

WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 24, 1909.

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NEW ADVERTISEMENTS.

E. C. Haynsworth, Master—Sales. The Sumter Clothing Co.—Thanks-giving.

PERSONAL.

Mrs. Harold Smith, of Greenville, is visiting her parents, Mr. and Mrs. W. H. Scott.

Mr. H. H. Evans, of Smithville, was in town Friday.

Mr. E. T. Mims, of Shiloh and Mr. E. W. Dabbs, of Salem, were in the city Thursday to attend the Chamber of Commerce smoker.

Mr. J. R. McGhee, editor of the Greenville Piedmont, spent Thursday night in the city.

Mr. A. K. Sanders, of Hagood, attended the Chamber of Commerce smoker Thursday night.

Mr. J. C. Lanham, of Summerton, was in the city Saturday on business.

Mr. L. L. Baker, of Bishopville, is spending a few days in town.

Mr. J. F. Williams, who has charge of the farm demonstration work of the United States Department of Agriculture, in Sumter county, spent Saturday in town. Mr. Williams will have headquarters at Stateburg and will devote part of his time to teaching agriculture in the Gen. Sumter Memorial Academy, but will give the larger part of his time to the demonstration work throughout the county. Mr. Williams is a Clemson graduate of the class of 1904.

Miss Goldie Reid, Miss Fannie Hearon, Miss Blankship and Prof. Kibler, faculty of the Bishopville graded school spent Saturday in the city.

Miss Mitt DuRant returned to Spartanburg Monday.

Mr. and Mrs. Chas. L. Cuttino spent Sunday in Columbia.

Mr. D. P. Kelly went to Bishopville on business Monday.

Mr. and Mrs. Hubert McKagen returned to the city Saturday.

Mrs. O. W. Rethorst, of Fort Robinson, Neb., is on a visit to her parents, Capt. and Mrs. E. Scott Carson.

Mrs. Agnes Bogin left on Saturday for New York, where she will spend sometime with relatives.

Mr. Nell O'Donnell left Saturday afternoon for Philadelphia in response to a telegram informing him that Mrs. Ella Tuomey was desperately ill and would probably not live more than a few hours.

Dr. and Mrs. R. B. Furman, of Privateer, were in the city Monday.

Mr. R. F. Keels, of Lynchburg, was in town Monday on business.

The city of Sumter is up against a tough proposition. Nobody knows what the city got for the \$600 paid Expert Accountant Harralson for a report on the city books, and now that Alderman Ligon disclaims any ability to interpret the voluminous puzzle handed City Council by Mr. Harralson, the taxpayers may as well abandon hope of ever finding out what the \$600 purchased.

Some miscreant set fire to a large stock of hay on the city farm at the water works pumping station Saturday night and the fire department was called out and given a long run. The hay was, of course, a total loss as it was almost entirely consumed before the hose wagon arrived. There seems to be no doubt of the fire having been of incendiary origin as the hay stack was too far distant from the pumping station or any other house for the hay to have been ignited by a spark from a chimney.

Col. J. H. Pottle, the well known representative of the Brotherhood Wine Co., of New York, who has been a frequent visitor to this city for a number of years was seriously injured in an automobile accident while riding with Mr. J. H. Moore and son of Bennettsville a few days ago. In trying to avoid a collision with a buggy Mr. Moore's son, who was driving the car, ran into a ditch and the car was turned upside down. Col. Pottle had one hip broken and was otherwise bruised. The Messrs. Moore escaped with trifling injuries. Col. Pottle was brought to the city for treatment and is in the Sumter Hospital. He is doing as well as possible, but will be confined to bed for several weeks at least. Mrs. Pottle was summoned from New York and will remain with her husband until he recovers. The Columbia State of Friday printed an account of the accident, but by some confusion of names stated that Col. Pottle was injured while riding with Dr. J. A. Mood, of this city.

Flattery is the food of fools.—Swift.

BELSER-WILSON.

Marriage at Manning of a Popular Young Couple.

Manning, Nov. 19.—Mr. William Gordon Belsler, of Summerton, and Miss Mary Elizabeth Wilson, of this town, were married on Wednesday afternoon at 5 o'clock at the Manning Presbyterian church, Rev. A. R. Woodson officiating. The church was occupied to its fullest capacity and was a scene of beauty with its large complement, "fair women and brave men," the former being arrayed in lovely and becoming costumes. Following was the order of the bridal party, entering the church: Ushers, right aisle, Dr. Edward W. DuRant, of Georgetown, Mr. Frank E. Barron, of Charleston; left aisle, Messrs. S. Oliver O'Bryan and J. Ingram Wilson, of Manning. Couples, right aisle, Miss Helen St. Clair Scott, of Kingstree, with Mr. John J. Earle, of Columbia; left aisle, Miss F. Love Johnson, of Marion, with Mr. A. D. McFadden, of Columbia; right aisle, Miss Minnie Kirkpatrick, of Seneca, with Mr. George P. Logan, of Columbia; left aisle, Miss Clara Taylor, of Charleston, with Mr. Gordon Hughes, of Union; right aisle, Miss Pauline Wilson, sister of the bride as first bridesmaid, with Mr. Irvine F. Belsler, brother of the groom, of Columbia; left aisle, Miss Beulah Wilson, with Mr. John J. McMahan, of Columbia. Dame of honor, Mrs. W. H. Ingram, of Sumter. Maid of honor, Miss Jane Purdy, of Sumter. Organist, Miss Edna Brockinton, accompanied by Mr. I. Rex Rice, of Anderson, on the violin. Best man, Mr. William D. Melton, of Columbia. The bride came on the arm of her father. The bride was exquisitely gowned in a broadcloth suit. A superb reception followed immediately after the ceremony at the beautiful and truly hospitable residence of the bride's father. It is needless to say that every guest had a most enjoyable time, and the remembrance of the evening "all too swiftly sped," will long linger in the memory of the beautiful women and gallant men present.

The bridal party left for Columbia on the 7:14 night train en route for New York, whence they will embark for Europe; their itinerary will embrace Great Britain, France, Germany, the Alps and the Eternal City. They will remain on the continent for three months and on their return will make the capital city their residence. The happy couple were the recipients of numerous costly and beautiful wedding remembrances from their many loving friends.

The bride is the oldest daughter of Judge John S. Wilson, of the third judicial circuit, and is a beautiful and accomplished young woman, "a daughter of the gods, divinely tall and most divinely fair." The groom is a splendid product

of historic old Clarendon, having passed his boyhood days in Summerton. He is now an able member of the Columbia bar of the law firm of Melton & Belsler.

The happy pair were the recipients of numerous telegrams, conveying congratulations and best wishes.

The following were the out of town guests: Mrs. G. M. Belsler, Mr. and Mrs. J. Edwin Belsler, Miss Jackson, Miss Masie Brailsford, Miss Mary S. Ingram, Mrs. F. N. Wilson, Dr. and Mrs. C. W. Barron, Mrs. N. G. Gonzales, of Columbia; Mr. and Mrs. Richard Belsler, Dr. and Mrs. S. C. Baker, and Miss Baker, Mr. and Mrs. W. H. Ingram, Miss Bessie Ingram, Judge and Mrs. R. O. Purdy, Mrs. W. H. Beall, Miss Mary Pitts, Mrs. Pauline Cordes, Mrs. H. C. Ingram, of Sumter; Mrs. M. S. Haynsworth, Mrs. McCall, of Florence, Mrs. Beulah M. Dinkins, Miss Ethel DuRant, of Rome, S. C.

DEATH.

Mr. John M. Gibson died at 3 a. m. Monday at his home in this city, aged 23 years. He had been a resident of Sumter for about two years and was until last spring engaged in the grocery business. He is survived by his wife and one child. His body was taken to Cartersville, his former home, where the funeral was held Tuesday.

Mrs. J. E. Jervey died at 1 a. m. Monday at Summerton. The funeral services were held at 11 o'clock Tuesday morning in the Manning Presbyterian Church. Mrs. Jervey had been ill for many weeks and hope for recovery was abandoned for sometime. During her last illness she was a great sufferer, but she bore it all with the patience, fortitude and resignation of a Christian whose faith is sufficient unto the end. For more than a quarter of a century Mr. and Mrs. Jervey conducted the Jervey House in this city, which was for the greater part of that period the leading and only hotel in this town. Among the elder generation of traveling men who visited Sumter Mrs. Jervey had innumerable friends, for she was their friend and spared no effort to make them comfortable. Many a one who had the misfortune to be taken sick found the Jervey House a haven of rest and refuge and the kind-hearted hostess a ministering angel. To those who were the recipients of the generous and kindly attention of the good woman, the news of her death will be received with sadness for they will know that they have lost a friend who on many occasions proved her sincerity and worth when a friend was needed.

Walter Smith, white, died in Greenville, Friday, as a result of injuries received by jumping from street car, while in motion.

OH PSHAW! WHAT ROT.

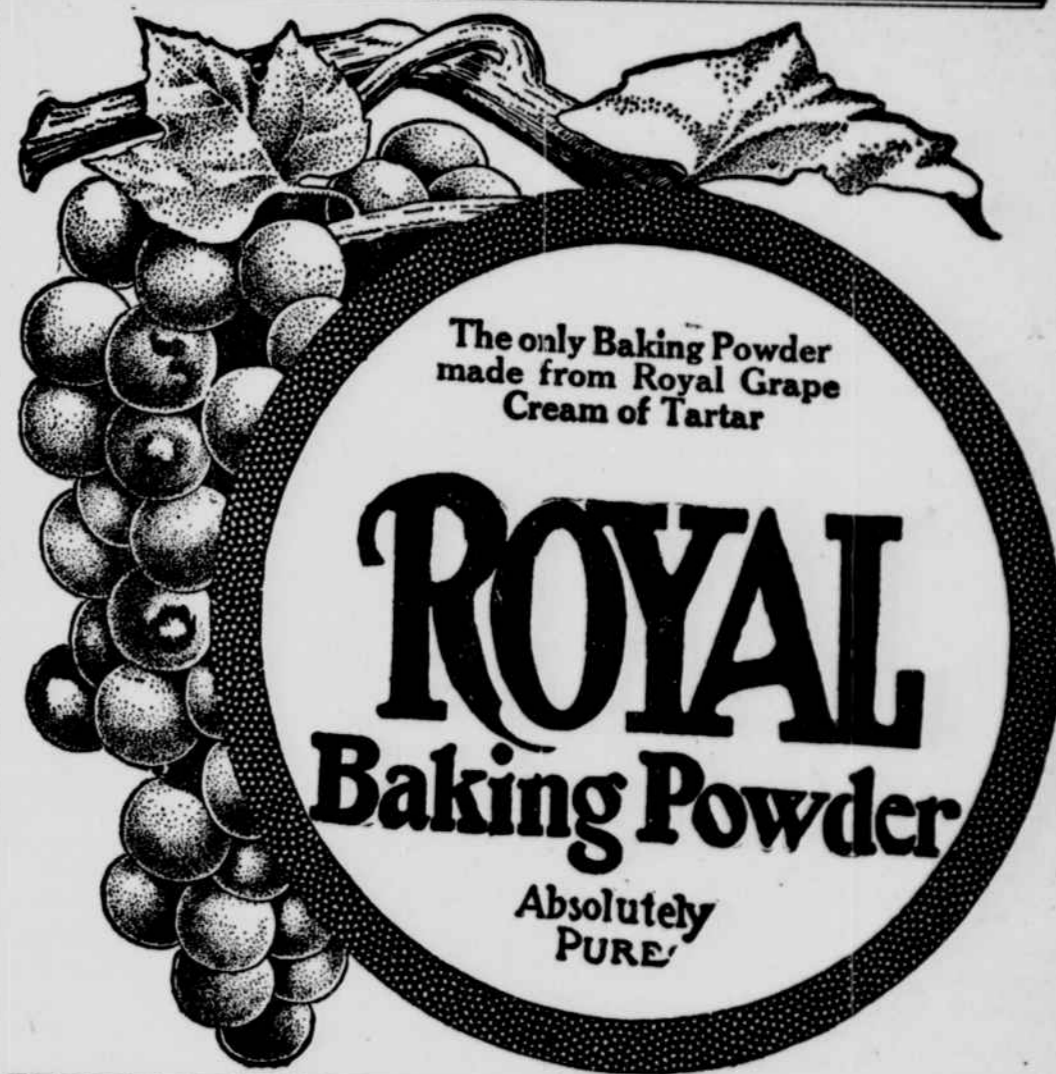
A Specious and Ridiculous Apology by Carolina Glass Company Graft.

Columbia, Nov. 20.—There has been much discussion of the decree recently handed down by the dispensary commission. One of the claims that has caused much local comment is that of the Carolina Glass Company. Many Columbians, who have expressed opinions thereon, have stated that the over-judgment was a little harsh, and it was felt that the company had not been guilty of the wrong-doing charged. This opinion finds expression today in an interview given out by Attorney W. H. Lyles, of the local bar.

Mr. Lyles says: "I regret very much to see that the commissioners in their findings have gone so far against the Carolina Glass Company. Having been familiar with the testimony as it was adduced before the investigating committee of the Legislature, and before the commissioners themselves, I am thoroughly convinced that the commissioners have committed a grievous error in finding any collusion between the officers of the Glass Company and the members of the old dispensary board.

"As a lawyer, I would not, of course, undertake to criticize the commissioners. We are all human and liable to err, but I do feel, and feel strongly, that they have done injustice to honorable gentlemen. The officers of the Carolina Glass Company are men in the prime of young manhood. Their lives since their childhood have been open to this community. In every transaction, private or public, they have shown themselves worthy of ancestors whose names brought lustre upon the pages of South Carolina history since its earliest settlement. In no other instance have they been accused of reprehensible conduct, and surely their character, thus inherited, and established by their conduct, should have had sufficient weight to refute the wild charges of one or two irresponsible parties.

"The only thing which is claimed to have been evidence adduced in the proceedings tending to show collusion between the officers of the company and members of the dispensary board was the ex parte affidavit of a former discredited and disgruntled employee of the company. The officers of the company had no opportunity to cross-examine this witness, and had no notice of the intention of the investigating committee to offer the affidavit in evidence. According to all the rules which have been established as best calculated to ascertain the truth of any question at issue, this affidavit should not have been considered, even by the investigating committee, certainly it should not have been considered by the commis-



sioners. Moreover, it was contradicted in every particular by the officers of the company and its stockholders, as well as by all its books and records.

The legislative investigating committee has cut off the company from offering evidence which it had collected for the purpose of refuting the charges made by that affidavit, as well as by testimony of Mr. Packham.

"When we went to the place appointed for the final hearing of the claim before the present board of commissioners, we had no idea that the mass of matter, not pertinent to the issue, which had been collected by the investigating committee would be dumped into this investigation and treated as evidence. The company had been kept out of its money—a large amount—for months and years, and it was exceedingly important that its rights should be established, and for that reason the dumping of such matter into the case was not as strenuously opposed as it might have been. The continued withholding of the money was almost as bad as the final loss of it, and it was of vital importance to have an early decision. The conclusions of the commissioners that there have been overcharges against the dispensary by the Carolina Glass Company are based upon a total misconception of the facts of the transaction. Glass, like every other commercial commodity, is subject to fluctuations, and we deny that any awards were ever made to the Carolina Glass Company at prices higher than had been offered by other reputable companies in the only manner which should be considered by the board, or which would not have made

the members of the board themselves and the parties bidding liable to criminal prosecution if accepted.

"As a matter of fact, the company doing a large business outside of its dealings with the State dispensary for a period of seven years has made only about \$50,000. All the books of the company and all of its records and correspondence have been submitted without question to the most scrutinizing examination by the commission and several companies of public auditors, and in no instance has anything of a suspicious character been developed and no indication of excessive profits made. The assessment made by the commissioners against the company would, more than wipe out all the profit ever made in its seven years of history."

Attention is invited to the advertisement of the Sumter Clothing Co. The man or boy who reads this advertisement and then buys one of the suits or overcoats referred to will have one reason for thanksgiving if no other.

The Sumter High School football team will play the Columbia school team at 12 o'clock Thanksgiving Day at the Base Ball Park. The Columbia team is reported to be the strongest team the local team will meet this season and a fine game is assured. There should be a large crowd on the side lines to encourage the home team to win another victory.

One aviator smashed his machine rather than fly through a pedestrian, but probably he would have smashed it sooner or later, anyhow.—Philadelphia Ledger.

SPECIAL SALE OF LINEN

Thanksgiving Sale of Linens —AT— O'Donnell & Co's.

O'Donnell & Co. Sumter's Big Store.

Prices That Will Make You Lay in a Supply For a Year to Come.

25 CENT RUB DRY TOWELS, SPECIAL 21c. EXTRAORDINARY LINEN VALUES 50 CENT RUB DRY TOWELS, SPECIAL 39c.

WE place on sale our entire stock together with a large line of samples which we bought considerably under the market value, and which we will offer at the greatest savings you have ever had a chance to buy goods of similar quality for. A word to the wise is usually sufficient, and as this is and from O'Donnell & Co., it will pay you to get busy.

10 Doz Extra Quality Tea Doylies, Reg. Price \$1.50 Doz Price to Close \$1.15

Note the following great values in all Linen Table Damask

\$1.50 Quality	-	-	-	\$1.19
1.25 "	-	-	-	.93
1.00 "	-	-	-	.89
.75 "	-	-	-	.63
.50 "	-	-	-	.43
ACTUAL VALUES.				SALE PRICE.

Table Napkins.

The kind that make the table beautiful, and at prices to please.

\$3.50 Napkins	-	-	-	\$2.89
2.50 "	-	-	-	1.77
2.25 "	-	-	-	1.59
1.50 "	-	-	-	1.19
1.25 "	-	-	-	.97
ACTUAL VALUES.				SALE PRICE.

Who Needs Towels?

These prices will prove very Tempting.

25c Towels	-	-	-	21c
20c "	-	-	-	15c
15c "	-	-	-	12c

Huck or Damask, Take your choice.

Our Entire Linen Stock Together with a line of sample Linens. See Them.

25 Pieces Curtain Laces, (Cotton Goods Higher than ever before, not so at O'Donnell & Co's) all patterns, Special 9c See our Line of Table Covers, Tray Covers, Sideboard Scarfs, Etc., all at sale prices at

Sumter's Fair Store

O'DONNELL & CO.

Sumter's Big Store

Thanksgiving Sale of Linens —AT— The Big Store.