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PERSONAL.

Mr. F. E. Auld, of Eastover, was in the city for awhile Friday morning.

Messrs. James Chandler and Ka-Scott are at home from Davidson College to spend the Junior Speaking holiday.

Mr. Harry Green, of New York, is spending a while with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Moses Green, in this city.

Mr. Thos. R. Harney, of Washington, D. C., is the guest of Mr. and Mrs. Neill O'Donnell.

Miss Olive Carney, of Bishopville, who has been in the city for a few days on a visit to Miss Inez Bethea, returned to her home on Monday, accompanied by Miss Bethea, who will visit in Bishopville for a week.

Miss Julia Quattlebaum, of Columbia, who has been the guest of Mrs. Julius L. McCallum for the past few days, returned home on Monday.

Miss M. E. Quattlebaum, of Win-bore, S. C., is the attractive guest of relatives in the city.

Misses Ramoth Allen and Nancy Witherspoon spent the week-end in the city as the guests of Miss Sue Duffie, returning to the College for Women Monday.

Misses Sue Duffie, Pauline Bland-ing and Nancy McKay spent the week-end at home from the College for Women.

Mr. Alva Green, a student at the University of South Carolina, spent Sunday at his home in the city.

Mr. C. A. Bruner has gone to North Carolina on a business trip for a week.

Mrs. Lula Atkinson returned Sunday morning from New York.

Capt. C. E. Von Trescow, of Camden, spent Sunday night in the city.

Miss Louise Carson is at home for a few days from Winthrop College to see her sister Mrs. Ebbie Wells, who leaves next week for her home in California.

Mrs. H. O. Strohecker, of Charle-son, spent the week-end in the city with relatives.

Mrs. Guy Gilmore, of Pennsylvania, is in the city visiting her parents, Sheriff and Mrs. W. H. Epperson.

Miss Alrice Pate is spending awhile in New York City.

Miss Laura Richardson has return-ed home after spending a pleasant visit with friends in Columbia.

Mr. and Mrs. Hugh Fraser, of Charle-son, were in the city Sunday to attend the funeral of Mr. B. G. Gibson.

Messrs. John Duffie, Alfred Scar-borough, Earle Rowland, Eugene Jones, Ervin Shaw and Wilfred Shaw, who have been at home on a short visit have returned to Davidson Col-lege.

Miss Annie Boykin, Miss Margaret Murphy and Mr. Robert Murphy, who have been visiting Mrs. M. H. King, of this city, have returned to their homes at Wilmington, N. C.

Death.

Mr. B. G. Gibson, the well known cotton buyer, who was, for many years, connected with the firm of O'Donnell and Company, died Satur-day after an illness of about two weeks, aged 65 years. The fun-eral services were held at the Epis-copal church at 4 o'clock Sunday afternoon. Mr. Gibson was a native of Charleston, but came to Sumter about twenty-five years ago and had made his home here since that time. He was an expert cotton grader and buyer and for several years represented a firm of cotton ex-ported on the market, later accept-ing a position with O'Donnell and Company as cotton buyer for that firm. He was a loyal and consistent member of the Episcopal church and his life was an exemplification of Christian manhood. He is survived by two sons and five daughters: Messrs. Bentley and Ewing Gibson, Mrs. John B. Fishburne, and Misses May, Antonio, Martha and Hattie Gibson.

The funeral services over the re-mains of Bentley G. Gibson were held at the church of the Holy Comforter Sunday afternoon at 4 o'clock, the funeral service being read by the Rev. H. H. Covington, the rector of the church.

There were a large number of friends and relatives present to wit-ness the last rites which were paid to the departed, showing the universal respect in which the deceased was held. After the funeral services had been read at the church the body was taken to the cemetery where it was laid in its last resting place.

PURIFYING THE PRIMARY.

SENATE AND HOUSE PASS CHRIS-TENSEN BILL OVER GOVER-NOR'S VETO.

Much Debate on Message Sent in by His Excellency—Confusion as to Citizenship and Requirements for Casting Ballots.

Columbia, Feb. 24.—A two-thirds majority of both the house and senate declared in favor of the Christen-sen bill prohibiting aliens and fore-igners from voting in the Democra-tic primary, when the measure was sent back to the general assembly yesterday afternoon with the veto of Gov. Blease. The bill will accord-ingly become a law over the veto of the chief executive.

The debate in both houses took the same direction. The members who advocated the bill, took the position that they did not wish their votes nullified by the ballots of foreigners, who are voted "like sheep" in the larger cities of the State. Those who favored sustaining the governor's veto tried to fortify themselves behind the argument that a man must be a reg-istered voter before he is a citizen of South Carolina, the same argu-ment that the governor used against the bill in his special veto message.

The senate passed the act over the veto of Gov. Blease by a vote of 22 to 44. In the house the vote was more decisive, only 16 members voted in favor of allowing no-citizens and aliens to vote, while 57 members cast their ballots to exclude foreigners from the Democratic primary.

EXTEND THANKS TO CITY.

Prof. S. H. Edmunds, W. H. Hand, and Others Thanked by Teachers.

Before adjourning Saturday morn-ing the visiting teachers present at the high school conference appointed a committee consisting of Messrs. A. R. Banks, and J. C. Daniel to draw up resolutions of thanks for the kindness bestowed upon them while in the city and to express their ap-preciation for such attention.

In compliance with this resolution the following resolutions were drawn up and adopted:

The high school conference of Cal-houn, Clarendon, Kershaw, Lee, Rich-land and Sumter counties, desires to place on record its high appreciation of the cordial manner in which it has been welcomed and entertained by the teachers and citizens of the City of Sumter, and hereby extend to Supt. Samuel H. Edmunds, his corps of teachers and the City of Sumter its very grateful thanks:

Be it resolved:

1. That we owe much to Prof. W. H. Hand, State High School Inspec-tor, for arranging for and capable direction of the helpful meetings; and congratulate him on the high de-gree of success he has already at-tained in his work.
2. That we extend to Superintendent Edmunds and his teachers our sincere appreciation of the way in which they have arranged for our comfort and pleasure while in this city; also for the instructions afford-ed us by the splendid school.
3. That we thank the citizens of Sumter for their gracious hospita-lity and entertainment and for giving us the pleasure of seeing their beau-tiful and progressive city.
4. That we thank the "Sumter Item" for the interest shown and aroused in this meeting by the pub-lication of its special Educational edition of the 23rd.
5. That these resolutions be pre-sented to Supt. S. H. Edmunds, and to the "Sumter Item."
6. "That it was good to have been there."

A. R. BANKS,
J. C. DANIEL,

Committee.

New York Cotton Market.

	Open	Close.
March	10.05	9.99-10
May	10.24	10.18-19
July	10.36	10.29-30
Aug	10.32	10.29-30
Oct.	10.41	10.36-39

Closed steady.

LIVERPOOL MARKET.

	Open.	Close.
Feb.	567-66½	561
Feb.-Mar.	566½	560½
Mar.-April.	567	561
Apr.-May.	567½	562
May-June.	568½	563

Closed easy.

Cotton Seed for Sale.

A limited quantity of Long Life Five Lock Blight resisting seed at \$1 per bushel, F. O. B. Rembert, S. C. These seed have been carefully selected and well bred for years. They yield from 1-2 to 2 bushels per acre. This cotton hangs in the boll late in the season, better than other varieties. Address,

J. L. GILLES,
Rembert, S. C.

WILLING TO SELL TO CITY.

Monaghan Hose Company Make Pro-posal to Sell Out to the City.

While no definite figures have been given out, it is understood that the joint conference Friday night of the Fire Department committee and the officers of Monaghan Hose Company, a proposal was made by the latter to sell out all of their apparatus to the city, which proposition was agreed upon by the Fire Department committee to be set before Council at its next meeting Tuesday night.

It was found at the meeting that the Monaghan Hose Company was very willing to sell out their equip-ment to the city if they could get what they thought was a reasonable price for it. The property owned by them was gone over, item by item and the prices for each article set-pled upon. After this had been done there was some discussion as to the total price to be paid, which was finally settled upon to be taken up to a full council at its next meeting.

Since the Delgar Hose Company went out of service at the death of Mr. Graham the city has turned all of the fire department over to the Monaghan Hose Company for that company to run the fire department as it saw fit. At the same time an annual appropriation of \$2,600 was allowed by the Monaghan Hose Com-pany to run the fire department with. Since that time the city has purchas-ed a heater and another driver and another horse have been added to the fire department equipment without making an additional appropriation for keeping up these extra causes of expense. Owing to these sources of expense it is understood that of late the Monaghan Hose Company has not been able to make the appropri-ation allowed them suffice for expen-ses and have accordingly run some-what into debt. It is understood that most of the discussion at the meet-ing occurred concerning this debt thus contracted.

It seems, however, that the matter of a purchase of the Monaghan Hose Company was brought to a head by the refusal of the Monaghan Hose Company to pay for articles which Capt. Finn, the manager of the fire department and a representative of the city, had ordered. While there was no ill feeling about the matter at all, Monaghan Hose Company stated that they were unable now to run the fire department with the addi-tional horse and driver with the ap-propriation allowed them and could not, therefore, be held responsible for the bills contracted by the city representative.

The officers of the Monaghan Hose Company are, President J. G. R. Wilder; treasurer, R. S. Hood; secre-tary, R. E. Wilder. There are also about twenty members of the com-pany now staying in town. If the city buys out the Monaghan Hose Company as it now seems likely to do, there will have to be a re-or-ganization of the fire department, as there are now some members of the Monaghan Hose Company who do not work at fires or take any active interest in the fire department, while at the same time there are other per-sons who go to fires and take active parts in fighting the fires, who are not members of Monaghan Hose Company, but who would be mem-bers of the Sumter Volunteer Fire Department.

The March Woman's Home Compan-ion.

The March Woman's Home Compan-ion is a big advance spring fash-ion number and it is filled with the latest news from Paris, New York and other great centers. Grace Margaret Gould, the well-known fashion au-thority, who edits this important de-partment for the Companion, has, as usual, done her work thoroughly, in-terestingly and practically. Women of ordinary means can find in her pages suggestions for spring clothes that are artistic and up to date, and yet economical.

The special features of the Compan-ion this month are unusually ent-ertaining and informative. There is a great array of fiction and a num-ber of articles, titles of some of which follow: "Maude Adams," an illus-trated description of the work of America's leading actress; "How Laws Are Made," an article by the Vice-President of the United States; "The Girl With A Voice," being an account of the adventures of a young woman who prepared for opera sing-ing; "A Business Woman in Politi-cs," being a description of the work of the Food Inspector of the City of Tacoma, who is a woman, and "When Baby is Sick," an article on the ill-ness of children by Dr. Roger H. Dennett.

The many other departments in the Companion, aside from the fash-ion department, are filled with facts and ideas and suggestions of interest and value.

Better roads, bigger loads, wider tires, easier rides.—Wilmington Star.

SCOUTS CHOOSE INSIGNIA.

Number of Scouts Take Oath for Tenderfeet — Patrol Formed For Business.

A large and enthusiastic meeting of the Boy Scouts was held in the Chamber of Commerce Hall Friday evening at which the patrol leaders began their instruction to the mem-bers of their patrols and those pa-trols already formed took their in-signia.

The Sumter organization of Boy Scouts is to be the "Gamecock Troop" Boy Scouts of Sumter, this name having been unanimously rec-ommended and adopted for the or-ganization at the meeting. The in-signia taken by the patrols was as follows:

Fraser Dick, patrol leader, Tiger.
S. H. Rhame, Jr., patrol leader, Owl.

H. P. Moses, patrol leader, Eagle.
R. F. Haynsworth, Jr., Rattlesnake.
Cuttino McKnight, Hound.

J. F. McClelland, Stag.
Robt. Dougherty, Cobra.

Murr Hall, Cuckoo.

R. H. Monaghan, Panther.

Each patrol selects an animal or bird as its insignia, and these were the names selected Friday by the various patrols. A number of the boys had already prepared them-selves to take the oath as tenderfeet Boy Scouts and they were sworn in-to the order. Others will be ready by the next meeting when they also will be sworn in.

As some of the boys have with-drawn from the organization on ac-count of supposed expenses to be in-curred by the members, it will be of interest to these and their parents to know that no expenses are in-curred except those voted by the patrols for themselves. While uniforms may be obtained and some of the patrols may choose to get them, they are by no means necessary and it is probable that very few patrols, if any, will decide to get them. The only other expenses to be incurred are those for jauns as the patrols decide to take part in.

Rocky Bluff Notes.

Rocky Bluff, Feb. 23.—I notice that some of our correspondents speak of bad roads, it seems they are bad everywhere. Our roads were clayed last summer and they have been almost impassable nearly all this winter, before they can be got in good condition from one heavy rain or snow another comes. On last Sunday we had a heavy rain, on Monday and Tuesday the sun shone like spring and Wednesday another big rain, so it seems doubtful whether any farm work can be done for a month yet.

Some farmers still have lots of cot-ton in the fields. The writer heard a farmer remark sometime ago that he thought the cloth made from the greater part of last year's crop would not be worth buying.

Those who planted oats early are the only ones who have any and in some places the oats have been drowned out.

Mrs. C. S. Baker, Mr. Charlie Baker and Misses Lula and Carrie Baker of Pisgah, spent a few days of last week here.

Mr. Alfred Andrews and family spent Sunday at Mr. Henry Winkles.

Mr. H. W. Beall was in Columbia a few days last week on business.

Mrs. Mary J. Cato and little Miss Marie Capelle, spent Sunday night with Mrs. Alfred Andrews.

Mrs. John Joye and children re-turned home Monday after a pleasant visit with relatives in Camden and St. Charles.

Mr. and Mrs. Watts spent Wednes-day afternoon with Mr. and Mrs. Forsemund.

Mrs. J. W. Crossland and children of Columbia are spending this week with relatives here.

A Prophecy.

Barnwell People.
President Charles A. Smith of the State Senate and Senator Howard B. Carlisle, Chairman of the Senate Ju-diciary Committee, were presented last week by members of the upper house with silver tokens, a pitcher to the first and a cup to the last named.

Should these gentlemen live and their heads keep level and luck last in the future they will use these gifts in the Governor's mansion, Smith first and Carlisle his successor.

We learn from the Richmond Journal that the "Southern Slip" is the name of the latest dance. It is said to be really an old dance, but we do not remember it. Our memory goes only as far back as the Southern slipper.—Wilmington Star.

EARTH CAVES-IN ON SALEM AVE

Two Large Holes Left in the Street by Passing Vehicles—No One Hurt.

Two large holes have been left in Salem avenue in the past twenty-four hours by vehicles passing along that street. In both places the earth caved in and the surface earth fell into hollows worn beneath the surface. No one was hurt at either place, but it was learned this morning that the horse driven by Mr. Peter M. Pitts' son had fallen into one of the holes when the earth caved in.

The first cave-in occurred on Salem avenue between Liberty and Bartlett streets. The hole left is about twelve feet long, about five feet wide and about eight to ten feet deep. The sewer pipe was crushed when the earth fell and the sewerage is now backed up for some distance on account of it. The second cave-in occurred on the same street near Hampton avenue. This hole is about four feet square and about the same depth. The cave-in occurred this morning and the horse driven by Mr. Pitts' young son fell into the hole as the earth caved under it. The boy was somewhat frightened by the accident, but was unhurt and his buggy was not damaged. Mr. W. B. Burns and Mr. J. B. Raffield went out and helped get the horse out of the hole and start young Pitts on to school, where he was bound when the accident happened. Besides these two, a much smaller hole was reported on Salem avenue near Oakland avenue.

The largest cave-in occurred as Mr. J. W. Jackson was passing over the place with his car. The cave-in occurred just behind the rear wheels of the car, which thus luckily escaped injury as did the occupants of the car.

The cave-ins are supposed to be the result of the earth above the sewerage pipes not being packed suffi-ciently tight and slowly seeping away through the cracks in the pipes until a sufficient cavity was left above the pipes to cause cave-in to occur under the weight and jar from the passing vehicles.

Friday Major W. L. Lee, city en-gineer, examined the cave-in and com-menced preparations to have the damage done repaired. As the sewerage pipe was crushed by the fall-ing earth it is probable that this re-paring will take some time as plank clamps will have to be placed on each side of the sewer line which is some fifteen feet under ground and there will have to be considerable digging and much trouble will be experienced before the damage done is repaired.

Presiding Elder Herbert.

Rev. Walter I. Herbert, Presiding Elder of the Sumter District M. E. church, held the first quarterly con-ference for Bishopville church last Sunday. He preached at the union service that night from 37th Psm and 37 verse, "Mark the Perfect Man." He spoke for one hour and held the un-divided attention of the large con-gregation. At the beginning of the service he mentioned that it has been just 30 years since he first visited Bishopville, then a lad making the rounds of the circuit with his father. Bishopville was then nothing more than a cross roads with a few old wooden stores and the church was old Bethlehem a mile or two on the Camden road. Mr. Herbert is an earnest, eloquent preacher and stands high in the general conference.—Bishopville Vindicator.

The First Row.

Barnwell People.
The first speaking meeting of the two candidates for the Govern-ship may take place on the stump at Hampton on Wednesday, March 6th, when the new school building will be dedicated. Justice Ira B. Jones has promised to attend and speak and Governor Blease will be present and deliver an address, if he can get away from official duties in Columbia. A big picnic and barbecue dinner will be provided.

Will Not Adjourn.

Barnwell People.
A far seeing Pee Dee political prophet says that the South Carolina Legislature will not adjourn this year, but will take a recess subject to the recall of the presiding officers of the House and Senate. He thinks such tactics needed to keep the Governor from going too fast and far.

The Jacksonville Times-Union, in a pre-primary forecast, says "politi-cally, Florida is rapidly being trans-formed into a hotbed of activity." Well, in the Land of Flowers politics does wax exceedingly hot. A Florida primary is a cross between what breaks loose in Georgia and what takes place in South Carolina when the electing body is not in their right wits.—Wilmington Star.

CAPT. JENNINGS WON'T RUN.

Chief Clerk Carter Candidate for State Treasurer.

Columbia, Feb. 23.—Capt. Robert H. Jennings, for twelve years Treas-urer of the State of South Carolina, announced this afternoon that he would not seek re-election in the primary this year. Following the announcement by Capt. Jennings, S. T. Carter, who has been connected with the State Treasurer's office for fourteen years, announced that he would enter the race for the position. Mr. Carter has been chief clerk in the department for five years, hav-ing previously held the position of bookkeeper. He is well known throughout the State and has many friends, who will be interested in the announcement of his candidacy.

"As State Treasurer," said Capt. Jennings. "I was also ex-officio member of several commissions, particularly the sinking fund commis-sion. My hearing is bad and in the meetings, I frequently have to ask that statements be repeated. These conditions are embarrassing, not only to myself, but to the other members of the board. Mrs. Jennings has been ill for some time and her con-dition will not permit me to make an active campaign during the summer."

"I will be a candidate for State Treasurer," said Mr. Carter.

"UNINSTRUCTED," SAYS TILLMAN.

Gives Advice in Choosing Delegates From South Carolina.

Washington, Feb. 23.—Senator Tillman today made the following statement to The News and Courier's correspondent:

"In view of the fact that I am a member of the Democratic national committee and have been since 1892, and have attended every National Convention except that at Denver, dur-ing the last twenty years, it may not be improper for me to express my views on the coming Convention at Baltimore.

"I believe the South Carolina dele-gation at that Convention should be uninstructed, as far as candidates are concerned; that has been the cus-tom with our people so long that it is almost a rule. Let the State Con-vention select good, representative men and instruct them to look over the field and determine what candi-date they will support, by talking among themselves and the chair-man can announce the results. In this way the State will wield an in-fluence which would be impossible if each delegation should vote his in-dividual preference.

"But I am more concerned lest the fight on local issues shall result in embittering the situation in the State more than it now is. State politics should not govern the selection of delegates and it would be unfortun-ate if the delegates to Baltimore are elected to do any one man's bidding in other words, we do not want a Blease delegation, a Jones delega-tion or a Tillman delegation, but a delegation alive to the best interests of the Democratic party and that only. We have, in my opinion, the best chance to elect a Democratic Presi-dent since the war. I never regard-ed Cleveland's Administration as Democratic and I do want to live long enough to see a Democratic Presi-dent inaugurated. If we make a mistake in the nomination, we are bound to win.

WIGGLE-WIGGLE DANCE NOW.

Something Between the "Turke-Trot" and the "Bunny Hug."

New York, Feb. 2.—A new dance has been discovered which is some-thing between a "turkey trot" and a "bunny hug." It is called the "wiggle-wiggle" and its habitat, according to allegations made to the Supreme Court today, is Louis Martin's restau-rant.

The "wiggle-wiggle" is brought to the notice of the Supreme Court in an action commenced by the State Ex-cise Department to have forfeited the \$1,800 bond given by a surety com-pany to insure that Louis Martin will give no entertainment contrary to ex-cise rules.

According to the complaint, eight detectives blushed during what they term a "risque evening" at the res-taurant.

STOLEN—One top buggy, nearly new, black body, rest red, whip socket mended with wire. Buggy little higher, box wider than most buggies. End springs, Colin Mc-Laurin, Wedgfield, S. C.

S. C. WHITE LEGHORNS—Eggs for setting from select pen, prize winning strains, \$1.25 per 15. Eggs from yard, all thoroughbreds, \$1 for 15. H. G. Osteen, 314 W. Hampton.

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