

**The Watchman and Southron.**

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**PERSONAL.**

Mrs. Adolph Manheim has returned to her home in Orangeburg, after visiting her sister, Miss Janie Elliott, of this city.

Messrs. Edwin Randle and Mark Reynolds, Jr., are at home from Porter Military Academy for the spring holidays.

Mrs. E. N. Frierson and Mrs. J. L. Frierson of Stateburg spent the day in the city Wednesday.

Mr. and Mrs. H. E. Parker, of Providence, were in town Tuesday evening.

Mr. W. E. Renneker, soliciting freight agent for the Atlantic Coast Line railroad company, was in the city Wednesday.

Mr. and Mrs. Brockington and daughters, Misses Edna and Louise, of Manning, were in the city Wednesday.

Mr. and Mrs. Alfred D'Ancona and children, of Chicago, are the guests of Mr. and Mrs. Mitchell Levi.

Mr. and Mrs. W. H. Ingram, and Miss Mary Pitts, of Columbia, are visiting relatives here.

Mrs. M. H. Flaum is visiting in Darlington.

Mr. C. E. Stubbs went to Columbia Thursday morning.

Mr. and Mrs. W. J. Stafford went to Columbia Thursday morning to see Mr. Stafford's sister, Mrs. Mims, who is seriously ill at that place.

Miss Ethel Hutchison of Kentucky, is visiting her sister, Mrs. H. M. Stuckey.

Senator Louis Appelt, of Manning, was a visitor to the city Thursday.

Miss Moselle Alderman, of Alcolu, returned home Thursday morning, after a short stay in the city.

Mr. S. Frank Parrott, of Gaffney, is in the city.

**Death.**

News was received here Tuesday of the death at the State Hospital of Mrs. J. A. Holland of this county. Mrs. Holland died Saturday and was buried at the hospital burying grounds Sunday. She was forty-five years of age and leaves a number of relatives in this county.

**Death of Little Girl.**

Buna Alice, the youngest daughter of Mr. and Mrs. S. Y. Deigar, died on Tuesday at the Sumter Hospital where she had been taken several days ago to be operated on for appendicitis.

The funeral services were held from the residence of her parents, No. 302 South Harvin street, Wednesday afternoon at 4 o'clock. The sympathy of their many friends goes out to the parents of the little girl in their bereavement.

**New Wholesale Company Here.**

The National Biscuit Company has established headquarters in this city with Mr. P. W. Horn as manager. Mr. Horn has taken a room at the Y. M. C. A. and will secure quarters for the wholesale company at once. Most of the product shipped here by the company will be delivered direct to the purchasers.

**Skeleton Discovered in Swamp.**

A few days ago bones of a human skeleton was discovered in the heart of the swamp below White's mill. Only a few bones could be gathered up and after making what investigation he could, with no evidence to start on, Coroner Flowers decided that the best thing that could be done was to bury the bones and let the matter rest. The persons living in the neighborhood had not heard of anyone from their vicinity disappearing mysteriously in the past twenty years, so there was no thought of foul play. It was stated that a big fire had swept over the swamp about two years ago and the person might have met death then. This opinion was generally accepted as the ends of the bones were burned off.

**Many Persons Being Vaccinated.**

Supervisor Pitts states that the county physician has discovered several more small pox patients in the neighborhood of the old Phillips place, but that the patients were already well on the road to recovery when it was first ascertained that they had been suffering from small pox. The county physician is now engaged in vaccinating the colored folks in that section and doing all in his power to keep the disease from spreading. The disease when discovered was already past the quarantine stage, so no quarantine was established.

**MILLER CASE CLOSED.**

Day Spent in Hearing Arguments of Attorneys—Motion for a Verdict Overruled.

The case of J. A. Miller against the Atlantic Coast Line railroad company which has had the attention of the court up to this time from the convening of court on Monday will probably draw to a close this afternoon. The day was spent in hearing the arguments of counsel for the plaintiff and defendant, after a motion by the defendant for a direction of a verdict in their favor was overruled by Judge Rice.

The last of the testimony was taken Wednesday afternoon, several witnesses being called upon to testify in reply to what witnesses had stated on the examination. Following the closing of the testimony, Mr. P. A. Willcox, general counsel for the Atlantic Coast Line railroad company, made a motion for the direction of a verdict. He stated as the grounds for this request that the testimony showed that if there was any negligence that resulted in the injury of the plaintiff the only inference that could be drawn from the testimony was that the negligence was the act of a fellow servant of the plaintiff and therefore there was no liability on the part of the defendant railroad company. The second ground for his motion was that there was no evidence of negligence on the material allegation of the complaint which would support a verdict. The third ground for a motion for direction of the verdict was that there was no evidence of wilfulness or wantonness to support a verdict. The attorneys for the plaintiff conceded to this last ground and withdrew the request for punitive damages.

The references on these points were given Thursday by Judge R. O. Purdy in a short concise statement, the railroad attorneys claiming that the "fellow servant" act applied in this case, relieving the railroad of all responsibility. Upon the close of Mr. Purdy's statement Judge Rice stated that there were some phases of the case that he thought should go to the jury. He would not enter into a statement of his reasons for taking this ground as it might have some effect on the jury, but he would not direct the verdict for a non-suit.

The plaintiff's attorneys had already announced that they would make three arguments and the defendant announced here that they also would make three arguments. The time for each side was decided upon as two and one-half hours.

Mr. E. J. Best of Columbia opened the argument for the plaintiff with Mr. R. O. Purdy for the defendant following. Mr. J. H. Clifton came next for the plaintiff and that afternoon Messrs. Mark Reynolds and L. W. McLemore or P. A. Willcox, for the defendant and Mr. L. D. Jennings for the plaintiff closed the arguments.

**CHAMBER OF COMMERCE ANNUAL MEETING TUESDAY NIGHT.**

Replies to Invitations Coming in Slow—Members Requested to Answer.

The big annual event of the Chamber of Commerce on Tuesday night, next, is rapidly taking shape. Nearly 100 members have already responded but there are still over 200 members who have not replied. It is absolutely necessary that this be done at once as it is impossible for the committee to estimate the number of plates required unless this is done.

President Gadsden of the Charleston Chamber of Commerce has accepted an invitation to speak at the supper. The famous Charleston quartet that made such a hit at the big Ad Men's Convention at Boston last year are planning to come. This will be a rare treat and will add a great deal to the affair.

The following former members of the Chamber which were not announced in the last published list have renewed: R. L. Edmunds, J. L. Jackson and W. L. Williams.

The Chamber now has a list of 100 new members which makes a fine showing. Those who have joined since the list was published are: C. B. Yeaton, N. Averbeck, D. W. Brown, H. L. Birchard, Scott Rumph, B. Walsh, Jr., C. A. Parks.

**Will Probably Attend.**

The following clipping from the Orangeburg Evening News will be of interest at this time:

President Carr and Secretary Marchant, of the Chamber of Commerce, have received very urgent invitations from the Sumter Chamber of Commerce to be present at a meeting of that body to be held on the evening of March 26. It is very probable that the two gentlemen from this city will attend this meeting.

**NINE DIRECTORS CHOSEN.**

Two New Members on Board, Others Re-elected; Result of Election Tuesday Announced.

The election of Tuesday for a new board of directors for the Chamber of Commerce for the ensuing year was held in the D. J. Chandler Clothing Company store and resulted in the following being elected on the board:

We hereby certify that we have made count of the ballots cast in an election for directors of the Sumter Chamber of Commerce, held this 19th day of March, 1912, and that the following nominees received the highest number of votes:

Baker, Dr. S. C.  
 Belser, R. B.  
 Jennings, L. D.  
 Lemmon, G. A.  
 McCallum, D. R. Jr.  
 McKelver, J. W.  
 Manning, R. I.  
 Moise, D. D.  
 O'Donnell, Neill.

Witness our signatures at Sumter, S. C., this 19th day of March, 1912.

(Signed) B. C. WALLACE,  
 H. L. TISDALE,  
 C. M. HURST.

As will be seen by reading over the list seven of these men were on the board last year, two new members being elected on the board, L. D. Jennings and G. A. Lemmon.

**Putting the Roads Into Shape.**

Supervisor Pitts stated Thursday morning that he was doing everything possible just now to put the roads in the county, especially those leading into Sumter which were most traveled, into good shape and he thought that by the end of the week, if the rain did not stop the present work, he would have most of them in pretty good condition for five or six miles out of town.

Mr. Pitts states that he has been using the split log drag on the roads the first part of the week when the ground was damp enough for them to be effective, but that today and for the rest of the week he would use the road plows, two of which were now in use. The chain gang is still camped at Ballard's Hill, which they have not yet finished grading, owing to the rains, and they made daily trips out from there putting the roads in that section into condition.

**MONEYMAKER COTTON SEED—**

We have found this variety superior to any other, giving a larger yield per acre with the same treatment, and giving a larger per cent. of lint. Our farm is free from blight and other diseases, and the cotton is ginned at our own gin, where every precaution is taken to prevent mixing with other seed. We offer a limited amount of select seed at \$1.00 per bushel. C. P. Osteen Co., Sumter, S. C.

**NOTICE**—I am sorry to disappoint my customers, but the roads are so near impassable that I can not send any meat to Sumter until the roads are safe. The first choice pigs are sold. Will have some nice ones later. E. W. Dabbs.

**WANTED**—To sell choice lard, sides, shoulders and hams from young thrifty hogs, smoked and unsmoked. Orders through Union Brokerage Company will be filled once a week. E. W. Dabbs, Mayesville, S. C.

**Candidates' Cards.**

Announcements of candidates will be printed in this column until the close of the campaign for \$5. No cards accepted on credit.

**For Sheriff.**

Capt. Geo. C. Warren is hereby announced as a candidate for the office of Sheriff of Sumter county, subject to the rules of the Democratic primary.

**VOTERS.**

Capt. E. S. Carson is hereby announced as a candidate for Sheriff at the ensuing election, having before discharged the duties of that office with promptness and efficiency, we take pleasure in recommending him for said office, subject to the rules of the Democratic primary.

**MANY VOTERS.**

**For Clerk of Court.**

The name of H. L. Scarborough is presented as a candidate for Clerk of Court for Sumter County in the coming Democratic primary election.

I hereby announce myself a candidate for Clerk of Court of Sumter county, subject to the action of the Democratic primary.

JOHN R. SUMTER.

**WORK BEGUN ON RAILROAD.**

Several Gangs of Workmen Employed near Mannville Clearing Right of Way.

Several gangs of workmen are now employed cutting out the right of way of the South Carolina Western between Bishopville and this city, the men having at last been set to work on that part of the route where all of the right of way titles have been drawn.

Two gangs of workmen are em-

ployed on Mr. R. I. Manning's place near Mannville and other gangs are at work between there and Bishopville, further up the line. It is probable that this work would have commenced several weeks ago had there not been several parties who would not come to terms with the railroad attorneys. At present the right of way has been secured most of the way between Bishopville and Sumter, but all of the deeds have not yet been closed. There are a few parties who refused to come to terms and condemnation proceedings have

been begun.

The beginning of work on the road bed will be good news to the people of Sumter who have been waiting several months now for news to this effect and it is probable that with the coming of better weather good progress can be made in the work.

Every school child in Sumter should be examined by the hookworm experts of the State Board of Health. They will be at Hearon's Pharmacy every Saturday until further notice.

**AT LAST,  
 SPRING HAS  
 COME!**

- ☛ After an unusually severe winter, Spring time has burst upon us in all its beauty.
- ☛ Trees are budding, birds are singing, and all mankind are making preparations for the glorious season of promise.
- ☛ We have anticipated the demands of our friends by putting in a most carefully selected stock of seasonable merchandise in every department.

**STUFF GOODS**

KNOWING THE STRONG DEMAND FOR WHITES AND CREAMS, WE BOUGHT LIBERALLY OF SERGES, BEDFORD CORDS, BATISTES ETC.

ALSO ALL THE POPULAR WEAVES IN BLACKS AND COLORS.

**SPRING SILKS**

MESSALINES ARE STILL IN THE LEAD. FOULARDS STILL HAVE THEIR ADMIRERS. FANCY SILKS IN LIGHT SHADES ARE VERY POPULAR FOR EVENING WEAR. WE HAVE THEM ALL.

**SPRING WASHABLES**

A PROFUSION OF FABRICS AND COLORS, MERCERIZED POPLINS, STRIPED VOILS, MUSLINS AND LAWNS, DELICATE DESIGNS, SHEER TEXTURES.

**WHITE GOODS**

NARROW AND WIDE WELTS IN PIQUES, STRIPED AND BARRED MUSLINS, DIMITIES, LAWS, INDIA AND PERSIAN, BATISTE, LINENS IN ALL GRADES FOR SKIRTS AND SHIRT WAISTS.

**ANOTHER LACE SEASON**

ALL-OVER LACES, BANDING AND EDGES, IRISH, TORCHON AND VALS. A DELIGHT TO EVERY LADY.

**EMBROIDERIES!  
 EMBROIDERIES!!**

IT IS USELESS TO MENTION OUR EMBROIDERIES TO THE LADIES OF SUMTER, BUT WILL SAY AS IN THE PAST, YOU WILL FIND IT NOW, ONLY MORE SO.

☛ Would also call your attention to our Spring Rugs and Art Squares, Crex, Matting and Axminsters. Space forbids a further enumeration, but to show you is our pleasure.

**O'Donnell & Co.**