

COURT OF GENERAL SESSIONS.

A Full Report of the Cases Disposed of Last Week.

The Court of General Sessions, with Judge C. G. Dantzer, presiding, convened in this city on Monday of last week and in a few days disposed of all the cases docketed for trial, which numbered twenty. Solicitor Hildebrand and Stenographer Meyers were at their posts, and the machinery of the court worked very smoothly and harmoniously. During a part of the term Solicitor Hildebrand had to be in Columbia on account of the meeting of the Legislature, and while he was absent he was ably represented by Major W. L. Glaze, who kept up the Solicitor's well-known reputation of allowing no guilty man to escape. Judge Dantzer delivered an able charge to the grand jury, after which the court got down to work. The following are the names of the persons and the disposition made of the charges against them: Charles Corley was tried and convicted of malicious mischief. It appeared from the evidence that Corley went into the meat market of Mr. R. N. Owen of this city with a little cur dog when he was told to keep out, as the bull dog in the market would jump on his measly cur and chew him up. As Corley entered the market the bull dog, as predicted, jumped on the cur and was proceeding to make mince meat of the cur when Corley picked up something and hit the bull dog to death. Corley will serve the county on the chain gang for several months. Dick Chavis, James Chavis and Gus Chavis were tried and convicted of stealing cotton at or near Neeches in the Fork, the charge being petit larceny. They were each sentenced to thirty days on the chain gang and pay a fine of \$35. John Salley, the notorious negro outlaw, who shot and dangerously wounded the town marshal of the town of Woodford about two years ago, and a full account of whose capture was published in The Times and Democrat several weeks ago, was tried and convicted of assault and battery with attempt to kill, and was sentenced to four years on the chain gang. James Bartley was tried and convicted of housebreaking and larceny and was given three years on the chain gang. John R. Hampton was tried and acquitted of malicious mischief. John Jamison was tried and found guilty of carrying an unlawful weapon, for which he will pay a fine of fifteen dollars or serve fifteen days on the chain gang. Willie Mims was tried and convicted of carrying an unlawful weapon and assault and battery. As Mims had jumped his bail bond and left for parts unknown the jury left a sealed verdict to await his return. Elliott Barton was tried for murder. He was acquitted by order of the court, the killing being accidental according to the testimony and the verdict of the coroner's jury. The accused was a lad and the shooting was done a few miles from this city. Job Hunt, who was tried for murder, was acquitted by order of the court. From the testimony it was shown that Hunt did not intend to kill his victim, and that the killing was entirely accidental. It seems to have been a case of a fool and a supposed unloaded gun. Hunt and his victim were both boys. Vastine Chavis, a white man pleaded guilty to the charge of larceny of live stock. It seems that Chavis, not having a cow of his own to sell, took one to Mr. Sol. Gortman's and drove it to this city and sold it to a butcher and pocketed the money. Chavis was sentenced to serve two years on the chain gang and pay a fine of one dollar. Chavis is from the Knotts Mill section of the county. Hane Moore, a very old darkey, was tried and convicted of obtaining goods under false pretenses. It appeared that in order to get a mule from the Messrs. Bryant Brothers of this city Moore mortgaged several things that he did not own. Among them was a one-horse wagon. On the trial a friend of Moore's by the name of Harper swore that a two horse wagon then on the public square was the wagon Moore had mortgaged. This wagon belonged to Harper but he swore it was Moore's in the hope that the jury would acquit him. Immediately upon the conclusion of the case the wagon was taken under the Bryant mortgage, and when Harper objected he was reminded that he had just testified that the wagon was Moore's and the one named in the mortgage. This was a ploy and Harper said no more, but he was certainly convinced that he was a too swift witness for his friend. Moore was sentenced to two years in the county jail and pay a fine of fifty dollars, and Harper swore away his two horse wagon. Jeff Donaldson was tried and convicted of carrying an unlawful gun. He was given fifteen days on the chain gang or pay a fine of fifteen dollars. Elijah General was tried and convicted of housebreaking and larceny and sentenced one year to a reform institution. The prisoner is only twelve years old. Sometime ago he secreted himself in the store of Messrs. Banks & Wimberly at St. Matthews and when the store was closed for the night he came out from his hiding place and proceeded to help himself and then escaped from the store. Mack Summers was tried and convicted of assault and battery. He was sentenced to four months on the chain gang. Frank Wright, tried and convicted of assault and battery and carrying concealed weapons, was given twenty days on the chain gang or pay a fine of twenty dollars. Sam Sanders, who pleaded guilty to housebreaking and larceny, got the limit, which was one year on the chain gang. It seems that sometime ago Sam broke into the house of Section Master Hunt of Cordova and helped himself to such things as he fancied. When he came out of the house Sam was caught by a ferocious dog owned by Mr. Hunt and held until he was taken in charge and sent to jail. The dog, which was a fierce one, "chawed" up Sam right considerable, according to his tale. Sam will find serving the county on the chain gang

more pleasant than being "chawed" up by a dog.

Pinckney Bostick, tried and convicted of obtaining property under false pretenses, was sentenced to two months on the chain gang or pay a fine of fifty dollars. Bostick's offense consisted in his getting an animal from Messrs. McCants & Stroman by false representations. William Haigler, who claims to be seventy-five years of age, was tried and convicted of assault with intent to ravish a twelve year old colored girl near Elmore some months ago. He was sentenced to five years in the penitentiary. It is said that Haigler was taken out and whipped about five years ago for assaulting a colored woman. Shadrach Brunson was tried and convicted of larceny from the field and was given six months on the chain gang. Brunson stole his corn from Mr. J. A. Zeigler, of this city. Sarah Ann Gramling was tried and convicted of a high and aggravated character. Sarah Ann jumped her bond and the jury returned a sealed verdict, which she will not be anxious to have opened. The term of court was brought to a close Thursday afternoon, a number of cases having to be carried over because of the absence of several prominent members of the Bar, who are representing the county in the Legislature. Judge Dantzer ruled that all cases in which they were interested would be continued if desired, as their duties in Columbia were of a public nature and required their attendance. The special feature of the term has been the initial appearance of Judge Dantzer in this, his own circuit, and in his own home, although he has been for two years on the bench. Judge Dantzer practiced at this Bar for many years. As a Judge he is courteous and just, but fearless, and his friends here have felt a peculiar pride in having this able and distinguished son of old Orangeburg exercise the functions of his high office at home. Daughters of the Confederacy. In consequence of the unsettled weather the last regular meeting of the Paul McMichael Chapter, U. D. C., was suspended and a special meeting was called at the home of Mrs. R. H. Jennings last Thursday morning. The new officers assumed their places. Mrs. E. R. Paulling gave in detail the literary programme of the recent Convention in Camden. The power of her paper, together with the fact that Mrs. Paulling had added so effectively in making that literary programme a success, brought hearty applause from her fellow workers. The advisability of uniting with the clubs in forming a city federation was left open until higher officials could be consulted. Other business for the good of the chapter and the creditable entertaining of the Convention this year was cheerfully discussed. The chapter has heretofore been conducted without by-laws, but the necessity for such having been shown the following committee was appointed to submit by-laws for the consideration of the chapter: Mrs. Elizabeth Herbert, chairman; Mrs. Mortimore Glover, Mrs. A. C. Ligon, Mrs. Greer Albertgott; Mrs. Henry Kohn and Mrs. Lydia Salley. A Beautiful Home Wedding. At Mrs. E. K. Cleckley's residence near Cope, the relatives and friends of the family assembled, on Tuesday, 12th instant, to witness the union of Miss Delle Jennings, her youngest daughter, and Mr. David Lahtie, a prosperous young merchant of Norway. At high noon the strains of Mendelssohn's wedding march floated through the rooms, when Mr. Jennings Cleckley, the brides brother, and Miss Kate Lahtie, the groom's sister, marched into the artistically decorated parlor followed by the bride and groom. Rev. J. A. Clifton, D. D., then stepped forward and pronounced the solemn words which made the happy young couple husband and wife. After the usual congratulations, a sumptuous dinner was served. The many handsome presents received testified to the popularity and high esteem of Mr. Lahtie and his charming young bride among their friends. The bride and groom departed during the afternoon for their home in Norway, where the best wishes of relatives and friends follow them to a life full of happiness and prosperity. The Colonial Club. Mrs. H. C. Wannamaker, was the popular hostess of the Colonial Club last Friday afternoon. Her home is eminently suited for so elaborate an affair as she offered to her numerous friends on that occasion. What was played for several hours, after which a salad course was served. The score was kept on tiny calendar cards with the benediction inscribed, "A Happy New Year." The first prize was won by Mrs. H. C. Wannamaker, the consolation was presented to Miss Pauline Islar and Mrs. M. G. Salley was the fortunate winner of the trophy. Those present were: Mrs. Elliot Glover, Mrs. L. W. Glover, Mrs. Fred Wannamaker, Mrs. Hayne Wannamaker, Mrs. R. H. Jennings, Mrs. W. K. Sease, Mrs. W. V. Izlar, Mrs. T. C. Doyle, Mrs. M. G. Salley, Mrs. E. N. Scoville, Mrs. L. S. Wolfe, Mrs. I. Mordecai, Mrs. A. C. Dukes, Mrs. Norman Bull, Mrs. Louis Gilzer, Mrs. T. A. Jeffords, Mrs. John Cart, Mrs. George Seignious, Mrs. J. A. Berry, Mrs. A. C. Ligon, Misses Kate Bull, Goldsmith, Dell Pike, Mamie Felder, Mazie Slater and Pauline Izlar. A NOBLE WORK.—A special committee from the Moultrie Chapter, D. A. R., composed of the following ladies, Mrs. A. C. Ligon, Mrs. Julian Salley, Mrs. L. S. Wolfe, Mrs. R. H. Jennings and Mrs. John Bull, met with Mayor Doyle and three of the aldermen recently to select the spot allotted to the chapter on the public square. The ladies are bending every energy to immediately plant grass and enclose the spot with granite, and ultimately to rear to the Revolutionary heroes a twin memorial to that which now consecrates the memory of the honored Confederate dead. BAND OF HOPE.—There were sixty-three present last week and we hope for one hundred next Wednesday afternoon at 4.30. All friends and sympathizers invited to attend. Mrs. E. S. HERBERT.

ITEMS OF INTEREST

Gathered from Town and Country Condensed for Busy Readers. A good many of the firemen ruined their clothes at the recent fires. The second week jurors was not needed, as there was no court this week. The cold hangs on, and there don't seem to be much prospects of a change soon. Mr. B. G. Yon, of Norway, writes us that he read the president's message. Who is next? Tuesday was the birthday of one of the best and greatest men this country ever produced, Robert E. Lee. Mr. Scoville has awarded the contract to have his block put back in through six as it was before the fire. Major W. L. Glaze acted as Solicitor while Solicitor Hildebrand was in attendance on the legislature last week. A car load of fine horses and mules will be received at Reeves & Salley's stables next week. Give them a call if you want something good. The Court of Common Pleas was not called this week on account of the absence of several lawyers who are members of the legislature. For many years Orangeburg seemed to be almost exempt from serious fires, but during the past few months she has had more than her share. This is campaign year and every voter should keep posted by subscribing for some good paper. The Times and Democrat is only one dollar a year. Dr. J. H. Perryclear, of the firm of Drs. Perryclear & Sibley, dentists, will be in Branchville on Monday and Tuesday, January 25 and 26, office Merchant's Hotel. During the fire on Friday a negro by the name of Curley went into several houses and helped himself to such things as he fancied. He was arrested and lodged in jail. We are indebted to Mr. P. W. Barriere, who lives at Lorry, Fla., for a box of delicious Oranges, which reached us during Christmas week. They were very fine, and was greatly enjoyed. A typographical error is a hard thing to find in the proof, pertinently remarks a Kansas exchange, "but in the printed and completed paper it looms up like a fat lady in a group of vegetarians." The ladies of the Paul McMichael Chapter, U. D. C., sent a telegram of sympathy to the family of Gen. Gordon, quickly followed by another to an Atlanta florist for a handsome tribute to be sent for his bier. Mr. Henry Von Oshen wants to thank all who came to his assistance on Friday during the fire. He says he appreciates very highly the kind words and deeds of his many friends and neighbors who helped him in his hour of extremity. Mr. W. H. Dukes, requests us to return his thanks to all those who assisted in removing his stock of goods on last Friday during the fire. Had it not been for the willing hands of both white and colored his loss would have been much heavier than it is. Mr. Joe Way, who was in charge of Mr. Loessler's ice house here last summer, died at the residence of his sister near St. Matthews last week from consumption. He was an excellent young man, and had many friends here who will regret to hear of his death. Mr. Daniel R. Butler, died at his home in this city on last Thursday morning in the thirty-fifth year of his age. He was employed in the Orange Mills for a number of years, and was an efficient mill man. He leaves a wife and three children to mourn his death. Mr. Henry Von Oshen, whose shop was badly damaged by Friday's fire, is ready for business at the old stand, where he will be pleased to see his friends and customers who may be in need of anything in his line. This would be a good time for any who may owe Mr. Von Oshen anything to pay up. Mr. J. C. Pike and family feel grateful for the many acts of kindness shown them during and since the fire which came very near destroying their handsome residence on last Saturday, and they request us to return their thanks to all, including the gallant firemen, for their kindness in saving their home and in other ways. Death of Mr. J. B. Drake. The Charleston Post says: "Mr. Jos. B. Drake died in New York Wednesday morning. He had been in bad health for some time, and recently he went to New York for treatment. Mr. Drake was for a number of years associated with his brother in the shoe business of M. Drake & Son. He was also one of the organizers of the wholesale shoe house of Drake-Innis-Green Company. For the past few years and up to the time of his death he was connected with a life insurance company." Mr. Drake was engaged in business in this city for several years, and during his residence here made many friends, who will regret to learn of his death. He was a high-toned gentleman, and was held in high esteem by those who knew him. He died in the prime of life, which makes his death peculiarly sad. When we last saw him, a few months ago, we little thought that we would never again look into his open, manly face again in the flesh, but so it has proved, and we now in common with his many friends mourn his death. A Sudden Death.—On last Monday while transacting some business in the Auditors office in the Court House Mr. Sol. Gortman, a farmer from the North section of the county, died quite suddenly from heart failure. Only a few minutes elapsed from the time he was taken sick to his death. Mr. Gortman was about fifty years of age, and was well thought of by all who knew him. He leaves a family. His wife was in the city when he was stricken down, but she was not with him when he died. The remains were taken to Mr. Gortman's home for interment.

THE CITY COUNCIL.

Proceedings of Last Regular Monthly Meeting. Council Chamber, Orangeburg, S. C., Jan. 8, 1904. Proceedings of the regular meeting of City Council held this day. Present Hon. Thomas C. Doyle, Mayor, and Aldermen Lathrop, Jennings, Salley, and Dukes. Absent Aldermen Hydrick and Riley. The report of the treasurer and also the secretary of the commissioners of public works for the month of December, 1903, were read and referred to the finance committee and ordered published. A circular letter from the chamber of commerce of Columbia, was read and received as information. The communication from F. H. Hyatt president of the Good Roads Association of the State, calling attention to the meeting of the association to be held at Columbia January 19, 1904, and asking that the City be represented at the convention, was read and on motion Alderman Salley was appointed to attend in behalf of the City as a delegate. The mayor brought to the attention of council the necessity of certain improvements and changes to the guardhouse, and it was on motion ordered that the matter be referred to the committee on City property with power to act. The firemasters were present and called the attention of council to the unsafe condition of a number of public buildings in the city for the lack of fire escape and sufficient facility for the exit of occupants; and it was referred to the City attorney to prepare an ordinance covering the defective points mentioned and for the future construction of buildings in the City. It was ordered that the firemasters be authorized to expend \$35.00 for supplies for the department as they may see fit. The committee on streets and railroads reported the execution of deeds to the city by R. F. Way and J. W. H. Dukes, for lands on Glover street and Sellers' avenue, for the extension of Branch street, for the sums of \$350.00 and \$150.00, respectively, and work on the extension had been begun. The action was approved. The chief of police made the following report for the month of December, 1903: Arrests made 71; fines and forfeitures paid to city treasurer \$228.00; days in guardhouse 105; days' labor on public works 100; and that he had made night inspections of the police force December 13, 14, 19, 21, 24, 26, and 28th. The minutes were approved and council adjourned. L. H. WANNAMAKER, City Clerk and Treasurer. Office of City Clerk and Treasurer, Orangeburg, S. C., Jan. 1, 1904. To the City Council, Gentlemen: I respectfully submit the following report of the financial transactions of my office for the month of December, 1903. Balance on hand last report, 9,567 25 Received during the month, 964 98 Total, \$10,532 23 Disbursed during the month, 3,629 08 Balance, 6,903 15 Bal. held as secretary to date, 2,760 47 Total cash in Treas. to date, 9,663 62 SOURCES OF RECEIPTS. General taxes and penalties, 103 53 Fines and forfeitures, 228 00 Licenses, 29 00 Dispensary and beer profits for November, 607 45 Total as above, \$964 98 DISBURSEMENTS. Acct. Street Department, \$ 917 74 Police Department, 500 52 Executive Department, 204 33 Water and light (fuel), 735 62 City Property, 6 66 Refund city taxes, 7 01 Fire Department, 48 00 Health Department, 176 54 Special Street, Gravel, Land, etc., 672 66 Special Water and Light, land 400 00 Total as above, 3,629 08 DETAILED STATEMENT OF DISBURSEMENTS. F. N. Brunson, supplies, 5 70 Southern Railway Co. freight on axle grease, 60 Ayers & Williams, oats, corn for Nov. acct., 66 75 Ayers & Williams, lime for Health Department, 9 60 Dr. T. C. Doyle, medical attention to prisoner, 5 00 A. C. L. R. Co., freight on gravel, cats, 54 00 Mrs. A. H. Smoak, rent cotton yard, Nov., 20 00 J. W. Smoak, pipe for fire room, 6 26 J. W. Smoak, supplies for street Dept. for Nov., 1 45 So. Bell Tel. & Tel. Co. service for December, 2 63 A. C. L. R. Co., freight on 5 cars gravel, 90 00 W. F. Cannon, job printing, 500 card envelope, for clerk, 1 50 Street pay-roll, week ending December 7, 49 80 W. N. Inabinet, wood, 5 25 Fairry & Weeks, supplies, st. dept., Oct. and Nov., 17 85 Postmaster, stamps, 1 00 Southern Ry. Co., freight on disinfectants, 1 74 W. A. J. Nettles, wood, 3 50 Street pay roll, week ending December 12, 51 88 G. H. Farrison, 6 00 G. H. Cornelson, 40.40 tons coal American Fire Ins. Co., refund taxes, 7 01 Sol. Kohn, et al. heirs to T. Kohn, land, 400 00 J. E. Glover, uniforms, 216 55 A. C. L. R. Co., freight on 3 cars gravel, 34 00 G. H. Cornelson, 44 tons coal Wesley Inabinet, wood, 5 25 Street pay roll, week ending December 19, 52 00 F. H. & L. Co., rent Health Inspector's office to Nov. 1, 24 00 F. H. & L. Co., rent police office to Oct. 9, 15 00 Postmaster, postals, stamps A. C. L. R. Co., freight on grave, 2 cats, 36 00 H. Stevens' Sons Co., terra pipe, 524 20 Anton, ferrug. use office and furniture, 7 50 G. H. Cornelson, one-half cost coal chute, A. C. L. R. Co., P. W. Cantwell, sanitary tank R. F. Way, land, Branch st. extension, 350 00 Street pay roll, week ending

HUNG BY A MOB.

At a late hour Friday night The State's correspondent at Georges telephoned an account of a lynching near Reevesville in Dorchester county. The name of the victim is General Lee, a negro of bad reputation, who had a foot of the same measurement of a track found in the yard of Mrs. A. P. Wimberly. Mrs. Wimberly is a widow living alone with several small children in a little house with a store in the front at Reevesville. Between 7 and 8 o'clock Tuesday night in response to repeated loud knocking and other noises she opened the side door and saw some one running away, apparently a negro. A pair of brass knucks was found on the porch. Wednesday a delegation from Reevesville went to Georges, five miles away, and swore out a warrant before Magistrate T. H. Abbott for General Lee, a negro about 30 years old, who had been living several years at Reevesville. The magistrate's constable, R. E. Mims, who is also chief of police of Georges, left for Reevesville at 6 o'clock Wednesday night and put Lee under arrest. Constable Mims started with his prisoner for Georges at midnight. He says that when he had gone about a mile from Reevesville a mob of fully 50 men surrounded his buggy and overpowered him and took the prisoner. The last he saw of the mob it had left the road and was making for some woods nearby. Thursday a search was made in the woods by citizens of both Georges and Reevesville, but no trace of the negro could be found. Friday Lee's mutilated body was found lashed to a tree about 100 yards from the point in the road where Constable Mims says he was overpowered. It was reported to the correspondent that the condition of the body indicated that the mob, after tying the victim, retreated some distance before firing, thus sprinkling the body with small shot; the mob, it appears, then advanced to within a few feet and discharged their shotguns into the dying man's face and body. The usual inquest was held last night, and the usual verdict rendered—that General Lee came to his death from gunshot wounds inflicted by persons unknown. Mrs. Wimberly not only did not see the man who was arrested, but never intimated that she thought the man she saw running out of her yard was Lee. She knew Lee. Get Ready To Laugh. The Knowles, America's famous hypnotists, will open a Three night engagement at the opera house on Monday next. Ladies will be admitted free the opening night under usual circumstances. 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Prices during The Knowles' engagement will be 25, 35 and 50c. and one lady will be admitted free with each ticket purchased before 6 p. m. Monday to Monday night's performance. Rowsesville Dots. Our town looks quite blank without a depot. We hope soon to have a much larger and better one. Mr. Dukes, our genial agent, now uses two freight boxes for a depot. Miss Sudie Aycock is visiting her sister, Mrs. M. W. Peurifoy. Mr. Marvin Boone and his excellent family moved to Orangeburg last week. We are sorry to see them leave us. There will be a debate at the Graded School next Friday. The following is the subject with the debaters on each side: Resolved, That Travel Affords a Better Means of Education than Books. Negative—Misses Cornelia Barton, Annie Simmons, Marie Dukes, Tressa Stokes, Floride Dukes and Johnnie Simmons. DEATH OF A BRIGHT LAD.—It is with unfeigned regret we announce the death of Edward, oldest son of Mr. and Mrs. W. J. Whetsell, of the Fork. He was a bright young lad and was a member of the ninth grade in the Orangeburg Graded School. His death, which was caused by an attack of pneumonia, cast a gloom over the whole school, and he will be greatly missed by the boys and girls of the institution. He was about fifteen years old. To his grief stricken parents the sympathy of the entire school, trustees, teachers and pupils, is extended. FIRE AT CORDOVA.—On Monday night quite a destructive fire visited the town of Cordova. It destroyed the wheelwright and blacksmith shops, as well as the storage rooms of Mr. Olin Smoak. The buildings destroyed were two large two story houses. Mr. Smoak's loss was very heavy with only \$600 insurance. This is quite a heavy blow, but Mr. Smoak is quite a young man of energy and push and he will soon be on his feet again. MOTHER'S MEETING.—The January Mother's meeting will be held at the residence of Mrs. Wm. L. Glaze at 4.30 Friday afternoon, January 22nd. All Sunday school and day school teachers are requested to attend these meetings, as they are held in the interest of the young. "How to train the children" is the key-note of this work. Come and let us learn from each other.

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December 26th

Table with financial data for December 26th, including items like A. G. L. R. Co. freight, T. C. Pipe and gravel, G. H. Cornelson, 85.60 tons coal, J. T. Parks, advertising contract to Dec. 31, etc. Total as above, 3,629 08.