

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 2, 1910.

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PERSONAL.

Miss Vermell Ferrell and sister, Ethel, and Miss Helen Kelsler, of Williamsburg, were the guests of Mrs. J. F. Moore the past week.

Miss Etta Brand, of Wilmington, passed through the city Friday en route to Charlotte.

Mr. T. E. White, who has been confined to his room for some days, is able to be up again.

Mrs. J. Allen Smith, Jr., of Abbeville, who has been visiting Miss Gusie Harby, on Church street, has returned to her home.

Mrs. A. D. Harby left Friday afternoon for Brunswick, Ga., where she has been called to the bedside of her sister, Mrs. B. F. White, who is critically ill.

Mr. J. C. Campbell, of Blenheim, is in the city.

Mrs. George H. Davis, Jr., of Norfolk, Va., and little daughter are the guests of Mr. and Mrs. J. H. Levy.

Mr. L. M. Green, of the News and Courier Bureau at Columbia, who has been spending some days with his father, Mr. Moses Green, indisposed, has returned to his post of duty.

Mr. J. M. Woodley, of Summerton, spent Saturday in Sumter.

Mrs. J. W. Blakely, who has been visiting her daughter, Mrs. W. J. Benjamin, on Hampton Ave., has returned to her home in Laurens county.

Mrs. W. J. Epperson, who has been visiting in Sumter for some time has returned to her home in Greenville.

Mr. Junius Parrott went to Gaffney Saturday.

Mr. H. C. Woodley, of Summerton, was in town Saturday.

Mr. William Haynsworth, son of Mr. E. C. Haynsworth, left last week for Jacksonville, Fla., where he is connected with the sewerage department.

Mrs. E. A. Bultman has returned from a visit to Charleston.

Mrs. Leslie Jones, of Brogdon, is visiting the Misses Britton on Church street.

Mr. T. E. Hodge, of Tindals, spent Saturday in town.

Rev. J. P. Marion went to Richburg Saturday in response to a telegram informing him of the serious illness of his mother.

Mr. J. E. DuPre, of Pisgah, spent Monday in town.

Mr. and Mrs. R. M. McCullough and son, of Columbia, spent Sunday in the city with Mrs. D. P. Kelly.

Mrs. Eugene L. Brown, of Alabama, who has been in the city for a week past visiting Mr. W. A. Brown, went to Goodwill Monday to visit her aunt, Mrs. E. E. Dabbs.

Mr. Marion Scott spent Saturday in Kingstree.

Miss Ora Mae Coleman, who has been visiting Mrs. S. B. Mitchell on Broad street, for the past few weeks, returned to her home in Ridgeway Monday morning.

Mr. W. H. Scott spent last week at his old home near St. Charles. He says that he has never seen the preparation that has been made for a new crop. January was a good month for work and many took advantage of it.

Miss Ethel Carson, who has been visiting near St. Charles, has returned to her home.

Mr. C. H. DuRant has connected himself, as traveling salesman, with the Valveless Flush Tank Co., one of Sumter's recently organized industries. This organization has a bright future before it. Mr. DuRant will be in Atlanta, Augusta and Savannah this week.

Miss Mable Parrott, who has been on an extended visit to Darlington, has returned home.

Miss Agnes Richardson was called to Mississippi Saturday by the serious illness of her sister, Miss Katherine, who has been teaching there.

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

Hon. R. I. Manning is in the upper part of the State, where he has been for several days.

Mr. Wade McConnell, of Columbia, a former citizen of Sumter, spent Sunday here.

Mr. P. M. Pitts was called to Rock Hill Saturday by a telegram announcing the serious illness of Miss Aretas Pitts, who is attending Whitrop College.

Mr. W. J. Jennings, Jr., of Providence, was in Sumter Monday.

Mr. Joseph M. Chandler has returned from a business trip to New York and the East.

Sam Cordes has joined the Crescent Comedy Company that played here last week, and has gone to Charleston, where the company has an engagement to play this week. His friends in Sumter wish him success.

Mr. W. L. Saunders, of Stateburg, is in town.

DEATH.

Relatives in this county of Mr. B. E. Evans, of Acorn, Ark., have received notice of his death at his home in Acorn, on January 1st, aged 90 years. Mr. Evans was a native of this county, but moved to Arkansas before the war. He married Miss Minerva Newman, a sister of Mr. Sam Newman, of this county.

Death of Mrs. B. F. White.

Mrs. A. D. Harby was called to Brunswick, Ga., Friday by the serious illness of her sister, Mrs. B. F. White. Before Mrs. Harby could reach her sister's bedside she died. Mrs. White has visited in Sumter a number of times and is remembered by a large number of friends, who regret to learn of her death.

Death of Norman Sing.

Saturday at 5 a. m., Norman Sing, aged 18 years, son of J. W. Sing, died at his home on South Sumter Street, of pneumonia. He had been sick about ten days. His disease was contracted while working for the railroad. He was exposed to the weather and contracted the disease that caused his death. He was buried in Florence Sunday morning.

Of Interest to Some in Sumter.

A general bill that is of interest to some who were unfortunate enough to be picked up by some of the Mutual Fire Insurance companies, at Spartanburg, was introduced by Senator Clifton. It provides that all fire insurance companies claiming liens for premiums must prove on trial for the claim that the company was solvent during the period which the premium is claimed for, and that the policy holder was actually protected. There are some unfortunate ones in this county who will be glad to know that there is a possibility of their not being picked up so easily by those fraudulent companies that flourished till run down by our active insurance commissioner.

Will Return to Sumter.

Mr. Charles Mason Joye, son of Mr. T. S. Joye, who is now living at Waynesboro, Ga., has decided to move to Sumter April 1st and make this his home. He will engage in the jewelry repair business. Mr. Joye, aside from his natural inclination to the jewelry business, gotten, possibly from his grand father, the late Mr. C. T. Mason, is a graduate from one of the best horological schools in Philadelphia, and has had a number of years experience since graduation. His many friends will welcome him back in his old home.

Meeting of Lambs' Club.

The Lambs' Club met with Mrs. Geo. Ricker last week. There were a few outside guests present. The evening was very much enjoyed by those present. The refreshments were punch, a salad course and sweets. Bridge was played. The prize for the most points by a guest was won by Miss Moneta Osteen.

Kress' Plans Completed.

The Plans and specifications for the new Kress building to be erected on Main street, near the new post-office building, have been completed and accepted, and work will begin in a very short time on what will be one of the most modern buildings in Sumter. The building will be three stories high. The Kress Ten Cents store will occupy the first floor. This new structure will add a great deal to the appearance of our city.

It is currently talked that Mt. Zion church, which was recently burned, will not be rebuilt. This must be a mistake. The church has a history extending over a century, and owns valuable property. It is hoped that there is some mistake about this.

The shop of Henry Prescott, just beyond the city limits, near Morris College, was entered Sunday night, and a lot of canned goods, fancy groceries and the like stolen. Henry believes the robbery was committed by students of Morris College, and consequently swore out a search warrant and had a deputy to search the male dormitory. The magistrate instructed the constable to make a search, and if anything be found to bring both the articles and the boy.

The heavy rain Thursday revealed the fact that the drain at the corner of West Liberty and South Salem Avenue, was several inches higher than water that practically covers the street. There should be no excuse for that. A drain is not merely an ornament, but should be useful.

Rice Flour.

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

CHAMBER OF COMMERCE.

Regular Meeting and Smoker Will Be Held Soon.

The quarterly business meeting and smoker of the Chamber of Commerce was intentionally postponed this month for a number of reasons by the officers.

There were a number of members out of the city during February, others were visited by sickness and death in their families, and there were also under considerations and in the course of negotiation undeveloped plans for the interest of the city and county which the officers wished to complete before calling the quarterly meeting.

This statement was made by Secretary Reardon today because of some criticisms of the officers for not calling the meeting during February. President L. D. Jennings, and the smoker committee are alive to the interests of the organization. The smoker will be held during the first week in March. New members have been coming in, dues are being paid and generally speaking there is little cause for any "knocks" but on the other hand what is wanted is cooperation and harmonious action in the organization which seem to be present with good will.

ARRESTED FOR SELLING WHISKEY.

George P. McKagen Charged With Running Blind Tiger.

The knowing ones were expecting something to drop all day Thursday. It leaked out in the morning that a warrant had been issued for a blind tiger, but it was not till late in the afternoon that the arrest was made. At 5:15 o'clock George P. McKagen was arrested and carried before Magistrate Harby, who granted him bond in the sum of \$300.00 for his appearance at the next term of the criminal court.

His bondsman is H. T. Edens.

The arrest was made upon information and belief. The warrant was issued upon the request of deputy sheriff Sikes, a son-in-law of Sheriff Epperson, upon the testimony of young Herbert Epperson, a grandson of the sheriff. Young Epperson states that he was with his father on Saturday before Christmas, that they went to the home of McKagen on Dugan street, back of the Dixie Cafe, and that his father paid McKagen seventy-five cents for a pint of white whiskey.

This case has attracted a great deal of interest from the fact that McKagen has a brother on the police force and from the source from which the information comes—so closely connected with the sheriff's office.

A start has been made and the work should be pushed till the last blind tiger is put out of business.

The lax administration of the prohibition law in this county has become a stench in the nostrils of the law-abiding people and a reflection upon our officials. The officers should be encouraged to diligence.

Master Not on Salary.

Senator Clifton and Representative Fraser have been seen and asked about the bill passed by the recent legislature relating to the Master of Sumter county. Neither of them had a copy of the measure, but the bill provides for fees instead of salary, as was proposed by one bill introduced. A minimum fee of \$2.00 for each sale was made. This fee will be paid by those interested in the case. The statute has been amended allowing the master to practice in the court of common pleas. Before this bill was enacted he was prohibited practicing law and thus part of his revenue was taken away from him.

Mr. P. Moses, Jr., has been elected a member of the board of directors of the Sumter Savings Bank to fill the vacancy created by the death of Maj. Marion Moise.

Charley Mayers, colored, who was arrested in Calhoun county and lodged in jail here, will have to be taken to Clarendon county for trial, as his crime was committed in that county. It seems that there are several other warrants pending in Clarendon against the same negro. The sheriff of Clarendon has been notified to send for his prisoner.

NOTICE TO BOYS' CORN CLUB.

There will be a meeting of the Boys' Corn Club at the Court House on Saturday, March 12, at 12 o'clock m. All contestants are requested to attend and secure seed which will be furnished free to those who desire them.

SINGLETON DWIGHT,

Edwin Boyle, Secretary. 2-26—Item 11, W. 11.

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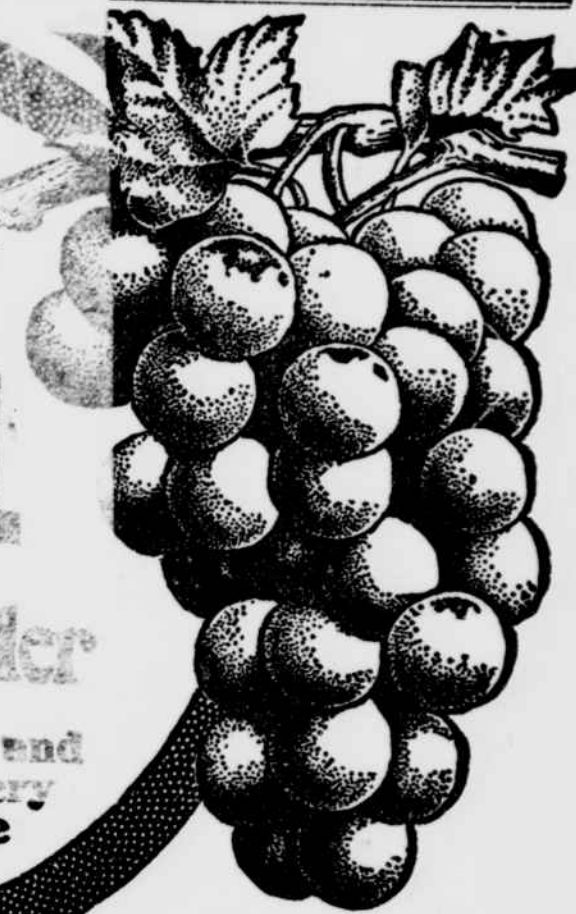
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The price list for Jenkins' Specialty Manufacturing Co. has just been issued from the presses of the Osteen Publishing Co. of 50,000 copies, requiring 100,000 impressions and 3,150 pounds of paper to complete the job. It is a piece of work that would do credit to any printing office. It would have been impossible to have printed such a catalog in Sumter till the new Stonemetz press was installed in the office of the Osteen Publishing Co. This is a brand new press, the only one of the kind in the State. It is a two revolution pony cylinder. Among the first presses of this make put on the market were purchased by the Dennison Manufacturing Co. manufacturers of tags, etc. They now have twelve of these presses installed in their plant. The press has been on the market only about eighteen months.

The Osteen Publishing Co. are now publishing the Journal of the South Carolina Medical Association. They got out their first issue—74 pages—last week.

Besides this, they have been publishing for some time The Diocese, the organ of the Episcopal Church in this State and two monthlies for the Mayesville Industrial Institute, one of 2,500 issue and one of 1,200.

With their new press and splendid equipment they are prepared to turn out almost any class of work.

Dr. Lamar at First Baptist Church.

Rev. A. W. Lamar, of Nashville, filled the pulpit of the First Baptist church Sunday much to the delight of those who heard him speak. In the morning, the audience filled all the house; the bad weather of the evening reduced the crowd somewhat. The morning sermon was based upon Jno. 6:9—"There is a lad here, who hath five barley loaves and two fishes; but what are these among so many?" The stories out of the preacher's own life, which he used in illustrating his sermon were full of pathos and moving tenderness.

The evening sermon was preached from Acts 15:14—"Whose heart the Lord opened." This sermon was by no means inferior to that of the morning. Multitudes flocked about the preacher to shake his hand and to rejoice over the fact that he is coming here in April to hold a meeting in the First Baptist church.

Dr. Lamar left for Atlanta this morning, to inspect a beautiful home just purchased and presented to him by his son, at College Park, one of Atlanta's choicest suburbs.

After the morning service, at a conference of the church members, the treasurer of the First Baptist church presented his report for last year, showing that the total contributions of the church, during 1909, amounted to more than five thousand, five hundred dollars. The church is free of all debt, has large congregations and is full of hope for its future work.

Delegates representing the eastern division of Woman's Mission Societies of the State—about a hundred in number—have been invited to meet in Sumter in June.

TELEGRAMS BY TELEPHONE.

Western Union Authorizes Offices to Open Charge Accounts.

The Western Union Telegraph Company has authorized all its offices to open charge accounts with subscribers of any telephone company with which the Western Union has arrangements for the receipt and delivery of telegrams by telephone.

Work on the gas plant has been delayed by the inability of the company to get the large pipes leading from the plant to the streets. A large lot of piping has been received but work will be delayed till the larger pipe arrives. The work will be pushed to completion when once it is gotten under headway.

MUNICIPAL PRIMARY MARCH 22.

Time Very Short for Making Announcements.

A meeting of the City Democratic Executive Committee was held Monday at twelve o'clock, and Tuesday, March 22nd, fixed as the date for the first primary.

The rules governing the primary election will be published in full in tomorrow's Item.

The polling precincts for wards 1 and 4 will be at the City Hall, and for wards 2 and 3 under the portico of The Farmers' Bank and Trust Company.

However attention is called to the following rule:

"All Democrats who are residents of the city of Sumter and registered voters, according to the books of the County Supervisors of Registration shall be allowed to vote on taking the following obligation, 'I am duly qualified to vote at this election and have not voted before today.' The registration books, or a true certified copy thereof, shall be the poll lists.

The eulogy upon Maj. Marion Moise by Dr. Elzas is a gem of oratory. In beauty of diction and depth of feeling it ranks with Robert G. Ingersoll's address at the grave of his brother. And it ranks far above that in one respect—in the faith which looks up through sorrow to the comforting promises of God.—Pee Dee Advocate.

The recent session of the State legislature changed the age of eligibility to pension of widows of Confederate veterans from 60 to 50 years. The bill was introduced by Senator Clifton.

TOWNSHIP ASSESSORS.

The Men Who Will Pass Upon Your Returns.

The auditor has been delayed in getting returns into the hands of the assessors by the extension of the time for making returns. Just as soon as the returns can be prepared, they will be turned over to the following gentlemen, who will pass upon them:

- Concord—J. W. Brunson, Howard Jones, G. W. Mahoney.
- Privateer—S. A. Harvin, H. D. Tindall, W. O. Cain.
- Manchester—W. J. Ardis, S. M. Coulter, J. H. Christmas.
- Middleton—E. E. Aycock, J. B. Crouch.
- Providence—R. J. Brownfield, W. S. Burkett, Marion Dorn.
- Rafting Creek—T. P. Sanders, E. E. Rembert, T. M. Rogers.
- Stateburg—D. Bull, T. S. Stuckey, W. J. Norris.
- Mayesville—G. W. McBride, S. D. McElveen, J. F. Bland.
- Shiloh—S. W. Truluck, A. H. Truluck, J. K. McElveen.
- Sumter—H. J. McLaurin, W. M. Graham, W. E. Burns.

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