

THE SOCIAL NEWS.

Interesting Events of the Past Week in Orangeburg Society.

The following is the society news of Orangeburg as furnished by the correspondent of The News and Courier:

A CARD PARTY.

Prominent among the card parties was that of Mrs. R. H. Jennings last Friday afternoon. Her vivacity of manner, with cordial grace makes any fete at her home one of unquestioned pleasure.

On the mantel was a glass jar of peanuts, the number of which the hostess requested her guests to guess, as the test of the consolation prizes.

AN ELABORATE FUNCTION.

An elaborate function was that given last Monday night at the spacious home of Mr. and Mrs. H. C. Wannamaker.

A CARNATION PARTY.

Another affair that has not been outdone in elegance and beauty of conception was that given last Thursday night at the home of Dr. and Mrs. W. R. Lowman.

Partners in the dining room were regulated by the matching of pictures, which had been cut in half.

A Beautiful Wedding.

At the home of Mr. and Mrs. F. W. Stroman, near Cameron, the relatives and friends of the family assembled, on Sunday a. m. 7th inst., to witness the marriage of Miss Carrie Stroman and Mr. A. J. Amaker.

DEATH OF AN OLD VETERAN.

Mr. J. O. A. Hooker, an old Confederate veteran, died at his home near North on last Saturday and now rests under the trees on the other side.

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MR. NORMENT RESIGNS.

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ITEMS OF INTEREST

Gathered from Town and Country

Condensed for Busy Readers. Mrs. O. H. Bissell, of Charleston, is visiting Mrs. Julian A. Salley.

Next Monday being Washington's birthday, a legal holiday, all the banks will be closed.

We have had a few days of nice weather, but Hicks says the winter has not yet taken its departure.

Mr. E. E. Wells, of the Orangeburg Dry Goods Company, has gone North to buy the spring stock for his house.

Mr. and Mrs. Chas. Scovill, of New York State, is visiting Mr. W. N. Scovill. We wish them a pleasant visit.

County raised winter cabbage seed are for sale at Sims' Book Store.

Rev. E. M. Lightfoot, who had been away for sometime, conducted the services in his church on Sunday.

If any of the papers that are, or have been running the Irving Drug Co's advertisement of California Prune Waters have received payment for it we would like to know.

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George Washington held victorious sway at Yorktown, and thus eight tables were arranged in military regularity.

Y. M. C. A.

State Secretary Knebel of the Young Men's Christian Association was in Orangeburg recently conferring with the local Directors.

At a meeting of the Directors the State Secretary recommended that the Association decline the very gracious offer made by Mr. L. S. Harley to give his hall on the third floor of the recently completed Harley Building, to the Association free of rental.

The State Executive Committee of Young Men's Christian Associations have found it frequently unwise to recommend the use of the third floor of any building, unless the second floor can be utilized for the main work of the Association.

A committee consisting of Messrs. M. O. Dantzer, U. G. Bryant, H. Von Ohsen and A. W. Summers have been appointed to secure a suitable place. The committee is at work and hope ere long to make definite announcement.

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A letter of thanks from Moutrie Chapter D. A. R., dated January 9, was read and received as information.

The proposed license ordinance for the fiscal year 1904-1905, was read and deferred for final action at the meeting in March next.

The question of taking a census of the City during the spring was considered and on motion referred to the finance committee with full powers to arrange all necessary rules and appoint proper persons to take the same, the census to date as of March 1, 1904.

Alderman Salley as delegate to the Good Roads convention, submitted a report of his visit, which was received as information.

Mr. Samuel Dibble, Jr., appeared before council with a proposition to donate to the City a street to lead from Green to Broughton street, the council to open the same.

The chief of police submitted a report to the council the result of the examination as to the efficiency of the fire steamer: that the steamer was in very good working order and requesting council to permit its use.

A proposed ordinance relating to the erection of buildings within the city, and entitled "An ordinance to amend Chapter X" of the revised ordinances of the city" &c. received its first and second readings and was deferred to the next meeting in March, for final action.

The chief of police submitted a report for the month of January as follows: Arrests made during the month 43; fines and forfeitures paid treasurer \$70.50; 1 case referred to magistrate; labor on streets 113 days; days in guard house 94; four inspections made at night during month.

Minutes approved, and Council adjourned. L. H. WANNAMAKER, Clerk and Treasurer.

Office of City Clerk and Treasurer, Orangeburg, S. C., Feb. 1, 1904.

Gentlemen: I respectfully submit the following report of the financial transactions of my office for the month of January, 1904:

Balance on hand last report, 6,903 15 Received during the month 1,140 89 Total \$8,044 04 Disbursed during the month 4,442 32 Balance \$3,601 72 Bal. held as secretary to date 1,690 86 Total cash in Treas. to date 5,292 58

SOURCES OF RECEIPTS. General taxes \$71,054 Fines and forfeitures 70 50 Licenses 13 00 Dispensary and beer profits 861 29 For December 100 00 Sanitary dues 24 95 Coal, pipe, manure 21 95 Total as above \$1,140 89

DISBURSEMENTS. Aet. Street Department \$ 520 20 Police Department 344 88 Executive Department 139 07 Water and light (fuel) 505 61 City Property 4 10 City bonds, int., S Fund 2,220 00 Fire Department 9 40 Health Department 157 06 Special Street 542 00 Total as above 4,442 32

DETAILED STATEMENT OF DISBURSEMENTS. R. L. Berry Co., notched fire-masters 1 00 P. M. box rent to March 31 50 P. Doyle, shoeing mules and horses 2 10 J. W. H. Dukes, land for continuation Branch street 150 00 J. W. Smoak supplies for street pay-roll, week ending January 2 55 00 A. C. L. R. Co., freight on 7c pipe, vitrified brick 89 11 So. Bell Tel. & Tel. Co., serv. adv. for January 2 62 City St. Ry. Co., drayage fire hose 10 Ayers & Williams, oats, corn cement, hay, Dec 72 03 Von Ohsen & Weeks, repairs for street department 7 10 Sanitary Street Sweeping Co., street sweeper 50 00 Von Ohsen & Weeks, work at guard house 1 00 W. F. Cannon, job printing, rules and regulation police department 5 00 Commissioners of Pub Works, sinking fund W & L bonds 790 00 L. Bennett, repairing pistols 1 50 Edisto Savings Bank, redemption R R bond No 94 Southern Ry. Co., freight on road machine repairs 1 03 J. J. Mackay, 1916 lbs hay 5c 14 33 Ayers & Williams, lime for Health Department 6 00 W. A. J. Nettles, wood 4 38 Street pay-roll, week ending January 9 53 27 Georgia Vitrified Brick and Clay Co., 8,000 vitrified brick 97 20 G. H. Cornelison, 301 tons coal 118 95

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