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NEW ADVERTISEMENTS.

Sibert's Drug Store.
J. T. Atkinson—Stolen.
O'Donnell & Co.—The Place to Go.
The Sumter Clothing Co.—Men's Hose.
A. A. Strauss & Co.—Christmas Suggestions.
Shaw & McCollum Mer. Co.—For Xmas Gifts.

PERSONAL.

Mrs. M. Mazon, of Manning, was in the city Tuesday.
Mr. L. I. Parrott went to Charleston Monday to attend the annual meeting of the Grand Lodge A. F. M., of South Carolina.
Hon. T. G. McLeod, of Bishopville, spent Tuesday in town.
Mr. R. W. McLendon, of Bishopville, was in the city Tuesday.
Mrs. E. A. Bultman, is visiting at Wilson, N. C.
Mr. C. A. Ellerbe, of Rembert, was in the city on business Wednesday.
Mr. T. L. Kahn, of Mayesville, was in town Wednesday.
Mr. J. A. Boykin, of Dalzell, was in the city Wednesday.
Mr. Frank Bennett, of the Bureau of Soils, Department of Agriculture, who was in charge of the soil survey of Sumter and Lee counties, which was made in 1907-8 spent Tuesday and Wednesday in the city. Mr. Bennett spent the summer in Montana and is now spending his vacation at his home in Wadesboro, N. C.
Mr. M. O. Deutsler, a prominent merchant and farmer of Orangeburg, was in the city on business this week.
Mr. E. W. Dabbs, of Salem, spent Wednesday in town.
Mr. J. Frank Williams, who is in charge of the farm demonstration work in Sumter county, was in the city to attend the Farmers' Institute conducted by Prof. Barrow, of Clemson College.

Dr. Geo. W. Dick went to Columbia Thursday to attend a meeting of the legislative committee appointed to investigate the management and condition of the asylum.

There is no way of ascertaining with any degree of certainty how much liquor is brought into Sumter county by freight and express, but it is a positive fact that the total bulk is large in gallons and in value. It is probable, however, that the quantity, large as it is, is less than the total amount sold by the dispensary and brought in by express and freight heretofore. It is to be hoped that this is a correct conclusion, for if not, then prohibition is worse than a delusion and a snare.

Henry English, colored, was arrested here Thursday on a warrant charging him with entering the store of E. E. Jennings at Gaillard X Roads Wednesday night and stealing \$74 from the cash draw. English had nearly all of the money on his person when arrested, having not had sufficient time to spend it. Had treated himself to a nice overcoat and was getting ready to lay in a complete outfit of winter clothing as well as a goodly lot of Christmas fixings when he was overtaken by the minions of the law.

30,000 Cigars

You will find at our store the largest stock of CIGARS ever displayed in Sumter. We have all the brands that the smokers like in all size boxes: Cortes, Nurica, Marie Caroline, Rosement, Norma Martinez, Roig, Cinco and Sibert's Private Stock. If you want a nice box for Christmas come to us and we will tell you what they like to smoke.

Fine French Briar and Meerschau Pipes with Smoking Tobacco from 50c to \$3.00 per 1 lb. in handsome jars.

SIBERT'S DRUG STORE,

W. W. SIBERT.

8 S. Main St. Phone 253.

A GOLDEN WEDDING.

A Happy Celebration of the Fiftieth Anniversary of the Marriage of Mr. and Mrs. J. W. Brown.

Mr. and Mrs. J. W. Brown, who were married in Fairfield county, December 15, 1859 and removed to this city in 1905, were the guests of honor Wednesday at an elegant eight-course dinner, given by Mr. and Mrs. Eugene Hogan at their residence on Salem Avenue, in commemoration of the happy occasion. The hall, reception room and dining room were all tastefully decorated in white and green and gold, a profusion of smilax vines being used with artistic effect in combination with the white and gold. The guests were received at the door by Mesdames Archie China and J. R. Clack, and were escorted into the reception room where Mr. and Mrs. Brown stood and received the congratulations and felicitations of their friends.

When the guests were ushered into the dining room their eyes beheld a long and beautifully decorated table, laid with snowy linen and adorned with ferns and smilax and gold. Each plate was marked with individual hand-painted place card in the shape of a white and gold wedding bell. The dinner was a master piece of the culinary art and was delightfully and exquisitely served in courses.

Mr. and Mrs. Brown were the recipients of a number of handsome and useful presents and the occasion was altogether one of the happiest of their long life. Mr. and Mrs. Brown have twelve children, fifty-one grand children and eight great-grand children, and a majority of their descendants were present to share with them the pleasures of the golden wedding.

Those who were present were: Mrs. M. Langford, Blythewood, S. C., Mr. Brooks Brown, Blythewood, S. C., Mr. H. A. Brown, Blaney, S. C., Mrs. L. J. Tucker and daughter, Mullins, S. C., Mr and Mrs. E. E. Spann and children, Lynchburg; Mr. and Mrs. T. W. Boyle, Greeleyville, S. C., Mr. and Mrs. T. J. Hogan, Greeleyville, S. C., Mrs. Register and children, Greeleyville, S. C.; Mrs. B. Boyle and son, Greeleyville, S. C., Miss Essie Spann, Greeleyville, S. C., Mr. E. C. Spann, Greeleyville, S. C., Mrs. C. C. Spann, Lynchburg, S. C., Dr. and Mrs. Archie China, Mrs. William Epperson, Dr. C. C. Brown, Mr. W. B. Boyle, Miss Emma Boyle, Mr. and Mrs. J. W. Brown and children, Mr. W. M. Graham, Miss Maggie Graham, Mr. and Mrs. John Clack, Mr. and Mrs. Alston Brown, Mr. and Mrs. Joe White, Mrs. C. L. Rhame, Mrs. Curly, Mr. and Mrs. J. D. Wilder, Sr., Mr. and Mrs. J. N. Phillips, Mr. and Mrs. Burdell, Dr. J. C. Spann, Mrs. Eugene Hogan, Jr., of Canada. Mr. and Mrs. T. S. Stuckey, Stateburg.

PROHIBITION INCREASES BUSINESS.

Express Company Has Been Forced By Magnitude of Liquor Business To Open Another Office.

The liquor business of the Southern Express Company has grown to such magnitude since the closing of the dispensary that the local office was too small to afford storage room for the multitude of jugs, demijohns, kegs and cases received daily, and the force of clerks employed in the office too few in number to take care of the greatly increased business. Therefore the Express Company has opened another office for the handling of liquor business exclusively. This booze depot was opened Tuesday in the store room on W. Liberty street, recently vacated by the Western Union Telegraph office, with something like a carload of packages of liquor for "personal use" on hand for delivery. This booze warehouse is for packages of "to be called for" liquor exclusively, as all shipments marked for delivery at a specified address will be sent out on the wagon as all other packages.

There is, of course, more liquor coming in now on account of the holiday trade than is to be expected at other seasons, but the express people know, from experience in other prohibition towns, that they will have a big business to handle all the year through and they have arranged to give their patrons what they demand—prompt and efficient service in the delivery of their booze.

Why is it that some of Sumter County's progressive farmers do not enter the corn growing contest and take a few of the prizes? Sumter County has the soil and there are farmers here who know how to grow corn as well as any other farmers anywhere.

When dismounting from his automobile at the corner of Church street and Hampton Ave. Wednesday night for purpose of turning up the lights, Mr. F. C. Manning, slipped on the muddy street and, falling heavily to the ground, broke his left arm just above the wrist.

CITY COUNCIL MEETING.

TRUSTEES OF TUOMEY HOSPITAL ELECTED.

Other Matters of Importance and Public Interest Considered—Mr. Reardon to Continue as Secretary of the Chamber of Commerce.

Council held a regular meeting at 8 o'clock p. m. Tuesday. Present: Mayor W. B. Boyle; Aldermen H. D. Barnett, Wm. Bultman, P. P. Finn, R. F. Haynsworth, H. C. Haynsworth, J. R. Ligon, R. L. Wright. Absent: Alderman W. G. Stubbs.

Minutes of Nov. 23rd and Dec. 9th were read and confirmed.

Messrs. R. D. Lee, Nell O'Donnell and Dr. S. C. Baker, Executors of the will of the late Mr. T. J. Tuomey, appeared before Council to ask the election by Council of two Aldermen to serve on the Board of Trustees under Mr. Tuomey's will who are to have charge of the bequests made by Mr. Tuomey and supplemented by the will of Mrs. Tuomey, for the erection of a public hospital and its maintenance. Mr. Lee explained the terms of the generous gift of Mr. and Mrs. Tuomey for the benefit of the poor of Sumter, and paid a glowing tribute to the benevolent spirit which prompted them to provide so handsomely for the relief of suffering humanity. He further stated that the Executors had concluded to suggest the Aldermen that they desired to become Trustees, which he thought would not be improper although any two that Council might see fit to select would be acceptable. He asked that Alderman Barnett and R. F. Haynsworth be appointed. Mr. Ligon then nominated Aldermen Barnett and R. F. Haynsworth and they were unanimously elected.

Messrs. T. D. Jennings, R. I. Manning, J. H. Clifton, Dr. Geo. W. Dick, Mr. H. L. Scarborough and others, a committee representing the Chamber of Commerce, came to request permission of Council for Health Officer E. I. Reardon to serve as secretary of their organization. Mr. Manning apologized for coming the second time in regard to this request. He stated that he had made an effort to organize the Chamber of Commerce upon a basis which would enable the employment of a secretary for the entire time, but had failed in that purpose. He thought there would be no conflict of duties as Mr. Reardon's work as secretary would be almost exclusively after business hours. The committee asked that Council rescind their former resolution forbidding Mr. Reardon to be their secretary, after the present month. Mr. R. F. Haynsworth thought the matter should be referred to the Board of Health as Mr. Reardon is under their direction. Mr. Finn moved that the former resolution be rescinded and request of the Chamber of Commerce be granted, provided the Board of Health give their consent. The resolution was adopted.

Mr. L. D. Jennings requested Council to have drain pipe laid in a public ditch crossing his land on W. Liberty street, and have the ditch filled, as he needed the land and would have the ditch filled himself if Council could not do so within a reasonable time. Referred to Committee of Public Works with power to act.

Reuben Mussin applied for reduction on license as a peddler and was refused.

Mr. H. C. Haynsworth submitted report of work done for the past three weeks as follows:

Total pay roll, three weeks: \$427.05; No. men 27; carts, 10.

Mr. Haynsworth suggested purchase of a street sweeper, but action was deferred.

Mr. Barnett stated that Officer H. G. McKagen is in need of a bicycle and requested that he be allowed to procure one by exchanging his old bicycle and paying the difference and it was so ordered.

Mr. Wright asked Council to amend the ordinance adopted Nov. 23rd in reference to repairs on buildings within the fire limits, by permitting such repairs when the fire risk is not increased thereby, instead of when repairs "lessen the danger" as the Ordinance now stands. Council discussed the matter and decided not to change the Ordinance, as in their opinion such change would to a great extent nullify the purpose for which it was made.

Request of Mrs. E. T. Atkinson for permission to put a glass front in a wooden store on Main street, was referred to the Fire Department Committee.

Mr. Ligon spoke of the approaching holidays, with the attendant danger of fires from the discharge of fireworks, and on his motion it was ordered that the Ordinance against fireworks be rigidly enforced to the extent of preventing their use within the fire limits or upon the streets of the city. And the Clerk was directed to publish notices to that effect.

Mr. Finn stated that complaints had been made to him of the use of bicycles on the sidewalks of the Atlantic

Coast Line Station yard and same was referred to the Police Committee for action.

On motion of Mr. Wright it was ordered that one cart and laborer be employed to keep clay streets in repair.

Claims of Mr. Isaac Schwartz and others for one half cost of pavements, were ordered paid from their taxes.

A letter was received from Mr. D. James Winn reminding Council of their promise to lower the grade of the sidewalk in front of his property on Purdy street, and it was ordered that the required work be done.

Mr. Ligon for the Police Committee presented report of lights not burning in November and police report for November, as follows:

Total arrests, 69; fines paid, \$419; days labor, 70.

The Mayor announced that he had appointed Mr. F. D. Knight as Supervisor of Registration for the next municipal election. The appointment to take effect Jan. 12, 1910.

Mr. H. C. Haynsworth presented a request from the Civic League that the weeds be removed from certain open lots on Law Range. It appearing that these lots belong to the County and private parties, the request was referred to the County Board of Commissioners.

City Engineer Lee announced that he had received a number of bids for building sidewalks. Council appointed a special meeting on 23rd instant at which to open the bids, and adjourned to that time.

The advertisement of O'Donnell & Co. is out-of-the-ordinary and those who are interested in the unique will find it something to paste in their scrap books. The poetical advertisement was written, it is said, by a young lady customer of the firm who, although having only a common school education, is endowed with quite a gift for rhyming and finds it easy to deck in poetry's raiment the most prosaic subject.

The law, under which the dispensary system was voted out and the county dispensaries closed, declares it unlawful to deliver or receive liquor. If the law is any good why is not some effort made to enforce it? A hundred or more packages of liquor are delivered, received and stored for use as a beverage in Sumter every day.

What is the matter with Sumter? A hotel is badly needed, as everybody admits, and as the traveling men know from experience, but nothing is being done to supply the urgent need. What is the matter with Sumter—are we standing still or retrograding?

The show windows of the D. J. Chandler Clothing Co. are dressed in holiday attire for the Christmas season and are admired by every one who passes. The work is artistic in conception and artistically carried out to the minutest detail. It suggests and typifies the Christmas season and is at the same time a very excellent advertisement of the holiday goods to be found within.

The farmer who has hogs to sell finds a ready market for his pork at 12 1-2 cents a pound. This is a more profitable crop than 15 cents cotton, says a farmer who has raised both crops.

The Secretary of State has issued commissions of incorporation to the following Sumter companies:

The Union Brokerage Company, of Sumter, capital stock, \$5,000; Sumter Motor Car Company, of Sumter, with a capital stock of \$10,000. The company will sell automobiles and bicycles and do a general repair business.

Fine Christmas Candies.

In all size Boxes and Baskets up to

\$10 Each.

Nunnally's, Foss' and Menier's Candies. All high grade goods. You know what they are. Come and see the handsome packages. You will find many useful Christmas goods in our store—all fine goods.

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W. of W. Election.

The annual election of officers was held Wednesday night at the regular meeting of Hollywood Camp, W. of W. with the following result:

Consul Commander—J. A. Warren,
Advising Lieutenant—R. D. Epps,
Banker—F. A. Bultman,
Clerk—R. S. Hood,
Escort—W. F. Carr,
Watchman—J. W. Cox,
Sentry—Jas. Newman,
Manager for Three Years—C. M. Hurst.

The Camp is now the strongest Woodmen Camp in the State, having 769 members, and a number of applications on file. The Camp was organized on Friday, July 13, 1895, with thirteen members, but with the combination of Friday and thirteen has had a most successful and prosperous career.

Rev. J. H. Black, of Charleston has accepted a call from the Florence Lutheran Church.

His Claim to Prominence.

At a social gathering a certain man, intent on knowing every one, was introduced to Senator Julius C. Burrows of Michigan. "The name Burrows is very familiar to me," he said. "I am certain that you are a man of some prominence." "Yes," replied Senator Burrows, "I am the man that 'died at first' just before Casey came to bat in that celebrated ball game at Mudville."—Success Magazine.

A citizen of Sumter a few days ago purchased through a New York broker a block of Collins Wireless Telephone stock for \$1.50 a share. There was no difficulty in buying the stock—the only difficulty was in finding a broker willing to sell as small a block as the purchaser wanted. The purchaser was informed by the broker that he could easily find blocks of 50, 100 or more shares, but the brokers who deal in "curb" securities did not care to bother with small blocks.

Oh! girls I have something to tell you,
Don't bother me till I get through.
Out on the piazza late last night
Ned came to me walking so light.
Ned who was always kind and polite,
"Ethel," he said, in a tone very low,
"Let me ask you something before I go."
Look at me girls and answer at once,
Am I insane or a natural dunce?
Now don't laugh at me.
Doing such a thing isn't funny you see,
Can't a man tease if only he tries.
Oh me! my! 'twas an awful surprise,
Surely I thought he was going to propose.
So trembled all over from head to toes.
The idiot, think he wanted to wed?
Oh! no indeed, for this is what he said:
Really this and nothing more,
"Ever been in O'Donnell's & Co's store?"
If she hadn't got angry and hurried away,
She certainly would have known he had more to say.
The man didn't really mean to tease,
He himself was not at ease.
Ethel he loved with all his heart,
Perhaps the knowledge was hard to impart.
Living alone is a dreadful life,
And he intended to make her his wife,
Carry her to get what they needed and more,
Everything could be got at O'Donnell's store.
The man was trying to tell her his plan,
Of course, he couldn't though after she ran.
Going home he murmured, "I want her to know"
O'Donnell & Co's store is the place to go."

We are better prepared than ever before for the Christmas Shoppers. Everything that makes a good, useful present will be found at
O'Donnell & Co.

We Wish to Mention a Few Things Suitable
FOR XMAS GIFTS
Fancy Neckwear for Ladies and Gentlemen. Toys and Dolls for the Children. Ladies' Kid Gloves, in black and colors, \$1 to \$1.50. Rugs, Art Squares, Portiers and Lace Curtains. Umbrellas from \$1.50 to \$5.00. Hand Bags. Nice line Doll Go-Carts. Wool Blankets, Crib Blankets and Bedroom Slippers.
A few more Ladies' Coat Suits at bargain prices.
Ladies' and Gents' Handkerchiefs.
SHAW & McCOLLUM MER. CO.
Phone 68. 13 S. Main St.