

The Watchman and Southron.

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PERSONAL.

Messrs. H. G. Osteen and P. F. Patton have returned to the city after spending a week in Columbia in attendance upon the Federal Court, where they were called as witnesses in the case of W. D. Sturgeon vs. the Atlantic Coast Line Railroad Company.

The many friends of Rev. H. H. Covington will be sorry to hear he is not recovering from injuries received in his leg last October as rapidly as could be wished for. Mr. Covington submitted to another operation on Thursday in order that the stiffness in the knee might in some measure be removed.

Mrs. B. C. Hatchell, of Columbia, is spending awhile in the city.

Mr. and Mrs. H. D. Osborne and daughter, Dorothy, of Savannah, Ga., are visiting Mrs. C. F. King.

Mr. Walter M. Sanders is expected home Tuesday from Fort Leavenworth, Kansas, where he is serving in the United States Army. He was called home on account of the serious illness of his mother, Mrs. R. M. Sanders.

Miss Katie Pitts has been brought home from Winthrop College, where she has been quite sick for some time, and is now at the Sumter Hospital.

Miss Isla Mayers, of Savannah, Ga., is the charming guest of Mrs. Reid Ard on Magnolia Street.

Misses Louise Carson and Alice Hill went to Columbia Monday to see old friends among the Winthrop students there.

Mrs. R. B. Belser and daughter, Miss Sarah, and Mr. Ernest Field went to Columbia Monday to meet Miss Gordon Field, a student at Winthrop College at that place for the day.

Mr. Hugh Belser of Silver was in the city Monday.

Mr. T. H. Parker, of Marion, spent Monday in town.

Mr. R. H. Keels, of Charleston, is in the city for a short stay.

Messrs. T. D. DuBose, Jr., Lawrence and Robert DuBose and Robert Heriot went to Columbia Monday morning to attend the National Corn Show.

Miss Adele Bowman went to Columbia Monday morning to attend the National Corn Exposition and visit friends in the city.

Death.

Mrs. Margaret Muldrow Anderson died shortly after noon Monday at the residence of her daughter, Mrs. R. L. Edmunds, where she had been living for many years. Mrs. Anderson was 76 years of age and had been ill for several months preceding her death.

The funeral services were held at the cemetery Tuesday, February 4th, at noon.

Mrs. Anderson was before her marriage to the late W. J. Anderson, Miss Margaret Muldrow and lived in the Mt. Zion neighborhood. She moved to this city with her husband nearly fifty years ago and has been living here since that time. She was a member of the Presbyterian Church and led a beautiful Christian life.

She is survived by two sons, Messrs. W. J. Anderson of Florence and E. M. Anderson of Abbeville, and one daughter, Mrs. R. L. Edmunds of this city.

Entertained at Cards.

Miss Louise Carson was the hostess Saturday afternoon to her card club and a number of friends invited in honor of Mrs. Henry B. Richardson, one of Sumter's charming young brides.

Auction was played during the evening, Miss Anne Richardson securing the highest score and being presented with the prize. Mrs. Hal Harby cut the consolation prize.

A delicious salad course was served the guests, a feature which added much to the charm and pleasure of the evening.

Real Estate Transfers.

Jas. R. Ligon to Simpson Saxton, lot in county, \$200.

Maggie Moore to J. F. Player, lot with buildings at Hagood, \$500.

Mrs. M. C. Stubbs to Edith Brogdon, two lots in county, \$100.

R. L. Gantt to B. F. Myers, lot and storehouse at Hagood, \$250.

Master to Charlie B. Sulter, lot on Sumter street, \$3,750.

The County Supervisors of Registration met in the court house Monday, according to custom, this being the first Monday in the month.

Whatever You Do!

Remember to read the ad of D. C. Shaw in this issue. He tells about "The Ford."

COUNTY TEACHERS TO MEET.

Monthly Session of Teachers' Association to Be Held Saturday, February 8th.

The regular monthly meeting of the Sumter County Teachers' Association will be held Saturday, February 8th, at noon in the Hampton school building and the teachers have a treat in store for them in the visit of Miss Caroline L. Dickson, supervisor of rural schools in Dorchester county.

It is also possible that Miss Mabel Carney, of the Normal University of Illinois will be present to make an address to the teachers. Miss Carney is now in Columbia in attendance upon the National Corn Show, demonstrating exhibits from her State. She has been asked to attend the meeting but no reply has been received from her at this time.

An interesting program has been arranged in addition to these two features and a good attendance of teachers is expected.

PROF. TATE VISITS SCHOOLS.

Miss Mary Lemmon Assumes Duties as Rural School Supervisor.

Prof. W. K. Tate, State Superintendent of elementary rural schools, was in the city Tuesday for a short while, before leaving with Superintendent Haynsworth for a visit to schools in the Concord neighborhood. Miss Mary Lemmon, who began her work as county supervisor of rural schools and organizer for the Girls' Tomato Clubs, was also with Prof. Tate and Dr. Haynsworth in their visit to these schools.

Miss Lemmon will have her headquarters in the office of the county superintendent of education. She will be busy from now on visiting schools throughout the county and aiding the teachers and pupils in getting better results in future, even than have been accomplished in the past.

YOUNG MEN GET TOGETHER.

Decide to Have Lectures Every Sunday by Prominent Laymen.

In response to a notice appearing in The Item on Saturday asking that the young men of Sumter meet together Sunday evening, there appeared at the Y. M. C. A. building yesterday evening about 50 representative young men of Sumter. There was no chairman of the meeting, nobody in particular was master of ceremonies. Mr. Robert T. Brown merely announced that the purpose of having the boys gather was to decide whether or not they would be interested in hearing a lecture every Sunday afternoon by some prominent layman of Sumter or from some other city. Several of the other young men present expressed their views on the subject, and it was found that it was the unanimous sentiment of those present that the lectures would be welcomed.

After the expression of this sentiment, Mr. R. D. Epps was made temporary chairman of the meeting. A motion was made and carried calling for a committee to serve three months whose duty it would be to select a speaker for every Sunday, this committee being open to suggestions from any man or boy in Sumter. The lecture, it was decided, would be held in the Y. M. C. A. building, but would be under the auspices of no religious body or sect, but would be a lecture inaugurated by and for the young men of Sumter. As is to be inferred from this, every young man in Sumter is invited to come to the lectures every Sunday afternoon at 6, and he is urged to bring every young, old or middle-aged man and every boy who will come. The young men present at the gathering on yesterday all agreed that every man should have as much "say" as his neighbor.

The lecture for next Sunday afternoon will be announced in these columns later.

BIG DEFICIT A YEAR AGO.

Now, However, Uncle Sam's Treasury Shows Surplus.

Washington, Feb. 2.—Prosperity favored the Federal Government during January, large customs and internal revenue receipts turning a deficit for the fiscal year into a surplus of \$5,415,635. At this time a year ago, a deficit of \$22,357,799 faced the Government.

January receipts reached the high total of \$69,542,363, or \$8,000,000 greater than January, 1912. Disbursements were \$53,695,799, about the same as a year ago. Customs receipts increased \$5,000,000 and internal revenue receipts increased \$2,500,000, compared with January last year.

The general fund holds \$145,846,020, and the working balance of the treasury today was \$89,614,548. The number of national banks was increased during January to 7,438, with circulation of bank notes amounting to \$729,931,621.

Muslin underwear sale continued this week. McCollum Bros.—Adv.

NEGRO GIVEN PRELIMINARY.

Frances Taylor Bound Over to Higher Court for Assault with Intent to Kill.

The preliminary in the case against Frances Taylor, charged with assault with intent to kill, was held in the Recorder's Court Monday, resulting in the negro's being bound over for trial by jury in the General Sessions court which convenes here next week. His bond was fixed at \$500.

The testimony as given at the preliminary was practically the same as has already been printed in the Item so is not reproduced. The only point of difference between counsel for the defendant and the State being as to whether or not Taylor used more force than was necessary in defending himself from Mr. Schwartz. The attorney for Mr. Schwartz admitted that he had commenced the difficulty. Mr. L. D. Jennings represented Mr. Schwartz and Mr. J. H. Clifton represented Taylor. The witnesses at the preliminary were: Messrs. Henry Lucius, John Purdy, Bartow Walsh, Julian Schwartz and T. P. Ward, and Robert Rembert, colored.

FIREMEN TO COUNT VOTE.

Statement Issued by Leading Railroads Affected by Strike Vote.

The Firemen on the Eastern railroads begin tomorrow to count their strike vote.

This vote decides whether the men at the head of the Firemen's Brotherhood shall have the power to order all firemen on the Eastern railroads to strike.

The railroads have repeatedly offered to arbitrate the controversy and save the public the distress and disaster that would result from a strike. The firemen's answer has been: "We respectfully decline to submit to the railroad's demands that the firemen's wage controversy be determined by the railroad's plan of arbitration."

The attitude of the Firemen's Brotherhood towards the form of arbitration followed in the engineers' case may be gained from a letter addressed by President Carter to the Firemen to the railroads, which the railroad managers feel should be made public. Accordingly copies are being given to newspapers, as well as forwarded to members of Congress, Governors of the different States, members of railroad commissions, and mayors of cities.

President Carter said in part: "It is noted that in your objections to the Federal arbitration law that you believe its most fundamental defect is that the interests of the public are not guarded by it. Our committee instructs me to compliment the Conference Committee of Managers upon their solicitude for the interest of the public, and to say that it is with most profound regard for the interests of the people at large, aside from the interests of railroad employes or any class of them, we hold that an arbitration of wage dispute should not be used for the purpose of molding public opinion as to the necessity of enacting laws to forbid railway employes engaging in strikes, or to secure legislation that will deprive workmen of their Constitutional rights, which seems to have been the purpose of the Railroad's Plan of Arbitration."

"If the purpose of the railroads is to secure legislation, or to mold public sentiment, to the end that legislation will be enacted forbidding railway strikes, we protest that it is prejudicial to the interests and rights of railroad employes in any arbitration of wage matters that such social or legislative problems should thus be injected."

"It is evident that the wish of certain prominent railroad officials has found expression in the report of this arbitration under the railroads' plan that National and State Wage Commissions be established, with power to enforce decrees. Although this identical suggestion has been vigorously preached by prominent railroad officials for nearly two years, the similarity exists, we have no doubt, without any undue influence being used upon the Commission."

"We protest that advantage should not be taken of wage disputes to mold public sentiment concerning the proper returns upon capital invested by railroads or the necessity for increase in freight rates, notwithstanding the fact that the firemen recognize that justice in these matters should be granted to the railroads by the proper authorities. While all railroad employes recognize that the prosperity of the employers makes it possible for them to receive higher wages, I am instructed by our committee to respectfully submit that questions of this nature are matters of Congressional investigation and legislation, rather than matters to be decided by private citizens, chosen at random, regardless of their representative capacity, to pass upon the equity of a wage dispute."

THE NEW CORN BELT.

New Title Accorded Nine Southern States—Increase in Corn Production Advertised by Southern Railway.

Columbia, Feb. 3.—"The New Corn Belt" is the title which has been accorded the nine Southern States east of the Mississippi and south of the Potomac. This honor is given the South in an attractive folder just issued by the Southern Railway Company which is being distributed among visitors to the National Corn Exposition here. Figures in the folder, compiled from latest official sources, give new proof of the increasing importance of the South as a corn growing section and fully substantiate the claim given this wonderful section as the "New Corn Belt."

"Figures in the December number of the Crop Reporter issued by the federal department of agriculture, show that the nine Southern States east of the Mississippi and south of the Potomac produced in 1912 a corn crop of 505,135,000 bushels, worth \$314,740,000 at prices paid farmers in that territory" says the folder. "Compared with the report of the 1900 census, when the crop of 342,464,737 bushels in the same States was worth \$137,079,603, the latest figures show an increase of 162,670,263 bushels, worth practically \$178,000,000 more than the earlier production."

"The greater yield in the Southeast has followed an increased acreage given to corn and a steadily increasing acre-yield. The general development of this agricultural region, aided by federal and State demonstration work and further helped by the educational efforts of such railroads as the Southern, which maintains a corps of agricultural experts whose services are at the command of all the farmers along its 7,000-odd miles of territory, has had a large share in stimulating attention given to corn. Prominent among the reasons for the increased acre-yield has been the organization of boys' corn clubs and annual corn shows in each of these nine States. Comparative figures show that the increase in the average yield per acre over the 1900 record in 1912 alone amounted to \$103,981,221. Four hundred and fifty-four members of boys' corn clubs in the South in 1912 made over 100 bushels to the acre."

In addition to the wide circulation it is being given at the Corn Exposition, the folder will be distributed among farmers of the North and West in an effort to attract desirable settlers to the "New Corn Belt."

BIG YIELD OF COTTON.

The Remarkable Record of a Marlboro Farmer.

Pee Dee Advocate. Another Marlboro farmer has made a record which probably cannot be equalled anywhere.

Last year Eli Gibson, of the Harmony section, planted a plot containing one and five-eighths acres in Mexican Big Boll cotton. The seed were obtained from York county, upon recommendation of Editor W. D. Grist, of the Yorkville Enquirer.

The one and five-eighths acres produced 4300 pounds of seed cotton, which turned out 1575 pounds of lint, and 90 bushels of seed.

The seed were sold for \$90, and the lint can be sold at 12 1-2 cents a pound, or \$196.90. This makes the total \$286.90, or \$176.55 per acre.

The Advocate wants to hear from the man who can beat this.

Muslin underwear sale continued this week. McCollum Bros.—Adv.

Will Fill Hotels to Overflowing.

"Yes," said one of Sumter's optimistic traveling men a couple of days ago, "there is talk of Sumter having too many hotels, but mark my word I know better. Within six months from now both the Claremont and Imperial will be kept filled to overflowing and within a year there will be talk of erecting a new hotel. Sumter is booming and there is nothing which can stop her." This is the view of a traveling man who covers the greater part of this State and parts of other States. He says that traveling men haven't heard yet everywhere that Sumter had good hotel facilities now, but they will hear it within a couple of weeks and hereafter they will not seek to pass Sumter by without stopping as they have sought to do in the past. "Why," he said, "I know of six men who told me today that they intended to stay over here Sunday instead of going to Florence or Columbia, as had been their custom heretofore."

Such talk as this sounds good to Sumter people and it doesn't do any harm away from Sumter for it has a ring of truth to it that keeps the people of other cities throughout the State watching Sumter in a way that should make the Game Cock citizen feel glad that he lives in "The Little City of Big Doings."

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**ROYAL BAKING POWDER**  
**Absolutely Pure**  
 Economizes Butter, Flour, Eggs; makes the food more appetizing and wholesome  
 The only Baking Powder made from Royal Grape Cream of Tartar

**WOULD AVOID PAYING TAXES.**  
 Indians Offer Land to U. S. in Trust for 25 Years.  
 Santa Fe, N. M., Feb. 1.—Indians from every one of the Pueblo tribes in New Mexico arrived here today preparatory to leaving tonight for Washington, where they will urge the Secretary of the Interior to accept deeds to approximately 600,000 acres of land owned by them in New Mexico. The object of the Indians in deed their land to the Government as trustees for a period of twenty-five years, is to avoid paying taxes.  
 A recent decision of United States Judge W. H. Pope, that Indians were citizens, subjects their property to taxation. The delegations is headed by Francis S. Wilson, special United States attorney for the Pueblos.  
 Isaac Gale and Richard Brown got it heavy in the Recorder's Court Monday morning. They were lodged in jail Sunday on the various charges of absolute drunkenness, using profane language, reckless driving, and resisting arrest. Gale was given \$120 or 120 days, while his confere was given \$150 or 150 days. The negroes it seems were intoxicated Sunday and had a big joy ride in and out of town, their arrest following.

**New York Cotton Market.**

	Open	Close
March	12.32	12.27
May	12.10	12.07
July	12.10	11.97

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**LOST**—Red and white spotted ox, strayed Wednesday night, from my home near Dalzell. Reward for return. Murray Sammons, Dalzell, S. C.

**NOTICE**—Money to loan on improved Sumter County Real Estate. Terms reasonable. A. S. Merrimon, Attorney at Law, Office on Law Range opposite Court House.

**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 f. o. b. Sumter, D. China.

**FOR SALE**—Dixie Wilt resistant cotton seed from 1911 crop, price \$1 per bushel, sound and pure. E. B. Colcolough, Oswego, S. C., R. F. D.

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

**WANTED!**

White Boys and Girls from 14 to 25 years old to learn to spin and weave in Bagging Mill; will start pay at from

**\$4.35 To \$5.40**

Per week while learning. After learning can earn from

**\$6.00 To \$10.00**

per week

Mill runs 57 hours per week, 1-2 day holiday Saturday. Families having 3 or more boys or girls to work can get new houses, with bath, electric lights, and water, and all modern conveniences at very reasonable rent within 5 minutes walk of mill. If interested fill in coupon below and mail to us.

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

How many in family wanting work \_\_\_\_\_

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