

PRIVATEER PERSONALS.

Privateer Township, S. C., Dec. 11.—The following is a list of the white free schools and teachers in this township: Bebel, Miss Ella Myers; Tiedel, Mrs. Whitefield Wells; Providence, Miss Anna Willis; Ingram, Miss Allie Toole; Red Oak, Miss Blanche Leslie; Gilgal, Miss Talulah Rivers; and Mellett, Miss Laura Abercrombie.

We would also give a list of the colored schools and teachers, but that has not been given as yet.

Mr. Willie Oala, who is chairman of the Privateer board of school trustees, informed us sometime back that he intended visiting the schools. This is the right idea. All the trustees ought to visit the schools; we think their visits would not only encourage the teachers and pupils, but it would give the trustees a more comprehensive knowledge about the educational affairs of their districts than they could gain from other sources, and then it would bring them in pleasant contact with both teachers and pupils.

The Rev. J. I. Ayres, who is now pastor of Bebel and Wedgfield Baptist churches is brother of the Rev. Eugene E. Ayres, who was pastor of those same churches exactly 10 years ago—he is now professor in Georgetown College, Ky. Mr. J. I. Ayres has also been professor in this same college.

Miss Lizzie Whitson is the matron of the Composite High School, in Spartanburg county.

Mr. John Bradford's family have recently removed. Before this removal, our township had three representatives at the Sumter Graded School—Miss Kate and Carrie Bradford and Mary Anna Jackson.

Miss Kate Bradford has returned from a visit to Williamsburg County.

We have always considered the name of Raynsworth as peculiarly a South Carolina name, and we were rather surprised a while back to read of a South American lady with this name. The following announcement appeared in October: "The wedding of Count d'Oyley, of Manor Sea Social, and Miss Hildesworth, of Lima, Peru, was one of the late events in London." It will be noticed that the bride's name is spelled with an 'i' instead of a 'y', but this appears to have been the way the name was originally spelled in our State. It seems strange to read of a Raynsworth in South America. As the Raynsworth family has descendants living in our township, the name of Count d'Oyley's marriage may be of some interest to them, as well as people in other portions of Sumter County.

At the recent election of town officers in the village of Pinewood, the first election of the kind ever held there, Mr. D. F. Lide, Jr., was chosen one of the wardens. He is a son of Mr. David F. Lide, formerly of this township, but now of Clarendon County.

A while back Mr. James Mooney, of the Bureau of Ethnology, paid a flying visit to our community. Mr. Mooney is a leading ethnological writer of the United States, and his works (published by the Smithsonian Institution) show a wide field of investigation and careful research. It has been said by the Observer News and Courier that he possesses the confidence of the Indian race in the United States more than any other living white man.

A sacrament is being arranged for Christmas day in our community. Mr. Burgess Drayton, of Pecksville, and Miss Lizzie Pettigrew, of this township, were married yesterday.

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Wedgfield Items.

Wedgfield, Dec. 12.—Again our town is in mourning over the loss of one of our esteemed citizens, it being the death of Mr. James Caldwell, Sr. He died suddenly of heart trouble last Saturday morning.

The large congregation that attended the funeral services which were held in the Presbyterian Church on Sunday afternoon proved the esteem in which we held by the community.

Several cases of smallpox are reported a few miles below here near the Wateree Swamp but it is pronounced as being a very mild type by those that have seen the patients. With a close confinement and a general vaccination no fears are entertained as to its becoming general.

The merchant report having an unusual good trade this fall, and they are preparing to have a larger and finer display of Santa Claus goods than ever.

Mr. F. B. Thomas set up in a saw mill in connection with his ginery, and I can truthfully say things are not quiet nowadays until just as the sun goes down.

Mr. A. E. Aycock left for Charleston this morning on a short business trip.

Miss Lizzie Singleton, formerly of this place, came up from Charleston yesterday to spend the holidays.

Prof. W. P. Beckins and Miss Grace Bailey are kept busy, now in the afternoon's rehearsing the boys and girls for the Xmas entertainment which will be given on December 24.

School Entertainment at St. Charles

The St. Charles School will give an entertainment at Mrs. Janie M. Wilson's Friday evening, Dec. 22, beginning at 7:30 o'clock. Friends of the school are invited to attend and will be admitted for 15 cents.

Colored Conference.

The conference of the Methodist Episcopal (colored) Church of South Carolina met in Greenville a few days ago, and the appointments for the coming year have been published.

Rev. M. M. Mousous, who has had charge Emanuel Church in this city, has been made Presiding Elder of the Greenville District, and Rev. W. R. A. Palmer (formerly of the State School) has been put in his place. Rev. T. S. Sims has the Sumter Circuit; Rev. F. L. Baxter is appointed to Kayesville; Rev. O. C. Jacobs is Presiding Elder of Charleston District.

Xmas number of Figsos English edition, at H. G. Owen & Co.

Special Meeting of the Business League.

A special meeting of the Business League of Sumter was held in the Y. M. C. A. hall Monday evening at 6 o'clock. Though the weather was very bad the attendance was very encouraging.

The meeting was called to order by President Moses, who stated that, in consequence of the failure to hold a meeting on Wednesday night of last week, the regular time for the league to meet was postponed to last night, as there were several important matters for the league to consider. He stated that the committee appointed from the league to present the petition of citizens in the Shiloh and S. I. sections for a new road, had gone before the County Board, and he asked Hon. R. I. Manning, a member, to make the report of the committee.

Mr. Manning stated that the full committee met the County Board and laid the matter before the members, with the petition of citizens of the section through which the proposed road would run, also the petition from citizens of the city of Sumter asking that the road be opened, with the maps, etc. It was shown that the road would shorten the distance to Sumter by many miles, and would be a great public benefit.

The committee was faced by opposition, represented by Mr. R. C. McEldred, who was evidently very violently opposed to the road. He said that at least 12 bridges would be necessary and the swamp would be very hard to get across. Mr. Manning said that his committee asked the board to appoint a committee from among themselves to examine into the matter and to engage a competent surveyor to lay out the best route. This request the board granted. The importance of the road was urged upon the board, and the matter discussed at length, and there was every reason to believe that the board was impressed with the showing made.

Mr. O. R. Rittenberg moved that the report be received, as information and the committee be discharged. Capt. A. W. Suter seconded the motion. Mr. Suter suggested that the Business League engage an engineer to co-operate with the committee from the County Board. He did not think it would be at all discourteous; this was a matter of practical business. Mr. Rittenberg's motion was adopted, and Capt. Suter moved that a surveyor be sent by the league, also the maps and other data be turned over to them, and that a committee of one from the league be appointed to co-operate with the County Board committee. This was carried, and a motion that \$20 be appropriated to cover the expense, if so much be necessary, prevailed. Capt. Suter was appointed as a special committee from the league.

A letter from Mr. M. Oblander, the compiler of "Progressive South Carolina" was read. He asked for an appropriation from the league to "properly present" Sumter in the forthcoming work. On motion the proposition was unanimously declined.

President Manning stated that he together with Messrs. Henry J. H. H. and W. A. Bowman had held a conference with the Railroad Commissioners in Columbia with reference to the rate on compressed cotton, and had shown that Sumter was being discriminated against in the matter. Mr. N. S. of the Southern Railroad was present at the hearing, but the Coast Line had no representative. Mr. W. A. Bowman met the commission on the same subject again yesterday, and the body had the matter under consideration.

Mr. W. A. Bowman of Washington was present and was introduced to the league by the president, and given the privilege of a floor. Mr. Cohen said that it was his impression, as a practical business man, that Sumter was a magnificent place to establish a large cotton factory. He stated that he was in touch with many agents who would like to get a safe and profitable investment for their capital and they would be willing to invest in a large mill, provided a sufficient amount of stock to guarantee faith and interest in the enterprise, along with proper management. Mr. Cohen considered the field to be ripe for this kind of investment. There is great activity in cotton manufacturing as a process, and there is no place in the South so well situated for a cotton mill as Sumter. In his opinion, a \$250,000 mill should be built, and that one-third of the capital stock should be subscribed here. He had no idea that there would be any trouble in getting the balance elsewhere. He expected to show his faith in the enterprise by subscribing to the extent of his ability.

Mr. Cohen's remarks were listened to with great interest, and he was followed by Hon. R. I. Manning who spoke strongly and to the point. He said he did not know any thing which would benefit the city more than the establishment of a large cotton mill. It should be gone into as a pure business matter, and all information necessary gotten together and the amount of money that can be raised at home promised. Then we will be in a position to make some sort of showing to outside capitalists. Mr. Manning's remark met with favor, and it was moved and carried that a committee of five be appointed by the president at his pleasure, with full power to act and report back to the league. The motion was amended by making the president a member of the committee.

There being no further business before it, the league adjourned.

It takes but a minute to overcome tickling in the throat and to stop a cough by the use of One Minute Cough Cure. This remedy quickly cures all forms of throat and lung troubles. Harmless and pleasant to take. It prevents consumption. A famous specific for grippe and its after effects. J. S. Hughes & Co.

"One Minute Cough Cure is the best remedy I ever used for coughs and colds. It is unequalled for whooping cough. Children all like it," writes N. W. Williams Gentryville, Ind. Never fails. It is the only harmless remedy that gives immediate results. Cures coughs, colds, hoarseness, croup, pneumonia, bronchitis and all throat and lung troubles. It early use prevents consumption. J. S. H. Hughes & Co.

Camden Property Sold

Special to The State. Camden, Dec. 4.—"Updon Court," which is former years gained a considerable reputation as a hotel for northern tourists, has been sold to C. A. Tichener & Son of Massachusetts for \$7,000. These gentlemen will greatly improve and enlarge the place. They will erect two wings containing about 65 rooms. The contract for the lumber has already been given out. The place will be closed this winter, as they intend to make the addition before opening it.

The property known as the "Merney property" on the corner of Broad and Rutledge streets, which includes the building occupied by the Farmers and Merchants bank and law range, was sold at public auction today. It was sold to Mr. W. B. Barnes of Sumter for \$12,777. It was sold to satisfy a mortgage held by the Farmers and Merchants bank.

"I was nearly dead with dyspepsia, tried doctors, visited mineral springs, and grew worse. I used Kodoi Dyspepsia Cure. That cured me." It digests what you eat. Cures indigestion, sour stomach, heartburn and all forms of dyspepsia. J. S. Hughes & Co.

MAIL BOXES SECURED.

Congressman Stokes Succeeds in His Efforts to Give Sumter Additional Postal Facilities.

Congressman Stokes has succeeded in having the post office department set aside four mail boxes for use in this city and they have been forwarded to the postmaster. They should be received within the next few days, and Congressman Stokes suggests that they be put into immediate use. He says he will endeavor to get an allowance for clerk hire to cover the expense of taking up the mail from the boxes, but until this is done some arrangement must be made if the boxes are put into service.

We suggest that the City Council take up the matter with Mr. Whittemore's consent and co-operation, locate the boxes here and put up on substantial posts and employ a man to take up the mail as stated and at convenient hours every day.

Congressman Stokes states in his letter that it will strengthen the claim he will make for clerk hire if the postmaster here and the city clerk take hold of the matter as suggested and put the boxes into use as soon as they arrive.

The following is a copy of the letter from Congressman Stokes to which reference has been made:

Washington, D. C., Dec. 9, 1899. Mr. H. B. Bloom, Sumter, S. C.

Dear Sir: Your letter to hand. I note what you say about a petition for mail boxes for Sumter sent to me. I have no recollection of such petition being put on my own file in the department, but on my own responsibility I have had four such boxes set apart for use in Sumter, and they should reach the postmaster there in a few days. I will endeavor to get an allowance for clerk hire to cover the expense of taking up the mail from them. But the boxes should be put up at once and the service begun. It will strengthen the claim for additional compensation. Faithfully yours, J. Wm. Stokes.

P. S.—See that the mail boxes are set up at once, and advise me.

The Best Plaster.

A piece of flannel dampened with Chamberlain's Pain Balm and bound over to the affected parts is superior to any plaster. When troubled with a pain in the chest or side, or a lame back, give it a trial. You are certain to be more than pleased with the prompt relief which it affords. Pain Balm is also a certain cure for rheumatism. For sale by Dr. A. J. China.

Card of Thanks

The preacher in charge, and official board of the Wagonite Street Church, in behalf of the whole membership, do most heartily acknowledge their benefit gratitude to the members of the Y. M. C. A. for the use of their hall, as a place of worship, during the erection of the Wagonite Street Church building. They also take this opportunity of thanking the young men and young women as well, for many helps, as well as acts of kindness.

W. Alken Kelly, O. W. Hough, R. J. Kennedy, John S. Kennedy, Geo. E. Bennett, D. S. Moore, H. D. Strother, J. W. Deans, C. S. Curtis, W. P. Smith.

Miss Annie E. Guocog, Tyre, Mich., says, "I suffered a long time from dyspepsia; lost flesh and became very weak. Kodoi Dyspepsia Cure completely cured me." It digests what you eat and cures all forms of stomach trouble. It never fails to give immediate relief in the worst cases. J. S. Hughes & Co.

DeWitt's Little Early Risers purify the blood, clean the liver, invigorate the system. Famous little pills for constipation and liver troubles. J. S. Hughes & Co.

COTTON MARK & T.

Number of bales received to date 22,142. Market firm. The quotations were: Middling, 7 1/2; Strict Middling, 7 1/4; Good Middling, 7 1/8; Strict Good Middling, 7 1/4.

J. B. Clark, Peoria, Ill., says, "Surgeons wanted to operate on me for piles, but I cured them with DeWitt's Hæmorrhoid Salve." It is infallible for piles and skin diseases. Beware of counterfeits. J. S. Hughes & Co.

CASTORIA

For Infants and Children. The Kind You Have Always Bought Bears the Signature of J. C. Fletcher.

THE BANK OF SUMTER, SUMTER, S. C.

City and County Depository Capital stock paid in, \$75,000.00 Undivided surplus, 16,000.00 Individual liability of stockholders in excess of their stock, 75,000.00

Transacts a general banking business; also has a Savings Bank Department. Deposits of \$1 and upward received. Interest allowed at the rate of 4 per cent. per annum, payable semi-annually. W. F. B. HAYNSWORTH, President. MARION MOORE, Vice-President. W. F. RYAN, Cashier. Jan. 31.

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Entertainment at Statesburg

An entertainment will be given on Friday December 22, from 6 to 10 o'clock p. m., at the residence of Dr. W. W. Anderson, Statesburg.

Little people will be charmed with a magic orange tree bearing wonderful fruit, over which fairies will preside. Older people will be interested in marvelous living illustrations of Bellamy's famous novel, "Looking Backward."

"Gypsy Jane," the woodland maid, With her tent in sheltered glade, Rare fortunes will dispense to all, With charms and spells if you will call. An attractive program has been prepared for young and old. Hot supper will be served at moderate prices.

A Sure Sign of Croup.

Hoarseness in a child that is subject to croup is a sure indication of the approach of the disease. If Chamberlain's Cough Remedy is given as soon as the child becomes hoarse, or even after the croupy cough has appeared, it will prevent the attack. Many mothers who have croupy children always keep this remedy at hand and find that it saves them much trouble and worry. It can always be depended upon and is pleasant to take. For sale by A. J. China.

In 1887 Mr. Thomas McIntosh of Allentown, Tenn., had an attack of dysentery which became chronic. "I was treated by the best physicians in East Tennessee without a cure," he says. "Finally I tried Chamberlain's Colic, Cholera and Diarrhoea Remedy. After using about twelve bottles I was cured sound and well." For sale by Dr. A. J. China.

BUREAU COTTON REPORT

Washington, Dec. 11.—The monthly cotton report of the Department of Agriculture was issued today. It shows the total production of cotton to be 8,900,000. This is 8-10 per cent less than last year's estimate. The estimated yield in lint per acre is as follows: Virginia, 120; North Carolina 193; South Carolina, 165; Georgia, 159; Florida, 94; Alabama, 176; Mississippi, 209; Louisiana, 238; Texas, 185; Arkansas, 193; Tennessee, 166; Oklahoma, 185; Indian Territory, 225; Mississippi, 195. Total number acres planted in cotton 23,522,000.

From New Zealand.

Reefton, New Zealand, Nov. 23, 1896. I am very pleased to state that since I took the agency of Chamberlain's medicines the sale has been very large, more especially of the Cough Remedy. In two years I have sold more of this particular remedy than of all other makes for the previous five years. As to its efficacy, I have been informed by scores of persons of the good results they have received from it, and know its value from the use of it in my own household. It is so pleasant to take that we have to place the bottle beyond the reach of the children. E. J. Seabury.

For sale by A. J. China.

SOUTHERN RAILWAY.

Table with columns: No. 11 No. 3 Daily Daily, EASTERN TIME, No. 6 No. 13 Daily Daily. Rows include routes like Charleston to Ar., Sumter to Ar., etc.

Table with columns: Lv. Augusta, Ar. Sandersville, Tennille, etc. Rows include routes like Augusta to Sandersville, etc.

Table with columns: Lv. Batesburg, Ar. Batesburg, etc. Rows include routes like Batesburg to Batesburg, etc.

Table with columns: Lv. Charleston, Ar. Charleston, etc. Rows include routes like Charleston to Charleston, etc.

Table with columns: Lv. Lexington, Cincinnati, Chicago, etc. Rows include routes like Lexington to Cincinnati, etc.

Table with columns: Ar. Louisville, St. Louis, Memphis, etc. Rows include routes like Louisville to Memphis, etc.

Table with columns: To Ashville, Cincinnati-Louisville, etc. Rows include routes like Ashville to Cincinnati, etc.

Table with columns: Lv. Augusta, Batesburg, Charleston, etc. Rows include routes like Augusta to Batesburg, etc.

Table with columns: To Washington and the East, etc. Rows include routes like Washington to the East, etc.

Shipping Car Line between Charleston and Atlanta, via Augusta, making connections at Atlanta for all points North and West. Solid Trains between Charleston and Ashville. Connections at Columbia with through trains for Washington, D. C., and for Jacksonville and all Florida points.

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A FEW WORDS TO OUR FRIENDS.

MR. EDITOR:

You may have had us in mind when referring in a recent issue of your paper to the peculiarity of merchants in regard to advertising, in which you quoted them as saying that "in good times it was not necessary to advertise, and in hard times it did not pay." While we have always found that advertising paid us, we must confess that for the past sixty days any increase of business that we might secure by that means, could not have been satisfactorily waited on, as our clerical force has been taxed to its utmost capacity.

Now that the rush of cotton is over and we have an opportunity to say a few words to our friends in the country, we desire to acknowledge, through the columns of the Watchman and Southron, our grateful thanks to them for the liberal patronage bestowed upon us, for which we can offer nothing in return except our promise that their interests will be as carefully guarded by us in the future as they have been in the past.

It is particularly gratifying to us to acknowledge a very liberal trade during the months of September and October from our farming friends, to whom it was our pleasure to extend a credit during the summer. It proves to us that they appreciate our endeavor to be just and reasonable with them, when they need assistance, as we have always tried to be—our motto being

LIVE AND LET LIVE

Although we tried to anticipate this season's wants by buying a heavier stock than ever before, our trade has so far exceeded our expectations, that we have been obliged to replenish frequently and freely every department of our store.

In Dry Goods

We bought a very heavy stock of staples, a fair percentage of which we still have on hand and are selling at old prices. Those

Tar Heel Blankets

Which you have been waiting for so long have come at last. It was not our fault that they were not here sooner as our contracts were made in May for September delivery, but the mill has been so crowded with orders it was impossible to deliver them sooner. These goods are made in

A Southern Mill From Southern Wool, By Southern Men

and there are none better. They are improving on the finish every year. We are selling at the same price as last year; but if we have to duplicate we will be obliged to charge an advance. We only have about

FIFTY PAIRS,

so don't put off buying, or you may get left.

SHOES.

Why the advance in cotton should have affected the price of shoes, but strange to say they too have gone up. We don't know whether it was judgment or luck, but our purchases for Fall were nearly double our usual contracts. We are buying now for Spring and paying 10 to 15 per cent more for the same class of goods, but those on hand will go at the old prices while they last.

In our write-up about Shoes last Fall we had something special to say about

The H. C. Godman Line for Women and Children.

Our increased sales for these goods prove that we told the truth. Bear in mind we are still the SOLE AGENTS FOR THEM AND GUARANTEE EVERY PAIR

THE L. M. REYNOLDS LINE OF MEN'S SHOES, sold exclusively by us, are trade-winners. The prices range from \$1.75 to \$3.50, and every pair warranted. If you want the best \$3.00 shoe buy a Reynolds.

CLOTHING.

This has certainly been our banner season in the clothing business, and if there are any of the men or boys in the county who have not bought a suit, it has not been our fault; but fearing there still may be a few unprovided, we are keeping up our stock by telegraphing orders for shipment by express. If you need an overcoat see us before buying, as we have some great values.

In our Hat and Furnishing Goods Department will be found some values that compare favorably with the balance of our stock.

This announcement would not be complete without a word about our

GROCERY STOCK.

This department is up to the usual standard, and that is saying about all that is necessary for it. Our MILLBURN FLOUR, of which we believe there is more sold in this county than other brand, is pronounced by those who use it unsurpassed.

O'Donnell & Co.