

The Watchman and Southern.

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PERSONAL.

Mr. James A. Siddall, of Ontario, Canada, is in the city visiting his uncle, Mr. H. A. Siddall.

Miss Laura Richardson left Friday morning for a visit to her brother at Spartanburg.

Miss Cecile Moise has returned from a visit to relatives in Philadelphia.

Mr. Jesse Hawkins, of Sumter, spent Sunday with his mother, Mrs. Edna B. Hawkins.—Kingstree Record.

Miss Theo Gregg of Sumter is visiting the family of Thos. M. Gillard, Esq.—Kingstree Record.

Lieutenants C. L. Smith and R. L. Halford went to Sumter Saturday, to appear before the board of military examiners, to qualify as officers of the Timmonsville Guards, being elected lieutenants at a recent election.—Timmonsville Enterprise.

Mr. Ben Posey, of Spartanburg, spent Friday night in the city with Mr. Joan Kelly.

Miss Grady Rumph left Saturday morning for Charleston where she will be located hereafter. Miss Rumph has been assistant operator at the Western Union Telegraph office for some time and has many friends in Sumter who are sorry to see her leave here.

Mr. Rufus Spann, who has been employed at the Sumter Dry Goods store for the past few years, has gone to Richmond, Va., to take a business course at Massey Business College.

Messrs. George Reid and Jim Shaw of St. Charles, were in the city Saturday.

Magistrate J. L. Gillis, of Rembert, was a visitor to the city Saturday.

Miss Alto Emanuel, of Borden, is visiting friends in the city.

Miss Louise Reid, of St. Charles, was in town Saturday.

Miss Eugenia Fraser, of Virginia, is in the city on a visit to relatives.

Mrs. W. H. Muldrow is visiting the family of Representative James Reaves, of Clarendon county.

Mr. Sidney White has accepted a position with the Sumter Clothing Company and will be with them from now on.

Mr. E. A. Thees arrived here Friday night from Wilmington, N. C., and has taken up his work as physical director of the Y. M. C. A. Mr. Thees has been physical director at Wilmington for a couple of years and comes here highly recommended and the people of Sumter should be congratulated on having secured his services.

Mrs. Martin, of Maxton, N. C., stopped in the city Saturday for a while on her way from Fort Motte where she has been visiting her sister, Mrs. W. C. Hane, to Summerton, where she will spend a while with her parents. Mrs. Martin, as Miss Ada Tennant, had many friends in Sumter and in the county.

Mr. Joseph M. Chandler has returned from Baltimore and New York.

Mrs. Gussie Thomas of Mayesville and Mrs. Guy Harbeck of St. Charles were in the city Saturday.

Mr. E. M. Cooper, of Wisacky, spent Saturday in town.

Mr. Edwin Wilson, of St. Charles, spent Saturday in the city.

Mrs. W. H. Epperson is spending a while with Mrs. Joe Broadway in Summerton.

Miss Helena Bultman is spending the week-end in Florence, with her aunt, Mrs. Geo. Bruner.

Mr. B. J. Rhame, state bank examiner, was in the city Sunday and Monday.

Mr. K. E. Wells, of St. Charles, spent Monday in the city.

Mrs. Ebenezer Wells and children left on Monday for her home in Oakland, California, after a visit to her parents, Capt. and Mrs. E. Scott Carson, on North Main street.

Mr. W. W. McIver, of Society Hill, passed through the city on Monday on his way to Greenville.

Mr. and Mrs. E. Jackson, of Elloree, spent Sunday and Monday with Mr. and Mrs. C. W. McGrew.

A Coming Marriage.

The announcement of the engagement of Miss Ethel Brunson, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Willie L. Brunson, to Mr. F. Lee Peebles, of Emporia, Va., is of much interest to her many friends throughout the State. The wedding will take place at the home of the bride's parents early in April. Their friends wish for them every happiness.

Mr. E. I. Reardon has received a commission as notary public and is fully authorized to swear for, by and at all and sundry persons who may need legalized oaths in their business.

HOTEL SUMTER CHANGES HANDS

Messrs. R. C. McNeal and G. G. Tweed Have Charge of Hotel.

The Hotel Sumter on Friday, March first, changed hands and from then on it will be managed by Messrs. R. C. McNeal and G. G. Tweed, who have leased the building for the next twelve months. Mr. McNeal will have active charge of the management and will have associated with him Mr. George de Medici, who will be head clerk and manager in the absence of Mr. McNeal.

Mr. McNeal and Mr. Tweed took charge of the hotel Friday, finding it pretty well filled up with guests at the time and today. Mr. McNeal stated that for the next week or two he would occupy most of his time in getting things about the building to running in a systematized way and in a way that would be satisfactory to those stopping at the hotel. He stated that he would see that the guests were courteously received and cared for in the best method possible, and everything made as attractive to them as could conveniently be done.

There will be some changes made to the building which will make it more convenient and less crowded than it has been heretofore. These changes will be in the building of a kitchen in the rear of the present building, so as to relieve the rooms which were formerly above the kitchen of the steam, smell and smoke which they had to encounter heretofore. Some changes will also be made in the rooms themselves which will add to their attractiveness and the convenience of the persons stopping in them. There are at present fifty-three bedrooms in the building and these are generally all filled.

Mr. A. L. Jackson, the former manager of the Hotel Sumter, has not yet announced his plans for the future. He states that he has several plans on foot, but has not yet positively decided upon any of them.

DEATH.

Mr. S. T. Burch, of Florence, died at his home in that city Sunday night after several weeks' illness, aged about seventy-four years. He is survived by one son, and two daughters, Mr. S. T. Burch and Mrs. J. R. Moye, of Florence, and Mrs. C. P. Osteen, of Sumter.

On the eighth of February John Locklear died at his home in this county after being ill for only a short time, death following a stroke of paralysis. He was 63 years old and leaves a wife, four daughters and seven sons to mourn his loss.

The funeral services were held at Old Tabernacle Cemetery by the Rev. Benjamin Truluck, and the body was laid to rest in the family burying ground.

Mr. Locklear was a devoted father and husband and had many friends in the section of the county in which he lived. He was a good citizen and his death leaves a vacancy in his community which can hardly be filled. His family have the sympathy of their many friends and neighbors.

A report has been circulated in the Heriot's Cross Roads section that the Seaboard Air Line would abandon the last survey, or western route from Bishopville to Sumter, and build the road on the line first surveyed. The report has had a disquieting effect upon the residents of that section, as they have been congratulating themselves that at last they would have a railroad within easy reach. While not officially informed, the writer is satisfied that there is no intention of abandoning the western route, inasmuch as the rights of way for the route have practically been secured and the three or four landowners who have not closed contracts with the right of way committee are expected to reach an agreement this week. On the other hand no effort has been made to obtain rights of way on the eastern route and no steps have been taken to make a final survey and locate the line on the preliminary survey made of the eastern route. There is scarcely a possibility of the western route being abandoned in favor of the eastern, as the western route is in every way preferable, although a mile or two longer than the other.

The annual inspection of the Sumter Light Infantry will be held in the Armory Hall on the night of Tuesday, March 12. Adjutant General Moore of the State militia and Capt. F. H. McMaster of the United States Army are expected to be present for the inspection.

The road plow was being used on the streets Saturday morning to even them into shape after they had been cut up by vehicles during the recent wet spell. Several of the streets are still in bad condition and the roads all over the county are still in bad condition from the traffic while there was so much water on the ground.

BOY SCOUTS TAKE OATH.

Plans on Foot for Scout Work Which Will be Taken up as Soon as More Scouts are Secured.

The members of Game Cock Troop, the Boy Scouts of Sumter, met in the Chamber of Commerce Hall Friday evening and a number of boys were administered the oath of tenderfoot scouts. One patrol was added to those already enrolled and plans were formulated to make the movement more interesting to those boys who have already enlisted and who will enlist in the near future.

The meeting was well attended and was very interesting. A number of boys were present and many of them qualified as Boy Scouts, being administered the oath of the tenderfoot scouts.

A new patrol was admitted, George Rhame being the patrol leader.

The presiding officer stated that there was such a rush for books and badges at the factory that those ordered for the members of Game Cock Troop had not been attended to yet, but that they would be here by the next meeting, which will be on next Friday, in the Chamber of Commerce Hall at six o'clock as usual.

In view of the fact that some of the boys have begun to kick already, saying that they do not do anything but come up to the meetings, it will be of interest to know that the scout master and patrol leaders have movements on foot which will be of much interest to them. As yet not sufficient scouts have taken the oaths and there are not sufficient patrols yet for these measures to be taken up. In the near future the boys may be taken on scouting expeditions and baseball and other athletics will come in for their share of attention.

During the meeting Friday some of the boys who had already been administered the oath were taken out on a practise scouting expedition. They were taken to various store windows and allowed to look over what was in the windows for a short space of time, then recalled to the meeting quarters and told to write all of the things which they had seen, this being one of the methods used to train their minds to observe and take in all that came in their range of vision and to prepare them for scouting expeditions which will come after they have had sufficient practise in this training.

A BUSINESS COLLEGE.

Southern Commercial Schools to Locate Branch School in This City.

Mr. Charles L. Padgett, president of the Southern Commercial Schools, was in the city today and concluded arrangements for the establishment of a business college here. The school will open to receive students about March 20th, or as soon after that date as the quarters can be made ready for occupancy. Mr. Padgett has his home office in Chattanooga, Tenn., and operates a commercial school in that city, Bristol and Johnson City, Tenn., Charleston and Greenwood, S. C., Wilmington, Salisbury and Winston-Salem, N. C., Anniston and Decatur, Ala., and Rome, Ga. Mr. Padgett has the endorsement of Ex-Gov. R. B. Glenn, and Governor Kitchen, of North Carolina, Mayor Eaton of Winston-Salem, Senator Robert L. Taylor, of Tennessee, and scores of bankers and business men of the towns in which he is now conducting successful commercial schools.

The school to be established in Sumter will be thoroughly equipped with modern business appliances and will be under the direction of experienced teachers who will follow the same methods that have made each of the schools now in operation a success. The course of study includes sound, practical English and business training, bookkeeping, penmanship, stenography, and typewriting and the instruction is thorough and painstaking, individual attention being paid each pupil.

The establishment of this commercial school is another achievement to be placed to the credit of the Chamber of Commerce, Secretary Snell having opened negotiations with Mr. Padgett as long ago as last summer with the view of interesting him in Sumter.

The number of persons willing and anxious to be appointed rural policemen seems gradually to be increasing. All of the applicants promise to give efficient service, and some good men are represented in the list of applicants, so it should not be a hard matter for the county board to get men for the positions, the only trouble being to select those who will give the best service and who will prove in all respects efficient officers.

Dr. Vineberg, the eye and ear specialist, has returned to our city. For a few days he can be consulted at our store, from 10 to 5 p. m.—Classes from \$1.00 up.

Yours respectfully,
Hearon's Pharmacy.

REAL ESTATE TRANSFERS.

Sumter Real Estate Market Continuing to do Good Business.

Jeter D. Rollings to Charles Boyd, lot on Oakland avenue, \$700.

I. T. Davis to L. D. Cheavis, 69.88 acres in county, \$5 and other consideration.

Pinckney Deas to E. W. A. Bultman, 26 acres in Providence township, \$1,226.94.

H. J. Harby to Robert Shelor, one-half interest in 900 acres known as Pugh Place, \$4,000.

H. J. Harby, A. D. Harby, J. M. Harby and H. Harby, trustees to Everetta Young, lot and buildings on corner of Canal and Harvin Streets, \$2,500.

Jas. R. Ligon to Simpson Saxton, lot north of city, \$227.50.

Jas. R. Ligon, et al, to L. L. Reams, lot No. 5 in Broad street section \$250.

Jas. R. Ligon et al, to L. L. Reams, lot No. 45 in Broad street section, \$250.

E. W. McCollum to James Davis, lot with buildings on Purdy street, \$1,200.

D. M. McLeod, T. G. McLeod, W. J. McLeod, Mary McLeod McNeill, D. Carlisle McLeod to William R. McLeod and Frank A. McLeod, 30 acres on public road between Pudding Swamp and Sumter, \$1,200.

Master to A. Walker Newman, 120 acres in county, \$3,000.

H. Oliver Bradham to Burton A. Bradham, 47 acres in county, \$225.

H. J. Harby to R. S. Brown, tract of 50 acres in county \$1,250.

Martha A. Goodman to Samuel Tomlin, 20 acres in county, \$600.

Clarence J. Jackson to Moses Breward, 38 1-2 acres in Stateburg township, \$3,500.

Mrs. Leonora E. Scarborough to H. Lee Scarborough, tract of 100 acres on old C. S. and N. railroad, \$4,500.

The Sumter Savings Bank to Davis D. Moise, lot on Main street on which are situated the Sumter Savings Bank and Sumter Insurance Agency, \$21,100.

John Evans to E. W. A. Bultman, lot on East Ricker street, \$100.

Miss Anna C. Loring to Rev. Wm. Haynsworth, 21 1-4 acres on Mile Branch, \$500.

Ligon Land Company, to Daniel Hall, lot Southwest of city, \$50.

H. J. Harby to Sim Davis, 123 1-2 acres in county, \$4,940.

J. A. M. Carroway to Simeon C. Carroway, 75 acres in county, \$1,600.

Sumter Real Estate and Insurance Company to Trustees of Sunday School District No. 1, of Sumter Division of the Reformed Methodist church, lot in city, \$380.

McCullum Realty Company to Hattie E. Mims, guardian for Odessa, Edward and Frank Wims, lot on McDuffie street, \$120.

Robert D. Graham to W. M. Graham, lot on Hampton avenue, \$15,000.

POST G. ELECTION SATURDAY.

L. I. Parrott to Head Local T. P. A.'s Delegation to State Convention.

The members of Post G, T. P. A., met in their annual session Saturday night in the Chamber of Commerce Hall for the purpose of electing officers for the ensuing year. The officers elected were as follows:

President, L. I. Parrott; first vice president, J. H. Guthrie; secretary and treasurer, Geo. C. Warren; chaplain, H. H. Covington; surgeon, Archie China; board of directors, J. W. McKeiver, W. R. Phillips, H. L. Scarborough, W. B. Boyle, P. B. Emanuel, W. Percy Smith, H. R. VanDenter; delegates to the State Convention, which meets in Darlington in May, S. M. Riddle, L. I. Parrott, J. H. Guthrie, H. L. Scarborough, W. R. Phillips, J. W. McKeiver, G. C. Warren, W. Percy Smith, P. O. Leak and C. B. Yeaton.

The alternates were not elected, but the president was authorized to appoint them later in case some of the delegates elected to attend the Convention are unable to go. The president was also empowered to appoint the standing committees which will be done by the next meeting of the post.

A large attendance was at the meeting and general interest was manifested in the coming Convention in Darlington. Measures were taken to make sure that Post G had its full representation at the Convention, and the delegates will later formulate plans to boost their own post. The secretary's report showed that the post had prospered during the past year and has accomplished good work.

The people of South Carolina sent something like \$2,000,000 out of the State in 1911 for liquor, through the dispensaries, and very probably that much more through the private or mail order enterprise.—Charleston Post.

TWO HUNDRED DOLLAR PRIZE.

City National Bank Offers Premium for Diversified Farming.

The City National Bank has adopted a practical method to encourage intensive farming along diversified lines. As will be seen, by reference to the announcement in another column, the bank offers a prize of \$100 to the farmer who shall this year produce the greatest average yield on four acres—one acre each of cotton, corn, sweet peas and peas. Another prize of \$100 is offered for the greatest net profit on the four acres so planted.

The contest will be an illuminating object lesson and will prove to the farmers that cotton is not the only money crop and that diversified farming pays better than any single crop. Without a doubt when the contest closes and accounts are balanced it will be found that cotton is not the most profitable crop that can be grown in Sumter county, and the hard facts adduced from this contest will convince many farmers that it will pay and pay well to give more attention to corn, potatoes and peas, than they have heretofore.

It is to be hoped that every section of Sumter, Clarendon and Lee counties will be represented in this contest, for the greater the number of contestants and the more wide-spread the interest in the City National Bank diversification contest the greater the good that will result. There is no string tied to the contest—any farmer who will, may enter for one or both prizes. It is possible for one man to win both prizes and \$200 in addition to the profit derived from the crops grown on the four acres is a prize worth contesting for.

LAFOLLETTE STILL IN RACE.

"Back on Firing Line" After Brief Rest, He Declares.

Madison, Wis., March 1.—"I shall continue in the contest as a candidate for a well defined principle and for a definite programme of legislation, which, once enacted into law, will break the hold of privilege on the industrial life of the people and free them from the burden imposed by thousands of millions of fictitious capitalization."

This is the gist of a published statement made today by Senator Robert M. LaFollette. The statement is an appeal for delegates.

Mr. LaFollette asserts he will not "halt or turn aside to find the easy way and that he is steadfastly refusing to make combinations." He also indicated that after a brief rest he will be "back on the firing line," directing his own campaign. He denies that his health is broken.

"I want the support of such delegates only as are willing to win or to lose, if need be, on his basis," his letter concludes.

MACON "WHITE WINGS" STRIKE.

Street Cleaners Strike When One of Number is Struck by Whip.

Macon, Ga., March 3.—A blow with a buggy whip in the hands of a stableman was too much for the pride of Macon's "white wings," and the entire force of street cleaners, numbering ten, went on strike yesterday afternoon. Carts and brooms were deserted, where they were being used in the streets.

"We can stand for jeers and sneers," declared E. Hollingsworth, the leader, in stating his case to Mayor Moore, "but we can not stand blows, especially when policemen refuse to arrest those who strike us."

The trouble started when G. F. Riley a stableman, slashed White Wing J. F. Herd with a whip during a quarrel. An entire new force probably will be put to work tomorrow.

"Good Roads" is the slogan in North Carolina and that State is adding miles to its modern thoroughfares monthly. In South Carolina, "Good Roads" is also the slogan, but there is rather more slogan than roads, in rainy weather.—Columbia Record.

BANKS, FARMING AND PROSPERITY

BANKING is a business which has its foundation in the prosperity of the Community in which the Bank is located, New York banks cater to the Commercial business, New England banks go after the Manufacturer, while in some Western States mining receives special interest.

Banks in the South, and especially in Sumter, should encourage and help the Farmer and advise diversified farming and rotation. For when extensive diversification and rotation are followed no general failure is ever recorded. Every one has a duty to perform. If you are a farmer it is your duty to make your lands produce that which will increase your wealth and help your community.

To encourage this method of farming, we hereby offer \$100.00, in gold or City National Bank Currency, to the Farmer who will raise the greatest average yield on four acres—one each of the following staple products: CORN, COTTON, SWEET POTATOES and PEAS. We also offer \$100.00, in gold or City National Bank Currency, to the Farmer who will show the greatest net profit on the four acres of land to be planted as above specified.

Mr. J. Frank Williams, who is President of the Farmers' Union of Sumter County, has consented to be Judge or to furnish a Committee to decide this Contest, and on his order the prizes will be given to the winners.

We would like for every farmer in Sumter County to enter this Contest, as it is right in line with progressive Farming. Every effort put forth in this contest will prove beneficial, as there is nothing to lose and much to gain in this proposition.

THE CITY NATIONAL BANK,

(Successor to the Sumter Savings Bank.)