

The Watchman and Southron.

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PERSONAL.

Mrs. T. L. Hodges, and little son, Charles Edwin, have returned to their home in Augusta, Ga., after a pleasant visit with Mrs. Hodges' mother, Mrs. F. A. Wood, 301 Salem Ave.

Mr. F. A. Wood left Monday morning for a few days in Washington, D. C.

Mr. K. E. Wells, of St. Charles, was in the city Monday.

Mr. and Mrs. E. C. Lord have returned to the city after their bridal trip to Charleston and elsewhere. They now have their home on South Sumter street.

Miss Jessie Moise has gone to Charleston to visit relatives at that place.

Mrs. P. E. Watkins and children, of Central Point, Oregon, are visiting at the home of the former's sister-in-law, Mrs. N. C. Bigham, 111 Kendrick St.

Miss Maggie Ard is the guest of Mrs. Geo. Bruner in Florence.

Mayor L. D. Jennings left Monday afternoon for a trip to Washington and New York. He stopped over in Washington long enough to attend the inauguration.

Mr. Cecil H. Wilson has gone to Washington to attend the inauguration.

Mr. and Mrs. Neill O'Donnell were among those to go from here to Washington to attend the inauguration.

Mr. James Cuttino went to Washington to attend the inauguration.

Mrs. James H. Dawes, of Philadelphia, is visiting her sister, Mrs. C. E. McCormack.

Mrs. Geo. E. Beaumont and Miss Irma Smith have gone to Baltimore to spend some time.

Miss Alice Moses is visiting relatives in Washington.

Mr. O. H. Folley was one of those to go from Sumter to Washington to be present at the inauguration.

The blind tiger raids being over and the detectives off the job, the tigers will promptly obtain a new supply of booze and get ready for a big business during the lull following the storm. It is probably safer to sell contraband immediately following a round-up than at any other time, therefore the tigers will make the most of the opportunity.

COUNTY BOARD MEETING.

Rural Policeman Recommended—Applications for Pensions Refused.

The County Board of Commissioners met Tuesday for their regular monthly session. Little business of any importance was done, the only matters attended to being the selection of a fourth rural policeman for Sumter county and the refusal of two applications for Ex-Confederate pensions.

Applications for the position of rural policeman were received from Geo. Hatchell, D. A. Allsbrooks, G. O. Mathis, W. G. McCoy, Geo. C. Fox, H. B. Mellette, R. M. Barwick, A. M. Pateman and H. B. Boykin. From these applications a policeman was recommended, although his name will not be given out until the bill which was recently passed by the General Assembly becomes a law. The selection was made so that steps could be taken to give bond and begin service, when the law went into effect.

Petitions from T. H. Burkette and J. K. White for Ex-Confederate pensions were received and refused.

A large number of bills were gone over and ordered paid.

INTERESTED IN ELECTION.

Successor to Lieutenant Colonel C. B. Yeadon to Be Chosen on 11th.

Much interest is being manifested here just now in the approaching election of a successor to Lieutenant C. B. Yeadon, who resigned from the National Guard of South Carolina some time ago, as on account of press of private business he was unable to attend to the duties of his office. Major J. M. Bradford of this city is one of the candidates for the vacant office and his many friends here hope to see him elected on the 11th, when the election has been ordered by Brigadier General Willie Jones.

Colonel Yeadon was a popular young officer in the militia and his many friends in the Second Regiment regret his resignation from the service.

Meetings of several of the committees to arrange for the State Sunday School Convention were held Wednesday and reports were made to the chairman. Much progress had been made along various lines by the committees, the most having been made by the committee on finding quarters for the delegates. This committee had secured entertainment for a large number of the expected visitors, but was still lacking several hundred places of the number expected.

TWO MORE LIQUOR CASES.

Henry Bowman and Arthur Howard Guilty of Selling Whiskey.

Two more liquor cases have been heard, one of which resulted in a verdict of guilty by the jury and a plea of guilty was entered in the other case.

The case of the city against Henry Bowman was tried Tuesday afternoon before a jury. Detectives Hauck and Dean testified against him. He stated that he had bought the whiskey from Joe Hogan, who was put on the stand to testify that he had not sold the negro any whiskey. A verdict of guilty was returned and a sentence of \$100 or 30 days imposed by the recorder. Wednesday morning Arthur Howard pleaded guilty to selling whiskey. He was sentenced to a fine of \$50 or 30 days.

BRODIE-MANNING.

Washington, March 5.—The marriage of Miss Barbara Brodie, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Walter M. Brodie, and W. Sinkler Manning of the Washington staff of the New York Times and Philadelphia Public Ledger took place this evening at the home of the bride's grandmother, Mrs. Alexander R. Shepherd, widow of Gov. Shepherd. The bride was attended by her sister, Mrs. George Stull, of Philadelphia, and the bridegroom by his brother, Bernard Manning.

Rev. Alfred R. Berkley of Philadelphia, brother-in-law of the bridegroom, performed the ceremony.

A reception followed at 8.30.

The out-of-town guests here for the wedding include: Dr. and Mrs. Merchant of Pelham, N. Y., Mrs. and Miss Young of New York city, E. A. Quintard and Miss Quintard; Mr. and Mrs. Richard I. Manning, parents of the bridegroom, from Sumter; W. S. Manning, uncle, and Andrew A. Manning, cousin of the bridegroom, from Spartanburg, and Mrs. Charles Stevens, Miss Stevens and Henry Stevens of Chacasan Plantation; Gen. Charles St. George Sinkler and Miss Emily W. Sinkler of Eutawville; Mrs. C. B. Cox, Eckley B. Cox and Miss Sinkler of Philadelphia.

NEW YORK COTTON MARKET.

	Opening.	Close.
Jan.	11.42—44	11.43—45
March	12.31	12.28—29
May	11.99	11.95—96
July	11.91	1.89—90
Aug.	11.80	11.80—82

AN EDUCATIONAL ADVANCE.

J. E. SWEARINGEN DISCUSSES WORK OF GENERAL ASSEMBLY.

Says it is One of Greatest Educational Bodies Assembled in the State of South Carolina.

Columbia, March 6.—The 1913 session of the legislature takes rank as one of the greatest educational bodies ever assembled in the State, said Superintendent J. E. Swearingen, in discussing the work of the general assembly.

"The history of public school finance in South Carolina falls naturally into three periods. The first embraces the ten years between 1868 and 1878, when the idea of free public education was establishing itself, and when the support of the public school depended on annual appropriations by the legislature. The uncertainty of this policy led to the constitutional amendment imposing a two-mill tax for schools. The adoption of this amendment by popular vote in 1876 and its ratification in 1878 laid the foundation of all subsequent development. In 1895 the constitutional convention of that year raised the county school tax from two to three mills, thus closing the second period of 17 years and ushering in a new era of public school growth.

"It is interesting to note that the two-mill tax imposed by the constitutional amendment of 1878 raised less than \$250,000 for free schools; Educational expenditures for the scholastic year, July 1, 1911, to June 30, 1912, amounted to nearly \$2,500,000—an increase of 1000 per cent in 35 years.

"The friends of public education have advanced State appropriations to the common schools for many years, but the signal advance made by the general assembly in levying a one-mill State tax for schools marks the third great step in the financial development of the public school system. This additional mill provides in effect nearly \$300,000, and raises school revenues nearly 12 1-2 per cent, in one year. It was naturally to be expected that so important a measure would arouse strenuous opposition. The law is not all that is needed, but the establishment of the principle of State-wide taxation for State-wide support of universal education has heretofore been impossible. The constitutional poll tax is a district tax. The three-

mill constitutional tax is a county tax. The capitation dog tax and all special levies for current expenses or for bonds are also district taxes. In communities where railroads, factories and banks create a high district valuation and assessment of property, an additional mill in local school taxation will raise a fair sum for school purposes. In rural districts, with a sparse population and small tax values, the maximum eight-mill levy not infrequently fails to produce enough revenue to run the schools seven months. If the State is to provide equal school facilities for all the children, the State must levy a school tax in order to equalize the wide disparities in district and in county assessments.

"The text of the law follows: "An act to levy and collect a one-mill State tax for the free public schools and provide for the distribution of the same.

"Section 1. Be it enacted by the general assembly of the State of South Carolina, That a tax of one mill is hereby levied on all the real and personal property of the State, the proceeds of which shall be used exclusively for the free public schools and expended as hereinafter stated.

"Sec. 2. Of the proceeds of this one mill tax levy 50 per cent shall be retained in the county in which collected to be known as the "county board fund" and shall be used by the several county boards of education for the aid of the free schools in the respective counties in the discretion of the said boards; 50 per cent. of the proceeds shall be deposited with the State treasurer and disbursed by him on the warrant of the chairman and secretary of the State board of education as other State funds are disbursed, to be used

by the said State board, as follows: For high schools under sections 1825-1835 of code of 1912, \$60,000; for extension of public schools under the act of 1910, \$60,000; for consolidated graded schools under act of 1912, No. 497, \$20,000; for rural libraries \$5,000. Any additional funds at the disposal of the State board of education under the provision of this act shall be used for the lengthening of the school term under sections 1783-1789 of code, 1912.

"Forty-one of the 257 acts of the recent legislature relate to education. This act is not only the greatest of them all, but is by far the most constructive and patriotic school legislation of the past 18 years. This fourth mill should have been altogether a State tax for schools, and it is to be hoped that the legislative session of 1914 will not only continue this levy but will do so for the specific purpose of high schools, rural graded schools, term extension, school buildings, libraries and for agricultural, industrial, textile and teacher-training courses in suitable localities. These specific activities have already been established. Their development is essential to an efficient system of schools and this development for the State at large can not be left to the narrow limits of school districts or of counties themselves. A complete system of public education must rest on the three units of district, county and State taxation."

Miss Edith L. Parrott, of Winthrop College, supervisor of the girls' tomato clubs in South Carolina, was in the city Thursday to confer with Miss Lemmon concerning the organization and work of the tomato clubs in the county.

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