

The Watchman and Southern.

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PERSONAL.

Miss Anna Jennings has returned from a visit to Sardina accompanied by her friend, Miss Lydia McFadden.

Miss Annie Patton, of Flat Rock, N. C., who has been visiting Mrs. D. F. Kelly for the past month, left Friday for Columbia, where she will spend Saturday in the city.

Mr. and Mrs. E. O. Ingram are in the city.

Dr. Geo. W. Dick returned from Columbia Friday night.

Col. J. J. Dargan, J. F. Williams and T. S. Stuckey, of Stateburg were in the city Saturday.

Messrs. F. R. Rial and S. C. Williams, of Ferguson, were visitors to Sumter Saturday.

Dr. Lewis G. Wood, representing Sharp & Dohme, of Baltimore, was in Sumter Saturday.

Mr. G. E. Salley, a prominent citizen, of Florence, was in the city Saturday.

Mr. J. B. Shippey of Rocky Bluff, spent Saturday pleasantly in Sumter.

Mr. C. H. Pack, a popular citizen of Greenville, was in the city Saturday.

Dr. and Mrs. M. L. Parler, of Wedgefield, spent Saturday in the city.

Messrs. E. A. Burke and H. Nelson, of Florence, spent Saturday in Sumter.

Mr. R. H. Flowers, a popular and progressive resident of Kingstree, was in Sumter Saturday.

Mr. G. H. Lewis, of Florence, was in the city Sunday.

Miss Emily Hatch, of Asheville, has come to Sumter to make her home with Mr. J. McRee Hatch, on West Liberty street.

Mr. A. V. Parrott, of the South Carolina University, spent the latter part of last week with his parents here. He went to Darlington Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. W. J. O'Hagan, of Charleston, accompanied by their son Johnnie, are visiting their daughter, Mrs. J. A. Schwerin, Jr.

Mr. H. C. Parrott spent last Sunday in Darlington.

Mr. Claud M. Wilson, who has been at New Sumter for some time, leaves this week for St. Matthews, where he will engage in farming.

Col. P. J. Drew spent Saturday in Sumter.

Mr. N. H. Bitch, the Cabbage King of the sea coast was in the city Saturday.

Messrs. James R. Barber, P. A. Boswell, of Columbia, spent Saturday in Sumter.

Mr. T. B. Stackhouse, of Columbia, vice president of the National Loan and Exchange Bank, spent Saturday pleasantly in our city.

Mr. N. S. McLeod, one of the largest and most progressive planters of the Swimming Pens section, was in Sumter Saturday.

Miss Maynelle Collins, of Olanda, who is so popular in social circles for her beauty and charming personality, returned home Saturday after a short visit here.

Messrs. S. T. Donaldson and E. E. Bellinger spent Saturday in the city.

The County Teachers' Association met in the high school building last Saturday morning. A very interesting programme was carried out. The attendance was very good.

Sunday morning caught some of the people unprepared for the cold weather. A large number of pipes were frozen and plumbers had to be called in. One stove exploded from building a fire in it before the pipes were thawed out.

The chaingang moved Monday to the Providence road, about two miles from Sumter. They will be at work some time claying that thoroughfare.

Rev. J. B. Wilson reports that he hopes to be in the new Broad Street Methodist church by Easter. The services at Broad Street Sunday were well attended both morning and night.

Dandy Simmons, a highly respected old colored man, died last Saturday of pneumonia.

Everywhere we are warned to beware of cold-storage foods, short weight, and bob veal. Why bother with burglar insurance?—Brooklyn Eagle.

Halley's comet will not deflect the earth a bit from its path, thereby resembling a great many of us.—New York Mail.

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CELEBRATE SILVER WEDDING.

Mr. and Mrs. J. A. Schwerin, Sr., Celebrate Wedding Anniversary.

Mr. and Mrs. Julius A. Schwerin, Sr., celebrated their twenty-fifth wedding anniversary at their beautiful home on Magnolia street last Saturday evening. Only the members of the family were present.

A delicious supper was served in honor of the happy pair. It was a menu to tempt any one, such a one as Mrs. Schwerin knows how to serve. Punches and wines were served. The table was most beautifully decorated for the occasion.

A pleasant feature of the supper hour was the presentation of a beautifully iced fruit cake with a silver bell on it. This was presented by the two grand children, William O'Hagan and Edward Stehle Schwerin, children of Mr. J. A. Schwerin, Jr.

The occasion was enlivened and made one long to be remembered by those present by the rendering of several songs by Mrs. J. A. Schwerin, Jr., and her father, Mr. William O'Hagan. Mrs. Schwerin has a delightfully sweet voice, which is her's by right of inheritance. All present enjoyed the musical programme to the utmost.

The couple were recipients of many handsome and costly presents, which betoken the high esteem in which they are held. Mr. Schwerin is one of Sumter's most prominent and successful business men, and his family is highly connected socially. They have a host of friends who wish them many more anniversaries.

Those present were Mr. and Mrs. W. J. O'Hagan, and Master Johnnie O'Hagan, of Charleston; Mr. and Mrs. Isaac Schwartz, Mr. and Mrs. Isaac C. Strauss, Mr. and Mrs. C. F. McFadden, Mrs. C. F. Schwerin, Mr. and Mrs. J. A. Schwerin, Jr., Mrs. Lizzie Poole and Mr. Lewis Lyons.

Capl. Davis at Presbyterian Church.

Capl. W. C. Davis, of Manning, secretary for the Laymen's Movement in Harmony presbytery, spoke at the Presbyterian church Sunday morning to a large and interested congregation. Mr. Davis is an able speaker and entertained those present in an admirable manner. He closed a campaign for foreign mission which Mr. Marion, the pastor, has been conducting for some time. The church is now supporting a missionary in the foreign field, and within the past two weeks two members of the church have obligated themselves to each support a native worker.

Confirmation Services.

Bishop Guerry conducted confirmation services at the Church of the Holy Comforter Sunday morning, preaching an able sermon. A class of five were confirmed, and the communion celebrated.

AVANT NOT YET FREE.

Georgetown Man Still in the Penitentiary—No News of Dr. Bigham.

W. B. Avant, who was convicted several months ago in Georgetown on the charge of killing Mrs. Ruth Crisp Bigham, is still at the penitentiary. An attempt is being made to secure the necessary bond of \$3,000 before he can be released. The Supreme Court recently, as a result of habeas corpus proceedings, signed an order for the release of Avant from the penitentiary provided he could furnish bond in the sum of \$3,000 pending an appeal to the Supreme Court.

Avant was convicted, together with Dr. Bigham, whose whereabouts has never been learned. After conviction the attorneys for the two men asked for a new trial which was refused by Judge Watts. Intention of appealing to the Supreme Court was given, but no papers were ever filed. Avant was brought to the penitentiary, but just before he was mustered in as a convict a message was received from the Georgetown county sheriff, asking that he be held until further instructions. No further instructions were received and Avant has since been in the State prison.

A Timely Parody.

"Those parodies on 'Mary had a little lamb' are about run out," said a tired person. "It's a good thing too. I'll bet 500 of them have been done in the past ten years."

His friend smiled, "Well, you needn't worry," he said. "I just heard one the other day which is of necessity the last one."

"Mary had a little lamb,
As all the people know,
But if the price of meat stays up
The lamb is sure to go."

If the Ballinger-Pinchot investigation should last 19 years, as a committee predicts, would Alaska last that long or would it be gobbled by the Guggenheims in advance of the finding of the court?—Louisville Courier-Journal.

CITY COUNCIL MEETING.

ROUTINE BUSINESS AND SOME SPECIAL MATTERS.

Mr. A. D. Harby Elected Member of City Board of Education to Succeed Maj. Moise—Resolution as to Master's Salary.

Council held a regular meeting, postponed from the 8th inst. at 8 o'clock p. m., Thursday evening, 10th inst.

Present: Mayor W. B. Boyle; Aldermen H. D. Barnett, P. P. Finn, R. F. Haynsworth, J. R. Ligon, W. G. Stubbs and R. L. Wright. Absent: Aldermen Wm. Bultman and H. C. Haynsworth.

Minutes of Jan. 25th were read. Mr. Barnett asked that they be amended by adding the report of the Finance Committee "that the accounts of the Clerk and Treasurer for December had been examined and found correct," which had been omitted. With this amendment, the minutes were confirmed.

Mr. S. H. Edmunds, representing the City Board of Education, announced a vacancy on the board caused by the death of Major Marion Moise, and suggested the appointment of Mr. A. D. Harby to fill the unexpired term. Mr. Harby was unanimously elected.

Mr. Barnett for the Finance Committee, reported that the Clerk and Treasurer's accounts for January had been examined and found correct. And that all claims referred to them had been approved, except that of Mr. J. H. Johnson, \$184.10, architect's commissions for plans and specifications of the fire station. Council ordered payment of this claim.

Mr. Ligon for the Police Committee submitted report of lights not burning in Jan. And Police Report for January as follows:

Arrests, 59; Fines, \$206.50; Days, 50.

Mr. Ligon called attention to the difference in the work of police officers as shown by this report, and expressed the opinion that there is an apathy existing in reference to their duties. Some he thought must be doing too much, or others too little.

Mr. Finn for the Fire Department Committee reported that arrangements would be completed in a day or two for removal of the steamer to temporary quarters as ordered by Council. In regard to fire escapes and extinguishers for school buildings referred to his committee and Supt. Edmunds on Jan. 11th, he recommended that the bid of Mr. E. Skinner to build fire escapes to the Washington and Lincoln schools for \$12 be accepted, and that 1 dozen extinguishers be ordered from James Boyd & Bro., Philadelphia, at \$7, each. The report was adopted.

Mr. Stubbs reported for the Tree and Park Commission that all trees on west side of Main St. between Dugan and Bartlette Sts., had been cut down and one on the east side. That the work had been suspended on account of protests from citizens. That the commission met today and decided to cut down the trees and asked advice of Council. The matter was discussed at length. Mr. Wright protesting against cutting the trees. On motion of Mr. Ligon the question was referred back to the commission. Messrs. Wright and R. F. Haynsworth voting "No."

Mr. Ligon called attention of Council to an Act now before the Legislature for the purpose of increasing the pay of the Master in Equity for Sumter County and fixing a salary for that office. He declared that his expressions were not personal and had no reference to the gentleman now serving as Master, but that Council represents 60 per cent. of the taxes of the county, and their duty is to safeguard the interests of the taxpayers. The office should remain as it is, with adequate fees for services rendered, and moved that "in the opinion of Council, the proposed increase would not be of benefit to the public, nor would the public good be served by placing this office on a salary basis. The motion was adopted and the Clerk was directed to inform Hon. T. B. Fraser of the action of Council.

Mr. Ligon asked Council to reconsider its refusal of some months ago, to allow the claim of The First National Bank for necessary plumbing work done in their offices. He said that he had opposed the claim himself, but had come to the conclusion that the city should pay for work in its own building, made necessary by Ordinance. On Mr. Finn's motion it was referred to the Opera House Committee to ascertain and report the amount which should be paid by the city, on estimated cost if the work had been done under one contract for the whole building.

Mr. Finn submitted report of work on streets for two weeks, as follows:
Dingle street, digging clay... 1.50
E. Liberty street, drain... 1.00
Church street, repairs... 8.70
Clay streets, repair... 22.80
Wright streets, clay work... 85.07
Sewer Trenches filled... 2.50
Street Sprinkling... 9.00
Street sweeping... 23.00



Garbage 382 loads...	56.00
Hauling Tree Limbs...	1.00
Hauling Brick for Fire Station	3.40
Sick Laborer...	9.00

Total Pay Roll... \$223.57
No. Men—25 Carts—10.

Mr. Wright suggested that the Clerk write the postmaster and ask that spillovers be placed in the post-office for public use as people congregating there at times, waiting for mail should be provided with such a convenience, and it was so ordered.

Mr. Wright stated that the Commissioners of Public Works had offered a quantity of clinkers for improvement of Church street, which would be of great advantage in hauling coal to the water station, and he favored acceptance of the offer, which was referred to the Committee of Public Works.

Request of Mr. L. D. Jennings that pipe be laid in a public drain on his land—West Liberty street, as promised by Council was referred to the Committee of Public Works for immediate attention.

Requests of Mrs. M. A. Epperson, for permission to repair a building in the fire limits on Liberty street, was referred to the Fire Department Committee.

Mr. Wright moved a reconsideration of Council's refusal to reduce the license of the Long Distance Telephone exchange to \$25.00. He thought the \$50.00 license unreasonable, because this exchange is operated in connection with the local exchange and not as a separate office, the long distance paying tolls to the Sumter Telephone Co., for their work. Council decided to reduce the license, the vote on the question resulting in a tie, which was broken by the mayor's vote as follows:

Yeas: Finn, Ligon and Wright.
Nays: Barnett, R. F. Haynsworth, Stubbs and Boyle.

Mr. Wright asked further time for preparation of a Building Code and same was granted.
Council then adjourned.

Neglect Your Business But Not Your Boy.

Every boy is going to have a confident, some one to whom he can tell his secrets and whisper his ambitions which he would not breathe to others, says Orison Swett Marden in "Success Magazine." We take it for granted that his mother will stand nearer to him than any other person, but every boy will have some male friend who will stand in a peculiar relation to him. This friend, this confident, should be his father.

You can not afford to have your boy feel that you are too busy or too indifferent to tell him how to fly his kite or bait his hook or make a toy or to play games with him.

If you begin early enough, it is comparatively easy for you to gain your boy's confidence. From infancy he should grow up to feel that no one else can take your place, that you stand in a peculiar relation to him, which no one else can fill.

Any business man would be horrified at the suggestion that he would ruin his boy by neglect, that his absorption in business would result in the undoing of his own son. But it is the easiest thing in the world to forfeit a boy's confidence. It will take only a little snubbing, a little scolding, a little indifference, a little unkind criticism, a little nagging and unreasonableness to shut off forever any intimacy between you and your boy.

Members of Congress would do their constituents a favor if, instead of thinking of an early adjournment and wondering what President Taft will say of the suggestion, they were to take up promptly some of the many subjects awaiting legislative consideration.—Cleveland Plain Dealer.

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MACAULAY WAS WRONG.

Prediction For America Coming True In England.

(From the Philadelphia Press.)
Half a century has passed since Macaulay, the historian, wrote a famous letter to a friend in this country warning him that the poor would plunder the rich if all men had a vote. Great American cities were, he prophesied, to breed foes worse "than Goths and Vandals," and the "have-nots," if they had political power and chose rulers, would seize the property of those better off. No right of title to property would be respected in a land foolish enough to let all men vote.

Half a century is passed. The right of the ballot has been extended farther than Macaulay or his American friend dreamed. Our city population is the largest aggregate urban mass in the world. Disparities of fortune are great. All Macaulay feared would breed a spirit more perilous than "Goths and Vandals" to property rights a settled civilization has come.

What is the result? England begins this week a general election, whose chief issue is a easy taxation of property, Macaulay's England has classes, a peerage, a crown, privilege, a hereditary chamber and all the checks the great historian praised and deemed wise. Yet in pleading for his party and greater care and protection for property rights, threatened by the Liberal budget, A. J. Balfour, the English Conservative leader, in his "election address" to the English people, uses this language:

"I do not ask that the British citizens should enjoy the same security for his property as the citizen

of the United States. I am not so immoderate.

It is Macaulay's land and not ours where property is in peril. He was wrong. Liberty gives security. Property is safe under the protection of manhood suffrage. Class privilege and the injustice of special rights are the one great peril to property and not universal suffrage.

MURDER SUSPECT ARRESTED.

Prisoner at Aiken Believed to be Slayer of Augusta Physician.

Augusta, Ga., Feb. 11.—William E. Stone, an alleged lunatic of Baltimore, Md., is under arrest at Aiken, S. C., on a technical charge but in reality is suspected of being the murderer of Dr. Charles W. Hickman, who was killed here last week. The warrant was sworn out for Stone last night by a lieutenant of the local police department. Stone is said to answer the description of the man wanted. An officer from Baltimore is on his way to Aiken and a legal tangle as to extradition is expected.

The Tree and Park Commission met Thursday afternoon with a majority of the members present. The removal of the trees on South Main street, between Caldwell and Bartlette, was discussed at length and by a majority vote it was decided to have the remaining trees removed in order that the cement sidewalks may be laid a uniform width.

FOR SALE—Genuine Marlboro Prolific seed corn. Bushel \$2.00; half bushel \$1.25; peck 75 cents. Last year this corn measured 77 bushels per acre with less than \$11.00 worth of fertilizers. J. H. Myers, Sumter, S. C., R. F. D. No. 4

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