

The Watchman and Southern.

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PERSONAL MENTION.

Mr. James A. Ruddock, of Charleston, spent the week-end with his mother, Mrs. M. S. Nelson on Church street.

Mrs. E. Mitchell Seabrook, of Edisto Island, is visiting Mrs. Pauline Cordes.

Mrs. Abe Ryttenberg left for Savannah, Ga., this morning, where she will spend sometime.

Dr. Geo. W. Dick leaves this afternoon for a business trip to Washington. He was to leave Sunday afternoon, but at the last minute his plans were changed and he was forced to delay his departure.

Mr. W. M. Anderson, mayor of Summerton, was in the city today.

ENDS LIFE IN TRAGIC MANNER.

Frank Raffield Kills Himself in Postoffice—No Reason Given for Act.

The people of Sumter were shocked this morning when the news spread rapidly over the city that Frank S. Raffield, a young man employed as one of the clerks at the Sumter postoffice, had committed suicide by shooting himself in the heart with a pistol. The rash deed was done shortly after 11 o'clock in the rest room of the building, where it was supposed the deceased had gone to refresh himself. No cause is given for the act, which is deeply deplored by the many friends of the young man, as well as those of the family.

Frank Raffield was a son of Mr. and Mrs. H. A. Raffield of this city. He was about 29 years of age and married Miss Camilla Kilgore of this city about two years ago. Besides his parents and wife, he is survived by four brothers, Messrs. J. A., English, William and James, and one sister, Miss Susie Raffield.

He had been employed at the local postoffice for eight or nine years, first serving as carrier and for the past six years as a clerk in the postoffice. In his work he has been one of the most efficient men in the office and has always given best of service. Because of his quiet, unassuming, but always good natured demeanor he was well liked by his fellows in the postoffice. He had many friends throughout the county, to whom the news of his death came as a great shock.

The funeral services will be held tomorrow morning at 11 o'clock at his late residence on East Liberty street and interment will be at the Sumter cemetery.

SHOOTS HIMSELF AT HAGOOD.

Tom Folk Sanders, Jr., Puts End to His Own Life With Pistol Bullet.

Tom Folk Sanders, Jr., son of Mr. T. P. Sanders of Hagood, yesterday afternoon at about 2 o'clock put an end to his own life by shooting himself in the head in front of Mr. W. L. Sanders, Jr., store at Hagood. There were a number of persons standing within sight of Mr. Sanders when he committed the rash act, but none were sufficiently close to stop him. No cause is known for his action.

Mr. Sanders drove up to Hagood in his car and went to one store to get gasoline. From there he drove to another store, where he stopped the car. Just as he got out he pulled a pistol from his pocket and putting the muzzle to his head fired. Death was almost instantaneous. A few weeks ago Mr. Sanders lost his house by fire and it is stated that he was depressed from this loss, which was heavy on him, although he had insurance on the house and had saved most of his furniture. However, he was rebuilding and had almost completed another home.

The deceased was about thirty years of age. He married little more than a year ago and his wife and her twin babes are left. He is also survived by his father, two brothers, Messrs. Bonnie, of New York; Haskell of Laurens; and three sisters, Mrs. James Lenoir, Sumter; Mrs. T. H. Spain, Darlington; Mrs. R. E. Rembert, Rembert.

Death.

Prof. J. C. Richardson, who was principal of the Calhoun school last year and this year, died last night at the Tounney Hospital of typhoid fever, after an illness of several weeks. Prof. Richardson was from Durham, N. C., to which place the body was shipped this morning. A brother of Prof. Richardson has been here with him for the past week during his illness.

Mr. Richardson has made many friends in Sumter during his stay here to whom his death has brought a feeling of sadness. He was a young man in the prime of life, of exemplary character, and his passing is one to be deeply deplored.

COUNTY BOARD MEETING.

COMMISSIONERS REFUSE TO APPROPRIATE FOR COUNTY HEALTH OFFICER.

Senator Epps Says Local County Officers are Paying More for Incidentals Than Officers in Other Counties—E. W. Dabbs Displeased with Action of Board—Other Matters.

The County Board of Commissioners had their regular monthly meeting, all of the members being in attendance. Quite a number of matters were attended to, that of most general interest being the refusal of the board to appropriate \$2,000 for a county health officer and their statement that the people of the county were positively against any such sanitary inspection as that proposed.

Senator R. D. Epps informed the board that the Sumter county officers are spending more for incidentals, such as stationery, office supplies, telephones and telegrams, than officers in other counties. He stated that while these amounts were small in themselves they amounted to considerable at the end of the year. He also stated that more bailiffs were appointed here at court than were employed in other counties. Upon his information the board instructed their clerk to write to the county officers of these conditions and to ask that in future they cut down such expenses as much as possible.

Mr. Frank A. McLeod called the attention of the board to the fact that automobiles were being parked on the court house square injuring the grass. However, before his remarks the board had already decided to instruct the sheriff, clerk of court and supervisor to stop trespassing on the court house grounds. No automobiles will be allowed to remain on the square and persons will be prohibited from walking across on the grass. Signs to this effect will be erected on the square.

Mr. O. C. Stuckey of Dalzell asked permission of the board to straighten out a bend in the public road which ran through his yard, so as to change the road to run further from his house and shorten it by three hundred yards. This permission was granted.

Supervisor White announced that he had appointed Messrs. D. R. McCallum and Bartow Walsh as trustees of the Moses Memorial Fund to represent the county.

In a letter to Mr. C. M. Hurst, clerk to the County Board, Mr. E. W. Dabbs expressed his displeasure at the action of the board in refusing a request of his that the county pay part of the cost of certain improvements made by Mr. Dabbs on his place. Mr. Dabbs stated in his letter that ditches had been dug through Mr. R. M. Cooper's place to drain land of L. C. Tisdale, at a cost of \$100, whereas the work on his canals was of much more benefit to the county. He insisted on the opening up of two branches in which he stated the water was backed by the road causeway. He further stated that until the county could give him fair treatment, no more material should be secured from any part of his place outside of the twenty foot right of way for building up the causeway or other road improvement. The letter was read and received as information.

The petition of J. A. M. Cartaway for a Confederate veteran's pension was granted on the recommendation of the county pension board.

The board decided to publish the monthly reports in one paper only each month at a cost not exceeding \$5.00. It was further decided to have all printing done and buying of stationery and other supplies by competitive bid.

Mr. White stated that the Davey Tree experts could be secured to treat the trees on the court house grounds. An appropriation of \$50 was made for treatment of the trees.

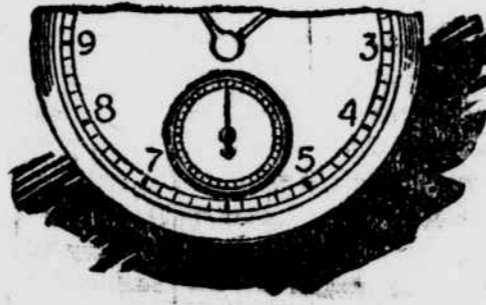
Messrs. H. J. McLaurin, Jr., J. A. McKnight, L. D. Jennings, R. B. Belser appeared to ask that the board reconsider its former action in the matter of a county health survey and the employing of a county health officer as they thought that it would be a good thing for the county. The board declined to change from its former action because they were unwilling to increase the tax levy and furthermore because the people of the county were positively opposed to any such sanitary survey as that proposed.

Mr. Belser suggested that the board experiment with imported gravel in the building of roads in Sumter county, citing the fact that Charleston county had built some fine roads of this material at a cost of \$2,000 a mile. As there are some 600 miles of roads in the county this would mean a cost of \$1,200,000 to build up all of the roads in the county.

Rural Policeman H. B. Boykin applied for reappointment as rural policeman, his term of office having expired. The board postponed action.

The annual report of the supervisor to the court was read and approved. A large number of claims were audited and ordered paid.

Family and Friends Count Most of All



We take his Measure—

In a Minute—

A Clean Slate—that's all—

They were a couple of fine old Southerners—you could tell that at a glance. They were talking about tobacco.

"Down South here, we judge a man by his family, don't we? If he is a gentleman, we take his measure in a minute, don't we? And, that's all we want to know, isn't it?"

"Say, friend," one said, "judge this cigarette the same way. He is a SOVEREIGN—that means he has blood and breeding—"

comes from the finest family—and has heaps and heaps of good friends here in the South.

"He is made of the choicest and sweetest and mellowest of Virginia and Carolina tobacco; he is raised like a true Southern gentleman—in a fine, clean, healthful home. Let us all stick to him SOVEREIGN—King of them all."

And this all must be true, men, because

**You Folks of the South KNOW good blood!
You Folks of the South KNOW good tobacco!**

That's why everybody likes me—why the men of the South are smoking me by the millions every day. My! it's fine to be so popular—to have so many friends. And, then here's something more to think about:—

I am guaranteed by *The American Tobacco Co.* —Buy me. If you don't like me return me to your dealer and get your money back. I have said it. A Southern gentleman is known the world over for keeping his word, and I have given you mine.

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"King of Them All"**

CHANGES MADE AT BANK.

F. E. Hinnant Assumes Duties as Cashier of National Bank of South Carolina.

F. E. Hinnant has assumed the duties of cashier of the National Bank of South Carolina, the bank having found it necessary to increase its office force because of its growing volume of business. Mr. Hinnant formerly was cashier of the Bank of St. George and is an experienced banking official. He is a graduate of the Citadel and taught for several years previous to his banking work. Mr. Harold McCoy, who has been acting as cashier, will continue as assistant cashier. Mr. Earle Rowland will be an assistant cashier and Mr. T. V. Walsh will be one of the tellers of the bank.

New Enterprises.

Columbia, Feb. 8.—The Secretary of State has issued a charter to the town of Gray in Jasper county.

The Charleston Perpetual Building and Loan association has been chartered with a minimum capital of \$50,000 and a maximum capital of \$1,000,000. The officers are: A. A. Kroeg, president; H. T. McGee, vice president and J. E. Jenkins, secretary and treasurer.

Break your Cold or LaGrippe with a few doses of 666.—Adv.

SUMTER COTTON MARKET.

Corrected Daily by HARRY & CO., Cotton Buyers. Good Middling 16. Strict Middling 15 7-8. Middling 15 3-4. Strict Low Middling 15 1-2. Low Middling 15.

Corrected Daily by ERNEST FIELD, Cotton Buyer.

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NEW YORK COTTON MARKET.

	Open	High	Low	Close	Close
Jan	15.73	.73	.30	.45	.44
May	15.70	.70	.47	.58	.62
July	15.70	.72	.51	.66	.70
Oct	15.55	.60	.41	.55	.46
Dec	15.64	.70	.57	.70	.60

New York spots 15.55.

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