

**The Watchman and Southern.**

Entered at the Postoffice at Sumter, S. C., as Second Class Matter.

**PERSONAL.**

Mrs. Hugh Fraser and little daughter, of Charleston, are visiting Mrs. T. H. Clark on Church street.

Mr. S. P. Gaillard, of Dalzell, was in the city Tuesday.

Mr. E. A. Jenkins, of Columbia, spent Tuesday in town.

Mr. L. L. Baker, district farm demonstration agent, was in town for a short while Tuesday.

Mr. L. S. Vinson, of Pisgah, spent Thursday in town.

Mr. and Mrs. A. P. Vinson, former residents of this city, are visiting in the city.

The many friends of Mr. L. E. Durant will be sorry to hear of his critical illness in Florida, where he has been spending the winter.

Miss Celeste Hughson was brought home from Timmonsville Monday morning, where she has been teaching during the year. Miss Hughson was taken at once to the Sumter Hospital where she was operated on for appendicitis. She is reported to be getting on nicely.

Miss Marguerite McLeod has returned to the city after a month's visit to relatives in Brunswick, Jacksonville and Fernandina.

Mr. Eugene Hogan has gone on a business trip to Whiteville, N. C., for a few days.

Mr. W. D. McGrew, of Columbia, is in the city visiting relatives.

Dr. and Mrs. Clarence Ligon, of Orangeburg, are visiting Mr. and Mrs. J. R. Ligon on Oakland avenue.

Mrs. Abe Ryttenberg has returned to the city after a pleasant visit to Savannah.

Mr. R. H. Earle, of Greenville, spent Wednesday night in the city with relatives.

Mrs. H. A. Well, of Savannah, is visiting her daughter, Mrs. Abe Ryttenberg.

Mr. Palmer Brown, of Chicago, is visiting his mother, Mrs. Manning Brown in the city.

Mrs. Edward McCallum has gone to Marion to spend the week with friends.

Mr. and Mrs. Henry B. Richardson, of Manning, are in the city visiting Mr. Richardson's parents here.

**ALL PLANS BEING PREPARED.**

**Chamber of Commerce Wants to Know Who Expect to Visit Columbia on Carolina Day.**

The special rates over the A. C. L. to Columbia, \$2 for round trip and admission to the Corn Exposition, included, are cheaper than the cost for a special train, and the Chamber of Commerce has therefore decided not to run a special.

However, the band will go to Columbia Tuesday morning, and with it will go a large number of Sumterians, who will march behind the band in the South Carolina Day parade.

All who intend going to Columbia that day are urged to notify the Chamber of Commerce. The A. C. L. stands ready to put on extra cars, and even run extra trains, if travel warrants, and the Secretary of the Chamber of Commerce is anxious to know in advance about how many passengers the road can count on having, in order to post the officials and thus help to make sure of extra accommodations.

Room No. 7 in the Arcade, ground floor, main wing, will be headquarters for Sumter city and county. In it will be handsome display of pictures, catalogs, articles manufactured in Sumter and samples of staple crops of Sumter county. The room is so arranged, with a basement, that it will afford ample accommodations for Sumterians who want a loafing place while in the heart of the city of Columbia, and all Sumter county visitors to the exposition are invited, and urged, too, to make the room their headquarters. Everything will be done that is possible to furnish strangers with information about Sumter city and county, and to furnish Sumter city and county folk with information regarding Columbia and the exposition.

Don't forget that you are wanted behind the band Tuesday in the parade, and don't forget to notify the Chamber of Commerce that you expect to go to Columbia that day. Drop a postal or ring up the office, 290. The office force is on such a "hump" getting things ready, that dropping a postal is probably the better plan.

Now that the season for beginning work on the farm is here, you should see D. C. Shaw Co., about those implements you need. Read their ad in this issue, it's good news to you.—Adv't.

**DEATH OF J. R. LIGON.**

**Prominent Sumter Man Died at Home Early Thursday Morning.**

His many friends in the city were saddened Thursday to hear of the death during the early morning hours of Mr. James Richard Ligon, a well-known and highly respected citizen of Sumter. Mr. Ligon had been in failing health for a number of years and his friends and family knew that death must come at an early date, but they did not expect it to come so suddenly, as Wednesday he was in apparently a better state of mind and body than he had been for some time previously. Wednesday night he sat up in bed talking to members of his family, among whom were his brother, Mr. A. C. Ligon, and wife of Orangeburg, who had come over the day before to see him, until nearly midnight, when he retired in seemingly as good health as usual. About 2.30 o'clock he was suddenly taken with an attack of coughing, which was followed by a hemorrhage. Death followed in less than five minutes. At his bedside were his wife and brother and his brother's wife.

The funeral services were held from the residence on Oakland Avenue Friday afternoon at 3.30 o'clock and the interment took place at the cemetery immediately following the funeral services.

Dr. Ligon was a native of Orangeburg County, but had lived in Sumter for nearly twenty years. He was born in 1872 at Branchville, where he spent his boyhood. Graduating from the South Carolina College in 1891, he went from there to Charleston, where he entered upon his profession of pharmacy. Two years later he came to Sumter, which place has been his home ever since. He was first employed in the DeLorme Drug Store and later became a traveling salesman for Henry K. Wampole of Philadelphia, with which firm he remained connected until he was unable to continue in active work on the road. In 1895 he became interested in insurance and real estate business in Sumter and has been engaged in this business up to the time of his death.

Mr. Ligon led an active life up to the time his health became such that he was unable to attend daily to his business. He was elected to council in 1908 and served one term of two years on that body. While on council he was chairman of the important police and sanitary commission. He was appointed on the board of health May 10th, 1910, and served in the capacity of chairman of that body until he was forced to resign on account of circumstances which prevented his giving the duties of that office the attention which they re-

quired. His resignation was accepted February 21, 1912.

The deceased was a member of Claremont Lodge No. 64, A. F. M., and of Game Cock Lodge, Knights of Pythias. He was a member of the First Baptist Church of this city.

Mr. Ligon was married to Miss Lela Nash of this city, who, with two children, Maurine, a girl of sixteen now attending the female college at Anderson, and Henry, a boy of seven, survive him.

**A WORD OF COMMENDATION.**

**Dr. C. C. Brown Makes Appeal in Behalf of City Nurse.**

I have been a resident of Sumter for quite a long time, and must soon take my place on the catalog of the ancients. I have known Sumter from the day when Mose Harrison crept along the streets, with a ladder and a kerosene can, trimming and lighting the lamps, down to the present time. The public spirit of the place has won for us a good name over the whole State, and Sumter, without the backing of buzzing cotton mills, is a problem which some other towns cannot understand. The majority of our citizens take hold freely of every enterprise which commends itself to them, and upon this fact the secret of our growth and development is founded.

Among all the movements going on in our midst, I venture there is not one which produces a larger revenue than the work accomplished by the City Nurse in her daily round of ministrations. The reports she makes now and then of the hundreds of visits paid, the food and medicine supplied, and the help rendered the sick in a variety of ways, must compel the notice and admiration of those who read them.

Still, the fact remains that to this work our citizenship is not giving the support it deserves. A few of us subscribe a little money, the collecting of which is worth almost as much as the money collected, while a large proportion of our people seem to think that the Civic League women have a large fund stored away on which they can draw at will, without fear of exhausting it. The men of Sumter should be unwilling to allow so noble and gracious a work suffer for support. We should look upon it rather as a privilege to be allowed to help it. Those who have a home and a means of subsistence cannot know how much the nurse resembles an angel when she brings her ministrations to the homes of the poor and needy.

We have thrown the women too much upon their own resources, and should be ashamed of ourselves that this is true. A hundred dollars a month would scarcely meet the demands of the work, and yet it re-

quires unceasing effort on the part of the women to collect even a smaller sum than this.

I am writing these words to bring the cause to the attention of our people, and to plead for help. Some of the good women have taken me into their confidence, and I know the burden they are bearing. I have promised them to exert myself in their behalf, and it is my purpose to carry out my promise, as shall hereafter appear. It is my abiding conviction that it is a beautiful charity to have a trained nurse among us to minister to the poor and sick, and I hope to aid the ladies in setting on foot a plan to put the work on a safer and surer foundation. I shall be glad to have the co-operation of all the people in Sumter who have hearts to feel for those who have fewer of life's blessings than they have. Money sent to Miss Armida Moses will be wisely used in furtherance of this work.

C. C. Brown.

**WILL BE WELL REPRESENTED.**

**Game Cock City to Send Many Citizens and Exhibits to Great Corn Show.**

Sumter will be abundantly represented and well displayed at the National Corn Exposition. The Sumter band will lead the Sumter Marching Club in the great South Carolina Day parade, and permanent headquarters for Sumterians will be established in the Arcade, the beautiful business building in the heart of the city.

The headquarters will be an exhibit of Sumter manufactures and Sumter county agricultural resources. The display, carefully selected for quality and scope rather than amount, will not occupy a great deal of space, but it will be such that the most casual visitor will be impressed. Native woods and finished products, machinery, magnetos, rubber goods, and medicines are among the local manufactures that will tell the visitor an eloquent story of this little city's big doings. Maps will show soil types and railroad importance without the necessity of words. Photographs will show business conditions and social atmosphere.

Every Sumterian who intends to visit the fair for a day or two, is urged to arrange to have next Tuesday one of the days and fall into line behind the Sumter band. It is the hope and purpose of the Chamber of Commerce, which is handling the whole matter, to have a marching club that will impress all who see it.

The Parrott Milling Company plant is nearing completion and in a short time we shall be able to obtain home ground meal manufactured from home raised corn.

**A One Hundred Per Cent Investment.**

Augusta Chronicle.

Whenever anybody begins to talk about good roads—that is, say things that really mean something—two classes of people stop and take notice. Out in the country it hits near the heart and pocketbook of the people, because it means development and convenience or stultification to them, according as the results of those talks go. To the people in the cities backed up by good, thrifty rural districts it means increased trade and development. Study the situation out, and it means that good roads all over a community mean and make for more good in that community than a good railroad. It hits the masses nearer home.

By way of comprison it can correctly be argued that one community might easily have too many good railroads, but it isn't possible for any community to have too many good country roads; nor is any community ever going to get to the end of making roads good.

The other day Hon. Locke Craig, of North Carolina, was inaugurated governor of that State, and in his inaugural address took occasion to devote himself interestingly to the subject of country roads, when he summarized their worth and meaning to a community as follows:

"Improved highways are the arteries of the country. They create organized communities of isolated families and make these communities a part of the life of the great world. Dynamite and the steam shovel are making through the hills and through the granite of the mountains pathways for the locomotive. The improved road would give the farmers access to the railroad, to the church, and to the school during all the seasons of the year. Good roads stimulate improvement. They enrich the soil. They build anew the schoolhouse, the church and the home. They arouse ambition and general emulation. They increase the value of every acre of land that they touch and the value of every man, woman and child whose house they pass. No community can hope for progress without the good road. We cannot have the benefits of modern civilization without it. It is not an expense; it is an investment that pays 100 per cent dividend every year. And more, it brings culture and contentment and a better social life. Every community in the State must have it. The cost is much less than it was a few years ago."

Governor Craig's remarks are worthy of and should be commended to the attention of every governor of every Southern State who has recently taken or is about to take office, and they could all do far worse than giving consideration to an idea of concerted Southern action along the line—to something more than a re-

awakening of the "good roads spirit," which went through like a wave a short time ago, but seems to have been passed more rapidly than it should have. Complete development is not going to come to the South until this section of the country has rural highways that will compare with highways in the best of other sections of the country.

**SUMTER COTTON MARKET.**

Corrected daily by Ernest Field, Cotton Buyer.

Sumter, Jan. 23.  
Good Middling 12 1-4.  
Strict Middling 12 1-8.  
Middling 12.  
St. Low Middling 11 5-8.  
Low Middling 11.  
Staple Cotton nominal.

**New York Cotton Market.**

New York, Jan. 23.  
Open. Close.  
January... .. 12.62 12.45  
March... .. 12.26 12.07  
May... .. 12.10 11.90  
July... .. 12.02 11.78

**MORE JUDGES ELECTED.**

Sease, Memminger and Prince Have No Opposition.

Columbia, Jan. 23.—The joint Assembly today re-elected Judge T. S. Sease, of the Seventh Circuit, Judge R. W. Memminger, of the Ninth Circuit and Judge T. E. Prince, of the Tenth Circuit, all of whom were unopposed.

**Real Estate Transfers.**

John R. Clegg and Robert J. Bland to Mrs. Marie Alpert, lot on Magnolia street, \$2,000.

W. T. Brogdon to R. Alford, lot on Harvin street, \$550.

Mrs. Bertelle B. Ivy to F. Carrie Brunson and Emma G. Brunson, interest to lot on Sumter street, \$5 and other consideration.

R. Alfred Burgess to Ben Gale, lot on Harvin street, \$580.

Mr. Q. D. Williford is taking a month's course in long staple cotton under Mr. D. R. Coker.—Hartsville Messenger.

**WANTED**—The following hard wood in any quantity: oak, ash, hickory, maple, locust, walnut, holly. Write me what you have and price per cord or thousand ft. c. b. Sumter, D. China.

**FOR SALE**—Dixie White resistant cotton seed from 1912 crop, price 5c per bushel, sound and pure. E. C. Colcolough, Oswego, S. C., R. F. D.

**STAPLE COTTON**—Sun Flower seed variety. Only a few left. J. M. Fraser, Oswego, S. C., Route 1.

# THE SUMTER DRY GOODS COMPANY'S BIG WHITE GOODS SALE

## Begins Monday, Jan. 27, Continues Through Wednesday.

This Great Sale will be the most important event of the season in WHITE GOODS Selling, for the reason that the bargains offered will be the season's latest, and to our patrons out of town, we extend a special invitation to visit the Sale, as we desire that all may secure their share of the good things which will be many.

### An Added Attraction

Will be the display of Beautiful Undermuslins in Corset Covers, Princess Slips, Gowns, Combinations and Skirts; also Children's Good Quality Summer Underwear at 5c and up.

27th--Remember the Time and Place--30th

# The Sumter Dry Goods Co.