

The Watchman and Southern.

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NEW ADVERTISEMENTS.

A. A. Strauss & Co.—Health.
O'Donnell & Co.—Axminster Rugs.
M. F. Ansel, Governor—Proclamation.
The First National Bank—Statement.
R. H. Anderson—Sale at Public Auction.

PERSONAL.

Mrs. I. A. Giles, of Panama, who has been visiting Miss Moneta Osteen left on Tuesday for Columbia to visit friends.

Mr. T. M. Bradley, of Spring Hill, was in the city Tuesday.

Mr. Neill O'Donnell returned from Charleston Monday night.

Miss Sarah P. McKown and Miss Bessie L. Miller, of West Virginia are visiting Mrs. D. James Winn at 333 West Calhoun street.

Messrs. J. W. and R. S. Moore, proprietors of the Bennettsville Brick Works spent Wednesday in town.

Misses Belle Lawson, Laura Lawson, Miss Ruth McCullough and Pauline Kelly, Miss Rosa McCall, Mrs. Albert Parrott, Mr. and Mrs. John McCullough, Mr. and Mrs. J. S. Burch, Messrs. H. M. Reid, Ell Register and J. R. T. Major, of Darlington were in the city to attend the marriage of Dr. Jas. P. Lawson and Miss Inez McCullough.

Mr. Van Cleve Parrott is at home from the University of South Carolina for a few days.

Mr. R. M. Jenkins, of St. Charles was in the city Wednesday.

Messrs. D. D. Witcover and Carl Hewett, of Darlington spent Wednesday in town.

Mr. S. T. Burch, of Florence spent Wednesday in the city.

Mr. R. J. Compton left Tuesday for Montgomery, Ala.

Mr. Alva Green, of the University of South Carolina is in the city for a few days on a visit to his parents M. and Mrs. M. Green.

Mrs. B. C. Irby and Mr. Jim Irby, of Boykin, were in the city Tuesday.

Mr. B. C. Trippett, of Boykin, was in the city Tuesday.

Mr. D. V. Keels, of Rembert was in the city Wednesday.

Mr. W. L. Saunders, of Stateburg was in the city Wednesday.

Mr. I. E. Lewis, of New York, is in the city for a few days' stay.

Mr. Edward Seale has returned to the city from Poughkeepsie where he has been attending school.

Bishop Cherry will visit St. Philip's Church, Bradford Springs, next Monday, the 14th. The service will be held at 2:00 p. m. The next day the Bishop will visit the Church of the Ascension, Hagood.

At a meeting of the board of directors of the Bank of Sumter, held Monday afternoon, Mr. Davis D. Moise was elected a member of the board to fill the vacancy created by the death of Maj. Marion Moise.

The roof of Shiloh Baptist Church, colored, on South Main street, caught fire Tuesday night about 8.30 o'clock, probably from a spark from the chimney of a nearby house. It was discovered before it had gained much headway and was extinguished without much damage having been done.

All the trees on the west side of South Main street in the block between Dugan and Bartlette have been cut down to make way for the cement sidewalk, and the tree cutters began on the trees on the east side Wednesday a. m. One tree that was partially decayed was removed, but a renewed effort is being made to save the remainder of the trees on that block.

Mr. V. H. Phelps found a queer reptile in a bunch of bananas yesterday and has it on exhibition in his store awaiting the coming of a faunal naturalist to give it a name. The beast is about six or seven inches long and looks more like a small alligator than anything else, but differs from an alligator in that it has no claws on its feet, which are outfitted with cup-shaped suction pads with which it attaches itself any object upon which it walks.

At the regular meeting of Game Cock Lodge, K. of P., Monday night, the 14th, the delegates to the last K. of P. District convention will make their report.

FOR RENT OR SALE—My farm on the White's Mill road 4 1/2 miles from town. Good dwelling, new barn and stables and tenant house on the place. Possession given at once. Neill O'Donnell. 1-17-10.

McCullough-Lawson.

Miss Inez McCullough and Dr. Jos. C. Lawson, of Darlington, were married at 4:30 o'clock Wednesday afternoon at the residence of Dr. C. P. Osteen on East Liberty street. The ceremony was performed by Rev. R. J. T. Major, of Hartsville, S. C., assisted by Rev. J. P. Marion, of this city. The marriage was witnessed by a number of the relatives and friends of the bride and groom, many coming from Darlington for the occasion. The parlor where the ceremony was performed was prettily decorated with smilax, ferns, palms and pot plants, as were also the halls and reception room. Following the ceremony refreshments were served.

Dr. and Mrs. Lawson left on the 6:20 train for New York, where they will spend two weeks before returning to Darlington, their future home. The bride is well known in this city where she attended school for several years. Dr. Lawson is one of the best known and most successful physicians of Darlington.

The drummers have it in for any and every member of the legislature who opposes the mileage book bill now before the legislature.

The time is drawing near for the biennial meeting of the City Democratic organization to arrange for the municipal primary. Under the resolution adopted at the last meeting the aldermen will be elected at large this year and not two from each ward as at the last election.

*An attack of the grip is often followed by a persistent cough, which to many proves a great annoyance. Chamberlain's Cough Remedy has been extensively used and with good success for the relief and cure of this cough. Many cases have been cured after all other remedies had failed. Sold by W. W. Sibert.

Work on the gas plant was started Tuesday. It is planned to have the system completed and in operation by winter.

*If troubled with indigestion, constipation, no appetite or feel fullness, give Chamberlain's Stomach and Liver Tablets a trial and you will be pleased with the result. These tablets invigorate the stomach and liver and strengthen the digestion. Sold by W. W. Sibert.

The meeting Saturday to organize the Boys Corn Club of Sumter county is expected to be largely attended.

*Do you know that croup can be prevented? Give Chamberlain's Cough Remedy as soon as the child becomes hoarse or even after the croupy cough appears and it will prevent the attack. It is also a certain cure for croup and has never been known to fail. Sold by W. W. Sibert.

The work on the postoffice building is progressing with considerable rapidity at present.

*A few minutes delay in treating some cases of croup, even the length of time it takes to go for a doctor often proves dangerous. The safest way is to keep Chamberlain's Cough Remedy in the house, and at the first indication of croup give the child a dose. Pleasant to take and always cures. Sold by W. W. Sibert.

Another Car Load.
Received on Monday Feb. 7th, another carload of fine horses and mules. There are some extra nice horses and mules in this lot.
Shaw and Drake.
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*While it is often impossible to prevent an accident, it is never impossible to be prepared—it is not beyond any one's purse. Invest 25 cents in a bottle of Chamberlain's Liniment and you are prepared for sprains, bruises and like injuries. Sold by W. W. Sibert.

PROCLAMATION.

STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA.
Executive Chamber.

Whereas information has been received at this Department that on the 3rd day of February, A. D. 1910, a combination barn and stable belonging to Miss Florence Eller, near Rembert, in the County of Sumter, was burned, and there being reason to believe that the burning was an act of incendiarism,

Now, Therefore, I, M. F. Ansel, Governor of the State of South Carolina, in order that justice may be done and the majesty of the law vindicated, do hereby offer a reward of Fifty Dollars for the apprehension and conviction of the person or persons who committed said act of incendiarism.

In Testimony Whereof, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Great Seal of the State to be affixed, at Columbia, this eighth day of February, A. D. 1910, and in the 134th year of the Independence of the United States of America.

M. F. ANSEL.
(L. S.)
By the Governor:
R. M. McCown,
Secretary of State.
2-10-10.

GRAFT FOR RAILROADS.

FOR CARRYING THE MAILS OF THE UNITED STATES.

Publishers Make Charge Before House Committee—Lack of Business Principles Alleged.

Washington, Feb. 9.—The charge that the big trunk lines of the railroads throughout the country are receiving from the government too large a compensation for carrying the mails; that they are receiving more than they receive from the express companies for equal service, has been persistently and vigorously urged before the committee on post-offices and post roads of the house recently in letters from citizens and in statements from periodical publishers.

"Readjust the rate of pay to the railroads; get that down to a fair and just basis; ascertain the truth of the charge that the roads are receiving from 8 to 16 times too much for the service they render the government, and then talk about increasing the postal rates to magazines," say the publishers.

The postal commission in its report, published a year ago, made the suggestion that the railroads were being overpaid. Representative Murdock insisted that some additional millions of money was paid annually to the roads through the use of an inequitable and unjust system of arriving at the average weight of the mails, which might be cut off.

In a statement before the house committee on postoffices and post roads Herbert Myrick dwelt at length upon the subject of railway mail pay in connection with the proposal to increase the postal rates to magazines. He said that before taking this step to tax the dissemination of intelligence, the whole organization and administration of the postoffice department should be probed to the bottom.

Mr. Myrick appeared before the house committee on postoffices and

Mr. Myrick appeared before the committee as the representative of the National Agricultural Press League. He is president of the Orange Judd Company, and the Phelps Publishing Company, publishers of The American Agriculturist (New York), The Orange Judd Farmer (Chicago), The New England Homestead (Springfield, Mass.), Farm and Home, Good Housekeeping, and then some.

He made a very exhaustive discussion of the subject and endeavored to show that a very large part of the \$17,000,000 postal deficit could be made up, if the excessive payments to railroads was stopped. He said:

"If the postoffice were run on business principles, free from politics, graft and overpayment of railroads, even its present rates of postage would earn a profit."

Adverting to the postal commission's recommendation of a reduction of pay on the heavily traveled main routes of road, he quoted from their report as follows:

"There is also a widespread belief that the high total cost of the postal service results, in some degree at least, from what is regarded as over payment to the railroads for mail transportation. Much of the controversy as to a proper charge for second-class matter has raged around the question of railway mail pay. So far as this commission has felt it to be within its authority, it has endeavored to formulate just conclusions as to the merits of that controversy. It has accordingly recommended in this report a reduction of mail pay upon dense routes where the great volume of second-class matter permits economies in transportation, and it has also recommended the elimination of return empty bags from the computation of weight.

Mr. Lloyd, a member of the committee, asked the question: "You are aware, are you not, that the railroad rates were changed since that recommendation?" To which Mr. Myrick replied that he believed it had been done but did not know to what extent.

Questioned further by the chairman of the committee to know whether he was acquainted with any man in the United States who had made a careful investigation of the subject within a year and believed the government was paying too much for the railroads. Mr. Myrick recalled a statement made by an expert in the postal service to his superintendent of mails in which he spoke of the "exorbitant rates paid the New York Central." He did not recall the name of the postal expert, but promised to send it to the committee later.

He also quoted a statement from Mr. Knettschmit, the fourth vice president of the Southern Pacific road, who said: "If we were permitted to handle the second-class matter in our own way, in freight cars in full loads, we would be glad to handle it at those rates. We make a half cent from New Orleans to San Francisco. I think the express companies save an enormous amount of

money by running their cars loaded full."

Representative John W. Weeks, of Massachusetts, the chairman of the committee, said that despite the general charges of overpayment to railroads made from time to time in past years, there was not before his committee any evidence which the members considered warranted any radical change in railroad rates of pay.

REPORT OF THE CONDITION OF THE FIRST NATIONAL BANK, OF SUMTER.

At Sumter, in the State of South Carolina, at the close of business, Jan. 31st, 1910.

RESOURCES.	
Loans and discounts,	\$479,888 59
Overdrafts, secured and unsecured,	9,604 60
U. S. Bonds to secure circulation,	25,000 00
Premiums on U. S. Bonds, Bonds, securities, etc.,	500 00
Banking house, furniture and fixtures,	18,000 00
Other Real Estate Owned	3,000 00
Due from National Banks (not reserve agents),	561 37
Due from State and Private Banks and Bankers, Trust Companies, and Savings Banks,	12 178 08
Due from approved reserve agents,	5,522 59
Checks and other cash items,	45,569 64
Notes of other National Banks,	1,152 75
Fractional paper currency, nickels and cents,	550 00
Lawful Money Reserve in Bank, viz:	1,413 09
Specie,	21,142 51
Legal-tender notes, 3,000 00	24,142 50
Redemption Fund with U. S. Treasurer, (5 per ct. of circulation,)	1,250 00
Total,	\$628,322 81
LIABILITIES.	
Capital stock paid in,	\$100,000 00
Surplus fund,	50,000 00
Undivided profits, less expenses and taxes paid,	33,778 53
National Bank notes outstanding,	25,000 00
Due to State and Private Banks and Bankers	3,171 65
Dividends Unpaid,	58.67
Individual deposits subject to check,	416,313 96
Total	\$628,322 81

State of South Carolina, } ss.
County of Sumter.
I, J. L. McCALLUM, Cashier of the above named bank, do solemnly swear that the above statement is true to the best of my knowledge and belief.
J. L. McCALLUM, Cashier.
Subscribed and sworn to before me this 9th day of Feb. 1910.
GEO. L. RICKER,
Notary Public.
Correct—Attest:
NEILL O'DONNELL, }
H. D. BARNETT, } Directors.
GEO. D. SHORE, }
February 9, 1910.

H. L. B. WELLS,
ATTORNEY AT LAW.

Money to Loan on any Good Security.
Notary Public With Seal.

Office Over Sumter Savings Bank.

THE FIRST NATIONAL, THE OLD RELIABLE.

Once you open an account with this bank, the same is seldom closed—for we give you the best facilities to be had for the handling of your banking business. We want new business—but never lose sight of the old. Come and see us.

Capital, Surplus and Profits, \$184,000.00.

STRONG SAFE CONSERVATIVE

50 Axminster Rugs

Patterns the Latest

We Invite Your Inspection of the Quality

Our Regular \$2.50 Rug, Special Priced at..... **\$1.89**

O'Donnell & Co.

HEALTH--

--THEN EXPENSES!

CATCHES your eye. Appeals to your good judgment. That's what this advertisement is for.

- You who know the reputation of this store in selling health producing foods will need no urging to continue as a customer.
- To those who are not acquainted with us, our goods, our methods, our general demeanor, we extend a very cordial invitation to come and see us, to know us, to learn our way.
- We beg to thank our patrons for the courtesies shown us, since taking the agencies for the different products, we now offer, and for their patience in awaiting deliveries of their orders, especially on last Saturday afternoon. We were so over run with orders that we could not get deliveries out as promptly as we wished, but will remedy this evil at once.

SPECIAL FOR TUESDAY—

8 Boxes Celluloid Starch..... 25c.

The new telephone system is now being installed. Just as soon as the same is completed, we will install another phone. New number announced later.

Strauss

"WHERE QUALITY REIGNS"