

**The Watchman and Southern.**

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**PERSONAL.**

Mrs. J. F. Marion has gone to Laurens to spend Christmas with her parents at that place.

Mr. B. K. DeLorme is at home from Furman College to spend the holiday.

Miss Mattie Hill has gone to her home at Wisacky to spend Christmas with her mother.

Miss Florence Shaw is at home for the holidays from Greenville Female College.

Mr. James Shaw has returned home from Furman University for the holidays.

Mr. Edwin Witherspoon is spending the Christmas holidays at his home in the city. He has been attending Furman Fitting School.

Mr. D. V. Keels, of Rembert, was a visitor to the city Tuesday.

Mr. and Mrs. I. A. Ryttenberg and Mr. G. Irving Schneeberger have returned to the city from Savannah, where they have been on a visit.

Mr. James Weathers of Wilmington, N. C., is in the city to spend Christmas with his parents.

Dr. Hamilton McKay of Charlotte, N. C., is in the city to spend Christmas with his parents, Dr. and Mrs. W. J. McKay.

Miss Katie McKeiver is at home from Randolph-Macon College to spend the Christmas holidays.

The many friends of Mr. R. L. Wright were glad to see him out again to-day after his recent illness from typhoid fever.

Mr. J. C. Dunbar, of Dalzell, was a visitor to the city Tuesday.

Mr. Alfred DeLorme is spending the Christmas holidays in the city at home from Georgia School of Technology.

Mr. and Mrs. H. W. Hood, of Latta, are spending Christmas in the city with relatives.

Mr. J. McRae Hatch, of Dawson, Ga., is in the city for a few days.

Mr. Julius G. Jones, of Brogdon, is home from the Charleston Medical College for the holidays.

Miss Ethel C. Jones, of Brogdon, is home from Winthrop College for the holidays.

Dr. Hamilton McKay returned to Charlotte Thursday morning after spending Christmas with his parents in this city.

**Croskey-Lemmon.**

Summerton, Dec. 22.—A very pretty home wedding was that solemnized yesterday afternoon at the home of Mr. and Mrs. R. J. Croskey, in which their oldest daughter, Miss Madge Croskey, became the bride of R. H. Lemmon of Winnabore.

The parlor was tastefully decorated in a color scheme of white and green. The bridal party entered the parlor to the strains of Mendelssohn's wedding march, rendered by Miss Sue Cantey, in the following order: The maid of honor, Miss Christine Croskey, sister of the bride, with the best man, Mr. Lemmon, brother of the groom; the bride and groom, and the ring bearer, little Miss Dorothy Croskey, niece of the bride. The ceremony used the beautiful ritual of the Methodist church, performed by Rev. J. R. T. Major, pastor of the bride.

After the ceremony the guests registered in the bride's book and were then ushered into the dining room, where delightful refreshments were served.

The bride is one of Summerton's most popular young women. The groom is a successful farmer of the Greenbrier section of Fairfield county.

**Harrell-Baskin.**

A Christmas wedding of interest to a great many people in Sumter and throughout the State was that Wednesday evening when Miss Ellen T. Harrell, the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. P. G. Bowman, was married to Dr. C. A. Baskin of Anderson.

The ceremony was performed at the residence of the bride's parents and was a very quiet home affair. Only the members of the immediate families were present to witness the marriage which took place at 8 o'clock, the Rev. D. M. McLeod officiating.

The bride was attired in a blue traveling suit and was attended by her sister, Miss Mabel Bowman, as maid of honor. The groom was attended by his best man, Mr. S. M. Pennell. After the ceremony the happy young couple left for their wedding trip. Upon their return they will be at home to their many friends at Anderson.

Where is the split log drag? Its use on the streets just now would mean a decided improvement.

**Marriage.**

Miss Fannie Davis and Mr. R. L. Benton of this city were married Tuesday evening at the residence of the bride's mother, Mrs. J. J. Davis, 511 W. Oakland Avenue, the ceremony being performed at 6 o'clock by the Rev. C. C. Brown.

Miss Davis is a charming young lady of this city and Mr. Benton is the popular young cashier of the A. C. L. freight department.

**Death.**

Mr. Samuel R. Fraser, a highly respected citizen of Sumter, died at his residence in the suburbs Christmas morning, after an illness of only two days, aged 68 years.

Mr. Fraser was a native of this county and had many friends and relatives here who heard with sorrow of his death. He leaves a wife and four children, Misses Evelyn and Vardelle Fraser, and Samuel and Guy Fraser. He is also survived by one brother and one sister, Mr. L. L. Fraser of this city and Miss Eugenia Fraser of Virginia. Mr. Fraser was a brother of the late Judge T. B. Fraser. When a mere boy he left school to enter the army to serve during the war.

The funeral services were held from the residence at noon Thursday and interment followed at the cemetery. The services were conducted by the Rev. J. P. Marion.

**Marriage License Records.**

Marriage licenses were issued Tuesday to Mr. R. L. Benton and Miss Fannie Davis of this city and Mr. A. V. Weatherly and Miss J. Elizabeth Felder.

Also the following colored couples: Elliott Barton and Jamie Heriot, Sumter; Willie Davis and Epsie Bell, Concord; Richard Allston and Mary Hamilton, Stateburg; Edward Evans, Oswego and Eliza Ardon, Mechanicsville; Walter H. Jones, Columbia, and Serena Hamilton, Sumter; Rouben Sims and Pauline Spears, Wedgefield.

**STICKING TO "TURKEY TROT."**

"Chicken Flip" Given Trout at Hot Springs, Va.

(Hot Springs, Va., correspondence of Baltimore Sun.)

Social dictators in the cities are counseling with one another how to expurgate the turkey trot, but no such question bothers resort society, even when resort society consists of the ultra fashionable set migrated from the cities. It is a safe prediction that the winter will see a more ultra dance than the trot introduced here, at Aiken or Palm Beach. Here the season has shown, as it has in some other places, that the old two-step and waltz absolutely will not do any more. And as for society countenancing innovation dances, even the President's decorous daughter, Miss Helen Taft, danced the trot repeatedly at Hot Springs last month, scarcely raising a comment. Everybody was doing it. It crowded the ballroom for 60 consecutive nights as it never had been crowded before, the dancers going then to the grill, where the tables were soon pushed aside for more "turkey trotting."

The "chicken flip," a dance Miss Eleanor Sears is credited with having originated in Boston the other night, had a tryout by some of the young people of the resort in a party at the golf club last week. The club is closed evenings, but they got it to themselves for a few hours to have the greater freedom. Roughly speaking, the "chicken flip" belongs to the fowl family, and bears about the same relation to the trot that a turkey gobbler does to a game fighting cock.

**PREPARE FOR LIFE.**

Hand Says That is Purpose of High Schools Now.

Discussing the relation of the college to the high school, W. H. Hand, State High School inspector, in his annual report says that thinking men no longer regard college preparation the chief function of the High School. He declares that a good preparation for "life ought to be a good preparation for college."

Concerning High Schools and college preparatory schools Mr. Hand says: "It is beginning to dawn upon some people that not all college professors are teachers, however, scholarly they may be." He says that "in matters educational we are in sad need of less diplomacy and more plain English."

**Earnings of Harvard Boys.**

Harvard University students who are more or less dependent on their own initiative for their college career, earned \$198,000 during the last twelve months, according to figures given out by the secretary of the student employment bureau. The figures amount to \$214 earned per capita.

**CITY COUNCIL MEETING.**

Council Holds Short Session. Few Matters Acted on—City Manager Not Chosen.

City Council met in regular session Tuesday evening, but very few matters were acted on in the little while council was in session. The election of a city manager was discussed and one of the applicants for the position was asked to come to Sumter to hold a conference with members of council concerning the acceptance of the position.

Mayor Jennings reported that the Bullman store on South Main Street would be erected without any excavation. The privilege formerly granted by council would not be exercised.

Mr. Rowland reported that he had examined the clerk and treasurer's accounts for November and found it correct. He made a statement of the demands against the city and the necessity of the city's securing funds, stressing the importance of collection of taxes and the prompt payment of licenses in January.

Ordinances allowing the A. C. L. Railroad company to build a track across Calhoun street and repealing an ordinance which created the Tree and Park Commission were read and ordered published, a second reading being dispensed with.

Council then discussed the matter of securing a city manager, but no action was taken further than to invite one of the candidates for the position to a conference with Council. All other matters were deferred until a later meeting.

**A CITY'S MARKETING PLAN.**

Mayor Shank Outlines Work Done in Indianapolis.

Florence Times.

A few days ago the Times promised to give its readers the benefit of Secretary Morgan's effort to get the details of the Indianapolis plan of selling produce directly from the producer to the consumer.

Mayor Shank of Indianapolis has written in detail of the effort being made in that city. He says: "The fundamental principle of the entire matter is some feasible plan of bringing the producer and consumer into closer relationship. In a town the size of Florence this would be easy. Set aside a convenient place and invite the farmers to bring their produce in and place it on sale. The town people could then buy direct from the producer. To a certain extent this is done in Indianapolis. We have here a vast city market, one of the largest in the country. An average of two thousand persons appear on market day with stuff to sell. Some of them are actual producers, but the majority buy from the commission men, consequently prices are only slightly below those charged by grocers all over the city. A big advantage, however, is that the consumer has a large amount of stuff to select from. This city merely provides a place for producers and consumers to meet. Last year when potatoes were unusually and unreasonably high the mayor bought of the Michigan growers and sold the potatoes himself on the market."

It will be seen from this that Mayor Shank has merely formulated a plan by which the producer and consumer can meet and thus cut out the profits of the middle man. This plan stimulates the highest order of market gardening, dairy production, poultry production, and the production of fresh meats under sanitary regulations. What Indianapolis has done on a large scale can be done in Florence on a lesser scale with corresponding profits to all concerned. Florence doesn't have to wait until next year to do this either. This is worthy of the consideration of the city authorities, leading citizens and farmers. A twice a week market could be established here upon an open lot set aside for the purpose and kept clean. This will grow into a market place after a time and those who offer goods for sale and those who buy will profit by it. To make this a success and make it so constructive that it will be of lasting benefit the producer must get away from the notion that he must have a dollar a bushel for his corn when the real market price is only seventy-eight cents. He must sell direct to the individual for the same price that the grocer would pay him, and when he has done this the middle man's profit is eliminated. He has as much for his produce as he can get for it otherwise and the consumer has it at the producer's price.

Two members of the camp of gypsies which stopped in this city last week were arrested at Wedgefield Tuesday on the charge of trading horses without a license, but upon being brought before Magistrate Rees at that place, they were released on condition that they leave the county at once without doing any more horse-trading or fortune telling in the county.

**CLERK-CARRIER EXAMINATION.**

Will be Held in This City January 15th.

The United States Civil Service Commission announces that on January 15th an examination will be held for the positions of clerk and city carrier in the post office at Sumter.

Clerks in offices of the first and second classes and carriers in the city delivery service are divided into six grades, as follows: First grade, salary, \$600; second grade, salary, \$800; third grade, salary \$900; fourth grade, salary \$1,000; fifth grade, salary \$1,100; sixth grade, salary \$1,200. Clerks and carriers at first-class offices will be promoted successively to the fifth grade, and clerks and carriers at second-class offices will be promoted successively to the fourth grade.

The examination will consist of the subjects mentioned below:

1. Spelling,
2. Arithmetic,
3. Letter writing,
4. Penmanship,
5. Copying from plain copy,
6. Reading addresses.

Applicants must have reached their eighteenth but not their forty-fifth birthday on the date of the examination. The age limits are waived, in the cases of persons honorably discharged from the United States military or naval service by reason of disability resulting from wounds or sickness incurred in the line of duty.

Male applicants for the postoffice service must be at least 5 feet 4 inches in height in bare feet, and 125 pounds in weight without overcoat and hat; otherwise their applications will be canceled. Female applicants are not required to be of any specific height or weight.

Applicants for the postoffice service are required to be physically sound and in good health. The postoffice department has advised the Commission that no person who is defective in any of the following named particulars will be appointed to the position of carrier in the postoffice service: Hunchbacks; persons having defective hearing, sight, or speech; persons blind in one eye; one-armed, one-handed, or one-legged persons, or those having crippled arms or legs, or those suffering from asthma or hernia. These defects will also debar a person from appointment to the position of clerk in the postoffice service, except that deaf-mutes and persons with defective speech or hearing may be appointed to the positions of mail clerk, distributor, and directory and forwarding clerk. Applications from persons who are not entitled to examination on account of physical defects will be canceled. Other physical defects may debar persons from this examination when in the judgment of the Commission such defects would render them unfit to perform the duties of the position for which the examination is held.

Married women will not be admitted to this examination. This prohibition, however, does not apply to divorced women or women who are separated from their husbands and support themselves.

This examination is open to all citizens of the United States who comply with the requirements.

From the eligibles resulting from this examination it is expected that certification will be made to existing and future vacancies.

For application form 1371 and "Instructions to Applicants," address the secretary of the board of United States civil-service examiners at the postoffice at the place named above, or the district secretary at the address below.

No application will be accepted unless properly executed and filed with the district secretary prior to the hour of closing business on January 8, 1913. Secretary Fifth Civil Service District, Atlanta, Ga.

**Sumter Has, Florence Has Not.**

Sumter is to have a connection between the two railroads entering into that city, the South Carolina Western and the Coast Line. We do not want Sumter to lose a single thing that is to her benefit, we rejoice with her, but we think that this same thing could have been arranged for Florence as the Times has so often urged on deaf ears, and we are going to lose not only prestige as a shipping and transfer point, but we are going to lose business because we did not take the matter up long ago, and thus we are a hindrance to our neighbor. This is the point at which the junction should be effected to be of the greatest benefit to shippers of this county, and we are inclined to think that we should get it yet if we will only do it through the right channels. Florence Times.

STRAYED—Red Jersey cow, age 4, from 398 Church Street, Sumter, S. C., last night. Reward for return, \$10. J. L. Mosley, care Daily Post.

**DIANA IS OUTCLASSED.**

Miss Annette Kellerman Has a Poor Opinion of The Lady.

Baltimore Sun.

Miss Annette Kellerman, in behalf of whom it is held that she outclasses—in some points, at least—Diana of Ephesus and Venus de Milo, threw a dressing robe over her theatrical garments and sat down to tell of the perfect woman last night.

It was in the midst of a rehearsal of "Undine," which will be played this week at the Auditorium Theatre in a big hall just across from the theatre. And almost her first words were:

"I don't care a rap about Venus de Milo and her perfect measurements. Why, if Venus were 18 years old and would come to America or Baltimore she would be outclassed by dozens of young girls."

"It is not being a Venus with a perfect figure that counts. That was not my ambition when I was a little crippled kiddie. It is the health, vitality, energy, the ability to accomplish things and enjoy accomplishing them—that is what I am really proud of."

"Why, if Venus were here she couldn't dance and swim and dive—she's a little bit heavy, you know. Of course, Diana was athletic, but if she was like one of those swaggering English athletic girls."

And Miss Kellerman threw up her hands in horror. But in the lulls when the others of the company stopped rehearsing to catch a breath she talked on.

"Your American girl of 18 years is a wonder, but she doesn't last. She is intensely interested in all these health lectures and things and follows directions for four days. She stays in a stuffy house—you know fresh air is the greatest thing ever—and gets 'fuzzy,' thinks she is sick and goes to the doctor. When she gets before a mirror—you know it yourself—she straightens up, throws back her shoulders and assumes a graceful carriage. But the minute she gets out of sight of herself, flop she goes."

"Yes, if a girl could have a mirror before her all the time, her very vanity would make her assume and keep a perfect carriage, the first step toward making a perfect figure."

"Your girls do not keep up their good work. It takes persistence and will. I have spent most of my life at it. Exercise and fresh air are only part of the recipe for a perfect figure. Eating can ruin it all. It has been four years since I have seen any meat except a little fish. The kitchen plays an important part in the health program. Some too slim ladies think that eating rich foods will give them a plump figure. It only upsets their digestion."

"I have seen pretty women and girls in three continents, counting Australia, and the English girls have pretty faces. I think it is the way they wear their hair, soft and wavy, not hard, as they do here. But the English athletic girl and her swagger is the worst I know. The American girls have the natural advantages; they have the physical beauty, but they don't know how, or won't keep their health."

"Yet, after all, it is not the figure. That is incidental. It is health, energy, vitality, life. Those are the things that the girls should learn to value. Big feet—exercise does not enlarge them—are not a disgrace. It is the perfect health that enables you to have that vital personal magnetism and that clear head and clear complexion. And exercise, fresh air, good food and not too much. Those are the three things that count."

**Sumter's Innovation.**

Macon Telegraph.

The Chamber of Commerce of Sumter, S. C., is making a commendable and enlightened effort to attract desirable white settlers with a view gradually to divide among them the large tracts of land in the neighborhood of that town and thus develop the farming district thereabout. We quote from an invitation to small farmers that is being widely published and circulated:

"It offers to place without cost 100 white families on farms of from 30

to 50 acres, they to work on a share crop basis. Seeds and fertilizers will be furnished free. All needed tools, implements, stock and provisions will be advanced. Each of these tracts has a small cottage upon it which will go with the contract and which will be made comfortable. The land is rich and ready for cultivation.

"We will personally see that every farmer is placed only on a healthy location and that he is given a cordial welcome and is assisted to understand his new conditions. We want white farmers here. We offer not more than has been offered the negro for years, and under which plan he has become independent. Under this plan an industrious farmer may soon become acclimated and purchase his own lands. At the same time we gain that which we need—the white settler and a division of our large estates."

This offer ought to attract more attention than the ordinary notices of plantation sections for sale of land, and it will be interesting to know what are the results. The scheme is worth the consideration of the landowners and progressive citizens in every county in Georgia, for it has long been evident that special effort must be made to attract settlers of the right sort from those sections of the United States where the South's great negro population is regarded as a drawback.

**CHRISTMAS KILLING AT McBEE.**

Fight Begins Over Friendly Battle with Roman Candles.

Hartsville, Dec. 24.—Dr. Clyde McManus shot and killed J. P. Wallace at McBee tonight as a result of a difficulty following some friendly sport with Roman candles. From the meagre reports it seems that one of the two became angered in the sham battle; that Wallace drew his pistol and that he was killed in the struggle for the weapon that ensued.

Bryan Rents Office at Capital. (Washington Correspondence New York American.)

Democratic politicians are wondering just what William Jennings Bryan intends to do with the second floor front suite of offices in the Woodward building, on which he has obtained an option.

If Mr. Bryan goes into the Cabinet he will have no use for the offices, unless he uses them as a retreat in which to escape the importunities of Nebraskans who want jobs.

Mr. Bryan has lately turned his attention to literature, and it may be that he is going to open a new bureau on his own book and report the Wilson Administration according to his own lights.

**Firemen Enjoy Banquet.**

The members of the Sumter Volunteer Fire Department were entertained at a banquet given Monday night at the fire department headquarters by Capt. P. P. Finn, manager of the department equipment and property. A big supper was served and the twenty-odd men present enjoyed it immensely.

Mr. J. P. Booth, a member of the city council, acted as toastmaster for the occasion and numerous toasts were responded to by those present. Mayor Jennings and Councilman Rowland were unable to attend on account of indisposition.

The occasion was voted a great treat by the fire laddies who gave Captain Finn a vote of thanks at the close of the supper.

**Cow Without a Tongue.**

Frank L. Holland has a tongueless cow. The animal which had never known any inclination to be tired of this particular organ, appeared without a sign of a tongue several mornings ago and since that time has managed to exist though it has been impossible for her to eat anything. Mr. Holland thinks that the cow got its tongue fastened in something in the stable and he is unable to say it is more than a something, during the night and in the effort to pull loose she lacerated her tongue so badly that it came out during the night. When found next morning the cow was giving every evidence of suffering great pain and the tongue was found lying on the ground beside her.—Greenwood Journal.

**CHANGE OF NAME.**

On and after January 1st, The Burns-Lowry Hardware Company business will be conducted under the name of W. B. Burns & Co.

On that day Mr. E. B. Lowry will retire from the company to accept a position as traveling salesman, for which he had applied before the company was organized.

We are pleased with the Burns Hardware Co., not to become a competitor with us, has been cancelled for valuable consideration, and I am free to resume my place in the mercantile life. The Burns-Lowry Co., has met with most encouraging success, and I bespeak a continuance of patronage which the new firm will endeavor to deserve by faithful service and correct prices for standard goods.

W. B. BURNS.