

The Watchman and Southron.

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PERSONAL NEWS.

Miss Wilhelmina McGee, of Greenville, is the guest of Mrs. J. L. McCallum.

Mr. W. Marion Scott, superintendent of the Bishopville school was in the city for the week-end.

Mr. A. A. Ayers, of Baltimore, is in the city.

Master Reginald Hicks is visiting his grandmother in Paxville.

Mr. and Mrs. W. H. Millard, of Virginia, are visiting the Misses Pate on East Liberty Street.

Mr. and Mrs. J. S. Rice are in the city, having returned from their wedding trip. They were married at Appleton on November 5th.

Frank McLeod, Esq., is spending a few days in Charleston.

Mrs. Lee and Mr. Hartman, of Philadelphia, who have been visiting Mr. and Mrs. Eugene Moses have returned home.

Miss Hattie Shelley left for Columbia Wednesday morning to attend the performance of Ben Hur at the Columbia Theatre tonight.

Mrs. Agnes King, remembered here as Miss Agnes Kuler, and Mr. Theo Kuler of Florence, passed through the city Wednesday afternoon on their way to Columbia to attend the performance of Ben Hur at the Columbia Theatre, in which Miss Sophia Kuler, known on the stage as Miss Howell, acted one of the leading parts. Mr. Kuler was at one time a resident of Sumter and Miss Sophia Kuler was born in this city.

Miss Eileen Hurst left Wednesday afternoon for New York city, where she will visit her brother, Mr. Charles Hilliard Hurst, known on the stage as Charles Hilliard. After a visit in New York, Miss Hurst will stop at Atlantic City and other points for visits to friends.

Mrs. C. G. Rowland and Mrs. W. S. Reynolds were among those to go from here to Columbia Thursday to attend the performance of Ben Hur at the Columbia Theatre that night.

Mrs. Anne J. King has gone to Columbia to see Ben Hur at the Columbia Theatre.

Mr. and Mrs. Thomas H. Tatum, of Bishopville, were in the city Wednesday night to attend the performance of "The Leopard's Spots" at the Academy of Music.

Miss Eloise Jenkins, of St. Charles, was in the city Thursday on her way home from Columbia, where she attended the performance of Ben Hur.

Dr. Dick in Charleston.

The News and Courier has the following to say of Dr. Geo. W. Dick, who is in Charleston in attendance upon the fourth District Convention of Knights of Pythias:

Dr. Dick is an enthusiastic Pythian and has long been identified with the Order. He is Grand Chancellor for South Carolina and has been active in maintaining the popularity and prestige of the organization with which he is identified. Dr. Dick is well known to the people of Charleston. He is one of the most popular members of the Order and received the unanimous endorsement of the entire membership to the office which he holds. He is very attentive to his official responsibilities and is making a most valuable executive, and under his management the Order is making fine progress in South Carolina. Dr. Dick is a fluent speaker, an excellent story teller and throughout all a jovial, popular fraternity man.

Death.

Mrs. Armida C. Emanuel, wife of Sol Emanuel, Esq., formerly of Georgetown, S. C., died at her home in Flushing, L. I., Monday, November 17th. She was the youngest child of Marx E. and Armida H. Cohen of Charleston, S. C. The interment was at 3.30 p. m. Wednesday, from the residence of Mrs. Altamont Moses, South Washington street, this city, the home of her girlhood and of her dearest affections.

Mrs. Emanuel was closely and prominently associated with the Southern colony of New York, being a valued member of the D. A. E., the Daughters of the Confederacy, the South Carolina Society and the Dixie Club, all of New York city. She is survived by her husband and by her sisters, Mrs. J. P. Joachimsen of New York, Mesdames DeLeon and Altamont Moses of Sumter, and Mrs. J. D. Harby of Charleston.

The visit of the Shriners will be one of the biggest things of its kind which has ever come to Sumter. A large number of the stores have already made arrangements for decorating and all of the preparations by the Sumter Shrine Club have about been completed for the entertainment of the guests.

IN CIVIL COURT.

Verdict For Levi Against Southern—James Against Coast Line.

The case of Levi against the Southern Railway for alleged damage to timber, because of the burning off of a tract of land alleged to have been due to the carelessness of the defendant ended Monday afternoon, when the jury returned a verdict for \$500 for Levi. The suit was for \$2,250.

The next case was that of Jefferson James against the Atlantic Coast Line Railroad Company. This is a suit for \$300 because of the killing of a horse and damage to wagon and harness by a railroad train, when the wagon was struck by the train. The defense alleged that the killing was due to the carelessness of the driver of the horse, he having driven on the track in front of the oncoming train.

The case resulted in a verdict of \$200 for the plaintiff.

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The case of Martha Ballard and Graham Ballard against the Atlantic Coast Line Railroad company for \$2,000 damages because of personal injuries ended Tuesday afternoon when the jury returned a verdict for the railroad.

The next case taken up was that of the Bank of Lynchburg against E. E. Spain, et al. This is a suit to recover on notes alleged to have been given the plaintiff by the defendant.

A big case now in court is that of J. M. DesChamps against the Atlantic Coast Line railroad company. The suit is for \$80,000 damages for personal injuries.

The plaintiff alleges that in trying to board a passenger train at Denmark on November 7th, 1912, a gang plank on which he was standing was struck by the train and he was thrown to the ground between the train and the platform. He was severely injured in several places and will never fully recover from the injuries. The railroad denies that the gang plank on which the man alleges he was standing was the proper place to board the train and that the injuries were due to the carelessness of the plaintiff.

Messrs. Jennings and Epps represent the plaintiff and Reynolds and McLemore the defendant.

The case of the Bank of Lynchburg against E. E. Spain, et al., a suit on notes, resulted in a verdict of \$1,041.20 for the plaintiff.

A decree for foreclosure was issued in the case of Augusta I. Solomons against Jefferson Davis.

The case of Abraham Jones against the Atlantic Coast Line railroad company, a suit for \$500 damages for burning off land belonging to the defendant, resulted in a verdict for the plaintiff for \$75.

The Southern Cotton Oil Company against R. C. Wactor, et al., a suit on notes, resulted in a verdict for the plaintiff for \$1,615.79.

AN ACCIDENTAL KILLING.

Fred Lanham of Summerton Kills Negro Shooting at Coon. Manning Times.

There was a very deplorable accident in Santee Swamp near the tram road of the Santee Lumber Company, last Wednesday afternoon, which resulted in the accidental killing of Willis Bennett, colored, by Mr. Fred Lanham. Dr. T. M. Davis, Dr. Leon Fischer and Mr. Fred Lanham of Summerton accompanied by Willis Bennett, Lawrence Tindal, Moise Bennett, and Baker Ragin, colored, were on a deer drive, and when they were returning out of the swamp the dogs began running coons. Mr. Lanham saw a coon standing on a log some distance off, which he shot at, one of the shot penetrated the head of Willis Bennett, and from this wound he died about one o'clock Thursday morning. All who were present say that it was a physical impossibility for Mr. Lanham to have seen the unfortunate man when he was shot. The coroner's jury returned a verdict of accidental killing. Mr. Lanham is quite distressed over the killing although he recognizes that it was purely accidental, and in this he is sustained by both white and colored, who were present, yet it grieves him, which is the natural feeling of a gentleman.

Eastern Star Officers Here.

Mrs. Nancy Bennett, of Spartanburg, Grand Worthy Matron of the Order of Eastern Star, paid a visit to Beuclair Chapter of Eastern Star Tuesday night at its meeting. She made an eloquent address along lines relating to the order which was heard with a great deal of interest by those present. Following the meeting a small informal reception was held which was closed with an oyster supper.

The local football team is practicing hard every afternoon now for the game with the Charleston High School on Thanksgiving Day.

COTTON CROP COMPARISON.

Approximately The Same Yield This Year as Last Season—More in 1911.

A comparison of the cotton weighed by the public weighers in Sumter during the present year and ending 1912 shows that the amount of cotton sold in Sumter this and last season is approximately the same. The cotton weighers this season have, up to Saturday, weighed 27,639 bales, whereas last year up to the same time they had weighed 23,796 bales. Last year at this time there were about 4,000 bales of cotton in the warehouse, while this year there are only about 1,000 bales in the warehouse now. This shows a difference of nearly one thousand bales in favor of this season, but as the figures are not exact and indicate only the cotton handled in Sumter, it seems that the amount of cotton raised last year and this in the county is practically the same. Another feature to indicate this is the fact that this year the season has been exceptionally fine for gathering cotton, and there is probably less in the fields now than at this time last year.

For the year 1911 the number of bales weighed goes way up, for then there had been 36,724 bales weighed and there was more cotton in the warehouse then than last year or this season.

During the past week 1,843 bales of cotton were weighed, 433 of them coming in Saturday.

GETTING READY FOR CHRISTMAS.

Merchants are Making Arrangements to Care for Holiday Trade. "Shop Early" the Slogan.

The mercantile establishments of Sumter are prepared for a tremendous "buy early" Christmas trade. Expecting an unusual heavy trade due to the high prices of cotton and tobacco, and the splendid crop yields the wholesale and retail establishments began early in the season to prepare for the rush.

Never before in the mercantile history of this city have the business men gone as heavily into the Christmas trade purchases for the holiday trade. This applies as well to the wholesale lines as to the retail establishments because Sumter's wholesale concerns ship hundreds of thousands of dollars of all kinds of goods to points all over the South.

The "buy early" for Christmas idea is being encouraged as much as possible by Sumter business concerns because it not only avoids the uncomfortable and inconvenient last minute rush, but also because the Sumter merchants realize that their customers can be more easily suited and pleased if they have ample time in which to make their holiday selections. The Daily Item and Watchman and Southron will issue shortly their Xmas edition which will foster the "buy early" idea.

SQUADRON TO VERA CRUZ.

British Vessels From West Indies Will Go to Help Guard.

Bridgetown, Barbados, Nov. 19.—The British cruiser squadron in West Indies waters last night received peremptory orders to proceed to Vera Cruz and the vessels sailed at midnight.

The British cruiser squadron consists of three armored cruisers, Suffolk, Lancaster and Berwick, and is commanded by Rear Admiral Sir Christopher Cradock. His flagship is the Suffolk.

The three cruisers are of the same type, displacing 9,800 tons each. They each carry an armament of 14 six-inch, eight 12-pounders and three pounder guns.

When the British cruisers Suffolk, Lancaster and Berwick arrive at Vera Cruz a very powerful fleet of war vessels will be assembled in the Mexican gulf. The American battleships Louisiana, Michigan Rhode Island, Virginia, New Jersey, Nebraska and New Hampshire are there.

MARE'S MILK INTOXICATES.

First Tipple Was Koumiss, Still the Delight of the Tartar.

Albany, N. Y., Nov. 19.—Fermented mare's milk, not John Barleycorn, was the foe prohibitionists had to fight in the days of the ancients, W. W. Farley, State commissioner of excise, declared today in an address here on "excise legislation."

"The most ancient of all intoxicating beverages was made from mare's milk set aside and allowed to ferment," he said. "This drink, called 'koumiss,' still is the favorite tipple of the Tartar."

Farley declared the solution of the liquor question lay in the public being taught to use a non-intoxicating substitute for beer. Statutes can regulate, but not cure the evil, he said.

Many of the hunters are planning for hunts in various parts of the State on Thanksgiving Day.

COUNTY BOARD MEETING.

Jail Question Again Comes up for Discussion—Will Sell Only at Advantage.

The county board in pursuance of a resolution at its former meeting held a meeting Tuesday to discuss matters referring to the county jail. As yet no bids have been received for the jail and lot at the corner of Sumter and Canal Streets which the board deemed advantageous to the county and the property is therefore still being held by the county.

The board discussed the matter fully at its meeting. The board wants to sell the jail and the county property here, if it can sell on what it considers good terms, but it will not sell unless the property brings its market value. The matter is merely a financial transaction for the county and the board will not sell unless the county, in their opinion, can be benefited by the transaction. With this object in view the board has called for bids on the property, which will be received by the next meeting.

If at this time satisfactory bids are not received and the board finds that the property cannot be disposed of on good terms, the same site will be used in the building of another jail, or the present jail will be repaired and enlarged to suit the needs of the county.

H. C. Haynsworth, Esq., appeared before the board at its meeting to protest against the removal of the jail from its present site to a site on East Canal street or in that section, as it would greatly depreciate the value of his and other property in that section, which had been purchased when there was no jail there, he stated. His protest was listened to.

Messrs. S. C. Baker, Neill O'Donnell and C. G. Rowland made a request of the board that the present jail property be donated to the Toumey Hospital. In return for the gift the hospital would each year care for a limited number of patients from the county.

The board, after hearing their request, declined to make the donation, as the county was not in a financial condition to make such a gift.

New Bank Adds Director.

At a Board of Directors' meeting of the Commercial and Savings Bank held on Tuesday afternoon Mr. S. W. Gillespie of Claremont, S. C., was elected a director. Mr. Gillespie is well known in Sumter, having lived here until two or three years ago, and is now a progressive and prosperous planter and merchant of Claremont, S. C. His election on the Board of Directors of the Commercial and Savings Bank will no doubt add many friends and customers to that institution.

DEPORTED FROM ENGLAND.

Two Americans Sent Away Under Assault Charges.

Boston, Nov. 19.—The first Americans deported from England in many years reached here today on the Laconia. They are Harry E. Shipley, of Baltimore, and Thomas Birthwhistle, of Providence, who had been arrested in England for assaults. Birthwhistle was allowed to land, but Shipley was held pending investigation.

TO AID SANTA CLAUS.

Burleson Bids People Send Christmas Gifts Early.

Washington, Nov. 19.—Aid to Santa Claus, who in this case means the overworked Christmas season mail clerk and carrier, was extended today by Postmaster Burleson. He ordered sent to the 60,000 postoffices throughout the country conspicuous placards requesting everybody to mail their Christmas parcels early, wrap them securely and address them plainly.

S. A. L. OPENS OFFICE.

C. T. Nallie Looking After Interest of Main and Allied Lines in Florence. Florence, Nov. 19.—The Seaboard Air Line established a permanent up-town office at this place, with Mr. C. J. Nallie in charge. Mr. Nallie's office will be in the Williamson building, right near the two leading hotels. The appointment is for the Seaboard Air Line and its allied lines, the South Carolina Western, the North and South Carolina and the Charleston and Northern railroads.

NOTICE.

All parties are hereby warned not to hunt or trespass on the lands of the undersigned. Anyone caught trespassing will be punished to the full extent of the law: Jno. Player, J. W. McKay, Sigmon Player, J. F. Bland, Col. J. R. Muldrow, Dr. R. M. Muldrow, J. W. Rhodes, W. D. Rhodes, W. W. Player, R. A. Chandler, W. E. Chandler, Jim Mayes, Bob Muldrow, E. B. Muldrow, Jr., J. E. Barnett, Bradley & Thomas, R. P. DesChamps, Hugh Witherspoon.

NO MAIL FOR THREE MONTHS.

Clients of Uncle Sam in West Virginia Have Strong Kick.

Charleston, W. Va., Nov. 19.—Declaring that they have had no mail service for three months, persons who formerly depended on the mail carrier who traveled the 15 miles between Clendenning and Waiton, W. Va., today forwarded an appeal to United States Senator W. E. Chilton for relief.

Piles of first-class matter are said to have collected at Clendenning, and what is estimated to be four carloads of parcels are in the hands of the custodian of mails at that point. Some time ago the government conducted an examination for mail carrier to look after the route and received bids for the work. The lowest bid, \$2,900, was deemed too high by the authorities and they refused to accept it. The bidder, however, would not

reduce his price and as no other person in the community would take the job for less money the mail has not been delivered.

There will be a parcel post rush during the week before Christmas, why not send Christmas presents earlier and save trouble and help out the postoffice clerks.

FOR SALE.

The County Board of Commissioners offers the jail and lot owned by the county on the corner of Canal and Sumter streets for sale, bids to be received up to 10 o'clock a. m. of December 2nd, at the office of the County Board. All bids must be accompanied by certified check for two per cent of the price bid, and will be subject to acceptance or rejection, at the discretion of the Board.



W. H. Shelley & Son,
"THE STORE ACCOMMODATING" **OPP. POSTOFFICE**

Thanksgiving.

"Thanksgiving" is not a day; its a habit. In order to be thankful on Thanksgiving day, we must learn HOW everyday in the year. There are some simple rules. Walk on the sunny side of the street; live in the best room in the house; think about your FRIENDS, not your enemies; talk about your good luck, not your bad; Bank with

The Farmers' Bank and Trust Co.

These are some of the ways of acquiring the spirit of CHEERFULNESS, which is the only soil in which the flower of "thanksgiving" will grow.

Helpful

A bank account is helpful in a hundred different ways. You've found this out, if you have a bank account. If you haven't one, we want to see you.

The Peoples' Bank.

MORE MEN

Are appreciating the fact they do not have to accept conditions fixed by forces over which they have no control. These men are looking to the morrow for better individual standing and are making concentrated and intelligent effort to overcome their present handicap, to improve their financial affairs.

This is where our bank service will help the earnest man. It protects and conserves his income, assists him to build the small surplus from each transaction into a lump sum which he can use as a working force, use to earn him more money.

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U. S. DEPOSITORY

Horses and Mules.

CAR LOAD FINE KENTUCKY AND TENNESSEE STOCK ON SALE AT HAGOOD.

I shall receive and have on sale at my stables at Hagood, within next ten days, a car load of extra nice Kentucky and Tennessee Horses and Mules. There are some excellent roadsters in the lot, as well as young sound general purpose Horses and well broke Farm Mules. The prices will interest all close buyers.

A. H. Saunders, :: HAGOOD, S. C.