two days holiday than any other members of the force.
Schwartz Bros' advertisement today is a real substantial Xmas present to the ladies of Sumter and it is one that will be appreciated. The announcement of a cost sale immediately after Christmas, when everybody will have time to shop, will be a pleasant surprise that to the grown folks will be the equivalent of Santa Claus' visit to the children.
The residence of Mrs. E. A. Cuttino, No. 306 South Sumter St. was entered by a burglar Christmas night and a pocketbook containing \$11, a razor and a bunch of keys were stolen from the room of Mr. T. Connors Cuttino.
Supervisor W. H. Seale will turn over the office to his successor, Mr. P. M. Pitts, Tuesday, January 4th, on which date the regular annual meeting of the county board of commissioners will be held. Supervisor-elect Pitts has already moved in from his farm and is occupying the house of Dr. Haakell Durant on West Hampton avenue.
The dwelling house of Sam McClarey, colored, situated about two and a half miles northwest of this city, was burned Christmas evening about dark. McClarey saved very little of his furniture and household effects.
The following party left on Sunday night for Oxford, N. C., to attend the marriage of Mr. Alston J. Stubbs and Miss Louise Buchanan, which was celebrated at 10.30 a. m. Tuesday: Mr. and Mrs. C. E. Stubbs, Mr. and Mrs. C. L. Stubbs, Messrs. C. Elvin Stubbs, W. T. Rowland, John Rowland, of this city, Lew R. Hoyt, of Jacksonville, Fla., and W. J. Peterkin of Fort Motte.
City Treasurer Hurst is writing many tax receipts now, as the rush is on.
If the big fire gives Sumter a new street it will have done some good after all.
Dr. D. R. McCallum, while out automobile riding Christmas afternoon with his son, Mr. J. L. McCallum, was thrown from his seat by a sudden lurch as the machine turned a corner and sustained injuries that kept him in bed for two days.
In the schedule of the fire loss published yesterday no mention was made of the loss of Mr. McLellan, of the firm of Lee & McLellan, whose office was burned. Mr. McLellan lost quite heavily, as his instruments, books, papers and a number of valuable plates were destroyed.

NEW STREET PROPOSED.

The Fire Opened a Way for Property Cut Off From Business District by Closing the Old Court House Square.
The proposition was made yesterday that a street 30-feet wide be opened from West Liberty street to Hampton avenue, through the burnt district. The success of the plan is conditioned upon city council's willingness to donate the lot upon which No. 2 Reel house formerly stood and the donation of the necessary right of way by other property owners. Some of the property owners have already signified a willingness to give the right of way, but there is some doubt about all of them falling in line. The proposed new street, while not an absolute necessity, would be a convenience to a good many people and would, also, materially enhance the value of the property that would have a frontage on it.
It is a movement in the line of progress, and the city council should not hesitate to donate the reel house lot if other property owners give the right of way. It would be a good move from a business point of view for the reason that the new street would open up property that is now shut off from the business district and is worth little in comparison with what it would be worth if it had a street frontage. The increase in taxable values by the enhancement of the real estate and the construction of new buildings on the new street would be worth more to the city than the reel house lot. The property owners would be benefited, of course, as their property would be increased in value, but what benefits them also benefits the city of Sumter.

THE CLAREMONT MURDER.

The Killing of Charlotte Baldwin Was A Cruel and Deliberate Murder—The Woman Made a Desperate Fight for Her Life.
From The Daily Item, Dec. 24.
The killing of Charlotte Baldwin colored, near Claremont on Tuesday afternoon, notice of which was published the day the crime was committed, turns out to have been a brutal murder, according to the facts brought out at the coroner's inquest which was held yesterday.
The direct testimony was very meagre and threw very little light on the circumstances of the murder, but other facts that were revealed by an examination of the scene of the crime made it clear that the woman was cruelly butchered after a desperate struggle. The murderer waylaid the woman on the public road as she was carrying a basket containing the week's washing of her employer. At this point there was evidence of a struggle and there was blood on the clothes in the basket, which was found in the bushes by the roadside. The woman seems to have escaped from her assailant and fled into the woods but was overtaken after a chase of fifty or sixty yards. Here there were evidences of a still more desperate and prolonged struggle, the ground being trampled for a considerable space. There was blood on the fallen leaves and the woman's blood-stained apron was also found at this place. Again the woman's fight for life seems to have been temporarily successful and she escaped from the clutches of the fiend and fled in the direction of Mr. Goff's house, which was the nearest habitation. She was overtaken in the road a short distance from Mr. Goff's house and the cries of the woman attracted the attention of Mrs. Goff, who was the only person on the premises, and when she went to the door she saw the man stamping on the prostrate form of his victim. The testimony of Mrs. Goff, which is reproduced herewith from the notes of the coroner, is the only testimony bearing directly upon the crime. Unfortunately for the cause of justice Mrs. Goff did not recognize the man and did not see his features clearly.
As soon as the news of the murder spread over the neighborhood, Mr. Geo. M. Saunders, on whose place the woman lived made every possible effort to pursue and capture the murderer. He secured the bloodhounds from the State farm to trail the man, but before the dogs arrived a large crowd of negroes and others gathered on the scene and the excitement was so great that they could not be controlled and the trail of the murderer was obliterated and could not be followed by the dogs.
Coroner Flowers says that there is no reliable clue as to the identity of the murderer and until further evidence comes out the killing of Charlotte Baldwin will remain a mystery. It is true that some of the neighborhood negroes claim to suspect a certain negro man who lived not far from the scene of the crime, but no evidence sufficiently strong to warrant a charge of murder against him was brought out at the inquest. Several brown stains on the back of his overcoat excited the suspicion of the negroes and at their request Coroner Flowers brought the overcoat to this city for the purpose of having the stains examined to ascertain if they were made by blood.
The fact of the matter is, it seems to be another clear get away by a murderer, and unless there is some clever detective work done he will never be apprehended. Three and possibly more murders have been committed in Sumter county this year for which no arrests have been made.
The testimony taken at the inquest was as follows:
Claremont, S. C., Dec. 23, 1908.
This is to certify that I have this day examined the body of Charlotte Baldwin. I find one deep stab wound on left side chest, 2 inches above collar bone and six inches from median line, one deep stab into wind pipe, one deep stab on right side of neck, directly over carotid artery. Other smaller flesh wounds in front of neck and left ear. Either of the above described wounds would have produced death.
M. S. KIRK, M. D.

State of South Carolina,
County of Sumter.

Mrs. J. W. Goff being sworn says that on Dec. 22, about 1 o'clock I heard a noise in the woods near my house. Sounded like some one being choked. Went to door of house, saw man stamping on something on the ground. Man ran off, had on blue overalls and very heavy shoes. Could not see his face. I knew Charlotte Baldwin.

MRS. J. W. GOFF.
Sworn to before me this 23rd day of December, 1908.
The verdict rendered was:
"The said Charlotte Baldwin came to her death from knife wounds in the hands of a party unknown to the jury."

Coroner Flowers stated today that he had been informed, but not officially, however, that Warren Blanding, the negro suspected of having killed the woman, has been arrested on a warrant issued by Magistrate Reese, an affidavit having been filed with him charging Blanding with the crime.

From the Daily Item, Dec. 28.
Coroner Flowers reported that he has had a careful examination made of the overcoat of Warren Blanding who was suspected of having killed Charlotte Bolden at Claremont, and that the stains on it were not made by blood. Blanding was arrested Thursday and committed to jail on a warrant charging him with disposing of property under mortgage. There is no charge against him in connection with the murder of Charlotte Bolden.

SEMI-WEEKLY NEWS AND COURIER.

A Splendid Newspaper That Gives the News of the Whole World—Club Rates With the Watchman and Southron.

Beginning with February 1, 1909, the combination price of the Watchman and Southron with the Charleston Weekly News and Courier will be raised to \$2.25 a year. Two months remain in which new and old subscribers may take advantage of this splendid combination at the present price, \$2.00. Send in your orders now. Think of it a little. For the small price of \$2.00 you get your own county paper once a week and a twice a week newspaper that covers the news of the whole world both for one year. Published every Wednesday and Saturday, each issue of the Weekly News and Courier contains all the news of importance, not only of the day of publication, but of all the intervening days. The cream of the Associated Press News—the greatest newsgathering agency in the world—and all important happenings in South Carolina are given, as well as striking editorial articles and stories of one kind and another. It has departments for men, women and children. It is a clean newspaper, and it is a home newspaper. 12-2-tf

TAX RETURNS FOR 1909.

OFFICE OF COUNTY AUDITOR, SUMTER COUNTY.

Sumter, S. C., Dec. 5, 1908.
Notice is hereby given that I will attend, in person or by deputy, at the following places on the days indicated, respectively, for the purpose of receiving returns of personal property and poll taxes for the fiscal year commencing January 1st, 1909:
Tindalls, Tuesday, Jan. 5th.
Privateer, (Jenkins' Store) Wednesday, Jan. 6th.
Manchester, (Levi's), Thursday, Jan. 7th.
Wedgfield, Friday, Jan. 8th.
Stateburg, Monday, Jan. 11th.
Hagood, Tuesday, Jan. 12th.
Rembert, Wednesday, Jan. 13th.
Dalzell, Thursday, Jan. 14th.
Gordon's Mill, Friday, Jan. 15th.
Mayesville, Tuesday, Jan. 19th.
Shiloh, Wednesday, Jan. 20th.
Norwood's X Roads, Thursday, Jan. 21st.

Oswego, Friday, Jan. 22d.
The law requires that all persons owning property or in any wise having charge of such property, either as agent, husband, guardian, trustee, executor, administrator, etc., return the same under oath to the Auditor who requests all persons to be prompt in making their returns and save the 50 per cent. penalty which will be added to the property valuation of all persons who fail to make returns within the time prescribed by law.

Taxpayers return what they own on the first day of January, 1909.
Assessors and taxpayers will enter the first given name of the taxpayer in full, also make a separate return in each township where the property is located and also each and every case the number of the district school must be given.

Every male citizen between the age of twenty-one and sixty years on the first day of January, 1909, except those incapable of earning support from being maimed or from other causes, are deemed taxable polls, and except Confederate soldiers 50 years of age, on January 1st, 1909.

All returns must be made on or before the 20th day of February next. I cannot take returns after that date and all returns made after the 20th day of February, are subject to a penalty of 50 per cent.

J. DIGGS WILDER,
Auditor Sumter Co.

Booth-Harby Live Stock Co.

Until we can make arrangements for permanent quarters we will have offices in the office of Harby & Co., West Liberty street, where a representative of the company can be found at all times during business hours.
Booth-Harby Live Stock Co.
12-29-11-14w

HAPPY NEW YEAR.

We wish all our friends and patrons a Very Happy and Prosperous New Year, and take this opportunity of thanking them for their very liberal patronage during the past year, and we promise to do everything in our power to merit a continuance of it during 1909.

O'DONNELL & CO.

This Week's Seasonable Arrival.

Car Cotton Stalk Choppers,
Disk and Two Horse Plows,
Fresh Car Horses and Mules,
Car Lime and Cement,
Two Cars Shingles and Laths,
Two Cars Fire Brick and
Hard Wall Plaster.

Booth-Harby Live Stock Co.,
SUMTER, SOUTH CAROLINA.

H. STEVENS SONS, CO.
MACON, GA.

Sewer and R. R. Culvert Pipe, Farm Drain Pipe, Well Curbing, Road Drainage Pipe.

Correspondence Solicited on all Lines Clay Goods.

NOTICE.
The annual meeting of the Sumter County Board Commissioners will be held on Thursday, January the 7th, 1909.
All persons having claims against Sumter County, not before presented to the board will please file the same with the clerk of the board before Jan. 1st, 1909.
J. R. SUMTER,
Clerk to County Commissioners.
12-9-4t

NOTICE.
The firm heretofore doing business under name of Mood-Osteen Infirmary was dissolved on Nov. 1st, 1908. Having disposed of my interest I will hereafter have my office at my residence, No. 224 E. Liberty street.
C. P. OSTEEN, M. D.
12-9-tf

TAKEN UP TRESPASSING
On premises W. M. Brown, one red butthead Cow. Owner must prove property or the same will be sold at Sumter C. H. S. C., on Dec. 29, 1908, at 12 m.
H. L. B. WELLS,
Magistrate.
Dec. 14,
12-14-2t

EARLY KING COTTON SEED—Being unable to plant cotton next season will sell all the Early King Seed we made such a success with this year. Price 50c. per bushel in quantity. Sumter Brick Works.
12-29-2t*

FOR SALE—58 acre farm near Providence. Apply to Clarke & von Trescow, Camden, S. C.
12-16-4t.

LAND FOR RENT—I have a two horse farm and two one-horse farms for rent on the Monaghan estate, with comfortable dwellings and good outbuildings. Neill O'Donnell.
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NOTICE.
A meeting of the stockholders of the Sumter Telephone Manufacturing Company will be held at the regular annual meeting on January 27th, 1909 at 12 o'clock noon at the Company's office, Sumter S. C., to consider and confirm a resolution of the Board of Directors decreasing the capital stock of said corporation from \$100,000 to \$60,000; the additional \$40,000 not being needed.
By order of the Board.
C. T. MASON,
President.
12-23-4t.