

**The Watchman and Southern.**

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**PERSONAL.**

The Rev. and Mrs. H. R. Murchison and children passed through the city Thursday on their way from Bishopville to Lancaster where Mr. Murchison has accepted a call to the Presbyterian church. Mr. and Mrs. Murchison have many friends in this city, who are sorry to see them leave this section of the country, but wish them success in their new home.

Mrs. Archie China, who has been on a twelve day visit to her sisters Mrs. Williamson and Mrs. Lachicotte, in Columbia, returned home Thursday evening.

Rev. J. S. Beasley, of Lynchburg, spent Thursday in Sumter. Mr. Beasley was presiding elder of this district for a number of years and has many friends in this city who are always glad to see him when he comes over to Sumter.

Miss Gussie Hood has returned to the city after a very pleasant visit to Laurens, Newberry and Clemson College.

Miss Grace E. Harvey, of Washington, D. C., is visiting her uncle and aunt, Mr. and Mrs. L. M. Allen, on E. Liberty street.

Mrs. Thomas Nimmer and her daughter, Miss Rita, went to Sumter yesterday, the latter for the purpose of enrolling as a student in St. Joseph's Academy.—Manning Times.

Miss Gertrude Hopkins has returned home after an extended visit to her uncle, T. E. Bellotte, of Birmingham, Ala.

Mrs. Zim Hearon came over from Sumter on a visit to her parents, Mr. and Mrs. B. O. Bristow, and she has with her a friend, Miss LaGrone, who is not a stranger in Darlington and is always welcome here.—Darlington News and Press.

Mrs. Leroy B. Davidson and her sister, Mrs. McKay, visited their sister, Miss Lillier Stevens in Sumter last week.—Camden News.

Miss Alice Hough is visiting relatives and friends in Sumter.—Camden News.

Mr. J. L. Simms of Columbia, who represents the Monarch Typewriter, was in the city Saturday.

Mr. W. A. Moncure, chief engineer of the South Carolina Western railroad, was in the city Friday on business connected with the building of the new line between Bishopville and Sumter.

Messrs. T. B. Fraser, J. H. Clifton, Geo. W. Dick, R. B. Belser and L. J. Browning, chairman of the Ways and Means Committee in the House of Representatives, who spent the week-end with Dr. Geo. W. Dick, returned to Columbia on Monday.

Messrs. B. Frank Kelly and J. B. McLaughlin, of Bishopville, passed through the city Monday morning on their way to Columbia.

Mr. W. J. Benjamin set out Monday morning on an extended trip in the interest of the Rowland Buggy Company, with which he has accepted a position.

Mr. W. Lee Harbin, of Lexington, N. C., who has been in the city for a number of days left on Monday to return home.

Magistrate J. L. Gillis, of Rembert, spent Sunday night and Monday in the city.

Dr. W. A. Alston, of Hagood, spent Sunday in town, after attending the performance of "Madame Sherry" Saturday night.

Mr. T. P. Sanders, Jr., of Hagood, was in the city Saturday night to attend the performance of "Madame Sherry."

Mrs. Charles W. Kingman, Miss Eva C. Kingman and Miss Sidney Kingman have returned home after a pleasant visit in Baltimore and Washington.

Miss Iva Bell Hughson has returned to the city after a long and pleasant visit to friends in Columbia.

Miss Celeste Hughson spent the week-end at home from Timmons-ville, where she is engaged in teaching.

Mr. Dan Wolfe, of Orangeburg, spent Saturday and Sunday with Mr. Duane Wannamaker.

Miss Mary King has returned home after a three months visit to her old home in Wilmington, N. C. She brought with her as her attractive guest, Miss Annie Boykin, of Wilmington.

Mr. Robert Murphy, of Wilmington, is visiting Mr. J. Lem King.

Miss Bertha Wannamaker spent the week-end with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. A. N. Wannamaker on East Liberty street, coming home to attend "Madame Sherry" at the Academy of Music Saturday night.

Mrs. James C. McLeod, and brother, Paul Lucas, have gone to Walterboro to attend the Hitt-Lucas wedding. They will be gone for about two weeks.

**BOY SCOUT MOVEMENT BEGUN.**

Mass Meeting in Interest of Movement to Be Held in Chamber of Commerce Hall.

A movement was inaugurated for the forming of a company of boy scouts in this city Friday evening in the Chamber of Commerce hall when a number of those interested met at the call of assistant secretary of the Y. M. C. A., Carl Witherspoon, and after the situation had been discussed it was decided to call a mass meeting of those interested in the movement to be held in the Chamber of Commerce hall on next Friday afternoon at 6 o'clock.

Mr. Carl Witherspoon has been selected as scout master, and the following patrol leaders have been appointed: Murr Hail, Ernest Rhame, Deuward Bultman, Henry Moses, Cutlino McKnight, Richard Monaghan, Fraser Dick and John McClellan.

It was decided at the meeting to have the patrol leaders start a canvass this week for members in the boy scouts. Each patrol leader present was to secure ten scouts for his command. He was also to appoint another leader who was to get ten members in his patrol. The work of the boy scouts will be taken up at the meeting next Friday afternoon and information given to those who have joined and those who wish to join in the movement. The patrol leaders are requested to be present at 5:45, before the mass meeting is called to order.

The boy scouts were first inaugurated in England a number of years ago and the movement has been steadily spreading all over the country. At this time there are companies of boy scouts in all of the large cities in this country and there is not a State in which the movement has not resulted in good to the boys. The boy scout movement is generally carried on in conjunction with the Y. M. C. A., although it does not form a part of the association. The boy scouts will have their headquarters in the Y. M. C. A. building, however, and Assistant Secretary Witherspoon of the Y. M. C. A. has been selected as scout master.

**Brockington-Jenkins.**

A wedding of interest to a number of people in this city was that of Thursday afternoon at the residence of the bride's father, Mr. Frank Brockington, near Olanta, when Miss Martha Odessa Brockington, of Olanta, was married to Mr. Charley Burgess Jenkins of this city. The Rev. Benjamin Truluck performed the ceremony.

The residence was tastefully decorated for the occasion and there were a large number of the friends of the bride and groom present to witness the marriage.

The wedding march was played by Mr. P. C. White of Marion and Miss Kate Hodge of Sumter acted as maid of honor for the bride, while Mr. J. D. Jenkins, of Sumter, a brother of the groom, was best man. The other attendants were Miss Annie Brockington of Olanta, a cousin of the bride, and Mr. R. C. Hall of Sumter.

The bride wore white lingerie, as did the maid of honor and the bridesmaid.

The young couple will make their future home in Sumter at No. 15 S. Magnolia Street.

**Death of Mr. George Muldrow.**

Mr. George Muldrow, a well known citizen of the St. Charles neighborhood died at 10:30 Sunday evening at the Sumter Hospital, where he had been during the past month for medical treatment. Mr. Muldrow was taken to the hospital to be operated on for appendicitis, but after the operation complications set in and he did not receive the beneficial results expected.

The body was taken to St. Charles Monday and the funeral services and interment took place Tuesday at noon at the Brick Church.

Mr. Muldrow is survived by his wife and one grown son.

**Mrs. Burdell Buried Here.**

The remains of Mrs. Julia Burdell, the wife of Mr. William Burdell, were brought to this city on Monday from Florence, where Mrs. Burdell died at five o'clock Sunday afternoon, and taken direct from the train upon its arrival to the cemetery where the funeral services were held and the interment took place.

Mrs. Burdell was a native of Kershaw county, but had lived in Sumter a number of years and had a number of friends and acquaintances here. She is survived by her husband and four children, three daughters and one son.

There were a large number of out-of-town persons present for the performance of "Madame Sherry" at the Academy of Music Saturday night.

**CHAMBER OF COMMERCE NOTES.**

Why Advertise Sumter? Why do American Cities Advertise?

Should Sumter advertise her opportunities and inducements to the outside world simply and solely because other cities are doing it? By no means. No more so than one merchant should advertise because another does so. It would be very foolish for John Smith to advertise his business if he is perfectly satisfied with the business he now has and especially if he expects to retire from business shortly. If he has no decided convictions on the subject and can see no use in advertising, his time and money would be wasted. It is more than likely that he will be out of business in a very short time whether he desires it or not. Some one of these days a big department store will come along and gobble up his business. He will probably wonder why and will in all probability become a town knocker. There are found these business wrecks all along the highways of industry, men who were perfectly satisfied with what they had and were not willing to keep abreast of the times.

There is little difference between cities and individuals. The town that is satisfied with what she has and will not strive to advance must be satisfied to see other neighboring cities not only pass them in material advancement but in fact take from them that which they have. The man who has something to be proud of is just as proud to tell of his possession to his friends and neighbors. The merchant who has remodeled his store and placed therein a new line of goods immediately gets busy in advertising this fact to prospective customers. How noticeable is the fact that the merchants who are building up their business from year to year are the ones who are placing in new improvements and larger and better line of goods and advertising that fact while those who are rapidly falling behind are those who have been contented with the same old line and the same old dirty, dusty store. These men rarely if ever advertise. They are quite satisfied with what they have but it is doubtful if they will have that very long. You are sure to find that these same men are just as well satisfied with their home city. They never want improvements. They are sure to be found fighting against every proposed bond issue for public improvements. They object to every change in the form of their city government. What father did is good enough for them. They rarely take the trouble to find out what other cities or communities are doing. None of their arguments are new. They are the same arguments that were used by the same sort of individuals when Noah was building the Ark.

If a merchant, then, wishes to increase his business and has the goods and a store of which he is proud, he advertises the same. If Sumter has the goods to deliver to an intending settler, homeseeker or investor; goods in the shape of good living conditions, homes, churches, schools, public buildings, parks, libraries, streets and stores; facilities in the way of railroads, factories, wholesale houses, fertile soil and general good agricultural conditions; banks and ready capital and a public spirited citizenship; then Sumter is ready to tell the world about it and to invite the stranger to come and to help in the work of building a better and a greater community. That is the spirit of city building. It means work, constant work at home, and it means the constant telling or advertising the real worth of your city abroad.

Says the Detroitier, "No man will consider locating in a city or a community unless it has been brought to his attention through some medium in a pleasing manner. The man with ambition, with good red blood in his veins, does not locate in Sleep Hollow, nor will he stay there should the chance of fate make it his birth place. He is looking for business opportunity—the one best place, viewed from all angles." Town Development gives the A. B. C. of Municipal Advertising as follows: "There is no essential difference between the advertising of a community and the advertising of a commodity. Both alike depend for value on the goods they do. Both alike and in the same sense depend for their own honor and glory upon the honor of the thing sold. They rest on service, both of them, and the principles which govern one govern the other. Nor does it vary the proposition to point out the obvious fact that one is a group and the other a unit. The only definition we have ever heard of that holds water covers the two of them. We quote it for what it is worth and we believe that it will bear reflection. This is it:

"To have first a good case, and know it;

"To be able to state that case, and know it;

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"To deserve and to secure an audience;

"To understand and to be understood;

"To speak out well and truly, boldly, simply;

"To be original if possible, honest at any rate;

"And Not Quit—That is Advertising."

**CASE STOPS ABRUPTLY.**

Shore-Averback Case Removed from Magistrate Wells' Jurisdiction.

The case of Manning, Rowland and Shore against Nathan Averback to secure possession of premises now occupied by Averback stopped abruptly Friday afternoon when it was discovered by the attorneys for the defendant that Magistrate Wells was related by marriage to one of the principals in the case.

The case was called at 3 o'clock in the Magistrate's court which was convened in the grand jury room. Witnesses for the plaintiff were put up and examined and the plaintiff's witnesses had almost completed their testimony when Mr. Jennings, the defendant's attorney moved that the case be stopped as the magistrate had no jurisdiction, he being debarred from hearing the case because of relationship with one of the principals through marriage.

Upon this showing the case was dropped and will have to be continued before some other magistrate of this county. Up to the present time it has not been decided when or where the case will be called for its next trial. At this trial the evidence was practically the same as at the former trial when the case resulted in a mistrial. No evidence for the defendant was given as the case was dropped before the hearing of the plaintiff's witnesses was completed.

The case has elicited considerable interest in town and there were quite a number of spectators present at the trial.

**INDORSE TAFT; REJECT TEDDY.**

Colorado Committeemen Vote in Favor of President and Against Colonel by 103 to 10.

Denver, Col., Feb. 12.—The Republican State convention to select delegates and alternates to the national convention will meet at Colorado Springs, March 27. This was decided by the State central committee here today. President Taft was endorsed for renomination, the vote being 103 to 10. By a similar vote an amendment indorsing Theodore Roosevelt was lost.

The final date for making tax returns is February 20th. Don't wait until the last day and then rush the Auditor.

James W. Howle was found dead in his store in Darlington Sunday morning, death being due to apoplexy.

Work on the Florence Gas plant will be started within the next two weeks.

The Phoenix Ice Company's plant at Florence was seriously damaged by fire Sunday night.

**Marvelous Mechanical Work.**

A Berlin inventor has succeeded, after years of toil, in making an artificial man who can walk, make all movements, speak, sing, laugh and whistle. It is a life-size figure and so natural an imitation as to be completely deceptive a yard away "Ocultus," as the figure is named, obeys words of command such as "march" and "halt," and he answers any question put to him. It is not an illusion or a trick, it is a piece of pure mechanical work.

**Tragic Dream Came True.**

To dream of being mangled by a locomotive and to have that dream come true shortly after he had related it to his companions was the experience of Wilmer Johnson, of Phoenixville, Pa. While off his engine it began to move, and the enactment of the dream came true, as he jumped for the running board, but missed it and fell under the wheels.

**Matter of Degrees.**

He—"He was a bachelor of arts, but she was a master of arts." She—"And so they are married now?" He—"Yes; and now he will have to be a doctor of philosophy to bear the burden."—Sphinx.

**A Lost Art.**

Another art has been lost! There was a time when the elegant woman took a legitimate pride in her manner of ascending a stair. In this day of elevators, if there still exist women who have the manner, there are few stairs worthy to serve as a stage on which they may exhibit it.

**Not to Be Judged by Size.**

An interesting and somewhat curious fact is that some of the tall men of genius have had moderate sized heads. Shelley, the poet, was tall, but had a small head, and some of the small men imbued with the divine spark had large heads, apparently proving that the size of the head has little to do with the quality of the brain.

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**The only Baking Powder made from Royal Grape Cream of Tartar**  
**NO ALUM, NO LIME PHOSPHATE**

**VERY LITTLE FARM WORK DONE.**

Privateer Farmers Backward in Preparing for New Crop.—Personal Mention.

Privateer, Feb. 12.—Very little farm work has been done in this section. Most of the cotton has been picked and farm work will be pushed now as soon as the weather gets favorable for it. There is a good acreage of spring oats being planted. No fertilizers have been shipped to this place up to date.

The many friends of Miss Edna Ramsey will be glad to learn that she is improving since being taken to the Sumter Hospital.

Mrs. S. A. Harvin is quite ill as is also Mrs. G. W. Geddings.

Mr. and Mrs. G. A. Nettles are visiting in Barnwell.

Mrs. S. E. Nesbitt is visiting in Columbia.

The Bethel school will give an entertainment Friday night, the 16th. Oysters, ice cream, etc., will be served for the benefit of the school.

Mrs. Frea Mellette of Chadburn, N. C., spent the past week with her sister, Miss Talula Ramsey.

**Three Tried by Recorder.**

The following cases were tried by the Recorder.

Frank Poplin for disorderly conduct and cursing was found guilty and sentenced to a fine of \$5.00 or ten days on the first charge and \$10 or 20 days on the second charge.

Abram Butler was found guilty of carrying concealed weapons and drunkenness and was fined \$30 or 30 days on the first count and \$10 or 20 days of the second charge.

Garfield Richardson was given a preliminary for larceny of a bicycle and was bound over for the court of General Sessions. He was committed to jail in default of bond of \$200.

The use of the split log drag on the sand-clay streets of this city has been an object lesson to all who come here and the humble drag will become popular and generally used throughout the county. The split log drag accomplishes results economically and quickly.

**Drag Put to New Use.**

The service of the split drag is not only confined to the keeping of the sand clay roads in the county and streets in the city in good shape as could be seen Monday when Mr. White had the drag out using it to scrape the snow off the sidewalks. The drag was pulled by two mules and seemed to give effective service in this work as well as in keeping the streets and roads in good condition.

**At Work on Ballard's Hill.**

It was stated by the county supervisor Saturday that he now had a force of hands at work on Ballard's Hill cutting the road down to a four per cent grade. The top of the hill will be cut off, so to speak, and the road will be straightened out and graded so as to lessen the steepness of the hill and consequently lessen the danger to persons coming up and going down the hill.

Mr. Alfred W. Thames, Jr., who has been with the Sumter Building Supply Company for the past three and a half years has accepted a position with the Columbia Lumber and Manufacturing Company.

Last Monday while two small negro boys were picking cotton near Summerton, one of them took up a gun to shoot a sparrow, but instead shot and killed the other boy. Corner Baggett held an inquest and the jury held that the killing was accidental.—Manning Times.

Charlie Crawford, colored, was found dead in the Florence railroad yard Sunday morning, having frozen to death while drunk.

Mr. Thomas A. Edison, the great inventor, is quoted as saying: "Over-eating is filling the graveyards in every city in the land." How, not to say where, do the boys get eatables in fatal quantities?

**FOR SALE**—Single comb white Leg-horn eggs for hatching, \$1.25 per 15, \$6.00 per 100. A. C. Davis, Davis Station, S. C.

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