

The Watchman and Southron.

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PERSONAL.

Capt and Mrs. J. F. Kirkland and family have returned to the city from Charleston where they have been spending some time.

Mrs. H. D. Tindal and daughter are visiting relatives on Waccamaw Island.

Miss Emma Schwartz is spending some time in New York.

Miss Carrie Fischer, of Philadelphia, is visiting her sister, Mrs. C. M. Joye.

Mr. R. M. Aman, of Bishopville, was in the city on Tuesday for a short while on his way home from Columbia.

Mr. W. A. Spann, of Providence, was in town Tuesday.

Mrs. Emma E. Parker and son of Graniteville, S. C., are visiting Mr. and Mrs. W. Y. Spann.

Miss Kate Crumpton, of Ridgeway, is visiting Mrs. Eugene McCallum on Calhoun street.

Mr. M. H. Plowden, formerly of this county, but now of St. Matthews, was in the city Tuesday.

Mr. H. L. Rembert, of Dalzell, spent Tuesday in the city.

Mr. R. H. Jennings, Jr., has returned to his home in Orangeburg after a visit to relatives in this city.

Mr. and Mrs. Guy L. Warren have returned home after a trip to Greenwood and Glenn Springs.

Dr. C. C. Brown left for Beaufort on Tuesday for a month's stay at that place.

Mr. W. C. Wactor and Mr. Ernest Wactor, of Heriot, passed through the city on Tuesday for a stay at Glenn Springs.

Mrs. W. W. Anderson, who has been visiting her daughter, Mrs. Mark Reynolds, returned to her home at Stateburg on Tuesday, accompanied by Mr. Mark Reynolds, Jr.

Miss Aline Hunter and Miss Irma Smith are visiting at "Oak View," the home of Mr. and Mrs. B. R. Durant.

Mr. Atwood Yates of Jacksonville, Fla., is in the city visiting his father, Mr. W. H. Yates.

Mr. W. A. Stuckey, of Bishopville, was in the city Wednesday.

Mr. Harmon D. Moise and daughter have gone to Sullivan's Island for a week's stay.

Mrs. Martha Moore, of Stateburg, is visiting her aunt, Mrs. M. S. Nelson, on Church street.

Mrs. L. I. Parrott, Miss Hassie Parrott and Master Laurin Parrott have gone to Saluda for a stay of several weeks.

Miss Mabel Parrott left Wednesday for Mt. Clement, Mich., where she will attend a house party given by one of her school friends.

Mr. Ellis Lowry, of Selma, Ala., is on a visit to his mother on South Sumter street.

Miss Mary Haynsworth has gone to Saluda for a stay of some time.

Mr. and Mrs. O. H. Foley have returned from a stay at Wrightsville Beach.

Mrs. W. C. Bull returned to Columbia Wednesday after a visit to her daughter, Mrs. C. B. Yeaton.

Miss Anna Brown went to Wedgefield Wednesday to visit Miss Jeanette Thomas.

Mr. and Mrs. W. D. Owens have returned from a trip to relatives in Tennessee.

Mr. and Mrs. L. L. Johnson, of North Carolina are visiting relatives in the city.

Mr. Harry Bull, of Stateburg, was in the city Wednesday.

Miss Ila Meares, of Savannah, Ga., is visiting her aunt, Mrs. Reid Ard.

Mrs. Herman Bultman and daughter, Miss Helena, have returned from a visit to Mrs. Geo. Bruner in Florence.

Miss Eliza Cooper left on Thursday for Saluda where she will stay several weeks.

Miss Mamie Edmunds went to Congaree Thursday to visit relatives.

Mrs. H. G. Hill left for Saluda on Thursday.

Miss Jones, a trained nurse from the Sumter Hospital, has gone to Sullivan's Island for several weeks stay.

Mrs. E. W. Vogel and children left Thursday for Van Wert, Ohio, where they will spend several weeks.

Mrs. L. D. Jennings and children and Mrs. H. I. Dinkins have returned from a two weeks stay at Glenn Springs.

Dr. and Mrs. David Burns are visiting relatives in Charleston.

Mrs. M. C. Smith, of Smithville, passed through the city Thursday on her way to Sullivan's Island, where she will spend several weeks.

Hon. T. G. McLeod, of Bishopville,

attended the Good Roads meeting at Cain's Mill and made the principal address.

Mr. Porcher Gaillard, of Dalzell, was in the city Thursday.

Mrs. Anne L. Nash has purchased a place in Charlotte, N. C., and intends moving her family there at an early date.

W. C. Harlee has resigned his position with "The Geo. P. Palmer Co., of Cartersville, and moved his family back to Rembert. Mr. Harlee has formed a copartnership with Mr. C. C. Beck and will open up a nice general merchandise store at Rembert September 1st.

Dr. Hamilton McKay is at home from Philadelphia for his vacation.

DEATH.

At 9 o'clock yesterday morning, Malcom, the infant son of Mr. and Mrs. Malcom R. Rivers, died, after a short illness. The grief-stricken parents have the sympathy of the community in their bereavement.

The funeral was held at their residence at 10 o'clock this morning and the remains were interred at the cemetery.

William Richard, the seventeen month old son of Mr. and Mrs. W. R. Parker died on Tuesday at eight o'clock.

The funeral services were held from the house, number 26 Wright street, Wednesday morning at 10:30.

DIXIE BRICK POPULAR.

New Style Brick Made by Sumter Brick Works Take Well With Architects.

The people of Sumter will be surprised, and at the same time gratified, to learn the success the Sumter Brick Works is making with their new "Dixie" brick. This brick, although the same colors and shades as the Sumter Greys, is made with a rough face instead of a smooth one. The brick are made smooth first and then the face is cut with a wire to give a rough surface like a brussels carpet or piece of tapestry. This rough surface absorbs light instead of reflecting it, thus making a soft pleasing effect. The original tapestry brick bring \$25.00 per thousand, but the "Dixie" is being sold at a much lower price and is finding favor everywhere it has been shown. Besides this it offers a better surface to mortar and plaster.

Mr. Ryttenberg has just returned from trips to Wilmington, Charleston, Columbia. Every architect in each of these cities recommended the "Dixie" most highly, some immediately specifying them on jobs in their office. The reporter saw orders for shipment of large quantities to Charleston, Darlington, Columbia, Beaufort and Greenville. The two last being unusually long hauls for brick with other brick yards so much nearer.

The Immigration station at Charleston, to be erected next month, has "Dixie" brick specified for the front and sides.

This plant in addition to its new equipment has just purchased a new locomotive to haul clay in place of the present hay burners.

Five years ago it was an old plant, turning out twenty thousand brick a day. Now it is a modern plant that makes forty thousand, and they sell all they make. As Sumter consumes only about one-fourth the output it can be readily seen that Sumter dirt brings good money back to Sumter.

The Following is The Standing of The Contestants To Date:

Miss Ellen Beach	586,411
Miss Annie Dollard	412,615
Miss Anna Jennings	155,014

District No. 2.

Miss Pauline Cummings	284,675
Miss Louise Warren	302,025
Miss Bessie Hodge	513,305
Miss Hester Hodge	110,990
Miss L. E. McCoy	107,500

The County Board of Commissioners and some of the County officials went to the county home Wednesday to dine with Mr. Ben. Mitchell at that place. For a number of years it has been the custom of Mr. Mitchell, who manages the county home, to have the county commissioners and the county officials at his home for an informal dining and general good time, and today was the day selected by him for the dining this year.

The citizens of the upper part of the Stateburg section are asking that immediate steps be taken to improve the public road from that section to Sumter. They are fully justified in making this request for it is reasonable in the circumstances. The road from the Frierson place to Acton and beyond is one of the sandiest and heaviest in the county and needs improvement badly. All it needs is grading and clay to be transformed into a sand-clay turnpike.

To-Night Brings to a Close the Great Contest

THE LAST VOTES WILL BE COUNTED AT 10 O'CLOCK

Still Time to Get in Some Valuable Work During the Evening Friends Given a Chance to Come to the Aid of the Candidates—Prizes Will be Gladly Received.

The beginning of the end, and what an end it will be! A glorious finish to the greatest newspaper contest ever held in this section. The candidates are working today with redoubled efforts and from now until 10 o'clock tonight their efforts will be tripled, quadrupled, manifold, in fact a hundred fold, if you count the work being done by friends. Just to illustrate: This morning a lady stopped at the office and paid a year's subscription to the Item. She said they had already subscribed for two years in advance, but made it three straight, to help a candidate who has a good chance to win. The Item has been a regular visitor to this family for years and they like it so well that they say that they will likely take it for generations. Candidates themselves will determine the winners by their work. It is a working contest because you must work to get subscriptions. The grandest prizes ever offered are the rewards, yet they are the rewards of hard work. The hardest workers will win the piano, parlor, suite, and gold watches.

Nobody wants to be a good loser unless they find it impossible to be a good winner, therefore, don't waste one single moment thinking what you would do if you should lose but take every precaution to assure yourself a place among the winners. We want every one to come in today with a big bunch of subscriptions. Those who do will have better chance of winning.

All Over at 10 O'Clock.

It will be all over tonight but the shouting. That can not come until the last vote is counted and recorded for then only can a decision be reached—and without a decision what is the use of shouting? There is no telling who will do the shouting. The contest manager doesn't know, neither does any one else. Rumors of what such and such a candidate may have in reserve will be rife today, but they should be treated merely as rumors.

A candidate may know what she

has herself, but it is very certain that no one else knows. Some who did not appear to be in it earlier in the contest may before night have enough votes to give them a winning position.

Day of Rumors.

In every contest of any size there are a great number of groundless rumors rife, and experience teaches one to disregard them.

But for the benefit of the inexperienced we may say that the final day seems to have the same effect on rumors that the first warm day has on budding flowers, they simply burst into bloom. If you should not hear some very surprising things, that would be more surprising than anything you can possibly hear. Tomorrow you will be laughing at the reports which the results will prove untrue.

The Vote Will be Heavy.

Most every candidate is holding back a few votes, some of them more than others. They have been waiting until the last day. It is now here, all the week the contest manager has been issuing votes on subscriptions which contestants have taken home to add to their reserve fund. While the vote exhibit in the standing today seems large to some of the candidates, there are others who have something up their sleeve for the last moment who realize that several hundred thousand votes will be necessary to win either of the capital prizes, and probably in the district prizes. Come to the Lyric for the result and for a surprise in the size of the vote required to win.

Please Come Early.

Votes and subscriptions will be received at the Lyric up to 10 o'clock tonight, and not one minute later. It should be borne in mind that there will be many crowding us, all with the same idea that they can be waited on immediately. If you put off until evening to bring in your subscriptions you will have to do a lot of waiting yourself. This is the last word. The contest positively closes at 10 o'clock sharp.

HOTEL COMMITTEE TO GET TO WORK.

Expect to Hold Meeting of Committee in the Next Few Days to Formulate Plans.

From The Daily Item, July 19.

It was stated today by Mr. J. K. Crosswell, Chairman of the hotel committee, that although the hotel committee had not done anything up to this time in the way of raising subscriptions for the proposed hotel, owing to press of private business, the committee would have a meeting some time in the next few days, probably tomorrow, when a plan of campaign for the raising of subscriptions for the hotel would be formulated. As soon after the meeting as possible the committee would get to work and would make a diligent canvass of the business men in the city to raise the proposed amount for the hotel building.

Much interest has been taken by the public in the matter and it is probable that the news that the hotel committee intends doing something in the near future towards getting the fund for the hotel started will meet with general approbation.

The promoters of the Columbia-Sumter direct highway announce that as soon as the cost of opening the road and establishing the ferry shall have been refunded to those who are advancing the money the road and ferry will be turned over to the county or the State as a public highway.

Circulation of Silver and Gold.
For every ton of gold in circulation there are 15 tons of silver.

True Optimist.

The real optimist is the man who, seeing his train steaming out of the station, just as he arrives, remarks gently: "Well, anyway, I almost caught it."

Swiss to Have National Park.

Switzerland is to have a national park similar to the Yellowstone National park. On the border of Italy, at the foot of the Piz Quatrevals, is a section, including the Choeza valley, that is rich in botanical and geological wealth, and that has high altitude, healthful climate and beautiful scenery. It is proposed to reserve this for park purposes, and as the region has legendary and historic associations of great national interest, the people generally favor the plan.

Rocky Bluff Items.

Rocky Bluff, July 20.—We are still suffering from lack of rain. We have not had a good rain in five or six weeks. Corn has failed considerably, cotton is holding out fine.

Mrs. Ellis Mooneyham and baby spent a part of last week with relatives at Oswego.

Mr. W. F. Baker and family spent day for Hot Springs, Ark., where he will stay two or three months for his health.

Mr. W. F. Baker and family spent Sunday at Mr. J. J. Hatfield's.

Mrs. Rodgers spent a few days of this week with her daughter, Mrs. Charlie Kelley, near Sumter.

Mrs. W. W. Skinner and children spent yesterday with Mrs. G. P. Josey. Mrs. G. P. Josey left this morning for a few days visit to relatives at St. Charles.

Mrs. W. W. Skinner and children left this morning for a two months visit to relatives and friends at St. Charles, Elliotts and Bishopville.

Mr. J. M. Fogle and family have moved to Sumter.

The friends of Rev. S. B. Hatfield are sorry to hear of his wife's ill health. He preached here last year and is loved and respected by all who heard him.

I am sorry to hear of our old friend "Hagood's" accident and hope he will soon be able to write again.

Dandelion is Unkillable.

A new and unnamed bug has made its appearance in Chicago and threatened the life of all vegetation. All but the dandelion, we guess.

Appropriate Recreation.

An author, whose work is imaginative, should, for his rest, do something logical, such as playing patience. An accountant, on the other hand, whose mind will run on figures, should not play patience. He should mold figures out of clay or paint or do something artistic.

Not Dead Yet.

Little Clara, aged three, was always asking for dried apples. Her mother, fearing this diet might lead to harm, told her of a boy who had eaten dried apples which swelled in his stomach and caused his death. Clara was much impressed, but the temptation was strong, and one day, when she had been absent for time, the piping voice came triumphantly from the room where the strings of apples hung: "Muvver I ain't dead yet."



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