

The Watchman and Southeron

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PERSONAL.

Messrs T. H. Osteen and G. A. Nettles of Privateer, were in the city on business Thursday.

Mrs. B. J. Grier has returned after spending a few days in Manning.

Mr. Wilbur H. Cook, of Florence, is in the city.

Mr. Bartow Walsh, Jr., of Johnston, is in the city on a visit to his parents.

Mr. and Mrs. W. M. Davis, of Brogdon, left for Tampa, Fla., Saturday morning accompanied by Misses Kitty and Maggie McFaddin and Miss Grace Brogdon.

Mrs. H. F. Covington and Master Harold Peyton have returned to Baltimore, after spending sometime with their cousin, Mrs. C. W. Kingsmore.

Mr. John Woodley, of Perry, S. C., is in the city on a visit.

Mr. J. McF. Spann, of Hendersonville, is in town for a few days stay.

Mrs. Sol. Ebanuel, who has been visiting Mrs. Altamont Moses, left for her home in New York on Monday. She was accompanied by Miss Armida Moses.

Mr. and Mrs. J. T. China, of Hartsville, are spending a few days in the city.

Mr. Hazel Brand, of Augusta, Ga., is in the city for a few days stay with his mother, Mrs. S. A. Brand.

Senator B. Frank Kelly, of Bishopville, was in the city Monday.

Senator J. H. Clifton and Representatives Fraser, Dick and Stubbs are at home from Columbia.

Mr. Geo. L. Deal, a prominent Columbian, spent Saturday in the city.

Mr. John A. Peterkin, of Fort Motte, is in the city.

Mrs. T. Mitchell Wells of Manning, passed through Sumter en route, for Baltimore.

Miss Annie Leckey is spending a short time with friends in the city.

Mr. D. L. Tindal of Pinewood, was in Sumter Sunday.

Mr. W. D. Lindsay, of Florence, spent Sunday in Sumter.

Mr. C. T. Cunningham, of Greenwood, was in town Sunday.

Mr. Strauss, of Atlanta, is in the city.

Mr. Isaac M. Loryea, well known in insurance, newspaper and Pythian circles, will spend two weeks in Charleston.

Miss Juanita Brown, accompanied by Miss Blanch Thomas, returned from Mullins Sunday.

Death.

Johany Gainley, a son of the late James Gainley died Sunday night after a brief illness, aged sixteen years.

The South's Call for Leaders.

The South needs today, first of all, good farmers, men who know how to manage their farms so as to make money and at the same time build up their soil. It needs, next, men to lead in the development of a healthful spirit of country life, men who are willing to aid every cause which will make the country a better place in which to live and who are willing to devote themselves to these causes with all they have of energy and enthusiasm.

Good roads, good schools, modern conveniences on the farm and in the home, can only come as the result of good farming methods, but gradual acquisition of these things will help to bring about the better methods of farming and should go along with the improvement of agricultural practices. The rural South is destined to be a land of fertile fields, of flocks and herds, of well-filled barns, of beautiful homes of good roads—and schools—a land, in fact, where country life reaches its highest stage of development.

In every community there is a call for men to lead in the bringing about of these conditions, and surely no higher calling, nor one more worthy of implicit obedience, could come to any man.—Progressive Farmer.

Supervisor Pitts is building the finest sand-clay road in Sumter county on the Green Swamp public road.

A raid was made on Spann's Pressing Club a few nights ago and several suits of clothes were stolen. The thief has not yet been captured.

There seem to be a few trees that should be removed from the streets by the tree and park commission even though those on South Main should be preserved. We cannot have too many shade trees on our streets, but those that are decayed should be removed and young trees planted in their places. Old and decayed trees are not ornamental and are a menace to life and limb.

MT. ZION CHURCH BURNED.

Old and Historic Church Destroyed Sunday.

Mt. Zion Church, near St. Charles, was burned Sunday about 1 o'clock. The fire was discovered as the congregation were leaving the church at the close of services. With no means at hand for fighting the fire, the members of the congregation were helpless and could do nothing but stand by and witness the destruction of the historic old edifice.

The fire started from the stove flue and had gained considerable headway before it was discovered. The church was valued at \$5,000 and was insured for only \$2,000.

Mt. Zion Church was organized in 1809, and the centennial was celebrated with elaborate and interesting services last spring. The church which was destroyed yesterday was built in the 50's of the last century and was the third church building that the congregation has had. While no steps have been taken to rebuild it goes without saying that a new church will be erected on the same site at an early day.

VITAL CENSUS QUESTIONS.

How the People Are to Answer The Enumerators.

Washington, Feb. 21.—The character of the questions concerning color or race, age at last birthday, conjugal condition, number of years of present marriage, the number of children now living, to be asked by the enumerators in the Thirtieth United States Census, beginning April 15, next, is clearly explained in the printed instructions to the census-takers, which have been prepared by the United States Census Bureau. All the questions relate solely to conditions existing on the "Census Day," which is April 15.

Answers relative to color or race are to be entered on the schedule as "W" for white; "B" for black; "Mu" for mulatto; "Ch" for Chinese; "Jp" for Japanese; and "In" for Indian. For census purposes, the term "black" (B) includes all negroes of full blood, while "mulatto" (Mu) includes all negroes not of full blood, but having any perceptible trace of negro blood.

As to the age of last birthday of the person enumerated, the enumerators are cautioned that this question calls only for the age in completed years at the last birthday. Therefore, a person whose exact age on April 15 is 17 years, 11 months, and 5 days should be returned simply as 17, because that is his age at his last birthday. In the case of children not two years old, the age should be given in completed months, expressed as twelfths of a year. Thus, the age of a child 3-12, a child 7 months old as 7-12, a child 15 months old as 1-3-12, etc. If a child is not yet a month old the enumerators are to enter the age as 0-12. A child who is just a year old on the 17th of April, 1910, should nevertheless be returned as 11-12, because that is its age in completed months on April 15. The enumerators are told to take particular pains to get the exact age of children.

If the person was born outside of the United States, the enumerator is to enter the country (not city or district) in which he was born. Instead of Great Britain, he is told to write Ireland, England, Scotland, or Wales. In case of persons born in the double kingdom of Austria-Hungary the enumerator is cautioned to be sure to distinguish Austria from Hungary. In the case of those born in Austria proper, they are to distinguish also those born in Bohemia and those born in Austria Poland.

They should write Finland and not Russia for a person born in Finland. The inquiry as to the number of children born applies to women who are now married, or who are widowed, or divorced. The answer should give the total number of children that each such woman has had during her lifetime. It should include, therefore the children by any former marriage as well as by her present marriage. It should not include the children which her present husband may have had by a former wife, even though they are members of her family. Still-born children are not to be included.

The question concerning the number of children now living refers only to the children which the woman herself has had. The enumerator is required to include all of these children that are living, no matter whether they are living in his district or somewhere else.

The steam fire engine purchased by the city sometime ago is not yet regularly in commission. Before it can be regularly used another team of horses must be purchased and an engineer employed to take charge of the engine and be on duty all the time.

Rice Flour.

35 tons fresh from the mills. Best and Cheapest Feed for Horses, Cows and Hogs you can buy. Booth-Harby Live Stock Co., Sumter S. C. 2 12-8t.—W

NEEDLESS FIRE RISK.

Deputy Insurance Commissioner Wharton Inspects Sumter—What He Had To Say.

Deputy Insurance Commissioner B. A. Wharton was in Sumter Friday on a tour of inspection of buildings. He was right after the merchants and others who insist upon leaving boxes of paper, or other inflammable material back of their stores in violation of a State law quoted below. Mr. Wharton after a conference with the chief of police, chief of the fire department, and the health officer said that conditions in Sumter in regard to inflammable material, defective flues, building constructions etc, were far ahead of many other cities and towns, but that the custom of merchants and others leaving inflammable material back of their stores must be stopped or the violators of the law will be prosecuted by the State authorities.

He gave some valuable information which every owner of buildings is financially interested in, owing to the great increase in insurance rates by the South Eastern Tariff Association because of unnecessary fire risks in communities brought about by inflammable material in buildings and on premises, defective or poorly constructed fire flues and chimneys. He said every time an inspector for the South Eastern Tariff Association finds any inflammable material around the buildings he rates up the fire risk as greater and the rates on that building is run up from \$2.50 a thousand to \$10.00. As an illustration of how insurance companies levy extraordinary rates he cites a case in Darlington which he had ferreted out. A business man there has been carrying \$30,000.00 insurance on a valuable block of buildings for fifteen years. About fifteen years ago the owner had built or permitted to be built a cheap one brick thick chimney flue which cost the owner one dollar. Because the flue was not properly constructed the insurance inspector ran up the insurance rates \$2.50 per thousand on the buildings and the owner has in consequence paid \$75.00 a year for fifteen years extra and unnecessary insurance on account of a one dollar flue. The owner being unfamiliar with insurance rating and rules until Mr. Wharton called his attention to the reason for the extraordinary rate was out so much money because of his indifference.

It often occurs also that untidy appearances of premises wherein inflammable material, not detrimental to health or in any wise a nuisance constitutes an extra hazardous risk for which the owners and tenants pay thousands of dollars unnecessary insurance. The owners of all buildings would save money by insisting that their tenants observe the law and so would tenants save hundreds of dollars. When an insurance inspector inspects a premise that rate which he imposes stands for ten years.

The object of the State Insurance Department inspections is for the sole purpose of reducing the insurance rates by those who pay the insurance, cooperating with the commissioners of insurance. The city council, chiefs of police and fire departments and the health officer, each and every one repeatedly published warnings. A number of business men are careless and indifferent about such matters. Now the State Insurance Commissioner proposes to give some body trouble in each community as a kind of gentle reminder of what is good for those who pay insurance, and to protect other buildings nearby where inflammable material is permitted to remain or defective flues are allowed. He has insisted that the chief of police and chief of the fire department, and the sheriff, enforce the law. It is a question of public safety, a wise financial requirement, and a sure reducer of fires, fire risk, and fire insurance rates.

The following is a copy of the law referred to:

Section 4. The Comptroller General or his Deputy, or the Chief of Fire Department or Chief of Police or Intendant (where there is no Chief of Fire Department), or County Sheriff, shall have the right, at all reasonable hours, for the purpose of examination, to enter into and upon all buildings and premises within their jurisdiction whenever any of said officers shall find in any building or upon any premises combustible material or inflammable conditions dangerous to the safety of such building or premises, they shall order the same be removed, or remedied, and such order shall be forthwith complied with by the owner or occupant of said building or premises: Provided, however, That if the said owner or occupant shall deem himself aggrieved by such order, he may, within twenty-four hours, appeal to the Comptroller General, and the cause of the complaint shall be at once investigated by the direction of the latter, and unless by his authority the order of the Fire Chief or chief of Police above named is revoked, such order shall remain in force, and be forthwith com-

plied with by the said owner or occupant. The Comptroller General or his Deputy, Fire Chief or Chief of Police or County Sheriff shall as aforesaid, make an immediate investigation as to the presence of combustible material or the existence of inflammable conditions, in any building or upon any premises under their jurisdiction, upon complaint of any person having an interest in said building or premises or property adjacent thereto, any one fail to comply with the orders of the authorities above specified, shall be punished by a fine not less than ten dollars, nor more than fifty dollars, for each day's neglect.

Section 5. Any officer referred to in Section 1, who neglects or refuses to comply with any of the requirements of this Act, shall be punished by a fine of not less than twenty-five dollars, nor more than one hundred dollars.

THE BRADLEY SHOOTING.

Trouble Resulted From A Horse Trade.

A shooting scrape occurred in town late last Saturday evening that came near being very serious. Mr. J. B. Bradley was shot twice—once in each arm by Mr. Chess Hearon.

We could not get particulars but the shooting occurred on the street in front of the Lee County Grange Co's store. It seems that the parties traded horses some time ago and Mr. Bradley was to pay some boot if the horse came up to what he was recommended. A few days later Bradley phoned Hearon that the horse did not come up to recommendations and that he would not pay the difference.

Last Saturday Mr. Bradley came to town and was standing in front of the Grange store talking to Mr. J. B. Tallon, when Messrs. Brooks Newsom and Chess Hearon drove up and Hearon called Bradley to the buggy. What passed we have not heard except that the lie was passed and Hearon shot Bradley twice.

Mr. Bradley bears the reputation of being a quiet, peaceable citizen. Hearon was arrested and the police attempted to arrest Bradley, but he said he had done nothing to be arrested for and he was let alone. Trial was set for Monday but Mr. Bradley was unable to get here for trial and the case has been postponed.—Bishopville Vindicator.

CHAIRMAN FRASER COMPLIMENTED.

Members of Judiciary Committee Present Him With Umbrella Yesterday.

Columbia, Feb. 19.—One of the pleasant incidents of the closing of the session was the presentation yesterday afternoon of a beautiful silver handle umbrella to Thos. B. Fraser, the hard-working and conscientious chairman of the house judiciary committee. The presentation was happily made by J. P. Carey, member of the committee, and accompanying the umbrella were these resolutions:

"Whereas, the session of the general assembly for the term of 1909-10 is drawing to a close, which necessarily dissolves the judiciary committee of the house; and

"Whereas, during said term the judiciary committee has been ably presided over by Thos. B. Fraser as chairman thereof; therefore be it

"Resolved, That we, the members of said committee, appreciating his ability as the presiding member of the committee, his uniform courtesy and consideration, as a testimonial of our warm personal feeling for him desire to present to him this umbrella as a token of the high esteem we hold for him."

This resolution was signed by the members of the committee and adopted by a rising vote of the committee. The committee consists of T. B. Fraser, chairman, and D. D. McColl, Jr., L. M. Lawson, A. Vander Horst, J. P. Carey, A. J. Hydrick, Jr., M. L. Smith, K. P. Smith, A. G. Brice, J. J. McMahan, L. M. Gasque, A. C. Tobias, Jr., W. S. Hall, Jr., W. S. Utsey, B. H. Brown, W. L. Daniel, S. McG. Simkins, John Porter Hollis, J. S. Bowman, Jr., W. Blackburn Wilson, Jr., J. M. Mars, J. Harry Foster, L. G. Fultz.

Trees Blown Down.

Thursday at 7 o'clock p. m. there was a regular mid-summer wind and rain storm, accompanied by thunder and lightning. For twenty minutes the wind blew with unusual velocity and several trees were blown down on the streets. One large oak in front of Mr. W. G. Stubbs' residence on South Main street fell across the electric light and telephone wires and the wires were tangled up. Mr. Dolph Mannheim got into the tangle and received a shock, but fortunately escaped serious injury. He says a live wire hit him in the back and knocked him over the fence, but he was able to get up running.

Another oak tree in front of Mr. R. L. Wright's house was blown down.

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There's a very pretty legend
In which youth takes great delight,
And to prove it you must try it
When the Fourteenth comes in sight,
And let Sumter be your Valentine.

For they say by looking backward
In the mirror you will find,
The face of your true sweetheart,
Which will be your Valentine.
Oh! Sumter be my Valentine.

But if you have been fickle,
This plan would cause you shame,
For there'd be so many sweethearts
Whom you couldn't call by name;
So let Sumter be your Valentine.

Oh! Sumter, be my Valentine,
And let it be a modern hotel,
So beautiful that other cities
Will have envy in their hearts to dwell
So, Sumter be my Valentine.

So be true and constant always
To the one thing which is best,
And then Sumter will have a hotel,
Which will meet every traveler's test.
So, Sumter be my Valentine.

Sumter, S. C., Feb. 14, 1910.

Comparatively few have registered for the approaching municipal election. No one will be permitted to vote in either the primary or regular city election unless he holds a 1910 registration certificate.

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SHINGLES TO MT. VERNON.

Gerlach and Moseley Furnish Shingles to Re-roof the Washington Home.

The firm of Gerlach and Moseley, of Bowman, have secured a contract for shingles that will go to re-roof one of the most historic and most dear building to the heart of every American citizen.

This contract comes from Mount Vernon, Virginia, and calls for 60,000 shingles of solid heart cypress to be used in re-roofing the home of George Washington, the Father of the American republic. These enterprising dealers consider this a valuable contract, not that they will make so much money out it, but that it is for such an historic building.

The specifications are most exact and must be exactly the same as the ones now on the building. This order shows that the South Carolina timber has no equal, even in Virginia.—Branchville News.

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FOR SALE—Rhode Island Red Eggs from the famous Thompkins strain of birds. Price \$1.50 per sitting. R. P. Monaghan, 209 E. Liberty St. 2-18-2t.

FOR SALE—Genuine Maribore 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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