

The Watchman and Southron.

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PERSONAL.

Mr. H. L. Cunningham, of Bishopville, was in the city Wednesday.

Miss Ella McFaddin and Miss Pauline Blanding have returned from Seluda, N. C.

Mr. H. M. Sanders, of Winston-Salem, N. C., spent Tuesday night in the city.

Mr. E. Lonnie Vogel left Tuesday for Sacramento, Cal., where he has accepted a position with the Motor Cycle Co.

Mr. William Winn left Tuesday for Davidson college.

Messrs. Horace Harby and Geo. D. Levy left Wednesday for Hendersonville, where they will spend some time.

Miss Lora Brunson left Wednesday to attend school at Union.

Rev. C. C. Richards and family of Bennettsville, spent a short while in the city Wednesday.

Miss Eva Kingman left Wednesday to spend several weeks at Satesville, N. C.

Mr. Fred Nigles left Wednesday for Davidson college.

Miss Lucile Ryttenberg left Tuesday afternoon for Washington, D. C., and other northern points on a visit to friends before returning to resume her studies at Randolph-Macon college.

Miss Cleo Stokes, of Lynchburg, S. C., spent a few days with Mrs. C. W. McGrew this week.

Messrs. W. T. Atkinson, H. J. Lawrence, and Louis Gillespie left Tuesday for Jacksonville, Fla., to spend the week-end.

Miss Cecile McKagen has returned home from a visit to her uncle in Camden.

Mrs. R. B. James, of Summerton, is visiting friends and relatives in the city for a few days.

Miss Emma Mellette is visiting relatives in Columbia.

Mr. W. G. Andrews, Superintendent of the Georgetown Railroad, and Mrs. Andrews spent a few hours in the city Wednesday.

Mr. Mark Reynolds left this morning to spend several days with friends at Stateburg.

Mr. William Haynsworth returned to the city from Ianas this morning.

Mrs. Morrison and son, Benton, who have been visiting Mrs. W. B. Burns, have gone to Camden for a few days stay, after which they will return to their home in Arkansas.

Mr. Watson B. Duncan, Jr., has returned to his home in Charleston.

Misses Alice Owen and Mabel Randall have gone to Borden to attend a dance to be given there tonight.

Mr. Leland Emanuel has returned to his home at Borden.

Mr. Harry Boggs, of Charleston, is visiting relatives in the city.

Rev. W. B. Duncan and daughter, Miss Beale, have gone to Manning to visit friends there before returning to their home in Charleston.

Mr. and Mrs. N. S. Griffin, of Pine-wood, are visiting relatives on S. Sumter street.

AUDITOR WILDER COMPLIMENTED.

Representative From Comptroller General's Office Praises Him For Excellent Condition of Books at Annual Settlement Between Auditor and Treasurer.

The annual settlement between the auditor and treasurer took place on yesterday, this settlement involving for the year 1909.

Mr. Sawyer, chief clerk of the Comptroller General's office, was here to witness the settlement, provided for by law, and he was profuse in his praises of the simplicity and swiftness with which the settlement was executed, the time required for this being less than two hours.

It is the duty of the representative, who is present at the settlement from the comptroller general's office, to verify every item on the auditor's books, and this was done by Mr. Sawyer without changing a single figure on Mr. Wilder's books. In fact not a single correction of any sort was made by Mr. Sawyer while checking up Auditor Wilder's books.

Mr. Sawyer highly complimented Mr. Wilder for his excellent book-keeping, and stated that his books could not possibly be in any better shape than they were. Mr. Sawyer said further that "if every county in South Carolina had their auditor's books in such shape, the comptroller general's office would have little or no trouble."

There is a gate at the Coast Line passenger station all O. K., but where is its keeper.

The Gubernatorial Situation.

Choosing a Governor is, or should be a business proposition. The intelligent voter is guided in making his choice by the same methods and principles which he would follow were he selecting a servant of any kind. He does not permit himself to be swept off his feet by sentiment, but he makes his choice deliberately, bearing ever in mind the chief duties which the employee is expected to perform and the qualifications necessary for their satisfactory performance.

What are the most important obligations assumed by a Governor in this State? Under the Constitution of South Carolina they are thus described:

"He (the Governor) shall have power to grant reprieves commutations and pardons after conviction (except in cases of impeachment,) in such manner, on such terms and under such restrictions as he shall think proper; and he shall have power to remit fines and forfeitures, unless otherwise directed by law.

"He shall take care that the laws be faithfully executed in mercy."

Briefly put, yet of tremendous import. In these few words the Chief Magistrate of South Carolina is vested with power to nullify the work of every criminal Court within the borders of the Commonwealth, the Federal Courts alone excepted.

Is Cole L. Blease the proper man to intrust with powers such as these? For answer we must look to his record. What do we find?

Five years ago Mr. Blease was the foremost champion of the old State Dispensary. He did everything in his power to block the efforts of those who were laboring to lay bare its rottenness, to bring to light the graft which it had fostered. Day after day Mr. Blease, although a member of the Investigating Committee, charged with the work of uncovering the corruption whose stench had become offensive beyond endurance, bent all his energies to keeping that corruption hidden.

Four years ago, after the Investigating Committee had completed its task and had, in spite of Mr. Blease, adduced evidence amply sufficient to damn that corrupt machine in the eyes of all decent men, Mr. Blease took the stump in its behalf. From one end of the State to the other he opposed the county dispensary system to which he now accords approbation, proclaiming at every campaign meeting his allegiance to the State Dispensary just as it stood, denying that it was in need of the purification for which Mr. Manning, Mr. McMahan, Col. Sloan and others pleaded, and boasting of his friendship for men at this moment under indictment charged with having made corrupt use of their offices under the Dispensary, with being "grafters."

Six months later, on the floor of the Senate, he did all that he could to prevent the abolition of the State Dispensary and to shield certain of his vaunted friends whose connection with that institution had brought reproach upon them.

These are matters of public record. They may not be refuted. They cannot, like other charges which have been preferred against Mr. Blease, be denied.

Less than four years ago Mr. Blease stood before the people of South Carolina as the unshamed champion of the old State Dispensary at a time when this greatest single source of corruption the State has ever known had become a byword and a hissing throughout the Commonwealth and far beyond its borders. He has openly prided himself upon the ties of friendship which bound him to men whose bold defiance of law is not doubted.

Is Mr. Blease the proper man to whom to entrust the keys of our prisons? Upon what ground can we hope that Mr. Blease as Chief executive would keep the other executive offices of South Carolina keyed up to a proper performance of their duty? There are worse things that State-wide prohibition.

Does anyone doubt that Mr. Featherstone, on the other hand, would exert himself to the utmost to see that the laws upon our statute books were obeyed? Does anyone fear that Mr. Featherstone might open prison doors and set free notorious criminals? His record as a man as a lawyer, as a Judge, specially appointed speaks for itself and sets at rest all such doubts and all such fears.—News and Courier.

A REAL WARM DAY.

The Thermometer Registered Higher Wednesday Than any Other Day This Summer.

From The Daily Item, Sept. 7.

Mr. J. A. Schwerin, who has been keeping a record of the daily readings of the thermometer, states that at 1 o'clock today the highest reading of the season, at that hour was recorded, when the thermometer registered 94 degrees in the shade. Yesterday the record was 93 and on Monday it was 92. Everybody knew it was real warm, but they did not know how hot it really was at 1 o'clock.

FLOWER THIEF CAUGHT.

Had Stolen Pot Plants From All Over the City; Fined \$10—G. A. Stoney Fined \$2 For Throwing Glass in Street.

From The Daily Item, Sept. 7.

Anyone who attended the Recorder's court this morning might have at first come to the conclusion that Recorder Raffield was contemplating opening a flower store, judging from the number of beautiful ferns, begonias and other pot plants displayed there.

The plants were there, however, as evidence against Mabel Red, a colored girl, who seems to have made quite a collection. She admitted taking flowers from the porches of residences on Liberty, Washington, Calhoun, and several other streets with the purpose of selling them to other parties. Her plans were rudely disturbed, however, by Sergt. McKagen, who made the arrest. She was given a sentence of \$10 or twenty days.

G. A. Stoney, colored, threw glass into the street and for this offense was sentenced to pay a fine of \$2.

FEATHERSTONE WAS HERE.

Next Governor of South Carolina Spent the Night in Town.

From The Daily Item, Sept. 7.

Mr. C. C. Featherstone, the next Governor of South Carolina, spent last night in the city, coming from Columbia yesterday afternoon and going to Darlington this morning. Mr. Featherstone is confident of election, but he and his friends are, nevertheless, making a vigorous campaign throughout the State. The only thing that can prevent his election is over-confidence or indifference on the part of his friends. If a full vote is polled, Featherstone will be elected by not less than ten thousand majority. In Sumter county, as elsewhere, it is important that every man who desires the election of Mr. Featherstone should turn out on Tuesday and vote and work for him. It will not be sufficient for Sumter county to give him a majority—he should receive a big majority, the larger the majority he receives in Sumter county the more certain his election.

BOOZE CASE TRANSFERRED AGAIN.

Magistrate at Wedgefield Will Try Case of Wesley Jenkins Against L. I. Parrott.

The case of Wesley Jenkins against Mr. L. I. Parrott, being an action to recover, under claim and delivery proceedings, several gallons of liquor seized from Jenkins by Constable Muldrow, and now held by Clerk of Court Parrott as evidence in the criminal case against Jenkins, came up for trial this morning before Magistrate Jenkins at Privateer to whose court it was transferred from that of Magistrate Harby.

The details of this case are already well known, and as an evidence of the interest taken in the outcome, it is stated that at the trial this morning there were a large number of people present in automobiles and buggies from all parts of the country.

A motion was made by Mr. John H. Clifton, attorney for Mr. L. I. Parrott, the defendant in the case, to have the case transferred to the court of Magistrate Rees at Wedgefield and this motion was granted.

The case will accordingly be tried at Wedgefield in the course of a few days.

NEW POSTOFFICE FIREMAN.

A Good Job Open for a Capable Man.

A fireman for the new postoffice building will be appointed in the near future and applications must be on file not later than September 21st. The salary paid is \$600 a year. Application blanks and other information can be obtained upon application at the postoffice.

The Blease Machine.

The fact is, Mr. Blease has one of the strongest and most compact political organizations ever known in this State. He is a politician from the word go, and he has a host of politicians working for him; among them some of the shrewdest vote-getters that "ever came down the pike"; men that helped to keep the State dispensary here long after it became a stench in the nostrils of the great body of the citizenship; men who hope to see the days come back again. And he has a host of other followers who, for one reason, or another stick to him. Don't talk about barroom days. Who wants barrooms any more? There is more money in the dispensaries than barrooms ever dreamed of.—Newberry Observer.

Mr. Sawyer also lauded the work of County Treasurer Wallace and in fact all of the county officers with whose work he had come in contact while witnessing the settlement.

Death.

Mr. James Sling died Tuesday afternoon at Mood's Infirmary after a short illness. His body was carried to Florence Wednesday for burial.

THE ORPHAN'S DAY.

People of South Carolina Asked to Give One Day for Fatherless Children.

To the Editor of The Daily Item.

The Superintendent of our four denominational orphan institutions in South Carolina have agreed to ask our people to join in a special work-day effort Saturday, September 24th, next. It is designated that the Sunday schools especially shall be asked to co-operate in this work—and yet we would by no means limit the effort to the children. It is hoped that older persons as well will join in an effort to raise a big sum of money that is very much needed this fall for our four institutions. The Thornwell Orphanage the Epworth Orphanage, the Church Home Orphanage and Connie Maxwell Orphanage have agreed upon the day designated.

There are many tasks to which the children might be set, and we hope that many a group of 30 or 50 or 70 will take to the cotton fields that day and pick cotton in order to earn money to give to the orphans.

And yet picking cotton is only one of the numerous ways in which young people might earn money. We are asking that salaried men and women, business men, heads of departments, commercial travelers, farmers, everybody will give one day of the year to this good purpose. This plan has been successfully tried in other States and indeed has already been worked a few times in South Carolina, but we are planning and hoping for larger things this year than ever before. Each person may send his gift to the institution of his choice.

Yours truly,
A. T. JAMISON.
Greenwood, S. C., Sept. 2.

Charleston's Staple Crop.

For sale—One fine lot of fat and hardy mosquitoes; can not sting like a hen, but guaranteed net and club proof. Will sell cheap. Apply in own handwriting.—Charleston Post.

DON'T EXPERIMENT.

You Will Make No Mistake if You Follow This Sumter Citizens Advice.

Never neglect your kidneys.

If you have pain in the back, urinary disorders, dizziness and nervousness, it's time to act and no time to experiment. These are all symptoms of kidney trouble, and you should seek a remedy which is known to cure the kidneys.

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W. Vogel, S. Main St., Sumter, S. C., says:

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The night has a thousand eyes and U. S. but one, yet the laugh of the world will die when "Teddy's" done.—Charleston News and Courier.

Once more the Ten Commandments are enjoying the public patronage and vociferous approval of Colonel Roosevelt.—Chicago News.

Many People—

Are willing to sacrifice themselves and their children to the prejudice of "what people say."

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