

The Watchman and Southron

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NEW ADVERTISEMENTS.

W. R. Wells—Taken Up.
O'Donnell & Co.—Easter Week.
The Bank of Sumter—Statement.
The Farmers' Bank and Trust Co.—Statement.
The D. J. Chandler Co.—The Double Breaster
Shaw & McCollum Mercantile Co.—Easter Footwear.

PERSONAL.

Mr. H. S. Cunningham, editor of the *Hopewell Vindicator*, spent Friday in town.
Mr. B. O. Bristow, of Darlington, is in the city visiting his daughter, Mrs. J. Z. Hearson.
Mrs. J. C. Scott, of Charleston, and Mrs. Phil Porcher, of Mt. Pleasant, are visiting the family of Mr. W. H. Scott.
Dr. M. S. Kirk, of Hagood, was in the city Friday on business.
Capt. Sebastian Sumter, of Stateburg, who has been in ill health for sometime was brought to the Sumter Hospital Thursday for treatment. Capt. Sumter is in his eighty-ninth year.
Mr. J. J. Whilden, of Florence, was in town Friday.
Mr. W. L. Saunders, of Stateburg, was in town today.
Mrs. H. G. Osteen and children have returned from Cheraw.
Miss Nela Sanders, of Hagood, is visiting friends in the city.
Mr. E. B. Rhodes, of Greeleyville, spent Friday with relatives in the city.
Carlton Jenkins is spending a few days in Florence with the Rev. R. P. Gillespie.
Miss Theo Thomas returned last Friday from a visit to Hartsville.
Mr. R. E. Belsler went to Columbia on business Saturday.
Dr. H. M. Stueckey and family have returned from Bishopville.
Mr. Hutchison, of Henderson, Ky., is visiting his daughter, Mrs. H. M. Stueckey.
Judge Ernest Gary went to his home in Columbia to spend Saturday and Sunday.
Mr. E. W. Dabbs, of Goodwill, was in the city Saturday.
Mrs. Arminius Wright and little Miss Sophia Wright Daves, of Atlanta, returned home on Saturday after spending several weeks with Mr. and Mrs. Joseph M. Chandler.
Miss Lily Bee, of Charleston, is on a visit to Mrs. J. C. Mulloy on Church street.
Mrs. Ermie Sanders, of Yemassee, is visiting her aunt, Mrs. Lowry.
Misses Louise and Essie Murray, who are attending Winthrop College, are spending a few days with Mrs. N. G. Osteen.
Mr. Sam Cordes, who is making a hit as a female impersonator, is playing an engagement in Charleston this week.
Mr. Harry Green, of New York City, is in the city on a visit to his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Moses Green.
Mrs. L. A. Brand and Miss Etta Brand, of Wilmington, N. C., are the guests of Mrs. S. A. Brand.
According to the reports from the State League meeting held in Chester on Wednesday night, Sumter will be in the league again this summer. If so, the fans will have to get busy.
The D. J. Chandler Clothing Co., has a special advertisement of boys' clothing today. Mothers who are looking for Easter suits for their boys should note this advertisement.
Mr. W. G. Stubbs' buggy horse was shown by Geo. T. Little, of Camden, in the Camden Horse Show and won or helped to win several prizes that were credited to Camden horses.
Saturday was a busy day with all the stores, the Easter shoppers being out in full force.
The Rock Hill and Chester papers say that Sumter is surely in the State league for this season. It would ease the minds of the sorrowing fans if some of the local baseball magnates would either confirm or deny the reports that come from out of town. Sumter to have league baseball this year, and if so, who is to manage the team?
Sumter County certainly needs the services of an active game warden, if half the reports respecting the depredations of fish trappers be true. It is said that there are hundreds of fish traps in every stream of any size in the County and that the fish are being taken from these traps by the wholesale. The streams are almost completely blocked and few fish above the size of minnows can pass the traps. The number of traps increase each season, it is said, and at the present rate the fish will all be caught within a few years.

DEATH.

Mr. A. D. Witherspoon, who had been critically ill for several weeks, died at his home on West Calhoun street Sunday night, aged 63 years. Funeral services were held from his late residence at 4 o'clock Monday afternoon. He is survived by his wife, but leaves no children.

CATHOLIC CHURCH NOTES.

Removal of St. Lawrence Catholic Cemetery—New Rectory and Church to be Erected.

The last body to be disinterred and removed from the old St. Lawrence Catholic cemetery on West Liberty street was that of Rev. Father Timothy J. Sullivan, who died on August 5th, 1865, was removed Friday. His bones were re-interred in the new Catholic cemetery on Oakland avenue. Fathers Wood and Kennedy, the two priests in charge of the Sumter Catholic church, removed with their own hands the bones of their dead brother priest. The remains were found in a remarkably good state of preservation. The dead priest, buried over forty years ago, was attired in the full vestments of his priestly office. The vestments were purple and today the robes of the priest, after forty-three years interment, were in a splendid state of preservation, in many parts even the purple colors remaining intact and the fringe of the vestments were in good condition.

Many of Sumter's citizens remember the brick vault over the grave of Father Sullivan, which, for many years, was under the old Catholic church, until that building was torn down and replaced by a more modern structure. The epitaph on the wide marble slab of the vault was inscribed entirely in Latin, except the name of deceased, which was in plain English.

Altogether, about eighty bodies have been moved from the old cemetery to the new burying ground. Every body known of has been moved. The church building was moved away several years ago and the old cemetery is now on the real estate market.

The march of progress is slowly but surely moving many of the old landmarks of this city.

Reverend Father A. J. McNeal, for forty-three years the pastor of the Catholics of Sumter, retired a few months ago and has gone to Charleston to live. Father "Maek," as he was more familiarly known to his congregation and to many others in Sumter, was a man of marked intellectuality and a deep student of theology, although exceedingly retiring and modest in disposition.

His forty-three years of service in Sumter consisted entirely of devotion to his duties to his church and to his God. He never went out, except to his church and to attend sick calls for many years.

Fathers Wood and Kennedy Saturday shipped to the Cheraw Catholic church the first altar piece or tabernacle ever used in Sumter. It was put in place in the first Catholic church erected in Sumter in the year 1838.

Father Wood is having erected on the old rectory lot on East Liberty street, just in front and a little to the side of Father "Maek's" old house, a modern two-story ten-room frame rectory which will cost between four and five thousand dollars.

Sometime within the next few months ground will be broken on the same lot, and within a few feet of the rectory, for a magnificent brick church edifice, which will cost about fifteen thousand dollars, and will be one of the prettiest churches in this State. Mr. John W. McKiever is the contractor in charge of the building of the new rectory and is doing a splendid job for the church.

BALL IN ORANGEBURG

Sumter High School Boys Went Up Against State Leaguers.

A good game was played by the Sumter High School boys in Orangeburg on Friday.

The boys went to Orangeburg expecting to play the Orangeburg Collegiate Institute team, as they were assured by a letter from one of the professors of the Institute. After reaching Orangeburg they found the following men who were not attending school enrolled to play on the Orangeburg team: Van Orsdell, catcher, who played independent ball for the town of Orangeburg; Brunson, formerly of the State League and Schifley, an old Charleston College man, the rest of the team were supposed to be regular scholars of the Institute. With these old heads in the game against them the Sumter High School boys showed up well.

Summary: Runs: Sumter 2; Orangeburg 6; Hits: Sumter 5; Orangeburg 7; Errors: Sumter, 8; Orangeburg 5; Two Base Hits: Jones; Base on balls: off Lee 4; Smith 0; Struck out: by Lee 14; Smith 9. Batteries: Sumter, Smith and Marshall; Orangeburg, Lee and Van Orsdell.

PROCEEDINGS OF COURT.

Jack McCoomer Acquitted and Set Free—End of a Notable Case.

The second trial of Jack McCoomer for the murder of J. E. (Ted) Gaillard was ended Friday at 12:15 with a verdict of not guilty and the accused who has been in the county jail and in the penitentiary for more than two years was set free. An acquittal was expected, as the second trial of George Splivens, who was jointly indicted with McCoomer resulted in an acquittal and there was no stronger evidence against McCoomer than against Splivens.

At the conclusion of the McCoomer trial court was adjourned until 3 o'clock as all jurors except those engaged in this case had been excused until that hour.

The following is the record of other business transacted since Thursday.

The State vs. Harry C. Katz, obtaining money under false pretense; continued.

The State vs. Daniel Robinson, assault and battery of a high and aggravated nature; continued.

The State vs. Hester Ballard, disposing of property under lien; not pros.

When the Court of General Sessions convened Friday afternoon no business was transacted and Judge Gary ordered an adjournment until Monday morning.

The Court of General Sessions reconvened on Monday and the case of the State vs. Warren Blanding, murder, was taken up. The jury was drawn and the examination of the witnesses for the State was commenced. The jurors not engaged in this case were excused until Tuesday morning, as the trial of Blanding could not be concluded Monday.

MANNING NEWS LETTER.

Clarendon Pythians Enjoy a Banquet.

Manning, April 3.—Zola Lodge, No. 196 Knights of Pythias held their anniversary meeting at their Castle Hall, Sardinia, on Wednesday evening, March 31st, after the routine business had been attended to. A magnificent banquet followed, the tables groaned with the food prepared for the inner man.

About 200 persons partook of the good cheer. Among the out of town guests were:

Messrs. S. W. W. Koger, and McFaddin McIntosh, of Workman, Hon. Lee Scarborough, ex-treasurer of Sumter County, and Hon. E. W. Dabbs, ex-representative, Mr. W. E. Reardon, of Manning.

Informal speeches were made by Dr. I. M. Woods, Hon. E. W. Dabbs, of Sumter, and others. Mr. R. E. McFaddin acted as toast master.

Zola Lodge is but a year old infant but it is a lusty babe and in a few years will be a well grown and vigorous young Knight.

Mr. R. E. McFaddin is Cancellor Commander and Mr. S. E. McFaddin, Keeper of Records and Seal.

Miss Mary Hunley, of Cheraw, but now teaching school near Pinewood was in our midst.

"Electric" (Electra) Frierson, tigress, was apprehended by Chief of Police S. J. Clark. She plead guilty and was fined fifty dollars, which she liquidated by giving her check on a local bank, which was promptly honored. Chief Clark is to be commended for his indefatigableness in ridding the town of illicit sellers of intoxicants.

Manning, April 2.—St. Peter's lodge No. 54, A. F. M. conferred the F. C. degree upon Mr. J. W. Thames at their regular communication Wednesday.

Mr. Paul Arrington of New York city spent the day with the charming Mrs. Elizabeth M. Wells, of Columbia and Manning.

The Carnival is still attracting hundreds of well pleased patrons and the high dive act of 110 feet causes one to shudder. The petite, refined and pretty Mlle. Florine Mitchell, is fascinating all attendants by her very clever acrobatic feats.

And Mlle. Lunette is still flying in the air to the mystification of all. Manager Walcott should congratulate himself on his splendid amusement company.

Mr. J. Lide Wilson and his accomplished wife have removed to Millen, Ga. He has accepted a very lucrative position. Their departure is regretted by everyone.

Mr. A. L. Lesesne of Sumter, was here Wednesday on business.

Mr. J. Harry Lesesne was in Sumter Wednesday on professional business.

Dispenser Windham reports that the sales for March were a little greater than for March, 1908. This was due to the patronage from Clarendon county. Mr. Windham is of the opinion that but for the Clarendon County trade the sales would have been less than for the same month last year.

SPECIAL CHARGE.

Judge Ernest Gary Compliments L. D. Jennings, Esq., for His Energetic, Zealous and Efficient Services Rendered, As Counsel by Appointment of Court, in Behalf of Defendant.

Mr. Foreman and Gentlemen of the Jury:

In the year 1731 the General Assembly of South Carolina, representing the law, in its tenderness for human life enacted a statute which I am going to read to you.

(Reads Sec. 42 of the Criminal Code.)

Acting upon that statutory authority, the presiding judge who presided at the court at which this defendant was arraigned for trial, appointed as his counsel the gentleman who appears for him today, and inasmuch as he has discharged that duty so cheerfully, with such untiring zeal and ability, I thought it was but justice to him, in the absence of the judge who appointed him, and who has been elevated to the Supreme Court of this State, to make a public acknowledgement of the gratitude of the court for so cheerfully coming forward and relieving the court of the responsibility of appointing him as his counsel under that law. It is embarrassing frequently to a judge to call upon a member of the Bar to perform arduous and laborious labors without price and without reward, to ask that he should give his time and labor and pay his expenses as a citizen, without any compensation. I say it is frequently embarrassing to a circuit judge to ask a lawyer to perform such service, and the counsel who now appears for the defendant has worked so zealously and so cheerfully under this, not self-imposed duty, but imposed upon him by the law itself, that I felt that it was due him to express the appreciation which I know the judge who appointed him would do, as a result of his labors, and who has performed these labors with ability and with his characteristic energy and zeal.

JAIL DYNAMITED.

"Tennessee Dutch" and George Barton Make an Easy and Safe Get Away.

Greenville, April 4.—Blasting a hole in the rock bottom of their cell at the jail here, Garber Moore, known as "Tennessee Dutch," and George Earton, alleged yegmen, arrested in Birmingham and brought here on March 10, early this morning broke jail and made their escape.

"Tennessee Dutch" has used many aliases, among them being John Rutherford, John Hinkle, Jake Moore and "Gobbler." He is one of the most notorious crooks who has operated in this country. His pal, George Earton, is equally well known in police circles.

The watchman on duty outside the cell says he does not know how or when the prisoners left.

At the present term of the federal court Moore and Barton were to be tried for tearing up the safe in the Pelzer postoffice. One year ago they committed this daring act and South Carolinians in particular were peculiarly interested in their capture. The noise made by the explosion which tore away the front of the safe at the Pelzer government station awoke the people of the city, and when Rutherford and Barton were making their "get away" in a buggy two pistol shots were fired at them by a man who stood on the veranda of a hotel porch. Neither shot took serious effect.

They were arrested in Birmingham, Ala., early in March and held for the robbery at Pelzer. Postoffice Inspector Gregory captured the two men. He took them to Atlanta from the jail of which they had once escaped, and United States Marshal Duncan Adams at Charleston was notified of their arrest.

He wrote Sheriff Pool asking that the men be kept safely here and saying that he would furnish a guard at the jail.

E. C. Carter, former arresting officer for the S. P. C. A., was delegated by the government to guard outside of the jail, lest the yegmen get out of their cells and away from confinement.

Deputy Sheriff Phillips lives in the building a part of which is used for the prisoners, and he, his wife and his children were ignorant until early this morning that the notorious safe-blowers were not ready for their Sunday morning breakfast. Carter was on the outside, presumably. He did not know, at any rate, how or when the men left.

The two men were in the same cell—one of the strongest cells in the jail—and while Rutherford, the man with the numerous aliases, had done most of the talking to the outsider's it is supposed that Barton was at work drilling a hole through the rock floor. It is believed that an umbrella handle was used for a drill. After blowing the hole the men dropped into the basement and made their escape through the jailer's apartments.

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BOOSTING CAPT. BACON.

Well Known Fraternal Order Man Endorsed for Office in Pythian Grand Lodge.

To the Editor of The Daily Item:
Will you permit the writer to express the pleasure and gratification afforded him in perusing in the columns of that ably edited journal, *The Daily Record*, of Columbia, a just and glowing tribute to Capt. Edmund Bacon, scholar gentleman and friend. Need this correspondent say that he endorses fully, freely and unhesitatingly every sentiment contained in the letter indicated, and should the prayer of hundreds of friends and Knights be granted and Capt. Edmund Bacon be elevated to the responsible position of Keeper of Records and Seal of the Grand Lodge of Knights of Pythias, of South Carolina, Pythians would in honoring this true Knight and excellent citizen and friend, be honoring themselves.

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Manning, S. C., April 5, 1909.

WILL DISCHARGE 1,000 AGENTS.

New York Life Blames Law Imposing Limit on Business.

New York, April 3.—As a result of the limitation placed upon new business of life insurance companies by the insurance law the New York Life Insurance Company, it was announced today, will on May 31, discharge 1,000 of its agents in various parts of the country.

The dismissal order, which will affect agents who devote only a part of their time to the company, was rendered necessary by the decision rendered yesterday by Supreme Court Justice O'Gorman upholding the constitutionality of that section of the insurance law which limits new business to be written by any company in any calendar year to \$150,000,000.

Edward R. Perkins, second vice president of the New York Life, said tonight that in the last two years more than 5,000 life insurance agents have lost their positions. Another 1,000 would have to go by May 31, thus bringing a force which once numbered 8,000 down to 2,000.

"It is a curious situation," said Mr. Perkins. "I know of no other business which is affected in like manner. No other business is subjected to such a law. There is no legal limitation on a banker's business or on a broker's business. But if the officers of a life insurance company write more than \$150,000,000 new business within the calendar year, they are subject to fine and imprisonment.

"It will be very hard for the agents. Many of them have been employed by the New York Life a long time, and on account of existing conditions they cannot obtain other positions.

"Three years ago we had 46 offices in this city; now we have only 10. Everything has been tried in the way of testing the law. We have apparently exhausted our means of trying further."

Mrs. Nancy M. Johnson, of Washington, was the first person to take out a patent for an ice-cream freezer. She was the wife of a naval officer. She took out the patent in 1843 and sold the rights for \$41,500.

King Edward has appointed the Earl of Granard a Knight of the Order of St. Patrick in place of the Earl of Howth, deceased. The Earl of Granard was married to Miss Beatrice Mills, of New York, in January of this year.

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