

The Watchman and Southron.

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PERSONAL.

Mr. E. Jackson, of Ellore, spent Tuesday in the city.

Mr. Manning Drakeford, of Charleston, is on a visit to his parents near Mayesville.

Miss Estelle Jones of Sumter county was one of the recent graduates from the Orangeburg College.

Mr. Dave Winn, of Bishopville, was in the city for awhile Wednesday.

Miss Deal has returned home from Coker College, which she has been attending.

Mrs. A. V. Snell of Sumter, is visiting her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Geo. W. S. Hart, in Yorkville.—Yorkville Enquirer.

Mr. Taylor Keels left here Sunday for Wilmington where he has accepted a position with the Atlantic Coast Line in the superintendent's office.

Mr. Appelt, of Manning, was in the city Wednesday.

Miss Lucille Iseman, of Manning, spent the day in the city Wednesday.

Mr. and Mrs. J. F. Reid, of Wiscaky spent Tuesday night in the city.

Mr. T. H. Parker, of Bishopville, was in the city Wednesday.

Miss Olive Sturgeon, of Lake City, is visiting her aunt, Mrs. T. S. Joye.

Mr. and Mrs. Sinkler and daughter, Miss Carrie Sinkler, are visiting the family of Mr. and Mrs. Richard I. Manning.

Mr. Thomas H. Tatum, of Bishopville, was a visitor to the city Wednesday.

Miss Bennett of Sumter was the guest of Miss Thelma Jordan last week.—Hartsville Messenger.

Mr. W. T. Hunter spent Wednesday in the city with his brother, Mr. L. L. Hunter, on his way to his home at Newberry.

Miss Loretta McKain is at home after teaching for a year at Marion.

Rev. J. W. McKay left Thursday for Charlotte, where he will spend several days.

Miss Almee Moore and Mrs. Pickney, of Stateburg, were in the city Thursday.

DISTRICT CONFERENCE MET.

Large Number of Delegates Present at Conference Which was Organized Thursday Morning.

The Sumter District Conference of the Methodist Church met in Sumter Wednesday night for their first session, and formally organized Thursday morning and prepared for the business, which will come up in the session, which will be continued through Sunday.

There were a large number of delegates present from all parts of the district when the conference was called to order Thursday by Presiding Elder Walter I. Herbert who presided over the sessions of the conference, and several more are expected before the end of the week. Those present are not only from the Sumter district, but from all parts of the State and there are many well known and prominent divines of the Methodist church and educators from all parts of this State and other States represented in the gathering.

The first session of the conference was held Wednesday night at the Broad Street Methodist Church, although at that time the conference had not been regularly organized. A strong sermon was preached by the Rev. J. E. Edwards of Bishopville, one of the delegates to the conference.

Wednesday evening and Thursday morning a committee consisting of Messrs. E. W. Humphries, pastor of the Broad Street Methodist Church, Harold McCoy and B. A. Thees was kept busy meeting all trains to welcome the delegates and to conduct them to the homes at which they will be entertained during their stay in the city.

Plans have been formulated for a busy and interesting session of the conference.

In The Police Court.

Only two cases were tried in the police court Thursday:

C. C. Moore was sentenced to pay fine of \$2 or serve 4 days for riding a bicycle at night without a light.

Sam Peterson was arrested for assault and battery with intent to kill. He waived a preliminary hearing and was sent to jail to await trial at the Court of General Sessions. His bond was fixed at \$500.

Peterson claimed that his wife had gone off with another man, contrary to his orders and he could not and would not stand for this. He consequently caught his wife and made a gash in the back of her neck with a razor.

JONES-YEADON.

Well Known Young People of City to Be Married on June 6th.

The following invitations have been issued to the wedding reception for Miss Hallie Jones and Mr. Yates Yeadon, two popular young people of this city:

Mr. and Mrs. William S. Jones request the honor of your presence at the marriage reception of their daughter

Hallie Ruff and

Mr. William Yates Yeadon on Thursday afternoon, the six of June One thousand nine hundred and twelve

at half after five o'clock
Three hundred and eight West Calhoun Street
Sumter, South Carolina

WOMAN ROBBED OF \$2,000 GEMS.

Burglar Levels Pistol at Mrs. Gilmore in Unlowntown and Gets Jewelry.

Gazette Times.

Unlowntown, Pa., May 18.—One of the most daring robberies in the history of Fayette county was perpetrated at 11 o'clock tonight when a masked burglar entered the home of Guy Gilmore, a wealthy coke operator, at the edge of Unlowntown on the McClelland road and forced Mrs. Gilmore, who was alone, to give him \$2,000 worth of jewelry.

The servants were out for the evening and Mr. Gilmore had not arrived home when Mrs. Gilmore, who was sitting in the library on the first floor was surprised to see a large man, closely masked, enter the room.

Pointing a revolver at Mrs. Gilmore he commanded her to give him all the jewelry in the house. Mrs. Gilmore at the burglar's command was made to walk upstairs and give him her jewelry, but not all in the house. The burglar even took a diamond ring from her finger.

After obtaining what he thought was all the jewelry in the house the robber walked down the stairs and disappeared in the darkness. Mrs. Gilmore raised a window and her screams aroused the neighbors.

Mrs. Gilmore will be remembered here as Miss Nellie Epperson, a daughter of Sheriff W. H. Epperson.

SCORPIONS AGAIN VICTORS.

Alligators and Turtles Tie in Good Game, Scores 11 to 11 and 9 to 5.

The Scorpions defeated the Lizards again Tuesday evening at the Y. M. C. A., winning by the score of 9 to 5. This is the sixth game which they have won to the one which they have lost.

In the game between the Alligators and the Turtles, neither team was able to defeat the other. The score at the end of the game was 11-11, the game having to be called in order to give the other two teams a chance to play.

KILLED BY FAST MAIL TRAIN.

Henry Powers, Well Known Young Man of Mars Bluff, Loses His Life.

Florence, May 20.—Henry Powers, a well known young farmer of the Mars Bluff section, was killed by a fast mail train on a crossing near Mars Bluff station last night. It is supposed that the young man was dazed by the electric headlight, and as there are two tracks on that section of the road he got on the wrong one to let the train go by.

The inquest was held this morning, the railroad company having taken care of the body last night.

D. A. R. Election.

At a recent meeting of Sumter's Home Chapter, D. A. R. the following officers were re-elected:

Regent, Mrs. S. C. Baker,
Vice-Regent, Mrs. C. W. Kingman,
Secretary, Mrs. R. D. Epps,
Treasurer, Mrs. Perry Moses, Jr.,
Register, Miss Alice Moses,
Historian, Mrs. W. S. Dinkins.

Medals for Penmanship.

For the past year or two the public schools of the city have devoted special attention to penmanship. In order to stimulate interest four medals are offered by gentlemen of the city to the girls and boys of the third and fourth years of the high school. This year these four medals are offered by: Messrs. L. I. Parrott, R. L. Wright, Henry J. Harby, and H. L. Scarborough.

The S. C. News & Press has put a cement pav. ing from Cashua street to the passenger depot which has a great improvement in the appearance of their grounds near the track. The News & Press.

CHANGES ON SOUTHERN.

Road Will Make Changes in Schedules of Southern Trains Leaving Sumter.

In order to provide a better schedule for Camden and Rock Hill and points between Sumter and Columbia and those points the Southern Railway company has decided to make certain changes in the schedules now existing for trains running between Columbia and Rock Hill and Sumter and Sumter Junction and Kingville. These new schedules will go into effect May 28th and will be of interest to people in Sumter who have frequently to ride over the Southern.

Train No. 140, the present train leaving Sumter for Kingville at 7.30, will leave Sumter at 6.30 a. m. and make connections at Sumter Junction with the Southern train from Columbia, No. 113, which arrives at Rock Hill at 11.10 a. m. From Sumter Junction No. 140 will go on to Kingville making connections with the Southern train from Charleston, and returning to Sumter as No. 141 and arriving at 10.15 as at present.

In the afternoon train No. 142 will leave Sumter at 3.30 p. m. instead of at 2.05 p. m., as now, making connections with No. 114 at Sumter Junction which will arrive at Columbia at 6 p. m., instead of 4 p. m. as at present. It will make connections with No. 14 arriving at Charleston from Columbia at 9.15 p. m.

The trains between Columbia and Rock Hill over the Southern will be changed at the same time so as to operate daily, instead of daily except Sunday, as at present.

There has been considerable complaint from the points between Sumter Junction and Rock Hill of the Southern schedule and the matter was taken up some time ago by Assistant General Passenger Agent, J. L. Meek of Atlanta who has given close attention to the schedules and decided that the above changes will meet the needs of the citizens of Rock Hill, Lancaster, Camden and other points affected. Sumter citizens will probably be well pleased with the new schedules as it gives them better opportunities of going to Columbia or returning than they have had heretofore.

THINKS LESS COTTON PLANTED.

Watson Reviews Crop Conditions for New York Paper.

Columbia, May 22.—Commissioner Watson, in reply to a query from the Wall Street Journal, on the condition of the cotton crop throughout the cotton belt, sent the following review:

"It is difficult to give anything like an estimate of the coming cotton crop at this stage. I feel from the reports in my hands and from my observations, and, indeed, my knowledge of conditions, that the average will be about 15 to 20 per cent less than that of last year for the entire belt. Not alone has the flood damage in the belt States been very severe and is such, but all over the belt, with possibly the exception of portions of Texas the unprecedented rainfall of the winter has prevented preparation of soil and set back the planting season most materially. Under these conditions, while what cotton has been planted is coming to an excellent stand in the South Atlantic States, with the promise of a good production per acre, I cannot possibly look for anything like a crop that was produced last year, when not alone the acreage was unusually large, but climate conditions were so combined as to make the individual plant produce more cotton to the plant than had perhaps ever been known in the history of cotton."

Manning School Closes.

Manning Times.

On next Sunday morning at half past eleven o'clock the commencement sermon will be preached by Dr. D. M. Douglas in the graded school auditorium. On Monday evening at 8.30 the graduating exercises will take place. Hon. Mendel L. Smith of Camden will deliver the address.

New York Cotton Market.

	Open.	Close.
May...	11.05	11.05-68
July...	11.70	11.10-12
Aug...	11.17	11.17-19
Oct...	11.36	11.26-29
Dec...	11.43	11.35-36

Closed barely steady.

LIVERPOOL MARKET.

	Open.	Close.
May...	619 1/2	619 1/2
May-June...	619 1/2	619 1/2
June-July...	620	620
July-Aug...	622 1/2	622 1/2
Aug-Sept...	622 1/2	622 1/2

Closed dull.

Local Market.

Basis middling 1912.

NEWS AND VIEWS OF FISGAH.

Cleveland School Closes a Prosperous Year—Hon. M. L. Smith Made Address.

Fisgah, May 20.—The heavy rains a few days ago stopt farm work until the ground got dry enough to stir. This week progress will be made if we don't have another flood. Cotton is not as fine as we would like to have it, but it is like the cats that, it is said, have nine lives. It will come all right, but not like last year.

Miss Alma Bradley's school closing exercises were interesting. The children recited their pieces and performed their parts in a very creditable manner. While all did so well it is hard to specify, but Miss Sadie Rogers rendered her piece, "Curfew Shall Not Ring Tonight," in a very fine manner. Madge Rogers, Nell and Gertrude Gillis, Lula Baker, Sybil Cole, Hubert Bradley, and Linwood Cole did remarkably well.

Saturday quite a number enjoyed a picnic at the same place.

Having accepted an invitation from the teachers of the Cleveland school, Kershaw county, to attend their annual picnic last Saturday we went there. Quite a large number were present to enjoy the day and hear the speaking. Hon. M. L. Smith, McKenzie, superintendent of education, C. W. Birchmore, editor of the Wateree Messenger, and Rev. Mr. Sharp of the Methodist church, made interesting addresses on educational lines. Each spoke about twenty-five minutes, after a pleasant introductory by Mr. Brace, who presided. Mr. Smith divided his subject in three parts: 1st, the home influence, the raising and training of the child by the parents, especially the mother—and instilling into it the principles which would be the foundation for its future life. 2nd, The influence of the church and that life, and 3rd, Its education. Each one of these he developed in a very interesting manner, after which, he showed how education had progressed for many generations. The different systems of this country and the world. He said a commission, of fine educators, viz: S. H. Edmunds, of Sumter; D. B. Johnson, President Winthrop College; W. H. Hand, Superintendent of State High Schools, and the State Superintendent of Education, had prepared a bill for the most perfect educational system our State ever had, but for some reason the bill did not get through the last session of the legislature. He paid a fine compliment to the Cleveland school, and the patrons and school where the people had improved in many ways. He closed by showing school statistics of the two races in this State, and warned the people of the danger of not being up and doing if we wish to preserve things as they now are. His address was listened to with a great deal of interest.

After the speaking the ladies set a most bountiful table, filled with good things, which was heartily enjoyed by the hungry crowd. Cleveland School house is a fine building, two stories high, painted white, with green blinds and sky blue inside. It is very conveniently arranged for comfort. A flag flies over the building.

Miss Nell Simpson and Miss Ida Mae Evans are to the teachers, and they did their work so well, that the school board has elected them for next year.

In the afternoon the boys played ball and the girls had music. Many candidates were present, but politics was not mentioned. One man said he was still hunting for two things, votes and a wife. We hope he will succeed in getting both. We saw one fellow that was shot all to pieces by Cupid. Poor fellow, he has my sympathy. Late in the evening all went home feeling what a pleasant day they had experienced. If any one did not have a nice time it was his own fault, for a more hospitable people is hard to find.

SEABOARD MAY DO BETTER.

Reader Gives Reasons Why Stations Between Sumter and Summerton Were Poorly Represented; As to R. R. Appropriation and Other Things.

I had the pleasure of attending the commencement of the Bethel School last evening. The program was well rendered and was enjoyed by a large crowd of patrons and friends.

I note that the people between Sumter and Summerton were "poorly represented and had no one to speak in their behalf" at the R. R. Commission hearing yesterday. Well, what was the use to waste good time on a losing game? There were several representatives there, and the Commission knew of the conditions here, so if the Commission wants to give us justice it can do so, they will do as they please anyhow, and we are like the old riddle about the cigar—"A fire at one end and a fool at the other"—so we will get the worst of it every time. But it is an ill wind that blows no good, and may be we will get a better schedule if the Seaboard comes through.

I noticed an article from Mr. J. C. Dawkins a few weeks ago and expected to see something more about it before now. I did not understand his meaning exactly. As I understand the affair the county officers had nothing to do with it. My impression is that last summer, or fall, the Chamber of Commerce opened up negotiations with the Seaboard relative to its coming to Sumter, which it agreed to do, if the town would pay \$20,000 to secure right-of-way. A petition was circulated among the business men of Sumter and they agreed to do

this. The country people were never asked anything about it. Messrs. Clifton and Dick, on the last day of the session introduced this bill to pay the town \$12,000 out of the county money.

Now this kind of legislation is bad for town and country for it tends to array them against each other, and gives the impression that Sumter deliberately planned it. I do not believe, however, that the Sumter people, as a whole, knew anything about it, who did plan it will probably never be known. No one seems to be able to explain why it was necessary for the legislature to have anything to do with it. The country people seem to want the railroad, and it does seem that they, at least, might have been asked about it. And why did they wait until the last day to bring this matter up, and pass upon it, after one of the members had gone home. These and some more questions are being freely asked, but no answer has been offered yet. I do not understand Mr. Dawkins' position on the affair, so I cannot not give him any help, unless he explains.

Reader.

School Exhibit.

On Monday afternoon from 5 to 7 there will be at the Hampton school an exhibit of the work done by the pupils for the past year in Art and Penmanship. There are two supervisors of these departments, Misses McLean and Satterwhite. Visitors will be gratified to see the work of the students. The public is cordially invited. Remember the date, Monday the 27th; the hour, 5 to 7. Be sure to be present. Make no other appointment for that date.

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