

**The Watchman and Southern.**

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**PERSONAL.**

Mr. Jerome Wilson, of Columbia, was in the city Thursday.

Mr. B. Frank Kelly, of Bishopville, was a visitor to the city Thursday.

Miss Margaret Cromer has returned to her home at Newberry after a pleasant visit to friends in this city.

Mr. R. E. Rembert, of Rembert, was in town Thursday.

Messrs. R. L. Burkett and B. W. Segars, of Dalzell, were in town for a while Thursday.

Mr. L. L. Baker passed through town Friday morning on his way to Bishopville after a trip through the Piedmont section of the State.

Mr. W. H. Seale left for Richmond Thursday, accompanied by his son, Mr. W. J. Seale, where he will receive surgical treatment.

Mrs. F. J. Boas, of Landsdown, Pa., who has been visiting her parents, Mr. and Mrs. W. H. Epperson, has returned home.

Miss Lou Pate left Saturday for a visit to relatives in Western North Carolina.

Mrs. W. H. Milliard has gone to Hot Springs, N. C., for a stay at that place.

Dr. J. C. Spann on Saturday returned from Charleston where he stopped for a short stay after being in attendance upon the Diocesan council meeting at Beaufort.

Miss Maidelle Boatwright of the College for Women at Columbia was in the city Saturday morning for a short while.

Mr. Clinton Walsh left on Saturday for Charlotte, N. C., where he has accepted a position as book-keeper for an automobile house.

Miss Mabel Jones returned from Atlanta Sunday, at which place she has been visiting her sister for some time.

Messrs. Perry Moses, Jr., Lucian Strauss and Henry P. Moses leave this afternoon for Charleston to take the Scottish Rite degrees in Masonry.

Major J. W. Bradford, Jr., and Lieutenant Wayne Mellette left Sunday morning to attend the school of instruction at Fort McPherson, Atlanta, Ga., to be held during this week by Capt. Geo. H. McMaster.

Mrs. Beattie, who has been visiting her daughter, Mrs. H. C. Haynsworth, has returned to her home at Greenville.

Miss Pauline Blanding spent the week-end at home from the College for Women at Columbia.

Mr. and Mrs. S. M. Nabers went to Florence Sunday to visit relatives at that place.

Miss Eva C. Kingman has gone to Statesville, N. C., to attend the commencement exercises at the Statesville Female College.

Miss Nannie Hodges, who has been visiting Mrs. L. W. Jenkins, has returned to her home in Florence.

Miss Louise Yeadon has returned from Gastonia, where she has been teaching school during the past session.

Miss Nannie Richardson is visiting Miss Sarah Moore, in Charleston.

**IN THE POLICE COURT.**

**Number of Prisoners up for Disorderly Conduct and Cursing.**

A number of charges for cursing and disorderly conduct were heard in the police court by the recorder Monday morning, the fines and days being as follows:

Chester Wilson, cursing and disorderly conduct, \$20 or 30 days on the first charge and \$15 or 30 days on the second charge.

Glenn West, cursing and disorderly conduct, \$15 or 30 days on each charge.

Stimms Johnson, carrying concealed weapons and disorderly conduct, \$25 or 30 days on the first charge and \$15 or 30 days on the second charge.

Joseph Bristow, vagrancy, \$20 or 30 days.

**New York Cotton Market.**

New York, May 13.	
Open.	Close.
May.....	11.22-23
July.....	11.34-31
Aug.....	11.35-36
October.....	11.43-45
Dec.....	11.52-54

Closed steady.

**LIVERPOOL MARKET.**

Liverpool, May 13.	
Open.	Close.
May.....	627
May-June.....	627
June-July.....	627½
July-Aug.....	628½
Aug-Sept.....	627

Closed steady.

**Local Market.**

Beans middling, 11 cents.

**THE DEMOCRATIC CONVENTION**

**STATE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEETS TONIGHT.**

**Much Interest in Election of State Chairman and of Delegates at Large to the National Convention.**

Columbia, May 14.—Plans for the State convention of the Democratic party of South Carolina, to be held here tomorrow, will be arranged at meeting of the State executive committee, which has been called by Gen. Wille Jones, State chairman, to be held in the office of the secretary of State at the State house tonight. The State convention will be held tomorrow at noon in the hall of the house of representatives. There will be 336 delegates present in the convention from the various counties of the State.

Interest in the meeting of the executive committee tonight centres in the election of a State chairman, Gen. Wille Jones, who has been the chairman for 14 years, announced several weeks ago, that he would not ask re-election. He has been officially connected with the party for 30 years, having served as secretary for 16 years before election to the chairmanship. It is expected that the friends of Gen. Jones on the committee will tonight put up his name for re-election. It is said that the name of W. F. Stevenson of Cheraw will also be put up for election. Mr. Stevenson is a member of the general assembly from Chesterfield county. Thos. G. McLeod, former lieutenant governor, will be put up for president of the convention by the supporters of Judge Jones. No opposition has developed to Mr. McLeod.

Eighteen delegates to the national convention, to be held in Baltimore on June 25, will be elected by the State convention. There is much interest in the election of the four delegates at large and several candidates for the place have already been announced. The Jones forces in the convention will support Senator R. R. Tillman and Senator E. D. Smith for delegates at large. Among the candidates for the other places as delegates at large are: Lowndes J. Browning of Union, chairman of the ways and means committee of the house; F. H. Weston, member of the Senate from Richland county; John Gary Evans, former governor; R. I. Manning of Sumter and A. F. Lever, member of congress from the seventh district. In addition to the four delegates at large the convention will elect two delegates from each congressional district.

Charleston and Georgetown counties will send contesting delegations to the State convention. The contest will be submitted by the convention to the committee on credentials. There is a difference of opinion as to whether the executive committeemen from Charleston and Georgetown will be seated by the State convention or the executive committee. Gen. Jones has given the opinion that the contest as to the committeemen will be decided by the convention. This question will very probably be brought up at the meeting of the committee tonight.

**HON. JOHN J. HEMPHILL DEAD.**

**Expires Suddenly of Heart Trouble in Washington.**

Washington, May 11.—The Hon. John J. Hemphill, former Congressman from South Carolina, his native State, died here suddenly last night, after having attended a banquet. Heart trouble was the cause of death. Mr. Hemphill had resided in Washington a number of years and was one of the most prominent lawyers at the National Capital.

**Mr. Belser a Candidate.**

The card of Mr. R. B. Belser announcing that he is a candidate for re-election to the House of Representatives is printed today. Mr. Belser was elected two years ago on the good roads platform, having advocated throughout the campaign the construction of a county-wide system of public roads and proposing that bonds be issued to provide the money needed to carry out the programme. During his first session he secured the enactment of a law submitting the good roads bond issue to the qualified voters of Sumter county. The election resulted in a tie vote and the bond issue was defeated, but Mr. Belser had carried out his campaign pledge in respect to the good roads. Mr. Belser's close attention to his duties won him recognition and although a new man in the legislature, before the end of the session came to be regarded as one of the strong members. In the session of 1912 he took a leading part in shaping legislation and had charge of the Farmers' Warehouse bill during its passage through the house. He has made a reputation as a working member, not as a politician, and in his record he seeks re-election.

**FAVOR ONE SIX YEAR TERM.**

**COMITEE FAVORS BAN ON RE-ELECTION OF PRESIDENT.**

**Majority Advocate Six-year Tenure, With Second Term Forbidden. Minority for Four Years.**

Washington, May 13.—The senate judiciary committee today decided to report favorably the Works resolution restricting the presidential tenure of office to a single term of six years. A minority report, favoring a single term of four years, also will be made from the committee. The reports are expected in a day or two.

The committee is practically unanimous to make a president ineligible for a second term, but four members of the committee favor making the single term four years instead of six. The house committee on judiciary had pending a joint resolution of the senate for the same purpose introduced by Representative Clayton of Alabama, chairman of that committee.

**MAULDIN WILL BRING SUIT.**

**Greenville Attorney Announces That He Will Sue for \$10,000 for False Imprisonment.**

Greenville, May 13.—Today's development in the case growing out of the sale of whiskey here last Saturday by order of the United States court consist of the serving of papers in claim and delivery proceedings upon Sheriff J. Perry Poole for the recovery of two barrels of liquor, the hauling away of the beverage from the court house after the purchaser of it, the attorney, Oscar K. Mauldin, had put up bond of \$200 pending the decision of the case; the latter's declaration that he will bring suit for \$10,000 damages for false imprisonment against the sheriff and a long distance telephone message from Gov. Bleas to Sheriff Poole in which the governor told the latter to go ahead and employ counsel to fight the case to the finish and assured the sheriff that he would "stand by him." The claim and delivery action was brought through the court of Magistrate E. Inman and made returnable Friday, May 17. The \$200 bond for the possession of the liquor will be put up by T. F. Hunt and J. F. Hodges. Mr. Mauldin has employed as attorneys Oscar Hodges and David W. Smoak to represent him. Sheriff Poole has not yet named his counsel.

**UNDERWOOD MANAGER AT CONVENTION.**

**Bandhead Will Visit Columbia in Effort to Have Preferential Primary Authorized.**

Washington, May 13.—Senator Bankhead of Alabama left Washington this afternoon for Columbia for the purpose of attending the South Carolina State convention at that place Wednesday. In the event he can not get things going right for Congressman Underwood, it is understood, he will try to have the convention pass a resolution authorizing a preferential primary. South Carolina is strong for Wilson, according to what is said here, and it would seem from the plans of Senator Bankhead that he would use the preferential primary plan as a last resort for Congressman Underwood to test the feeling in that State. Tomorrow he will confer with some of the Underwood men in order to prepare for the day following.

**May Visit Sumter.**

The four companies of United States artillery will probably leave the Fort Moultrie army post on Wednesday for their cross country hike through the McClellansville section, extending perhaps to Sumter, in carrying out the plans of the war department of giving the coast artillery practice as infantry and in long marches.

**Will Not Use Word "Pauper."**  
The Norwich (England) board of guardians recently unanimously decided that in future the word "pauper" shall not be used in any of the board's records or minutes. Mr. Millington, a farmer, brought the matter forward. Many respectable persons, he said, required relief through no fault of their own, and the word was objectionable and cast undeserved stigma upon recipients of relief and their children. He suggested that the word "poor" should be substituted.

**Turn to Wooden Flooring.**  
The use of wooden flooring is on the increase in Italy, taking the place of the former extensive demand for marble, tiling and cement. Oak, larch and pitch pine are mostly adopted, and but little, if any maple, birch or beech has been brought to the market.

**First Financial Center.**  
The Bank of Venice, established in 1157, was the financial center of the world; and when the Revival of Letters came, followed almost immediately by the invention of printing, it was Venice that led the world in the output of books and the spread of intelligence.

**HAIL VISITS CITY THREE TIMES.**

**Whole of County Traversed by Ice-Laden Clouds Sunday Afternoon.**

The whole of Sumter County and, from reports which can be gathered, parts of Lee and Clarendon counties, was visited Sunday afternoon by ice-laden clouds, which distributed hail all over the country in their wake. Now was it a single hail storm, as is generally the case, but every cloud seemed to carry the little pellets of ice with them, and at least three

separate falls of hail were noted. Some of those taking note of the occurrence stated that there were four falls of hail and some even went so far as to state that there were five separate hail storms.

The hail, while coming at intervals of half an hour apart, did not fall in such quantities as to do a great deal of damage at points near the city, although southwest of Sumter, from which direction the clouds came, it was reported that the oat crop was badly damaged.

In Sumter there was no damage

worth noting resulting from the hail, the gardens seemingly suffering no bad effects. Early this morning the weather turned much cooler, probably from the effects of the passage of the hail-laden clouds and the melting hail.

**Much Rubber in Rhodessa.**  
The vast extent of northern Rhodessa renders it impossible at present to estimate even approximately the extent of the rubber areas, but such evidence as is available points to the great prospective value of this area.

**SPRING OR SUMMER?**

SPRING is rapidly being transformed into the Real Old Summer Days and having kept pace with the changing seasons we are ready to meet the demands of the Hot Weather Shoppers.

**COLGATES TOILET ARTICLES.**

**Warm Weather Weaves.**

India Linon and Persian Lawns, 10c to 25c.  
Batiste and Lingerie, 15c up.  
Flaxons and Shirtwaist Linens, 15c to 75c.  
Skirt Linens, 35c to \$1.  
Blouse Linens, 10c, 15c, 20c and 25c.  
Colored Mercerized Linens, value 35c, our price 25c.  
Piques, just in. Small and large welts, worth 37½c, going at 25c.  
Colored Lawns and Batiste, pretty small designs, 5c up.

**New Arrival of Silks.**

We give this line SPECIAL ATTENTION. In order to have the goods clean and fresh we keep them coming in every week.

**ROYAL-WORCESTER REAL RUST PROOF CORSETS.**

**Embroideries and Laces.**

27 in. Flouncings, 25c to \$1.00.  
45 in. Flouncings, usually sold at 75c, now 65c.  
45 in. Flouncings, value \$1.50, we are now selling for \$1.25.  
See our Linen, Lace at 5c. A long line of All-Over Laces.  
Clouney Laces.  
Shadow Laces.  
Match Sets in Vals. A great many 10c values, all at 5c or 50c the dozen.  
Lace Collars, just the thing for warm days, 25c and 50c.

**Other New Arrivals.**

Cream Serges, Bedford Cords and Batiste, Pencil Stripes, Serges, Ratines, White and Tan.

**FOR THE HOUSEHOLD**

**Table Damask.**  
Our 68 in Damask at 50c the yd. is a wonder, and all the way to \$1.50 we are showing unusual values. Also have the Reds, Blues and Creams.

**Keep Your House Cool**  
by replacing your Winter Rugs and Art Squares with Mattings, Crex and Matings, Rugs and Art Squares. They will pay for themselves in one season.

Other Departments have not been neglected. Warm weather reminders on every counter. "Glorious Days of Sunshine."

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