

The Watchman and Southern.

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PERSONAL NEWS.

Miss Ermilee Lachicotte, of Columbia, who has been spending three weeks at Pawley's Island, is paying a brief visit to her aunt, Mrs. Archie China.

Misses Bessie Walsh and May Porter are visiting friends in Florence.

Mr. Geo. Elmo Martin, a former resident of Dalsell, was in the city Friday on one of his frequent visits back to his old home county. Mr. Martin dropped in at the Item office for a while that morning. He reports crops and conditions excellent at his home near Thomasville, Ga., where he and his family are well located and getting on nicely.

Mrs. Pierson, Mrs. Mayes and Mrs. Lynam left on Friday for Hendersonville, N. C.

Mr. and Mrs. J. J. Britton and Mrs. E. L. Holliday left Monday morning for a stay of one week at Glenn Springs, from whence they will go to the mountains of North Carolina for a stay of some time.

Mrs. F. W. Brawley, of Gastonia, N. C., is on a visit to her sister, Mrs. R. S. Churchhill.

Mr. C. C. Beck left Sunday evening for the Northern markets to buy goods for the Cash Dry Goods Co.

Mrs. Frank Lynam left Saturday for Glenn Springs.

Prof. S. H. Edmunds has returned from Winthrop College, where he has been teaching in the English department for the past six weeks.

Miss Cecile McKagen is at home from Rock Hill, where she attended the Winthrop Summer school.

Mr. and Mrs. R. E. Belsler and family and Mr. and Mrs. Ernest Field and family left this morning for a stay at Sullivan's Island.

Miss Lillian Lockwood Kohncke, is spending her vacation in Kingstree, the guest of Misses Flora and Sadie Meyer. She will also spend a few weeks in Charleston and at the seashore.

Misses Mamie and Jessie Belk, of Cheraw, are visiting Mr. and Mrs. C. H. James.

Mr. R. L. Stogner, of Darlington, is the guest of Mr. C. H. James.

A MIRTH-PROVOKING GAME.

Leans and Fats Both Claim Victory in Interesting Contest.

The mirth provoking game of baseball between the fats and the leans took place Thursday afternoon as scheduled and the big crowd which attended evidently enjoyed the fun as much as the players for there was more cheering and laughter and jeers than there has been at any other kind of game here this year, indicating the fact that local fans prefer freak baseball to the regular orthodox and organized baseball as played by the Sumter Y. M. C. A. City Team. The writer does not mean in any way to reflect on the ability as ball players of any of the members of either the fat or lean team or to call them freaks, but to indicate the class of ball.

The game might be called a mystery game, for the score was a mystery. The score-keepers changed nearly as often as the players and each score-keeper changed the scores to suit his personal taste, so that at the end of the game each side claimed a complete victory over their fat or lean opponents, as the case might be and no hard feeling could be felt on either side because of the loss of the game. Some of the fats claimed that it was eleven to five in favor of the fats, while some of the leans claimed equally strenuously that the score was fifteen to ten in favor of the leans. Each side acknowledged that somewhere about a dozen scores were made on each side, but it seems that the audience voted the victory in favor of the leans, who no doubt deserve it, as the pitcher of the fats claimed in strenuous tones that his teammates were falling utterly to give him that due support which he should have.

McWhorter and Jenkins were the official pitchers of the fats and Julius Wilder did the receiving on the off side of the door. The pitchers for the leans were changed so often it was impossible to keep tab on them and their names are not given, as injustice might be done in some omission of their names.

The honors of the game went to one Joe Villeneuve, a player of days long since gone by, who slammed out a ball over the fence, making the longest hit and only home run of the game.

Burrows umpired the game in his usual good style. However, what pleased the promoters of the contest was the fact that the gate receipts amounted to nearly enough to pay off the indebtedness of the team and to help to get some good team to play here in the near future.

Death of An Infant.

From the Daily Item, July 24. News was received here this afternoon by Mr. A. R. Bobbett, No. 18 East Calhoun street, of the death of his infant son, A. R. Bobbett, Jr., at Orangeburg, where it has been for several weeks. The baby has been sick for about two months and death came about 2 o'clock this afternoon. The funeral services will be held at Orangeburg tomorrow afternoon and the child will be buried there.

The parents have the sympathy of all of their friends.

Death.

Mr. Peter Gallagher, the oldest member of the Sumter police force, died at his home on E. Liberty street at 3 o'clock Saturday, after an illness of several weeks, aged 71. The deceased was a native of Ireland but came to this country when a young man. He had been a resident of Sumter continuously since 1883, and for the past 20-odd years had been a member of the city police force. He was fearless, faithful and zealous officer, an honest man, a true friend and a good citizen. He had many friends in all walks of life in this city and throughout the county and his death will bring sadness to many.

The funeral services were held at St. Anne's Catholic church at 3.30 o'clock Sunday afternoon.

On Sunday afternoon attended by the members of his family and by hundreds of sorrowing friends the mortal remains of Mr. Peter Gallagher, for twenty years a faithful member of the police force, were laid away to rest in the Catholic cemetery. The services were held at St. Anne's Catholic Church by Father Tobin, the acting pastor of St. Anne's church, and though brief were very impressive.

At the cemetery the grave was covered with flowers, gifts from those for whom, during life, the deceased had always had a ready smile and cheery word of greeting.

Mr. Gallagher will be long missed in Sumter and his place will be a hard one to fill.

Death of L. A. Smith.

Mr. Lewis A. Smith died about 9 o'clock Saturday at his home on Hampton Avenue, after an illness which has kept him from work for the past four months or more. Mr. Smith was about 40 years of age and leaves a wife and six small children. He is also survived by his father, two brothers and a sister. He came to Sumter not quite a year ago to accept a position here, his home being at Abbeville up to that time.

The funeral services were held at the Episcopal church at 4 o'clock Sunday afternoon and the body was interred here.

R. H. Bingham Dead.

Mr. Reece H. Bingham, a former merchant of this city, died at his home on North Washington street Friday night at 1.30 o'clock, after an illness of about nine months, the last four months of which he was confined to his room. The funeral services were held from the residence Saturday at 5 o'clock.

Mr. Bingham came to Sumter about twelve years ago from Florence county and has been conducting various mercantile businesses here until the first of this year, when he retired from business on account of the condition of his health. He is survived by his wife, who was before her marriage, Miss Sallie Bradford, a daughter of Mr. Wesley Bradford, and five small children. He also leaves two grown children by a former marriage, Mr. T. W. Bingham, of Birmingham, Ala., and Mrs. Duke Richardson, of Florence.

Summer School for Teachers.

The Sumter County Summer school began its session of four weeks this morning. The opening attendance was unusually encouraging and very successful session is expected. Miss E. W. McLean, Miss L. C. McLaurin and Mr. S. H. Edmunds will be in charge of the instruction. Mr. Edmunds will not be in attendance upon all of the sessions of the school.

First Cotton of Season.

John Wright, colored, of this city, brought to the Item office this morning the first open cotton seen this season. The cotton, of which there were several bolls, comes from two patches on Dingle street and from Purdy Avenue. The cotton is of an inferior Moneymaker variety and was planted in March.

New York Cotton Market.

	Opening	Close.
Jan. . . . .	12.09	12.26
Mar. . . . .	12.13	12.33
May. . . . .	12.37	12.56
July. . . . .	12.10	12.23
Oct. . . . .	11.98	12.20
Dec. . . . .	12.17	12.38

FORGERY, SAYS M'INTOSH.

CLAIMS THAT SIGNATURE TO STATEMENT WAS NOT SIGNED BY HIM.

Is Clever Imitation, but Original was Written on Penitentiary Paper in His Own Handwriting, Not on the Knowlton Hospital Paper or in Typewriting—Refused to Make Changes—Blease's Reply.

Columbia, July 26.—Dr. James H. McIntosh today gave out a signed statement in reference to the Richey case certificate read on the stage of the Columbia Theatre by Gov. Blease during the senatorial meeting in this city on Thursday and afterward published in the newspapers of South Carolina. Dr. McIntosh's statement says: "The certificate set out in the newspaper is not the true certificate; I did not sign it and any signature thereto purporting to be mine is not genuine."

The statement which Dr. McIntosh issued today follows in full: "The Knowlton Hospital, July 7, 1914—On Thursday, July 23, 1914, I was still so much under the influence of the anaesthetic and of anodynes from the operation of the night previous that I did not see the afternoon paper, and consequently did not know until Friday morning what had been said at campaign meeting on Thursday. As soon as I saw on Friday morning the certificates set out in the State purporting to have been read from the platform by Gov. Blease, I immediately sent my father, Dr. James McIntosh, and a friend to the governor's office to request that he send the certificate to the Knowlton Hospital by his private secretary, Mr. Aull, that I might have an opportunity of seeing and inspecting it. Mr. Aull told the gentlemen that the certificate was not in the office, but that Gov. Blease had it in his pocket at the Lexington campaign meeting, but that he would obtain it and that it would be in the governor's office on Saturday morning.

"On Saturday morning, on application at the governor's office, Mr. Aull told my father, Dr. James McIntosh, that Gov. Blease had come to the city Friday night, but had not come to the capitol and consequently he had not secured the original certificate.

"The only certificate I signed in this case bears the date of January 9, 1912, that being the date of our visit to the South Carolina penitentiary and of our examination of R. A. Richey. It was prepared and signed in the office of the South Carolina penitentiary immediately after our examination. It is written with pen and ink and is on one of the letterheads of the South Carolina penitentiary. It is in my handwriting, and it contains no recommendation of pardon or parole. It was signed both by Dr. Knowlton and myself, and I understand that it was turned over by Dr. Knowlton to Mr. W. R. Richey.

"When this true certificate is produced I will identify it and will stand by its statement. And this is the only certificate that I have ever signed in the Richey case. Unfortunately, there is no copy of this certificate in existence to my knowledge—we made no copy of it that afternoon, and I have not seen the original since.

"This certificate as written by us was not satisfactory to Mr. W. R. Richey, and on several days subsequent to our examination various typewritten modifications of our certificate were submitted to Dr. Knowlton and myself for our approval and signature. Each of these, after reading carefully, I returned unsigned, as in my opinion they did not cover the case properly.

"The certificate published in the newspapers as having been read by Gov. Blease, purports to be written on the letter paper of the Knowlton hospital and bears date of January 19, 1912, whereas the only certificate I signed was written on letter paper of the penitentiary and bears the date of January 9, 1912. The certificate set out in the newspaper is not the true certificate; I did not sign it and any signature thereto purporting to be mine is not genuine.

Columbia, July 26.—Presented to him at the Knowlton hospital for inspection by Gov. Blease in person, Dr. James H. McIntosh declared last night that the signature of the Richey case certificate read by the governor at the senatorial campaign meeting in Columbia on Thursday, was not his signature, but a clever imitation of his signature. The certificate read from the stage of the Columbia theatre by Gov. Blease is as follows:

"The Knowlton Hospital, "No 1,515 Marion street, "Columbia, S. C., Jan. 19, 1912.

"His Excellency, Governor Cole L. Blease, Columbia, S. C.—Sir: At the request of Mr. W. R. Richey, of Laurens, S. C., and with the permission of Capt. D. J. Griffith, superintendent of the State Penitentiary, and of Dr. R. T. Jennings, surgeon of the same, we have this day visited and examined Mr. R. A. Richey, now confined in the hospital of the penitentiary. We would report that we find

Mr. Richey suffering from a marked neurosis, that the same closely simulates a true paralysis. We are informed that Mr. Richey has had some such trouble for the past ten years or more, and close confinement is rendering it more marked. We do not believe this condition will be improved so long as Mr. Richey remains a prisoner in the penitentiary. We do believe that freedom, outdoor exercise, etc., would restore him to as good a state of health as he has enjoyed for the past ten years.

"Respectfully submitted, (Signed) "A. B. Knowlton, M. D. (Signed) "James H. McIntosh, "M. D."

The above letter is typewritten, on what purports to be Knowlton hospital stationery. The original report of Drs. Knowlton and McIntosh on the condition of the convict, R. A. Richey, was written with pen and ink upon paper of the superintendent's office, State penitentiary, according to Dr. McIntosh's statement.

Dr. McIntosh is resting comfortably at the Knowlton hospital. He is expected to be sufficiently recovered to leave his bed within the next few days.

No arrests have been made to date in connection with the case, but the officers of city and county are working steadily at the problem. Sheriff McCain, of Richland county, states that any information leading to the detection of the assailant of Dr. McIntosh will be received in confidence.

Additions to the list of rewards that are at present offered for apprehension and conviction, or merely apprehension and for the instigator or instigators of the act of the man who fired the shot, that has so profoundly stirred South Carolina, from the low country to the mountains, are of daily occurrence. The latest offer is a personal one of \$50 for the apprehension of the guilty party, from Sheriff John C. McCain. The reward of \$500 offered by the Columbia Medical Society for the apprehension of the would-be assassin. The reward of Mr. J. W. Norwood, of Greenville, of \$5,000, is for "evidence resulting in the conviction of the person or persons who instigated the attempted assassination." A fund of \$1,000 has been started by Joseph Norwood, president of the Union National Bank, of Columbia, which will be paid for the arrest and conviction of the man who shot Dr. McIntosh.

Statement by Governor Blease.

Columbia July 25.—Gov. Blease, when asked tonight about Dr. McIntosh's statement, denying his signature to the Richey certificate said:

"When I returned from the Saluda meeting this afternoon and the Columbia Record was handed me at the governor's mansion, after I read the article, I immediately called up my private secretary, Col. John K. Aull, and dictated to him the following, instructing him to go to Knowlton's hospital and deliver the message to Dr. McIntosh:

"Gov. Blease just called me up on the 'phone and says he has just returned from the Saluda meeting, and the first information that he had that you desired to see the Richey certificate was when he read it in this afternoon's paper, and that if you will state an hour this afternoon, when the governor can call at the hospital, he will be glad to come to the hospital with one of his friends and for you to have one of your friends present, when the matter will be taken up. He will take pleasure in presenting to you this certificate in this manner for your examination. Whether you accept this offer or not, he desires that you include this in your statement to go into the morning papers."

"That message was delivered to Dr. McIntosh by my private secretary.

"Col Aull informs me that he saw Dr. James H. McIntosh in person. He knows him well, because Dr. McIntosh has been his family physician, and my secretary and he have lived in the same town and have known each other since my secretary was a little boy.

"In reply to the statement which was made to Dr. McIntosh, Dr. McIntosh said: "In view of the fact that he had already given out this statement to the paper this afternoon, he did not care to see the certificate, but that he would take up the matter with some of his friends and call up the governor later.

"It would give me a great deal of pleasure to submit to Dr. McIntosh the certificate, or to submit it to any of his friends for their personal examination.

"This certificate was delivered to me by a prominent lawyer in this State. If it is a forgery, I am as anxious as Dr. McIntosh is to find who the forger is. I have shown the certificate to several parties, who are familiar with Dr. Knowlton's and Dr. McIntosh's handwriting and they all agree that the certificate is genuine. I herewith submit affidavit in this connection of Private Secretary John K. Aull, and of the Hon. Jno. J. Earle, of the Richland Bar. If time and space would permit, I could present a hundred such affidavits:

"State of South Carolina, county of Richland. Personally appeared before me, W. Frank Blackburn, notary public for South Carolina, John K. Aull, who, being duly sworn, says: "That he is private secretary to Gov. Cole L. Blease; that on Friday afternoon, July 24, 1914, about 1 o'clock, Dr. James McIntosh, of Newberry, S. C., father of Dr. James H. McIntosh, came to the governor's office. He was accompanied by another gentleman, and I invited both of them into the governor's private office. Dr. James McIntosh said to me: 'John Jim is in a very nervous condition and he wants to see the original statement read by Gov. Blease on the stand yesterday.'

"I stated to Dr. McIntosh that the governor had the original statement in his possession, but that if Dr. James H. McIntosh desired I would be glad to give him a certified copy of the statement. I did not say that Gov. Blease had the statement in his pocket at Lexington. I did say that the governor was in Lexington and that I would bring the matter to his attention as soon as I could see him.

"Dr. James McIntosh called at the governor's office again on the morning of Saturday, July 25, 1914, and asked me if I had been able to secure the certificate for Dr. James H. McIntosh to see. I told him that I had not been able on account of the governor's engagements to see the governor in connection with the matter but that I would take it up with the governor at the earliest opportunity.

"So far as the certificates of Dr. McIntosh is concerned, there can be no doubt that it is genuine, and I had no idea that Dr. McIntosh would question his own signature to this certificate. Sworn to before me this 25th day of July, 1914. (Signed) Jno. K. Aull; (Signed) W. F. Blackburn, (L. S.) (Seal) Notary Public for South Carolina.)

"State of South Carolina, county of Richland. Personally appeared before me John J. Earle who, being duly sworn, deposes and says that his attention has been specially directed to the statements appearing on the first page of the Columbia Record of date Saturday afternoon, July 25, 1914: 'Dr. McIntosh denies signing certificate read by Gov. Blease. Dr. McIntosh says he did not sign certificate read by Gov. Blease,' etc., that he has read in the last column on said page the statements therein made. This deponent is the brother-in-law of Dr. A. B. Knowlton, deceased; that he has seen on many occasions Dr. Knowlton write and sign his name; that he is perfectly familiar with his signature; that he can speak without any hesitation and authenticity of his brother-in-law's signature, and can, in the most positive way, swear to his signature; that a paper has been handed to him this afternoon by Gov. Cole L. Blease and he has been asked whether or not that is the signature of Dr. A. B. Knowlton. The heading of this paper is in print as follows: 'The Knowlton Hospital, No. 1,515 Marion Street, Columbia, S. C., and the body thereof is in typewriting, without any alterations, erasures, or the slightest change whatsoever, and is as follows, excluding the heading heretofore mentioned.

January 19, 1912.

"His Excellency, Governor Cole L. Blease, Columbia, S. C.—Sir: At the request of Mr. W. R. Richey, of Laurens, S. C., and with the permission of Capt. D. J. Griffith, superintendent of the penitentiary, and of Dr. R. T. Jennings, surgeon of the same, we have this day visited and examined Mr. R. A. Richey, now confined in the hospital of the penitentiary. We would report that we find Mr. Richey suffering from a marked neurosis, that the same closely simulates a true paralysis. We are informed that Mr. Richey has had some such trouble for the past ten years or more, and close confinement is rendering it more marked. We do not believe this condition will be improved so long as Mr. Richey remains a prisoner in the penitentiary. We do believe that freedom, outdoor exercise, etc. would restore him to as good a state of health as he has enjoyed for the past ten years.

"Respectfully submitted, (Signed) "A. B. Knowlton, M. D. (Signed) "James H. McIntosh, M. D."

"That the body of this paper is in typewriting, and the signatures to it are made by pen and ink; that he swears that the signature to the same 'A. B. Knowlton, M. D., is that of his brother-in-law, the late A. B. Knowlton, M. D., and there cannot be any question or doubt about the same. The other signature, 'James H. McIntosh, M. D., he cannot speak of, because he has not seen him write and does not know his signature.

(Signed) "Jno. J. Earle. "Subscribed and sworn to before me, this 25th day of July, A. D. 1914. (Signed) "W. F. Blackburn, "Notary Public for South Carolina. "L. S."

"While this statement was being prepared, Col. Walter H. Hunt, of Newberry, telephoned and asked to speak to my private secretary. He requested, on behalf of Dr. McIntosh that the governor come to the hospital and show to Dr. McIntosh the

original certificate. The governor went to the hospital in company with Messrs. John K. Aull and W. Frank Blackburn. He submitted the certificate to Dr. McIntosh in the presence of those who were accompanying him, and of Col. Walter H. Hunt; Dr. James H. McIntosh, the father of Dr. James H. McIntosh; Mr. Douglas McKay and Mr. Charles H. Barron.

"No other certificate than this one has ever been filed in my office in the Richey case signed by Dr. McIntosh or Dr. Knowlton."

CHARGES NOT SUSTAINED.

Report of Grand Jury Committee as to Charges of Cruelty on the Chain Gang.

Mr. P. M. Pitts, Supervisor Sumter County, Sumter, S. C.

Dear Sir: Referring to the article in the Sumter Herald under date of July 17th, 1914, headed County Chain Gang and signed "Local" to which the attention of the grand jury was called.

The Board of Commissioners, the foreman of the grand jury and the chain gang committee from the grand jury on your request met at the court house to investigate these charges, and in examining Mr. C. W. Mellett, the author of the article referred to above. He was unable to give the names of the intelligent people he referred to as having visited the chain gang. He was unable to relate an instance where the convicts had been rushed to death to finish a piece of work. He did mention two instances where negroes had been whipped, but admitted one did not receive any more severe whipping than he should have gotten; the other he stated in his opinion was almost too severe. We have investigated this and examined the convict and in our opinion the convict was certainly entitled to all he got. The two negroes to which he referred on the stand, stated they were not held over a barrel neither were they whipped until the blood ran down their legs.

He charges Mr. John Holland, who is superintendent of the chain gang, as being a man who is too hard on the convicts to be in the position. But in our opinion Mr. Holland is a very good man for the position. He seems to be a man of even disposition, a man of good judgment, a man who understands the handling of convicts and a man who understands his work. The negroes say they get good treatment and plenty to eat under Mr. Holland and find him a man easy to get along with if they do or try to do the right thing.

We compliment you as supervisor on having a man like Mr. Holland in charge of the chain gang. In our investigation we found Mr. Mellette was a discharged guard from the chain gang. In our opinion the care is as good and treatment as humane as could be expected in a convict gang of this kind.

Complimenting you on the appearance of the convicts as well as the camp, we are,

Yours very truly,  
G. G. TWEED,  
S. J. NEWMAN,  
J. A. STUCKEY,  
Chain Gang Committee.

FACTS AND FICTION.

Experiences of Sumter Citizens are Easily Proven by Facts.

The most superficial investigation will prove that the following statement from a resident of Sumter is true. Read it and compare evidence from Sumter people with testimony of strangers living so far away you cannot investigate the facts of the case. Many more citizens of Sumter endorse Doan's Kidney Pills.

William Yeardon, 27 Haynsworth St., Sumter, S. C., says: "I am confident that Doan's Kidney Pills act just as represented and are worthy of endorsement. I have taken them for dull backache and trouble with the kidney secretions, getting my supply at China's Drug Store. I have always had prompt relief."

Mr. Yeardon is only one of many Sumter people who have gratefully endorsed Doan's Kidney Pills. If your back aches—if your kidneys bother you, don't simply ask for a kidney remedy—ask distinctly for Doan's Kidney Pills, the same that Mr. Yeardon had—the remedy backed by home testimony. 50c. all stores. Foster-Milburn Co., Props., Buffalo, N. Y. "When Your Back is Lame—Remember the Name."

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