

The Watchman and Southron

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PERSONAL

Mr. H. B. Richardson, Jr., of Charleston, was in the city Monday and Tuesday.

Mr. R. H. Allen, of Asheville was in the city Monday.

Mrs. E. P. Pitts has returned after a visit to relatives in Darlington and Charleston.

Rev. William Haynsworth, of Privateer, was in the city Tuesday.

Rev. J. H. Thacker, who was several years ago pastor in charge of the Oswego circuit and served the Magnolia Street Methodist church, was in the city on business Tuesday.

Mr. R. P. Stackhouse, of Dillon, passed through the city Tuesday on his way to Georgia.

Miss Elizabeth James, of Atlanta, who has been visiting Mrs. J. G. R. Wilder on Magnolia street for several weeks, left Wednesday for Dovesville, S. C., where she will visit her sister before returning home.

Miss Virginia Surbidge, of Conway, is visiting Miss Annie Dollard on Oakland Avenue.

Mr. and Mrs. A. A. Brearley, of St. Charles, were in the city Wednesday.

Rev. F. M. Satterwhite, formerly of this city, but now of Yorkville, was in the city Wednesday.

Mrs. M. A. Williams, of Darlington, is visiting Mrs. J. A. Raffield of this city.

Mr. W. G. Stubbs returned from Charleston on Thursday where he went to take part in the Washington Birthday parade Wednesday as an aide on the Governor's staff.

Messrs. S. R. Chandler and Sam Sanders have gone to New York to buy the spring stock of goods for O'Donnell & Co.

Dr. W. A. Alston, of Hagood, was in the city Thursday.

Mr. Vernon Keels of Rembert, was in the city Thursday.

Messrs. Robert Burkett and Edward Scarborough, of Dalsell, were in the city Thursday.

Delgar-Mason.

A wedding that attracted much attention and was of much interest to the people of this city was solemnized Wednesday evening at the church of the Holy Comforter when Miss Ollie Delgar, daughter of Mr. S. Yeaton Delgar of this city was married to Mr. Carl T. Mason, the Rev. H. H. Covington performing the ceremony.

The chance of the church was most tastefully decorated with potted plants and was crowded with the large number of friends and relatives of the young couple who had gathered to see them made man and wife.

The bride entered the church on the arm of her father while the wedding march was being rendered by Mrs. C. W. Kingman and was met by the groom, attended by his brother, Mr. Stewart Mason, as best man, at the altar where the marriage ceremony was performed.

The attendants were: Ushers, Messrs. C. Capers Smith, Manning Brown, Perry Brown, of this city and Dr. John Zeigler of Manning; groomsmen and bridesmaids, James D. Graham with Miss Elinor Mason, Mr. E. Murr Hall with Miss Lizzie Dinkins, Mr. Geo. C. Warren with Miss Gussie Hood, Dr. G. D. Easterling of Columbia with Miss Marguerite McLeod of Greenville. The maid of honor, Miss Willie Delgar, a sister of the bride, Dame of honor, Mrs. C. H. Dora; Flower girls, Misses Daisy China and Buena Delgar; ring bearer, Delgar Dorn; ribbon girls, Misses Lillie Delgar, Elizabeth Head, Maureen Ligon and Marguerite Bowman.

Immediately after the marriage the bridal party and a large number of guests were entertained at the residence of Mr. S. Y. Delgar at a reception given in honor of the bride.

The young couple left on the 9:20 train amid showers of rice for Columbia from which place they went to New Orleans, where they will spend their honeymoon taking in the sights and gaieties of the Mardi Gras.

Exercises at City Schools.

For the past several years it has been customary at the city schools to have only half holiday on the anniversaries of Lee's and Washington's birthday. This custom was observed Wednesday and the last period in each room was devoted to suitable exercises of such a nature as would serve to impress upon the pupils' minds the real significance of the day. By giving a half holiday any demoralization that might result from a whole holiday is obviated.

The small pox patient who had been held under quarantine in the southern part of the city has so far recovered that the quarantine has been removed.

CHURCH VESTRY SUPPER GIVEN.

Bishop Guerry Principal Speaker—S. H. Edmunds and H. C. Haynsworth Other Speakers.

On Monday evening the vestry of the Episcopal church in this city gave a supper to which all of the male members of the church were invited and a number of other guests chief among whom was Bishop Guerry. The supper was served by the Junior Guild of the church in a most pleasing manner and was much enjoyed by all of those present.

The supper was given by the vestrymen of the church to the other male members of the church for the purpose of arousing their interest in the church and was the first of what may turn out to be a series of similar entertainments.

There were several persons called upon to make talks. Bishop Guerry giving the principal talk during the evening. Others who gave brief talks were Prof. S. H. Edmunds and Mr. Hugh C. Haynsworth.

LEVER'S "POTASH" AMENDMENT.

Praise for Congressman's Efforts Towards Locating American Deposits.

Washington, Feb. 22.—That the amendment put on the Agricultural appropriation bill when it was under consideration by Representative Lever for the exploration and investigation to determine a possible source of supply of potash, nitrates and other natural fertilizers within the United States, is regarded as the beginning of an undertaking of vast importance to the farmers of the nation, is shown by the favorable way in which this matter has been received by the agricultural scientists of the country. He has received a strong letter from Secretary Wilson on the subject. Mr. Lever himself believes it to be one of the most important undertakings ever put on foot by the department of agriculture. In arguing for his amendment, he set out clearly and concisely the facts that the entire section of country which he in part represents is at the absolute mercy of a great German syndicate for its supply of potash—one of the necessary ingredients of a complete fertilizer. It was shown that this country consumes eight million dollars worth a year and it is of interest to know that of this amount at least ninety per cent is consumed in the South and according to a statement of Prof. Harper of Clemson College about one million four hundred and forty thousand dollars are expended for potash in South Carolina, while Commissioner Watson makes the expense to South Carolina for this fertilizer ingredient slightly more than this. The freight from the German mines to this country amounts to about five dollars a ton and this itself, it is urged by the men interested in the outcome of the investigation authorized in this amendment, is a considerable item that may be saved if potash deposits are discovered in this country.

Secretary Wilson's letter is as follows:

"I have read with much pleasure the amendment, which you had added to the appropriation bill of this department, while under consideration in the House on last Friday, providing \$12,500 for exploration and investigation within the United States to determine a possible source of supply of potash, nitrates, and other natural fertilizers. Your remarks in support of your amendment, while brief, were both illuminating and convincing, and I wish to compliment you not only upon the foresight you have displayed regarding the rapidly approaching need for fertilizing substances over the vast agricultural areas of our country, but also upon your loyalty to the American people, as evidenced by your desire to exhaust every means before relinquishing your efforts to supply this need from within the United States instead of through the patronage of foreign source of supply. In securing the adoption of this amendment you have accomplished something that will be of natural benefit and will therefore undoubtedly redound to your great personal credit.

"I also wish to take this opportunity to extend my personal thanks to you for the interest you have uniformly displayed in all matters pertaining to agriculture not only in the great State which you so ably represent, but in all other sections of the country as well. Your views on agricultural subjects, as often expressed both on the floor of the House and in the agricultural committee have certainly established a substantial claim that you are indeed a true friend of the American farmer."

The ground hog was not so far wrong after all when he looked at his shadow and decided to retire for another nap.

The regular meeting of Beulah Chapter No. 25, is changed from Thursday 23rd to Friday evening 24th at 7:30 o'clock. Every member urged to be present.

KILLED BY ENGINE.

Negro Train Hand Meets Death at Barnwell.

Barnwell, Feb. 21.—James Williams of Sumter, a young negro train hand, was almost instantly killed at the Atlantic Coast Line depot here this morning by a shifting freight engine. Williams, who was new at the work, this, it is said, having been his first run, was attempting to couple two freight cars together, when his foot was struck by one of the wheels and his body thrown under the moving car. He was horribly mangled, the wheels passing entirely over his body, crushing him terribly about the stomach and legs and breaking his jaw bone. He lived only about two minutes after the accident. The coroner's jury exonerated the railroad company and the train crew of all responsibility for his death. Williams' body was shipped to his relatives in Sumter on the afternoon train.

In the Police Court.

There were only three cases tried in the Recorder's Court on Wednesday, one of these taking up the greater part of the noon hour.

Willie Bowman plead guilty to the charge of discharging firearms in the city limits and was fined \$10 for the offense.

The next case up was that against E. D. Garner, the colored man who bought stolen chickens from several small white boys some time ago, for buying stolen chickens. This case consumed considerable time, especially in waiting for the defendant to come. Mr. H. C. Haynsworth represented Garner in the case. It was testified that the chickens were sold to Garner about 9 p. m. on February 11th. The attorney for the defense asked that the case be dropped as no evidence was shown on the part of the State that the defendant knew that the chickens were stolen. The Recorder overruled the motion and further evidence brought out by the defense was that Garner always had a good reputation and that he had engaged to take the chickens prior to the buying of them.

When all the evidence was in and Mr. Haynsworth had made his argument the Recorder stated that he would dismiss the case owing to the defendant's previous good reputation, which was testified to by the police. Garner was warned, however, about receiving chickens or anything else in the future, when they were brought to him at night without first finding out where they came from and why they were being sold. On this point he was very positive, stating, "Taint no use talking 'bout sellin no chickens to me no mo', I aint go buy none."

The case against R. B. Phillips, the other negro who bought the chickens, was transferred to the magistrate's court.

There were only two cases tried in the police court Thursday morning by the Recorder and these were heard in record time.

Johany Belcher was charged with violation of the hack ordinance and plead guilty. He was give a choice of \$5 or 10 days.

Wilton Wallace was fined \$10 for discharging fire arms in the city limits with a warning that he must not do any more shooting around town.

DROWNED IN WATER BUCKET.

Lynchburg Infant Meets Death in Peculiar Manner.

Lynchburg, Feb. 20.—The infant son of Mr. Geo. W. Stokes was this afternoon drowned in a bucket of water by the door step.

The child was only nine months old and while the nurse was absent for a few minutes, crawled to a bucket of dirty water by the door step, and pulling himself up beside it, became overbalanced and fell in head first, and when the nurse returned and gave the alarm it was past resuscitation, although the doctors worked on it for one and a half hours.

Death of Mr. J. S. R. Brown.

Mr. J. S. R. Brown of Oswego died in Florence Wednesday about 8:30 a. m. at the age of 58 years.

The funeral took place Thursday at Bethel church, near Oswego at 11 a. m.

Mr. Brown is well known in this county and has many friends who will be sorry to know of his death. He leaves to mourn his loss four daughters, Mrs. Rogers of Florence, Mrs. S. M. McCoy of Oswego, Mrs. W. O. McLeod of Oswego and Miss Elize Brown of Oswego.

Many persons in all parts of the city are complaining of sore arms at this time, the result of recent vaccination.

When will the paving of Main street begin? It would be more pertinent, perhaps, to inquire, when will the paving bonds be sold.

DR. N. H. SNYDER TO SPEAK.

Will Make Address at Services Conducted by Civic League at First Baptist Church Sunday Night.

Dr. H. N. Snyder, president of Wofford college and one of the foremost men of the State, will be the principal speaker Sunday night at the First Baptist Church at services held under the auspices of the Civic League of this city. All other churches will be closed for the occasion and a very large attendance is expected.

This meeting is similar to one held last year about the same time at which the yearly report of the Civic League nurse was read, and is to be held at the Baptist church which was selected by the ladies of the Civic League for the meeting. It was decided at a meeting of the Ministerial Association of the city held the first part of this month that all churches of the city would be closed when this meeting was held except the church at which the ladies should decide to hold it.

Besides the address by Dr. Snyder, it is probable that there will be other addresses, and efforts are being put forth to make the meeting a very interesting and successful one. Special singing has been arranged for. The meeting will commence at 8 p. m.

A Man From Missouri.

Representative James, of Kentucky, then offered an amendment proposing that the Democratic members of the Senate and House jointly elect the two minority members of the tariff board. To this Representative Rucker, of Missouri, offered a proforma amendment so that he might denounce the apparent unholy alliance between the solid Republican side and the Democratic leaders. He said that the Republicans had been discredited in every State in the Union from the Atlantic to the Pacific.

"How about in Missouri?" queried Representative Bartholdt, a Republican member from St. Louis, who was re-elected.

"Everywhere, even in Missouri, except in St. Louis, where the brewers bought the election!" cried Mr. Rucker.

"That is not so!" shouted Mr. Bartholdt indignantly. "The last election was the fairest we ever had."

"Do you really believe a darned word of that?" asked Mr. Rucker.

"I do," Mr. Bartholdt replied.

"Then," commented Mr. Rucker, "the gentleman is so densely ignorant I won't argue with him."—New York Sun.

Why not refer the vote-buying cases in Vermillion county to a committee consisting of Senator Lorimer?—Cleveland Leader.

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The firm of J. E. and W. K. Dunne, architects of this city, has purchased an interest in the large firm of Wheeler, Calliher and Stern, Mr. W. K. Dunne, who is the head of the firm here, having his name substituted in that of the larger firm in place of Mr. Calliher, who has dropped out. The present firm will have headquarters in New York, Charlotte and Sumter, Mr. W. K. Dunne of this city, being the soliciting member of the firm for the Charlotte and Sumter branches. This is one of the largest firms of architects in the South, and are at present engaged in erecting several large buildings in different parts of the State and elsewhere in the South.

The Chamber of Commerce is showing signs of life. It is about time for a revival.

In reverence is the chief joy and power of life.—Ruskin.

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